

Korean Riots Recall Days of Americans at War

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Blood has been flowing again in the streets of long-suffering Seoul, Korea.



It was Korean blood this time, but only 10 years ago, American blood was flowing there, too, in the free world's first concerted armed action against the Communists.

Names famous in military annals were gaining more luster.

Here, Col. Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller led the U.S. 1st Marines up from Kimpo Airport to help secure the city in bitter street fighting after the American landing at Inchon on Sept. 15, 1950.

Not far from President Syngman Rhee's official Kyung Mu-dae residence in the fashionable western sector of the city, Col. John Michaelis and his headquarters awaited the next on-ward rush of the North Korean and Chinese Communists.

Both Became Generals

Out of the fighting, both Puller and Michaelis were to win their general's stars.

In the ruined capitol building, after the city was secured, memorial services were held. Under the dome, to the accompaniment of a shower of broken glass, Gen. Douglas MacArthur recited the Lord's Prayer.

A stone's throw from the capitol, with steel-blue mountains as a backdrop were the Naja apartments. They had been designed as luxury apartments but in 1950 and 1951, American newsmen were billeted there.

There were no luxuries but they provided a place to sleep away from the front. The most usual sound was the rattle of typewriters or the roar of a jeep in the courtyard.

Many Landmarks

To the south, was the ruined Han River bridge where at one end a U.S. Army tank was sunk into a ruined breastwork. Farther on was Kimpo Airport where the wounded were flown out and still farther on, Muan-ni and Panmunjom where the peace talks were to be held.

All these are among the memories left by the Korean War.

It was fought to help restore to the Koreans a land which had been theirs only a few out of the last 50 years, and to restore freedom recognized by the United Nations as their right.

The United States has been the Republic of Korea's greatest champion. But this week, as anti-government rioting spread through Seoul and other Korean cities, the United States expressed concern to Korea's aged and obstinate Syngman Rhee.

It hoped the government would take into account "basic causes and grievances behind the disorders."

Illness Wins Trip For Salem Boy; Mother Loses Out

Salem - (UPI) - The recent plight of 9-year-old Delmar Gibbons, Salem - who had measles, chicken pox and the mumps all at once - intrigued the producers of the television show "I've Got a Secret" so that they invited him and his mother to go to New York and appear on the program.

Delmar made it all right. He was on the show Wednesday night. But his mother didn't make it. She has the mumps.

Hunt Resumes for Portland Nurse

Lewiston, Idaho - (UPI) - A search resumed today for 24-year-old Alice Burkett, Portland, who was feared to have drowned in the swift Clearwater river.

Miss Burkett was reported missing Tuesday by Mrs. Walter Wilsey, Astoria, Wash., her aunt. Mrs. Wilsey said Miss Burkett, a nurse at Reed College in Portland, had left Kamiah Sunday but failed to arrive at Astoria.

Fears that her small car went into the river were heightened when a piece of chrome was found along the river highway.

Two deputy sheriffs who flew over the area said they saw a place in the road where it appeared a car may have plunged into the river.



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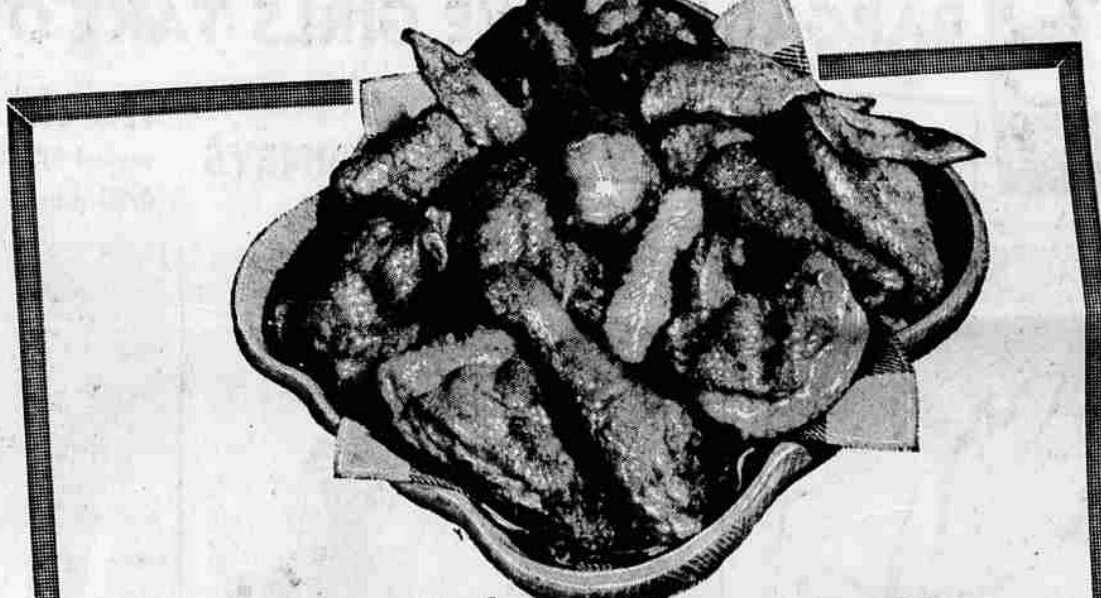
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