

SUB PRISONERS

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Have you heard the news from Korea? At long last General Dean has been released.

The hero of Taejon" among ninety-five more Americans just brought thru Pan Mun Jom. General Dean was the highest ranking Allied prisoner. He was captured in August, Nineteen Fifty, while commanding the Twenty-Fourth Division. The Reds overran his area. The General staying with his troops until he was surrounded and captured. Since then, 3 years in Communist prison camps.

The Reds brought him down from Kaesong in a special jeep. The dispatch from Pan Mun Jom states that he was still wearing the blue uniform of the Communist prison camps and appeared to be in good health as he

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shook hands with many Americans who crowded around his jeep.

General Dean will not go through the entire processing. He'll be flown back to this country as quickly as possible.

Today, three hundred Allied prisoners were exchanged. This leaves less than five hundred still to be returned. One report states that all the rest may be free by Sunday. If that happens, the exchange will become a one-way affair - because the U N forces have many more communist prisoners.

Meanwhile, more Americans tell of seeing Russian pilots in North Korea. Says Sergeant Matthew Murphy of Binghamton, New York:- "One of the prisoners knew Russian, and he heard them talking."

Captain Lawrence Bach of Grand Forks, North Dakota, saw the Russians in Manchuria. The Captain asked one

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in sign language if he had ever flown in the Korean War. Abd, in the words of the Captain, "he said yes and held up his hands, pointing to them as though they were planes. He pointed to the middle finger and pointed to himself." In other words, the Soviet pilot flew in the center formation - with Chinese planes on his wings.

PRISONER HERO

More tonight about the Lieutenant who won the Congressional Medal of Honor; James Stone of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who was among the prisoners exchanged yesterday. When he heard how he had received the news he insisted it should have been awarded to his platoon. But it certainly looks like Jim Stone deserved a flock of medals.

The date, November Twenty-First, Nineteen Fifty-one. His outpost was under heavy attack. First the platoon flame-thrower went out of action. Under heavy fire, the Lieutenant crawled from a trench and repaired it. Then the enemy broke through and the platoon hand to hand, threw them back.

The Lieutenant was seriously wounded, rallied his men to meet the next assault with only one machine gun still operating. This he himself moved from one point to another, firing wherever the danger was greatest. He was wounded a second time.

Losing strength, Lieutenant Stone moved back into a trench. There, he loaded rifles for his men,

as they fought back. Finally, he got to his feet and directed the platoon, as the enemy swarmed through the position. Wounded a third time, he lost consciousness and when he came too he was in the hands of the Reds.

Today he was still insisting that all honors should go to the men he commanded.

FASHIONS follow Dulles

At his press conference the Secretary of State also mentioned the problem of what to wearⁱⁿ/not weather. He noted that shorts for men and short hemlines for women are now an international issue. On these what are his views? He's for the French hemline for women, and English shorts for men - but not for diplomats.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles accuses Russia of being, what he calls "stubborn and despotic". The reason - this Soviet occupation of East Germany. Secretary Dulles made the statement before a press conference, in one of his most bitter attacks on the Kremlin.

The Secretary denounced the continued partition of Germany. He pointed out that while we have consolidated our ~~xxx~~ German zone with those of Britain and France, Russia "has stubbornly held onto the part of Germany it occupies."

The Allies have invited the Soviets to a meeting in Switzerland. The meeting - to consider German and ~~xxxxxx~~ Austrian problems. But Malenkov suggested that Red China be included. This the Allies reject. Says Dulles: "Surely the solution for Germany should not be subordinated to a ~~xxxxxxx~~ solution for China - nor should the fate of Germans ~~be~~ be left to the Chinese Communists."

He added that of course we hope for an Adenauer victory in the German elections this weekend. That without him, German unification would have to be postponed indefinitely.

W. GERMANY

More violence in West Germany. Tonite comes a dispatch from Bonn telling of a thousand Reds battling the West German police. Red agitators trying to break up the preparations for the German elections. Scores of Reds injured. Many now in jail.

Chancellor Adenauer today called on the Germans to carry through the elections in spite of the Communist infiltrations. "To achieve unity our German Federal Republic must be integrated into the free world" he declared.

EAST GERMANY

More strikes in East Germany. A dispatch from Berlin reveals that workers have walked out of three big plants in the Soviet Zone. The workers - protesting against government persecution of all those who received Eisenhower food packages. In one plant, there's a suspicion of sabotage. A transformer blew up, and disabled the machinery of the whole works.

The Reds are dismissing workers who bring back the food packages. Such workers are, in the Communist phrase, "American imperialist tools." And one man has been sent to jail for what the Reds call, "Fascist propaganda and tendentious reports."

