

The latest news tonight, just in -- the United Nations Security Council calls on all members to join the United States in driving back the Communist invaders of South Korea. This decisive vote was taken at the request of President Truman, who asked the Security Council to support American intervention by calling on all the U N members to rally against this latest Communist aggregation. The U N vote was seven to one -- only Yugoslavia voting against. Egypt and India abstained because they had not received instructions from their governments.

SUB LEAD UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations says "yes" to a request made by President Truman today - that the U.N. summon all members to join against the Korean Reds.

The President takes the legal position that we are carrying out the Security Council decision over the weekend - which ~~fixed~~ directed members of the U.N. to compel the Korean Reds to cease fire and withdraw their invasion. In that sense, we are not legally at war - though fighting one. We are acting in behalf of the world organization. ~~and President Truman~~ asked the Council to summon other members to join us in this. Earlier this evening it was indicated that a majority of seven supported the American proposal - assuring a Security Council okay.

KOREA

Here's the historic news - a late dispatch from Tokyo. It reads: "General Douglas MacArthur's air and naval forces went into shooting action today - to aid the south Koreans against the invading Communists." So stated by a communique from MacArthur headquarters - the first one. It was issued only three hours after President Truman, in Washington, gave the order to use American air and naval power against the Red invaders.

(The communique states that American warplanes are flying on combat missions, and that armament and munitions are being rushed to the free Koreans by fleets ^{of} transport planes. Moreover - that an advance unit of MacArthur's air headquarters has already been established in southern Korea. MacArthur in command of this new war.)

Actually fighting had begun before President Truman's order - Communist planes shot down by American fighters. American civilians were being evacuated from the capital city of Seoul and the Red fighters made passes at the transport planes. Four

were shot down - that's official. But evacuated Americans tell of six Red planes downed in sky battle with American fighters.

The whole situation takes a sudden reversal. The free Korean defenders are bucked up - encouraged, rallying. Communist armored forces drove into Seoul last night. But now they are being held on the outskirts - everywhere the resistance of the free Korean army is increasing, stiffening - now that the American Air Force has gone into action to help them. In Washington, Congress gives full support - Republicans along with the Democrats. This afternoon the House of Representatives, by an overwhelming vote, passed the extension of the draft law. The Senate is expected to do the same thing tomorrow.

UNITED NATIONS

The United States today called upon the U. N. to summon all members to join against the Korean Reds. The meeting of the Security Council ~~today~~ is described as the tensest ever held, and no wonder - the U. N. faced with the first problem of imposing military sanctions upon an aggressor.

President Truman, ordering the Air Force and Navy into action, takes the legal position of carrying out the Security Council decision ^{announced} over the week-end - ^{the decision that} directed members of the U. N. to compel the Korean Reds to cease fire and withdraw their invasion.

In that sense, we are not legally in a war - though ^{we are} fighting one. We are ^{simply} acting in behalf of the world organization; - and President Truman asks the U. N. ^{Security} Council to summon other members to join us in this.

Which now leaves it up to the U. N. to give full support to the American action.

^{However} It is not believed that any other nation will contribute anything effective in a military way - the United States being the only country in a position to

do so. But there may be token military measures by Great Britain, France and others.)

In London today, the House of Commons greeted President Truman's order with a standing ovation. When Prime Minister Attlee announced the decision to throw the American Air Force and Navy into action, the M.P.'s, Labor, Conservative and Liberal, got up and cheered. Similar expressions of approval come from the other free nations in Europe.

But what about Soviet Russia? That is the world [^] question; -- and President Truman made a move today in that direction. The United States Government sent a message to Moscow, calling upon the Soviets to make the Reds puppet regime in Korea call off the invasion. Moscow, officially, has declared neutrality - with the pretense that the war is merely a Korean matter, civil strife. Which is subtle Soviet policy - aggression by means of a Red army built by the Russians. Then let that Red army seem to act on its own, with Moscow standing aloof.

