

Use the Atom Bomb If We Must ...

Several days ago, we speculated as to how public opinion would view the use of the atom bomb to bring a quick end to the Korean war...

The specific question asked was "what is your opinion about our using the atom bomb if the United States gets into another world war..."

The moral issues have apparently been overcome by the universal belief that Russia has atom bombs...

...and that she would not hesitate to use them against us. This trend is also shown in the 5 to 1 vote in favor of starting work on the hydrogen bomb.

It is interesting to note that one scientist has calculated that 500 tons of heavy hydrogen exploded in the form of hydrogen bombs would create enough radioactive carbon in the atmosphere to destroy all life on earth...

Capitol Hill Has Its Money Problems ...

Congressional mailbags are bulging with letters from the aroused public. Senator Bridges, (R-NS), said his mail shows "the people are mad—they want to know where our defense money has gone."

Chairman Vinson, (D-Ga.), of the House Armed Services Committee, recently made public a letter that he received from Secretary of Defense Johnson in which the \$48 billion spent in the last four years is accounted for on a yearly average basis.

Johnson said that 41 per cent of the armed forces money was spent for pay, food, and clothing. About 25 per cent was spent on maintenance of existing equipment and installations.

Research and development received \$500 million per year, and the remaining \$1,250,000,000 was divided among the National Guard, Reserve, classified projects, retirement pay, military public works, and other costs.

These allocations were apparently made on a long range basis, but the Korean war forced us to put an army in the field with existing equipment. This deficiency in procurement, according to Johnson, will be made up as quickly as possible.

Republicans want to know what happened to the money the Democrats spent. But the money is gone, and we'll need more for the present war effort.

Another Country Scores Over Monarchy ...

The abdication of King Leopold III ended rioting and threats of civil war in Belgium. Anti-Leopoldists scored a major victory when the monarch agreed to convey his remaining powers to his son, Baudouin, when he becomes 21 on Sept. 7, 1951.

The Anti-Leopoldists are composed of Communists, and Socialist-led members of the Belgian trade union federation. Extremists demanded nothing less than complete abdication and immediate exile.

Leopold has been criticised for his premature surrender to the Wehrmacht in 1940. This Belgian awakening indicates that a profound change is under way.

The self-styled representatives of divinity with absolute power seem to be on the way out. We hope, however, that the change will be an orderly one based on the will of the people, rather than an opportunity for the local extremists to gain power through violence.

In Passing ...

It is known that Iran is high in the list of places where the Kremlin will increase pressure. An outright invasion is not expected in the immediate future...

Russian troops in Iran would probably lead to full scale retaliation by the United States, and Russian leaders apparently do not want to run this risk until their own atomic weapons stockpile has reduced our advantage in this respect.

The strategic importance of this state is that it is the only thing between Russia and one third of the world's known oil reserves.

One hundred, two or three hundred years from now, when future generations start collecting antiques which are representative of the prohibition era just passed, no table or buffet will be considered genuine without the tell-tale rings left by long-since-broken cocktail glasses.

Advertising Man to manufacturer of hair restorer: "Now we won't resort to anything so crude as a guarantee to the user of your product. We'll merely enclose a comb and brush with each bottle."

An economist says 11.4% of all the employed people in the land work for the government. The learned gentleman underestimates. The correct figure is 100%.

A life in the hereafter may be all to the okay for some of the gentry, but we look forward to a dull time if it's anything like the description we've read.

If you can't win make the fellow ahead break the record.

If the warriors get to matching "H" against "H" and "A" against "A" in a bomb-dropping derby, all that will be left of "U" is "O!"

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STUMPING THE EXPERTS



Interpreting the News ...

War Will Keep Red China from UN Seat

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Soviet Russia's return to the United Nations council table seems to have assured that communist China will not be admitted to membership while other communists make aggressive war.

The Russians also have added one and perhaps two serious blunders to their long list. They reversed themselves on the boycott of the U. N. which had lasted for seven months, gambling a serious loss of face against the opportunity to make an appeal to anti-western sentiment in Asia.

These tactics, he let them know that he considered them fools, and it may cost Russia dearly.

Nehru Perception Slow Nehru of India, for instance, is no man to be fooled by such mouthings. Nehru is a type of socialist who may not yet perceive clearly the complete breakaway of communist imperialism from socialism.

He knows who started the Korean war, who provided the North Koreans with the weapons, and who directs both the military and political tactics of the campaign. India saw the admission of communist China to the U. N. as a means of getting down to a negotiated peace. If Malik had come forward with the least reasonable offer of peace he would have remained on solid ground with Nehru.

European Defense Set at 'X' Months

Paris, Aug. 3.—(AP)—America's leaders have no hope of defending western Europe from a Russian attack if it comes tomorrow.

But in "X" months—there's a top secret label on the value of "X"—they believe Britain and France can be so strengthened morally and militarily that they could lead a successful stand.

argued to the Europeans at North Atlantic pact meetings in London and in man-to-man conferences with officials throughout western Europe. The Americans make no effort to hide it, though they fight shy of putting their names to it publicly.

The Communist attack in Korea and its success have put the razor edge on American awareness of how helpless Europe would be in the face of a full Russian assault. Before, this was understood in a dull and distant way, if at all.

Official Notice

VETERANS

All veteran students who are attending school under the GI Bill are reminded that they should carefully check their remaining eligibility in order that they will know how far into the succeeding semesters they may receive benefits under the Law.

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Potent 45-ton Pershing Tanks Join Allied 'Do-or-Die' Forces

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tokyo, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Powerfully armed U.S. Marines and Army reinforcements rolled out with 45-ton Pershing tanks today to join the chips-down battle for the Allied defense box in Southeast Korea.

