

SUB LEAD KOREA

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dispatches (Jackson, T.H.)
The latest from Korea tells of a Red

penetration on the east central front, where South Korean divisions were forced back.) United Press correspondent William Burson reports that one south Korean unit was encircled, but fought its way out.

The Communist advances forced a withdrawal of a whole division. ^R The official bulletin tonight from Eighth Army headquarters states that the enemy made what is called "three slight penetrations" of the allied lines southwest of Inje. ^{at} ~~the~~ the eastern ^{end} ~~point~~ of the central front. The Reds are attacking in howling waves, the "human sea". A staff officer at eighth Army headquarters said this afternoon "it looks pretty big."

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KOREA

Military secrecy conceals the details of the battle in Korea today, but it is clear that the Reds are launching their main drive in the central mountains - just as had been expected. They began by hitting the eastern end of the central front, picking on the south Koreans as usual, and capturing the town of Inje. Today the ^{Red} human sea surged forward all along the line of ^{some} thirty miles. The assault was backed by heavy artillery fire, and was heralded by the sound of whistles and bugles -- as has now become familiar.

This time the mass attack of Reds was flung against carefully prepared positions, broad mine-fields and barricades of barbed wire and sand bags -- backed up by concentrations of artillery. There was no element of surprise. The offensive was expected -- under the cover of rain and heavy clouds, ^{which tied} ~~even~~ up the American air force.

Today Major General William Hoge, Commander of the Central front said: "We are prepared for the

worst the enemy has, never have we been better
prepared." South Korean troops withdrew to new
defense positions. So that's the situation - as the reds hurl
their biggest "human sea" assault against the most
powerful fortifications we have had over there.

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FOLLOW KOREA

The latest -- a dispatch stating that both American and South Korean troops withdrew to new defense positions -- on Thursday, which has already begun in Korea.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS

Here's a story that sounds Chinese all right. It is about the number two Communist in Southern China, named -- Fang Fang. Correct enough in English, too -- the Red Fangs of the Communists.

The report comes through that Fang Fang was shot and seriously wounded several days ago by members of the Anti-Communist underground. The time was cleverly selected -- during the festivities, which were celebrated in the usual Chinese way, with fire-crackers. The sound of the pistol shots blended with the fire-crackers, and attracted no attention - as they tried to kill Fang Fang.

IRAN

The Iranian government has ~~xx~~ clamped down on the fanatical Moslem organization called Fidaian Islam. Today the Deputy Chief of that crowd of terrorists was arrested - after a fierce fight. He is the right-hand man of the supreme leader of Fidaian Islam, named Safavi - who is now a fugitive, hunted by the police.

In London, meanwhile, a British note on the Iranian oil situation has been toned down, modified, on advice from the United States. But still, this easier version warns that grave consequences may follow the seizure of the property of the Anglo-Iranian oil company.

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BOLIVIA

Bolivia is under military government tonight -- following the resignation of the President, who ~~has~~ has left for Chile. The word is that the President quit voluntarily - feeling himself unable to deal with the situation resulting from an election ten days ago.

In that battle of ballots, six candidates ran for President, and nobody won an absolute majority. That, according to the Bolivian constitution, puts it up to the Congress of the Republic - which is scheduled to meet early in August to pick a President from the three candidates who polled the highest vote.

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INDIA WHEAT

The Senate has voted approval of a shipment of two million tons of wheat to India - to relieve famine conditions. The grain to be sent on what are called - "Easy loan terms." The bill has an amendment providing that part payment shall be made in the form of strategic material^s - scarce metals like manganese and monazite. The latter - an element that may have some use in the atomic energy program.

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MACARTHUR

We have no testimony from General Bradley today - although the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was on hand to continue his evidence. The Senate Committee got into a bitter wrangle about Bradley's refusal to answer a question yesterday. He was asked about what transpired at a White House conference that brought about the decision to remove General MacArthur. He said: "I do not think it proper for me to try to repeat conversations with the President." Today the White House backed up his refusal.

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TAX

The Ways and Means Committee of the House voted an interesting proposal today - to tax gambling. Slap a ten percent levy on the receipts of bookmakers, numbers racketeers, and other gamblers. They^u money_^ is made illegally, violating the law - but, the committee, nevertheless, wants to put a tax on it. Which causes a spokesman for the bureau of internal revenue to say - "it is a brand new concept."

He points out that gamblers do not keep records of their receipts - which would amount to records of law violation. "We cannot predict in what kind of trouble we may run into," says the tax bureau, "but if Congress passes the bill, we will do our darndest to ^(administerate it.) ~~administerate it.~~"

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syllifying than ever.

ROCKET

A mysterious affair in Pasadena, California -- at a laboratory developing a new-fangled gadget for launching rockets. The device was kept at the rear of the plant, and - last night, a factory foreman saw a burst of light. This was like a photo flash-bulb going off in taking pictures. He hurried to the scene, and saw two men running away with a camera. They got over a fence and escaped.

Sounds like spy work - but today the President of the laboratory stated there is nothing secret at all about the new gadget for rockets.

"If they wanted to get a picture," says he, "they didn't have to climb the fence to get it. They could come during business hours and get it."

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WRECKS

The Erie Railroad is celebrating its hundredth birthday, and today the festivities were spectacular indeed. Near the town of Arkport, New York, a long freight train was rolling, one hundred and thirty-nine ~~yx~~ cars. Something went wrong - and twenty-nine jumped the track, producing a fantastic pile-up. ^{TR} Two were gasoline tankers, and they burst into flames. Fire departments from surrounding towns came hurrying, and put out the blaze. The casualties numbered - zero. Not a soul even injured -- in a spectacular wreck that ripped up fifteen hundred feet of the track and roadbed.

