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## Czech Free 7 Soldiers

WAIIDHAUS, Germany.—(AP)—Seven American soldiers, held in Communist Czechoslovakia since American Independence Day, crossed the border to freedom at 12:08 p.m. (6:08 EST) after 12 days in captivity.

The seven, six enlisted men and a captain, were turned over at this West German-Czech border point where Associated Press correspondent William Oatis was freed more than a year ago.

They were met by a detachment from the U. S. 2nd Armored Cavalry, which is stationed along the east-west frontier.

An Army spokesman said earlier that "after a routine interrogation, a news conference will be held" probably Saturday.

**CONVICTION GOOD**  
U. S. Army authorities said the men appeared to be in "good condition" and that they reported "the food was good."

The seven, taken while on a holiday inspection of Europe's grim frontier with Communism are: Capt. Jack Davis, Raytown, Mo.; Pvt. Richard J. Jumper, Boone, Mo.; Pfc. Leonard D. Tennis, Alliance, Ohio;

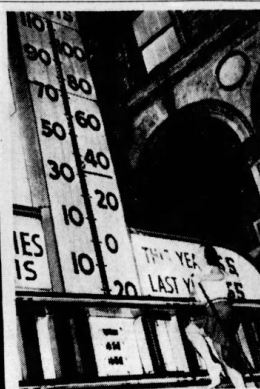
Cpl. John F. Glasson, Oakdale, Calif.; Pvt. Ross F. McGinnis, Greensburg, Pa.

Pfc. George Switzer, Milburn, N.Y.; Pfc. Jerry W. Griffith, Springfield, Ohio.

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In Washington, Jeanni O'Neill puts tootsies on ice.



In St. Louis, Jeanne Bender cools thermometer.



In Buffalo, ice sculptor Bern Haywood stays cool.

## 111 Known Dead From Severe U.S. Heat Wave

### Building Project Cleared \$5 Million

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—William J. Levitt, one of the builders of Levittown, N. Y., and Levittown, Pa., told investigating senators today that government-insured loans, cleared over five million dollars in profits.

Levitt told the Senate Banking Committee, probing housing scandals, that the Beth-Page Realty Co. was set up to build 4,028 of Levittown's 18,000 individual homes.

Government-insured mortgages totaled nearly 30 million dollars and actual costs of construction were \$2.1 million, he told the committee.

The difference was treated as capital gain after the stock in Beth-Page was sold to the Juntos, Inc. of Philadelphia in December of 1949. Juntos was described as a charitable organization.

Levitt said each of the Beth-Pages got FHA-insured mortgages of \$7,500 or thereabouts. They were built only for rental, under an expired postwar program.

The homes now are valued by the FHA, Levitt said, at \$7,000 and actually are worth a good deal more. He said a third owner, unidentified, bought the stock in the project from Juntos and is now selling the homes, with purchasers

### Geneva Parley On Indochina At Showdown

By SEYMOUR TOPPING

GENEVA.—(AP)—France and Britain, elated by new support from the United States, today opened the showdown phase of negotiations with the Communists aimed at ending the Indochina war.

French Premier Pierre Mendes-France and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden reportedly feel the Eisenhower administration's decision to resume a major role in the Geneva talks has boosted

chances of getting an Indochina cease-fire before July 20. Mendes-France has promised to resign if he fails to get a peace agreement by that date.

The French and British leaders flew back here yesterday after a quick meeting in Paris with Secretary of State Dulles which produced the U. S. decision to send Under Secretary of State Walter

Francis and Britain appeared agreed on trying to negotiate a truce by dividing Viet Nam, largest of the three Indochina states, and main war arena between the Communist-led Vietnamese and French Union forces.

**FRONTS ON PARTITION**  
Dulles has frowned on such a partition plan. He and Smith had stayed away from Geneva to avoid associating the United States with a settlement giving the Communists domination of important northern Indochina areas, possibly including the city of Hanoi.

There was no confirmation that Dulles, as a result of his Paris talks with Mendes-France and Eden, held the idea of an Indochina partition any better.

