

QUOTES from COLUMNISTS

DAVID LAWRENCE: "Just why anyone should be surprised that the Communists in Moscow took advantage of America's policy of drifting is a mystery. The whole world acts surprised—as if the doom of Korea wasn't foreseen for a long time as a part of the Washington Administration's policy of concentrating on the 'cold war' in Europe and taking a chance on what might happen in Asia."

WALTER LIPPMANN: "We have yet to prove that we can find allies in the Far East who are a match for the satellites of Russia. Yet unless our present position . . . can be held [by the] . . . Asiatic peoples, ever larger bodies of American troops will become frozen there. Then the advantages of holding these positions will . . . have to be weighed against the heavy liabilities."

Memo from a **Girl Friday** in **Walter Winchell's** column. "The U.N. attitude on Korea reminds me of the girl who told her date: 'I'll give you just three more days to get your hand off my leg.'"

IRV KUPCINET in the *Chicago Sun-Times*: "One question the Pentagon wants answered is why 'the valley,' the one logical route the [North Korean] invaders could take, wasn't protected with properly trained troops. One high-up military chief told the press that a handful of well-trained troops, properly disposed and with no more than 20 planes, could have repulsed the Red-led invaders."

JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP: "If South Korea now falls, the American commitment will be shown to be worthless. And the process of crumbling all around the Soviet periphery, which would have been initiated by American appeasement, will be even more surely and rapidly initiated by the simple fact of American failure."

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