

L.T. - P. & G. Wed. Oct. 22 - '52.

SUBSTITUTE UNITED NATIONS

(Tonight - the United Nations voted an immediate debate on Korea. In the political committee, the decision was - to take up the matter of the armistice deadlock at once.

Previously, the western powers had thought the question of a Korean truce should be put off until after our Presidential election.) But the Soviets demanded - have the debate right now. The Moscow delegation was backed by a group of Arab and East Asiatic nations, and that persuaded the Western Big Three to go along. The United States, Great Britain and France joining the move.

Tomorrow, Secretary of State Acheson will lead off in the General Assembly - by presenting the American case in the truce talks.

At the same time, the committee voted to consider the Tunisian dispute. The French delegation was opposed to the notion of having the General Assembly take up the question of the French North African colony. But was voted down - the United States joining the majority.

SUBSTITUTE UNITED NATIONS(2)

Still another bit of news from the United Nations - Secretary -General, Trygve Lie firing an American UN official who refused to answer Questions on communist activities. Stanley Graze, executive secretary of the railway operations section, appeared before the senate committee the other day - and would not answer the sixty-four dollar question. So now he's ousted. Another -suspended on the same grounds, Trygve Lie stating: "I am very much concerned that any American officials of the UN declined to answer certain questions." The sixty-four dollar question, that is.

This draws immediate praise from Senator O'conor of Maryland, chairman of the Senate sub-committee that questioned those American UN officials - on the subject of communism.

KOREA

South Korean troops have recaptured "pin point hill" which they lost - according to plan. "Pin point hill" is part of the crest, called "Sniper Ridge." ~~and~~ The Communists attacked with ^{their} "human sea" tactics. There was rain and mud, but they captured the hill. The South Korean's strategy was to let them do it. They were in previously prepared positions, and destroyed the ~~xx~~ wave of Reds with storms of gunfire. Then the South Koreans returned, reoccupying "pin point hill".

Meanwhile, that land of Southeastern Asia is being battered by a tremendous typhoon. Two hundred lives lost - when the tropical storm reared in from the South China Sea. Villages - flooded. Communications and lines of transport - washed out.

News from Indo-China tells of a French force fighting its way out of a trap. The French were withdrawing from a line of strong points, and were surrounded by three enemy divisions in an area of mountain gorges northwest of Hanoi. It seemed they were doomed - the military crisis so grave that French authorities imposed a news blackout.

This now has been lifted - with word that the retreating French troops were able to cut their way through in savage fighting. The trapped units emerging - "practically intact."

Meanwhile, that land of Southeastern Asia is being battered by a tremendous typhoon. Two hundred lives lost - when the tropical storm roared in from the South China Sea. Villages - flooded. Communications and lines of transport - washed out.

(Iran broke diplomatic relations with Great Britain today - carrying out the threat made by Iranian Premier Mossadegh.) In Teheran, a formal note was delivered to the British Charge D'Affaires - accusing Britain of intrigue against the security of Iran. The British diplomatic staff is ordered to leave the country, and Iranian Envoys are being withdrawn from London.

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower was campaigning in
Massachusetts ^{again} today. Which makes it three days in a
row - reflecting the critical importance of the Bay
State.

At Springfield, he put his argument in the
language of a soldier. "This government" said he "has
allowed little twenty-two calibre men to hold forty-
five calibre jobs." Well, we know the difference
between a twenty-two and a forty-five -- Ike saying
it with guns.

Twenty thousand people were gathered in ~~front~~
front of the Springfield City Hall, and signs were
displayed - ~~Democrats~~ Democrats for Ike. Which led the
General to coin a word -- at least I haven't heard it
before. He said he welcomed the support of ~~the~~
enlightened Democrats and called them -- Eisencrats.
A take-off on Dixiecrats, though not quite so snappy -
Eisencrats.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The Stevenson people are denying ← that the Governor is irked with President Truman for bringing racial and religious issues into the campaign. They were asked about this - and the assistant campaign manager said - no, Adlai not irked at all.

He declared the Republicans have misrepresented the Presidential remarks. Which is what H.S.T. contended - when he denied accusing General Eisenhower of anti-semitic, anti-Catholic bias. The spokesman for the Governor asserted that the President had merely criticized Ike for endorsing candidates ~~in~~ whose records indicate racial and religious discrimination. The spokesman said that Stevenson, himself, has said virtually the same thing.

(The campaign grows rougher and rougher, President Truman ran into a heckling session today, while Governor Stevenson had an egg thrown at him.)

H.S.T. was in Pennsylvania, greeted by ~~gt~~ large crowds. At Wilkes Barre, he said - if the Republicans win, the country ~~will~~^{might} have twenty-eight million unemployed, the worst of depressions, and another World War. Which certainly was dark prognostication.

The heckling came at Northumberland, Pennsylvania, where a crowd of three thousand gathered for a whistle-stop talk. A group of hecklers greeted the campaign train with boos and carried a sign reading: "Welcome Mr. Truman - but we like Ike." H.S.T. is fast on his feet, and he banded remarks with the supporters of Ike. But he couldn't silence the hecklers until he made a threat. He said he wouldn't bring daughter Margaret out onto the rear platform - unless they stopped booing. That did the trick - everybody wanting to see Margaret.

