

L.J. - Deleo. Wed., August 17, 1955.

President Eisenhower, today issued - a "prisoner code". Applicable - to Americans who become prisoners of war.

The code, the first of its sort ever drawn up in this country, lays down the principle - "tell the enemy nothing."

Under international law, a prisoner is required to give his name, rank, serial number, date of birth - and nothing more. American captives to adhere to that. They must evade enemy questioning to the best of their ability.

At the same time, it's recognised that the Communists use inhuman coercion - as was proven, with such infamy, in the Korean war. ^R Prisoners ^{now} are called upon to stand fast against coercion, torture, brainwashing. But if it is too much for them, and they should crack they would probably not be subject to prosecution when they return home. They would probably not have to stand trial - if the ~~ore~~ ordeal was too great. But they must resist enemy pressure to the best of ~~th~~ their ability. And - try to escape, if at all possible.

President Eisenhower says that hereafter soldiers will be put through a new training program to school them in their duty, if they should become prisoners.

The Presidential ~~EXEC~~ order was accompanied by a report from the committee which drafted the code. A report- picturing Red atrocities. Disclosing, for example, that, in the Korean war, ^{of} _^ seven thousand one hundred and ninety Americans were captured by the Communists, ⁺ two thousand seven hundred and thirty died in North Korean prison camps. The ~~REP~~ report calls this a "ghastly death toll." Thirty-eight percent.

KOREA

New outbreaks in South Korea. A U.S. Army officer - injured by a stone thrown in a riot.

Twice, today, mobs tried to storm a causeway leading to Wolmi Island - near Seoul. Enraged crowds trying to get *at* the Communist members of the armistice commission. American troops *again* using fire hoses and tear gas bombs, to quell the disturbance.

On Saturday South Korean President Syngman Rhee ordered his people to avoid violence - and that was followed by several days of quiet. But now - new mob outbreaks.

INDIA

There were new disturbances in India, today - provoked by the ~~the~~ shooting of "non-violent" invaders of the Portuguese colony of Goa. At Calcutta - mobs raging through the streets. A general strike - virtually paralyzing the city.

At the same time, a new "peaceful liberation" invasion is in the making.

Bands of twenty-five ~~to~~ hundred Hindus - marching toward the border of Goa. Intending to move across tomorrow - in spite of the fact that the "non-violent" march, on Monday, was met with a deadly hail of bullets, ~~Fired~~ ~~A~~ by the Portuguese guards.

ARGENTINA

New anti-Peron demonstrations in Argentina. In front of the cathedral ~~of~~ in Buenos Aires, today, a crowd raised the shout - "long live liberty." Dispersed by police and firemen - using clubs and hoses.

All - following the announcement by Peron's political party. Which stated - that efforts to conclude a truce with the opposition had failed.

The ^A demonstration in front of the cathedral ^{was} only one of a number of anti-Peron incidents, today.

At Geneva, the verdict - that east and west *have* accomplished just about the same results, in atomic research.

At the atoms for peace conference, Soviet and western scientists have been comparing notes - about ~~the~~ what they've been doing in ~~the~~ ten years of iron curtain separation.

They find - much the same.

Today, Professor Donald Hughes of the Brook Haven New York laboratory said: "It's so close, you'd think the work had been done in the same lab."

In uranium and plutonium research, the discoveries made by Russian scientists - are just about the same as those of the west. In ~~atomic~~ atomic safety standards - a curious resemblance, except for one detail. The Russians - using a somewhat higher figure than the westerners, as the measure for danger from radiation.

ATOMIC DUCK

An interesting experiment - concerning the effect of atomic radiation on heredity. ~~But~~ ^Q an informal, ~~an~~ accidental experiment.

At the Geneva Conference ~~as~~ on "atoms for peace" today, the story was told - how at the great Hanford atomic plant, in the State of Washington, waste products are discharged into the Columbia River. Radioactive phosphorus - which does no harm.

Ducks go swimming around in the river, and the birds absorb the radio active phosphorus. Their bodies, showing a small proportion. But there is a high concentration of radio activity - in the yolks of their ~~eggs~~. Somehow, the duck eggs attract the ~~as~~ radio active phosphorus.

The ducklings hatched from the radio active eggs are perfectly normal. But there is a difference in the proportion of eggs that hatch.

Normally eighty-seven percent of duck eggs are fertile. While ninety-eight percent of the radio active ~~eggs~~ eggs hatch,

and produce little ducks.

Apparently, the radio activity has no effect on heredity - except that more ~~eg~~ eggs hatch.

HURRICANE-ATOMIC

The weather department in Washington is receiving a stream of inquiries - why don't you try atomic energy to break up a hurricane? Disrupt the tropical twister - with a-bombs or h-bombs?

The queries come, not only from people at large, but also from high government officials. Senator Kerr Scott of North Carolina, for example - urging the weather department to use the atom to break the hurricane.

So what's the answer? It's - no. Some day, atomic energy might be employed for weather control, but, right now, an atomic attack on a hurricane would be - a horror.

