

The Committee, ^{moreover} ~~however~~, charges that ~~xxx~~ similar atrocities ^{have} ~~had~~ been committed by the Reds in Korea and say that the Soviets are trying to raise a smoke screen by accusing us of atrocities in Korea - those prison camps.

That Red attempt continued today - with Gromyko, at the UN, shouting a demand that the United States be condemned for the killing of captives in suppression of prison camp ~~activities~~. This was voted down, as the General ~~Assembly~~ Assembly concludes its present meeting.

EAST GERMANY

Reports in the Soviet Zone in Germany tell of clashes ^{between} ~~the~~ Red Police - and farmers. These, as a result of Communist attempts to collectivize the farms.

In Berlin the word is that East Germany farmers are holding mass-meetings - protesting against the Red schemes of taking their farms away from them. Communists are holding rallies to promote their pet idea - rallies which, however, are sometimes taken over by the angry farmers, who want to keep their fields. There have been clashes - Communist officials beaten up.

The irony is - that most of the farmers, in question, receive ^d their land from the Red ~~regime~~ regime. In East Germany the Communist ^s began by breaking up large estates, dividing ^{these} among landless peasants. But, of course their ^{eventual} ~~eventual~~ scheme was, as always - to collectivize, abolish private

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ownership of land. This the East Germany farmers are
now finding out. They were fooled by the Red Land
Reform - ^{and} they are bitter.

FRANCE

In France, the Pinay government has fallen. Tonight, in Paris, ~~the~~ National Assembly voted against Premier Pinay in three tests - based on his budget program. The Industrialist businessman, surprised everybody, by staying in power ever since last March, advocated financial prudence, economy, higher taxes.

Surprisingly, the downfall of Pinay was brought about by the popular Republican Party, middle-of-the-road moderates, - They were the mainstay of the Pinay Government, ^{But} they abstained from voting and that brought about the collapse. So now, France is without a government once again. Pinay held office for nine months - an unusual length of time, according to the ways of politics in France.

EISENHOWER

President Elect Eisenhower, today, talked religion. His conclusion was that, in the global conflict with Communism, we need ~~what we need~~ - "a fundamental belief in God."

Speaking at a meeting for Freedom Foundation, the General argued in these words: ^{"It} ~~seems~~ _^ seems to me that, if we're going to win this fight, we go to go back to the very fundamental^s of all things. And one of them is that - we are a religious people. ▮

"Even those among us," he went on, "who are, in my opinion, ^{so} so silly as to doubt the existence of an Almighty, ^{we} _^ are still members of ^a _^ religious civilization. Because the founding fathers said - it was a religious concept that they were trying to translate into the political world." ^{It} _^ All of which, by the way, fits in with philosophical opinions held by scholars - that we, irrespective of religious convictions, are patterned by Western Christianity. *Pure to a Christian civilization.*

SENATOR

The California Senator who succeeds Vice-President Elect Nixon is Thomas Kuchel - today appointed by Governor Earl Warren. Thomas Kuchel describes himself as a "middle of the road Republican". The term of Senator Nixon has ^{four} ~~two~~ years to go, and his successor will serve ~~two~~ ^{the remaining of this,} ~~years~~ ^{of this,} ~~of this~~. But he will have to stand for election in 1954, if he wants to complete the remaining two years of the Nixon term. That is according to California Law.

STEEL WORKERS

The new President of the Steel Workers Union, succeeding the late Philip Murray, will be David Mac Donald - Secretary - treasurer of the Union during the Murray regime. Such is the word from Indianapolis - announced today in the Indianapolis Times.

WATERFRONT

New York Police struck a blow at the waterfront racket ^{today -} ~~is~~ with a round-up of twenty-one dock workers. These - arrested on charges of padding payrolls at the piers with what is called "phantom work crews."

This racket of payroll padding has been swindling shipping companies out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. But it has another purpose ~~is~~ in addition. The racketeers are able to show up on the payrolls, and pretend they ~~are~~ working on legitimate jobs. Just a cover up, while they're really engaged in criminal activities - bookmaking - gambling - usury - theft.

JET

Here's the first story ever told of a jet pilot who crashed into the sea. The first time a jet pilot ^{in war,} ever had the experience and lived to tell the tale. Lieutenant Ira Porter of Houston, Texas - who, when he saw he was headed for the water at the breakneck speed of jet, said: "I'm dead!"

It was over in Korea, and Lieutenant Porter had just shot down two migs - in whirling air battle. Whereupon enemy jets got on his tail. "Three migs ~~started~~ started to chase me out to the ocean," the Lieutenant ~~and~~ relates, "I got into a flak field, and they didn't have the guts to follow me through that flak."

But, before they broke off, the Red fighters hit his plane with cannon shells. Seconds later, his jet "flamed-out." - ahead was the deep blue sea. He was too low to bail out - and could only stick to his Sabrejet for a crash into the water. So that was what he said: "I'm dead!"

"It's a funny feeling," he reminisces, "when

you tell yourself you're dead. You accept it, and think of something else."

