

SUB KOREA ^{PH} - ~~PH~~ Fri. Oct. 5 - '51.

In Korea, allied land and sea forces are celebrating a "major victory" tonight. (American soldiers have ripped through the "winter line" which the Communists had built as a snug bulwark against the severe Korean winter.

Units³ of the American Third Division, taking advantage of a British breakthrough, are probing northward toward commanding hill positions.)

~~xxxxx~~ ^{Also, a} U.S. naval force has blasted targets along Hungnam Harbor -- a beach far to the north of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. Shells from the mighty battleship New Jersey and the heavy Cruiser Helena rained down on the beach which was evacuated last Christmas by American marines.

Communist shore batteries returned the fire. But the Navy reports that none of the attacking vessels suffered either casualties or damage. ^{There is} No indication that the bombardment will signal a possible allied landing - but it was a heavy blow at vital enemy supply lines.

The land offensive, which has spread also to East Korea, is best described by the commander of the British Twenty-Fifth Infantry Brigade. He uses the words "major victory" and he should be a pretty good judge - because the British forces, their commonwealth division, were in the forefront of the savage two-day assault that ripped a gaping hole in the Communist defenses. They call it the Red "winter line". All evidence being that the enemy expected a long residence in powerfully constructed fortifications, huge bunkers. Everything - with a permanent look.

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Four American divisions hurled their weight into the fury of the drive, winning that - "major victory." But the British take the brightest part of the spotlight, largely because of the - "Centurions." That word, which ~~derives~~ derives from the legions of ancient Rome, is the name of the new British heavy tank. By all accounts, the ^{"Centurion"} ~~monster~~ is about as powerful a chunk of armor as war has ever known - nimble, too. Today's dispatch tells how the Americans and the enemy Reds were alike astonished, by the way the ^{monster} ~~monstrous~~

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"Centurions" went up steep hills, rugged slopes and smashed enemy strong points with devastating cannon fire.

Actually, the violent offensive ~~was~~^{was} followed by something not unusual in this Korean War - sudden end of resistance. After the bitterest kind of defense for days, the Communists have suddenly melted away. Times previous, they've done disappearing acts like that - which have often been a puzzle. Today, American officers say the explanation ~~is~~^{is} probably - that the Chinese and Korean Reds held stubbornly, until their ammunition was running out. Then - faded away. The result - a big breakthrough. Which now puts the U.N. armor on the edges of the best fighting ground for tanks in Korea, large level spaces. First class for tanks - especially the "Centurions."

CHINESE COMMUNISTS

(From China - news of a revolt of Communist militia.

A month ago a dispatch stated that two hundred militiamen had risen, under the leadership of a guerrilla chieftain. They took to mountain strongholds, in the Province of Kwantung, and held out. We now have a second report - three more former guerrilla chiefs taking their militia units to the mountains. Revolt spreading - and lining up with the Nationalists on Formosa.

The Communists have an explanation. They say the morale of the Red militia was ruined by wine and women. Maybe they also sang. Neutral Chinese opinion, however, is that the militia grew discontent, because they thought they should run things. Instead, Red bureaucrats took control.)

ATOMIC WEAPONS

Two developments tonight in the story of America's rapidly developing atomic arsenal.

First, a disclosure by Gordon Dean, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, that a new tactical A-bomb -- suitable for use on the battlefield -- already is in production.

And, second, a demand by three Senators that President Truman authorized our commanders to use the new tactical bomb against the Communists in Korea -- whenever the battlefield situation is ripe.

Dean's remarks -- regarded by his listeners at the University of Southern California as a statement of historic importance - have been broadcast around the world. An obvious warning to Russia that we already possess A-bombs which could be used to smash Communist hordes on the actual field of battle.


From Moscow -

The first official announcement that the Russians made an atom bomb test recently. (Premier Joseph Stalin has just confirmed Wednesday White House announcement that Russia has succeeded in exploding "another atomic" bomb - the second in two years.)

