

KOREA

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In Korea today, the newsmen were prompt in asking questions about the quick removal and reassignment of General Dodd, who was captured and held a hostage. And- General Colson, who accepted the terms demanded by the Red prisoners of war. General Dodd <sup>goes</sup> ~~sent~~ back to the Fifth Army, on a reassignment that is not made public. General Colson? - removed as ~~present~~ Camp commander and reassigned as Chief of Staff of the First Corps, his permanent job. ~~were~~ these changes made by General Mark Clark, the new Chief in Tokio? Or - did the orders come from the Pentagon in Washington? ~~There is no reply,~~ An Army spokesman in Seoul <sup>replied:-</sup> ~~of course, stating:~~ "The answers will have to come from a higher headquarters."

( In Tokio, General Clark was asked - would General Dodd be court-martialed for the way he was captured by his own prisoners? Clark said - he doubted it. ) But added that General Dodd had been removed from the present Camp command - "in the interests of better administration."

The weird episode has raised a storm in Washington - the Pentagon <sup>much</sup> put out by the terms accepted by General Colson:- One - that there be no further "forcible screening". The Pentagon replies immediately - that there never was any "forcible screening". Prisoners of war who refused to go back to the Communists did so voluntarily.

The same thing goes for other terms; Like - no further bad treatment of prisoners. The Pentagon denies that there ever was any bad treatment.

The whole thing <sup>seems so utterly</sup> grotesque - and, for a finishing touch, (we have a picture of complete Communist control at the compound of Red fanatics on Koje Island. Where they are flying the Red flag, with a display of Communist placards.)

It <sup>all</sup> gives one the impression that the Reds take cynical insolent advantage of our way of dealing with prisoners <sup>- dealing</sup> humanely, in accordance with orthodox laws of war.

## KOREA-TRUCE

As for the truce talks at Pan Mun Jom, they have degenerated into a poisonous lather of Red propaganda. Today, the chief Red negotiator, North Korean General Nam II, ranted for a solid thirty-one minutes of a thirty-five minute meeting. He shouted the usual propaganda charges -- with new ones weaving around that fantasy of the prison camp, and the capture of General Dodd.

KOREA - WAR

There was air battle today above the Red Capitol - Pyongyang. Which was the feature in a series of engagements, in which American saber jets destroyed five Soviet-built migs. Two others probably destroyed. Five Red jets - damaged.

In the swirl of combat two migs were downed over Pyongyang. One in a peculiar way - without firing a shot. Captain Robert McKittrich, of Edwards, Illinois, tells about it:-

"We were just over Pyongyang when one of the migs broke off right in front of me," he says. "I closed to about six hundred feet and we were both going through some pretty violent maneuvers.

"Then the mig ~~pit~~ pilot made a mistake and ~~x~~ raked his aircraft around too tight in one turn. The mig snapped into a spin. The pilot tried to bring it out of the spin two or three times, but apparently was unable to regain control. He finally elected to bail out."

## LOCUSTS

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From Asia and Africa <sup>come</sup> news of what is called --  
"a threat to the security of the ~~old~~ world."

This, in the form of a small, unimpressive looking thing <sup>^</sup> but one that has caused havoc and terror since the beginning of human record. The Locust -- that insect multiplied by the billions. <sup>#</sup> At Rome, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the U N issued an alarming report today, telling of -- the worst locust plague in a hundred years. Devastating what the report describes as -- "the entire food supply of fifteen countries," ~~all the way from Africa to Pakistan.~~

In extensive areas of the Near East, the skies are black with locusts. From Iraq to Pakistan, a billion acres of land are infested with locust eggs, which soon will hatch -- and darken the sky.

The <sup>gravity</sup> ~~tragedy~~ <sup>^</sup> of the menace is illustrated by one striking fact -- that the Soviets have joined forces with the U N. <sup>^</sup> Although, Moscow has stood aloof, hitherto, from the Food and Agricultural

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organization. But Russia, too, is threatened -- by the swarms of locusts moving north from Iraq and Iran. So the Soviets have sent a force of ten airplanes loaded with insecticides, - these joining fleets of planes dispatched by the United Nations. "An air lift" has been ordered -- planes equipped for spraying great areas with chemicals to kill the locusts. The British Royal Air Force, for example, has flown five planes, the latest for spraying with power driven jets. These going to the Kingdom of Jordan.

