

KOREA L.T.-P.G. Fri. Nov. 30 - '51.

(This was a day of wild air action in Korea, and a bad one for the Reds.) On the ground, the State of inaction continues; and, all the news is about - the warplanes. No end of thrills! - but the story has ~~now~~ a broader meaning, too.

Last night the Reds had enormous convoys of trucks moving south to the battlefield - more than nine thousand vehicles, endless lines on the North Korean highways. The meaning was obvious, the enemy pouring reinforcements and supplies for a military build-up. Likely enough - preparing for a big offensive, if the truce talks fail.

All the more interesting, because the negotiations are now deadlocked on the question of preventing a Communist build-up during an armistice, if there is one. We want inspection teams to make

sure the Reds do not use the occasion to mass new forces. Which was ^{just} ~~was~~ what they were trying to do last night. Maybe they thought the U.S. Air Force would be napping, after the truce talk agreement. If so, they were wrong.

In the darkness, swarms of American planes, using night fighting tactics - hit these endless lines of enemy trucks, blasting and smashing them along miles of North Korean highway. The planes destroyed some three hundred definitely, and shot up uncounted ^{trucks} others for an amount of damage hard to reckon. ^{Then} When daylight came, the fighter bombers took over, and continued slashing at the convoys. only three

To support that assault, the sabre jets flew out in strength today - one formation of thirty, one making a sweep almost to the Yalu River, the Manchurian sanctuary. They ran into a Red air fleet -

sixteen MIG^S ~~fighters~~ and eighteen propeller driven fighters, escorting a formation of twelve Russian built light bombers. This is the first time Red bombers have been reported in Korean skies, ever since last June.

The sabre-jets began by hitting the M I G's, knocking down one of them, and breaking up the jet fighter escort. Then they went after the slower propeller-driven fighters, and three of these were shot down. All of which gave the Sabre-jets a chance at the bombers, slow and lumbering compared with the flashing speed of jet. Of the twelve enemy bombers, six were destroyed, three damaged - only three escaping unscathed. The Sabre-Jets had a field day, flashing at the bombers, ripping one after another with streams of bullets. Later, in another encounter, another M I G was shot down.

(All - adding up ^{to} the second biggest American victory of the sky in the Korean war.)

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front continue to picture -- only minor action.

Today's United Press dispatch reads: "Ground fighting,

Friday was restricted to artillery duels, the

repulse of two minor Communist attacks on the central

front, and occasional patrol skirmishes." Which

doesn't sound like any pitched battle - not for Korea.

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CHINESE EXTORTION

The vicious extortion game played by the Chinese Reds brings to the fore - the six companies! Communists in China have been blackmailing Chinese in America, demanding money - or their families in China will be imprisoned, tortured or murdered. The racket has become such a menace, that now - the "six companies" move in.

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The "six companies" declare that the Red blackmail is so widespread and ruthless that, in their

words "it is leading to the bankruptcy of the Chinese Communities in the United States." The Chinese are warned that, by paying, they do not help their families - but only encourage more blackmail. The "six companies" in a formal resolution say: "resist resolutely any kind of extortion."

All in accordance with suggestions made by the smaller nations at the E. S. General Assembly.

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This follows an acceptance by Vishinsky -- the Soviet delegate declaring today that he would go into talks, behind closed doors, with representatives of the United States, Great Britain and France. All - in accordance with suggestions made by the smaller nations at the U N General Assembly.

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SOVIET URANIUM

A dispatch from Berlin tonight states that one of the big Soviet Bosses of the German uranium mines has fled through the Iron Curtain -- seeking asylum in the Western Zone. Colonel Astspchov, Chief geologist of the uranium project -- was able to slip through frontier guards and make his way to Western Berlin. When he got there, he was flown to an "unknown" destination in Western Europe -- one of the most important of all refugees from behind the Iron Curtain.

