

THE DIFFERENCE



Korean Truce Biggest News Story of 1953; Stalin's Death Ranks Second in AP Balloting

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In the little mud hut village of Panmunjom, a desolate and forsaken place in a strife-torn world, the most momentous story of 1953 was written.

There, on July 26, the hard-bargained Korean armistice, an uneasy truce that stopped the slaughter of hot war in a dangerous atomic age, was signed. It ended 73 months of killing that exacted a toll that hurt all over America—25,604 Americans killed, 7,955 missing with many of them feared victims of unspeakable atrocities, and 108,718 wounded.

A heartache that prolonged war's agony in many homes was the fate of 22 American boys, who either because of deep convictions

or because of relentless brain washing, still had to make up their minds whether to come home or to stay perhaps forever behind the Iron Curtain.

Korean Truce Biggest Story

Newsman, participating in the annual Associated Press poll to determine the 10 outstanding stories of the year, chose the Korean truce as the biggest news of the year of headlines that found death and violence. Only the sudden death of Joseph Stalin and the succession to his power in Russia by Georgi Malenkov came close to the truce story in the balloting.

It wasn't the death of the man but what the free world hoped would happen that made Stalin's death a tremendous news story. The 73-year-old Russian dictator, who dominated a third of the world's peoples, died March 5. Death followed a brain hemorrhage, which pleaded for unity. Free world pulses quickened in expectation of either a revolution in Russia or a drastic change in policy as Malenkov imprisoned Lavrenty P. Beria, head of the Soviet blood purge police under Stalin. But Soviet softening returned. Except for occasional concessions, the cold war was back in the deep freeze stage of Stalin's days.

The kidnap-slaying of Bobby Greenleaf of Kansas City, a crime that shocked the nation was the third biggest story. The story of how the 6-year-old boy was kidnaped from an exclusive Catholic School and brutally murdered even as his frantic 71-year-old multimillionaire father gathered the requested record-breaking ransom of \$600,000 probably had more emotional impact than the famous Bobby Franks kidnap-murder of the twenties in Chicago.

The Franks case was one of perversion and sadism; the Greenleaf kidnap and murder by a disolute playboy wastrel and his alcoholic mistress was an outrage of brutality. Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady, his mistress, received the death penalty as aroused Missouri justice moved in record time.

Elizabeth's Crowning Ranks 4th

Elizabeth II was crowned queen in June. It was the first coronation of a woman since Victoria 116 years ago, and newsmen ranked the glorious accession as the fourth biggest story of 1953. More people than ever before saw Britain's queen crowned because of the modern wonder of television.

Spy hunters were active all year and getting headlines, but it wasn't until November that the

greatest hue and cry was raised. On Nov. 6, in an unheralded speech before a businessmen's club in Chicago, Attorney General Herbert Brownell accused former President Harry Truman of appointing the late Harry Dexter White to a high government post despite an FBI report that White was a Communist spy.

Truman, rejecting a subpoena by the House Un-American Affairs Committee, made a dramatic denial over national TV networks, called Brownell a liar and denounced what he termed "McCarthyism" without naming the Wisconsin senator, Joseph R. McCarthy. The din of charges and countercharges, climaxed by the appearance of FBI Chief Edgar J. Hoover in testimony to support Brownell's charge that the White House had been warned about White, was the fifth biggest story of the year.

Ike's Inauguration Ranks 6th

Dwight David Eisenhower became America's 34th president on Jan. 20 but newsmen ranked that

story sixth as against No. 4 for Queen Elizabeth's coronation. His inauguration brought to an end a 20-year era of Democratic rule and embarked the GOP on its "Great Crusade."

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, silent and without emotion to the end, died in Sing Sing's electric chair June 19 for betraying atomic bomb secrets to Russia.

Perhaps the longest continuing story of the year, it was ranked seventh by newsmen.

Sen. Taft's Death Ranks 8th

On July 31, Senator Robert Alphonso Taft of Ohio died, victim of a relentless cancer that ravaged like wildfire. His death stunned the nation, and political friend and foe alike paid the great Republican leader unstinted tribute for his honesty and service. It was the eighth biggest story.

Beria's ouster was rated the ninth biggest story and the Berlin rioting and food giveaway program, which probably quickened his downfall, rated 10th.

Owls Dominate Boards

Aggies Fall to Rice, 55-43

HOUSTON — Dominating both backboards throughout, Rice's Owls proved their rating of Southwest Conference tournament favorite Monday with a convincing 55-43 triumph over the Texas Aggies.

In rolling to its eighth victory without defeat, Rice thus qualified to meet Southern Methodist in a repeat of last season's tournament finals. Tuesday's semifinal encounter between the Owls and Mustangs begins at 9 p.m.

A crowd of 4,800 saw the defense-conscious Aggies limit Rice to its lowest point total of the season.

However, the difference could have been much greater if Coach Don Suman had not pulled his regulars with six minutes remaining. The replacements who delivered so well on the eastern trip could not get a field goal, though, and James Beavers' three free throws represented all their scoring.

Exceptional guarding by Rodney Pirtle and Don Moon held Rice's dangerous Don Lance and Monte Robicheaux in check.

