

LT-K. Wed. Nov. 25 - '53.

The South Korean government hurls the strongest attack, thus far - against India. Charging - that India, presiding over the prisoner-of-war business, has been working for the Communists. If this goes on, the Syngman Rhee regime will take what it calls, "appropriate" action. A threat - ~~although~~ although there's no sign of what this action might be,

The statement adds that India must not be allowed a seat ~~at~~ at the Korean peace conference - except on the side of the Reds. As a proponent - of communism.

KOREA TRUCE

At Pan Mun Jom, it looks as if the latest request from our side - will be turned down. We asked the neutral repatriations Commission to permit an increase of allied "explainers" for the talks with prisoners of war who refuse to come home to our side. ~~Three-hundred-and-fifty-one~~, most of them South Koreans - twenty-two Americans. Regulations call for us to use five "explainers". We said - let's increase that to fifteen. But the neutral commission indicates - the answer will be "no. @

SUB JAPAN-EARTHQUAKE

Today's earthquake in Japan was violent, but it seems to have done not much damage. The most alarming part was - tidal waves. The surge of the sea, caused by some great dislocation at the bottom of the Pacific, swept boats back and forth. The United States Navy warned all its vessels - to be on the lookout for tidal waves. But these proved to be not so devastating.

KENYA

In East Africa, Kenya, a British Army Captain was put on court-martial today. The charge - almost unbelievable. Captain Gerald Selby Lewis is charged with the murder of three Kikuyu tribesmen. Loyal tribesmen - nothing to do with the Mau Mau. He shot them down with a machine gun, as ~~they~~ they walked away from his ~~ke~~ jeep.

The prosecution says he told his company to shoot anyone - as long as they were black. The captain - trying to raise the "kills" made by his company, to fifty Mau Mau ~~terrorists~~ terrorists.

The defense, it seems, will be ~~asked~~ based on a "tremendous rivalry" among British Army units, ~~Each~~ Each ^{bag} trying to see which could ~~kill~~ the most Mau Maus.
 Now before a
 ~~Such is the case~~ the British court martial, ~~will~~
 ~~now~~ consider.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

The western Big Three offer to resume negotiations with Moscow - on the subject of an Austrian peace treaty. The ~~diploa~~ diplomatic note, handed in simultaneously by the United States, Great Britain - and France -- accuses the Soviets of blocking any arrangement for Austrian independence. Which applies to the Moscow turn-down of our proposal for a conference of the foreign ministers. The Kremlin suggested that the matter could be handled through ordinary - diplomatic channels. So now the Big Three takes that up - saying - let's negotiate.

FRANCE

In Paris, tonight, Premier Laniel put his government on the line. In the National Assembly he demanded a vote of confidence - on the basis of his foreign policy, favoring European unity.

This comes only nine days ~~xxfr~~ before the start of the Bermuda Big Three conference - which Laniel is to attend. The vote will come day after tomorrow, and Premier Laniel might be overthrown. So the Bermuda conference might end in a meeting of the Big Two, instead of three. Churchill and Eisenhower - all by themselves.

The trouble the Reds are having in East Germany is underscored in a frantic statement - about "American gangsters." Ulbright, Secretary of the East German Communist Party, charges that the United States has been sending "American gangsters" to blow up railroads, and set fire to factories.

He says the "American gangsters" blew up a railroad bridge, just as a passenger train was passing over. Many people - injured. Also - those "American gangsters" set fire to an automobile tire factory, run by the Red government.

Probably, the cases of sabotage are true. But the members of the anti-Communist underground are neither Americans, nor gangsters.

ESPIONAGE

Europe is having a rash of Red espionage, with two headline cases in West Germany. Today, U S officials ordered the trial of a former Soviet Army Captain and his wife. He was arrested some time ago, and she is implicated - both charged with being spies of the Reds.

This is a companion piece to an arrest made earlier in the week - a German blonde accused of playing the spy game in the legended style of "Mati Hari." Margaretha Pfeiffer - said to have lured American soldiers with romance, and procured military secrets for the Communists.

