

LABOR

representatives decided tonight to return ^{to the area} ~~to~~ all defense

has been made in settling labor's grievances." The

Mobilizer
with Wilson and the Labor Department on Civilian Manpower

Controls - another source of serious disagreement.

MILITARY_BUDGET

President Truman asked Congress today for forty billion five hundred million to spend on our military establishment in Nineteen Fifty-Two. The President announcing his military budget, called it - "the best path to peace." "We want to keep the conflict in Korea from spreading," he said, "because we are trying to stop aggression without starting a third world war."

The funds will maintain an eighteen division army, a ninety-five group air force, and a navy of one thousand, one hundred and sixty-one ships, on active duty.


KOREA

(In Korea, the tremendous Chinese build-up north of Seoul goes on) into the night. Late reports are of tank-led infantry only a few miles north of the city.

Meanwhile, massed Allied artillery, joined by the big guns and cruisers off the west coast, keeps up an — *pounding* incessant barrage ~~on~~ the enemy. All night long, more than four hundred heavy guns, firing from the center of the threatened city, have torn gaping holes in the ranks of the Chinese masses. Night-flying U.N. planes report enemy vehicles driving south towards the Seoul, ~~perimeter~~, with headlights shining. - Allied claims are of more than two hundred-and-fifty *of these* destroyed.

But So far there's no sign of the expected May Day assault on the deserted South Korean capital.

In the east, the enemy has stepped up his activity.



At one point, three battalions hit the only U.N. forces remaining north of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

Meanwhile, General Headquarters revealed ^{the story of how} ~~that it was~~ the Twenty-Seventh British Brigade ~~that~~ stopped the Communist break-through on the central front last week. The Australians, Canadians, New Zealanders, and British stopped the Red assault at heavy cost, after a South Korean division had folded up.

Another British brigade, the Twenty-Ninth, met the full assault on the northwest front, fought on for three days after being surrounded by more than eighty thousand Communists.

Casualties are described as enormous, and today John Castle of the United States Embassy in Korea called at British Headquarters - "to express sympathy and condolence on British Commonwealth losses, and to ^{express} ~~state the~~ appreciation of the fine work done by the British Commonwealth forces."

Strict security blacks out most details, but one instance ^(given) ~~was~~ of the First Battalion of the Gloucester Regiment,

which was surrounded ^{right} at the ~~very~~ beginning of the battle,
yet fought on for three days. Only thirty-nine members of
that battalion came out as a group - a few stragglers escaped,
but that was all. The survivors describe how the Chinese
surged forward into point blank artillery and machine gun fire.
In some cases, the Chinese "living sea" allowed Britain's
latest fifty-two ton tanks to run over them like locusts.

MacARTHUR

In Washington, the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees today voted to hold the inquiry into General MacArthur's dismissal behind closed doors. Senator Russell of Georgia, who heads the investigation, said, however, that transcripts of the hearings will be made available - with all military secrets weeded out.

Hearings start Thursday, with the General as the first witness. Then come Defense Secretary George Marshall and members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Senator Russell also disclosed today that the Defense Department will release most of the Wedemeyer Report on Korea - probably tomorrow. Also parts of the report on President Truman's Wake Island Conference with the General.

There's word that public hearings, with television and radio allowed, may come later.

MacARTHUR CELEBRATION

Murfreesboro, Tennessee, turned out today to give General and Mrs. ~~Douglas~~ MacArthur a ^{rousing} ~~tremendous~~ reception, on their Fourteenth Wedding Anniversary. In the celebrations, the General had planned to take a back seat, and leave the floor to Mrs. MacArthur in her home town. When the happy, smiling guest of honor took the floor, she said: "I have never made a speech in my life - I leave that up to the General, and here is my General."

Taking his wife's hand, the General paid her tribute in these words: "How she has managed to put up with me during all these long years is quite beyond my comprehension. But by my side she has shared my life with a loyalty, devotion and affection that passes all understanding. And as she comes back to visit her old home on her wedding anniversary, I take an enormous pride not only in being able to call her 'my beloved wife,' But to be able to cite her to you, as my best and bravest soldier."

Seldom in history has a wife been praised in such ~~generous words~~ ^{words.} And he repeats it on all occasions.

BRITAIN - FOREIGN POLICY

From Britain there's word that Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison will try and restore close British and American cooperation on Far Eastern policy. So far the news is unofficial, but it is understood that Morrison will lay his new plans before the Cabinet this week. Morrison wants Britain to agree to the bombing of Communist Chinese bases in Manchuria, ~~an~~ should enemy air operations in Korea make this necessary. Also to the writing of separate Japanese peace treaties by each of the Western Allies. In this way, a Big Five treaty, which would have to include both Russia and China, could be avoided.

BRITAIN

In London's House of Commons today, the Minister of Supply admitted that Britain's Nationalized steel industry is in trouble. *This because of* ~~due to~~ shortages of scrap and pig iron, also imported ores. Which seems significant, as this is the issue on which Winston Churchill's Conservatives hope to overthrow the Labor Government later this week. The shortage of raw materials. The debate opens tomorrow, and there's much speculation as to how the Left Wing Laborites will vote. *— either of which would* Will they join the Conservatives, or abstain, ~~and thus put~~ [^] their own Party out of office?

BERLIN

In West Berlin, twenty-eight thousand German police and Allied troops are standing by for emergency duty at tomorrow's May Day celebrations. In East Berlin, a million Reds are expected to demonstrate in ^{what is called} a "Hate America" rally.