SUE WALLACE

The question of Henry Wallace and Communism was discussed again today before a Senate subcommittee. And the witness was Louis Budenz, the one-time high ranking Red who turned bitterly against the Communists. Budenz testified that the report Wallace made on China followed the Communist party line, though he didn't know if Wallace knew it. And from the former Vice President's rural retreat at South Salem, New York -- an admission that the accusation may be true.

"I don't know what the Communist Party line was at that time," Wallace says. "I'm no expert in that field," *replies Henry Wallace. As for* the Budenz charge that the Wallace report helped the Reds - this report from South Salem; - "Mister Budenz is more informed on the subject than I!"

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(Budenz repeated his charge against John Carter Vincent, the State Department official who accompanied Wallace on his mission to China in Nineteen Forty-four. A Communist - said Budenz. The accusation has been made that, some while ago, Budenz was not so positive about John Carter Vincent - and was "led" by the Internal Security Committee to make the identification. Today Budenz explained that, at first, he did not name the diplomat as a Communist - because he needed more time to work on a list of Party members. But, when he got through with the list - he was sure.)

GERMANY

The Chancellor of Western Germany has asked the United Nations to determine - can free elections be held throughout Germany, including the Soviet Zone? A bitter controversy is on between the West German government and the puppet regime in the Soviet Zone - about the unification of all Germany. The Reds demand that Western Germany draw out of the alliance of the Western Powers. Chancellor Adenauer demands - unification with a democratic election. So now he asks the United Nations to set up an international commission to make a study and decide whether or not it would be possible to have a free election ^(- to include) ~~in~~ the Soviet Zone.

PERON

A footnote to last week's unsuccessful revolt against the Argentine dictatorship of Juan Peron.

Six naval officers sentenced to serve prison terms of from one to four years for their part in the pre-election uprising. Lighter punishment than that handed out yesterday to eight rebellious army officers who will spend up to fifteen years behind bars.

The Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, William Boyle, paid a total of eleven thousand dollars to an official of the R.F.C. We heard about these payments before made to H. Turney Gratz. Today Gratz gave the total; - and he received twelve hundred of the eleven thousand after Boyle became Democratic National Chairman.

Why was he paid the money? "Compensation and expenses," said Gratz. He said he did work for Boyle, helped him with financial investment records - all on his spare time. "It was a mere coincidence that I was working for the R.F.C.," he explains.

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It was pointed out that the payments from Boyle stopped when he left the R.F.C. - and went to work for Boyle's own Democratic National Committee. He explained that by saying - the Committee job kept him too busy to do extra work for Boyle. Not so busy working for the R.F.C. - it would appear.

The case of Republican National Chairman Guy Gabrielson brought new testimony today - the appearance of Harvey J. Gunderson, a former Director of the R.F.C. Gabrielson has already told Senate investigators that he recommended Gunderson for the post of president of the New York Stock Exchange - at one hundred thousand dollars a year. Today Gunderson stated that this happened only after he knew he was leaving the R.F.C. - not reappointed by President Truman. He said he handled questions concerning the loan of eighteen and a half million dollars to a chemical firm, of which the Republican National Chairman is the President. Gabrielson asked for an extension of the payments on the loan. But this was before the question of the Stock Exchange job - which came up after Gunderson had ~~quit~~ ceased to be in a position to do anything about the loan.

HURRICANE

Here in New York it's warm and sultry, hardly any wind. But out at sea, the hurricane is moving northward - and is expected to brush the coast of Cape Cod tonight. Earlier in the day, when the center of the storm was two hundred and seventy miles east of Norfolk, the circular winds were blowing with gusts up to a hundred and forty miles an hour, But Cape Cod gets only the fringe - sixty miles an hour gales.

To the south of the hurricane, tragedy at sea, when an ore ship broke in two, and sank. Six lives known to be lost, eleven missing. ~~Only~~ Only six were saved by rescue vessels. The ore ship ^(foundered) ~~sank~~ in a raging gale, that blew in the wake of the hurricane.

