

KOREA

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In Korea, first thing this morning, an American light bomber, out on reconnaissance, flashed back word of ~~an~~ a huge reinforcement convoy - Red troops and Red war equipment on the way, by road and rail - from Manchuria heading for North Korea. Whereupon U.N. bombers were ordered out at once - to smash the Red reinforcements.

~~The latest is that fifty six trucks, heavy artillery, also rail cars, and locomotives have been blasted. The convoy wiped out.~~

Although headed from Manchuria, this hundred mile long convoy is believed to have been made up of North Koreans - not Chinese Communists. North Koreans trained and armed in Manchuria. Headed for Pyongyang, the North Korean capital; at the western end of the new Red defense line which stretches across the country from Pyongyang to Wonson on the east coast.

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The latest from Korea. The weather is playing into the hands of the Red reinforcements from Manchuria. That convoy is under way again this morning. Safe from attack by the U.S. Air Force under a heavy blanket of cloud.

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Meanwhile, during the night the two south Korean spearheads, twenty thousand strong, have driven on twenty miles towards Wonsan. Meeting little opposition on the way. They have captured the town of Kosong more than half way from the Thirty-Eighth parallel to Wonsan. ^{They have been} Moving too fast for the Reds to set up a defense line ahead of them. But U.S. military advisers with the spearheads are worried. Worried that they may suffer a flanking attack from the north Koreans because they are so far ahead of other U.N. units.

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~~defense line ahead of them.~~ ^R Ten miles north of Seoul, U. S. Marines, are still fighting a bitter action with the Reds, and further to the northeast spearheads of the Seventh and Eighth South Korean Divisions and South Korean Marines are driving ^{ahead} ~~on~~ for the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, ready for another crossing. Their final objective, Pyongyang.

On the southwest coast, South Korean Marines landed yesterday and today reported the capture of the Port of Mokpo, but only after fierce fighting.

General MacArthur's spokesman admitted today that South Korean troops had entered North Korea in force, Sunday. But he was reluctant to say whether they had been ordered to do so. Here are the actual words he used;— ~~If you can understand what he meant.~~

"It has become necessary for military reasons to send -- or rather allow, or sanction, or close our eyes, to the fact that ROK forces are there", those were ^{MacArthur} the spokesman's words.

U.N.

At Lake Success today, the Australian Foreign Minister came out with the first open demand for full scale operations across the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. He said: "The North Korean Army must be utterly destroyed as a fighting force."

Australia's call for a sweep into North Korea was supported by Canada and the Philippines. The Scandinavian countries are also expected to back the suggestion. The Indian delegate, however, expressed "grave doubts about carrying the war into North Korea." Suggesting instead that the U. N.'s political committee seek a compromise between the Russian and western peace plans.

RADAR

Here's news from Washington - news that every American has been anxiously awaiting. It's about that Radar screen stretching across the roof of North America -- in wait for any bombers ^{that might} sneaking over the North Pole -- hell-bent with atomic bombs to blast American cities.

The under-secretary for air told the House Armed Services Committee today that this ^{continent-} nationwide screen of twenty-four key spotting points and a network of smaller stations, is to be in full operation next July. ~~In Alaska, work on a similar screen is going ahead to be ready in Nineteen Fifty Two.~~ A temporary makeshift radar cover now protects key centers in the northeast and northwest states.

INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, several thousand French troops are continuing to clean up the northern areas near the Chinese border. Yesterday, French troops captured a Communist stronghold where the rebels had been holding out for five years. The present French sweep is aimed at driving the Reds out of the rich rice field area of northern Indo-China.

Cut off from rice supplies General Ho's rebel forces may find it difficult to launch any general offensive.

TIBET

From New Delhi today, comes news of a luncheon given yesterday by the Communist Chinese ambassador to four Tibetan delegates to mark Communist China's first anniversary. Commenting on this meeting, the influential newspaper Hindustan Times today forecast a peaceful ending to the strained relations between Communist China and Tibet.

The word in New Delhi is that the Tibetan delegation is to visit Peking to finish talks already under way with the Red Chinese ambassador to India. A special courier is on his way to Lhasa, to find out what the Tibetan Government and National Assembly think of the ambassador's proposals. If the Dalai Lama ^{and his advisors} seems satisfied with the progress of the talks, the dispute between Red China and Tibet may soon be at an end. And this is what India wants.

India -

- a Tibetan - across the Himalayas from

the Dalai Lama's

YUGOSLAVIA

Word from Yugoslavia tonight is that Marshal Tito is in "desperate need" ^{of} for American aid, to prevent starvation throughout the country. Faced with the loss of half this year's crops, the Yugoslav Government has turned to the international monetary fund for permission to draw ten million dollars. To buy grains, sugar and fats. They've also asked for aid from the export-import bank. But neither the fund nor the bank is allowed to lend money for food purchases. Under present rules, they only lend their dollars to buy machinery. In this case special arrangements may be possible.

The State Department is taking a lively interest in Yugoslavia's problem, and our ambassador in Belgrade is going to the Yugoslav Foreign Office tomorrow, to discuss the situation fully. It is feared that starvation in Yugoslavia might lead to unrest, and possibly drive the country ^{into the arms of} ~~to~~ the Soviets for assistance.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

In Berlin today, nine Jehovah's Witnesses went on public trial before the Supreme Court of the Communist East German Government. The charge - spying for the United States. The penalty, if convicted - execution.

A few weeks back, more than a thousand Jehovah's Witnesses were thrown in jail in the Russian zone of Germany, and these are the first to stand trial. They are accused of transferring plans of airfields and factories to Jehovah's Witnesses headquarters in Brooklyn, New York; ^{also} spreading propaganda against the Communists.

