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FIRST FILM! TRUCE TALKS!

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From Tokyo arrives the Commander of the United Nations forces in Korea. General Ridgway is met by General van Fleet, who meets the men who will represent the United Nations at the actual conference. Talks will be strictly limited to military matters as the Reds are trying to bargain for political concessions.

Admiral Burke, General Craigie, Korean General Paik, Admiral Joy, chief of the delegation, and General Hodges are wished Godspeed by General Ridgway. As they board their helicopter the hopes of the free world accompany these men. Can they bring us peace with honour? It takes only a few minutes to fly across no man's land to Kaesong - the only city south of the thirty-eighth parallel not yet in United Nations hands.

A large "W" marks the landing site. The allied officers - unarmed in accordance with international law - step out. They are met by three Korean Communists - one of them a girl. Allies and Reds sit down for the first tentative talks - while at the Imjin River United Nations advance units wait at the ready in case of a double cross.

And so the mission heads home after nearly four hours discussion. On their return, the Mission members were mobbed by newsmen: they were excluded from the first talks. But from now on the press will report on this moment of history.

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Tension runs high at Munsan, the United Nations advance outpost for truce talks as a giant helicopter stands ready to fly a UN mission to first talks with the reds. A white truce flag is taken along -- just in case. Colonels Lee Soo Yong, Korean Army; R James Murray, U.S. Marines; and Andrew Kinney, U.S. Air Force represent the allies in accordance with terms reached by radio.

It is eight-fifty on a Sunday morning -- exactly fifty four weeks since the Sunday the Korean Reds began their invasion. A second helicopter, carrying interpreters and an ^{newsreel} army p/camerman, goes along. At nine a.m. they cross the Imjin River -- where advance UN units wait -- ready to move on a moment's notice in case of a trap. It takes only minutes to fly across no man's land to Kaesong -- only city south of the thirty-eighth parallel not yet in UN hands. A large "W" marks the landing site. The plane touches down at nine twenty-two and ~~unmanned~~ the three allied colonels -- ~~unarmed~~ unarmed in accordance with international law -- step out. They are met by three Korean Reds -- one of them a girl -- ^{the} and/exchange of salutes is followed by a stiff pause that's finally broken when ~~a~~ the Reds' interpreter leads the

way to waiting jeeps. Armed Communist guards the supposedly neutral city.

The jeeps, two of them American, drive to a once lavish mansion where the Allies and Reds sit down for talks. The U.N. mission heads home after nearly four hours discussion - discussions often interrupted while the Reds argued points among themselves but the Colonels return to Wonsan, where they are mobbed by the waiting members of the world press corps to report the mission a success. Actual cease-fire talks will begin in two days.

But as the colonels leave, the correspondents boiling mad at being excluded from the conference, evidently attended by Communist reporters, demand representation at future meetings. Next day at Seoul, only 30 miles from Kaesong, General Ridgway is met by General Van Fleet as he arrives from Tokyo with the men who represent the U.N. at the actual truce talks. The talks will be limited to strictly military matters, as the Reds try to bargain for political concessions.

Next day the five, Admiral Burke, General Craigie?, Korean general Pike, Admiral Joy, delegation chief, and General Hotis board helicopters for Kaesong. The first two days of talks apparently make progress despite Red demands for U.N. withdrawal south of the parallel and the recall of all foreign forces from Korea. But as the truce team is wished God speed by General Ridgway, none could foresee that the talks would suddenly stop as the Reds barred U.N. correspondents from the truce city. The world wonders when the next helicopter will take off from for Kaesong.