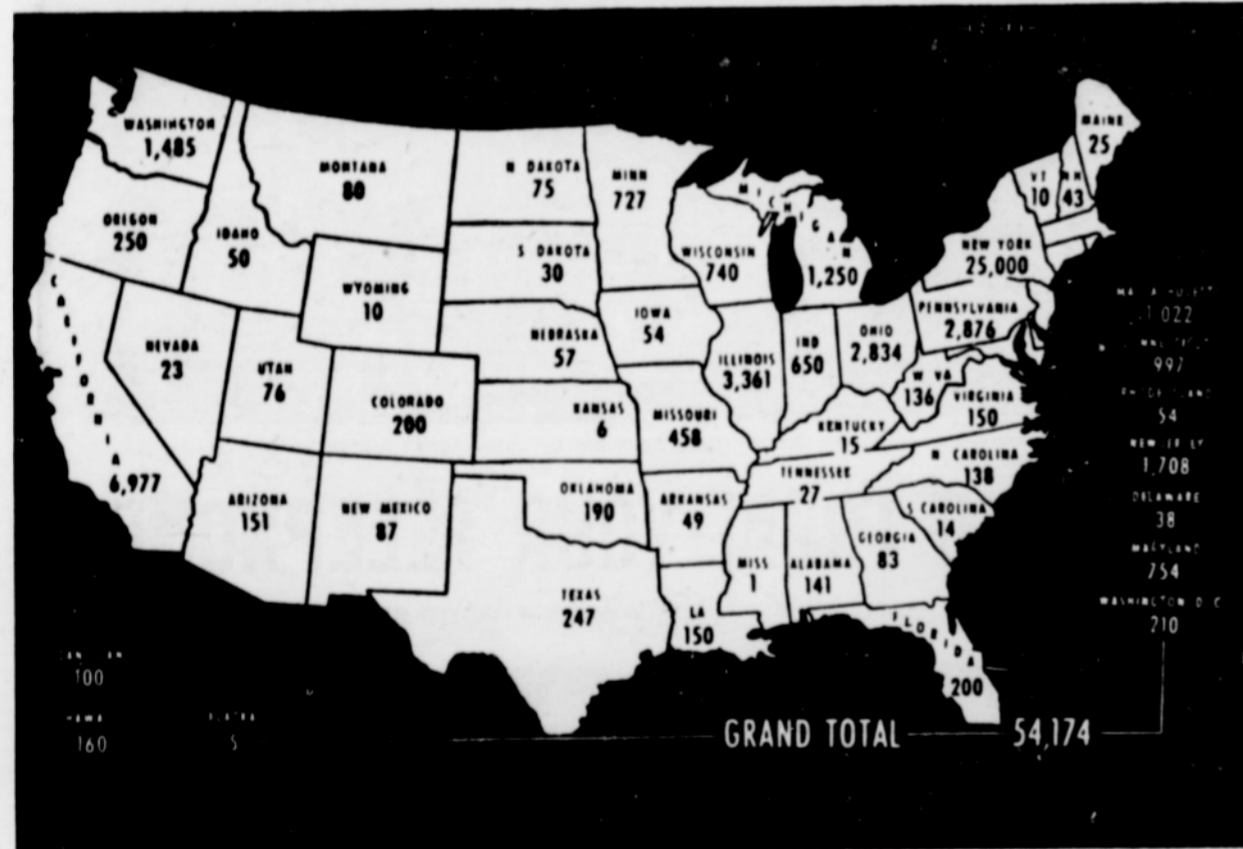




MISSING GENERAL . . . The army has announced that Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, commander of the United States 24th division has been wounded and is missing in action in Korea. Dean's sister, Mrs. Leonard Ver Mehr and her daughters, Judy, 1, and Janet, 17, are pictured looking at a mural of the general. The whereabouts of Dean have been unknown since the night when the American troops pulled out of Taejon. It was announced that he joined a body of his troops in their struggle to escape the North Korean tanks that were pouring into the Taejon area. It was reported that the general grabbed a barooka and yelled at his men, "I'm going to get me a Russian tank."



SUGAR SCRAMBLE . . . These women are grabbing for this five-pound bag of sugar that was among the last this New York City grocer had in his store one day recently. Sugar, among other items, was running from 15 to 20 per cent higher in volume buying in New York as fears of wartime shortages mounted. Some stores have instituted their own modified rationing plans on all items that were scarce during World War II in an effort to avert threatened government rationing. In his radio address recently to the American people, President Truman said there was plenty for all, but not if hoarding continues. He said he would resort to controls only if the people did not heed his advice about hoarding.



