

We have word tonight that a Los Angeles Company is all set to go ahead with the first low-power atomic furnace for industrial and medical research. Plans for this miniature nuclear reactor were disclosed by Dr. Chauncy Starr of North American Aviation. He says that the plant is for "peaceful use of the atom." As Dr. Starr put it -- "our successful completion of the design opens the door to a more rapid development of peace - time values of the atom."

The furnace is driven by uranium two-three-five and will give off two hundred kilowatts of heat. Enough, we are told, to operate one hundred electric toasters simultaneously. *And* One load of fuel will be sufficient to keep it operating for ten years without refueling. However, this first reactor is more likely to be used for treating cancer than for producing ~~electric~~ electric power.

All the company needs now is the green light from the Atomic Energy Commission for this peaceful development of ~~atomic power~~ the atom.

FISH

Elizabethtown, Illinois, will dine on fish tonight.

Fish by the truckload, we are told, following today's disappearance of "the Big Sinks." The Big Sinks are the wonder of Hardin County. Mysterious lakes of more than a thousand acres, near the Ohio River, which have a habit of suddenly disappearing. For years the Sinks remained filled, their waters alive with fish. Then, all of a sudden, no water. The fish suffocating all over the muddy bottom.

No explanation is given for this phenomenon, but it's believed that the water slips away through cracks and fissures in the ground, when the Ohio River is low. ~~It's~~ ~~the~~ ~~pulling~~ In Elizabethtown they call it, "pulling the plugs." And tonight the Sinks are empty, with Elizabethtown, Illinois, dining on catfish.

BOXER

In Chicago, two thugs waylaid an old fellow - nearly seventy. They crept up behind him, and both slugged him down. But - not before he had whirled around and hit one of the robbers a clip on the jaw, knocked ^{him} him out. The second thug took a look at his fallen partner, and ran away - even though the old boy, himself, had collapsed from blows on the head.

So who was that formidable septuagenarian? The answer will bring back memories to many an old-timer. Battling Nelson, one time lightweight champion of the world - who back in the early part of the century was as rugged and rough a warrior as the ring ever knew. They called him the "Durable Dane," from the way he'd go ripping and tearing through those forty-five round bouts. So tough, he used to brag - "I ain't human."

So there he lay on a Chicago pavement, alongside the thug he had knocked out. They came to about the same time, and the ruffian got up and ran. So did the old battler - running after him. But couldn't catch him - legs are not

what they used to be, half a century ago.

They took the old time boxer to a hospital for lacerations of the scalp. But he didn't want to go. He kept saying to the cops, "Let me at 'em, I'll murder the bums."

Same old Battling Nelson, most pugnacious of them all, who those years ago fought the memorable battles with Joe Gans, that other legend of the prize-ring.

PREDICTION

At Fort Monroe, Iowa, a series of predictions for the Year Two Thousand and One was placed in the cornerstone of a new building. The document was deposited by a seven year old girl - the expectation being that she'd be living fifty years hence, at the turn of the Twenty-First Century, and would then take out the prophecies, and see how well they had come true.

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The Shaefer Pen Company

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~~_____~~ its hundreds of employees vote on the

predictions.

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~~_____~~ A large majority foresaw another world war, an

atomic war - written in the history books of the Year Two

Thousand and One. An equally large majority was optimistic

about the cure of disease, eighty-four per cent predicting

the conquest of cancer. ~~_____~~ Some were

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optimistic, with a forecast that, by Two Thousand and One,

there would be a cure for - the common cold. Glowing vision

of a bright future - no more cold in the head.

BEAR

In Canadian Alberta, the rural district around Calgary, there's a reign of terror - black bear on the rampage. Women are afraid to leave their houses, and children are being escorted to school. At the town of Ricinus - the road to school is blocked by a prowling bear, a huge fellow with a fierce growl. On one farm, a couple of the black fellows attacked a watchdog in the barnyard - and ~~was~~ were only driven off when a farm wife, at a window, opened fire with a rifle. Nearby a young horse, out in pasture, was killed by a bear - and, not far from there, a farmer found a bear eating a yearling calf.

These are examples of the havoc raised by an invasion of black bear - and, to make matters worse, a grizzly killed twelve calves ^{and} and fifteen pigs near the school at the town of Hardindell. With grizzlies joining black bear, the reign of terror is - more than people can bear. Oh g!

U.N.

