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The "great debate" in the Senate came to a turn of drama tonight -- when Senator Watkins of Utah collapsed as he was making an address on the question of sending U.S. troops to the army of General Eisenhower. The Utah legislator was in the middle of a sentence, when he slumped over his desk. Fellow Senators hurried to his aid. There were quick fears -- but later on, Senator Watkins declared he had merely suffered from a dizzy spell.

It all added to the tenseness of the discussion, as the Republicans pressed a drastic demand. Yesterday the Senate voted a recommendation that President Truman should have a Congressional okay before he orders more American soldiers to Europe. Today, G O P Senators, not content with a mere recommendation, demanded that the resolution be sent back to Committee -- to be turned into an outright law. But that was defeated, -- and the vote stands as a victory today for the Administration.

KOREA - AIR

The latest air battle in Korea provides a novelty -- in that it was less futile than usual. Three enemy jets shot down and three damaged -- when, heretofore, the jets did not seem able to harm each other to any great extent. One shot down or damaged in air battle was about average.

But now we hear how an American F-80 Shooting Star, a lone single jet plane, was attacked by eleven jets of the Reds. But other U.S. planes came quickly to the rescue, a flight of the F-80s. That brought on a big air battle, with between thirty and forty enemy jets involved. They had red noses with red stars on their wings. The first time jet planes of the Reds have appeared with Communist markings. Hitherto, they have shown no insignia at all.

The combat went on for twenty-five minutes and was not at all decisive, though the Shooting Star pilots scored hits on two Red planes. They were running low on fuel, when into the battle came a flight of

twenty nine F-84 Saberjets, and these ripped into the Reds. That was when enemy planes were shot down. The new phase of the fight lasted almost five minutes, but the Saberjets destroyed three of the enemy, and damaged another.

KOREA

North Korea was invaded twice today.

One thrust above the Thirty-Eighth Parallel was made by General MacArthur in person. Flying from Tokyo, he joined the Free Koreans over on the East Coast. They have been pushing ^{north of} ~~beyond~~ the Parallel, and MacArthur took a jeep, and proceeded fifteen miles beyond the line -- where he visited an advance post of South Koreans facing the enemy.

The other invasion beyond the Parallel had less personality -- but more meaning as a thrust of war. It happened in western Korea - where for the first time, American troops drove ^{across} ~~beyond~~ the line in force. There was a surge ~~inxxxxxxx~~ forward on a ten mile front, ^{a thrust} ~~driving~~ beyond the Parallel. They met with little resistance, Chinese rear guards putting up not much of a fight. ^{TP} These maneuvers were launched ~~xx~~ in the face of a huge concentration of enemy power. MacArthur states that, on the central front, ~~Communists~~ just above the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, the ~~Chinese~~ Communists are gathering sixty-three divisions

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-- more than half a million men. This would make the greatest enemy force in the Korean war thus far, getting set for a spring offensive. *They are* The high command of the Reds hurls a boast -- that they are going to drive our forces out of Korea. They plan to take advantage of the rainy season now at hand -- when our own mechanized forces will be handicapped, ~~by wet weather and mud. They'll outnumber the U N army by two to one -- but our Commanders depend on air power to make up the difference, the war planes hitting the hordes of the Reds and their communications~~ The belief is expressed that this anticipated spring offensive may turn out to be the decisive phase of the Korean war.)

The House of Representatives has begun its debate on the draft bill. The oratory started in hot and heavy today, with Congressman Werdel, a California Republican, stating that the Chiefs of the American armed forces are scheming to grab control of the country. -- That's why they want the bill which would lower the draft age from nineteen to eighteen² and-a-half and lengthen the period of service from twenty-one to twenty-six months. ^R Congressman Werdel declared ~~xx~~ he has obtained confidential documents that have forced him to a dire conclusion, which he expressed in the following words: "We now have come to the awful day in America, where we have a supreme General Staff, modelled after Hitler and the Prussians, seeking military control over industry, labor, all military establishments, the economy and the press" said the Congressman. (Which view was supported by Republican Congressman Daniel Reed of New York who called the bill: "An attempt to establish a manpower dictatorship in these free states.")

