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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Gentle blood will gentle manners breed.
—Edmund Spenser

EDITORIALS

KOREAN BATTLE DEPENDS ON RESERVES

IT HAS BEEN difficult for Americans to keep up with the fighting in Korea or to understand, from press dispatches, the real nature of the struggle that goes on in that country.

We know that, against heavy odds, American fighting men have staged a successful delaying battle, giving space and often lives to gain time for reinforcements to arrive. Most of these came in through the port of Pusan, which has facilities to handle an army much larger than the American contingent in Korea.

To hold Pusan and a reasonable area of maneuver has been the objective of the defenders. While the fighting is not over, our leaders seem to think that we will be able to keep control of Pusan and adjacent area until sufficient forces are accumulated for a counter-offensive.

When the United Nations force will be strong enough for a real offensive is anybody's guess. Manpower is what is needed, together with an ever-increasing accumulation of supplies and weapons. Most observers believe that it will be spring, at least, before a major counterattack can be launched.

The fighting in Korea has demonstrated the necessity for ground troops. Bombing and artillery fire have done much to slow down the enemy but the only way to handle the guerillas that infiltrate through the lines is by foot soldiers, shooting carbines and hurling grenades.

The battle in Korea continues to rage, with the final outcome depending upon the reserves that can be thrown into the battle by both sides. Presumably, additional troops are on the way to Korea from the United States but it should not be overlooked that replacements and reinforcements are also flowing to the North Korean army.

The continued reinforcement of the Communist army has been a discouraging development. For a while, it was presumed that the North Koreans had committed their full strength in the campaign. Intelligence officers now know that three additional divisions have been brought in to the line and see no evidence that the enemy's manpower is subsiding.

NOT IN DANGER

NEARLY every speaker, who advocates the importance of some special activity, inevitably ties the enterprise into the peace of the world and most of them suggest that unless what they advocate is promptly done, our civilization will be obliterated.

This is, of course, utter nonsense. Without any intention of disparaging Mr. David Lubbock, of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, we call attention to his recent statement that one-quarter of the money spent on military defense could raise the standard of living in under-developed countries considerably. He adds, in line with our observation, that the "success or failure to improve the supply and distribution of the essentials of living . . . throughout the world means the survival or obliteration of our civilization and of us."

This is a typical sample of the reasoning to which we refer. Certainly, in the past few hundred years, the failure of the Western nations to equally divide their substance with the lesser peoples of the earth has not tended to their obliteration or the destruction of their civilization.

The truth of the matter is that the Western nations, in undertaking many measures for the benefit of less fortunate

Furse's Fresh Flashes

In its simplest form, group medicine is where 35 kind relatives and friends pitch in with a cure apiece for your cold.

The narrow roads where two cars could barely pass without touching each other are being replaced by splendid wide highways on which six or eight cars can collide at once.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tells us she learned to sing those throaty, sensational songs at her mother's knee and a couple of other joints.

There still are people so busy falling for everything that they don't have time to stand for much.

Our planning consists of putting off until tomorrow that which we have no intention of doing today.

Any time you feel indispensable, take a walk through the local cemetery and read the headstones — those boys were pretty hot stuff, too.

Vacation is that certain something that by the time you finish paying for you need another.

A local Miss tells us that learning to play golf wouldn't be so hard. All you have to do is smack the pill and then walk — just like some auto rides she's been on.

Up at our house it's temper when it's me and only nerves when it's her.

peoples, are acting from the urgings of their religious consciences, which, in themselves, are a product of Western civilization. To ascribe to this generous attempt to share some of nature's blessings, a baser motive, such as the purchase of their own survival, is to underestimate the goodness of the product of Western civilization.

We are perfectly willing for the United States, in common with other highly developed nations, to make some contribution to the wellbeing and development of the under-developed areas and backward peoples of the globe. Nevertheless, we subscribe to no doctrine that intimates that our generosity is due to a fear that the lesser people will combine against the white race.

