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'Five Hundred Million Of Them—All Expendable'

Govt. Splits Up Aluminum Orders, Spurs Competition

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The aluminum industry is expected to be divided into two camps by the Government's new policy of splitting up aluminum orders...

Nonetheless it is clear that in the aluminum industry, which is one of the first to feel the impact of Government controls, civilian life has been cut off...

What makes aluminum especially interesting is that it is a monopoly and the long legal warfare that began almost at the outset of the New Deal...

It was argued against building in Canada with the idea that Canada would be the largest producer in the world and the only competitor of the United States...

While it was never put in the hands of Congress, the plan was approved by the War Relocation Authority...

SHALL WE USE THE A-BOMB?

THERE is no easy answer to the question: Shall we use the atomic bomb against the Chinese Communists? At one extreme are those who would employ the Bomb now, without further ado.

At the other extreme are those who would not use the Bomb except at a very last resort, and then only after a formal declaration of war against Communist China and the failure of other weapons.

In the middle are those who would use the atomic bomb as a bargaining chip, as the United Nations declare China an aggressor, set a deadline for Chinese withdrawal from Korea, and then use atomic bombs against Chinese troops and military installations if the U. N. warning is unheeded.

There is no moral distinction between the atomic bomb and other forms of mass destruction. Such difference as exists is a physical matter, one of degree of destructiveness. The atomic bomb is merely a more powerful than other explosives.

Nonetheless, the atomic bomb and the whole atomic energy program have become embedded in the broad fabric of world morality. We have fostered that by repeatedly trying to get A-bombs outlawed, and that all atomic energy be placed under international control.

Soviet Russia, by astute and persistent propaganda, has managed also to make the use of atomic bombs a moral question.

A MEASURE OF OUR SANITY

A MEASURE of American sanity in this moment of great crisis will be our willingness to try to understand, partially at least, the current criticism of our Far Eastern military and diplomatic policies in the press of Western Europe.

The suggestion that General MacArthur be relieved of his command, the objections to our U. N. bombing of Manchuria, the obvious quaking at the thought of a major war with Communist China—these are evidences of a growing panic which has spread in Europe in the grip of a panic that has twin roots in fear of Russian military might and doubts of American intentions in Europe.

It is easy to get angry at this flood of criticism, to tell our European critics who lead in. The temptation is to say: "What do they care? What will it accomplish? Nothing, except the smoothing of our ruffled pride and hurt feelings."

Europe's fear of a major war in the Far East is not all imagination. They know that full involvement with Communist China, and perhaps Russia, in a Far Eastern war will command most of the energies of the United States and supporting U. N. members, leaving Western Europe unprotected against the massive Russian military machine which is being built up behind the Iron Curtain and ready for a quick surge to the Channel.

FAULTY INTELLIGENCE IN KOREA

WHEN the tragedy of recent serious reverses in Korea is fully comprehended, it is only natural that we should want to know why 110,000 United Nations troops—largely American—were defeated in the teeth of at least 200,000 Chinese Communist troops. Into almost certain defeat, AP writer Hal Boyl says some of the questions being asked now about strategy and intelligence in Korea will strike skeletons in the American military establishment and perhaps force a revision in the American technique of waging ground warfare.

If a "revision of technique" will prevent further such disasters then, by all means, further such disasters. But was it American ground warfare technique that brought about the debacle? Or was it merely faulty intelligence and faulty evaluation of intelligence that caused General MacArthur to believe that his troops outnumbered almost two to one—could mop up Korea in his "end the war" campaign last week? Did military officials in Tokyo not know there were at least 200,000 Chinese troops in Korea or just across the border? It is not possible to be sure there was no evidence of Chinese participation. But was not the appearance immediately after the Wake meeting of sizable bodies of Chinese troops and their continued reinforcement evidence to the effect that they would continue to fight?

Hence, it is not a decision that can be made lightly, or entirely upon our own initiative. We must consider the consequences, not only in the Far East but all over the world.

A careful analysis of the military factors and the probable effect upon world opinion leads to the conclusion that the time has not yet arrived to employ atomic weapons in Korea. From the military standpoint, the available targets are comparatively few. Such things as power plants, ammunition dumps, war industries and the like can be demolished as effectively with regular explosives. And it would be most unwise at this point, while the U. N. faces the gravest challenge in its five-year history, to jeopardize the status of the atomic bomb as a deterrent by a unilateral decision to toss the Bomb against the Chinese.

