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MASS EVACUATION OF KOREA HINTED

MILITARY SOURCES DENY MOVE OUT PLANNED

Washington -(Dec.7)- Prime Minister Clement Attlee, "shocked" at the military situation in Korea outlined to him in Washington, has cabled the Cabinet a pessimistic report of the Korean picture.

He included the possibility that a mass evacuation of the United Nations forces may be necessary, a reliable source said.

Informants said Attlee was "shocked" at his first meeting with President Truman at a report which General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs' of Staff, made to them about the crisis.

High military sources however insisted that the position of UN forces in Korea is still not hopeless, and flatly denied there is any plan for a general withdrawal from the embattled peninsula. They said they still believe General MacArthur will eventually be able to stabilize his shattered defence lines and halt the Communist advance.

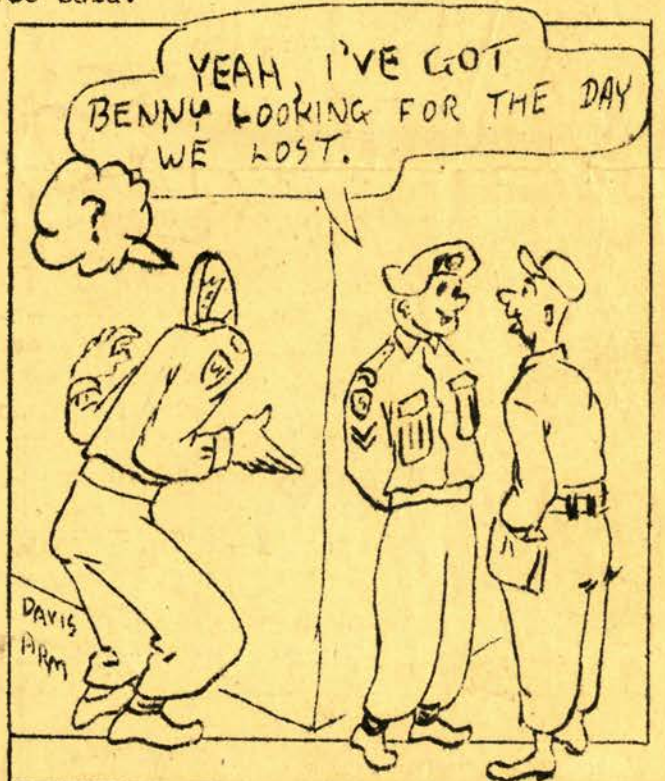
20 Mile Retreat

The Allied army of northwest Korea fell back more than 20 miles below Pyongyang Wednesday, and fought off Communist jabs at its flank nearly half way to Seoul.

Communist troops pounding at the heels of the retreating U.S. 8th Army, tightened its stranglehold on 15,000 Americans trapped at the Chosin Reservoir, in the northeast.

There was no official word on where the 8th Army would try to make a stand.

A spokesman for General MacArthur, asked if there were natural defence lines below Pyongyang said that several could conceivably be manned successfully if the Allies had sufficient forces to man them against overwhelming odds.



MORE RED ADVANCES

More Chinese forces of undetermined strength, possibly the vanguard of the Chinese legions surging through Central Korea, were reported around Simka, Singye, and Sibyon.

???? STEEL FOR THE COMMUNISTS ????

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Hong Kong -(Dec.7)- The freighter Flying Clipper, owned by the Isbrantsen Company, of New York, sail- for Communist China with a cargo of cotton, steel, and tin plates

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NEWS....CONT. (from P. 1)COMMUNISTS ASKED TO STOP AT 38 th PARALLEL

Lake Success - (Dec. 7) - Some 15 Asiatic and Arab nations led by India, have agreed to appeal to the Chinese Communists to stop their Korean drive at the 38th parallel.

It was learned that the appeal to Peking was prepared as the UN steering committee opened the way for the United Nations General Assembly action against the Chinese Reds.

The steering group approved a US demand that the 60 nation Assembly deal immediately "with Mao Tze Tung's intervention in the Korean war.

The vote was 10 to 2. Russia and Czechoslovakia casting the negative votes, and India abstaining.

SECOND ATTLEE - TRUMAN MEETING

Washington -(Dec.7) - Official secrecy cloaked the second momentous meeting of President Truman and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

The White House said after the Conference aboard the yacht Williamsburg, that it dealt with the situation in Korea, and steps to be taken in dealing with the Communist threat to world peace.

Presidential Press Secretary, Charles G. Ross, refused to say specifically what had transpired.