If we believed that the only way to prevent such an unfortunate occurrence is to be found through the purchase of the favor of lesser peoples, we would be against any present generosity and in favor of letting the backward areas and their massed millions meet their own problems and fight their own battles.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

10 YEARS AGO . . .
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sattler, Jr., departed on a motor trip to New York City, taking in the World's Fair and visiting other places of interest . . . Business men of Murdock staged a watermelon feed for all visitors . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toppliff entertained at their country home honoring Forest Leonard and family who were leaving to make their home at Boulder, Colorado . . . John F. Moore, who served nine years as cashier and assistant at the local Burlington station, retired after 32 years of active service with the railroad in many capacities of office work. The Moores left for New Jersey to visit a daughter . . . Cleda Marie Koukal and Warren F. Wheeler were married at St. John's Catholic church. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sikora.

20 YEARS AGO . . .
W. T. Distell, superintendent of local BREX returned from attending the American Legion convention at North Platte . . . Missouri Pacific passenger station at Nebraska City was visited by robbers who got away with \$15 . . . August 30th was the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the CB&Q railroad bridge at this place; C. E. Wescott's Sons store window displayed pictures showing bridge in process of construction and completion, and other interesting data in connection therewith.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:
TOO MUCH MILITARY ENCROACHMENT ON CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT; TRUMAN BELIEVES GENERALS SHOULD WIN WARS, NOT DECLARE THEM; AIR COLLEGE AT MAXWELL FIELD PREACHES PREVENTIVE WAR.

WASHINGTON—Inside fact about the White House crackdown on Secretary of the Navy Matthews and General MacArthur is that the administration had been waiting for a chance to knock down the

MOSCOW, PLEASE TAKE NOTE



increasing eagerness of the military to encroach on the civilian branches of government.

A lot of things have been going on which the public doesn't know about, all pointing toward more and more military rule. One was the quiet attempt by Secretary of Defense Johnson to keep Guam under the military when it was supposed to go under a civilian governor July 1. Another is the navy's attempt to hold on to the "trust islands" of the Pacific. Another has been General MacArthur's repeated attempts to dictate foreign policy.

Another flagrant intervention of the military into foreign policy was when eleven generals secretly went up to congress and urged a \$100,000,000 loan to Dictator Franco of Spain — despite the fact that their commander-in-chief in the White House had ruled against such a loan.

President Truman was icy cool with his secretary of defense when he heard of this. Unsmiling, he turned to Louey Johnson in cabinet meeting and snapped: "And I don't want any more trips by you or your generals to congress regarding a loan to Franco."

GENERALS WANT WAR

The two public crackdowns were aimed directly at MacArthur, and indirectly at Johnson through his secretary of the navy. Actually, Secretary Matthews is a sincere, idealistic, joshable person, the top lay Catholic in the United States, and neither the state department nor the White House wanted to hit him personally.

However, the statement by a cabinet officer in favor of a preventive war, it was decided, had to be disavowed publicly. For it played directly into the hands of European propagandists, already partly successful in branding us as warmongers.

Another reason for the crack-down was that General Orvil Anderson, commander of the air

war college, at Maxwell air base, Montgomery, Ala., has been staging a series of lectures in which a preventive war is urged openly.

One of the distinguished speakers at the air war college has been Father Edmund Walsh of Georgetown University, a friend of Secretary Matthews, who voiced almost the same preventive war idea as Matthews.

Another earlier speaker at the air college was Brig. Gen. S. D. Grubbs, former commander at Maxwell, who, in an address before a civilian group in Montgomery during the Berlin blockade, urged an ultimatum to Russia that if the blockade was not lifted in 36 hours, we should declare war.

General Maxwell himself, speaking some time ago before the Kiwanis club at Montgomery, indicated that he favored immediate war with Russia; and there has been concrete evidence that the general follows a deliberate program at the air college aimed to indoctrinate students with the idea of an immediate attack.

All these matters have been reported to the White House from time to time; and as a result President Truman is determined that the original concept of military duty laid down by the founding fathers shall be followed, namely that it is the military's job to win wars, not declare them.

Note 1—If the United States followed the advice of the generals in favor of an early war, it would appear—based on results in Korea—that the military are a long way from being prepared.

Note 2—A group of farsighted senators, led by Brian McMahon of Connecticut, have introduced a resolution calling for a disarmament conference to show the world that we would reduce armament if Russia would do the same. While they have no great illusions that Russia would reduce, they feel it important to

keep his peaceful goal before the world.

