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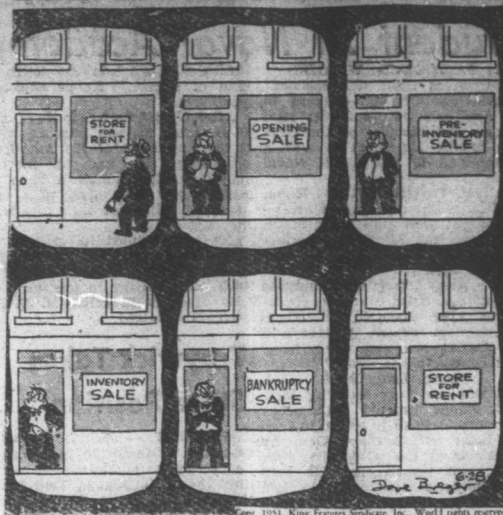
## These Days



By  
**Sokolsky**

A peace offensive in all countries has been conducted by Soviet Russia since 1945. The very term, peace offensive, is paradoxical. Who is opposed to peace? Who wants war? Actually, while Soviet Russia was most vigorous in its peace offensive, the United States let its military might dissipate, while Soviet Russia built a large and potent military machine.

## Mister Bregar



WASHINGTON — I have no idea of the name of this tragic youngster. He was 17 year old, a Puerto Rican from New York's Little San Juan, and—to his shame and bewilderment—a veteran dope addict. There he was in his double-breasted brown suit and gay necktie being led by a Federal turnkey to the Senatorial hot seat to tell what he knew about baby dope fiends, like himself, and how they got that way. So let's call him Juan Doe.

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One of the cameras focused on his hands; in his slim fingers Juan clutched a handkerchief until it turned into a tight ball. The other camera in the rear of the glittery Caucus Room kept its eye on the back of his head. It could not see Juan's valiant efforts to blink back the tears.

I, myself, think he made a mistake about his mother; she could have felt a little proud watching her boy, who took up dope at the age of 13, helping those Senators figure out new laws to catch the harpies preying on children with reefer.

These are cigarettes made of marijuana. First one Juan smoked was free. One of his schoolmates, himself still much too young to think about shaving, gave it to him. It made Juan feel wonderful. For a while, then he wanted more cigarettes. They cost 50 cents apiece. And the more he smoked the less effect they seemed to have. Soon he simply was feeling headachy. And 50-cent pieces were hard to come by in Harlem.

One of his fellow reefer smokers slipped him a capsule of heroin, a white powder, which he sniffed up his nose. This caused him to feel good again. But when the effects wore off, Juan was sick. He suffered nausea, jumpy nerves, butterfly stomach. So one of the peddlers sold him more capsules, 25 for \$10.

The Senators couldn't understand how Juan located a drug peddler. Juan said he didn't have to.

"They could see I was sick," he said in English with only a hint of Spanish accent. "They came to me."

So he sniffed heroin for a while. The longer he used it, the more he had to have. He quit school and took a job as a clerk to get the money for his vice. He didn't earn enough to buy all the drugs he needed. By now they were a necessity. He took to injecting them into his veins with a hypodermic needle. Without them he was too sick to work. Then he stole jewelry from his mother and her best silver dishes.

She discovered finally what was wrong with her son; for weeks she'd worried about the way he stayed home in a kind of nervous stupor. He told her the truth — it wasn't easy — and she financed his train fare to the Federal Narcotics Hospital at Lexington, Ky. For Senora Doe, finding that money was not easy, either.

Now Juan is under treatment. The doctors believe he'll be as good as new in a few more weeks. And I'm inclined to ignore the testimony of all the officials, the specialists and the physicians who loathe about the evils of narcotics among teen-agers. They all meant well, but nothing they could say was as impressive as the softly spoken words of young Juan Doe. His evidence is expected to result in stiff new penalties for those who lure youngsters into the drug habit. Juan's mother at long last can feel happy, a little happy, about her son.

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Hen on Schedule  
EAST BRADYTON, Mass. (U)—Michael Saxonis gets an egg a day. His pet red hen lays one egg at the same time every morning at his front door.

Chicks Like Marbles  
BIG SANDY, Tenn. (U)—Twice in recent months Mrs. K. M. Cromwell bought fryers from a neighbor. Both times she found six marbles in one of the chickens.

Moral Victory  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U)—Anyhow, it was a moral victory. Associates Investment Co., Inc., asked \$50 damages in a replevin suit filed in circuit court. Judge Q. Austin East's verdict favored the plaintiff. The award for damages was one cent.

