

The United States has called upon the U N to condemn Red China as an aggressor. Chief Delegate Warren Austin, today, stated the demand - although he did not enter a formal resolution. That we hear, is being held up, while other nations are being consulted - to rally support.

France is the first country to come out in support of the American position. Officials of the Foreign Office in Paris say its about the only thing the U N can do - declare China an aggressor.

London thinks the U N has "gone the limit" in making offers to the Communists - but a British government spokesman, today, was reticent about the "agressor" part of it.

KOREA

The Korean war continues to be - ~~xxx~~ patrol action. Dispatches tell of reconnaissance parties with tanks, thrusting far into Red territory, and then withdrawing in rapid action. One patrol - clashed for ten miles in the sector south of Seoul, evaded a Red move to trap them, and came back after thrilling adventure. The news continues to tell ~~in~~ of the massing of Red forces, for a big offensive, apparently.

But, so far as action goes, it was little more than ~~the~~ patrol thrusting and stabbing today.

G I'S

The word we hear about the G I's and the politicians - sure does sound like the U.S. A transferred to Korea. A dispatch is being featured, telling how the troops over there are blaming everything on the -- politicians; ~~Who~~ Who are getting cursed - for prolonging the war, the failure to bomb Manchuria, the non-arrival of new equipment. The disgruntled soldiers picture the politicians as bragging:- "We will not leave Korea." To which the G I's add bitterly: "Why don't they come over here and then say 'we'." And the refrain is - wait till the G I's get home, [!] They'll fix the politicians.

All of which is a battlefield version of old American tradition, cracker barrels and hot stoves - blaming the politicians.

MARINE

At Birmingham, Alabama, Jerry Richardson was given three birthday presents today. Jerry is a nineteen year old Marine, returned recently from the Korean war. So what did he get for his birthday?

First - a high school diploma. The young leatherneck went off to war before graduating from Woodlawn High. He is a veteran of battle, but he sure is proud of that high school diploma.

The second birthday present is Janet Todd. Jerry went with Janet before going off to war, and today she said - yes. So he put an engagement ~~xxx~~ ring on her finger.

Now for birthday gift number three - presented by the doctors. Today they told Jerry - they will not have to amputate his feet. The young Marine had a bad case of frostbite in Korea, and it looked as if he might have to lose both feet. But today was the turning point - the doctors giving him the good news.

So what has he to say? Well, here it is:

"I'm not a hero", said Jerry Richardson today, "and I don't like any part of it over there. I wish I could forget about it, and never even remember the place again. But," he added, "I don't think I could stay here, knowing how it is for them over there. If they'll let me, I'll probably be going back."

I, for one, hope they will make him stay over here - with those three birthday presents. A high school diploma, Janet - and his feet.

ENLISTEE

News from Hinton, West Virginia - Garnet Hogan, seventeen years old, is back in uniform. Four years ago, when he was thirteen, he joined the army. A big boy, who told a fib ~~xxx~~ about his age. But his mother fixed that. She told the Army the real age of the ambitious G I, and they sent him home - after he had been in uniform for four months. Later, when he was fifteen, he enlisted in the Air Forces, and served a whole year, before his mother could get him out. But this time its different. Mama simply gave up. Sonny boy, now seventeen, talked so long and so fast, that she surrendered and signed the papers, so he's in the Air Forces now -- and for keeps.

EISENHOWER

(Italy reports a clash today between Communists and the police - in the course of Red demonstrations against General Eisenhower.) This happened at a town in North Italy, where the police opened fire on a mob of rioters. One Communist killed, and two wounded. Last night there was a similar disturbance in Sicily - while at other places the police broke up Red parades. In Rome, the Communists called an anti-Eisenhower strike, but this failed completely.

(Meanwhile, General Ike was having conferences with the heads of the Italian government, and was given a promise of three divisions, ~~unofficially~~ completely equipped, for his West European armies.) With more Italian divisions to come, As soon as armament can be procured.

DEWEY

(Governor Dewey of New York still supports General Eisenhower for the Republican nomination. In Albany today, he stated that he did not change his opinion - that General Ike is the one to name for the Presidency in Nineteen Fifty-two.) Since the original Dewey boom for Eisenhower, the General has, of course, become Commander of the West European Defense Army. Which might seem to make him less eligible for a presidential nomination. But Tom Dewey says -- no, his opinion is the same.

TRUMAN

President Truman says he will welcome formal endorsement by the Senate for his plan to send more troops to Europe. Democratic leaders will present a resolution of approval, as a check to Republicans who who are demanding that no more soldiers be sent across the Atlantic, without ~~the~~ permission of Congress. The President told his news conference he did not ask for the democratic resolution - but he would welcome a Senate okay.

At the same time, he gave the newspapers a scolding; - he complained about the way they handled his previous statement, that he was consulting Congress, but did not need congressional permission to send troops abroad. The White House objection is that [†]this was pictured as a defiance of Congress - which it was not intended to be.