But today's American diplomatic note takes it for granted that the Korean Communists are not invading without the consent of the Soviets - and Moscow is asked to call them off. Nobody believes that the Stalin regime will give a favorable reply. But it is thought that, perhaps, Moscow might give the Korean satellite some under-cover word to go easy or even get out - since the United States is acting so firmly. (That might be one solution - or the Soviets might decide to make a Third World War out of it. Or, on the other hand - they might give secret support to the Korean Communists, war material to keep the local trouble going. In that way, Korea might become another Spain - where the civil war was a sort of rehearsal for the Second World conflagration.)

TRUMAN

There's many an American whose face will follow the pattern of the presidential face - the change of expression that Harry Truman displayed today. When the news of the Red invasion broke, he hurried back to Washington from his home at Independence, Missouri - and it was noted that he had a grim look. The countenance of President Truman, though usually amiable, can assume a stony expression of bleak sternness.

Well, I suppose we all felt glum. I know I did last night - in presenting a news picture of what looked like this country taking a humiliating slap in the face, and maybe not doing anything about it. After all, we had been the occupying power in southern Korea, had presided over the freely elected Republican Government sponsored by the U. N., and had given the Liberal Democratic regime every promise of help. So now, if we let the Korean Republic fall, saying it was none of our business, the word around the world would be - that American aid was worthless, when a pinch came.

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Soviet aid, priceless - it works. Which was a sour outlook for any American in the face of Soviet aggression.

Today the news from Washington stated that President Truman had a completely changed expression - as he emerged from the top level meeting, during which he gave the order for air and Naval action. He was smiling - the grim forbidding look was gone. He had a cheerful air of having done what self-respect demanded. Which, I suppose, will be reflected by most Americans tonight - I know that's the way I feel about it.

We have a grave awareness of the danger of a Third World War - and pray that it may not happen. But, at the same time, we are proud that this nation is not accepting the slap in the face, but is taking decisive action to carry out an international duty. Answering with - MacArthur's Air Force in Japan.

FORMOSA

If it were not for the fact that we so suddenly find ourselves in a shooting war, the big headline ^{today} would be the ~~Truman decision~~ Truman decision - ordering the American Seventh Fleet to protect the Island of Formosa from Red invasion. Which means that ^{here} we are lined up, all over again, with the Nationalist Government of Chiang Kai-Shek. Certainly, a strange reversal.

A few years ago, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was a hero in this country, the intrepid battler against aggressive Japan. We supported Chiang Kai-Shek, and admired him - and Nationalist China was one of our foremost allies in the Second World War.

Then, in a remarkably brief time, Chiang Kai-Shek turned into a villain. ~~(Our Far Eastern policy insisted that he take the Chinese Communists in as partners - although we know what has happened in other countries where the Reds have joined a coalition government. The next thing you know, they seize power, and the country becomes a puppet & police state. But~~

~~we demanded that Chiang Kai-Shek collaborate with the Communists, which he refused to do; - and ^{then} we withdrew all American aid from ^{his} ~~the~~ Nationalist regime.~~

~~Whereupon the Chinese Communists, armed by the Soviets, swept the country. Chiang Kai-Shek was driven to the Island of Formosa, and we refused to help him there - the official view in Washington being that Formosa was none of our business. If the Reds took it, well, that was that.)~~ There have been accusations of Red influence to explain that remarkable change of attitude toward Chiang Kai-Shek. At odds with Soviet Russia in the post-war period, he was transformed suddenly - from hero to villain.

But now how things have changed! The U. S. fleet will smash any Red attempt to invade Formosa - and the remnants of the Chiang Kai-Shek regime are under the armed protection of the United States.

~~President Truman makes clear the Nationalists are to stop attacks against the Communists on the mainland.~~ In other words, Formosa ~~is~~ and the Chiang

AIR CAMPAIGN

No sooner had the big headline broken today, than I had - a hunch. I put in a call to Los Angeles, and talked with a friend, who seemed likely to have something illuminating to say. Colonel Philip Cochran, who has had a career singularly to the point.

In the Second World War, Phil Cochran started out in North Africa, where he was a pioneer in the development of aerial tactics - air support for ground troops. Which is much to the point right now since the news today means that U. S. air power will operate in support of the soldiers of the Korean Republic.

