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RIDGWAY'S GREAT ASSIGNMENT

GEN. MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY, who will have full authority over the United Nations delegation in the Korean armistice discussions, gave the free peoples of the world a timely warning today that there is yet no real guarantee that peace in Korea will come from the talks opening in Kaesong tomorrow.

"Whether there is to be good faith or not is only to be judged by performance, and we haven't come to the performance stage yet," Gen. Ridgway told a group of correspondents.

The General was merely citing a truism—that Communist words mean nothing. Not until mutually satisfactory armistice terms are made and complied with by the North Korean and Chinese Communists will peace become a reality.

ABOUT AMERICAN GIs

THE GIs have been defending us so long, we think it's about time we came to their defense, to wit: The Army brass figures the term GI is derogatory, undignified, not a fit appellation for the United States Army.

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there were plenty of disagreements, but at all of them were worked out. Tomorrow the five-man U. N. delegation headed by Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, commander U. S. Naval Force in Korea waters, will go to Kaesong to begin the armistice talks. General Ridgway is now in Korea, near Kaesong, and will be able to confer daily with Admiral Joy.

The Supreme U. N. Commander bears a terrible grave responsibility in these fateful moments. He has master-minded history's first great experiment in collective security against armed aggression, an experiment that has succeeded, despite tremendous obstacles, up to this point.

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NEW 'MARCH OF TIME'

SINCE 1935, American movie-goers have taken large and painless doses of current history through the medium of the March Of Time. Many's the cinemadroid who has been started nearly out of his seat by the doom-voiced narrator of the series.

Next week it was announced that the March Of Time will be suspended after a release on Formosa in August. Of consistently high quality, the film series has been entertaining, and it has made current events palatable to many Americans who otherwise might see no farther than

AFTERMATH OF THE FOURTH

HERE are a few incidents of fireworks casualties on July Fourth. In North Chicago, the Fourth of July speaker touched off a flash fire that killed four children and critically burned one; two of the dead were nine years old and two were ten years old.

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THOSE STIFF-NECKED NEW ENGLANDERS

IN a book of more than 200 pages a committee of more New England economists reports on what it thinks is wrong with New England. Members of the Committee were appointed by Leon Keyserling as Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors. So it is hardly surprising that the Committee finds the people of New England to be self-reliant for their own or the country's good.

"We urge state and local governments to exploit all Federal programs which might contribute toward improvement of the New England economy through bringing about a higher standard of living for its inhabitants."

Five and a half pages of the Committee's summarized recommendations are sprinkled with that same pepper. The United States Department of Commerce is urged to "expand the use of funds for scientific, technical and managerial services to smaller businesses not financially able to employ business consultants. The Federal Government should 'whenever possible' adopt minimum standards for working conditions and social services, in this way 'the competition among states to improve their competitive position by retarding the growth of their services will be met.' To make the meaning of the passage clear, the Committee adds that Federal work, factory conditions, benefits under unemployment compensation and workmen's compensation 'are among the fields to be covered.' And the encouragement should be given 'at all levels of government' to the establishment of New England plants for producing steel and other metals, 'such plants to

the corner drug store. It will be missed. As a substitute, the staff of the March Of Time, headed by ingenious Richard de Rochemont, will turn its talents and energies to the creation of special television material. The organization proved its mettle in that field last year with a 26-part documentary called 'Crusade in Europe.' It is now working on a series to be called 'Crusade in the Pacific.' If the new 'Crusade' and other TV projects are up to the standard of last year's show, the March Of Time technique will be a worthy and much needed addition to a medium that is fast becoming bogged down with uncomic comics, unmusical musicals and inept experts on everything from animal life to atomic fission.

In Akron, Ohio—a defective 'helicopter' firefighter went off in a rowboat, causing the three occupants to capsize the boat; two drowned. In Brighton, Mich.—a skyrocket exploded and killed a 54-year-old attendant at a fireworks exhibition. In Haves, Conn.—a 45-year-old man was killed in his Summer home when a 'mortar salute' exploded in his face.

