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Here's a comprehensive and authoritative declaration on Korea. We've been having piece meal statements and alarming hints. <sup>Now comes Prime Minister</sup> ~~King~~ Churchill, reporting to the House of Commons. Simultaneously, the same information ~~was~~ given to the House of Lords by <sup>Field Marshal</sup> Defense Minister Earl Alexander.

They confirm previous intimations - that, during the year of meaningless, futile truce talks, the Reds have doubled their strength in North Korea. In July of last year, when the negotiations began, they had hardly more than five hundred thousand soldiers. Now, almost a million - the additional troops <sup>?</sup> Chinese mostly! Then they had about a thousand planes. ~~Now~~ Now, eighteen hundred - about a thousand of them ~~are~~ jets. <sup>And</sup> They have built up armor and artillery in proportion - five hundred tanks and self-propelled guns, plus anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons, heavy mortars, field artillery.

In the Commons, Winston Churchill made it clear where all this war machinery came from - although

he never mentioned Soviet Russia. With Churchillian irony, he said: "Even in these days of aerial progress, I think it would be premature to suppose that this material comes from the moon."

The Prime Minister gave the opinion that the Reds began those armistice negotiations with a scheming intention. "I do not think" he declared, "there has ever been any will for peace by the enemy - who were suffering so heavily when the truce talks began, and who have certainly improved their position in the meanwhile."

He called the present situation - "very grave." Which would refer, apparently, to a possible million man offensive - as threatened by the Red negotiators at Panmunjom, in their propaganda blasts.

He said he had assurance from the American command in Korea that they could repel any enemy drive.

Churchill disclosed that defense minister, Field Marshall Alexander is going to Korea for a first

hand inquiry - and then will report back to Parliament. He added that Alexander has been urged to come by General Mark Clark, our new Commander out there. They of course are close friends. More than that in fact for in the Second World War, Mark Clark, allied commander in Italy, served under the leadership of the then Viscount Alexander who is now an Earl.

Meanwhile, in Korea, the Eighth Army says there's no real sign so far of a Communist offensive. Yesterday we heard of Allied probing attacks all along the line, feeling things out, looking for signs of a big enemy drive. They found no signs, apparently - an official Eighth Army spokesman stating today that there is no "military evidence" of preparations for a million man Red offensive in the near future not right away.

Tonight we have a statement that this country soon will have a bomb with more explosive power, in a single one - than all bombs dropped in World War Two put together. This is published in a magazine issued by the Air Force Association - which does not call it an H-bomb. *But I wonder if that isn't* ~~But that is~~ the only thing it could be?

We don't know the total amount of the high explosive dropped by <sup>the</sup> ~~th~~ powers on both sides in the Second World War. But the U.S. Air Force, alone, hurled more than two and a half million tons of bombs. So listen to this as phrased by the Air Force Magazine: →

"Soon, a few men in one airplane, flying at sonic speeds and never seeing the ground - will be able to drop anywhere on the face of the earth a single H-bomb containing an explosive power far greater than the total dropped during World War Two."

Which we are told further, would have the destructive power of one hundred atomic bombs.

~~That incredible weapon about to be dropped~~  
~~in this country.~~ But, we are warned <sup>that</sup> Soviet Russia  
is developing the same thing - the H-bomb. Talk about  
about sitting on the edge of a volcano - the human race  
would be seem to be doing just that. Nightmares of  
catastrophe! - unless foolish mankind can find a way out!

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Surprise move at the United Nations today -  
when <sup>the</sup> western powers proposed a ceiling on military  
forces, the number of ~~army~~ soldiers. The United States,  
Great Britain and France introduced a plan whereby the  
United States, Soviet Russia, and Red China would be  
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## FOREIGN AID

( Tonight, the Senate in Washington, passed a foreign aid bill for six billion seven hundred million dollars ) - after a last minute slash of two hundred million. Previously, around a billion had been lopped off.

For the defense of western Europe, President Truman requested an original sum of seven billion nine hundred million - that much for armament in free countries. So now the Senate votes six billion seven hundred million - still a tidy sum.

## GERMANY

The Foreign Ministers of the western Big Three are approaching Moscow - on the Soviet plan for unifying Germany. The Communist world is enraged by the western alliance concluded yesterday to bring German military forces into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Previously, Moscow had suggested a four major power conference to discuss proposals for unifying Eastern and Western Germany - the Soviet's trying to keep the West Germans out of the North Atlantic Alliance. Now we say -- let's talk about that previous proposal. In Paris today, the Big Three decided to ask the Kremlin for more details.

Messrs. Eden, Schuman and Acheson likewise took up the question of the <sup>new</sup> Red retaliation going on in Eastern Germany. In Berlin telephone communications have been cut between the two halves of the city - and today, the Reds were throwing up new barricades across the streets.

Along the frontier between East and West Germany, the Communists are busy preparing their three



mile forbidden belt. Farmers in that "no Man's Land" are being evacuated, trenches dug, barricades established. It isn't clear what the real purpose may be. But one grim surmise is possible - that this elaborate sealing of the border may be intended to mask military moves in Eastern Germany. It's an old story of the past - the closing of a frontier to conceal mobilization.

