

TRUCE

L.T - P.H. Luce. Nov 27/51.

( It isn't settled yet! In Korea today, the cease-fire teams ran into still another impasse. This time over the question of policing behind the lines on both sides after the armistice is signed. ) Our side asking for supervision throughout the whole of Korea, by a joint armistice team - observers to have free access to all of Korea, from Pusan in the south, all the way to the Yalu River - the border with Manchuria. When Admiral Joy asked for this the Reds came back with a plan which we say is "not broad enough." The meeting broke up with both sides saying they would study the other's plan, and then discuss it again at tonight's meeting, out of this may come a compromise.

KOREA

Meanwhile Dispatches from the front tonight use such phrases as "fretful quiet", "illusion of peace", "uncertain and unfamiliar calm." This refers to the lull in the fighting, following last night's <sup>signing</sup> ~~signature~~ of the cease-fire-line maps.

TP In the last twenty-four hours, both sides have gone <sup>wholly on the</sup> ~~to the~~ defensive, and the Eighth Army reports light patrolling, with "no contact." <sup>But, even if it is all quiet</sup> ~~however, it seems that on both sides front line~~ <sup>on the Korean Front for the ground</sup> ~~troops are nervously fingering their triggers, facing each~~ <sup>troops, things are not so quiet for,</sup> ~~other in this problematical period of half-war, half-peace.~~

~~Not so~~ the Navy and Air Force. Both the big guns of the fleet and Allied bombers and fighters continue to blast enemy supply lines and <sup>munitions</sup> ~~build-up~~ areas. In dogfights over Mig Alley today, four Communist jets <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ reported <sup>shot</sup> ~~down,~~ <sup>lost,</sup> four more damaged, <sup>On our side</sup> ~~to the loss of~~ one of our Shooting Stars.

The Fifth Air Force reports that eighty to a hundred M.I.G.'s were in the air, but that many of the Red pilots "did not seem to want to fight. Why fight? Mebbe it's over!" <sup>air</sup> ~~some to join the fray.~~ During the battle, Major Richard

Creighton of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, shot down his fifth enemy jet, to become America's Jet Ace Number Four.

EGYPT

From the Suez ~~Canal Zone~~ tonight comes word that

(terrorist attacks on British troops <sup>in the Canal Zone</sup> are being stepped up.)

~~This was revealed by~~ a British officer, Brigadier Goldsmith,

who described some of the <sup>latest</sup> activities of the "liberation

battalions." <sup>He said the Egyptians are now hurling</sup> ~~These, he said, include "the use of acid to~~

<sup>acid into</sup> ~~dash~~ the faces of British soldiers." - <sup>And another ~~also~~ trick, stretching</sup> thin steel wire ~~strung~~

across highways to behead British dispatch riders. ~~However,~~

<sup>What are</sup> ~~it appears~~ the British <sup>doing about it? Well</sup> ~~are not perturbed~~. The Brigadier went

<sup>said</sup> ~~so far as to say that~~ he "was glad the tempo of incidents was

<sup>Said he:-</sup> increasing, - <sup>it</sup> gives our troops experience, <sup>it's</sup> ~~and is~~ good

training."

The lighter side of the troubles in the Canal Zone

comes from an Egyptian training manual captured by some

Tommies. This includes a warning to terrorists:- "keep to

leeward of British soldiers so they shall not see you, or

smell you!" <sup>As all travellers know Egypt</sup> is a land of powerful smells.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Political pundits <sup>are busy trying to</sup> ~~give their~~ interpretation of the <sup>latest</sup> shake-up in <sup>the</sup> Czechoslovakia's Communist Party. ( Today President Clement Gottwald went on the air <sup>and</sup> ~~in the Czech capital, to~~ announce <sup>the</sup> arrest of Rudolf Slansky, Czechoslovak Vice-Premier. Slansky, ~~was the~~ former Secretary General of the Czech Communist Party <sup>this been</sup> described as chief of the "Moscow men" in that Soviet satellite country. However, last September Slansky, at that time chief delegate to the Cominform, was dismissed from his post as head of the Party, and given the job of Vice-Premier, which carries little authority.

