

SUB LEAD KOREA C.I.-P.L. Fri, Sept. 8 '50.

The Reds have renewed their offensive on the northern front in Korea, where the more serious threat is ~~in~~ along the highway line from Yongchon to Kyonju. The danger is that American troops in the corner at Pohang ~~might~~^{may} be encircled. The city was captured by the Communists a few days ago, but our ~~positions~~^{troops} are still holding the Pohang airfield.

The Reds hit ^{the} free Korean lines, and broke through for a mile and a half. That compelled American forces to withdraw from a hill. ~~But~~ the latest pictures the Americans counter-attacking, and gaining ground.

Another Red drive was launched against Taegu ~~and now the word~~^{and now the word} ~~but the latest~~ is that the enemy assault has been checked. The same thing applies also to a Communist offensive at the southern end of the lines, in front of the key city of Masan, ~~Red~~^{Red} attack repelled.

But the critical character of the situation goes ~~in~~ further than the ~~in~~ mere battle front activity reported today. General MacArthur's headquarters declares that the Communists are building up for new

offensives all around allied perimeter - with inexhaustible supplies of armament and man power, apparently.

The best news from Korea at this moment - is the weather. Dispatches relate that this morning, it being daytime now in Korea, patches of blue sky appeared - and that brought swarms of planes into the air. For two days it rained, the war-front blotted out for the pilots trying to fly to the attack. But now it looks like fair weather again - blue sky. So the prospects are -- another day of all out air action. →

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Southern Korea, heavy clouds masking the ground. Only a few sorties could be flown by the tactical Air Forces - though the B-29's were able to operate. The skies were clear in Northern Korea, and there the superfortresses did their usual job of blasting enemy war industry, factories and storehouses. Which, however, seems pretty much at an end - for the time being at least.

Today General Rosie O'Donnell, commander of the B-29's, reported that seventy-five per cent of the targets for his long range bombers have been knocked out. So he proposed to put his fleet of superfortresses at the disposal of the tactical command - for close range work against the enemy on the battlegrounds of Southern Korea.

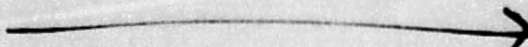
Yesterday, there was word that, when the rainy, cloudy weather came over, the Reds halted attacks, and became comparatively inactive - though heretofore they have used bad weather as a cover, protecting them from American air action. Today an explanation might seem to be - that they're using the rain and clouds as

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{ cover for bringing up armament and munitions to build
up new offensives.

SUB LEAD CONTROLS

New credit restrictions were promptly ordered tonight - following the presidential signing of the bill giving the White House economic controls for wartime. The most immediate big effect will be to put a stop to the buying splurge in the automobile industry. Motor car dealers expect sales to be cut by between ten and twenty percent. The new regulations require one-third down on automobiles, with the balance to be paid within twenty-one months.

The same sort of thing goes for household appliances, such as television sets and refrigerators - fifteen percent down and complete payments within eighteen months. All calculated to end the dollar down and dollar-a-week way. 

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CONTROLS

~~President Truman signed the bill today,~~
~~giving him economic controls for wartime and immediately~~
~~there was an announcement of curbs on installment buying.~~
~~Restrictions to end the dollar down and dollar-a-week~~
~~way.~~ The purpose is, of course, to check inflation -
a dangerous threat at a time when the defense forces
are purchasing so great an amount of goods of all sorts.
There will also be allocations and priorities on vital
materials - to stop black marketing. The control bill
gives the President the authority to impose price-wage
restictions - but he does not expect to use that power,
in any foreseeable time.

MARINES

The Marine Corps League, meeting in Washington, adopted a resolution today - condemning Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson. They charge him with a "false economy", that has undermined the American ground forces, and call his conduct "shortsighted, inefficient and dictatorial." But, at the same time, the convention refused to take a shot at Secretary of State Acheson, rejecting a resolution blaming him.

This follows the enthusiastic ovation given to President Truman yesterday, when he appeared before the Marine Corps League - and apologized. In his address, he asked the League to refrain from what he called "unfair" attacks on his Cabinet officers - but today the delegates voted overwhelmingly against Secretary of Defense Johnson. On the other hand, the refusal to attack the Secretary of State might be considered a sort of halfway victory for the President.

