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## SUBSTITUTE PRISONERS

At Panmunjom, it's freedom at last for the anti-communist prisoners of war. Today the Indian command started releasing the Chinese and North Koreans who were captured by the allies during the Korean War fighting. The Indians declare that the operation will continue around the clock - with some fifteen hundred prisoners going free every hour. Which means that all of the twenty two thousand prisoners will be out of the compound by tomorrow morning.

The Reds made no attempt to interfere. This, in spite of the fact that they called the operation a violation of the armistice. The Reds simply made last minute appeals - asking the Chinese and North Koreans to return to the Communist lines as soon as they were released.

But the first prisoners moved quickly along the road which leads to "freedom gate" - a strip over a mile long from Panmunjom to the UN lines. Marines, supported by tanks and infantry, are supervising the operation.

Colonel Hardin Olson, of Homestead Montana, ready to defend the prisoners by force - in case the Reds begin any trouble. So far, there is no sign that the troops will have to go into action.

The UN will set the prisoners free in accordance with the armistice terms - the Koreans in South Korea, the Chinese to be sent to Formosa. But we add that the prisoners will be granted unconditional freedom - they will not be kept at either place against their will.

The pro-Communist prisoners - not included in the transfer. Because, so far, the Reds refuse to receive them. So ~~these~~<sup>those</sup> twenty one Americans who still hold out for communism - will stay on in the netural camps of Panmunjum. They'll stay, until the Reds agree to accept them.

DULLES

We may cease to rely on the atom bomb as a principal weapon in case of war. So stated by Secretary of State Dulles at his news conference today. The Secretary, replying to a question - whether our defense policy would hamper international agreement about controlling atomic weapons.

Dulles replied that we would not let that policy interfere. If - if the Soviet Union would agree to a system of inspection and control of atomic weapons. In other words, the Dulles position is that our attitude ~~toward weapons~~ is flexible. And we would be willing to revise our defense strategy - neutralize the atomic bomb, if the Russians <sup>would</sup> agree to proper supervision of all atomic weapons.

A late dispatch from Washington reveals that Molotov has agreed to meet with Secretary of State Dulles -- to discuss President Eisenhower's "atoms for peace" plan. Today, Dulles talked for twenty minutes with Soviet Ambassador Zarubin. And afterwards the State Department announced that the secretary will continue discussions with Molotov in Berlin.

## INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, the new French offensive is closing a trap on some sixteen thousand rebel troops. The target of the attack - the town of Thakhek, which is the junction of the road to Saigon. It's about sixty miles from the ~~side of~~ <sup>important</sup> Seno <sup>air base</sup> - jumping off point of the French forces. The rebels took Thakhek in their Christmas offensive - when they cut across Indo-China from the China Sea to the border of Thailand.

Two arms of a pincer movement were thrown out toward Thakhek by the French. The northern army, advancing twenty miles yesterday. And now <sup>reported</sup> within six miles of the town, ~~these forces~~, flanked by naval patrol boats on the Mekong River. French armor and North African infantry meeting with weak resistance. But ~~authorities declare that the column is~~ moving slowly, to avoid the possibility of an ambush.

News of the northern arm of the pincer movement is blacked out. The last report being, that the French <sup>there</sup> were meeting stiff resistance.

And that's the latest - all we know so far about this French effort to trap some nine Red battalions.

## BIG FOUR

Will the meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers - be deadlocked before it starts? Could be. A dispatch from Berlin tells of the Russians already making demands - which the West already has rejected: A Big Five conference to include Red China; and formation of a government for all Germany before any elections are held.

America, Britain and France insist that they will discuss a settlement of matters concerning Germany and Austria - but, not the possibility of a meeting with Mao Tse-tung. We also say we will not go for a single German government - until the Reds agree to free elections throughout the country.

So unless the Russians give up these two demands, the Big Four Conference may well be deadlocked before it starts.