They went forward to brace new lines already set for the climactic Allied hold-on somewhere along the winding Nakdong River.

Allied forces in some areas had pulled back as much as 18 miles in three days to make their stand on shortened fronts.

But in the hills northeast of Chinju the U.S. 24th Division blocked a North Korean Red push toward the plains leading to Pusan, main U.S. seaport on the Southeast coastal tip. The Reds were about 40 miles from the supply port.

Yongdok Regained

On the East Coast, South Koreans regained shell-flattened Yongdok under a new Allied Naval barrage cover. They drove the Communists three miles to the north of the city. The barrage continued Thursday with eight-inch cruiser guns hammering the Reds.

The American retreat in the West and the Korean Republican withdrawal in the north—west of Yongdok—was reported orderly. The Northern Reds apparently were surprised by the withdrawals. The meandering Nakdong River offers the Allies what may be the best natural barrier they have had up to now in the unequal Korean war.

British Bombardment

An aerial spotter reported a two-hour bombardment by two British destroyers—"operating under extreme navigational hazards"—set a large fire in an oil storage area and hit warehouses, a factory rail

road sidings and dock installations at Mokpo.

The Far East Naval summary said Mokpo "could be a vital staging point for the North Koreans in close-in water resupply operations along the west and south coasts."

A hydroelectric plant at Mokpo was the target of rocket-firing Mustangs.

Airmen generally reported they had difficulty finding targets along the Korean roads. Two days ago the Communists pushed their tanks and supplies down highways in daylight.

Targets Scarce

American and Australian pilots shot some of them to bits. Such targets were scarce Thursday under terrific pounding and strafing.

Pressure on South Korean troops in the North Central sectors had eased noticeably Thursday. Only minor engagements were fought in the Andong-Yechon-Hamchang area.

General MacArthur's headquarters said the Korean Republicans had been supplied with more artillery and were waiting for the signal to kick off on a general attack.

Neutral Burma May Be Involved in War

Rangoon.—(AP)—The Burmese will find themselves on a limb should Korea develop into a third world war.

They would like to be neutral as long as they can, but fear that neutrality will not be tolerated, least of all by Red China. And they believe if they sided with the Communists, even morally, they will feel the weight of Allied might.

While the Burmese government is silent on the Korean issue, old-time politicians are counselling the country to sit on the fence until it can join the winning side. But the government, aware that no fence sitting will be tolerated by either combatants of the future, is discussing likely repercussions if another world conflict breaks.

India Dismisses Burma

A well-informed source said India's support of positive American and United Nations' action in Korea dismayed the Burmese government. Burmese policy generally is to follow closely in India's footsteps, but this time there must be hesitation because Burma must watch out for Red China.

This is how the Burmese are making their calculation should there be war, according to the source.

A declaration of neutrality will automatically concert Burma into a battlefield with India and China fighting for strategic bases. Allied bombing would flatten a countryside barely recovering from the last war and two years of internal strife.

Burma becomes a battlefield anyway because whichever side establishes bases here will be challenged by the other.

The Burmese army is equipped with weapons mainly of British manufacture. If Burma votes for the Reds, the British will stop supplies of arms and ammunition. Pretty soon the Burmese will have the arms but no ammunition.

Rightly or wrongly the Burmese believe the Anglo-Americans, with a Burma hostile to them, will recognize the Karen rebel group and arm them to fight the Burmese, if they go Red. This would relieve Britain of tying down unnecessarily forces in this country.

The Burmese must export their rice or be killed economically.

All her markets are within the Anglo-American bloc.

The source said that Burma, with Red China practically on her back door step, cannot afford to antagonize Peking at this particular time. He said the government knows it cannot stop the Reds militarily if they chose to walk in because Burma has a relatively small army.

Moreover, the Chinese Communists already have a potentially strong fifth column inside the country. There are the Red Flag (Trotskyite) Communists led by Thakin Soe and the White Flag (Stalinist) group by Thakin Than Tun.

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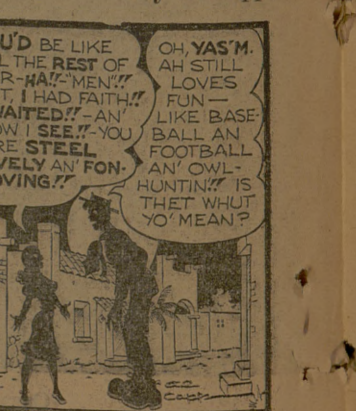
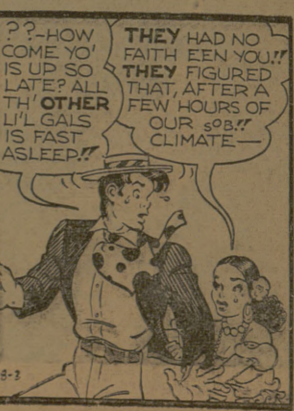
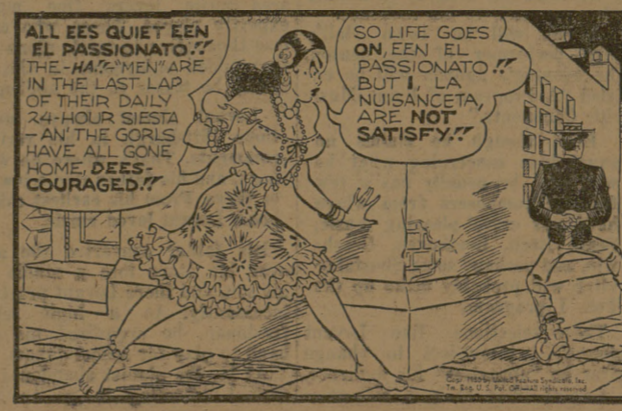
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