

KOREA [P.S.] Tues. Feb. 20 - '51.

General MacArthur ^{after} ~~said~~ another visit to the front in Korea today, reported "the troops in excellent fettle - everything ~~is~~ going fine." ~~along the line~~

The Supreme Commander also had a word for Marshall Stalin. Referring to his recent predictions that all U N forces in Korea would be annihilated, the General said: "His comrades will have to do lots better than they have yet done to prove him a prophet."

(Tonight's news from the war front seems to confirm General MacArthur's optimism, that - "everything is going fine.") In the mountains of Central Korea American rangers, have ^{smashed!} ~~smashed!~~ the ^{last} ~~last~~ threat of the Chinese and North Korean offensive. At last word ^{they} ~~they~~ were pushing forward north of Chechon against little or no enemy resistance. ^R For the first time since the Korean war started, (U N forces tonight hold a solid line south of the Han River, from the Central Front ~~to~~ to the Yellow Sea.)

JETS

From Hongkong tonight, comes word that the Soviets have put five hundred more M I G - 15 jet fighter planes in the hands of ~~the~~ Red China. Delivered them via the trans-Siberia^v_λ railroad. Word is, that Peking's air force now has more than nine hundred Russian built - jets - and is speeding the training of Chinese flyers to handle them.

RESCUE - KOREA

From Korea tonight, the news wire brings a tale of ~~amazing~~ rescue. A Navy pilot, ~~was~~ operating ~~from~~ from a carrier, was shot down over enemy territory this afternoon. His Corsair plane blown to pieces by Red machine gun fire from the ground. Miraculously, the pilot lived. falling unconscious into shallow water on a sandbar in ~~the Chuehon~~ ^a River. Three other Navy flyers from the carrier - seeing the crash - formed a small circle over the sandbar to drive off any Reds.

Far to the south, at one of ~~one~~ ^{the U. N.} forward landing strips, Captain John Olihovik of Worcester, Massachusetts, was listening to his radio. He heard ~~those~~ ^e three Navy pilots talking amongst themselves - about the downed plane. Without a pause, Olihovik ran from the ~~radio room~~, out onto the strip - ~~got in a~~ ^{got in a} ~~small~~ ^{small} observation machine, ~~climbed aboard, and took off~~ ^{flew to} for the sandbar, ~~There he dived down~~ and landed.

~~But let's hear it in the words of the pilot,~~

^{TR} Here are his own words: -
~~xxxx himself:~~ "I left my engine idling, ran over to

the man, who was too stunned to talk, I pulled him out of the water, ~~Olihovik tells,~~ ~~lifted him to my shoulder,~~ and got him into the rear ~~exit~~ cockpit of the L-4. Only then did I realize how little ground I had to get off on. I'll bet I didn't have three feet of sand ^{left} when I finally got in the air."

Thirty minutes after landing back at his ~~home~~ airstrip, Olihovik ^{was} ~~received~~ order^{ed} to report to the Colonel. ^{There he was given} ~~in his C.O.'s office he learned he was~~ ~~to receive an immediate award for the deed,~~ a Silver Star for gallantry. Not only had he set a record for a speedy rescue, but ^{he} had been decorated in ^{what must have been} ~~the shortest~~ ~~time ever~~ ^{record} time also.

TIBET

(From the Roof of the World, news tonight of peace negotiations between the Chinese Reds and one of the Dalai Lama's Former Cabinet Ministers) in Lhasa. Word reaching New Delhi from the Tibetan frontier is of negotiations in eastern Tibet - at the city of Chamdo, captured by the Reds in October. Peking is said to be demanding full control over Tibet's foreign relations - whatever those may be. The Chinese also want power over the defenses and communications of the Roof of the world.

In return, the Chinese say Tibet is to have full autonomy in all other affairs, which would include freedom ^{to} pursue their religious way of life - the *- Lamaist -* Buddhist way of life; in that mystical theocracy ruled over by the Living Buddha, the Dalai Lama.

