

Thurs. Sept. 28, '50.

We hear that the U N action on the thirty-Eighth Parallel will be -- an implicit confirmation of an implication. In case that sounds like a mystifying twister, we may explain by saying that a resolution will be placed before the General Assembly -- implying that General MacArthur already has implied authority to cross the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. But, let's look at matters as they developed today.

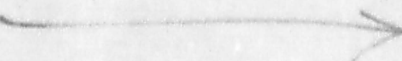
The war news from Korea pictures the Marines driving north from Seoul, on their way to the borderline of the home grounds of the Communists. The fleeing Reds are described as trying to dig in, and establish a defense line ^{only a few} ~~a mere thirty-eight~~ miles below their frontier.

~~Lieutenant~~ General Walton Walker, Commander of the U.S. Eighth Army, said he was waiting for orders -- whether or not to drive across the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. "I assume" said the General "that I'll be given instructions in a very short time - ~~xxxxxx~~ because I am in the dark."

Allof which created plenty of suspense. But, that seemed to be ended - by the State Department in Washington. An official there explained that General MacArthur has the implied authority right ~~now~~ now to push into North Korea - authority based on the original U.N. resolution ordering him to crush the Red invasion. The resolution did not ~~fix~~ limit the scope of MacArthur's action to any specific part of Korea - - did not mention any ~~parallel~~ parallel. So the State Department official remarked that it would not "make sense" to stop American and Free Korean troops - and let the Red agressors ~~XXXX~~ reorganize their forces in safety and at leisure. Which certainly sounds reasonable.

At the White House news conference this afternoon, President Truman was asked about that ~~XXXX~~ and he replied what he had said before - the decision on the puzzling parallel of latitude ~~XXXX~~ ^(was up) to the United Nations. He admitted that the original U.N. resolution was broad in scope - broad enough to permit action in any ~~part~~ part of Korea. But, nevertheless,

the U.N. will decide. Which seemed like a contradiction from what the State Department had to say - that General MacArthur already had the authority.

At the U.N. the proceedings are subtle - highly diplomatic. Western delegates are working on a resolution to settle the matter of the Thirty-Eighth parallel - and this, we hear, will not be definite, but merely by implication. MacArthur won't be told, but it will be taken for granted that he has permission to drive into northern Korea. On the ground - that this was implicit in the original U.N. resolution. So now you see what we mean by - ~~an~~ an implicit confirmation of an implication. 

ADD TRUMAN - KOREA

The latest - a Korean operations officer declared tonight that advance parties of the Free Korean army would reach the Thirty-Eighth Parallel within the next twenty-four hours.

KOREA

The war news tonight continues the picture of a huge round-up with Americans and Free Koreans breaking the remaining resistance of the disorganized Red invaders.

Today's dispatch from Tokyo estimates that there are still some seventy thousand Communist troops in southern Korea, a huge lot of them hopelessly trapped - while other masses are fleeing along roads that are still left open, trying to get back to Northern Korea.

The key city of Taejon was captured today without a fight - after a thousand Reds had been driven in flight from sectors near the city. One triumph was scored in a battle for a tunnel - which a party of trapped ^{Reds} enemies were using as a stronghold. The big idea was not so much to wipe out those Communists - but to do it without destroying the tunnel, an important link of communications. That was accomplished today - the tunnel taken undamaged.

The picture of utter defeat at Seoul was completed when American Marines turned over the rest of the job to Korean Marines, giving them ^{the} a task of routing

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out snipers left here and there in a great sprawling city. ^{that}

(The cloud of smoke over Seoul was clearing away today, as fires died down. Much of the city is in wreckage. But today the task of reconstruction was already begun. Masses of people, who sought safety in their cellars, were sweeping away rubble, trying to make things liveable again - the old story of a city devastated by war.)

FOLLOW KOREA

The Korean capital had a big parade tonight -- when General Douglas MacArthur ~~■~~ escorted Singman Rhee, President of the Korean Republic, back to the legal seat of his government. MacArthur flew from Tokyo to the Kimpo ~~xxxx~~ flying field and sent a plane to fetch Singman Rhee from far south Korea and bring him to that airport. From Kimpo the conquering General and the Korean president proceeded to Seoul - in a parade of automobiles filled with high-ranking officers. As the procession passed through the wrecked streets of the capital, huge ~~xxxxxx~~ crowds were out, cheering the official return of the Free Republican Government.

ADD FOLLOW KOREA

This is a new climax in the life of the seventy-five year old Korean President, who certainly has had his ups and downs. Way back in Nineteen Nineteen, he was made President of a Korean Provisional government -- at a time when Japan ruled his country. Thereafter, ~~Thereafter~~ he lived in exile, until the end of the Second World War -- when he returned to Korea as a number one leader, and was elected President. Driven out by the Reds in June - he now returns in triumph.

HOSTAGES

The Reds, fleeing from Seoul, took along more than twenty thousand hostages - prominent Koreans, political figures, teachers, medical men. This was stated today by Yuh Wong, a Liberal member of the Korean National Assembly - who, himself, was scheduled to be carried off as a hostage. But he got secret warning, and went into hiding.

Obviously, the Communists intend to use these prisoners as a means of brings pressure to bear on the victorious Free Koreans. Which points to one of the criminal features in the history of Communism - the murder of hostages.

GENERAL DEAN

Today an American Intelligence officer declared: "It is fairly well established that General Dean is alive." This is the most positive statement thus far in the question of the fate of Major General William F. Dean, who is officially listed as - "Missing in action." He vanished at Taejon, where he was with a bazooka team battling against Red tanks. The report came back that he had been wounded, and then murdered - in one of those many Red atrocities. A prisoner-of-war, who had formerly been an interpreter with American military forces, said he had been called upon to identify the general's body, and he was sure about identification.