HILLBILLY

The Army is passing the buck to the State Department - in the case of that "New Mexican hillbilly" who turns out to be a Canadian forest ranger.

A couple of weeks ago, the news told how he came out of the hills and the desert, where he had been reared by his father, a recluse. He had just buried Paw in the desert, and come down to civilization for his first glimpse of automobiles, radios, and tall buildings. He had never seen a woman before - except his mother, who had died years previously. He came to ~~join~~ join the Army - and people were fascinated by the hillbilly of hillbillies.

The army shipped him to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland - where he soon went A W O L, disappearing. Now, he has been found, in

Canada - identified as a Canadian, with a wife and
two children in England. ^{And he had} ~~But~~ ^{he} said he ^{never} saw
a woman before - except ^{Maw!}

Why he told those New Mexican whoppers,
is a mystery, except that he seems to have incurred
a head injury in the Second World War. Technically,
he deserted from the U.S. Army, but the Army has had
enough of him. Since he's a Canadian, it's
international, and the Army is passing the buck.

COLLISION

At Memphis, Tennessee, there's a place
There was a terrifying scene near Kalamazoo,
Michigan, today, when a tanker truck had a collision
with a passenger train. The locomotive and seven
cars were deluged with flaming gasoline.

The train was running westbound; ^{and} the speeding
truck slammed into the locomotive at a crossing. ~~and~~
Huge masses of blazing gas were hurled at the train.
The cars drenched with liquid fire, as if in some
flame-thrower attack. The truck driver, two railroad
men, and three women passengers, ² suffered burns,
treated at a hospital. There were no fatalities, but
it sure was a terrifying spectacle.

DRIVER

At Memphis, Tennessee, there's applause for a truck driver, R. G. Sales - who nearly plowed into a throng of high school pupils, and did the brave thing.

Sales was driving a load of sand, when he approached an intersection where crowds of pupils were crossing. He slammed on his brakes - but the brakes didn't work. Something went wrong, and the huge truck-load of sand, like a murderous juggernaut, went speeding straight at some fifty high school boys and girls.

With no brakes, there wasn't a thing that Sales could do about it - except what he did do. He bore down on the wheel, and swung the truck around so sharply - ~~as to turn it over. And~~ over it went, ~~with the~~ driver, sand and all.

Luck was with Sales. He crawled out of the sand - uninjured. Having ^{undoubtedly saved many} ~~saved~~ young lives.

MURDERESS

At last word, no sign of Winnie Ruth Judd,

called the "blonde Tigress" - who escaped from a mental hospital in Arizona. Twenty years ago, she made sinister headlines as the "truck murderess", and was sent to an institution. Since then she has made four escapes - this latest climbing down a ladder made of cloth and electric light cords. A search was on today, the "blonde Tigress" still at large.

KANSAS CITY

From Kansas City, a weird crime story - and they say it may lead to the solution of Kansas City's number one murder mystery; The gangland killing, a year and a half ago of political boss Charles Binaggio, and his henchman, Gargotta.

The authorities received two letters in the mail - giving a murder confession. They arrested the writer, Joseph Mastasio, and he says the letters were "life insurance."

Today he stated that an underworld character, named Ferena, hired him to kill a negro, George Hayes. He was to get a thousand dollars for the job. But today Mastasia said: "Ferena never paid me, and we fell out." ⁵⁰ He was afraid for his life and did what he thought would keep Ferena from killing him.

That is He wrote two letters, one to Kansas City

Police Chief Henry Johnson, the other to Prosecutor Henry Fox - telling the story of the crime. These letters, in addressed envelopes, he placed in a drawer at his home, and told members of his family to mail them - if anything happened to him. "Life insurance", - Ferena knowing that, if he killed Nastasia, the letters would go to the authorities.

But then what happened? A member of the family, mistakenly took the letters from the drawer, and mailed them.

