

CHINESE REDS

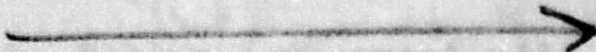
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The State Department has granted visas to a Chinese Communist delegation -- coming to join a debate before the U.N. The discussion will concern Formosa - not Korea.

Weeks ago the U. N. voted to hold a debate on a red complaint about American protection given to Formosa - charging aggression; and - invited the Chinese Communists to attend. The American delegation opposed the invitation - but was outvoted. However, we accepted the decision, and now give permission for the Red representatives to enter this country.

There is also to be a debate on the question of Chinese <sup>forces</sup> fighting in Korea - and the Communist Government at Peking has been invited to send representatives to this. The American delegation supported that invitation - but the Reds have not yet accepted. So they are coming for the debate on Formosa - not Korea.

However, here's word from China - that the Peking Government is likely to take advantage of the

opportunity to join in the Korean discussion. And -  
may give the necessary authorization to the delegation  
they are sending. 

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delegation has just acted to place the question of  
Chinese intervention before the Security Council  
tomorrow, not waiting for the arrival of representatives  
from Peking.~~

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At the U N tonight, the Americans took action to place the question of Chinese intervention before the Security Council tomorrow - although the representatives of the Peking government will not be there. Tonight a late bulletin quotes the American spokesman as saying: , "Thus far we have not been able to ascertain when the Chinese delegation is likely to arrive."

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## KOREA

News from Korea says that Chinese Red forces appear to be shifting to the East, as if trying to find a gap in the U. N. line. Today General MacArthur's Headquarters declared there were sixty thousand Chinese <sup>now</sup> inside ~~of~~ North Korea -- and half a million massed north of the border. But today patrols along the fighting front were unable to find any evidence of the Chinese troops that played so prominent a part in defeats for our side last week. The surmise at first, was - that they might have pulled out. But now the belief is that they are looking for a better place to attack, something easier in new positions where the U. N. Forces dug in; - so ~~they~~ are shifting eastward.

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today, and another probably destroyed - following yesterday's historic fight, the first all-jet air battle. Today, one enemy jet was downed by the guns of an American bomber, while another fell victim to a Navy panther-jet.

This carrier-based plane was flown by Lieutenant-Commander William Amen, of Sciota, California, who spied a Russian built M.I.G 15 - and flew at it head on. Going faster than five hundred miles an hour, the American pilot went into a dazzling stunt maneuver, an inside loop - and came out on the tail of the Red plane. He opened fire at close range and sent the M.I.G. 15 plunging and exploding. "When I got on his tail," says Lieutenant Commander Amen, "he tried to evade, but he wasn't very sharp." →

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Today in Korea, which has already begun - shows American air fleets in the third day of an all-out offensive against the Reds.

## BRITAIN

The London Government has cancelled permission for a lot of delegates to attend what is called a "Peace Congress." Five Hundred representatives from Iron Curtain and Oriental countries were to fly in eighteen planes from Czechoslovakia to attend an anti-war rally at the City of Sheffield. Another one of those leftwing affairs - in line with Moscow propoganda. At first the London Government gave tentative permission, but now has cancelled this -- keeping out eighteen planeloads, for a total of five hundred delegates.

## EISENHOWER

Inside word from Washington is that General Eisenhower will be named commander for western Europe soon after the First of the year. That's the likelihood, according to what are called "informed sources." All that remains to be done is for the Western Powers to agree on the part that Western Germany is to play in the unified system of defence, and a settlement is expected by January First. Then, President Truman will name General Ike as the commander.

All of which has a meaning in the light of Tuesday's elections -- which gave Senator Taft of Ohio a new prominence in the Presidential picture for Nineteen Fifty-Two. His overwhelming victory raises the cry of - Taft for President. While Governor Dewey of New York, who also won smashing victory, is backing Eisenhower. But how will the appointment of General Ike to the Western European Command affect attempts to nominate him for the Presidency? That is a large question in the election aftermath.



G.O.P.

In Chicago, an election follow-up -- the retirement of the "World's richest cop." Captain Daniel Gilbert ~~step~~ steps out as chief of the police attached to the States Attorney's Office. This follows questions about the finances of the wealthiest policeman. That - and election returns.

A few weeks ago Captain Gilbert was interrogated by the Senate Crime Committee - asked about the fortune he has accumulated. Three hundred and forty-six thousand dollars. The Captain said he got it by speculating in the stock and grain markets - and by betting on elections.

In the election on Tuesday the Captain was a candidate, himself -- running for sheriff of Cook County. But I hope he didn't make the mistake of betting on himself. He was beaten by three hundred thousand votes, snowed under by Republican candidate John Babb.

Political disaster, following Senate questions about finance -- and today the "world's richest cop" retired from the Chicago police.

## SURPLUS

Here's a story to end all stories about the disposal of surplus government property - the weird kind of nonsense that can go on when officials are selling off left-over war material.

