

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

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There seems to be a feeling in the air around here that some sort of a stop-shooting arrangement will be made in Korea. Late news from the truce-talk tent seems to bolster the feeling. It is pretty hard to figure just what the commies have been driving at with their absurd actions in the truce conference but I am going to try a little guessing about it—for whatever it may be worth.

Our vigorous war action in Korea was both unexpected and unwanted by the Reds. It threw them off base and put them on the defensive in their world-wide propaganda war. They apparently wanted to keep the Korean affair at the local revolution level, but when we entered and were about to clean the thing up the Kremlin jumped their Chinese stooges into the fray. As a military effort, that move met with some success but it seriously hurt their efforts to win over the doubtful countries, and apparently worried their satellites who saw the price the Chinese Reds were paying for their allegiance to Russia.

The whole situation was blowing up the principal commie propaganda line which runs something like this: "We are the true friends of the people and will save you from being cannon fodder for the capitalist butchers." Furthermore, the Chinese were staggered by the enormity of their casualties in Korea. Internal trouble was developing there as news reports of commie purges last year clearly indicated.

So the Kremlin hastily developed the "Peace Front." It started with Malik's speech from which developed the truce talks, and more or less concluded with the big "Peace Rally" or youth convention in East Berlin last summer. Part of the game in the Korean truce tent was to enrage us to the point of calling off the conferences. With that the "Peace Front" propaganda attack would have been a success and their accusation of "war mongers" would stand up. But our people stuck it out.

Now the only way the Kremlin can save its vaunted claim of actually having hatched the dove of peace, is to let some sort of truce come off in Korea. But if that happens we had best keep our powder dry!

For some years the President and his Secretary of State have been evading the Constitution of the

United States, which provides that treaties with foreign governments be ratified by the United States Senate. The Administration has been making "agreements" or "contracts" with other governments which, because they were not called treaties, could not be acted upon by the Senate. Many such commitments were, in fact, treaties. I have introduced a bill in the House which, if enacted, would put a stop to this practice. I hope the Foreign Affairs Committee will give my proposal some consideration.

Republicans in the House are going to make a hard drive to pass the Coudert resolution which would require the President to take back his outrageously extravagant budget which asks for some \$85 billions of dollars, and revise it to come within a \$71 billion dollar limit, which figure represents the amount of Federal income for the year. The Administration may have the votes to stop this resolution, but indications now are that it will pass.

AMENDMENT TO AMEND

Paris—One of the most interesting happenings of the recent United Nations meeting was the resolution, introduced by the Soviet Union, which dropped proposed "An amendment to the amendment by the United States, to the amendment by the U.S.S.R., to the amendment by Afghanistan, to the amendment by the United States to the joint draft resolution by Afghanistan, Burma, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen."



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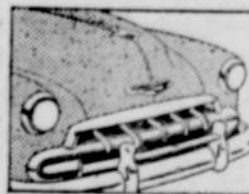


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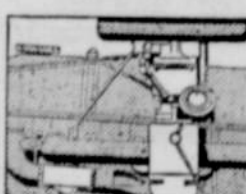
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