

KOREA C.I. - P+G. Mon. Sept. 11 - '50.

The news from Korea tonight indicates that the Korean Reds may have, at last, exhausted their strength, and run out of offensive power. We heard this predicted on previous occasions, <sup>with</sup> ~~but~~ the forecast ~~was~~ followed by new savage onslaughts. Tonight's dispatch, however, states that, in one place after another, They Communists are withdrawing, pulling back.

After days of blinding rain and clouds, it grew clear again, and the air scouts were able to do a job. They reported enemy troops moving to the rear in most of the sectors of the battle front - and this checks with information gathered by the military intelligence - all giving the appearance of a Communist withdrawal, probably to positions for defense. The Reds - getting ready to go on the defensive.

The one exception to all this <sup>today</sup> was in front of Taegu - where a bitter, confused battle was raging. The enemy launched a powerful drive, which was beaten back. Whereupon the U. S. First Cavalry struck forward with a counter-attack, which gained ground - but then

was halted by an enemy blow. After which the battleline in front of Taegu turned into a wild melee, with close-up artillery duels, and hand-to-hand fighting, in such a tangle that one American officer said: "It's hard to tell who's fighting whom."

In the East, toward Pohang, United Nations troops drove to the attack and forged ahead, gaining ground all along the line - though this may have been part of a Red withdrawal, noticed in so many places.

Yes, the Air scouts had clear weather for sharp reconnaissance - and that also tells the story of the fighters and bombers. They had a big day today, smashing at the Reds all along the perimeter of battle - hurling rockets, machine gun fire, explosive bombs, and especially those Napalm bombs, which lay sheets of fire on the ground.

At one point, sixty-five American planes caught an enemy force of thirty-five hundred, mustering for an attack, and sent them in wild flight. Today the Fifth Air Force alone flew four hundred and forty-nine sorties,

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not counting attacks made by Australian planes and by  
the carrier fighters and bombers of the U. S. Navy.

FOLLOW KOREA

The latest tonight, about mid-day over there -- confirms the picture. There are increasing evidences of Red retirement, with American forces making advances. But before Taegu the artillery fire from the Communist side was heavier than ever - with the Red battery having ~~xxxxxxx~~ to shift position constantly, as American fighters and bombers raked them with a merciless fire. The latest figure for the day shows six hundred and seventy sorties flown by U N planes.

## KOREAN KIDS

The G.I.'s in Korea are up to their usual habit - adopting the waifs and strays of war, refugee children, cleaning them up, feeding them. A dispatch today tells of one called - "housefly." Curious name to give a lad - but there was a reason.

They picked him up in the fighting around Pohang, a twelve year old orphan whose parents had been killed at Seoul, after which he had drifted south with streams of refugees. "You should have seen him," says Sergeant A. L. Shelton of Jones, Tennessee. "He was nothing but skin and bones, and looked more like a stray dog than a little boy." To which the Sergeant adds: "Everywhere he went, a bunch of flies followed him - that's how he got his name." The war waif and a swarm of flies! The G.I.'s couldn't pronounce his Korean name, so they christened him - "housefly."

Well, they doused him in a bath, fixed him up with some clothes, and fed him at the regimental mess - after which Housefly was attached permanently to the outfit. But it wasn't all one way - because the G.I.'s

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promptly showed Housefly how to make himself useful, run errands and do chores. So now he is with the battalion at an airstrip - working in the mess hall, helping the company cook. And always ready to do odd jobs for his G.I. buddies - a useful housefly.

BRITISH - KOREA

From London we hear that a force of British troops is ready to take ship for Korea - thirty-two <sup>hundred</sup> soldiers. Prime Minister Clement Attlee is expected to announce this to the House of Commons tomorrow - a whole brigade to go. It includes, we are told, battalions of the Royal Gloucestershire Regiment, the Royal Northumberland fusiliers, and the royal Ulster rifles - all infantry. Together with - detachments of artillery and anti-aircraft units.

There are at present fifteen hundred Britons in the fighting line in Korea, sent from Hong Kong. Now, thirty-two hundred more - from England.

