

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Korean Conflict Is One Year Old; World War May Have Been Averted

SOON, IF AT ALL—A few days ago—June 25—the Korean war was one year old. Today, after a year of fighting Communism in battle, the questions uppermost in the minds of most Americans is what are the chances for world peace? Is World War III nearer or more remote?

A great many unknown factors and "ifs" arise with such questions. But there is a growing belief in the world today that a general war is more remote than a year ago. This reasoning is based mainly upon two points: (1) The free nations of the world are growing stronger every day; (2) The free world has demonstrated in deeds as well as words it will resist aggression.

There is one fact that none of the free nations of the world is overlooking. There is the possibility, in the face of the west's growing strength, that the Soviet Union realizes it must act soon, if at all. To wait would only give the west time to grow so strong that victory for Communism would be an impossibility.

The Korean war seems to have accomplished several things. It brought to life the west's lagging plans to marshal military, political and economic resources to meet future aggression. And these moves may have served as a deterrent to ambitious aggressors.

TEXAS TOUR—Gen. Douglas MacArthur flew to Texas for a number of official receptions and speeches. For three days he preached his doctrine of a realistic approach to far east problems. He went so far in a Dallas speech as to say "it is fantastically unrealistic to refuse to accept the fact that we are at war—a bitter, savage and costly war."

But the colorful general who has caused more controversy in a few months than many prominent figures do in a lifetime, departed from his main theme to take a slap at the domestic policies of the Truman administration.

"There are those who seek to make the burden of taxation so great and the progressive increases so alarming that the spirit of adventure, tireless energy, and masterful initiative which built the material strength of the nation shall become stultified and inert," he said. "There are those who seek to make all men servants of the state."

The departure from the main theme of his speeches since he returned to the United States increased speculation that the general may be planning a political career despite his assertion he is not interested in entering politics. The Texas visit has been called a test for future political moves.

GRAIN FOR INDIA—The long delayed grain for India bill, lending India \$190,000,000 on easy terms to buy to 2,000,000 tons of U.S. wheat and other basic foodstuffs, was signed into law by President Truman.

The bill was subject to months of heavy debate in congress before it was finally passed. Critics argued that India's opposition to some U.S. policies in Korea made her an ill deserving beneficiary. Backers said it had a humanitarian purpose and, besides, it would help line up India with the western world as opposed to the Communist bloc.

In the months of debate many forgot the fact that the food purchased by the loan will prevent famine in India. It was the only humane thing this nation could do.

PRICE CONTROLS—By the time this reaches print the defense production act which gives the government the power to control prices, wages and rents may or may not have been extended. In all probability it will have, but it will not contain the broader powers as asked by President Truman.

Special interests—the cattle industry, landlords, the building industry and others—have used every trick at their command to get amendments tacked to the act that would be to their advantage.

As a result, the house banking committee voted tentatively to knock out two future price rollbacks on live cattle planned by the office of price stabilization. Also, the senate banking committee voted to renew and expand the government's rent-control program. But the senate committee at the same time recommended a raise in some of the rent ceilings.

The committee felt that a 20 per cent increase should be allowed in some areas. Many of these areas already had from 10 to 30 per cent increases above 1942 levels.

As for the house vote on beef rollbacks, it was a direct slap at the administration's beef policies. The vote was in the form of an amendment that would limit future price rollbacks on all agricultural commodities to 90 per cent of prices on May 19, 1951.

Whatever its form, the new defense production act will be far from what President Truman asked.

MACARTHUR HEARINGS—Any day now the MacArthur hearings will close. It would be interesting to know what historians will make of the incident and read into the millions of words of testimony.

No hearing or debate in American history ever caused so much comment in the big towns and the home towns of the nation. And possibly no incident in modern history, excepting World War II and the Korean war, received such coverage in the nation's press. It made good reading in dailies and small town newspapers alike.

The debate may have been good for the nation, and certainly, was carried out in the best American tradition of free speech and thought. But there was one regrettable aspect of the hearing. Our potential enemies now know the inner thoughts and reasoning of American foreign policy. Our policies are an open book to the entire world.

