

Korean War To End?

Smart Also reports today that "it is entirely possible that the fighting in Korea will come to an end in the next few days. Turn to the editorial page, 4-A, for Alsop's analysis of world news and rumors.

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U.S. Not Ready To Challenge Soviet Moves For World Peace

Red Forces Reported Crossing Two Rivers

By OLEN CLEMENTS
TOKYO.—Chinese Communist troops were reported tonight to be crossing two rivers on the rainy central Korean front around Chunchon in front of strong U. S. positions.
An American officer, however, said flatly that the expected Chinese offensive had not begun. A pooled field dispatch reported.
The dispatch said unknown numbers of Chinese Red crossed the Pukhan River, southwest of Chunchon and reached high ground just south of the river.
Other Communists have crossed the Choyang, northeast of Chunchon, and moved to the southeast of that ruined city, where clashes with American troops were reported.

Opposed To All-Out War With China

General Raps W'Arthur Plan
WASHINGTON.—U. S. Gen. Omar N. Bradley said today the United States is not prepared for a global "showdown" with Russia. He testified that to strike directly at Red China would "involve us in the wrong war" with "the wrong enemy."
Nothing would "delight" the Kremlin more, Bradley told Senators, than for this country to adopt Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Korean war strategy and carry the fighting to China.
The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees at their hearings on the dismissal of MacArthur from his Far Eastern command for publicly quarreling with the Administration's Korean policy.

DIANE AND HER GRANDFATHER



J. A. Johnson holds his granddaughter, Diane Maxwell, who was cut on the back of the head by the man who killed her mother yesterday afternoon. Diane took off her grandfather's house and cried that a Negro man had killed her mother. (News staff photo by Jeep Hunter).

Few Clues In Slaying Of Young Wife

By TOM FESPERMAN & RALPH GIBSON
Charlotte News Staff Writers
The search for the killer of Mrs. Howard Maxwell reached out to surrounding counties today as police worked to establish a motive for the mysterious murder.
While reports of suspicious-looking Negroes began coming in from distant towns, officers reviewed the few known facts in an effort to pin down the reason for the knife-slaying.
There was no evidence that the attractive 25-year-old housewife had been raped.
There was no evidence of robbery in the two-room home off Beatty's Ford Road.
There was no evidence that anyone was angry with Mrs. Maxwell or her husband.

Marshall's Strategy Praised By Baruch

LEXINGTON, Va.—U. S. Bernard M. Baruch today upheld the concept of global defense against Communism and hailed Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall as "history's first global strategist."
In his first formal comment on the controversy stirred up by President Truman's firing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the elder statesman called for a huge increase in the military strength of the United States and her allies in order to ensure victory in a global defense program.

Crowds Visit Peachtree Road

Curious Throng Murder Scene
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The curious were out by the hundreds today.
They drove slowly up Peachtree Road, off Beatty's Ford Road, to see what they could see around the scene of Mrs. Howard Maxwell's murder.
They parked their cars in the field near the two-room white frame house where the 25-year-old woman was slashed to death.

Rumors Of Peace Feelers In Korean War Spreading

WASHINGTON.—U. S. Unconfirmed reports are spreading peace feelers in Korea spread among lawmakers today as Gen. Omar N. Bradley carried on the Administration's military reply to Gen. Douglas MacArthur.
Bradley's scheduled appearance in the Senate inquiry into MacArthur's ouster. Senator Sparkman (D-Ia.) told a reporter the feeling is growing among Senators that the Red Chinese may give some early sign of willingness to negotiate.

Stock Market Breaks Sharply

NEW YORK.—Prices here tumbled as much as 25 a share in a selling rush on the Stock Exchange today.
The high speed ticker was four minutes behind at one time in reporting actual transactions on the floor of the stock exchange.
There was no immediate explanation for the fall. Some brokers said it possibly was the result of an accumulation of adverse economic and political news.
When the selling drive ended in about thirty minutes, many of the heaviest losers rebounded from their lowest points.

Gasoline Tax Boost Voted

WASHINGTON.—The House Ways & Means Committee today voted to raise the Federal gasoline tax from 1.12 cents to 2 cents a gallon.
The move, counted out to bring in an additional \$10,000,000 revenue, reversed the committee's decision yesterday against boosting the tax.
The tax-drafting group also voted to raise the annual levy on bowling alleys and pool tables from \$30 a unit to \$25, for a \$1,000,000 revenue increase.
But the tax-writers voted to cut the tax rate on domestic telegrams from 25 per cent to 20 per cent, for an estimated \$8,000,000 decrease.
The committee rejected a proposed penny-a-bottle levy on soft drinks, and a 20 per cent manufacturers' tax on candy and chewing gum.

Capitol Hill 'Foolishness' Deplored By Chas. Wilson

WASHINGTON.—Pleading the foolishness like what's going on up Capitol Hill.
Addressing 1,000 industrialists, Wilson decried six national associations of military contractors. Wilson said:
"What you people are doing isn't music to Russian ears."
Wilson predicted that the indicated speed of rearmament probably will mean increasing business dislocation in the last half of this year and early next.
But the problems should taper off about a year from now, he said.
The abolitionist punched his finger at the industry group to emphasize this rejoinder: "Don't board."

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OUR WEATHER

Fair and not much change in Wednesday today, tonight and Thursday.
High temperature, 84; low, 56.
Sunrise, 5:26 A. M.; sunset, 7:30 P. M.
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Powers To Curb Profits Asked By Eric Johnston

By FRANK O'BRIEN
WASHINGTON.—Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston asked today for powers to enforce anti-trust laws on sprawling profits—ranging from the backyard to the union bargaining room and industrial price sheets.
He told the Senate Banking Committee in prepared testimony there are six main threats to a sound dollar. He laid down a six-point program for listening the inflation spiral. "Unless we have a stabilized economy, unless we have inflation in check," he declared, "we cannot mount the defense of our dollar."

PRIVATE HALO

If you ever to a halo around the shadow of your head, don't try to show it to someone else. They can't see it.
This is a private gift that Nature bestows on mere mortals on dewy mornings. If you have a halo, you can see it. You can see it in the shadow of your head. You can see it in the shadow of your head. You can see it in the shadow of your head.

MRS. HOWARD MAXWELL

Wearily and shocked, Howard Maxwell is shown after helping in the search for the killer of his 25-year-old wife yesterday afternoon. A bricklayer, he was at work at the time Mrs. Maxwell and his four-year-old daughter were attacked at their home.