

KOREA

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(The victory in Korea is almost complete. Everywhere the Reds are on the retreat - the allies in a counter-offensive, which is taking them to the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. The only exception to this is on the East Coast, where the Chinese Communists launched a thrust that hurled back south Korean divisions.)

Today the Red radio claimed that three South Korean Divisions had been partly surrounded, and were being "destroyed". But, from our side, the news is that the American Second Division is driving eastward to cut off the salient created by the Red thrust. They ^{have} seized a key mountain pass, ~~cutting~~ ^{cutting} ~~and out~~ the main supply line of the Reds assailing the South Koreans. The prospect would seem to be that the Chinese break-through on the east coast will turn into a trap - the red push cut off, advance forces isolated, surrounded. This - as the Reds are in full retreat everywhere else.

SHIPPING

In the London House of Commons, the charge is made that oil to Red China is being transported by American ships -- under the flag of Panama. Today, Conservative M P Henry Price made a statement to the Commons, and pointed out the following:

"There has been a suspicious rise in tonnage put under Panama^{nian} registry since the war," he said. "At the end of the war," he went on, "about a million and a half tons of ships were under Panama registry. But now, there are nearly three-and-a-half million flying the Panamanian flag. Almost half this tonnage," he declared, "is in tankers, and a large proportion of them are carrying oil to China, illegally."

~~He said the indications are that these~~
^{spoke of}
tankers, are American owned - taking aboard cargoes of oil in Indonesia - and carrying them to North China Red ports, like Tientsin.

All of which ties in with waterfront reports - that the profit is huge, running illegal cargoes to ^{Red China}

ATOMIC

(The statement was made in Washington today that the United States has developed atomic artillery shells,) and should use them against the Chinese Reds in Korea. This comes from Congressman Overton Brooks of ~~Mississippi~~ Louisiana, a ranking member of the Armed Services Committee of the House.

It is known that the Atomic Energy Commission has been working on atomic shells, and we've heard that these figured in the recent tests at Eniwetok, *the* *atomic* island, in the Far Pacific. Congressman Brooks is definite and specific. He says our atomic shells, in his words, "can be used in Korea against masses of Chinese troops with a terribly disastrous effect."

The secret weapon about which we heard last night *does* appear to have been a land mine of napalm. So says the United Press. *was* *a* massive land mine of that jellied gasoline might well account for the terrifying description we had - ten Red soldiers disappearing in a mass of flame, disintegrating.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson denies that the administration has adopted a new China policy, under the pressure of the public uproar^π_h caused by the dismissal of General MacArthur. In a news conference today, the Secretary denied that a speech made by Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk indicated a concession to MacArthur. He said that Rusk merely restated the long standing U.S. policy of aiding the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa - no change.

Meanwhile, General Omar Bradley, ~~Chairman~~ of the ~~Joint Chiefs of Staff~~, was resuming his testimony before the Senate Committee. He ~~denied the~~ ~~MacArthur statement that the Korean battle is a~~ ~~stalemate. He said he believed that the American people~~ ~~might have demanded an all-out war with China if~~ ~~we had been driven out of Korea - but we have not~~ ~~been driven out.~~ He denied that the Joint Chiefs ~~of Staff~~ have hard feelings toward General MacArthur, *On the contrary he said!* ~~said~~ ~~if~~ they admire him.

IRAN

Secretary of State Acheson gives official assurance to Iran - that realm of oil. Today he stated that the United States does not oppose the desire of Iran to control its own oil resources - that country having nationalized the great oilfields of the Anglo-Persian Company.

The Acheson declaration, made at a news conference, was designed to answer angry Iranian talk -- that the U.S. is against the Iranian action.

However, Dean Acheson declared strongly that our government is all for a negotiated settlement. The U.S. view is that, If Iran assumes the ownership of the Anglo-Persian oilfields, they should have these operated by the British[^]-the [^]Iranians, themselves, being in no ~~px~~ position to do the technical job.

That Persian oil is vitally important to the West, and I've been getting some close-up information about the crisis from an American who was in the middle of it all out there. Just returned from Iran - Max^{Weston} Thornburg, who pioneered in Middle

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Eastern oil and more recently has been a sort of economic statesman in the lands along the Persian Gulf. A man who knows and understands the peoples of other lands, better than any other American that I know. One of the great men of our time.

The dispute grows out of a contract, in which the Anglo-Persian company increased all royalties to the Iranian government. But - tacked onto the new contract a clause cancelling a lot of claims which Iran had made against the company in the past. Then, to enforce this, the company did a thing which, Max Thornburg tells me - brought on the catastrophe. They suspended payment of current royalties, held the money back.

For years the Iranian government had been financed by the royalties from the oil. So now the Chief source of revenue was cut off. Meaning - bankruptcy. Meaning - the government employees could not be paid. The result - anarchy. Giving all the subversive forces of the country their best chance - from Communist to Mohammedan fanatics. Result, today, there is no real government in Iran - it's virtual anarchy. Nobody, really with whom to negotiate a

settlement of the oil dispute. *The Mossadeqh government hardly a government at all.*

What to do about it? Max Thornburg says

we've simply got to work in partnership with the

British. - *But he* believes the only hope is for the United

States to take the lead. *He says* No money is needed. The

piled up oil royalties are enough. He thinks we could give a guarantee of no foreign interference.

Give this to the Shah, Riza Pahlavi, and thereby

strengthen the position of that monarch. Max Thornburg

the young Shah describes ~~him~~ as intelligent, able and well meaning -

ambitious to establish a modern *western* type of government

That and freedom in Persia. The Shah *still may* ~~might~~ be able to

solve the problem - if given the complete political support of the West.

