

Although Korea Truce Compromise Doomed, U.N. Vote 'Not Wasted'

By MAX HARRELSON

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (P)—The Korean peace plan approved by the U. N. General Assembly this week was doomed in advance by the Communists, but the Assembly's action was not fruitless.

Although no one seriously expects the plan to break the prisoner-of-war deadlock at Panmunjom and end the war, the U. N. decision had these positive results:

1. It gave the United States a propaganda victory by getting overwhelming U. N. endorsement for the Panmunjom negotiators' stand against forceable repatriation of prisoners.

2. It united the non-Communist world behind a major Korean proposal for the first time since the U. N. decided in 1950 to intervene to stop the North Korean aggressors.

3. It made it more difficult for India—with her powerful influence in Asia and the Middle East—to pursue her policy of neutrality in the cold war.

Most important factor in the Assembly's action was this: It was an Indian resolution that was finally adopted after more than five weeks of UN debate.

Asian-Arab Support
Had the proposal not been sponsored by India's V. K. Krishna Menon as a compromise measure, it is extremely doubtful whether it would have won the support of the Asian-Arab countries.

And had it not been created by India, Russia's brusque rejection certainly would not have come as such a jolt to India's sensitive feelings.

It was apparent to those witnessing the proceedings that the harsh words of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky deeply hurt Menon.

The Indian had tried to bridge the gap between the Communists and non-Communists and believed he had done so. Vishinsky's words may equally have offended Prime Minister Nehru as the originator of the Indian peace-making effort.

Not Sure of Russia
How these wounds will be healed cannot be predicted, but the Russian attitude makes it difficult for the Indians to believe the Kremlin really wants peace in Korea.

This does not mean India has lost hope or will abandon her efforts, but Menon's remarks indicate that, in the future, India will concentrate her efforts in Peiping instead of working on the Russians.

Menon and some other Indian leaders appear firmly convinced that the Chinese Communists are still able to make policy decisions independently of Moscow. This view is not shared by many other diplomats here.

Despite Menon's promise to pursue his peace efforts, the general feeling at the U. N. is that the approved Indian resolution goes about as far as the non-Communist world can go, and that further compromise efforts would be futile.

Creates Commission
The plan is long and detailed, but in brief it calls for creation of a repatriation commission. Prisoners-of-war would neither be detained by force nor sent back to their own countries by force. All prisoners would be given a chance to go home, but would not be forced to go, as Russia has demanded.

The political conference—provided for in the Panmunjom agreement—would attempt to decide the fate of all prisoners not repatriated within 90 days. If the conference failed to solve the problem within an additional 30 days the remaining prisoners would be turned back to the U. N.

This last provision was one of the major causes of a split between Britain and the United States during behind-the-scenes discussions of the Indian draft.

Disclosure of this split by representatives of Secretary of State Acheson is now regarded by many as one of the major boners pulled during the long debate.

Erased Blunder
As it turned out, however, Vishinsky erased the U. S. blunder by the timing of his rejection of the Indian resolution. With the Russian view known, the U. S. and Britain were able to patch up their differences quickly and minimize the whole thing.

The British-United States differences apparently were not so great as the American spokesmen had indicated anyway. It was later

acknowledged that the two allies had differed primarily on tactics.

Britain wanted some changes in the original Indian proposal, but only with Menon's acceptance. The United States insisted the plan must be amended by the Political Committee, if Menon refused to accept them. Menon finally agreed to the major changes and the problem solved itself.

The Korean debate is now in suspension while Assembly President Lester B. Pearson, Canada, goes through the formalities of sending copies to the Chinese Communists and the North Korean regime, and receiving their reaction.

No Doubt of Reply
In view of Russia's flat rejection and similar announcements by Peiping and Pyongyang, there is no doubt what the replies will be.

The important thing about receiving the replies therefore is not what they will say, but that their receipt will confront the U. N. with the question: Where do we go from here?

The question is difficult under any circumstances. It will be even more difficult now because the Assembly will be looking to the United States for proposals and the U. S. is in a period of political transition.

