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## OUST CLAIM JUMPERS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Are American troops committing acts of aggression in North Korea?

Fulton Lewis Jr., in his column in today's News-Review, answers in the affirmative. We don't believe it.

We agree with the noted commentator and General MacArthur that the war should be carried to Chinese Communist troops in Manchuria. But we disagree with the statement of our commentator that "we were aggressors in Korea from the moment U. N. forces crossed the 38th parallel and entered North Korea."

Is it an act of aggression to bounce trespassers? Is it an act of aggression to give the boot to claim jumpers? In the gold days, a man who jumped a mining claim was considered fair game for the original locator. The right of the individual to defend property title by force, if necessary, has been recognized throughout history. Rights and privileges of the individual also belong to groups of individuals organized as nations.

Communist seizure of North Korea was and is an act of trespass. It had been agreed that Korea was to be an independent nation. It was agreed that Korean people should be permitted to set up their own government at free elections. Russia's occupancy of North Korea was only an act of courtesy—a mistaken courtesy—in recognition of her late and technical entry into the Pacific war. She was supposed to accept the Japanese surrender and then withdraw. Instead she organized a Communist government which attempted to seize the entire country by force.

Thus the situation must be considered under the laws of trespass and claim jumping.

## Trying To Play Ball With U.N.

We may disagree—and we do—with United Nations policies and the policies of our own State department. Yet we should try to understand what our officials are endeavoring to do. We are striving to make the United Nations an effective force. We are leaning over backwards to stay within the moral interpretation of U. N. rules. We are attempting to make decisions through the U. N. rather than by ourselves. It takes time and patience to achieve decisions by debate among nations with widely divergent views.

We won a U. N. verdict branding the Chinese Communists as aggressors. We won the verdict that Korea should be freed of trespassers. We won token cooperation in creation of U. N. armed forces.

We want permission to carry the fight into Manchuria. If we go into Manchuria without permission from the U. N., we become technical aggressors. We could possibly lose cooperation, slight though it may be, from other U. N. members. It might even be that we would alienate some of the borderline nations and thus tip the balance of power in the U. N. in favor of Russia. Then we would be in a mess. Consequently our State department is walking on tiptoe to avoid scaring or crossing anyone.

## Dollar Diplomacy Deplored

The policy of our State department might be more easily condoned if it were not based on dollar diplomacy. We are permitting the dollar to outweigh the lives of soldiers and the rights of mankind.

Great Britain opposes firm action against the Chinese Communist government on its own soil because it might adversely affect Britain's already seriously impaired economy. Our own State department tries to squelch General MacArthur, when he tells the American people, and the world, the truth. The State department prefers its own soft soap and bitters propaganda to MacArthur's blunt statements of fact. It possibly will, if it can, replace MacArthur with someone less apt to upset the applecart.

We agree with Fulton Lewis Jr. that more courage is needed on the part of the U. N. and our own State department. We do not believe that human lives and the unalienable rights of mankind should be sacrificed on the altar of dollar economy. The United States, as champion of liberty and freedom in the world, should have the courage to pound U. N. tables for a policy of armed action against trespassers and claim jumpers wherever they may be. Vacillation and appeasement should have no place in our policies for defense of the rights and privileges of mankind.

## Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vivian S. Martin

A note: "Did you know that the son of the Black Butte mail carrier was shot last Sunday? Shot with an EMPTY gun!"

One more instance of a gun thought to be unloaded. Please, oh please, if there is a gun in your house, look and see. Make sure! It is hard enough to load our lads in line of duty, serving their country. Let's not add to heartaches by leaving a loaded gun around which someone may think is "empty!" If the gun must be unloaded, couldn't it be unloaded plainly-LOAD?

I don't know how old the lad was who was shot. If he really has 20-30, does age really have much to do with it? I remember the day a young friend said: "My father shot his hand off. . . ." and while I was trying to think of the right word she added, "You would think a chief of police would know how to handle a gun!" She seemed bewildered and dazed, to think it could have happened to one so expert with guns and revolvers.

Is there a gun in your house? Is it loaded? Please, oh please, do look! If it might be loaded, couldn't it be plainly tagged "LOADED?" And oh, can't it be put out of reach of children? Should we

trust in a child's obedience where a gun is concerned? I don't know just why I was reminded just then of an incident that happened some years ago. A mother had prevailed upon her son to claim exemption, and exemption he was not desirous of having. But she made him "see" he should stay with her, and his grounds of exemption held up under survey.

Then—on one day, word was brought to her. Her son had been killed in an accident. One of those things that seem so bewildering because it could have been so easily avoided.

I know of a case where the mother, an English mother, burned the yea papers which came she could keep him with her by doing this. When he found out he took the next ship to Canada. I always feel, what happened was the penalty the mother paid for her lack of faith in God's providence in her son, and forgetfulness of simple courtesy—honesty. It is hard to say "no" to a son, even when we know that goodbye is really a shortened way of saying "God be with you!" But it would be still harder to feel one had loaded a son in some other way.

