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From Korea comes word that ~~We~~ we now have the first official recognition of the movement of troops across the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. Apparently only South Koreans. A Tenth Corps spokesman announced that the Third Republic of Korea Division (several hours ago) was already Thirty-Five miles into Northern Korea. The statement further said that NO UNITED STATES forces had crossed that Thirty-Eighth parallel.

This morning in Korea Allied planes are taking off to attack the enemy coast just north of where South Koreans are driving on to Won San.

Without explanation the Eighth Army in Korea has just announced that there will be no briefing or communique issued this morning.

SECOND ADD KOREA

General Stratemeyer Chief of the Far East Air Forces announced tonight that from now on U.S. planes will strike only at military targets and will avoid hitting North Korean civilians or anything which might hurt the economy of the country. General Stratemeyer said that spotter planes had not located any Communist reinforcements in the northern sections of Korea nor any Chinese reinforcements for the Reds in the Manchurian border area.

At the U. N. tonight, the Soviet bloc sprang ^{that expected} ~~a surprise.~~ They put forward a Korean peace proposal. ^{There had been rumors of it. Today} Sponsored by Russia, and four of her satellites, the resolution called for an immediate cease-fire in Korea, the withdrawal of United Nations forces, and national ^{wide} elections ^{conducted} ~~to be~~ by a joint commission ^{representing} ~~from~~ the North and South Korean Governments. A United Nations on-the-spot team of observers ^{to} ~~would~~ watch ^{to it} ~~to~~ see that the elections ~~are~~ fair -- both Communist China and Russia to be members of this United Nations team.

Mr. Vishinsky said that there was no possibility of a compromise between this peace proposal and the West's eight nation resolution for a free and ~~unif~~ unified post-war Korea. The West's plan, put forward on Friday, provides that U. N. forces remain in Korea -- both south and north -- ^{with} ~~and~~ free elections, ^{held.} The Soviet's proposal is the Kremlin's answer to General MacArthur's demand for surrender. But the proposal is obviously unacceptable to the U. N. Majority.

One interesting thing about this suggestions:-

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it's the first time since the U. N. entered the Korean dispute, three years ago, that the Russians have offered to let the organization have any hand in Korea's affairs.

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Question:— What's happening

in Korea
~~It looks as though there is something very~~
~~strange going on in Korea.~~ Early today, we ^{heard} ~~learned~~ that
spearheads of two South Korean Divisions had driven
across the Thirty-Eighth Parallel into North Korea, ~~had~~
driven more than thirty-five miles towards the vital
communications center of Wonsan, on the east coast.

But while these two spearheads push rapidly
north beyond the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, against little
or no Red opposition, there is official silence both at
the Eighth Army headquarters and in Tokyo. No one in
authority will admit he knows anything. An Eighth Army
spokesman says he has no information about the fighting
since the last official communique. ~~And the spokesman's~~
Then the
~~last word~~ was that the South Korean forces were slightly
less than two miles south of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

Back to Korea
~~But~~ Robert Bennyhoff of the United Press is
with the South Koreans, ~~At noon yesterday he set out~~
~~with them on their dash northwards, to Yangyang, captured~~
~~early this morning without a shot being fired.~~ ^{which was} The last
word from him was from Kojin-Ni, twenty-seven miles north

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of Yangyang, ~~reached by the South Korean Third Division~~
~~in less than six hours, after leaving Yangyang~~ And word
is that they're still driving north.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force, ~~was out~~ in support of
the South Koreans, - blasting ^{ed} the Reds wherever they ^{put}
^{up their heads,} ~~showed themselves.~~ From air headquarters, it is announced
that altogether a hundred-and-fifty-five close-support
missions by fighters were flown today. So the Air Force,
at any rate, is supporting the South Koreans. ~~It seems~~
~~strange that headquarters both in Korea and at Tokyo~~
~~remain silent. Their word - officially at any rate - is~~
~~that the South Koreans are still south of the Thirty-~~
~~Eighth Parallel. We wonder what their reason can be!~~

From General MacArthur's official communique
we learn that the round-up of Reds south of the Thirty-
Eighth Parallel is continuing rapidly. United Nations
Forces captured more than six-thousand-five-hundred
prisoners today, and inflicted more than a thousand
casualties.

