GALLUP POLL

The majority of the voters quizzed by the Institute of Public Opinion favors a meeting of Truman, Churchill and Stalin. For the Gallup Poll, turn to Page 11-A.

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PRESIDENTIAL WARNING

NO GIFTS FOR U. S. WORKERS

By ED CREAGH

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The word went out from the White House yesterday that President Truman won't like it if a Federal employee takes a Christmas present—or any other kind of present—from anybody with an axe to grind with the Government.

Mr. Truman made this known in an around the corner sort of way, without issuing any specific orders.

And the White House maintained its six day long silence on when the President will announce the drastic action he has promised to rid his administration of any remaining wrongdoers.

Mr. Truman spoke out on the gift matter in a letter, made public late yesterday, to Raymond H. Foley, Federal Housing Administrator, who had told the President about his agency's own efforts to keep influence peddlers at arms length.

"I think the policy you have set out with respect to the acceptance of gifts by employes is a wise one, and I believe that this is the correct policy for all the Government," the President told Foley.

The Federal Housing Administrator informed Mr. Truman that he long ago issued a detailed list of practices which the people working for him must avoid, and followed it up this year with a pre-Christmas warning "even more specific" than in the past.

Employes are forbidden, he said, to take "any favor, gift, unusual loan or discount, gratuitous service, entertainment or any other thing of value" from anyone who could possibly expect an official favor.

Foley told his staff to make this policy known to anybody from whom they might be expecting a gift. If a gift comes anyway, he said, send it back firmly but courteously.

CAUTION URGED

Foley cautioned employes against accepting even an invitation to lunch without making sure "it will not result in embarrassment to the agency or to themselves."

In addition, each Federal Housing employe must file a monthly report of any non-Government employment, business activity or investments which could be questioned by anybody on the grounds of propriety. Foley said the agency has strengthened its "compliance staffs" to assure that his orders are carried out.

Said the President, in praising Foley for thoroughness:

"Because of the general public interest in this subject at the present time, I believe your letter should be made public as an example of the manner in which this problem has been dealt with in the past, and is now being dealt with, by the Government."

In speaking of "general public interest," the President obviously referred to the furor over acceptance of gifts, vacation trips, cash and other favors by a number of officials—chiefly in the tax collection service—who have recently been fired or allowed to resign.

The White House itself had come in for some criticism on the same score previously. A Senate inquiry has brought out that Donald S. Dawson and Matthew Connelly, Presidential aides, accepted respectively a visit at a Florida hotel and a Christmas camera from firms which had Government loans.

An earlier inquiry brought out

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Pentagon Rushing Names Of War Prisoners To Kin

THEY ARE PART OF PRISONERS REDS HOLD

This picture, released by East Photo, a Communist news agency, shows, according to that agency, American prisoners in a Communist prison camp in North Korea. The U. N. command has announced a list of 3,198 prisoners reported by the Red command as being held as war prisoners at this time. The photo above was made on January 30, this year. Negotiations are now under way for release of the prisoners. (Acme Telephoto.)

List Is Checked Against Missing

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The news flashed out from Washington and Tokyo, for thousands the best Christmas present ever, for many other thousands an empty, hollow message of more despair.

The 3,198 names of American warriors, said by the Communists to be prisoners of war in Korean prison camps, were being checked by the Defense Department in "takes" as fast as they arrived from Tokyo.

Special Pentagon forces whipped through the long lists, paired name after name with the official missing in action list, rushed telegrams to next-of-kin.

"The Secretary of the Army has asked me to inform you that the name of (John Doe) believed to be that of your (son, husband, etc.) is included in unverified lists released by opposing forces of prisoners in their custody. No assurance as to accuracy can be given at this time."

LIST INCOMPLETE

The list of names was little more than one-fourth of the 11,051 Americans officially listed as missing in action.

And the Reds said it covered all POW's in their hands.

That left a gap of 7,853, a question mark which only time could answer.

At the Pentagon the tedious task of comparing names on the list with the names of those officially reported as missing proceeded slowly through the night.

By early morning, however, the staff had been doubled and a spokesman in the Adjutant General's Office said it was likely the list would be fully processed by 6 P. M. (EST) today. Earlier estimates were that the job could not be completed before tomorrow.

