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The news tonight focuses on the tremendous Navy and air bombardment at the Port of Seoul - with especial attention on the reaction on the side of the Communists. The latest is a Moscow radio bulletin, stating that the Korean Reds - "Beat off enemy attempts to make a landing." Moscow stating outright - that a landing attempt was made.

This ties in with a Communist Korean declaration - that their shore guns were able to sink three U. S. destroyers and four American landing boats. That <sup>claim</sup> is promptly denied by American headquarters in Tokyo. ~~and we can forget the destroyer part of it.~~

~~But~~ The mention of landing touches the main point - and today's dispatches from the war front state that the Communists are having, "invasion jitters." Fear of American landings up the coast, amphibious operations.

Well, you can't blame them, after the history of the war in the Pacific, also in Europe - those campaigns that were marked by amphibious landings behind enemy lines. We've <sup>all</sup> been wondering - when would

that same thing happen in the Korean War? So the Reds are wondering too. Yesterday <sup>the</sup> American Commander, General Walker said a counter-offensive would begin soon, and what would be more likely than amphibious invasion, outflanking the Communist armies?

~~and~~ All we know tonight is that American warships and planes delivered the heaviest Naval and air bombardment of the war thus far, which would be the kind of preparation needed for a landing.

~~Along the perimeter, things were relatively quiet today - the ground forces of the United Nations continuing to push in local operations. As for the sky, our Far Eastern aviation commander, General ~~George~~ <sup>that</sup> Stratemeyer states air action has halted all large scale traffic between the rear areas of the enemy front lines.~~

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The latest is from the front line, <sup>and</sup> states that the Communists appear to be withdrawing from the entire sector in the front of Taegu. I don't know how far they are going to pull back, says Major General Hobart Gay, Commander of the First U.S. Cavalry Division. But the dispatches from Korea are quick to note that this withdrawal follows the American naval and air assault at the port of Seoul. That - and the invasion jitters of the Communists.

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KOREA -- HUGH BAILLIE

The news from Korea brings an illuminating account of American tactics of infantry and air. We've had many statements about aviation support for ground troops, and here's a picture of how it works.

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~~The~~ story comes from Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press - who, right now, is doing a war correspondent's job in Korea. ~~Which is good going in the news association field - when the big boss, who used to be a crack reporter, goes out and shows the young fellows he can still do it, and turns in a bang-up story.~~

Hugh Baillie tells how he was with the First Cavalry on the Taegu front, when the Seventh and Eighth Regiments captured a hill strongly held by the enemy. ~~Or, you might as well say - the planes captured it.~~

The president of the U. P. said "I witnessed powerful air support given to an attack on a ridge among frowning hills. The soldiers inched their way up the steep slope, digging in, squirming, running, dodging ahead from shelter to shelter.



"The planes," <sup>says</sup> Hugh Baillie, ~~goes on~~, "first appeared high above their targets, then went into steep dives. You could see the flick of light when rockets were discharged, then hear the heavy explosions reverberating and rumbling among the mountains, followed by the sound of ~~whacking~~ machine guns and the occasional thump of bombs. Then, black smoke flames showing where the Napalm, or jellied gasoline, was blazing in enemy positions.

"The planes," the account goes on, "returned time and again - and, each time, their fire hit higher up the side of the ridge, as the Communists fled from the rain of flaming death from the sky. Finally," Baillie concludes, "the stuff <sup>flamed from</sup> ~~went~~ behind the ridge, showing <sup>that</sup> the Reds had retreated to the reverse side of the hill."

~~So the cavalry went up the slope following an aerial barrage. At the top an officer said: "Well, we got the hill. Now let's see if we can hold it." A reflection of the tenacity of the Korean Reds, who have a way of coming back stubbornly.~~

## KOREA - CASUALTIES

In Tokyo, General MacArthur's headquarters gives a figure for total Red war casualties - some forty-four thousand killed. Not counting the wounded - which would number many more. We are warned that it is very difficult to estimate enemy losses, but forty-four thousand <sup>enemy</sup> killed is as near as <sup>our</sup> military intelligence can determine.

