

Army's Psychologists Influence Enemy, Help Snare POW's With Flow Of Words

SEOUL—Hundreds of North Korean troops were pinned down in a narrow valley in Korea. A fierce battle had raged all day and dead and wounded Communist soldiers littered the ground. United Nations troops were moving in to catch the Reds in the jaws of giant pincers.

Suddenly over the roar of gun fire a plane was heard overhead. A woman's voice—speaking Korean—came over the plane's loudspeaker:

"Soldiers of North Korea, you are surrounded. Your colleagues are dying. You will be next. There is just one hope. Leave your positions tonight."

This happened in the midst of a fierce battle during the Korean war. U. S. Army psychological warfare personnel had been sending similar messages to the Reds for days. They knew that Communist troops were well aware of the tight spot they were in. The psychologists reasoned that periodic reminders of the situation might be the final bit of persuasion needed to cause Communist soldiers to surrender to United Nations forces.

This is one of the most effective ways of waging psychological warfare—following up ground and air bombardment with words to break the enemy's will to resist.

Loudspeakers for persuading the enemy to "come over to our side" also are used on the ground, often set up on the main line of resistance. They are mounted on jeeps and tanks if the situation makes it advisable to move from place to place while broadcasting.

During wartime, psychological warfare soldiers also use leaflets and radio programs in their war of words against the enemy. In Korea thirty-two radio stations beamed U.N. propaganda to soldiers and civilians. Millions of leaflets were dropped from planes and fired from artillery shells.

In Korean combat areas during the war, radio broadcasting, editorial and printing equipment was mounted in vans so it could be transported wherever needed and used as miniature mobile radio stations, printing and editorial shops.

Both art and words were prepared carefully for U.N. leaflets. Each leaflet had a theme which captured and held the interest of the reader and gained his confidence. Colorful, dramatic pictures portrayed that theme and short, punchy words made the point quickly.

The five-by-eight-inch leaflets were written in Korean and Chinese and disseminated to both North Korean

and Chinese Communist forces.

Backing up the combat zone "propaganda machine" was a Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group in Japan which also prepared radio scripts and leaflets. Some of the material written there was aimed at the Communist "man behind the gun"—the factory worker, farmer and other civilians. Other radio programs and leaflets sought to shatter the morale of enemy troops to get them in the mood to surrender when the tide of warfare turned against them.

Leaflets carrying propaganda messages often were packed in bomb shells and dropped from planes where the people for whom they were intended could find them easily.

Achievements of the Army's psychological warfare program are hard to estimate. Many of the North Korean and Chinese Communist prisoners of war have claimed they surrendered because of psychological messages. However, Army Psychological Warfare officials feel the POW's probably gave up as a result of the double-barrelled impact of U.N. weapons and words.

Serious Questions Face Farmers In Election

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The choice before cotton and peanut growers, according to Chairman Harrell, essentially is whether or not they want a reduced acreage and 90 per cent of parity price support. He explains that acreage allotments will be in effect even though quotas are disapproved and that compliance with such allotments will be required for eligibility for price support at 50 per cent of parity.

Mr. Harrell suggests that specific questions which each grower will want to answer for himself are: Will my prospective income be greater from the allotted acreage and 90 per cent of parity price support, or from an unlimited acreage and whatever the market will bring for the crops? What effect will this decision have on my income in future years in the light of current and prospective large surplus supplies of cotton and peanuts if quotas are disapproved? What would be my decision if I could decide for all the cotton and peanut growers in the country?

Mr. Harrell further emphasizes that he can not and will not indicate how cotton and peanut growers should vote, but he emphatically urges all growers to vote in the referendum. In his opinion, the decision will have

A Good Question—A Perfect Answer



far reaching effects and the question deserves the serious study and the carefully considered vote of landlords, tenants and share-croppers who grow cotton and peanuts.

The referendum will be held between the hours of 8 A. M. and 6 P. M., on Tuesday, December 15, at the following polling places: Edenton community in basement of the Post Office building; Macedonia community at Grover Cale's store; Center Hill community at Melvin Evans' store; Rocky Hock community at Henry Bunch's store; Ryland community at Herbert Ray Peele's store; Gliden

community at Lloyd Briggs' store; Yeopim community at Les Jones' Gulf Service Station.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander: Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. All parents are urged to attend all services.

Chowan High PTA Will Meet Tuesday Night

The Parent Teacher Association of Chowan High School will hold its Christmas meeting in the high school auditorium on Tuesday night, December 15 at 7:30 o'clock. All parents are urged to attend.

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