

KOREA (LEAD) *M.R.S. Wed. Sept. 20-'50.*

In Korea this morning U.S. Marines have battled their way to the outer part of Seoul. They had swept across the Han River only twelve hours before. Moving with ^{such} lightning speed that an emergency air drop had to be made [^] _{- with supplies,} Another marine spearhead has taken Seoul airport on the outskirts of the city.

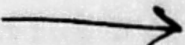
The eighteen thousand ~~xxxxx~~ defenders of the capital are described as nondescript - including police, home guards, and school boys drafted hastily into the Communist ranks.

But a Red flying column is reported moving down from the north, headed for the rear of the American forces in Seoul. At last reports the column, ~~is~~ with forty tanks and two hundred trucks was reported thirty-five miles ~~at~~ away. Which makes it look as if there might be a battle for the city.

At the same time the U.S. Seventh Division is pushing down from the Seoul area - to block Red forces coming up from the south. They are Communist units, retreating from the southern perimeter -- and,

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perhaps, on their way to a battle for Seoul.

However, the latest reports picture the retreating Red columns as veering to the east, as if trying to escape; get out from between the 

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the McArthur
jaws of ~~a~~ trap.
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The southern jaw of the trap consists of the American forces that broke out of the perimeter and are driving northward on the heels of the retreating Reds. The news today shows the U. S. First Cavalry thrusting northward from the captured City of Waegwan -- one ~~unit~~ unit driving ^{as much as} ~~on~~ for five miles. →

~~At the farthest corner south, however, the Communists are putting up a stubborn resistance and American troops are using flame throwers to rout them out of their holes.~~

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~~It is morning in Korea now and~~ ^{also,} American
and South Korean troops are racing through the
mountain area north of Taegu to complete the
encirclement of two thousand Communists. On the Naktong
River twenty-fourth Division bridgeheads have linked
up in the Wa^gwan area, pushing forward nearly two
miles on a five-mile front. The Reds are still falling
back to the West and North. They^{are} concentrating their
forces at Kunwi, twenty-six miles north of Taegu. In
the northeast corner of the perimeter a South Korean
spearhead is driving northwest to cut the supply road
at the port of Hunghae.

The weather forecast for Korea is good again
this morning and all available planes have roared ~~in~~
out after retreating Communist troops along the Pusan
~~perimeter~~ perimeter. Pohang airstrip is expected
in operation at any moment.

U.N.

American diplomatic strategy went into action at the U. N. today - in an address made by Secretary of State Acheson. He proposed to the General Assembly that a program be set up for the reconstruction of Korea - the United Nations to assume the task of repairing the ravages of war, after the Communist invasion has been crushed.

He suggested what he called - a "recovery force". That is, a peaceful/army for the rebuilding of Korea - which would include many of the engineers, technicians and medical experts now in the fighting forces of the U. N. The news dispatch calls this a - "revolutionary proposal." Which, indeed, it would seem to be - the world organisation, ^{which} ~~having~~ sponsored military action against Red aggression, ^{to} ~~would then~~ repair the damage.

The question comes immediately to mind - what about the Thirty-Eighth Parallel? What about Soviet- sponsored Korea above that line? ~~THEY~~ Today's

proposal by the American Secretary of State did not draw any distinction -- speaking merely of Korea, the war battered peninsula. We've all been asking - will the U. N. military forces push on above the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, when the Communist invasion is beaten? Will the ^{Russian Zone} ~~Reds own territory~~ be invaded? That, now, takes a new form - with today's Acheson proposal.

Would the U. N. reconstruction job extend north of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel? Would the work of benevolence and mercy be applied also to the home grounds of the Reds? We know that North Korea has been blasted savagely by the B-29's - virtually all the industry wrecked.

But suppose the Soviets should say - no, we won't allow the U. N. to rebuild in the northern part of Korea. No American benevolence - in the Red puppet state. That could be awkward - ^p ~~keeping~~ out all those U. N. benefits, the most of which would be supplied by Uncle Sam.

