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TRUCE DOCUMENTS DELIVERED



Gen. Mark Clark, U. S. and U. N. commander in the Far East, today delivers to President Eisenhower Korean armistice documents which he signed ten days ago. Below is a bound volume containing maps which are a part of the agreement. (AP Wirephoto)

Beating, Burning, Starving

Torture Stories Told By POWs

FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea.—Americans and South Koreans freed by the Communists today told of beatings, burnings, death marches and starvation at the hands of their Red captors—stories which they said killed countless fellow prisoners.

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ed grim evidence that some of the thousands of missing Americans never will return.

FATAL BEATINGS  
Shung Keun Shoo, a 25-year-old emaciated South Korean, told of seeing North Korean Reds beat seven Americans so severely with rifle butts that five died within a few hours.

“I understand communism better now, I hate it more,” he said. “They beat me around, they dragged me, they gave me no food for four days. When they saw I would not give them the information they wanted, they turned me over to the Chinese to fatten me up.”

Massinberg's hands were frost-bitten after he balled out over Pyongyang when a Red MIG jet shot down his B29 last Jan. 11. The Reds bound them tightly. He said, “They hurt terribly all the time and I lost part of the left eye.”

The returning prisoners present-

Freed POW Says He Saw 1,500 Americans Buried

FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea.—An American Army corporal freed today by the Communists said he had seen more than 1,500 U. S. prisoners buried in the frozen earth of North Korea in two months of the bitter winter of 1952.

“I had a brutal detail of about 50 men for a week on almost every detail,” he said.

“Every day there were from 25 to 30 American soldiers on almost every detail. They died of medical treatment at all. They froze to death, they did get some food, but they died of starvation.”

“This went on for two months. The Communists appointed six members of the committee to investigate the situation which will have broad powers to regulate the state's milk distributors.”

Representing distributors, the governor appointed H. G. Strom of Asheville manager at Southern Dairy, and John Burn of Shelby, operator of the Carolina Dairy, Inc.

A. Wilson of Albemarle, a former county agent and dairy operator, was named as public representative.

Representing retailers will be Oliver A. Swearingen of Concord, a businessman and grocer, W. W. Fitzpatrick of Rougemont was named to represent producer-distributors.

The law creating the Milk Commission was passed by the General Assembly after a bitter fight. It was approved only after a section of the constitution was amended to give maximum and minimum retail prices was deleted.

THOUSANDS GET THROUGH

Germans Overcome Red Food Blockade

BERLIN (AP)—The Communist blockade on rail travel to West Berlin's free food stations was cracking today under the pressure of East Germany's hungry millions.

Thousands of Soviet troops were joining the throngs of East Berliners lining up for food packages. Many reported they had been able to buy railroad tickets to Berlin for the first time since Saturday, when the East government clamped on its ban.

East Germany's government made no announcement it was lifting its ban, and in many places

tickets reportedly still were not on sale. Relief officials, however, reported that people from farther reaches of the Soviet zone had become apparent last night after railroad workers in Brandenburg province—which rings Berlin—alighted through 40,000 of their hungry countrymen.

Others got around the travel ban by bicycling, hitchhiking with trail cars or trucks or coming by bus to stations near Berlin and then on foot into the city. Railroadmen also smuggled through many parcels for their families and friends.

At close of distribution last night nearly 100,000 parcels had been distributed, despite bad weather. The travel restrictions, to lift the 10-day total to 1,600,000.

As further evidence that Communist police control was breaking down, a record number of 51 men deserted from the Eastern “people's” army and gendarmes.

Many deserters said they were deserting against orders to enforce the hunger blockade and persecute East German hungry who had come to Berlin to fetch the American parcels.

Perhaps due to this police sabotage, East zone reports said that confiscation of gold gifts appeared to be easing. But the violent press and a radio propaganda campaign against the “Anti-American” base tax parcels continued unabated.

“The fact that he had obtained relief from military service was disclosed June 1, 1952, when he was examined at Los Angeles on his return from a trip to Honolulu,” the announcement said.

Haymes was born in Buenos Aires Sept. 12, 1918, and entered this country for permanent residence June 28, 1937.

At the time of Haymes' arrest he had just returned to the West Coast from his military service in the Pacific.

