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A FATEFUL DECISION LOOMS

A DELAYED news report fill in some of the missing pieces, the world is beginning to get a full picture of Communist China's intervention in the Korean War.

Units from six Chinese armies have already been identified in the slashing Red offensive launched over the week-end. The Chinese are on hand in great numbers, and they are fighting fiercely. They have already crossed the 38th Parallel, and it is becoming increasingly obvious that the Chinese intend to push the United Nations forces off the Korean Peninsula entirely.

Thus the day draws closer when a fateful decision must be made: Will the United States continue resisting the Chinese hordes? Or will U. N. fighting forces be evacuated from Korea?

Although there are long-range diplomatic considerations, the decision will be based on military factors alone. The cost of maintaining a foothold in Korea must be calculated, and that cost must be weighed against the demands on limited U. N. resources elsewhere in the world. If the cost is found to be excessive, or out of proportion to the benefits from keeping

a foothold, an orderly withdrawal from Korea will follow.

In the dark days ahead, when there may be more bad news from Korea, it is essential for the American people to keep their perspective. They must remember that the U. N. action in Korea was the supreme expression of a valid principle—collective resistance to aggression—and that the military setbacks suffered by U. N. forces in no way invalidate the principle. They must remember that it has been the intervention of China that tipped the scales, and that the Chinese General MacArthur's forces the victory that was almost in their grasp. They must remember also that an orderly evacuation of Korea will not be a disaster, but rather a strategic retreat. Finally, they must remember that our national interests, and those of all the free world, will be ill served by committing our limited manpower to a major land war in the Far East.

Whether, from our unprepared condition, we should plan war against China is a question for study by our military experts; but one thing is certain: the full moral sanction of the U. N. must be invoked against Communist China.

While moral sanctions will not stop tanks nor prevent Chinese occupation of South Korea—an occupation that will threaten Japan—the invoking of moral sanctions by the Communist bloc is the first step. It is the hope of this newspaper that the nations now supporting U. N. action in Korea will be joined by India and the Arab bloc in these sanctions against Communist China.

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ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT

THROUGHOUT the action against North Korea since last June, one of General MacArthur's greatest weapons has been the firm support—both moral and military—of the majority of the members of the United Nations. Now that U. N. troops are engaged in full combat with Chinese Communist troops, the moral and military unity of the United Nations is, once again, indispensable to success.

This week, behind the scenes at Lake Success, United States delegates are at work to determine the nature of the support we, as leader of the Western resistance, will ask of our allies.

United Nations sanctions against Communist China can take one of all three forms:

- (1) Diplomatic—U. N. members can be asked to withdraw political recognition of Communist China.
 - (2) Economic—The Western allies, notably the U. S., can establish a blockade of Communist territory.
 - (3) Military—United Nations members can authorize and launch war against Communist China.
- As yet, none of these sanctions has been taken. China has, as a matter of fact, not even been accused of aggression in Korea.
- But some action cannot long be delayed. Mao Tse-Tung's troops are pouring across the 38th parallel. If North Korea were fully of aggression in invading South Korea, Communist China is equally guilty. The legal fiction that the Chinese Reds

are merely protecting their border can no longer stand.

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THE RESIGNATION OF EDITOR BALL

THE day of the personal editorial page, when the editor ascended atop Olympus and thundered at his readers, has just about gone, having given way to the more objective, analytical and impersonal editorials of today.

In Charleston, S. C., the readers of the morning News & Courier have kept a link with earlier American journalism through the editorial page conducted by W. W. Ball, a man of open opinions and strong opinions.

For many years Editor Ball has thundered away in his own inimitable fashion. A master of prose, Mr. Ball used all the tricks of the editorial writing trade—strong sarcasm, ridicule, anger, logic, to name a few, and that most priceless ingredient of all, humor—in turning out a page that was indelibly stamped with his own personality.

The stories about him are legion, and are generally swapped whenever Southern newspapermen gather—about the long roll of copy paper fastened under his typewriter, about his first act upon being

employed as editor the immediately turned in a letter of resignation, and then told his publisher to accept it any time he wished. The letter stated in the office safe all these years.

In journalism schools across the country, the News & Courier editorial page was studied closely as one of the few remaining examples of the personal editorial. Many writers read the page with interest, frequently disagreeing with the opinions expressed thereon, but always in admiration of the style.

But the Ball touch will not be missing entirely. The old gentleman will continue to write editorials and other articles for the newspaper, and it can be safely forecast that they will be just as fiery, just as colorful, just as angry, and just as readable as they have been in the past years.