KOREA - REINFORCEMENTS

The second contingent of British reinforcements for Korea sailed from Southampton today. They were the first battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment and a tank squadron. The first battalion of the Royal Ulster rifles sailed yesterday from Liverpool.

MINES

On Friday night, came news of ^{the U.S.} ~~a United States~~ destroyer, ~~the~~ "Brush," ^{hitting} ~~striking~~ a floating mine ^{off} ~~in~~ Korean ~~waters~~. In Washington today, Admiral Sherman, Chief of Naval operations, told of a second American warship damaged, the destroyer "Mansfield", also by a floating mine. The damaged "Mansfield" managed, to make its base in Japan, under its own power ~~on~~ Saturday. Seven men were injured - none ~~of them~~ fatally - when the vessel struck the mine.

"For several weeks past Russian-made "unmoored" floating mines have been picked up in Korean waters by ^{U.N.} Naval craft. Such floating mines are illegal - banned by the Hague Convention. But then the North Koreans have probably never heard of the agreement - much less signed it.

Admiral Sherman said he thought the mines were ^{- set adrift} set adrift by the North Koreans ^{inland,} up the rivers. Then allowed to float down to the sea.

MICHIGAN-ATOMIC DAY

This is Atomic Day in Michigan, and for Michigan people all over the country. More than a hundred and fifty thousand graduate^s, students and faculty, of the University of Michigan, are involved in this. The day has been set aside for the purpose of emphasizing the non-destructive side of atomic energy.

It all has to do with what is called the Phoenix Project, taking the name of course from the mythological bird that rose from its own ashes to begin a new life. ~~and~~ ^{The} University of Michigan hopes to do ~~the same, help~~ build ~~something~~ from the atomic ashes that so far have been dedicated to destruction. Many of the nation's top figures, General Eisenhower among them, are taking part. Michigan atomic meetings are being held at this moment right across the continent -- in two hundred different places.

In the announcement from Ann Arbor there ~~are~~
are some striking sentences, such as: "the question
deep in the minds of men today is: will we die by
the atom or live by the atom?"

Let's help make the atom save mankind! The
race is on! -- between the atom as a force for evil
and as a force for good!

So Tonight one-hundred-and-fifty thousand sons, ~~and~~
daughters, of the University of Michigan ~~are~~ *are planning* to build the
greatest atomic research center in the world. That
is their hope.

WEATHER

Here in New York today, while we sweltered in a heat wave, ~~weather~~ the temperature up to eighty-three, ~~degrees~~, snow was falling in Montana, Wyoming, and ~~around~~ Winnipeg, ~~Canada~~. At the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Forsythia, normally one of the first blooms of the spring, ~~burst into flower~~ ^{is out} today. ~~But~~ at the Bronx Zoo, the penguins were ~~feeling anything but happy~~ ^{complaining}.

President Truman is making the most of the sunny weather on his yacht, the Williamsburg. In Chesapeake Bay this morning, after breakfast, he stripped off his blue sports shirt and stretched out on the couch on the deck, taking a sun bath.

Meanwhile, in Bermuda, they were getting ready for a ninety-five mile an hour Atlantic hurricane, ~~threatening the island~~ ^{coming up} from the south. Another tropical storm, ~~which started~~ a couple of hundred miles south of New Orleans, ~~was~~ ^{is} moving northwest toward the Louisiana coast, ~~where~~ all small boats had been advised to ~~remain~~ ^{stay} in port.

So we have ~~a little of~~ everything tonight - heat wave, snow, ~~or~~ hurricane. ~~You can take your choice.~~

JOE LOUIS

Now -- surprise. Astonishing prizefight news -- from Joe Louis. Joe has become "unretired" all over again. He has changed his mind about the statement he made -- that he would never fight again.

