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May Be Landmark to Peace

The United States, acting under President Truman's orders, is moving with high courage and great good sense to answer the brazen challenge flung in Korea by the Soviet Union.

This was a moment of grave import for the whole free world. It was a moment that recalled the fatal milestones leading to war in the 1930s—Hitler's march into the German Rhineland, Mussolini's strike against Ethiopia, the Japanese invasion of Manchuria.

Acting with the support and concurrence of the United Nations, Mr. Truman boldly demonstrated that freedom-loving peoples have indeed learned the brutal lessons of the 1930s.

Spineless appeasement of aggressors only emboldens them to strike harder and harder. Each time it is more difficult to halt them, until finally only global conflict can crush their ruthless ambitions. The time to stop an aggressor is the first time, and this we and our friends abroad are clearly resolved to do.

Mr. Truman ordered our navy and air force to the aid of South Korea. Few days later followed elements of our army. He insisted that our military effort be strictly defensive, that there be no attack on the territory of the invading North Koreans. No Russian clamor that this is "American aggression" will likely impress the world.

The United Nations, itself under its greatest test, voted courageously to impose military sanctions against the aggressor. The action is unprecedented, but it is supremely worthy of the UN's purpose to preserve world peace.

In these moves, coupled with our announced intent to protect Formosa, the Philippines and Indo-China with varying degrees of assistance, there is more than the learning of old lessons.

In a brilliant stroke we are showing Asia, Europe and the whole world that the United States means what it says when it speaks for freedom and peace. We are showing that we do not let our friends down in time of need. This demonstration already is having a tonic effect everywhere on the globe.

Moreover, we have vastly improved our strategic situation in the Far East by drawing Formosa back into our defensive network. We have added another fort to our Pacific defense line.

Neither President Truman nor anyone else cognizant of the realities would deny that there is risk of war with Russia in the course we have chosen. No one doubts the Soviet Union ordered North Koreans to attack, since their government is a supine puppet of Moscow's.

But it is the considered judgment of our top military and diplomatic experts that Russia does not want another war, at least not now.

That conviction unquestionably entered into our decision to act firmly, and also to approach Russia directly in an appeal to her leaders to call off the Korean offensive.

But even had we fallen the chance of war was greater, we still would have had to make this gamble. For war is not halted by encouraging an aggressor. It can only be prevented by the concerted demonstration of peace-loving peoples that aggression cannot succeed.

Our decision is historic. It may prove to be one of the great landmarks in the cause of world peace.

War, tornadoes, floods—the big news over the weekend. Holt county appeared to be comfortably removed from all of them.

Vital Statistics



Prairieland Talk —

Does Little Korea, Country of Orientals, Sway Destiny of Mankind?

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — Is this the start of another blood letting to envelop the hemispheres of earth? Is little Korea, not much bigger than Nebraska, to set the world aflame with another global baptism of fire?

Bugles call marching armies to the slaughter. They say the success of communist forces in Korea means the death knell to liber t y e v e r y w h e r e .

So? Does that little country of Orientals sway the destiny of mankind? If so it is time we re-sign the role of world leader ship, call our armies home and stay forever out of the turmoil of nations, tribes and peoples.

If Korea sees red is that their business or ours? "They say" — who are they? Well meaning editorial writers, statesmen presumably guarding our American heritage, military leaders.

When will the fathers and mothers, the sons and daughters who pour out the blood and

treasure when the drumbeats sound the call to another tragedy have their say?

Calling up memories of the long ago, a friend in a distant state who as a youth was in and about Atkinson more or less, has a kind word now and then for the pioneers. To be sure not all pioneers are remembered kindly. But none stood higher in community favor than those my friend recalls.

He says: "Well do I remember the Sturdevants. Brantley wore a gorgeous pair of sideburns. I can see him now parading with the Atkinson band, with a helican tuba around his neck. Joe and Charley were fine fellows too."

And there comes trooping out of memory's treasured store of youth's bright days another picture:

"You mention trips to Dry creek," writes my friend. "What cost-free fun we used to have. It was the discovery of the little out-of-the-way things in nature that lured us to stream or hill or the creatures usually to be found there."

The mystic chords of memory reaching over the trail we have come, so we live again the happy days of yore and also hear the mighty thunderings of things that made us afraid.

"I find competence low, and growing lower, in the affairs of all mankind, and that includes us." Warning words heard by the graduating class of Washington university in St. Louis, Mo. Striving now among all classes is not to excel at your job but for less work and more pay.

An official representative from the United Nations setup, himself a native of old Lebanon, has been telling some things to summer students at the state university. What he has said about our handouts to overseas people should sink in with the Washington spendthrifts. Our money is not needed, he says, and is not wanted. United States representatives can help much in agriculture, trades, sanitation and organization of education in various lines, he lets us know, but keep your dollars.

This matter is by decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the best of men. — Daniel 4:17.



Romaine Saunders

Ants are legging it about. Other insects are on the go. A mosquito whispered in my ear while I worked in the garden this morning. A black, shining bug poised for a moment on the gold tinted lettuce leaf of a bunch I had gathered for the morning vitamins and was gone.

Of all the insects the ant is the most amazing, some large, some medium and some no bigger than a pin point. For industry, organization, sagacity and community spirit the little red ants are something of a marvel.

A scout strikes out on the hunt, comes upon a morsel, maybe a crumb, a grain of sugar or a fallen mate. It hurries away and presently returns with a retinue of other ants. If it

either feast or labor the whole community is in on it. They do a lot of things — have gardens, harvest grain, store up food, milk cows, the cows being plant lice from which the ants extract juices.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise, was the advise of wise Old Solomon.

The habits of these lowly little insects teach us lessons of thrift and cooperative endeavor. It was Cowper who said, I would not enter on my list of friends, though graced with polished manners and fine sense yet wanting sensibility, the man who needless sets his foot upon a worm.

Maybe this includes ants.

Nimrod is dead. Born in slav-

ery he was 21-years-old when the proclamation of President Lincoln forever wiped out American slavery. He was known as Charley Ross and died the other day at his home in Lincoln's negro quarter at the age of 106. He claimed that his mother attained the age of 125. Among those of his race Charley was a leader, a clean, up-standing Christian gentleman. A gent with a mental slant that liked to pry into other's affairs asked a lawyer who had drawn up the will of a rich dead citizen, if he objected to telling him how much the dead man left. "Not at all," replied the lawyer. "He left all he had." I didn't know Charley left an estate. But he has left to his children, to his associates in his church and the community that

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"In MY day, money went further!"

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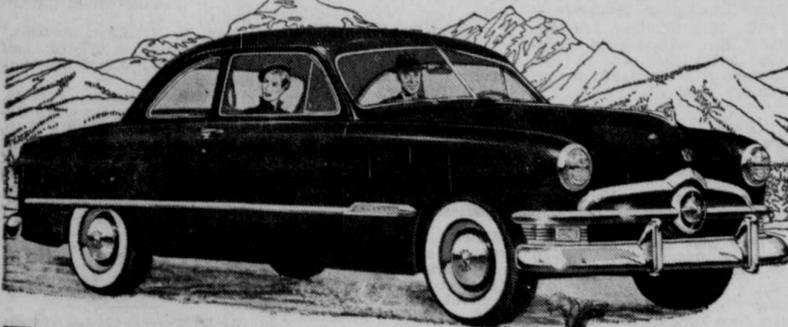
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