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(In Korea, the Communists have made a withdrawal on a broad front. That's the explanation of the news we've been having for several days, telling how American patrol thrusts have been driving deeply, without being able to find the Red enemy.) They've been pushing into a vacuum, empty territory. So now, the word is that the hostile army in the broad mountain area of Central Korea has pulled back, leaving a great stretch of No Man's Land.

Today a force of American tanks and infantry pushed eleven miles to the north of Wonju, the highway center for which a bitter battle was fought a couple of weeks ago.

Still more significant, American scouting parties thrust five miles north of Yongwol, the key point over toward the east.

The Reds captured Yongwol in a drive on that eastern front, which seemed to be most formidable a couple of days ago.

But the town was recaptured by the U.N. forces, and today

the advance patrol parties made it apparent that the enemy had withdrawn from that sector.

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The same indications come from air scouts, who today were unable to find any sign of the Reds for a considerable distance to the north of the U.N. defense line.

The reason for the Red withdrawal is not at all clear, but it has created so much optimism among American officers, that a warning today was necessary. The command in East Central Korea passed out the reminder that the Chinese Reds have previously had a way of using North Koreans as a screen, pushing them out in advance - while the Chinese themselves were massing for the real attack. The enemy troops that have retreated are North Koreans. So the logic is obvious - a warning against American over-confidence.

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ADD KOREA

The latest -- a despatch from the western front in Korea, the other sides of the peninsula. The same story -- Communist withdrawal. One puzzled American officer said: "The Reds may be just waiting in hiding until they are completely ready for an offensive. Or -- they may have their own 'cease-fire' in effect."

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RESCUE - KOREA

Here's a thriller of rescue by helicopter in Korea. It's one story, although there were two rescues of crews from two planes, at two different places.

It all began when a U.S. bombing plane, flying over enemy lines, had engine trouble - and a forced landing. The pilot was able to bring the bomber down on the Suwon airfield - which is now in No Man's Land. The crew of three was marooned in dangerous territory - but there really wasn't much to it. A couple of helicopters flew over, came hovering to the ground, and picked them up safely. The flying machines were accompanied by a light observation plane, a T-6 - that's what brings the story to a climax of thrill.

After the helicopters made the rescue, the T-6 went on flying - observation. And, pretty soon - spotted marks on a snow covered field, where English letters had been tramped out - spelling a call for help. That was mighty interesting, and the observation plane flew low to inspect. But the whole thing was a trick, ^{a decoy.} The message ~~was a decoy.~~

had been tramped out in the snow by the Reds, and they were waiting in ambush, as the T-6 flew near. On the ground was a sudden blaze of gunfire, and the observation plane was hit. Left wing and gas tank - riddled by anti-aircraft fire.

The pilot, Captain Edward Kelly of Portland, Oregon, had to make a crash landing - and there he was, together with a civilian observer, S.W. Marshall of Dallas, Texas. Both uninjured - but surrounded by enemy soldiers, who closed in to get them.

But the shooting down of the T-6 had been spotted by another American plane, and ^(a radio alarm brought) ~~the pilots~~ quick action - American fighters flying to the scene, ^(to defend) ~~defending~~ the two grounded airmen. Circling and diving in, the fighters assailed the Reds with machine gun fire and jellied gasoline. ~~That~~

~~Some of the fighters were able to see the two grounded airmen,~~

and ^{One} ~~one~~ enemy soldier got as far as the wrecked observation plane - when he was cut down by machine gun bullets from the swooping ^{U.N.} fighter plane.

While this was going on, there came the old rescue war-horse, a helicopter. The Reds were shooting like mad, but the patrolling fighters kept on driving them away, ^{until the} ~~and the~~ helicopter picked up the two marooned Americans, ~~and the~~ ~~helicopter~~ - snatching them right out of the middle of the swarm of Reds.

SUBSTITUTE_U.N.