(The United Nations was the scene of a familiar wrangle today. ~~The Soviets dragged up one of their chestnuts,~~ ^{once again} the question of a seat in the U.N. for Red China. This is a perennial, gambit and one which always leads to violent disputes. The invective was ~~there today~~ as usual. Vishinsky ^{swinging at} versus Acheson. When it came to a ballot the Soviets were voted down. However, ~~with~~ the Communists won some supporters for the Red China cause. Those voting with them included India, Israel, Indonesia, Burma, Sweden and Guatemala. While Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yugoslavia and Afghanistan abstained. The final vote of thirty-seven to eleven, slammed the door on Red China for the duration of the Sixth General Assembly. ~~It bans~~ ^{The} Peking regime ^{banned} from a U.N. seat for another four months ^{at least.}

^{Sec. of State} ~~Secretary~~ Acheson told the Assembly that Russia had tried "about ninety times" to get the Chinese Communists admitted to the U.N. Then he went on: "The minds of most of us revolt that we should again be asked to seat this regime -- a regime that is defying at this very moment, ^{said he} "to the greatest extent possible,

the authority of the United Nations."

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PARIS MEETING

Paris was the scene of a high-level luncheon today with the cloak of mystery tightly drawn. To all appearances it might have been Washington with our Cabinet members and ^{other} top level ^{men} people gathered to discuss the problem of European re-armament. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Defence Secretary Robert Lovett, General Eisenhower, Averell Harriman, all were there, together with their Aides.

We learn that the chief problem for discussion was the equipping of the North Atlantic Army without wrecking the economies of our European Allies. However, the proceedings were wrapped in mystery -- top-level ~~secrecy at that gathering of Americans in Paris.~~ secrecy at that gathering of Americans in Paris.

KOREA - TRUCE

In the confused, long drawn out armistice talks in Korea - appears the first hint of a reference to what Vishinsky had to say at the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris last week. At that time, the Moscow delegate, in a noisy diatribe, called for ^{an} ~~a~~ Korean armistice line along the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. Also - for a withdrawal of all foreign troops from the peninsula. Including, of course, ^{ours,} ~~American~~. This latter ^{came up} ~~was the point that appeared~~ in the truce talks today, ~~hinted at by the Reds.~~

The negotiations were still deadlocked - the Communists wanting an immediate cease-fire, our side insisting, first, on an agreement concerning prisoners-of-war. Whereupon, the Red negotiator brought up the question of Item Five on the agenda. Which, said he, includes the withdrawal of all foreign troops in Korea. ^R So let's look at Item Five. |

When the truce talks began, the Reds wanted to include the question of foreign soldiers, and their withdrawal.

^{delegates} Our ~~side~~ objected, and there was the usual wrangle, which

ended ^{with both} ~~in an evasive compromise.~~ Both sides agreeing on -
Item Five, a sort of catch-all provision - which did ^{not} ~~not~~
mention troop withdrawal, ^{and} ~~but~~ it could mean almost anything.

At any rate, today the Reds brought up Item Five, saying it did
include the question of foreign soldiers. - ^{In saying this they were} ~~thereby~~ echoing
Vishinsky's demand before the United Nations last week.

^{It all} ~~All this may~~ sound ^s a bit complicated - ^{and it.} ~~but you should~~
~~see the complicated way it appears in official statements~~
~~handed out over there, and passed along on the news wire.~~

KOREA - WAR

We hear the ~~Enemy~~ ^{total} casualties in the last week's fighting in Korea [^] over twelve thousand. This figure was disclosed by General Van Fleet today, who emphasized the heavy enemy losses -- despite the limited fighting of recent months. General Van Fleet's statement gave rise to speculation in Tokyo that heavy enemy casualties may be the key to the Reds demands for an immediate cease-fire.

Meanwhile, in the air, our fighter-bombers were out again today following a break in the fog and rains. From the ~~fighting~~ ^{came} front reports ~~tell~~ of "perfect football weather", ^{with} and stepped-up ~~patrolling~~ [^] jobs by both sides.

MISSING PLANE

There's still no word on the U.S. hospital plane missing in the French Alps. Aboard are thirty-three Americans, including the wives and children of G.I.'s discharged from an Army hospital. The ship, a C-82 flying box car, took off from Frankfort, headed for the French port of Bordeaux, and is now eight hours overdue. It is believed down somewhere between Dijon and Bordeaux, in the ~~lefty Massif Centrale~~ mountains, range.

IRAN

The State Department announced today that American efforts at mediation in the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute have failed to reach a basis for a settlement. /
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A spokesman said today in Washington that there has been no headway towards "a practicable solution of the international problem during Premier Mossadegh's visit to the United States." However, there's still hope in Washington that some solution may be found before Premier Mossadegh leaves for home on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund today put up eight million, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars to help tide the Teheran Government over its present crisis.