In Finland, eight are on trial - in Finland's first big espionage case. Norway reports two new ~~xx~~ arrests in a round up of spies -seven in jail.

POLITICS

Three top ranking democratic senators make a declaration in the big political controversy. They say - Communism will not be the main issue in the congressional election. Senators Russell of Georgia, Kerr of Oklahoma, and Humphrey of Minnesota, insist that the people will vote according to the "pocketbook". ~~Fig~~ Thinking of their financial well being, not worrying about Reds - when they go to the poll. The three Democrats ~~as~~ declare that the most important issue will be - farm policy, the farmers and farm prices.

~~(This, in a way, is an answer to Senator McCarthy's blast on radio and TV., last night. When the Wisconsin Senator said the election would be a contest between "Mccarthyism" and "Trumanism." Of course, neither McCarthy nor Truman are running for office next year - but that's how the Senator looks at it.)~~

COMMUNIST POLICE CHIEF

There was a sensation at Milford, New Hampshire today when the town Chief of Police came forward and announced - he had once been a Communist ~~is~~ -- working in a war plant. Chief Oliver Williamson was born in Finland, said he joined the Communist party in Nineteen Thirty Six, and quit in Nineteen Forty-three when he joined the police. Nobody ever suspected his former Red connection^s. He says he now discloses them -- because it is ~~is~~ his duty.

Extra

Canada, ~~backs down~~ on the subject of Igor Gouzenko --
and now agrees to permit U S authorities to question the
one-time cipher clerk at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa.

This comes after a second request by our State Department.
With Canada reserving the right to decide on what shall be
made public.

Gouzenko says - he's willing. Provided - that he
remains in Canada, and continues undercover. He has been
living in concealment - for fear of Red vengeance,

The Russian cipher clerk went over to freedom in
Nineteen Forty-five, and ~~gave~~ gave the Canadian authorities
information that led to the imprisonment of Klaus Fuchs
and Alan Nunn May in England. Both - in ~~textbook~~ the spy
ring headed by the Rosenbergs, who were executed in the

United States. Now, he'll be questioned in connection with

Harry Dexter White, former assistant Secretary of the U.S.

Treasury, who was promoted - after the F B I had sent
information to the White House, charging him with espionage.

A McCarthy sub-committee had a witness today, who refused to answer questions about Red espionage - pleading constitutional immunity. Harry Hyman, who once worked at a federal communications laboratory, was confronted with documentary evidence that, during the past two years, he made nearly four hundred ~~xx~~ telephone calls to Army installations and laboratories doing secret work for the government. He sure did a lot of telephoning - to highly technical places.

Another witness -- ~~MR.~~ Dr. Harry Grundfest, a neurologist at Columbia University. He, too, refused to answer questions about Communism - though he did not invoke the Fifth Amendment. Grundfest sought a job at the Fort Monmouth radar ^{center} ~~center~~ - and, for a reference, gave the name of Professor Raymond Boyer, a convicted spy in Canada. Grundfest ~~was~~ was asked - had he seen Boyer since Boyer's arrest? Or visited him in prison? Or had written to him? He said - he couldn't remember.

ROBBERY

A surprise arrest was made in Boston today - when the F B I seized Dr. George O'Brien, his wife and college student son - in connection with the Danvers, ~~romantic~~ armored car robbery. Nearly seven hundred thousand stolen in Nineteen Fifty Two. Which made it the number two robbery, second only to the great Brinks armoured car robbery, in which hold-up men took one million two hundred thousand dollars,

The doctor and his wife and son were, apparently, the most respectable of citizens, in Boston. But the doctor is now described as an ex-convict who took part in the hold up. His wife and son - held in complicity.

Altogether a strange case - a surprise arrest.

AVALANCHE

This is avalanche time in the Rocky Mountains, and LeRoy Buckley, of Georgetown, Colorado - was caught in a terrifying fantasy of the roaring snow-slide.

George is a garage keeper, and was driving in a truck near the top of Loveland Pass - twelve thousand feet ~~high~~ high. There, an enormous avalanche, coming down the steep ~~and~~ mountainside, hit the truck, so suddenly, that George hardly knew what happened.