Asked what the next step will be, U. S. spokesmen frankly admit they don't know. They say this is a question for the Eisenhower administration to decide after Jan. 20.

Waiting Period
There might be a long, awkward period of waiting at the U. N. but for the fact the Assembly is scheduled to end (or recess) Dec. 20.

It is agreed that the Communist replies will not arrive much before that time and nothing could be done before Christmas even if proposals were ready.

Most delegates feel the only thing to do is to re-convene the Assembly soon after Jan. 20 and take up the Korean problem again along with other items still on the agenda. By that time Gen. Eisenhower with first hand knowledge of Korea, will be President.

Alternatives
No officials venture to predict what Eisenhower will propose, but these are some of the alternatives:

1. Continue the military stalemate and make further efforts to negotiate an armistice along present lines.

2. Step up the military action, by increasing land and air attacks on North Korea. This might involve the use of more troops if

they can be obtained from UN countries and possibly new weapons.

3. Order a naval blockade, in an effort to put additional pressure on Red China and North Korea.

4. Authorize bombing of air and supply bases in Red China.

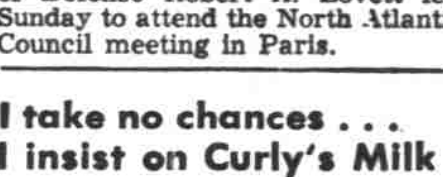
None of these proposals would be popular in the United Nations, and some of them would meet strong opposition. They have all been under consideration by the Truman administration and must be considered as possibilities until ruled out by Gen. Eisenhower.

OBSERVE MEMORIAL
WASHINGTON (P)—Veterans organizations observed the 11th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day Sunday with brief ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

Wreaths were laid at the foot of the monument honoring the 253 men who died in the torpedoing of the U. S. Serpens.

SECT. LOVETT LEAVES
WASHINGTON (P)—Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett left Sunday to attend the North Atlantic Council meeting in Paris.

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Friends of the hospital who are interested in sending packages this Christmas are advised that the men can use wallets, ties, cigarettes, candy, toilet articles, socks, shirts, stationery, pens, new books, soap, combs and handkerchiefs.

The women can use clothing of all kinds, jewelry, toilet articles, sewing materials, cosmetics, candy, stationery, pens, new books, fancy work (embroidery, knitting, crocheting, etc.).

Any of the patients would welcome records, sheet music, games, puzzles, musical instruments, soap, wash cloths and towels. Don-

Services for Stella Brown Set Tuesday

Services for Stella Smith Brown, who died at a local hospital Sunday, will be held in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel Tuesday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Harold J. McIntire officiating.

Interment will be held at Etna Cemetery near Rickreall.

Mrs. Brown was born April 20, 1878, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Smith of Rickreall, pioneer residents of that area. She attended Rickreall and Folk County schools and was a member of the former Etna Baptist Church. She married Percy M. Brown in Salem, Oct. 14, 1924 and they

are asked to label the contents of a package and state whether for a man or a woman.

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have resided in this city for the past 30 years. Survivors report Mrs. Brown had been ill for the past five years.

Included in the list of survivors, besides the widower of Salem, are two sisters, Mrs. Elsie LaDue, Salem, and Mrs. LaNora Hodges, Portland; two brothers, Sets Smith, Salem, and George C. Smith, Tillamook, and several nieces and nephews.

NO COMMENT FROM HULL

WASHINGTON (P)—This 11th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day was just another quiet Sunday for 81-year-old Cordell Hull—a sharp contrast to the drama he experienced on that Dec. 7 Sabbath of 1941.

Hull, Secretary of State when war burst upon America noted what day it was but had no special comment on the occasion.



Sid Boise



George Huggins

A Bit Of This-'n-That

By

I've heard a clause can be added to a Residence Fire policy which will pay for rental of temporary living quarters if the insured is burned out. Is this true?

Boyl We like this one. People usually tell us they would move in with their in-laws in the event of a fire (It's hard to believe there are so many people on such good terms with their in-laws!) Anyway, a standard Fire policy includes this clause, with limitations, at no extra cost. However, we would recommend adding Additional Living Expense to your policy which is not limited to payment for rent only.

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