Today's dispatch from Berlin gives the opinion, however, that the Reds are waging a war of nerves. The agreement signed yesterday, for bringing German troops into the Army of Nato, will have to be ratified by Parliaments in various countries - especially Germany and France. There's plenty of opposition, which the Soviets are trying to whip up, by creating a war scare. Such, at least, is the opinion that comes from Berlin.

GERMANY-ISRAEL

(The Chancellor of West Germany states ~~that~~ that his government recognizes its "moral obligation" to the Jewish people - in the matter of a program of ~~xxxx~~ reparations for damage and <sup>the</sup> Nazi horror inflicted upon the Jews. Negotiations have been going on between West Germany and the State of Israel.)- and, today, Chancellor Adenauer had a conference with Dr. Nahum Goldman, head of an Israeli delegation. ~~in the talks~~ He told Dr. Goldman that a new West German proposal would be drawn up next month. On a basis, of, not ~~only~~ only legal, but "moral" responsibility.

(Negotiations, <sup>(held at the)</sup> ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ capital of Holland, the Hague -- broke down, when the Germans declared they could not pay <sup>the</sup> one billion, five hundred million dollars demanded by Israel. But, now the German Chancellor and the Jewish Chief Delegate both express their confidence that a reparations arrangement will be ~~made~~ made.)

## THE PARIS RIOTS

Late news from Paris tells of the arrest of Jacques Duclos, acting head of the Communist Party. The police grabbed him as he was directing savage riots -- and found, in his automobile, a loaded pistol and a club.

This is the latest in the news of Red fury against General Ridgway is who the commies call: "General Plague." Another echo of Red propaganda - charges <sup>of</sup> American germ warfare in Korea.

Mobs were armed with hatchets, guns, nail-studded clubs, knives. Powerful forces of police opposed the rioters. Savage fights raged in sections of Paris, particularly at one of the great railroad stations. Hundreds of Communists arrested, some released - more than six hundred held for trial.

## EISENHOWER

There will be a White House meeting between President Truman and General Eisenhower soon after the General arrives in Washington. So <sup>we learn from</sup> ~~stated by~~ the White House.

General Ike, landing by plane on Sunday, will receive a full military welcome, with a seventeen gun salute. Then, Monday or Tuesday, he will see the President - and give him a report on West European defense. One rumor is that <sup>Mr. Truman</sup> ~~Mr. Truman~~ will present Ike with a distinguished service medal, another one - his fifth.

Heads of the Eisenhower boom emphasize - <sup>at the White House!</sup> there will be no politicking. In Washington, the General will devote himself entirely to a final disposition of military matters. Only when he takes off his uniform, and becomes a civilian - will he step forth as a political figure, Eisenhower the candidate.

## POLITICS-TEXAS

Political news from down on the Rio Grande remind<sup>s</sup> us that Texas is a big state and does things in a big way. So, instead of going to the Chicago conventions with one battle, the Texans will go with two.

(The Lone Star republicans, of course, are fixed up for a fine fight) - the <sup>Texas</sup> ~~State~~ Convention having thrown out the supporters of General Ike, who took a walk - staging a convention of their own. So, (two slates of longhorn delegates, will go to the G O P convention.)

That should be enough of a rumpus for any state, but Texas doubles it - in clubs.

(The Democratic State Convention, meeting at the same time, did the same thing - coming up with two slates of delegates. The quarrel - between the states righters and the Trumanites. The Dixiecrats, in control, selected a delegation pledged against the Truman fair deal. The fair dealers ~~it~~ walked out, and

elected a delegation of their own) "pledged to  
Trumanism." Well, the President is out of the race,  
but, the Trumanites are all for Trumanism. H.S.T.  
becomes an - ism. And Texas goes to Chicago with two  
civil wars of its own - and four delegations. <sup>Yes,</sup> ~~Yes~~  
the Texans do things in a big way.

POLITICS - IOWA

The Democratic State Convention in Iowa has just voted for an uninstructed delegation. The delegates told to go to Chicago, and use their own judgment. Word is that they are about evenly inclined <sup>in</sup> to favor Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and Senator Kefauver of Tennessee.

**GASOLINE**

All restrictions on the use of aviation gasoline will be lifted Monday - so announced by Secretary of the Interior Chapman, who explains - that the oil strike has been ending gradually. There's little further danger of an oil shortage.

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In Philadelphia, its up to a jury to decide the case of Annabel Lee. That lady of wrath-like loveliness is in the courts, a contest over a will. That is, the original manuscript of that favorite poem by Edgar Allan Poe.

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"And neither the angels in Heaven above  
Nor the demons down under the sea,  
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee."

~~Nothing dry as dust about that phraseology.~~

Nelson, <sup>surely</sup> ~~surely~~ surely it couldn't be,  
That you have forgotten Annabel Lee?