

KOREA L.T.-P. & G. Fri. Sept. 21 - '51.

Today was a day of armor on the central front in Korea. (Powerful task forces of U.S. tanks ~~are~~ on the rampage, driving deep into Communist positions. "Operation Cleaver" its called, intended to cleave right into the Red fortifications, and cut them up.) The armour is backed by thundering artillery, and by fleets of planes in the closest kind^d of support, today being bright and cloudless in Korea. The central front is known to be the sector into which the Reds have poured the ~~largest~~ largest mass of troops and equipment, and that is what is being sliced by "operation cleaver."

~~Over in the East, fighting goes on in the battle of the hills. But the news from that sector today is very sketchy, and we have no more about the force of marines that seized a mountain top in an air invasion by helicopter.~~

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And here's the latest. News from the Marines who yesterday seized a mountain top, in an air invasion by helicopter. They've been beating off attacks. A dispatch, just in, pictures them repelling still another enemy assault in their lofty stronghold.

SUB TROOPS

At the last minute tonight, the Tokyo word was that General Ridgway has postponed his answer to the Communists. At allied headquarters the statement had been that the message would be dispatched today - with an acceptance of the Red proposal for a resumption of truce talks. But suddenly that information was changed -- "reply postponed." For this -- no reason was given.

KING


It is announced in London tonight, that (King) George the Sixth will undergo an operation. A bulletin issued by seven physicians declares: "The condition of the King's lung gives cause for concern".) Operation - probably tomorrow morning.

(This confirms reports earlier in the day, which said that the surgery would be - exploratory. That is, the doctors couldn't figure just what was wrong with the lungs of the royal patient. Several days ago, they announced that "structural changes" had taken place. Which, to a layman, sounded like a mystery.) The doctors, according to London report, are in doubt - with all their x-rays and modern tricks of diagnosis. So they have recommended an operation - to investigate the ~~xxxx~~ malady of the lungs. Those - structural changes.

The gravity of the King's illness being illustrated by the visits the doctors have been making. Today four physicians called on the patient

at Buckingham Palace - for the third time in twenty four hours. Moreover, it was noticed that medical and surgical equipment has been sent from hospitals to the palace.

Tonight's announcement states that the King's visit to Australia and New Zealand is -- doubtful. A decision will be made in a week or two. Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, have cancelled their sailing for canada on Tuesday. But they'll fly for their visit to the Dominion - if the operation on the King is satisfactory.



Late news from London gives a medical report. This is printed in the London Times, in an article by the medical correspondent of that most authoritative newspaper. "Two attacks of inflammation of the lungs, earlier this year" says the London Times, "have left some scarring and narrowing of the bronchial tubes." Which would seem to be the structural changes named by the doctors. An operation needed -- to determine the extent of the bronchial obstruction. Such, at least is the statement of London's number one newspaper.

LITHOFOLD

(The case of the Lithofold Corporation has been running in the news for days, and now we have testimony given by the President of that St. Louis printing firm. He says he gave expensive cameras to presidential secretary Matthew Connelly and to Democratic National Chairman William Boyle. There has been much mention of Boyle in the investigation of Lithofold - which company received R.F.C. loans to a total of six hundred and forty-five thousand dollars, two years ago.

Today, Lithofold President R. J. Blauner added that he also gave cameras to a former Assistant of the Democratic National Chairman. And - to Frank Prince, head of the office of loans of the R.F.C. who has been ousted from that job.)

The cameras are described as polaroid in which pictures are developed immediately after they are snapped. Retail price - one hundred and fifty dollars per camera. The presents were made about a year after

the R.F.C. loans were granted. Purpose - to create "good will", says the head of Lithofold.

As of tonight, the Senate Investigating Committee has dug up evidence linking eleven government employees to the printing firm which got all that money in government loans. All sorts of favors are cited - free vacation trip to Miami, free fishing trip to Wisconsin, as much as fifteen hundred dollars' worth of perfume, a number of hams, And - jobs. Democratic National Chairman Boyle was once hired as an Attorney for Lithofold. But that, we are told, was before he became a paid official for the ~~Democratic~~ Democratic National Committee. Boyle's law partner, Max Biskind, still is employed by the firm.

One interesting detail in the testimony today concerned those "tables" which people buy at important political functions. At so much per plate, you entertain a table full of guests. Today Lithofold President ~~Blauner~~ Blauner testified that he paid twelve thousand dollars for a table at the Nineteen

Forty-Nine Presidential inauguration victory dinner.

Similarly, he bought a twelve thousand dollar table for himself and his party at a Kansas City testimonial dinner for Democratic National Chairman Boyle.

Well, they must have been big tables. I should think that, with twelve thousand bucks, he could have bought King Arthur's Round Table, with Sir Galahad, Launcelot and all.