RESERVISTS TO GO HOME—Home town enlisted reservists—not members of organized reserve or national guard units—are going to be released by the army. Approximately 100,000 will be released in the next six months.

There will be no "point system" or other inflexible standards to determine the order in which the reservists are released. Each unit will set up its own standards, giving "primary consideration" to maintaining maximum effectiveness.

But veterans who served 90 days or more during World War II are to be let out first under the general standards set up by the army. Reservists who have had previous military service other than World War II are to get second priority.



Truman Presented With 4-H Club Key

Marjorie Nold, Savannah, Mo., and Richard Golob, Sunnyside, Wash., delegates to the 21st National 4-H Club Camp in the nation's capital, present a 4-H club key to President Truman. More than 200 delegates from 48 states, U. S. territories, and seven nations attended the camp.

AMERICAN DOCUMENTS

Constitution to be Preserved in Glass

America's most precious documents—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution—will be preserved permanently in glass, it was announced recently in Washington.

Work on finding a suitable way of preserving the parchments began a decade ago, but was interrupted by World War II. Since the revival of the project, officials of the Library

of Congress, scientists of the National Bureau of Standards and Thermopane technicians of Libbey-Owen-Ford glass company have spent nearly four years perfecting special bronze and glass enclosures for the job.

When the two historical symbols of democracy are once safely stored in glass they will be available for inspection by the public.



Acheson's Testimony

HOW MUCH the American people know about the seven days of grilling testimony which Secretary of State Dean Acheson gave to the joint committee investigating the ouster of General MacArthur is hard to judge. This is true because of the way in which some newspapers have treated the whole MacArthur episode, and because for months Secretary Acheson has been held up to ridicule in a conspiracy of intimidation to force him out of office.

But Mr. Acheson would not be intimidated and he gave a brilliant presentation of the facts of record which ever won for him the praise of some of his political enemies. He says he will not resign. President Truman says he will remain in the cabinet. So well did the secretary handle himself in the face of the most grueling questioning that the traditionally Republican New York Herald-Tribune said editorially:

"Nowhere in their lengthy cross-examination have the hostile senators seriously shaken the Acheson position or the prior policies; nowhere have they even begun to sustain the vague mass of accusation—of pro-Communist, appeasement, betrayal, misfeasance and blunder—which has been woven around him, and one cannot really read the transcript of the hearings without being forced to the conclusion that most of this is simply, to use Senator McMahon's words, an example of 'error being converted into accepted fact by constant iteration.'"

'Big Lie' Dangerous

This policy of intimidation of government officials by telling the big lie often enough and big enough which has been adopted by Senators McCarthy, Wherry, Jenner and some others, is a dangerous and serious business, particularly if told from the sanctuary of the senate floor where there can be no retribution. And it is having an effect of disuniting the people of this country when we should be more united.

Student's Won't Talk

This reporter was struck by the statement of four young college men who appeared on Arthur Godfrey's television program recently. These boys were from the University of Texas, the University of California, the University of Michigan and Cornell University. They were clean-cut, good looking American boys and yet in answer to a question from Godfrey they admitted that "McCarthyism and Wherryism" was even getting into the colleges and universities to the extent that these young men were even afraid to say what they thought, and that their teachers and professors were affected by this policy of intimidation.

Defeated Tydings

There is no question but that this big lie policy defeated the veteran Sen. Millard Tydings of Maryland, in which Senator McCarthy directly participated along with others. And as a result of which, by the way, Jon M. Jonkel, Sen. John Butler's campaign manager, pleaded guilty to violation of six counts of the Maryland election laws and was fined \$5,000 in Baltimore criminal court.

Kerr Donates Blood

During the Acheson testimony before the committee, Senator Wiley of Wisconsin, petulantly demanded at one point, "Are we men or are we mice?" And Senator Kerr of Oklahoma remarked, "The strange thing is, the senator really wants to know."

And speaking of Senator Kerr, the National Red Cross had moved into the senate office building asking for blood donors from the senatorial great. Only one senator presented himself and gave blood, Kerr of Oklahoma. The rest sent their clerks and typists, etc. Sen. Lyndon Johnston of Texas did come to the room, but excused himself before he gave blood, on pressure of business.