Mrs. Wester, famous head of the American Colony in old Jerusalem, writes me that they were expecting bumper crops in the Holy Land. But she adds: - there is ~~an~~ ominous word - of a locust plague approaching.

And now comes the news - a regular air war is on - in battle against that menace of old, the plague of locusts.

## JET BOMBER

The Air Force has lifted some of the secrecy surrounding its mystery jet bomber, the B-fifty-two. Built by the Boeing Company, at Seattle, the giant strato-fortress with eight jet engines has been going through test flights -- so visible to so many people, that there is no good reason for keeping <sup>up</sup> ~~on~~ the concealment about its dimensions.

The case of the B-52 produced a declaration of policy by Secretary for Air Finletter, who argued that the publication of technical details might help a potential enemy, while -- those technical details do not interest the public. He said: "I do not think our people have any interest in technical information."

Well, the lid is off -- in large degree, at least. So let's see how interesting people will find the technical information now given out. ~~They~~ That global jet bomber is one hundred and fifty-three feet long, forty-eight feet high at the tail, and has a wing spread of one hundred and eighty-five feet,

Making it not quite as large as that propellor driven  
giant, the B-thirty-six. The wings of the strato-  
fortress are thin -- "for extremely high speed."  
The under-carriage has an unusual arrangement -- a  
double tandem landing gear, with eight main wheels,  
four in a row. <sup>It</sup> So there you have it, folks, the  
hitherto secret information, -- ~~and~~ <sup>How</sup> interesting  
do you find the <sup>real</sup> technical details? Probably they  
are quite interesting to some who have a fancy for  
knowing about the latest in airplanes.



## ICE

In an Alaskan River the ice broke at four minutes past five, P.M. -- and what a break that was for Charlie Montjoy of Juneau. Each spring, the Tanana River, near Fairbanks, provides the great sweepstakes of the North, and this year, the crash of the shattering ice jam was tremendous -- and so was the luck of Charlie Montjoy.

When the Tanana River ice gives way and starts toward the Yukon, that marks the beginning of Alaskan spring -- and, for long years, the people of the North have used it as the occasion for a betting pool. Increasing in popularity, year after year. This year's jackpot was the biggest ever, -- one hundred and two thousand dollars.

The gamblers try to guess the time, the minute of the break up -- when, all of a sudden, that great winter ice jam gives way with a roar. If more than one ticket holder is on the right minute the cash is divided. Last year, there were seventeen winners -- seventeen people having guessed right.

Year before -- thirty winners. This year -- well, that was the big break. Only one -- Charlie Montjoy, a supervisor in the Government service that looks after the native peoples, <sup>the</sup> Indians and <sup>the</sup> eskimo. So <sup>charlie</sup> ~~he~~ takes ~~xxxx~~ all of the one hundred and two thousand dollars.

England may have its far-famed horse race, the Derby -- and we have our own Kentucky version of the same. But, in the north, it's the Tanana River sweepstakes. Record-breaking <sup>this time</sup> -- for the break of ice, and the break of luck.

And now let's hear from my always lucky partner - Nelson Case.

## YALE

There was a riot and noisy disturbance, today, at one of the most sedate places in the country. Or, at least, it ought to be - Yale University, ~~where everything should reflect studious calm and academic quiet. But ~~the~~ a huge crowd of students fought a pitched battle with the police.~~

The cause of the uproar seems odd - an icecream cart. I suppose Freshmen and Sophomores like their icecream - vanilla or chocolate.

Anyway, the rumpus began when a cop made an icecream cart move on from a parking space outside a college building. Another icecream vendor moved in <sup>started</sup> - and the cop chased him, too. Students in dormitories <sup>^</sup> ~~were watching the icecream man's actions - and started~~ jeering and yelling. Throwing pillows and bags of water out of ~~dormitory~~ windows. ~~Next - swarming in a crowd, to the scene of the icecream evictions,~~ ~~They were joined by spectators in a raucous~~

Then into the street

yelling, shooting firecrackers. The cops called the Fire Department, which responded with a hose wagon - and the next thing you know, the obstreperous collegians were drenched with streams of water. They charged the firemen, <sup>and</sup> shut off the hydrant. <sup>Whereupon</sup> ~~but~~ The blaze battlers turned it on again, and the mob was deluged once more.