The prisoners to date number more than eighteen hundred, of whom thirteen hundred surrendered during the past week - a sudden increase. This is attributed to hasty replacements due to heavy casualties. The well trained, hard boiled Communist units <sup>now</sup> are being filled in with all sorts of conscripts, <sup>who are being forced</sup> ~~grabbed and put~~ into the ranks.

## NORTH KOREAN SOLDIER

Now an incident from the battlefield - telling of Lee Chang Song, a North Korean prisoner-of-war. A woebegone sight, drooping and haggard, clothes muddy and torn. He was watching, as other prisoners-of-war were being fed - given bowls of rice, into which they were digging with plenty of appetite.

Lee Chang Song gazed hungrily, then shuffled over to an interpreter, and spoke in a frightened way. Whereupon the interpreter said to American officers: "He wants to know if he can have a handful of rice, before we shoot him."

Lee Chang Song hadn't had a bite for two days, and just wanted to quiet that hungry craving - before execution.

He said he was from a farm in North Korea, and didn't know anything about Communism. He was drafted, thrust into the Red forces, and told he would be shot, if captured.

So Lee Chang Song could hardly believe it, when he was given his ration like the others, a



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steaming bowl of rice handed to him - and he was told  
that nobody had any intention of shooting him.

SUB KOREA COMMISSION

Here's authoritative information that American military advisers in Korea discounted the advice of the Free Koreans that a Red invasion was about to happen. This is stated by the United Nations Commission investigating the aggression against Free Korea.

Six weeks before the Communist blitzkrieg, the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Korea told American military men that the Reds were moving troops in such ~~an~~ fashion as to indicate a speedy invasion. But this was disputed by Brigadier General William L. Roberts, Chief of the U.S. Korean military advisory group whose offices did not think there was any danger of immediate invasion. The report made by the U N commission states:- "General Roberts considered that the approximate one hundred thousand man strength of the Republic of Korea's army, was, at least equal to, if not superior to, that of the North Korean army." So, it would seem as if we did some bad guessing in Korea.

The report of the <sup>U.N.</sup> Commission goes on to put  
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all the blame for aggression on the Communist regime in North Korea.

## FREEDOM CORPS

A bill was introduced in Congress today to authorize the recruiting of two-hundred-and-fifty thousand anti-Communist refugees for military service, with American organization and command. The measure is proposed by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, who stated that there are now in eastern Europe at least two million young men who have fled from the Iron Curtain countries. He proposes that a quarter of a million of them be enlisted in what he calls a - Volunteer Freedom Corps. The United States - to train and equip them, and provide American officers. This Freedom Corps would be used to fight Red aggression, wherever it might be needed.



## CHAPMAN

Washington is reverberating with Democratic roars against Frank T. Bow, a Republican candidate for Congress in Ohio. He is a source of charges against Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman. Today, before a Congressional Committee, Bow repeated that Chapman had joined Red organizations branded as subversive, and said he would make the statement in public so that he could be sued for libel. He explained, however, that he did not mean the Secretary of the Interior was disloyal - but only wanted to show that Chapman was guilty of what he ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> called, "Grossly bad judgment."

The Democrats shout back that it's a smear, a political stunt, and say it all has to do with the question of statehood for Alaska - which the Secretary of the Interior supports. They claim that charges against him have been instigated by the Alaskan Salmon canning industry, which doesn't want Alaska to become a state of the Union.

BRITAIN - STEEL

From London tonight comes news of a new development in the Labor Government's program of nationalizing British industry. The latest plan announced to Parliament calls for the nationalization of the giant steel industry, effective from January First, Nineteen Fifty <sup>one</sup> Prime Minister Attlee made it clear to Parliament that he intends to force this issue to a showdown. If defeated, the government would call on King George the Sixth to dissolve Parliament and order a general election.

( Conservative leader Winston Churchill arose immediately to attack the controversial issue at <sup>what he called:-</sup> "This most critical period in our national safety, and affairs abroad." Calling for a motion of censure -- a vote of no confidence - next Tuesday.)