Mr. Truman and Attlee will meet for the third time Wednesday.

Paris --- (Dec.7)- France is considering acceptance of a new plan to include German troops in a West European army because of the urgent necessity of building up Anti-Communist defenses in view of the Korean crisis.

The plan was submitted to a meeting of Atlantic Pact delegates in London by the Netherlands.

It would call for an Allied High Commissioner to act as a sort of German defense minister and control the German troop contingent.

Washington -(Dec.7)- Charles G. Ross, President Truman's press secretary, died of a coronary thrombosis last night.

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NO SALT !!
WHOSE FAULT ??

It seems as though the salt and pepper shakers got up and walked away from the kitchen, because they are not there now.

The day hasn't quite come yet when they develop their own legs, so they must have had some help.

Eggs just don't taste the same without salt and pepper, so please, salt shakers, get your partners, and some help, and come back home to the Mess Hall.

SPECIAL CLASSIFIED SECTIONLOST -----

ONE DAY -- Brand new, never been used. No initials, but has considerable sentimental value.

Finder please return to the Ship's Orderly Room. -- "Reward" -- NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

Okay fellows! -- Fun is fun and all that, but there is a limit. Towels ---- yes!

Clean socks --- yes!

The Provost Sergeant's hat..yes!but to abscond with a whole day -- dat's gran larceny chum!

No use arguing we'll get it back coming the other way. We want it back now. Maybe some of us went be coming the other way. How are we going to get it back then?

END CONSIDER THESE

POOR CHARACTERS....

Sgt. 1st Class C.B. Edwards, and Pfc. Robert L. Schlorf, of Battle Creek Mich., now in the sick bay aboard --

They both thought they had birthdays today. Tough luck fella's - better luck next year.

Sgt. Edwards had hoped to be 30 years old today. Pfc. Schlorf, had hoped to be 25, also on the 6th December.

Now they can't figure out how old they are.

KOREAN SIDELIGHTS

As told to Lt. M.C. Edwards by Capt. R.C. Nunn, Protestant Padre, 2 Bn. PPCLI, past resident of Korea.

"Hello Murray! I've got some of the figures you asked for covering educational measures in Korea."

"Good. -- Let's have them Roger."

"As you know, the Koreans are an intelligent race. Their literature is extensive. Many notable works have been produced in the fields of geography, astronomy, scientific field cultivation, history, and biography."

"As a matter of fact I didn't know, Roger. That's quite interesting."

"Korea didn't open up to foreign penetration until about 1876. Up to that time only the sons of wealthy Koreans received an education."

"American, British, and French Christian missionaries afforded the first broad educational program. Schools were built, and exceptional students were given an opportunity to study abroad."

"The effect on the country must have been startling."

"Unfortunately Murray, Korea lost its independence to Japan in 1910."

"At the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese War in 1905, a Korean assassinated the Japanese Premier. At this, schools were closed on the pretence the teachers were incompetent. Later Japan opened schools in which the Japanese language and Japanese-slanted history were taught."

"On the whole, only Japanese residents benefited, and by the beginning of World War II, in 1939, about 60 percent of the adult population was illiterate."

"Did American occupation change that after the war?"

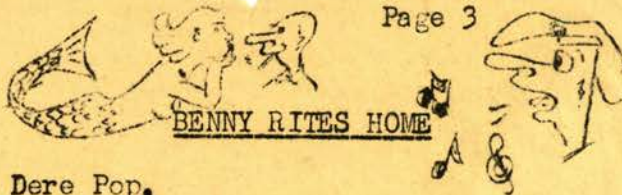
"Yes! Reforms in education took place immediately. Koreans were given an active part. School books were re-written, and the Military Government distributed 15 million text-books written in "Onmun", the alphabet used in the elementary schools."

"Did this program extend to scientific and technical training?"

"An attempt was made, but a lack of qualified Korean personnel hampered the effort."

"Very interesting Roger. Did this program have a counter-part in North Korea?"

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Dere Pop,

Tewday we hit the inder-nashunal date line -- i wuz afraid thur wood be sum danger, but wen we hit it i didn't even feel the bump.

Yesterday thur wuz a mermaide landed awn the deck. Sum uf the guys thot it was a flyin fish. Who evur herd uf a flyin fish.

The sarjunt gawt my name this morning fer sleepin with my close awn. I think he wants tew make a example uf me, he sed it wood be a lessum too the rest uf the crew.