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CIRCUIS PERFORMERS?

CALIFORNIA'S Representative Carl Hinshaw is in quite a tizzy because, to him, the newly decorated chamber of the House of Representatives looks like "a cross between a Babylonian bordello and a Roman circus."

He is profoundly disturbed because the medals over the house doors contain the likenesses of foreigners: Napoleon, Justinián, Alfonso X, Gregory IX. In fact, only two Americans are represented: Thomas Jefferson and "a man named Mason, otherwise unidentified."

Thanks to our trusty Britannica, we are glad to explain to the House members who were distinguished lawmakers. Mr. Hinshaw may have heard of Justinián's famous codification of the Roman law. And we are sure that his colleagues from Louisiana will be glad to tell him about the Code Napoleon which is still good law in that state. As for Alfonso X, also called the Learned, he was a medieval Spanish king (1212-1284) who undertook to give

his kingdom an organized code of law and a consistent judicial system. Gregory IX, Pope from 1227 to 1241, also was famed for his learning and his efforts to simplify and clarify the law. All in all, it does not seem inappropriate that Congress should be reminded of the great statesmen who preferred the clarification of the law to its further confusion.

As for that man Mason, there are 25 Masons in Vol. XII of the Dictionary of American Biography. Since Mr. Hinshaw is very zealous about American heroes, he might have mentioned them. We suggest, however, that he start with George Mason (1723-1792). His greatest single claim to fame was drafting the Bill of Rights in the Virginia constitution. It became the model for the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the United States. To us, that does not make him a circus performer, but a good man to keep an eye on the House of Representatives.

Chinese Attack On Indo-China Expected Soon

By THE ALSOP

WASHINGTON
THEIR squallid city currently resembles nothing so much as a National Bureau of Investigation file folder. Full course, its members revelling, quarrelling, foraging and making good on their promises long after the hurricane warning has been given.

By all the signs, the all-out Chinese offensive in Korea is only the first installment of what is in store for the rest of the world. It confirms the impression that the Kremlin means to round out its triumph in Asia by a Chinese attack on Indo-China, timed to follow immediately upon the effort in Korea and thus to intensify all most incalculably the political impact of Korean defeat.

During the past two weeks, the French have been forced to close their consulate at Kuming and Canton. These are the only points in South China that have been closed. The French have observed Chinese Communist preparations for an attack across Indo-China's border.

AIR REINFORCEMENTS
Simultaneously, a Soviet air mission has turned up on the coast of Hainan, the French coast. Russian jet aircraft, pre-arranged to land at the Chinese Air Force, have also appeared on the Hainan island airfield. These aircraft are to be used to support the French. The Russian jets should be more than a match for the French B-26 bombers and the hundred odd propeller-driven fighters which the French have sent to the French for Indo-China's defense.

Finally, and most significantly, the Chinese have adopted the right policy to fit those new conditions.

Right, You Guys—Back Of The Lines



The West's Strength The State Of Europe

By ROSCOE DRUMMOND
(In The Christian Science Monitor)

READERS of these dispatches are fully aware that Western Europe is today perilously exposed to aggression because it is militarily unprepared to defend itself.

It is only by facing this fact, not trying to conceal it—since it is clearly vital to the free world's security—that the nations of Western Europe are beginning to take the steps which are essential to their own survival.

But what also needs to be realized is that Western Europe is not intrinsically weak and impotent; that the people of these nations and to instill into the thinking of the American people.

The truth is that Western Europe is intrinsically strong and powerful. It is economically and industrially powerful. It is the West's largest greater than that of the Soviet Union and all its satellites together.

It is in the past, as today, the free nations were exposed to aggression. When the aggressor has been almost totally mobilized, Russia is the only great power which has not mobilized its army and air force on a world scale.

More than five times as much electric power as Russia and all its satellites.

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Eight times as much wool, rayon, and cotton.

Four times as much livestock as Russia and all its satellites.

That which the West is doing now, and the West has only begun to get on with.

Air Expansion Proceeds At Excellent Pace

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
THE this winter of our discontent it is not difficult to find causes for complaint. The shomahs are receding, while as though Washington were a walling wall and the source of all the ills of mankind.

It is therefore new—under the man-bit-and-definite to report on the progress is being made and men are working with a minimum of complaining. The Air Force is a team that is pulling together effectively and efficiently to do the two or three most essential jobs in the rearmament program.