But the most dramatic feature today was a convention vote demanding that President Truman name a Marine Corps general to the joint chiefs of staff.

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Which was precisely what President Truman was rejecting
- when he wrote the letter calling the leathernecks a
Navy police force with a propaganda machine almost like
Stalin's. So the cheering ovation of yesterday is
followed by that twister - a demand for the very thing
which the President refused in the letter for which he
apologized. *And* The resolution was passed unanimously.

SCHOOL

Warlike scenes at the Town of Onward, Indiana, where the community is up in arms against an order to transfer the local high school. Angry parents are on picket patrol - to keep desks and blackboards from being removed from the local high school. An air raid siren has been installed to give warning, and today even an airplane was used for scouting.

The local township has two communities, Onward and Walton - each having a grade school and a high school. Last Monday, the township school superintendent, Virgil Turner, decided it would be better and cheaper if Onward were to have only the grade school, while Walton had the high school. But the people of Onward believe their high school is more advanced - Onward. So now there's open revolt to keep the Onward High School from being removed to Walton.

SUB LEAD COAL MINES

In Scotland tonight, one hundred and ¹⁶~~twenty~~~~nineteen~~
~~eight~~ coal miners are climbing out of a black pit, where
they were entombed ever since last night. ^{du}~~in~~ Ayresshire, ^{at}
the Castle Colliery, there was a huge landslide, and
the mine shafts were blocked by an ocean of mud -
the result of several days of heavy rain. All last
night and today a desperate rescue task went on. The
rescue crews ran into ^{that}~~early~~ mine gas, the dread black
damp, ^{lethal}~~lethal~~ and explosive. They were driven out, gasping
for air - until powerful blowers could be blown to
drain the mine gas out of the rescue shaft.

All the while there was telephone communication
with the entombed coal diggers, who reported they were
uninjured, though hungry. They had water, seeping down
through the ceiling of the mine tunnel, and there was a
draft of air in the black pit, which kept them from
suffocating.

Tonight the rescuers reached their goal -
after driving through a coal seam twenty-four feet
thick. There are still thirteen miners, who remain in

peril - two hundred feet further on. But the main party
of one hundred and ~~two~~ ¹⁶ ~~twenty-eight~~ has been saved in
one of the biggest of coal mine rescues. At last reports,
~~these~~ ^{the} entombed miners were ^{still} climbing, ^{and} it will be ~~long~~
hours before they all emerge into daylight. ^{For} ~~They are~~
weakened by their ordeal, they can only climb slowly. →

~~All day long, hundreds of scottish women, etc.~~

are they troubled by the black damp or lack of air - for air flows into the pit where they are. They report that they are cheerful - singing, laughing and joking, to keep up their spirits.

Meanwhile, lifesaving equipment has been brought -especially huge blowers to drain the deadly gas out of the rescue shaft. At last reports, digging through a coal seam, the rescuers were within twenty-four feet of the trapped miners. These have been asked, by telephone, to do some digging from their side, if they are able, and now sounds of digging can be heard through twenty-four feet of coal.

All day long, hundreds of Scottish women, wearing black shawls, hovered in silence, at the entrance of the mine. Mothers, wives and sisters - waiting for the telephone calls, which come every ten minutes from the entombed miners far below. One, Mrs. Tom Walker, has three of her sons trapped in the black pit.

This was a national drama in Britain today.

Prime Minister Attlee inquired from London - while King

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George and Queen Elizabeth vacation^W at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, telephoned to the rescue teams, and asked to be kept informed.

~~Officials at the scene give a conservative statement: "There are reasonable hopes," they say, "that all the trapped men will be saved."~~

LOTTERY

~~In Italy~~ There's a mathematical mystery -
which developed at the ^{great} City of Turin, in ^{northern} ~~Piedmont~~ Italy.
Something went haywire with the lottery. In Italy they
have government lotteries, and this week the one operated
in Turin took in forty thousand dollars - selling that
many tickets. But, when the winnings were announced the
total came to - forty-eight thousand dollars. Meaning,
eight thousand ~~dollars~~ in the hole - which is no way to
run a lottery.

