

KOREA

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Today's announcement, that the Korean War is about over, ~~was made in as dramatic a way as any statement was ever issued.~~ It came from top authority, General Douglas MacArthur and was put forth in circumstances that a gifted playwright would have been proud to devise. The dialogue was that good.

The headlines today have been blazoning a final spectacular stroke of war -- and it was a thriller. That paratroop landing -- to the northeast of the captured Red capital. Four thousand soldiers of the sky descending to block the escape of Red forces from Pyongyang - catching them in a trap. Not much opposition was encountered, only sniper and machine gun fire at one place. The paratroopers went quickly into military formation, and seized two road junctions, escape routes for the fleeing Reds.

General MacArthur flew along with the air invasion armada, and watched the paratroopers flock down upon the rice paddies. From his big transport plane, he gazed at the pageant scene of four thousand soldiers,

together with all kinds of equipment, floating down to earth on the ballooning silk.

When it was all over, he said: "It looked perfect to me. It looked like the closing of the trap - and, with the closing of the trap, that should be the end of organized resistance. The war," he summarized, "is very definitely coming to an end shortly."

So that was the announcement of the end - spoken as a concluding sentence of a Commander's verdict on a stroke of war which he had just witnessed. *from his gallery seat in a plane.*

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The latest -- a surprise bulletin stating that the South Korean Sixth Division has linked up with the paratroopers. That Sixth Division was pushing from the East, but seems to have swung north to join the invaders from the sky.

All along the line the soldiers of the U N are obeying General MacArthur's latest command - to drive at full speed through the remainder of North Korea all the way to the border of Communist Manchuria, and Siberia.

## SOVIETS

A big-time conference opened at Prague today, with Molotov presiding. In the capital of Red Czechoslovakia, the leaders of eight Iron Curtain countries gathered to consider action against projects of the west -- for the rearmament of Western Germany. This follows a Moscow Protest to the United States, saying the Soviet Government would not "tolerate" the creation of a West German Army. The diplomatic document has not yet been received in Washington, but this afternoon Secretary of State <sup>Acheson</sup> rejected it in advance.

The Soviets agree to discuss a Japanese peace treaty. That is the latest from the U N, where American delegate John Foster Dulles has been lining up support for a seven-point program offered by the United States. The Russians have been boycotting the whole thing. But today, suddenly, Red delegate Malik told Dulles that he was willing to consider the Japanese peace treaty business -- in informal talks.

One point in the American blueprint concerns Formosa. The big powers would try for an agreement on that island, together with others formerly held by the Japanese. They would have a year for a settlement among themselves - and, if they failed, the matter would go before the General Assembly of the United Nations. Which means that, if Moscow does enter Japanese peace treaty negotiations, the explosive question of Formosa would be held in abeyance for at least a year.

## MAGINOT

Here's a news dispatch that sounds - ten years old. About the Maginot line - those mighty defenses, intended to make France forever safe against Germany. But, in the Second World War, the Nazi blitzkrieg made the four hundred million dollar super-fortification look ridiculous. Yet today, a dispatch from Paris tells of projects to restore the Maginot Line, as defense against Russia.

Long abandoned, the Maginot Line is a subterranean picture of dreary desolation. The massive underground forts are damp and moldy. The concrete walls of the miles of tunnel are covered with moss and lichen. The formidable gun rooms now swarm with rats. The military catacombs are blocked by thick curtains of spiderwebs.

But there's one school of French military thought which holds that the Maginot Line should be reopened.

They argue that, actually, the mighty fortification was never broken by the Germans - but was

outflanked by the Nazi blitzkrieg, driving through Belgium. They say the subterranean passages would be first rate shelters against atomic attack - and could be used for underground workshops and factories.

The opposition denounces what it calls - "A return to Maginot psychology." That is, a tendency to depend on a fortified line - disastrous for France in the Second World War. They say the whole Maginot business is utterly out of date in an era of armor, jet planes, and atomic bombs.)