Haymes, now married to a former Miss of Erol Flynn, has been frequently in the company of actress Rita Hayworth lately.

At first he rejected an opportunity to communicate with members of his family aboard his father's yacht, moored in Nantucket Harbor but later failed to obtain money to pay the fines.

He paid \$35 for willfully breaking into a home, \$100 for using a motor vehicle without the influence of liquor, \$35 for using a car without authority from the owner, and \$50 for breaking and entering a home with intent to commit a misdemeanor.

FREED BY REDS

Many Ex-Prisoners In Poor Condition

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Communists gave back 392 Allied war prisoners today. Two already are dead and others are gaunt and haggard but many returned to freedom laughing and shouting.

Seventy Americans came out of Red prisons. Forty-two of them were sick or wounded.

The Communists said they would send back 400 more Allied captives tomorrow in the third day of the Korean War prisoner exchange.

Eighty-one will be Americans, bringing the total for three days to 271.

One South Korean died in a Communist ambulance en route to Panmunjom today. Another died shortly after.

OTHERS NEAR DEATH  
Still other ROK soldiers were reported at the edge of death. They looked pitiful.

Some Americans appeared in good health of the British and 25 Turks all appeared healthy.

U. S. men told of torture in North Korean stockades. They told of hunger and beatings and buddies who died.

Many of the dehydrated prisoners sent north broke into a frenzied demonstration as they left U. N. hands. They howled, screamed, ripped their clothing and went back to communism nearly naked. Two failed in an escape attempt.

One Red smashed an American ambulance driver in the chest. Eisenhower gives a radio report to the nation tonight on the work of Congress and his administration.

He said he had no plans as yet to move any troops in Korea a chance to go to Japan for rest.

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General Doubts 3,313 is Total

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Mark W. Clark said today the Reds may hold between 2,000 and 3,000 more American prisoners than the 3,313 they have said they will exchange.

He explained he meant there is no current intention to move any large combat unit from Korea.

He added that the Far East Command has made elaborate plans to give troops in Korea a chance to go to Japan for rest.

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The Far Eastern commander said Washington authorized him to continue the armistice negotiations, reserving the right to protest and pursue the matter of additional prisoners in the military armistice commission which now is supervising the truce.

PROB LACKING  
“All we could have done was to accuse the Reds of holding back on prisoners” without positive proof,” Clark said.

He added that when the sick and wounded were exchanged in Operation Little Switch, in April and May, he had reason to believe the Reds held back many sick and injured prisoners.

U. N. negotiators demanded an answer to questions based on the belief, Clark said, but the Communists denied having any prisoners who should have been exchanged under the agreement.

Bus-Trailer Crash Kills 5  
HYDRO, Okla. (AP)—A Greyhound bus and car pulling a horse trailer collided on a bridge west of here on U. S. Highway 66 today, killing five persons and injuring at least a score.

Hydro Town Marshall E. W. Lewis, one of the five on the scene, said he counted five dead and saw injured lying all around.

Ambulances, nurses and doctors were summoned from surrounding cities. Attendants at Emergency Hospital in Weatherford, five miles west of the scene, said they could give no count on the accident patients because “they're all over the place.”

One of the dead was a child. RED BOATS SUK  
TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—A guerrilla-manned Nationalist gunboat sank a Communist tug and two sailing boats in an engagement of the Red-held mainland July 31, Nationalist officials said today.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy with widely scattered thundershowers today. Mostly fair weather and slightly cooler tonight and Friday.

High temperature expected today, 90 degrees. Low temperature expected tonight, 68 degrees.

Gov. Umstead Appoints N. C. Milk Commission

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Umstead today announced his appointments to the Milk Commission created by the last legislature. He said he hoped the members could be sworn in next Monday.

The Governor appointed six members of the committee to investigate the situation which will have broad powers to regulate the state's milk distributors.

Reynolds Heir Pays \$220 Fine

NANTUCKET, Mass. (AP)—Richard J. Reynolds III, 16, of Winston-Salem, N. C., tall husky member of the tobacco family, today paid fines totalling \$220 in district court where he was convicted of Christy's arrest in 1952.

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GOVERNORS WATCH CAN-CAN PERFORMANCE

Representative from each of their states during a parade and celebration. (AP Wirephoto.)

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