SUB U N

It was a close call in the Security Council in the U N tonight, when the Council rejected a proposal to invite Communist China to take part in a discussion of Red charges that American planes have attacked places ~~ix~~ in Manchuria, Red Chinese territory. Seven votes were required to put through the proposal, and only six were obtained - Russia, Jugoslavia, India, Norway, Great Britain and France. Which sounds like a formidable line-up in favor of having the Chinese Reds appear and give their own testimony. But it was one vote short of ~~seven~~ seven - so the demand, backed by Soviet Russia, was rejected.



## BRITISH JETS

There's a sour note in a London dispatch, telling of a display of British jet aviation today. Experts were given a long look at what is called - "The fastest interceptor plane in the world." That's the British jet fighter, about which a good deal has been heard of recently - driven by an engine <sup>called</sup> the Sapphire jet, said to have as much horsepower as all four motors of an American superfortress.

The sour note is a reminder that four years ago, the British Labor Government supplied Soviet Russia with fifty jet engines - and these were prototypes from which the Sapphire was developed. About this, a British controversy is raging - part of a general argument over the sending of materials to Soviet Russia and the Iron Curtain satellittes, materials useful for building a war machine - like machine tools and stocks of rubber. Most dramatic of all - the fifty jet engines, earlier types that showed the way for this new Sapphire jet. Aviation experts of London are quoted as saying that the Soviets were pushed ahead by as much as ten years, in their development of jet aviation.

POLITICS

In the political battle, a new cannonade echoes tonight - a Republican blast against the appointment of a St. Louis lawyer, Morris A. Shenker, to the Finance Committee of the Democratic Party. The Finance Committee deals with the most important phase of statesmanship - raising campaign funds.

Today Senator Wiley of Wisconsin said that Shenker is the attorney for, what the Senator called - "Some of the largest gambling interests in America." Which ties in with the fact that the St. Louis lawyer made appearances before Congressional Committees as attorney for James Carroll, a big-time betting commissioner, and William Molasky, head of the racing wise service at St. Louis.

Wiley of Wisconsin demands that the Senate Crime Committee take a look to find out whether or not the appointment of Shenker amounts to a tie between politics and gambling.

*after two or three weeks the vote is cast tomorrow. For a campaign in rugged shape, able to be back in*

~~TP All of which was taken promptly to Democratic~~  
*In the Colorado primary farmer -*

~~National Chairman Boyle, but he refused to comment~~

*Werner Ralph Carr - again running for governor, as conducted his campaign without making a speech. Because he has been ill and is not expected*

## SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL

Today, far and wide, was school day, with myriads of kids returning to their books in thousands of classrooms - but not in the towns along the shore of Connecticut, places like Greenwich. There, thousands of pupils were sent home early - because of the approach of the hurricane.

The tempest, roaring along for ten days, was passing two hundred miles off New Jersey, and the coast to the north was due to get a blast. So the first day of school was called off in many places - to avoid the advance bad weather and stormy winds of the hurricane.

Thus far the ~~tempest~~ tempest has been moving up the Atlantic, without hitting land anywhere, but our east coast will now get a side-swipe. However, it won't be anything like the hurricane of six years ago, which ripped across Long Island and southern New England, causing a loss of life, and ~~an~~ fifty million dollars' worth of damage.

ADD SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL

The latest ~~hurricane news~~ tonight, ~~states that~~  
the center of the tempest will pass to the ~~w~~ east of  
Nantucket, about midnight, ~~and~~ **T**he coast in those parts  
may expect winds from fifty to sixty-five miles an hour.  
Also - abnormally high tides tonight, hurricane tides.

## WRECK

The latest from the scene of the railroad disaster in Ohio is that at least ~~twenty-seven~~<sup>30</sup> lives were lost, possibly more; ~~;~~ sixty-seven injured. The victims were soldiers of the Pennsylvania National Guard, on their way to Camp Atterbury in Indiana, to start training for the U. S. Army.

The troop train was stalled by a mishap of the air-brake system, when a passenger express, bound from New York to St. Louis, crashed into the rear cars. Thus far there seems to be nothing to account for the accident. Red flares had been placed on the tracks, to give warning, but the passenger train came right on - though its normal high speed seems to have been reduced to about thirty five miles an hour.

