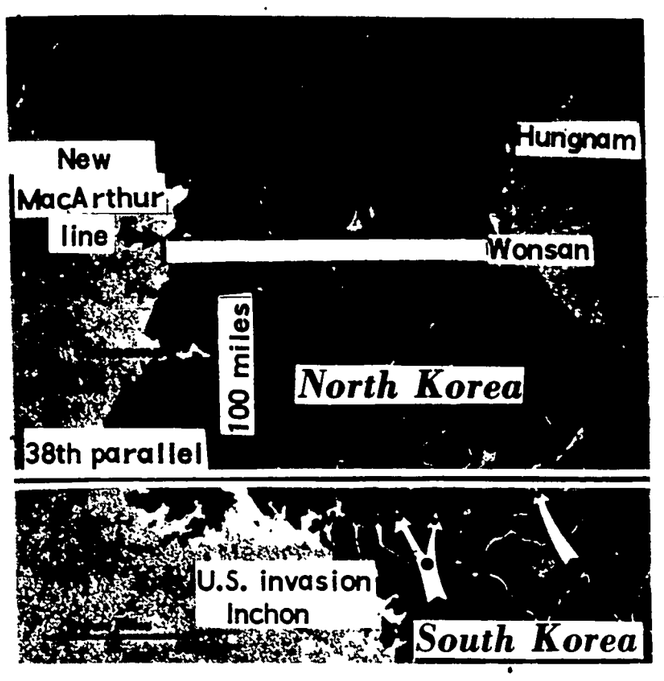
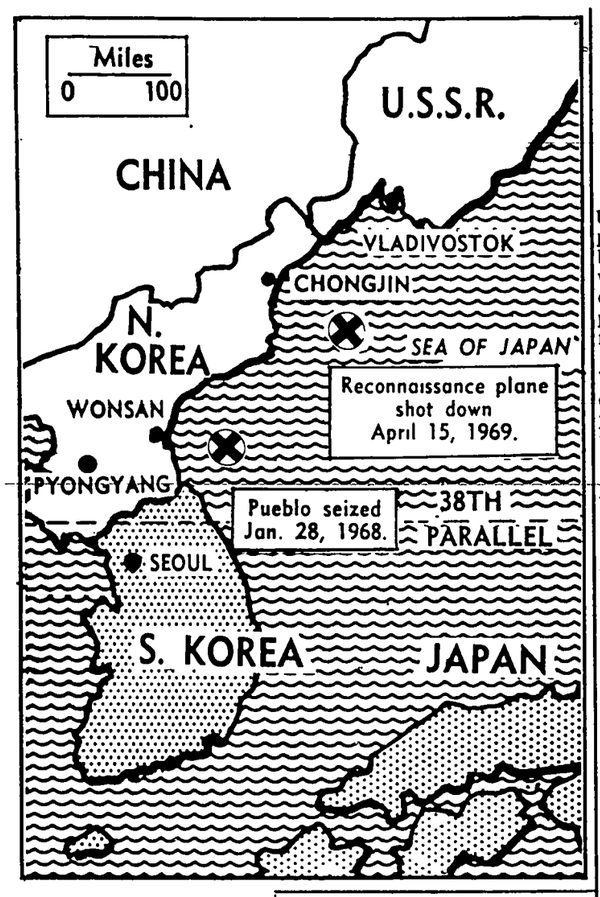
The Korean War 1950-51





COMPROMISE WINS FIRST ROUND

Employment agency prices

LINCOLN (UPI)—Nebraska's Unicameral gave first round approval today to a compromise bill establishing a ceiling on what employment agencies can charge after being told the bill protects "people who can't read fine print."

The lawmakers advanced the bill past its first legislative test on a 20-12 vote after hearing protests that it was both too weak and too strong.

The debate on the bill also contained the unusual revelation that a lobbyist had been paid $5,000 by the state's employment agencies to work out the compromise on the bill.

The bill and the amendment are sponsored by Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff. Carpenter told the committee the amendments were worked out in conferences between State Labor Commissioner Thomas Doyle, representatives of the employment industry and himself.

"I'm not sure I like the bill," he said, "but it's a compromise which we got everyone involved to agree to and I think it's at least a start in the right direction.