They kick into the kitty of the able-bodied people, who are not allowed enough private business. They build great big expensive projects like TVA for the benefit of the few of the farmer. The old WPA used to underwrite the fabulous efforts of untalented poets, unemployed painters and left-footed folk dancers. They compete today with the purchasing power of the people to buy up commodities.

privately managed and privately owned either at once or within a reasonable period of time." The familiar multipurpose watershed development doctrine should enfold New England; the Committee thinks it likely that this will require co-operative efforts between Federal and state governments on the one hand and private enterprise on the other. The Committee urges the Federal Government to revise its tax structure so that the tax burden will impair incentives less (Who doesn't?) And the Federal Government should be particularly careful about subsidizing tariff duties on products of New England's declining industries.

So if the people of New England still do not know what is the matter with them and their economy it is not this Committee's fault. They are here put on notice that the old saw to the effect that God helps those who help themselves is no longer any good. The Committee has tactfully told them they should become fellow travelers of the Washington all-powerful central government school.

Once two ardent friends met. One had just got back from the golf links, where he broke 90 for the first time and made a hole in one. The other had just got back from a fishing trip on which he had snagged the biggest fish in the lake after a three-hour struggle. The two are no longer on speaking terms—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

There are a good many unreasonable people in this world but the ones who take the cake are the ones that think you should work as different about every new new birds and something new and special about every new baby—Lamer (Mo.) Democrat.

Jap Peace Treaty Agreement A Feather In Dulles Cap

MARQUIS CHILDS

ALL OBSTACLES to the signing of a Japanese treaty have now been overcome and the stage is being readied for a grand ceremony that it is hoped will symbolize the beginning of a new era in the Pacific.

The ceremonial signing of the treaty will be held toward the end of the Summer, probably around Sept. 1. Those who are planning the occasion hope President Truman can be persuaded to make a major address in person at the end of the ceremonies.

The West Coast is the inevitable locale and the present plan is to arrange something on the scale set in the duration of the conference in 1945 that created the United Nations. That conference was held in San Francisco where the place has not been finally decided on, the city of the Golden Gate is being considered for the peace ceremony. An official announcement is expected shortly.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

TWO groups of Senators and Congressmen lined up on opposite sides of the fence regarding one of the most important subjects of the day.

The first group—the eighteen members of the Judiciary Committee—has introduced a resolution whereby the royalties from this oil, under the Federal Government, should go to the schools and colleges of the entire nation.

In the Senate, the eleven men who risked the wrath of the oil companies and the powerful tideland oil lobby were the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee who introduced the resolution.

Reversing The Supreme Court

WHAT happened inside the House Judiciary Committee has not been published, but this column has ob-

Retreat All Along The Line



Stewart Alsop

Korean Peace Will Aid Ike

OBVIOUSLY a settlement in Korea, if there is one, will have a profound effect on the course of next year's political battle. Unless the Democratic professionals are suffering from mass self-delusion, it will greatly strengthen Harry S. Truman, making him, if he runs, a really formidable candidate for a second term.

The most intriguing question is the effect of an end to the fighting in Korea on the fortunes of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Here it is worth recalling a conversation between MacArthur and Eisenhower which took place during the latter's trip to Japan in May, 1946. Then, as now, Eisenhower was a leading Presidential possibility.

That's right, Ike, said MacArthur, "just keep saying you don't want it, and you'll get it." The question is interesting partly because MacArthur himself, despite disclaimers, has been acting remarkably like a Presidential aspirant.

As for the first point, his supporters at least state with a conviction assurance that under certain conditions, Eisenhower will definitely accept the Republican nomination, if it is offered.

For rather obvious reasons, the story has been sedulously spread abroad by Democrats that Eisenhower is a Democrat at heart, and is really interested in the nomination of 1952.

One fact, of course, is led by New York's Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Dewey is less of a key figure in the Eisenhower movement than generally supposed. Dewey is the titular leader of his party, but since his 1948 defeat he has had little to do with the party.

