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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In Indo-China, the Reds have abandoned their siege of Luang-Prabang. Their forces, falling back from the capital city of Laos. This is the latest from the French high command.

Patrols fanning deep into the jungle - found no sign of the enemy. The Reds even abandoning elaborate bunkers they had thrown up. The second time the Reds have struck at Luang-Prabang, and then, pulled back. One reason may be - over-extended supply lines. Unable to get food and ammunition through the jungle fast enough. Also their supply lines were vulnerable under constant air attack.

There are reports about the Communist "Iron Division" now in camp some miles north of Laung-Prabang and preparing to retreat further up the peninsula. French authorities believe the socalled "Iron Division"

was originally pulled from the siege of that town on the Laos-Viet Nam border and sent down ~~XXX~~ Luang-Prabang. Now it's going north again. The French believe this means the Reds may be trying for a victory in the north before the Geneva Conference gets under way.

PHILIPPINES

New Navy and Air Force defense bases in the Philippines. U.P. Correspondent Gene Symonds wires a story about the Air Force strengthening its facilities at famous Clark Field, about fifty-five miles from Manila. Altho' a lot of it is "hush hush," he is allowed to report that the runway at Clark Field is being extended to ten thousand feet, long enough for any of our jet bombers. Also that two new contingents of Sabrejets are on constant patrol. He also says the Air Force is operating an airlift from Clark Field to Indo-China - in support of American technicians who are working with the French. And B-29s fly back and forth to Singapore. Southeast Asia - much of it - under aerial observation by our people.

And then - Navy construction, - a new port on Luzon, able to take any ships afloat. A new headquarters for our Far East fleet.

The U.P. correspondent adds that the purpose is clear: - to make it possible for us to strike anywhere in southeast Asia, if we ever have to. Obviously if Indo-China should ever fall - the Philippines would be a part of our front line for protecting Japan, Formosa, and Korea.

ROBERTSON

How many Chinese would you guess have been killed - by the Reds - since Mao Tse-tung took over in Nineteen Forty-Nine? According to Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson the best estimate is fifteen million!

Robertson stated this in secret testimony before a House Sub-Committee, back in January, and only given out today. He said this estimate is based on information smuggled out of China. In describing the mass liquidation of anti-Communists in China, he said: - "they just lined them up and turned the machine guns on them." The Assistant Secretary of State, told how many thousands were allowed to die of starvation -- this partly because Mao Tse-tung exported food to Russia, in exchange for industrial equipment and military supplies.

The Assistant Secretary of State believes that these mass liquidations have created bitter resentment among the Chinese people. But he admitted that the

regime has fastened its grip on the country.

How does the average Chinese feel about Marxism? The followers of Confucius or Buddha? Are they giving up the older religions for the new Russian godless religion? Walter Robertson thinks - they're not. The Chinese peasant, he says: "is not concerned with ideology; and there is no ideological revolution in China!" He puts it this way: - "a group of dedicated, fanatical Marxists at the top - have the power;" and they ruthlessly kill off fifteen million of their fellow countrymen.

DULLES

We will not recognize Red China. ~~That~~ was stated

Dulles
today by Secretary of State Dulles. ~~He stated~~ Repeating

what he has said ~~so~~ many times before -- that we will not
officially do business with the regime of Mao Tse-tung.

Dulles, ~~spoke~~ today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee,
~~he~~ stated that discussions with Red China should be restricted
to Korea and Indo-China -- where Mao Tse-tung has been acting
as an aggressor.

~~Please drop the story slugged GIBBON and use the following in its place.~~

SCHWABLE

~~From~~ From Washington ~~word~~, that General/Dean will be called as a witness in the ~~case~~ of the Marine Colonel who confessed to false charges of germ warfare while ~~was~~ a prisoner in Korea. As we ~~we~~ know, General Dean spent nearly three years in Communist prisons, ~~most of it alone.~~ The Court which is hearing the case of Colonel Frank Schwable wants to ~~know~~ how the Colonel's experiences compare with those of General Dean.

The Court is not trying Colonel Schwable. It is studying his case to see if disciplinary action is justified. The Court hopes that the testimony by General Dean will make it easier to come to a decision about Colonel Schwable.

In the meantime, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Marines described how he refused to sign a statement of germ warfare. Colonel William Thrash refusing, in spite of Communist torture. But Colonel Thrash adds

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that his experience was different from that of Colonel Schwable - because unlike Schwable he was able to keep up his morale by his contacts with other Americans. He never gave in. But now he says: "Whether I was close to being broken - I don't know."

McCARTHY


Senator McCarthy charges that Secretary of the Army Stevens is - "grossly misadvised and misinformed." The controversial Senator from Wisconsin, interrupting ^{of another} a hearing by his Sub-Committee -- in order to make ^{the} that statement, ~~about~~ Stevens.

It all comes after the ^{Army} Secretary ordered General Zwicker not to appear before the McCarthy Sub-Committee again. Stevens ^{calls} ~~attacks~~ the McCarthy treatment of General Zwicker --

"unwarranted abuse." The Secretary is scheduled to appear himself on Thursday. In the meantime, he tells General Zwicker not to testify again.

Today, the Sub-Committee heard more testimony about alleged Communists employed by the Army. A former F.B.I. under-cover agent, Mrs. Mary Markward, ^{told how} ~~declared that~~ she reported one security risk in Nineteen Forty-Four. Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, charged with being a former member of the Communist Party - who was not dropped from the payroll of the Army. According to McCarthy, Mrs. Moss works in a code room which

handles - what the Senator termed, "the encoding and decoding of confidential and top secret messages." The Senator charges

~~says~~
~~that the~~ F.B.I. reports about Mrs. Moss were sent to the Army -
~~and the Army~~
~~which~~ refused to act on the information. 

