

KOREA - WAR J. R. G. Thuro. Dec. 6 - '51,

The air action today was mighty near the ground.

There was the usual whirl of jets high in the sky, but the real action was by American fighter-bomber planes, which hit the Reds along the front lines. P During the truce-talk-lull in the ground-fighting, the principal Communist activity has been ~~x~~ with artillery and mortars - blasting at the Allied lines, and making things generally uncomfortable. Most of the Allied casualties in the past few days have been from exploding shells.

P So today the fighter-bombers went after the Red artillery and mortar positions - with bombs, rockets and jellied gasoline. Enemy gunposts had been located by aerial photographs, and seventy-six warplanes came swooping down on targets. The result - thirty-five enemy guns knocked out. Six tanks also, it would seem. Tonight's news dispatch describes it as "one of the most concentrated fighter bomber strikes of the ~~war~~ war."

ADD KOREA - WAR

The latest - a night bulletion stating that the Reds launched a sudden attack in the Kumsong sector. But it was beaten off by heavy fussilade from the guns of the G.I's.

KOREA - TRUCE

An ugly note was injected into the truce talks today. Uglier than usual, that is. The Reds - refusing to go into any discussion of prisoners-of-war until the points now before the negotiators have been settled. This raised an immediate assumption that the Communists might be holding back on the question of prisoners, as a way of putting pressure on the American representatives. "Negotiatory blackmail," is the expression used later by U.N. spokesmen. ^PThe points now at issue are the same as yesterday - the question of the American rotation program. (Today, our negotiators told the Reds flatly that - in any armistice, we will go on taking soldiers out after a year in Korea, and replace them.)

~~The other points raised in the truce talks today are:~~

Then there is the question of - inspection. We want U.N. inspection teams to have the right to go anywhere in Korea, to check against violations of an agreement not to increase forces. The Reds talk about "ports of entry," and would want to limit inspection teams to certain points - ground, sea and air force.

EGYPT

London calls on Cairo to disarm and control the civilian population in the Suez Canal Zone. Also to remove Egyptian Police units that have attacked the British. Considering the amount of warlike violence that has gone on, the British diplomatic note is curiously legalistic in tone; taking the view that the Cairo Government must also disapprove of the attacks on the British.

Earlier in the day word came that Egypt is expelling British military experts, who have been on a job of training Egyptians armed forces.

ARCHBISHOP

Early this morning, in a peasant community of Yugoslavia, an ecclesiastic went to the village church - to celebrate the ritual of the mass. On his head he wore - a scarlet cap. Which symbolizes the whole story. Archbishop Stepinac, released from a Communist prison yesterday, insists that he still is the chief prelate of the Roman Catholic Church in Yugoslavia. He wears his arch-episcopal cap of Red.

Today, we have the story of how Archbishop Stepinac was taken from prison late yesterday, and driven by automobile to the village of Krasic, his birthplace - where the Tito Government ~~has~~ has ordered him to remain. He spent the night at the vicarage of the parish priest, and early this morning appeared in public - walking to the village church. The people recognized him at once. Some fell on their knees along the street. They/couldn't miss him - because he wore the scarlet cap. This - in spite of a decree by the

Tito government, forbidding him to resume his former ecclesiastical position. They refer to him as - the former Archbishop.

Later, he spoke to newsmen, and said: "I am the legitimate Archbishop, not the former Archbishop. I will vacate my archbishopric only if the Holy Father desires."

The fifty-three year old prelate looked well, after five years in prison, though he seemed pale. He was asked - how had he been treated?

"I cannot complain," he replied, but added: "At first there were great difficulties."

Questioned about these difficulties, he made a grave reply: "He who talks too much," said the Archbishop, "cannot remain without sin. For that reason, I do not wish to talk too much."

Newsmen asked him for his opinion about political conditions in Yugoslavia, about the attitude of the Communist government toward the church, about other political matters. The Archbishop gave brief

replies, then closed the news interview by repeating that previous expression: "He who talks too much, cannot remain without sin." Which might well be considered - the remark of the day.

DEAN RUSK

In Washington, Dean Rusk has resigned as Assistant Secretary of State. He steps out to become the head of the Rockefeller Foundation - that multi-million dollar organization dedicated to human advancement. President Truman accepts the resignation "reluctantly." But he says that Dean Rusk will continue to serve the State Department as a consultant on affairs of the Japanese Treaty.

INTERNAL REVENUE

Attorney General McGrath orders - perjury indictments. He tells officials of the Department of Justice to gather evidence within the next ten days - in the wild contradictions going on in the Congressional income tax investigation.

Today the contradictions continued, concerning the story told by Chicago Lawyer Teitelbaum - who declared that two "salesmen of influence", named Nathan and Nastor, tried to shake him down for five hundred thousand dollars. Yesterday, this was contradicted so flatly by Nathan, that Committee members remarked - there certainly was perjury on one side or the other.

Today the witness was Leslie Sale, a son-in-law of Nathan. Teitelbaum quoted him elaborately in support of the allegation of income tax blackmail. Which Sale today called a pack of "rotten lies."

"Do you deny it categorically?" demanded the Committee counsel.

"Definitely," replied Sale.

