

U.S. Hurls "Germ War" Challenge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson has challenged the Communists to submit to impartial investigation their "fantastic charge that the Allies are waging germ warfare in Korea."

In a sharply-worded statement Tuesday, Acheson said: "We have denied this nonsense about germ warfare in Korea before. We would not bother to deny it again were it not for the fact that the Communists are spreading these charges around the world at the same time they are stalling in the truce negotiations."

As in the past, Acheson said, the United States again "welcomes an impartial investigation by an international agency such as the International Committee of the Red Cross."

The secretary said there appears to be a serious plague epidemic in Communist-controlled Korea. But he emphasized that it was due to the Reds' inability to care for the people, not to a "fantastic plot" by the United Nations.

For about two weeks, the germ warfare charges have been played up by propaganda agencies in Moscow and the rest of the Soviet bloc. Accusations are accompanied by details of "evidence" and reports of protest meetings.

The Chinese Communists added a new touch Wednesday. A Peiping radio broadcast said the Allies on Feb. 26 fired shells loaded with cholera and typhus germs into Red lines near Panmunjom, site of the truce talks.

Firing Proves Tax Burden

WASHINGTON (AP) — Firing one government worker is so complicated, says Sen. Johnston (D-S.C.), it costs the taxpayers \$6,000 in paper work.

He told the Senate Tuesday his Civil Service Committee found many other peculiarities in the complicated Civil Service layoff system.

One unidentified agency, he said, ran up a bill of \$150,000 in discharging 25 people. Johnston related these details of the case:

1. The agency spent 4 1/2 months in an attempt to discharge 164 workers. This entailed 1,553 "paper actions."
 2. Only 25 employees of the 164 actually were dropped.
 3. The reshuffling involved was no damaging to morale at least 297 employees quit.
 4. The agency found itself in the "ridiculous" position of having to recruit new employees.
- Johnston said his committee "found in government's personnel structure the loss of thousands of

Sabres Pounce On MIG's, Blast Five; Fighting On Ground Light; Track Cut

By MILO FARNETI
SEOUL, Korea (AP) — American warplanes surprised a flight of Communist MIG-15 jets Wednesday and shot down at least five near the Yalu River.

Lecturer Blasts America For Immorality, Laziness

By WALLACE MYERS
Cameron Ralston whaled the daylights out of Klamath Falls last evening in the rest of America last evening.

Lecturing to a capacity Knite and Fork audience at the Willard Hotel, Ralston administered a sound thrashing but paused frequently to ease the punishment with a sparkling wit.

The noted educator and publicist pictured today as a child spoiled by wealth and growing dangerously immoral and lazy.

Ralston came to America as an immigrant from Scotland at 15 and worked his way from West Virginia's coal mines to the chair of philosophy at Washington and Jefferson College. It is significant of the low sense of values in America today that Ralston is perhaps better known for his work in breaking up the Al Capone regime than for his brilliance as an educator.

Ralston sees America's dire man-hours and millions of dollars each year through duplication of effort, poor utilization of manpower and the use of cumbersome, obsolete and time-consuming procedures.

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ably destroyed. The wild 30-minute morning battle was touched off when 28 F-86 Sabre jets pounced on a flight of 70 MIGs as the Reds came out of their Manchurian sanctuary.

Another MIG crashed behind the Manchurian border without a shot being fired at it.

Two Allied pilots said the plane was stunting when it suddenly went into a light spin and roared to the ground.

Fighting on the battle front continued light, but the Reds stepped up their artillery and mortar fire in some sections Tuesday.

The Communists threw nearly 1,500 rounds at an Allied position north of the punchbowl on the Eastern Front.

The bombardment was near the Red-held hill called "Luke the Cook's Castle," a strong point from which the Reds have been blasting for several weeks.

The Communists also renewed their propaganda leaflet barrage Tuesday.

The U.S. Eighth Army Communiqué reported only light patrols and probes across the front. Temperatures ranged from 13 to 33 degrees (F).

The navy cruiser U.S.S. St. Paul, aided by a spotting plane destroyed at least three bunkers

and damaged eight on the East Coast. Task Force 77 pilots scored 102 cuts in the battered Red rail system. Other claims included 28 small boats, 13 trucks and one locomotive.

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He sees the elementary school teacher as a little thought of moulder of the nation's future; he blames Big Business' "lack of foresight 50 years ago" for the current labor trouble; and he holds our choice of lurid comic strips over good literature as typical of our poisoned minds.

America's huge national debt and its continued deficit spending cause Ralston to shudder in indignation. He cries that all the world's former great powers were finally collapsed under unwise economies.

And he fears it will happen here unless we quickly change our ways.

And he repeatedly charges our "aversion to work" as a principal evil. "Work is the greatest moral builder," he says.

As a remedy for our ills, Ralston prescribed liberal doses of three great writings: 1) The Ten Commandments; 2) The Sermon on the Mount; and 3) the United States Constitution.

In asides as he develops his theme, Ralston praises and damns many things.

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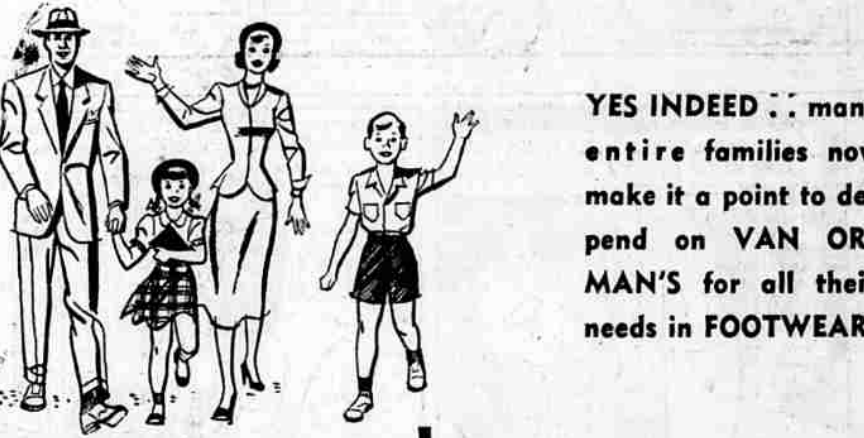
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