

## A Choice, A New Freedom

ONE OF THE BEST cases of indirect denunciation of the present United Nations policy on aggression appeared in the Profile magazine of the University of Cincinnati about a year ago.

While The Battalion does not concur entirely with the views expressed they do constitute a reasonable facsimile of the thinking of a large segment of the American populace even today. We quote:

Remember, back in 1946, during the American-Russian occupation of Korea, it was quite obvious to our men that the Russians were up to no good. To any of the American soldiers who had to ride through Russian occupied territory in old, beat-up "six-bys;" who saw the row on row of lend-lease trucks stretching away to the dull brown hills of the "Land of the Morning Calm," the shipping-paper still stuck to their new windshields; who awoke at two in the morning to the tune of Russian tanks rumbling past their outposts; who played chess with the Russians, drank with the Russians, had "border incidents" with the Russians, it was pretty plain that something was brewing. Many of those G.I.s who did outpost duty on the thirty-eighth parallel in those days of uneasy peace still remember the hoarse cries of panicked men, the clutching at rifles, the environment of days among the barren hills and rice paddies when some drunken soldier bellowed "The Russians are coming" in his besotted frenzy during the dark, silent hours of the morning, before the scrawny Korean chickens began to crow.

And many of the G.I.s who came back from that disease-ridden country, where the fields reek with night-soil in the spring; where fierce North Korean Communists raided villages, locking up the police in their own jails; where the whining anopheles mosquito took a ten-percent toll of a man's outfit; and where the Japanese had left their indelible mark upon a people, will remember that they said, "That is where it's going to start!" to their friends and relatives, who pooh-poohed them, optimistically watched the new, hopeful UN making its fitful, idealistic start in this country.

"You walked out on the League of Nations, that's why it didn't succeed." We have heard that old wheeze for thirty years or more, and mostly from the very nations that really undermined the organization. "It's all your fault," they said, "you were the missing prop that made the great experiment flop." This time, at the close of the Second World War, we determined that we would show them that we had the right spirit of idealism; we would show them that we would

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Jersey City Journal: "Woman wanted as housekeeper; no clothing."

Cottage Grove (Ore.) Sentimental: "Lost —Black pocketbook with old 1st Nat'l. Bank on it."

Report of a cloudburst at Rawlins, Wyo., as carried by the United Press: "Most residents battled the waters without the aid of fire and police departments and damage was slight."

not only join a world organization, but that we would sponsor one; and so the UN was born, in that characteristic American "all out" vigor.

In the background, a few small voices cried, "Beware of foreign entanglements," and "Don't forget what Monroe said;" but they were soon labeled "Isolationists," and drowned out amidst the generally enthusiastic shouts of "Peace! Peace! The world has learned its lesson, and will have peace! Man has at last seen the benefits to be derived from living at peace with his fellow-man.. The brotherhood of man! That's the thing. The brotherhood of man!"

Somewhere a group of men sat and planned the undermining of the UN, hidden by the rest of the world's hysterical shouts of joy. The group of tasteful buildings at Geneva were empty and useless, it remained only for another group of buildings to be erected and subsequently to be rendered ineffectual.

Now we have entangled ourselves thoroughly in the tentacles of international intrigue. We are shown, with daily increasing emphasis, that a nation will not give up its sovereignty for the sake of another. Here is the crux of the matter. Will Britain stop her trade with a nation and take up arms against it for the sake of the general welfare of the world? Will France send troops to fight in a land where she has no territorial interests? Will Holland stop trading and fight with a nation to which she sends her industrial products?

Certainly. Certainly the member-states of the UN will join in concerted military action . . . on paper; but when the time comes to act, to fight, will England send more than a token force? Will France send more than a two-ship task force? Will Holland send more than a hospital corps unit? We don't know if any other nation in the world is so full of naive optimism as we are; but we still have hopes, although they are not so naive as they used to be. Day by day, like Swift's Gulliver, we are being divested of our open faith in human nature, until, and this must be our only saving feature: we do not trust any one, and proceed with the utmost caution in international affairs, being careful to consider our welfare alone, above all else; become almost wholly, if not totally, selfish in the interest of saving our own skins.

No, we are not "Isolationist," we only want to know how long the United States is going to handcuff itself to a debating-society, composed of weak-kneed, appeasement-minded bankrupts. There is a choice; either we abandon the United Nations and strike out on our own, or we take an autocratic lead in that organization until such time as it learns to act together toward a purpose to commensurate with its name.

In either case, it is obvious, from where we sit, that America must again engage in an all-out war. As long as there are men who are willing to sacrifice other men's lives on the altar of their ambitions, we shall be forced to fight; but must have freedom to battle for our way of life. There were once four freedoms—there is now a fifth: the FREEDOM TO FIGHT.

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**Editors, The Battalion:**  
The civic mindedness of College Station might well be considered one of the most amazing social phenomena of all time.

As we make plans to send part of our children to school in shifts, we question our ability to finance adequate school facilities for all of them.

Yet, in this same disaster area, we consider voting in our next municipal election as to whether we should authorize a tax increase of ten cents per hundred dollars of assessed property valuation to support a municipally conducted recreation program.

Are we so highly progressive as to serve our youth frosted cake even if we won't give them enough vegetable and meat? "Forgive us, children, for we know not what we do."

Marvin H. Butler  
College Station, Tex.

### Missionary Society Will Meet Monday

The Womens Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church will have a business meeting and mission study in the Educational Building at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Mrs. Cliff Ransdell will be the leader.

## Russians Pull Peace Talk Strings

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tary duties," the report declared. It said Nam's job included the supervision of the agents who infiltrated Allied POW camps and organized the Kojie, Cheju and Pongam riots. He was listed as cultural chief of staff of the security agency for the North Korean army and responsible for insuring loyalty by controlling all political officers and commissars.