OFFICIAL F.B.I. FIGURES ON REDS IN U.S. . . . The above map of the United States reveals the official Federal Bureau of Investigation figures on the number of Communist party members by states as revealed in a recent issue of a national magazine. These statistics show that the heaviest concentrations of Reds occur in the larger cities and the smallest in rural areas. (Note figures for such states as New York, Illinois and California compared with the figures for such rural states as Vermont and Mississippi.) This is the first time figures for the entire United States have been released to the public.



STUCK IN THE MUD . . . With hundreds of South Korean soldiers and laborers pushing, a loaded United States army C-46 transport is inched to solid ground from the spot where it stuck when the runway collapsed at a landing strip in South Korea. The Americans have been outnumbered in men and tanks on the ground, but they have enjoyed superiority in the air since the hostilities began. However, as this picture implies, facilities for air fighting in Korea aren't the best. Rain and lack of good air bases have hampered the American fliers in their blows at Red troops and supplies. The North Korean air force has not been much in evidence.



Unity Is Lacking

A COUPLE of weeks ago this column reported the wonderful worth-while movement in this country called the "Crusade for Freedom," a private enterprise plan to sell to all nations those great principles of freedom, friendship and faith which form the cornerstone of our democratic republic. But watching the antics on Capitol Hill since the courageous challenge issued by President Truman to Communist aggression in Korea, it might be a good idea for all of us, including many senators and congressmen, to search our own souls and our minds for a rebirth of freedom, friendship and faith within ourselves if we want to be worthy advocates and staunch defenders of the principles of peace and justice and all those attributes we have been taught to admire and believe in.

For there appears to be little faith on the hill. There is suspicion, members of congress eye one another with distrust. Epithets are hurled back and forth beneath the domed roofs where statesmen at one time or another made history. Now and then is heard the prudent voice of reason and wise counsel, but mostly it's bickering and jealousies and politics and hate and distrust.

There is little evidence of the unity and undivided support and oneness of purpose which the nation must have if we are to successfully withstand the communistic horde and lead the forces of this nation and the United Nations to victory once again.

Too Many Reservations

On the one hand we have the Wherrys, the Jenners, the Malones, the Fergusons, the McCarthys giving lip-service to the President, but gummed-up with "whens, ifs, and buts"; we hear Senator Taft declare it dangerous to give the President the tools he asks in controls and other war powers, and the same day the elder statesman Bernard Baruch declare the weakness of the war powers act of 1950 is that it does not go far enough in powers for the President.

There are too many reservations dividing the support behind the President; there is too much hindsight criticism and not enough foresight planning to make for a winning team; there is too much spying on one another, too much hysteria over what now must play second fiddle to the survival of the nation.

Truman Has Aged

To those of us who have attended the President's press conference it is evident the decisions which Mr. Truman has been forced to make have already taken toll. Today the President's sparse greying hair is almost snow white, deeper lines have etched into his face, the chipper cocky smile with which he charmed the people at his whistle stops over the country is gone. In its place is a grim, thin-lipped determination.

For Mr. Truman, politics is out the window for the duration; his cabinet is meeting twice a week; General Bradley is his first visitor in the morning, briefing him on what has happened and is likely to happen; he meets with congressional leaders of both parties—not about politics—but about hurrying-up legislation necessary to carry on the nation's mobilization.

Closer to him now are Stuart Symington, former secretary for air, now chairman of the National Security Resources Board and the most important war agency. Also, close to Mr. Truman and a liaison between him and his secretary of state, Dean Acheson, is Averell Harriman, former roving ambassador and now made a special presidential assistant.

Example of Patriotism

Insofar as this column is concerned, George N. Craig, national commander of the American Legion in a recent nation-wide broadcast, has set an example which every patriotic American citizen should emulate. Said Craig:

"The duration and course of this onslaught by atheist communism against God-fearing people of the world, no one at this moment can foresee . . . but the American people can forestall it. It is not too late to avoid World War III. But we must make our decision now."

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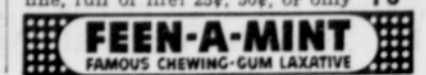
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