So he thought about - the wind. If his plane had slipped to one side or the other, in the wind - he would have been killed instantly, when he hit.

Lieutenant Porter used to be an instructor of jet pilots, and that came into his mind. "I remembered," he says, "how I taught the students about wind drift. When I came down, there was not a bit of drift either way. I was going dead with the wind."

Then came the moment - when the sabrejet, at a tremendous velocity, hit the water. "The first jolt was only a gentle tug," says Porter. "The second was a real bang." The third bounce snapped his head forward with violent jerk.

Water poured into the cockpit - and, in seconds, was up to his knees. "But I couldn't feel it," he relates. "Shock I guess."

He took a dive out of the cockpit - and

went swimming away. When he looked back - no
aeroplane. The sea had swallowed the Sabrejet.
"I felt like I had lost my billfold, or something,"
smiles the Lieutenant.

Swimming there in the Yellow Sea, he called
back, shouting: "Goodbye, baby."

They picked him up shortly after - the only
air force pilot ^{involved in a war} ever known to escape from a jet
plane-crash into the sea!


WRECK-PACIFIC

Out in the Pacific, there's an American ^{ship} ~~skipped~~ aground on a reef tonight, battered by great swells of the ocean and in danger of breaking up.

The freighter "QUARTETTE" was bound from Galveston, Texas, for Korea, with a cargo of grain. Ninety miles off Wake Island, the vessel ran straight onto the jagged coral of a mid-Pacific atol. The bow ripped open - the ship impaled on the reef, with a crew of forty-four.

They can't launch life-boats, because of heaving, rolling waves. Two rescue craft are nearby, but they can't approach the wreck - because the treacherous water bristles with spikes of coral, just below the surface.

The fear is that the "QUARTETTE" may break up and sink. But the reef encloses a lagoon, in which there are two uninhabited islands. On these, the sailors may be able to take refuge - if rescue attempts are unavailing.



ADD WRECK-PACIFIC

Here's the latest, a radio message just in from a
rescue ship at the scene. It states all hands taken off the
wreck. Everybody saved.

WRECK-SYRIA

Off the coast of Lebanon, a passenger steamship is on a reef in a raging storm with some three hundred on board. A French vessel, with pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land for Christmas. It seems that the pilot mistook a light on a tower at an airport - for a harbor light in the Port of Beirut. That ran the ship on the rocks, in a violent storm.

Today, fifteen persons got ashore. But then - rescue operations had to be stopped in the mounting fury of the gale. They will be resumed in the morning, it is hoped.

Here's the latest - the ship has broken in two. But that may not increase the danger. The two halves are said to be sinking in the sand.

A night of peril for the Christmas pilgrims to the Holy Land - as the wind lashes the Mediterranean in some of the worst weather in years.

EUROPE - WEATHER

All over Western Europe, the elements are playing havoc - with freaks of weather. From ~~any~~ icy blizzards to unseasonable winter warmth. The climax is in the Alps, where great snows and violent winds bring that eternal ~~mountain~~ Alpine peril - the avalanche. Towns threatened, parties of skiers trapped. (One life lost ~~in~~ in an avalanche on ^{Mount} Brisen, near Lake Luzerne. Two skiers were ^{trapped,} ~~trapped~~ and that brought out the dogs of St. Bernard for the first time this Winter. At the famous monastery, in a lofty Alpine pass, the Monks sent out those dogs of legend - and a St. Bernard found two skiers. Rescuing one; but the other had perished.)

Near Innsbruck, disaster struck - twenty-three lives lost - when an avalanche crushed a crowded bus of holiday tourists, mostly British.

In France, violent gales and a deluge of rain. Rivers rising - floods far and wide. ~~in Southern France.~~

A freak ^{of} weather brought something like a heat wave in some parts. ~~Whereas~~ Today, in towns of Southern

France, strawberries were ripening on the vine and roses were blooming.

WEDDING

At Grundy Center, Iowa, Airforce Sergeant Raymond Larr and Miriam Brown got married. Grundy Center may not sound like such a romantic name - not like Gretna Green, for example. But the ~~the~~ nuptual ceremony at that Iowa town would seem to set a record - for sentimental romance through the mails, or love by letter.

Sergeant Larr was serving in England when he started corresponding with Miriam at Grundy Center. One of those cases of a girl exchanging letters with a soldier abroad - pen pals. They had never seen each other, ^{and} they didn't see each other, until a few days ago. But they wrote to each other steadily for nearly two years. About once every other day, ^{some} five hundred letters in all.)

The correspondence ^{Enthusiastic pen pals - for sure.} began on a basis of "Dear Raymond" and "Dear Miriam." After a few hundred letters, it was "My dearest darling" and "My Darling beloved."

You can imagine what happened - they became engaged by letter. And all that remained was - a meeting in person. Which could be - the critical test. But it worked out all right.

Sergeant Larr took a trip from England, back to the U.S.A. - and on to Grundy Center, Iowa. Today, each one said the other fulfilled all expectations - and more.

So the wedding bells rang out - at Grundy

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Center [^] for Dearest Darling and Darling Beloved