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The latest from General Ike - the release of a letter from General Van Fleet, U.S. commander in Korea. Writing, a ~~mix~~ little more than two weeks ago to Major General Orlando Mood in Washington, Van Fleet told of the success he has been having in training ~~an~~ an effective South Korean Army. Though without encouragement or approval, he says.

He said that he planned to double the size of the R O K forces from ten to twenty divisions. But had been unable to do this. So instead of ten additional South Korean divisions, he asked for six -- in the hope that he could release two American Divisions. But even that did not work. The Van Fleet letter states: "It finally got down to a two - ^{division} increase but still no approval to this date."

From the news dispatch tonight, it doesn't appear just who it was who prevented our Commander in Korea from forming ten extra South Korean divisions, or even from putting two or more ~~RE~~ R O K divisions

into the front line. It is not stated who failed to approve of this. *But the implication might seem to be that the trouble was over here.*

The letter from the General over there was released by his wife, Mrs. Van Fleet, passing it along to General Ike.

(Today, General Ike stated - "I'm the same man I was in Nineteen Forty-Eight." Referring to the fact that Harry Truman offered to support him for President in Nineteen Forty-Eight - and a series of top ranking Democratic leaders urged him to run.) Today, the General mentioned ^{he} Jacob Arvey, Chicago political leader in Governor Stevenson's home state; James Roosevelt, son of the late F.D.R., Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, and others. They wanted to nominate Ike on the Democratic ticket, instead of President Truman. Today the General said: "They thought I was a very fine fellow four years ago, but now they find me a very vile fellow."

~~He was~~ Touring upper New York City and Westchester County ^{he was} greeted by cheering crowds - large, in spite of flurries of snow. In Yonkers, thousands of school children almost over-ran his automobile.

General Ike said this country must have a "new model foreign policy." He repeated: "We must Prepare the Koreans to defend their own lines." And

added: "A trip to Korea is essential for this kind of
planning.

KOREA

(Another violent battle in Korea tonight--
the Chinese enemies swarming out of tunnels and deep
trenches. For an assault on Sniper Ridge.) At the
crest, they fought hand to hand with U N troops. Then
^{they were} finally able to recapture the summit.

At the UN tonight, Moscow delegate Vishinsky rejected the American program of peace in Korea-- the one presented by Secretary of state Acheson.. He called it "utterly unsatisfactory" and jeered that Acheson, suggesting a plan for peace negotiations, was merely engaged in an election manouever. Trying -- to "save face" ^{to win} ~~for~~ American voters.

TRUMAN

~~Tonight~~ President Truman ^{ed tonight} is declaring that General Ike is posing as - a "superman". Which refers to the General's promise to make a trip to Korea, if elected. Speaking at an American federation of Labor meeting in Chicago, H.S.T. pointed out that the military commanders in ~~Washington~~ Washington have not been able to find a way out of the Korean dilemma. And added: "No superman is going to solve our difficulties for us."

Today the President was whistle-stopping through Iowa, and - at Cedar Rapids, an egg was thrown. Splattering against a car, ten feet from where the President was speaking. The police believe the egg was tossed from among a group of ~~teenage~~ teenage boys - who also peppered the Truman train with dried beans.

H.S.T. took no notice of either the egg or the beans. (~~But he did reply to requests for a~~
~~Liberty, Iowa, who kept chanting, 'Free Ike, Ike'~~)

The Truman whistle-stop trip today was marked by booing and heckling from youngsters.

NIXON

(The Democratic National Committee hurls a new thunderbolt at Senator Nixon charging - that the Republican Vice Presidential candidate, and his family, own two-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars' worth of real estate.)

The statement is that the Senator's parents have homes in Pennsylvania and Florida, which Nixon failed to mention in that famous accounting of the money matters of Dick and Pat. Nor, declares the Democratic National Committee, did Nixon list the gro^cve_ry store.

"Nor" adds the committee, "did the Senator discuss the swanky new drive-in restaurant now owned by brother Donald at Whittier - a structure which has been appraised at one-hundred-and-seventy five thousand dollars," says the committee.

All of which leads Democratic Chairman Stephen Mitchell to demand that Nixon give an explanation - by publishing his income tax returns.

(To this the Vice-Presidential candidate replies - "the charge that my family and I own real estate

valued at a quarter of a million dollars is a lie")
and he adds: "I have not discussed the property
belonging to my father and mother in this campaign,
because I did not think it was anybody's business but
their own." He calls his parents' property "very
modest" and says: "It constitutes their sole source
of income. I did not contribute in any way, directly
or indirectly to its purchase."

