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The United Nations will have a full debate on Communist atrocities in Korea. Today, the Steering Committee voted to recommend the debate. So tomorrow the General Assembly will take up the matter.

Vishinsky tried to stymie the decision of the Steering Committee. He claimed that the American motion was an attempt to frustrate peace in Korea. But our delegate, Cabot Lodge, denied that debate on Red atrocities will complicate negotiations at Pan Mun Jom.

Then the Steering Committee held the vote. And it was twelve to two in favor of the motion - the two in the minority being Russia and Poland.

PRISONERS

Only three American prisoners really believe in Communism. So <sup>we learn today</sup> ~~stated~~ in a dispatch from Pan Mun Jom. Twenty-two Americans have said they prefer to stay behind the Iron Curtain. But the Pan Mun Jom dispatch reveals that only three have become real Communists. The others, victims of Red threats and promises. Among other things, the Communists told the 22 prisoners that the F.B.I. would round them up as soon as they got home. And that they would be executed as traitors. This was the kind of warning that was used to "brain wash" Americans in North Korean prison camps. At the same time, the Reds promised the <sup>se</sup> Americans high positions in Washington - after the Communist revolution here. According to the propaganda handed out in the prison camps, <sup>Red</sup> ~~the~~ revolution will sweep America in about five years.

Threats, and promises. ~~the weapons used by the~~  
~~Reds to sway American prisoners.~~ <sup>H</sup> Our officials <sup>at</sup> ~~in~~ Pan Mun Jom  
~~say~~ ~~declare that~~ the twenty-two ~~men~~ will be closely questioned -  
to find out in each case how the decision to stay behind the

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Iron Curtain was made. But these interviews will be postponed for about another month; to allow the 22 time to think the whole thing over: and maybe change their minds of their own accord.

One report states that the Reds have urged these G.I.s to resist the authorities when they are interviewed and they have been coached in how to give pointless answers to questions. Told to read Communist manuals to the interviewers; and to attack American officials physically. Our officials declare that they will not tolerate any abuse from the prisoners. As one official put it: "If a prisoner insults us or gives us any trouble - we will have him returned to his compound."

In other words, the American plan will be to give the 22 every opportunity to make up their own minds. But we will not stand for any insults from those who actually turn out to be real diehard Communists.

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The processing of Anti-Communist prisoners began today in Panmunjom. But the sessions weren't very peaceful. Individual North Koreans were dragged to the interviews - ~~they were~~ <sup>in</sup> dragged kicking and screaming.

~~The resistance followed an attempt by the Reds to catch them off guard by propaganda~~ For ~~about~~ an hour the prisoners were deluged with Communist argument by loud speaker. The Reds had demanded the right to broadcast during the interviews. But the Indian Command allowed them time only before the interviews began. And so the propaganda barrage went on for <sup>an hour</sup> ~~2 1/2 hours~~ before the interviews.

In spite of all the Red attempts, many prisoners had to be taken by force into the Interview Tents - to face the Red "explainers." The first North Korean to be selected for processing struggled with his Indian Guards and screamed, "No"!!- "No"!!- but he was

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taken in anyway. The attitude of the North Koreans indicate<sup>s</sup> that the Reds will have little success with them. Previously, more than ninety-six percent of Chinese and North Koreans had refused to go home. Now it is necessary to use force before the North Koreans will even enter the Interview Tents.

## CONFERENCE

Our special envoy at Pan Mun Jom may propose allowing, what he terms, "certain neutral nations" to attend the Korean Peace Conference; with limited authority to enter discussions. This, if it will hasten agreement on time and place of the conference.

This report is a trial balloon, to find out how the Reds react to it. The renegade Communist newspaperman, Alan Winnigton, who has been a source of information concerning the Reds in the past, says this idea may be turned down.

## EXPLOSION

Another explosion in Boston harbor; the fourth in seventeen days. This time the Norwegian freighter, "Black Falcon"; was berthed only a few hundred yards from the spot where the aircraft carrier "Leyte" blew up. The "Black Falcon" was more fortunate, fewer casualties. Six known dead; altho estimates run up to fifteen, and twenty-one."

The Norwegian was unloading chemicals - when the explosion occurred; in one of the holds. Fire spread quickly through the ship, with men trapped below decks.

Sabotage? - No one knows.

## EAST GERMANY

An East German court gives a death sentence to a resistance leader. Six others to prison. One more admission by the Communist regime that it faces rebellious subjects in the Soviet Zone.

The trial was the outcome of a large scale manhunt in East Germany. The government announced that a band of "saboteurs" was at large. And fifteen thousand troops were assigned to the hunt.

As is always to be expected the Red news agency says the band of "saboteurs" was organized by America. And sent across the border into East Germany, as the Red put it: "to undermine the faith of the workers and farmers in the Red regime."

They say the underground activity has been smashed. But, that a search for more suspects will go on.