A familiar name has cropped up again in East Germany - Gerhart Eisler. He fled from this country to become Propaganda Minister in the Soviet Zone. Later, he was fired - said to be in disgrace. Now Eisler has come forward to say that Americans need relief more than the East Germans. According to Eisler, many Americans are much worse off than

the Germans. And he added that the Eisenhower food parcels are just propaganda.

YUGOSLAVIA

Marshal Tito wants Italy's troop reinforcements removed from the Yugoslav border. This, following tension over Trieste. Tito asks the Big Three to persuade the Italian Government to remove the troops.

As we know, the city of Trieste is divided into two zones. One, occupied by the Yugoslavs, the other internationalized. Now Yugoslavia charges that Italy has taken over the international zone. And Tito asks the Big Three to do something about it.

PARTY

The Vatican newspaper denounces that flamboyant Marquis de Cuevas party at Biarritz. It was a fabulous affair, costing about one hundred thousand dollars, and attended by almost two thousand guests.

Today the Osservatore Romano called the party "criminal folly." That in the midst of so much suffering in Europe. And the such an outrageous display would justify rebellion by the poor; and that when vengeance breaks loose who can deplore its cruelty:

The Vatican, attacking the gay Marquis and his friends.

At last, what seems like a clear story of what happened in the tragedy of K-2. We have had rather confused versions coming through on the news wire. I passed along two accounts that differed a little - or seemed to. Now it's apparent -- each gave part of the story. Which, combined, make one of the most bitterly tragic pages in the history of exploration, Arthur Gilkey.

The latest account comes from a member of the expedition, Dr. George Bell, a geologist of Cambridge, Massachusetts - who has arrived at Karachi, capital of Pakistan. Bell tells how, at an altitude of twenty-five thousand feet, Arthur Gilkey developed a blood clot in his leg -- which grew worse. Himalayan blizzards were raging, and they faced the frightful task of carrying a man on a stretcher down extremely steep icy slopes, amid snowstorm and avalanche.

Says Dr. Bell: -- the disaster struck because of his own frostbitten feet. They were lowering Gilkey from one ice ledge to another. Bell, out in front, missed his footing. Over he plunged. They were all roped together, and Dr. Bell's fall pulled the others down -- all except Peter Schoening, who spun around -- and, with all his strength, swung with his ice axe. The axe caught hold of rock, a great boulder, and Schoening was able to hold on. Anchor man -- keeping the others from plunging farther.

As this happened the stretcher on which Gilkey was lashed, went shooting down the slope -- disappearing in the snowstorm.

Robert Craig, with a couple of companions, went looking for Gilkey, and found him on a ledge of ice. They anchored Art and the stretcher securely -- then climbed back up to help the others, who were injured.

This took an hour -- and then they went back, to retrieve Gilkey. That brought -- the horror. He was gone. He had simply vanished. The signs were that an avalanche had swept him away.

That seems a clear and consistent account of the tragedy that befell in the nightmare world near the summit of K-2.

LEGION

The American Legion's new national commander,
Arthur Connell of Middletown, Connecticut. Succeeding
Lewis Gough of California.

PIRACY

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Here~~is~~is a case of piracy - on Lake Michigan. Thomas Parrish stole a launch from the Chicago harbor. With two teen aged girls as a crew, he sailed to a point near Michigan City, Iddiana. There they went ashore. They found a lakeside cottage, and broke ~~the door~~ into it. ~~Then~~ They ransacked the cottage - a summer place belonging to the Dean of Women at Purdue University. Then they withdrew, leaving a note. They complimented the Dean on her good taste ~~an~~ in food and clothing. But, they complained, "You didn't have any white bread." The note ended with the words: "Thanks ~~for~~ for everything."

The incident amounts to theft on the high seas.

So Thomas Parrish is now charged with piracy - piracy on Lake Michigan. The latest case - in the profession of Captain Kidd.

PICKET

In Chicago the labor trouble at the Auto Sales Agency has ended. The strike over, which might not be worth mentioning - except that the strike began back in Nineteen Thirty-Nine. And one of the picketers has been on the job for twelve years.

During that time, Alexander Orr, walked up and down in front of the Auto-Sales Agency. He carried his sign past thousands and thousands of pedestrians. He walked eight hours a day, rain or shine, except Sundays and ~~xxx~~ holidays. Just on this one picket job he covered about forty thousand miles -- along that one strip of pavement. And his feet grew. Until now he wears shoes a size larger than when he started. Forty thousand miles on concrete! No wonder they spread out!

With the dispute over, Alexander Orr says he retires. His dogs won't take it any more! And there's a note of regret in his retirement speech. He says he won't see all the people who were in the habit of saluting him each morning. And thought of that ~~xx~~

makes him sad. He says he's going to get a rocking

chair, ^{Mike,} - and soak his feet for about a year, and just

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sit and rock.