

KOREA

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The return of the prisoners began today -- in Korea. At a camp^s near the Yalu River, six hundred captives, including one ~~xxxx~~ hundred and twenty Americans, started out on a journey to the truce tents at Pan Mun Jom, where they will be handed over next Monday. (Exchanged -- for five thousand and eight hundred Communists held on our side. All -- in accordance with the agreement for the exchange of ill and injured prisoners.)

The ones that started out from near the Yalu River today -- were on a two hundred mile trip to the town of Kaesong, ~~which is~~ Red headquarters in the truce ~~xxx~~ talks. A rugged journey -- through the mountains of North Korea. ~~They are being taken~~ In trucks and ambulances, all marked plainly with Red flags and squares of red cloth -- so that U S war planes can identify them. (Our pilots have large-scale maps showing the exact route of the convoys of prisoners, and the places they will stop at night. They'll be a week on the trail

to freedom. The Communists ^{are} taking their time, and will hold the captives for a couple of days at their truce headquarters -- for a final medical check. The belief is that they ~~want~~ want the ill and injured prisoners to make as good an appearance as possible -- when they are turned over to the Allied command.)

The final act, next Monday, will come -- when the liberated Americans and South Koreans pass through "Freedom Gate". This will mark the end of their captivity -- and it will be quite a ceremony.

Today there was a rehearsal -- as U N officials went through the routine they'll follow on Monday. The tryout was realistic -- with American G I's playing the part of American prisoners. (South Korean laborers -- representing their own countrymen. The South Korean laborers found it great fun, laughing and joking, -- as they were helped along, or carried on stretchers, placed in ambulances. In a full dress rehearsal -- of the return of the prisoners.)

(Meanwhile, the State Department in Washington was putting out information -- to prepare for the fact that some of the home-coming captives may have been indoctrinated with Communism, They ~~are known to have been compelled to attend classes in the doctrines of the Reds~~ Propaganda drummed into them. Some may have made statements favoring Communism. Officials in Washington declare -- they can't be blamed. They were forced under threat of death or torture -- to do what the Reds told them.)

at last reports,
 (The Chinese Nationalists are claiming a victory at sea -- though nothing of major proportions. Even neither the Nationalists nor the Reds have anything much beyond guesses. And the clash today was between war vessels of the smaller sort, four on each side. It happened near the China coast, and two Communist gunboats were sunk.)

KOREA-WAR

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The news of the war comes ^{mainly} ~~mainly~~ -- from
of the military program of this nation, -- a ten
the sea. Off the coast of North Korea the Battleship
billion dollar program as it now stands. The Ohio
New Jersey today hurled salvos of shells into the
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Red port of Chong Jin, which is only fifty-five
while retaining that schedule of enormous
miles from the border of Soviet Siberia. Chong Jin,
a big supply center, took
~~is the number one center of Red supplies, and took~~
~~it should be changed, but says he would let his~~
a violent beating today. The Naval guns of the
judgment be guided by what he calls -- "a complete
New Jersey were supported by the bombs of Navy
and impartial investigation.
planes which flew from carriers, *and* ~~Today's dispatch~~
~~states that~~ the Red harbor was half destroyed --
the bombardment still going on *at last reports,*
~~in full blast.~~

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TAFT

Senator Taft calls for an investigation of the military program of this nation, -- a ten billion dollar program as it now stands. The Ohio Senator says -- we can't have any tax reduction, while retaining that enormous schedule of enormous expenditure for American armament. He thinks it should be changed, but says he would let his judgment be guided by what he calls -- "a complete and impartial investigation."

In Washington, today, Henry Grunewald, the mystery man, testified that he was engaged by John L. Lewis, to investigate a federal judge. Grunewald called the Dutchman, has been mentioned repeatedly in investigations. of government scandals under the Truman Administration. ~~And has been~~ ^{He was} indicted for contempt of Congress, when he refused to answer questions. The John L. Lewis part of the story today goes back to that famous coal strike of several years ago -- when the Union was fined three and a half million dollars, for defying a court order.

The fine was imposed by Judge Allen Goldsborough -- ~~and~~ after which the mine union chief commissioned Grunewald, as a private investigator, to make what are called "certain inquiries" about the Judge. What came out of these inquiries we are not told. Today, the Dutchman stated that he had been recommended to Lewis by Republican ^{Senator} Stiles

In New York Joseph P. Ryan, President of the Bridges of New Hampshire, who was then a trustee of the Welfare Fund of the Coal Mine Union.

(Grunewald also stated today that he gave television sets and other presents to high officials of the income tax department. But he denied that he got information from them in return -- although he has been charged with just that.)

UNION

In New York Joseph Pl Ryan, President of the Longshoremens Union -- was arrested today. Taken into custody -- on an indictment charging grand larceny He's accused of having appropriated more than eleven thousand dollars of the funds of his union.

This follows testimony taken by Governor Dewey's New York State Crime Commission, in which Ryan admitted that he used money put up by the union for an anti-Communist fund - used it to buy fancy shirts, pay for a family funeral, go on a cruise to Guatemala, and so on.

TAXES

Congressman Reed of New York has renewed his fight for a ten percent income tax cut in July. His tax reduction bill is bottled up in the rules committee, and the only way to get it out and up for action -- is to have a petition signed by ~~eight~~ two hundred and eighteen congressmen. So, today, a New York legislator placed a petition on the desk of the speaker and urged his fellow law-makers to sign it.

(Congressman Reed calls for a rejection of Republican leadership in Congress, which supports the view of the Eisenhower administration -- that there should be no immediate cut of ~~the~~ income tax, not until the budget is balanced.)