The current agitation about using atomic weapons poses another danger. Many scientists and military leaders have warned repeatedly that American reliance and dependence upon its stock of atom bombs is tantamount to the French faith in the Maginot Line early in World War II. We must not forget that the atomic bomb is merely a highly effective auxiliary to our over-all fighting machine, and that not until our military machine is ready to function can we be sure that the A-bomb will tip the scales in our favor.

People's Platform

REMEMBER with gratitude the generous amount of valuable space you gave the spasms and other victims of cerebral palsy during the recent People's Platform campaign. I am sure all of your readers are proud of the result.

The State, County and City profit in every way from the rehabilitation of the C.P. child of normal mentality. It not only aids him in becoming a self-supporting citizen, but in feeding the family of the enormous and constant financial, physical and emotional drain enables them to be bread-winners, too, instead of welfare charges.

My own press and our own public officials have criticized Europe harshly on many occasions with the excuse that "we are not responsible. The right to criticize, however, is not an exclusive American inheritance. If we choose to exercise it against others we must expect to be exercised in turn."

DREW PEARSON'S Merry-Go-Round

BRITISH and French skepticism over General MacArthur's and his rising of an all-out war with China has focused attention on how the United States has been misled by the President's official dispatch to Wake Island.

China Warned in September

FIRST time the question of war with China came up was in the U. S. Embassy in India. Leo Henderson, was advised by Prime Minister Nehru that China would seize the Korean War UN forces from his Ambassador in Peking, Sardar Panikkar.

The warning was ignored, however, because the State Dept. considered Ambassador Panikkar a stooge for the Chinese Communists and believed that the message was a bluff. Instead, Henderson was instructed to find out through the Indian Government what the Chinese intentions were and how we might avoid war with them.

DISDAIN MADE DIFFICULT

ONE of the clubby traditions of the British House of Commons is that the "front benches" (party leaders) who sit on the front benches can slump in their seats and snore, but that the "back benches" (opposition) are sounding off. No one was better at expressing disdain in this way than that polished disdain monger, Winston Churchill.

But the Laborites played him a mean trick. They rebuilt the bombed out House of Commons almost exactly as it had been, in accordance with his wishes. But they put a table a little farther from the front bench than before. Churchill is a short man.



Cerebral Palsy Training Center

Dr. Junius Adams, Jr., First National Bank Asheville, N. C., stands ready to help with such questions which might come up.

Quotes On Alcohol

AS YOUR readers call to mind the fact that the law of beverage alcohol lies with the Charlotte City Hall, The Methodist Church, Conference, and the State Capital in Raleigh, the following quotations from outstanding men would be cause for concern and for action.

Thomas Jefferson: "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction is the first and most legitimate object of good government."

Samuel Johnson: "To support government by propagating vice is to support it by a means which is contrary to its end, and for which its continuance is to be deferred if the expense of government can be defrayed without corrupting the morals of the people."

Horace Greaves: "To tell truth for a livelihood is to agree not for a whole community to share the responsibility and guilt of every truth we speak."

Canon Wilberforce: "The driving of vice aims for the rescue from the bitter slavery of sinning purgation of the people."

Election Coverage

THE People's Platform Campaign Committee thanks you for the efficient and fair manner in which The News handled our election and election coverage.

Quote, Unquote

WE posed a pile of information this week which should be of genuine interest to members of the Methodist congregation. The first Church of Christ, doesn't install of sprinklers. So, you see, it's not a sin to be a member of a church that doesn't install of sprinklers. So, you see, it's not a sin to be a member of a church that doesn't install of sprinklers.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Chinese Retaliate

CHINESE troops were penetrating almost to the Chinese border, became so overextended and were so light on strength that Chinese Communists, peeping out from the crossing, Yalu River, cut them off. This was exactly what the State Dept. and our French-British Allies had feared.

Miami Folk Give Freely Of Time, Money To Just Crooks

By ROBERT C. RUARK

AT THE TRIALS of 14 mobsters in Miami for the past few days, the Miami police department has been doing so well in its fight against the mob that it has almost completely broken up the mob in Miami.

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Mac Says 'No'

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DIFFERENCE NO. 4

DIFFERENCE NO. 4 in the MacArthur controversy came when the State Dept. proposed that MacArthur be removed from command.