

SUB KOREA

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C.J. - P.H.

The headline tonight is dramatized by one simple statement -- that General Douglas MacArthur has gone to the western sector of the front in Korea. The last time we heard of a MacArthur appearance at the front was when the Inchon landings were on, and the Reds were crushed by a brilliant stroke of war. Since then the Chinese Communists have entered the struggle, and now once again we have that same sententious bulletin -- MacArthur at the battlefront to take charge of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the offensive by the forces of the U.N.

Tonight's dispatch states: General Douglas MacArthur announced today, from the Korean battlefront the opening of a general assault, which he has gone to Korea to direct personally." \* MacArthur himself says that this new attack should, in his own words -- "end the war, restore peace and unity to Korea and enable the prompt withdrawal of the United ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Nations military forces."

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In London this evening, a trans-Atlantic airliner took off with a Chinese mission bound for the United Nations at Lake Success. They are due to arrive tomorrow. All day long the news wires tell about possible discussions to end the Korean war, with a withdrawal of the Chinese Reds. These reports of a negotiated settlement are to be taken in the light of tonight's dramatic announcement of MacArthur taking command of a culminating offensive.

~~The British Government says it has opened, etc.~~

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The departure from London is accompanied by a buzz of rumors about negotiations to get the Chinese out, ~~and end the Korean war.~~ The British Government says it has opened conversations with Peking, in the hope of averting a full scale battle between myriads of Chinese and the U. N. forces of General Douglas MacArthur. London states that this British action was taken after consultation with the United States, Canada and France.

<sup>at</sup>  
In Lake Success tonight, the opinion is that the Chinese representatives, when they arrive tomorrow, will continue the thread of negotiation that the British Government has begun.

<sup>Japan</sup>  
In ~~Tokyo~~ there are insistent reports that of talks between U. N. representatives and the Chinese Reds.

<sup>But</sup>  
Today General MacArthur's headquarters issued a denial of a rumor that ~~discussions~~ discussions have been going

on in Tokyo. But, later, a MacArthur spokesman said that, in the words of the news despatch -- "There may have been negotiations on some other level."

Anyway, Tokyo is buzzing about negotiations behind the scenes, and the word is that the Reds are asking too much -- too high a price. The terms they demand are <sup>not</sup> known -- but <sup>they</sup> are supposed to concern the hydro-electric developments on the Korean side of the Yalu River.

Most curious of all is the evidence at the war front -- new signs of the strange goings-on that we have heard about before. Days ago, despatches told of the Chinese Reds releasing American prisoners of war, treating them well and letting them go - or not even bothering to capture them at all. Today, the same thing all over again -- the voluntary liberation of twenty-seven American soldiers and a larger number of Free Korean captives. Sent back to their lines by the Chinese Reds, the Americans arrived in time for Thanksgiving dinner today.

This is accompanied by stories that returning captives have brought messages suggesting terms. One angle is that the Reds are bargaining for the release of the prisoners of war they now hold.-- and there is an insistent report that an American general has been exchanging messages with the enemy commander on the

other side. *Proposals for an exchange of prisoners.*  
*Tonight the headline is - an all-out*  
*offensive commanded by MacArthur in person*  
~~So all this you can get a strange state of affairs ~~and~~ along the battelines -- the U. N. troops advancing today, without opposition. This even applies to the northwestern sector, where the Communist command has massed one hundred thousand Chinese and Koreans for a desperate defense of hydro-electric areas. There, too, the American divisions pushed forward today. Small advances -- but against no resistance. The supposition is that they are approaching the real defence lines of the Reds.~~

Altogether, the thunder of war gives way to a buzz of rumors about negotiations.

KOREA - G.I.'S

*One* ~~Asiate~~ *today* story from Korea tells of two young

G.I.'s who ran into a wild adventure -- all because they took a wrong turn of the road. Nineteen year old George Moore of Pine Knot, Kentucky, and Gene Bailey of West Lebanon, Indiana, were driving along in a jeep, when they made a right turn instead of a left. That error took them to a ditch dug across the road. So Bailey got out to see what was wrong, and found himself looking into Communist rifles. He put up his hands - thinking he and his pal were prisoners.