Chicago comes forth with a boon for detective story writers -- doing them a favor. The authors of mysteries like to produce a touch of realism by putting actual telephone numbers in their stories. But suppose the reader has the odd idea of calling the number given in a thriller? That has happened -- and if enough people, ~~xxxx~~ got that odd idea, it could be a nuisance for the party who has the number in question.

So now the Illinois ^{Bell} Telephone Company is setting aside twenty-two Chicago telephone numbers, especially for detective story writers. Chicago -- being a favorite scene for crime thrillers. The authors can use any of the twenty-two -- and curious readers will call them in vain.

Talking about books, I see ^{a new out by} ~~one advertised~~ author Pros-B - the American Balzac. It has with a title ~~that~~ you could sing. The publishers advertise it as -- "that blushing novel". Read it and blush! -- ^{That's} ~~being~~ the idea I suppose. The title

is -- THE HAPPY NIGHTMARE, which almost inspires me
to sing that unending tune, and say -

HAPPY NIGHTMARE, dear Nelson

HAPPY NIGHTMARE, to you.

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the sun is shining brightly on snow mountains -- 26

Inc. Also 4 more inc. of snow. So

and the rain-enchanted East seems far away. I've

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~~about~~ ^{about} western athletics, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~about~~ ^{about}

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SPORTS

This was the opening day of the major league baseball season -- but it was a good deal of a washout. "Game postponed because of rain" was the word -- as at Washington, ~~for~~ example, where Vice President Nixon was to have tossed out the first ball. -- But the weather man said -- "no", too much rain and mud.

Anyway, I'm in Salt Lake City tonight, where the sun is shining brightly on snowy mountains -- 26 ins. plus 4 more ins. of snow. So ~~and~~ the rain-drenched East seems far away. I've been reading the sports pages here, ~~and then there have~~ ^{mainly} ~~about~~ plenty of western athletic topics to talk about.

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Coltrin, in the Salt Lake Tribune, notes ^{that this season,} ~~the fact~~
~~that in its fiftieth year,~~ the Idaho College had an
 unbeaten football team -- winning the conference
 championship here in the Mountain States. Also --
 an unbeaten basketball team. Last year, the track
 team ~~xx~~ won the conference championship -- and is
 considered sure to repeat. ~~this year.~~ ^{IT} Here's the
 final touch:-- Over the weekend, the Idaho Debating
 Team won the National Championship for Intercollegiate
 oratory. Making it a golden anniversary indeed -
 for Idaho State.

Another item on the sports pages here in
 Salt Lake City, ^{In the Deseret News, states} ~~states~~ that the tournament of
 champions at Las Vegas, Nevada has invited Ben Hogan
 to compete. The Las Vegas ^{affair} ~~tournament~~ is one of the
 big money events in golf -- and Ben has a chance
 to rake in another hat-full of sheckels. Which,
 of course, follows his stunning weekend victory at
 Augusta, Georgia -- ^{winning} ~~where he won~~ the Masters
 Tournament. ~~founded by the immortal Bobby Jones, Jr~~

in a dazzling display of golf. Ben Hogan broke all records. Which sounds almost miraculous -- considering the fact that five years ago, Ben cracked up in an auto accident, injured so frightfully that it seemed he couldn't live -- let alone play golf again. But he recovered, and staged a comeback.

He said the best shot of his career was the one from the tee on the thirteenth hole in the final round. A two hundred and seventy yard shot, a curving beauty that took him around a sharp angle winding up with a birdie. His greatest shot and his greatest victory -- for the forty year old veteran who seemed a hopeless tragedy five years ago.

Follow Sports

A dispatch tonight states that President Eisenhower will throw out the first ball, according to tradition -- when the Washington Senators play the New York Yankees on Thursday. Which is the day for the opening game -- washed out by rain today. The President had not intended to perform that usual bit of baseball ritual but changed his mind. Persuaded by what tonight's dispatch calls -- terrific sports pressure.

INVENTOR

At Cabrillo Beach, California, the Coast Guard rescued a Hollywood inventor -- who tried to roller skate ~~across the sea~~ ^{Island.} to Catalina, Charles E. Smith, forty years old, tried it a week or two ago, but only got a few feet away from the beach.

~~But~~ This time, he reached a point three miles off shore -- as he tried to travel on roller skates to Catalina -- ~~which is~~ twenty miles, across the water. ~~from the place where he started. Of course, you may ask, how can you roller skate on the water? Well,~~

^R Inventor Smith rigged up a contraption made of a revolving barrel supported by empty gas tanks. He'd roller skate on the barrel, log-rolling fashion, and thereby propell himself across the deep blue sea. In his latest effort, the roller skates didn't work -- so he tried it in stocking feet, which got him three miles off shore before his contraption collapsed.

Well, how weird can you get? The old song

At Manchester, England, ... should go -- roller skating, roller skating, over the bounding main.

At a Manchester theater, he ...
... his heart was breaking. As a result, the
... on him as he left the
place. Johnny Ray's chauffeur says they tried to
... his clothes off him -- trying him for
souvenirs. He thought he'd be ... to death
... the chauffeur.

So they carried him off ...
still crying I suppose.
... let's listen to a now-sobbing
voice -- meaning you ...

JOHNNY RAY

At Manchester, England, a man was ~~xx~~ mobbed -- and they carried him off half conscious. The sob singer, Johnny Ray -- nearly torn apart by British bobby soxers.

At a Manchester theater, he warbled and he cried -- his heart was breaking. As a result, the bobby ~~xxxxxx~~ soxers ganged up on him as he left the place. Johnny Ray's chauffeur says they tried to tear the clothes off him -- ripping bits for souvenirs. ^{"I} ~~He~~ thought he'd be trampled to death" says the chauffeur.

So they carried him off half conscious -- still crying I suppose.

And now - let's listen to a non-sobbing voice - meaning you Nelson.