## The Sixty-Four Dollar Question



## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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omy to up the amount of fish in the "boots" diet. He got a diplomatic answer from the army's upper brass—one of whom remarked in a letter that "soldiers are inclined to be unhappy if fish day comes too often."

He added: "Repeated efforts on the part of the military officials to increase the per capita consumption of fish in military menus has not been too successful."

If you're a GI or an ex-GI, I think you'll understand what the brass has been attempting to convey to Congressman Norblad. My personal observation of fish is that an awful lot depends on who cooks it. For some reason, army cooks don't seem to have too much luck with fish.

Also, I understand Walter's position. Down in his country, they have a lot of fish. The more fish people eat, the better the market is. Under such circumstances, one can't help thinking that if some three million armed service guys got fish fed to 'em often it would be a nice economic development.

## Hard Job Of Nation's Moral Reform Is Up To All Citizens Of America

By PETER EDSON  
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—It's a wise man who knows when to quit. This is as true of politicians as it is of price fighters. And that, perhaps, is why two smart Democratic senators—J. William Fulbright of Arkansas and Estes Kefauver of Tennessee—want to step out of the ring, to quit their current fights as champions.

They have delivered some jarring punches to racketeers and chiselers in their investigations of Reconstruction Finance Corporation and organized crime. There is a great public clamor for them to continue indefinitely. But knowing the fickleness of public interest, Fulbright and Kefauver would like to step aside.

They have proved what they started out to prove—that there was money business in big places. Let the proper local authorities clean up their own situations, as FBI director J. Edgar Hoover recommends.

Citing 30 racketeers for contempt of Congress in refusing to answer Kefauver questions, isn't going to clean up U. S. crime. Convicting a few Fulbright committee witnesses of perjury or income tax evasion won't end political influence peddling.

Attendance at the race tracks and gambling spas this summer will probably be greater than ever. Bookmaking business will flourish. Patrons of the numbers racket will be just as numerous. Politicians will continue to be politicians.

So the bigger question raised is how to make people stop gambling and grafting? The public mind is in the curious position of thinking that it's wrong to take a bribe, but all right to offer one, if you can get away with it.

Senator Fulbright's proposal for a new and larger investigation of "ethical standards of conduct in public affairs" offers an approach to this problem. It is not just a return in government that is called for—though that would be desirable as a long-term goal. It's a moral reform of the whole people that's needed. For it is an old saying that: "The people usually get the kind of government they deserve."

## Wage-Hour Law Ban On Children Still Effective

By FRANK JENKINS

PORTLAND—(AP)—The child labor provisions of the fair labor standards act (federal wage and hour laws) have not been relaxed or modified, it was pointed out here by Madison R. Smith, field office supervisor for the U. S. Department of Labor's wage and hour and public contracts divisions in Oregon and Idaho.

"Some employers are planning to employ workers who are not subject to draft by the armed services and might run amok of the provisions of the federal wage and hour law which prohibits the employment of under-age children in industry and in certain types of agriculture," he said.

The child labor provisions ban employment of children under 16 years old in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for interstate commerce. Children under 16 can not work in rooms where manufacturing or processing takes place, and children under 18 can not be employed legally in occupations which have been declared hazardous by the secretary of Labor.

"In agriculture, children under 16 can not be employed to work on commercial farms during the hours when the school in the child's home district is in session. This restriction applies to farms producing crops for interstate commerce, and does not apply to the farm owned and operated by the child's parents.

"The hazardous occupations orders, which set a minimum age of 18, apply to jobs in explosive plants, work as driver or helper on a motor vehicle, mining, logging and sawmilling, operation of power-driven wood-working machines, operation of power-driven hoisting apparatus, metal working machines, and working around radioactive substances."

## Man's Suit Claims Job Changed Sex

By FRANK JENKINS

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—(AP)—A Bayonne, N. J., chemical worker, who claims his job changed from a man to a woman, wants \$450,000 in damages.

In a suit filed against Specific Pharmaceuticals, Inc., of Bayonne, 32-year-old Jan Stepanowski asked \$200,000 and his wife, Mary, \$150,000.

He charged he was "poisoned" by a substance which brought about effemination, or transformation of his gender from masculine to feminine and, as a result, has been rendered impotent."

Stepanowski's complaint, filed in Hudson county court, said he inhaled particles of stilbestrol, a chemical containing female sex hormones, while working at the Specific plant in November and December of 1950.

His suit also contended that other particles were absorbed through his pores and that the injury has affected his earning power and mental attitude.

## Late Emperor's Pants Turn Up For Auction

By FRANK JENKINS

VIENNA Austria—(AP)—The last pants of the late Emperor Franz Joseph have turned up for auction, but too late to be reunited with the rest of his military uniform.

# Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

WASHINGTON—Ambassador Warren Austin, of the United Nations, went pussy-footing out of Denver, Colorado, the other day to "explain" diplomatic fumbling in the Korean war.

