

KOREA TRUCE J. K. Thura . July 23 - '53.

The armistice agreement has been completed and sent along for final confirmation by the governments involved. The documents forwarded to Washington, ~~in~~ Peiping and Pyongyang. A quick okay is expected, then a date will be set for the ceremony of signing. The allied command hopes it will be in less than a week. All this - and never mind Syngman Rhee.

2 The United States officials believe the South Korean President will stay in line - although dissatisfied. He was told flatly, today, that there will be ~~no~~ no more American concessions. He has already given his promise to go along with an armistice and will be expected to honor his word. The United States will not put up with any last minute interference. So said American Ambassador Ellis Briggs, in a conference with Syngman Rhee at Seoul today.

KOREA WAR

War broke out at the battlefront again today

-- the Chinese attacking the South Koreans, after a lull of two days. This was timed, apparently, to answer Syngman Rhee's new talk against the truce terms.

In the past, the Reds have attacked as a reply to

Syngman Rhee - or, so it seemed. Today, the South

Korean President was at the front inspecting his

troops. They had ~~again~~ captured a hill. The Reds

replied by retaking the hill and seizing two others.

CAMBODIA

In far off Cambodia - strange military midadventure. That realm in IndoChina has been threatening a war of independence against the French. King Norodom Sihanouk - at the head of an "army of liberation". But there has been a wave of desertions - the soldiers going "over the hill" by the wholesale.

Today the word comes that a top official of the Cambodian government has been fired "in disgrace". The Director of the personal cabinet of King Norodom Sihanouk - accused of plotting the mass desertions. All in a business deal - to sell the weapons the soldiers took away with them.

The story relates how Buorn Hong, of His Majesty's personal cabinet, was assigned on a mission to negotiate with two tribal chiefs, persuade them to join the liberation government of King Norodom Sihanouk. Hong, they say, negotiated all right - but in a curious way. He arranged to sell the tribal chiefs arms, and ammunitions, of the Cambodian Army. These - to be obtained from the deserting soldiers.

The business was good. Desertions arranged at such a rate - it looked as if the whole Cambodian army might vanish.

BERLIN

A quick sharp incident ~~in~~ flared in Berlin today. The sort of thing that could lead to shooting. Six Red police invaded the American sector - and tried to kidnap two members of the West Berlin police. But they were driven off, when a large riot squad arrived.

The ~~six~~ six Reds, armed with submachine guns, crossed the border, near Potsdammerplatz, shouted an order to the two West Germans. Telling them: come along! They pointed their machine guns at the two ~~prospective~~ prospective victims, and it looked like a kidnapping for sure.

The two western policemen argued - talking fast. A passerby, who saw what was happened, put in a fast phone call to the West Berlin headquarters. Which wasn't far away. So, in a matter of minutes, a twenty-man riot squad came dashing to the scene. The six Reds didn't like the looks of that, and retreated across the border, back into the Communist sector.

CONFERENCE

London doesn't think that Moscow has actually rejected the western invitation to a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four. Although, today, the official Soviet newspaper, Pravda, said the invitation was unacceptable. London expects a more formal kind of reply from the Kremlin - although the blast in Pravda would seem to make that answer a foregone conclusion, a turn-down.

~~The Soviet reaction is against a conference limited to questions of Germany and Austria. With emphasis on proposals for German unification, with free elections. The Russians think that any such palaver should go into all the problems of the cold war.~~

Pravda also resents the fact that the western foreign ministers had a meeting in Washington - before issuing an invitation to Moscow. Planning - their own concerted action in advance.)

STEVENSON

In London today, Adlai Stevenson, put on a topper and striped pants. They say the tall hat was an old one, and he had to rent the formal style of trousers. But anyway, Adlai was ~~nd~~ dressed correctly - going to the Queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Eight or nine thousand people were there - Stevenson one of about a hundred and fifty Americans. ~~He~~ He chatted with the Queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh. To the Duke, Adlai remarked about the hardships of public life ^{for} both democracy and royalty. The burdens that had to be borne.

6 "But," said the Duke "we don't have to run for public office!"

Adlai says he felt like adding that the Duke didn't have to worry about losing his job, either.

Well, as a Democratic candidate last year, Adlai could speak with feeling. He didn't want to be President. He wanted to remain Governor of Illinois. But he didn't get what he didn't want, or what he wanted!


DEFENSE

President Eisenhower won a rousing victory today - in that controversial issue of money for the Air Force. The Senate - beating down attempts to hike the amount. The President recommended a cut ~~in~~ of five billion dollars, which raised an uproar. Today, Democrats tried to restore ~~in~~ part of that, to give the Air Force an extra four hundred million. But the amendment was defeated - the administration upheld.

The bill is one to put up money for all the defense forces -- Army, Navy and Air. The total - thirty-four and a half billions.

