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(In Korea tonight U.N. forces have made two rallying stands -- in the center and in the west.) In each case, the Allies have stood their ground in an effort to stem the Red hordes. Just south of Wonju in Central Korea a furious battle broke out when two Allied regiments turned on the North Koreans who were not expecting any opposition. The North Koreans were headed towards the main highway south from Seoul to Taejon and Taegu -- in an attempt to cut the main Allied road of withdrawal. Today's action seems to have thwarted this flanking movement. The other battle developed near Osan, where Chinese attacked, but were driven back with heavy casualties.

Low cloud^s blanketed the hill tops of South Korea today, forcing fighters and light bombers to fly blind -- using their instruments to search for targets. Today's main air assault was aimed at Seoul -- as were B-26 raids in darkness last night -- in both cases blasting enemy concentrations. At last word it appears that (the Red advance has rolled forward some fifteen

miles in the last 24 hours. And there is still no word of the expected new defence line for General Ridgeway's 8th Army.)

KOREA

Amid all the gloomy news and fears about Korea, here's a different angle entirely -- a view given by one of our top-ranking columnists. Who states: "The underlying battle situation is much brighter than pictured in those bleak superficial spot-news reports." That from Robert S. Allen in a column distributed by the Post-Hall Syndicate and published in newspapers far and wide today.

From his own sources of information, Allen, ^{a former Air Force Colonel,} argues that the big battle against the Chinese Reds has not yet been fought. That major conflict will occur somewhere south of Seoul, the columnist adding: "That is where the big battle will take place -- and you can be sure the Reds are in for a terrific blood-letting. They may force a withdrawal," he writes, "but it will be the kind of costly victory they cannot afford many of."

Bob Allen calls this -- "bottomless pit" strategy. Which, he adds, is the strategy the Reds are attempting against us -- trying to bleed us white.

However, two can play the same game, and now it's the plan of our Command -- draw them in, and bleed them white. Make them use up their trained man power and equipment.

To this let's add a dispatch from Tokyo. It begins: "The best information available here today indicated that the Allies have not decided whether they will pull out of Korea or fight it out against the Communists. At the moment the idea seems to be -- wait and see."

The dispatch goes on to say that many observers in Tokyo believe General MacArthur may have some trick up his sleeve. "Others," the Tokyo story goes on, "believe the plan is to draw the invaders out, make them lengthen their supply lines, then work them over from the air and ground at the same time."

This latter alternative, reported from Tokyo, is pretty close to the word passed along by the Washington correspondent -- the strategy of drawing the Reds into a "bottomless pit."

CENSORSHIP

8th Army Headquarters today clamped a hundred percent censorship on all news from Korea. Today's order puts correspondents under Army orders -- forbids all criticism of the conduct of the war.

Punishment for breaking the new rule is strict -- deportation or Court Martial.

Veteran war correspondents called the regulations "the strictest they had ever known." From now on every story will be screened for military information and the blue pencil applied to any mention of reinforcements, equipment, or plans. No forecasts about future operations are allowed.

The news agencies are protesting the new censorship regulations. Earl Johnson, Vice-President of the United Press, says the new order is "unnecessarily severe." He calls it "a shocking reversal of the voluntary censorship policy of the summer and autumn."

INDO-CHINA

(Word from Saigon tonight, ~~is~~ that new troops have arrived from France and Morocco. ^{And} Have already gone into battle positions against the rebels in the Red River Delta ~~area~~ of Indo-China.) The reinforcements which landed Sunday include battalions of the Foreign Legion, Sengalese and Moroccans. Also an armored regiment fully equipped with Sherman tanks and artillery.

HONGKONG

The Fourteen hundred Americans who make their homes in Hongkong -- some temporary, many permanent, were "advised" today to pull out their families -- as soon as possible. The advice came from the State Department, ^{and} was relayed to the American community by our Consul General. ^{by the way, it} ~~from~~ ^{his} office, in Hongkong's only skyscraper -- the Hongkong Shanghai Bank Building. ^{TR} For the families of twenty-two government officials it was not advice, it was an order. Wives and children of the Consulate staff and our Information Services will be sent home during the next few weeks. ^{TR} So far only one company has ordered its families to leave -- Pan American World Airways, ~~who~~ did so last week. "There is no reason for ^a stampede," said the Consul General. "We are simply advising you to send your families home while normal travel services are available -- because of the deterioration of the situation in the Far East."

Last week the Chase Bank said it would close its offices in Hongkong; and today we learn that several other American firms will move their Far Eastern

headquarters elsewhere.