FRIDAY

Here's news that will surprise many people. (Hereafter,
Roman Catholics in New Mexico and in sections of Texas and
Arizona - will be required to abstain from meat on Friday.
This was ordered today by Archbishop Edwin Byrne of Sante Fe,
New Mexico.)

But most of us will ask - hasn't Friday been fish
day for all Catholics? Well, the answer goes back nearly a
thousand years ^{(at the} time of the First Crusade, Pope Urban the
Second issued a special dispensation to the Crusaders -
Friday need not be a fish day for them. Going off to war
against the infidel, they could eat meat on Friday.

Some centuries later, that same dispensation was
extended to subjects of the King of Spain, and was taken over
to the New World by the Spanish explorers. They carried it
all the way to what is now the southwestern part of the
United States - where the dispensation has been in effect
ever since.)

Now the Archbishop of Santa Fe revokes it, and calls upon all the people in his diocese to observe Friday in the usual way - Fish Day. The reason? The Archbishop points to the perilous condition of the world, and says Pope Pius the Twelfth has urged Catholics to do penance on Friday. Which ends a dispensation that traces back to the ^{Conquistadores, the} Spaniards of Old, ^{and then} all the way back to the Crusades.

GHOSTS

In a house at Hasbrouck, New Jersey, they found an eighty-seven year old woman stricken fatally - amid scenes of a sumptuous banquet. ~~It was the~~ Stately home of Mrs. Lucy Sharpe, who had lived as a recluse ever since the death of her husband, three and a half years ago. For two days people ~~in~~ of the neighborhood saw nothing of her - and an entrance was forced into the house.

In the dining room, ^{the} ~~a~~ large table was spread with fine linen, set with crystal and China, and decorated with flowers. Everything correct, with pepper and salt, bread and butter, plates of food ready to be served, and there was a great bowl of fruit. Magnificent banquet laid for ^{(honored} ~~_____~~ guests, but no guest was there. Only, the eighty-seven year old woman - ^{who sat there} ~~and she sat~~ at the table, in a coma, fatally stricken.

The story, as pieced together ~~_____~~ by neighbors, is that the aged recluse was ^{(entertaining} ~~_____~~ ~~_____~~ the ghosts of her friends. She was dining with her memories - and her own end came amid the weird festivities of a banquet of

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GABLE

It looks as if Hollywood may be in for a ~~super-colossal~~ super-colossal battle over - marriage and money. Today Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gable exchanged salvos of verbal cannon fire -- all on the subject of the Almighty dollar.

The movie idol explains why he has filed for a quick Nevada divorce. "No agreement could be reached on Mrs. Gable's unreasonable and exorbitant demand," says he.

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Which drew a quick retort from the side of the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, once married to Douglas Fairbanks. She wants alimony, and her lawyer says: "His offer has been ridiculous and niggardly,"

It looks as if they are going to battle it out in court, promising a Hollywood super-colossal production -- marriage and money.

BASEBALL

Now we can heave - a baseball sigh of relief.

No more surprises today. The impossible didn't happen again. The fantastic turned into the commonplace.

Which ^{For some may be} a comfort, after all those freaks of the ~~un~~ unexpected.

The Yanks won in routine fashion. Pitching - a bit better. Hitting - a bit better. They started their scoring drive with some fancy bunting, in which they always were good. Phil Rizzuto laid one down, and he is the best bunter in the league. They hit a home-run and scored again with a couple of sharp singles. All - in the Yankee pattern.

The Giants were not bad at all - but the Yanks were just a bit better, by a score of three-to-one. Which was exactly what the experts told us to start with.

~~and~~ Today's game followed ^{ing} the ~~the~~ logic set forth by the prophets. All - quite a relief? ^{For some, I guess.} Day after day we had ~~all those~~ surprises, too much of the impossible. Today, baseball became sane again, ^{Nelson.} But I preferred it the other way.

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