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The report on General Dodd indicates -- a deliberate, well-worked-out scheme. It is now disclosed that there was a previous case in which an American officer was grabbed by the Communists and held a prisoner. And he, as it happens, was Lieutenant Colonel Wilbur Raven of Newton, Texas -- the same officer who was seized, along with General Dodd, but was able to break away.

Today he revealed that, a couple of months ago, prisoners in the compound put up a complaint about food. They were getting too much wheat and barley, and wanted more rice. Which sounds like an oriental gripe all right -- rice preferred to wheat. Colonel Raven was talking this over with Communists, when they made him a prisoner - and tried to compel him to eat those rations of wheat and barley. He says he'd have done so gladly - but not under compulsion. They held him for several

hours and then let him go. From this we might surmise that it gave the Reds an idea. So they hatched a scheme to do the same thing all over again -- in a bigger and more impressive way.

The plan began last Wednesday with a party of some sixty prisoners coming back from a work detail. At the gate, they started a demonstration, with yells and protests about a confiscation of "contraband", watches and pencils. Colonel Raven talked it over with them -- and they quieted down, when he promised to place the complaint before General Dodd.

That was what brought the General to the compound several hours later, where he had a confabulation with some thirty Red leaders. These made a series of rambling complaints -- including such topics as prisoner exchange and the status of Soviet Russia as a "neutral", which concerned the truce talks at Pan Muun Jom, and had nothing to do with prison camp affairs. But, all

that was a theme to be repeated later on -- armistice questions, Red propaganda.

General Dodd was about to break off the interview - when he was grabbed, carried him into the compound -- the gate of which was open.

Colonel Raven too, but he grappled with the Reds and was saved when a camp guard jabbed with his bayonet across his shoulder, slashing a Communist in the face. And the officer broke away.

General Dodd says the Reds took him into a building in the compound and teated him well -- all the while making demands. They held a sort of negotiating conference -- with parliamentary rules. This -- going on for several day.

The demands present a picture of Red propaganda. The Communists insisted that they be given the right to communicate with prisoners in other compounds and

organize them. They said they wanted an end to what they called -- forcible blood writing. Which refers to the fact that thousands of prisoners have vowed never to go back to their Communist overlords -- writing this in their own blood. They even demanded -- an end to germ warfare, echoing another phoney blast of Red propaganda. They talked about brutality in prison camp, the killing of prisoners, a number of whom were shot down months ago when the Communists went on a murderous rampage.

Meanwhile, the new camp commander, General Charles Colson was threatening the use of force. Troops were drawn up outside the compound, together with tanks -- and flame throwers. One report says a few bursts of flame were fired but this is denied.

The Reds were given an ultimatum that troops, tanks and flame throwers would move in -- unless General

Dodd was released. They told the General that, if this threat of armed force were carried out, he would be killed -- and the prisoners would stage a mass break for freedom. The deadline went by, and the General was not turned loose until eleven hours later, - following an acceptance of terms by General Colson. He - conceding the demands made for the return of the hostage -- those fantastic demands featuring Red propaganda in the truce talks.

So what now? We have a statement from General Mark Clark, our new Commander in Chief in the Far East - who succeeds General Ridgway. General Clark declares, that Colson conceded the terms "under duress". And intimates that they will not necessarily be kept. The whole thing being -- a crazy twist of Red propaganda.

SUBSTITUTE STEEL

If today's dialogue in the Supreme Court is to be taken as a sign, it looks like rough going for the seizure of the ~~xxx~~ steel mills. The High Tribunal began its hearing, with Solicitor General Perlman arguing for the Administration. He was halted repeatedly by the Justices who questioned him sharply. They wanted him to be specific, and come to the point. They asked why the Taft-Hartley Law had not been invoked, disagreed with citations of government seizure in the past, and objected to quotations of what members of Congress ^{have} had to say. The argument will be continued tomorrow. ~~and tonight, I suppose, the Solicitor General hopes he'll have a better time.~~

Today's proceedings were opened by John W. Davis, representing the steel industry -- the seventy-nine year old Constitutional lawyer, who years ago ran for President on the Democratic ticket. He called the Truman seizure of steel: "A reassertion of the kingly prerogative, the struggle against which illumines all the pages of Anglo-Saxon history."

CAMPAIGN SLOGANS

Here's a dispatch that rings an old refrain -- button, button who's got the button? The story is about a New York manufacturer who turns out millions of those campaign buttons, ~~the kind that boom all over the place every presidential year.~~ In Nineteen Forty Emanuel Ress leaped into fortune, and fame in the trade, when he marketed ten million campaign buttons. Remember? WIN WITH WILLKIE. Which no doubt helped Willkie to win the G O P nomination -- though the election was another story.

Right now, the manufacturer is approaching the six million mark with a Nineteen Fifty-Two bit of merchandise -- and you can guess the slogan. Irving Berlin got Eisenhower off to an early start, and the song makes the button -- I LIKE IKE.

