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(The recapture of Seoul only dramatizes the puzzle in Korea -- why are the Reds retreating all over the place? The capital city was taken by a small force of South Koreans who crossed the Han river in fishing boats and didn't fire a shot.)

Encountering no resistance whatever they marched to the capital building, where they hoisted the Republic of Korea flag. The city has changed hands four times now. This latest recapture the least exciting of all. But - the most puzzling.

All along the battlefront, it is the same thing, the Reds pulling out so fast that the UN forces can't catch up with them. They might, of course, if they plunged headlong with armored drives. But, the advance is cautious. And our commanders over there are taking no chance of running into a trap. They frankly don't know what the Reds are up to. <sup>TP</sup> One supposition is that the Communists are so badly beaten and have suffered such heavy losses that they are running away, defeated. There is a surmise that the long column<sup>s</sup> of enemy vehicles

pulling southward are really intended to evacuate the Red forces - instead of being a stream of reinforcements and fresh supplies. <sup>R</sup> But these optimistic views are not shared by headquarters. The belief persists that the Communists may be withdrawing for the purpose of mustering for a huge drive somewhere -- although that's hard to understand, considering the kind of terrain they have evacuated. In the central mountains they have abandoned areas of powerful fortifications, ten miles deep - ~~and~~ <sup>in</sup> which they could have made a powerful defense. Eighth Army officers expected to have a tough time routing them out of the great lines of strongholds. Yet the Reds pulled out -- firing hardly a shot.

Another supposition is that the whole thing may be -- political. Our forces are nearing the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, and General MacArthur has intimated that he won't cross that old border line without special authorization. The other day Eighth Army commander General Ridgway said that an advance

to the Parallel would be a great victory. So maybe  
the Reds are just pulling back behind the Parallel,  
expecting to stand there without opposition -- no  
U N attempt to cross the <sup>Lines</sup> Parallel. In other words,  
a political retreat.

Such are the surmises -- but it is all a  
Chinese-Korean puzzle.

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## PILOT - KOREA

News from the Air Force over there says -- Captain Leroy Alger has done it again. The bomber pilot from Phoenix, Arizona, has a whole string of decorations for exploits in World War Two. ~~But~~ Last week he distinguished himself by smashing an enemy troop concentration in Korea. Today -- it is an ammunition train.

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That kept the train from running away and he was able to go to work at leisure. <sup>So</sup> He flew down the line, hitting the cars with high explosive bombs. Whereupon, one car after another proceeded to blow up. Indicating it was an ammunition train. Hours later, other pilots reported the cars were still exploding.

# ATOMIC

We are told that the time will come when Soviet Russia will have enough atomic bombs to deliver what is called a surprise knockout punch against the West.

This word is from two Senate Committees, Foreign Relations and Armed Services. Speaking of atomic attack, they say it is, in their words: "Only a matter of time."

R F C

The House of Representatives has ~~xxxxxx~~ okayed the Truman plan to reorganize the R F C. The plan -- that would put the Reconstruction Finance ~~xxxxxx~~ Corporation under one man administration -- instead of a five-man board, as at present. <sup>AP</sup> Today's okay was opposed vigorously by the Republicans, who want to abolish the R F C all together. They offered a resolution to reject the Presidential program and had some Democratic support. Which produced a ~~xxxxxxx~~ majority of two hundred ~~and one~~ to one-hundred and-ninety-six. However, two hundred and eighteen votes were required to kill the plan. <sup>18 short.</sup> So, in effect, the vote was an okay.) ~~See~~ The reorganization of the R F C will go into effect automatically on April Thirtieth -- unless the Senate votes to reject.

BROWDER

A federal court has dismissed the charges of contempt against Earl Browder, former boss of the American Communist party. Browder was questioned by a Congressional committee, and refused to answer sixteen questions. So he was cited for ~~me~~ contempt, and went to trial. But today, in Washington Earl Browder acting as his own lawyer, made a motion for acquittal, and federal Judge Dickinson said -- yes. The court, said he, could not permit a verdict of guilty in this case. <sup>R</sup> Judge Dickinson ~~based~~ <sup>based</sup> his decision on the fact that Browder, appearing before the committee did answer as many as a hundred and fifty questions -- on the subject of Red infiltration of the State Department. (Whereupon, Senator Hickenlooper propounded some questions of his own, asking about people he thought Browder might know. Browder said Hickenlooper was on a fishing expedition and refused to answer. In this the court now upholds him, saying that the Hickenlooper <sup>were irrelevant and</sup> questions came from the Senator personally, and were not asked by the committee. So -- not guilty.



STRIKE

Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnson has ignored a strike threat among the meat packers. They ~~will~~ are demanding a wage increase of eleven cents per hour. But this is refused by the Economic Stabilizer ~~is~~ on the ground that it would violate the ten percent wage ~~is~~ ceiling. The packing workers declare that they'll strike, if their demand is not granted -- but Eric Johnson defies that.

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DRAFT

A Congressional committee agrees to give the President ~~extra~~ authority to "defer just about everybody from the draft." That's the phraseology used by Chairman Carl Vinson of Georgia in describing the Committee measure voted today -- a measure to permit the President to decide on deferments for college students, also deferments on grounds of occupation or dependency. Which means, just about everybody, according to Chairman Vinson.

## RENTS

The Administration wants authority to limit rents -- the same power to hold rents down that it has in putting ~~it~~ ceilings on prices and wages. This was stated today by a housing official, testifying before a congressional banking committee. He said: "Rent is one of the major items in the cost of living and rent control should now be made a part of our whole stabilization program."

To which he added that the Administration plan was to put one federal agency in control of prices, wages -- and rent.

