

Situation in Korea Could Develop Into Third World War Kick-Off

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Korea this week upheld its growing reputation as a likely spot for the birth of World War III.

In southern Korea, officials of the American-sponsored government reached the stage of talking openly about invading the Soviet-beats them to the punch.

These officials still would not let correspondents attribute such statements to them personally, but AP correspondent William R. Moore radioed from Seoul:

"Some very significant figures in the government think the time must come soon when this infant republic must invade the communist-ruled north as a self-defense measure."

Moore said moderate Koreans advised against this. But the talk of beating the north to the punch obviously has increased recently. A few months ago in Tokyo, American Army officers back from Korea told me it existed, but was not very open.

Later this week Moore cabled that the northern part of the Obgim peninsula, which is intersected by the 38th parallel that divides Korea into two separate countries. Each is recognized by its respective sponsor in the cold war and by some of each sponsor's allies.

This little war at Ongjin has been going on since late May, when a southern expedition by sea drove the northerners out. The northerners kept coming back, however, and did so in force this week.

Russia, America Concerned
The question of who actually invaded whom may not be as important as this question: whether the situation that makes invasion attractive to both sides can be ended without a bloody civil war, and whether that could be kept from expanding into something bigger. Russia and America both have vital strategic interest in Korea.

In any case, the renewal of fighting at Obgim helped to spotlight the meeting scheduled this week between southern president Syngman Rhee and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China, to promote a Pacific union against communism. American help would be asked.

There long seems to have been sentiment in the north to "reunify" Korea (which all Koreans want, one way or another) but to do it by conquering the south. The growth of a rival sentiment in the south has speeded up since the southern Army acquired the arms left behind by Department U.S. Occupation troops early this summer. Soviet troops reportedly left the north some months earlier, after building and arming a northern Korean army.

Young Vets Want Reunion
But there's something else worth noting about the southern army. It contains thousands of young Koreans who bore arms under Japan. Just how many is not known but I am told by some Koreans that there may be as many as 30,000—roughly a third of President Rhee's present land force, which he wants to quadruple.

The story is that there were about 100,000 young Koreans who joined or were drafted into the Japanese Army. After the war thousands of them got into the southern Korean army, where they naturally are interested in any situation which might improve their lot. My information is that their main idea of how to do this is to "reunify the coun-

Attorney Fined For Mail Fraud In Securities Case

SPOKANE, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Francis C. Keane, Wallace, Idaho attorney, was fined \$1,500 and placed on probation for four years Friday for mail fraud, conspiracy and violation of securities regulations.

Joseph V. Grismer, Wallace mining man, was placed on probation for two years on conspiracy charges.

Federal Judge Sam Driver sentenced the men. Both had pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) to the charges.

The two were indicted with James A. Allen, Spokane mining man. They were accused of defrauding investors in two mining companies. Allen was convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to serve 18 months in prison.

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try" by reconquering the north. They think it would make them all heroes.

One officer was asked recently, what if that results in a long war that would drag in Russia and America and bring on World War III?

"What of it?" was the gruff, Japanese-type reply.

Columbia River Basin Plans Opposed By CIO, Demanding Fresh Examination By CVA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—CIO opposition to early congressional authorization of \$3,000,000,000 in projects to develop the Columbia river basin was called "astounding" by a congressman from the Pacific northwest.

The CIO opposition was stated in a letter which advocated that the projects be re-examined by the proposed Columbia Valley administration.

The projects are proposed in a coordinated report by Army engineers and the Reclamation bureau on development of the valley.

Rep. Sanborn (R-Idaho), placing the letter in the congressional record, said such a step as advocated by the CIO would mean a halt to Federal participation in north west development for months, maybe years.

The CIO letter, dated August 1

and signed by John Brophy, Director CIO Industrial Councils and chairman of its committee on regional development and conservation, and Nathan Cowan, CIO legislative director, was received by all members of the Senate and House Public Works committee, members of the Washington Congressional delegation and other House and Senate members.

A move had been made in the Senate to attach the coordinated report to a pending omnibus rivers and harbors bill and it was reported the House committee was agreeable to that move.

Claim Projects Harmful
"The CIO is completely opposed to the inclusion in the pending rivers and harbors bill any of the authorizations of the Army and Reclamation bureau projects in

the Columbia river basin," the letter said. "Many of these projects will be harmful to industry, labor, and the general public in the northwest. They should be reexamined by a Columbia Valley administration."

Both Senate and House Public Works committees have for six weeks been conducting hearings on an administration bill to set up a Columbia Valley administration in the Pacific Northwest to develop the Columbia river basin but the bill is not expected to get before Congress until next year.

Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Cain (R-Wash.) have bills in the Senate to authorize the projects contained in the coordinated report.

There was no explanation in the CIO letter of reasons for op-

posing the authorization of the projects contained in the coordinated report.

The Fishermen's union in the northwest is said to be one of the strongest organizations in the CIO and Fish Packers have opposed construction of dams on the Columbia river and tributaries on the grounds they will injure the salmon runs.

Jailing Of Gold Star Mother Draws Protests

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A total of 28 telegrams from four states have been received by the Governor's office protest-

ing imprisonment of a Gold Star mother who is serving a 30-day jail sentence.

The woman, Mrs. Nettie W. Capps, Bountiful, went to jail rather than to obey a court order she believed unjust.

She was sentenced for contempt of court when she refused to comply with a court order to turn over to a trust fund money from an insurance policy of her son, Jacob L. Capps, who was killed in the battle of the Bulge. The money was to be placed in a fund for her son's three small children, now living with his divorced wife and her new husband at Seaside, Calif.

Meanwhile, telegrams continued to pour into the office of Gov. J. Bracken Lee, asking the governor to intervene and free

the woman. But serious doubts existed as to whether the governor has power to relieve a person sentenced for civil contempt.

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