

LEAD L.T.-P.G. Fri. Apr. 24-'53.

In the new day of prisoner exchange that has begun in Korea, the Communists have handed over sixteen more Americans. Which brings the total to one hundred and thirty six. That is sixteen more than the Red ^{had} promised to liberate, according to the original agreement. Which is in conformance with Communist promises made in the last day or two. They said they'd return more than the original agreement called for, and they are doing so. Sixteen more, as of tonight. Presumably, they'll go on handing back more Americans.

Which might encourage the hope that this exchange of ~~sick~~ sick and wounded might progress into a general exchange of all prisoners -- those, that is, who want to go back. Which is precisely what our side would like to have come about.

KOREA PRISONERS

In Korea, today, returned American prisoners were telling of -- "Death Valley". Not that renowned scene of nature's desolation in California, but of a valley in Northern Korea, where prisoners of war were held -- in such frightful conditions that they died by the score. This is the salient ~~main~~ feature in a new series of atrocity ~~in~~ stories told by liberated captives. Much in contrast to other accounts -- in which home-coming prisoners of war tell of the best of treatment. (It becomes more and more clear that the stories of brutality come from soldiers captured early in the war. The favorable versions -- from captives taken recently. The Reds -- having had a change of policy in the meantime. A change for the better -- based no doubt, on cold calculation, part of the current peace offensive.)

In London, ~~another view is expressed.~~

Today, the Daily Herald came out with a front page editorial headed: "Atrocity, or the bunk?" The

The newspaper, which supports the labor party, prints an account from its correspondent in Korea, John Walters ^{who writes: -} "beware of exaggerated horror stories attributed to allied soldiers freed in Korea", he writes. He says that an analysis indicates that conditions in Red prison camps ranged from what he calls: "little less than fair, to good." But he adds: "There were a few isolated cases of brutality and neglect."

The editorial in the London paper concludes by saying: "Many prisoners did die, ~~xx~~ but cruelty has not been a system."

~~(It would be pleasant if this British optimism were true. Though it is hardly borne out by the flood of ~~xxx~~ ugly stories from Korea.~~

~~Still, our own U.S. officials declare that the picture ~~xx~~ can only be made clear by a careful check of accounts given by prisoners.)~~

FOLLOW KOREA PRISONERS

The news is full of the joy of American families, when they learn that a husband or a son is among the prisoners who have come back. The most uproarious of these comes from San Antonio, Texas, where the police were called.

Mrs. Gloria de la Garza was watching television, together with her husband's parents. She has been living with them ever since Lieutenant Albert de la Garza went off to the war in Korea. He was reported missing in action, and ~~xxx~~ they were listening to a TV announcement of names ^{of liberated prisoners.} ~~the~~ ~~latest xxx batch of American prisoners handed over.~~ ~~Names one after another,~~ and then the announcer said -- Lieutenant Albert de la Garza of San Antonio, Texas. ^H Whereupon, the wife screamed and fainted, collapsed ^{ing} with joy. She didn't revive until her father-in-law poured water over her. In the middle of this confusion, neighbors and friends poured in. They too had heard the announcement and came to congratulate. The celebration made so much noise

that a riot call was turned in. Cops arrived to restore order. But when they heard what it was all about, they joined in in the celebration, which grew noisier than ever.

KOREA WAR

The war news tells of a thundering duel -- naval artillery versus shore guns -- at the Red port of Wonsan. Four U.S. warships shooting it out with coastal batteries of the Communists.

Right off Wonsan are islands -- held by our forces. They had wounded ^{men} to evacuate. But these could not be taken out -- because of enemy shore guns nearby.

So the order was given, silence those guns. The job going to the U.S. Cruiser MANCHESTER and three destroyers. In the daring operation, they steamed right into the harbor of Wonsan for a great shooting match. We are not told if any of our ships were hit. But they silenced the Communist artillery -- enabling the wounded to be evacuated.

MACARTHUR

A recommendation made by General Douglas MacArthur ~~today~~ is taken to be one angle of that famous MacArthur plan to end the war in Korea. The former Supreme Commander in Tokyo proposes -- a threat to bomb the industrial centers of China. He thinks that would bring the Reds to terms.