(Nixon also says its a lie - to say that his
brother owns the restaurant at Whittier. Brother
Donald, says he, merely ^{rents} manages the place.)

As for income tax returns, he declares that
the financial statement he gave in his nationwide
radio-television appearance - was, in his words - "taken
from the full income tax returns of my wife and me."

~~(So that's the latest in the money matters of
Dick and Pat - a switch to the finances of the Nixon
parents and brother.)~~

Nixon
DD STEVENSON

In a later dispatch, the democratic national committee stated that Nixon's parents bought a farm in Pennsylvania, paying six thousand dollars down. That was a year before their son was elected to the Senate. Immediately ~~a~~ after his election, they paid off the six thousand dollars mortgage. That doesn't sound like such an expensive farm.

STEVENSON

There was a scene of political drama aboard the Stevenson campaign train today. At Lexington, Pennsylvania who should arrive, but Democratic Congressman Francis J. Walter. Dramatic - because the Pennsylvania congressman was ~~the~~ co-sponsor of the McCarran immigration bill. Which measure has been denounced with all sorts of thunder by both President Truman and Governor Stevenson.

Day before yesterday, Adlai castigated Senator McCarran of Nevada for his part in it - and virtually read him out of the Democratic party. So now, here was Congressman Walter - co-author of that Immigration Bill. Rather like a scene for the stage; - so, what happened?

Well, Presidential candidate Stevenson was not on the campaign train at the time - off on a detour whistle-stop trip by automobile. So the Congressman waited ^{ing}, climbing ^{ed} to the rear platform of Adlai's private car, from which the candidate makes whistle-stop speeches.

There, Congressman Walter talked to newsmen, saying - he had come to explain to Stevenson that ^{the} ~~he~~ was "misinformed" about the immigration bill.

Illinois' governor
(The Pennsylvania Democrat said the much-abused measure -- had been drafted with the aid of the Department of Justice and the State Department. "If there is ~~anything~~ anything wrong" he told the newsmen, "they've got to share the blame!")

About that time, Adlai arrived by automobile, and there was the Congressman ~~on~~ on the rear platform. His aides told him about it, and Stevenson went to the other end of his private car, and climbed aboard - taking no notice of the Congressman. Later, the Pennsylvania Democrat was seen aboard the campaign train -but he was in a coach two cars away from the Presidential candidate.

(That was the situation, as last reported - so how does it all end? We don't know, but the aides of Governor Stevenson give the opinion - that, in endorsing Congressional candidate^s of Pennsylvania,

the presidential nominee will omit the name of Congressman Walter, co-sponsor of the immigration bill.)

Political drama today, following another example of the same (last night, when Adlai spoke at Madison Square Garden, receiving a tumultuous ovation from a record-breaking crowd.) But the occasion did not include the New York Democratic nominee for the Senate, John Cashmore of Brooklyn.

There's a factional fight, Cashmore nominated by the Democrats - but opposed by the Liberal Party. They're all for Stevenson - but named a candidate of their own for the Senate. Which, by the way, virtually assures the reelection of Republican Senator Ives.

Last night's big hurrah at Madison Square Garden was, apparently, a liberal party ~~affair~~ affair, mostly. So the Democratic nominee for the Senate was hissed. He tried to make a speech but couldn't. While Cashmore, on the platform, was addressing the group, the band started to play - and drowned him out. Comedians came on, started a clowning act - while


the Democratic senatorial candidate
Cashmore, still, was trying to talk. A big bill of
entertainment was on the schedule, and all he could do
was walk off - in chagrin, and let the performers
have the stage.

(That was the prologue to the arrival of
Stevenson - who, later, tried to make amends by a
display of cordiality toward Cashmore. But it was
painful political drama for ^{New York's} ~~the~~ Democratic ~~senatorial~~
candidate for the United States Senate.)

ILLINOIS PRISON

At the Illinois State Prison, the mentally unbalanced mutineers have released three guards. They had held as hostages. This, after Lieutenant Governor Sherwood Dixon, acting for Governor Adlai Stevenson, promised to hear their complaints, and said there would be no reprisals. The guards were turned loose after a harrowing ordeal - in which the psychiatric prisoners made menacing gestures with butcher knives at the throats of the hostages.