^{TR} At Salamanca, New York, today, it was a case of twelve freight cars and two cabooses breaking loose and running wild down an incline. Something went wrong, while cars were being switched in the town of Dunkirk - and, the next thing you know, the twelve freight cars and two cabooses were on their way to Salamanca, seven miles downhill. They got up to sixty miles an hour, when they hit a freight train

standing at Salamanca. Nine cars derailed and demolished - but, again nobody even injured.

If this runaway had occurred yesterday, the twelve freight cars and two cabooses would have met the Erie Centennial train coming down the tracks.

RITA

This may be bad news for Rita Hayworth.

If she rears her daughter Yasmin as a Moslem - Rita herself, would have to live according to Moslem law. So states the head of the Islamic Mission of America, Shaikh Daous Ahmed Faisal.

She'd have to wear a long robe, covering all but face and hands, she could never drink any alcoholic beverage, never eat ~~xxxxxxx~~ pork, never smoke. The Shaikh Daoud ^hAhmed Faisal was asked -- what about screen kisses, if Rita should go back into pictures? To this he replied solemnly it is immoral for a man to kiss a woman in public." This, he said applies even to husband and wife. But, anyway, how could Rita act in pictures, in those Mohammedan clothes? All of which might not be worth the three million dollar trust fund that Rita is asking from her husband Aly - son of the Aga Khan, spiritual leader of millions of Moslems.

SUN SPOT

If you want to see a sun spot, get some smoked glass or fogged photographic negative - meaning a giant blot has appeared on the face of the solar disc. So big, it can be seen with the ~~xxx~~ naked eye. One hundred thousand miles long, twenty-five thousand miles wide.

Which, says the Director of the McMillan Observatory at the Ohio State University, is highly unusual - at a time like this. Sun spots, which are vast solar cyclones, usually run in a cycle passed two years ago. So a sun spot that big ~~xxx~~ was not expected -- but there it is.

RACKETEER

In New York Louis Weber was convicted tonight of committing perjury, when he lied to the Senate crime investigators, the Kefauver committee. This is not unexpected since Weber, a racketeer in the numbers game, was caught in contradiction of stories with James J. Moran, and other evidence indicated that they both were wrong. Moran was convicted of perjury a few days ago, and in his trial, Weber did not testify or offer any witnesses. Tonight -- convicted of perjury.

BRITAIN

This next bit of news would sound like a parody - except that it emanates from London officials, running the festival of Britain. In that great British world's fair, they have a problem of - people queuing up. No, there is no difficulty persuading them to get in line. Just the opposite. Visitors to the Fair are queuing up -- without rhyme or reason.

Today's dispatch from London puts it in these words - "Britons love to stand in line, waiting for something. The habit became an obsession during the war, when there was a shortage of everything. Festival officials asked police today to help break up the unnecessary queues, ~~in~~ and newspapers appealed to visitors - not to be sheep" says the dispatch.

The mania for getting in line came to a climax when three Scandinavians stopped at a booth to look at a guide book. After studying the book for a minute or two, they looked around - and, to their amazement, ^{they} saw that a long queue had formed up behind them.

SCALPS

In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a bill was introduced today - giving an unfamiliar angle of American history. We were taught plenty about how Indian braves, with tomahawks, swooped in down on unoffending settlers, and scalped them.

But here comes the bill in the Pennsylvania legislature -- calling for the cancellation of an old law. The bill uses these words -- "the repeal of the existing law providing for the payment of bounties for Indian ~~sk~~ scalps by the Commonwealth or any political sub-division."

Which certainly puts the show^e on the other foot - or, rather, takes the scalp from the other head. To this day - Pennsylvania ^{with a legal statute} ~~has a legal~~ offering bounties for Indian scalps. Does that worry

1/4 you, Nelson?

About the jet planes used in Korea —

Ten years ago today, at a Royal Air Force base in Lincolnshire, Jerry Dayre took off on the first successful jet flight ever. Germany had tried a jet in Nineteen Thirty-Nine. They got a plane in the air but it crashed. The Italians too, had flown a ^{one} machine, but it had a piston engine to ~~power its~~ ^{provide} compressor, ⁱⁿ so wasn't a jet at all. The British effort was ~~genuine~~ and successful, with ~~the~~ ^{an} engine designed by Frank Whittle. ~~Just think what has happened since~~ ^{IP} ~~that first jet flight ten years ago!~~ ^{was only} The top speed piston-engine-fighter ^{plane} of the war did four-hundred-and-fifty miles an hour. Today six-hundred-and-fifty is reached daily over Korea, ^{and every} ~~the~~ barrier of the speed-of-sound has been ^{broken through!} ~~approached~~ and pierced by Chuck Yeager, an American.

Before Whittle, it took over twenty years to ^{go from} ~~put over~~ speeds ^A ~~from~~ a hundred and twenty, to three hundred miles an hour. ~~It has taken only~~ ^{It} ten years of ~~jet to double~~ ^{has been doubled.} that three hundred. The first jet engine to fly in the States was one of Whittle's.

sent over under armed guard. It had a dummy air screw stuck on the front for camouflage, and is now on view in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

From that first engine come all the series of British and American jets, which today are ten times as powerful.

All this in ten years. ~~And what in the next ten? I wonder if even Sir Frank Whittle would care to see prophecy.~~