^West Berlin is also holding its own show. ^{Called} ~~This~~ a "Peace With Liberty" march. ^R ^{- at their affair -} Word is that the Reds may unveil their

latest police force. ~~This takes the strangest form. It~~ ^{Which}

described in dispatches as "an air police force." So-called

^{Police who fly} ~~cops flying~~ fighters and bombers. Which puts a new twist

on the word "police" as used by the Reds. We've all heard

about or seen ^{these} New York cops who hover about the city

^{— mainly for rescue purposes. Now the Reds with} in helicopters, ~~and now the Reds go one better.~~ Their so-called

police force, zooming through the air in M.I.G. Fifteens.

RUSSIA

From Moscow tonight comes word of a gigantic shopping spree in that capital of the Soviets. This, in preparation for tomorrow's May Day celebrations with its gigantic parade through ~~the~~ Red Square. A United Press correspondent in Moscow who today toured the city's main department stores, describes the crowds as "four deep at the counter." Items considered suitable for May Day gifts, include rings, cigarette cases, brooches studded with diamonds, sapphires and other precious stones. Also silver tea and coffee sets, wrist watches, and gold trinkets.

Which all sounds ~~very~~ strange, coming from that Red capital, where we've heard tales of ~~terrible~~ ^{long} poverty among the masses, ~~and the finest~~ ^{with luxuries} reserved only for the higher Party members and their wives. There's word too, of good food for sale. Not only at the leading restaurants, but delicatessen shops, which ^{now} advertise wines, confectionery, ice cream, and all types of meat. Also, from florist shops ~~when~~ which announce the arrival

of special consignments of tulips and lilacs from the Caucasus.

~~Stranger and stranger~~ It all sounds more like the
socalled bourgeoisie capitalistic decadent democracies than
the Soviet paradise, and gives rise to speculation as to
what it's all about. Are the Red masters ~~raising their~~ *bidding for*
on the eve of their annual May Day
popularity ~~for the giant~~ parade tomorrow, by allowing a
spending spree? Or is this a Soviet Christmas in May?

WINDSOR

I've been reading a book which tells a story of plot and counter-plot as ingenious as anything you will find in a clever melodrama. But it really happened -- in the Royal Abdication, fourteen years ^{ago.} The book -- "A King's Story, The Memoirs of the Duke of Windsor".

R The ex-King-Emperor

He calls the dramatic twister -- "the conspiracy".

(Max Aitken)
The chief character was Lord Beaverbrook, the newspaper magnate. He was a partisan of the king, and wanted to prevent an abdication -- and got the notion that, if the matter were put squarely to Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, she would step out of the picture. But how to get to the lady, and place the argument before her? That was the difficulty.

Lord Beaverbrook thought up a stratagem of his own. He had an editorial prepared, worded in such a clever way that it would convey to ^{Mrs Simpson} ~~her~~ the idea that she could prevent an abdication by renouncing the romance. He tried to get the editorial to her -- but that was prevented by Edward himself, who knew that she

would probably yield to the argument.

So Beaverbrook tried to find another way. He held a conference in a London Club with several figures of the royal circle. One -- Lord Brownlow, Equerry to the king. They thought Brownlow might find a way to approach Mrs. Simpson, talk to her alone, and persuade her to step out. But how could he manage to get a private conversation? That was the question.

Meanwhile, another development was going on. Edward and Wallis decided that, with all the public furor, it would be better for her to go across to France, and wait for him there. The King wanted some one to escort her, some friend -- and who do you think he selected? ^{Who} His Equerry, Lord Brownlow! So there you have as neat a coincidence as you will find in any clever story-plot.

At the request of Edward, Lord Brownlow escorted Wallis across to France ^{--- with} ~~no~~ ^{no} end of opportunity for talking to her alone. Presently she ^(announced) ~~announced~~ that she was renouncing the romance. So "the conspiracy"

worked -- that far. But not far enough. Wallis

telephoned from France, to Edward in England -- and told

him of her decision. He replied that he would abdicate

anyway, and follow her *— to the ends of the Earth.* That ended it -- the abdication

occured, followed by marriage. In his volume of memoirs,

the Duke of Windsor heads the chapter --- "The Conspiracy

that Failed". *R. A. King's Story, is one book of our period that is almost certain to live for a thousand years. For it is the inside story, by Edward himself, of one of the great love stories of all time.*

BRITISH FAIR

In London the British Industries Fair opened today -- with Britain putting on a spectacular show. ~~It~~ A two-fold affair, in London and Birmingham -- with a total of more than a million square feet of display space, showing the products of two thousand eight hundred ~~and~~ and sixty-nine exhibitors.

There are the usual oddities -- like a razor which works on the principle of the fountain pen, the razor providing its own water for shaving, just as the fountain pen provides ink. One cruel bit of merchandise is a practical joke cabinet for children -- filled with clever gadgets to enable Junior to play ^{clever pranks.} ~~jokes~~ I suppose it contains the usual explosive cigar, ~~the usual~~
~~banquet that is quietest and most dangerous of all the peaceable~~
the rubber piece of candy, and sundry other diabolical contrivances.

But, most wonderful of all is the -- anti-shine office chair. Some British genius has contrived a way to avoid the shine you get on the seat of your trousers from sitting in chairs. Not only that, this

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