Today, the former champion called a news conference, and the reporters found him still showing signs of the mauling he took last Wednesday night. His face was still swollen, especially the left eye. But Joe promptly announced that he was thinking of a return bout with champion Ezzard Charles.

Everybody who saw the fight agreed that Joe Louis, at thirty-six, had little left of his former devastation -- time having taken the proverbial toll. Badly-battered Joe admitted much the same thing, when he announced he was quitting. But now he says his retirement was, in the words of the dispatch -- "Just one of those things done in excitement after the fight, and without full consideration." Which does ^{not} sound like Joe Louis style of conversation ^{does it?} -- he's not usually that stately, not to say stodgy. But that's the way he's quoted.

Joe said he would make a decision about a comeback in a month or so. But his trainer, Mannie Seamon was more positive. Mannie blamed Joe's defeat on two things -- a cold, and golf. Joe did have a cold a few days before the fight, and he is known for fancying himself as a mighty man ^{off the tee and with his} ~~at teeing off and shooting putts.~~

brassy on the fairway.

So today the spokesman said: "With four months of training and with no cold, Joe would make a much better showing than he did Wednesday night - and, this time, he will play no golf."

This is the second time for Joe to retire, and then take it all back. Reminds one of Sarah Bernhardt who had so many farewell tours -- that a "good-bye forever" was like a promise of another "hello". Maybe Joe Louis will establish a new record for being "retired" and then "unretired;" *and no golf.*

BASEBALL

Here's a question for a lot of us who happen to be a family man with children -- how would you feel if your own son were to blast your fondest hope? Sounds tragic, but it comes from the world of baseball -- the story of the ungrateful son.

We all know how the Philadelphia Phillies won the National League Pennant. The whizz kids finally did it, after a collapse that brought them within one game of giving up a nine-game lead. So, imagine the chagrin of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who were so far behind, but ran a winning streak which took them within one game of a tie. Yesterday's defeat was enough to make them gnash their teeth, all the way from ^{the erudite} Branch Rickey down to the bat boy.

The Philadelphia hero is, of course, Dick Sissler -- who won the all-important game. Tenth inning tie, one to one. Two men on base, and Sissler hit a home run -- hero for the Phillies, villain for the Dodgers.

But who is this Dick Sissler? Today's news has been considering that angle with due attention -- and it is a human story worth rehearsing. Dick is a son of the

great George Sissler, who was one of the finest hitters baseball ever knew -- until his brilliant career was cut short suddenly, because of trouble with his eyes. But he has been doing all right ever since, and today is a top figure with the Brooklyn Dodgers, -- right hand man to Branch Rickey.

This year George Sissler's big ambition was to see the Dodgers win the pennant -- and his own son did him out of that. So, imagine the feelings of father, when junior blasted Brooklyn right out of the pennant. Poor *Pop Sissler* ~~father~~ could remember the days when he *sometimes would* ~~used to~~ get a big hit like that.

So tonight you can imagine George Sissler brooding darkly, and muttering the Shakespearian line:

"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is --
to have a thankless child!"

Then jumping up and yelling: *Hurrah!* "He's a chip off
the old block."

MOVIE

In London, they've chosen the royal command film. That's the top picture selected each year for showing in front of the King and Queen and a distinguished audience. Alternate years, the film comes from Britain or from Abroad. And this year it's Britain's turn.

But the British film producers' association aren't at all happy about "The Mudlark", a movie telling about the life of Queen Victoria. They say it isn't even British. Because playing the part of the great queen is an American, Irene Dunn. The writer is an American, so is the director. And so is the company -- Twentieth Century Fox. In fact, the film's only claim to be British is that it was made in London, with British money. Even the runner-up movie this year, "Pandora and the Flying Dutchman", has an American touch. It stars Ava Gardner. So maybe next year they'd better choose a film made in Hollywood, with a British writer, British actors, and a British director - and call it American.

It's all rather confusing.

*Conf now here's M - who's never
confused.*