At 7 A. M. (EST) some fourteen hours after the first name arrived at the Pentagon, processing officials said 918 names had been received in Washington but fewer than 500 had been processed. At 9:45 A. M. the number handed out to newsmen stood at 658.

The spokesman said about ten per cent of the names received were so garbled as to require checking with the missing-in-action rosters of all three services. One case cited involved a Navy flier listed by the Communists with an Army name. Officers said it took five hours to straighten out the identification.

"We've passed the halfway mark," one Pentagon officer said about 9:45 A. M. (EST). He said one-third of the names were "fully completed" — that is, identification established and relatives notified — and another third were

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Disarmament Plan Of West Adopted By UN

Russian Proposal Decisively Defeated

PARIS —(AP)— The United Nations overwhelmingly adopted the Western disarmament plan today and threw out a Russian bid for an immediate ban on atomic weapons.

The vote on the whole plan was 44 to 5, with ten abstentions and Burma not participating.

The decision was taken by the 60-nation political committee after the longest single-subject debate in assembly history. It will be formalized by a final vote of the same nations sitting in the Assembly itself.

A new disarmament commission, instructed to try to end the costly world arms race along lines laid down by the Western powers, will be set up under the plan.

Russian amendments which would have twisted the Western proposals into a Kremlin plan all were decisively spurned.

The Soviet ban on the atom was voted down 42 to 6, with 9 abstentions, and three countries absent.

The roll call vote on the British-French-American resolution:

In favor (44): Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against (5): White Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Ukraine, Soviet Union.

Abstaining (10): Afghanistan, Argentina, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen.

Not participating (1): Burma.

Russia's proposal was in an amendment to a French-British-American disarmament proposal.

The Western plan would set up a new rearmament commission and instruct it to work for a step-by-step reduction of arms, including creation of a tamper-proof system of international inspection and control ahead of a ban on the atom bomb.

Russia wanted the bomb banned as a weapon without any conditions and before establishment of a control system .

Vishinsky Hints Four U. S. Fliers Face Military Trial

PARIS —(AP)— Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky said today he hoped the four American fliers forced down in Hungary would receive "due attention from military justice authorities" in that Communist country.

He did not elaborate on "military justice," but this might indicate a military trial for the four men downed by Soviet fighters while off their course on a flight from West Germany to Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Only yesterday a Budapest dispatch quoted a Hungarian weekly as referring to "testimony" of the detained fliers, indicating a possibility the Communists were attempting to draw a "confession" from them.

Immediately after the speech Rep. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont) of the U. S. delegation buttonholed Vishinsky and demanded to know if he meant there would be a trial for the fliers. Vishinsky said he was speaking in general terms and was not speaking for the Hungarian Government.

The Vishinsky remark was part of a barrage by the Soviet Union against the United States' mutual security law. Vishinsky formally demanded in the U. N. Political Committee that the law be labelled an act of aggression by the U. S.

He accused America of supporting anti-Kremlin plotters on Soviet soil.

The Soviet timing aroused speculation. It appeared to be tied in not only with the case of the four fliers held in Hungary, but with Moscow's report today that two men with Russian names were executed as spies after having been parachuted to Soviet soil from an American plane.

Vishinsky's blast was delivered in connection with his placing formally before the political committee the Soviet resolution demanding that the U. N. request the U. S. to repeal the mutual security law. In the debate, the U. S. denied the charge and accused the Soviet Union itself of gross violations of the rights of other states.

Vishinsky dwelt at length on the case of the fliers in Hungary, and such remarks from a high Soviet official might indicate that military court action against the fliers is in th eoffing. The fliers were forced down over Hungarian territory by Soviet fighters Nov. 18. The U. S. has demanded their release.

Vishinsky repeated the Communist charge that plane deliberately violated the borders of Hungary and Romania on a mission of spying and intelligence work.

EVENING PRAYER

O Lord, who hast pity for all our weakness, put from us worry and all misgiving, that having done our best while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, commit ourselves, our tasks, and all we love into Thy keeping; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Allies Repulse Enemy Attacks

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Allied infantry today repulsed several light Communist attacks at scattered points along the Korean front.