Though we may be thinking of pulling our families out of Hongkong, the British ^{are not} ~~certainly~~ ~~worried~~ ~~anxious~~. The Hongkong Government said today that there is no question of any similar action by the British. Word is that there are no "war jitters" in Britain's lonely Asian outpost. That the gay social life - both Chinese and European - goes on as usual in the Hongkong Club, the Jockey Club and the Lobby of the Hongkong Hotel. As the British Governor said not long ago: "In Hongkong we shall hope for the best - and prepare for the worst." *As they did once before - when the Japs were overrunning the China Coast.*

In the eighteen months since I was in Hongkong - on my way to Tibet - the British have done much to "prepare for the worst." When I looked into China, across Hongkong's twelve mile land frontier, the garrison was only six thousand men. Today it is four times as large *and* can quickly be reinforced from Malaya. Next month a jet fighter squadron will swell the air defences.

Britain's Far Eastern fleet, now operating off Korea, can quickly be pulled back to Hongkong's magnificent harbor -- in an emergency - to patrol the long creeks and winding inlets -- and forestall any attempted sea invasion by junks and sampans. British orders are: stay in Hongkong! against all comers. And the latest is that they are doing all they can to be ready to do just that!

The British, of course, recognized the new Chinese Red regime. But, the irony is that the Chinese Reds refuse to recognize the British. So, Hongkong is like a city built over a volcano that hasn't erupted, but may erupt at any moment.

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower has started out from Paris on his tour of Europe's Atlantic Pact members. Tonight he is in Brussels -- for talks with Belgium's military leaders. Just before the General's arrival, Prince Baudouin placed all Belgian troops under Eisenhower's command. This includes an occupation force of thirty thousand men in Germany -- to be increased to four divisions by the end of 1952.

On his arrival the Supreme Commander told the Belgians he was back in Europe to "preserve the culture, of which western civilization is so proud, without fighting." Tomorrow he flies on to Holland.

SPANISH AMBASSADOR

The United States 6th Fleet steamed majestically into Barcelona Harbor today, firing off a twenty-one gun salute to the fortress. ~~It was~~ ^{The} first American Fleet to visit Spain for many years; -- this time in celebration of renewed diplomatic relations between this country and Spain. Most of Barcelona had turned out to welcome the ships. And within a few hours of dropping anchor the officers and men were received ashore in gay fiesta.

SWORD

From London news of more headaches for Scotland Yard tonight - this time Britannia's Sword has been put on the missing list - joining the Stone of Scone. The bronze Sword of Britannia, a Statue in Waterloo Place, near to that of Clive of India, disappeared Sunday night. Britannia's girdle also disappeared -- but that seems to have been found nearby. The Yard says it thinks there is no connection between the sword and the stone -- but maybe there is. Who knows. ^{Now the} Scottish Nationalists ^{— if they have it —} have got back their Coronation Stone, they may want a Sword to crown their new "King of Scotland."

FOSSILS

Today brings another contribution to the much disputed question -- the antiquity of man in America. Down in Louisiana they have discovered fossils, which might seem to prove that predecessors of the Indians lived on this continent fifty thousand years ago. On this program a couple of weeks ago we heard of a discovery in Alaska which seemed to indicate that the earliest men in America dated back only about twelve thousand years. So you see the difference of opinion in the controversy.

The find reported today is at Sicily Island, Louisiana, where a bulldozer unearthed a lot of bones - various parts of skeletons. A scientist at the Louisiana State University was notified, Dr. J.W. West. He arrived, took a look -- and was excited, though a bit cautious.

He said the fossil remains might show that human beings lived on this continent at the time of the primitive Neanderthal Man in Europe. There is no doubt

about the great age of the fossils -- found in a
gravel deposit dating back fifty ^{thousand} years. So that's that,
and there is only one question. The fossils are fifty
thousand years old, but are they human bones? That
is not quite certain. All of which may result in
another big battle among the scientists.

EYES

From Paris, the word -- you may love her beautiful blue eyes today, But, tomorrow you may be gazing into her lovely brown eyes. And the next day -- her gorgeous grey eyes. Just as a lady may have black hair today, platinum blonde tomorrow -- turning into a red head the next day.

The fashion stylists of Paris announce the newest for Madame -- eyes to match the color of her dress, no matter what that color may be. Even if her ^(gown) ~~dress~~ is a flaming orange -- so will be her eyes. A dress of Turkey red -- and eyes of Turkey red. Most peculiar of all, a white dress and white eyes. All this was demonstrated in Paris today by ^a ~~the~~ French movie star, ~~Michèle Morgan~~ -- who modelled a series of costumes of various colors, and her eyes changed with each one -- to match.

But how do you do it? It's easy to change the color of the hair, lips, fingernails, or cheeks. But whoever heard of changing the color of the eyes? Yet it's all quite simple -- as devised by a Parisian

inventor. The secret is merely -- contact lenses. The ordinary varieties of these are inserted over the eyeballs -- like invisible spectacles. But why shouldn't they be made in various colors -- changing the color of the eyes?

Of course, Paris could carry the idea still further, and have one eye match Madame's dress, while the other is the same color as her coat. Darling -- I love your lavender right eye, and let me gaze into your vermillion left eye. *Q little confusing - H?*