

HAWAII

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Hawaii is to become the forty-ninth state! That is, ~~it will~~, if the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has its way. Today the Committee voted twenty-one to five, to bring the <sup>Hawaiian</sup> Islands into the Union.

Speaker Joe Martin states that the House will take up the issue next week. And other Republican leaders add that the Senate will act on legislation about Hawaii ~~in about~~ <sup>some</sup> three ~~weekstxtmax~~ weeks from then.

The only opposition so far is from members of Congress who feel that Alaska should be considered at the same time. However, Republican leaders say that Alaska will be considered soon after the Hawaiian issue is settled. And that sooner or later Alaska will become the 50<sup>th</sup> state.

## IRAN

Americans in Teheran today were warned to stay off the streets! The warning from Premier Mossadegh. This because of the crises, the clash between followers of Mossadegh and the Shah.

More violence in Teheran, this time when it was learned that the Shah intended to leave the country. Iranian Reds quickly joined the demonstration. Bands of Reds ranging through the streets, including some anti-American agitation, with yells of "Yankee go home" and "Down with imperialism!"

The latest - Ambassador Loy Henderson, receives Mossadegh's warning. Some three hundred American members of our diplomatic and military missions remaining within their homes, for safety. All this despite the fact that our Embassy people deny that we have stopped supporting Mossadegh. American policy is still described as neither for nor against the Iranian Premier.

In the meantime, Mossadegh continues to crack down on his opponents. Teheran tonight under martial

law, patrolled by tanks and armored cars. Mossadegh's police announce that more than sixty army officers and civilians were rounded up last night. By now they may have been executed; but that's mere rumor. Also, we hear the Teheran jail is already full of high officials, generals and newspapermen, all people who have opposed Mossadegh.

## KOREA

In Korea, the battlefront quiet. The first Spring rains are falling, troops on both sides remaining in their bunkers.

But the air war goes on - with our bombers striking far north, blasting Communist headquarters and an army training center, near the Yalu. Returning pilots say they destroyed at least twelve buildings in the Red headquarters. According to Lieutenant Richard Norville of Oklahoma City, the explosions made matchwood of the buildings! Then he adds, "On the way back we had a field day, strafing trucks and locomotives."

Today, a few Migs came out - and one was probably destroyed, and five more damaged.

Also we hear the Battleship MISSOURI is in action. Big Mo, smashing coastal transport lines a hundred miles or so north of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.



## VAN FLEET

Van Fleet reports to his chief! The returning ex-Commander in Korea visited the White House today, where he and General - I mean President Eisenhower had a half hour conference. After the meeting, the President presented Gen. Van Fleet with the Distinguished Service Medal, and that makes the fourth time he has received it.

Then a White House luncheon where he met a number of former associates - including General Geo. Marshall. It was stated afterward that although military matters were discussed Van Fleet mentioned no specific plan for Korea. But tomorrow he is to testify before a Congressional Committee. Congress is eager to get his opinions on how and when we can end the fighting in Korea. Congressmen are described as particularly interested in Van Fleet's San Francisco statement that a general offensive could be successful now.

A dispatch from New York discloses that robbery charges against Joseph Riccardi have been dropped. ~~And no wonder!~~ Back in February of Nineteen Fifty-One, Riccardi and some companions were brought into court on charges of robbing a pool room. Riccardi <sup>then</sup> stated that he was about to enlist in the Army. So the judge promised that the case would be dismissed if he made a good record as a soldier!

<sup>well,</sup> Riccardi served almost two years in the Army. When he came out, he had been awarded two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, a United Nations Service Medal, an Infantry Combat Medal, and a Korean Service Badge. He took part in the battle for the position called "Old Baldy", where he received shrapnel wounds in the leg.

Now, out of the Army, Riccardi still had to face those charges. ~~Sixthexxxxt~~ Was the court satisfied that he had made a good record? The judge thinks he has. In the words of the jurist: "We owe him something for what he has done." So Joseph Riccardi goes free, <sup>Nelson</sup> after paying for a robbery with heroism on the field of battle.

U.N.

Will the Russians still accept India's plan for peace in Korea; the plan they turned down cold when it was first put forward? Vishinsky has told the U.N., Russia will not change her attitude, and the delegate, ex-Senator Lodge, says we stand behind the Indian plan. So, what now?

Well, today Brazil and Ecuador reopened the question. They suggest the U.N. introduce a resolution urging the Russians to accept the plan which now has been accepted by all of the U.N. except the Soviet bloc.

At the same time, the Dutch Foreign Minister made the first answer to Vishinsky. He stated emphatically that the Russians were preventing an armistice in Korea. Said he: "The Soviet bloc has deliberately closed the door on an early armistice."



SECRET AGREEMENTS

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approves the Eisenhower resolution <sup>regarding</sup> ~~on~~ war time pacts with the Soviets. But, the vote was close <sup>^</sup> ~~^~~ eight to six. <sup>This mainly because</sup> ~~For~~ the Committee added a proviso <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ Democrats took to be criticism of former Presidents Roosevelt and Truman.

