

EGYPT L.T. P.G. Thurs. June 18-'53.

Egypt is a Republic. The ancient land of the Pharaohs abolishes the monarchy. Strong man General Mohammed Naguib becomes the first President of Egypt.

This was announced from Cairo tonight with a statement - that the infant son of ousted King Farouk has been deposed. And all the members of the royal family are deprived of their titles.

Republic of Egypt! - sounds odd in a country where the Pharaohs of old were the very symbol of absolute monarchy.

Another prisoner-of-war escape was repelled by  
Thirty-three  
gunfire - today. ~~Nine~~ anti-Communist captives killed - when a  
mob of a couple of thousand tried to overrun American troops.

This happened near Seoul, where G.I's and Marines  
were taking over from South Korean guards at Compound Number Ten.  
Suddenly, the prisoners-of-war came pouring out, clambering  
over low barricades of barbed wire. The Americans tried to  
stop them, and fired over their heads. They had orders to  
shoot in earnest - only in self defense. <sup>and</sup> They had to do that. -  
<sup>Then it was that</sup> ~~the~~ prisoners fell, killed, or wounded. Even so, more than  
four hundred out of some fifteen hundred got away.

We hear today that, in the escapes last night, in  
the southern camps near Pusan, there was shooting, <sup>with</sup> ten killed.  
In the mass escapes, the South Korean guards helped <sup>ing</sup> the  
prisoners to get away. ~~But~~ In so many places American troops  
intervened - and fired on the fugitives.

President Eisenhower, today, sent a sharply worded  
protest - to Syngman Rhee. The wording is described as blunt -

rebuking Rhee for ordering South Korean guards to release anti-Communist prisoners-of-war.

(The text of that Eisenhower message is not made public, but Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gives the gist of it, issuing a formal statement to newsmen. It rebukes the South Korean President for violating the agreement his government made, when he accepted the authority of the United Nations command in Korea. "President Eisenhower," Dulles added, "is communicating with President Rhee in this sense.")

But what about the Communists? How are they taking the news of the escapes? Which, actually, make it impossible to fulfill the prisoner-of-war clauses in the truce terms? The word was taken to them at Panmunjom by American liaison officers. Who tried to ease the impact of the news by stating that American soldiers have replaced South Korean guards at the prison camps. Also - that everything was being done to recapture the fugitives.

But that seems hopeless indeed. Twenty-five

thousand got away! - nine thousand prisoners remaining in camps. Today, fewer than one ~~xxx~~ thousand of the escapees have been retaken.

A dispatch from Pusan tells of escaped captives wandering around in the city - and taking refuge among peasants in the surrounding hills. (U.S. newsmen talked to some, and they say that South Korean military policemen told them they were to go - and led them on their way out.

It would appear that the South Korean population around Pusan was notified about the escape. One fugitive prisoner, today, told the newsmen: "The villagers were waiting for us, to give us food and clothing." )

The irony is - that the armistice terms had been completed. The truce - ready to be signed. So how does the revolt of Syngman Rhee and the prisoner-break affect that? There's much expression of worry in Washington and London - ~~xxxxxx~~ with the belief that the armistice may be delayed. Sweden and Switzerland, named to serve on the neutral

commission for handling prisoners, express immediate concern.

They might now not be willing to serve.

~~The Communists themselves have made no official statement as yet.~~ But, on the battlefield today, the Red loud speakers blared the word that the truce had been concluded, and the war was over. The Red loud speakers announced - ~~that~~ they were signing off for good. This, presumably, was stated with full knowledge - of the escape of the prisoners.



FOLLOW KOREA-TRUCE

Here's the first official statement from the Communist side. The Chinese Red radio charges that the United States connived with ~~Soviet Russia~~ <sup>South Korea</sup> in the release of the prisoners - for the purpose of putting them in the South Korean Army. "The whole world is turning to the United States government to see how it will deal with this outrage" says the Red radio, and adds: "The sincerity of the American government, for an armistice, is indeed put to an acid test."

That's the first Communist reaction.

PRISONERS - CLARK

The question is being raised - why were the South Koreans left on guard at prisoner camps, when the South Korean opposition to the truce terms was well known? A dispatch from Tokyo says that General Mark Clark figured this way: <sup>P</sup>He might have replaced the guards with American troops - but, in that case, he would have been saying, virtually, that his command had lost control of the South Koreans. <sup>P</sup> Or, he could alert American authorities at the prison camps to be on the lookout for an escape - and send extra forces of G.I.'s to take precautions. <sup>TP</sup> General Clark sent a detachment of U.S. troops from Japan to Pusan last week - for just such an emergency. Nevertheless, the South Korean guards obeyed Syngman Rhee's order - to let prisoners go. And plenty - got away.

KOREA - WAR

There was sharp fighting today at Christmas Hill, on the east central front. South Korean troops recaptured the hill, taken by the Communists in their big offensive.

Otherwise, the war front was quiet.

But the air battle went on. Five Migs were shot down today - one by Major Jabarra. He was the ~~first jet ace~~ first jet ace of the Korean War - now returned to duty over there, shooting down Migs again. Major Jabarra now has twelve.