Today Nastasia talked also about other crimes of the underworld - and intimated that he knows the truth about the killing of Binaggio and Gargotta. So the strange twister of the "life insurance" may bring about a solution of Kansas City's number one mystery of crime.

ROBBERY

This next incident happened just outside the Illinois Central Railroad station in Chicago, corner of twelfth street and Michigan Boulevard. A jewelry salesman, Ralph Lewis, arriving from St. Louis, walked out of the station. Whereupon, three men on the crowded street - seized him, threw a black bag over his head, and forced him into an automobile.

They drove off with him, and robbed him of a hundred thousand dollars worth of uncut diamonds, which he was carrying. Then, about a mile-and-a-half from the station, they threw him out of the car - *on the*
at side -
at sixteenth and Halstead. ~~Streets.~~

Apparently, the crooks had followed the jewelry salesman from St. Louis, and had the robbery planned as he left the railroad station. *The* Astonishing *fact*
A
that the abduction ~~had been~~ carried out in public -
Chicago's
at one of ~~the~~ busiest of street corners.

BEAR-WITHOUT-A-HEART

AT MIAMI, THE DOCTORS HAVE FOUND THAT BEAR-WITHOUT-A-HEART HAS A KNIFE IN HIS HEAD. HAS HAD IT FOR YEARS. BEAR-WITHOUT-A-HEART IS A SORT OF CHEROKEE INDIAN MISSIONARY, WHO GOT IN A FIGHT OUTSIDE A MIAMI BAR, WAS SLUGGED - AND A PHYSICIAN X-RAYED HIS HEAD TO SEE IF THERE MIGHT BE A SKULL FRACTURE. THE X-RAY PICTURES SHOWED A ONE AND A HALF INCH KNIFE BLADE ALONG HIS LOWER JAW BONE. THE KNIFE BLADE HAD BEEN JABBED IN A FIGHT TEN YEARS AGO IN OKLAHOMA. BEAR-WITHOUT-A-HEART IS ONE TOUGH INDIAN.

SAW -

AT SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA, A CARPENTER WAS SAWED ALMOST IN HALF BY A PORTABLE ~~PIECE~~ SAW -- BUT HE IS EXPECTED TO GET WELL. THE SAW-BLADE CAUGHT DAVID HAUN AT THE LEFT HIP, CUT THROUGH HIS HIP BONE AND RIPPED THROUGH PART OF HIS INTESTINES BEFORE THE VICTIM'S BROTHER WAS ABLE TO HALT THE MACHINE. ALL THE NERVES ON HIS LEFT SIDE WERE CUT THROUGH, AND THE DOCTORS DECLARE IT WAS A MIRACLE HE LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO REACH THE HOSPITAL. BUT FOUR SURGEONS WENT TO WORK ON THE PATIENT -- HALF CUT IN TWO. THEY SAY, HE WILL HAVE A PERMANENT LIMP -- AND NO WONDER. BUT SURGERY SAVED HIM.

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BURGLAR

Santa Barbara, California, has an addition to the story of the college professor, who lectured on crime - and, at the same time, was a burglar. Today, a former student of his was arrested as a burglar.

Several weeks ago the police arrested Dr. Gwynne Nettler, who taught sociology at Santa Barbara State College, where his lectures on crime were an academic feature. The professor pleaded guilty- stating that for years he had lived a double life, a burglar on the side.

Yesterday, there was an attempt to break into a home at Santa Barbara, and the police arrested Robert Middleton Dunlap, recently a student at Santa Barbara College. They say they found stolen fur ^{coats} ~~coats~~ in his possession. So what did he tell them? "You'll be interested to know," he remarked to the cops.

"that I was one of Dr. Nettler's students."

Today he said the Professor told the class,
"Crime is stimulating, but don't get caught." ^{And then, Nelson,} ~~To which~~
the ⁺former student added sadly: "I guess I just flunked
the course."

~~All of which makes a college story not so
academic - strange curriculum in the sociology class.~~