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(In Korea, a violent battle is being fought southeast of Wonju - where a division of Korean Reds has been surrounded, and is being wiped out.)


This goes back to the recent battle of Wonju, when a Red offensive down the line of the Central Korean mountains was repelled. At that time, we heard of ^{an} enemy outflanking movement ~~was~~ threatening American defenders -- the Reds cutting around to the southeast.

It now appears that this enemy drive consisted of three divisions, spearheaded by the Second Division of North Korean ^{Red} troops. But that outfit was attacked, outflanked, and is now encircled. Under siege by troops of the Korean Republic - aided by American artillery and air power, they ^{are} ~~are~~ grinding the enemy division to pieces - in bitter fighting among the Korean mountains.

(Wonju was captured today - that key point occupied by American troops, without resistance.) The G I's wore white winter clothing, matching the snow -

same tactics as the Reds are using for concealment. They pushed on, spearheaded by tanks - and found Wonju deserted.

All of which adds to the mystery - the absence of the enemy in so many places. Some think the expected Red offensive was thrown out of kilter by the fast patrol thrusts of the U N Army - smashing forward all along the line. Some accounts tell of a withdrawal of crack Chinese divisions from Korea. There's one dilemma that bothers the Americans - having to destroy Korean towns and villages. The local Korean people are bitter, saying they expected that sort of thing ~~is~~ from the Communists. ~~American officers and G I's have plenty of sympathy.~~ But the Reds use the villages for concealment, in their tactics of ~~hit~~ hit and run -- a ghost enemy. So the Americans have to destroy the places of concealment.



ADD KOREA

The latest -- an enemy force attacking the U N. Troops in Wonju. A skirmish going on - with other fights between patrol parties all along the central front. No major action, apparently.

COMBAT PAY

Congress is asked to grant extra pay for fighting men at the Korean warfront. Today the Department of national defense proposed an extra hundred dollars a month as combat pay for officers, and fifty dollars a month extra for service men. This would apply to all who have spent at least six days a month "in contact with the enemy", as the recommendation phrases it.

Officers would get more combat pay than enlisted men - partly as a means of persuading soldiers at the battlefront to accept commissions as officers, Lieutenants. Right now, the best qualified among the G I's receive almost as much pay as Lieutenants - and often refuse commissions. Moreover, it is pointed out that, in World War Two the casualty rate among first and second Lieutenants was three times as high as that among the enlisted men. Same thing in Korea.

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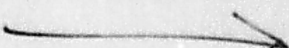
Congress was told today that, unless a bill to draft eighteen year olds is passed - the armed services will have to induct fathers and veterans. This was stated by General ~~E~~ Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, recently returned from Korea.

General Collins argued against any restriction that would forbid the armed forces to send eighteen year olds overseas. In this he was joined by Admiral Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, who said it would be mighty awkward if the fleet were compelled to weed out all eighteen year olds - should hostilities occur.

The report is that opposition ~~is~~ is increasing in Congress, with legislators under heavy criticism from home. The guess is that there will be some effort at a compromise ~~in~~ in the drafting of the eighteen year olds.

U N

(The House of Representatives passed a resolution today, calling on the United Nations to proclaim Red China an aggressor.) The vote in the House was overwhelming - as an expression of opinion, though without any ~~force~~ force of law.

At the U N however, the American resolution was not presented today - there's ~~xxxxx~~ a delay. Because some countries want to make an alteration. The resolution, branding Red China as an aggressor, also calls for the U N to have a "peace committee" - ready to negotiate. That's the point at issue - some delegations at the U N wanting the "peace committee" clause to be made more emphatic, keeping the door open for negotiations. 

FOLLOW U N

The latest -- the American delegation put
in a demand tonight for an extraordinary meeting of
the ^{U.N.} political committee tomorrow afternoon. This,
for the purpose of introducing the resolution
condemning Red China as an aggressor.

CONTROLS

Economic Stabilizer Alan Valentine has resigned - forced out. This follows disagreements with associates, on the subject of economic controls. They were for faster action - he wanted to go more slowly. Some days ago, the Chief of Price Controls, Michael DeSalle, announced a plan for a thirty-day freeze of wages and prices. But that was over-ruled by Valentine - whose resignation today comes as a victory for DeSalle.

Who becomes the new economic stabilizer? The answer is interesting - Eric Johnston of the movies, President of the Motion Picture Association, Before that - head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Eric Johnston ^{now} takes over the job of running economic stabilization.

ATOMIC

The Chinese Reds have begun construction of an atomic laboratory. Object - presumably -- ~~xxx~~ the atomic bomb. One of the top scientists is Chao Chung-Yao, a nuclear physicist trained in the United States. He was in this country for years, taking part ~~ix~~ in research - and returned to China recently. Passing through Tokyo on his way, he was detained by American security authorities, who suspected he might be carrying confidential documents pertaining to American atomic research. But nothing like that was found, and Chao Chung-Yao went on to China - now ^{there} named _^ as a key scientist in the construction of a Red atomic laboratory.

BALCHEN

At the Annual get-together of the Explorers Club in New York, some striking things were stated by Colonel Bernt Balchen - the Norwegian born American veteran of adventure in the Arctic and Antarctic. Bernt, after a dinner of giant crab from the Aleutian Islands and bison steak from the sub-Arctic, was awarded the much-prized and seldom-awarded Club Gold Medal. ^{Burton Holmes, Dr. Beebe, Gen. Doolittle} Whereupon he proceeded to tell about some of the doings of his Tenth Rescue Squadron in Alaska.