JAPAN-PLANE

Tokyo gives the official figure for lives lost in the worst air disaster in history. One hundred and thirty-four -- most of them soldiers returning to Korea, after time off in Japan. The giant Air Force Globemaster reported engine trouble, shortly after taking off -- and crashed in a Japanese rice paddie. Total disaster! -- no survivors! Part of the Hazard -- in transporting ~~xxxxxxx~~ thousands of troops by air.

GERMANY

East Berlin was quiet today. The riots were over. - <sup>which doesn't</sup> ~~but that does not~~ mean that things go back ~~to~~ to normal. The quietude was ominous -- a general strike -- work-stoppage almost complete.

Strikes -- <sup>also</sup> ~~were~~ reported in other German cities of the Soviet zone. Violent outbreaks in various places -- the trouble in East Berlin having spread far and wide.

The worst was at Magdeburg where factory workers went on a march, to a local jail -- to release political prisoners. They lynched a Communist policeman, and Russian tanks opened fire on the mob. Twenty anti-Communists ~~were~~ killed <sup>there</sup>.

In another place, ~~anti-Communist~~ rebels threw Communist policemen out of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ window -- and the Reds fired into the crowd. Similar stories come from such cities as Leipzig, Bressau, <sup>and</sup> Dresden.

Today the Reds <sup>announced</sup> ~~announced~~ the first execution -- a worker named Willie Goettling shot by a Russian firing squad. Accused of having been a western spy --

and a leader in the Berlin outbreak yesterday. Or, what Soviet propoganda calls -- "the bandit activities" in East Berlin. The Reds describe all anti-Communist fighters as "bandits". Like the one hundred thousand workers who shouted for freedom yesterday.

FOLLOW BERLIN

Tonight, the western high commissioner sent a formal protest to the Soviet authorities in East Berlin - <sup>de</sup>~~an~~ouncing the employment of ruthless military forces to suppress East German discontent. The harsh measures like - martial law.

They likewise excoriate the execution of Willie Goettling, and deny that he was a western spy. They tell the Soviets that this murder by a firing squad was on an empty pretense - and will shock the conscience of the world. This is all the more to the point because of reports that Russian firing squads are executing other East German workers who were in the mass revolt.

MOSCOW

The Soviets are permitting four more Russian wives of American citizens to leave the country. Wives of newspapermen mostly -- like Henry Shapiro of the United Press, and Thomas Whitney of the Associated Press.

Last week, exit visas were given to a couple of other Russian women married to Americans. One -- the wife of Eddie Gilmore of the <sup>A.P.</sup>~~Associated Press~~.

All of which, says the Moscow dispatch, is another sign of the new Soviet policy -- trying to establish better relations with the West.

(When <sup>our</sup>~~the~~ new Ambassador, Charles E. Bohlen <sup>assumed</sup>~~took~~ his post in Moscow, he promptly took action -- to get ~~nine~~ visas for Russian wives of Americans. The Stalin regime would never permit them to leave, but Bohlen talked it over with Molotov -- and won his point.)



This afternoon, Mr. Justice Burton walked into the chambers of the Supreme Court, confronted ~~xxx~~ the tensely waiting crowd of lawyers and spectators and announced: "The court will stand in recess until twelve o'clock noon tomorrow."

That was the form in which the news ~~xxxx~~ broke that the high tribunal was delaying a decision in the Rosenberg case. Previously, the court had heard the arguments of the lawyers - and then retired to make up its ~~xx~~ mind. The delay could mean that the justices have already decided, but <sup>need</sup> the time to write their judicial opinions. Or, <sup>of course</sup> maybe, they were still undecided when <sup>is</sup> the ~~the~~ postponement was announced.

In any case, the stay of execution granted by Justice Douglas remains ~~ix~~ in effect - at least until noon tomorrow when the court will convene again. So the execution of the two convicted atomic spies scheduled for tonight was put off at least until tomorrow.

MCCARTHY

Testimony in Washington today told of a Communist plot to kill -- Senator Joe McCarthy. A Communist official assigned by the party to "liquidate" the Wisconsin Senator.

This was stated by a former under cover agent of the F B I, who posed for years as a Communist. Joseph Mazzei told how he attended a Red meeting in Pittsburgh, a little more than six months ago, <sup>a gathering of</sup> ~~and~~ seven or eight Communists, ~~xxx were there~~. They were addressed by Louis Bortz, who told them that he had been commissioned to do away with McCarthy, arch enemy of the Reds. Mazzei says the words used were "liquidate" and "eliminate".

At the Senate hearing today, Bortz was present. He was asked -- had he been assigned by the Communist Party to assassinate McCarthy? He refused to answer. Same old ~~xx~~ excuse -- self-incrimination.

Senator McCarthy was there -- taking his place on the committee. He listened with a smile, to the testimony about <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ scheme to "liquidate" him.

## FIRE

A huge fire in Alaska -- flames destroying government docks and ~~xxx~~ warehouses at the port of Whittier. That's a military center through which supplies are forwarded to Army bases in Alaska.

An earlier story told of a munitions ~~xx~~ dump exploding. But later word is that only a small amount of ammunition blew up.

The whole dock front and three great storage buildings went up in flames. An airplane flying over reports ~~that the~~ clouds of smoke <sup>rising 1000 ft.</sup> ~~rose about ten~~ thousand feet.