

# Skilled Propaganda Seen In Tender-Worded Leaflet Used To Bait U.S. Soldiers

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) — Somewhere in Korea weeks ago an American soldier picked up an enemy propaganda leaflet.

Ever since then the questions it raised have haunted him and members of his infantry squad.

The faded leaflet—it is on my desk now—is a greeting from "the Chinese people's army volunteer forces" to the American troops. It wished them a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year and asked:

"Why are you here slaughtering the Korean people and burning their homes down—freezing and dying 5,000 miles from home where you belong with your families? Why aren't you enjoying a turkey dinner like the Wall street financiers who sent you here to fight for their profits?"

"We do not want to fight you, and we bear you no ill-will, knowing that you, like us, are ordinary laboring people and that you have been duped by American warmongers and their Wall street bosses."

"We only want you to go home, so that we Korean and Chinese people can build the lives we want and live in peace."

Somewhere in Korea Sgt. Donald Caine of the Eighth cavalry regiment sat down and wrote a letter in pencil. He put the leaflet in the envelope and mailed it to me. "We realize that enemy propaganda is one of their greatest weapons," he wrote. "But in our position how can we help but believe parts of this? So we'd like for you to help us get an answer to some of these questions."

**Merely Clever Propaganda**  
I don't feel I'm the one to give the answers. But here is my reply to Sergeant Caine and the other soldiers in the Fourth squad of the First platoon of the First battalion of the Eighth regiment of the First U. S. cavalry division, fighting somewhere in Korea since last July.

"That leaflet would trouble any honest man if it were true. But it isn't true. And it isn't simply an earnest plea for peace, written by one soldier to a soldier on the other side."

"It is the effort of a skilled propagandist. He wants to confuse you, to make you homesick, to make you doubt your cause and feel your sacrifices are useless and unnecessary."

"If he should succeed in making a majority of American soldiers feel this way, we will have to pull out of Korea entirely. And, in time, I think that means we will have to fight a Third World War in our own homeland—and our own families will become the refugees."

"You aren't fighting for the profits of Wall street financiers—or just to save Seoul or Taegu. You're fighting for a chance to keep war forever away from your own town—Main street, U. S. A."

"Of course, it is true the average Chinese soldier doesn't in his heart bear you any real ill-will. You

probably don't bear him individually any ill-will either. Soldiers in any war rarely hate each other on a personal basis.

"I know the word freedom may sound ponderous and hollow in ears filled with the noise of crunching mortars. But it is a basic word—basic as hunger and fear. And freedom is your goal. Eventual freedom in the world from war and fear and hunger."

"You came into Korea under a blue and white flag of the United Nations, pledged to bring unity and freedom to that country. Why is the Chinese so-called 'volunteer' there? He came under the Red flag of real slaughter—the slaughter of the long dream of Korean independence."

"And if he wins there it won't be just Korean independence that will disappear. Step by step the Red armies of China and Russia will march across other countries unable to defend themselves alone—and gradually swallow the world piecemeal."

"That would be quite all right, too, if it meant a better life finally for us all. But Communism hasn't been able to do that anywhere. Freedom has always brought more happiness than has slavery. And it is better to fight for a free world than a slave one."

"It is a lie that the Korean people want you to go home. They want you to stay and help them win a real peace. They dread the Chinese, and you know it."

"The truth is you are a military pioneer, fighting for the first time on a barricade defending all mankind's yearning for a final world peace. It's always lonely on a barricade, but no soldiers ever fought to hold a higher wall of hope."

"And if you hold it, the race of man will honor you forever."

**TRAIN STOPS FOR A DOG**  
CARBONDALE, Ill. — (AP) — Along a lonely stretch of rails between Carbondale and Cairo, Ill., train crewmen spotted a dog trapped in a wire fence.

One of the crew dashed off a note, telling of the dog's plight. The note was tossed to the first persons the train passed. However, when they passed on the return trip, the dog was still ensnared.