DECOURCY

I have just been hearing the strangest ~~xxxix~~ story in a long time - one that purports to give a clue to the war intentions of Soviet Russia. I have it from Kenneth DeCourcy, publisher of the Intelligence Digest -- a monthly ~~xxxx~~ news letter that specializes in reports of affairs behind the iron curtain.

The whole thing revolves around the name of Pontecorvo, The high-ranking scientist of Britain, an expert on cosmic rays, who disappeared last autumn, said to have made his way to Soviet Russia, with masses of secret information.

Bruno Pontecorvo, an Italian, studied atomic physics at the University of Rome - under Professor Enrico Fermi. That same Fermi, who conducted the famous experiment under the football stands at the university of Chicago - which brought about the atomic bomb. Pontecorvo left Italy, when Mussolini tied up with Hitler, and went to England.

He became a Communist in secret, So Kenneth DeCourcy told me - and did spy work for the Soviets.

He had access to top atomic secrets of Britain and America, particularly in his own field - cosmic rays. Which ties in with recent explanations of the flying saucer ~~xxx~~ mystery - the soaring discs having been balloons used in cosmic ray study.

Last September, Pontecorvo left England, ostensibly for a vacation in Italy - disappeared, and was found to have gone to Moscow.

There, according to ~~Kenneth~~ DeCourcy, he was immediately received by Beria, the head of the secret police, the NKVD -- who called a conference between Pontecorvo and two top-Russian atomic scientists. Pontecorvo stating - that he had three scientific secrets which would give the Soviets a decisive advantage over the west in war.

One - a cosmic ray development which would bring immunity against air attack. Second - a guided missile to strike targets at great distances. Third - an atomic bomb, less powerful than the American, but one that could be produced far more cheaply and quickly.

All so impressive that the matter was taken to Stalin - who, after due deliberation, ordered a revamping of the whole Soviet atomic program.

Pontecorvo gave assurance the secrets he brought could be developed by October of Nineteen Fifty-Two. Stalin deciding - that there should be no third World War until then. Hence the emphasis on peace in ^{the} recent declaration ~~is~~ by the Soviet dictator.

Anyhow that's the story - picturing ~~the~~ one Soviet spy scientist as the deciding factor in the question of war or peace during the next few years.

BIG FOUR

From Washington tonight, we learn the text of the note sent by the western powers to Moscow yesterday. The United States, Britain and France blame Russia for starting the world's arms race ^{and} challenge the Kremlin ~~to~~ to air the whole problem at a ~~Big~~ Big Four meeting in Washington.

This latest note, sixth in the series, is the first to spell out exactly what the western powers wish to discuss. It gives top priority to armaments in Europe, ~~and also~~ calls for discussion of ~~the~~ all problems in Europe, and also calls for discussion of all problems affecting Germany and the Austrian Peace Treaty. Russian charges that western Germany is being rearmed, are dismissed as "t~~o~~tally without foundation."

In both Paris and London, diplomats are confident that Russia will agree to the preliminary meeting of deputies. Word is, that Foreign diplomats expect Russia to insist on meetings in Moscow rather than Washington. And it seems tonight that the west

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will probably give in on this point, ~~xx~~ so as to
get an agenda which ~~xx~~ covers all outstanding problems.

BASKETBALL

(New York's basketball scandal spread to another college today - Long Island University) and the District Attorney discloses a story with dramatic angles of crooked players fixing games.

The key figure is Eddie Gard - who, last year, was a player on the Long Island team. During summer vacations he played basketball at resorts in the Catskills. What is called - the "Borscht circuit". There he encountered the jewelry merchant and gambler Scolazzo - who enlisted him for the dishonest business.

Last year, Gard began throwing games in partnership with Adolph Bigos, a star Long Island ~~xx~~ player. Each received a thousand Dollars for losing one with North Carolina State University. But that aroused the suspicions of Sherman White, the negro star six foot seven inches tall, who rated as the nation's leading scorer in basketball. White started asking ~~xx~~ questions. Whereupon they recruited him for the conspiracy, and all three received a thousand dollars each for throwing a game with Cincinnati.

