

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Soviet Marshall Sokolovsky on the world situation!
The new Soviet Army Chief-of-Staff, writing in Pravda. His remarks are in observance of the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the Soviet Army.

According to Sokolovsky, the United States is the ~~center~~ center of world imperialism. And we are accused of preparing a war against Russia. In attacking our commanders in Korea, he says: "Having proved themselves bankrupt in the field of battle, they are pouring their hatred on the defenseless civilian population."

America the villain. Has the Soviet Marshal a hero? Ah yes! His name? Josef Stalin! Sokolovsky describes Stalin as uniting the military and civilian forces of Russia, and thereby winning the Second World War. For Sokolovsky is quite certain that Russia won the conflicts with both Germany and

Japan. Nor does he even mention the Allied second front in Europe. Nor the fact that the Soviet Union entered the fighting against Japan only a few days before the Japanese surrender - merely because we were dopes enough to allow them to share in a huge victory already won!

Marshal Sokolovsky's Pravda article makes at least one thing clear. He is willing to play the part of puppet to the Kremlin. And willing to give Stalin all the fawning flattery that the Soviet Dictator demands.

U.N.

Tomorrow the United Nations holds its opening session.

And a dispatch from U.N. headquarters, states that events leading up to the session are being shrouded in an unaccustomed secrecy.

The U.S. delegation is under the leadership of Henry Cabot Lodge,

Jr. Lodge is not saying very much about his plans for

tomorrow. Although he does express his belief that Russia wants

the war in Korea to continue.

The Soviet bloc is more secretive. Five delegations;

~~are there~~ ^{they} ~~having~~ arrived ^{on} ~~aboard~~ the Queen Mary; ~~They are~~ led

by Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky. In the past, Vishinsky

has generally been ready with ~~some~~ propaganda, ~~for the newsmen~~

But this time he ~~refused to talk.~~ Said ~~he~~: "I have no news for

you. No news is best news." He would not discuss Korea, or the

liberation of Chiang Kai-shek's forces on Formosa. But when he

was asked if he were optimistic, he replied with the French word

"Tou jours" - always.

Vishinsky evidently took care that none of his

entourage should say anything more than he did. They all

refused to comment. Of the Soviet bloc, it is interesting to note that two of these Red leaders are Jewish, the Polish delegate and the Czech Foreign Minister.

BERLIN

A record number of refugees fleeing from Eastern Germany. A dispatch from Berlin states that over three thousand persons fled to the Allied zone of the city today. The total number of refugees for this month nearing thirty thousand, which is also a record.

Many of them told Berlin officials that a panic is sweeping the Soviet Zone. Panic caused by fear that the Reds will seal off the border. And that anyone who doesn't get out before then, will be trapped for good behind the Iron Curtain.

The Communists have been increasing their efforts to keep the refugees at home. Their border guards have orders to shoot to kill when they find anyone fleeing.

Facilities in Berlin are now more over-crowded than ever. The Allies have set up, what is called, a "refugee airlift", to fly them on from Berlin. The average number coming out each day now is around four hundred. But it is expected this average soon will jump to a thousand a day.

CLARK

The Reds reply to General Mark Clark, our Commander in Tokyo. General Clark has proposed a limited prisoner exchange in Korea. The sick and wounded to be sent back to their own lines. He addressed the suggestion to top Chinese and North Korean commanders.

Now we have the first Communist reaction to the Clark proposal. And it's all propoganda. North ^Korean General ~~Il~~ Nam Il, drags out the old Communist line, that the exchange of all prisoners must be agreed to at a high level political conference - that is, after an armistice. The Reds making no exception for humanitarian reasons. They want the sick and wounded treated like all other prisoners. But the Allies are sticking to their point that a general agreement about prisoners must come before any cease-fire.

Nam Il also attacks the U.N. commanders. He charges that our air raids have blasted prison camps in North Korea, killing and wounding many Allied soldiers in them. And he calls our commanders, "criminals." That's the reply of the North Korean Commander.

The Peiping Radio has also come forward with ^{Further}~~some more~~ propaganda. The Chinese announcer not even referring to the Clark proposal on prisoners. The Peiping ^{Radio} Red confines himself to another old Communist line - the germ warfare line. He declares that two captured American airmen ~~had~~ admitted dropping infected vermin behind the North Korean lines. This particular Communist added a twist of his own. He stated that General Van Fleet was removed from command of the Eighth Army, because he openly admitted the use of bacteriological warfare in Korea.

So General Clark's proposal to transfer the sick and wounded, among the prisoners of war on both sides, meets with a typical Communist reply. A barrage of propaganda, leaving things just where they were.

Substitute KOREA - GENERAL

The Reds are re-grouping some of their forces in Korea. A dispatch from Tokyo discloses that Allied observers have spotted more than one hundred fifty groups of soldiers, moving back and forth through the mountains north of the battle front. Allied artillery are shelling the Reds whenever they come out in the open. The whole shifting of forces, said to be a preparation for Spring military operations.

Air activity is reported less than usual. Heavy clouds keeping most of our planes at their bases.

On the ground, one fierce battle reported. About one hundred Chinese slipped through Allied mine fields, and stormed ~~the~~ ^{an} outpost near Bunker Hill. They attacked with machine guns and grenades, and made ~~repeated~~ repeated attempts to overrun the position. The battle raged for five hours. Several of the Reds reached the crest of the hill, but were cut down by machine gun and rifle fire. Observers estimate that more than eighty

of the enemy were either killed or wounded. Then the surviving
Reds retreated behind their own lines.