It reminds one of the ~~Mxxxx~~ Marshall & Plan a

few years ago, when Moscow prevented its own satellites from accepting any of those billions of American dollars. Some of the satellites felt bad^{TS} about it - and the same thing might happen again in the case of the North Koreans.

All of which might suggest that the Acheson proposal today, ~~is~~ based on humanity and international wisdom, might also have an angle of diplomatic shrewdness - tending to put Moscow in a hole. It will be interesting to hear - from Vishinsky. →

~~In addition to this, the Secretary called for a new method in the U. N. to keep the Soviet veto from blocking action against future aggressions. Also - he made a suggestion on the subject of Formosa, saying "all interested parties shall have a full opportunity to express their views." This was immediately taken to be a hint that the Chinese Reds might be invited to "express their views" - opening the door for the Communists of China to participate in the debate.~~

The latest - Vishinsky's reply. The Soviet Foreign Minister got up and made a speech. But it was no reply. He didn't say anything about the Acheson proposal. He merely talked the same old stuff about American war-mongering. He seems to have been caught by surprise, off base.



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His speech was described at a press conference
by John D. Hickerson, Assistant Secretary of State
as "a medley of three old worn-out phonograph records."

And he added -

-- "it was bankrupt of statesmanship or of new ideas
looking toward keeping the peace."

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Motorcycle cop O'Neil clocked a big black limosine doing sixty-five miles per hour today through a twenty-five per hour speed zone in Glen cove, Long Island. Seated in the car was Soviet Foreign Minister Andre Vishinsky on his way to the United Nations. "I won't give you a ticket this time", O'Neil told Vishinsky's interpreter, "but this is a warning."

BERLIN

Berlin's cold war has become distinctly warm today - with flaring tempers, kidnappings, and reprisals.

It started on Monday, when six Soviet German police drove into the American sector and were promptly arrested.

On Tuesday, east German police countered by arresting twenty-five western sector police riding on a train through eastern Berlin. Today western Berlin went one step better, rounding up forty-four east German police living in western Berlin.

Later today two American military police were seized by the Communists, near the U. S. [^]Russian ~~sector~~ border. The M. P.'s radioed that their jeep was being stopped by east German police - in the American sector. Then their radio went dead, and no more has been heard. The Russians say they'll investigate.

The latest report in this ding dong battle is of a Russian attempt to seize a hundred-and-fifty yards of ^{the} British sector ^{of Berlin} ~~territory~~ on the border of

TIBET

Here's the first news I've seen from inside Tibet - since the great earthquake that shook the Roof-of-the-World. Today at Calcutta arrived Rimshi Surkhang, an official of the 14th Dalai Lama's government - after a journey of a month from the remote City of Lhasa. He left two days after the giant shocks in August, which are said to have "changed the face of the earth," in the Himalayas of eastern Tibet and northern Assam.

We wondered at the time - had the earthquake hit Lhasa, the fabulous Forbidden City? What about the Potala, the palace of the Dalai Lama? Only a little more than a year ago - we, ourselves stood gazing at the Potala. Marveling - at that architectural wonder of the world.

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Or rather
is title is Depon - not Rimshi, Son of the D.L.'s
foreign Minister.
So what has he to say? On the day of the monster earthquake, the people of Lhasa heard, what he calls - a "long series of booming sounds." Actually, the epicenter of the disturbance was in the

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remotest Himalayas, considerably to the east of Lhasa, around the gorges of the Brahmaputra. Yet the subterranean thunder was heard in Lhasa, at ^S the granite structure of the Himalayas was rent and torn underground. But there was no damage in Lhasa, only the noise - and ^{- 2/3 rd as high as the Emp. State Bldg.} the fabulous Potala remains intact. But on the road out, ~~Surkhang~~ ^{Depon} Surkhang says he and his retinue passed the ruins of villages, wrecked by the earthquake.