Robicheaux had to wait until the fourth quarter to get his lone field goal of the night off Moon, and Pirtle allowed Lance only one fielder. However, the Owl forward hit seven of eight free throw at-

tempts and finished with nine points.

As usual, Gene Schwinger led the parade with 22 points. Fifteen of them came in the first half, and all six buckets in the opening 20 minutes were scored from far out as Roy Martin and his mates threw up a tight defense around the basket.

Schwinger tried 16 shots and hit eight of them, and his basket from the side gave Rice the lead at 6-4 and they never yielded it the rest of the way.

The blond center shot his team into a 13-8 lead but the Aggie managed to pull up to 14-11.

Telligman sent the advance to 16-11 at the end of the quarter, and the Blue led by 28-20 at the half. The closest the Aggies came

was seven points. The margin was increased to 44-31 at the end of the third quarter, with Schwinger, Lance and Telligman scoring all Rice's points in the period.

The Owls hit 31.5 per cent of their field goal attempts to 25 per cent for the Aggies, who were led by James Addison's 15 points.

SMU Downs Bears

HOUSTON—Baylor's Bears battled SMU down to the closing minutes before dropping a 55-50 decision to the Mustangs in the first round of the pre-season Southwest Conference basketball tournament here Monday afternoon.

The loss dropped the Bruins into the consolation bracket where they will meet Texas A&M in Tuesday's first game at 2:30 p.m.

Bill Henderson's hustling Bears recovered from a poor first quarter during which they scored only eight points to draw within three points of the Ponies at the half. SMU led at intermission, 31-28.

Then with Bill Dalton setting a tremendous pace, the Bears roared off to a 39-33 lead early in the third period. The Junior from San Antonio hit four straight field goals without missing during the spree.

The Mustangs, however, rallied behind Derrell Murphy to regain the upper hand, and led after three frames, 45-44.

The Bears pulled up to a 47-47 deadlock and then made it 49-47. But the Mustangs won the decision in the final four minutes. Ronnie Morris and Joel Krog hit the damaging points in the Mustang victory drive.

Steers Beat 'Bama

Texas' manpower-rich Longhorns were down Alabama of the Southeastern Conference, 72-52, in the final game as Billy Powell led a second-half surge after a 28-28 tie at halftime. Powell, who scored only one point in the first half, made 16 in the final two periods for a total of 17. Alabama went 25 minutes without a substitution, and was a tired crew at the finish.

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L'L ABNER X-RAY OF PAPPY'S HEAD! Pappy's tooth-bones are growing up through his head-bones thereby causing horn-bones!! But, on the way up, they're squeezing his Goodness glands... DOES YO' MEAN PAPPY'S GONNA TURN OUT TO BE A SORTA L'L D-DEVIL? RIGHT!! BUT HAH!! THASS IMPOSSIBLE!! HE'S TH' SWEETEST LAMB TH' THARS NOT A SPECK O' EVIL IN HIM!! ISN'T THERE? LOOK!! IT'S INTERESTING HOW RAPIDLY THIS CONDITION DEVELOPS!! BETTER GET HIM OUT OF HERE, MRS. YOKUM—NOW!!

POGO H'LO, MR. WEEVIL, OUR COLLEGE TEAM IS PLAYIN' 'GLOOUU. COME FRIDAY IN A BIG BOWL GAME. WELL, BOOLA BOO-LAH FOR YOU, SIR. I COME TO SEE IS YOU GOT A LARGE CAPACITY BOWL. NOT HAIRCUT SIZE, HUH... MORE LARGE FAMILY SIZE... SOME THIN' WHAT'LL HOLD QUITE A NUMBER? HOW'S THAT? IT'S ALREADY HADIN' QUITE A NUMBER... L'L CRITTERS BEIN' IN IT FOR TO ENJOY THE GAME. HAD IN MIND A NUMBER OF CRITTERS BEIN' IN IT FOR TO ENJOY THE GAME. BOLIVAR, MY YOUNG UN, HAD A BOWL FULL OF FLEAS 'YESTIDY... MUST OF BEEN A BILLION, GIVE OR TAKE A MILLION--A CRAZY CROWD--THE JOINT WAS JUMPIN'.

POGO I GOT OUR SCHOOL SONG ALL WRITTEN. IT GOT A FIERCE LILT ON IT--WANNA HEAR IT? PONT WANT A BOWL ALREADY FILLED WITH SPECKLE-TATORS, POGO? NO? WHAT? AFTER I SPENT ALL NIGHT PUTTIN' IN BEAN NEW ARPEGGIOS AN A WHOLE DOUBLE APPOGIATURA TO SAY NOTHIN' OF A BIG HOT PIZZACATO... MY LIFE WORK IS SPURNT... HOW RAW! HOW RUE! HE SAYS "NO!" HOW RAW! WHAT'S HE CHEERIN' FOR? MEBBE FOR ME ARPEGGIO OR THAT, NOW, HOT PIZZACATO. I DON'T SEEM TO SEE 'EM THO... HOW RAW! HOW RUE! WHO FOR HOW RAW? HOW RUE FOR WHO? NOBODY IN THERE EXCEPT DOMESTIC FLEAS, BUT NONE IS TAKIN' A BOWL OF BEAN BATTIN' A BITE.

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