Most of what little action there was took place on the Western Front.

Northwest of Chorwon artillery was called on to help throw back a Red assault that began late Tuesday afternoon. Light contacts with Reds up to a company in strength were reported from other sectors in the West.

Twenty Reds sneaked into Allied lines on the Eastern Front early Wednesday. United Nations forces dispersed them within an hour and 20 minutes.

U. S. Eighth Army reported no American soldiers were killed along the front in the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Other U.N. and South Korean units counted some casualties, but they were extremely light. Last Sunday also was a day of no American war deaths on the ground.

Many Allied soldiers had one ear cocked toward Tokyo, where the Communist list of war prisoners was released. Veterans of Korean fighting had close friends and relatives on that list.

Allied ships and warplanes carried the war to the Reds without interruption.

Far East Air Forces flew 950 sorties Tuesday in attacks against rear area supply and transportation networks and front line troop positions.

OUR WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness and a little warmer tonight and Thursday with rain likely Thursday.

Highest yesterday 38 degrees.

Lowest this morning 24 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:27 A. M.; sunset, 5:14 P. M.

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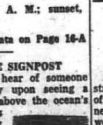
SKYBORNE SIGNPOST

Did you ever hear of someone shouting for joy upon seeing a cloud? A cloud above the ocean's horizon often is hailed this way by shipwrecked sailors, who know it may be a signpost to land. Islands in mid-ocean frequently have stationary clouds floating over them. Moist air, blowing in from the surrounding ocean, is heated over the warmer land and rises. The moisture condenses into a cloud which remains above the island, indicating land to approaching ships while the island itself may still be below the horizon and not visible.



Had Heard From Husbands

Wives Not Surprised By News

By MARY CURRY
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Two Charlotte wives who heard their husbands' names over the radio as being on the newly-released list of American prisoners in Korea were not too surprised at the radio report.

Both have received letters from their husbands since they were reported missing in action.

Mrs. Rhoda H. Butler, daughter of S. C. Huntley of Mint Hill, wife of 1st Lt. Millard Butler Jr., said today that since her husband was reported missing Nov. 27, 1950, she has received three letters from him.

The first two were received in August, 1951, although one was dated January and the other was dated in March.

She received another in November which had been written in September.

Her husband wrote that he was sleeping in a warm building and was being fed enough to keep him alive until he was "given back to the Americans".

He said he was a prisoner in Prison Camp No. 5. "Someplace in North Korea," and was receiving good treatment.

HEARD OF TALKS

In the more recent letter he said they (the prisoners) were allowed to listen to the peace negotiations on the radio and that they received one magazine and newspaper written in English, once a week.

He also mentioned a Major McLaughlin (John McLaughlin) who was a prisoner in the same camp. Mrs. Butler reports that she called the major's wife and found that she was hearing from her husband also.

Mrs. Butler said that her husband's letters sounded much like any other letters he had written her and that he didn't sound depressed. He seemed, she said, optimistic about being released.

She said that two prisoners released last June wrote to Mrs. McLaughlin saying that the two Charlotte men were all right and that they hadn't seen any American prisoners mistrated in their camp by the Chinese.

One of the prison letters from Mrs. Butler's husband went to Washington soon after it was received and Washington compared the handwriting with another sample of 1st Lt. Butler's writing. Washington authorities prooounced them the same, according to Mrs. Butler.

Hearing her husband's name on

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Carolinians Listed

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Associated Press today prepared a list tentatively identifying Carolinians whose names appear on the prisoner of war records received from the Communists in Korea.

The list was prepared by checking a partial record of those previously reported as missing in action against the complete Red list which contained serial numbers but no home addresses. No complete list of the Carolinians missing was available. Therefore many Carolinians may be on the Communists' list who are not in the following.

The Defense Department is now processing an official identification list, which is being released to as rapidly as it can be checked thoroughly. The Department emphasized, however, that the Red list cannot be taken as complete or entirely accurate.

It is possible that some men on the AP list but may be men with identical names from other parts of the country. Serial numbers, however, will definitely establish their identity to relatives.