COSTELLO

( It was a rough time today for the alleged gambling czar, Frank Costello, who was on the witness stand in <sup>Atlantic</sup> ~~Washington~~ <sup>New York.</sup> Previously he had refused to answer various questions. But today the Senate Committee sweated him into giving replies. They held an axe over his head -- possible perjury charges. ( Costello, who maintains ordinarily a stony stoicism kept twisting his hands and feet. His face remained impassive but the hands and feet told a story - as they wrung testimony from him. <sup>TR</sup> He admitted that he had <sup>s</sup> a strong box in his home -- with as much as Fifty five thousand dollars locked ~~in~~ up in it. Also -- he has a bank account of ninety to <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ hundred thousand dollars. )

<sup>Costello</sup> He told a story of an attempt in Nineteen Thirty Eight, to get control of British sources of whiskey, distilleries over there. <sup>He</sup> Said the late William Helis, the millionaire racehorse magnate was in on the deal. But the latter drew out -- and the deal fell through.

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of perjury charges broke him down -- a tough day  
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~~He~~<sup>^</sup> was followed by Brooklyn District Attorney Miles MacDonald who has been prosecuting rackets in his area. The Senate Crime Investigating Committee asked him about a report involving former Mayor O'Dwyer of New York. Had James J. Moran, close friend of O'Dwyer, demanded cash contributions from gamblers for the O'Dwyer election campaign? The Brooklyn District Attorney replied that he had in his own words "heard stories". But he said he couldn't confirm them. ~~XXXXXXXX~~<sup>P</sup> Senator Tobey of New Hampshire said he had been informed that a New York policeman had engaged in a most peculiar financial ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ transaction -- having One Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars in large bills, changed to bills of smaller denominations. ( The one who made the change is ~~XXX~~ said to have been bookmaker Harry Gross who is said to have ~~XXXX~~ paid a million dollars a year to the police for protection -- and ~~XXX~~ who now is "talking", giving the police information about gamblers and cops. It would be interesting information to hear

about a cop having a hundred and eighty-five ~~th~~  
thousand dollars in large bills changed into small  
bills. But the Brooklyn District Attorney could  
not confirm this -- because of legal restrictions.  
The whole matter is before a New York Grand Jury,  
and the District Attorney is forbidden to make any  
comment on testimony given.



JAMES MELTON

I am in Salt Lake City tonight -- ~~and~~ I've been hearing about the huge success last night. Made by a good friend of this program, the tenor of opera, radio and television -- James Melton. He sang a recital at the Mormon Tabernacle, and people tell me the ovation was tremendous. <sup>Finding</sup> ~~It found that~~ Jimmy Melton was still in town, so I've brought him here, ~~to the studio.~~ Maybe he'll tell us something about that <sup>Taber-</sup> ovation.

JIMMY: No, Lowell. I'm mighty grateful to the Salt Lake audience last night, <sup>They WERE WONDERFUL</sup> but my specialty is telling stories on tenors! Ever hear the one about the tenor in Venice?

L.T.: Don't think I ever did. How does it go?

JIMMY: Well, it illustrates how tough audiences can be -- over in Italy. This tenor <sup>THE DUKE</sup> sang in Rigolette one night, and he was great. When he sang "La donna e mobile" <sup>WELL SIR</sup> the audience went wild. They made him repeat it, then repeat it again. They made him sing it

five times. The fifth time he cracked on the high "C"  
*AND WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED? -*  
-- ~~and~~ they hissed ~~him~~ off the stage.

*THE POOR GUY*

*after that? How could they?*  
L.T.i Hissed him off the stage -- ~~that was tough.~~

*WELL ANYWAY THEY DID. +*

JIMMY: Then there's the one about the baritone in  
Pagliacci. He started off the opera with the Prologue  
as usual - and he was pretty bad. The hissing started  
right away, with boos and cat-calls. Then, as he went  
on singing, they started throwing things -- a rain  
of ripe vegetables. The baritone stood it as long as  
he could, then held his hand up for silence, and shouted:  
"If you think I'm bad, wait 'till you hear the tenor."

*Not bad -*  
*Laugh*  
L.T.i ~~That's pretty good~~ -- coming from a tenor.

But now let me tell you one out of the news.

SLOT MACHINE

*Here's one*

~~from~~ from Post Falls, Idaho, where they have

a slot machine in the bar -- the old one-armed  
bandit -- at a dollar a throw. <sup>Above</sup> ~~the~~ the slot machine  
is a sign which reads as follows: "In case of atomic  
attack, jump in this machine. It hasn't been hit in  
years."

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## WOMEN

From time to time we have warnings about the pace of modern life, too much speed, too much tension. Usually, we hear <sup>this</sup> from sociologists, philosophers, moralists. But today, we have another kind of expert. The effect of the tempo of modern life on women is discussed by a beauty expert. Not a bad authority -- especially since <sup>she talks about</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the effect on women's faces.

Clara Reisner, a beautician of Fifth Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard declares: "The terrific tempo of these days is against feminine beauty." She says she is watching the wrinkles develop in the faces of the country's best known glamor girls and movie stars. "I see the signs every day. Young women come in with deep lines -- here." To illustrate, she traces the lines from the nose to the corners of the mouth. <sup>and adds:-</sup> They have "dark circles under their eyes, and in some cases, where emotion tension is acute, they develop rashes and blemishes."

All because of the pace of modern life. "It is

a restless searching for something they haven't found," says the beauty expert.

After which she <sup>re</sup>prescribes the cure. They must learn ~~to~~ to relax, and to search for inner security."

*And now while I relax, Jimmy*  
~~That just is - where to find that inner~~  
*will you and Nelson sing or say*  
~~security. It would take more than a beautician to tell~~  
*something?*  
~~us that~~

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