

We have an official denial of a report that a military evacuation has begun in Korea. ^(Earlier) ~~today~~ dispatches declared that a new "redeployment" was going on - U.N. military forces moving out by sea from the port of Inchon. But the U.S. Naval Commander at that harbor states, in positive terms, that this is not the case. He says that assembled warships are taking out thousands of Korean refugees, together with American civilian workers and American wounded - but no evacuation at Inchon.

The retreat in that sector goes on - by land. The Chinese Reds have occupied Seoul, and some have crossed the Han River on the ice - but these are only patrols. The withdrawal southward is being made in orderly fashion, and is not impeded by any particular opposition.)

Over to the east, in the mountains, affairs are obscure - little news tonight about events, as masses of Chinese Reds press on southward. But that is a danger point.

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~~night~~ The goal of the Communists appears to be the city of Wonju. That's the key transport center of middle Korea, with a network of highways, by which advancing Reds might threaten to cut in behind the retreating Eighth Army.

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Today, in Washington, Secretary of Defense George Marshall made ~~the~~^a formal statement, declaring that the retirement in Korea is all according to plan. He said the military situation is developing "almost exactly" as the American high command anticipated.

Secretary Marshall held a news conference, out of the ordinary - to reassure the country against pessimism. He said affairs are critical in Korea. But, against what he called "almost incredible odds," - The U.N. forces are carrying out a pre-determined military plan.

TRUMAN - KOREA

(President Truman says the United States has no intention of bombing Communist China - not now, anyway. Everybody admits that it's a fearful handicap - to leave the Chinese resources above the Yalu River safe and secure from air attack. But the President told the newsmen today that bombing Red China might bring on a formal declaration of war with Red China,) which this country hopes to avoid, (keeping the Korean conflict in the category of a "police action.")

GENERAL DEAN

The official story of General Dean was revealed today, as preparations are made to award a posthumous Congressional Medal of Honor; first to win the nation's highest military decoration in the Korean War.

In the town of Taejon, when the Korean Reds were making their early sweep, Gen. Dean personally ^{attacked an} enemy tank with a hand-grenade, was pinned down by gunfire. He got out of that and organized bazooka teams that knocked out three Red tanks. Taejon was evacuated, but "Big Bill Dean" stayed behind, to get the wounded out. During the turmoil, in the dead of night, he became separated from his aide - and was never seen again.

There have been contradictory stories from Korean prisoners - some telling of the murder of General Dean by the Reds. Others insisting that he is alive - a prisoner of war. Mrs. Dean has never

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given up hope - and she takes that unflinching hope to the White House on Tuesday, to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, awarded to her husband.

WARNING

At Louisville, Kentucky, the Crist family today received a letter from their son - a little late. He warns them about careful driving over the holiday weekends. He's a prudent young fellow, cautious - and urged them not to take chances. In his letter he wrote: "You all be careful. I hear the accident toll over the holidays is setting a record."

The letter came from Korea, and the prudent, careful young man is Ensign Denny Crist, a Navy war pilot - who has been in the news with hairbreadth escapes. Once, he had to land on a carrier deck in a blinding snowstorm - and that was a wild one. Another time his plane crashed in flames on the deck, and he suffered some burns. A month ago, he was shot down by enemy ground fire, and was rescued by a Navy helicopter.

But, No Sir - he didn't want his folks taking any holiday risks on those highways down around Louisville. ~~on holiday~~
~~weekends~~

SQUATTER

In South Carolina, near Charleston, the "Goat Man" is giving up squatter's rights to Goat Island. He is Henry Holloway, seventy-four years old - who ten years ago moved, with his wife, onto the island - uninhabited except for goats. He said he was - "retiring from the world." They put up a shack, and claimed squatter's rights - under a law of long ago. Which rights the squatter has defended with a shotgun. People call him the "Goat Man." He says he knows personally everyone of the five hundred goats that swarm in the tangled thickets, and has a name for each.

It seems Goat Island has an owner, who wants to sell the sandspit, but he has to get around the squatter's rights claimed by the Goat Man - there with his shotgun. So now a compromise is being made. Today the Goat Man came into Charleston, to sign papers, whereby he gives up squatter's rights. But, in return, it is agreed that, sale or no sale - he'll be allowed to live on the island, among the goats.

TRAFFIC CHARGE

At Van Nuys, California, today, Judge Kenneth Holoday said helplessly - "Case dismissed." It was a traffic charge against Paul Davis - who had failed to answer a summons for speeding. So the Police Department sent him a stern warning - appear in court, or face arrest.

Today the case came before the judge, in the form of a letter from Paul Smith. It was postmarked "Korea", and read as follows: "You wouldn't inconvenience me a bit by taking me into custody. I wish you would come and get me, because I've been looking for a way out of this hell-hole they call Korea. P.S. Bring your long underwear, fur lined coats and ear muffs - because it's pretty cold over here."

So the judge could only sigh and dismiss the case against Private Paul Davis - a Marine serving at the battlefront.

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower expresses the belief that Western Europe can be defended from Soviet attack - if the free nations over there will match the sacrifices this country is making. ^{Said he! -} "I don't believe it is possible for a hundred and ninety million backward people to conquer the great Western civilization. But Europe will have to match the American sacrifices."

In London, the American deputy for the North Atlantic Pact rebuked the Western powers for - "dragging their heels." Not doing their part fast enough - in providing forces for the Army that Eisenhower is to command.

(All this is in line with congressional demands that pressure be put on the West European countries - urging them to muster their strength.)

Another demand is that the White House get congressional permission before more American troops are sent to Europe. But, at his news conference today, President Truman rejected this contention, and stated that he does not need any special permission to send American

divisions to join the army commanded by General Ike.