UNAMERICAN

The committee on Unamerican Activities has issued a subpoena - calling a Methodist Minister to answer the charge that he is a communist. The Reverend Jack Richard McMichael of Upper Lake, California -- was mentioned during the hearing at which ~~Methodist~~ Bishop Bromley Oxnam testified. Bishop Oxnam stated that he was "suspicious of McMichael, when they were both officials of the Methodist Federation for ^(Social)~~Socialist~~ service. So now the clergyman is called -- given an opportunity to answer the charge of Communism.



UNAMERICAN - ADD

At Upper Lake, California, the Reverend ~~xxx~~
Jack Richard McMichael denies that he was ever a
Communist. He told newsmen this afternoon that he
will "gladly" testify before the committee.

DEWEY

Governor Dewey of New York, today, declared - that the bill permitting private industry to develop electrical power at Niagara Falls is unconstitutional. He told this to a Senate committee in Washington, arguing - that New York State has always claimed possession of the waters of the Niagara River.

8 The House of Representatives has passed a bill to let ~~five~~ companies undertake an electrical project - which New York State wants to do, on its own account. Today, the Governor declared that, if the Senate passes the bill, the State will take the case to the Supreme Court, charging a violation of the Constitution.

(The Governor told the Senate committee: "we don't ask you to give us any money. All we ask ^{is} ~~if~~ that you, please and kindly, leave us alone.")

ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska, there's a giant rush of ice thundering in a mighty pandemonium, down the Knik River. Masses of ice, as tall as office buildings, swept along by the surging stream. A yearly event - one of the natural wonders of the world.

Fifty miles north of Anchorage is Lake George. The only outlet of which is - the Knik River. But that outlet is blocked, each winter, by a huge glacier - which dams up the waters of the lake. The barrier holds until mid-summer. When - the melting of ice finally weakens the glacier, and the lake breaks through. The glacier bursts, and its enormous fragments go rushing on the flood.

So, at Anchorage today that mighty deluge of water and ice.

PLANE

In a farm house near Rantoul, Illinois, today Mrs. Betty Riley was in her kitchen, washing the dishes. When, suddenly, something crashed through the roof, down through the kitchen floor into the basement. A narrow escape -- for Mrs. Riley.

Up in the air - a big Air Force transport was having trouble. One motor had conked out, the plane in danger of crashing. So the crew got rid of excess weight - throwing overboard cases of ammunition, seventy in all.

It was one of these that went through the farmhouse down below - where, luckily, the twenty millimeter ammunition did not explode.

The plane got back for a safe landing, and Air Force authorities declare -- the pilot was within his rights in ordering the crates to be thrown overboard. It was above open country, but there did happen to be -- the lone farmhouse, down below.

PSYCHIATRIST

At New Orleans the case of a fake psychiatrist -- something for a weird novel. Dr. Jack Lang was on the staff of the New Orleans ~~xxx~~ charity hospital, as resident psychiatrist. Serving - as a highly qualified specialist ^{on} ~~the~~ disturbance ^s of the mind. So what now has happened?

Today's dispatch tells how another psychiatrist was at the hospital, and got a glimpse of Dr. Jack Lang - and was he surprised? Recognizing him as a former Air Force Corporal, whom this other psychiatrist had recommended for a medical discharge - on mental grounds! The mental patient now on the job as a psychiatrist. He got onto the hospital staff by showing recommendations from ^{a West Coast} ~~the Stamford University~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ medical school and from the senior medical officer at ~~the~~ Keesler Air Force Base. These ^{were} ~~λ~~ found to be forgeries.

The former corporal could talk the psychiatric lingo-- as a mental patient ^{he had} ~~found~~ picked up a lot of it. At the New Orleans apartment house where he

lived, people say: "He talked for hours at a time about psychiatry."

It's a weird one - he just knew the lingo!

ITALY

The ancient city of Naples gives us -
a blood curdling comedy. A young couple, frustrated
in love - seeking to end it in a drama of love and
death.

Antonio Mainardi and Nunzia Majone were in
despair - because their families objected to their
marriage. So they made a suicide pact ~~more~~ more fantastic
than anything you'll find ^{even in Italian} ~~in~~ opera. They agreed
to meet in a narrow street, each armed with a knife
- and, cut each other's throats. *slash! slash!*
And ~~walk~~ they went through with it ^{as well}
as they could. They met, and *slash!* ~~slashed~~ - but the only
result was Nunzia got scratched a bit, and started
bleeding, whereupon Antonio fainted. Nunzia thought
she had killed him, and she fainted.

People on the street thought they both were
killed, and the two bodies were taken to a nearby

hospital, and placed on slabs. There, they came to,
saw each other - and went into an ardent embrace.

Whereupon the nurses fainted. O sole mio!

Love and death - at Naples.

I hope you are not feeling faint, Mike!