It was a ~~big~~ headline, when, shortly after the Presidential election General MacArthur announced that he had what he called -- "a clear and definite solution" for the dilemma of Korea. He didn't say what it was. But gave his proposals to President-
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Elect~~ion~~ Eisenhower -- ^{at} ~~in~~ a confidential meeting. The whole thing remained a secret; but now General MacArthur makes a disclosure in a letter to Senator Byrd of Virginia.

His theory is that the destruction, by bombing, of Chinese industrial centers, would bring about a collapse of Red China. Which, Soviet Russia would not dare to risk. Therefore, a threat of bombing would persuade the Reds to negotiate an

agreement. It might bring about an end of the cold war.

So that, it appears, is part of that MacArthur program which was presented to President-Elect Eisenhower, shortly before he assumed office.

(At the White House today there was "no comment". In Congress -- expressions of caution. The British, hearing of the MacArthur theory are cold to it.)

SOLDIERS

The news wire, today, gives us an odd story -- as background for a vote in ~~the~~^a Senate Committee. The Armed Services Committee -- acted^{ing} ~~to~~ to repeal an old law, under which a soldier could buy his way out of the army. Two G I's tried ~~to~~ it.

At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Corporal George Noonan, and Private Hugh Lucas, read a feature story in a newspaper, which told about that law -- passed in Eighteen Ninety. Which provided that by paying one hundred ^{and} twenty dollars or less, a soldier could buy a discharge from service. The story added that this had ^{been} suspended in Nineteen Forty by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt -- under emergency powers for war. But, those emergency powers would expire automatically on April First of this year. ~~So after that date, the old "buy-out" law would be~~ back into effect again -- unless Congress did something about it in the meanwhile.

So the two G I's watched the newspapers -- to see if ~~the~~ Congress did anything about it.

So the G I's waited for April First, and then put in an application to buy their way out of the Army. But it turned out to be April Fool. It seems that Congress had extended those emergency powers and the "buy-out" law remained suspended.

All of which drew attention to the fact that the old law still remained on the books -- and now, there's congressional action to repeal it.)

NATO

In Paris, the North Atlantic Treaty Council has adopted a U.S. resolution -- urging a quick ratification of the treaty for a West European army. The vote was unanimous -- after American Secretary of State Dulles told the Council of NATO that -- American aid is at stake. If there isn't fast action on the treaty, the U.S. might reconsider the program of spending vast sums of money to help Western Europe. ~~That warning was followed by a vote, unanimous -- urging the countries of NATO to ratify the European Army treaty.~~

CHURCHILL

In London its now -- Sir Winston Churchill. The Prime Minister, today, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth the Second, who invested him with the insignia of the Order of the Garter -- the oldest order of chivalry in the world, and the most exclusive. Previously, Churchill had refused this knighthood, because of political implications. But that condition ^{has} changed, and he accepted the gracious offer of the Sovereign. ^{PP} Of course, the seventy-eight year old statesman would be in line ~~to~~ to receive a peerage, made an Earl, or ^{maybe} even a Duke. But that would take him out of the House of Commons -- put him in the House of Lords. He ^{still} prefers to stay in the Commons, where the real power lies. But he has the next ^{- a top knighthood,} thing to a peerage, [^] Knight of the Garter, Sir Winston Spencer Churchill.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower says he's "deeply concerned" about the battle of words that is being waged against the Tidelands Oil Bill. He tells this to the opponents of the bill who are staging a filibuster -- although they don't call it by that name. The talkathon debate has been going on, day after day. The measure has been before the Senate for about a month now,

The Presidential declaration was made in a letter to Senator Anderson of New Mexico, a leader of the opposition. The President tells the Senator that he merely wants to carry out promises he made in the election campaign -- on the subject of Tidelands Oil. So he urges -- prompt passage of the bill.

PLANE

The transport plane lost in the Cascade Mountains of Washington -- has been found. With a crew of four aboard, ^{the C-46} ~~it~~ crashed on jagged Cedar Mountain -- and there are two survivors.

The wreckage was spotted today by a Coast Guard helicopter, the ~~main~~ pilot of which reported "one man standing up, one man sitting ~~down~~ down", near the debris. Whereupon, an Air Force medical rescue team flew over, and descended by parachute. Tonight, they are bringing the two survivors out--
^{along} ~~on~~ rugged mountain trails.