There is one slight variation on that. Emanuel Ress telling us that he got an order for a button reading: WHAT DOES IKE LIKE? Which of course, came from the Taft side where they are demanding: What does Eisenhower stand for? Well, you can hear

some ardent enthusiasts for the General sing back:
I LIKE WHAT IKE LIKE.

The Taft boom has a rhyme; ~~which goes like this~~ -- NO GRAFT WITH TAFT. And so we are off on a whole string of slogans. Like -- STAND WITH STASSEN. While that eminent non-candidate is boomed with two simple syllables -- BACK MAC. Which has a classic brevity. The only trouble being that General MacArthur says he doesn't want to be backed.

On the Democratic side, the slogan shouts: TAKE OVER WITH KEFAUVER. In the South it's: HUSTLE WITH RUSSELL.

With Governor Adlai Stevenson,
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the first name is used -- ~~we~~ instead of the last. You can't do much with Stevenson. So the slogan reads: WE NEED ADLAI, BADLY.

~~But the best of all is the one hailing the
The manufacturer has a button for himself.
manufacturer himself. Selling millions of slogans
Emanuel Ross declares that he'll show us at both~~

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Politics -

The Republicans at their Rhode Island state convention today turned over all delegates to Eisenhower - eight of them - a clean sweep.

At Salt Lake City, a newspaperman begins another life today. As a result of a vow he made swimming in the Java Sea, ten years ago. William H. McDougall of the U.P. -- ordained a clergyman, with all ecclesiastical ceremony, in the ~~Roman Catholic~~ Cathedral of Utah. Which brings to an end a newspaper ~~XXXX~~ career crammed with wild adventure.

Time was when we had Far Eastern dispatches filed by McDougall of the U.P. Stationed in Shanghai reporting the Japanese invasion of China. After Pearl Harbor, he was interned by the Japanese. But ~~Chinese~~ ~~some friends enabled him to escape~~ and he got away to the Dutch East Indies, just in time to report the Japanese invasion of those fabulous lands. ^{HP} Again he ~~he~~ had to flee. This time aboard a steamship, which was attacked and sunk by Japanese planes. The newspaperman found himself -- a survivor swimming in the Java Sea. He was in the water for long hours, and says: "My life went before me. I had done everything that a newspaperman could desire. It was

wonderful -- but I resolved then, if I survived, that I would do something even more worth while."

He was picked up by a life-boat, which took him to shore -- only to be captured again by the Japanese, and thrown into a prison camp on the island of Sumatra. A tropical inferno -- and he was barely able to survive.

After the war, he wrote two books, and won a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard, where he studied. Then -- returned to the United Press, the Washington Bureau, reporting political news.

Ten years ~~ago~~ going by since the vow made while swimming in the Java Sea. The vow now fulfilled -- William McDougall assigned to a parish in Utah. Same State in which ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ he began his newspaper career -- working for five years on the Salt Lake Telegram as a police reporter.

BOXER

At the town of Fairfield, Connecticut, Rocky Marciano is being permitted to fight in a boxing bout this evening. Rocky, the heavy-fisted battler who knocked out aging Joe Louis, and is a Number One contender for the crown of Heavyweight champion. But he has drawn a thirty-day suspension, for as odd a trick as the fist-fighting game has known in a long time.

The conqueror of Joe Louis went on a New England exhibition tour - sparring with one opponent after another. Or, so it seemed. But, actually, it was the same antagonist - appearing under different names. Which is a dodge that prize fighting has known in the past -- no surprise.

The oddity is the identity of this opponent, Rock's younger brother, -- passed off as half a dozen different guys. All in the family, just wacking the kid brother around!

In one bout, the younger Marciano, was billed as "Pete Fuller. Which makes it "fuller" of nonsense than ever. Because there is a boxer named Pete Fuller,

an amateur heavyweight of social standing -- a son of former Governor Alvan Fuller of Massachusetts, and no professional pug. But there he was up in Maine - swapping punches with rough-tough Rocky Marciano. Only, the society boxer turned out to be Rocky's younger brother.

Well, the boxing brother act was exposed, and the contender for the heavy-weight crown was given a thirty-day suspension -- but, as a favor, they are allowing him to fill an engagement in a Connecticut ring tonight.

Well, it isn't good manners for big brother to smack little brother around -- not in prize fights, anyway.

METEOR

The Air Force is making an investigation of that brilliant phenomenon over Seattle early yesterday. The best suggestion is that it was a meteor -- which filled the sky with a dazzling blue light and exploded with a roar that startled the city. However, there is plenty of talk about -- flying saucer. Or -- guided missile. Some people think that the weird affair could not have been one of those heavenly bodies that strike our atmosphere and burst into fire.

Well, the Air Force has been investigating the flyingsaucer business for a long time -- without stopping the talk of interplanetary gadgets launched by somebody from off in outer space.

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Now from other space - across the continent -

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