

Korean War May In Some Respects Prove To Be Blessing In Disguise

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One recoils from examining war as a possible agent of good.

Still, the trend of events does suggest that the Korean upheaval may in some ways prove to have been a blessing in disguise. For the very crudeness of this assault is drawing right-minded nations together in the interests of peace and justice.

The outstanding demonstration of this trend, of course, has been the action of the United Nations in applying military sanctions against the invaders of Southern Korea. That was unprecedented move—one which was evaded by the League of Nations, with fatal consequences to that organization.

This strong-arm move by the U. N. probably has done more to strengthen the U. N. than any other event. It means that the non-Communist members of the peace organization have been drawn closer together. Take a specific case for illustration.

Turkey has offered 4500 fully armed troops for the Korean fighting whenever the U. N. asks for them. Now that was a mighty courageous decision for the government to make—a historic gesture.

Why? Well, because Turkey sits right under the big guns of a very critical (to use a euphemistic expression) Russia. The two countries have bitter differences over control of the Dardanelles waterway. And the sending of Turkish troops to

Korea to fight Moscow's North Korean protege might easily draw from the Moscow charge that it was an action unfriendly to the Soviet Union, though it wasn't intended that way.

So Turkey, the lone wolf, is drawn closer to the Western world by the Korean imbroglio.

Then take the case of the Atlantic Pact partners. These 12 nations, spurred by the dangers displayed through the attack on Korea, are working feverishly to construct a unified army out of the individual armed forces of the Western European states. They are putting the finishing touches on a far closer collaboration than they had envisaged at the outset of their venture. And that collaboration not only is military but includes other fields.

The Korean assault not only is spurring the unity of peaceminded nations but is reaching down to the rank and file of their citizens. An example of this is seen in the meeting of the AFL-CIO unity committee at Washington.

Spokesman for the committee have announced that a merger of America's rival labor factions has become a "virtual must" because of the world march of communism. In another statement the committee said:

"Labor in America is completely united against Communist aggression."

Thus it would seem that good



BASEBALL PLAYER
—Mary Fuller entered this figure she calls "Baseball Player" in the Bay Region Form and Design Exhibition at the San Francisco Museum of Art.



CHEETA SMILES—Cheeta, a year-old chimpanzee from the west coast of Africa, smiles for prospective buyers and the photographer at a New York animal store.

can result from the Korean war. It may have the effect in the long run of drawing us closer to the ideal of world unity.

TV SET IS SHOT
CHICAGO, (AP)—Two robbers picked up a television set in Donald De Frain's store. They toted it out the door, put it on the running board of their car and drove away. De Frain snatched up a gun, ran out and fired a series of shots. He didn't hit the robbers but the last two bullets plunked into the TV set.

Local News

Evergreen Grange Picnic Is Dated

The annual Evergreen Grange picnic is scheduled at Umpqua park Sunday, August 13. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. with the grange furnishing coffee and ice cream. Members are asked to bring a picnic luncheon.

N. of W. To Meet at Potluck Monday Night

Lilac circle No. 49. Neighbors of Woodcraft will meet Monday evening, Aug. 7, for a six-thirty o'clock potluck supper at the IOOF hall. All members are requested to be present.

Nebraskans To Reorganize at Picnic

All Nebraskans are asked to attend the reorganizing of the Ex-Nebraskans at a picnic dinner at one o'clock Aug. 13, at Umpqua park. Coffee and pop will be furnished without charge. All former Nebraskans are invited.

Rotary Ann's 'dinner' to Be Held Monday Night

Rotary Ann's will hold a dinner meeting Monday evening at Carl's Haven. Wives of Rotarians are urged to attend.

WORK TO SAVE SOIL

HOUSTON, Tex.—(AP)—Soil conservation work is now being done by the big pipeline companies in cooperation with farmers. One firm, the Texas-Illinois Natural Gas Pipe Line Co., has a special department to save soil. It develops plants to hold it in place, terraces hillsides, plants grass and develops other practices.

E. D. Warren, a company executive, explains that most pipeline companies have discovered that their lines face extensive damage when the soil washes away. It is cheaper to keep the soil in place than to repair washed out lines, he indicates.

The International Bureau of Weights and Measures at Severs, France, an organization set up basic international standards, has reinstated Japan as a member.

ONG Casualty's Widow Receives Compensation

SALEM, — (AP)—The state industrial accident commission said today it is obeying a state supreme court order to pay the widow of a national guard employee who was electrocuted at Camp Adair March 30, 1949.

The woman, Mrs. John M. McLean of Buena Vista, has four children. The commission gave her a check yesterday to pay her up to date, and will continue to give her a fixed amount each month.

The commission did not disclose the size of the check.

The commission had refused to pay the claim because the national guard had not contributed to the workmen's compensation fund. But the supreme court, pointing out that the legislature ordered the national guard employees covered, told the commission to pay Mrs. McLean.

Mrs. McLean should receive more than \$30,000 in monthly payments.

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