Chiang Kai-shek repudiates his treaty of alliance with the Soviet Union. ^{back in} It was ~~in~~ August, of Nineteen Forty-Five, that the treaty was signed. ~~That was~~ just after Russia declared war on Japan. The treaty made big concessions to Russia. It allowed Russian troops to be stationed in the ^{Chinese cities of} ~~Port Arthur~~ Darien and Port Arthur. It gave Russia joint control of the Chang Chun Railway in Manchuria.

However, ^{the treaty} ~~it~~ also provided that Outer Mongolia should determine its own political future. ^{And} ~~In return~~ Stalin promised that he would not give any help to the Chinese Communists.

Since then, Stalin has violated both of its pledges. He gave Mao Tse Tung the aid he needed to overthrow the Nationalist government. And Outer Mongolia has been turned into a Russian satellite.

The government of Chiang Kai-shek now scraps that treaty of alliance with the Soviet Union. And Nationalist newspapers on Formosa say it's high time the ~~Nation~~ Nationalists retaliated for the bad faith of the Kremlin.

PLANE CRASH

A dispatch from Newfoundland tells of a freak air accident. Three Thunderjets, coming for a landing, with the ceiling around eight hundred feet. As the jets came in, the leader ran out of fuel. He dropped toward the earth. The other two, taking their bearings from him, came down after him. And, as a result, in the words of an Air Force spokesman, "all three slammed into the ground."

One pilot killed, two injured.

EARL

The other evening, we had a London dispatch stating - that the Earl of Shrewsbury intends to drive his own coach at the Coronation. He's the premier Earl of England, but he'll take his place in the coachman's box, and handle the reins. Which would be in the old sporting tradition of the British aristocracy.

That brings a bit of comment from an old friend of this program, who tells me - that the coach-driving in the Coronation procession would be in the family tradition of the Earls of Shrewsbury. They're of the ancient clan of the Talbots - and horses are in their blood.

This comes from Colonel Ralph Isham of Boswell Papers fame, who adds - that the Earl of Shrewsbury is a cousin of the late Lord Talbot de Malahyde, *- de Malahyde - not formaldehyde* From whom - *Col.* ~~Ralph~~ Isham purchased the rights to the literary remains left by James Boswell, the far famed biographer of Dr. Samuel Johnson.

Col. ~~Ralph~~ Isham tells me how he went to Malahyde Castle in Ireland - to negotiate for the Boswell Papers. But Lord Talbot, the aged nobleman, thought he had come - to attend the horse

racess. The Currah, most famous ~~to~~ Irish races, was about to be run.

Ralph Isham dealt with Lady Talbot de Malahyde, a former Gaiety girl - bright and alert. He says that, as they talked business, His Lordship would walk over and say- beaming: "So you've come for the races!"

~~His Lordship's enthusiasm for horses in fact was a factor in the circumstances that brought the Boswell Papers to the notice of the State, although the same was made by the publication of~~

~~Boswell's Journal a couple of years ago.~~ So, says Ralph Isham, it's no surprise that the Earl of Shrewsbury, a true Talbot, wants to drive a coach at the Coronation.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

once again we all
Today ~~the nation~~ celebrated George Washington's

Birthday. And perhaps nowhere were the festivities marked with a more peculiar twist, than in the national capital, which is named after *the Father of our Country.* ~~our first President~~ For today merchants held their Washington's Birthday sales.

And it was the kind of sale that most housewives must dream about sometimes. We hear of radio sets selling for nine cents. Television sets, ninety-nine cents. Washing machines, four dollars. Suits, five dollars. One haberdashery offered men's socks - slightly faded, at nine cents a pair. One sock was slightly blue, and the other slightly pink. But even so, they sold out very quickly.

We hear of customers waiting all night to get into the stores. Some carried blankets and sleeping bags. And one wore long underwear, overalls, a hunting suit, two sweaters, boots and gloves. All this, to protect himself from the temperature, which dropped to twenty-nine during the night.

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The choicest bargains were snatched up when the

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stores opened. And many stores closed at mid-afternoon, after the crowd had swept through them, and picked the shelves clean.

That's how they celebrate Washington's Birthday in ~~the~~

Washington, D.C.
~~capital~~

The custom of holding ~~a~~ ^{that} fantastic sale goes back

to the 'Twenties. Then, it began as a suggestion for moving

goods that were not selling well. The idea caught on. And

once each year the housewives of Washington are given a sale,

which is the high spot in American bargain-hunting.

HAWAII

Interior Secretary McKay testified today before a House Sub-Committee, that the people of Hawaii have a right to full citizenship. Also - that such a move would help us in the Far East, help us and hold friends out there, and wherever the idea of colonialism is unpopular.

How about Alaska? Hearings are scheduled for next month. The President has supported the Hawaiian claim, but has not stated his position on Alaska.

WAKE ISLAND

Houses worth twenty-six thousand dollars, renting for thirty-five dollars a month. Sounds too good to be true?

A dispatch from Washington tells us that the Government is building them, and trying to rent them. Anyone eager to have one, won't have too much competition we hear - for they are on far off Wake Island, in the western Pacific. Wake Island, described by one government expert as an undesirable location. A small, bare island. Almost nothing there. No recreation. I was there a few years ago, and Wake is like that.

Well, Nelson, one might go to Wake - and go to sleep!