Recently, hints began to appear in French newspapers, with reports that the Maginot Line was being restored, and reoccupied. Word is out that a contracting firm was approached - to give an estimate of the cost of repairing one section of the fortifications.

An argument is said to be going in high military circles - a controversy that is likely to flare up in a public sensation.

STIMSON

One of the <sup>top international figures of our</sup> ~~important figures of our time~~

<sup>era</sup> passed away tonight, Henry L. Stimson, who was Secretary of war to three Presidents and Secretary of State to still another. Eighty-three years old, ~~one~~ <sup>he</sup> suffered a heart attack. Henry L. Stimson was in the Cabinet of Republican Presidents back before the Roosevelt era, and then served as Secretary of War during the global conflict. His career was one of the most notable of our time.



GENERAL CLARK FOLLOW TRUMAN

In all stately, spectacular events, the real fun is to note the oddities and mishaps. So now let's go back to one of those impressive conferences of World War Two -- Casablanca, Roosevelt-Churchill. The military host at the party was General Mark Clark, and his ~~book appeared today~~ *exceedingly interesting book just out is* called -- "Calculated Risk." *In it, many grand stories -- one* He tells about difficulties with French factions in North Africa, and President Roosevelt had his troubles with General Giraud; delicate negotiations were necessary, but that was easy for F.D.R., or so he thought -- just apple pie. Because the wartime President was proud of the fact that he could talk French. He learned it in school. You know - when you major in French. *- at Groton?* F.D.R. liked to make speeches in the tongue of *De Moliere* ~~Cacine~~ and Moliere. So he was all set to negotiate with Giraud, *with his* ~~in the good old~~ *parlez-vous = Francais technique.* "I brought the French general to the President's headquarters," Mark Clark relates. "The President didn't like to make use of an interpreter, and tried to conduct the conversation in French. ~~EEEEEE~~"

This," Clark goes on, "was a dismal failure, since Giraud merely became more and more puzzled as the President rattled along in his rusty French. Finally, we had to get an interpreter, to end the confusion."

Later, there was another mix-up. F.D.R. had lunch with a bunch of G.I.'s, and ate out of an ordinary army mess kit. "When the meal was over," says General Clark, "the President called me to one side.

"'I wonder', he said, 'if I could have the mess kit I just ate from as a souvenir of this day.'

"To which the General said - 'Certainly, Mr. President.'" but he was in a panic.

"The mess kits," explains Mark Clark, "had been removed, and I dashed around to the rolling kitchen, where I found they had been not only mixed up, but had all been washed. There was only one thing to do. 'Give me a mess kit! -- any mess kit, and make it fast!'" commanded the General. So he got the first one that happened to be handy.

This he took to F.D.R., presenting it with

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"The President was delighted, and said: "I'll have this put in the Smithsonian Institution."

So they may have had on display at <sup>the</sup> Smithsonian not the mess kit used by the President of the United States at the Casablanca Conference, but the eating utensils with which some sergeant or G.I. shoveled down the chow. ~~All as confused as F.D.R., talking French with an incomprehensible pasley-voas.~~

## MONSTER

From the British Port of Plymouth a ship sailed today - on a search for sea monsters. An expedition, of eleven Danish scientists, headed by Dr. Anton Braun, science director at Copenhagen University. He's an eminent authority, and he firmly believes in - sea monsters.

The expedition has a specially constructed vessel, with gear to search the greatest depths of the ocean. That's where they believe fantastic giants of the under-water are most likely to be found. Especially - in the "Mindanao deep". Which vast abyss off the Philippine Island of Mindanao, is known to ~~be seven~~ <sup>go down,</sup> ~~down,~~ <sup>for seven miles below the surface of</sup> miles deep - an immense chasm of the ocean that has never been explored. Maybe monsters lurk down there.

Before sailing today, the Danish scientists were encouraged by a new revival of Scotland's ancient legend - the Loch Ness monster. Which fabulous critter is reported to have been sighted again - this time by a member of the "Royal Observer Corps." He says that, through a pair of binoculars, he spied - "A creature

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twenty-five to thirty-five feet long, dark olive color above, and brown on the flanks."

