

EGYPT L.T.-P.G.-Wed, Jan. 30 '52.

In Egypt, the new ministry has indicated that it will consider participation in a mid-eastern defense pact - which participation has been suggested ~~xxx~~ as a way of compromising the Suez Canal dispute. The previous cabinet, dominated by the WAFD party, gave the mid-eastern defense pact - a flat rejection. Which was one factor in bringing on the crisis of violence and bloodshed. So today's change of attitude has a promising sound - following yesterday's declaration in London by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who indicated that Britain is ready to compromise.

In the Canal area, (people who have made their way from violence-torn Cairo, give a hideous account of ~~xx~~ atrocities - when the blood-mad mob destroyed the Turf Club in the Egyptian Capital. There was a savage murder of British victims, ten of whom were slain. But, on the other hand, some Egyptians risked their own lives to save British citizens from the mob.)

CHURCHILL

(In the London House of Commons today, Winston Churchill gave a report on his trip to America.) Which was also his reply to plenty of criticism ~~in~~

Britain - following the Churchill address ~~xxx~~ before

<sup>our</sup> a joint session of Congress. (What he ~~tr~~ ~~then~~ said in

Washington sounded like an implication that - if the

Chinese were to break an armistice, Britain would

favor an extension of the Korean war into China proper.)

So today, in Parliament, attention was focused on what

he would ~~have to~~ say about that.

(Churchill <sup>that</sup> ~~he~~ denied he made any commitments.) He said

that, during his talks with President Truman and other

American officials, the question had come up - what

if there should be a Korean armistice, and the Reds

should break it? "It was agreed", Churchill told

the Commons - "that clearly a serious situation would

arise." But - he made no commitments.

<sup>So</sup> ~~But~~ what about that statement before Congress,

when he said that the breach of a truce would bring

action - "prompt, resolute and effective?" Today

Churchill explained these adjectives by saying - they were meant merely to express "a general spirit." They were an affirmation of British-American firmness - but no commitment.

(Before Parliament he declared against any extension of the war to Red China - and gave warning against getting entangled too ~~■~~ deeply in Asia. He said the greater danger was in Europe.

So the controversy, building up in Britain, seems to die down - with Churchill's declaration <sup>that</sup> his trip to Washington did not change the British stand in the Korean war.)

## KOREA TRUCE

The turn for the better continues in the news from the Korean truce talks -- ~~although the~~ <sup>even though that</sup> turn for the better is only slight.

Today, the Reds made a concession on the subject of -- troop rotation. Hitherto, they've been insisting that, in an armistice, the number of American replacements in Korea should be limited to five thousand a month. The American delegates have been demanding - seventy-five thousand. But now they say they'll consider - forty thousand. So the figures on the two sides are approaching each other, as mutual concessions are made.

The tone of the talks is better, too - with an absence of recrimination. Today the spirit was one of - give and take.

None of which, however, has anything to do with the major point of deadlock - the question of Red airfield construction during a truce. That remains as much a stalemate as ever, (~~and they're making progress~~)

(Our negotiators in Korea believe that the stalemate is on, because Moscow wants to take stock <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ the world situation - before letting the truce talks progress.) ~~Some~~  
~~A~~ <sup>A</sup> declaration from <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ headquarters of General Ridgway is -- that the Red negotiators are stalling and evading, waiting for orders from higher up. They are considered <sup>as</sup> ~~nothing~~ little more than puppets of Moscow, dancing to the Soviet tune - and Moscow has decided to freeze the negotiations, while deliberating on questions of policy.

Such is the interpretation <sup>from</sup> ~~given~~ by the Supreme Commander <sup>as</sup>, today, the Red negotiators were given a hint that they might get concessions in the matter of air bases. The U.N. representatives threw out a suggestion that the flying field question might be compromised - if ~~the~~ the Communists would give a verbal pledge that they did not intend to construct North Korean air bases as a way of building up their air power. The chief Red negotiator refused any answer at all - he just went into double-talk.

There was one slight agreement, having nothing to do with ~~the~~ truce conditions - when the Reds promised that they would give the Allies a map showing the location of prison camps, <sup>and</sup> would mark the camps - to prevent another bombing ~~at~~ of places where prisoners are kept.