The Iranian crisis ranks next only to

Korea, as a danger spot. Soviet Russia stands next door, and Max Thornburg put it all in a vivid

illustration: "The Thirty-Eighth Parallel," said he,

"Also runs across northern Persia - and, if things

in your news and your thinking get worse, you wouldn't even have to change the number."

GLUBB PASHA

From Jerusalem, a melodramatic story about events in the Kingdom of Jordan. This tells of the shooting of the legendary Glubb Pasha, the British Officer in the service of King Abdullah. He founded and commanded the "Arab Legion". The word is that Glubb Pasha was shot and wounded by Emir Talal, the eldest son of King Abdullah.

There is no official confirmation of this report, but it goes like this: "Last week Abdullah went on a visit of state to Turkey, and left Emir Talal in charge of the government of Jordan. Then, a couple of days after Abdullah's departure, it was announced that Emir Talal had stepped out, and turned over the ruling authority to his brother Naif. Wednesday of last week, the announcement was that Emir Talal had gone to Syria for what were called - 'reasons of health'.

All of which sounded ~~mf~~ odd, and today the report in Jerusalem is that the sudden resignation and departure of Emir Talal resulted from a quarrel

with Glubb Pasha - in which the eldest son of King

Abdullah shot the ^{famous} founder of the Arab Legion. The

story goes on to say that Glubb Pasha went to a

hospital for treatment of a bullet wound in the arm.

There is another report that there was no shooting.

I don't know what there is in all this, but it sounds

like melodramatic doings in the land of Jordan.

PLANE

We are given a strange explanation of an air crash at New Lisbon, Indiana, today. An Air Force globemaster was on an experimental flight - and the huge transport plane plunged suddenly to the ground. Killing seven - five survivors.

Late news explains that, in the air, the propellers reversed their pitch, jerking the plane around at a ninety degree angle. Strange, propellers reversing their pitch. The pilot tried to make a landing in a field, but the globemaster hit the tops of trees, and crashed, bursting into flames.

A fascinating story of the Communist way with authors was told today by - Budd Schulberg, whose book, "The Disenchanted" is a best seller. He told the committee on Un-American activities that he became a Communist in Nineteen Thirty-Seven, but quit the party two years later. One reason - the Hitler-Stalin Pact, which convinced him of the perfidy of the Soviets. But chiefly - the way the party tried to control what he wrote.

Soon after he joined the party, he published his first short story, and that led to a dispute, the story not being considered according to the party line. Two years later, he was in trouble again because of what he was writing in his first best seller; - "What Makes Sammy Run." This novel was a satire on Hollywood, and he was told that the story did not - "show the progressive force in Hollywood." Progressive force meaning, of course, the Communist infiltration. Schulberg says he had it out with, what he called ~~the higher authority~~ "the higher authority", which included

screen writer John Howard Lawson and one, A.V. Jerome, who has been described as the Communist cultural boss in Hollywood. Budd Schulberg wouldn't take the dictation, and got out of the party.

However, when the book was published, in Nineteen Forty-One, the West Coast edition of the "Daily Worker" carried a review by Charles Glenn, praising it. He liked - "What Makes Sammy Run". But that was a mistake by the critic. He had failed to check with the party line, and got a call-down. Schulberg says a public meeting was arranged in Hollywood to attack his novel - and, later, critic Charles Glenn wrote another review, criticising the book.

BASEBALL

A bill was introduced into the Senate today - to exempt all professional sports from the anti-Trust laws. The sponsor of the measure is Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado - who also has another job. He's in baseball -- President of the western league.

Senator Johnson takes action as a result of a decision by the Judiciary Committee of the House -- to take up the "reserve clause" in the contracts of baseball players. The "reserve clause" gives a club the sole right to the services of a player during his entire baseball career, unless his contract is transferred to another club. The committee will hold hearings to inquire into the legality of this.

At the same time, the F B I today was ordered to look into restraints that have been imposed on broadcasts and telecasts of baseball games and other professional and amateur sports. Are these illegal? ~~The inquiry is aimed at agreements between the sports authorities, on the one hand, and station operators on the other laying down conditions under~~

TEXAS

Word from Texas tells of a celebration to illustrate the [†]face - that things are big in Texas. At Dalhart, they're staging a commemoration of the X I T Ranch - that fabulous giant of ranches. Time was when it included three million acres in ten counties of the Texas panhandle, and was four times as big as the State of Vermont.

The story goes back to the year eighteen eighty-one, when the state capitol at Austin ~~was~~ burned down, and there was little money in the Treasury to build a new one. Little cash - but a huge lot of public land. Which led to a famous deal - Texas agreeing to give three million acres in the western panhandle to two financiers from Chicago, the brothers, Charles and John Farwell. If - they would build for Texas a new state capitol, the biggest in the U.S. They did, and Texas today still has the biggest capitol building of any state.

So that was how the X I T ranch came about, stretching to the Oklahoma border, two hundred miles

long and thirty miles wide - with a hundred and fifty thousand Texas longhorns, a small army of cowboys, and huge cattle drives to the railroads up north.

This lasted until Nineteen Twelve, when the wild, stringy, tough longhorn was going out of style, and better breeds of cattle were brought into Texas. Today the longhorn is almost extinct, the change brought about a ~~XXXXX~~ trend towards smaller ranches, and the owners of X I T started selling land. Today, the legendary ranch still exists, but with only about two and a half percent of its original area.

But its memory is being revived, with a rally of the old-time cowboy^s who rode the range on X I T. A wild and woolly celebration at Dalhart, to Reaffirm the well known fact, ^{Nelson -} that things are big in Texas.