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## We'll Have To Rebuild Korea

By BRUCE BLOSSAT  
NEA Editorial Writer

Victory in Korea won't end our problems there. It will merely give us new ones, in the political and economic sphere. Even though triumph in the field may be many months away we ought to waste no time in sketching out our plans to meet the coming problems.

A look at Korea's economic condition is enough to make clear the size of our future difficulties there. Korea is a land where 21,000,000 people normally live close to starvation. Poverty is the rule, even without war.

But note what two months of war have done: Hundreds of villages have been leveled by fire and shell. Hundreds of thousands of farmers have been driven from their fields. Industrial plants have been bombed and looted. Transportation has been smashed. Except in the American-held sectors almost every bridge south of the 38th parallel has been knocked out.

With winter coming on, every coal mine is in an enemy hand. When the mines are recovered they will undoubtedly be found stripped of their machinery. Virtually no wood is available for fuel (or for housing). Koreans are fishermen as well as farmers—great numbers of their fishing boats have been sunk. Oil tanks, warehouses, dock facilities and many other installations are gone.

We are in Korea to rescue the people from Soviet-inspired aggression. But reports indicate they nevertheless look to us responsible for the war damage and look to us to make it good when the conflict is over. This many sound arguments, but its eminently practical.

Furthermore, there's precedent for such an attitude. At the end of World War II we put out more than \$3 billion to rehabilitate the Philippines. Most of the damage had been done by U. S. forces in

freeing the islands from Japanese control.

From Tokyo come signs we already are recognizing the magnitude of the Korean economic problems. ECA officials plan to ship thousands of tons of cereals to Korea in the next few months. They're requesting preliminary surveys of immediate relief needs. Informed guesses are that \$200 million will be needed to meet pressing needs between now and next July. About \$7 and one-half million has been set aside to provide for spring rice planting.

Americans may feel like complaining. "Just another area for us to support. Aren't we doing enough for the world as it is?" Of course it's painful, this vast job of helping countries all over the world. But these are the burdens imposed by war and the threat of war.

Had there never been a World War II, the world would not have been so impoverished and devastated as it has become in vast areas. Thus it would not be so ready a prey of communism. Any one who has a realistic plan for averting these burdens undoubtedly would be welcomed in Washington's highest quarters. But in Korea as elsewhere there probably is none.

We can't save the Koreans from Soviet domination only to leave them a country in ruins. They must be given the substance out of which to build a future in freedom.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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torships. But we now face a worse form of dictatorship, a more DANGEROUS form of dictatorship, than the world ever faced before.

At the same time, democracy is weaker than it has been in the lifetime of even our older people. As a fighting force in the world, France is weaker. Britain is badly weakened. China—which, believe it or not, WAS a strong force for democracy in the world—is OUT.

We alone, if all of us know what we are fighting for and STAY UNITED, are strong enough to stand up and fight for human liberty and democratic institutions.

About all we've ever been told is that we're fighting to stop communism. I find, in my present state of confusion, that I don't even yearn to die to stop communism. If anybody in the world outside the United States of America WANTS communism, let him have it. It couldn't be much worse than what a lot of Asia and the countries of the Mediterranean have had.

Me, I just want communism TO KEEP ITS DIRTY FINGERS OFF US AND THE WAY OF LIFE WE HAVE BUILT FOR OURSELVES HERE IN AMERICA.

I'm willing to fight for that, and to die for it, if it need be—because if Russian communism ever gets its fingers on our throat life won't be worth living anyway. Who, after

living in the kind of America we have had, would even want to be alive in the kind of America we would have if Russia took us?

Getting back to this Formosa business.

MacArthur says we NEED FORMOSA IN ORDER TO DEFEND OURSELVES AND OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WAY OF LIFE. To me, that makes sense. Self-preservation is the first law of life.

To me, it seems that our state department, in the past, has been political leaders in general HAVE NO INTELLIGENT IDEAS ABOUT FORMOSA AT ALL.

