

KOREA TRUCE T.K.M. on. July 20 - '53.

The truce tents at Pan Mun Jom had their busiest day today - more activity than at any time since the armistice negotiations began more than two years ago. Four separate groups gathered for talks, and held ten meetings.

One group - officers on the military armistice commission, which would supervise the carrying out of a truce. It was their first appearance.

For our side the members are - two United States Army Colonels and a naval captain. The Reds, represented by similar officers. The two sides met to discuss arrangements for the job they are to perform - that of seeing that armistice terms are carried out.

In the rapid-fire conferences today, all sorts of details were taken up - including those pertaining to prisoners of war. Getting ready - for the neutral commission to take charge of anti-Communist captives, those that were not turned loose by Syngman Rhee. Swiss and Swedish delegates on the commission are in Tokyo. The Chinese Reds announce

the arrival of Czechoslovakian and Polish members. The neutral commission waiting to assume the custody of prisoners as soon as a truce has been signed.

The Communists have gone to work again, putting up a building at Pan Mun Jom - for the ceremony of signing. The work on this was broken off when the South Korean President, Syngman Rhee, balked at the truce terms - and turned loose twenty-seven thousand anti-Communist prisoners.

All this follows ~~as~~ the Communists' acceptance of that "showdown" proposal - which, we hear, demanded an answer of "yes" or "no". Over the weekend, they said "yes" they were willing to go ahead with arrangements for signing a truce.

The report is that the United States promised to give the South Koreans no help - if they should break the truce, and start fighting again. ^{if} ~~if they~~ ~~should break the truce, and start fighting again.~~ ~~if~~ they should violate the armistice, they would have to go it alone - without even getting american supplies.

That's the word we hear, as Pan Mun Jom breaks into a rash of activity. The truce appears to be at hand - although it has been a will-o-the-wisp in the ~~past~~ past.

On the war front, the fighting goes on. Today, a fresh Chinese division was thrown into the "battle of the bulge" at Kumsong. This checked the forward push of the South Koreans. The new ^{Red} Chinese division captured a ~~hill~~ hill south of ~~the~~ Kumsong. But failed in ~~two~~ two other attacks - stopped cold.

Today, fourteen United States Marines got back to safety, after having been isolated - when a sudden Red ~~assault~~ assault over-ran outposts ~~held~~ held by the leathernecks. A score of Marines are missing - after the sudden blow on Sunday.

INDO CHINA

Indo China reports another sudden ~~xxx~~ stroke against the Communists - a naval commando raid this time. Covered by fighter planes, the commandos, went swarming ashore at a big base - onto ^{the}~~the~~ coast of Central Indo-China. In a brief time, the word was radioed back - huge stores of armament and munitions had been destroyed. ~~xx~~ A fleet of junks and sampans ^{was}~~was~~ were found moored in a harbor - several dozen sunk.

This was the second surprise blow against enemy supplies in the past few days. The first having been - that para-troop invasion, devastating a big base near the Chinese border. At last reports, *the French troops that parachuted out* ~~soldiers~~ of the sky were on their way back - overland. The plan was for the raiders to cut their way to the French lines East of Hanoi. A column of armoured infantry, was sent out to meet them ^{and} there was a ^{The} junction of the forces. ^A Paratroopers now riding back in trucks of the armoured force.

ISRAEL

Diplomatic Relations were patched up today - between Soviet Russia and Israel. Notes were exchanged between the governments at Moscow and Jerusalem, re-establishing normal contacts. Ending an ugly dispute that flared during the last days of Stalin.

The trouble arose out of the notorious affair of - nine doctors, six of them Jewish. Charged with murdering Kremlin big-shots -- in a plot connected with Zionism. All-part of an outbreak of anti-Semitism behind the Iron Curtain.

There was deep indignation in Israel, and a bomb exploded at the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv. Not much harm done, Israel apologized at once, but Moscow responded by breaking off diplomatic relations.