CAPITAL NEWS CAPSULES

Lecture in London—U. S. Ambassador Douglas has bawled out the British for talking rearmament but doing nothing. Last week he told Foreign Minister Bevin in very plain English that the United States was shocked at failure to call parliament back into session. The ambassador also told Bevin that Britain's current plan for rearmament is completely inadequate; that whereas the United States is calling up thousands of men, Britain is merely marking time.

Bevin's last conference—British Foreign Minister Bevin has called Secretary Acheson asking a full review of Anglo-American policies for the Far East when Bevin comes to New York next month. This will be Bevin's last major conference as foreign minister of Great Britain. Among other things, he will try to persuade the United States not to become embroiled with Chiang Kai-Shek and the Kuomintang any further. The reason: Communist China and the Kremlin are making tragic headway in calling this a war between the yellow races and the white race. Bevin fears we'll lose out all over Asia.

Warning Nehru—U. S. Ambassador Loy Henderson has warned Prime Minister Nehru that he should call off his proposed trip to Communist China. Peace-making efforts in Korea, our ambassador told the prime minister, should be left to the United Nations. If Nehru feels he wants to contribute, Henderson said, he should fly to Lake Success to head the Indian delegation.

Meanwhile the Kremlin is secretly currying favor with Nehru by offering large quantities of wheat to India's starving millions. The state department, on the other hand, hasn't been able to get congress to permit us to ship agricultural surpluses to India.

Loyalty begins at home — Hard-hitting Tony Tauriello, the congressman from Buffalo, N. Y., has made a unique appeal to Louey Johnson to resign as secretary of defense. Tauriello puts it on the ground of loyalty. "The chief executive is loyal to his friends, loyal to his cabinet officers, sometimes loyal to a fault," the congressman wrote Johnson direct. "You should resign because you have lost your usefulness to him and you have lost your usefulness to the American people. Remember that loyalty works both ways. And if you are loyal to Mr. Truman in the true sense, you will act in his interest, not your own."

Basing Point row again — Senator Ed Johnson of Colorado and a sub-committee are trying to overrule a supreme court decision and a presidential veto—in a most unusual way. Both the court and the White House ruled emphatically against the Basing-Point system. But now five senators, all violently progressive in their politics, are giving a third-degree interrogation to the federal trade commission, which must enforce the Basing-Point decision. Coaching the senators backstage is William Simon, a registered lobbyist for the Basing-Point business group.

Too Much Heckling — Richard W. St. Louis (Up)—Richard W. Malik charged in a cross-suit for divorce that his wife sometimes served him coffee in his lap. Malik said she also put salt in his coffee, heckled him, and hid his razor and spectacles.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

WITH THE EXCEPTION of two plans, Nos. 12 and 17, the Hoover commission for the reorganization of the executive branch of the government has endorsed all of the 21 reorganization plans sent to the congress by President Truman.

These two include the controversial No. 12 which would have abolished the office of general counsel in the national labor relations board as set up by the Taft-Hartley act and plan 17 which shifts from general services administration to the housing and home finance agency the administration of aid to the state and local governments in advance planning of public works. This latter plan was unopposed but was not specifically recommended in the commission's reports.

Only one cabinet member or agency head in the administration opposed any of the President's plans. That one was Secretary of Treasury John Snyder who voiced his opposition to bringing the semi-independent comptroller of the currency under treasury department control.

However, private and pressure groups have opposed 11 of the 21 plans and bills to veto these plans have been the subject of committee hearings and, as a matter of fact, as this is written somewhat in advance of the deadline on May 24, one or two already appear on the skirts by the action of one or both branches of the congress.

Seven plans turned up significant controversy. One, No. 4, would centralize authority in the agriculture department, mostly in the hands of the secretary and an assistant secretary. This was opposed by certain farm organizations and was disapproved May 9 by a senate committee.

No. 5 proposed a shift in administration of the patent office and brought criticism from manufacturers and patent attorneys; No. 6 was passed on by a house committee and would give the secretary of labor control of all the semi-independent department functions. Some manufacturers and business men say it gives the secretary of labor an "imbalance" of power.