The intelligence summary said the Communists ignored the Geneva Convention by considering the prisoners in Allied camps as still being "fighters" in the war.

The Allied intelligence officers said the Communists views was revealed "with exceptional clarity and fullness in a hand written exhortative party summary of the results of the Pongam riot last Dec. 14. In that attempted mass breakout eighty-five prisoners were killed and 13 wounded."

The Red document said that while the breakout failed the "main purpose is to develop a class fight to give the enemy a crushing defeat."

The prisoners "lost nothing but their lives in the fight, and these were for liberation and glorious victory."

The Red document continued that a great victory had been won by compelling the U.N. command to disclose the Pongam incident "without concealment, to the world."

The U.N. command said the Communists set up a fantastic chain to put their plans into operation.

Gen. Nam II kept close liaison between Panmunjom and his command at North Korean army headquarters through Gen. Kim Pa, the former Soviet secret police agent.

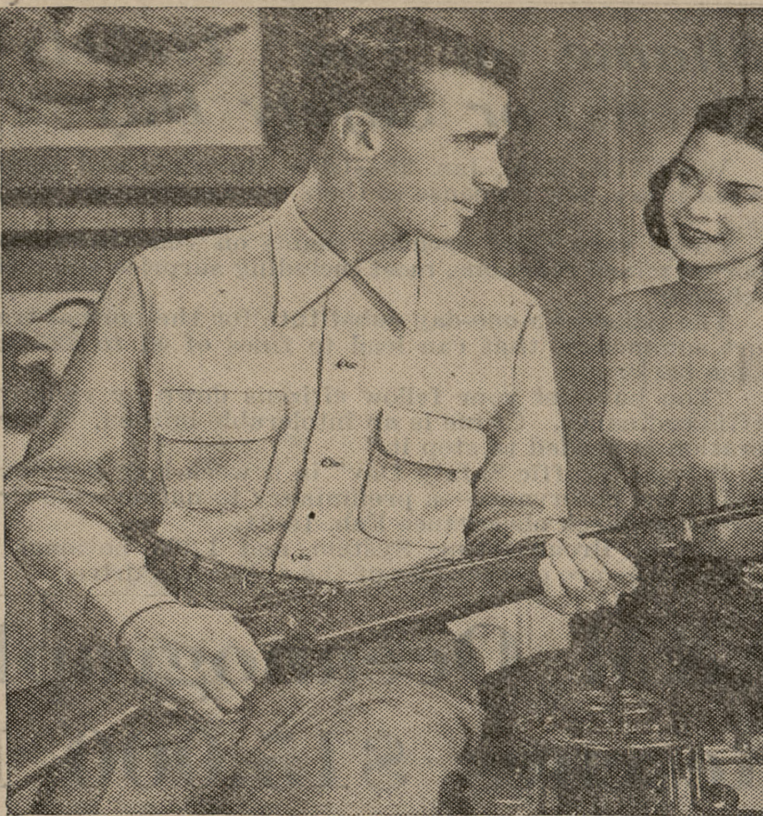
Meanwhile, male agents were dispersed along the front and allowed themselves to be captured. Female

agents were sent down as refugees with instruction to live near prison camps.

Within the compounds, hard core Communists were organized into military and political cells. Communications were maintained by whistling, chanting, semaphore flags, and a message courier system.

"In the armistice negotiations, only one major issue remained, repatriation of prisoners of war, Nam's delegation began to stall, and Communist propaganda became more vehement. That was the moment chosen for the Kojie prisoners to mutiny."

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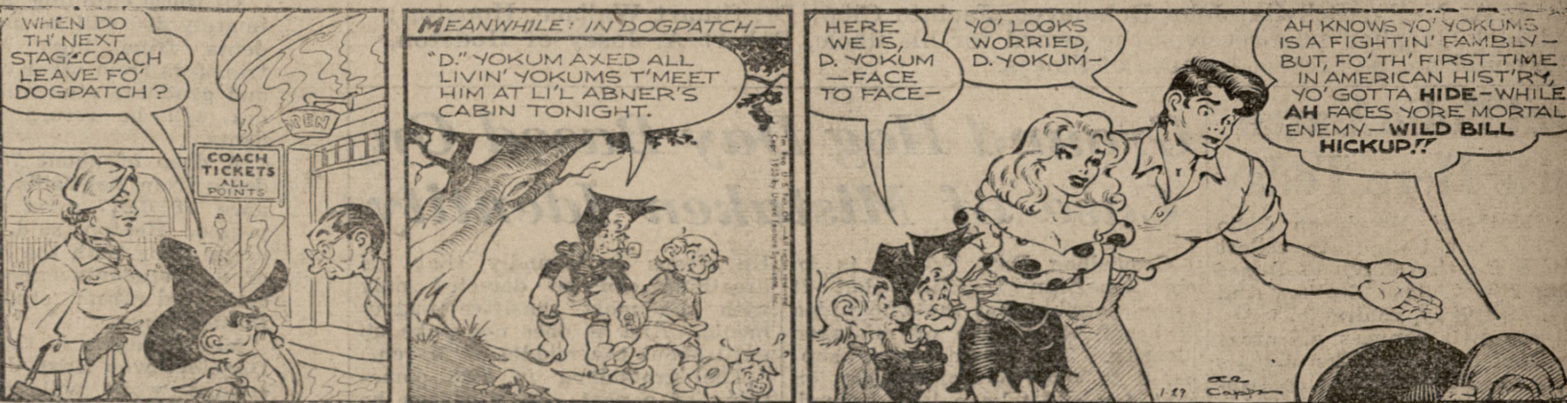
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