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and Eve E'body: - Secretary of State Dulles, in Paris, is reported to have told British and French diplomatic officials that the United States will not make -- a "package" deal with Soviet Russia. In any kind of arrangement, there would have to be a settlement of each individual problem of the cold war.

That is, we would not link European questions with any arrangement for peace in Korea. We would not, for example, yield concessions for an Austrian peace treaty or the unification of Germany -- in return for peace in the Far East. We would not sacrifice one area for the benefit of another.--
No *is it*
we yield points in Europe to win points in Asia.

KOREA-PRISONERS

An ~~about an hour from now, there will be an~~ ^{is getting under way} important meeting at Pan Mun Jon. That is, if the Reds respond to a call issued by our own officers today. They summoned a conference of liaison officers to discuss -- "matters in connection with the current repatriation operation". Those are the ^{only} words used -- the only official explanation. ~~of the reason for calling the meeting.~~

^{TP} But the belief among the newsmen at Pan ^{is that the meeting} Mun Jon ~~concerns~~ ^{concerns} insistent reports -- that the Reds are holding back prisoners, the more serious cases of ill or ~~is~~ injured. One returned prisoner after another has been telling the same story -- of comrades left behind, captives in worse shape than those repatriated. The belief is growing that the Reds are making a "showcase" display of the prisoner exchange -- sending back those that have had the best treatment, and medical care.

The stories of atrocities continue to

mount -- with new gruesome accounts given today. We are told of American captives bayoneted by the Reds, at prison camps. Also how Communists threw captives over cliffs. The total of murders, as related by returning prisoners now comes to more than eleven hundred. But the dispatches point out that there probably are many ~~dup~~ duplications -- and no definite figure can be ~~xxxxxxx~~ arrived at until the stories have been checked, one against the other.

But it all means that the prisoner exchange has taken on an ugly aspect -- stories of wholesale murder and brutal mistreatment related on our side, while the Reds continue their own charge that Communist prisoners were victims of atrocity.

Today, there was an incident at Pan Mun Jon, when an artillery shell exploded near "Freedom Gate". The shell burst not far from a convoy of ambulances, carrying Communist prisoners. An American

military policeman was only five feet from the
explosion ^{but} ~~by~~ was not injured. It isn't clear whether
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the shell was American or Communist. But, apparently
it was a stray, an accident.

FOLLOW KOREA PRISONERS

Moscow reports that a group of American internees are on their way to Russia -- coming from North Korea. Last week, the State Department ~~reported~~ ^{stated} that the North Korean government had agreed to set free ~~XXXXXX~~ seven American civilians, who had been caught in Korea -- when the war broke out. We had a list of thirteen but the Reds declared that three had died, and there was no trace of three ~~XXXXXX~~ others. So, they'd send back the seven. These, according to Moscow, are now in China -- homeward bound via Russia. Six are missionaries. The seventh, a former employee of the State Department.

KOREA WAR

From the war front, news of the sharpest Red attack since the prisoner exchange began. And the scene of the battle was not far from Pan Mun Jon. The Chinese hurled a powerful artillery barrage and then a force of ~~XX~~ infantry surged forward. They were met by South Koreans in a savage fight. With rifles, automatic weapons and hand grenades. The battle raged for four hours, and then the Reds broke and fled.

INDO-CHINA

Word from Indo China is that the Red invaders have seized control of one third of the state of Laos. They announce that they have set up a Communist ~~gm~~ government -- in that small Indo-Chinese principality.

The French have clamped on a news blackout, and all we know from their side is that they have pulled back to a fortified line for a showdown. Today, we hear, that Red mortar shells have begun to fall in the defense fortifications. Perhaps -- the beginning of the showdown battle for the kingdom of Laos.

ISRAEL

There's a new flare-up of trouble in Palestine. The government of Israel charges that the Arab Legion, of the Kingdom of Jordan, is shooting at random -- from the old section of Jerusalem into the newer city. The Arabs control that ancient area, while Israel has the other part.

An armistice has been on, for some time, and now the government of Israel charges -- armistice violation. The Arab Legion accused of "indiscriminate firing". Four Israelis wounded seriously, by bullets.

Units of the Jewish Army have been shooting back -- making it a sort of shot-for-shot battle in Jerusalem. Officials of the U N are called upon to intervene, and try to arrange -- a cease fire.

AMBASSADRESS

Our new Ambassadress to Italy has made a fine start. So says the news dispatch from Naples. Mrs. Clare Booth Luce arrived today, aboard the liner ANDREA DORIA -- and was received with formal ceremony. So she made a speech, and did it in Italian. That's what made the hit, with shouts from the crowd -- "brava, brava".

This reminds me of an American newspaperman -- sent on a mission to Italy back in the days of World War One. Arthur Bennington of the old New York World -- who made a speaking tour from the Alps to Sicily. Addressing crowds in fluent classical Italian. Yet he had never been to Italy before -- nor had he studied Italian in school. He learned it in New York, frequenting spaghetti restaurants. But I wouldn't want to say that Ambassadress Clare Booth Luce learned her Italian that way.

