

PRISONERS L.P.K. Tues. Sept. 8 - '53,

Could the Reds still be holding back several thousand American prisoners? This rumor comes tonight, from Seoul, based on reports from returned prisoners - also from Red propaganda broadcasts and from letters.

Around eight thousand Americans are still reported missing! Of these, the story is that some five thousand may be dead. But what about the rest?

About four hundred Allied prisoners have stayed on with the Reds -- victims of Red propaganda, preferring to remain behind the Iron Curtain. Now an American team is all set to talk to these; try to ~~persuade~~ persuade them to return. And there are more than twenty thousand anti-Communist Chinese and North Korean prisoners who refuse to go back where they came from.

These now are to handed over to the custody of Indian troops, in the neutral zone.

## VINSON

Many glowing tributes were paid today to the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He seems to have been a popular figure in Washington. His old friends say that Chief Justice Fred Vinson particularly enjoyed the lighter side of life -- and never had been one ~~to~~ to seclude himself with his law books.

It was in June of Nineteen Forty-Six that President Truman appointed him to be the head of The Supreme Court. It was at a time when there was a feud on inside the court - between Justices Jackson and Black. Fred Vinson at once appeared as the peacemaker.

Our Supreme Court, as we know, has not often been unanimous in its decisions. But the Justices, under the new Chief, seemed to forget ~~all~~ old animosities, or put them to one side.

To any attorney who tried to take more than his share of time before our highest tribunal Chief Justice Vinson would say simply: "Your time has expired." He was not harsh about it, but no

attorney was permitted to break the rules of the court.

Who will take his place? There is wide conjecture about this- and high up on the list are the names of two governors, on opposite sides of the continent: Dewey of New York, and Warren of California.

Naturally, everyone would like to know who it will be. It's up to the President, and he isn't saying anything. But, we do hear from the Summer White House in Denver, that ~~xxxx~~ those two names, Dewey and Warren, are being mentioned more than any others -- Thomas E. Dewey and Earl Warren.

Governor Warren, as we know, only recently announced that he will not seek re-election. That sounds like he may be available for another appointment. Maybe the Supreme Court. The Governor of New York would be a natural choice - his wide legal experience, leader of his party and an elder statesman - although still a young man.

## FIVE PERCENTER

A house sub-committee cracks down on a five percenter - or rather a four percenter. During the Truman administration we heard a lot about five percenters. ~~They were the~~ Influential men in Washington, ~~who were able~~ <sup>who were able</sup> ~~They claimed~~ to wangle government contracts <sup>--</sup> for a fee of five percent. ~~Those~~ <sup>The</sup> five percenters were ~~widely~~ attacked by the Republicans during the election.

Now we hear of a man who is charged with playing much the same game - for a fee of four percent. ~~Warren Stevenson, who testified before the sub-committee.~~ <sup>is that Warren</sup> The charge ~~that~~ <sup>is that</sup> Stevenson offered to help a manufacturer get a contract with the Navy.

~~This is just the kind of thing that the Republicans attacked, when the Democrats were in office.~~ <sup>Congressman</sup> So now ~~Chairman~~ <sup>says today</sup> William Hess, ~~a Republican~~ declares that the truth about the Stevenson ~~XXXXXX~~ transaction should be made public. He wants to convince business men - here are his words "that Washington is not a good climate for influence peddlers."



## MCCARTHY

Senator Joe McCarthy demands to know who cleared alleged Communists for Army employment? And Secretary of the Army Stevens says that he will study the McCarthy demand.

The Wisconsin Senator says that if Secretary Stevens fails to give him the names of those to blame, he will go to the President or to the Defense Secretary and repeat his demand.

In the meantime, the Army has refused to reveal any names.

The Senator says he already has one name of an alleged Communist, employed by the quartermaster corps a Mrs. Doris Powell - who according to Joe McCarthy had ~~XXXXXX~~ access to valuable army documents.

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But Mrs. Powell denies the McCarthy charges.

She declares that she has never been a Communist and that she has never committed espionage. In New York, her attorney remarked: "They're trying to make a mountain out of a mole-hill about this thing."

## ADENAUER

Chancellor Adenauer steps up his attempt to unify Germany. The West German Chancellor, as we know, won an overwhelming victory in the election. And so he'll be in the saddle for the next four years. And one of his main objects is to unify the Soviet zone with the rest of Germany. Now, he's in a stronger position than ever to achieve this objective.

A dispatch from Bonn makes it clear that Adenauer is not thinking of using force; ~~he~~ doesn't want an armed invasion of the Eastern zone. He calls for a long term campaign of pressure - pressure on the Soviets and on the East German government; ~~this~~ <sup>through</sup> ~~to be helped by~~ propaganda; <sup>and</sup> ~~also~~ by stirring up unrest ~~among the victims of the Red regime.~~ Speaking of a German audience, Adenauer declared: "The liberation of the eighteen million people in the Soviet zone from serfdom and slavery is our goal - and we shall achieve this goal."

*Chancellor* Adenauer is said to believe that unification will come only after the strength of the West is



increased. So he will probably insist more strongly on the formation of ~~xx~~ a European Army. Which would mean taking up this question again with France and Italy.