New Probe Looms

And now another full-fledged probe is looming—an investigation of the China lobby, the China lobby being composed of friends of the Nationalist China government now exiled on Formosa. Demand for the probe first came from Sen. Wayne Morse, Republican of Oregon. Maybe we will eventually learn who has been financing McCarthyism.

NDA Expires June 30

The national defense act of 1950 which expires June 30, likely will be extended without much change. However, Chairman John Sparkman of the senate small business committee, along with 49 other senators, will try to get in an amendment setting up a smaller war plants corporation, much like that set up in 1942 to aid small business.

Congressmen have received many letters from small business in recent weeks.

RURAL SANITATION

Kentucky Town Solves Problem Of Sanitation

MT. STERLING, Ky. — What a small town can do about its sanitation problem has been demonstrated in this small tobacco and farming center.

Several years ago, garbage was collected in open trucks, which toured the city's residential and business areas with their smelly cargo. But that's all ancient history.

The city councilmen decided to invest in modern equipment to move garbage and refuse. They bought a new-type load-packer truck, which mechanically compresses garbage into tight bundles.

The rear end of the packer is open only long enough for city workmen to dump garbage and refuse into it. There is no odor and no way in which garbage might be strewn about the streets—spreading all types of germs.

Sprayed the Sewers

The city fathers, working closely with the county health department, also bought a large power sprayer. It is used to spread insecticides on and around garbage cans and in areas where trash and refuse is found.

The health department even sprayed the sewers. Later, a long-time resident telephoned the department to congratulate it on the results of the sewer spraying project.

"Are you going to keep it up?" she asked.

"Yes, lady, unless our money runs out," the chief sanitarian said.

"Now, look here, young man, if you need any money for such a worthwhile project you let me know and I'll get it for you."

The new equipment has all but eliminated flies and mosquitoes in the town. Also, the department which formerly used five men and two trucks to make garbage collections in the residential and business areas, now uses three men and one truck. And the job is done better and faster.

Praised by State

The health department uses a fly counter to determine when to start its spraying program. Once started the spraying is continued throughout the summer.

The county health department reports that the chemical treatment is used only as a supplement to improve sanitation, and not as an alternate.

Representatives of the Kentucky health department agree that Mt. Sterling's sanitation program is tops in the state and wish that more cities had such a program.

Sanitation experts report the small town's sanitation program is not too expensive for other towns and could be adopted in almost any section of the country.

Claim Staked on Wooden Gold Mine in Iowa Town

FORT MADISON, Ia.—A Chicago metal-refining company has staked out a \$20,000 claim on a "wooden gold mine" in the town of Fort Madison.

It offered that amount for the right to rip up some 10,000 square feet of old factory flooring at the Sheaffer pen company plant when the gold nibs department moves into a new factory addition now under construction. "The prospectors" figure the old flooring will be worth that, and more, in 14-karat gold dust and chips that have been ground into the boards through more than 30 years of shaping gold pen points.

Another reason they expect it to "pan out" is that the floor also should yield some osmium, a super-hard metal that is used on the very tips of better pens and actually is eight or nine times as expensive as gold.

The pen company takes elaborate precautions to prevent day-by-day loss of gold. All aprons worn by workers in gold are laundered on the premises, the wash water settled out and the settlings smelted, along with floor sweepings and the dust from all the gold grinding and polishing machines. All told, Sheaffer figures these measures reclaim about \$100,000 worth of gold each year that otherwise would vanish down the drain or into the dustbin.