They say we won't grab it. Then they say that if we are compelled to grab it we won't keep it. In practically the same breath, they order our Seventh fleet to DEFEND Formosa if the Reds attack it. Then they refuse to permit even one American to set foot on the soil of Formosa to help defend it IF THE REDS ATTACK.

At the same time, they order the Nationalist Chinese, who occupy Formosa as a last stand, to DEFEND Formosa if the Reds attack it. The whole thing sounds like utter, bottomless confusion.

MacArthur's proposal, on the other hand, makes military sense. If we need Formosa to help DEFEND OURSELVES AND OUR WAY OF LIFE, let's grab it and keep it. That's blunt talk, but it seems to me this is a time for blunt talking.

## Odd Fellows, Rebekahs To Honor Visiting Official

Philateline lodge No. 8 and Rebekah lodge No. 41, IOOF, will join in a potluck supper Thursday at the Odd Fellows hall at 6:30 in honor of Ross R. Rittenhouse, Santa Cruz, Calif., grand master of the Grand Lodge of California, IOOF.

Rittenhouse will make an official visit to Philateline lodge No. 8 at 8 p.m. Thursday.

## Estate, 2 Wills Placed In Probate

The estate of Mrs. Mary A. Young, valued at approximately \$16,800 has been admitted to probate by order of County Judge D. N. Busenbark. Mrs. Young died intestate Aug. 19 and left personal property valued at \$16,500 and real property valued at about \$300.

The order appointed Howard A. Young, son of the deceased, as executor and Howard M. Bailey, Vernon M. Orr and Leon McClintok as appraisers.

Also admitted to probate was the will of Walter Vashaw. Francis M. Brown was appointed executor by the order.

Vashaw died Aug. 22, 1950 at the age of 62. Appointed as appraisers were G. V. Wimberly, Harry Black and Gordon Stewart.

A second will admitted by order of Judge Busenbark is that of Howard Augustus Pearce who died Aug. 1. The order admitting the will named a brother of the deceased, Ralph Walter Pearce, as executor.

No appraisers were named.

## Pigeon And Dove Season Is Dated

Friday, Sept. 1, marks the opening of the hunting season for mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons in Oregon.

The season on mourning doves is from Sept. 1 through Sept. 15. The bag limit on these birds is 10 a day or 10 in possession.

Band-tailed pigeons have a season from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30. The pigeon bag limit is 8 a day and not more than 24 during the entire season. Band-tailed pigeons are hunted west of the Cascades, in general, and doves are sought by hunters mainly east of the Cascade mountains.

C. A. Lockwood, Oregon State Game director, stated that he expected to receive dates for migratory waterfowl seasons from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service within the week.

## Boy Scouts Tell Of Jamboree Trip

A report of their recent trip to Valley Forge, Pa., was given by two Boy Scouts at the weekly Kiwanis club meeting Tuesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua.

Glenn Scofield, a member of Senior Scout troop 237, sponsored by the Kiwanis club, gave an account of the trip to and from the camp area, while Ronald Graves reported on their experiences at Valley Forge.

Starting at Eugene, said Scofield, their special train picked up Scouts enroute to Portland and east through Idaho for a first stop at Missoula, Mont., and an out-

## Who Killed Cock Robin?



## Scapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

Attired in her father's wedding coat, black breeches, boots with wrinkled tops, and a black derby on her fluffy white hair, the Scottsburg Centennial chairman, Miss Emma Hedden, was just signing off the program when we arrived. We were sorry to miss so much of the day there, but one can't be in two places at once. Miss Hedden, granddaughter of the pioneer postmaster and merchant, Cyrus Hedden, emceed a fine program, judging from comments we heard. Many oldtime costumes were in the crowd. We soon spotted the black satin dress and bonnet worn by Mrs. Dorothy Weatherley and were welcomed by her. Later I had more of a visit because she discovered me reading something her husband, Dick Weatherley, had put in the pioneer exhibit: "the log of Omega," a whaling ship, in 1844. It was fascinating, as is anything connected with the sea.