Then, after the death of Stalin, came a startling reversal in the ^ecast of the nine doctors. The Kremlin announcing - the charge against them was false. The anti-Semitic campaign called off. Show ^{have been} - diplomatic relations resumed between Soviet Russia and Israel.

FOLLOW ISRAEL

Moscow dispatches interpret this as another sign of the new Soviet policy of conciliation. They believe a further move will come at a meeting of the supreme Soviet. July 28th - a foreign policy declaration by Malenkov, or one of the other top Kremlin leaders. More peace offensive. Foreign diplomats in Moscow do not think that the over-throw of Beria has affected the tendency toward moderation.

EAST GERMAN

In East Germany, today, a Communist court pronounced sentences on the sixteen ring leaders of the workers' ~~xxx~~ revolt last month. Harsh prison sentences imposed - including a life term for the head of the liberal democratic party. The trial - part of a drastic attempt to crush the anti-Communist underground in the Soviet zone.

Meanwhile, East Germans are assured that American food relief will be ~~xxx~~ placed at their disposal - in spite of bitter opposition of the Reds. This is stated in a letter from President Eisenhower to Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany.

(People from the Soviet zone have been flocking into the western sector of Berlin to buy food at greatly reduced prices - a special arrangement for them. The Communists are threatening with dire penalties, but this is being defied. Today, two ~~gh~~ thousand East Germans from the Soviet zone came to get food coupons - and that, possibly, may be the solution for distributing American supplies, now on their way.)

FOLLOW EACH GERMANY

A late dispatch states that Soviet Russia has granted East Germany a credit for the purchase of Russian foods. The puppet government says the size of the credit - is two-hundred-thirty-one million ruble⁵_λ. Nominal value of the ruble is four to the American dollar. Which would make the sum about fifty-six million. The actual value of the ruble is less.

The new Moscow move is, quite apparently, a gesture to counteract the American shipments of food, for the benefit of the hungry in East Germany.

GERMANY DIAMONDS

In the city of Bonn, Capital of West Germany, a trial for diamond swindling is on, and the testimony features the name of the Minister of Economics.

Herman Meinecke made a sensation, some while ago, as a modern alchemist - with a magical process for making diamonds. He mixed mysterious ingredients in a test tube, and out came ~~sparkling~~ sparklers. Small but genuine.

The wizard put on the show before the Ministry of economics, Ludwig Erhard, of the West Germany government. The minister so impressed - he drank a toast of champagne to the "diamond maker". Investors to put up one-hundred ^{-and-} sixty-five thousand dollars - for the synthetic diamond business.

Today the story was told - how the diamonds, were slipped into the test tube by slight of hand. The wonder-worker's twenty-one year old daughter - performing the magic. In the midst of the modern alchemy, she sneaked the diamonds into the chemical mixture. So cleverly - as to fool even the Minister of Economics.

COMMITTEE

The committee on unAmerican activities voted, today, to have J.B. Matthews testify. The investigator who resigned from the Senate Internal Security Committee - following that uproar caused by his charge of Communism among Protestant clergymen. Matthews, who had been engaged by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin, wanted to present his evidence before the Senate Committee - but that was rejected. He appealed to the unAmerican activities committee of the House, which now says "yes". The decision six to three. Democratic members of the committee voting - against.

~~(It isn't clear when Matthews will have a chance to present his evidence of Communism in churches. That by the way, will be the subject of a hearing tomorrow -- when Bishop Oxman of the Methodist Church appears. Answering ~~xxx~~ accusations that he has aided Communist fronts. Yesterday, on the radio, Bishop Oxman declared the churches have, in his words, "done more to combat Communism than all~~

~~the investigating committees together." which is
echoed by other clergymen who, yesterday, criticized
the ways of investigating committees.)~~

(In the Senate today, Lehman of New York,
took a fling at McCarthy of Wisconsin, assailing a
statement that McCarthy made -- charging anti-Semitism.
This occurred in a controversy between Senators
McCarthy and Monroney. (The two have been lambasting
each other, and Monroney assailed two investigators
of the McCarthy committee - Roy Cohn and David Shine.
They're Jewish, and McCarthy suggested that the
Monroney attack was anti-Semitism.)