Meanwhile, both sides are going forward with technical preparations for the conference. Ironing out  
such

problems as news coverage, translation of documents, and security measures. <sup>we hear that</sup> ~~At least~~ a thousand reporters <sup>will</sup> ~~are~~ expected ~~to~~ be on hand. But it is still doubtful whether the Russians will recognize press credentials issued by authorities in the West.

The American Army has moved in additional troops to reinforce the Berlin garrison, including  detectives - <sup>to</sup> ~~who will~~ guard the top <sup>figures</sup> ~~members~~ of our delegation.



## RED ARMY

Since the fall and execution of Beria - we've been hearing about the Red Army triumph over the Soviet Secret Police. This was emphasized when Marshal Konev presided over the court that sentenced Beria - and seven of his top henchmen. "Business Week" magazine points out that the Red Army became stronger after the death of Stalin - who always kept the Army under surveillance by Beria's Secret Police. Stalin, afraid of what he termed "Bonapartism." "The role Napoleon had played in capturing the French Revolution - was something Stalin never forgot." That's why he refused to let his officers become too powerful - and even executed more than fifteen hundred of them - at the time of his great purge trials. Fearful of this happening, after the war, Stalin sent his victorious marshals into obscurity. Men like Zhukov and Konev were relegated to inferior army posts. And Beria rose to power.

Then, his patron, Stalin died. And out of obscurity came the Army leaders. The new First Deputy Minister

of Defense - Marshal Zhukov, who saved Moscow in World War Two. Zhukov also directed the Russian counter-attack against Hitler's Reich. So, the Red Army is on top again, with Army officers supplanting Beria's men in a lot of top secret jobs. Now the question is, how far will the Army leaders go? Will the Soviet marshals try to take over the state - as the German general staff took over Germany.

"Business Week" makes the point - that the fighting generals now have a hand in both domestic affairs and foreign policy. And concludes this may mean a loosening up of the Soviet tyranny. And that men like Zhukov and Konev probably will oppose using the Army for political adventures abroad. The Army first with them - politics second. Also that the fighting marshals might radically change the Soviet state, since they are known to favor the farmers - friendly toward the peasants. For the men of the soil form the backbone of the Red Army. The piece

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goes on to say that while the Red Army isn't running Russia, it may stop Malenkov from going too far. So watch the Soviet Marshals. They may be calling the shots.

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*London, May 15, 1954*

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# GIBRALTAR

The Spanish Government warns Queen Elizabeth - not to stop at ~~the rock of~~ Gibraltar on her way back to Britain. <sup>the rock is</sup> ~~she~~ scheduled to be <sup>her last visit ashore in</sup> ~~the last stop of~~ her tour around the Commonwealth. <sup>then</sup> From there, ~~she is to~~ the last lap home by sea.

A statement by the Foreign Affairs Ministry in Madrid declares that for the Queen to hold to her Gibraltar schedule - would harm good relations between Britain and Spain. Because the Spanish people regard that fortress at the entrance to the Mediterranean as belonging rightly to Spain.

<sup>Spanish</sup> The Foreign Ministry <sup>by</sup> releases a conversation between the Spanish Ambassador in London and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. The Ambassador <sup>saying</sup> ~~says~~ then that there would be a national protest from his people if the Queen went ashore at Gibraltar.

The Spanish Ministry <sup>insists</sup> ~~says~~ it is not trying to interfere in British affairs. <sup>merely</sup> ~~it just~~ thinks ~~that~~ the Queen should avoid, what it terms, "an imprudence."

~~But~~ In London, Anthony Eden told the House of Commons that Gibraltar is, and will remain, British. And that the subject is not open for discussion.

The bill under consideration is not yet ready for the House floor. But Chairman Senator Hugh Butler says that this bill was the only one that passed. Originally, the bill was considered for states but the Committee also provided a provision that the bill will provide for the states as well as the parties of the Pacific. The reason for including this is to provide a national, traditionally Republican, is supported by the bill. It is generally considered - and as the Committee said it is a mistake to believe.