Right now in India, negotiations are going on between Tibet and Red China - the Dalai Lama's government trying to come to some agreement with the Communists, who have been threatening to invade Tibet. We've been hearing about Red infiltration into the monasteries of the Roof-of-the-World, a realm of Buddhist monks. But ~~Surkhang~~ ^{Depon} Surkhang says the Reds have not got ^{ten} into the monasteries. The reports, he explains, apply to adherents of the Panchen Lama - ~~one rather~~ ^{that is}, the boy whom the Communists have recognized as their version of the Panchen Lama, one of the traditional spiritual rulers of Tibet. So the Communist plan would appear to be -

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not any direct Marxist and Stalinist agitation. Not -
in the monasteries of ^{remote Tibet.} ~~Buddhism~~. But, instead - a
stirring up of trouble based on a ~~xxx~~ religious feud
that has come down through long centuries.

Soviet Germany. A hundred British Tommies, armed with tommyguns, were soon on the scene. They removed the barrier and set it back where it belonged. At midnight tonight just a few hours ago, the East German Power Company ~~xxxxxx~~ cut off West Berlin's electricity. Seven special generators in the western sector of Berlin are working tonight and are meeting ~~xx~~ the shortage - "at least for the time being, without a hitch." It seems the only person who may suffer from this move is the West German housewife.

It looks as though the Russians are once again trying to squeeze the Allies out of Western Berlin - the same tactics that in Nineteen Forty-eight - and Forty-Nine brought about the air lift.

MARSHALL

The Senate has confirmed General Marshall
as the new Secretary of Defense. ~~The vote was by a~~
large majority, and [^]the wartime chief-of-staff takes his
post tomorrow - as head of the defense forces of the
nation.

SUBVERSIVES

In Washington, the Communist Control Bill is considered to be virtually - the law. The Senate and House of Representatives passed their compromise measure, and, of course, it may be vetoed by President Truman. He has threatened to veto it, but the huge majorities today make it certain that Congress would pass the Communist Control Bill over all objections from the White House.

PRICE WAR

At New Hampton, Iowa, a price war is on - the housewives offered groceries at prices greatly reduced. The potatoes and cabbages - almost for a song. So you'd think the housewives would be flocking in a bargain rush. But not at all - the price war isn't working.

The slashing of the figures began with - cigarettes. A super-market at New Hampton cut prices, and three grocers, handling cigarettes, followed suit. That, in turn, provoked the ire of the local taverns - which also deal in cigarettes. So they said - if the grocery stores cut our prices, we'll cut theirs. Whereupon the taverns stocked up with groceries, and announced price cuts.

But today, they declared sadly that they have most of the potatoes and cabbages left on hand - sitting next to kegs of beer, I suppose. The answer would seem to be that the housewives don't think it natural to go to a saloon for groceries.

GORILLA

At Cleveland, Fletcher Reynolds is trying to find a way to stop eating bananas. He's the director of the Cleveland Zoo, and has been on a banana diet - all because of a gorilla.

Earlier in the year, the zoo acquired a prize possession, a little girl gorilla straight from Africa. But, after a while, she lost her appetite, wouldn't eat anything, and was wasting away. Then director Fletcher Reynolds had an idea - based on the familiar fact that monkeys and apes like to imitate. Monkey see, monkey do. So he went to the gorilla with a couple of bananas, peeled one, took a bite - and handed the other to the young anthropoid. It worked. She peeled the banana, took a bite - monkey see, monkey do. But that was all. The zoo director had to take another bite, before the gorilla would follow suit. In that way he got her to eat the whole banana.

It turned out to be the only way, and Fletcher Reynolds had to keep on, day after day, eating one banana after banana, the gorilla imitating. She began

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to pick up weight, her health improving. Which was fine
- but the director had to keep on eating bananas.

The word tonight is that zoo director Fletcher
Reynolds is really - fed up ^{- full of bananas. And} ~~is~~ firmly convinced of
the truth of the old saying - monkey see, monkey do. But
~~he'd rather be singing - Yes, we have no bananas.~~

And now Nelson - over to you!