(This is now denounced by Senator Lehman -
who says that many Jews, including himself, have
criticized the two committee investigators, Cohn and
Shine.)

MOVIE TAX

The House, today, passed a bill to repeal the twenty-percent tax on motion picture tickets/ This following a plea - from the movies asking for help in their fight against T.V. The repeal of the tax would cost the government one hundred million dollars a year, and the measure may have hard-~~sledding~~ sledding in the Senate. Where the talk is - balance the budget. President Eisenhower may not like the ~~inst~~ loss of the revenue either - not so good for budget-balancing. So the cancellation of the movie tax ~~remains~~ remains in doubt.

CHICAGO

A dispatch from Chicago says - there is a church, now, at 2126 South Wabash. A Negro congregation has taken over with preaching and praying and singing hymns. Which is an odd turn of drama.

Thirty odd years ago, twenty-one twenty-six South Wabash was -- Big Jim Colosimo's restaurant. Famous in its time, notorious in Chicago's history, the starting point in the career of Scarface Al Capone.

Big Jim Colosimo's place was a glittering lofty haunt, favored particularly - by the stars of the old Chicago Opera Company, then in its glory. Big Jim loved the opera, and prepared the best of ravioli - for tenor, baritone, and soprano.

But he was also mixed up in the doings of the underworld, and his life was threatened, so he imported a couple of bodyguards, one - Scarface Al Capone, an obscure hoodlum from Brooklyn.

But it did Big Jim no good. Underworld killers got him - shot him down amid the splendors of his restaurant.

Which left Scarface Al without a job. But ~~perhaps~~ prohibition had just come in, and he got into the liquor racket - with large ideas of organizing bootleg as big business. The rest is history - ^{the} Capone era in Chicago.

The restaurant kept going for some years. But, in time, business got bad, and the place closed. Now ~~a church~~, the place where Scarface Al used to lounge, where Big Jim Colosimo was killed - ~~the scene~~ where sermons are preached ^{there} and hymns are sung. ^{It's a} church.

SERGEANT

Today, Tom Blazina said: "This could only happen in America". Blazina is a one-time army sergeant - now a foreman with a plumbing firm in Chicago. Had a reunion with his old time commanding officer at the White House.

Down on the Mexican border years ago, Blazina was a top-kick, under a young Lieutenant, green from West Point, Lieutenant Eisenhower. Then, after those Mexican border days, they didn't see each other again - but, several years ago, their sons met at West Point. The plumbing foreman's boy had entered the military academy, and was a friend of Cadet John Eisenhower.

So, today, there was a White House reunion of the one-time sergeant and the one-time Lieutenant -- now President of the United States. It could only happen in America; *at any rate, so thinks Tom Blazina.*

WEATHER

The freaks of weather continue - a deluge hitting parts of the drought-stricken areas of the West. Norton, Kansas, six inches of rain. Holdenville, Oklahoma, seven and a half inches. Colgate, Oklahoma, nine and a half. That ~~is~~ really was a deluge today. Tropical downpour - plus. But the rains were localized, and spotty. In other places the dry weather was still on.

~~In the East, the heat wave continues. In New York, the temperature dropped as much as twenty degrees. But the heat wave remained - because of the humidity. The figure for moisture rose to ninety. The big town had a heavy fog, and was like a steam ~~and~~ bath.~~

(In Philadelphia, the humidity was less - but the thermometer was up in the nineties.

In Washington, with a dry atmosphere, they simply baked under ~~is~~ a burning sun. ~~The worst of it is the weather man promises no relief from the heat~~ *But tonight Mike, the weather man is giving us a little relief¹ - just a little. And every little bit added to what you eat makes just a little bit more.*