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In Korea, at Panmunjom the third session is under way - now. And we hear that our delegates have brought a new list of Communist prisoners to give to the Red delegates. This list, extended to cover prisoners with minor ailments, instead of only the seriously sick and wounded. So far there is no word on what is developing in this latest meeting.

KOREA TALKS

At the second meeting Communist delegates said they would hand over a list of Allied sick and wounded prisoners and do it within a day or two. The Reds themselves describe the talks as hopeful. Today a broadcast from Peiping announced that an early armistice can be achieved.

So far it has been agreed that repatriation of prisoners shall be voluntary. This of course is the main principle for which the Allies have held out during many months of fruitless negotiation. Now the Reds agree that no prisoner shall be sent home against his will. Also, the place of exchange is decided upon. Right there at Panmunjom. The prisoners will be handed over there, and not through any other country which might be called in as a go-between.

How many Americans are held in Red prisons? This is one of the big mysteries of the war. In Nineteen

Fifty-One, the Reds handed over a list of only two thousand names. So that's official. But unofficially it is put much, much higher. One American officer states that there may be more than eleven thousand American prisoners. Because we have over nine thousand missing-and many of these may have been captured. General Lee states that the Reds are now checking over the prisoners they hold. And that the results of their checks will be made known in a day or two.

American authorities in Korea promise to move all our prisoners back to this country promptly, no matter what the number. All men able to travel will be flown home; after they are checked by medics in Korea. Air transport officials say that around two hundred a day can be flown out in the planes now on the Korean airlift.

Admiral Daniel reports that the Allies are ready to begin the exchange within a week. But, he doubts

that the Reds will be ready that soon. "I x just don't believe their staff work is ready to make the ~~change~~ change;" was the way the Admiral put it. Which means that the Communists may be willing to match our efforts, but may not have the facilities for doing so.

Admiral Daniel described the second meeting as cordial.

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(The Panmunjom discussions go on. And so does the war. The Reds attacking all along the line on the ground. Three times they hit the position known as "Bunker Hill". The fighting was heavy, but the enemy was beaten off. On the Eastern front, the Chinese managed to take one outpost hill from the South Koreans. But in other scattered actions, the R.O.K. ^{forces} ~~officers~~ managed to hold. ~~fast~~.)

Allied officers believe that the Communist attacks are directly connected with the Panmunjon discussions. They suggest that the Reds hope to seize as many strategic positions as possible. The idea being, that an armistice may be based on the existing battle line. So it would be to the advantage of the Reds to move as far South as they can before an agreement is reached.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower remains cautious about the discussions at Panmunjom. Like most of us, the President is hopeful that the Reds are sincere, and that the talks will end in an armistice. However, Mr. Eisenhower repeats that we must not abandon our defenses just because peace seems near in one part of the world.

Speaking before the National Conference of the United Defense Fund, the President pointed out that peace in Korea would not mean that we could abandon the Far East. Said he: "Our men and those of our Allies will have to stay in that region for quite a while."

ADENAUER

Germany's Chancellor Adenauer arrives in Washington.

so Washington tells us,
The first time, that a German chief of state has ever been in the capital.

Dr. Adenauer and his daughter are in this country for a quick visit. The Chancellor conferring with the ^{American} President and other high ^{U.S.} officials. Today he talked with ^{Gen.} Eisenhower at the White House. Also present, ^{of course} were, Secretary of State Dulles ^{and} Defense Secretary Wilson, and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey.

After the meeting, Adenauer disclosed that the key problems of Europe had been discussed, including the French-German dispute over the Saar, and the European army plan. Speaking about the future, he remarked: "I have no doubt that we will agree on the great outlines as well as the small details."

The German Chancellor is scheduled for more discussions at the State Department. He will see the President ^{also} once again on Thursday. Then, ^{Chancellor} Adenauer will be off to Germany

again, with the assurances that this country is backing him in his efforts to keep Germany on this side of the Iron Curtain.

As an interesting, unimportant sidelight, I called on Prince Faisal of Saudi Arabia, at The Waldorf Towers, to wish him a smooth flight back to his home in Central Arabia - inshallah - and, in addition to the striking Arabian Prince I found still living in The Waldorf Towers, the Chancellor of Germany, Gen. of the Armies Douglas MacArthur, the Duke of Windsor, ex-President Hoover -- all in the same domicile, one above the other. Quite an impressive list of names. Showingly, in a way, New York has become the nearest thing to a world capitol that ever has been.

The man with the difficult name, becomes Secretary
(Dag Hammarskjöld)
General of the U.N. Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden elected

overwhelmingly by secret ballot. The count was fifty-seven to
one, with one abstention. ~~Naturally we don't~~ *Of course we do not* know who refused
to vote. But one rumor says that it was the representative of
Nationalist China. He may have refused to take part in the vote
because Sweden has recognized the regime of Mao Tse-tung in
China. ~~There is not~~ *However there isn't* even a rumor to indicate who might have
one cast ~~the~~ negative vote.

