

KOREA

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In Korea today, the Reds made a formal protest - giving details of more alleged neutrality violations. South Korean soldiers are said to have shot three Red policemen in the Kaesong zone, killing two and wounding a third. In a second alleged incident Free Koreans are said to have fired machine guns at Pan Mun Jum, inside the Neutral zone. All of which is not being taken too seriously, an American military spokesman saying today: "There is no indication that there will be a permanent breakdown of the peace talks." American officers believe that the new complaints are largely for propaganda purposes.

There was a new flare of fighting today in the eastern mountains, the South Koreans ~~****~~ driving forward on a sixteen mile front. They made gains up to four miles - and captured a strategic hill north of Yanggu, where a battle ~~is~~ has been going on for two weeks.

FOLLOW KOREA

Latest news states that a party of U N Liaison officers went to a village in the Kaesong area to investigate still another Communist charge -- that an Allied plane dropped bombs near the residence of the chief truce delegate for the Reds.

THE LATEST - THE U.N. COMMAND has just denied all these charges of neutrality violation.

The Chinese delegation informed the U N today that General Mow Pong-Tsu will not take his place as Chairman of the U N military staff committee. The chairmanship of that committee ~~is~~ rotates, and the next on the schedule was to be - Chinese General Mow. Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Air Force based on Formosa, he was a prominent figure at the U.N. Now, however, in the words of his delegation, "he will not be available next month."

The reason is not far to seek. Last week General Mow was deposed as Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Air Force, and was ordered home. Together with an Aide-Colonel Hsiang Wei-Hsian. Charges were made against them - in connection with huge sums of the Chinese Nationalist money in the United States. They were accused of failing to account for more than Nineteen million dollars. Which sounds serious - especially if the Chiang Kai Shek people on Formosa should get hold of them. The word is that the General and the Colonel will seek political asylum in the United States - no^x go home.

INDIA

At New Delhi today, Prime Minister Nehru made an announcement to the Parliament of India -- telling of an event on the border of India and Burma. On the Burma side, the Naga tribesmen are headhunters -- and the Prime Minister stated that the Naga headhunters raided) ~~raided~~ an Indian village ^{— and} ~~they~~ made off with ninety three heads.

Sounds too ghastly for the Twentieth Century, But Nehru's view was philosophical. "It was" said he, "an exhibition of exuberance, and there's nothing new about it." Exuberance, ^{huh!} headhunting style. *One more reminder of something we don't always keep in mind: - that not all the peoples of this planet have the same - or even similar, ideas - that we have. And there are still millions who have never heard of America.*

EVITA

Headline from the Argentine -- Evita will not run for Vice President. Tonight, she declined the nomination. Last week a huge rally of ~~pe~~ Peronistas in Buenos Aires demanded that President Peron run for office again and ~~that~~ that his wife, Evita, should be on the same ticket, running for Vice President.

Tonight she declined on a nationwide radio hookup.) This was the real McCoy, because the National Council of the Peronista party accepted her refusal and nominated the Vice-President ^{who is in} ~~in~~ office now.

I was in Buenos Aires only a few days ago and the idea of Evita becoming Vice President was almost the sole topic of conversation. Everyone we met was opposed - but afraid to say so out loud.

FOREIGN AID

The Senate has voted the cut of nearly a billion dollars in the foreign aid program. The majority was overwhelming, fifty-six to seventeen - in spite of an eleventh hour appeal from President Truman, asking that the slash of Marshall Plan funds be cancelled. ^R The Senate turned down a Republican move to make a further cut of half a billion.

All of which leaves the total for foreign aid at about seven and a half billions - roughly the same as the amount okayed by the House.

SUB COPPER

Tonight in Denver, the union called off the strike against ^{the} Kennecott copper company - which means an end to the walkout that has crippled the whole industry.

The Kennecott settlement means that the other big companies will follow suit, and the presidential fact-finding board in Washington says they will not, in its own words "get in the way of settlement." The Board says it ~~is~~ hopes all parties in the strike will sign as soon as possible - ending the labor dispute which has crippled the production of copper, so vital for national defense.

ALASKA

Today President Truman fired an Alaskan District Attorney - Frank C. Bingham, dismissed from his job, and I suppose we'll all approve - including Frank C. Bingham. He left Alaska last May, and never did return - abandoning his far northern job.

For seventeen years Frank Bingham was Federal Attorney at Nome, then, last May, he left to attend a conference of U.S. District Attorney's in Washington. He was present at the sessions, and on the final day President Truman made an address. He said he was confident that, in his words, "when you go back to your posts you will feel more like doing your job than you did when you came here." Which might have applied to the others, but not to the Federal Attorney from Alaska.

He was scheduled to return to Nome in June, but he never showed up. A month went by - still missing. The F.B.I. began a search for him, thinking he had met with some ~~mishap~~ mishap-foul play. They found Frank C. Bingham in Missoula, Montana, practicing law as a

private attorney.

The explanation? Nobody knows. Officials of the Department of Justice declare that Bingham did not submit any letter of resignation, didn't even write a farewell note to his superiors, nor has he made any statement about why he did not go back to Alaska.

Maybe he found ~~seventeen years~~ up there in the ^{land of the} ~~north~~ ^{enough} midnight sun and the long Arctic nights, that 17 yrs. was enuf. that he had it!



ADD ALASKA

But here's the latest. Bingham says he's on a leave of absence.

The flight took place in four hours, eighteen minutes, and thirty seconds. That was more than twice as fast as its previous east-west record, set last February - also by a Carberry. Today's flight was from northern Ireland to Gander, Newfoundland, a little more than two thousand miles. Average speed - four hundred and eighty-one miles an hour. The plane is believed to have a top speed of more than six hundred miles an hour, but that isn't confirmed. The bomber being a top secret.