Meanwhile, Adenauer is forming his government. His outlook is described as hopeful because his great victory in the election should make it easy for him to form a cabinet. Then, he'll be off for a vacation in the Black Forest.



## WAINWRIGHT

Today, at Arlington, the white horses, drawing the familiar caisson, moved slowly between those rows and rows of white crosses. They were carrying the remains of another general -- Wainwright of Bataan and Corregidor. And of course there was the traditional riderless blackhorse, with a black cavalry boot, reversed, in the left stirrup, following close behind the caisson. About twenty-five hundred mourners were on hand -- including high military and civilian officials, as an Army bugler sounded taps as the casket was lowered into the grave. And so the nation paid its last respects to one of the most admired and one of the most tragic military figures of our time, General Wainwright of Bataan and Corregidor.

## LIBERTE

The French liner Liberte, aground. The world's fourth largest ship, stuck ~~xx~~ in the mud off La Havre; for seven hours.

It happened as the Liberte was moving out of the harbor, on the way to Southampton - a short run to pick up passengers before setting out for New York. The harbor pilot was still guiding the great liner when she ran aground; and on the same back that trapped another French liner, the De Grasse, three years ago.

The ship stopped ~~with~~ with such a jolt that passengers were thrown to the deck. But no one seriously hurt.

The accident is described as "the last straw" for hundreds of Americans on board. But I doubt it. Anyway their European vacations had already been disrupted by the ~~French~~ French strikes. And now, ~~xxx~~ here, they were on a ship that had run aground.

Six tugs were sent to the rescue. But it was not until the tide came in that liberty came to the Liberte!

## STORY

Here's one from behind the Iron Curtain - another example of stories that circulate on the sly. This one, sent along to me by Colonel Ralph Isham of Boswell papers fame, who ~~he~~ has it from friends abroad.

It seems that, when Stalin died, Malenkov called a meeting in the Kremlin and one proposal was to have Stalin entombed in a foreign country. Because there might be disturbances in Russia, and his mortal remains would not be ~~xxx~~ safe.

So they tried to figure - which country? And finally decided on - Israel. They called ~~xxx~~ in the Ambassador of Israel, and he was astonished/ But said, in a diplomatic way - of course, very well, if you wish.

Suddenly, Molotov jumped up, and thundered - "no". The Ambassador looked still more astonished. Molotov glared at him, and shouted: "In your country, there was a man who arose on the third day."

The Ambassador understood. He wouldn't want



anything like that to happen - Stalin arising on the third day." A weird story - about the Kremlin dictator regarded <sup>by</sup> millions as the anti-christ. A story from behind the Iron Curtain where the Govt radio



## CAVE

Last night we had brief news about an accident in a California cave. Today, from Fresno we get the details.

Carroll Slemaker was with a party of explorers in Kings Canyon National Park. Some three hundred feet below the surface, he slipped. His fall loosened a number of rocks, one of them crushing the cave explorer's leg.

Another member of the party made his way out, for help. Meanwhile, others kept the injured man warm through the night with carbide lamps. When the rescue party arrived, a physician put on a splint, and they began the hazardous journey, up and up, along slippery walls. Part of the time the injured man had to crawl.

They came to the final stretch -- a sheer rock wall, sixty feet high. Up this the injured man had to be hoisted in a boatswain's seat. But, he made it. Back from the eerie depths of the cave.

## GUNFIGHT

Today, a cops and robbers gunfight went on underneath the Hudson River. The whole thing started, when one car approached the New Jersey entrance to the Lincoln tunnel. The policeman collecting tolls recognized the license number as that of a hold-up car. He told the driver to stop. Instead the car shot forward into the tunnel. The two men inside the car fired on police who tried to stop them. One patrolman was wounded in both legs. Others commandeered a truck, and raced into the tunnel after the car.

Bullets whistled back and forth during the chase for the New York side of the tunnel. Police estimate that at least forty shots were exchanged during the gunfight - reberberating - and riccocheting in that Hudson Tullel. Then, three-quarters of the way through, the car swerved from the path and hit the wall. The police jumped from their truck and continued firing. The fight ending with one fugitive crawling from under

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the car, surrendering. His companion, unconcious. -

All this under the Hudson River.

## FISH STORY

President Eisenhower tells, not a fish story - but a fish mystery. Which he has now solved.

In Denver he's telling how, back in Washington, he heard that fishermen, angling in the nearby hills of Maryland, landed a nine-pound trout. Which was verified by a couple of Maryland State Troopers. The President was puzzled about this. He had been around in those Maryland hills, and knew those streams. And a nine pound trout?! Ridiculous!

But now, in Denver, a friend from Maryland has explained it to him. The fishermen actually did hook the big trout in a Maryland brook; - but here's how.

The trout was from the Maryland State fish hatchery. Where two small boys had scooped it up in a bucket and headed for the hills. They came upon a fisherman, who had been casting his fly all day, and had caught nothing. So they sold him the large trout - which he might have taken straight home to brag about.



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But he was a fisherman with a conscience. He put that trout in a pool along a brook, a place from which the big one couldn't escape! Then he started fly casting. And the fish grabbed the hook. That's how the angler caught a nine-pound trout in a Maryland stream. Anyhow, Mike that's the President's story. What's your story?