

The news from Central Korea tonight, centres around a name we haven't heard before - Chip Yong. A little Korean town thirty-two miles East of Seoul, Chip Yong may hold the key to the savage fighting on that forty mile front where the Chinese attacked Sunday. Chip Yong is the anchor point at the West end ~~of~~ the allied defense line.

Today, Chinese assault forces hammered the town from three sides. First, from the North; then, simultaneously from East and West. Early reports told of the town cut off, surrounded. Then came word that the allied defenders had driven off wave after wave of fanatical attacks. This, in hand to hand fighting which went on without ceasing for more than four-and-a-half hours. Chinese assault forces, were backed up by tanks and self-propelled guns. The latest word is that the U.N. forces still hold Chip Yong.

At other points along the front, allied forces

have been able to pull back faster than the hundred- and fifty-thousand man red army can advance. At last reports, they were digging new defenses, further South. The situation is described tonight as "extremely fluid."

Around Seoul only light contact with the enemy is reported. For the first time last night, a South Korean patrol pushed right into the city, penetrating far beyond the dock area on the Han waterfront - then withdrew after a fight.

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In The Hague today, the Dutch government announced that Colonel Den Ouden, commander of Dutch forces in Korea, had been killed, in action.

MacARTHUR

General MacArthur is back in Tokyo tonight, following a flying trip to the front in Korea. His visit this time took him to the outskirts of Seoul, where he inspected the former North Korean capital through binoculars. This, from an observation post that had just been under heavy enemy mortar fire. Asked by members of his staff following the attack, if he still wished to visit the post the General replied - "of course."

Back in Tokyo, the Supreme Commander explained his present tactics in the Korean war. He emphasized again his earlier strategy of keeping the Chinese red supply lines fully extended, while the Eighth army, with its superior fire power, keeps up its "meat-grinder tactics." on the ground, "we are still engaged in a war of maneuver, with the object of inflicting as heavy punishment on the enemy as possible," was how the General put it. He stressed that the crossing of the

thirty-eight parallel in this war of maneuver was "purely academic" -- that a major part of the Chinese army must be killed off before there could be any thought of sending Allied forces across the parallel again. The General also had a word of praise for his new Eighth army commander in Korea, - "General Ridgeway is proving himself a brilliant and worthy successor to General Walker." Those were his words.

JAPAN

From Tokyo tonight, comes word that the Japanese will welcome a U.S. garrison for the defense of its Islands, following a peace treaty. This was announced in the Japanese parliament today by Premier Shigeru Yoshida, who said that he had assured John Foster Dulles that "most Japanese would welcome American military aid against Communist aggression."

Yoshida also told parliament that the touchy question of Japanese rearmament has been left open for future decision. U.S. Japanese rearmament has aroused strong opposition both in Japan and abroad - especially in Australia and the Phillipines.

BRITISH_TANKER_

Off Hong Kong today, Red chinese shore batteries on the Lin Tin Islands singled out a small British oil tanker for target practice. The tanker, Caltex Two, had just cleared the muddy Pearl River estuary and was threading its way through the junk fishing fleets, heading for Hong Kong. The Red batteries opened fire without warning, scored at least two hits on the ship, and both the British Captain and his chief officer were wounded by splinters. Together the Captain is in a hospital, his condition described as fair.

This is not the first time the Red gunners have opened fire from the Lin Tin Islands which were seized by the Reds from the Nationalists a year ago. They are a tiny group of rock islets jutting up in the Canton river estuary, halfway between British Hong Kong and the Chinese Portuguese colony of Macao.

Last year several ships were fired on - some damaged. And on one occasion British warships returned the fire. But today's attack is the first for some months.

EUROPEAN DEFENSE

In Paris today, the French foreign office put the final polish on its plans for a European army. This army would supplement United States, Canadian and British armies in General Eisenhower's Atlantic defense forces.

The European army, proposed by France, would be made up of small combat units from different European countries, with its own Commander-in-chief, and with all nationalities wearing the same uniform, using the same equipment, and receiving the same pay.

The French plan is aimed at preventing Germany from ever again possessing a National army, Navy or air force. While all member countries, except Germany, would retain their National armies for use outside Europe, Germany would ^{only} be allowed to recruit forces for the European army.

There is some doubt in Paris, however, that the West German government will accept the French blueprint.

GERMANY

From Bonn tonight comes word that West Germany will ask the Big Four for elections in both East and West Germany. Announcing this, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said that a free and secret ballot in both zones could lead to the reuniting of the whole country. The West German chancellor's plan now goes for approval to the lower house in Bonn.