However, some members of Congress oppose both as a principle. Particularly, Southern Senators - and fear that the bill would reinforce the case for civil rights.

## HAWAII

Hawaii and Alaska - both up for statehood. At least, the Senate Interior Committee takes the first step toward admitting both Territories to the Union. The Committee, giving qualified approval to both.

The bill under consideration is not yet ready for the Senate floor. But Chairman Senator Hugh Butler states that this will take only a few days more.

Originally, only Hawaii was considered for statehood. But the Committee added a proviso on Alaska - so the Senate will have to consider that vast Arctic province as well as the paradise of the Pacific.

The reason for including Alaska, is political. Hawaii, traditionally Republican, is supported by the G.O.P. Alaska, normally Democratic - and so the Democrats want it to maintain a balance.

However, some members of Congress oppose both as new states. Particularly, Southern Senators - who fear that the new states would reinforce the move for civil rights.

## KIDNAP

The kidnapping of Leonard Moskowitz in San Francisco - was one of the best kept secrets in the history of American journalism. The wealthy real estate dealer disappeared on Saturday. Shortly afterward, every newspaperman in the San Francisco area knew what had happened. But they all kept it to themselves - ~~at the request of the police.~~ at the request of the police. A record number of newspapers, radio stations and wire services - holding up publication of a big crime story - holding it up for a record length of time.

The Moskowitz family received the first kidnap note on Saturday. And questions from reporters began to pour in on Chief Inspector James English. He explained to each reporter that the news had to be suppressed - because the kidnapers had threatened to kill Moskowitz. He said he would keep them fully informed about the case - as long as they held up the information until allowed to release it.

English kept his word. And the reporters kept their no word of the ~~Moskowitz~~ kidnapping appearing in any

*paper - or on the air.*  
~~newspaper~~ on any radio station. The case was broken today.

Moskovitz, recovered unharmed, because his brother <sup>helped</sup> kept one of the kidnapers on the phone until police traced the call and made the arrest.

All told, Moskovitz had been away for sixty-four hours. His captors, described by the police as "two tough professionals" - Harold Jackson and Joseph Lear, both of Sacramento.

Chief Inspector English <sup>thinks</sup> ~~thinks~~ that it was a miracle - that the story did not leak out. And he gives full credit to the ~~main~~ press for saving the life of Leonard Moskovitz, who would probably have been murdered if any reporter had broken his word - and made the story public.



## MUD SLIDE

The foothills of the San Gabriel mountains of California - threatened by a tremendous landslide of mud. The landslide following last month's forest fires which burned off the timber. Then the rains came. Two inches in some places. Causing mud that now is slipping down the mountains. The town of Sierra Madre - in danger from mudslide. Around fifteen hundred persons, ordered to evacuate their homes.

City administrator Richard Baker, says there's no immediate danger. The authorities just want the inhabitants cleared out so emergency crews can work without interference. Says Baker, "it's strictly a precautionary measure and it's quite logical that the homes may be re-occupied as soon as the rains ease". That doesn't sound like real California weather! Liquid sunshine - two inches of it. And that's heavy rain, any where!

CORRECTION

Tonight, I have a humble apology to make - to Romeo and Juliet. It can be <sup>libelous</sup> ~~libelous~~ to say of a young couple - they never got married. Which is what I did say about Shakespeare's lovelorn pair. Just a slip of memory - so much concerned about the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet, that I forgot all about their wedding.

But leave it to the radio audience - to correct a mistake. I have a letter here from Eleanore Gallagher of St. Paul, Minnesota - who says it with the proper quotations. She points to the line spoken by Friar Laurence, who says:

"Come, come with me, and we will make short work,  
For, by your leaves, you shall not stay alone,  
Till holy church incorporate two in one."

Then later Juliet says:

"Shall I speak ill of him that is my husband?"

W So I can only make a <sup>bow</sup> ~~bow~~ to Eleanore Gallagher. A ad  
Mike, I do apologize  
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