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(The latest from Korea tonight reports a break through by the enemy -- in the long-awaited spring offensive of the Reds.) This ~~is~~ in the central sector, south of the town of Kumhwa, where a division of infantry, spearheaded by cavalry, found a weak spot and thrust a wedge into the allied lines -- a salient from eight to ten miles deep. ~~There is~~ Just north of the thirty-eighth paralle^l, just inside North Korea.

(The attack was launched by fanatical Chinese Communists in the face of ~~intense~~^{heavy} fire by massed artillery and a rain of bombs from planes.) Today's war bulletins pictured Allied guns firing at the rate of twelve thousand rounds per division every twelve hours. The Air Force -- flying seven~~ty~~^{ty} hundred-and-seventy-one air strikes in one day.

The deluge ~~of~~ fire inflicted what are called -- "phenomenal losses". It is estimated that in two days of their spring offensive, the Reds have sustained between eighteen and twenty thousand casualties. But they have huge amounts of Chinese

manpower in that "human sea" spring offensive. The assault, all along the ninety-five mile front is being made by some two-hundred-and-thirty thousand enemy troops -- and the Reds are estimated to have reserves bringing their total forces up to three-quarters of a million.

Mass attacks all along the line have forced the U N defenders back toward the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, the point of crisis being in that Kumhwa area. There our Eighth Army Commander, Lieutenant-General Van Fleet has ~~re~~ ranged Allied reinforcements to stop any general break through by the Reds.

FORMOSA

The establishment of an American military mission on Formosa is moving fast - an advance party of Signal Corps men arriving today to set up a system of Communications. A Captain and fourteen enlisted men, with flying "Box Cars" full of Signal equipment, landed on the island held by Chiang Kai-Shek -- to prepare communications for the military advisers to the Nationalist regime. The Signal Corps men were sent from Tokyo in such haste that, on Formosa, no advance word of their arrival was received; - indicating the speed with which that military mission is swinging into action.

MACARTHUR

We are given a dramatic picture of how the news broke in the Tokyo home of General Douglas MacArthur. The first word came on the radio. Lunch time was approaching, when Mrs. MacArthur tuned in to a short wave broadcast from Los Angeles - and heard the startling bulletin - MacArthur dismissed from the Supreme Command. She took her husband aside and told him, and then they went in to luncheon with guests. Twenty minutes later, while they were at the table, a messenger delivered the official order.

This - from General Courtney Whitney, who was military Secretary to the Supreme Commander. So what's the comment at the White House. Well, a spokesman states that President Truman sent MacArthur the order for his dismissal, and then held up the public announcement until he figured the General had received it. But, apparently the calculation was wrong. ~~But~~ Because the order had not arrived, when the American radio broke the news -- and Mrs. MacArthur heard it on a Los Angeles ~~xp~~ program.

VOGELER

In Red Hungary, Robert Vogeler has not ~~be~~
yet been released, and the word is that the American
telephone executive convicted of espionage, will be
~~mk~~ kept in prison - until conditions have been met.
Word in Budapest is that these conditions include
the reopening of Hungarian consulates in the United
States, and the lifting of the ban forbidding American
tourists to travel in Hungary.

BRITAIN

In London tonight, the Labor government won another vote. The revolting Left Wing Laborites supported the Attlee government. But this might have been expected, because the question was a conservative motion concerning railroad fares, and the leftists were opposed to that.

The Labor government has been shaken by the resignation of Aneurin Bevan, ~~Min~~ister Health. He today explained his walkout by making a bitter attack on the United States, and the British armament policy for defense against Soviet Russia. Bevan demanded that Britain abandon the tie with America, and take a middle position between the west and the Soviets. His resignation has been followed by that of other left wing Cabinet members - Harold Wilson quitting as President of the Board of Trade. Still others are expected -- and more and more there's the likelihood of a general election in Great Britain.

There will be ~~be~~ another vote tomorrow, and the belief is that Bevan and the Leftists will approve

the Attlee Cabinet. Which, however, may still survive. Because the issue is a government bill to charge people half the cost of false teeth and glass eyes - under socialized medicine. The leftists don't want that, but the Conservatives will vote for it - they being against free false teeth and free glass eyes.

ATOM BOMB

We are given a description of the Nineteen Fifty-One model of the atom bomb. It looks like a big-hot-water tank, about twenty feet long and ten feet in diameter, with a rounded nose. Weight - ten thousand pounds. One end has finns, together with a thin cylinder containing the timing apparatus. It's an ugly contraption - and, in the atomic ~~XXXX~~ bombardment squadron, the airmen call it "the thing"; Or - "The Panic."

All this was disclosed today by Look Magazine, which publishes pictures. Later, there was a denial from Washington, ~~But~~ "Look" says it was all with permission from the U.S. Air Force. Major General Roscoe Wilson, a Deputy Chief of atomic operations is quoted as explaining: "I believe it is high time that the ridiculous stories circulated about the A-bomb be killed and buried once and for all. I've even heard of hundreds of thousands of American people, ^{because they} fearful ~~who~~ believe that an enemy agent could board a Hoboken ferry, toting the bomb in a zipper bag, and

blow Manhattan clear into Brooklyn."