~~On the U.N. side, full explanations were given of two air attacks - the bombing of the Kaesong area in the neutral zone, and the strafing of a convoy belonging to the Red armistice delegation. These were explained as - accidents.~~

In the war, American Sabre Jets destroyed two enemy jets - in combat over Northern Korea. Fleets of Migs showed up, but most of them were not out for air battle. A squadron of Migs got into a tangle with Sabre Jets, and two Reds were shot down. Our losses, if any, are not announced

## TUNISIA

Tunisia reports a savage battle - when a mob of five thousand Moslem nationalists launched an attack at a town ninety miles south of the city of Tunis. The old fortress town of Moknine, headquarters of French-trained native police - and a small French garrison. The onset by screaming Moslems ~~and~~ in white robes took the police by surprise; - two killed and two made prisoner by the mob. Which then tried to storm the building occupied by the French garrison. But they were met by a blazing fire from rifles and machine guns - which dropped them as they surged forward. At least seventeen killed - before the assailants were driven off.

The French say the battle was as fierce as the clashes between Germans and Allies in the Second World War - when there was bitter fighting in the vicinity of that same old fortress town.

## TUNISIA

The latest - Moslem Nationalists have seized control of the Town of Teboulba. They surrounded the French Detachment, which was rescued; but the Insurgents are now reported in control of the whole district.



## **SUEZ**

In the Suez Canal Zone, the city near Ismailia, rocked by a terrific explosion - a British ammunition dump blown up. The belief is Egyptian terrorists did the job - it was a spectacle to see. No lives lost but the glare in the sky could be seen miles away.

## CRASH

The New Jersey delegation to Congress demands a full scale investigation of the air crash in Elizabeth yesterday - which took twenty-eight lives, including that of former Secretary of War Robert Paterson. In the Senate, a resolution was ~~introduced~~ introduced today by New Jersey Senators Hendrickson and Smith. Some of the New Jersey legislators want an inquiry into the Newark Airport, the operation of which brings about a lot of low flying over thickly populated areas, like the city of Elizabeth. Yesterday's disaster was the second in Elizabeth - an accident last month having taken fifty-six lives.

*H* There are demands, even, that the Newark Airport be moved. The angry people of Elizabeth are shouting the demand.

*H* There seems to be no explanation of yesterday's crash - the plane flying into houses, when it should have been at an altitude of eight hundred feet. There is a supposition that the altimeter was at fault, or that something was wrong with the equipment for blind flying - the plane having been on an instrument landing.

## MEXICAN BANDITS

On the Rio Grande, the Mexican side, a pitched battle between police and bandits, *Y*esterday robbers held up the Juarez Branch of the National Bank of Mexico and got away with a million and five hundred thousand pesos - about one hundred and seventy-four thousand dollars. Today they were trapped in a farm house just south of the border. Thirty police shot it out, killing one bandit and capturing three. Two others are said to have escaped and got across the Rio Grande into Texas where they disappeared.

## BLIZZARD

The Western States, in the grip of a blizzard, which ~~comes~~ sweeping <sup>through</sup> ~~in~~ Minnesota and the Dakotas, ~~from~~ far and wide, News of motorists <sup>(marooned)</sup> ~~were~~ ~~trapped~~ by huge huge snow drifts. On a North Dakota highway, a truck driver was trapped and took refuge in an odd-sounding place - the refrigerator compartment of his truck. That was insulated to keep it cold when in use. The insulation worked equally well to keep the driver warm, and he was in the <sup>refrigerator</sup> <sup>compartment</sup> for 24 hours.

## TABER-ALBANY

In Albany tonight some three or four hundred members of the <sup>New York</sup> State Agricultural Society, including Governor Dewey, ~~are~~ honoring <sup>ed</sup> a farmer, who happens to be one of my neighbors. It's an unusual story. (Once a year they pay tribute to certain farmers whose families have lived on the same farm for more than one hundred years. This year there are four: John Gates, Orton Newton, Russell Pattington, and the fourth -- my neighbor -- who has a record not for one hundred years, but almost two hundred.)

