

KOREA

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The picture in Korea today, can be presented with a few quotations from the news dispatches. ("The greatest Red retreat of the Korean war," says the story,) "degenerated into a disorderly rout under the punishing blows of hotly pursuing Allied mobile forces and air-artillery bombardments." Another passage says: "On the central ~~front~~ front they fled by the thousands, some at a dead run." Still another statement reads: "Airmen reported that panic stricken Chinese truck drivers were running down their own troops, as they tried to flee." Such is the panorama of utter defeat ~~from~~ for the Communists, As ^{the} ~~the~~ Allied ^{counter} ~~offensive~~ offensive" surged forward.

The wildest panic of the Reds is on the East Coast, where, at the high tide of the ^{recent} ~~red~~ offensive, two Chinese Army Corps drove crashing into South Korea - for twenty-five miles. That Red spearhead, as we heard last night, was cut off - with the U.S. Second Division driving through and establishing the northern jaw of the trap. Today,

American troops were pouring in, sealing the trap. Sixty thousand enemy soldiers caught, now trying to escape, fleeing into the mountains, trying to get out any way they can.

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Here's the personal story of a Marine Corps Lieutenant, who was one of a party of Nineteen prisoners of war -- rescued today. Strange adventure -- as dramatic as anything that has come out of Korea.

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A line of nineteen soldiers -- in strict parade formation, ^{greeted} ~~welcoming~~ them. Eighteen U.S. Marines and one Japanese-American Neisi attached to Army Intelligence. It was like a parade formation of scarecrows. Some wore tattered fatigue uniforms, others were clad in Chinese clothes, bearded, dirty.

They had been captured last November at the ~~Chosin~~ Chosin Reservoir trap, ^{men of} ~~out of which~~ the first U.S. Marine Division ^{who} had been left behind - and were prisoners for six months. Half starved - on meager rations of sorghum seed with ground rice. On rather special occasions - fishheads. Making forced marches up to a hundred miles in the bitter cold of the Korean winter - and spending a large part of their time dodging bombs, rockets and bullets of American planes.

Yesterday they were on their way to be released. The Chinese Reds were going to turn them loose - with bundles of Communist literature. The whole thing, apparently, some Chinese notion of making

Red propaganda. But all that was disrupted when the American tanks made a dash for Chunchon. The Chinese Reds melted away, and the prisoners ~~we~~ were left alone. They hiked off into the mountains, keeping on the move - and today, in the Green Valley, ^{they} posted the signal that brought rescue.

One is Lieutenant Frank E. Cold of Tampa, Florida - and he gives us the personal sidelights, "The Chinese" he says, "were kind ~~xxxx~~ to us, as far as they understood kindness. I didn't see any men mistreated." He says they suffered from hunger and cold, but were not much worse off than the Chinese troops themselves.

The oddity was - the way the American Marines were submitted to Red ~~pm~~ propaganda. They were, says Lientenant Cold "almost like simple children - in their desire to convert us to Communism. Every three or four days, they took us into a big unheated barn and lectured ^{us on} ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ everything from world history to geopolitics. We didn't have

much to do except go to school, and try to keep warm during the winter."

Actually, their greatest hardship came from the Americans - the U.S. Air Forces planes. Taken from one place to another, they ~~xx~~ marched at night - to avoid the planes. "The ^{air} attacks became so frequent and severe during the last month", relates Lieutenant Cold, "we dared not move from our foxholes during the daytime. When they marched us, it wasn't down any road. We went over mountain trails, some of them so steep that one slip meant death - and we marched only in the blackest part of the night. We began to feel like hunted animals," he says.

He tells of one railroad ride - the train hiding in tunnels from bombers. The trip so slow - "I'd have made better time on foot," he relates.

The moral is pointed, when the Lieutenant says: "I can understand why the Chinese fear American air power."


The Army Chief of Staff, General Lawton Collins, declared today that General MacArthur disobeyed an order given to him by the High Command in Washington. He said that, at the time of the collapse of the North Korean Reds, the Joint Chiefs of Staff sent to the Supreme Commander in Tokyo a directive, telling him to keep American troops away from the border of Soviet Siberia and Chinese Manchuria. This - as a matter of policy. MacArthur was instructed to send nothing but South Koreans into those frontier areas.

But MacArthur ~~xxx~~ went right ahead and sent his American forces to the Yalu River, the Manchurian border. He did this, without informing the Joint Chiefs of Staff that he was going to, merely telling them afterward - that he had done it, because of "military necessity". So says General Lawton Collins.

This was challenged by Senator Knowland of California, who contended that the word from the

Pentagon to MacArthur was merely - advice. They ~~next~~ hoped that the troops sent to the Yalu would be South Koreans. The Army Chief of Staff said - no, it was a directive, setting forth a matter of ~~the~~ policy. He admitted it was not a flat directive, but a policy directive. He was not, he explained, charging disobedience or insubordination. "I cite it" said Collins, "as an example of the fact that General MacArthur did take action contrary to this matter of policy."

Later in the testimony, he cited another case in which he said, The Supreme Commander had rejected advice from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was advised to halt all ~~the~~ of his troops a few miles south of the Manchurian border, the Yalu River. Instead, MacArthur sent his forces right up to the border, the banks of the Yalu.



