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The general advance in Korea goes on, with one American armored force dashing thirteen miles through the East Central mountains. The flying column crossed the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, and reached the vicinity of the town of Chunchon. The same story north of Seoul, where South Korean troops crossed the Parallel. In the general advance, only sporadic resistance was encountered here and there - the Chinese Reds in full retreat, after the savage defeat of their big offensive.

Perhaps the most interesting point of all is (on the East Coast, ~~where~~ the news for a couple of days told about a Red break-through -- Chinese forces driving a deep salient in the allied lines. But, in that sector too, the advance ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{back} to the Thirty-Eighth Parallel was on today - part of a general movement across the Peninsula.)

So what happened to the Chinese push, that Red salient? Well, it has just disappeared. Last night, we heard how American forces were driving

into the flank of that enemy advance, and had cut its main supply line.

Today the word is that the Red spearhead was isolated, and simply melted away in the wilderness of mountains. The Reds took to the hills, to the highest region in Korea.

PEACE FEELER

At the U N, a peace feeler from Soviet Russia is reported -- though it is mighty vague. Not too much importance is being paid to it but we are told that the hint was given to Sweden more than two weeks ago. Swedish Chief Delegate Grassprom says:-"on May Seventh we received a telegram from the Foreign Minister of Sweden informing us that information had been received from a Russian source, through an intermediary who is a Swedish citizen that ~~the~~ Russia would regard a settlement of the Korean war along the line of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel as acceptable." All of which is might intangible.

MACARTHUR

The MacArthur investigating committee is going to call the Joint Chiefs of Staff, according to schedule - instead of summoning Secretary of State Acheson right away.

Today Republican Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa said there's no real reason to hear the testimony of the Chiefs of Staff. It would be merely a repetition of what has already been ~~xx~~ stated by Secretary of Defense Marshall and Chairman Omar Bradley. He argued that the real point at issue now is - U.S. foreign policy in a broad sense.

The Democrats on the committee, however, want to show that all the Chiefs of Staff agreed with Marshall and Bradley on strategy, and did not support ~~xx~~ MacArthur's proposals for expanding the war. They have a majority and put through the decision to call the Chiefs - Acheson later.

General Bradley ~~xxx~~ concluded his testimony today, and it covered a lot of ground, all over the place. One interesting point was a Bradley statement

that, last November, when Red China first intervened, the Joint Chiefs ordered General MacArthur to withdraw the Tenth Corps from, what Bradley called "exposed positions". Which was done - the Chiefs in Washington being concerned about the danger of the Tenth Corps, in that first rush of the Chinese Reds.

While saying this, General Bradley kept insisting that it was unfair to sit back here at home and criticize the strategy of the General in the field.

TRUMAN-SOVIETS

Today's White House news conference included a long discussion of the perils confronting this country and all civilization. The President warned that, in a Third World War, the United States would be, what he called, "a battlefront." Referring, of course, ~~as~~ to atomic bombing.

He said we are always willing to negotiate a peaceful settlement with Soviet Russia, backed by a mutual disarmament program. This, he declared, would enable us to invest in a world-wide program of economic development - money that we are now spending for defense armament. Which, of course, is a Nineteen Fifty-One version of the Biblical phrase about beating swords into plowshares.

All of which is up to Soviet Russia, declared the President. "If the rulers of the Soviet Union did not drown their words of peace with drums of war," ~~he~~ said he, "the century in which we live could become the brightest known to man on this earth."

President Truman sent a message to Congress today, asking for eight billion, ~~xx~~ five hundred million dollars, to back up the free nations. Two-thirds of the sum would be for armament, one-third for economic aid, with a defense angle.

One interesting angle is - Iran. President Truman told Congress that that Middle Eastern country would share in the military and economic assistance - in spite of that Iranian-British oil dispute, which is of deep concern to us, as well as to the entire free world.

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(At Teheran, the Iranian government has given the Anglo-Persian Oil Company an ultimatum - demanding that the company start cooperating on nationalization by next Wednesday. Either that - or the great oilfields will be taken over without further ado.)

Today, the Iranian Finance Minister informed the Anglo-Persian representative that his government was prepared to discuss, what he called, ^{("legitimate} ~~claims~~ claims" and asked the company to name negotiators. If not the properties will be seized.

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government will close down the ~~east~~^{east} refineries of the Anglo-Persian company, and will sell only crude oil -- to tankers coming for it. That is, not being able to do the highly technical job of refining gasoline, they would merely take the crude oil out of the ground, and tell purchasers to come and get it.

This is the latest from the Iranian side of the oil dispute - and the hope of the western world is that some way will be found to negotiate a settlement with the Anglo-Persian company. Today I had a statement from the British Information Service, denying ^{a part of} the story we had last night - that a suspension of oil royalties was a large cause of the fanatical situation in Iran.

I was told that Britain takes the view - that it is all-important for the west to have Iran in a stable, flourishing condition - and the oil industry is necessary for that. All of which accords with advice given to the Iranian authorities by Max Thornburg, from whom we had the story last night.