So Sweden's Hammarskjöld succeeds Norway's Trygve Lie.
Last November, Lie resigned because of Soviet opposition to
him - the Kremlin displeased with his stand against Red
aggression in Korea. The Soviets also disliked Lie because he
cooperated with the United States in irradiating American
subversives from the U.N. Secretariat.

The man who succeeds him is a professional economist.
Hammarskjöld holding the post of Minister of State in the
Stockholm government. Now he exchanges that official post for

a higher one, Secretary General of the U.N. Th Hammarskjöld is expected to arrive in New York on Thursday morning. ^{Then} ~~And he~~ [^] will take the oath of office the next day.

BOSTON COMMUNISTS

An ex FBI man stated today that in the late forties, in Boston, a number of clergymen were members of a Communist group. This in testimony from Herbert Philbrick, one of J. Edgar Hoover's under-cover agents. To the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, he told how he came across these Red clergymen. But he did not identify them. He merely said there were seven or eight in the group of whom five are still preaching in the Boston area.

In his opinion they were planted there by the Reds. Ex-F.B.I. man Philbrick further testified that he believed they were Communists before they became preachers. Then he went on to describe them as "hardened, disciplined, steeled members of the Communist Party, posing as Ministers of the Gospel." He recalled one case in which a member of a Communist cell was in the process of being planted in a seminary - getting

ready for the ministry.

All this apparently a part of general Communist Party tactics. Philbrick stated that he was welcomed among among them because he had contacts with religious groups. That is the Communists anxious to have him because he was a youth leader in the Baptist Church. And that when he moved to Wakefield, Massachusetts, the Reds told him to join the Baptist Church there. He went on to tell how this Communist group was well organized; that he had known some members of the cell before he joined; but didn't realize they were Reds until he met them in the group.

The whole testimony of this ex- B.B.I. agent, showing how the Reds infiltrated religious organizations in Boston, to use them as a part of the Party propaganda machine.

MOSSADEGH

More violence in Teheran. Last night we heard how Premier Mossadegh attacked the political authority of the Shah. The tearful Mossadegh asking the Iranian Parliament to take all political power from the head of the state, and make the Shah a ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ constitutional monarch.

Now we have word that Mossadegh is moving openly against the supporters of teh Shah. His police raiding two political clubs, and arresting six monarchists. The police say they found "uniforms, swords and explosives" concealed in the political clubs.

At the same time, pro-Mossadegh legislators are boycotting the Parliament. Staying away, so the session can't function. This, to prevent defenders of the Shah from presenting their case to a whole Parliament.

Also in Teheran today, some two hundred unemployed gathered outside government buildings, demanding work.

Police charged them, and a riot followed. The report is that 12 were injured.

One Teheran paper said today that Mossadegh again is appealing to America for a small loan. The Iranian Foreign Minister also announces that the Anglo-Iranian Company will be compensated from the sales of any oil from the Abadan refineries. Only a week ago he said Iran had no intention of paying compensation. Does Mossadegh want to reopen discussions with Britain about the Abadan oil? It looks like it.

LUNATIC

There was a young man from New York, who went to New Mexico - and there went loco.

It's all a story about a bus ride - one the passengers will not soon forget. A bus carrying passengers into Alberquerque. On the way it was flagged down by a man standing in the road, later identified as twenty-four year old Jack Dunning of New York City. Once on board, he pulled out a knife, and, commandeered the vehicle. Said one passenger:- "he kept repeating, that federal machine gun bullets were going to cut him down, and warned us all to keep our heads down when he left the bus."

Some aboard were so frightened they urged the driver to take the mad-man wherever he wanted to go. Whereupon they set off at top speed. The lunatic walking up and down, threatening to kill anyone who tried to subdue him. Sometimes he would become calm, and

advise the women and children to remain cool. This lasted for about an hour during which the bus travelled some seventy miles - at a rate of a mile a minute. In a careening bus!

Then near Socorro, New Mexico the driver saw a State Trooper. He blinked his headlights to show that something was wrong. The Trooper flagged down the bus, and the driver shouted: "Shoot him. Shoot him. He's dangerous."

But the Trooper couldn't shoot, because of the passengers. As he explained it afterward, "I guess I would have had to shoot him to save the kids if he hadn't been standing right beside the driver."

However, at the sight of the policeman's gun, the young man dropped his knife and was docile enough as hand-cuffs were snapped on.

A New Mexico thriller - because of a young man

from New York.

And now here's a young man in New York, who isn't mad at anybody -- even the intermidable, endless rain, rain, rain.