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What Next in Korea?

What next, General Nam II? Will it be a renewal of negotiations for an armistice or resumption of all-out fighting? The choice is up to you and your superior whether in Peiping or Moscow. General Ridgway has made that plain, and he certainly has the backing of the American people. For all this peace talk, either put up or shut up. And that goes for Russia, too, which has been fiddling on one "peace" string for months.

Who started shooting, anyway? It wasn't South Korea. It wasn't the United States. It wasn't the UN. It was the reds of North Korea, supplied by Russia and assisted later by the red armies of China. Just a few simple gestures toward peace would be worth miles of peace parades and petitions and thousands of stucco peace doves.

The reds in Korea must face a dilemma. They can't move in either direction very easily. To resume war means a further spending of life and strain on the economy. To resume the armistice negotiations would mean a confession of their own fraud and loss of face.

General Ridgway stated the military situation in very plain language when he said on Saturday:

"The enemy cannot defeat the eighth army. He can bring in a million troops, but I'll be damned if he can supply them."

He put his finger on the weakness of the reds. Manpower, yes, lots of it. But the more men they send in the greater the volume of munitions and foods that must be furnished. The reason some of their drives failed was they overreached their supply lines. UN navies pretty well dominate the coastal routes and UN planes range pretty much at will over North Korea. If Russia would turn loose its far eastern submarines and fully engage its air fleets, then the situation would be much more difficult for UN arms. But if Russia does that, the chain reaction might precipitate war in Europe which Russia thus far has avoided.

General Nam II had better lose his face and get back in his seat at the green baize table... and be ready to talk settlement instead of to sit two hours doodling.

Selections to West Point, Annapolis

A congressman, John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, says the present system of congressional appointments to West Point and Annapolis is unfair and "obviously" is not producing the best men for the service academies. He cites, in an article in New York Times magazine, a comparison made by the war department of records of congressional appointees and those admitted to West Point under competitive examination. That showed the latter group performed better, year after year, than the former. He also credits the coast guard with getting better men under its entrance examination system than the military and naval academies do.

The long-established system of admission to West Point has been through appointment of senators and congressmen. About half of the members of congress use some form of competitive test; others do not. Final choice may be made on the basis either of qualifications, political obligation or personal preference.

Congressman Kennedy believes that the cram schools used to boost appointees over the entrance examination hurdle have resulted in discrimination against the boy without money to

engage special tutoring. He reports, also, that a very considerable percentage fail in their studies at the academies, and a considerable number drop out of military service after graduating so the government loses its investment in their training.

Kennedy says that he has worked out a system in which those seeking appointments from his district must pass physical and mental examinations. Then they are interviewed by a special selection board which makes the final ratings. He thinks this could be adopted by other congressmen with resulting good in the quality of academy appointees. He concludes:

We dare not continue to pick the men who may direct another war with new weapons and new techniques by methods developed almost a century ago and shown to be wanting. There is no better place to begin than with the improvement of the process of selecting candidates for the two academies, for it is from these that the generals and admirals of tomorrow will be made.

It would be a mistake to infer that the old system has been a complete failure. After all, it has given us very able military leadership. But such are the risks attending a poor quality of command that we ought to make sure that we get the best talent among those ambitions for a full-time military career.

All of us who love the Santiam country are sick at heart over the burn which has spread from Sardine creek over the canyon. Many years ago the south side of the Santiam canyon was burned over. Its white snags stood for years—some do still. Steadily, though, the regrowth covered the mountainside until the wounds of the old fire were pretty well healed. Now a fire has swept a portion of the canyon again, to leave a fresh forest of white spars and delaying for several score more years the harvest of another timber crop. The exact cause of this fire is not known except that it started in timber operations—as have most of the season's fires, although logging had been suspended. It is, indeed, disheartening to suffer this loss of value and of beauty.

The SP & S railroad says it will take off its remaining one-train-a-day in passenger service on its line to Astoria. The mayor of Astoria protests, but statistics indicate that the people themselves have put the train out of business. The average haul was three or four persons per train last year and only 64 persons were carried as passengers the first six months of 1951. At that rate what service will the communities be losing? Trucks and buses will substitute for the train service, as they have in fact for a long time. Except on main routes of travel, the railroad passenger train seems to be doomed.

Mill by mill, the highway system of Oregon is getting modernized. The only trouble is that old roads become obsolete faster than the state can rebuild them. One new section, to be opened September 10 is the Algoma hill section north of Klamath Falls on Highway 97. The strip is 6.77 miles long but it cuts out a climb over the hill and shortens the route. Ceremonies to mark the opening of the section will be held on that date.

Senator Taft has been on a speaking tour in Maine, his program being set up by Senator Brewster of that state, an ardent Taft supporter. It's safe to assume that if Taft is the nominee he'll carry Maine... and Vermont.

Taft vs. Truman' Probability for 1952 Race Declared Unsatisfying to Majority of Votes

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The oddest feature of the present political situation is the dank but growing resignation to a future choice that almost no one wants to have to make. It's Taft and Truman in '52, the wisecracks say mournfully, explaining in glib detail all the complex political mechanics that are bound to confront the American people with these presidential alternatives.