## FIRE

Astronomers declare that - it was probably a meteor. This - to explain a ball of fire that flashed across the skies of northern California today. Hundreds of residents in the San <sup>Joaquin</sup>~~Jose~~ valley gaped at the ~~g~~ flaming object in the heavens, and an airplane pilot, who was flying at seventeen thousand feet reported -- "a terrific explosion above him." A big meteor which burned itself out in the upper atmosphere, say the astronomers.



## AUTOMOBILE

Here's a question for the radio audience - each and everyone. Do you know how to get into an automobile? Do you know how to get out of an automobile? If that should sound silly, the answer is - you probably don't. Not, at least, according to the professor.

You may have been climbing in and out of the family bus for years, not to mention taxicabs. But listen to Dr. J. R. Garner of Atlanta, Georgia, Vice-president of the Posture Research Institute. He says - "disgraceful performance." Meaning, the American technique of getting in and out of a motor car - atrocious posture. Whereupon the professor tells us the right way to do it.

No, you don't go stumbling in and fall over your feet trying to get into your seat. For entering an auto, the professor gives the following prescription: "Face the front door of the car, raise the foot nearest to the side of the car and place it inside on the floor. Then, with a slight push from the ground-foot, slide into the seat, straighten the body, and bring in the

other foot." Which is what we all do - isn't it?

Says the doctor of posture:- "Emerging from an automobile some people have a way of flopping out as if they were about to fall on their face. Of course he tells us how to do it:- "Place the foot on the ground," says the professor, "and flew the knee on the other side to maintain balance. Transfer your weight to the ground-foot while bringing out the other, and placing it on the ground. Finally, 'straighten up the body."

When you've done all that, you are out of the family jallopy.

~~Where are you Nelson, in or out? Or did we  
lose you round that last curve?~~

## VINE

Here's one of those amazing stories on the wire - that make you hold your breath. You wonder - is somebody dreaming?

At Pittsburgh a giant beanstalk, fifty feet high and still growing. Beans - four feet long and weighing up to thirty-one pounds each. Sounds like Jack and the Beanstalk. But it's even more remarkable - the prodigious plant grew from a seed found in the tomb of an ancient pharaoh.

That's the story told by Otto Sheu, a Pittsburgh suburbanite with a home garden. He says he has a friend in the Middle East, who sent him a seed - about the size of a lima bean. And told him - that this had been found in a royal sepulchre near the banks of the Nile.

Well, we've heard of bits of grain taken from the tombs of the pharaohs, and there have been stories about planting the seeds, thousands of years old. But you never heard of anything like this.

Otto Sheu says he dug a hole and put the seed



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in the ground, and adds: "I didn't have any idea what was going to happen." No wonder - because the ancient Egyptian seed sprouted so big and tall, it pulled down two six-foot peach trees, and started climbing a tall Poplar. Up fifty feet - and still climbing.

Otto says he took one of the giant beans, and invited twenty-five friends to dinner - one bean enough for all twenty-five. Part of it he served baked - stuffed with meat and egg. Another part, French fried. *also* raw slices - for salad. The cooked part had the flavor of mushrooms. Or - some thought it tasted like oysters. The salad part ~~was~~ like cucumbers.

I give the savory details, to pile up evidence in this astonishing news dispatch today - Jack and the Beanstalk combined with the Pharaohs of Egypt.

BATS

Now back to that old saying - gentlemen prefer blondes. But the newest is that - bats prefer brunettes. This emanates from the New York State zoologist, Dr. Ralph Garner of Schenectady, New York. He says a bat won't have anything to do with a blonde. <sup>Can</sup> ~~and~~ you ~~can~~ <sup>hardly</sup> call a bat batty for that. <sup>The bats</sup> they go for brunettes.

You know the old story of the flying rodent getting into a woman's hair? ~~and~~ The New York State zoologist says: "Bats prefer to secrete themselves in dark places - <sup>sometimes</sup> and they mistake the dark recesses of a brunettes' hair for a hiding place."

~~a~~ bat is never tempted to fly into the bright golden tresses of a blonde. ~~and~~ all she has to be careful about is the gentlemen, ~~Nelson, Nelson, Nelson~~  
~~Keep from our blonde, songbird.~~  
Nelson.

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