North Carolina's farm population gained 48,000 in the last two years. The 1950 census shows 1,471,000, or more than a third of the population, living on farms of three acres or more.

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## Welcome To Dunn

The Daily Record wants to be among the first to welcome the veterans of the 81st "Wildcat" Division, who will stage their yearly reunion here Saturday through Monday.

Dunn should be proud that the veterans of this gallant division, some of whom fought under Gen. William C. Lee in World War I, have chosen this location for their annual meeting.

This honor is merely another indication that Dunn, in its own way, is becoming something of a convention town. With its central location and its spacious armory, the town makes an ideal spot for such gatherings.

We trust that the citizens and merchants of Dunn will join us in extending the courtesy and hospitality of the town to the "Wildcat" Division veterans during their brief stay here.

It is important to bear this six years' campaign in mind in connection with Jacob Malik's cease-fire proposal. Throughout the Korean War, Soviet Russia has been circulating the "Stockholm Peace Appeal." It has been signed by millions of persons in all parts of the world, many of them innocents who love peace, hate war, and believe that because that is what they understand, it is what the men in the Kremlin mean.

Actually, what the Russians mean by peace is that the status quo, however achieved, should be recognized and stabilized.

Let us apply that to Korea. North Korea is now occupied by Soviet China. The North Korean government has been defeated and destroyed by the United States. However, instead of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) occupying and unifying that country, Soviet China, operating out of the Manchurian sanctuary, took possession and has been engaged in a war with the United States. Soviet China's objective has nothing to do with Korea. It's objectives are:

- 1 To obtain a seat in the United Nations as the only recognized government of China;
- 2 To be permitted to occupy Formosa and to abolish the Nationalist government, headed by Chiang Kai-Shek;
- 3 Succession to China's permanent seat on the Security Council of the United Nations;
- 4 The elimination of the United States from Asiatic affairs;
- 5 A seat at the conference for a treaty with Japan.

This the Russians call peace. Actually, it means the total defeat of the United States in Korea; the reduction of the Korean State to precisely the conditions that existed there on June 25, 1950; the strengthening of the Communist position in relation to the future not only of Japan, but as the situation must work out in time under these terms, the Philippines.

Were this Russian peace accepted, the voice of the United States in the affairs of the world would be equal to that of Japan and Germany, the defeated countries. It would mean, for our country, total isolation. For few countries, under such circumstances, could afford to accept our friendship or proffer theirs to us.

Dean Acheson and President Truman have correctly resisted the temptation of rushing into Malik's arms, for while peace is a popular word and no one in the United States favors the Korean War, the peril is that the acceptance of Malik's cease-fire proposal, without knowing in advance what Russia actually proposes, might be utterly disastrous to this country.

There is another point in all this which seems to have been missed. Why did Russia make this proposal? Why did it not come from Soviet China? Why did not Mao Tse-Tung propose it?

I note that some of the Europeans compare it to Malik's proposal concerning the Berlin Airlift. The cases are not analogous, except under one condition:

In the matter of the Berlin Airlift, the contention was between the United States and Soviet Russia. In Korea, the contest is between the United States and Soviet China. Not a Russian has fought in the Korea War. Russia has heretofore assumed no responsibility for the Korean War.

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## Little Old NEW YORK

By ED SULLIVAN

CURTAIN CALLS IN KOREA

To outdoor sages beyond the 38th Parallel, American performers already have carried their songs, dances and comedy to fighting divisions which have forced the likes of Malik to propose a truce. This is the new show business of 1951, within sound of artillery fire and with performers once again billeted in sleeping bags.

Some of the performers are now back in New York and, despite the toughness of the Korean tour, nearly all of them, remembering the appreciation of homesick men, are anxious to play the Korean circuit again.

Margaret Brown, great tap and ballet dancer from Long Beach, Calif., is typical of the performers who went out from the States, in the early troups.

Despite the filthy chaos of Korea, despite the fact that roads are so bad that it takes 6 1/2 hours to travel 25 miles despite the fact that their group was shelled near Todung-ni by Chinese in the surrounding hills, and despite the freezing nights, Margaret Brown already has asked USO to go back.

Her group played to 78,000 troops, often above the 38th Parallel. Most of the fighting men had been in Korea 11 months, and hadn't seen an American show until Elton Britt, the Arnauts, the Terry Twins, the Quinlans, Wally Milford's four-piece band, Jay Kirk and Margaret played into Pusan.

The performers' day, in Korea, starts with 6 A. M. breakfast call. They then jump to a show area within five miles of the front lines, have lunch and start their matinees, giving shows to units ranging from 100 men to 5,000 and generally getting to sleep about midnight. All shows are given outdoors. On some occasions, GI patrols have reported that Chinese soldiers watched the show, through binoculars, from the surrounding hills.