It wouldn't work, and atomic explosions would spread radio active particles throughout the whirling tempest. Radio active particles throughout the whirling tempest. Radio active wind and rain - blowing in a deadly storm. You'd create a radio active hurricane. Which certainly would be - a nightmare

HURRICANE

Diane got it in the eye - forty miles north of
Wilmington, North Carolina. The center of the hurricane,
moving inland, began to break up in that area. The eye
becoming "very disorganized" ^{says the} ~~According to reports from the~~
U.S. Weather bureau. Violent gusts of wind - up to sixty-five
miles an hour. But these ~~were~~ sporadic; - the hurricane losing
that circular form. Diane - ~~is~~ turning into a blustery gale,
which is dying down.

The chief damage - as the hurricane moved inland
was mostly from floods. Torrential rains - and high tides.

HOOVER COMMISSION

Critics, we are'told, have been misrepresenting the Hoover Commission proposals for government reforms. The citizen's committee for the Hoover report gives the following warning: "Be on guard against attempts by a few groups to discredit the whole report- because of their opposition to a few of its recommendations." a

Meaning - they don't like a little of it, so they condemn all of it.

There are three hundred and fourteen proposals for improving the government. The committee stating- that only sixteen percent of the recommendations are "likely to draw strong opposition."

They've made a survey, and find - public approval, in general. ~~at~~ Opposition occurring ~~in~~ chiefly in the case of water and irrigation projects, government lending, and benefits for veterans.

SHIPS

A Greek shipping magnate is going to build a couple of ten million dollar tankers for the U S merchant Marine - as part of a penalty. Stavros Niarchos - charged with having procured surplus American ships, in violation of the law. He ~~is~~ paid a fine of a hundred thousand dollars- and was penalized four million dollars, in a civil suit.

That is now settled in a deal - whereby the Greek shipping magnate will put up ten million dollars for two tankers.

The vessels - to be operated by an American Corporation. In which Niarchos will have - a twenty-five percent interest.

An intricate financial transaction - which they say will benefit national defense.

SECURITY

Another case of refusal - to grant an officer's commission, because of Communist associations by the candidates' mother. This time - in the Coast Guard.

Norton Pierre Gaston, of San Francisco, graduated from the Coast Guard Academy at New London. But his commission is being held up --because his mother, they say, was a member of subversive organizations.

This follows the controversy over Eugene Landy of Bradley Beach, New Jersey - an honor graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, at King's Point, New York. The Navy - denying him a reserve commission, ~~on~~ the ground - that his mother was once a Communist.

PRISON

Another prison riot - this one in Nebraska. Two hundred convicts on the rampage throughout the night. Setting fires, which destroyed four buildings. The outbreak ending, today - when the warden of the Nebraska penitentiary gave an order to state soldiers.

He told them to shoot, ^{and} ~~he~~ named a deadline of two minutes, after which the troopers were to fire, on sight, at any rioters who refused to go back to their cells.

That ended it.

HOUSE

Last night at Darby, Pennsylvania, Victor Murray was awakened - by strange noises. Like something cracking - in the basement of his two story brick house.

Down he went - for a look. And, in the basement, he saw - several bricks forced out from the wall - as if by pressure. He realized - the basement walls were collapsing.

He dashed upstairs, and roused his wife and four children hurrying them - outside. So there the family stood - watching the end of their two story brick home.

"We could hear the house disintegrating," Murray relates. "The walls caved in. Then the roof came down with a roar of thunder."

Lucky for the family - that they were outside - watching.

FIREMEN

Reading, Pennsylvania, capital of the world for volunteer firemen.

They^are always good for a laugh. Represented - as fumbling around at a fire. Or - getting there, after the place has burned down. But the National Fire Protection Association, at Boston, Massachusetts, tells us - the volunteer fire department is a valuable and growing institution.

Thirty thousand companies in the United States - with seven hundred and fifty thousand volunteer firemen. Ranging from one-truck outfits - to companies equipped with all the latest in fire-fighting equipment.

Reading, Pennsylvania, has eight thousand - with paid fire officials. And Reading claims - the oldest volunteer outfit in the country. Rainbow fire company number one -- organized in seventeen seventy-three.

In Nineteen Fourteen, the Town Council passed an ordinance - creating a professional fire department. But, in a referendum, the people reversed the decision by an

overwhelming vote.

Reading - the volunteer fireman's capital of the
world.

LONDON

In London, bus driver Douglas Ernest Haven, twenty-three years old, was fired from his job today. The charge - he "failed to behave in a civil and orderly manner." So, what did Douglas do?

While driving his bus, he got into an argument with a young woman - nineteen year old Shirley Anne Ellison. She giving him - an example of the ~~w~~^ucking of a woman's jaw.

The bus driver ~~as~~ warned - if she didn't keep quiet, he'd take her over his knee and spank her.

"I dare you to do it," yelled Shirley Anne. So he did.

In the London bus, the driver put the young lady across his knee, and gave her a paddling.

Which the London transport authorities, ^{Hugh -} do not consider - behaving "in a civil and orderly manner."