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KOREA

From Korea, news of the biggest carrier strike of the war. Planes from a fleet of U. S. aircraft carriers flew five-hundred-and-two Sorties today - blasting Red railroad centers. One, right on the Chinese border, farther north than any target bombed hitherto.

~~Note to Mr. Thomas~~

~~NATO can be dropped.~~

~~WATERFRONT can be cut, the paragraph about the two brothers.~~

~~Maybe LONDON might be dropped.~~

Substitute lead EISENHOWER

President-Elect Eisenhower has asked General Douglas MacArthur for the plan he has - to bring about a solution of the Korean War. A dispatch tonight from the USS "HELENA" states that, no sooner had MacArthur stated he had such a proposal, than General Eisenhower sent him a message by cable - and received an answer. We are told that the MacArthur plan has not been communicated to the President-Elect - but that the former Supreme Commander will present it, shortly after General Eisenhower returns to New York, next week.

All of which is in contrast with news from the Pentagon - where a spokesman, today, noted the fact that Five-Star General MacArthur, ~~etc. etc.~~

~~But, here is a come back -- from the Pentagon, where a~~  
~~spokesman today noted the fact that Five Star General MacArthur~~  
<sup>is</sup> still in the Army. An employee, said the spokesman.

Which makes it incumbent on him to give his proposal for ending  
the Korean War - to the Army.

"If he has anything of a new or novel character,  
it is his duty, as a good soldier, to submit it," said the  
spokesman. And added: "It would not be dignified for the  
Army to go to one of its employees and ask him for his ideas."

<sup>R</sup> All of which

<sup>^</sup> sounds like the Brass, talking to the Brass.

~~But here's the latest -- from General  
Cearbaver at sea. A bulletin, just in,  
states that the President-elect wants to  
hear about the MacArthur plan for ending  
the Korean war. Aboard ship he <sup>has</sup> been  
told about it and is interested.~~

*Meanwhile* The news from the U.S.S. Helena, ~~meanwhile~~, sounds like - a shooting war. The fusillade being aboard the cruiser. General Ike, during a quiet sea voyage, has been confabulating with members of his Cabinet-to-be - and, today, took time out for a bit of relaxation. They did some skeet ~~skit~~ shooting.

The warship is equipped with a portable mechanism for tossing out the clay pigeons. So, on the fantail of the cruiser, the General took his place, together with George Humphrey, the coming Secretary of the Treasury; ~~And~~ - General Lucius Clay, close adviser to Eisenhower. They banged away with the shotguns. ~~So~~ *How* did they do?

Well, the news dispatch says they didn't miss one.

General Ike got the first, and every clay pigeon was hit ~~by~~ *by* ~~them~~ *by* ~~those~~ *Clay and his fellow* infallible marksmen.


If that's true, they ought to send the three of them right back to Korea. They could use 'em there.



ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

The Rockefeller Foundation gave more than one million, eight hundred thousand dollars to the Institute of Pacific Relations - which is under Congressional fire on charges of pro-Communism. So stated today by former Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk, now President of the Rockefeller Foundation, He defended the grant of money, saying: "The Foundation did not provide funds for the I.R.P., or to anyone else, to be used to promote Communism." The donations, he declared, were made at a time when the Institute of Pacific Relations was doing valuable work.

Rockefeller money went also to Owen Lattimore, likewise assailed on charges of pro-Communism. And - to a school of music, a project handled by Hans Eisler, brother of Communist Leader Gerhart Eisler. All of which was defended, likewise, by the President of the Rockefeller Foundation.



ADD ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Testimony was given also by John D. Rockefeller, Third,  
Chairman of the Fund. After which - the Chairman of the  
Congressional Committee stated: "If there was anything wrong,  
it was because of error, or lack of information."

EAST GERMANY

In East Germany, a top Communist official was arrested today - on the charge of being connected with Rudolf Slansky, the one-time big-shot of the Reds, who was hanged in Czechoslovakia. Which seems to confirm reports that the Communist Party of East Germany may be in for a purge - maybe one of those theatrical trials staged by the Reds.

Hermann Matern was a member of the East German Politburo, and head of the Party "Control Commission." This latter position required him to make East German Reds <sup>(toe)</sup> ~~toe~~ the Stalinist Party-line - and the Politburo gave him the task of rooting out supporters of Slansky. That's the irony - Matern arrested now, for connection with Slansky.

## EGYPT

The Egyptian Constitution will be abolished. So <sup>an</sup>~~pronounced~~ by Premier Mohammed Naguib tonight. The Egyptian strong man calls the present Constitution "feudal" and says that a Committee will be appointed to draft a new one. This - to be submitted to the people of Egypt for ratification. Word from Cairo is that the new Constitution will abolish the Monarchy, declare a Republic. Right now, Egypt is technically under a Regency, acting for the infant son of King Farouk - who was tossed out. This Regency - to be tossed out also. The ancient Land of the Nile to become the Republic of Egypt.



## TUNIS

The wave of maddened violence has subsided in Tunisia - after the ferocious outbreak in Casablanca yesterday. But, there was one vicious act of terrorism today - when a passenger train was machine-gunned. The Tunis-Sousse express was speeding through a desolate section, when Arab terrorists raked the passenger coaches with machine gun bullets. One passenger killed, two wounded - in this latest case of North African violence.

In Kenya, the Mau Mau troubles, <sup>scout</sup> airplanes were used, today, in a hunt for a gang of thirty members of the Kikuyu tribe. While, on the ground, parties of police hunted through the African bush. The Mau Mau terrorists are wanted for the murder of an Indian merchant - his family attacked, his place of business looted.