In the case of Sen. Robert A. Taft, there is very little doubt indeed that his enormous and fabulously well holed organization will get the republican nomination for him unless Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes a candidate. The question mark about Taft is the extent of his popular appeal.

But if the polls mean anything, Senator Taft must be rated as having very little appeal to the national electorate, despite his remarkable personal qualities and his success in his own state. In July, the inquiring Dr. Gallup announced that in a contest between President Truman and Senator Taft, 42 per cent of those queried picked Taft, 37 per cent Truman and 21 per cent neither. Then, a couple of weeks ago, in a second contest between Senator Taft and Chief Justice Fred Vinson, 43 per cent of those queried picked Vinson, 37 per cent Taft, and 20 per cent neither.

reer, the chief justice is very little known in the country. Yet when Vinson's name appeared upon the ballot, the number of undecided voters actually decreased by 1 per cent. Meanwhile, more people picked Vinson ahead of Taft, than had picked Taft ahead of Truman. The margin, moreover, was very wide indeed—far wider than the percentages of error that have given Dr. Gallup trouble in the past. In short, the conclusion was, and is, hard to avoid, that almost any dim, respectable secret who is not called Harry Truman can beat the hard-working and able Ohio senator.

In the case of President Truman, there is not much doubt about his present weakness in the country, which is revealed by the polls above-quoted. The question mark about Truman is whether he will make the race, or hand on the succession to another man of his choice, most probably the chief justice.

But if political human nature has not greatly changed, Truman must be rated as more than likely to run. On this question, to be sure, appearances ought to be almost wholly ignored. Whatever else he wishes, the president certainly desires to retain his authority until the end of his term, and to conduct the conversation that will choose his own successor. In order to gain these ends, he must LOOK as if he is going to run, even if he is not going to. He is now giving precisely this impression of a candidate-to-be.

Whether or no the impersonation is misleading today has little bearing on what the president will want later on. Here, three factors are at work. First, although Mrs. Truman is still reported to be dead set against another term for her husband, the little men who generate the atmosphere of the White House offices are equally determined to protect their positions by every means possible. Like fleas encouraging their dog to live, they

tell the president one morning that he is the indispensable man, and the next, that he is going to have to run to "vindicate" himself and his policies.

Second, all of those who know the president agree that he will run if the idea of "vindication" is given substance by events—if he is under attack, his policies are being challenged, and the world situation is dangerous. The odds are approximately four-to-one that the future holds exactly this kind of situation, which is calculated to send the president into the campaign swinging with both fists. Third, and finally, if Senator Taft is the republican candidate, the temptation on the president will be very great indeed. He detests Taft; despite the evidence of Dr. Gallup, he believes he can beat Taft; and he can get out and try to beat Taft if he chooses.

Meanwhile, the best commentary on this looming choice between Taft and Truman in '52 is being provided by the Eisenhower movements. The republican anti-Taftites and Senator Douglas of Illinois are not the only Eisenhower men.

Even democrats very close to Truman tell us hopefully that General Eisenhower is disgusted by the republican foreign policy record, and explain wishfully that it would be far easier for the president to "draft" the general than to "draft" the republicans. The irascible George Allen, in the White House pecker crowd itself, is an Eisenhower talker.

This rather desperate sentiment for Eisenhower, so curiously distributed in both the great parties, is a symbol of something very deep and important, it represents, in a crude but clear way, the longing of Americans for leadership that is worthy of America. The danger of the Taft-Truman choice is that, in the minds of most Americans, it will not satisfy that longing.

OVERTURE TO WILLIAM TELL



Your Health

Dr. Herman N. Sundness

Medicine has many examples of the power of mind over matter, but none is more striking, perhaps, than pseudocyesis or false pregnancy. In this condition, a woman not only believes herself pregnant, but also develops the classic signs of pregnancy.

When first seen by the physician, the patient has typical signs and symptoms of pregnancy, the most common symptom being that of menstrual disturbance. Most women have a marked decrease or total absence of the



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off Alaska, the elements most surely are holding their councils of war. The winds of Boreas are straining at their leash and storms of wind and rain are flexing their muscles. One sweep from the north and August would be swept aside, cuffed, perhaps, for its tardy exit.

And yet we cling to summer's garments, bidding her bide awhile. A rain to put out the fires and wash the foliage and freshen pastures, yes; but then more warm days and cool nights... more of August, please.

The seasons must be true to their orbit. Vagrant they are at times, but always they soon get by to their normal. August will expire by calendar on Friday night; and the summer may be blown off stage any time. And we'll welcome a change, particularly if it is an Oregon rain, welling out of the Pacific, with folds of grey-blue clouds coming over the Coast mountains, and rain falling with gentle steadiness to quench the burns of earth and quicken the roots of the grasses. And we shall think of Ben Hur Lampman's oft-used phrase: "Then it came on to rain."

So, August, it's been nice knowing you; come again next year.