One Dog Exempt

BOSTON (UP)—Teddy, a 12-year-old mongrel, lives in an apartment house where dogs are barred. In the lease signed by Teddy's owners, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dougherty, a clause was inserted for his benefit. It states that all dogs are barred from the building "except Teddy."

Discovery Belated

BOULDER, Colo. (UP)—Mrs. Elsie Hohl has had her 31-year-old marriage annulled. District Judge George H. Bracht signed a decree ending the second marriage of Mrs. Hohl when she said she had just discovered that her first husband, Samuel Covey, was still alive. She had married Hohl 31 years ago, thinking Covey was dead.

A senate committee approved a veto of plan No. 7 with reference to the interstate commerce commission, but approved identical reorganizations of the federal trade commission, federal power commission and the federal communications commission. The President's bill would vest authority in these commissions in the chairman of the commission. As now constituted, each member has the same authority. The house committee disagreed with the senate when it turned down a veto of plan No. 7 on ICC.

Senate and house also disagreed on the plan No. 12, with the senate committee voting for a veto and the house committee turning down a veto vote. This is the measure abolishing the office of general counsel in NLRB.

Postal employees are objecting to a shift in operation of some federal buildings from the postoffice department to the general services administration under plan No. 18. These employees say they would be forced to change bosses and would stand a chance of losing some of their seniority in their civil service classification.

The plan to put the independent maritime commission, No. 21, into the commerce department is opposed by the shipbuilders and transportation groups which have virtually run that commission for many years.

The senate and house are scheduled to put aside any pending legislation, since if they do not veto the plans by adverse vote they automatically go into effect on the deadline date.

Putting into effect these plans faces the same kind of opposition any economy moves meet with in congress. Every one says the objectives, namely to cut costs and increase efficiency in government, are worthwhile objectives, the difference being in whose ox is gored. Only recently a senate committee by a 9 to 0 vote sought to scuttle the administrative plans of Postmaster General Donaldson, who, in a move to reduce costs, ordered a reduction in mail delivery service by eliminating one afternoon residence delivery.

Highway Not Much Use

PACLI, Ind. (UP)—Motorists who have occasion to travel Ind. 337 often say the state might as well close the road permanently; it's blocked most of the time anyhow. The route has been closed to traffic since early January because of flood water. Back in 1945, it was closed for 91 days in a row for the same reason.

Won't You—Sit Down?

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—One Memphis commuter believes in being prepared. He got on a crowded bus, surveyed the filled seats and parked himself in a chair he carried aboard.

Eighty-eight per cent of the national income goes to persons receiving less than \$5,000 a year, according to studies by Notre Dame University.

Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

1 At that time

5 To a great distance

9 Mulberry

12 Regulation

13 Narrow woven band

14 Instrumental

15 Adult insect

17 Restraints

19 Syllable added to a word

21 Projecting part of a building

22 Emmets

24 Sacred Hindu word

25 Near the stern

26 Garland

27 Curious

28 Continuation

31 Part of a circle

32 Prefix, not negative

33 In so far as

35 Artificial language

36 . . . Hale

38 Vase

39 . . . Fawkes

40 Article

41 Swift

42 First man

44 Shiver

46 Ancient weapon

48 Was mistaken

51 Malt beverage

52 Girl's name

54 Weblike membrane

55 Encore!

56 Regulates the pitch of

57 Ardu

VERTICAL

1 Prefix; three

2 Indistinct murmur

3 Buoyant

4 Warm sherry beverage

5 Near

6 Daughter of Mohammed

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- 7 Highest point
- 8 To soak
- 9 Expert
- 10 Mongrel
- 11 Stockings
- 15 About
- 18 Hill
- 20 Source
- 22 Winklike
- 23 Roman emperor
- 25 Soon
- 27 Wharf
- 28 Worthless
- 29 Possessive pronoun
- 30 To raze
- 34 Angry dispute
- 36 Without feeling
- 37 Scarcely
- 38 Outburst
- 41 One's strong point
- 43 King of Israel
- 43 Surrealist painter
- 44 Loyal
- 45 Pronoun
- 47 Large deer
- 49 High note
- 50 Man's nickname
- 53 You and me

Answer to LAST WEEK'S Puzzle

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