I remember Phil telling me how he and his American fighter squadron hunted German light tanks all over the desert in Tunisia - and, of course, we know that the Korean Reds have been able to smash through because they have a powerful force of tanks.

After North Africa, Phil Cochran went to Burma, where he commanded an American aerial task force, collaborating with the legendary British General Wingate - in the first all-air invasion behind enemy

lines. In this Cochran's American air squadrons gave blazing support to Wingate's troops on the ground. Burma was jungle country, and Korea has forests - not too different in the view of air tactics.

Moreover, in Burma, Cochran's fighters and bombers waged war against Japanese tanks, and the Korean Reds are using tanks of Japanese make. Japanese equipment - taken over by the Russian Red army in Manchuria, after the atomic bomb ended the war. When the Japanese in Manchuria, with mountains of war machinery, surrendered to the Soviets.

After the war, Phil Cochran retired from the Air Force, ~~and is now working in Hollywood as technical adviser in a motion picture that Howard Hughes is making "jet fighter". His job has been~~ *but his present job is* to keep up with the latest developments of jet, and we know that in Japan General Douglas MacArthur has powerful squadrons of jet planes to use against the Reds in Korea.

Cochran said that this new air war ~~we're~~ in

would be a good deal like the campaign his air
commandos waged in Burma - only with better equipment^{now.}
In World War II
They were beginning to use rockets - but nothing like
the rocket fire from American fighter planes today,
~~that's~~ ^{that} what will be used against the Red tanks. Cochran
told me that in North Africa they used to shoot up
light tanks with ordinary fifty calibre machine gun fire
- which, however, does ^{not} work against the heavier
~~tanks,~~ ^{tanks,} But the rockets will do the trick, So that
means a quick end to the kind of tank drive that
smashed through the free Korean line of defense.
Cochran said the American fighter planes would knock
out any Red tank they see.

Which means that enemy armor will be able
to move only at night, and will have to hide in
daylight - taking up positions under the cover of
trees, and acting like stationary artillery. Which was
exactly what the Japanese tanks had to do in Burma,
and the way the Americans handled that was to have an
enemy position spotted by the ground troops they were

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working with. Target pointed out - they would cut loose the rocket fire, also bombs. Air tactics against tanks, and also against artillery, of which the Korean Reds have a lot - powerful concentrations of Russian cannons, or perhaps old-time Japanese guns.

But what about Communist air opposition? The news is that the Korean Reds are flying Russian yak fighters, same as the Soviet Red army used in the Second World War. ~~Gochran said he didn't know much about the Russian yak fighters, never had any experience with them.~~ So I put in another telephone call, ^{call,} ~~this one,~~ to an airplane designer familiar with aircraft styles all over the world, Vincent Burnelli, designer of the lifting-body flying-wing type.

He said the Russian yak was definitely slower and less powerful than even the American propeller driven P-40S of the Second World War. The yak he added was like the Japanese Zero of the war in the Pacific, - ~~and the mention of the Zero takes us right back to Phil Gochran in Burma. The fighter planes the Air~~

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~~Commandos met and shot down were mostly Zeros. A good plane but out of date by the end of the war.~~

How does all this figure out - in long range probability? It would seem to indicate that, if the free Koreans can rally, the intervention of American air power will even things up. Red tanks and artillery checked by air action - and that would turn the Korean conflict into a war with light weapons, the kind that we have been providing. The whole thing might turn into a guerrilla struggle, and the free Koreans might win.

~~All this from the military side, not counting~~
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~~unforeseeable political developments, such as a possible third world war.~~

END

The latest news tonight pictures American jet fighters taking off in a stream from the Fukuoka Air Base, on the western coast of Japan - bound for the fighting front. They were preceded by scout planes, looking for targets. At first the weather was bad, but the skies grew clearer as the day wore on in Japan - it is afternoon there now. The news dispatch describes the jet fighters as taking off crammed with armament - especially rockets. A chain of command is being set up, whereby the free Koreans will call on the U.S. Air Force to strike at enemy targets pointed out by Koreans. Thus begins a new campaign waged by American air power.

And now Nelson will you wind

this up gracefully for us.