Safety Valve

(Contributions to this column should be limited to 300 words. Write only on one side of paper; give name and full address. Poetry is not accepted.)

Wishful Thinking?
To the Editor:

In your summation of the failure to achieve agreements at Tehran and Kaesong, in your "It Seems to Me" column of last Friday—"I still have faith that humans have enough good sense left to fend off chaos..." you seem to be influenced by wishful thinking.

If a majority of human adults could vote on the question of peace or war, possibly the situation would be in safe hands. But can we remember a time during the past generation when more human beings were under the thumbs of ambitious dictators whose minds have been stretched to conquests of world-wide dimensions?

If the "Christian" nations should demonstrate better that "The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof," it would hasten the reign of the "Prince of Peace."
Joseph E. Torbet

monthly periods, while previously they had normal and regular menstruation. There is usually a gradual abdominal enlargement, with increase in size being very similar to that of a normal pregnancy. There are changes in the breasts, consisting of enlargement, tenderness and darkening. There may also be a milky secretion to recur.

Many women having this condition say they feel movement of the baby. A few cases may even go into a simulated labor. When the physician examines the patient internally, he may find some of the internal signs and symptoms of pregnancy. These women usually gain a greater amount of weight than those with a normal pregnancy.

False pregnancy usually occurs in women between the ages of 18 and 36 years, and is more common in women in their middle 20's.

Tends to Recur
There is no relation of this disease to a social or economic status. Once the patient has acquired this simulated pregnancy, it has a tendency to recur.

This condition can generally be distinguished from an actual pregnancy by the taking of an X-ray after the condition has progressed for over five months, or by carrying out a laboratory test in which the urine or blood from the pregnant woman is injected into a rabbit or mouse.

The cause of pseudocyesis is considered to be of either a mental or an endocrine nature. Usually the patients have an intense desire for or great fear of pregnancy. Nearly all the women are childless. It was found that sometimes the pregnancies were simulated subconsciously in order to secure a husband's wavering affection, to prove the ability of the woman to conceive, or to obtain a child as a companion or plaything.

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The treatment of this condition consists of telling the woman she is not pregnant and then giving her mental treatment, together with some glandular extracts.

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Astoria Cannery Workers Join CIO

ASTORIA, Aug. 25.—(P)—An increase in the membership of the CIO Cannery Workers union is expected as a result of approval of a union shop by employees of 12 canneries and cold storage plants in this area.

Harry Chamberlain, secretary of the CIO Cannery Workers union said the union shop was approved 846-59 at a National Labor Relations Board election. He said he expected 100 to 150 more workers to join the union.

Hollywood on Parade

By Gene Handaker
HOLLYWOOD—Wal, pardners, the folks over Arizona way kin expect 't have a mighty purty neighbor in their midst come about five years from now, Virginia Mayo, as shapely a filly as I ever see, plans to retire from pitchin' on the screen, settle down on a ranch, an' have kids.

This I learnt whilst palaverin' on the "Marriage Broker" set with her rancher-actor husband, Michael O'Shea. Mike is boss wrangler of their 6,000-acre spread 58 miles northeast of Tucson. Spends most of his time there, tendin' 300 Hereford and Brahma cattle, breakin' horses, an' such. But at the moment he was playin' a newspaper ad man in this here pitcher with Thelma Ritter and Jeanne Crain.

Slippin' gracefully into my cowpoke character, I seen lots of westerns, bowin' my legs alighly, an' shiftn' my cud of chicle. I ast Mike how come this ranchin' sideline anyways.

India Plans to Ignore Japan Treaty Meet

By the Associated Press
India is expected to announce this week-end that it will not send any delegation to the Japanese peace conference at San Francisco.

In both Washington and New Delhi yesterday (Saturday), it was reported that Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru planned to make the announcement Monday, (Sunday night in the United States).

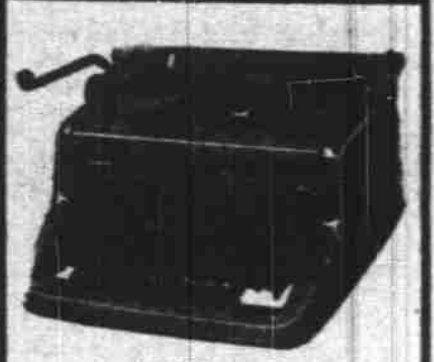
India's final word came in a note to which the state department was drafting a reply yesterday. Because of India's influence in Asia, diplomats made no secret of their disappointment that Nehru decided against taking part.

Burma, neighbor to India, already has decided against signing the treaty. Also Yugoslavia has said it wasn't concerned enough about the treaty to send a delegation.

India, following Nehru's policy of steering clear of the West's dispute with Russia, has urged several changes in the treaty which

were rejected by the U. S. and Britain.

India proposed that the treaty should be returned to China, the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands be returned to Japan and the American plan of keeping forces on Japanese soil be eliminated. Soviet Russia, which is sending a delegation headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, has made it plain that Moscow would like to see the same changes made.



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