He said it more in sorrow than in anger, apparently - because he added that Mr. and Mrs. Teitelbaum were two of the best friends he had. Why, Mrs. Teitelbaum arranged a "baby shower" for his wife only this year. So he couldn't understand why they would, in the words of the witness - "tell such lies." The lady in question, as it happens, is Mrs. Shyrl Menkin - who, day before yesterday, testified in full support of the story told by Teitelbaum. Nathan and Sale declare, however, they always knew her as "Mrs. Teitelbaum."

Well, the contradictions would baffle a professor of logic. So the Attorney General calls for - "perjury indictments" against one side or the other. We don't know which.

BASEBALL

The news has a way of making you stop and reflect - on the strange ways of the human race. Today, for example, came word of the death of Shoeless Joe Jackson, at the age of sixty-four - the mighty slugger who was top figure in the scandal of the Black Sox.

He was a South Carolina farm boy, who got his nickname from ^{the} a story that he started by playing the outfield - barefoot. When he joined the leagues, he was illiterate, couldn't read or write. / Ty Cobb says

that, if Shoeless Joe Jackson had studied hitting as Cobb did, there's no telling what his batting figures might have been. As it was, he had a big league average of three hundred and fifty-six.

Eight of the Chicago White Sox were brought to trial for throwing the World Series in Nineteen Nineteen, but were never convicted - although there were plenty of confessions. All were expelled from baseball by the czar, Judge Landis, whose iron-handed rule kept gambling out of the game.

Shoeless Joe Jackson went back to his native

town in South Carolina. He recanted his confession, and claimed innocence. He pointed out that, in the Black Sox series, he had batted three seventy-five, which was noble hitting. However, the story was that the bribed players were doublecrossed by the gamblers, didn't get as much as promised - and, after throwing two games, played for keeps.

Shoeless Joe
~~He~~ likewise denied the incident that won for him the most enduring fame of all - introducing into the language an expression still used. The story was that when he went into court to confess, a small boy tugged at his sleeve. Shoeless Joe was his baseball idol, and the lad begged: "Say it ain't so, Joe." ~~But~~, afterward, Jackson ^{did say} ~~said~~ that about the story; - he said, "it 'ain't so."

Back at Greenville, South Carolina, the home folks believed him, and he didn't do badly. He wound up with a liquor store, still playing baseball,

locally, until he was in his fifties. Something of a home town hero. Several years ago, they staged a "Shoeless Joe Jackson Day," and the erstwhile member of the Black Sox was showered with gifts.

Last year the South Carolina legislature passed a resolution demanding that Shoeless Joe be reinstated in organized baseball. Recently, he was named to a Cleveland baseball hall of fame, and was to be honored on a New York television show later this month.

I don't know how you'd figure all this, but I suppose a philosopher could get some deep meaning out of it.

IRISHMAN

At Altadena, California, today a suit was entered in the Superior Court, asking for an injunction against a British bank. The California complainant wants to keep the London authorities from carrying out the will of the late Mrs. George Bernard Shaw.

The point at issue is that clause in the will which left a trust fund of two-hundred-and sixty-three thousand dollars for the following purpose - "to smooth the rough edges off the Irish."

The wife of the famous Irish wit and playwright thought that Irish manners were not all they should be - so she left money to introduce the Book of Etiquette into the Emerald Isle. Recent reports from London state that a British judge has okayed the clause in the will. The bank, entrusted with the funds, is authorized to start spending the money; - and do some Emily Post work on the Irish.

The suit at Altadena, California, was filed

today by a local citizen named Paul Donovan. Mr. Donovan we suppose, is not a Swede or a Turk. He calls the plan to "smooth the rough edges off the Irish" - infamous. It is, in his words - an "inhuman stroke of meanness to an ancient, smart, trustworthy people."

Mr. Donovan calls the Irish - "a grand race of people over the centuries in history." And adds: "If such an act is allowed to proceed, it will work a great harm and humiliation on a race of people generally admired."

Sounds convincing, but how will the court in California go about overruling the judge in London? International law being what ~~it is~~ it is, I am afraid the rough edges of the Irish will have to be smoothed - as well as the British can do it with two hundred and sixty-three ^{thousand} dollars.

ROBBERS

In Detroit, there's a furniture store with a handsome show window. You know, a sumptuous layout of table, setee and chairs - the way they get up a show window living room, with mannikins posing around. Well, that furniture store was robbed, and the scene in the show window was remarkable.

It happened last night, and today the cops tell - how they were mystified. They were on to the crooks, and had the place guarded against a getaway - as half a dozen policemen went stalking in. There was plenty of evidence of robbery - cash drawers ransacked. But where were the burglars?

The six cops looked high and low, but couldn't find them. Yet they could not have escaped. Had they evaporated? The cops were puzzled, when Patrolman Gordon Oakes climbed into that show window. There he saw the table, the setee, the chairs - and the mannikins. Three mannikins were seated - you know that effect of host and guests.

Whereupon the policeman poked one of them in the ribs with his night-stick, and the mannikin - grunted!

Patrolman Oakes had never heard a mannikin grunt before,
but he soon realized ~~what~~ what went on. The three alleged
dummies were the burglars - who, hearing the cops come in,
had the inspired idea of eluding the search by posing as
mannikins. *But, Nelson, a)*

~~But~~ mannikin should never say - Ouch!