CABINET

President Truman does not intend to take Republicans into the Cabinet. So states a dispatch from Washington, which adds that the suggestion was made by prominent Democrats - that a "crisis cabinet" be formed, including Republicans. The President's refusal is described as being based on the fact that he has appointed plenty of Republicans to high government office - though not to the cabinet - also, that he is satisfied with his cabinet, as it now stands.

TAFT

Senator Taft says the United States and western European countries must, in the Senator's words: "Work together." But, he contended, Congress ~~xxxxxx~~ should put limitations on the number of American troops President Truman can send to Europe. This was stated tonight, after a meeting of the Republican policy committee - and it seems to represent a softening of the Senator's opposition to American commitments in Europe.

AIR FORCE

The Air Force has alerted nearly all its reserves - numbering a hundred and fifty thousand. They are told to await calls to active duty between March First and May Fifteenth - as part of the expansion program to increase American sky power to nearly one hundred air groups. Calling up the reserves.

CONTROLS

We hear that a wage-price freeze will be ordered in about a week. This, from Federal officials - after President Truman told his news conference today that a ceiling on wages and prices will be imposed as soon as possible.

Defense Mobilizer Wilson says a system of allocations may be in effect by June - putting industrial materials under government control. But Wilson states that consumer rationing is not planned - "in the near future." That is, the rationing of the ordinary goods that we buy in stores. The Defense ~~Mobilizer~~ Mobilizer says he hopes rationing can be put off indefinitely. With an increase in production, it might not make it necessary at all.

COAL

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A coal contract was signed in Washington today - with a minimum of hullabaloo. In previous years, there have been all sorts of dramatics, including strikes - with John L. Lewis at his theatrical best. But yesterday, the coal industry gave the miners a voluntary raise of pay - a hike of twenty cents an hour. Today the result was prompt - a new coal contract signed without further ado. Which guarantees soft coal production without any danger of strikes - but it may bring about a rise in the price of coal. One operator predicts a hike of twenty-five cents a ton.

TAXES

Democratic leaders have issued a notice that Congress will not okay higher taxes, unless there's a cut in government spending for other purposes than defense. Congressman Doughton of North Carolina, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, is reported to have told Secretary of the Treasury Snyder that his committee wants non-military spending slashed - "as much as possible." Otherwise, no tax hike.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT

Twelve Republican Senators introduced fair employment practice legislation today - presenting a bill to set up a commission to deal with that angle of racial rights. President Truman, in his budget message, asked Congress for similar legislation - and, at his news conference today, he intimated that he might set up a commission of his own, if Congress failed to act.

But now twelve Republican Senators, headed by ^{Sen.} Ives of New York, go into action - and they deny any motive of politics. Which, apparently, is intended to forestall Democratic charges that the Republican move is designed to stir up the feud between northern and southern Democrats - on the racial issue.

DEATH VALLEY

A news dispatch gives us a description of Death Valley - picturing an expanse of rippling waters, wavelets tossing in the wind, the surrounding hills green with vegetation, thickets of trees and luxuriant plants. Climate, moist, rainy, and a bit chilly. But, that was Death Valley twenty thousand years ago -- so announced by science today.

That blistering inferno of sand and alkali was once a lake, or an inland sea, ~~and now~~ the shoreline has ^{just} been traced.

Dr. Thomas Clements of the University of Southern California, tells of researches made by him and his wife - and says the body of water was ninety miles long, ten or fifteen miles wide.

The geological evidence shows that the Death Valley lake existed back in the ice age, twenty thousand years ago - when Southern California had a chilly, damp climate.

Along the shores lived human beings, ancient ⁱⁿ man America - as indicated by implements made of stone,

extremely primitive. They lived on fish in the lake
and on berries in the green hills along the shore -
of Death Valley.

BULLFIGHTERS

That sound you hear, like a rustling of wind in the trees, is -- a sigh from Spain. The plaint of a mournful bullfighter - who loved and lost. He is Mario Cabre, the toreador who hit the headlines a while ago in a story of romance, featuring movie actress Ava Gardner. His rival -- Crooner Frank Sinatra.

Today in Madrid, the bullfighter said he hasn't heard a word from the beautiful Ava, since she went back to the United States. Well, Frank Sinatra has radio ~~xx~~ programs and television shows - more suitable to an actress than the bull ring.

But all this is declared in poetry. Today, in Madrid, a little volume of super-heated verse was published - stanzas written by the toreador to Ava Gardner. One tells of the ~~beginning~~ beginning of romance - like this:

It was a dream caught between my hands,

When it came to me on a tender breeze.

~~This is --~~

That is - getting a strangle hold on a dream. Then the bullfighter addresses the movie actress thusly:

I should like to make ladles of your dear
tresses

And consume the sweetness there is within you


That may sound surrealist - "ladles" and "tresses". But then, a ladle is a spoon - as in spooning.

Finally, the unhappy ending and blighted affection is pictured in these tragic words: "All alone" cries the toreador, "with love imprinted on my face like stone." Old stone face!

In Madrid, the ballads of the bullfighter are being received with some slight criticism.

Today's dispatch suggests a better poem going this way:

I wish Miss Ave Gardner
Would be my lifelong pardner


Now Nelson - pardner -

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