Tonight at the U.N., India and the Arab countries proposed a parley to arrange an immediate armistice in Korea. They suggest a sevenpower conference -- based on a message received today from Red China. We hear the Chinese Communists have told the Indian Ambassador at Peiping that they are willing to negotiate immediately for a Korean settlement. They will confer ^{AT} once for an arrangement to establish a truce, a 'cease-fire'. ~~THEY WILL~~

Meanwhile, the United States today called, once again, on the U.N. to denounce the Chinese Reds as aggressors. Warren Austin's tone, however, was milder than it was on Monday, when he made the original "aggressor" demand.

BEVIN

In London, Prime Minister Attlee has taken personal charge of British foreign affairs. This - after Foreign Secretary Ernst Bevin fell ill with pneumonia. Bevin has been ailing for some time - with a heart condition. Yesterday, he contracted influenza - Britain having a wave of the flu. Today, the doctor said - pneumonia. Serious - at Bevin's age, sixty-nine, and in his bad state of health.

(There have been repeated suggestions that he should resign - with speculation about who might succeed him as Foreign Secretary. Which is all the more important - at a time when there's a wide split between Great Britain and the United States - on the subject of branding Communist China, an aggressor. For the time being, the Prime Minister, himself, takes over Bevin's job - handling British foreign policy.)

FOUR POWERS

Tonight the diplomatic note sent by the Western Powers to Soviet Russia is made public. It has to do, of course, with the proposal for a Four Power Conference - Moscow having suggested one to consider problems of Germany. The United States, Great Britain and France tell the Soviets they want a conference, but not limited to Germany. They say that would be - "inadequate and unreal." They want the Conference to deliberate -- "other causes of international tension." And, in the words of the note -- "resolve the fundamental differences between the East and West." The communication does not name the specific problems, but says, in effect -- everything. Including, of course, Korea.

FRANCE

(In Paris tonight, the Reds had the biggest failure in the history of the French Communist Party. They ordered a huge anti-Eisenhower demonstration - which turned into an abysmal flop.) Instead of Communist mobs raging and storming against General Ike - there were more than two thousand arrests..

The call was for ~~hundreds of~~ thousands to gather in front of Eisenhower's headquarters, Hotel Astoria, on the Champs Elysees - and there hurl threats and vituperation ~~and~~ against the commander of victory on the Western Front. The demonstration was ordered for six P.M., the rush hour. The Communists have been shouting against Eisenhower, and his new army for West European defense, and this was to be the climax.

But the French Government was determined to stop the whole thing - flat. So ~~the day~~ ^{began} with a raid on the chief Communist newspaper in Paris, the first page of which devoted to was a manifesto summoning the Communists. The banner headline read: "Everyone at the Astoria at Six O'clock." All copies

of that morning paper were seized. Then later - there was the same treatment for the Red afternoon paper, which also printed a big summons to the demonstration. Not a copy of that paper got out.

Things grew tense as the zero hour drew near - six P.M. General Ike was not at his headquarters in the Hotel Astoria. He was away for conferences, having talks with French General Koenig, British Air Marshal Sir William Elliott, and French Premier Rene Pleven. At the Astoria, the staff was on the job, and ^{of course} ~~they were~~ wondering what would happen. ^P Nothing happened. Nothing anywhere near the hotel. Ten thousand police and mobile guards ^{(cordoned/} ~~surrounded~~ ⁾ off the whole neighborhood, admitting only people who had real business there. ~~...~~

~~others who tried to get through were seized, arrested.~~

Communists attempting to get to the Astoria for the anti-Eisenhower demonstration were grabbed - so many that there were not enough police patrol wagons and trucks to take

them away. More than two thousand arrests in all.)

Never in recent years has the French Government been so effective in preventing a Red mob scene. Tonight the Director of the City Police declared: "This is the biggest Communist failure I have ever seen."