Balchen, foremost of Polar airmen, has been working with that remarkable Air Force outfit, which performs endless exploits of picking up castaways in the northern wilderness. Mighty important - considering those North Pole flights which our B-29s now make on regular daily schedule for weather observation. Suppose a plane, on the North Pole run should be ~~xxx~~ forced down on the ~~xxx~~ Arctic ice-pack. It hasn't happened, but the Tenth Rescue Squadron is prepared for such a crisis.

Some while ago I told how they were planning experiments - landings and take-offs in the realm of polar ice. So now Colonel Bernt Balchen stated that, within a period of several months, a whole series of planes landed on the ice-pack, and then took off. ~~They were~~ C-47 transports equipped with skis. There were ^a more than ~~one~~ hundred of these landings and take-offs. ~~Moreover,~~ [^] Helicopters did it one hundred and thirty times - coming down on northern ice floes, and rising again. Still more remarkable - between forty and fifty gliders came down on the ice-pack, and were snatched off. Picked up by low-flying planes - and towed back to their Alaskan air base.

One goal is the establishment of a permanent weather base far out on the ice that covers the Arctic Ocean. Plans for this are being made right now -- and who knows, some day they may have a permanent weather station at the North Pole.

NARCOTICS

In New York - the smashing of an international narcotics ring. Today Federal Agents arrested four alleged leaders of a drug peddling gang doing business at the rate of fifteen million dollars a year. This, as the climax of a New York Police campaign against dope sellers - especially those in the vicious crime of selling narcotics to school children.

In Harlem - a basement apartment was the sales room for the "limousine trade." In the space of three hours and a half, detectives spotted twenty-five customers, some arriving in swanky, chauffeur driven automobiles. The drug-five specialized in marijuana and cocaine - a number one headquarters for the dope ring broken up today.

DANCER

At Farmington, Connecticut, they caught the dancer ^{a la natural,} ~~in the nude~~. They've apprehended the Grecian God. That's what he seemed to be, as he cavorted in the moonlight, as completely unclothed as a statue of Apollo.

Night after night, in the fancy residential neighborhood, the dancer would sneak up to a window, and tap - to attract the attention of the Lady of the House. Whereupon, he would throw ^{em} off ~~his clothes~~ and start ^{to do a ballet -} ~~dancing~~ out there on the cold lawn in the moonlight.

The local wives were indignant - and you can imagine the husbands. Attempts were made to catch the mysterious dancer, but he always got away, until last night - when ^{a group of} ~~the~~ husbands ~~unwarily~~ set a trap. They banded together, headed by Judge John Hanrahan, and arranged for the lights to be out in all the houses of the neighborhood, Except one, Judge Hanrahan's home. That would be the lure. Inside, Mrs. Hanrahan sat by a lighted window - adding to the lure. The husbands, with shotguns, hid in the

shrubby outside.

The night was calm and quiet, when an automobile came driving along, then stopped, and a man walked straight to the lighted window of the Hanrahan home. He tapped; ~~and off with his clothes~~ *then disrobe and then* *on with* ~~and~~ the dance. ~~Began~~. The husbands waited just long enough for the rhythm to get going, then emerged from hiding, and closed in. The dancer dashed to his car, and might have escaped - except for a shotgun blast that smashed a tire of the automobile; and so he was caught.

Who was he? That's the most amazing part of all - a local policeman ~~Officer~~ *Officer* - Officer Joseph Jenislowski, on the force for nine years - today held on bail of a thousand dollars. ~~Talk about~~ *Twinkle toes?* It was flat feet; - in the ~~at~~ *at* dance of a Grecian God by moonlight, *at Farmington, Conn.*

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower is in Luxembourg, - there for a climax in his tour of Western Europe as Commander of the International Army of Liberty. In other countries, he has had promises of soldiers, divisions of them, with artillery and tanks. But all that is eclipsed by what he gets in Luxembourg, one of the tiniest countries in the world. Luxembourg as you know has for its American Ambassador, our Mrs. Pearl Mesta, ex-champion hostess of Washington, D.C.

Tonight the General gets a party! - thrown by Pearl Mesta. There's music - and Madame Ambassador told the band what to play. What song? Why - "They Hke Ike!" Which is a political tune - referring to the boom to make Eisenhower the Republican Candidate for Nineteen Fifty-Two.

Our Ambassador, Madame Mesta, is a Democrat, appointed by a Democratic President. She is also the heroine of the sell-out Broadway musical show "Call Me Madam." The song, "They like Ike" is in

that show as a Republican ditty. So it's appropriate as the Ambassador entertains the General. For what are politics compared to a party?

When General Eisenhower stepped from his plane at Luxembourg this wintry afternoon, the first person he saw there to greet him there was Madame Ambassador. "What?" he called, "are you doing here in the cold, Perlie?"

"Why," she replied, "I'm here to greet you, Ike!"

Later Madame Ambassador explained: "He always calls me Perlie. Ike's an old friend of mine. Mrs. Eisenhower and I worked together at the Stage Door Canteen in Washington during the war."

Such was the meeting of Perlie and Ike. After which it seems of small importance to say that the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg today offered a large amount of steel production for the General's international army. They too, like Ike.

Now Nelson - before we hike - Pray Tell us, What do you like?