We had looked at the exhibits, all plainly tagged with neatly lettered explanations. A large hair wreath surrounded the photograph of a couple, made from the hair of their children. There was a yard-long infant's dress, aprons made of flax that had been grown, spun and woven on the farm—and oh so many, many items of interest. Then I had come to a center table where an old book

was opened to a neatly written page: a ship's log! I wanted to sit down in a corner and begin at the first page and read to the end! But I could only snatch at bits here and there. I soon learned that a sketch of a whale meant one had been sighted, stuck—and perhaps lost! One entry was "Sighted whale, Noble fellow, towed to ship. Put down 90 blbs."

The entries, all neatly spaced by days, always began with the weather and ended with same. Latitude and longitude, too. One day Omega shared a whale with the ship "Walter Scott," Omega getting 45 blbs.

Said Mrs. Weatherley when she found me bending over the book: "It was in an old trunk... we just found it three weeks ago. We haven't had time to read it yet. We don't even know the name of the ship." Imagine my delight when I could turn to the page and show her. A piece had been torn from the flyleaf just where the ship's name had been. But sharing a whale had caused the inclusion in the log entry months later. Fortunately people who have attics and trunks with fascinating treasures in them such as ship logs! Well, I don't have an attic—but I've been invited to "come and take your time" reading the log of the whaling ship, Omega!

## Comic Book Helps Soldier In Korea Kill Boredom Of Battle

By HAL BOYLE

KOREA—AP—A soldier has to find some way to kill the boredom of battle.

One day I visited a forward command post in a gully near the Kakong river. The position had been heavily shelled and mortared all day. One shell burst a half hour before had killed an officer and wounded his driver.

Those in the gully were hunched against its sides for protection and their eyes held a tense expression. But one soldier across the way was leaning comfortably against the bank and frowning intently at a paper-bound book.

I started to walk across to him. A shell hit some hundred yards or so behind us just then. "What are you reading?" I called.

The soldier, Cpl. Lloyd A. Hahn, of Baldwin Park, Calif., got up, brushed off some dust and smiled unconcernedly over to where I crouched.

He held out a comic book called "The Batman." I asked him if it was very exciting.

"Just so-so," he said placidly, "but it helps fill in the time." Then he strolled back leaning against the bank and read on in search of adventure.

There was a kind of symbolism in another book I saw on the desk of a Major General the day one of his regiments had been roughly handled by the Reds.

It was "Tomorrow Will Be Better," by Betty Smith.

"I haven't had a chance to look into it yet—been too busy," said the general grimly. "But I sure like the title."

There are almost endless stories

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Consideration Shown Sons Pleases Father

EUGENE—My son, Cecil Jr., left last week for active duty as a member of the local battery of the marine corps reserve stationed in Eugene.

At the time he received his orders to active duty he was in the employ of "Bud" Porter and George Aker, owners of the Tiller store. He had been with them less than two months at the time he received his call to active duty.

When they learned of it, Bud and George immediately gave him two weeks vacation with pay. They also loaned him their truck to move his personal effects to Eugene. They assured him that, if he desired, he might have his job back at the termination of his military service. It is my opinion that their conduct sets a high standard for employers of the boys being called now for military service.

I wish you would publish these facts in your newspaper, as I would like the people of your community to know of the consideration shown by Bud and George towards my son.

CECIL STICKNEY  
Eugene, Ore.

## Cost Of Living Continues To Increase With Ultimate End Not Definitely Predictable

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK—AP—The value of your dollar is going down again. Some think a floor will soon be put under it by increased production of the foods and goods you want to buy. Others think inflation is going to get much worse before it gets better.

The drop in the value of the dollar is just another way of saying that the cost of living has jumped sharply since the outbreak of the Korean war, now in its tenth week.

Most observers see no way for prices in general to go for the rest of this year but up. However, a few government officials think the big jump has already taken place, and that while some things, like rent and house furnishings, may continue to climb, others, particularly meat, are due to drop.

Scarce buying has played the villain's role so far. The greatest damage wasn't done by the hoarders who flocked to retail stores, but by the merchants, wholesalers and manufacturers who flooded the primary sources of commodities with anticipatory orders.