Most of the shows prepare for the Korean adventure by playing break-in dates at Governors Island, Fort Twitten, the submarine base in New London and Fort Jay. Margaret Brown's group, 15 in all, flew from New York to Travis Air Force Base, between San Francisco and Sacramento, flying from there the following midnight aboard a DC-6 to Tokyo, with fueling stopovers at Honolulu and Wake.

They played their first show in a hangar at Yokohama, continued on to the Navy base at Yokosuka and then played to 6,000 GIs at Johnson Air Force Base before taking off for Pusan at 5 A. M. from Tokyo. So, by the time they gave their first show in Korea, this troupe had worked out most of the kinks in the show and had developed real pace.

Korea is most hills, it smells with a terrible odor, the harassed population is filthy, the roads are frightful, dusty or muddy when it rains, the nights are freezing cold and the ground continuously damp, performers tell you. "And all the towns should be burned down," adds Jack Powell, comedy drummer who was in Korea with the first USO troupe.

Despite all these handicaps and regardless of the fact that performers get only about enough money to exist, they want to go back. The GIs gave them the thrill of a lifetime.

Margaret Truman's dancing partner in England, Douglas Fairbanks (Fairbanks and his wife, Joan Fontaine and Spencer Tracy showed her the town)... Gertrude Lawrence wants Johnny Johnston for her next show... Evelyn Keyes and Pat Di Cicco dating... Heavy betting on the LaMotta-Murphy scrap... Jack Durant and his wife, Molly O'Day, calling it quits after 17 years... Arthur Lesser's "Two on the Aisle" winning out-of-town notices... Helen Hayes and Charles MacArthur to visit Greece this summer... Comic Lenny Bruce introducing his bride, Honey... Marilyn Maxwell and James Dobson blazing... Lou Walters needs six beauties at Latin Quarter. Contact him any afternoon this week.

There is no Dr. Gholson in this town. Dr. Norman G. Gholson, the last of three generations of doctors, died in his 75th year.

George C. Marshall was made a five-star general two days before Douglas MacArthur was given the same rank.

## Bureaucrats Promote Waste

As was to be expected, spokesmen for the Department of the Interior are vigorously protesting against cuts made by the House in certain requested appropriations for government power plants, transmission lines, and related facilities. They are especially bitter over an amendment which would forbid Interior to build lines which duplicate or compete with those owned by private utility companies which are distributing government-produced electricity.

Here is more compelling evidence of the fact that the goal of many men high in the government is to socialize the utility industry as rapidly as possible, and to create a vast Federal power monopoly which would dominate agriculture, business and all other segments of the economy. The cuts recommended by the House are moderate in all cases. They simply represent a conscientious effort to squeeze some of the water out of Interior's padded requests for funds. In the view of many experts, much heavier cuts would be both possible and wise.

The amendment which would prevent the construction of duplicating lines is particularly important. In various places where the government is operating power plants, the private utilities have complete networks which reach all existing and potential consumers. The government power can be transmitted over these networks at a minimum expense to all concerned. To build duplicating systems would simply be an inexcusable waste of the taxpayers' money. It would, further, be an inexcusable waste of manpower and materials in a critical period. Yet that is exactly what Interior wants to do.

We need a lot less socialism in this country, not more. If the government went out of the power business tomorrow, private enterprise would go right ahead giving dependable low-cost service to all who want it. The actions taken by the House are a step in the right direction, despite Interior's protests. The House is to be congratulated—may it stick to its guns.

Thieves Flout Warning  
VICKSBURG, Mich. (U)—Thieves broke into the principal office of the Vicksburg High School and stole \$100 while Circuit Judge Raymond W. Fox was addressing the students. Fox' subject was "Crime and Punishment."

Worms War on Trees  
BOSTON.—(U)—Spruce budworms have killed timber enough to have built an estimated 10,000,000 five-room houses, according to the Interior Department's bureau of land management.

Last Dr. Gholson Dies  
HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss. (U)—For the first time in a century, impossible.

In a word, the real danger is that the United States is being tricked and it is necessary to worry. We must continue to fortify our might.

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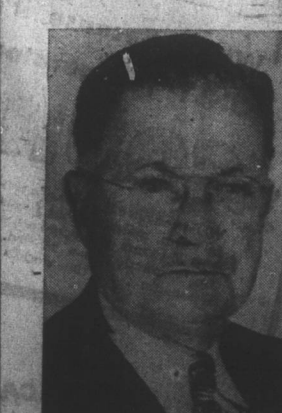
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