

GUEST EDITORIALS---

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FUNDAMENTAL DUMBNESS

Communists are clever but not intelligent. This is unavoidable and inescapable. A lack of commonsense is the prior essential to acceptance of the communist religion.

Their fundamental dumbness was illustrated in the forcing of the Korean situation. For five years the Kremlin had maneuvered to reduce the United Nations to impotency. The Korean adventure revived the UN within five days. It re-cemented an alliance of the democratic nations of the world which had begun to crack into quarreling segments. Within two weeks of the opening of hostilities important weaknesses in American military planning were exposed. It is costing us much less in men, money, and material to learn about them in Korea than would have been the case if they had not been exposed until we were engaged in a major conflict.

For five years and longer Americans had been led to believe that the next war could be won largely by science and machines. The atomic bomb and supersonic airplanes cost tremendously in dollars but they would avoid the cost in lives of men fighting on the ground. It was old-fashioned to say that all military effort should be directed fundamentally toward supporting the ground soldier. The new concept was that the man on the ground was primarily needed to support the airplane and its load of atomic bombs. The surface fleet, the floating airfield on a carrier's deck were obsolete. It was an attractive picture. But it neglected a highly important point—it takes two people to fight a war! Unless you are willing to be the aggressor you have to fight, not your kind of war, but the other fellow's kind of war. After weeks or months you may gain the initiative but in the early, sometimes crucial stages of the conflict you fight under conditions selected by the aggressor—conditions carefully selected to cause you the most embarrassment.

In Korea, there is no target worthy of the atomic bomb. To use one there would result in useless carnage of non-combatants that would divorce from us the support of the peoples of the world. This is equally true over vast areas of possible future conflict with the slaves of the Kremlin.

The jet airplanes of which we have been so proud are of small value in Korea. There are no convenient airfields and small chance to build them. Flying weather is bad, ceilings low. This, too, is true over vast areas of the globe where

Dolldom's Queen Rates a Curtsy



The new queen of dolldom, the Toni doll, is getting used to honors such as this. The nylon-tressed beauty has been curtsied to by her colleagues ever since her entry into the children's play world. The reason; her hair can be set and reset, combed and washed over and over, to the delight of her young owner. The qualities of nylon which make this possible are well known to every American woman. In fact, a playwave kit is included with every nylon-wigged doll to allow youngsters to practice hair styling. Pictured are two of Toni's colleagues bowing in respect, conscious of their own shortcomings. The doll on the right has a human hair wig; the other, mohair.

the Kremlin might choose to make us fight. On clear days the fast-moving jets have shown little ability to disable slow-making tanks or piston-engined Yak planes. Making one pass at the target, the jets require three or four minutes to turn and return for another attack—ample time for ground columns and tanks to disperse. Heavier tanks than we would have thought possible are being used by the communists, and the Russian armor is proving less vulnerable to our anti-tank weapons than we had expected. The floating airfields provided by the "obsolete" Navy's carriers are now pressed into much-needed service and the support of "obsolete" piston-engined planes is being stridently demanded by the troops on the ground who, as in all past wars, are carrying the brunt of the battle.

And here is the other lesson the communists have taught us—the soldier on the ground is still the decisive factor in the kind of war the men of the Kremlin intend to make us fight. Neither mountain nor swamp, fog nor heat, keeps him from the fight. Give him his rifle, mortar, recoilless gun, a sack of grenades and canned rations, and he will go anywhere. Put him on a horse that, like him, can live off the

country if it is impracticable to keep gas and oil up front—he will fight the war for you. But he is a practical, down-to-earth guy, the ground soldier. He isn't interested in anybody's theory as to how wars ought to be fought. He wants tanks, guns, airplanes that will help him win the war he is fighting.

The Korean episode may remain a minor incident in our military history. It may prove to be the beginning of World War III. In either



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case, the dictators in the Kremlin have outsmarted themselves. They have given us an object lesson and an opportunity to correct deficiencies in our military planning before too great harm has been done.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held on the 18th day of August, 1950, at the City Library in the City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Saving Time, and the legal voters of the City of Central Point are hereby invited to vote on that date and between those hours upon the following proposition:

"To annex-to and include within the City Boundaries of the City of Central Point the following described real property, being territory contiguous to the City of Central Point: Beginning at a 1"x37" iron pin monument, being the center of Section 3, Township 37 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon, also being the Northwest corner of Lot No. 4, Amy's Cottage Addition to Central Point, Oregon; thence North 89° 51' 15" East, 1330.9 feet to a 1"x31" iron pin monument, being the Southeast one-sixteenth section corner and the Northeast corner of said Lot No. 4; thence South 0° 18' 15" East along the one-sixteenth section line, being the East boundary of said Addition, 1128.8 feet (from which

point the Southeast one-sixteenth section corner of the said Section 3 bears South 0° 18' 15" East, 199.0 feet) thence West 606.0 feet; thence South 0.35 feet; thence North 89° 56' 20" West, 255.5 feet; thence North 0° 14' West, 83 feet to an iron bolt corner monument referred to in the Jackson County Deed Record, Vol. 288, Page 513; thence South 89° 46' West, 156.05 feet to the intersection with the Northeastly right of way line of United States Highway No. 99; thence North 35° 9' 30" West along said right of way line 547.9 feet to the intersection of the north and south center

line of said Section 3; thence North 0° 19' West along the North and South center line of said Section 3, also, being the West boundary of said addition, 595.35 feet to the point of beginning, containing 31.96 acres, more or less."

The Judges of said Election shall be Elizabeth B. Scott, Dora A. Jones, and Lettie L. Gregory. The Clerks of said Election shall be Elizabeth B. Scott, and Dora A. Jones.

Arden R. Pinkham,
Recorder of the City of Central Point.

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