

KOREA TRUCE L.T.-P+G. Fri. Dec. 14 - '51.

In the truce talks, the Reds have come forward with concessions - but the U N delegates are looking at these with considerable suspicion. One has to do with the question of troop rotation - the Communists are now proposing a limited rotation, by which the Americans might take out and replace no more than five thousand troops a month.

Sounds like a compromise, but the Reds require that - it must be approved in the future by a joint armistice commission, on which both sides would be represented. This, in effect, would give the Communists a veto on the whole rotation program -- and we know a lot about vetoes exercised by Reds. The history of the United Nations is ample evidence - and this is the first time the veto principle has arisen in the truce talks. So no

wonder our negotiators are suspicious.

At the same time, they hint that they will reconsider the problem of prisoners. They may be willing to consider a trade of "all for all".

■ Today General Nuckols said: "We have no intention of holding prisoners simply because we have more than they have." However, they make it clear that they will agree with the Communists on that point - only if the Reds come clean with information about *the* prisoners of ~~the~~ war they hold, and where these are being kept.

In the hours of talk, there was one vague intimation concerning the number of prisoners. There is nothing definite about this, but the hint was that the enemy holds fewer than fifty thousand, which would include south Koreans. Nearly one hundred thousand Allied soldiers are missing - the vast

majority South Koreans. Eleven thousand are  
Americans. So a total of fifty thousand is only of  
dim significance, so far as Americans are concerned.

## KOREA WAR

In the air, the Reds were more aggressive today. Large fleets of enemy jets flew down from the Manchurian sanctuary - and showed more fight. Yesterday, they were timid, and that was one reason why they suffered such a heavy defeat in the sky - taken by surprise. Today, they went into large swirling battles on high, but there was little damage on either side. One M I G destroyed, three damaged. All of our jets came back safely - though three U N planes, strafing the enemy on the ground, were lost, hit by ground fire.



## ACE-FOLLOW KOREA WAR

Today the number one American ace told how he does it - and its an old idea, though jet <sup>is of course</sup> ~~maybe~~ new.

Yesterday Major George Davis of Lubbock, Texas, shot down four red M I G's -- giving him a total of nine enemy jets and three Communist bombers. Today the secret turns out to be - <sup>(as)</sup> ~~as~~ old as the hills. Or - as old as Israel Putnam.

At Bunker Hill, Farmer Putnam is reported to have told his rustic marksmen: "Don't ~~fire~~ shoot, until you see the whites of their eyes." Today, Major Davis, in Korea said: much the same thing.

To a newsman, the Texan drawled: "Why, Sir, there aren't any special combat tricks or tactics. If you're in there close, you really get them." Then, ~~pr~~ phrasing it in the modern language of jet, he said: "Don't shoot until you see the fire

from their tail pipes."

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## TIBET

The Chinese Red Radio announces that the Panchen Lama is on his way to Lhasa. The communist bulletin says he will "cooperate with the Dalai Lama in completing the "liberation of the roof of the world," -- which as we know was a free independent nation until the Reds took over recently.

The Panchen Lama, whom the Tibetans have never recognized as the authentic Panchen, is a communist puppet -- and the belief is that the Chinese scheme is to make him spiritual leader, while the Dalai Lama remains the Political Chief -- at least for the time being. This, actually, would seem to mean the eventual ousting of the Dalai Lama, with the transfer of all authority to the Communist nominee. Familiar pattern in making a country a satellite.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Red Czechoslovakia makes a highly dramatic charge, two people of the British Embassy at Prague - arrested, wounded by gunfire, when caught in the act of espionage. Robert Neal Gardener, Second Secretary, and Daphne Mains, a stenographer at the Embassy.

The story is that Gardner and Daphne Mains, in an Embassy car, drove to an obscure place - where she stayed with the car, while Gardener crept up to a wall. There he took stolen documents from a hole, and replaced them with eight hundred dollars. They were spotted by guards, and were driving away - when the guards fired - Daphne Mains hit and wounded. How badly - is not revealed. Gardener was also injured. Both will be expelled from Czechoslovakia, -- treated as diplomatic personnel. - Presumably there'll be a protest from Prague to London.

## TRUMAN

The White House confirms the story that Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy is being considered in the presidential plan for a house-cleaning. Today, White House Secretary Joseph Short declared that the Prosecutor of Alger Hiss may play a part in an effort to stamp out corruption in government.

Having ~~xx~~ risen to prominence in the Hiss case, Murphy served as New York Police Commissioner - in a police department house-cleaning that resulted from the gambling scandals. President Truman then appointed him to the federal bench, and now Judge Murphy is a candidate for some more work with the figurative broom and mop.



## INTERNAL REVENUE

Once again, today, the mystery man figured prominently in the Congressional investigation of scandal in income tax. Former Counsel for the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Charles Oliphant, told the committee that he once gave confidential information about a tax case in Baltimore to Henry Gruenwald, nicknamed the "Dutchman". He said it was his "recollection" that the Dutchman, asking for the information, claimed that he was, in Oliphant's words, "speaking in behalf of Republican Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire."

