

Korea Said To Look Very Much at War Despite Uneasy Peace

Editor's note: Following is the first in a series of three articles on the "uneasy peace" in Korea. Jack Boyer, United Press correspondent in Seoul, writes that a look reveals the dominant role of the military in the country's life.

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Seoul—U.P.—Three years of uneasy peace have left the Republic of Korea looking still very much at war.

Shiny brick shop fronts, crowded store shelves, and booming reconstruction reflect restored confidence in the future and the continued silence of guns along the armistice line.

But a closer look reveals the dominant role of the military and military considerations in the country's foreign relation, economics, politics, and the private lives and livelihood of mil-

lions. The biggest challenge in South Korea's national life is the modernized and—according to most Korean leaders—menacing army of 700,000 men in uniform south of 390 Soviet-built planes in North Korea.

The biggest fact in the southern republic's existence is the necessity, as Korean leaders see it, of maintaining a burdensome force of 700,000 men in uniform south of the truce line.

Fully 70 per cent of South Korea's yearly national government budget of \$271,000,000 goes into defense spending. The resulting effect makes the country look like a giant armed camp.

Atomic Weapons Sought
Jeeps and army trucks are

by far the most common vehicles on the roads. Soldiers, in service and in reserve, are everywhere. Many civilians, old and young, wear cast-off military clothing.

The Americans and other foreign troops have thinned out since the end of the Korean War. The United States maintains two infantry divisions, the British, French, Canadians, New Zealanders, and Thais keep up token forces.

But ROK troops take their places as United Nations forces gradually leave for home.

The Korean armistice has

entered its fourth year with ROK officials demanding that the United States bring in atomic weapons to offset the steady increase in Communist forces in North Korea.

ROK defense officials have said they thought the Korean army could be reduced in strength if modern weapons were introduced. But under the armistice terms, which the UN command says it closely adheres to and the Communists ignore, no new equipment can be brought into Korea.

Jet Air Wing

The UNC, however, is pondering the problem of modernization and has expressed grow-

ing concern over North Korea's continued military build-up.

Weapons and equipment in the hands of ROK and UN forces, although becoming obsolescent, are kept in good combat condition. But the imbalance of air power and fire power in the north and south is tilting more in favor of the Communists with each day, Korean army generals have stressed repeatedly.

But even with the widening gap in the relative strength of the two armies, the ROK fighting force of today is a hefty giant compared to the ill-trained police force the Reds attacked six years ago across the 38th parallel.

The South Korean air force, which in 1950 boasted about 20 light planes, now has a nearly completed wing of F-86 Sabre jets and several hundred propeller-driven aircraft.

Its navy, which before the Korean war was almost non-existent, now has two U. S.-built destroyers, four frigates, and 75 other vessels.

In the second installment to be published tomorrow, Jack Boyer writes that foreign economic assistance funneled into despair-ridden Korea during the last three years has made the country a confident young nation.

Total Assets Show Increase to Bank

Total assets at Rogue Valley State bank, Medford, increased from \$3,060,184.59 on June 30 to \$3,438,716.97 on Sept. 28, according to bank officials.

Deposits during the same period increased from \$2,843,429.91 to \$3,230,413.20, and loans and discounts showed an increase from \$1,024,197.59 on June 30 to \$1,072,417.43 on Sept. 28.

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Committee Organizes To Handle Campaign For W. M. McAllister

Portland—Formation of a "McAllister for Supreme Court committee" was announced here this week. It will handle the campaign of Justice William M. McAllister, who is seeking election to the court in the Nov. 6 election, after being appointed to the court this summer.

Because his appointment came after the ballot printing deadline, it will be necessary for voters to write in the name of McAllister under position No. 1, Oregon supreme court, on the separate judicial ballot.

Only other announced candidate is Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg of Klamath Falls.

McAllister, a native Oregonian, was a member of the Oregon State Bar's board of governors from 1948 to 1951 and was named to the Oregon state board of bar examiners by the supreme court in 1954.

Committee Member
In September 1953, McAllister was appointed by his predecessor, the late Chief Justice Earl Latourette, as a member of a committee to assist the supreme court in formulating rules for the supervision of circuit courts.

Before becoming a justice of the supreme court, McAllister was senior partner in the law

firm of McAllister, Duncan and Brophy in Medford, where he had practiced for 25 years.

McAllister attended elementary school in Portland and graduated from Gresham High school in 1923. He entered Willamette university and was graduated from the law school there in 1928.

In Legislature
He was a member of the Oregon legislature from Jackson county from 1937 to 1944, and served as speaker of the House of Representatives in 1943-44. He was a member of the state senate from Jackson county in 1949-50, following his return from service in the Army, principally as a military government officer in the European theater.

He married the former Jean Middleton of Salem in 1932 and they have two children: a son, Ensign William Middleton McAllister, and a daughter, Kathryn Jean, now attending college.

McAllister is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other organizations of a civic and service nature.

Headquarters for his election committee have been established at 411 Jackson Tower in Portland.

A Nichol's Worth of . . .

Comment On This and That

By HARMON W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — During a campaign year, political cartoonists get away with a lot.

As Rube Goldberg, the old time inventor of steam pipes and gadgets that used to run water uphill, was saying at the kick-off of the Freedom Fair in nearby Arlington, Va.:

"A cartoonist can picture a candidate standing at a bar or fist-fighting on the corner. The candidates' press agent calls you in the morning and says a libel suit is ready to be filed. And then the same afternoon, the candidate will call and say, 'I don't know why you did this to me, but can I please have the original.'"

Promote Bond Sales

About 45 of these cartoonists came to our town to open the "fair," whose main idea is to sell "E" and "H" defense bonds. They fetched along their props, black chalk and drawing boards, and they paid their own way.

Al Capp, who some couple of decades ago created a character known as "Li Abner," was appointed by President Eisenhower as chairman of the cartoon committee.

Fellows like Capp, Gus Edson, Goldberg and the likes of them did a lot to promote the sale of war bonds during the thing known as WW II.

According to the Treasury Department, holdings of "E" and "H" bonds at the moment add up to \$39 billion, owned by 40-million folks, who want to save and get a decent come-back from their investments.

This Freedom Fair thing, with all sorts of military exhibits and hoopla calculated to sell bonds, will run here until Monday.

On the bill are such popular entertainers as Jeanne Crain, Julia Meade, Lou Costello and Bud Abbott and others.

The Treasury Department has at least 10,000 active volunteers

in the current campaign. And that doesn't take in thousands of uncounted bank clerks and executives who encourage depositors to invest a little something in freedom, the American style.

Russians Invited
Gus Edson, the cartoonist, suggested to the committee that it might be a good idea to have some of the boys from the Iron Curtain come over and see how we run an election. Also, to make things even get the Russians to lift the curtain and have some of our drawing folks do the same in the Soviet Union.

Capp, by the way, said that the American drawers would never, never change their scripts to go out of their way to phony up "propaganda cartoons" on the American way of life. "We like that kind of life the way it is, so why polish apples," he said.

Line drawings, running a straight honest trail, all of the funny paper men agreed, are the best way to tell the story.

Cesspool Cleaning Firm Goes to Court Due to Ad
Cologne, Germany—(U.P.)—A famous maker of eau de Cologne today forced a cesspool cleaning firm to stop using its trademark for advertising.

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