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TRUMAN

President Truman makes his radio speech to the nation tonight, and there has been ample guessing about what he is going to say -- copious hints and indications. After all, any of us can make a pretty good surmise of some of the things the President will proclaim -- like a warning to Soviet Russia that the U.N. backed by the armed power of the United States, is going to resist aggression firmly. Of which -- Korea is a graphic example. Also -- that the Soviets can prove the sincerity of their peace talk by collaborating with the western countries in such matters as outlawing the atomic bomb.

In the light of previous declarations, the President can only repeat the intention of the United States and the U.N. to reconstruct wartorn Korea -- and emphasize our desire to promote justice and the betterment for all in Asia.

But what about the conference with General MacArthur? Well, the President will follow the line of the announcement issued right after the conference -- that

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there was complete agreement between the Commander-in-Chief and the Supreme Commander in the Far East. That -- with some new expressions of regard for the victor in the Korean War.

SUB FIRST PARAGRAPH KOREA

In Korea the enemy was falling apart yesterday and Pyongyang - the red capital - is expected to be in our hands ~~■~~ by nightfall tonight. *U.N. troops have been* Units [^] are driving forward in such a headlong dash - meeting little or no opposition - that the news can hardly keep up. ~~At last word~~ *reported* two South Korean regiments were only eight miles from the city limits on the east. The U.S. First Cavalry about the same distance ~~away~~ [^] to the southeast. From all directions units tearing forward in the race for the honor of being the first ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ the red capital - with odds on the First Cavalry and the South Koreans.

They be in Pyongyang now's

It is just a month to the day that the Allies burst out of their ~~R~~ Pusan beachhead in South Korea. Just four weeks and three hundred miles from Pusan to Pyongyang.

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In Korea, the enemy "fell apart" today and Pyongyang is expected to ^{be in our hands} any time now. ^{Troops pushing} Units are driving forward ^{north west} so fast, meeting little or no opposition, that the news can hardly keep up. ^{The latest!} At last word, two South Korean regiments only twelve miles from the city limits on the east. To the southeast, the U.S. First Cavalry also only twelve miles away. ^{and U.N. were hurrying} From all directions, units ^{to enter} tearing forward in the race to be the first ^{at} the Red capital; - with the odds on the First Cavalry.

A third of North Korea - and the most vital third, ^{now} is in Allied hands. The only major North Korean city, still held by the Reds ^{is} Pyongyang.

On the east coast, Ham Hung, the industrial city, fell to the South Koreans without a struggle. ^{But they} The R.O.K. ^{didn't} Capital Division ^{pushing} never even stopped. They are now north of ^{on and are reported to be less than} the city - still going - only a hundred miles from Manchuria.

Two more airstrips near Ham Hung, both undamaged, now in South Korean hands.

With the Allies now in the home stretch to Pyongyang,
^{Korean} the Communist government is reported on the run, fleeing north
to Manchuria. A South Korean Intelligence officer said:
"They're getting the big-shots out of the country." Among
them is believed to be, ^{including} the North Korean Premier, Kim Il Sung.
He ~~is~~ ^{he was on his way} said to be going north to China "for the winter!"

All along the roads, the Reds are giving themselves
up in droves. Jack James, the United Press correspondent at
Eighth Army Headquarters, reports ^{the} Communist defenses
"crumbled - beaten down - simply vanished." At only one
place any opposition. The Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders -
"Ladies from Hell", held up briefly, ~~then~~ mopped up several
hundred Reds with ease.

MINES

The Navy announced tonight the loss of two more mine sweepers, "Pirate" and the "Pledge." ~~The mines killed one sailor,~~ ^{they} twelve ~~are~~ missing, and seventy-nine were injured.

RUSSIAN AID

Russian arms captured in Korea were manufactured in February of this year. That's the word tonight from Robert Bennyhoff of ^{the} United Press. Bennyhoff, ^{who is} driving north with the South Koreans, has been on the lookout for Russians. But he hasn't found any Russians in North Korea, so far, at any rate. He ^{says he} has seen plenty of things to show ^{that they have} they've been around; and recently. In railroad stations, all signs are in Russian; and only sometimes in Korean. In buildings, whole libraries in Russian; pictures of Russian leaders, Russian-Korean dictionaries and

At Wonsan Airfield, all signs were in Russian - on hangars, gasoline tanks and on the planes. Only in some cases was there a translation for the Koreans to read.