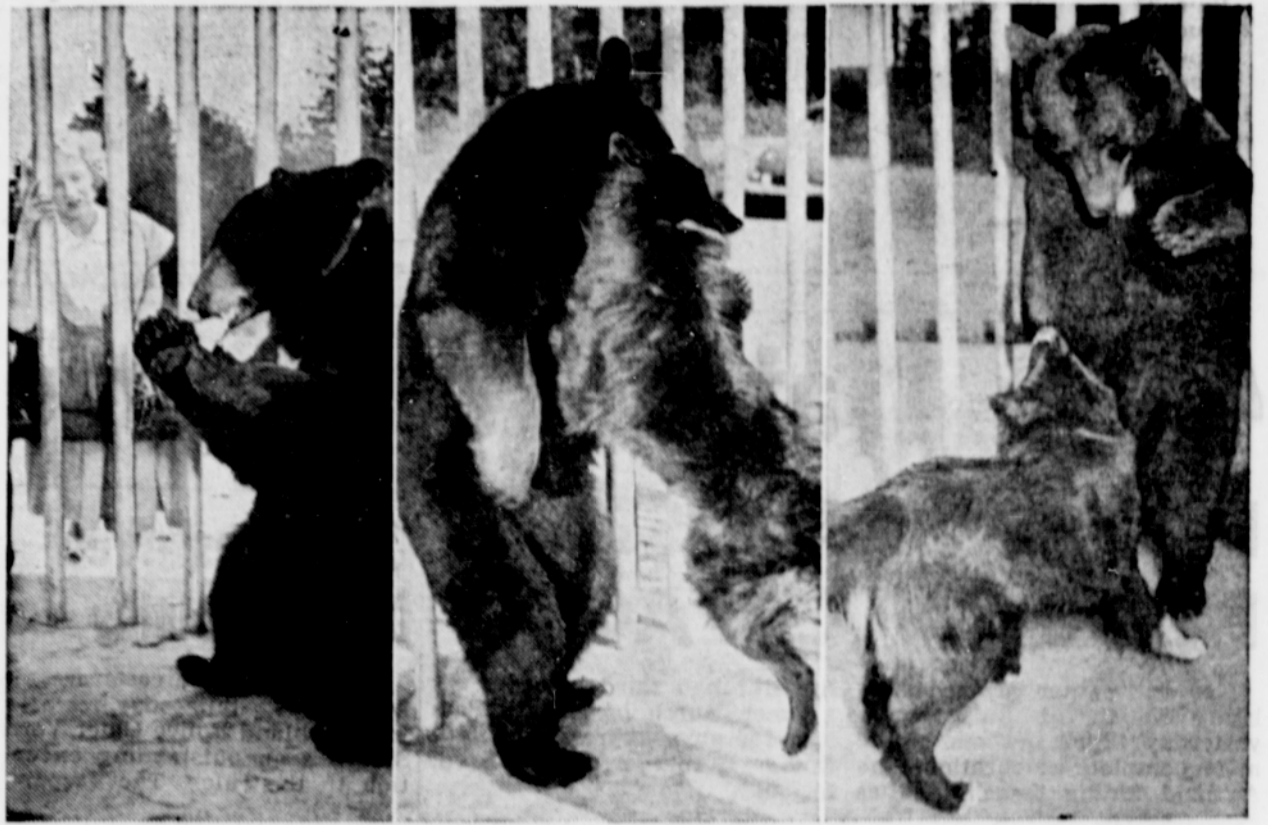
Small Town Boy Tells Jet Idea to Air Force

ILION, N.Y.—A 13-year-old small town boy has set the air force engineers and big brass on their ears. Ronald Wheeler, a bright eyed eighth grade pupil at Ilion Junior high school, explained his idea for a revised type of jet engine to air force bigwigs recently.

He drew up plans and illustrations for adding a third combustion chamber to the ordinary dual chamber jet unit for a science fair. His teacher liked the plans and wrote to the air force. Later the air force asked to see the plans and to talk to Ronald.

The boy suggested that a third chamber, or burner, could be used to increase take-off speed of jet planes and provide emergency power. It would be controlled by the pilot, who could shut it off when not needed and thus conserve fuel.

Air force engineers felt the boy might have hit upon something worth while. Experts have been working on the same idea for "some time."