ADD_IRAN

Word just in from Washington. Premier

Mossadegh will visit Egypt on his way back to Iran.

The Persian Premier will now leave Washington on

Sunday and there is speculation that the trip to Egypt

may be aimed at coordinating the policies of the two

Middle Eastern countries in their feuds with Britain.

TIBET

News filters through from Himalayan Tibet - that the Red forces have now occupied the city of Gyantse, mercantile center on the trade route between India and Lhasa. Five hundred Chinese troops entered Gyantse, and even took over from the garrison of Indian soldiers who for years have been there just as a guard for their own merchants. India having, by treaty, the privilege of maintaining a small garrison on the outskirts of the city. Simultaneously, New Delhi indicates that India will turn over to the Chinese Communists the protection of the caravan route - renouncing the treaty right, which was acquired originally by the British.

So that's how things are changing on the Roof-of-the-World -- with Red occupation. My son and I remember Gyantse well. He was ill there on the journey to Lhasa, and I spent a painful week there on the return trek. As the guest of especially hospitable Captain ~~Ranxaki~~ Patil of the Mahrattas and the Indian doctor attached to the garrison,

TIBET

Captain Bandra Chandra Pal, who made a dash into the mountains, a forced journey, to give me what aid he could when I had an accident coming down from Lofty Koro La.

Later he confessed that he wasn't a surgeon, and didn't have a degree in anything. But he was a great help at a time when Tibet seemed a long long way from home in the U.S.A.

For a week we stayed at the Indian barracks outside Gyantse - the barracks from which Nehru's troops have now been ousted by the Chinese Reds, just as we prophesied would happen - if India and the Western World failed to do anything - which it did fail to do!

BRASS

Here is the verdict -- in the case of the Pentagon. The jury's summing up -- "too much brass." For some months a sub-committee of the Senate Preparedness Committee has been investigating the number of Generals, Admirals and Brigadiers who throng the corridors of the Pentagon. Today they published their findings. This states that the Defence Department now "has as much high brass in Washington as it did at the height of the last war."

The summing up comes from Senator Johnson: "unless the trend is halted now, we could, in that classic phrase, wind up with fighting forces based on 'all chiefs and no Indians'", was how he put it.

INTRODUCTION

L.T. - P&G. Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1951.

I'm giving this program tonight -- at a reunion.

An anniversary gathering -- of a band of adventurers as remarkable as any in the Second World War. The American Air Commandos of Burma, who staged the first all-air invasion -- in collaboration with the legendary British General Wingate. The same Wingate who, before the war in Palestine, by the way, founded the present army of Israel. In Burma, the Air Commandos, with planes and gliders, seized jungle clearings -- as bases from which Wingate's British jungle troops operated.

The reason that I'm attending this reunion, makes an odd story. During the Second World War, General Hap Arnold, U.S. Air Force Commander, at a banquet, told about that Air Commando exploit -- which had begun with an odd experience for him. Wanting to select a commander for the adventure, he dispatched an order through Air Force channels -- send in candidates. So, presently, said Hap Arnold, in came what he called "the toughest little Irishman I ever saw."

"He nearly snapped my head off," Hap Arnold added.

Which was really - something. A young officer nearly snapping off the head of the Commander of the U.S. Air Force.

That was Phil Cochran, already famous - in a ~~comic~~ comic strip. He was the original of Flip Corkin, in Milton Conniff's "Terry and the Pirates." His trouble was that he didn't want the command of some outfit operating in Burma. He was a fighter pilot, who had been flying in air battle - and wanted to keep on doing just that.

General Arnold, however, persuaded him that the job he was offering - was even more of a thriller. So Colonel Phil Cochran got the command -- in partnership with his old-time Air Force buddy, Colonel Johnny Alison -- and, together, they led the Air Commando adventure.

Right in the middle of his remarks that night, General Arnold turned to me and said that he wished I would get the full story and put it in a book. At last that has been done. It is called BACK TO MANDALAY, published

by Greystone. And the Air Commandos, Cpcbran and Alison; Colonel Bill Taylor, their glider commander; Dr. Cortex Enlow, the flight surgeon - and others, have made the book an excuse to hold their first reunion since the time when they flew an army by night behind the Japanese lines in Burma -- on the road BACK TO MANDALAY. And that's the scene for this news program -- a broadcast that now begins with a scene, strange and spectacular, in Cairo.