But it was believed the three Western Allies now are much nearer some kind of understanding which will allow them to take a more united front when full negotiations resume with Moscow and Red China's Chou En-lai.

Informants said under one formula being studied by the Western Allies, the United States would stand without giving moral approval to the partition scheme.

But it would join Britain and France in providing some kind of purchase of a war surplus C-47 cargo plane from a school district. The government contends the purchase was illegal. The twins, both of whom have fine wartime flying records, ended it was legal.

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J. K. POPE, DR. ARTHUR PEARSON, SKIPPER BAKER, L. HAWKS, DON SMITH. Members Of The Crew Just Before Voyage (AP Wirephoto)

### Craft To Be Destroyed

## Rafters Plucked From Ocean

SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—Five

west of Point Sal, said it was the 7,067-ton Metapan, which sailed from Golito, Costa Rica, July 9 with a cargo of bananas.

The 32-foot six-sided raft was cast adrift by the Metapan, but the Coast Guard said the cutter would find it and destroy it.

The United Fruit Co. freighter picked up a radio signal from the Lehi at 12:25 a.m. PDT and took the raft alongside less than three hours later in what the Coast Guard praised as a marvel of seamanship.

The Lehi's SOS first sent about 8 o'clock last night and repeated at 8:15 p.m. said:

"Taking water. Bow opened during heavy sea. Need tow. Sinkable condition. Ratt Lehi."

The call followed four days of private searching and two days of radio appeal by the raft's ailing radio operator, Don Smith of Santa Rosa, to be taken from the Lehi.

Skipped by Devere Baker, a Mormon preacher, they took no food or water. They hoped to catch fish and are using a solar still to make sea water drinkable.

Aboard the Lehi with Baker, Smith and Dr. Arthur Pearson were Judge L. Hawks of Ogden, Utah, and J. Keith Pope, a newspaperman.

For awhile their diet won't be that rich. The first few hours they received small meals every hour—milk, vitamin pills and rare ground steak having high vitamin C and D content. Doctors said it will be a couple of weeks before they can resume the hospital.

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted the bail yesterday after the twins' attorney, Bernard Cohen, argued that Federal Judge Edward Murphy committed major flagrant errors in sentencing the Flins and refusing them bail.

## Freed From Jail, Twins Conclude Hunger Strike

HOLLYWOOD.—(AP)—Haggard after 23 days in jail without food, the freed Flins sipped milk and gulped vitamin pills last night.

George and Charles, who lost 50 pounds between them during their fast in protest against what they termed the injustice of one-year sentences for interfering with a government officer, are in La Brea hospital.

They were whisked to the hospital by ambulance late yesterday after being released from the California Medical Facility at Terminal Island on \$1,000 bond each, pending their appeal.

They had vowed to starve to death rather than eat while in custody.

All their troubles stemmed from purchase of a war surplus C-47 cargo plane from a school district. The government contends the purchase was illegal. The twins, both of whom have fine wartime flying records, ended it was legal.

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GEORGE AND CHARLES FINN. Sandwiches After A Hunger Strike. (AP Wirephoto)

## Storms Help Lift Prolonged Siege

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Deaths attributable to weather reached at least 111 today in the wake of the season's hottest wave and a series of violent storms which helped to break up the wave.

Included in the toll were victims of heat prostration, of drownings among the many who sought relief from the high temperatures, and of storms which swept in behind the boiling surge of air as it moved through eastern states.

Cooling air frequently dropping temperatures into the 50s last night where only the day before they were above 85, blanketed the North Central states. This air was tailing the thunderstorm violence into the eastern region.

The heat-relieving storms left a multimillion-dollar trail of wind and lightning damage across New England, eastern New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and southern Michigan.

Winds of near-hurricane strength uprooted trees, peeled off roofs, snapped power and telephone lines and blocked highways.

The mercury hit a sizzling 120 degrees at Fort Scott, Kan., before the cooler air began moving into that state. Temperatures of 100 degrees or higher were common from Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas eastward to the Atlantic.