18 Vote With Oil Firms On Tideland

WASHINGTON—The House of Representatives today voted 18-17 to support a bill that would give the Federal Government the right to use tideland oil lands for the three states and the oil companies.

It should be noted that the Supreme Court twice has ruled that the submerged lands alongside the coast of the United States belong to the entire 48 states, not to California, Texas and Louisiana alone.

The other day, in an attempt to reverse both the President and the court, Congressman Ed Gossett of Texas, who is about to retire from Congress, demanded that the Committee vote again on the bill's tideland oil lands. No widicot promoter ever worked faster to stake a drill site than did Gossett to get this special-interest bill through the committee.

Secret List Of Voters

BY this time, however, some of Gossett's supporters were beginning to get cold feet. They wanted to vote for the oil companies, but they didn't want to be so recorded, even in a secret meeting, because of possible leaks to the press.

When this was done, Chairman Celler counted eighteen

tion is Pennsylvania's Sen. James Duff, who is in regular communication with the general. There is, of course, no love lost between Dewey and Duff. They are allies in this matter, but allies by convenience and arms length. Duff has already endorsed former Sen. Harry Derby of Kansas in the Eisenhower cause. Derby will probably become the leading public Eisenhower organizer, leading the desired home-state, Mid-Western background. But the astute Duff is and will remain an important figure behind the scenes.

HEAVY financial backing as well as shrewd political management will certainly be available for the Eisenhower movement. But the great obstacle remains while Eisenhower is in Europe. That's efficient organizers are hard at work to capture the nomination in advance. Clearly, a statement from Eisenhower on his Republican allegiance and availability would help, and it has been reported that Eisenhower will soon make such a statement.

Yet this is extremely unlikely, simply because Eisenhower knows that anything of the sort would alienate wholly the vast untideland in Europe. And on this point the Eisenhower Republicans have another reason for anxiety. Eisenhower is expected to return in this country as a civilian, by next March or April. Even this would be dangerously late in the day. But his backers now fear that Eisenhower, who is deeply dedicated to the goal of European defense, may delay his return even beyond next Spring, in order to see the European defense project really under way.

Yet on balance it seems clear that a Korean settlement will greatly increase the likelihood of Eisenhower's nomination, if only because it will simultaneously strengthen Truman and hurt the Taft-MacArthur wing of the Republican Party. A great many Republican professionals are as anxious as ever to see Truman re-elected, and they mean eager to nominate a man whose political views are an unknown quantity. But they are not so eager to see their party go down to its sixth straight defeat.

Quote, Unquote What ever because of the all-day-sings-and-dinner-on-the-ground that we used to be always going to? I remember an old man I know who used to walk miles and miles to get a square meal at one of these, and when he could not get any more, he put things in his pocket and dropped them into an old gaily umbrella he had. And the kindly people pretended not to notice.—Estenton (Ga.) Messenger.

Waiting for an income tax refund and eternity seem to be about the same as time—A. W. Sterling in Nashville (Ga.) Herald.

Pome in Which It Is Revealed That Boldness Is Not Always The Best Approach: Gals that are shy Somehow get by.—Atlants (Ga.) Journal.

Democrats: Walter Dill Scott, who has both Lafayette and Lehigh Colleges in his district, but who placed the oil lobby ahead of his district; Hamilton C. Jones in his district; Boggs of Delaware, who has the University of Delaware in his district; Crumpacker of Ohio, who has Notre Dame in his district; Thompson of Michigan; Hillings of California; McCullough of Ohio; and Sakewell of Missouri.

Republicans: Fellows of Maine, who has the University of Maine in his district; Reed of Illinois; Graham of Pennsylvania; Goodwin of Massachusetts; who has Tufts College in his district; Charles Pennington, who has the University of Delaware in his district; Crumpacker of Ohio, who has Notre Dame in his district; Thompson of Michigan; Hillings of California; McCullough of Ohio; and Sakewell of Missouri.

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