

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The Chinese Reds give a defiant reply to the U.N. resolution condemning them as aggressors. The Communist Radio at Peiping calls it "shameless and preposterous," and calls the United States "a deadly enemy of world peace.")
The diatribe proclaims a struggle to the bitter end in Korea.

The charge is made that the United States dominates the United Nations, and coerced the world organization into adopting the "aggressor" resolution. This, claims the Red radio, "blocked the path of peaceful settlement."

KOREA

The most exciting news from Korea tells of what happened to the regimental combat team encircled by the Reds at Yaju. (Yesterday, four thousand American and French troops might have seemed in a desperate situation - trapped as they were. But today they not only broke out of the encirclement, but wiped out a large part of the besieging force) and drove the rest ~~xx~~ in hasty flight. The Reds did spring a trap, but the trap turned into disaster.

At another place, an ^{enemy} ~~xxxx~~ force took advantage of a fog, and sneaked in toward American positions - under cover of the mist. It worked, and they were invisible - part of the way. But then the sun broke through and cleared the fog suddenly. The Reds were caught out in the open daylight, and were cut down. These were incidents today in the advance ^{of} ~~of~~ Seoul, the U N ~~xx~~ forces driving within artillery range of the ~~xxx~~ South Korean capital, reaching a point only eight miles away.

(At the ~~xx~~ center of the line, the Chinese

Communists are still making a stubborn defense, but they are threatened by thrusts on ~~both~~ both flanks. Today an armored column fought its way along the main west coast highway, through the town of Anyang.

Here's one small detail, but its of key significance. Prisoners were captured today - ill with typhus. Which provides further confirmation of reports that an epidemic has hit the hordes of Chinese and Korean communists.

MEDICAL - KOREA

(The Department of Defense in Washington states that the typhus epidemic among the Reds began three weeks ago, and shows no signs of ~~be~~ abating.) The disease has hit both Chinese and North Korean troops, and is ~~praxitex~~ particularly severe on the Korean eastern front.

Major General Bliss, Army Surgeon General, explains that enemy prisoners are ~~be~~ found to be badly infested with lice - a carrier of typhus, together with fleas. Luckily, the U N forces are provided abundantly with D.D.T., for exterminating insect pests. So the prisoners of war get a prompt and thorough delousing - which prevents the typhus from spreading among our soldiers. In any case, all the forces of the U N have been inoculated against the disease, and General Bliss today stated that there has not been a single case of typhus among our soldiers.

He went on to the subject of cold and frostbite, and said there have been fifty-three hundred

casualties. But only a very small ~~maxim~~ percentage of the frostbite cases have needed major amputations.

(Only about twelve hundred have been frostbitten seriously enough to require hospital care) - the great majority (of them) recovering easily and quickly. (General Bliss was emphatic in saying that the) reports of frostbite have been "greatly exaggerated."

INDIA

A treaty was concluded in Paris today, and only a tiny bit of land was affected. But its a vivid reminiscence of an almost forgotten page in history. The Paris government ceded the town of Chandernagor to India.

(Chandernagor is one of the small settlements retained by France) ever since the imperial days when it seemed as if the French, and not the British, might win the domination of the fabulous land of Hindustan. That was back in the Eighteenth Century, two hundred years ago - when the issue ^{was} settled by the legended Clive of India. France lost out, but was permitted to keep a few small areas, like far famed ~~pm~~ Pondicherry. Also - Chandernagor.

When India, in this post-war period, became independent of Great Britain, the government at New Delhi sought, also, to obtain possession of those relics of the French dream of Indian Empire. It was decided that the people of those places, themselves, should decide. So (a referendum was held at Chandernagor,

and a majority of thirty-eight thousand people voted to join India. France abides by that - today signing a treaty transferring the sovereignty.)

(General Eisenhower's radio report to the public tonight emphasized what he had told congressional committees earlier today - that we should send to Western Europe six divisions of American troops.) Which, says General Ike, would be only a small fraction of the land army contributed by the free nations. On the air tonight, he endorsed the eighteen year old draft and universal military training.

In the congressional hearing, earlier in the day, he was asked about ideas propounded by →

~~Senator, etc.~~

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower calls for the assignment of six American divisions to Europe, to serve in his army of the west. Right now we have two divisions on the other side of the Atlantic, and six more would make a total of eight. Which would be only a small fraction of the land army contributed by the various countries of western Europe.

General Ike stated this to the members of two congressional committees today, (saying that our largest contribution would be in the form of sea and air power. We to provide a big ~~xxx~~ fraction of the warships, and most of the long range bombers - for the international army under his command.

Speaking to the congressional committees, ~~he~~ he also gave approval ~~to~~ to a draft of the eighteen year olds - and the setting up of a program of universal military training.)

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→ Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts - a proposal to recruit an American version of the French

Foreign Legion. That is, enlist aliens in units of professional soldiers - as many as a quarter of a million to serve under the American flag. General Eisenhower gave his endorsement to the plan, but warned that it should be an addition, and not a substitute, for American ~~manpower~~ manpower. "Because" said he, "we can't solve our problems by hiring mercenaries."

With that qualification, he'll be "delighted" to have one or/more divisions of an American Foreign Legion under his command. He said they make fine soldiers, and explained why. Some, he said, enlist because they have "adventurous spirits". Others - because they are, in the words of General Ike "disappointed in love". Good for soldiering, said he.