Today came the news of Slansky's arrest, announced in person by President Gottwald, <sup>which</sup> ~~has given rise to~~ <sup>A course is causing</sup> much speculation in Western capitals. Slansky, <sup>formerly</sup> ~~was~~ the number one Kremlin man in Czechoslovakia, in close touch with Moscow! In today's announcement, ( he is charged with "leading a conspiracy against the republic" and with "anti-state activities." )

In Vienna, diplomatic observers consider these moves

as **strong** evidence of an attempt to throw <sup>off</sup> ~~the~~ Soviet control -  
direct rule from Moscow. However, there <sup>is little</sup> ~~is no~~ **conclusive**  
evidence so far to confirm <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ speculation that Czechoslovakia  
may soon break with the Russians, as did Tito.

## DEBT

Here at home Uncle Sam's finances are headed for the red column. This was disclosed in Washington today by Treasury officials, who warned that present taxes high as they are - in some respects higher even than Britain - are not high enough. It seems that during the next two fiscal years taxes for the pay-as-you-go defense program will fail to balance out. That Uncle Sam will run behind by some twenty billion dollars. That much in the red.

Two possible alternatives are offered. The familiar one - higher taxes. However, it's unlikely that Congress will hike taxes when the statesmen convene in January. The other alternative, government borrowing, which seems more likely. A giant bond drive to try and balance out that twenty billion dollar deficit.

## WEST POINT

In Washington today, the Army gave its final ruling in the case of the ninety West Point cadets dismissed for cheating in examinations last August. *And the ruling is that* They may not reenter the Academy.

The announcement came in letters to three Congressmen who had put up the names of dismissed cadets for reappointment. Under the law, all the cadets were technically eligible for renomination, if accepted by the Academic Board.

*TP* An explanation of the ruling is offered by an Army spokesman tonight. He states that, "the Academic Board has never accepted a cadet for reappointment, *— a cadet* who has been dismissed for violating the Honor Code."

## RAID

In Chicago, <sup>another big</sup> ~~a monstrous~~ racket is revealed. Early this morning, the Windy City was the scene of high drama, with Illinois state troopers swooping down on eight cigarette companies, <sup>These</sup> ~~who~~ are alleged to have evaded more than ten million dollars in taxes last year. The raids were the first <sup>Levar</sup> ~~made~~ by state troopers in the city, and the whole operation was cloaked in secrecy, on ~~direct~~ orders from Governor Adlai Stevenson. ~~himself~~. Not even the Chicago authorities knew what was <sup>up.</sup> ~~going~~.

All eight raids were launched simultaneously, just after eight o'clock this morning. In an attempt to round up printing machines used for turning out counterfeit cigarette tax stamps. At the same time, it was disclosed that three hundred and thirty-three million packages of cigarettes were sold last year in Chicago, with phoney tax stamps printed on these machines. <sup>all of</sup> ~~which~~ ~~at~~ three cents a package, adds up to just under ten million dollars.

The Illinois Assistant District Attorney charges that



the racket is run by Chicago's powerful "crime syndicate," which put its own stamps on three out of every ten packages of cigarettes sold in the city last year. It appears that four tax meters were stolen from cigarette distributors in Nineteen Forty-nine and 'Fifty; and ~~it is these machines which~~ the state troopers were after <sup>these machines. So far</sup> ~~However~~ there's no word yet as to whether the ~~machines~~ <sup>However do</sup> were found, ~~but~~ reports <sup>do</sup> tell of huge quantities of contraband cigarettes discovered in <sup>(seven)</sup> ~~one~~ of the raided warehouses.

# VETERAN

At Los Angeles, things have worked out okay for Michael Thomas O'Rourke -- who returned home from battlefields in Korea, only to spend Thanksgiving Day in jail. It seems he had seven days coming to him -- left over from the time before the Army sent him to Korea. <sup>His</sup> Crime? -- reckless driving on the highway. *But they've kept him*  
~~Well, he was~~ in the cooler only one day -- the rest of the jail term suspended. Whereupon he went over to Pasadena to see the girlfriend, nineteen-year-old Joan Adams; and, they promptly became engaged. Wedding -- this coming Friday. The Country Club Hotel, hearing of what happened, is giving the couple a wedding reception, free of charge -- including the hotel bridal suite, for a two-week honeymoon. In addition, the Douglas Aircraft Company has given O'Rourke a job.