"We ought to start now to do something to stop these unethical people in the business from robbing the public," he said. "These people extract as much as they can from people who can't read the fine print."

'Siding Scale'

The bill would set up a sliding scale of limitations on what employment agencies could charge. Persons securing jobs paying less than $3,120 per year would pay five per cent of their annual salary to the agency. The scale runs up to 20 per cent of a salary of $15,000 or more.

Employment agencies also would be allowed to charge a fee of one per cent of the annual salary of the job sought for persons applying for a job. If a job were later secured for the person, the fee would be applied against the total fee for securing the job.

The bill also would provide for the licensing of employment agencies by the state labor commissioner after 1970.

Omaha Sen. Richard Proud objected to the bill, saying he questioned "the propriety of a bill like this.

"We're telling a businessman what he can charge for his services," he said. "When we start this I don't know where it stops."

Another Omaha lawmaker, Sam Klaver, objected that the bill was too weak. He submitted an amendment, which was not adopted, which would have cut all the rates allowed in half.

Can't Afford

"You're going to allow an employment agency to charge a person for earning $15,000 a year $3,000 to get him the job," he said. "Twenty per cent is worse than highway robbery. Who in the hell can afford to make that kind of payment?"

Lincoln Sen. Harold Simpson also supported the bill as a compromise between the various interests.

"I'm not satisfied that this is strong enough," he said, "but I think we need something to protect especially our young people and this is at least a start."

Proud, during the debate, said he had been told by an employment agency operator that the employment agencies had banded together and hired Lincoln attorney David Tewes to lobby for them on the bill for a fee of $5,000.

Tewes helped work out the amendment Carpenter sponsored.

Carpenter responded to Proud's statement, saying if it was true, "Mr. Tewes was underpaid. In my opinion he should have been paid $10,000. He did a very good job in working this compromise and he earned every penny of his fee."

Also given first round approval was a bill to require the establishment of municipal courts in each of the state's 24 first class cities. The bill requires each of the first class cities to set up one municipal judge and allows them to hire a second if they wish.

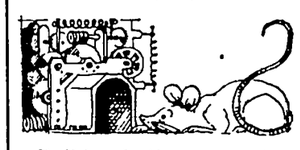
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April is the month when many lose a week's sleep stewing over the hour of sleep they'll lose when Daylight Time goes into effect.

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THE BUCK ENDS HERE — 18 YEARS AGO

Decks of ship ice-covered

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

The news stories of the past week of Korea and the U.S. spy plane stirred my thoughts of 18 years ago when I was wearing Navy blues and serving in Japan and Korea.

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In the spring of 1951, I was assigned for a brief time to duty aboard what sailors called a "reefer," a food supply ship.

Our assignment was simply, replenish at sea.

As the map illustrates, the war was to be fought in South Korea. As far as the Americans were concerned North Korea belonged to the communists and that was that. General Douglas MacArthur had other ideas and as you will remember, former President Truman recalled or "fired" the general.

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The fighting did stay pretty much along the 38th parallel. At least most Americans beleived so. We were about 200 miles north of the 38th near Hungnam along with the bettleship Missouri and heavy cruiser Manchester.

(Later, they were relieved by the New Jersey and the cruiser Los Angeles).

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I dusted off a stack of old pictures and notes about my two trips overseas and came up with many memories.

One was about the minesweeper Thompson which took the worse of a gun battle with shore batteries.

"About 120 miles south of the Russian border on the east coast, the modified destroyer drew fire Thursday from twin-mounted three-inch enemy guns. The Thompson was working close to the beach, trying to knock out a bridge on the highway leading from Songjin to Vladivostok, (see map), the great Russian Far East military base.

"Within a few minutes, the shore batteries bracketed in the Thompson and scored 10 hits. Among the sailors killed was Boilerman John Dreith of Lincoln, Nebraska."

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Other notes included:

Just like the situation faced by the Pueblo, the crew of the U.S.S. Polaris had the same problem—ice.