ADD IRAN

The latest from London quotes diplomatic informants as declaring that the British government realizes that Iran has gone too far with oil nationalization to be stopped, and is willing to accept it, providing the Teheran government agrees to a fair settlement.

At the same time, we are told today that Britain is preparing to send paratroopers to the Middle East - ~~xxx~~ ready for emergency duty in Iran, if needed. The paratroopers would be dropped on the oilfields, only in case of grave emergency such as imminent peril to British oilfield people. Even so, the move would be made only after consultation with the United States.

INDIA

The House of Representatives has passed a relief bill to rush two million tons of American grain to famine-stricken India. Cost - one hundred and ninety million dollars. The measure has no strings attached to it, the grain to be sent to India on terms of an easy loan.

(The Senate has passed a similar bill, with strings attached - requiring India to pay part of the relief loan with shipments of strategic materials like manganese and the atomic mineral monazite. Today an amendment to that effect was proposed for the House bill. But it was voted down - India to have a straight loan of grain with thirty-five years to repay.) The Senate and the House bills will now go to conference, to be harmonized.

We hear that atomic power plants will be running - "within a year or so." This comes from Henry D. Smythe, a member of the atomic Energy Commission. Today he told a New Jersey Bankers Association that power produced by a nuclear chain-reaction is now within sight. However, the commission does not know whether the Atomic Energy plants will be able to compete financially with ordinary power, ~~May~~ be more expensive than oil, coal, or electricity.

The President indicates that he may go on a whistle-stop-tour - stumping the country in behalf of his foreign and domestic policies. So, we may have a nineteen fifty-one version of the Nineteen Forty-Eight stump-speaking ~~xxx~~ trip, which was followed by the surprise election result. This time, the President will tour the country, following the uproar caused by the Truman dismissal of MacArthur. ^{TP} But would it have intimations for Nineteen Fifty-Two? Would it signify that the President might intend to run for reelection?

↳ He was ~~xx~~ asked today, but side-stepped the issue, neatly and carefully. ^{TP} However, the dispatch from Washington states the following: "The questions came up at his weekly news conference, against a background of increasing signs that he is anxious to make another ~~xxxx~~ cross-country tour, and will run for re-election" says the dispatch.

ADD TRUMAN POLITICS

However, all may not be so unanimous -- because tonight Democratic Senator Olin Johnston of South Carolina came out for Eisenhower. Senator Johnston, often a critic of the administration, said he supported Eisenhower for the Democratic nomination next year.

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BUFFALO

The news tells how one of the greatest of American cities witnessed a primitive drama of nature in the raw - a violent epic ~~in~~ in the savage wild. Fang and ~~in~~ claw, or rather - hoof and horn! Pittsburgh has a buffalo herd, the American bison on display in South Park - and there tonight, the herd has a new king.

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goaring him, making him get back onto his feet, and return to combat. So Curly lumbered forth once more, and his young rival went at him. ^{For old} Curly hadn't a chance. He was battered, gored, driven off, and fell down.

Again the cows of the herd surrounded him. But this time caretakers intervened, and drove off the cows. In an act of mercy, they shot Curly, saving him from a worse fate. Because, when an old bull is no longer able to fight, the way of the Buffalo herd is to trample him to death.

Thus it was that Pittsburgh saw a drama of primitive nature in the raw -- and the Buffalo herd has a new king.

SOVIET MAIL ORDER

Soviet Russia has a new scandal of Marxian economy, and today Izvestia, official newspaper of the Stalin regime, printed a withering blast. The target? - well let me see if I can wrap my tonsils around this. Soyúzposyítorg, or something like that - the name of the great Moscow Mail Order firm. ~~was~~ The proletarian ~~own~~ version of Sears-Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, [^] catalogues and all.

But what's the matter with Soyuzpos^ymtorg[?]_^?

~~I think I broke my jaw that time!~~ Well, Izvestia declares that the great mail order house did a wonderful job of getting orders from all over Soviet Russia, taking in the money. But - ^{at} ~~not~~ _^ delivering the merchandise.

The firm circulates a magnificent catalogue, ~~xxxxx~~ listing hundreds of items ~~+~~ all the way from grand pianos to tea samovars, ^{and bottles for borsch. Those} ~~These~~ ~~catalogues~~ _^ catalogues look mighty good to Ivan and Olga, who thumb through the pages, and gaze with longing at the beautiful merchandise. They select objects of ^{their} _^ heart's desire,

to Soyuzposyltorg -
and mail the money, - then get nothing.

Izvestia cites the case of one citizen who sent in four hundred rubles for a radio set.

Another mailed five hundred rubles for a watch.

Still others ordered a razor, an accordian. All that was six months ago - and the customers are still

waiting. So Izvestia excoriates the mail order house in these words: "Its executives apparently do not bother about such trivialities as unfulfilled expectations."

Great way to run a mail order business!

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