#### A wet day - at Yale.

It happened, that navigating on the ocean below, was the U.S. Cruiser Toledo. Pilot immediately put out boats to pick up the survivors when their parachutes hit the water. The cruiser rescued five. A sixth picked up by a Coast Guard flying boat -- which was winging its way along, when the pilot saw a parachute dropping into the Pacific. He made a quick skillful landing and picked up a survivor.

## SUB CRASH

The latest would indicate that there are six known survivors of an air collision off Catalina this afternoon -- eight airmen missing. A B-29 was on a routine flight, when a Marine Corps single-seat fighter crashed into the giant bomber. Both planes falling into the ocean off Catalina.

Airmen were able to get out of the B-29. It happened, that navigating on the ocean below, was the U.S. Cruiser Toledo. Which immediately put out boats to pick up the survivors when their parachutes hit the water. The cruiser rescued five. A sixth picked up by a Coast Guard flying boat -- which was winging its way along, when the pilot saw a parachute dropping into the Pacific. He made a quick skillful landing and picked up a survivor.

# STEEL

The administration had another rough time before the Supreme Court today -- Acting Attorney General Perlman put through another quiz by the High Justices. The same as yesterday, he was questioned sharply about contentions of the Truman Administration, in justifying the seizure of steel.

In the oil strike, the Wage Stabilization Board is described as being of the "unanimous opinion" that the walkout can be settled through collective bargaining. So stated by Chairman Feinsinger - who today, called off a formal session with employers and unions. He delayed the hearing - to give the Stabilization Board a chance to consider wage settlements, that have already been made. In several cases, companies and strikers have got together for local agreements -- on a small scale.


~~The news has been indicating the wide implications of this oil strike -- reactions not only in this country but across the oceans. Here's a vivid illustration in a dispatch from the other side of the world. Dateline, Singapore. The dispatch reading: Government authorities announced today all scheduled airline flights from and through Malaya would be cut thirty-five percent, as a result of the American oil strike.~~

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## POLITICS

West Virginia held its primary election today. No ~~xxx~~ results with any meaning are in as yet - but we know a good deal about the result, in advance, ~~and <sup>7</sup>xxx~~ One angle is - a presidential preference vote, that old popularity contest. Senator Taft wins it with a sweep - that's sure. General Ike is not in the political beauty competition - Taft's only rival being Stassen. We all know that Harold Stassen has been fading out of the picture; he never was likely to give the Senator from Ohio any kind of run in West Virginia.

The real contest is in another aspect of the primary - the battle for delegates. That, also, was pretty well settled in advance - Taft having the advantage. ~~(Of sixteen delegates, he had five to begin with. The supporters of Eisenhower did not put in five of their own to compete - the battle is for the remaining eleven. The best that Eisenhower can hope for is to pick up a few of these!)~~





The net result of it all is that (Senator Taft makes a gain in West Virginia - offsetting <sup>that</sup> slight loss <sup>he</sup> ~~to~~ sustain<sup>ed</sup> yesterday, When - the Republican State Convention in Rhode Island gave all eight of its delegates to General Ike,) Taft picking up six in Wyoming (where a <sup>the</sup> State Convention gave Eisenhower two delegates. Four <sup>there</sup> are listed as neutral - with two of the ~~xxx~~ neutrals inclining to Taft, <sup>so</sup> they say. So yesterday's results, in Rhode Island and Wyoming, gave ten to General Ike, Taft getting six or eight.)

(<sup>Ohio</sup> The <sup>the</sup> Senator keeps a substantial margin in the battle for delegates. A tabulation by the United Press picturing - Taft, 384; Eisenhower, 319. With the Taft majority to be increased a bit by the result in the West Virginia primary <sup>today</sup>.)

(On the Democratic side - continued confusion.)

In the West Virginia primary, for example, only two delegates up for election declared themselves for any candidate. Those two - supporting Kefauver. Same old story - the Tennessean in coonskin cap winning delegates here and there in default of opposition.)