Presently Gard left the team, not ^{(eligible} ~~eligible~~ to play college basketball any longer, and was replaced by Leroy Smith. They fixed that, by having Smith take Gard's place - as a crooked player. Gard stayed on the gambler's payroll, as the arranger - and they went on - fixing games. The gambler, Scolazzo, was cleaning up on big bets.

Then, last month, a scandal broke, involving Manhattan College - players found to be playing crooked. That frightened the dishonest basketballers of Long Island University. They talked it over, deciding they'd play square thereafter.

They got orders from Gard, the arranger, to throw the game with Duquesne on January Sixteenth. They refused: "You got to," ~~he~~ Gard told them. "Scolazzo has a pile on that game." But still they refused, and Long Island won by a ~~big~~ big score - eighty-four to fifty-six.

Today District Attorney Hogan said: "Scolazzo took a terrific beating on that one."

They were trying to play straight now, but ~~REX~~ nemesis caught up with them. The detectives had information about them. They were arrested, questioned last night, and confessed.

Today Adolph Bigos led the detectives to his home at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, where he took Fifty-five hundred dollars in cash out of the lining of a top[^] coat -- bribe money. Sherman White turned over five thousand dollars - from an envelope pasted against the rear of a dresser in his YMCA room. LeRoy Smith had more than a thousand hid in the toe of a sho^{2,}~~h~~, and another ~~Nine~~ ~~xx~~ hundred in a safety deposit box. When he handed over the wad of crooked cash Smith ~~said~~ said: "You can take the money, I wish I'd never seen it."

Well, basketball is big business, and takes in big money at the gate. The college players have the status of amateurs, and don't get any of the cash. ~~It~~ ^{to} all comes under the heading of college sport made a circus[^] - with promoters and other functionaries ~~get~~ getting the money.

ADD BASKETBALL

(Word just in. Long Island University, stunned
by the arrest of three star basketball players tonight
cancelled all remaining games of the present season -
two of them at Madison Square Garden.)

GIANT BEAR

Whenever an Alaskan comes to New York and Washington, it usually is like a door ~~is~~ opening from the far North, bringing us a breeze off the tundra and snowy mountains of the Arctic. At any rate, it ~~is~~ ^{'s} ~~always~~ that way when sourdough Jack McCord arrives. The news wires ~~today~~ have been telling of the members of the legislature at Juneau in Alaska - by a vote of eighteen to five -- recommending an all-year-round open season for shooting the giant Kodiak brown bear, largest of all carnivorous animals.

Meanwhile, Jack McCord, from the town of McCord on McCord Bay on Sitkalidik Island, has been in Washington, ~~yesterday and today~~, before the Fish and Wild Life Division of the Department of the Interior. McCord represents the Kodiak ^{Island} livestock ~~growers~~ Growers Association. He and his associates say ^{the} huge brown bears are killing off their livestock on Kodiak. They want this largest of all carnivora to be preserved. But, they say the Kodiak bear should have its sanctuary on the vast Alaskan

peninsula, where almost no one lives or ^{is likely to} ~~ever will~~ live, because its not suitable for farming - a region, part of which ^{is the famous} ~~consists of the~~ valley of ten thousand smokes.

Jack tells about a barber, in the town of Kodiak, who had twenty-seven cattle. The members of the Town Council said he must take his livestock off the streets; have them graze over the hill in nearby ^K ~~K~~ Kuhshooiack Valley. Barber Thorensen did so. But the next morning when he went to take a look at his cattle, he found that during the night they had all been killed by the giant Kodiak Bear. ^{Says Sourdough Jack Mc Card. -} ~~He says,~~ "when you go into

that barber shop in Kodiak for a shave, don't mention the Kuhshooiack cattle ~~in~~ episode or ~~the~~ ^{Thorensen} Barber will start waving his razor and maybe ^{cut} your throat. Look out for that, N,

When you visit Kodiak, Sitkaliduk, or Kuhshooiack.