But an official statement from the Army declares that an investigation of Mrs. Moss was started before any action by the McCarthy Sub-Committee. The statement reveals that Mrs. Moss was transferred on February Fifth from the Signal Corps Communications Center to what it terms, "an unclassified position in the supply section." The statement adds, "She has never had access to the codes, to the cryptographic rooms, or to the code rooms. She ~~has~~ never had access to uncoded top secret, secret, or confidential messages."

SIBERIA

A land rush is on - toward the Ural Mountains, and Siberia. This land rush was described at a meeting of top Communists in the Kremlin, including Malenkov and Molotov, who listened as speakers described thousands of Russians moving into an area of some forty million acres, some towards the Ural, and some in Siberia. The rush is described as much like the settlement of our West when settlers raced into Oklahoma.

The purpose of this rush? Well - to build up new grain producing areas to supplement the Ukraine. Also, to Russianize certain Asiatic parts. And to kill the nationalism that has often opposed government from Moscow. Russians to supplant Tartars, Chinese, and others.

ONTARIO

Canadian miners are pouring into Ontario - in a rush to stake out claims around Lake Manitowadge. And it's all because a father happened to look through his son's geology textbook. Roy Barker noticed some maps in that geology book - maps which indicated that copper and zinc lay in huge deposits near Lake Manitowadge. Borrowing a plane he set out to explore the region, and discovered the first new coppermine of any importance that had been located in Ontario in fifty years.

When the news spread prospectors came in a hurry.

A dispatch from Geraldton, Ontario, states that what was wasteland is now staked out for a hundred-and-fifty miles or so. More than six thousand already recorded. With more miners arriving every day. Also business men and lumberjacks. leaving their offices and mills to join in the search for copper and zinc. Canadian mining stocks - soaring again.

Hotels in Geraldton jammed with promoters.
Hardware stores, running out of supplies. One man
sold the snowshoes off his feet. Helicopters bringing
men and supplies around the clock. Lake Manitowadge,
looking like ~~xxx~~ a railway marshaling yard - with all
the tents and the snowmobiles.

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POLE SITTER

Today James Martin came into New York from Miami.

A bit unusual - because this time of year you generally find Northerners going South to Miami, instead of the other way.

But the real story is that James Martin came in on top of a
thirty-five foot pole.

He wants to set a record for pole-sitting. He's been up there for sixty-two days. Which gives him a good way to go - because the record is a ~~hundred and fifty-two~~ days.

Martin is a sales manager in a used car lot in Miami. He first climbed up the pole as a stunt to stimulate business. His boss thought it was a good idea - and is paying him around seventy-five dollars a day for just sitting there.

The trip to New York was Martin's idea. He says it's helping his morale. He adds that he'd like to see some T.V. shows - although he doesn't say how he expects to get into a studio ^{up there on} ~~with~~ that thirty-five foot pole. ~~underneath it.~~

In Miami, his perch was an open air platform.

But before he left for the chilly North - a miniature house

ROBERTSON

REGIME HAS FASTENED ITS GRIP ON THE CO NTRY.

was lowered around him. A structure about six feet square and seven feet high. Martin is a six-footer himself, which means that he has to curl up a bit before he can get to sleep.

But he has a heater, electric lights, telephone, radio and

T.V. He states that the real trouble is loneliness. As he

puts it, "I feel ~~a little bit~~ like a sardine - ~~but~~ ^{only} ~~more~~ more

lonely." Anyway, ^{he says} ~~he has no great living expenses.~~

"I have no overhead - and ^{not much under him} ~~I have nothing under me either.~~

~~for that matter~~

HUNTRESS

Hunting big game in Africa is - "so relaxing!" So says Miss Bernice Gray was one of those fifteen women who set out for Africa on January Fifth. The Indianapolis lass, now back in New York, giving her impressions of the Dark Continent.

She states that the living conditions in the jungle were not primitive, as they had expected. Tents; canvas bath-tubs -- and showers. Meals, cooked on outdoor grills by native boys. Says Bernice: Why we always had four course dinners - off nice clean China." To bed early - up early! Always resting when they weren't shooting. "So relaxing!" Oh yes, she was the champion Sharpshooter of the safari. Bagging three geselles, a zebra, a water buffalo, an impalla, and a wilde beeste. Some of them now being stuffed and mounted back in Nairobi.

15 women - only one white man! - their hunter, Bunny Allen. But she says, "no romances developed." That is "AT least not for the record."

ARCHDUKE

An Archduke in New York sues a great granddaughter of Queen Victoria. Franz Josef of Hapsburg-Bourbon, accusing Princess Ileana of Romania - says she sold some of his property without his knowledge.

Archduke Franz Josef, the Pretender to the Spanish throne, owned property in Austria. He says that in Nineteen Forty-One, he gave Princess Ileana power-of-attorney for one year, but that she used the authority to sell his family castle.

So the Archduke sues the great granddaughter of Queen Victoria - for a million dollars. It's up to a court of commoners, here in New York to decide whether he should get his million.

After the hearing today, the Archduke announced that he is applying for American citizenship. Which mean he will give up all claim to the throne of Spain.

Then, as he puts it:- "I'll be plain Mr. Hapsburg."
But Harry, he wants that million from the princess before he becomes plain "Mister."