On the next day's run they stopped their Illinois Central railroad local, released the dog, wet, starved and near exhaustion. But its tail thumped thanks.

## Melrose

Allen Smith, small son of Mrs. Eunice Smith had his tonsils removed by Dr. E. E. Lindell at Mercy hospital last week and is now recovered.

Raold Stroup and Dick Dow visited their mother, Mrs. Clyde Kenyon last weekend. Stroup returned to his duties in the navy at San Francisco Monday and Dick spent spring vacation with his family before returning to school at Martinez, Calif.

Bunker Parrish left Tuesday for army training at Fort Lewis. Gaylord Lucas moved Wednesday to the former V. S. Woodruff ranch, which he recently purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff are now at home on the Harry Wesley ranch in Garden Valley.

L. L. Chitwood and son, Harold, made a business trip to Grants Pass last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Richards of Portland will spend the Easter weekend at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herrman and family.

Mrs. Minnie Smith of Oakland, Ore., and Mrs. Flora Cooper of Sutherlin spent the last weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mathewman.

Oscar Burnett is home from the Community hospital after a siege of flu. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matthews.

"Si" Simmons is now employed by the Union Oil company of Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simpson and daughter, Janet, of Roseburg were visitors Sunday at the O. O. Matthews home.

Nancy and Donna Barker, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Barker are spending Easter vacation week visiting relatives in Eugene.

Dickie Kettleman has resumed work at the Montgomery Ward store after being ill for several months.

Harold Mathewman spent March 16 in Sutherlin attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Busenbark returned last week from an extended vacation trip. They visited with the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunton of Phoenix, Ariz. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Busenbark, they made a 12-day trip into Mexico and stayed several days at Mexico City. They also toured the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Busenbark left them in Texas and made a plane trip to Wichita, Kans., to visit relatives before returning home.

Mrs. Orlo Handy and new baby son, Kevin Conn, are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Handy for a week or so until Mrs. Handy is well enough to return home to Tye.

## 3-Act Comedy Slated At Elkton

The junior class of Elkton high school will present a three-act comedy, "Dotty and Duffy," by Jay Tobias, March 30 at 8 p.m. Margaret Burger directs the play, to which the public is invited.

Characters in the order of their first appearance are: Hilda Johnson, a Swedish maid; Dolores Knystra; Alfred Hopkins, English butler; Leland Cheever; Molly O'Mulligan, Irish cook; Wanda Compton; Dorothy Travers, older daughter of Phyllis, Muriel Cornwall; Daphne Travers, younger daughter of Phyllis; Joan Price; Jimmie Rand, a collegian in love with Dotty; Scott Scallan; Freddie Rand; his younger brother, in love with Duffy; Carl Hershberger; Mrs. Phyllis Travers, an impetuous widow; Joan Alldridge; Paxton Belmont, a widower; John Beckley; Jack Belmont, his son; Andy Anderson; Aunt Hester Harley, who hates men; Pearl Cheever; Hugh Rand, uncle of Jimmie and Freddie, Charles Binder.

## Edward Stinson Serving Aboard Destroyer Tender

Edward V. Stinson, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stinson, 411 E. Douglas street, Roseburg, is serving aboard the destroyer tender USS Prairie, which recently arrived in the Far East and is now flagship of the United Nations blockade and escort force. This force, the first United Nations naval organization, is responsible for blocking both coasts of Korea; escorting troop and supply ships; minesweeping; naval gunfire support of land forces; and various other duties necessary to maintain control of the seas in the Korean area.

Countries with ships participating are Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, The Netherlands, Republic of Korea, France, Thailand and the United States.

## PEDDLER GIVES BAIL

Richard Irvin Simon, 40, Portland salesman, was released from the city jail on \$25 bail on a charge of violating the city peddler's ordinance. Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle reports.

According to Riddle, Simon was arrested by city police for peddling silverware from door to door without a peddler's license.

The first Christian Science church was built in 1895 to seat 1,000 people, but an extension built in 1905 enlarged seating capacity to 5,000.