"I just saw a white fluff" he relates, "the next thing
- with me in it -
I knew the truck was going end over end,"

The ponderous vehicle was carried three hundred feet down the mountainside - becoming just a part of the avalanche.

"When everything finally ~~up~~ stopped," says George, "all I could see was a little peephole through the snow."

Bounced around inside the truck, he was bruised a bit, but was able to dig his way out of the mass of snow - and is okay tonight.

There were three giant avalanches in Loveland Pass - the result of huge snows, followed by violent gales, beating against the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains.

RUSTLERS

In Olmstead County, Minnesota, they've captured a gang of cattle rustlers. Ages - from fourteen to seventeen. They had an elaborate scheme for stealing cows, but everything went haywire - the first time they tried it.

The seventeen year old had worked on a ranch in Montana, where he had heard stories of the cattle rustlers of old. So, returning home to Minnesota, he talked three younger boys into a scheme for rounding up a whole herd of cows. That - as just a beginner, starting in business,

Last night, they drove in a truck to farmer Win Doty's place, cut through a wire fence - and started the round up. Trying to make off - with a herd of twenty herefords. But, as cowboys, they were not ~~ga~~ so good. Fourteen of the cows, instead of being rounded up, went scampering in all directions. They got six to the truck, but those cows wouldn't climb in.

The round-up ended as you might expect. The teen age rustlers were rounded up, and were in the county jail today

BRITAIN

The London government faces a revolt on the subject of - television. In the House of Lords, today, there was a concerted assault on a plan announced by the Churchill government - to have commercial television in Britain.

The old custom of British radio is, of course, to have the whole thing run by the government. But now the proposal is to have television of both kinds - government and commercial. The latter, to operate with sponsors, advertising, commercials, just as over here.

So that's what runs into loud opposition in the House of Lords. Today, one Peer of the realm said he was just back from the United States. Completely convinced of what he called - the "evil of commercial television,"

~~I don't want to get into the argument, but I do know one thing about BBC radio. They have what they call a third program, and its a drea^m of intelligence and learning, with top ranking scholars, philosophers and scientists giving~~

~~lectures that would honor any university.~~

The word from London is that the Churchill cabinet
will stick to its plan ^{- for} ~~on having~~ - commercial ^{TV} ~~television~~ in
Britain.

GHOSTS

It's a joke around the world - how England loves its
Right ho -
ghosts. Part of British tradition - *- and all that. What*
don't you know. So now?
~~they have~~ - a census of spooks and spectres. The first ~~one~~
ever taken, *there - or anywhere.*

The Berkshire ^{*real*} history Society has compiled a list of
what it calls -- "ghosts, witches, apparitions and visions."
Like "the headless woman of Littlewick Green." Supposed to
be the shade of a murdered girl. And "The White Lady of
Watchfield," who walks across the moor with a lamp in each
hand. At the Yattendon Rectory, they aren't sure if the
ghost is a girl or an old man. Nobody stops to take a good
look and find out.

The "Witch" of Elton Hill" still operates - but in a
smaller way nowadays. ~~At Elton Hill, long long ago - a local~~
~~witch, asked some laborers to give her a drink of water.~~
~~They wouldn't.~~ So she cursed Elton Hill, and ever
since horses have been frightened - when they pass the
place. Why the witchcraft should have been taken out on

the horses, I don't know. ~~But, anyway, there are not so many horses any more and automobiles are not scared, not even by the curse of the witch of Elton Hill.~~

~~But~~ The spook I like best, in the Census of Berkshire Ghosts - is - the Phantom Dog. ~~Wix~~ Which haunts - Lovers' Lane. Young couples terrified by the sight of a transparent hound. You can see through the spectral pooch just as you can see through ~~the~~ any ghost.

Mike, Imagine a farm ^{lad} ~~boy~~ putting an arm around the milkmaid.

And, at that moment, he looks right through the phantom dog.

Enough to spoil young love in any country, *what?*