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The speed with which the Supreme Court acted in the Rosenberg case this afternoon was surprising. ~~May~~ Shortly ~~after~~ after Justice Douglas announced his decision - Chief Justice Vincent ~~had~~ called a "Special Term" of the Court to convene tomorrow - to take action on the stay of execution.

This ~~was~~ at the behest of the Department of Justice, which made immediate moves to have the delay cancelled. But it was not thought that the Court could assemble so soon - tomorrow.

The high tribunal is having a recess but enough of the Justices were in Washington ^{to} ~~to~~ make up a quorum - six. Douglas, himself, is making a trip to the far west. But he would hardly take any part in the proceedings anyway - which will pass on ^{the} ~~on~~ merits of his ~~own~~ own action.

Tomorrow's "Special Term" at noon will be held with full formality - the lawyers present, ~~and~~ making

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their arguments. The session - public. It isn't clear whether or not the judgment of the court can be handed down by the time set for the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg - tomorrow night.

But the Court can overrule the ~~xxxx~~ stay of execution granted by Justice Douglas - whose decision was made ~~to xxxxxxxx~~ on the basis of a legal technicality. A technicality which - Douglas thinks, should be settled by proceedings going through the lower courts.

EAST BERLIN

The revolt of East Berlin has been crushed. That's the word from the German capital tonight. The violent anti-Communist outbreak - put down by Russian troops and tanks,
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this, After one hundred thousand East Berlin workers went storming in what began to look like a full scale anti-Communist revolution.

This grew out of disturbances reported yesterday. The Communist authorities, themselves, began it - planning a small demonstration to shout for a unified Germany, along the line of Red propaganda. But this turned into a demand by the crowds of workers for shorter working hours and more to eat. The Communist police didn't do much about it - trying to avoid bloodshed. The Red government of Eastern Germany made a hasty surrender - cancelling an order for longer working hours. But that did not quiet the people. Instead, the real trouble began this morning. Huge crowds of workers paraded through the streets - like the famous "Unter den Linden." Shouting -"Freiheit!"

Freiheit!" Freedom! Freedom! And an anti-Russian cry was heard, and rolled forth in a roar - ironic, indeed, for the Reds to hear. "Ivan, go home, Ivan, go home," yelled the crowds. A favorite anti-American slogan of the Reds is - "Yankee, go home." But now they heard it the other way around.

Masses of workers burned Red flags, ripped up pictures of Stalin, and yelled curses at the Soviet puppet government of East Germany. They also beat up Red officials.

The saddest victim of all was - Otto Muschke, Deputy Premier of the East German government. He appeared in West Berlin, the Allied sector, a woebegone figure, bruised, clothes torn, disheveled. At first the West German police, who picked him up, thought he was a political refugee - fleeing to the free world. But, no. Muschke explained that the crowd had caught him, and dragged him out of his automobile. They gave him a beating, and then threw the Red Deputy Premier over to the Western sector, ~~at about noon. The scenes in East Berlin had a revolutionary look.~~

At about noon, Russian military forces appeared. Regiments of soldiers in battle gear, helmets and all. Soviet armored cars and tanks rolled in. The German Red authorities, all along, had shown signs of - not wanting to use violence against the crowds. But things were getting out of hand. So Russian forces were called in - from garrisons of the Soviet occupation forces, which are stationed around Berlin. Reports indicate that as much as a whole division was thrown into Berlin, twelve thousand men. They even brought in artillery - field guns.

Russian troops and tanks moved through the principal thoroughfares. In some places rocks were thrown at the tanks. In the face of the mobs, Russians opened fire with machine guns - shooting over the heads of the crowds, mostly. They still didn't want a blood bath in East Berlin. But the shooting became the real thing - Russians firing into the crowds. Sixteen German workers reported killed, about a hundred wounded. The casualties may have been higher. Panicky rumors tell of a -----

regular massacre.

The Russian tanks cleared the streets, the people scattering ~~away~~. But, as soon as the Red armor was gone, they'd swarm back, continuing the anti-Communist demonstration.

At last reports, the Soviet army had clamped on martial law, and imposed a curfew - people forbidden out at night. The gathering of crowds forbidden - any more than three. The government of East German Reds - brushed aside. The Soviet army - assuming an iron fisted control.

That's the situation tonight.

Precede KOREA

South Korea~~s~~ has revolted against the Truce terms. The rebellion taking the form of - a mass release of Anti-Communist prisoners from the camps. Five thousand in four different places broke out - trampling down barricades - making a dash for freedom. South Korean guards on duty did not fire on them although they are said to have used tear gas.

At last reports, American forces were trying to hold back the mass escapees - ^{and} ~~is~~ trying to recapture fugitive prisoners.

The break-out was by order from the South Korean government. ^{So} ~~This was~~ stated officially a few hours later - when the South Korean military Provost-General went on the Seoul radio and ^{declared} ~~stated~~ that he had ordered release of the captives. ^{Later, Pres. Syngman Rhee says he himself gave the order.}
The UN Commanders are reported ~~to be~~ - shocked.