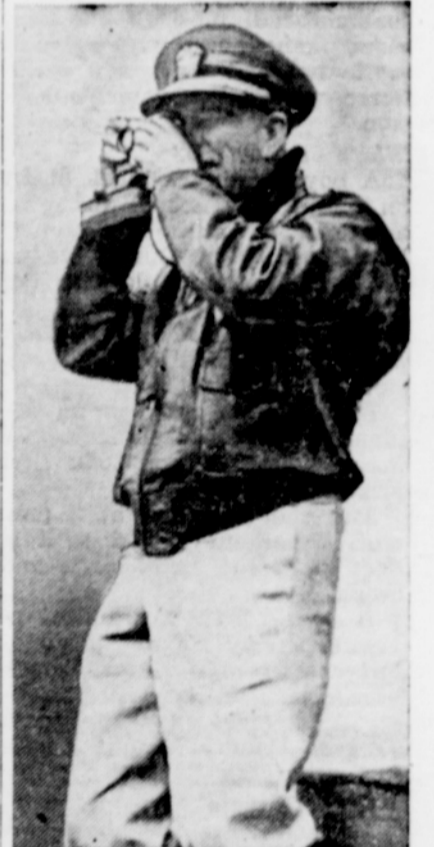
BEGGAR AND THIEF . . . This is the story of Fuzzy, a mendicant of great stomach capacity, and Pal, a thieving canine. Tourists entering Ontario's northlands stop off to see the antics of these animals near North Bay. Fuzzy does the begging but only profits by gulping. Pal is ever alert to squeeze through the cage bars, grab the loot, and dash back to safety. At left, Fuzzy has just succeeded in wheeling a delicious ice cream cone from a lady tourist. But Pal (center) allows him to enjoy the tidbit only a few seconds before he grabs for it. But, Pal's too late. Fuzzy has gulped it down (right). Everything's fine, less Fuzzy gets mad.



CAUGHT IN THE NET . . . Eleven men (shown) and an eight-year-old boy were arrested in East Harlem during the city-wide roundup of dope addicts and drug sellers. Suspects pictured above were booked and held to add to the mounting number of arrests and convictions brought on by the drive against narcotics. Police said that the youngster of eight was a messenger boy for the alleged dope "pushers." Disturbing reports of addiction among youngsters led other cities to crack down on "pushers" and "users," with new arrests bringing startling reports. One family gave baby heroin to "keep it from crying so much."



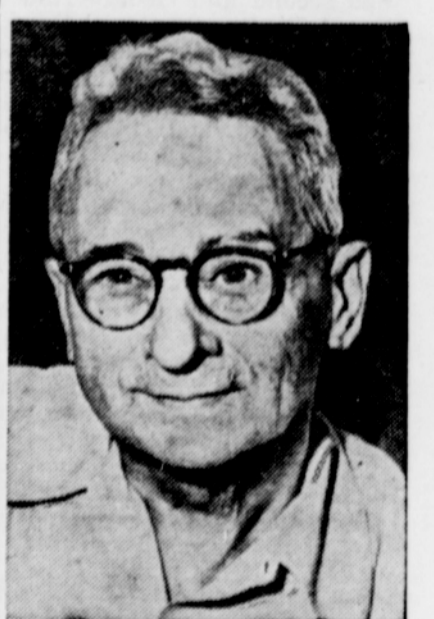
KING AND CAT . . . King Paul of Greece, wearing uniform of an admiral, is in jovial mood as he sits with his queen Frederica listening to speeches in dedication of a hospital, built with funds contributed by Greek-Americans at Salonika. At right, Crown Prince Constantine seems equally pleased as he listens and holds his pet cat, who must be pleased, too, demonstrating that a cat may indeed be permitted to gaze upon a king. The queen seems intent on same activity—apparently that causing applause of spectators.



SHUTTERBUGGIN' ADMIRAL . . . Responsibilities of commanding naval war are momentarily forgotten as Adm. Arthur W. Radford, commander-in-chief of Pacific and Pacific fleets, snaps a 16-inch gun salvo aboard USS New Jersey off Korean coast.



TRUE APPRECIATION . . . WAF Staff Sgt. Mary Lewis is the recipient of hearty gratitude of Air Force Capt. Robert P. Boyd (left) and Capt. Herbert K. Keenan at Mitchel Air Force base, Long Island. Mary "talked" the pilots safely in to the field when their plane was disabled in bad weather. She has received four commendations and been given charge of the control tower. The happy smiles on the faces of the two officers show how appreciative they are for the nice conversation.



URGES CONTROLS . . . J. A. Pels, 79 year-old retired Cincinnati necktie manufacturer and salesman whose letter urging Truman to retain controls was quoted in President's radio message. "Too many look only at a dollar," Pels said.