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Add PRISONERS

In Washington, a spokesman for the Defense Department declares that anti-Communist prisoners ^{in Korea,} will be liberated on January 27, 1954, if the dead-lock still

exists. That's the date which the Truce Agreement settled as final in deciding the fate of prisoners. So if the Reds continue to hold up proceedings, the prisoners will be set free in accordance with the Armistice Agreement.

Meanwhile, we hear that one American has asked for repatriation. He walked up to Indian guards - and said he wanted to be transferred to the UN side. He's the first American to decide to come home. That leaves twenty-two who still say they prefer Communism.

PRISONERS

A dispatch from Pan Mun Jom describes the situation in the truce camps as - a serious crisis. The belief growing that the processing of prisoners will ^{cease} ~~stop~~ altogether, unless the Reds stop demanding force. ~~As we know~~, the North Korean prisoners are refusing to attend interviews - won't come out of the camps to listen to the Red "explainers." The Reds want them driven out by force. Naturally, the Allies are opposed to the use of force. And the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission agrees with us. Or at least the majority do. India, Sweden, and Switzerland agree that prisoners should not be driven out at the point of a bayonet. But Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia are boycotting the Commission because of that stand.

So the processing has arrived at a grave crisis. The ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Swedish delegate describes the situation like this: "It is highly possible the Commission will break up - if we cannot get the North Korean prisoners to go to the explanations." The situation, so bad that no interviews were even scheduled for today.

The Pan Mun Jom dispatch adds that the next ten days could be decisive - on whether the truce will fail. According to the dispatch, the key to the situation is the meeting set for October Twenty-Sixth - when American and Communist representatives are to begin talks about the coming political conference. But the Reds are still insisting that neutral nations attend the meeting. And so the meeting may be torpedoed before it starts.

To add to all this - the Reds are accusing the U.N. of giving ~~for~~ a false list of anti-Communist prisoners. The Peiping Radio, describing the list as, "crudely manufactured, without any factual basis."

So the repatriation of prisoners is snarled indefinitely. And U.N. officials are waiting to see if the Reds will give way far enough to let the interviews be resumed.

EAST GERMANY

The East German police declare that a band, of what they call, "terrorists", is at large in the Russian Zone. According to the Red police, the "terrorist band" crossed the border from the West. And penetrated deep behind the Iron Curtain. ^{The Reds say they /} ~~Communist police~~ caught up with them on October Sixteenth - after which a gun-battle took place, in which four Communist policemen were killed. The East German police state that two members of the band were captured. But that the rest are still at large.

The police declare that the ^{"terrorist band"} ~~terrorists~~ entered their zone to commit sabotage and murder. And residents of East Germany are warned to be on the lookout for those who escaped. In the words of the police order, "Every aid to the terrorists will be punished." And then the statement adds, "All news, even the slightest, on the whereabouts of the terrorists and their aides, is important - and must be reported to the nearest police immediately."

As usual, the whole thing is blamed on Fascists in the West.

ROME

In Rome - police fighting with Communists and neo-Fascists. The disturbances, caused by ^{the} ~~that~~ controversy over Trieste. About three thousand neo-Fascists roamed through the streets, ~~They~~ ^{ing} denounced ~~Marshal~~ Tito. They waved Italian flags and banners. They cried: "Tito to the gallows!" And "Trieste is Italian." They demonstrated in front of the Soviet Embassy and before the Yugoslav Legation. They demanded that Italian troops enter Zone A of Trieste at once - despite Tito's warning that he would send his own army in if that happens.

The riot police were called out to deal with the demonstrators. ~~Risking~~ Riding in jeeps, the police charged into the mob - breaking it up. In one place, Communists came out to fight the neo-Fascists. And here too, the riot police were called in to restore order.

Tonight, special detachments are guarding the American Embassy. So far, demonstrators have not reached the embassy grounds. And a Rome dispatch declares that our

Ambassador, Mrs. Luce, is carrying on as usual. However, the police are standing guard, because they expect even bigger demonstrations tomorrow.

ISRAEL

The United States withholds aid to Israel. This, revealed in Washington by Secretary of State Dulles. Our government, acting because of Israel's defiance of the United Nations in the Jordan River dispute.

Dulles told a news conference that funds may be held up as long as Israel rejects U.N. plans for maintaining peace in the Near East. The Jordan dispute came after a ~~massive~~ protest ^{from Syria} that Israel was diverting water from the river. The head of the U.N. team in the area, General Bennike of Denmark, has already said that Israel should stop diverting the water. And now, this country declares that it will hold up aid to Israel until the matter is settled.

But the Secretary of State adds that we are not breaking off our technical cooperation program in Israel. This program - designed to teach modern agricultural and industrial techniques. That kind of cooperation will go on, even though our financial aid is curtailed.

CLARK

Today, General Mark Clark received a hero's welcome from New York City. Our former Commander in the Far East - who was also prominent in two world wars - rode in the traditional motorcade down Lower Broadway. Riding with him was Patrolman Dan Sexton, who was Clark's jeep driver and bodyguard in North Africa, and then in Italy, during World War Two. They cheered the General, to the echo and rained confetti and ticker tape down on him. About two thousand service men and city department workers marched in the parade.