I gess he fiers if i kin stand the heet the uther guys shoed quit cumplainun.

I tried fer a awdishun, but they woodint let me sing North Atlantic Squadron -- gess its cuz we are sailin the Passifik.

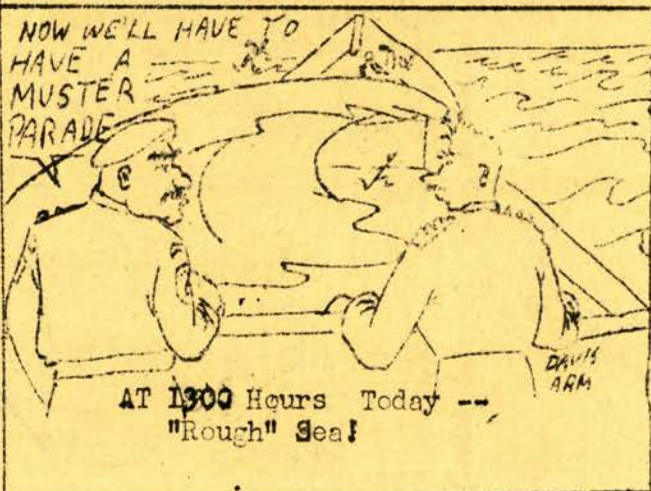
I sed i wood play the peeano, but the offussur sed he wood prefer sum budy that played with both hands.

Rite sune

"Ben"

P.S. - You bettur send sum salt an peppur wen you send the soap.

"Ben"



"We know very little of what was done in North Korea other than that it followed the general pattern set in other Russian satellite countries. A general indoctrination program for everyone in Communism was set up."

"Thanks again Roger."

"Don't mention it Murray."

Editorial Notice -- The Eagle-Leaf has received some contributions which will be published shortly. Now send more.

WHAT EYES CAN DO

Augsburg, Germany - Ilse Koch, the beast of Buchenwald and her late husband camp commander Karl Koch, beat a prisoner because "he raped Ilse with his eyes," a witness told the court.

MOSCOW NEWSPAPER ATTACKS TRUMAN

Moscow, - The government newspaper Izvestia devoted two columns on its first page to an editorial attacking President Truman for his denunciation of China's part in the Korea War.

CHIANG SAYS NO "MUNICH" IN EAST

Taipeh, Formosa - Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek said there would not be a "Munich" in the Far East because "the people and the government of the United States have never surrendered to brute force or to open aggression."

JOLSON AWARDED MEDAL OF MERIT

Jazz singer Al Jolson has been awarded the Medal of Merit posthumously by President Truman for "extraordinary fidelity and exceptionally meritorious conduct" the Defense Department announced. The medal will be presented to Jolson's widow Erle Galbraith Jolson, Wednesday by Defense Secretary George C Marshall.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY NAMED BY TRUMAN

President Truman issued a proclamation designating Dec 10th as United Nations Human Rights Day and called for observances to promote "an understanding of the respect for human rights and fundamental freedom."

MOVIES ON TELEVISION

The Pennsylvania board of censors appealed to the supreme court for the fight to control movies shown on television.

The board seeks the authority under a 1915 film censorship law,

Two lower Federal courts have ruled, however, that television broadcasting is under the sole regulation of the Federal Communications Commission.

MASTER'S NOON REPORT

COURSE: west north west
 DISTANCE: 384 miles since last report
 LENGTH OF DAY: 25 hours
 DISTANCE FROM: Pearl Harbor 1313
 AVERAGE KNOTS PER HOUR: 15.3
 AIR: 80 F
 BAROMETER: 30.05
 WATER: 79 F
 WEATHER: Fair
 WIND: North east 9
 SEA: Rough.

*****MOVIES*****

Tonight - "Malaya"

Starring: James Stewart, Spencer Tracy, and Sidney Greenstreet.

Shows at 1715 and 1930

CHURCH SERVICES

A Protestant Service will be held to today at 1600 Hrs., with Capt. R.C. Nunn giving the message.

Catholic Confession - Catholic confession will be held in the Ship's Library between 1930 and 2130 tonight.

Catholic Mass : Catholic Mass will be held at 1600 Hrs. tomorrow.

MESSING DETAIL NOTICE

Those men who have had experience earlier in the trip in dishing out chow and wish a permanent place on this detail, contact Lt. Edwards, at the evening meal hour.

EARLY CHOW CARDS

All Americans holding early chow cards will assemble in the mess hall at 1600 hrs.