SUBVERSIVES

The Department of Justice wants ~~in~~ twelve organizations to register as parts of the Communist front -- in accordance with the ruling by the Subversives Activities Control Board, which, recently, declared the American Communist party to be a puppet of Soviet Russia. This would apply to organizations controlled by the Reds -- and twelve of these are named. The Department of Justice asking the Control Board to order -- registration.

APPROPRIATION

The House of Representatives today passed the first government spending bill for the fiscal year of Nineteen Fifty-four, and the watch-word was -- economy. Appropriations presented by President Truman for twenty-three federal agencies was cut by more than Seven Hundred Million Dollars. Four hundred million less than the figure recommended by the Eisenhower administration. But, we are told, the cut of the Eisenhower figure is mostly a matter of "Bookkeeping."

In any case, the House passed the bill -- with cuts.

CORPORATIONS

This country has a record breaking number of billion dollar corporations -- in sixty-six in all. The number having more than doubled in the past eleven years. ^P This is disclosed in a survey made by the United Press -- which points to the ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{vast} expansion of American business since Nineteen Forty-One, when ~~this country went into the Second World War.~~ Defense contracts and the industrial boom, combined with inflation -- are the reason. At the time of Pearl Harbor there were thirty-two billion-dollar corporation and thirty-four have been added since then. Last year alone, six giants of business moved up into the billion ^{dollar} class.

The largest of them all, is in the field of insurance, the Metropolitan Life -- with assets of eleven billion six hundred million. Among the new-comers oil heads the list. In Nineteen Forty-One, there were only two oil companies with assets of a billion or more. Now, there are eight.

The total assets of the sixty-six billionaire

~~total~~ firms ^{come to} ~~now at~~ a giant record-breaking total of more than one hundred and seventy-four billion dollars.

The news dispatch calls ^{the sixty six -} ~~these~~ -- the billionaire club. Undoubtedly, the most exclusive club on earth.

JOHN L LEWIS

Ominous news from Washington. Get ready, folks, for a thundering blast -- louder than the cannon in Korea. The voice of John L. Lewis hurling a barrage of wrathful words.

The bull-voiced coal mine chief is opposing the nomination of Thomas Lyon of Salt Lake City - as Director of the Bureau of Mines. Lewis has protested to Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, and has gone directly to the White House, we hear - fighting the nomination of the mining engineer from Utah.

So today Lyon made a retort as follows:

"This country," said the western mining man, "has built up its whole structure ^{on the ability} ~~institutions~~ to produce metals. If we are going to continue to have the good things of life, our metal mining industry must be kept in tip top shape. It is just as important -- if not more so -- than the coal industry".

This is considered sure to draw a shower of brickbats from John L. Lewis - or rather, hunks of coal.

COLLISION

The news wire brings details of a collision last night between a freighter, and a warship, — a destroyer. Details -- that illustrate the destructive impact, when sea-going ships run into each other.

It happened ~~xx~~ off Long Beach, California, when the Swedish freighter HAINAN ran smack into the U.S. Destroyer ISAAC KIDD. The bow of the nine thousand ton freighter sliced nearly half way through the armored hull of the twenty two hundred ton warship. Ripped ^{ing} a hole fifteen feet wide, ~~from the upper~~ ^{(from the} deck ~~and~~ down the hull three feet below the water line -- the armor plate ripped and battered.

But no lives were lost, and the destroyer got back to port -- in spite of the heavy damage. This ^{was} ~~is~~ largely because of the fast work by an officer and a sailor, * Ensign Robert Compton and ship-fitter Timothy O'Meara, ~~who~~ jumped in and closed compartments. ^{Thus keeping} ~~which kept~~ the destroyer from being flooded.

CROWN PRINCE

Words of superlative praise were spoken in New York today -- ~~the superlatives could hardly go any further.~~ ^{by} The speaker Crown Prince Akihito of Japan, who has been on a tour of the United States and Canada. He arrived in New York to take a ship for Europe, looked over the big town, and stated the following in quite good English:-

"After crossing the vast North American continent," said he, "I arrived in your truly great metropolis. Even ~~as~~ ^{he went on} a glimpse of this magnificent city" [^] "was enough to give me a deep impression that New York City is the most wonderful masterpiece ever created by human beings". So, New York, from the Battery to the Bronx, can pat itself on the back. For those were strong and glowing words from Prince Akihito!

OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma legislature was almost the scene of a song recital today -- almost. The legislators were considering a bill to adopt an official state song, and you can guess what -- the title song of that famous musical OKLAHOMA.

But there was a dissenting voice, one assemblyman declaring that -- while sprightly and catchy, the tune could not be sung. Too difficult for the average citizen to warble.

This was immediately denied by Representative George Nigh, ~~sponsor~~ sponsor of the bill. And he was backed vigorously by Legislator C. D. Wilson, who jumped to his feet and said he would prove that the song could be sung. ~~He~~ He'd sing it.

He opened his mouth, and was about to let go, with notes and words: "OKLAHOMA, where the wind comes sweeping down the plain".

But the sponsor of the bill yelled in alarm. "No", he shouted. "If he sings it, he'll kill

the bill".

Whereupon, Wilson sat down. So, that Oklahoma
wind went on sweeping down the plain, but without music.
And here's Nelson - without music.