These multiple orders in excess of actual needs brought about the shortages that caused the gray markets and the price hikes. The effects of these increases in the costs of raw materials are still working their way along the pipelines of distribution toward your retail stores.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics finds the cost of living went up three percent between April and July 15. But BLS commissioner Ewan Clague says living costs "pretty definitely are leveling off."

Price-Hiked Items Listed  
However, here are some of the finished products on which price hikes have been announced (not by all producers nor in all cities) during August. Each adds a little to the cost of living since the period covered by the BLS report.

Cigarettes, tires, shoes, fuel oil, toothpaste, bandages, paint brushes, typewriters, washing machines, rotary ironers, baking equipment, coffee brewers, carpets, pencils, writing paper, television and radio sets, heavy underwear, cotton piece goods, woolen goods, and movie film.

And here are some of the primary commodities on which prices have gone up in August: industrial alcohol, tin, rubber, steel scrap, lead, platinum, copper and brass products, cellophane, soda ash, rayon yarn, sugar, and iron and steel products.

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## East Gardiner Boy Rewarded For Preventing Train Crash



DON REAVIS is congratulated by W. J. Gonier of Eugene, Engineer of the freight train Don saved from probable accident. L. P. Hopkins, Superintendent Portland Division, holds wrist watch which he presented as a token of appreciation from the Southern Pacific Co.

Alertness of Don Reavis, 17-year-old high school boy of East Gardiner, was rewarded last weekend when the Southern Pacific company presented him with a handsome gold wrist watch for preventing what might have been a serious derailment on the Coos Bay branch.

## Northeast India Earthquake Has Terrible Results

NEW DELHI, India—AP—The face of Northeast India still was changing today in the wake of the devastating earthquake 13 days ago, termed by scientists the world's fifth most severe recorded shock.

Spreading flood waters pushed further over tea gardens in Assam province, where the quake hit hardest. The death toll was in the neighborhood of 5,000.

Minor shocks continued in the province. Millions prayed in the streets and fields.

An estimated 3,000,000 persons were reported homeless. Property damage was placed at \$20,000,000. Damage to crops, farm animals and natural resources was expected to push this figure much higher.

The throwing up of the rich subsoil threatened permanent ruin to Assam's tea industry, a major contributor to India's export trade. Swollen streams, their courses changed by the upheavals, also menaced the plantations and villages with waters contaminated with injurious mineral oils and sulphur.

Hundreds of villages along the flooded Dihang and Brahmaputra rivers were under water.

Roads, bridges and rail lines were shaken or covered by landslides. The disruption of transport seriously hampered rescue work and surveys of the damage.

The quake area covers 35,000 square miles. Throughout the region pollution of streams caused grave shortages of drinking water. It was Assam's worst quake since 1897. In that 1,542 persons were killed.

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## FROM THE NEWS OF 20 YEARS AGO

**THREE ACCIDENTS OCCUR NEAR CITY**  
Three auto accidents occurred yesterday near Roseburg on the Pacific Highway south of Roseburg about 12 miles, near the covered bridge. Three cars were badly damaged as the result of collisions yesterday afternoon.

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If auto drivers of 20 years ago thought THEY were having traffic troubles: what would they think of today's highways? There is one automobile for every five persons in the United States—each car just ripe for an accident. Are you prepared for a wreck with your car? Do you habitually carry a first aid kit in your car... do you ALWAYS drive carefully? And how about your insurance... will it protect the passengers of your car... will it protect you from lawsuit... will it pay for repairs? If you answer is NO take a tip and see Tipton or Permin today.

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## THEFT, DESERTION CHARGED

William Harold Prather, 20, of Hutchinson, Kas., arrested by the state police, was turned over to Grants Pass Deputy Sheriff Louis B. Ringuette, reported Sheriff O. T. Carter.

Prather was returned on a warrant charging him with larceny of an auto armed with a deadly weapon and also marine corps desertion.

The first sponsored radio broadcast over WEAF of New York in 1922, cost \$100 for a ten-minute sales talk on real estate.

The Inter-American Highway in Central America is lined with Copey oaks, a variety of white oak.