The supporters of the bill replied with equal vigor. The Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Congressman Vinson of Georgia, stated that Soviet Russia has four hundred heavy bombers, and will soon have enough atomic bombs to attack our cities from coast to coast. So the only answer we can make is -- military strength.

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SOLDIERS

Here's a dispatch from the Thirty-First Infantry Regiment in Korea -- an angry demand issued by the G I's. They want an apology from the Navy Chaplain who accused the Army of cowardice in Korean battles. Lieutenant Commander Otto Sporrer, a Catholic Chaplain, who served with the Marines, stated that a regimental combat team of the Thirty-First made what he called: "a disgraceful showing" compared with the Leathernecks, during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir last year. So now a spokesman for G I's of the Thirty-First Regimental combat team says: "Sporrer has slandered some of the bravest men who ever wore the uniform of our country." (The story goes on to tell of deeds of heroism by the G I's.)

The same thing is echoed by Army Colonel Marucile Powers, likewise a Catholic chaplain. He served with the Seventh Division over there - and says that Lieutenant Commander Sporrer, must have based his information on what the Army Colonel calls:

"Irresponsible gossip, since a Navy Chaplain would have no opportunity to observe Army officers and soldiers on the Korean battlefield."

Other Army chaplains chime in saying the same thing -- making it a battle of the Padres.

COHEN

It looks as if the Los Angeles gambler Mickey Cohen might have trouble going into the drug store business at Tucson, Arizona. The news today tells of a storm of protest -- following last night's account of how the alleged racketeer was procuring twenty-five percent interest in two drug stores without putting in a penny. "All I did" said Cohen "was promise to stand behind a cigar counter eight hours a day." Which might seem to be a rather exposed position for a gambling boss whom the underworld has tried to kill repeatedly - in sensational episodes of gunfire.

At Phoenix, the Arizona Pharmacy Board states that it has been flooded with demands that Mickey Cohen be prevented from putting on that cigar counter act in Tucson drug stores.

(At the same time, the Merchant's Association at Tucson is up in arms. They say they don't want Cohen in their fair city and will do anything to keep him out.)

It would seem that the drug store transaction is by no means a settled thing. We now hear from Leonard Epstein, the present owner of the two drug stores. "I'm a sick man" he says, and intimates that he wants to sell. He explains that he was negotiating with an individual from Chicago, who turns out to be Mickey Cohen's brother Harry -- and the, Mickey himself appeared in the deal. "Hundreds of people" moans Epstein, "began callin me on the phone. Now I'm just confused. If somebody wants to buy a couple of drug stores I've got them for sale.

Epstein looks like the pathetic figure in this fantastic affair of the big shot, so often shot at, appearing in the drug store business -- to preside behind the cigar counter.

STONE_OF_SCONES

(London reports that the mystery of the Stone of Scone has been solved -- the identity of the thieves is known.) Also - the hiding place of that Coronation slab of rock stolen from the Royal Throne in Westminster Abbey. Scotland Yard has solved the case and that would seem to be that! -- But it isn't! (There are political angles which are preventing the arrest of the robbers and the recovery of the Stone of Scone.)

There's fear of Scottish political demonstrations. Scottish Nationalists² are conducting agitation, and threaten to march on London. They say they'll do it with kilts and bagpipes - a big parade from Scotland to London, Scots with kilts flying in the wind, and bagpipes skirling -- The Campbells are Coming. Which would provide no end of embarrassment for the London Government -- with twisters of politics in Scotland.

All this is so imposing that it is reaching up to the highest level -- the Ug Government, the

Attlee Cabinet. A suggestion for a compromise is made -- by Dr. John McCormick, Rector of Glasgow University. He proposes that both England and Scotland share the possession of that Coronation stone which Edward the First of England seized from the Scots more than six hundred and fifty years ago.