The speech got little circulation and few Americans got the benefit of his views; but if Congress takes time to examine them carefully it probably might be tempted to wipe U. N. appropriations out of the President's budget. That would save us taxpayers \$60,000,000 and deprive Austin of his limousine and chauffeur.

Austin told his Denver audience that the U. N. is fighting the Korean war with "restraint." Whatever that means. This was to differentiate our behavior in Korea as against the Chinese and North Korean Communists "aggressive warfare."

For Austin and the rest of the U. N. dreamers, these definitions may be of world shaking importance. But for General Douglas MacArthur and the American fighting forces, battling for their lives against the Reds, a shell fired with "restraint" or with "aggression" kills Americans equally dead.

Austin's big pitch in Denver was to try and soothe angry citizens who side with Gen. MacArthur. The general recently told the Communist leaders in China: "They'd get the works if they didn't stop sending troops into North Korea. Austin and Secretary of State Dean Acheson were diplomatically horrified, but most Americans applauded.

The U. N. ambassador implied that MacArthur had his way and bombed Chinese Communist troops in Manchuria before they got to North Korea. He would be changing in aggression. By avoiding aggression the U. N. will win the war in Korea, Austin insists, all of which is just more of the same diplomatic drivel that has cost thousands of American lives already.

The truth is that outside of Gen. MacArthur, everyone in the government or the U. N. is afraid to attack Communist China. The aggression argument is sheer fiction and Austin knows it. We are aggressors in Korea from the moment U. N. forces crossed the 38th parallel and entered North Korea. Austin can describe this as a "restrained" type of war, but the facts are that we counter-attacked in North Korea, without restraint.

You can't slice up aggression into models and styles. And Austin is not promoting the prestige of the U. N. in trying to do so. It would be no more aggressive to knock the Communists in China silly with bombs and guns than it is when we attack the Communists in North Korea.

Both the North Korean Communist government and the Chinese Communist government are rated as outlaw organizations by the U. N. neither one was established peacefully, neither one represents the people. Yet Austin tries to tell us that to attack the Chinese Communist forces would be morally wrong.

The truth, of course, is that he is afraid, along with the rest of the U. N. bumblers, that an attack on China would bring Russia into the war. The facts, however, deny this fear and Austin's intelligence services in the U. N. so advise him. Communist China wants to create North Korea as a buffer state against the West. If Austin and the U. N. have their way the Communists will accomplish just that.

If the Communists get what they want then the sacrifice of thousands of American lives will positively be in vain.

The alternative is to carry the war to Manchuria, blockade the China coast and use all manpower, air and fleet forces available at once. This is what Gen. MacArthur wants. It is what the Communist world would be frightened into peace if the attack is powerful enough. He wants to win the war in the quickest and most effective way possible. So does almost everyone else, except Acheson, Austin and the frightened fatheads at the U. N.

A majority of nations represented in the U. N. have been sold out by their weak kneeed representatives, who have a fighting force strong enough to bring the Communists in Asia to their knees, but lack the courage to use it.

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## Yanks In Korea Need Lots More Writing Material

By NEA Service

WITH THE AMERICAN EIGHTH ARMY IN KOREA—(NEA)—This Army is one of the "letter writing-est" ever to take the field, according to Red Cross field workers in Korea.

In January alone, the home-writing lads got away with approximately 1,400,000 American Red Cross notepads and 900,000 envelopes. An additional 1,600,000 notepads and a million envelopes went to hospitalized men in the same period.

But the boys could use four times as much writing material in their writup spree. The big headache is lack of transportation as the field workers try to keep up with the demands of the fighting GIs and other UN military personnel.

The job is to get the writing equipment up front where GIs use the butts and foxhounds rocks for writing tables. Red Cross field directors and assistants scrounge vehicles, load up and take off for advanced positions where the material is passed out. Since a jeep will hold only so much, a lot of GIs don't get paper.

Soldiers are great for precedent; and since the Red Cross is traditionally linked in their minds with items necessary for their comfort, other UN soldiers turn expectantly to the organization.

Hundreds of thousands of comfort articles are shipped to Korea and handed out to the troops, such as soap, towels, shaving cream, razors, handcloths, mirrors, hair and toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, books, playing cards and kit bags.

During 1950 more than 6,000,000 notepads and 3,000,000 envelopes were given to hospitalized men alone. To replenish the supply the Red Cross has shipped 10,000,000 notepads and 5,000,000 envelopes to the Far East since July. Additional millions are on the way.

## Bidding Halt Breaks Australian Wool Mart

SYDNEY, Australia—(AP)—The worst break in prices since the end of World War II hit the Australian wool market this week.

The fall in prices compared to those paid before Easter was strong comeback, 30 percent; fine crossbred, 30 percent; Merino and fine comb, 15 to 25 percent.

Wool brokers attributed the drop almost entirely to a concerted decision by American buyers to stop bidding at the opening of the Melbourne auctions. They said American buyers were trying to force prices down.

Russian and Japanese buyers followed the American lead.

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