**CHICKS DIE**  
Thousands of baby chicks died from the heat in Arkansas. The Arkansas Poultry Federation said the state's poultry industry may suffer its worst baby-chick shortage in history.

Volunteers responded to an appeal to help save the lives of feeble-minded patients at the state training school in Winfield, Kan. Some Mongolian-type patients are supersensitive to the heat because of deficiency in a gland that acts as a sort of thermostat in the body. They had to be packed in ice or otherwise externally cooled.

Eleven patients have died in Kansas mental institutions this week.

Even tropical plants at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis withered.

An automatic sprinkler system went into action in a suburban St. Louis home.

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## Army Probing 237 Security Risk Cases

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Army

reported to Congress today it is now investigating 237 security cases involving questions of loyalty.

These figures were given to the Senate Armed Services Committee by Asst. Secretary of the Army Hugh Milton in a hearing on the security check program of the Defense Department.

Earlier, Secretary of Defense Wilson had reported that during the last four months the Pentagon had reduced from 20 to seven—mostly by discharging men from the service—the number of cases involving doctors and dentists who were drafted by denied commissions for security reasons.

Milton, testifying on the Army's part in the loyalty check program, said that since last March the Army has had a total of 237 cases of all types and that as of June 30 there was a total of 237 cases pending. Between March 21 and June 30 there was a total of 237 cases pending. Between March 21 and June 30, he said, 48 men were discharged from service.

Wilson recalled that last April the Pentagon issued new regulations designed "not only to rid the services of undesirable security risks who might be in the armed forces, but also to block off at all points the entry of such persons into the military services."

He said there has been "a revitalization of the entire department from the top echelon down with respect to strengthening, accelerating and making more effective our machinery to protect the security of the nation within the Department of Defense." Then he asserted:

"I hasten to add, however, that this does not mean cutting corners or infringing upon the rights of individuals. Nowhere is the security of the nation itself, indeed an essential factor in its preservation, as the importance of the fundamental rights guaranteed every person under our Constitution."

"Calm, prudent fairness must go hand in hand with our assiduous efforts to carry out this program. We must be alert to the least threat through overzealousness, even an overpublicized case or two, to any approach hysteria, and endeavor the very foundations of our bulwark against communism."

Since the start of the Korean War, Wilson reported, the industrial security program has resulted in checks and clearances by the Pentagon on about 20,000 plants and 500,000 employees for access to top secret, secret and confidential material. At present, about 200 plants are being cleared each month.

In the last four years, clearance was refused to 658 persons by industrial security boards, Wilson added.

## Dulles Asserts Allied Unity Formula Found

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary of State Dulles returned from three power talks at Paris today saying "we have found a formula for constructive allied unity" which will strengthen the anti-Communist position at negotiations on Indochina peace.

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Dulles went immediately from the airport to the White House to report to President Eisenhower. Undersecretary of State Smith will take off for Geneva late tomorrow for the talks.

Dulles said the formula for Allied unity was achieved without any abandonment by the United States of its principles. Eisenhower and Dulles have repeatedly stated that the United States would not sanction Red conquest of any area.

**EVENING PRAYER**  
Eternal God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to let go of all things that impede our progress in our quest for Thee. We beseech thee, O God, to send down the name of Christ, Thy son and man's Redeemer. Amen.

### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, tonight, and tomorrow with scattered showers and showers this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon. High temperature expected today—97 degrees.

High temperature yesterday—102 degrees. Low temperature expected tonight—72 degrees. Low temperature this morning—72 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow—91 degrees. Sunrise 5:19 a.m.; sunset 7:38 p.m.

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WATER, WATER, WATER—that's a favorite theme these hot days, and especially in Charlotte where citizens are kicking up the dust over increased water rates. Water, in fact, is discussed in two editorials today on page 4-A.

**THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR.** Herbert Spaugh, is also a Charlotte School Board member, and intensely interested in the younger generation. He has something to say on the subject today on page 2-B.

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