Well, it's interesting to have the pathos of the broken heart listed as a military asset. But then, what could sound more desperate than a legion of those who have lost in love. I suppose their battle ~~flag~~ flag would be -- a bleeding heart. Their war cry -

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"she loves me not." They'd surely win the war - if
not the girl.

ATOMIC

(Today's fourth atomic explosion in Nevada is described as the most powerful of the series. The blast shook Las Vegas one hundred miles away, and the blazing glow was witnessed in places as far off as Los Angeles and San Francisco.) We have a striking eye-witness account - from Policeman Elmer Gardner of Las Vegas. With Captain George Thompson, he was in a police ^c~~car~~ _A five miles out of the city, ^{He}~~and~~ says: "It looked like the flash was a hundred times stronger than the sun. My sight was affected for about three minutes afterward. It was minutes" he adds, "before the sound hit - a rumbling kind of roar." After the flash they saw a huge cloud boiling up, and an hour later that atomic cloud was still billowing five thousand feet in the sky."

Police Captain Thompson also saw the explosion on Sunday, and he says the one today looked as if it were two or three times as great.

FOLLOW ATOMIC

At Las Vegas, the concussion was like that of an earthquake. * plate glass window^s ~~was~~ ^{were} shattered, and burglar alarms were set off in the gambling casinos.

At Rochester, New York today, radioactive snow was found - which ties in with the Canadian discovery of a new strange radiation of the atmosphere. Possibly from the Nevada blasts - reaching across the continent. The Atomic Energy Commission hastens to report that the radioactivity found in the snow at Rochester is not enough to harm any living thing. But Governor Dewey immediately ordered the New York State Health Commissioner to investigate.

TAXES

President Truman calls for a quick tax increase of ten billion dollars. In a special message to Congress, he asked for that huge sum, to put American rearmament on a pay-as-you-go-basis. The President said that, he will ask for still heavier taxes later this ~~xx~~ year - and ~~said~~ he believes the American people are willing to pay for the ~~min~~ military power being built for our defense.

Of the ten billion dollar hike, about four billion would come from an increase of personal income taxes. Both lower and upper brackets would be affected - with a general tax boost of about fifteen percent.

Three billions would come from a rise in corporation taxes - the top rates of which would be lifted from forty-seven to fifty-five percent. Another three billion - from exise taxes. These would put larger levies on luxury goods - like liquor, cigarettes, automobiles, gasoline.

The President urges Congress to close - loopholes. He said the oil and mining industries

for example, are paying less than their proper share of taxes. And the capital gains tax is too low, said he. Referring, of course, to ~~xxxxxx~~ the provision that calls for a maximum levy of twenty-five percent on income from the sale of capital assets owned for more than six months. Capital gains.

(~~The White House argument is that the people of the country will be better off if the cost of armament is paid now, instead of having the government finance it by borrowing. That would increase the ~~xxx~~ national debt and lead to inflation, says the President~~

STRIKE

(From the White House - a blazing ^{denunciation} ~~*****~~ of the railroad strike. President Truman says the walkout is a national threat, while American soldiers are dying in Korea.

It's a wildcat strike, not called by the union.) But the President places the blame on the union chiefs. He accuses them of acting in - "bad faith". Because, he says, they did not explain to the union workers the terms of an agreement ~~ix~~ made last December - to end the railroad labor dispute. At that time the union Presidents put their signatures on an agreement, but this was later rejected by union committees. "They now say" declares the White House "that they had no intention of recommending it;"
Recommending it, that is - to the union members. "Thereby indicating" charges the President - "that they signed in bad faith."

But the strikers, themselves, are also blamed. "They cannot be justified" says the White House, "in preventing the flow of food and fuel for

our people, and supplies for our soldiers."

The declaration points up the fact that the wildcat strike of ten thousand railroad workers has closed down coal mines, steel mills, motor plants, and has halted war shipments for Korea. Today the walkout was still spreading - with more switchmen reporting "sick". That's the pretext in the walkout - illness.

TRIPLETS

At Boston today, Mrs. Robert Allen, wife of a policeman, was astonished. She had quadruplets, and the news dispatch describes her as "speechless with surprise." Well, her amazement is easily understandable she expected only triplets.

MOTHER

Here's a great exhibition of pitching and catching - and it wasn't at a baseball game. On Staten Island, New York, a house caught fire, and a thirty-four year old mother, Mrs. Natalie Hahn, with her four children were trapped upstairs. Her husband got out - to do the catching act. Mrs. Hahn did the pitching, tossing the children out of a window - for a drop that might have killed them. But she aimed them straight into the arms of her husband down below and he caught them - one by one.

Then the mother jumped, and maybe she wasn't so good at pitching herself. Or, ~~she~~ maybe she was harder to catch, because she broke ^{her leg,} ~~an ankle.~~ A doctor was called to the scene, because she refused to go to a hospital. She wouldn't leave ^{her children} ~~the kids~~ after all that expert pitching and catching.

PLAY

There's nothing like an appropriate name - as witness the case of a play over in England. That lively drama is running at the town of Southend, and here's what happened to make the name so appropriate.

Time to lower the curtain, and a ~~XXXXX~~ stage-hand pulled a lever - the wrong one. Instead of lowering the curtain, that mistaken lever turned on the water sprinkler system. The theatre is well equipped for protection against fire, with a sprinkler system to drench the whole place. So down came the deluge - on the audience. In an instant, the gala crowd, all dressed up, was dripping wet. Virtually washed out.

The name of the play? It is called - "If This Be Error". ~~Well, it sure was an error,~~ according to the bedraggled audience *it was indeed an error,* Nelson.