LEAD BY FINLETIER
The Air Force is led by Thomas K. Finletier, a New York lawyer who has served in several previous Government assignments in connection with the last war and its aftermath. He was named to the President's Air Policy Commission, he recommended a 70-percent increase in the Air Force's budget for an expanded aircraft industry.

He has believed all along that the program is being made and men are working with a minimum of complaining. The Air Force is a team that is pulling together effectively and efficiently to do the two or three most essential jobs in the rearmament program.

LOUIS JOHNSON, then Secretary of Defense, was still plugging for a budget. But he did not inhibit Finletier, who came in with a more or less finished program. The President, the retiring Secretary of the Air Force, had long been engaged in a friendly but firm tug-of-war with Johnson over the issue of economic versus expansion.

Last Feb. 11 a speech at Baylor University in Texas, Symington called for a rearmament program. He pointed to the radically altered situation created by the atomic bomb and having built an air force capable of delivering atomic bombs against the Soviet Union. This was the first time there was nothing to do but get on with it.

Without the handicap of having engaged in previous controversy, Symington had a clean slate. Moreover, he has a show-me kind of skepticism which is like an atomic bomb in a new budget. He had a show-me kind of skepticism which is like an atomic bomb in a new budget.

One of Finletier's first actions was to speed up the construction of the new bomber plant at Wichita, Kan. He was told that the money simply wasn't there. His answer was that somehow the money would be found.

Finletier's partner is Undersecretary John A. McCone. McCone is a former business man and engineer who was also on the Air Policy Commission. He has drive and energy and a high degree of optimism. He has drive and energy and a high degree of optimism.

McCone is pushing through an aircraft procurement program worth \$1.5 billion in the next year. Within two years the number of aircraft in the Air Force will be nearly double the 41,000 in the service of the Korean attack.

Finletier and McCone are the big new B-47 jet bomber. Units of the B-47 will be ready by the end of 1951 or perhaps even earlier. While its actual construction is being speeded up, it is known that it will travel at 600 miles and over the North Pole.

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Britain's Marshal Plan

THE News
MAY I also mention your People's Platform to quote the fact that Britain has given to her neighbors approximately the same amount of financial and material help that she has received from the United States. While the Marshall Plan is the vast unknown. Why? Because our Labor cabinet has not published it. Because the people here are not hearing about it. Because the Marshall Plan and its new babies that have been sent to our readers.

As a 20-year reader of The Charlotte News, this is a fact that should not be misunderstood by any reader. I along with many other U. S. citizens, have been well informed by the Marshall Plan, which has been derived from the New Deal Marshall Plan that proves to be the only plan that has been successful in the world.

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When the free nations are alone and divided from one another, the conditions which the Communists have sought to bring about in Western Europe since the end of the war. These are the conditions

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

SEN. GUY CLETTES election investigating committee has dug up sensational information regarding the Dewey-Hanley controversy which the OGBI command into a year last October.

Most sensational development of the recent election was a letter by New York Gov. Dewey to the Senate. He told the Republican club, revealing that he had received certain job promises from Governor Dewey. He told the Republican club, revealing that he had received certain job promises from Governor Dewey.

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Senators investigators asked for more details including the name of the bank, but Hanley's son cut them off. He said he had a Mustang loan which he had incurred by his father.

Hanley Withdrawal Excuse Foding

However, they could find no record of any bank stock in the name of John R. Hanley, Guy's father.

The Governor of the Controller of the Currency in Washington and failed to find any bank in Muscatine County with a double-assessment liability.

They also checked the probate file of Hanley's father at Clinton. They found that Hanley had left \$100 in personal effects, a building valued at \$20,000, but no stocks, no bonds and no other assets.

In order to be absolutely fair to Hanley, the Senate subcommittee is now checking the \$50,000, which the investigators that Hanley mentioned a man in Iowa who had been employed as attorney for Dewey. They are now trying to run down this man. They are also checking the State Dept. of money paid to the son. No explanation as to whether the debts were in the name of Hanley's mother.

Note—During the 1948 campaign, this columnist put out a story that Hanley had been indicted by the grand jury of the New York State payroll and then had the son's salary paid to him. Hanley said that the man was named Dewey. He said that the man was named Dewey.

Hanley explained: "I didn't know the money had been put in my account until I went to the bank to arrange a loan and they told me they had a check for \$50,000. I said, 'because my son had deposited \$2,000 in my account.'"

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To Criticize Is Communism

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No Trace Of Loan

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Stepetop 'Pro-Communist'

SEN. JUMPING JOE MCCARTHY, "M.C.," has now placed the Saturday Evening Post and one of its writers, Stepetop, in the line of fire.