FOLLOW MACARTHUR

Then Senator Long of Louisiana asked General Collins:- "Do you believe we are winning the Korean War, as it is going at the present time?"

The General replied: "Yes, Sir, I do."
Then he added: "They've got a lot of manpower out there in China, but they've not got a lot of trained manpower. There's no question about it - that we have beaten up their two best armies pretty thoroughly."

FOLLOW MACARTHUR (new)

The latest -- (General Douglas MacArthur denies that he was ever ordered to keep American troops away from the frontier with Red China. This comes through General Courtney Whitney, MacArthur's aide - who (flatly contradicts the testimony given by Army Chief of Staff General Collins this afternoon.)

PARIS CONFERENCE

In Paris, Gromyko handed out an ultimatum today - at the conference of the Deputy Foreign Ministers of the Big Four.

The Soviet Representative stated that there would be no point in holding a meeting of the Foreign Ministers, unless they discussed the Atlantic Pact and American bases in Europe. The Western Allies have no intention of letting Moscow interfere with these matters. So the British delegate said promptly that the Gromyko statement was an ultimatum - and the Western Allies could not accept it.

JAPAN CURRENT

From Canadian British Columbia we have the explosion of a myth - the legend of the Japan current. That oceanic stream in the Pacific has always been regarded as the reason for the balmy climate of the Canadian West Coast - just as the Gulf Stream gets credit for the mild weather of the British Isles. Compared with frozen Laborador - same latitude. Maybe the importance of the Gulf Stream is exaggerated. Anyway, a Canadian scientist speaks up to explode the myth of the Japan current. He says it isn't warm at all - it's cold.

Dr. John P. Tully is the Oceanographer in charge of a survey of the waters off the Canadian Pacific Coast. He bases his contention on the cruise of a research vessel, which produced a paradox. The Japan current ^{doesn't} ~~does not~~ give warmth to British Columbia - it's the other way around. British Columbia warms up the Japanese current. The water is affected by the temperature of the land - and Canadian sunshine.

It is true that the current is warm, when it leaves Japan - consisting of water that flows up from the tropics, where the temperature of the ocean is as high as eighty-five degrees. But, as it streams across the broad Pacific, the Japanese current cools off to about forty-nine degrees, approaching the Canadian coast. There it ~~picks up~~ picks up heat from the land, and the illusion is that the current warms the land, but it's the other way around.

So, that's the ~~news~~ news about the Pacific Ocean counterpart of the gulf stream.

BRITAIN

10 (The British government informs the United States that Britain will not sign any Japanese peace treaty in which Chiang Kai Shek is a party.) The London government insists that the Nationalist regime on Formosa, which it no longer recognizes, must be excluded from participation in any peace treaty with Japan.

PRICES

Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston says the experts in his office disagree on the probable effect of the "rollback" of cattle prices. Will it cause a shortage of beef? Some experts think - "yes." Others - no. All of which applies, of course, to the possibility that cattle raisers might withhold livestock from the market - ~~not~~ because of the ten percent reduction of prices ordered into effect last Monday, (Which was one of a series of orders intended to roll back retail beef prices eight to ten cents a pound by October first.)

Eric Johnston says that if the rollback ~~does not~~ ^{doesn't} work, he will be the first to recommend a change.

RAILROADS

The railroad wage dispute came to an end tonight - the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen signing a contract with the nation's top ranking rail lines. This ends a bitter two year dispute, the contract calling for a retroactive pay boost.

ATOMIC

(In Washington, a report on the recent atomic tests at Eniwetok, the Far Pacific.) But the report is in such guarded terms, you'd have to guess what it means.

(One statement says: "The test program included experiments contributing to thermo-nuclear weapons research." Translated, that means - "the hydrogen bomb." Hydrogen turned into helium by means of intense heat) - thermo.

It is not believed that a full scale H-bomb was actually exploded at Eniwetok - the probabilities being that the principle may have been tried out on a small scale. The substance involved is tritium, ^{which is} hydrogen three times as heavy as normal - and the word is that during the past year the Atomic Energy Commission has produced enough Tritium for a trial explosion.

Today's report indicates that still further nuclear atomic tests will be held ~~xxxxxx~~ at Eniwetok in the near future.

Here's later news, a denial in Washington
- stating that no type of hydrogen bomb had been
exploded. "Not even a baby H-bomb" says the denial.
So (the supposition is that the tests may have involved
the "trigger" mechanism for detonating a super-bomb.)

EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

[In New York the Empire State Building is being sold, -- the tallest of all skyscrapers in the world. It is being taken over by a group of Detroit and Florida real estate men, sold by the estate of John J. Raskob, who besides being the creator of the Empire State Building was once so prominent in the Democratic Party.]

CONVENTION

As for the Democrats, that Party will hold its Presidential convention in Chicago. That was the decision today, at a meeting of the Democratic National Committee in Denver. There was a lively fight between Chicago and Philadelphia, with boosters for the two cities using large ~~sums~~ cash offers for weapons and running a hot campaign in the corridors. Chicago wins out - and the opening date for the convention is set for July Twenty-first, Nineteen Fifty-two. Nelson, What a session of speeches that will be!