But, back in the jeep, Private George Moore was easing the machine gun around, and he suddenly yelled to Bailey: "Hit the dirt". Which Bailey did - and a hail of machinegun bullets cut down the Reds.

From every direction Communists came swarming. But Bailey jumped back into the jeep, and they were able to swing it around -- on a wild ride for freedom. Which story they are telling to other G.I.'s tonight.

## WRECK

New York officials made immediate moves today to investigate the railroad horror<sup>^</sup> on the eve of Thanksgiving -- the Long Island wreck took seventy<sup>-seven</sup>~~two~~ lives last night. This is the final count, and was only completed <sup>today</sup> ~~this morning~~ -- when they were able to clear away the tragic debris.

Governor Dewey has ordered an "immediate and complete" inquiry, under the Public Service Law of New York State. Newly-elected Mayor Impelletieri has broken off a vacation in Cuba to return for the City angle of the investigation.

Public outcry is the greater because the Long Island Railroad, which carries more commuters than any other, has had three disasters in less than a year. The one last night was the worst. (~~There is talk of~~ putting part of the great commuter railroad under the New York City subway system. In Nassau County, where a large proportion of the commuters live, there is a demand for a change of trusteeship. The Long Island Railroad is in bankruptcy, with trustees in charge.

~~Nassau County officials call for the appointment of a trustee with "recognized experience in railroad management and operation."~~

The cause of the disaster is a mystery which may never be cleared up -- a collision of two trains, jammed with two thousand passengers. The two trains were going in the same direction, and the one in front stalled. It's engineer said today that he could not release the brakes, and get the train going -- although he tried desperately. The second train, running at high speed, crashed into the first, and its engineer was killed in the wreck. No one will ever know his story of <sup>why</sup> ~~how~~ his train went plunging on - for the crash.

## FRAUD

Frankfurt, Indiana, has a case that should rank as the meanest fraud on record -- fake romance, sentimental swindle.

Charlie Wallace, thirty-four years old, was lonely and wanted a girl. So a friend showed him a picture of a beauty, said she lived in Terre Haute -- and he knew her sister. If Charlie wanted to write a letter to the girl in the picture, the friend would forward it. Charlie was delighted, and composed a romantic epistle. The friend took the letter, read it, and wrote a reply -- disguising his handwriting. This he mailed from Terre Haute and Charlie was overjoyed, hearing from the lovely.

That began a fraudulent correspondence which went on and on -- with increasing heartthrobs, until there was an engagement by letter. Matters of money entered the picture. Charlie was informed by his fair fiancée that she needed medical expenses, and he sent the necessary sum. ~~She rented an apartment for them to live in when they were married, and Charlie paid for~~

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*Charlie*  
~~man~~

also sent the price of an engagement ring and railroad fare to bring her to Frankfurt for the wedding.

In all, he forwarded some three hundred and fifty dollars

But the beautiful beloved never appeared, and Charlie grew worried. He was afraid something had happened to her, and went to the police asking them to investigate. They did, and found the letters from the fair one to be the disguised handwriting of a man.

So the hoax was discovered, tonight the false friend is in jail -- facing a charge of using the mails to defraud. It seems like a minor charge - for such an evil trick.

## SUNFLOWER

In Kansas City the doctors removed a growing sunflower from the lungs of a two year old child -- one of the strangest operations to cure one of the strangest of maladies. With intricate surgery, they dug out a sunflower seed that had sprouted, was growing -- and had several flourishing stems, one of them half an inch long.

Three months ago little Patricia Fredelake of Offerle, Kansas, was eating salted sunflower seeds, when she got one down her windpipe, inhaling it. The two year old coughed and sneezed but seemed to be all right. Then she contracted pneumonia, but recovered -- only to develop the symptoms all over again.