Governor Stevenson was at Notre Dame University today - but that was not where the egg was thrown. At the College famous for football, ^{at South Bend,} ~~he~~ he addressed six thousand students - and declared the Republicans have aided the Communists, by opposing the social programs of the Democrats.

Governor Stevenson is whistle-stopping in the Middlewest, and drawing the crowds. But at Elkhart, Indiana, the greeting included - that egg. ~~It~~ Which hit the canopy over Adlai's head, and splattered - the yoke dripping down on ~~the heads~~ William Calvin, the official photographer of the Stevenson campaign. The Governor was just turning around, and he may ^{even} not have noticed it.

The egg was tossed by a young woman, Iola Banghart. The police grabbed her, and she admitted - yes, she tried to hit Adlai with an egg. But they turned her loose - the Stevenson party saying they didn't want to press charges.

A dispatch from Moscow tells of the Soviet attitude ^{regarding} our American political campaign - strictly neutral. The Moscow radio discusses Ike and Adlai - and doesn't like either.

One Soviet commentator says: "Stevenson is worth about a million dollars, and is wholly on the side of a small handful of money-bags." Which certainly will pain Adlai -- "on the side of the money bags."

As for Eisenhower, he tried to convert Columbia University into ~~an~~ a military barracks, says the Moscow radio. Explaining - that, as President of Columbia, General Ike declared that the United States does not need scientists, only ~~it~~ soldiers carrying guns.

TRUMAN STYLE

Here's news of -- a Truman victory. But the shining success is won by - the missus. Today the First Lady of the land attended a style show; - and, the time was when Mrs. Truman was regarded as being not so fashionable. Her clothes - not in the latest mode.

Today, a fashionable gathering was addressed by a Parisian master of style, Monsieur Balmain. He scrutinized the costume worn by the First Lady, and burst into Parisian raptures.

The news ~~the~~ dispatch quotes him as follows:

"*Oh* ~~The~~ suit - very demure." *Oh* ~~The~~ jacket - perfect. The touch of braid - exquisite - the color of the hat with her hair and eyes - they match perfectly."

They say Mrs. Truman listened in amazement as the French fashion expert told ~~the~~ ^{of} American husbands ordering clothes for their ~~the~~ wives in Paris. One husband buying thirty gowns at a clip.

The first lady exclaimed: "What a husband!"

Wa Harry was ~~never~~ never as lavish as that. ←

QUEEN

London states that the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth could be televised across ^{the Atlantic} to the United States and Canada at a cost of about forty million dollars. ^{And that's too} ~~too~~ expensive! This came up in the House of Commons today, where Labor M P's protested against the decision ^{to} not to televise the ritual in Westminster Abbey at all. You'd think Labor Party Socialists would be least concerned about these royal doings. But here's what happened:—

Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that June Second would be a holiday throughout the United Kingdom - Coronation Day. Whereupon Labor Party member Hector MacNeill demanded "Would not the holiday be much more enjoyed if all the proceedings in the Abbey were televised?"

That brought up the questions of a Coronation telecast all the way to the United States and Canada. But the British Postmaster General, L.D. Gammans, rose and said - "that would cost forty million dollars" Too much.

VOLCANO

The world's mightiest volcano - is about to burst into another eruption. So reported from Indonesia. The fire mountain, Krakatau. Which, back in Eighteen Eighty Three, established all-time records for volcanic violence.

In that year, Krakatau was a mountain two - in the straits of Sunda between Java & Sumatra thousand six hundred and twenty feet high. After the explosion, the mountain - was gone. Nothing left but a low flat island, with a lake where the crater had been. Smoke and ashes bursting to a height of seventeen miles - volcanic dust drifting around the world. A tidal wave, fifty feet high, sent rolling on to adjacent shores. Thirty-six thousand lives lost.

Today, something like that threatened all over again. For the past few weeks, Krakatau has been spewing out clouds of smoke and volcanic ash. But now - suddenly quiet. That's the ominous part of it.

Volcanologists explaining that the crater has become clogged, stopped up. Pinning down the fiery forces. *And*

now ~~one~~ these are likely to explode. *I know I'd like to be there to film it when it does so.*

In Washington, a remarkable point of law. If a man makes a boy pull a lion's tail, is that assault against the lion, or the boy?

Today the Judge was told how M. F. Brown, thirty-nine years old, was at the zoo with seven year old Richard Soucek. At the lion's enclosure, the King of Beasts, ^a three hundred and fifty pounds ^{lion,} ~~large~~ was taking life easy. When, according to testimony Brown told the seven year old to climb over the barrier - and pull the lion's tail.

The boy says he was just plain scared, but the man told him, "Don't be afraid, climb over."

So seven year old Richard -- went ahead and climbed over. Sounds like a story of lion-eats-boy. But, today, Richard testified: "I gave his tail just a little tug." Apparently the lion hardly noticed it - and Richard emerged uneaten and unscathed.

Mr. Brown was taken into court - charged with assault against the boy. But ^{Brown's} ~~his~~ lawyer argued, "If anybody told the boy to pull the lion's tail, that would

be assault on the lion, not on the boy."

Nelson, in your adventurous life have you ever had a bear by the tail?