The latest -- Michael Thomas O'Rourke appearing before the Judge who sentenced him to the hoosgow. Purpose -- to get back his driver's license. As he

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received it, O'Rourke said to His Honor: "We'd like to have you come to the wedding." To which Judge A.J. Bernhardt replied: "I'll be delighted."

So among the wedding guests will be the Judge -- who imposed the jail sentence <sup>— the jail sentence that</sup> ~~which, is sure,~~ brought a lot of good luck to Korea Veteran Michael Thomas O'Rourke.

*really*

## ALASKA

Here's news from Alaska that seems to shout - if you want an exciting life, join the Tenth Air Rescue Squadron. They have a strenuous life, making rescues in the Arctic wilderness, and now, their adventures become still more arduous - with an inauguration, today, of a "Survival Training" program. Crews are being landed amid snow and ice, and left there for several days -- to practice the art of staying alive.

There are two phases -- called Dry Cold Exercise and Wet Cold Exercises. In the former the airmen are marooned on an icy plateau, swept by bitter Arctic winds - dry cold. There, to keep from freezing, they have to build igloos -- resorting to the primitive way of the Eskimo to survive.

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The ~~Wet~~ Wet Cold Exercises are in a section of mushy snow, where members of the Tenth Rescue Squadron are equipped with snowshoes and water-repellent clothing. They have set up tents, and will be required to get part of their rations by trapping rabbits.

Yes, if you want an exciting life join the Tenth Rescue Squadron - the fliers with whom I did some jet assisted flying while with an Amer. Geographical Soc., Army, Navy, Air Force expedition on a great Alaskan ice cap a little more than a year ago. I can guarantee that it's exciting - in fact hair raising - but I'd like to be with them again.

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## MAYOR

Today, from England, a pair of scales arrived, an eighteenth century model, a type they use traditionally, at the town of High Wycombe. There, each year they weigh the Mayor - to see if His Honor has been getting fat on the job, not working hard enough.

The scales are on their way to Minneapolis. So - do they intend to weigh the Minneapolis Mayor? Don't say it sounds too silly. The answer is -- yes. Minneapolis, for some reason or other, is adopting the old tradition of High Wycombe in England. This coming Friday they will put Mayor Eric Hoyer on the scales.

There's no secret about his measurements and tonnage. He is five-foot-ten, and weighs a hundred and eighty. But the whole thing has led to an odd inquiry. Mayor Hoyer was inspired to investigate the size of mayors in other cities.

~~He finds that, in places of one hundred thousand or more, the two tallest mayors are Ed Crane of~~

Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Paul Goebel of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Both -- six foot five. The shortest is Mayor Watkins Overton of Memphis, Tennessee -- five-foot two-and-a-half inches. The heaviest is, John Anderson of Tacoma, Washington - two hundred and forty-five pounds. The lightest, Glenn Cunningham of Omaha -- one hundred and thirty-five pounds.

But the most eloquent response came from Portland, Oregon. "We are almost sure," Portland says to Minneapolis, "that the measurements of our Mayor will not closely resemble the measurements of your Mayor." No, not at all. The Mayor of Portland is Dorothy Lee - Her Honor Mayor Dorothy.



## INTERPLANETARY

Here's a dispatch telling where you can get your Interplanetary Passport -- if you've been thinking about a trip to the Moon, Venus or Mars.

The Interplanetary Society, <sup>over in</sup> ~~at~~ London, which includes a number of Britain's leading scientists - today ~~they~~ started issuing an impressive document bound in blue, closely resembling an ordinary British Passport. This one is marked as good for all the planets, and their satellites! "And," it adds, "for any British territories that might be annexed in the heavens!" Same old British Empire.

Some people think it's a joke. But the Interplanetary Society says that - if as much time and money were devoted to rockets as to the atom bomb, a space ship could be landed <sup>ing</sup> on the moon. right now!

The Passport gives useful information for space travelers of the future -- telling them that on Mercury, for example, the day is more than two thousand hours

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long. If your mother-in-law visits you for a day look out. On Jupiter, the atmosphere is made of ammonia and methane gas, both poisonous. So take your oxygen along.

Most infernal of all is the question of speed. If, upon getting out into space, the rocket ship doesn't go fast enough, it might become a tiny planet of the Sun, and go whirling around the center of the Solar System in an eternal orbit -- round and round, forever and forever - and forever, Nelson!  
**Forever and forever!**