

Mongolian Cavalry Accustomed To Rigors of Warfare in Korea

(Spencer Davis, who here writes of the Mongolian cavalry now reported in Korea, knows the Mongolians. He met them while covering North China and Manchuria in 1945-46 when Manchuria was switching from Japanese to Chinese nationalist and finally to Chinese communist control. He now is on the Associated Press cable desk at San Francisco.)

By Spencer Davis

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13—(P)—Two divisions of tough Mongolian cavalrymen, identified by General MacArthur's headquarters as among the Chinese communist vanguard in Korea, are fighting in their own element.

Accustomed to the bleak plains and howling winds of the Mongolian plateau, they were raised to the life of a nomad and a fighter. They were operating over ground stained red by illustrious ancestors. The great Mongol conqueror Genghis Khan subdued Korea in 1218 and a half century later his grandson Kublai Khan, at the head of another army, did it again.

As recently as August, 1945 shaggy little Mongolian ponies galloped again through Manchuria into Korea, carrying their stocky, high cheekboned masters to battle with the Japanese.

Fierce Tribesmen

Mongolian banner-men—most of them fierce Buryat tribesmen—then were attached to Russia's Second Ukrainian army. It was the Soviet armored force sent from Stalingrad and eastern Europe to crush the Japanese Kwantung army and occupy Manchuria and Korea down to the 38th parallel.

The fighting lasted little more than one week in 1945—the last week of World War II.

The Mongols terrorized Chinese civilians in Manchuria. They were dreaded more than even the Soviet "long-noses" as the Chinese called the Russian troops.

Avoid Contact

Then, as now, long lines of civilian refugees poured out of the cities, towns and villages to avoid contact with the long-robed, high-booted Mongol cavalymen.

And with the refugees came tales of the no-quarter ferocity in battle accompanied by whooping battle screams.

The sack of Mukden in September, 1945 following its capture by the red army was attributed by Chinese civilians largely to these wiry, cold-blooded little men.

The Mongolians wore durable sheepskin-lined winter uniforms. Their tightfitting civet skin or beaver skull caps, pulled down over ears and nose, gave them an even wilder aspect. They were crack shots, even when riding at full gallop.

For centuries fighting has been a way of life to these sons of the great Khans.

In recent times the Mongols have fiercely resented the mass migration of Chinese from south of the great wall into territory they considered their own.

Lana Turner Suffering From Case of Shopping

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 13—(P)—Lana Turner went to bed Tuesday, suffering from an overdose of Christmas shopping. The doctor ordered three days' rest.

Vishinsky Says Truman Using A-Bomb Threat

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—(P)—Russia's Andrei Vishinsky accused President Truman Tuesday of threatening the world with the atom bomb. He said the president intends to continue the threats until all control of atomic energy is put into the hands of "American monopolists."

The Soviet foreign minister referred briefly to Mr. Truman's statement that use of the atom bomb in Korea was always under consideration. Vishinsky was replying to an eight-power resolution designed to study means of lumping a study of atomic energy control with the problem of reducing world armaments.

The resolution was introduced directly onto the floor of the U.N. assembly to carry out President Truman's suggestion for such a move.

U. S. Delegate John Sherman Cooper ridiculed Vishinsky's charges, asserted his alternatives were "specious," and invited the Soviet union to end its boycott of the U. N.'s atomic commission.

Authority on Men to Take Look at Britons

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Dec. 13—(P)—Red-haired Lisa Lengyel, who teaches American men the uses of "male magnetism" in handling their women, is here for a 30-day look at Britain's reserved menfolk.

Miss Lengyel impressed on newsmen the necessity for getting these basic facts straight about the male—British or U.S.:

"The perfect man would strike a woman as being a threat, a promise, and a mystery. I would sum him up as a well-mannered caveman."

"Men do not need to be handsome to attract women—but they must have charm and personality, they must be interesting conversationalists and they must have a certain amount of practical idealism."

She said her perfect man "would have the character of an Englishman, the polish of a Frenchman and the business training of an American."

Cooperative Stars Chosen

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 13—(P)—Willow Loretta Young got out in front of Marie Wilson Tuesday, by a narrow margin in the annual vote for the most cooperative motion picture actress.

The Hollywood Women's Press club, which polls its members, also named Alan Ladd over John Derek as the most cooperative actor. Each will receive the club's golden apples at a party December 19.

The club's choices for most uncooperative actor and actress: Robert Mitchum and Olivia De Havilland, over Lana Turner and Jane Wyman (tied) and Gordon Mac Rae. They won't get any awards.

John B. McDonald, said the strain of shopping had aggravated an old back injury. The doctor ordered three days' rest.

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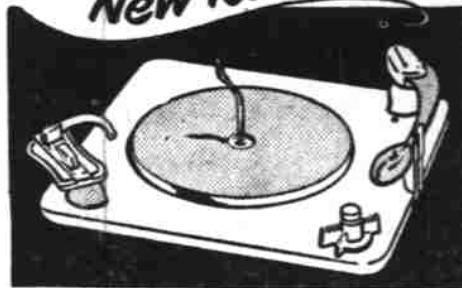


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