KOREAN GOVERNMENT

From Seoul comes news tonight of more trouble for the United Nations. But this time it's not caused by the North Koreans. Today in Seoul, South Korean President Syngman Rhee said that he was sending five governors for North Korean provinces; ~~across the thirty-eighth parallel.~~ He would also ^{also} send members of the Nationalist Youth Corps, and the Rightist Northwest Youth League, an organization of refugees from North Korea.

By taking this action, Syngman Rhee was defying the orders of the U.N. Interim Korean Commission. Last week in the U.N., a resolution was passed, restricting the activities of the South Korean Government ^{to the peninsula} ~~to the peninsula~~ south of the thirty-eighth parallel, ^{with} ~~calling for~~ a nationwide election ^{to be} held as soon as possible. But today Syngman Rhee said he believed he was being sabotaged in the U.N. "The Korean people have a sovereign right to set up their own government," ^{he} ~~the~~ President told ^{the} news conference. "Korean independence was established

in May, Nineteen Forty-eight." Therefore, he contends, ^{that} why

^{he} shouldn't ~~he~~ govern the whole country?

~~So the question now is, what action can the U.N. take,
not against the North Koreans, but against the government of
South Korea, whose President is openly disobeying U.N. orders.~~

INDO-CHINA

In northern Indo-China today, a **savage** typhoon swept inland from the China Sea. ^{And the} Wild winds and rain playing into the hands of the Communists. ^{The typhoon} Grounded all French planes ^{and} hid the movements of the Red rebels, ^{who were} massing to attack the last ^{big} French frontier fortress at Langson. ^{The storm even} Washed out the road that is the lifeline for the French besieged garrison.

Just before the typhoon hit, two high French officials ^{flew in} arrived from Paris. Their mission ^{of course} - to see what ^{can} be done ^{about this French colonial disaster - perhaps} to stop Ho Chi Minh's Communist forces ^{before it is too late.}

A French spokesman told of more trouble today - another part of Indo-China this time. Between Hanoi and the northern port of Haiphong, guerrilla forces ^{were} sabotaging the railroad, blowing up bridges, tracks.

From London, ^{the} word is that the British Foreign Office now fears ^{disaster in} Indo-China more dangerous than ^{the} Korea. Some observers say that the United States and Britain may ask France to negotiate with Ho Chi Minh; ^{to} Arrange a peaceful settlement with the Reds.

THAILAND

Indo-China's next door neighbor Thailand is to obtain military aid from the United States. In Bangkok today an agreement was signed under which we will send officers and technicians to ~~xxx~~ train the Thailand Army; also arms and equipment. IN return Thailand will supply essential raw materials to this country.

ISRAEL

Word from Jerusalem tonight is that Israel is to have a general election immediately. This follows a vote of no confidence in Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's proposed caretaker Cabinet in the Israeli parliament today. There is no indication of ^{just} ~~the day~~ when the country will go to the poll^s.

FAROUK

When King Farouk's luxurious steam yacht arrives back in Egypt from Europe tomorrow, the King will receive a ^{most} very unwelcoming note. It's a petition from the opposition party in Parliament, charging that members of the King's palace staff are involved in an arms scandal. Three generals suspected of embezzling army funds during the Palestine War.

The petition charges that the King is ~~surrounded~~ surrounded by bad advisers, and demands an inquiry into his personal staff. If this does not come, the opposition claims that Egypt is "heading towards financial political and moral bankruptcy."

SUB LETTER

New York's political explosion today puts emphasis on an ancient axiom. Philosophers have written and cynics have warned - about the danger of writing a letter. Which has been the subject of many a moan in those old ~~times~~ breach of promise lawsuits - when a woeful defendant had his sentimental diffusions read in open court. In history and romances of the past the intercepted letter was a favorite source of trouble and tribulation. Only recently, President Truman, gave a headline example of the dangers of writing it down on paper - that explosive epistle about the Marines. But I doubt however, in the whole history of pens or typewriters you will find anything as exquisitely ~~embarrassing~~ embarrassing as the letter written by New York Lieutenant Governor Joe Hanley, who is running for the Senate.

Hanley tonight gave an explanation of his letter, *the letter that made* ~~which hit the~~ headlines this morning. He says that he, of his own volition, suggested that Dewey should run again for Governor of New York.

~~State~~ Because of the Korean war crisis. Joe Hanley who wanted to be Governor declares that, of his own free will, he offered to withdraw in favor ~~of~~ of Dewey.

Then, later, Dewey decided to take his advice and *the advice of many others, and* proposed that Hanley should run for the Senate.