"The thing that chiefly impressed me," says this member of The Royal Observer Corps, "was the size of the eyes, which were very prominent. The neck was graceful, about five feet long." The Loch Ness monster - with a graceful neck and big, beautiful eyes.

The Danish scientists hope to find something like that in the Mindanao deep.

## IRON

At Minneapolis - an announcement that may be of the greatest importance for this country. Concerning the iron deposits in Minnesota - this country's number one source of the all-important metal. The word is that a new extension of the vermilion iron range has been discovered - and that vermilion range produces the highest grade of ore.

Dr. George Schwartz, professor of geology at the University of Minnesota, tells of a job of - "aero-magnetic mapping." That is, using magnetic devices to detect iron under ground, and charting it from the air.

In that way, they found the deposits of the vermilion range run off in a curve, an unsuspected bend. The veins of ore continue under a desolate wilderness, without roads or inhabitants, and are covered by fifty to a hundred feet of glacial drift. Back in the ice age, the glaciers laid a covering over what looks like a new great source of iron, the highest grade ore.

## STASSEN

Stassen gets his reply from Stalin - or rather, he doesn't. His letter to the Soviet premier, draws a reply in Pravda - the Moscow newspaper of the Communist Party. The answer is - "no," with a rich decoration of insults. Pravda says the Stassen letter to Stalin was - "A dirty game, a self-seeking, self-advertising trick." There's a lot more like that, heaping abuse on the president of the University of Pennsylvania, often mentioned as a Republican possibility for the Presidential nomination.

Outside of the usual brand of Red vituperation, one statement is being noted as a possible clue to Soviet policy. Harold Stassen, suggesting an interview with Stalin, called upon the Soviets to end aggression and live in harmony with the west. To this ~~Myxxxx~~ the Moscow newspaper replies in the following words: "Stassen's letter demands no more and no less than that the Soviet union change its policy. It is not difficult to see," adds Pravda, "that Stassen is not only impertinent, but funny."

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Sounds like a Moscow declaration that there will be no change - ~~it~~ and that's what observers in Moscow take it to mean. Also - that <sup>the</sup> Pravda article is the only reply <sup>that Harold</sup> ~~which~~ Stassen, ~~will be~~ <sup>president of</sup> the Univ. of Penn. will get from cold and aloof Uncle Joe who won't even be so polite as to acknowledge the Stassen letter.



**HURRICANE**

*Extra*

It's hurricane week in Florida -- a new blast of the tropical tempest heading for the west coast. The one earlier in the week littered Florida with wreckage and did fifteen million dollars' worth of damage. And now another.

Hurricane scouting planes report winds up to a hundred miles an hour, as the big blow travels to the northeast, and threatens to hit the coast between Tampa and St. Petersburg.

## FOOTBALL GAMBLING

From Chicago - evidence of a football gambling syndicate, doing a multi-million dollar business all the way across the nation. This follows the smashing of a Chicago football betting pool, which takes in twenty-five thousand dollars a week.

Undercover police raided the outfit, and seized records indicating that the Chicago gang was connected with similar pools in cities everywhere -- a nationwide syndicate. Moreover, there are signs that the football syndicate is tied in with a cross-country race track gambling organization -- in a vast empire of gambling.

KOREA

The Korean news brings one of those apparent impossibilities - aircraft show<sup>↑</sup> down by a land mine.  
This mix-up of earth and sky occurred when Captain Ferdinald Svore of Alexandria, South Dakota, was making an air search for an American pilot shot down behind enemy lines.

The captain was flying a helicopter - swinging along over a road. A party of Reds, before fleeing, had mined the road - and the helicopter <sup>↓</sup> was just above, when one of the mines exploded.

A blast of debris shot high into the air, hit the flying machine, and wrecked it. So that was how Captain Svore was shot down by a land mine. He climbed out of the tangle - uninjured, but <sup>hit</sup> the Captain Svore, eh Nelson?

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