The doctors were puzzled, and sent Patricia to Kansas for a ~~xx~~ careful X-ray investigation, which disclosed the strange phenomenon - a sunflower growing in the right lung of the child. If that had gone on,

~~maybe the sunflower would have blossomed. Imagine~~  
~~well,~~  
~~a garden~~ <sup>is no</sup> in your lungs ~~the~~ place for roses, violets  
or sunflowers.

**so** The doctors operated and today Patricia  
is okay -- with plenty of reason for thanksgiving.

## SLOTH

It's Thanksgiving all right for Jimmie Ruhle of Moorestown, New Jersey -- but in a highly scientific way. The fourteen year old is being crowned with honors -- paleontological. He discovered fossil remains of a strange monster that roamed New Jersey meadows one hundred thousand years ago. A giant sloth -- which, oddly enough is tied in with Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States. It's scientific name is *Megalonyx Jeffersonii*.

Three years ago fossilized bones of a dinosaur were dug up near ~~SEWALL~~ Sewall, New Jersey. Which made a great impression on the local school children, and some of them thought they'd be fossil hunters. One was Jimmie Ruhle - and he made good. Recently he went snooping around an excavation for the New Jersey Turnpike - and dug up huge fossilized bones. He thought it was another dinosaur -- and was he thrilled. But today the scientists answer that Jimmy's find is far more remarkable -- the remains of the giant sloth, which

looked something like a bear and was fifteen feet tall, an ancestor of the small present day sloths of South America.

The first example of the strange creature was found by Thomas Jefferson in a West Virginia cave. So the giant sloth was named after him - in scientific terminology.

The animal flourished in this country during warm periods in between ice ages, the fifteen foot giant, slow and stupid, was natural game for the sabre-toothed tiger, which also haunted this continent. Imagine - a huge New Jersey tiger, with fangs like sabres, pouncing on the lumbering sloth, about as tall as a giraffe. Something for the boyish imagination of Jimmie Ruhle. But, in time, the warm weather ended, and the glacial age closed in again - which made an end to both the giant sloths and the sabre-toothed tiger.

Today, the academy of natural sciences in Philadelphia announces that, in recognition of his discovery, Jimmie has been invited to accompany several fossil hunting expeditions - as "guest of honor".

## VENICE

The romantic City of Venice is faced with a strike -- of gondoliers. All because of one single gondola -- painted with bright and fancy colors. The others are black -- the traditional hue. The gaudy one is an advertisement, an American advertisement - blazoned with Coca Cola signs. There has been a lot of controversy about the Coca Cola invasion of Europe, and the affair in Venice brings a vivid climax.

The gondoliers were offered a fee to have Coca Cola signs painted on their <sup>boats</sup>~~boats~~ in brilliant colors. But the gondoliers were shocked. They pointed out that long ago the ancient Republic of Venice passed a decree that all gondolas must be black - for dignity and sedate elegance.

Thereupon the Coca Cola people bought a gondola painted it up like a scarlet lady and hired a fellow from Verona, who knew how to paddle. So, in due time, the canals of Venice were scandalized by the appearance of the rain-bow Coca Cola craft navigating in front of the Cathedral of St. Marks and under the famous bridge across The Rialto.

The wrath of the orthodox gondoliers was expressed in the Venetian dialect -- which is a racy kind of speech noted for profanity. In fact, the very name "Coca Cola" is said to have a most unprintable meaning in the Venetian <sup>dialect</sup> dialect. Then, today, the threat of a strike, unless the scarlet<sup>y</sup> painted gondola <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ expelled from the canals. All in the Venetian dialect!

4. And now here comes our ivory gondolier, Nelson <sup>Cavaliere</sup> Romeo Case. What's new along the Rialto, Romeo - I mean Nelson?

Tokyo,  
Frankfurt, Indiana.  
Moorestown, N. J.,  
Venice, Italy.