## HOUDINI

In New York tonight, a weird test is being made in the house of many memories. On a table - a pair of handcuffs. And watchers wait to see if some invisible power will open the handcuffs. The house - the old home of Harry Houdini, the legended magician. The handcuffs - the shackles that Houdini once used in famous exploits of escape. So, will the ghost of Houdini unlock and open them tonight?

During his life, that prince of magic waged war against tricks and frauds of spiritualism and the occult. Before he died, he said that, if there was anything in the notion of spirits returning to earth, he would contact brother magicians. He arranged for a gathering each year to wait for a message from him - but none has ever arrived. The meetings are held regularly on the night of Halloween, the anniversary of Houdini's death - which would be the end of next month.

But today Harry Blackstone, a magician, told of a strange event last night. He said he received a telephone call, and the voice on the other end of the

wire sounded something like that of Houdini. But he can't be sure the telephone call was real, or ~~else~~ a vivid dream. The voice, telephone or dream, told him to communicate with Joseph Dunninger, practitioner of mental magic, and join him tonight - for a test. Place Houdini's old handcuffs on the table, and the spirit of Houdini would open them.

So that's what is being done tonight, in answer to a message that was either a telephone call or a dream.

## SMUTS

The world loses one of its historic figures - Field Marshal Jan Smuts of South Africa. He was the world's elder statesman - a South African soldier who fought against the British in the Boer War, and then took the lead in the reconciliation between the Boers and the British. He was a power on the side of the allies in the First World War - and was equally prominent in the Second.

Of recent months he was in grave ill health, his survival hardly expected. Tonight the end - at eighty. The free world of the west loses a source of strength and wisdom in the passing of Field Marshal Jan Smuts.

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One of America's financial giants passed from the scene today - Harvey Gibson, poor boy from North Conway, New Hampshire who came to the city and battled his way to the top until he was head of the Manufacturers Trust Company, prominent in Society, sports, Social Service, and many other fields of activity -- a dynamic and delightful man.



SHAW

Tonight, in a hospital, George Bernard Shaw may find ironic satisfaction reflecting that - what he said four years ago, was only too true. Yesterday, the ninety-four year old dramatist and philosopher sustained a fractured thigh bone, while walking in his garden. Which recalls how, in Nineteen Forty-Six, when he was ninety, he remarked: "When one is very old, as I am, one of the unpleasant things seems to be that your legs give out before your head does." And he spoke of his - "brittle bones." Brittle indeed. - He was just sauntering along, when he keeled over with a fracture.

He has a bad break - at the head of the thigh bone, where it joins the hip. He was operated on tonight, and the doctors say that his condition is - satisfactory. But they point out that it's a kind of injury which usually keeps even a young man in bed four or five months.

A nasty fracture - I can say that from experience. I had that same sort of thing, with eight fractures, *- at the same place as Shaw, where the thigh.* as the result of ~~an accident~~ *in Tibet* *by a fall from the* - *Which* *and was* laid up, *in bed and* *then was* on crutches, for *3 months.* ~~more than~~ *eight months.*

Perhaps I can give the aged and eminent Irishman  
in a worthwhile suggestion. I was told that I might  
limp for several years. But, when I went to Alaska  
recently, and spent some time there with an expedition,  
in a remote mountain region, an odd thing happened. To  
keep from falling in crevasses we had to be roped together  
and always on skis. Well, you simply can't limp on  
skis. ~~Walkixxxx~~ So, here's my advice to George Bernard  
Shaw: Go to an icefield in Alaska or Greenland when  
you throw away your ~~xxxxxxx~~ crutches, put on skis,  
and you'll soon lose your limp. Bernard Shaw on skis  
at age ninety-four would be something to see. But,  
I'll bet he can do it.

The Irish master of satire is described as  
being in cheery spirits, making sardonic Shavian remarks:  
No doubt about George Bernard Shaw's legs giving way  
before his head. But it's awkward to have either your  
head or legs go, Nelson.