

KOREA L.T.P.B.M.M. Apr. 20 - '53.

Good Eve. Ev-er-body: -

The second day of prisoner exchange has

begun in Korea. The daily proceedings over there begin at nine a.m., Korea time -- which is afternoon and evening over here. The second batch includes thirty-five Americans; twelve Britons; three Turks; and, fifty South Koreans -- and the scene at Pan Mun Jom is much the same as yesterday. Liberated captives laughing and joking, some weeping with happiness, others ⁱⁿ solemn mood as they pass through "Freedom Gate". Some of the South Koreans' glum and sullen -- as if they had been indoctrinated with Communism.)

There seems to be some indication that the Reds may be holding back American prisoners -- some in worse condition than those now being set free.

This -- based on stories told by liberated Americans.

For example, Corporal Kenyon Wagner of Detroit, has this to say: "There are sick people still left in the hospital. And some of them are sicker than I am. I was very astonished when they picked me." A Turkish soldier declares that a ~~XXXX~~

number of ailing prisoners were left behind when the
convoy set out from the Yalu River camp where he was
confined. ^{on this} There seems to be no explanation ---
except on the assumption that the Reds, ~~ix~~ for
propaganda reasons, are sending back the captives
who are in the best condition.

~~(The contradictions about indoctrination
continue -- some Americans declaring that no attempt
was made to feed them Communist propaganda. Others
-- telling how they were given daily classes in Red
indoctrination. The practice seems to have been
different in various camps.)~~

FOLLOW KOEA

A sour note was sounded tonight by the Chinese Red xq radio -- charging that prisoners handed over to the Communists are in bad shape. The statement is made by the British Communist news reporter, Allen Winington of the London Daily Worker. He is quoted as saying that the Communist sick and wounded looked like victims of Nazi concentration camps. ~~Ask the Communists to~~
~~questionable suffering from advanced malnutrition.~~

Which sounds like Red propaganda resuming its old familiar ways -- blasting with irresistible diatribes.

KOREA-WAR

The Navy announces that a U.S. Destroyer was hit by a shore battery -- a number of sailors injured. The Destroyer JAMES E. KYES got into a duel with enemy cannon along the Korean East Coast, near the port of Wonsan -- when a shell landed on the main deck, exploding and ripping a three foot hole. The blast went off just behind a gun crew, and one man was wounded seriously. Others -- injured slightly.

Today, the Red shore guns at Wonsan were blasted by the giant cannon of the Battleship NEW JERSEY. Which steamed right into the harbor, and blazed away with sixteen inch guns. ~~Along the~~ ~~skinning~~ ~~battlefront,~~ across the Peninsula, the fighting is at a virtual standstill today. Only one minor clash reported ~~between patrols~~ ~~--~~ ~~in~~ ~~NO~~ ~~MAN'S~~ ~~LAND.~~

FOLLOW KOREA-WAR

The latest -- a dispatch telling of B-29 attacks at points near the routes taken by the prisoner convoys. Eleven super-forts blasted a Red airfield at a town which ^{was} ~~is~~ one of the stops for the convoys.

Which might indicate that the immunity has been lifted ~~at this time~~ now that all the captives have been brought down to Pan Mun Jom. The Reds were using "Freedom Road" for a swarming transport of military supplies -- and obviously, we wouldn't let that go on forever.

MOSCOW

Moscow continues its mild and peaceful tone -- with Soviet newspapers featuring U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen. Today, the new Ambassador presented his credentials to Soviet President ~~XXXX~~ Voroshilov, and the two exchanged customary courteous expressions, emphasizing their hope that a peaceful settlement of all international difficulties can be attained. ~~They~~ ^{They} hopes are given a front page play in Russian newspapers.

JAPAN

The count of the votes in Japan today shows Premier Yoshida winning a victory. But, his party does not gain an out-right majority in the Tokyo Parliament -- though it comes out the strongest by far.

Japan went to the polls yesterday, following a series of political disputes, largely -- because of Yoshida's pro-American policy. So now his liberal party wins one hundred and ninety-nine seats in the Lower House. The Progressives, the strongest rival party, take only seventy-two. A string of other groups -- with smaller figures down the line.