The painful news was relayed on to Rome to the
Ministry of Finance, which runs the lottery business, and
today the Minister of Finance announced: "Something must
be wrong with the way the lottery is handled in Turin."
It would ^{it} take a Minister of Finance to figure that out! -
^{evidently had} Somebody miscalculated the odds.

Which reminds me of something I read one time,
about that renowned Eighteenth Century philosopher,
idealist and defender of the rights of mankind - Voltaire.
France, in those days of the Bourbon kings, had a lottery,
and a new issue of tickets and prizes was announced.

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Voltaire and a friend, an eminent mathematician, made some calculations. ^{They} ~~He~~ found the odds were in error, formed a syndicate, bought up the entire issue of tickets, and the king's lottery had to pay up -- giving the philosopher and his partners a handsome profit. Not unlike what has just happened at Turin, in Italy.

TASSOULA

At Athens today, the modern Helen of Troy had a meeting with her father. A private meeting - but the emotions were so intense and so loud that scores of people passing on the street stopped and listened to the dramatic dialogue. It could just as well have been a radio broadcast.

The day's events began when the abducted bride, nineteen year old Tassoula, was brought before the public prosecutor. She was good looking, in smart clothes. Her bridegroom, Costas, is in jail - after having kidnapped her on the Island of Crete, and married her in a mountain cave. His family had concealed Tassoula, but she was discovered, and now the public prosecutor questioned her. Tassoula's feelings appear to have been mixed. She is quoted as saying that, when abducted, she hated what she called - "That beast". But then, married to the "beast," her emotions changed - matrimony seems to have ^{had} a magic result in this case.

After talking with the prosecutor, Tassoula collapsed and fainted - and that would seem to have been enough dramatics for one day. But, no - it was followed

by a meeting with her father, the liberal member of the Greek Parliament, who swore he would rather see his daughter dead than married to Costas, the latter being a Royalist.

So what happened at that private interview of father and daughter, so loud and so emotional that a crowd gathered on the street to listen? They heard a gruff voice in terms of anger, followed by a shrilling soprano: "Father, my dear father," cried Tassoula, "I am sorry to have caused you such trouble. But please, please, give me your approval - because I want, I must, remain with Costas."

The final chapter of the romance is still to be written, and I suppose we'll have it in due time. The original Helen of Troy had "The face that launched a thousand ships." While, this modern Helen of Troy, has launched a thousand news stories.

MARRIAGE

From San Francisco, a story about marriage, - and

We're always indignant when we hear of matrimonial bulldozing ^{- - a} ~~and~~ browbeating, ~~the~~ tyrannical domestic despot, ^a ~~the~~ dictator of the household who rants and roars. Today it's the case of a big husky husband, a former football player, broad of shoulder and brawny of muscle, who used to be a bone crusher in gridiron games. The wife is a tiny; ~~she~~ weighs a mere hundred pounds - the little woman. So you can imagine. Or can you?

In a suit for divorce, here's the testimony given by former football player, Theodore Courtney. He says the tiny little woman was so jealous, she put a padlock on the telephone, suspecting he might phone a girl or two. "To put in a call," he declares, "I had to ask her, and she would unlock the phone and dial the number herself."

He says he should have been employed in an office job, but she wouldn't let him. "Because," he explains, "she didn't trust office girls." So she made him work on a construction job for fifty-five dollars a week.

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"She kept me at home in the morning," relates the ex-football player, "until fifteen minutes before I was due on the job - to make sure I wouldn't dally on the way to work." Then, at lunch time, wifie would come around and watch him eat his sandwiches - just to make sure.

The response of the little woman to all this, is that she had a reason. She said: "He used to sneak out of the house at two A.M. to meet ^{blondes."} ~~waitresses.~~"

~~Yes, Nelson, such is life -- and such is marriage.~~ Nelson - have you any thing to add on the subject of marriage?