On North Quaker Hill, in Southeastern Dutchess County, not far from Governor Dewey's own successful dairy farm, William Henry Taber has a two-hundred-acre place that was acquired by his great great grandfather in Seventeen Sixty. Before him there already were three generations of Tabers in America.

You may never have thought much about it, but

in this country it is unusual for a farm to remain in one family for anything like two hundred years. Why, when the first of these Tabers settled on our Hill, George-the-Second ruled in England, ~~and~~ there was no United States, and Canada in those days was called New France, <sup>and</sup> The French and Indian war was on. Think what has happened on this planet in those two centuries, while the Tabers have steadfastly stuck to their farming on those original two-hundred-and-sixty acres on North Quaker Hill! As the citation says:-

"Now a unified and mighty nation spans the continent from ocean to ocean, and the Thirty-third President sits uneasily in the Chair of State in Washington." I wonder if Mr. Truman thinks he is sitting there uneasily?

Oh yes, the citation goes on to say that in forty years, my neighbor William Henry Taber and his



## EVEREST

This next may shock the hardy fraternities of mountain climbers. A dispatch stating - that the Swiss Mount Everest Expedition will use oxygen. Which follows a similar British decision. Next year a British party will try to conquer the world's highest mountain - and they'll climb with oxygen tanks for breathing. Why not?

Well, the mountaineers have their own rules of the game - they don't think it sporting to use oxygen. The way they play is to depend on ordinary, natural breathing - in scaling lofty summits.

However, a report made by the British Royal Air Force laboratories, studying high altitude, indicates that it is probably impossible for any human being to attain the summit of Everest without artificial aid for breathing. Which report is given in a tone of sadness by Dr. Brian Matthews of the University of Cambridge. He, himself, is a mountaineer, and knows it isn't "cricket" to use oxygen.

But the research proves that - if you're



accustomed to air at sea level, you'll succumb quickly at twenty-five thousand feet. So high flying aviators have to use oxygen. Mountaineers ascend by slow stages, and become accustomed to the lack of oxygen - acclimatized. This has enabled them to reach the twenty-eight thousand foot level of Mount Everest. But the last thousand feet have checked them. In those famous Mount Everest climbs of the past - men have disappeared above the twenty-eight thousand foot level, never seen again.

Dr. Matthews declares that the lack of oxygen causes not only physical, but also mental, weakness. One climber on a Mount Everest expedition, forgot what his camera was for. There's a loss of judgment and prudence. Worst of all, the climber does not realize that his mind is affected.

So there's the report - that the final ~~one~~ thousand feet of Mount Everest cannot be conquered

without artificial breathing. They'll have to use oxygen - or they'll never stand on the twenty-nine thousand foot summit.

Shocking, isn't it, Nelson!

McCARTHY

Washington states that an employee of President Truman's Loyalty Review Board is suspected of having disclosed confidential information to Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin.

The name of the employee is not given, but we are told that - it's a woman.

Recently, McCarthy, in the Senate, read off what he said were minutes of a Loyalty Board meeting - in the case of Diplomat John Service, who has been dismissed. The minutes, quoted by the Senator, were confidential - so how did they leak out? An investigation was made, and tonight the word is - that a woman employee of the Board is under suspicion.

## INTERNAL REVENUE

The Congressional Committee investigating income tax fraud comes out in favor of President Truman's plan to reorganize the Bureau of Internal Revenue. They're for it, but warn that reorganization would be one step only - in the house cleaning that's needed. It would have to be followed by a lot more sweeping and brushing up.

(There has been plenty of opposition to the White House plan to put the tax collecting agency completely under Civil Service - except for the top commissioner. But that opposition seems to be melting in the House of Representatives - where all the Congressmen face election year. Anything labeled "reform" might not go so well with the voters.)

(But it's different in the Senate - only one-third <sup>moreover,</sup> of whom are up for reelection.  The Senators, have always had a large influence in the naming of the sixty-four regional income tax collectors - whose post would be abolished under the White House plan. Thereby eliminating - a fat lot of political patronage.)