Oliphant said, moreover, that Gruenwald claimed to be "interested" in helping Oliphant get a raise in pay -- one of twenty-five salary boosts voted by Congress. The Dutchman, intimating - that he could intercede at the White House.

More and more, this mystery man excites



curiosity, -- But we'll have to wait. The Congressional hearings ended today, for the duration of the Christmas holidays, and it won't be until February that Gruenwald will appear to testify - the Dutchman as a star witness.

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# TANK

Here's an explanation for the "explosion" of the water tank at Tucumcari, New Mexico. The huge town water container burst, and three million gallons deluged Tucumcari. Sabotage suspected - dynamite or T N T. Some thought the water tank had been hit by a fireball, one of those meteors of which the southwest has been having an epidemic.

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## AVERAGE AMERICAN

And now - permit me to introduce "Mr. Average American." He's a production of the census bureau, which figured him out from statistics of the Nineteen Fifty census.

Mr. Average American is about thirty, has a wife and two youngster<sup>s</sup>, and lives in an urban area. He owns his home - and in that way, differs from Mr. Average American of Nineteen Forty. Ten years ago, fifty-six percent of the dwelling units of this country were occupied by renters, forty-four percent by owners. Today- fifty-five percent ~~of~~ owners, tenants forty-five percent. But Mr. Average American of Nineteen Fifty has a mortgage on his home, which sounds like Mr. Everybody of all time.

Mr. Average American has an automobile, a mechanical refrigerator, a radio and a telephone. He makes about three thousand dollars a year. In

Nineteen Forty-the figure was twelve hundred. So he earns a lot more - two and a half times as much.

Prices are higher. ~~But a~~ <sup>But a</sup> ~~up seventy percent. Which is a~~  
lot less than the hike of income.

So shake his hand - Mr. Average American.



## WEATHER

TP The snows of winter, *have descended on the East*  
*and Middle West in* ~~are with us, in~~  
a big way - after that summer-in-winter, a week or  
so ago. A white blanket covers the middlewest tonight,  
where an average of eight inches of snow piled up  
huge drifts. Eleven inches fell in Nebraska.

Blizzard conditions are heading East, where  
a white weekend is in prospect.

# FOG

Western Europe is a blank, blind area tonight -- covered by one of the most complete fog blankets in years. Last night London had a thick peasouper -- which lightened a little today. But at nightfall, worse fog than ever rolled in. This extends from Scandinavia to Switzerland. Thickest -- over Germany.



SUBSTITUTE WANGER

In the Walter Wanger case everybody seems willing to drop the whole thing--except the District Attorney. Today the movie producer was released-- on bail. His wife Joan Bennett denies there is any romantic attachment between ~~her~~ herself and Actor's Agent Jennings Lang. "Walter must have gone berserk", she sobbed. "I thought he must have been upset by his financial difficulties". Jennings <sup>2</sup>Lang is in serious condition with an abdominal wound-- He received a blood transfusion today. He says he hopes the affair will be dropped-- he being willing to overlook the fact that he was shot.

<sup>1</sup> District Attorney Ernest Roll says that his office will--prosecute.

## ROMANCE

The Cinderella romance is off again. The sixteen year old California bride has left her husband once more. Their second honeymoon ends in a break-up.

They met at a soda fountain - Martha Morris of Torrance, California, and the Swiss Millionaire Roland DeVigier. And - went to Paris for a ceremony at Notre Dame. But the Cinderella bride left her twenty-eight year old husband, and sued for ten thousand ~~us~~ dollars a month - not so Cinderella. Then they were reconciled, and went on a second honeymoon. But this lasted only a couple of days.

The reasons might seem puzzling, but tonight Martha gives a - Cinderella answer: "He is of a far, far different world than mine - a world I couldn't possibly fit into. I couldn't jump up to

his level" says she. And <sup>she</sup> adds: "Think of it - me, a poor little girl from Torrance, swept into mink and diamonds."

Cinderella might fit her foot into the tiny slipper, but she couldn't climb up on a throne with Prince Charming, <sup>Anyhow</sup> that's the version we get.



## ZOOLOGIST

At the Washington zoo, Dr. William Mann can't remember names. That is, not the names of human beings. He can rattle off the scientific monikers of the animals - those Greek and Latin Zoological names. He can look at a lion, a giraffe or a rhino, and say - "Felis Leo, camelopardalis, unicornis."

But, Smith or Jones - nothing doing. The Zoologist can't remember.

Dr. Mann explains by telling United Press correspondent Harman Nichols about a professor he had in college, who sure could rip off the zoological names. Thousands of them - animals, insects, fishes.

Then the time came when the Professor took over a large class, fourteen hundred students, and promptly memorized the names of everyone - Smith, Jones and all the rest. But, after a while, he became worried.

"He told me" says Dr. Mann, "that everytime he remembered the name of a student, he would forget the name of a mammal, a reptile or fish. That didn't seem right to me, either," explains the director of the Washington zoo. "So I started forgetting the names of people."

Today, meeting an acquaintance, he can't remember his name - even as you and I. But show him some kind of <sup>creature that isn't human</sup> ~~funny looking worm~~ and he'll give you <sup>unicornia</sup> ~~batia~~ camelopardalis, unicornia, Helian, or something much more complex.