MARION DAVIES

In Hollywood, a law suit -- which comes as a sort of morning after, following one of the most magnificent parties that Hollywood ever knew. Thrown by Marion Davies, the one-time film star, long associated with fabulous publisher William Randolph Hearst. Some time after the death of Hearst, Marion Davies married a former Skipper in the Merchant Marine, Captain Horace Brown.

He was at the party, and so was the sob singer Johnny Ray together with his bride-to-be. They have since been married and have split up, but at that time, everything was hunky-dory. ^R The party was held at ^{the} Mocambo, and attended by the creme de la creme of movieland. Hollywood talked about it long afterward -- especially about the vintage champagne, which was drunk from the slippers of the ladies. Supposed to be extremely gallant -- in the legend of the past. *Champagne from m'lady's slipper.*

So what now is the trouble? Why the lawsuit? Alas, the bill. On the cuff, (and it was never paid. So says the complaint. The bill came to

more than eleven thousand five hundred dollars.

Quite a tab.

Here's the crowning irony. The party was thrown ~~by~~ for Crying Johnny Ray and his bride-to-be -- and the plaintiff in the lawsuit is her father. Night Club operator ^bCharlie Morrison, who runs Mocambo.

~~The lawsuit is a~~ ^Q sort of ^{king size} morning after -
~~in court,~~ following one of Hollywood's biggest parties.

NUDES

In New York, a lady is being introduced to the public, and she is described as -- the most beautiful ^{woman} ~~human~~ in the world. Well, she ought to be a good-looker. ~~She is~~ the Goddess of Love, whom the ancient Greeks called --- Aphrodite. The Romans -- Venus. In other words, the Metropolitan Museum of Art has acquired a masterpiece of Greek ^(sculpture.) ~~art~~. Dating back some two thousand years. Now put on exhibition -- with soft spotlights ^{and} mirrors, ^{in a dramatic} ~~superb~~ setting.

Numbers of statues of the Goddess have come down from classical antiquity -- like the famous Venus de Milo -- which is in Paris, the Louvre. The ~~one that is now being shown in the museum~~ ^{one now} in New York is considered -- among the very finest. So how does ancient Aphrodite compare with the lovelies of today? The beauties of Hollywood, the shapely Marilyn Monroe, for example? Well, figure for figure, here are the figures:

Marilyn stands five-foot-five-and-a-half.
Aphrodite is a little shorter, five-foot-three-and-a-half. Bust, thirty-seven for Marilyn. Thirty-five and a half for Aphrodite, not quite so chesty. Marilyn has a waist measurement of twenty-six. Aphrodite -- twenty-eight. Greek Goddesses are always a bit sturdy around the middle. Hips? Marilyn is thirty-seven and a half around the hips. Aphrodite -- thirty-six-and-a-half. The Hollywood Queen weighs -- one-eighteen. Aphrodite -- four hundred. She's made of solid marble. A good deal heavier, and, also colder. And actually, she is used to weigh more. The ~~xxx~~ status at the Metropolitan Museum has the arms and lower legs broken off, unlike the Venus de Milo, who only lacks her arms.

~~Marilyn Monroe looks fine in a sweater, but Aphrodite wears no clothes at all. But the Greeks were not shocked by that -- neither is New York.~~

~~However, it is different in Nebraska.~~

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Nebraska
At the town of Shelby, they are having an uproar -- and its another case of -- Aphrodite.

because ^{to be given by local talent} In the scenery for a play, the artist painted a ~~some~~ couple of nudes. ~~One, that same~~ Aphrodite, ^{and} ~~The other,~~ the Sun God Apollo. Some of the local people are shocked, ~~and there is a loud protest.~~

~~The play is an affair of local talent, and the artist, Terrence Duren, refuses to put a shirt on the Goddess, or trousers on Apollo. He says -- the show will go on. ^{But} He may have trouble -- seating the audience.~~

The theater is an old movie house, long empty -- the seats removed and sold. ~~Some time ago.~~ "I had intended" says the artist "to borrow chairs from one of the churches." That's the trouble -- most of those who object are church people. ~~They are~~ ^{FR} not likely to lend the chairs, ~~and so~~ the artist looks ~~some~~ doubtful and says; "Maybe the audience will have to recline on the floor -- Roman fashion." Well, the Romans of antiquity did recline at banquets, ^{but} ~~and~~ a reclining audience would look odd in Nebraska. ^{And now from Aphrodite}

we turn to our Ivory Girl.