

Wait and See Attitude Adopted by UN Group In Peace Discussions

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Tokyo, Sunday — (U.P.) — High United Nations officials have adopted a "wait and see" attitude toward armistice in Korea. They do not anticipate an early peace.

Some U.N. correspondents on the press train at Munsan are more optimistic. Their guesses on an armistice date range from April 10 to August.

The United Press surveyed official and unofficial sources this week and found that most persons close to the truce talks believe Russia holds the key to their success or failure.

No one could say exactly what Russia, who inspired the talks in the first place, hopes to gain by seeing them drag on month after month.

There have been waves of optimism from time to time, some based on actual progress. Some of the most recent optimism was based on remarks by Communist correspondents at Panmunjom.

Optimism has resulted also from reports originating in various U.N. capitals, all unconfirmed. There have been reports that May 1 was set as a "target date" but there has been no confirmation here.

In Tokyo, the highest officials told this correspondent that they have no idea what is going to happen in Korea. They want peace and they have made many concessions. But they still want an honorable peace and they are ready to fight again if necessary.

In Seoul, 8th Army Commander James A. Van Fleet told United Press War Correspondent Robert Uddick:

"There has been considerable speculation on the peace target date ever since the armistice talks began last July. However I am not aware of any official current target date."

"As 8th Army commander I have made my stand clear repeatedly that I am not connected with the negotiations at Panmunjom and my mission is solely that of guiding the 8th Army in resisting Communist aggression."

At the U. N. advance camp at Munsan, United Press War Correspondent Leroy Hansen polled correspondents covering the negotiations. He reported:

"Correspondents here believe

a Korean armistice definitely is possible, although one thinks a lasting peace is not.

"Estimates on when an armistice will come range from mid-April to August. Dates mentioned included April 10, April 23, April 25, July and August.

Three major issues remain to be solved:

1. Prisoner exchange. The U. N. stands firm for voluntary repatriation, the Reds want forced return of all regardless of individual desire.

2. Rehabilitation of North Korean airfields. The U. N. will agree that certain fields may be repaired. The Communists say there must be no restrictions. It appears to be mostly a matter of principle with them, as the present U. N. offer would impose little control.

3. Nomination of Russia as a neutral truce inspector. The U. N. does not consider Russia neutral.

U. N. negotiators do not like the slow pace of the talks. But they urge the American people and those of other U. N. member nations to be patient. They hope the people will never demand armistice at any price.

Patrol Chiefs Meet On Truck Agreement

Spokane — (U.P.) — Highway patrol chiefs from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho met here Saturday in an effort to work out a truck reciprocity agreement on truck licenses.

Washington State Patrol Chief James Pryde called the meeting with A. P. Bunderson, Idaho superintendent of state police, and Lee Bown, deputy Oregon superintendent of state police.

Pryde said the state patrol in Washington has received complaints from Spokane firms doing business in Idaho that the state was not living up to the reciprocity idea.

ON JOB VOCALLY

Galesville, Wis. — (U.P.) — Parishioners of Zion Lutheran church heard the Rev. S. E. Vang's sermon even though their pastor was quarantined with scarlet fever. The pastor recorded his sermon and sent it to church.

Arrival of Veterans Set at San Francisco

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The USNS Gen. W. H. Gordon, with 1,890 Marine and Navy veterans of Korean action aboard, will arrive here today at 9:30 a.m. PST.

Among the returnees are 1,556 from the First Marine division, 205 from the First Marine Air Wing, and the remaining 129 are Naval medical personnel who were attached to Marine combat units in Korea.

Electric Workers Schedule Strike At PGE Company

Portland — (U.P.) — The AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 123, announced Saturday its membership will strike against the Portland General Electric company in two weeks unless progress is made in contract negotiations.

About 960 electrical workers would be affected.

Will Continue Negotiations

Robert H. Wooden, business agent, said the strike was planned for 8 a.m. Monday, April 14, but the negotiating committee would continue meeting with PGE representatives in an effort to break a stalemate over wages and working conditions.

Linenmen, groundmen, truck drivers, substation and hydro-electric operators and station wiremen employed on the company's properties in Oregon are involved in the negotiations.

PGE properties extend generally in the Willamette valley from Salem to the Portland area.

Wall Street

New York — (U.P.) — Steel shares stole the spotlight on the New York Stock Exchange Saturday with gains ranging to more than a point.