## SPIES

In Switzerland, two men are on trial as spies - that is spies for the U.S.S.R. And both insist they are anti-Communists. Working for the Reds because they were hard up for money. And the Kremlin paid them something like a thousand dollars for each report they turned in.

The two men - Xavier Schnieper; a Swiss newspaperman, and Rudolf Roessler, a book publisher. Schnieper worked for a Catholic welfare organization, using his position to smuggle microfilm documents to Prague.

Roessler is the head of a publishing concern that specializes in religious and anti-Communist books. But his publishing house fell into financial difficulties. And, like Schnieper, he found an easy way to raise money in a hurry - channel information to the Soviets.

Both deny they have any political sympathy with Communism. It was all a question of money. They were in a position to sell documents to the Russians and they did.

## JERUSALEM

An explosion in Jerusalem has cut off the main water supply for the Old City. A section of pipeline destroyed. So the part of the Holy City held by the Arabs, by Young King Hussein, is facing a water shortage, which is an old old story for the old city of Jerusalem.

U.N. investigators are on the scene, trying to determine responsibility. Jordan accuses Israel; charging that Israeli police blew up the pipeline. A spokesman in Tel Aviv replies that Israeli police have no access to that pipeline.

Engineers are working hastily to restore water service to the historic walled city which was once described as "aloof, waterless and on the road to nowhere." Waterless it is!

## SPAIN

America will store atomic weapons at Spanish military bases. So we hear from Air Force Secretary, Harold Talbot. He made the announcement at a news conference in Madrid, after a tour of four new air bases in Spain. According to Talbot, the atomic weapons will be made available to our forces in Spain - after negotiations with the Franco government have been completed. The Secretary told how our Air Force is working with the Spanish Air Force; with bases only an hour-and-a-half by air from Berlin. This means a cut in half for the distance to the Iron Curtain. Formerly our nearest base was in French Morocco, fifteen hundred miles from the German capital.

Secretary Talbot added that the Spanish air bases do not involve a change in our main strategy; that Germany is still our first line of defense; but ~~the~~ Spain will put us in a position to strike any Russian invasion from two directions - from bases in Britain and from those in Spain.

NIXON

Vice-President Nixon warns Indo-China not to pull out of the French Union. The Vice-President, in Saigon, on his tour of the Far East, inspected French army ~~centers~~ centers.

He congratulated Viet Nam on its courageous fight for independence, and during the day, visited Emperor Bao Bai, to whom he remarked that Indo-Chinese connection with France is a guarantee of freedom. Said he: "It is easy to call for the French to withdraw immediately from Viet Nam - in the name of independence." Then the Vice-President went on: "But those who ask such measures should know that such a decision would mean - not independence or freedom, but complete domination by a foreign power."

The Premier told Nixon that any peace negotiation with the Reds would discourage their army. He was referring to that recent declaration in the French Assembly; the legislators in Paris, calling for discussions to end the fighting in Indo-China. The Viet Nam Premier stated that the people are now

behind his government - and against the Reds. So he thinks

~~that~~ this is no time to ask the rebel invaders to discuss peace.

GOLD

Russia is selling gold in European markets. Sources in London declared today that the Russian gold is coming west, "by the ton." The Soviets, apparently running low on funds in dollars and pounds. So the Kremlin is selling gold to pay for what it buys west of the Iron Curtain. Gold mined in far Siberia.

For a long time, Russia has not offered gold in international markets. But a month ago, Moscow began shipping quantities of silver to Britain. Then came quantities of platinum. These sales of precious metals apparently were not enough. And now European banks have bought from the Russians - ~~tons of~~ gold. by the ton.

## WESTMINSTER ABBEY

We all know that Westminster Abbey is one of the historic buildings of the world. A reminder of this comes in a dispatch from London. The tomb of a Fifteenth Century bishop has just been uncovered. The tomb of Richard Courtenay, Bishop of Norwich in the time of Henry the Fifth. The Bishop accompanied the army of Henry in the French campaigns - at the battle of Agincourt.

For centuries, nothing has been known of the Bishop's place. Recently, work was being done on the Abbey, and under the floor of the chapel of Edward the Confessor, a mysterious tomb was discovered. First they found a small opening - a hole. They investigated, and lo - a coffin. In it the bones of Richard Courtenay, the Medieval Bishop of Norwich, and companion-in-arms of King Henry the Fifth.

## ROYALTY

Today New York City gave its traditional welcome to the King and Queen of Greece. King Paul and Queen Fredericka drove in their motorcade down Lower Broadway. And they were deluged in ticker tape.

King Paul is the first European monarch to visit New York City since George the Sixth of England in Nineteen Thirty-Nine. As usual, the Queen drew most of the attention; and most of the applause.

At City Hall - Mayor Impellitteri greeted the royal visitors as usual. And by the way, Mike, I heard the King, at a luncheon today, at the Waldorf, and he turned out to be a man of eloquence. And his queen? Utterly charming.