Today's record-breaking flight was made in the face of adverse winds. For the first thirteen hours the Carberry bucked a breeze of forty knots. Then the headwinds grew stronger, and the remainder of the sky voyage was made against a headwind of eighty miles an hour. Today the pilot, Robert Hoover, reported the new record during the flight.

RECORD

A new trans-Atlantic speed record was made today - by a British Canberra jet bomber, which flashed across from Ireland in four hours, eighteen minutes, twenty-nine and two-fifths seconds. That was more than eighteen minutes faster than the previous east-west record, set last February - also by a Canberra. Today's flight was from northern Ireland to Gander, Newfoundland, a little more than two thousand miles. Average speed -- four hundred and eighty-one miles an hour. The plane is believed to have a top speed of more than six hundred miles an hour, but that isn't confirmed. The bomber being -- top secret.

Today's record-breaking flight was made in the face of adverse winds. For the first thirteen hundred miles, the Canberra bucked a breeze of twenty knots. Then the headwinds grew stronger, and the remainder of the sky voyage was made against a gale up to eighty miles an hour. ~~Today the pilot, Rowland Beaumont, said: "The headwinds during the last hour increased our flight time from five to eight~~

~~minutes~~

From Newfoundland, the British jet bomber will go winging nonstop to Baltimore, for delivery to an American aircraft company - which is now manufacturing the Canberra jet bomber for the U.S. Air Force.

PLANE

Today, in California, Bill Bridgeman was telling what he saw. He didn't have to do very much rubber-necking, but he did see what no eye had ever glimpsed before - this earth from the highest altitude a human being has ever attained.

The news today relates how (Bill Bridgeman streaked up in a rocket plane, and broke the previous record ~~was~~ ^{which was} set in a balloon that rose to more than seventy-two thousand feet. Bill went at least five thousand feet higher than that,) although his exact altitude is a Navy secret. (At the same time, he broke all speed records - the word being that, up there in the stratosphere, he travelled nearly fifteen hundred miles an hour.)

His rocket research plane was taken to the thirty-five thousand foot level in the bomb bay of a superfortress, and then was dropped. Whereupon the test pilot started four rocket tubes, and streaked up to the highest ever.) At an altitude of about sixteen miles he was mighty busy with the controls,

and couldn't do much sightseeing. But he did take a peak out, and said he could see the curvature of the earth, *All he could see was* ~~too high to distinguish objects on the ground,~~ *only a view of the edge of the* ~~globe-like a big ball~~ *from which he had rocketed into outer space - or almost into outer space.*

WEATHER

(While we, ^{some of us} ~~in these parts~~ are sweltering, let's be sorry for - Texas.) This August has been the hottest the Lone Star State has ever known.

Dallas recorded twenty-one days of a hundred degrees or more. The previous record was in Nineteen Forty-Three, when fourteen days of August were a hundred or higher. The average temperature for the whole month, night as well as day, was nearly ninety-two degrees. (The previous record - one percentage point above eighty-eight degrees.) The ~~xxx~~ thermometer went the highest at the town of Henrietta - a hundred and sixteen. But, all over the state, readings of a hundred and ten degrees were common.

Today, a Dallas newspaper printed ^{this} a headline, as follows: "Mercury dips to a cool one hundred and one." Which was cool, comparatively, because it had been one hundred and three, and earlier in the ~~xxx~~ week - one hundred-and-seven.

Fifty-one persons fell victims to the heat - although Texans are accustomed to the burning blaze of

sunshine. Damage - more than a quarter of a ¹/_{million},
as crops were burned out, like cotton.

In towns all over the place they've had to
ration water. At Temple, they're shipping water in
by railroad tank car. The city reservoir on the Leon
River dried up. Today - its a patch of isolated
waterholes, thirteen miles long.

So as we swelter in these parts, let's ^{heave} ~~have~~
a sigh for Texas.

BASEBALL

In Washington tomorrow, history will be reproduced - baseball history. The Golden Jubilee of the American League is being celebrated, and the Washington angle will be a reenactment of the famous - pebble play.

The greatest baseball day that Washington ever knew was October Tenth, Nineteen Twenty-four -- *I remember it because I happened to be there.* last game of the World Series. The Senators had won their first pennant, and were playing the New York Giants in the autumn classic.

The score was tied in the Twelfth inning. Washington had a man on second, when outfielder Earl McNeely hit an easy grounder straight at the Giant third baseman, Freddie Lindstrom. It looked like a sure out, but the ball hit a pebble, took a freak bounce, and sailed over Lindstrom's head. The man on second scored, and that was the ball game.

So, tomorrow, that ~~is~~ famous inning will be replayed by veterans of the two opposing teams. Several will be missing, like Walter Johnson -- greatest

of pitchers.

Consider the difficulty of reenacting the pebble play. Veteran ball players will be there, but not the pebble. Those years ago, nobody thought of collecting that bit of stone - which actually won the World Series.

How will they do it? They can't put another pebble ~~out~~, there, and expect the ball to hit it for a freak bounce. So they've devised a special gimmick - a baseball with a built-in bounce. It has a trick spot, and if it hits on that spot, it will take a leap into the air - duplicating the pebble effect.

So Jack Bentley, the old-time giant pitcher, will pitch to Earl McNeely, who will chop the ball down toward third. He'll keep on doing it, until the ball hits just right - and pops over the head of Freddie Lindstrom. It may take all night, Nelson - but they are determined to reenact the pebble play.