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THE NEWS FROM KOREA

PERHAPS the most common reaction of Americans to the persistent success of the North Korean forces is one of surprise...

And even now there is no certainty that U. S. and South Korean forces will be able to hold the shrinking beach-head...

That perplexity was somewhat diminished today as American and South Korean troops have been ordered back to the Han River...

Yet the communists' recent successes, the war in Korea had been a highly frustrating matter for U. S. strategists.

Now, at long last, the U. S. build-up in the surrounding area and the likelihood of the war being reached a point where U. S. "offensive action" is possible.

Yet the communists cautiously refrained from calling the "successful action" a general offensive.

It is hard to forget the recent evidence of the vastness of the North Korean forces and the almost uncanny ability of their leaders to move their units when and where they desired.

A 'YARDSTICK' OF PROGRESS

PROSPERITY of the post-war years has been constant for Charlotte area business and industry.

Now American Banker sends to the Charlotte News a statistical compilation which reveals an amazing record at Charlotte in totals of check payments against individual bank accounts.

The 1950 peaks, successively set in 1948, 1949 and 1950 by Charlotte, North Carolina and this area in a definitely more favorable position than the United States as a whole.

Analysts of Charlotte's and the Carolina economic trends are privileged to feel an even greater satisfaction in the American Banker's report.

Financiers, manufacturers, distributors and retailers through recent years have given recognition to the strong and expanding producing and consuming position occupied by Charlotte and its companion Carolina cities.

From The Winston-Salem Journal

THE RING IN THE CITIES' NOSE

CARTOON in The United States Municipal News graphically discloses the current plight of most American cities.

A bearded old fellow with corn-cob pipe and huge straw hat is prancing along, leading a parade of city officials.

The city and suburban areas of Ohio aren't alone in the "misery." It's that way in many of our states if not practically all of them.

Maybe that census count is okay, but it's funny all 13,145 are in their cars and drive down First Street at 5 P. M.

One of the best signs of good business: Fire losses are dropping—Elizabethtown (Ky.) News.

Illness of Bushman, Chicago gorilla, could have been due to dependence induced by gandering at the 'new' people who came to the zoo to see him.

An Interview With Edgar Hoover

How Communists Operate

EDITOR'S NOTE: What should a citizen know about subversive activities? What should he do? Is there any danger to the U. S. in the mid-mid-century acquisition of the United States by the only true democracy?

President Truman recently asked that organizations and individuals report to the FBI all information relating to espionage, sabotage and subversive activities.

To get an inside view of some of the problems which President Truman has asked the FBI to investigate, I asked J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, the questions and his replies follow.

Q. Do you think Mr. Hoover, that Communists are basically agents of foreign countries who draw a distinction between those who are philosophical Communists and those who are tools of the Communist Party?

A. The teachings of Communism are directed toward the final world revolution and the triumph of international Communism.

Q. Do your investigations show that the basic attitude of a Communist is to be a Communist rather than our Government?

A. Most emphatically. As I mentioned in my previous interview, the Communist Party members in Moscow, Stalin is represented as the foremost leader of international Communism.

Q. Do your studies of the Communist techniques over the years show that the Communists are trained to do about their status?

A. The basic premise of Communism is deceit and hypocrisy. The Communist philosophy teaches that the only possible means of attaining the final end-world revolution.

Q. What does membership in the Communist Party mean to you?

A. When an individual joins the Communist Party he renounces the principles of Marxism-Leninism. I mentioned previously that, working these teachings means, in the final analysis, accepting the destruction of American democracy.

There is no halfway point. The individual accepts fully these obligations or he does not become a member. If later he refuses to abide by these obligations, he is expelled.

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Q. In what centers do Communists tend to concentrate?

A. The Communists are strongest today in the industrial areas of the United States—in States such as New York, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

Moreover, in these industries one Communist Party member located in a strategic job can wreak damage completely out of proportion.

Q. The Communist Party bases its work directly upon the military, industrial and agricultural areas to make every spot a fortress for Communism.

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Moral Mobilization

It concentrates its work upon the heavy industries and those of a war character.

Q. Are there many suspected Communists or suspected agents of foreign governments who could not be successfully prosecuted even though you have under a cover of espionage, sabotage and subversive activities?

A. The matter of prosecution, of course, is the exclusive responsibility of the Department of Justice.

Q. We have had frequent cases in the past where we have developed the full facts, but due to the nature of the case, the best witnesses from the United States and other matters beyond our control, the development of corroborative evidence is frustrated.

Q. The FBI is primarily interested in the knowledge of the details of espionage, sabotage, or of individuals who are connected with espionage rings or possible saboteurs?

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Comparing Balkans To Korea

WASHINGTON The three satellites also have adequate ground support aircraft, and other modern equipment generously supplied by their Russian masters.

On the other side, Marshal Tito can put into the field about 30 divisions. This number of divisions, larger than the total for the three satellites in a giant area, contains the assumption that the satellites could not defeat Tito without direct intervention by the Red Army.

One of these is suggested by the situation in Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia is hemmed in by the three satellites in a giant area, contains the assumption that the satellites could not defeat Tito without direct intervention by the Red Army.

Again for purposes of comparison, the ground strength available for the defense of Western Europe now consists of twelve divisions (the British, two American) or hardly more than half the ground forces of the Red Army.

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Drew Pearson's Merry Go-Round

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However, here are some contrasts affecting our future which are of importance to the American people.

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Ultimatum To Moscow

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