

P.K. Fri, Aug. 7 - '53.

The United States and South Korea announce the policy they will follow jointly - at the political conference. They'll walk out, after ninety days - if they feel the Communists are not negotiating in good faith. This declaration was issued in Seoul, tonight, by Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, and North Korean President Syngman Rhee.

The two governments will work together to achieve the peaceful unification of Korea. But, if they are convinced the Reds are stalling, the following is the agreement: "We shall then be prepared to make a concurrent withdrawal from the conference."

In the event of a walkout, the United States and South Korea would consult further - about what to do.

SUB KOREA - ADD AGREEMENT

Earlier - Secretary Dulles and Syngman Rhee initialed a mutual defense pact. This was not a formal signing - because the United States Senate will have to ratify.

The treaty specifies that, in case of any future Red aggression, Congress in Washington will have to declare war -- before American troops go into any fighting. No "police action" in the future - no undeclared war.

U N

The sixteen countries of the United Nations that fought in Korea, give warning to the Communists. If the Reds break the armistice, it would probably mean - full scale war against Red China.

Those U N countries, actually, signed the declaration last month. The ~~xx~~ key statement is as follows: "The consequences of such a breach of the armistice would be so grave that, in all probability, it would not be possible to confine hostilities within the frontiers of Korea." In other words, if the Communists were to start the war again - hostilities probably would/ be carried ~~xxx~~ into Red China.

NORTH KOREA

The Communist government of North Korea is having a purge. Today, the Pyongyang radio stated that Vice-Premier Pak Hung Yong has been fired. Implicated in a plot with twelve other high north Korean officials, ~~they are~~ accused of scheming to overthrow the Red government, and of being spies for the United States.

Sounds like the same old story of a Communist purge - the Red Vice Premier charged with treason, espionage.

FOLLOW NORTH KOREA

The leader of the plot is said to have been Lee Sung Yap, head of the puppet parliament of North Korea.

Lee they say, has confessed - according to Communist custom. Admitting - that he did a job of espionage, under the direction of an official of the American State Department.

Tonight radio Moscow states that the defendants have already been tried and ~~sentenced. The penalty~~ is not revealed, but Moscow declares that the sentences were received with "great satisfaction" by the crowd in the court room. Which sounds grim for those former high officials of the Red regime in North Korea.

Ten of them -- sentenced to death. The former Vice Premier is not mentioned. The news dispatch remarking -- there is ominous silence about him.

PRISONERS EXCHANGE

Ninety ^{more} Americans ^{today passed thru} ~~entering~~ Freedom Village,
at Pan Mun Jom. That's the total for the fourth day
of the prisoner exchange. The total number of captives
turned over by the Reds ^{today} - four hundred. Most of them -
South Koreans.

The Americans in ^{this} ~~today's~~ group are reported ~~to~~
~~be~~ -- in good condition. ^{again} ~~which is~~ in contrast to the
first couple of days of the exchange & when returning
G I's were weak and emaciated, some ~~of them~~ suffering
from tuberculosis.

(One of the Americans liberated today is reported
to be Frank Noel, of the Associated Press. He was
captured by the Chinese in November of Nineteen Fifty,
while attached to the U.S. First Marine Division.
Reporter Noel volunteered to run a jeep, carrying
ammunition - and was captured.)

The atrocity reports continue, with new stories
of thousands of Americans - victims of inhuman
conditions in Red camps. U.S. military authorities

of their own free will. Technically, they would be classed as deserters. But military officers, we hear, would be more likely to consider such cases as psychiatric - mental cases.

in Korea, however, are cautious. ~~They won't make any estimates~~ Today an Army spokesman said: "The atrocity reports, which we have been collecting from Allied repatriated prisoners, are, in many cases - repetition ^{us,} It is virtually impossible to correlate these reports into any kind of count."

In American military circles, the fear is expressed that some U S prisoners may have been taken into China - as ~~rich~~ slave laborers. (The Defense Department in Washington has ^{heard} ~~reports~~ that a few Americans have been sent to the Russians - to help build harbors on the Siberian coast. Which brings back recollections of how the Soviets used German and Japanese prisoners of war as forced laborers in World War Two.)

Commander in Chief General Mark Clark thinks the enemy may be holding some American captives as - hostages, for bargaining in political negotiations.

The Army is investigating reports that a few G I prisoners have ~~be~~ turned Communist, staying behind -

PRISONERS

Returning prisoners-of-war ^{are} tell ^{of a few} of Americans who refuse to be repatriated. Won't come home - preferring Communism. Private Thomas Murray of Baltimore says: "Six or seven that I know are not coming back."

He tells of Communist indoctrination classes, day by day, and adds: "Almost everyone of us had ^{our} doubts, after they pounded and pounded it into our heads. You start wondering, you waver. What brings you back," he explains, "is when you remember you're an American, and its the best country in the world."

The Reds divided the prisoners into two groups. The "progressives", who showed some promise of being converted to Marxism. And the "reactionaries", who wouldn't listen to the Communist line. The "reactionaries" had another name for the "progressives". Calling them - "rats". Thomas Murray says the six or seven Americans who choose to remain behind were the hottest "progressives" in the camp.

