We're Asking the Reds to SURRENDER—PLEASE!

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The UN has opened up with a barrage of propaganda against the Communists in Korea. Our ammunition is words, and we fire a billion rounds a week.

Seoul, Korea

Chinese Communist soldier who surrendered to a U.N. commander in Korea was recently asked why he gave himself up. "Four months ago," he told the interrogators, "I heard a woman broadcasting in Chinese from one of your voice-planets. I thought: If the Americans can operate planes and tanks, why can't we?" A few days later he was at the front, fighting in the same studio room as the one he heard the voice-planets from. He joined the Chinese Communist Army and was captured by U.N. forces.

Chinese counterattack on American forces putting pressure on the UN forces to negotiate. The Chinese are believed to have launched a major offensive in the last few days, with the goal of pushing the UN forces back to their original positions.

Broadcasters at the Front

The Red's radio broadcasts are reaching large numbers of people. However, the UN forces are also using their own radio stations to broadcast propaganda messages.

Leaflet Prohibition

The UN forces have prohibited the distribution of leaflets by the Reds. This is due to the fact that the Reds are using leaflets to incite the local population to join their cause.

Leaflet Production

In North Korea, leaflets are produced and distributed. The UN forces have reported that the Reds are using leaflets to propagandize the local population and influence their opinion in favor of the Reds.

Veritas
First Lieutenant (1LT) Ivan G. Worrell, the Loudspeaker Platoon leader, 1st Loudspeaker & Leaflet Company, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea, flew seven Psywar broadcast missions to P’yongyang in 1952 aboard a B-26 Invader. “The Voice,” a specially-equipped WWII-era C-47 Skytrain with permanently-mounted loudspeakers, had gotten badly shot up and was undergoing repairs. 1LT Worrell and his radio mechanic installed a portable loudspeaker in the bomb bay. Since the Army equipment electrical system was not compatible with that of the Air Force aircraft, they fitted a gasoline-powered electrical generator into the radio section to power the microphone and loudspeaker. A ‘jerry-rigged’ flexible hose vented exhaust fumes through an antenna ‘well’ in the top of the fuselage. A female Republic of Korea (ROK) soldier, riding in the bombardier seat, constantly read the Psywar script aloud. Since the doors of the bomb bay had to be kept open during these missions, everyone dressed warmly. All missions were night, low level. When given the opportunity to earn an Air Medal by flying three more missions aboard the repaired C-47, 1LT Worrell declined. Originally, there had been two C-47 Psywar planes; one of the slow-flying aircraft was shot down over enemy lines.¹

Endnotes
¹ Retired MAJ Ivan G. Worrell, interview by Dr. Charles H. Briscoe, 22 March 2012, USASOC History Office Classified Files, Fort Bragg, NC.