WOMEN

There was a fire in Denver but it didn't amount to much -- except as an illustration of the ways of women. Don't hurt a girl's pride! -- that's an old point of wisdom, and it was emphasized by flame and smoke in Denver. ^P Today, Mrs. Marie Weber told how she was in the apartment of her two girl friends named Dolores and Patricia. They were out, and she was ~~whiling away the time by~~ putting up her hair. Then Dolores and Pat returned - with a ^{(guy, and} ~~gentleman~~. They ~~watched the hair fixing for a while and then~~ the following happened: "Dolores and Pat," ^{says} ~~says~~ Marie, "took off my bandana and were teasing me about my hair in front of the guy." ^P I don't know quite what the teasing was, ~~but~~ but there might have been ^{laughs} ~~remarks~~ about the pin curls, ~~and how funny they looked~~ ~~or something else which the ladies might suggest~~ ~~better than I. Anyway,~~ ^{the kidding} ~~the kidding about her hair~~ ~~in front of the gentleman~~ ^{Anyway - got} Marie angry, and she left ~~the apartment~~ in a huff.

The more she thought it over, the madder she got -- and then went back to the apartment, after Dolores, Patricia and the guy had left. *She* ~~forced her way in with a knife and had her~~ *There she took* revenge by setting fire to the clothes closet in which Dolores and Pat had their dresses, hats and a couple of fur ~~coats.~~ *coats.* To do a thorough job she used a lot of paper, a table cloth, and a blanket, touching a match to these in the clothes closet -- which, in minutes, was a mass of flame and smoke.

~~Luckily, the alarm was given promptly --~~
~~and the~~ Firemen put out the ~~blaze~~ in a hurry, but not before the flames had consumed the finery of Dolores and Patricia.

Those two young ladies found ~~no~~ reason to suspect Marie. So they went to her place, got in, and found her in the shower. They broke down the shower door and accused her. ~~So Marie~~ Marie made a confession to the police and gave the reason, *Why she set the place of fire:-*
"They teased me about my hair in front of a guy."

PREACHER

At Allerton, Iowa, today, the Reverend Sidney^(Austin)~~XXXXXXXX~~ said he is quitting as pastor of ^a~~the~~ local Church ~~at Allerton~~ -- and ^(who)~~XXX~~ can blame him?

The resignation of the pastor follows a battle in the church, a wild riot in which nine parishioners were injured. ~~The preacher says the fight was terrible. There was yelling and shouting he says. Hymn books were thrown and pews were torn loose.~~

~~There is an argument about who started the~~
The argument
~~about~~ ^{which} arose out of the question: Should the Church join the State missionary Society? A meeting was called to decide and the Vice President of the Missionary Society was there to urge the proposal.

The Reverend Sidney Austin was opposed. And, as pastor, he went to the pulpit and tried to preach a sermon. There was opposition to that, and an attempt was made to remove him from the pulpit. Whereupon, supporters of the pastor intervened, and the free-for-all was on. ^{TR} "Somebody slugged me with

a kidney punch," says the minister. "Somebody else got a toe hold on me and twisted my knee -- so I let go with a kick ~~that~~ that got him in the stomach." Fifty parishioners took part in the fracas and twenty five or thirty children ran for cover. The hymn books were flying all over the place, -- Lead Kindly Light and Rock of Ages. Imagine getting hit on the head by the Rock of Ages. The ~~the~~ pews were ripped out -- for a climax in the slam bang affair. Two parishioners were taken away in ambulances and others left with numerous cuts and bruises.

"It was a tragic thing to see in a church," said the Vice President of the Missionary Society *as an enthusiastic church goes and* today. And *it* sure was. Imagine a parishioner being chased by somebody with a section of a pew and ~~getting~~ yelling -- *"Onward Christian Soldiers" and* ~~then the roll is called up yonder I'll~~

then the minister shouting in reply! -
"Throw out The Life Line!"

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SNORE

A Chicago court gives a decision in the case of the snoring husband. Mrs. Florence Michalak told Judge Rudolph Desort that her husband snored so loud and long that it menaced what wifey called -- "her health and well being."

"^{we}~~she~~ can't even go to a movie," wifey testified.

"He snores so ~~xxxxxx~~ loud I have to take him home.

It happens, too, when friends call on us," she adds.

Maybe hubby snored so loudly he kept the friends awake.

At night, of course, it's like music played on a trombone -- and the little woman gets no sleep.

To all of this the sorrowful husband confessed -- yes, he does snore like that. So the court ~~xxxxxx~~ okayed an arrangement whereby he would go to live in a hotel room -- not saying what the snores would do to the other people in the hotel.

And now - let's hear your voice.