But now, prisoners declare that General Dean was held a captive, and taken to Seoul. This comes from three Reds, captured at widely separated places. They declare they heard a Communist captain say that the general had been removed from a prisoner-of-war camp in central Korea, and taken to the capital. Korean civilians tell much the same story. Hence the statement by the American Intelligence officer today: "It is fairly well established that General Dean is alive."

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Word from India - that peace negotiations have been going on "for some time." Which applies to the report we had last night that the Korean Reds have made proposals to the Indian ambassador in Communist China - proposals to be transmitted to the U. N. ^{TR} Red officials have been conferring with Indian ambassador Sardar Pannikar, but the proposals have not been divulged - so says today's dispatch from New Delhi.

ATOMIC

There seems to be an argument about a new method of using atomic power to produce electricity. In Chicago, two scientists who devised the process, ^{say} declare that it offers great promise. But in Washington, the Atomic Energy Commission declares that the gadget will not bring about an atomic-electrical era.

^{Two} The Chicago scientists, are John L. Kuranz, of a nuclear instrument company, and Professor Robert Moon, scientist of the University of Chicago, ^{have an} ~~Their~~ invention is called - a "nuclear thermometer." At present, it ^{is} used to measure the amount of heat in an atomic pile, but that also produces a discharge of electricity. So, if you were to employ a large number of them, you'd get a lot of electrical power.

However, the Atomic Energy Commission declares that the "neutron thermometer" generates only a tiny amount of electricity, and in the words of the dispatch - "It will be scientifically impossible to place enough of the devices in a given atomic pile to produce a sufficient amount of electricity."

So there you have the latest argument in that fascinating subject, which raises visions of a new era - an epoch of atomic power.

FIGHT

Today brought the usual afterthought reflections - about the fight last night. I saw the bout for the championship, saw the once invincible Joe Louis beaten by two antagonists. For, in a way, Joe was facing a couple of opponents in the ring. One- armed with boxing gloves. The other - carrying a scythe. Champion Ezzard Charles won like a real champion. But, in the mind's eye, you could see that old fellow, with white whiskers, in there helping him - and there's no weapon more deadly than the scythe of Father Time.

In the follow-up stories today, there's a dispatch from Cincinnati, picturing two aged negro women, the elder of whom is ⁵ ninety, - ^{They are} the grandmother and ^{the} great grandmother of champion Ezzard Charles. They reared him, and today the ninety year old matriarch exclaimed: "Just think - I was a slave, and now my flesh and blood is the world champion!" Which seems to suggest that Ezz was not the real champ, until he had beaten the mighty Joe Louis. That great grandmother in Cincinnati was born back in Eighteen Sixty, a slave on a southern ~~pink~~ plantation

- a long road from the days of servitude to the heavyweight championship ~~ix~~ of the world.

The Cincinnati story gives us, also, a new version of that old prizefight cliché - the winner saying - "I won for you, mom." Last night, right after his victory, the champ called the household in Cincinnati, and told his grandmother: "I won for you - and the Lord."

Today the grandmother explained: "I told Ezzard - 'God gave those fists to you, and don't forget to thank him out loud.'"

So the champ was thanking, out loud.

PORCUPINE

At Lake City, Michigan, they have an annual bear hunt. But this year old brother Bruin is having the last laugh - if a bear could laugh.

The hunting is done with dogs, and sixteen were brought from Tennessee - where they have a special breed of bear hound. So everything started fine, but today the bear hunt was off. The local nimrods are still eager, but the dogs have lost their enthusiasm. The reason? - sad to say. In the pursuit of the shaggy fellows in the big fur coats, the hounds ran into something else - a nest of porcupines. You can imagine what happened - the dogs tried to fight the porcupines, and today the huntsmen were picking spiny needles out of the noses of the woebegone canines. ~~The dogs have gone to the dogs,~~ and the bear hunt is off.

NEWSPAPER

Down in romantic Dixieland, there appears on ^{that well known Southern newspaper} the woman's page of the New Orleans Item, a series headed - "Beauty after forty." Which sounds like a worthy endeavor. But now, what have we? Today, the editor of ^{New Orleans} the Item received a letter from a reader, a young fellow - who puts in a complaint about what happened to him as a result of "Beauty after Forty." He says it procured for him an invitation to dinner. It was a good dinner, so far as the victuals were concerned - and you'd think he would thank the New Orleans item for the invitation. But listen to the article that brought it all about.

"Beauty after Forty", in addition to the usual reducing exercises and cosmetics, gives a few lessons in domestic and romantic strategy - after forty. So recently there was a bit of sage advice for what were called "mature women, whose husbands are chasing a blonde." Advice as follows: "If you're smart," said the article, "you might invite the blonde to dinner - with a charming young man of her own age as a dinner partner." So that's how Joe came to be invited - and was astonished to find,

not only the husband and wife, but also the blonde.

Joe didn't know what the situation was, but he soon found out. Easy to imagine - wife trying to make a match between Joe and the blonde, and hubby about to burst with rage. Joe describes the climax in the following words - "Everybody started shouting and throwing things, and the blonde and I were kicked out of the house."

Which was bad enough. But then Joe, kicked out with the blonde, offered to drive her home - another mistake. "As soon as we got to her place," he writes, "a guy with a meat cleaver came after me, shouting, 'so you're the so-and-so who has been going after my wife.'"

That capped the climax - the husband with the meat cleaver. "Fortunately," Joe concludes, "I managed to out-run him. But I am still afraid to go back for my car."

Such is the letter to the ^(New Orleans) editor, who certainly ^{his newspaper series on} should apologize for what happened as a result of "Beauty after forty". Now our expert on beauty, That's you, Nelson.