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## Three Roseburg Seamen Finish Recruit Training

Three Roseburg area seaman recruits, John Maxwell Harmon Jr., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harmon of box 68, Riddle; Charles L. Larecy, USN, Roseburg, and Phillip P. Lowery, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowery of Idlewild route, box 568, Roseburg, recently completed recruit training at the Naval Training center, San Diego, and are now available for assignment to a fleet unit or to one of the navy's schools for specialized training.

## Oregon Statute Reviser Transfers To Kentucky

SALEM — (AP) — Robert K. Cullen, Oregon's statute reviser, is leaving for Frankfort, Ky., to become a commissioner of the Kentucky court of appeals.

In his new job, he will write opinions for Kentucky's highest court.

Cullen came here two years ago as statute reviser for the state revision council, which the 1949 legislature created to redraft Oregon's 10 volumes of laws into three volumes.

Cullen's place will be filled by Sam R. Haley, who has been Cullen's assistant the past two years.

The job of rewriting Oregon's laws is to be finished in another two years.

Cullen's new salary will be \$7,500 a year, the same as he got here.

## OREGON PRICES TOO HIGH

PORTLAND — (AP) — Oregon industrialists are not getting defense contracts because their prices are too high, an army spokesman said here.

Lt. Col. C. F. Kaiser, chief of an ordnance procurement district for the army, answered criticism here of Oregon's failure to get contracts. He told the industrialists at a meeting that policies were not to blame — just high prices.

## Five Ex-Officers Freed Of Bribery In Gambling Case

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Five former county deputy sheriffs accused of accepting bribes from gamblers went free in criminal court Thursday when a prosecutor called the state's own star witness a liar.

George Patton, also a former deputy sheriff and the state's only witness, was testifying when the assistant t county prosecutor, Herbert Shapiro, walked to the bench and said:

"I can't sit here any longer and listen to this witness lie to the jury. I must resign from the case."

Judge Ben C. Willard then polled the jurors and each said he believed Patton was lying. The judge then instructed the jury to acquit B. F. Shields, J. P. Kersey, R. S. McLeroy, E. E. Sistrunk and P. M. Brannon.

Before Shapiro quit, defense attorney Jack Kehoe had drawn from Patton an admission that he lied previously when he testified that he did not steal \$223 in a raid a bookmaker in January, 1950.

Special prosecutor Rober H. Givens Jr., resigned Thursday after attorney Ben Cohen of Miami Beach won a directed verdict of acquittal on charges that he was a "silent partner" in the S & G bookmaking syndicate.

Cohen, first of more than a score of persons indicted by a grand jury last fall to go on trial, was freed by the court after two members of the prosecution staff admitted they would hate to be convicted on evidence presented against him.

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## Scientist Guesses Russia Has 50 Atomic Bombs

ROME — (AP) — Dr. Harold C. Urey, one of America's leading atomic scientists, says he thinks 50 might be a good guess as to the number of atom bombs Russia possesses.

The Nobel prize-winning scientist told a news conference here that newspapers have speculated that Russia has that many bombs, and added: "I suppose fifty might be a good guess."

Dr. Urey, told newsmen he doubts whether the Russians have developed any peaceful uses for atomic energy. He said he placed no faith in a statement once made by Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky to the effect that Russia was "moving mountains" with atomic energy.

"I am sure that the Russians have the atom bomb," Dr. Urey said, "and I am sure they have exploded them." When questioned regarding his use of the pronoun "them," the scientist said he felt certain that "several" atom bombs had been exploded in the Soviet Union.

Asked whether he thought America's possession on the Atom bomb had deterred war, Dr. Urey said: "It is my personal view that

## COLLEGE PREXY DIES

IITHACA, N. Y. — (AP) — Dr. Edmund Ezra Day, former president of Cornell university, died Friday of a heart attack as he drove his automobile.

Dr. Day, 67, was driving through Ithaca with a daughter, Miss Betty Day, when he was fatally stricken.

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