A *S* The Lieutenant-Governor says he was doubtful, because of the financial aspects. He understood that it took a rich man to live as a Senator in Washington, and he is not rich. Whereupon he was told that he was entitled to a State pension of ~~SEVEN~~ seven or eight thousand dollars a year -- which would be added to his Senator salary. Moreover, he told Governor Dewey that, if he were defeated for the Senate, he would ask for an appointment to a State office. Dewey agreed to this. Hanley declares that all his anxieties ~~is~~ traced back to the fact that he was in debt, and had obligations to meet.

That is his explanation of the letter but now consider the letter - this paragraph: "Today I had a conference with the Governor, in which certain

unalterable and unquestionable definite propositions were made to me, if I will ~~xxx~~ consent to take the nomination to the United States Senate. I am definitely assured of ~~it~~ being able to clean up my financial obligations within ninety days, so I will be cleared for the first time in twenty years of my life."

In all of this, the remarkable thing, is not what is said, but what is left ~~xxxxxxxx~~ unsaid. The phraseology is such that you could fill in with almost any sort of surmise. ~~Hard to imagine a letter more remarkable. -- the sort of thing that could give evidence of almost any kind of charge.~~

Today Governor Hanley released it to the press saying he wanted to stop what he called "a whispering campaign." The democratic state committee had a copy of the letter - and, in fact, released it two hours later.

The letter, ~~as full of dynamite,~~ was written by Hanley to a Republican leader in Suffolk, County, W. Kingsland Macy -- and a copy got into

the hands of the Democratic State Committee. ~~in~~

Just how, is not clear, but the whole ^{(episode is} ~~episode is~~
taken as a sign of a feud within the New York State
Republican Party.

Anyway, it makes a ~~thundering~~ political
explosion, just as the Democrats were having a
blow-up of their own - the scandal of police and
gambling corruption in New York. Just as if the
G O P elephant were saying to the Democratic donkey
-- "We, too, can produce an uproar."

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*In a speech tonight Gov. Dewey
said, this is "the ugliest, lyingest worst
campaign I've ever seen."*
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ROAD

Going skiing in Colorado this season?

Two of our ^{lofthest} wildest mountain highways will be open

for ^{heavier} winter traffic this year. Some of you ^{no doubt have, as} will probably

~~have~~ I often have remember ~~battling your way across~~ ^{ed} the Rockies on Route One-

[^] ~~Hundred and Sixty or Route Six, between~~ [^] Colorado, and the [^] ~~West coast.~~ [^] ~~Struggling with ice and snows - bitter cold -~~

[^] ~~the temperature far below zero.~~

~~This summer construction teams have been at work,~~

^{at} ~~twelve thousand feet, up in the mountains - on the stretches~~

over Loveland Pass, ^{and} At Wolf Creek Pass, ^{too,} ~~just a few~~

~~hundred feet lower. Today there's word that these new highways~~

~~are ready. The dangers of death by breakdown and then~~

~~exposure on these terrifying roads is now, we hope, a thing~~

~~of the past.~~

~~(Possibly Mr. Thomas could add some local color on this story.)~~

Recently it came to the notice of the Statler chain of hotels, that a little inn at Center Ossipee, New Hampshire, called itself "The Statler of the Sticks." Now, the Statler Hotels do not allow the use of their name, "Statler," for other hotels. So through their attorneys they gave warning to the proprietor of the "Statler of the Sticks," Mr. Hill. This is the reply they received:

"Gentlemen: There is a substantial mortgage on this place. I do not keep any checking account, holding my cash in my left and right pants pockets. My accounts are kept on a pine board, which I burn on March Sixteenth, after accounting for my net income," writes Mr. Hill; ^{then he} and continues: "I have always given a level of personal service far beyond any offered by the Statler Hotels. For instance, a rat trap is ~~always~~ furnished for a guest's room, free of charge. No charge is made for cheese for same - unless it is Camenbert, Gruyere or Roquefort, when a nominal charge is made." And he goes on: "I ain't had but one regular house guest hung for murder.

Since he didn't have a good suit for his final personal
(that last mile)
appearance, I made a special trip and gave him my suit."

But in a footnote Mr. Hill agreed to cease calling
his inn, the "Statler of the Sticks." He also offers to put up
a clean, sober and quiet representative of the Statler Hotels
when the deer season opens, for free.)

as all that 'd better
If the service is so good, maybe they'll offer to
"The Statler" *Statler* *Nelson.*
include "The Sticks" in the famous chain of Statler Hotels.