BERLIN

In the British sector of Berlin, the "cold war" has turned into a "canal war" with the Russians. For weeks the Reds have been interfering with barges traveling through the Soviet Zone from West Germany to West Berlin. So last week the British took a leaf ^{out} of the Russian book. They started the same game. And today seventy-one barges laden with cargo for the Russian zone, ~~and~~ are lying idle in a lock in Berlin's British Sector. While the Russian Zone crews grumble and complain, the British Military police check and counter-check their papers. Generally making themselves just as cussed and difficult as the Russians.

AUSTRIA

Tomorrow is the day set by the Austrian Communists for a general strike throughout Austria. The Reds demand that the government cancel all price increases and double the promised rise in wages. The news from Vienna tonight is that the Austrian Labor Party will back the government against the Communists. In factories, it is planned to shut out Communist demonstrators and continue work tomorrow behind closed doors.

The Austrian Government is quite confident that the police can take care of any demonstrations that may be started. Prevent the Reds from occupying buildings in the western districts of the city. It seems likely that the Austrian Reds will have as little success tomorrow as did their comrades in Berlin on Sunday.

The U. S. and British occupation forces have been told to steer clear of Red demonstrations.

POUND

In London tonight, the rumor is that Britain's pound may soon be revalued, or possibly thrown on the free market, like the Canadian dollar. The British treasury refuses to confirm or deny the rumor but has announced that the "sterling area" ^{has} more than doubled its gold and dollar reserves since devaluation twelve months ago. The possibility of the pound getting a higher value, has sent U. S. servicemen in Britain on a buying spree. One bank, near the U. S. air base outside London, ran out of pound notes, six times yesterday, and had to send to London for more. Similar reports are coming in from all over the country. Britain's treasury says that hundreds of thousands of dollars have already changed hands since the weekend.

Rumor has it that the pound ^{will} ~~would~~ be moved up from two dollars eighty to three dollars.

From Washington we learn that Hugh Gaitskell, chief of the British treasury, is due there next week. ^{to} He ~~will~~ discuss Britain's finances, and, possible, revaluation of sterling.

LOVE BUGS

From the romantic old south we have an echo of that sentimental, sighing word -- love. Which, you'd think, would suggest rose bowers, mocking birds, and honeysuckle. But not at all. In Mobile, Alabama tonight, that word of rapture means - disfigured automobiles, unsightly motor cars, with pimples and blotches. Because Mobile has a plague of - love bugs.

These are insects that come in swarms, and light all over automobiles - where the acid in their bodies eats holes in the paint. So pretty soon the bright and shining auto, pride of the family, has a complexion like a beauty parlor nightmare -- covered with ugly spots and blemishes.

Automobile owners are driven frantic. Some smear the hood, the body, the fenders, with vaseline-- which keeps the insect acid from reaching the paint.

But an automobile covered with vaseline is no prize either. While others use cheesecloth, and the bus wears a veil, like a bride.

But why the name? Why drag in the sentiment

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of the heart? You'd think that "hate bug" would be more like it. Well, the love bugs appear to have two bodies -- a double chassis, to use an appropriate automobile term. Actually, the shape of the critter gives it a double appearance. So, at first, people thought they were two bugs, which always travel together in pairs, inseparable mates. Seemed like southern chivalry. Hence -- love bugs.

But) tonight at Mobile the chorus is - love bug, I hate you.

PRECEDE BASEBALL

Here's something you'd never expect to hear - unless you've already heard it. Guess who the Philadelphia pitcher will be tomorrow, opening the World Series? The answer is -- Konstanty, the great relief pitcher, the mighty fireman.

Jim Konstanty didⁿ not begin one single game during the entire season -- although he appeared in ~~seventy-three~~^{four}; a remarkable record. His team mates regard him as their "most valuable player", because of the way he came in and saved game after game, putting out the fire. But as a starting pitcher for the World Series? - nobody dreamed of that, until Philadelphia manager Ed Sawyer announced it this afternoon.

It may be a sign that the whiz kids are hard up for pitchers, which has been said repeatedly. But, in any case, the game tomorrow will witness -- Jim Konstanty, the big surprise, versus Vic Raschi, top ranking Yankee pitcher, who is no surprise at all.

BASEBALL

At the beginning of the World Series tomorrow, there will be - a casualty of war, although he has never been near the battlefield in Korea. Kurt Simmons will attend the game. But as a spectator -- not a pitcher.

He's the brilliant young Hurler of the whiz kids, who won seventeen games, and was second only to that other youngster -- Robbin Roberts, who pitched the Phillies into the pennant on Sunday. But, toward the end of the season, Kurt Simmons was called by the army, and went off to camp -- a rookie in training. Which was a bad blow for the flaming youth of baseball in Philadelphia.

But Kurt Simmons will be at the game tomorrow -- so I was told on the telephone this afternoon. The General gave his permission. I asked - "Will he pitch?" The answer was: "No, not in shape." A rookie in training for weeks does not stay in trim to pitch a World Series game. So Kurt Simmons will be a spectator at the classic - in which he was expected to be a hero. A casualty of war.

Philadelphia is wild with baseball fever. Today the Poor Richard Club, long renowned, bestowed its silver medal on Bob Carpenter, owner of the Phillies, who performed the exploit of giving Philadelphia a pennant winner. They're all rooting for the whiz kids to win a younger generation triumph -- by beating the Yankees, those veteran winners of pennants and World Series.

But the odds are on the battle-hardened Yankees, as is expressed by sports writer Rud Rennie of the New York Herald Tribune -- in ominous and formidable words. "The Philadelphia whiz kids," he writes, "will now put aside their bubble gum, and prepare to ~~pk~~ play a World Series with men who chew tobacco and smoke cigars."

And that's the way it is, Nelson.

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