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The proceedings took a weird turn when the Washington representative of Lithofold was ousted from the witness stand. He spoke in an odd way, addressing the committee members as - "Your Honor, Senator". Or sometimes "Your Honor, Chairman". Strange sort of politeness, and Senator Nixon of California declared bluntly: "This witness is in no condition to testify."

McCarthy of Wisconsin turned to the Lithofold member and demanded: "Have you been drinking?"

Lithofold (insert)

Later in the afternoon he returned, and testified that he gave the Polaroid cameras to ^a~~the~~ Presidential Secretary and the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The witness admitted - "a sip or two at lunch."
"I had a martini," ~~xx~~ said he. "Is there anything
wrong with that?"

Eventually he was dismissed from the stand -
all because of one martini.

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(Just to put the shoe on the other foot also,
the news mentions Republican National Chairman,
Guy Gabrielson, in connection with a company that got
an R.F.C. loan. Lawyer, at fifteen thousand a year,
for a concern that borrowed more than eighteen
million dollars from the government.) This was
criticized in the Senate today - and not by Democrats.
Republican Senator Williams of Delaware declared
that no national party chairman has any right to
represent any company for a fee before a government
agency. That, declared the G O P Senator, goes
for Republican Gabrielson as well as for Democrat ~~xx~~
~~xx~~ Boyle.

EXPLOSIONS

There were scenes of an inferno at Brighton, New York - a fashionable suburb near Rochester. Chain explosions of underground gas mains blew up a series of homes, and set fire to others. ~~Thirty~~ ^{Thirty} completely wrecked, the others burning - twenty-five in all.

The inferno began when a gas main blew up at a street intersection, ripping the street apart. The shock of the blast was so great that people far and wide rushed out of their houses to see what was wrong. That saved many lives. Because within minutes, there were other explosions down the line - which ripped houses apart, and set raging fires.

~~At least~~ ^{Three} lives were lost, and ~~22~~ ²² injured. But it was good luck like a miracle -- that so many people were outside, when their homes blew up.

ANNAPOLIS

Annapolis has a case of - cheating at examinations. It was disclosed today that a midshipman has been dismissed from the Naval Academy, because he got through an exam by fraud.

This, however, is nothing like the West Point scandal - with ninety cadets ousted, including ^{most of} the football team. Only one midshipman is involved. His name is not given, but he's the son of a naval captain now in service. He was not a member of the football team.

Annapolis doesn't operate under any ~~xx~~ such strict honor system as prevails at West Point -- and the cheating at exams was different. ~~xxxxxx~~ The midshipman made an accidental discovery. In a waste paper basket, he found a list of questions to be asked. Somebody just happened to chuck the quiz for the exam in among the discarded rubbish.

The result was a bit surprising to the instructors. The grade scored by the Middy was so high!

-- much higher than usual! Brilliant! That led to the disclosure - and he was dismissed from the Academy. Today, Secretary of the Navy Dan Kimball upheld the penalty.

FIDLER

Jimmie Fidler, has just phoned me about an event tomorrow which he thinks should be called to the attention of the nation. September twenty-second has been set aside as "Kid's Day". The sponsors are the Kiwanians, and their more than three thousand clubs across the continent. The purpose of it all? To raise funds to help underprivileged children -- for emergency operations, eye examinations, glasses, summer camps, and so on. The money raised in each community is spent in that same community. Sounds like a cause that is sure to get enthusiastic support.

LETTERS

I have here a couple of letters from radio friends, each of which conveys an interesting bit of information. One indicating - that differences of religion exist, even among the birds.

The letter mentions - "the famous Episcopal wrens of St. Andrews Church, Algonac, Michigan." Each spring they flock to the Rectory Gardens, their summer home, and fly away in the fall - always on the same day. Always that is, on September Twenty-first - which, as the letter reminds us, is the feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist. Which happens to be - today. Hence this news about the Episcopalian wrens.

More famous, of course, are the swallows of San Juan Capistrano, in California. They make their appearance at the old Spanish Mission. So, we assume, they're Roman Catholic Swallows. Religion among the birds -- but then, didn't St. Francis of Assisi preach to the birds?

All rather poetic - which leads us,

appropriately, to a poem. Bennett Gilbert of Haddonfield, New Jersey, writes that he was inspired by a ~~xx~~ recent program of ours. Well, I'm happy to inspire a poet, and here's how the verses go:

I heard you call it, 'Scorge,'
Whereupon arose my gorge
Hereafter, please pronounce it "scourge "
Or I'll have to start a one man purge.

Well, if every time I mispronounce a word, it inspires a poem - I certainly must be ~~adding~~ adding to the sum total of the world's poetry; *how about it Nelson.*