Yoshida -- to stay on as Premier, forming some sort of coalition.

One oddity of the election was the defeat of big name candidates, whose re-election into Parliament had been taken for granted. One, for example, is Yukio Ozaki, Dean of Japanese politics; ninety-three years

old and a member of the lower house ever since it was formed back in Eighteen Eighty-Five -- the days when Japan went western. But he lost out -- in that weekend election.

COMMUNIST

The American Communist party is ^{now} labelled officially -- a puppet of the Soviet Union. This is the decision handed down by the Subversive Activities Control Board. After a fifteen ^{month} ~~minute~~ study, with extended hearings.

In Nineteen Fifty, Congress passed a law under which ~~the~~ agents of foreign government are required to register. The American Communists insisted -- they were merely a political party like any other. (~~They put up a big argument against having to register, and proceedings were long and complicated.~~)

The Board now finds that the Red organization is ^{governed} ~~covered~~ by orders from Soviet Russia. Which, says the Board -- "has established a requirement of iron discipline throughout the world Communist movement". (~~The American Reds are described as: "Using the cloak of the U.S. Constitution for the establishment of a~~

~~dictatorship of the proletariat in the United States".~~

~~So, therefore,~~ The Communist party is ordered to register with lists of its officials and its members. Also -- submit a financial statement ~~xxx~~ each year to the Attorney General.

The Communist party replies that it will appeal to the courts, ~~and take the case all the way to the Supreme Court.~~ The Reds have indicated, in the past, that -- rather than put their membership on ~~the~~ public ^{record} ~~xxxxxx~~, the Communist party will go underground.

TIDELANDS

The big talk tonight goes on in the Senate.

The prolonged oratory, after taking rest over the weekend, was resumed today. Subject: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Tidelands

Oil. ^H (~~Republican Senator Knowland of California~~

^{today} began proceedings by offering a proposal to limit the debate. But the consent had to be unanimous,

and ~~SENATE~~ Democratic Senator Lister Hill objected.

So, Senator Kefauver of Tennessee took the floor

-- to continue a speech he began on Saturday.)

The Democrats deny its a filibuster --

intended to talk the Tidelands Bill to death. Today,

Senator Lister Hill argued: "Let this debate go on

just a little bit". Last week, the Senator spoke

for three days straight -- his little bit. Senator

Taft retorts: "This has developed into an ordinary

filibuster".

(The Democrats claim that their marathon oratory is rallying public ~~and~~ support for their effort to defeat the bill that would give Tidelands Oil to the States.)

BUDGET

The Budget Bureau announces ^{large} ~~big~~ slashes in figures presented by former President Truman. The budget that he handed to Congress called for One hundred and ~~nin~~ fifty six million dollars to be devoted to flood control, and power and navigation projects in the Pacific Northwest. That now has been cut to One Hundred and Twenty Million, a slash of more than thirty-five million.

Similar projects in California are marked for a ^{cut} slash. The Truman ^{financial program} ~~budget~~ called for forty-eight million -- which the Budget Bureau now cuts to something more than thirty-four million, thirteen and a half million dollars less.

The Republican Administration trimming the Truman budget -- as the G O P promised.

MOVIES

The plight of the motion picture industry was pictured at a Congressional hearing today. *The* Movies are ~~in~~ -- "desperately sick". So say top ^{spokesmen for} ~~leaders~~ of the industry, in a joint statement. They want congress to ^{exempt} ~~exempt~~ motion picture theaters from the twenty percent admission tax. If the tax is not removed, ^{they say that} more than five thousand theaters will be forced out of business in the next twelve months. Nearly thirty percent, ~~would have to close.~~

Appearing before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, they ^{blamed} ~~inxxx~~ ~~leaders of the film industry~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~blamed~~ it all on television -- just as you'd expect. Their statement reads: "Assured, by the purchase of a television set, of what was equivalent to a free motion picture show in their living room -- millions of Americans made the pleasant discovery that there is no place like home.

