

Warfare In Korea Similar To That In World War I

Rift In High Places Follows Selection Of The New Cabinet

Washington—The fighting in Korea has developed into a dreary battle of trenches and fortified positions not unlike that which was waged between the Germans and French and British in 1915-1916 and 1917. "Positively," as it has been said, "the attack consumes a heavy expenditure of human life. As in World War I, there is nowhere to flank the enemy on the front."

Military experts who recall the slaughters which took place at Verdun, in the British offensives in 1916 and 1917, and in the French offensives of 1915 and 1916 look at the Korean situation with strong misgivings. The American command is not eager to hurl a mass of human flesh against the communist lines. And in the last two communist offensives the Allied troops exacted a fearful toll of enemy troops. The Reds are not too eager to mount a major offensive either.

While they do not admit it publicly, some of our top commanders are at a complete loss to know what step to take next. General Dwight D. Eisenhower saw for himself the tragic situation which confronted the Allies on his recent tour of the front lines. He is to try to improve the situation. He might use naval and air power as an alternative plan to the ground offensive. But just how remains to be seen.

Because of the topography of the land, large battles of movement involving tanks and motorized equipment are very difficult. The action is almost confined to the old-style trench warfare, which is a costly dilemma. There is a possibility that tactical atomic weapons could revolutionize the ground fighting, but there have been no hints that such weapons will be employed. Meanwhile Ike is wrestling with a dreadful problem, which is how to bring an end to the bogged-down trench-warfare, which seems likely to go on a long time unless new pressure is brought on the Chinese.

Senator Bob Taft has a legitimate gripe as a result of the appointments thus far by General Eisenhower. In a meeting with Ike some time ago, the General told Taft he would like for him to submit a list of possible cabinet appointments. When Taft got ready to submit his suggestions, he had to hand them in to Herbert Brownell, Jr., the New York lawyer who had masterminded the Taft defeat, in the G. O. P. convention at Chicago.

Then, after submitting this list, Ike paid little attention to it. In fact he appointed men who seemed to have the approval of the Dewey lieutenants who surrounded him. Taft was plugging for Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia as Secretary of the Treasury but a fellow Ohian was named to that post without Taft's knowledge.

Radio To Give No Aid to the Enemy

President Truman recently announced a plan which has been worked out by the Federal Communications Commission, the National Security Council and other agencies which would prevent using the transmission of the thousands of radio stations in this country for navigational aids. Boiled down into its briefest form, the plan is this:

All radio stations will be switched to one wave length band and a warning system will be given. As all stations go to the same wave length the power will be reduced so that a minimum of interference and confusion will be caused. In other words, a powerful station which covers several states will be reduced to a coverage radius of only a fraction of its former power. It will operate with just enough

power to reach listeners in its area but not enough to interfere with stations (broadcasting on the same frequency) in other areas.

The radio compass, which is widely used in aircraft, will be ineffectual against such strategy. Aircraft navigators will not be able to tune it to any station on the basis of wave-length frequency, since all stations will be on the same wave length. In addition, the instrument will fluctuate wildly and therefore be useless.

Thus, the nation's radios will be able to stay on the air, broadcasting warnings or alerts, even during an actual raid. This is an improvement over the technique which was relied on by most countries during the last war. In this country, infrequent warnings led to shutdowns by many stations and this impractical system can now be avoided.

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Social Security for The Selfemployed

"If you work for yourself or as a partner in an unincorporated trade or business, your work came under the new Social Security Act on January 1, 1951." Marshall H. Barney, manager of the Rocky Mount office of the Social Security Administration, reminded businessmen in this area.

Farm owners still do not participate in the social security program, nor do members of certain

professions, such as dentists, doctors, lawyers, public accountants, and morticians. Others who are in business for themselves, logging, running grocery stores, operating service stations, and so on, were brought under social security on a compulsory basis for the first time last year.

The self-employed should have made their social security tax returns along with their Federal income tax returns for 1951 by the fifteenth of March. They need social security numbers for those returns and Barney suggested that they apply for new or replacement social security cards through his office now.

A free booklet, "Do You Work for Yourself?", explaining the new social security coverage is available through the Social Security Administration, Post Office Building, Rocky Mount, N. C.


Melons Aid Couple Of Kidney Attack Victims

Toronto.—For the second time recently, Florida watermelons have been flown to Canada, to help children stricken with a kidney ailment. The first shipment was made to Carol Strong, 11, of Calgary, several weeks ago, and doctors say her condition has improved. The second lot of Florida watermelons went to Cudworth, Saskatchewan, to help 3-year-old Larry Bodnarchuk.

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