But the main band of mutineers is holding out still, in a cell block - where they have seven guards as hostages. They are the ones who insisted that they wanted to see Governor Adlai Stevenson - who is campaigning for President in the East. Lieutenant Governor Dixon broke off his own campaign for Governor of Illinois - to take Stevenson's place.

Prison authorities declare they'll starve out the rebel convicts - who haven't had any food or water since Monday. 

Except, for a small bit \leftarrow procured by making a prison guard request edibles for himself and the other hostages. Food was handed in for them -but the mutineers grabbed and ate it.

At last reports negotiations were going on.

ADD EGYPT

~~This is followed by news from~~ ^{Ex-} King Farouk,
~~the~~ ousted ^{ruler} ~~ex-king~~ of Egypt, at a resort place in
Italy, ~~the~~ announcement ^d is that Farouk, today, ^{that he has} renewed
his subscription - to the British Match Box Label
Society. The former monarch has long been known as
a collector of stamps, and now a member of the Royal
entourage describes Farouk as "one of the world's most
famous match box label collectors."

The drama in this little bit of news lies in
the fact that Farouk's dues in the British Society
fell due on July twenty-sixth. But that was the day
he was tossed off his throne and ousted from Egypt -
by strong man mohammed Naguib. So, in that pickle,
you could hardly blame him for forgetting to pay his
dues. He sent his check today to the match Box Label
Society.

BHUTAN

This world of ours has a new ruler - and these are tidings from far, far away. A dispatch tells of the crowning of the sovereign of the most remote independent nation on earth. Sounds like Tibet - but that Himalayan land is no longer independent, taken over by the Reds. ~~But~~ Between Tibet and India, ^{- Assam -} lies the small state of Bhutan, a principality of Himalayan tribes - independent, although its foreign affairs are directed by India.

The new Maharajah of Bhutan is - his Highness Jigme Dorji Wanchuk, who succeeds his deceased father.

A N.Y. Times correspondent in India
~~The news comes in a dispatch to the New York Times,~~

which states that a special envoy from India had to journey, first to Gangtok, ^{capital of Sikkim,} near the border of Tibet. Then, from Gangtok ~~is~~ on horseback for nine days, to the secluded capital city of Punakha.

If you look at the map, you'll be fooled.

Bhutan seems rather near to some of the populous great cities of India - which it is, as a matter of mere miles. The dim remoteness consists of Himalayan

mountains and tropical jungles.

They tried to build a highway from India into Bhutan, but that failed - because herds of wild elephants smashed bridges, and tore out the roadbed. Moreover, travelers have to go in armed parties - because the whole section is infested with tigers, as fierce as they are numerous.

^{Nelson,}
Such is the kingdom of the world's newest monarch - His Highness Jigme Dorji Wanchuk, Maharajah of Bhutan.

FIJIS

Last night, the moment this program was over, I had a phone call from up Cape Cod way. An old friend, Colonel Ralph Isham of Boswell papers fame, calling and saying: "I just listened to Lowell Jr's account of the fire-walkers of the Fijis - and here's a story to go along with it. Colonel Isham ^{then} told me that some - and fellow townsman of mine in C.C. Colo - years ago a well known writer, Wallace Irwin, was out in the Fijis, and went to the island of fire-walkers. He was curious about that South Sea miracle -and very skeptical. So, attending the ceremony, he inspected the white hot stones, and found -- they were blazing hot, all right. He examined the feet of the fire-walkers -and they were ~~simply calloused~~, like the feet of any other barefoot native anywhere. The fire-walkers walking proceeded, in its incredible way. Leaving Wallace Irwin - mystified.

As he stood puzzled, he put a cigarette in his mouth, snapped a small lighter he had along, and lit the cigarette. Doing this, he noticed a stir among the Fijians. They gathered in a group, talking

excitedly. Wallace Irwin asked his interpreter what it was all about? The interpreter talked with the fire-walkers, and came back saying: "They want you to be their chief."

"But why?" asked the astonished American author.

"Well" explained the interpreter, "they say

this fire-walking is nothing much. They can all do it."

interpreter added Nelson -

^ "But, when a man snaps his fingers and makes fire - that's magic."

~~Colonel Ralph Isham said he had the story from Wallace Irwin upon his return, and passes it along as a companion piece to the story of the fire-walkers of the Fijis, which Lowell Jr. gave us last night. When a man snaps his ~~22~~ fingers, and ~~makes~~ makes fire - that's magic.~~