

A dispatch from Tokyo states that the big question at the moment is - not when will the armistice be signed, but what will South Korea do about it? There is almost complete optimism about a U.N. - U.S.A. agreement with the Reds. Negotiators from both sides were putting on the finishing touches today. And from the truce camp, we hear that the fighting probably will end in a few days.

But Syngman Rhee is still opposed to an armistice that would leave Korea divided. Today a report from Seoul, said he was planning a last minute appeal to President Eisenhower, to kill the armistice. Also, the South Korean Premier was reported about to fly to Washington, to see the President - or to Tokyo, to talk to General Mark Calrk,. These are just rumors so far, - but they indicate how much Syngman Rhee opposes the plans for an armistice.

Meanwhile, the Lower House of the South Korean Parliament calls on the Syngman Rhee government to ignore the armistice, and launch a military drive to expel

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the Reds and unify the whole peninsula, a most ambitious project! Crowds of South Koreans have been demonstrating in Seoul, protesting against the truce - and shouting: "Unification or death!"

Today we also hear that only nine high Korean military officers are being called home from America - not the four hundred officers who were said to be leaving this country - abruptly leaving the military schools in which they have been studying. Furthermore, Syngman Rhee has not accepted the resignation of his delegate to the truce talks. Nevertheless the South Korean Government still refuses to accept the armistice - and threatens to keep fighting after the U.N. and the Reds have come to terms.

KOREA-WAR follow KOREA-TRUCE

More bitter fighting at the front. The scene - that output known as Luke's Castle. North and South Koreans battling for what will be the final line.

At the moment, the Reds are in possession. But the South Koreans are attacking in an all-out attempt to drive them off.

Elsewhere both sides apparently were trying to avoid casualties, with the end of the war in sight.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill still wants a meeting of the Big Four. Speaking in the Commons he said that he still stands for a meeting at Bermuda with President Eisenhower and the French Premier. Also, he has not changed his opinion that there should be a later meeting of all three with Malenkov.

The Prime Minister arguing that nothing happening at Panmunjon, can make a Big Four meeting unnecessary. Then Churchill went on to praise the way we have handled the Korean negotiations; contradicting the criticism of America that of late has been so outspoken in Britain.

He noted that our leaders have been held up by Communist obstinacy - the Reds refusing to come to an agreement up to now. He added that there is one

obstacle that has not been so apparent until now - Syngman Rhee. Churchill pointing out to the Commons, that we have gone ahead in spite of Communist delays, and the oppositon of Syngman Rhee.

As he was speaking, others saying that Britain must be represented at any conference involving that Britain must be represented at any conference involving Korea. Also, the Prime Ministers of the Dominions add that their countries, too, must be represented - either directly or through the British representative.

ITALIAN ELECTIONS

In the Italian elections, Premier deGasperi's government is clinging precariously to its majority. So far, returns show that his pro-Western lineup has been losing ground. The Minister of the Interior claims a majority in the Senate, but greatly reduced from what it had been.

But the important elections are those of the Chamber of Deputies - the Lower House, which really ~~controls~~ controls the government. All the returns are not in yet. And the Minister of the Interior refuses to make any predictions.

The democratic coalition, led by deGasperi, needs at least fifty per cent of the seats to control the Chamber of Deputies. But a strong challenge is coming from the Communists, the Fascists, and the monarchists. Which leaves Italy facing the danger that makes the French government so weak. Many parties, but none with control - every Premier faced with a almost hopeless dilemma. So, we may face the spectacle of Italian Premiers rising and falling - as in France. If de Gasperi has not won a

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a solid victory, he will be faced with a crisis;- and then one crisis may follow another.

INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, a big commando attack by the French, ~~forces~~. A dispatch from Hanoi describes the raiders \leftarrow landing behind ~~the~~ enemy lines, attacking a camp of some three hundred Reds, killing over a hundred and fifty, ~~of them~~, and withdrawing with only one of their ^{own} ~~number~~ dead, and nine wounded.

The French commander in Indo-China, General Henri Navarre, arrived in Hanoi today. ~~And~~ French observers anticipate a major counter-attack against the ~~invading~~ Reds.

~~forces~~.

In the meantime, we hear that the Indo-Chinese ~~authorities~~ are moving to offset Communist propaganda. ~~The~~ Emperor Bao Dai signing a bill to distribute land to the peasants.

The Reds have been promising to break up the great estates - using the promise to win over the small farmers of Indo-China. Now, the loyal government of Bao Dai takes that ~~propaganda~~ away from the Reds, ^{giving} ~~it gives~~ peasants who have cultivated land, for absentee landlords, equal rights with the

owners. A move to stren^gthen the loyalty of the natives caught
behind the Red lines. Bao Dai is also ~~improving the condition~~
~~of the farmers.~~ And limiting the amount of land that one man
can own - in order to prevent the rise of big landlords again.

So Bao Dai uses a traditional weapon against the
Communists - proving to his people that he is the supporter of
the small peasant against the landlord. Which undermines the
propaganda of the Reds, that they are the ones on whom the
peasantry should rely.

QUEEN ELIZABETH

The Coronation festivities finally end for Queen Elizabeth. ~~The British monarch,~~ crowned a week ago today, ~~and~~ since then she has been through a series of official functions and public appearances. The coronation itself was exhausting enough. A dispatch from London describes the young Queen as pale and wane. Saturday she went to the derby at Epsom Downs - and rested her head on the railing of the royal box for some minutes. ~~That, the greatest of all racing events at which the~~ ^{and then} ~~Queen~~ saw her colt come in second. ~~Second to Sir Gordon Richards on the favorite.~~

Today the Queen made ^a ~~her~~ fourth and final visit to the outlying districts of London. ~~She was~~ accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh. ~~And that London dispatch says that,~~ Although she smiled and waved at the crowds - the strain was beginning to show.