"The impact on movie theater ^{attendance} ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ was devastating" the statement continues.

"In those metropolitan areas in which soon became saturated with television, theater business dropped more than forty percent. (In the so-called fringe areas, where television reception was not so good, theater business went off twenty-two percent."

(So say the spokesmen for the film industry and they add -- that, if the tax on admissions is removed, they are confident the movies can meet the competition of television.)

AVALANCHE

Each year along about now I seem to spend a little time in avalanche country -- in the high mountains here in the West. Last winter, there were more tragedies than usual. Some twenty lives lost, twenty buried under the snow that came roaring down in the Rockies, the Sierras and ^{the} ranges in between. Four of those killed were skiers, at Sun Valley -- an avalanche in January, Fifty-Two. One was found at the time. And I was wondering about the other three. No news came over my press wires indicating they were ever found. But, I have just learned that when the snows melted in the spring, the bodies were found in May. ^R But more important, I've learned that the danger of this happening again at Sun Valley is now much less. Avalanche study, a comparatively new science. Our number one avalanche center -- and school too, you could call it, ^{is} is at Alta, ^{here} Utah, in the Wasatch ^{Mts.} from where I have just come. Monty Atwater the number one avalanche expert, and Felix Koziol, local head of the U.S. Forestry Service,

have been telling me how at Sun Valley new ways have been found to ^{protect} ~~prevent~~ the crowds of sports enthusiasts who go into the mountains in winter, and *on their own take some chances.*

Here in the Wasatch Mountains these two experts and their associates have just been shooting down great cornices that develop along high ridges. *One of their ways of* ~~in that way they~~ ~~prevent~~ control ^{using the} avalanches ~~hazard,~~

Apparently there have been far fewer of them this winter in our high western mountains. But here at Alta there was one avalanche that took everybody by surprise. It ripped out an entire ^{by} new path. Alf Engen, most famous of all American skiers, was asleep in ^a ~~the~~ corner room at the Alta Lodge, with his wife and son. The avalanche swept down the mountain shortly before dawn, ~~with~~ side-swiped the lodge, and *crushed* in the walls of one room in which the Engens were asleep. They had quite a time digging themselves out in the darkness, *Which* would surely be a terrifying experience, ^{to} be in bed asleep; *and then* suddenly ~~be~~ awakened by the crash of walls and the

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and the roar of an avalanche sweeping over you.

(Monty Atwater showed me one of his new instruments which records snow falls and water content. He has gone so far with his studies that now he nearly always knows when avalanches are a threat. And this ^{advance} ~~avalanche~~ information ~~is~~ means safety.)

EISENHOWER

From the vacation White House, at Augusta, Georgia we have an example of high courtesy. This following a game of golf yesterday -- between President Eisenhower and Senator Taft of Ohio. Those two one-time antagonists, at the Chicago Convention, continue their rivalry on the golf course. So who won? The answer leaks out only today.

Yesterday -- blank secrecy. The news reporters tried to get a line on the Presidential and Senatorial golf -- but no information. The secrecy made them deeply suspicious. They figured -- the President and the Senator shot such atrocious golf, they were ashamed to admit the scores.

That was the first report on the news wire today, but it was followed by a disclosure --

xx that the President had shot an eighty-six. Which, *— and, mighty good for any casual golfer,* *xx* for him is magnificent, (He had gone to Augusta, to get back into his old golfing form -- and this *xx* was it -- so he was proud and elated.)

This leak of information comes from Bobby

Jones, that mightiest of golfers back in another day, who is a close friend of the President. Bobby Jones explains why there was all that secrecy. The President refused to give out ~~that~~ ^{The} Eisenhower-Taft golf score, because the Senator shot way up in the nineties, ^{— like most golfers would do. So, not} ~~Bad enough~~ to embarrass him ~~in~~ so the President ~~made the~~ ~~EMERGENCY~~ ~~courtesy~~ gesture, ~~and~~ turned the whole thing into a state secret.

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But, that Presidential 86! That's enuf to cause us to burst into song!