This epic parody, disclosed in Washington today, tells of a Texas farmer, who in Nineteen Forty-Six bought some surplus items from the War Assets Administration - blacksmith and carpenter's tools, building materials, tractors. Then he came across an item labeled - "aircraft computers".

The Texas farmer is a former Naval officer, and he thought it meant - small, cheap cardboard computers. So he offered five cents a piece, and bought one hundred and sixty-eight. Then, when he examined them, he found they were new electric fire control instruments which are worth seventy-two hundred dollars each. So the one hundred and sixty-eight had a total value of more than one million, two hundred thousand dollars. At five cents a piece the bill totaled - eight dollars and forty cents.

The former Naval officer turned farmer had no

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use for complicated gadgets, but the disposal agency compelled him to accept them - the deal having been made. So he said - what the deuce, okay. And - got in touch with Air Force headquarters at Wright Field. He sold them the computers for sixty-three thousand dollars. Which the air officers thought mighty cheap, and the Texas farmer made a fat profit.

Today a Senate sub committee declared: "The disposal agency was delighted to unload what they thought a heap of junk on an unsuspecting country boy."

## TELEPHONE STRIKE

The telephone strike impeded long distance communication all over the country today. It's a walkout of thirty-three thousand maintenance workers - and today thousands of long-lines operators refused to cross the picket lines. The company put supervisors on the job, and states that long-distance was eighty-five percent ~~at~~ normal in the larger cities - (though considerably tied up in many places, only emergency calls accepted. Telephones operated by dial were not affected immediately.) →

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The latest - an irony. At Petoskey, Michigan, an official of the striking union tried to put in a long distance telephone call to union headquarters in Detroit. He was told -- no go. Only emergency calls were being put through -- and his message was not considered an emergency.

## PARADE

Today in London they held the Lord Mayor's Parade, and there was one feature that caught the attention of the crowds. (No, not the medieval pageantry, though there was plenty of that as usual. The throngs of spectators were held spellbound by one thing ← strangely in contrast to the splendors of ancient tradition.)

The new Lord Mayor, Denys Lawson, rode in the ~~old~~ golden coach -- which is more gorgeous than the King's own coach of state. And all was ablaze with costumes of times gone by. Then, in the gay procession of the past, came a glimpse of the future. Possibly the future - though let us hope not.

The glimpse was grim and forbidding - a line of marchers clad in ghostly white uniforms, green helmets and rubber gloves - with strange-looking gadgets in their hands.

Britain's first atomic bomb rescue squad - marching in the Lord Mayor's Parade. The first evidence the public has had - of London's preparation for atomic

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attack. Showing - what the rescue squad, with scientific equipment, would look like. The crowds were stricken silent, as they gazed at the atomic marchers - in the parade of medieval pageantry.

OPIUM

Today at the ancient City of Alexandria, a party of Egyptian police disguised themselves as fisherman <sup>and</sup> put out to sea. They navigated the blue waters of the Mediterranean until they sighted a steamship approaching the coast. Whereupon they started waving flags - white and green. Then, drawing alongside, they yelled:-  
"Mamoiselle Yallize."

All of which had a prompt effect. From the deck of the steamship packages were dropped into the fishing craft - packages of hashish and opium, more than eleven hundred pounds of narcotic drugs. Aboard the ship the police found sixty thousand pounds more - one hundred and seventy thousand dollars worth of hashish and opium. White and green g flags were the signal, and the password was Mamoiselle Yallize. The police had discovered the secret code for drug smugglers of the orient.



GIRL

At Huntington, West Virginia, county clerk, Fred Ware, is an accommodating official, and likes to be helpful. But today he wrote a letter of polite refusal to a young lady at Gardners, Pennsylvania, who sent a list of questions for him to answer. She explained she was thinking about marrying a young man in Huntington, and wanted to know a few things about him.

One question: "What is his age?"

Another: "Is his family sanitary or ~~unsanitary~~ unsanitary?"

The climax was this query: "Has he ever done any tragic killings or ever been in jail? If so, why?"

Fred Ware, though an accommodating county clerk, replied -- that if the young lady has so many doubts about the boyfriend, she'd ~~have to~~ <sup>better</sup> do her own investigating.

CZECH RADIO

In Iron Curtain countries they have what is called "gallows humor". That is, the kind of joke you may be hanged for telling. So here's one from Red Czechoslovakia - and it should get on the Voice of America, those radio programs beamed to people behind the Iron Curtain.

An old woman goes to the police to report that her goat has been lost.

"All right, grandma," says the policeman, "We'll help you try to find your goat. We'll ask about it on the radio."

"Yes, please do," says grandma, "and you'd better put it on the radio most people are likely to listen to. It would be best to have it broadcast from

America!" *said grandma over there behind that Iron Curtain.*

Gallows humor! - and don't get caught telling it!

Not in Czechoslovakia. *Nelson,*