

## World News Capsules

## Red Charges, Radio Propaganda Threaten Peace Talks in Korea

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Communist negotiators threatened Monday in Korea to drag the Korean truce talks out for months, and a series of enemy propaganda broadcasts indicated the talks once more were nearing a breakdown.

The North Korean radio at Pyongyang charged that "thousands" of Communist prisoners died in last Monday's riot at Koje-Do prison camp, and Red Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai accused the Allies of sacrificing prisoners in germ warfare experiments.

The torrent of propaganda, increasing each day in viciousness and volume, followed the pattern set last fall when the enemy broke off the talks for two months. This time the enemy broadcasts were designed to force the United Nations to give in on key issues dead-locking the talks.

Allied and Communist staff officers met as usual at 11 a.m. (6 p.m. Sunday PST) to discuss the issues of exchanging war prisoners and supervision of the armistice, but prospects were slim for any stalemate breaking concession.

## Draft calls this summer and fall will . . .

...have to be big enough to provide "substantial" replacements for draftees and National Guardsmen released from active duty, defense officials said Sunday.

There are several factors which make it probable that draft calls will increase sharply later this year. This is particularly true of the Korean truce talks drag on and there is no break in the war.

## Premier Aly Maher Pasha was . . .

...reported Sunday to have formulated specific proposals for settling the Anglo-Egyptian dispute in negotiations that resume this week.

Informed sources said Maher Pasha drafted the proposals after talks will increase sharply late this year. This is particularly true of the U.N. affairs, and Arab league officials.

## An earthquake rocked the Ludwigshafen area . . .

...in the United States zone of Germany. The quake occurred as gases were being released skyward from a huge chemical works. Panic followed in the city, with residents fearing an explosion had occurred in the plant.

Thousands of workers rushed to the plant to give emergency aid, remembering the tragic blast which killed 207 there in 1948. At the gates of the plant, the managers told excited crowds that there had been no new disaster.

## Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.) has let . . .

...loose another blast at tax loopholes. He claims these loopholes cost the Federal Government more than four-and-a-half-billion dollars a year. He charges those who get the benefits are almost entirely people with annual incomes of more than \$10,000.

Humphrey's views are expressed in a study published by the Public Affairs Institute.

## Top military leaders in Washington . . .

...indicated Sunday night no U.S. marines actually will be sent abroad to help defend Western Europe next year, but marines will be instantly available in case of an emergency there.

Congressional Republicans, however, demanded a full explanation from President Truman of a Lisbon report that a marine division had been promised for the defense of Europe next year as part of Adm. Lynde McComick's new Atlantic command.

## Sen. Robert Taft said he is in favor . . .

...of having General MacArthur address the Republican National convention.

Taft said, in an appearance on a television program Sunday night, that if MacArthur makes a speech at Chicago, he probably will be the key-note. Taft did not indicate he thought the General would be invited to keynote the convention, however.

## A special UN commission announced . . .

...Sunday in Geneva, Switzerland, that it has requested meeting in March with "appropriate authorities" in both zones of Germany on the possibility of holding free elections in that divided country.

The U.N. commission to investigate the possibility of holding such elections was set up at the last U.N. General Assembly in Paris over Soviet-Bloc opposition. Poland, a member of the commission, has refused to join representatives of Brazil, Iceland and the Netherlands, the other members, at their Geneva headquarters.

## Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D.-Ia.) protested . . .

...to the State Department Sunday its reported plan to chop \$2,000,000,000 from Germany's debt to the United States.

In a letter to acting Secretary of State James E. Webb, he said the plan would amount to a department decision to "increase the ultimate tax burden of American citizens by the enormous sum of \$2,000,000,000."

## World War III Is Not Inevitable, Professor and Reverend Agree

World War III is not inevitable, an Oregon professor and a churchman said Wednesday in a debate on Universal Military training.

E. C. Robbins, instructor in economics, and the Rev. David Seaman of Wesley Foundation agreed on this point in the YMCA sophomore cabinet-sponsored event attended by approximately 30 students and faculty members.

## UMT Disputed

But two other points in the discussion, that the present emergency justifies UMT and that the present draft is adequate, were disputed by the two.

Robbins began the debate stating:

"This will be a cold war, not a 'hot' war (if war is to result at all, he later added). We will not be dependent upon the British navy, as we have in the past, to lie between us and the enemy," Robbins said.

## Lesser of Two Evils

He concluded from the above statement that UMT is a "necessary step, and the lesser of two evils", the other evil being the present selective service legislation.

Rev. Seaman was in disagreement that UMT is a "must". He said, "Our present situation is more adequate; the bill will not increase materially our standing army."

## MacArthur Quoted

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who remains noncommittal on the issue, was quoted by Rev. Seaman as having said, "We should wait until the present emergency subsides before we pass the bill."

The training program, as outlined in UMT, was explained. A 6 month training period would be required for all qualified eighteen-year-olds. Those in high school will be deferred until graduation. Summer camps must be attended for three years in addition to basic training.

## UMT Duplication

"Right now the National Guards and reserves who are recalled have to be instructed all over again for a duration of seven months to one and a half years," Rev. Seaman pointed out. He believed that the additional training under UMT would therefore be too much duplication.

Rev. Seaman's last point, in regard to war, was that it would be a battle of scientists, not infantrymen.

## Audience Comments

Some remarks throwing light on the issue were presented by the audience. R. E. Nye, associate professor of music education, mentioned that the commission which drew up UMT conceded that the standing army would have to be enlarged regardless of preventative measures taken.

Another member of the audience said the U.S. told Germany and Japan that World War II would prevent this type of involuntary conscription in our country.

The actual training itself was criticized as being more psychological than technical, that is, putting more emphasis upon obeying commands than on knowledge of how to perform military work.

## Chairmen Petitions Due for Mom's Day

Deadline for Mother's Day chairman petitions is today at 4 p.m. They may be turned in to the ASUO office on the third floor of the Student Union.

Mother's day falls on Sunday of Junior Weekend, May 11. Reports by previous Mother's Day chairmen are available in room 204, Emerald hall, for those interested in petitioning.

## WSSF Selects Slogan for Drive

"Student Hands Across the Sea" was chosen as the slogan for this year's World Student Service Fund drive at a meeting of the chairman Thursday.

The drive which is to be held from April 20-26 includes money-raising projects such as the Vodvil show, auction, ugly man contest and house, campus and town solicitations. Money which is raised during the drive will be donated to either the general WSSF pool or to some specific school in a foreign country for educational purposes.

W. Dwaine Richins, assistant professor of business administration, was named to the advisory board for the drive.

## Kicked in the Face by a Bootie

OR

## Who Ever Called It a "Blessed Event"?



Once there was a Sophomore who had a Sister. He also had a Girl. Both these fillices had the Baptismal Handicap of Maggy. Small World.

The sister (call her Maggy I for the record) got married. In due process, she produced an Offspring. So, fraternal-like, our Sapient Sophomore wrote her a letter of Congratulations, starting "I hear you have a Baby"—Trouble was, he forgot to mail it right away and went on vacation and left the letter on his Desk.

His roommate spotted it and being a Soul of Honor, he didn't read the Blast. Just saw "Dear Maggy". So he addressed an envelope to Maggy II at Northamp, slapped on a stamp and dropped the Epistle in the box.

This Sophomore still has a sister named Maggy. No Girl. He still has no Idea why.

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