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AIR_FORCE

At Knoxville, Tennessee, today the local Navy Recruiting Station issued a blast against what certainly sounds like a mean trick. The Air Force circulated a photograph of one of its new recruits - Melton Jones. Now, Melton used to be a sailor in the Navy, and the picture showed him taking off his Navy uniform, and joining the Air Force. Like a proud promotion - or that was the impression to be conveyed.

Which makes the Navy scream. They say that regulations were violated - because, after the sailor was discharged from the Navy, he had no right to wear the uniform. At least - not while joining the Air Force. Furthermore, he had tried to re-enlist in the Navy, but was rejected.

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CONTROLS

President Truman says that ceilings on wages and prices will be imposed, as soon as federal control machinery is ready. This applies to the more important items in the cost of living and ~~he insisted that~~ Congress may be asked on Monday for authority to put ceilings on food prices. The President declared that methods of control are being worked out - but he didn't say when they'd be ready.

TRUMAN PROGRAM

There seems to be little dismay in the White House - over the seizure of power, yesterday, by the coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans. At his news conference today, President Truman stated that, in spite of all, he hopes to put his Fair Deal program through the Eighty-Second Congress. Which might seem to be the height of optimism - seeing the Southern Democrats are anti-Fair Deal, not to mention the Republicans, and the ^{is} coalition holds a majority in the House. ~~of Representatives.~~

BAILLIE

Another war criminal denounced - Hugh Baillie of the United Press! The Reds don't like the articles he has been writing - the President of the U.P. having gone to Japan, Korea and Europe, covering the story like a reporter. So now the Red Romanian News Agency issues a long blast, calling Hugh Baillie a "war criminal." He doesn't follow the Soviet Communist line - the criminal!

Headline in the world of labor - the International Association of Machinists rejoining the A.F. of L. The Machinists are the biggest independent union in the country, and have been in and out of the A.F. of L. twice in the past five years. This - because of quarrels over jurisdiction. But the disagreements have been patched up, and the biggest independent union, with six hundred thousand machinists, goes back into the American Federation of Labor.

AIR CRASH

~~Later news today, pictures good fast work by an~~
~~airliner crew in ~~xxxxxx~~~~ ^{by} the crash at Chicago early ~~this~~
~~today the~~ ^{morning,} first word called it a miracle - ~~that~~ forty-eight
passengers ~~got~~ out safely, just before the wrecked airliner
burst into flames.

The big plane took off, but there was an engine
failure of some kind - and Pilot Marvin Staddon of Maybrook,
New Jersey, couldn't get it more than ten feet off the ground.
So all he could do was take the crowded airliner for a
crash-landing into a couple of haystacks a mile and a half
from the airport.

Immediately - fire broke out in ^{(an engine} ~~the xxxxxxxx~~
and horror seemed to be about to happen. Staddon and his
Co-Pilot, H.O. Howarth of Miami, Florida, jumped out of their
compartment and made a dash to get passengers out. But they ~~was~~
found that the stewardess, Thelma Dennis, of North Miami,
already had the rear door open, and was herding out the
forty-five people in orderly fashion. The pilot and co-pilot

joined the stewardess on the job - and that's how all the passengers were clear when the plane burst into flames.

YOGI

In London, Sir Paul Dukes is an expert in the Hindu art of - Yoga. He is, in fact, a British Yogi, who can perform the legendary exploits, physical and metaphysical. To prove it - Sir Paul Dukes gave a demonstration on television.

Today's London dispatch tells how the British Yogi displayed the trick of being perfectly rigid - suspending himself between two chairs, and remaining motionless. Then, perfect flexibility - rolling himself into a ball, as if he were made of rubber, and holding that pose. The television audience was impressed no end by the perfect physical control - ^{so} mysterious, ^{so} occult.

Then, on his way from the studio, Sir Paul Dukes tripped, and spained an ankle. ^{le.} Not such perfect Yoga.

FOOTBALL

We Americans are taking a lot of abuse these days - Red propoganda dishing it out. But here's the unkindest cut of all - from our British friends and allies.

One of our favorite American heroes is the football player, a guard or tackle. So today, the London Daily Mirrow ran a big photograph of an American pig-skin stalwart, all dressed up in gridiron toge - ready for the traditional game. Below the photograph, he is quoted as follows: "Howdy. I'm a great, big, rough, tough American football player. I got to wear my helmet, shin pads, knee pads, thigh guards, chest protector, and shoulder pads. Why, a guy got a broken finger nail in a game last week," says the American football player.

For British readers, the point of it all is exceedingly clear. Over there they play rugby, which resembles college football, and is almost as rough. They play it in shorts, with no protection at all.

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Well, you'd expect it from the Soviets, but
to the British we can only say - "Et tu Brute'?"

BABY

British law is likely to be perplexed by - the case of the vanishing baby. Their law forbids the appearance of babies on the stage. But does it forbid their disappearance on the stage. To be or not to be. In London, a daughter has been born to John Evans, a magician. His wife, Gwendolyn, is also a magician. So now they announce they are going to use the new baby on the stage - in a vanishing act. Sounds interesting - but how do you keep the baby from bawling right in the middle of the magic? Maybe that's just the time to make the brat vanish.

The legal aspect lies in the fact that there's a British law forbidding the appearance of children on the stage - unless, at the same time, they are getting adequate schooling. But how do you give adequate schooling to an infant? That's what the magician and his wife want to know. They say the law does not apply to the vanishing baby. So they'll

go right ahead with their act - and make the little
darling disappear. Lucky parents! Would say,

Nelson?