As usual, the end came at City Hall. There, General Clark was received by distinguished guests - including former Secretary of State James Byrnes, who was once Mark Clark's boss. There the General spoke to the crowd. He warned particularly about the evil of Communism, saying of the typical Communist, "there is no decency, no honesty, in his make-up."

The General added that the menace of Communism must compel us to remain on guard against any possible aggression. It was the General who signed the armistice in Korea. Referring to this, Mark Clark remarked: "I am the first American commander who put his signature to a paper - ending a war we did not win." So the tall, striking and exceedingly able General Mark Wayne Clark goes into retirement - with a reputation of one of the top leaders in our 300 odd year of military history.

BIBLE

Last night, in taking note that this is Bible Week, I gave a quotation that's a favorite of Ex-President Hoover's. After which, I thought - why not ask President Eisenhower for his favorite passage in Holy Writ. Today, on his return from the Mexican border, the President sent me - two quotations. Reminding me that he used them both - on the greatest day of his life; when he took the oath-of-office as President of the United States. In January, you may remember how Dwight Eisenhower used two Bibles - both historic, one - a copy of Sacred Scriptures on which George Washington had taken the oath, as our first president. The other - the West Point Bible, which Ike, the young Cadet, had known years before at the Military Academy.

Becoming President, General Eisenhower had the George Washington Bible open at the Twenty-Seventh chapter of Psalms, first verse. Which reads:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain."

The West Point Bible was open at ~~that other~~
~~passage~~, Second Chronicles, Chapter Seven, ~~XXXX~~ Fourteenth
Verse. As follows:

"If my people, which are called by my name,
shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face,
and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear
from Heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will
heal their land."

Those are the favorite biblical quotations of the
President of the United States.

GAS

The city of Horse Cave, Kentucky, lies within a drought stricken area. But the inhabitants of the town are praying that there won't be any rain too soon. The reason - forty-five thousand gallons of poisonous chemical stored within the city limits. It's the kind of chemical that turns into lewisite, when mixed with water. Lewisite being one of the most dangerous gases used in chemical warfare.

The chemical was purchased some months ago. It was stored in railroad tanks. But then the Company that owned the chemical went bankrupt. So all that potential Lewisite gas just lay there in the tanks. The city tried to get rid of it - but no one would take it, even for nothing. The railroad offered to ship it free, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ but every chemical company in the country refused. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Even the Army turned down the offer.

Now the gas is already beginning to leak from ~~XXX~~ ~~of the~~ tanks. And the ~~citizens~~ citizens of Horse Cave are afraid that sudden rain would cause Lewisite gas to drift

over the city. That's why this area, so hard hit by the drought, doesn't want it to end too soon - not before they find some way to get rid of that chemical that nobody wants.

BEAR

What does it feel like to have a ferocious bear circling around you - looking for a chance to claw you to death? Well, Bryan Arritt knows what it's like - after his experience last Sunday.

Arritt is a cripple, confined to a wheel chair for forty years. But even so, he likes to go hunting with his friends. Last Sunday, they all went into the Butte meadows area, near Chico, California. Arritt always remains in one spot. So his friends made him comfortable on a rubber cushion, and wrapped up in blankets. He had a rifle and a bag of cartridges. The idea being, for him to wait for a deer to come within gunshot. Then the friends left to look for ~~deer~~ game themselves.

For two hours Bryan Arritt sat there without sighting a deer. Then, he noticed something about sixty feet away - a big black bear, weighing some two hundred pounds. Arritt says that he'd spotted bears before, but never took a shot at them. This time, he decided to fire. Here's how he

describes what happened: "I had four shells in my gun. The first one caught him in the shoulder, and he went down with a roar. Then he got up and charged¹me. The next one hit ~~xxxx~~ him in the front leg. As he came down the bank, I got him just under the right eye."

But all those hits didn't stop the bear. He lurched into some trees by the roadside. Then Arritt fired his last bullet, hitting the bear in the hind leg. Even this didn't stop the beast. He got up and charged toward the hunter. What was Arritt to do then, with his gun empty?

Says he: "I tried to get my shell bag open - but my hands were cold, and I couldn't work the ~~xxxx~~ zipper." So the bear came right up, snarling - and all the hunter could do was poke at him with the barrel of the gun. This stopped the animal - but didn't drive him off. As Arritt puts it, "he started to circle me. He'd come close, and I'd poke him off - and then he'd come close again."

That was really a situation to be in - a wounded

savage bear circling around, looking for a chance to attack. Arritt threw some rocks at him. And then finally managed to get the shell bag open. He seized a bullet and quickly loaded the rifle. Then he let the bear come in close. And the incident ended when, in Arritt's words, "I let him have it between the eyes." That did it. This time, the bear was really dead. And Arritt not only lived to tell the tale - but, Mike he came off unscathed. Quite a hunting story!