"It snowed for two days and we had a lot of ice on our decks when we arrived in Wonsan (March 1951). . . shelled shore batteries hitting fuel depots. . . . we covered 2,042 miles in nine and a half days this trip. . . . never changed clothes and took off my shoes only a couple of times . . . Someone goofed — there are 65 of us and only the usual gripes about GI chow — but. . . . we had 70 pounds of fried rabbit and black coffee. . . . . wonder where in the hell that came from."

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One day at sea on board another ship, we were all at our battle stations for gunnery practice.

Although the Navy rated me an expert marksman with a rifle in boot training, my job on board this ship was setting fuses electrically for the four different five-inch gun mounts on board ship.

It was my first day at the station and I was taking instruction from another sailor.

Gunnery practice for sailors was firing at a sleeve, similar to the wind socks flying over airports. The sleeve was pulled on a long tow cable at certain distances by a Navy plane.

Our job was to fill it full of holes. . . . If that was possible.

Someone got in a few lucky shots, shredded the sleeve and cut the cable.

But the real basher came on the fuse mounts.

Settings were ordered by the gunnery officer who determined when the shell would burst in space based on the number of yards from the target.

The order was wrong and the fuse instructor followed it blindly — the shell exploded barely after it was fired from the mount spewing cork from the casing and metal all over the bridge.

There was a lot of checking and rechecking after that little trinket was settled.

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About the sleekest vessel on the high seas in those years was the Bon Homme Richard, an aircraft carrier. She sported Navy Corsairs, the prop-driven planes and Panther jets, the airplane we all decided must be the ultimate in design.

I boarded the Bon Homme Richard only one time and that was only briefly.

My trip ended up almost as a homecoming — I met Jim McKay, Lincoln, Nebraska. Jim was best man at my wedding.

(In later years Jim returned to Nebraska City to help Bob Berger of Lincoln with the floor covering job at St. Mary's Episcopal church addition).

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We were anchored in Sasebo, Japan, as probably the most homesick sailors in the world when the first soldiers were rotated (whoever thought they'd send in a relief column) to the States.

My notes were quite flowery:

"Flanked by fire boats shooting streams of water hundreds of feet into the air and sailing under a thunderous salute by sleek jets of the U.S. and British, the first Army men to be rotated from the Korean war sailed home today from Sasebo.

"Most of the men had nearly 10 months of combat duty."

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There was one who did not return. Corporal Jay Weckrley, my cousin from Washington, Kansas, was killed February 9, 1951, a day after I arrived.

Omahan killed in Viet plane crash

OMAHA (UPI)—The Defense Department has notified relatives that Air Force Capt. Leon J. Pierce, 29, was killed in a plane crash in South Vietnam Wednesday.

He was the son of Mrs. Margaret Gordon, Omaha.

A native of Sioux City, Iowa, Pierce had been in the Southeast Asia country since November.

The Defense Department said he was on a forward air controller mission when his craft crashed.

Survivors include his widow, a daughter, father, sister and brother in addition to his mother.

FUNNY BUSINESS
By Roger Bollen



AWOL Marine hides under a porch

KEY WEST, Fla. (UPI)—The sign on front of the house said "Efficiency Apartment for Rent," but an AWOL Marine corporal chose a cubby hole underneath the porch.

It suited his purposes better—the price was right and he was on the lam.

For more than two months, 20-year-old William Leonard, a Vietnam veteran from Marlboro, Mass., hid under the porch of a Key West house. At other times, after escaping from the Key West Naval Station brig on Dec. 27, 1968, he slept out in an open field and in an empty garage.

At night, Leonard told police following his recpature Thursday, he would venture out in search of something to eat. He broke into cars and restaurants, he said, but only took what he needed to keep from starving.

Marine Maj. James Black said Leonard is back in the brig today, and has been given a "bath, shave and shower." He said the corporal may be given a psychiatric examination before his case is settled.

Leonard, a three-year veteran of the Marine Corps, had been absent without leave from Camp Lejeune, N.C. when he was picked up by police in this island city last December. He was jailed at the naval station, but escaped a few days later.

Flight speeds of 60 miles an hour are common for the homing pigeon

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- There is evidence that potash reduces stalk rot in corn
- If soil samples for testing are taken when the soil is frozen, the resulting potash readings will be erroneously high
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- Soil samples taken in mid summer will test lower in potash than soil samples from the same fields taken in early spring or late fall
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