So that's out now - the Red spy with an A-bomb. Can't be done, not with the bomb weighing ten thousand pounds; -- according to ^{Look}~~the~~ magazine ^{at any rate.}

(Meanwhile Senator Magnuson of Washington says there'll be an ^{other} atomic experiment at ^{(Kwajalein}~~KWJALEIN~~ atoll - out in the Pacific. ~~The Senator is in the Far East~~ - he was in Hong Kong today. He says the new test will be held by the Atomic Energy Commission within the next few days - a trial of some new weapon, apparently. Kwajalein is ^{near}~~not so far from~~ Bikini, where the first oceanic explosions of the bomb were held.)

SENATOR

Today, the Governor of Michigan named a successor to the late Senator Vandenberg, who died last week. The Governor is a Democrat -- and the result is obvious. Senator Vandenberg was a Republican tower of strength in foreign policy, and a Democrat is named to serve out his unexpired term. Which increases the slim Democratic majority in the Senate from two to four.

The new Senator is a newspaper man, Blair Moody, Washington correspondent for the Detroit News. He went to work on that paper in Nineteen Twenty-three, and was a war correspondent for the news during the Second World conflict. He's a close friend of Governor Mennen Williams, and now goes from news reporting to law-making.

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Organization. Gitlow was asked about relations between the American Communist party and the Comintern.

He broke with the party back in Nineteen Twenty-nine, when he disagreed with Stalin policies, and since then has been ^{an unremitting} ~~a relentless~~ enemy of Soviet Communism. Today he stated that the Comintern exercised ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ complete control over American Communists, sending representatives to party conventions in this country. These were made voting members of all key committees, and drafted all important resolutions. When party leadership was changed in Nineteen twenty-nine, ~~he~~ and Gitlow was tossed out, the order was brought by two agents of Stalin.

KICK-BACKS

In Washington, Congressman Walter Brehm of Ohio is being tried on charges of taking kick-backs from employees of his, who were on the Federal pay-roll. Today, Mrs. Emma Craven, former clerk in the Brehm office, swore that she gave the Congressman part of her government salary -- two-hundred-and-ten dollars out of four hundred and fifty dollars a month. She says he told her it would go to the Republican National Committee as campaign contributions. ~~Of course its~~ against the law for legislators to accept campaign gifts from federal employees. But, then, the Republican National Committee states it received only about a hundred dollars from Brehm.

Mrs. Craven stated further today that, shortly before he was indicted by a Grand Jury, the Congressman offered to repay the alleged kick-backs she handed him.

This follows testimony by another former clerk in the Brehm office, who said she refunded part of her salary -- kick-backs.

FOLLOW KICKBACKS

It is disclosed that Congressman Brehm swore before a grand jury last year that he never received parts of the salaries of ^{his} ~~the two~~ women clerks.

ROOKIE

At Fort Devens, Massachusetts, today - a rookie was given his uniform, and got into it. James Avis, an eighteen year old of Hartford, Connecticut. Looked like just another recruit, ready for the awkward squad. ~~But~~ That is, he did, until he pinned on a string of decorations - the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with one cluster, the Korean service ribbon, and a combat infantryman's badge. Sounds astonishing, but here's the story.

Jim Avis was in the army when he was fifteen. ~~But~~ Enlisting by fraud - using his brother's birth certificate. They sent him over to Korea, where he saw service on the old Pusan beachhead; then he was wounded near Seoul, returned to duty, crossed the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, and was wounded again at the ~~Chosin~~ Chosin Reservoir. That was when the Lieutenant of his outfit was wounded and trapped in a gulley. Jim went through enemy fire, and dragged the Lieutenant back to safety.

He got the bronze star for that. But he also

got -- the boot. Kicked right out of the Army. In the hospital, his wounds being treated, they discovered how old he was - under age.

Sent home, Jim had to wait until he was eighteen. So now he says: "I want to go back to Korea with my buddies in the Seventh Division."

He enlisted - and that was how a rookie, today, was handed a uniform, ^{to which he} ~~and~~ added a string of military decorations.

RAIN QUEEN

In the land of the Balobedu tribe, in South Africa, the rain Queen refused to take poison today. Which was a startling thing. Majaji-the-Third is the Chieftainess of the tribe, and the custom has been for the rain Queen to end her life upon reaching the age of eighty - taking poison in the presence of the tribal elders. Ten Rain Queens did so, one generation after another, Majaji's mother and grandmother took the poison.

But times change, even in the Balobedu tribe. She has ruled for fifty-three years, and today was her Eightieth Birthday. The village elders were all prepared - but Majaji said - no! The elders were perturbed. The weather has been dry, and they are afraid there will be no rain at all - now that the Rain Queen has rejected the poison.

GIRL'S LETTER

At Camp Rucker, Alabama, Private John Szpara heard from his girl - Miss Audrey Brumirski of Milwaukee. Audrey began by saying: "I just felt like writing a long letter." Which was no joke -- the letter was thirty-six feet long!

Audrey wrote it on shelving paper. You know - the kind of paper ^{your wife puts} ~~you use~~ on shelves. It comes in rolls. Audrey took eleven hours to pen the billet doux. The dispatch doesn't say how long it took John to read it.

Well, this is a world addicted to love letters, pages covered with sentimental words and sighs. "My own dearest darling"! A lot of X's -- for kisses! Signed "Yours, with oceans of love"! But imagine - thirty-six feet of sweet nothings, *Nelson!*