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However, there will be no let-up; ~~in the near future.~~ ~~For~~ on Thursday the Queen is to be present - on horseback - for the trooping of the colors. On Monday she is due to review

the royal Navy. And then she must go to Scotland for a
"second coronation" - the Scots to crown ^{their} ~~the~~ Queen themselves.

So no doubt Queen Elizabeth is looking forward to an
end to the cheering and the hoopla. To the time when she
will have fewer public engagements - and more time to spend
with her family.

EVEREST

Now for the Everest story. We all know how those two mountaineers, Hillary and Tensing, climbed to the top of the world's highest mountain - just in time to make their feat a coronation present to the Queen. Now, a dispatch from Nepal tells of a flight over Everest. The plane, flown by an Indian pilot. It took off from the Air Force base at Bihar, flew high into the Himalayas, and on over Mt. Everest at an altitude of more than Thirty-two thousand feet; some three thousand feet above the summit.

The crew of the plane were shooting pictures - black and white, and color. Back in Nineteen Thirty-Three, some British airmen, lead by the then Marquis of Clydesdale - now Duke of Hamilton, were the first to look down on Everest. They filmed it - and I edited those films for ~~REDACTED~~ America.

Then during World War II Colonel Robert Scott, author of "God Was My Co-Pilot" flew it in a pursuit plane so the Indians were the third to fly over Everest.

The original idea was for the plane to cross just as the mountaineers were on their last lap to the top. But this plan had to be called off - for fear that the sound of the engines would loosen snow on the slopes. Which might bring down tremendous avalanches on the mountaineers. So the flight was postponed until Hillary and Tensing and the rest, were safely out of the way. And then the plane went over the spot where the two men had been not long before.

We don't know yet whether Hillary and Tensing are bringing back any pictures of what they saw on the third Pole - the dizziest height on the face of the globe. But we know that the airmen have certainly brought back photographs. And pretty soon crowds will be flocking to the theatres to see them.

ROCKEFELLER

Winthrop Rockefeller, a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas. The grandson of the legendary oil tycoon, John D. Rockefeller, is now established in Little Rock. And the local inhabitants think that he wants a quick Arkansas Divorce from his wife. Rockefeller has been estranged from his ^{spouse -} ~~wife~~ - Bobo - ~~Rocksefeller~~ - for over three years. Last week he set up a million dollar trust fund for her and their son, Winthrop Paul.

His lawyer announces his arrival in Little Rock.

But the lawyer refuses to comment on ^{any reason. He} ~~a possible divorce. He~~ merely states that Winthrop Rockefeller will talk to reporters in a day or two. ~~The member of that famous Rockefeller Family~~ ~~to clarify the status of himself in regard to his wife.~~

Lead
TORNADO

~~After the mid-west - the East. Tonight~~

H Tornadoes smashed through Massachusetts and New Hampshire ^{tonight.} Some thirty deaths reported, and more than three hundred injured in Massachusetts alone. In the city of Worcester, two hundred houses knocked flat. And the twister that hit the city picked up debris and carried it forty-five miles into the Boston area. The Worcester hospital is filled with the injured and Governor Christian Herter is at the scene of the disaster. Police cars moving ~~into~~ into the area to send radio reports because telephone ~~lines~~ lines are down in many places. All firemen and nurses in the city, called out for emergency duty.

So, tornados have appeared in different parts of the country within the space of a few hours. The Weather Bureau states that the Massachusetts storm is not connected with the tornados that hit Michigan and Ohio. The eastern seaboard, producing its own twister almost matching those of the mid-west.

As the result of these storms -and many others of the past few months, Congressman Ray Madden, of Indiana, is calling for an investigation. He wants to know ~~EX~~ whether there is any relation between the atomic bomb explosions and the tornados. Speaking over the radio, Madden said that the Weather Bureau has never known so many tornados as this year. A number of atomic tests have taken place this year. So Congressman Madden asks - is there any connection between the two, between the explosions and the twisters.

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Michigan and Ohio are digging themselves out of the wreckage left by tornadoes - twisters that killed more than a hundred and left a wide swath in both states.

But, as usual with tornadoes there were curious and weird incidents.

There was the man who had his shoes snatched off by the whirling wind. But he remained! At one place in Ohio, the winds lifted a ten thousand pound tractor from a highway - and dropped it gently in a nearby field. The driver in the cab the whole time. Believe it or not the tractor landed right side up. Whereupon the driver jumped out and hid under the thing. Later it was driven away under its own power.

One man was hit by a piece of timber, that had been wrenched from a barn in an adjoining township. And a cow was killed by a two-by-four that the wind drove clean through the cow.

In Bowling Green, Ohio, all electric clocks stopped - at six fifteen P.M. - One city where they know when the storm hit!

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At Flint, Michigan, movie goers were caught out in the open. A hundred or more cars at a drive-in! The picture:- "Invasion U.S.A.!" That was what they were viewing when suddenly crash, bam! A cyclone! Many tried to get away. Says the manager of the drive-in. In trying to leave those who turned right, headed smack into that whirling funnel. Those cars were picked right off the road, and tossed into the nearby field. Those who turned left? They were able to race ahead of the eye of the storm. Those who turned right going full tilt into it. And now Nelson, turning in the lucky direction, turning left - I find you.