The identity of the victim tells a good deal about the terrorism in East Africa. Which is directed, not only against the British, but against other non-Africans as well. Hussein Kanji Dossa Madhani was a Moslem of the Ismaili sect - a prominent leader, in fact, of that branch of Islam. His grandfather - said to have been a minister to the Aga Khan - that fabulous figure, who is the religious head of the Ismaili. The sect flourishes chiefly in India, <sup>and</sup> Pakistan, and the victim of the Mau Mau came from India, ~~and his family was a~~ <sup>— setting up as a</sup> merchant in East Africa.

All - symbolical of <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ Indian element <sup>in Kenya</sup> which is a target for the tribal terrorism, ~~and his~~ <sup>along with</sup> the British.

## LONDON

London, tonight, is rid of its foggy nightmare.

Today, the murky bank of mist, dark with soot, blew away.

Old-timers declare that London had fogs as dense before - but never a one that lasted so long. Five days - and the wet, cloudy blanket was black with particles of coal smoke from those innumerable British fireplaces, burning soft coal.

One hundred lives lost - from maladies of respiration, and from freak accidents. And there was a minor crime wave, as crooks took advantage of the blinding fog. Damage of twenty-eight million dollars - including losses from the tie-up of trade and transport.

Today, when the misty blanket lifted, there was a huge job of clean-up. The fog having coated the inside of houses with a sticky soot - bane of the London housewives.



SUPREME COURT

Momentous proceedings began before the Supreme Court today - a full scale consideration of the racial question in schools. The high tribunal has before it five separate cases, appealing against segregation in education - in South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Kansas.

~~Today~~ The argument was opened by a Negro lawyer, Robert L. Carter of New York, who presented the <sup>contention -</sup> ~~argument, raised~~ ~~in each of these five cases~~ - that racial segregation in schools is in violation of the Constitution. He spoke in tones of quiet moderation, assailing a system so familiar in the South. The doctrine of - "separate but equal" educational facilities. He contended that equal physical facilities do not constitute equal educational opportunity.

This was <sup>answered by</sup> ~~followed by an answer from~~ the Assistant Attorney General of Kansas, Paul Wilson - in whose state school segregation is permitted in cities of more than fifteen thousand people. Which, he declared, was constitutional so long as the schools and the teachers for White and Negroes were - "equal."



The argument before the Supreme Court is historic - having to do with a basic traditional method in parts of this country.

Meanwhile, at Chattanooga, a sixty-seven year old Negro Baptist Minister says he was brutally beaten on a bus. He's a native of Jamaica, naturalized in this country - and lives in Washington. On the bus, in Tennessee, two White men ordered him back to a rear seat. He says they beat him, without interference from the driver. The transportation company ~~replies that~~ <sup>replies that</sup> the driver stopped the bus, and reported to the police. The Negro Minister says he will take the case to the Department of Justice in Washington.

## WATERFRONT

The federal government is moving to revoke the citizenship of Albert Anastasio - reputed to be the overlord of the racket of the New York waterfront. This Anastasio was also named as a sinister figure in "Murder, Incorporated", the gangster organization prosecuted in Brooklyn a few years ago. He was naturalized in Nineteen Forty-Three, and the claim is that, in making out his application, he omitted - his criminal record. Constituting - fraud. So federal authorities are taking action to revoke the citizenship - intending to deport Albert Anastasio back to his native Italy.

~~He is one of three brothers - all named in the investigation of racketeering along the docks. One brother, "Jerry", was questioned by Governor Dewey's Crime Commission last week - about gangster crimes in the Longshoremen's Union. He sat - silent, defiant.~~

~~Another brother, named Joseph, was mentioned in the Crime Commission proceedings today. Witnesses told about thefts on the docks - which come to many thousands of dollars~~

Add WATERFRONT

Later news presents a remarkable piece of cynicism with testimony that racketeers took advantage of a patriotic strike to shake down importers for seventy thousand dollars.

In 1950, shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War, indignant longshoremen refused to unload Russian cargos at New York. These included two shipments of Russian furs worth more than two million dollars. Importing firms wanted urgently to get these in, <sup>and</sup> racketeers charged them seventy thousand dollars for persuading longshoremen to do the job. ~~But~~ The shakedown was arranged, we are told, by a Union leader known as "Joe - the Gent". Interesting name, and quite a gent.



## SLEEP

The world has a new champion - Robert Cook, a painter at Midland, Texas. He's the "stay awak<sup>e</sup>" champ. He won the sleepless title, today, when his opponent - just couldn't keep his eyes open any longer.

It all began when Cook and a fellow painter, Jess Hensley, were putting a new coat on a house. As they sat on the scaffold, daubing away, they got into an argument - who could stay awake the longest?

They made a bet, and the contest began four days ago - the two sitting up together. Friends came in and helped them stay awake - making bets on the side. Yesterday, it looked like a draw - both so bleary eyed, so dead tired, they were ready to give it up. But the friends, having bets on the contest, kept them going - kept them awake. You know how friends are.

So Cook and Hensley stayed awake all last night, and part of today - when Hensley gave up. Friends or no friends, he went home - and hit the hay.



Which left Robert Cook the winner of the stay-awake  
marathon. Not a wink of sleep for ninety-seven hours and  
forty-one minutes, more than four days.

So hail <sup>to</sup> the champ, - <sup>Nelson</sup> the sleepless wonder!