~~This flop for the Reds marks the end of that Eisenhower tour in Western Europe. Tomorrow he takes off for Iceland, then Canada - where he'll have ^{more} talks on his Atlantic army. Over the weekend he will prepare his report to President Truman, arriving in Washington on Tuesday. ^{Then he} will report to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday, and ~~then~~ to the nation by radio - probably on February Second, the end of next week.~~

KELLEMS

A federal grand jury brought a verdict of not guilty today - in the famous case of Vivien Kellems. She, of course, is the Connecticut manufacturer who refused to collect the withholding tax from her employees. In Nineteen Forty-eight she announced: "I am not a tax collector," and, thereafter, - she would not deduct withholdings as advance payment on income tax. She wrote letters of defiance to President Truman and Secretary of the Treasury Snyder - defying the government to prosecute her.

The government accepted the defiance, and the woman manufacturer was put on trial at New Haven, Connecticut. Her defense was that her refusal was intended to challenge the withholding tax law as unconstitutional. However, the judge ruled that the legality of the measure was not at issue, and he instructed the jury to consider only one question - "Had Vivien Kellems willfully violated the law?" So today's verdict by the jury was on that point - the jury finding that the defendant did not "willfully" violate the law.


Seems to be a nice point put on the word - "willful."

BASEBALL

Here's a news dispatch that worries about - Dizzy Dean. Seems like the once mighty pitcher of the St. Louis Cardinals is in for trouble - as a radio broadcaster. United Press Correspondent Harmon Nichols notes the promised appearance of Japanese ballplayers in this country. The Japanese can have long peculiar names - and "Ole Diz" has enough trouble with the English language.— *as do some of the rest of us.*

Famous was the time when he was at the microphone, describing a game in his rich Arkansas-Texas drawl. A base runner got going, and Diz gave it *full* ~~all the~~ excitement, roaring - "He SLUD into third!"

Another time, he tried a big word in describing the actions of a couple of runners. "There they go," said Diz, "back to their RESPECTABLE bases!"

Then there was the time, during the war, when "Ole Diz" got mixed up with censorship regulations -  forbidding any mention of the weather. In that

particular game, it started to rain. Diz wanted to tell why the play was help up, but how could he, without mentioning - the weather, rain? He pondered, summoned his dignity, and announced: "I ain't allowed to tell you what's going on out there. But what's comin' in on me - that ain't sweat."

So you can imagine the significance of the news - that Lefty O'Doul, Manager of the San Francisco Seals, is bringing over a couple of star ballplayers from Japan. One, the first baseman of the Tokyo Giants. His name is - Tetsuji Kawakami. Another, the third baseman of the Osaka Tigers - Tomio Fujimura. Imagine "Ole Diz" wrapping his tonsils around those jawbreakers. Telling - how they SLUD into third, or went back to their RESPECTABLE bases!

BERSERK

There was a wild scene at the United Nations today - when a man went berserk, and committed assault on fifty-six countries of the U.N. That is, he knocked off that many name-plates from the oval table where the delegates have their places. All the while he yelled - "Freedom, freedom, I don't want to die!"

It took U.N. guards half an hour to subdue him - in a titanic struggle over all the Political Committee room.

Luckily, the Political Committee was not in session at the time - gathering several hours later to debate the war in Korea. Had they been there the delegates would have seen something a bit like the war.

The disturber identified himself as Joseph Gamba of New York, said he suffered from arthritis and what he called - "complete domination by his wife." Well, from the battle he put up, he didn't seem to have much arthritis. But complete "domination by wife" can cause almost anything - they say - Nelson.

G.E.

Suggest this to Arjuna P

A record was broken in Schenectady, New York, today - a record in the amount of mail sent out by a single firm, at one time. The General Electric mailed two-hundred-and-fifty-thousand letters - enclosing dividend checks. The amount is not so much, ~~totalling~~ a million, ^{one} hundred-and-seventy-eight-thousand dollars. But all those checks, stacked on top of each other, would make a pile more than sixteen hundred feet high. Which is a lot higher than the Empire State Building in New York, the world's tallest.

General Electric, with a quarter of a million, has the third largest number of stockholders in the country - surpassed only by A.T. and T. and General Motors. Consider all the companies with stockholders, ^{and you} ~~to~~ get an impression of the degree in which American industry is owned by the people at large.