Two other G I's tell how prisoners were lectured by a U S Air Force Lieutenant - on germ warfare.

"He told us he dropped germs on North Korea," ^{so} says Corporal Raymond Mills of West Palm Beach and Private John Keen of Naples, Florida.

The Air Force Lieutenant seemed to be under some strange compulsion. "He looked at me" says Keen, "as if he was forced to say it. He looked strange."

"Neither we nor the other Americans ~~we~~ forced to listen to the lecture, believed a word of it," ^{so} declares Corporal Mills. "We knew something was wrong."

But some of the British prisoners-of-war were persuaded by the germ warfare propaganda.

Another account relates how prisoners lost their memory, under constant questioning by the Reds. Resisting the inquisition, they got so they couldn't recollect what they actually knew.

Captain Joseph Kutys of Berkeley Hill, Pennsylvania, relates: "The chinese questioned me about American military information. I'd steel my mind against military things. Try not to think about it. When the indoctrination was finished - my mind was blank.

"I was worried about it," he goes on, "and other prisoners had the same trouble. I think the vitamin deficiencies in our prison diet had something to do with the lost memories."

The captives had a name for it. They called the mental blackout - "P O W memory."

Captain Kutys adds - "two months ago I couldn't tell you a ~~thing~~ thing about accounting - although that was my civilian business. I'd forgotten everything. Some of it is coming back to me now."

The stories told by the home-coming prisoners are grim and cheerless, for the most part. But a gayer note is struck by Private Manson Snake Johnson

GERMANY

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RETAKE

of Brooklyn. Who tells of a song they sang - prison camp blues. Interviewed by newsmen at Freedom Village, Private Manson Snake Johnson sang the ditty with all the rhythmic effects of negro musical art.

"Cold wind blowing through the chossun trees
P O W's here about to freeze
Won't Uncle Sam come and hear my pleas?
Jack - it's cold in North Korea."

That's the blue refrain: "Jack - it's cold
in North Korea."

Another verse going:

"Dear Old Eisenhower, with your neutral zone
Take me back where I belong
Jack - it's cold in North Korea!"

Leave it to the colored soldiers - to provide
song.


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FRANCE

France, today, was tied up by nationwide strikes. Yesterday we heard how two million workers went out - protesting against ~~an~~ economy reforms of the new government of Premier Laniel. Today they were joined by the transportation and radio workers. Paris is in chaos, all France in confusion. Railroads, subways and bus service - at a standstill. Electric lighting - turned off. Thousands of tourists - stranded.

The unions, dominated by leftists, are protesting against reforms that would freeze the wages of government employees.



ADD FRANCE

The latest -- Paris reports the strikers are streaming back to work this morning, in spite of Communist attempts to keep them out.

JET

Here's news about the first non-stop jet flight across the Pacific. It's old news -- released only now. The historic air voyage was made a year ago, July, Nineteen Fifty-two -- by an American jet bomber. Which flew from Alaska to Japan in nine hours and fifty minutes - the plane refueling twice while in flight.

This exploit, secret hitherto, was made public today in connection with an award of the MacKay trophy - which goes to the commander of the jet bomber. In a way, it's an award to Texas. The crew - all Texans, commanded by Major Louis Carrington of Austin.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower gave his fountain pen a work-out today. Writing - Dwight D. Eisenhower. It's a fairly long name - and was written repeatedly. The President signing a series of bills passed by Congress in the rush before adjournment. The six and a half billion dollar foreign aid measure.

The bill to admit two hundred and fourteen thousand refugees from Communism into this country. One law after another.

The President did a job of wholesale signing - clearing up work as he gets ready for a vacation in Colorado.

TREASURER

The treasurer of the United States is the mark for a lot of jokes. Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest - in official charge of ^{the} money of this nation. Her name inspires most of the alleged wit.

Today, she received an honorary degree from Bryant College, Providence, Rhode Island. And told - how a joker will greet her and say: "Baker is your ^{- huh!} middle name - well, you've got the dough."

Or the gag will go this way: "Your name is Priest? -- I'm glad the money is in good hands."

Or someone will ask: "How does it feel to be in the midst of all that money?" To which the head of the Treasury replies: In words of the ancient Mariner:

"Water, water everywhere, and never a drop to drink."

In charge of billions - but she might not have change for a five^{rs.}

DOG

In Washington, Congressman Charles Bennett of Florida will now be able to go home. They have found - Zip. Congress adjourned Earlier in the week -- but Zip was missing. The flop eared, long tailed pup - ~~it~~ belonging to the Congressman's eight year old son -- Bruce. It was ^{just} impossible to take Bruce back to Florida -- without ^{his} Zip.

Washington papers printed stories about the disappearance of the pooch. And, today, a phone call came. A woman, who lives five miles from the Bennett home, said a hound dog came scratching at her door, and she recognized - the flop ears and the long tail. The Congressman and Bruce promptly drove to the place- and out came a small negro boy, leading a ~~small~~ dog. Yep - ~~that's~~ Zip.

So now the legislator can ^{now go} home to Florida.

With Bruce and ^{Zip.} ~~the dog~~ ~~It's a rippy story.~~

I might make some pun or gag with that word Zip, Mike - but I'll refrain - and leave the field open for you.