The amendment ~~was~~ offered by Senator Smith of New Jersey, ~~it~~ states that the resolution, while condemning Soviet violations of the agreements, does not accept or reject the agreements themselves. That is, the amendment leaves ~~an~~ <sup>the</sup> open question <sup>of</sup> whether Roosevelt and Truman were right in making the agreements.

The Smith amendment probably means that the resolution will face a real fight when it reaches the Senate floor. For while Democrats are ready to denounce Soviet bad faith, they do not go along with the implied criticism of the former Democratic Presidents.

Furthermore, the amendment opposes the advice of Secretary of State Dulles. Secretary Dulles <sup>had</sup> ~~having~~ previously



urged the Senators not to change the resolution. <sup>Dulles feared</sup> ~~He was afraid~~  
~~that~~ a political fight might defeat the purpose of the  
resolution. But ~~now~~ his advice <sup>went unheeded</sup> ~~is repudiated~~ and the  
Republicans have strengthened the resolution to the point where  
many Democrats will not accept it.

In the meantime, we have a statement on the Yalta  
Pact - most controversial of all the agreements - from Charles  
Bohlen, who is President Eisenhower's choice for Ambassador to  
Moscow. ~~He~~ Bohlen was interpreter at Yalta, and is the only  
one in this country who knows just what was said by <sup>both</sup> Roosevelt  
and Stalin. He argues that the pact itself was justified.  
But the whole trouble, he says, is that the Soviets violated  
the pact.

So that's how the Yalta agreement stands at the  
moment. The violation of the pact <sup>Ambassador</sup> ~~is~~ condemned both by Charles  
Bohlen and by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. <sup>Leaving</sup> ~~But~~ the  
question is still open, whether that agreement should ever have  
been made.

## BERLIN

Allied authorities in Berlin are considering another airlift - a refugee airlift. Over forty-five thousand persons have already fled from the Soviet Zone. And that's more than West Berlin's refugee camps can hold - many more. Already, civilian planes are flying them on from Berlin as fast as possible, taking them farther west. But still the refugees come! More than can be taken out in this way. So the West German Government is asking for a new airlift. The word tonight is that Allies will probably bring in a special fleet of military planes. Just as in the days when the Berlin blockade was defeated, in Nineteen Forty-Nine.

In the meantime, the East German Reds continue to tighten the border. Creating a "dead zone", to check this refugee exodus.

## INDIA

Indian Communists put the New Delhi Parliament in an uproar. The Reds howling because four of our destroyers are refueling in Calcutta. The destroyers, homeward bound, after serving in Korean waters, stopped in Calcutta, where Indian officials entertained the officers crews.

The Reds say our ships violated India's foreign policy. The Communists demanding that Nehru denounce the courtesy shown to the Americans. But Nehru responds that the Indian Red leader is suffering from "a fertile imagination." Says the Indian Premier, "There is no harm in friendship between Indian and American sailors." So he refused to let his government be bullied by his Red opposition.



## CORONATION

A dispatch from London gives us some information about the Coronation. According to the Duke of Norfolk, who is in charge of preparations, there will be at least ten thousand soldiers in the procession. Some two thousand musicians to provide the music.

The Duke of Norfolk also indicates the part which will be played by the Duke of Edinburgh. The husband of the Queen of course will not become King. ~~He~~ will not be crowned. But, he will ride to <sup>the</sup> ~~Westminster~~ Abbey in the Queen's coach! Then he will sit <sup>on</sup> ~~on~~ one side, in one of the chairs provided for the royal dukes. ~~Seated with him will be~~ the Duke of Gloucester and ~~the Duke of~~ Kent.

The Coronation service in Westminster Abbey will last for about two-and-a-half hours. In the words of the Duke of Norfolk, "The supreme moment of the ceremony is timed to come at about twelve-thirty, when the Archbishop of Canterbury places St. Edward's crown on the Queen's head." ~~He goes on,~~ <sup>he adds, "the</sup> "When this is done", ~~the whole congregation acclaims this great~~



shouts 'God save the Queen!' of course.' The, outside of the Abbey, the shout will be taken up - and a fanfare of trumpets plus much booming of guns, right around the world.

The schedule then calls for the Queen to have lunch after the ceremony. Whereupon she will drive back to Buckingham Palace with the Duke of Edinburgh again sitting beside her. The day's events to end when the Queen and her husband appear on the balcony at the palace, to accept the cheers of the crowd, and finally to watch an aerial display by the R.A.F.

## LONDON\_FOG

Fog!! We all know how London gets more than its share. But now they are having the worst Spring fog in years. At least thirty injured so far in accidents. The Queen Mary unable to dock at Southampton. Had to anchor in the Channel, putting passengers ashore in small boats. Hundreds of fishing vessels compelled to remain at home. Hundreds of planes grounded. Railroad traffic cut down, with trains running behind schedule.

Off a London pier, a dramatic rescue. Madeline Howard lost her way in the fog along the river-front. Walked right off the end of a pier - right into the Thames. A dock worker heard the splash, and rescued her.

Nelson, this fog is described as greasy and chocking. Leaves smears on faces and clothing!