Outside of the steel group, rails also continued their current advance, moving prices in this group to new high ground since April 8, 1951.

Expectations in wall street that there will not be a steel strike bolstered sentiment considerably. The rails met demand on the possibility of an early freight rate hike and sharply higher earnings for most roads for the first two months of 1952.

Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials 269.00, up 2.04; 20 railroads 93.58, up 0.79; 15 utilities 50.11, off 0.14; 65 stocks 102.32, up 0.57.

Sales Saturday totaled 730,000 shares compared with 410,000 traded a week ago.

Marines Reported Nearing Needed Manpower Goals

Washington — (U.P.) — The Marines disclosed Saturday they are making substantial progress toward their goal of building up to three full divisions and three air wings in the near future.

When the Korean war broke out the Marines had two understrength divisions and two air wings. It was decided to build up to three divisions and three wings.

Normally, a Marine division consists of three regiments, each having three battalions with about 1,000 or 1,100 combat troops per battalion.

Since the decision to organize a third division, the Marines said six new Marine battalions have been activated at Camp Pendleton, Cal. Some sources indicated that the remaining three battalions will be activated by the end of June, but not all of the nine units in the new division will be at full strength.

The third Marine air wing has been authorized to start moving to its new home at the Miami, Fla. Marine Corps Air station as space becomes available. Its organization has not developed as rapidly as that of the ground division.

First reports of the organization of a third Marine division brought speculation that the Second division, now at Camp Lejeune, N. C., would be transferred—on paper at least—to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Western European Defense forces. This has not been confirmed.

The first division is fighting with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's United Nations forces in Korea.

The Senate has passed a bill setting a Marine Corps maximum strength limit of 400,000 officers and men, including combat and supply troops and airmen. It also would provide four full strength divisions and four air wings.

BIRTHS

ROONEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward, Jacksonville, March 28, 1952, a boy, 7½ pounds, at Osteopathic hospital.

MATHEUS—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald, 512 South Holly street, March 29, 1952, a boy, 7½ pounds, at Community hospital.

GRAHAM—To Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Shady Cove, March 28, 1952, a boy, 6½ pounds, at Community hospital.

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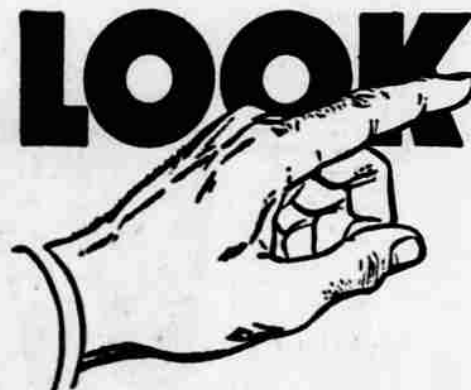


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Astrologer Gives Answer To Criticism of US Women

Hollywood — (U.P.) — English anthropologist Dr. E. J. Dingwell, who said American women are to be dominant in their love life, has his answer Saturday from a Hollywood astrologer.

But it must be confessed, the answer from David Sturgis has more slapstick than logic.

Dr. Dingwell recently asserted that the independence of the American female has made her a constant disciple of the psychiatrist's couch.

On the other side of the ocean, he said, European girls have happier sex lives because they don't try to be dominant over the male.

Conclusions Substantiated

Dr. Dingwell's conclusions were substantiated by a number of screenland notables, including lovely Jane Carter, Dan Dailey and, of course, Italy's Vittorio Gassman and Denmark's Greta Thysen.

Now comes Sturgis with his theory.

Whereas Dingwell, from his

science of man, hints that America is degenerating into a matriarchy, Sturgis says it should be a matriarchy in accordance with its horoscope and the horoscope of the world.

"Adam Rib Capers"

The astrologer predicts the day is coming when the Olympic games will become the "Adam Rib Capers" at which one female wrestler will grapple with, and subdue, 10 male warriors.

"These capers will only be held near hospitals and cemeteries," Sturgis adds grimly.

"The English gentleman must become accustomed to the audacities of the American ladies," Sturgis adds. "They will become bolder as men everywhere become colder, for centuries and centuries. This happened before in the age of Isis, many eons ago."

"It will happen again," Sturgis predicts, "in this age of Margaret Truman, with Missouri spreading feminine independence over the entire earth."

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