This could impede the Truce negotiations - which are just about concluded. It isn't clear just what our

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Command will do about the prison break. The captives fled because they did not want to be kept in custody after an armistice. The ~~two~~ truce terms, of course, guarantee that they will be kept in custody, but now hundreds, at least, have got away and disappeared among the South Korean people.

That's the latest - after a news-day indicating that an armistice was about to be signed.

~~in the BERLIN story, sixteen reported to be killed.~~

KOREA - TRUCE

The big Red offensive in Korea - has ended. There was fighting today, at only one point along the battleline. "The quietest time we've ever had," says an American officer.

This quietude may be because Allied counter-blows brought the Communist enemy to a halt. Or it may be - because the truce negotiators have agreed on a definite armistice line, which would take effect, even if the Reds made further advances. ^PLast night, the staff officers, marking out the truce line, took a recess - without setting a time for another session. Their job completed, apparently. The Chinese Red Radio gave an intimation today - that the question of a line had been settled.

The Reds added that liaison officers were out inspecting a site for the formal signing of an armistice - ~~the~~ ^{the official} ceremony. "Freedom village", the tent city where sick and wounded prisoners-of-war were handled in the recent exchange - has been moved bodily. The place where it stood was muddy, a quagmire. So now, "Freedom Village" has been transferred to

higher, dryer ground. Presumably - so that the full scale prisoner exchange under an armistice, would not be bogged in the mud.)

From Tokyo, the word that Major General Blacksheer Bryan is ready to fly to Korea. He - to be the senior Allied member of the Joint Military Commission, which would see that the terms of the truce are carried out.

The ^{prediction} ~~word~~ over there is that the signing will take place next Thursday, the Third Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. At the front, enemy loud speakers are blaring that information - the signing, next Thursday. ^{U.S.} Army officers admit - it looks that way.

~~There is some slight disagreement in Washington, where the report is that a truce will be signed - earlier, this week, before midnight Saturday. President Eisenhower was asked about an armistice today, but merely remarked that, if the Reds are sincere about ^{it, they are} ~~an armistice~~, they're displaying a complete indifference for human life, in ~~enforcing~~ heavy fighting~~

on the event of a truce. Well, Communists, on the ground of
as we know -
Marxian theory - are indifferent to human life.

BOOK BURNERS

President Eisenhower, today, explained his remarks about - book burners. They do not mean that he favors putting volumes of Red propaganda in American information libraries abroad. He opposed any suppression of ideas. That was what he meant, when in an address he warned students at Dartmouth - not to join the "Book burners."

Many thought this applied to Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. Though McCarthy replied - he had never burned any books. He was merely against Communist authors included in U.S. libraries overseas. Today, the Senator praised the presidential statement.

MOTHER

In Chicago, today, Mrs. Mollie O'Gara said: "The Lord does his work in a strange way."

She's the mother of six children. Her husband, a carpenter - stricken with paralysis, and in the hospital now. The family - destitute. The mortgage on their home - foreclosed. They had to sell their furniture, for what they could get.

Two weeks ago, Mrs. Mollie O'Gara went on relief - which certainly helped. She got checks from the City, laid in food for the six^c children - and saved what she could. She had fifty-three dollars tucked away - when a thief got into the tenement flat, and stole the money.

That left her utterly helpless - no way to feed the children. Which brings us to the final point - she's been taken off the relief rolls, no more aid from the City. But that's exactly the strange way in which the Lord does his work.

The theft of Mrs. Mollie O'Gara's savings got into the Chicago newspapers - published far and wide. Gifts began pouring in from all over the country - a dollar, two dollars,

five. The total came to eight-hundred-and-twenty-five dollars,
and the gifts are still coming. That's why Mrs. Mollie O'Gara
was taken off the relief rolls. She and her six children don't
need City aid any more - not for the present, at least. *Yes,*
The Lord does his work in a strange way.

PRISONER

The Chicago police, today, gazed with some respect - at Stanley Shaffer. This must be a trustworthy individual, they thought - one you can depend on.

The story begins with a message from Tennessee - Memphis. The local police asking the Chicago cops to look for Shaffer - who was wanted, back home, on a charge of non-support. He failed to kick in with cash to provide for the little woman.

So the Chicago police looked around, and found Shaffer - no trouble at all. He was serving a sentence in the Chicago jail - drunk and disorderly. So they sent a message back to the Memphis cops - ~~theyxgaxxix~~ come and get him.

They expected the usual thing - a detective or a deputy sent to fetch the prisoner. But, instead, they received another message, asking them to put Shaffer on a bus, bound for Memphis. "Please let us know," said the Memphis cops, "when the bus will arrive - so we can meet it, and take him off!"

The Chicago cops were surprised, but said they'd do it that way. A Police Lieutenant remarking: "They must have faith in this fellow!" *As for me, I have faith in no one.* ~~But now it is what a man put in faith.~~