It seems unlikely, however, that the communists will accept the idea. This, for a number of reasons, among which are the conditions called for by West Germany - complete personal freedom in the Russian zone, before, during and after the elections, freedom for all political parties in the Soviet zone, and the release of all political prisoners.

ITALY

On the Italian Riviera today, the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of Italy and France continued their talks. Among problems agreed on were the Schuman plan for pooling the steel and coal resources of Western Europe, German rearmament, and the long planned customs union between Italy and France.

MIDDLE EAST

Istanbul, on the Bosphorus was today's meeting place for eighteen American ambassadors and ministers from the Middle East. Also attending are Thomas Finletter, secretary for Air, and Admiral Robert Carney, who commands our Mediterranean fleet. The agenda of the meetings is, of course, top secret. But it's known that special attention will be given to the Soviet threat to Yugoslavia, Russia's designs on Iran and Middle East oil, and the possibility of a Mediterranean pact.

SAUCERS

The exposure of the mystery of "flying saucers" is all the more impressive because it bears on a secret so important -- cosmic rays. The news everywhere today, headlined the announcement made by the Office of Naval Research in Washington - that the flying discs were large balloons. Shiny gas bags in secret research - taking scientific recording instruments to ~~gms~~ great heights, as much as nineteen miles. High in the sky they reflected sunlight in such fashion they looked like discs -- with strange light effects and curious optical illusions.

Some will say -- the cosmic ray balloons could not explain all that has been reported about the flying saucers. To which the answer is that some stories, always, are fantastic. The evidence presented by the Naval research bureau is impressive. The balloon research began in Nineteen Forty Seven; and, that is when the flying saucer stories began. Thousands of

accounts were tabulated, and everyone that seemed realistic could be tied in with a gleaming gas bag.

But it is all part of something far larger and even stranger -- cosmic rays. These were discovered some thirty years ago by a famous American physicist, Dr. Robert Milliken -- who found that the earth's atmosphere was being bombarded by particles from Outer Space. These may come from the sun-- or, some suspect, from the stars out in Sidereal Space. The particles, the cosmic rays, strike atoms of the upper atmosphere and these are shattered; -- atom splitting out where the atmosphere begins. All of which bears on that number one question of this era -- the nature of the atom, and what happens when atoms are shattered. The bomb was only the result of early study -- and all sorts of further marvels are expected.

Has anybody ever seen a cosmic ray: oddly enough the answer is -- yes. Although - the particles are too tiny to be spied with any microscope. I, myself, have

seen a cosmic ray. Or, at least, the track of one. This was at the radiation laboratory of the University of California, where Dr. Ernest Lawrence of Cyclotron fame gave us an opportunity to see the result of latest research. They were producing the particles called cosmic rays, artificially, in the laboratory. With these they bombarded a photographic plate, on which you could see tracks of the particles as they had raced along. The track of a cosmic ray had a pattern all its own -- which even a layman like myself could distinguish. At the time, as we looked through the microscope, it seemed like a nine-day wonder -- and now the whole thing is tied in with another nine-day wonder, the flying saucers.

STONE

From Glasgow tonight comes word that Scotland's Bobbies may have discovered the key clue in the hunt for the missing Stone of Scone. That coronation stone of England's Kings, stolen from Westminster Abbey. The clue comes in a letter addressed to King George himself, at Buckingham ~~Street~~ Palace, offering to return the stone if the King would restore it to Scotland.

The police theory is that the authors of the mystery letter, members of the Scottish Nationalist party, and those who took the stone, are one and the same. The clue lies not in what the words of the note say, but in the letters themselves. The note, it seemed, was a typed one, written on an unusual kind of typewriter. Of a pattern manufactured by a firm which was only in business for a few years. The Glasgow police say they can trace every machine of this unusual make. Which should lead them to the authors of the note addressed to King George, and so to the stone itself.

ARTIST

The news brings advice for the ladies - advice from a London expert called a "hair artist." His analysis is so esoteric that I had to ask a young woman of my acquaintance -- what it means. For example, Remond the Hair Artist states that American women go to bed looking like what he calls "animated pin cushions." Which refers, I am told, to -- pin curls. That is, the girls, at night curl strands of hair and pin these down with bobby pins. An operation that may involve twenty or thirty bobby pins; -- which produces the porcupine effect.

Raymond doesn't like this and explains "they simply are not very clever at a time when they should be most attractive." In other words some occasions are worse than others for looking like a hedgehog.

What to do about it? The London hair artist advises that the pin-curls-business should be performed while my lady is in her bath. "The steam itself," says he, "will do wonders."

Well, steam will run a locomotive or blow up a

boiler. Also - keep the girls from looking like an illustration of what Shakespeare calls - "the quills of the fretful ~~man~~ porcupine," Nelson.