Following are the names listed by the Communists, who gave the rank, serial number, division and the number of the prison where the men are held. Listed following are the next of kin and addresses of men with identical names among the Carolinians known to be missing in action:

Tentative list of North Carolina POWs compiled by the Associated Press:

Allred, James E., Cpl. RA 1428-1740, 2D, 3, son Mrs. C. E. Allred, Rt. 1, Liberty.

Atkinson, PFC., Rondal H. Jr., RA 13118276, 24D, 3, brother of Mrs. Margie Walker, Greensboro.

Aycoth, PFC., Herman L. RA 14345460, 2D, 3, son of George Otis Aycoth, Rt. 2, Walnut Cove.

Banks, Russell, Sgt., RA 3485-3094, 2D, 1, 1414 Harrison St., New Bern.

Barnes, Dallas L., Pfc. RA 2497-1436, 1CD, 3, son, Clyde N. Barnes, 314 1-2 W. 11th Street, Roanoke Rapids.

Bellamy, Pfc., Jesse, RA 1434-

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Prisoner List Trade Causes New Headaches

Complaints Made By Both Sides

By GEORGE A. MCARTHUR

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Exchange of prisoner of war lists brought new strife today for Korean truce negotiators.

The Communists labeled the United Nations list of 132,472 Chinese and Korean prisoners useless.

The Allies complained the Red total of 11,559 POWs was too small.

Truce negotiators made no formal protest. The prisoner of war subcommittee was in recess today.

U.N. delegates in a second subcommittee told the Reds they would not budge an inch on how to supervise the truce until the Communists agree to rotation of troops and behind the line inspection to guard against a sneak military buildup.

REDS COMPLAIN

Communist news correspondents at the Panmunjom truce site said it was impossible to identify Chinese and North Korean troops from the U.N. list. The names were written in English. Men were not identified by rank, unit or in any other way.

Chinese newsmen pointed out there are innumerable English spellings for any Chinese names; and the English spelling could be translated back into varying combinations of Chinese ideographs.

The U.N. has promised to supply a list written in Chinese and Korean about Christmas Day. Red China's Peiping radio said the Allies also agreed to identify them by rank and unit as soon as possible after Christmas.

NUCKOLS ANSWERS

Brig. Gen. William Nuckols, official U.N. Command spokesman said: "We gave them exactly what we requested from them."

He said the U.N. list was "just a confirmation of information already given the Communists by the Red Cross. The information is readily available to them. Nothing is being withheld."

Nuckols said the Red Cross data "was in the original language, I'm sure."

"We asked for the name, the nationality, the location of their camp and the names of men in each camp," he said.

That was the information in the U.N. list.

The Red list contained the same information plus serial numbers and unit. The Communists supplied the full names in English.

But there were protests that the 11,559 prisoners listed was far short of the more than 100,000 Allied troops missing. The discrepancy is primarily in South Korean troops.

The list of 3,198 Americans and approximately 1,220 other U.N. nationals was roughly what was expected, U.N. Command sources said.

But 7,142 South Korean prisoners

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Officials Rapped By Guilford Jury

GREENSBORO — (AP) — The Guilford Grand Jury today charged Greensboro City officials with dereliction of duty in their handling of the policewhipping cases and declared that "public morality has reached a new low in connection with the delayed release of the police officers."

That indictment came in an eight-page report which Grand Jury Foreman Robert B. Dixon submitted to Judge Frank M. Armstrong in Guilford Superior Court.

New Storm Centers In Rockies

Nation Belted By More Wintry Blasts

By The Associated Press

Another snow storm and cold struck again today over wide areas of the nation which staggered from nearly a week of blustery, wintry weather.

The new storm centered in the Northern and Central Rockies and snow pelted areas in the mountain region and the Northern Plains states.

It was another morning of sub-zero cold in the snow-covered Midwest as a new mass of cold air pushed across the Canadian border.

Some areas of the storm belt from the Pacific Northwest to New England were promised moderating temperatures today. But generally there appeared no immediate relief as the snow and cold headed for the Midwest and Eastern states.

The death toll from weather's onslaught since last Friday rose to above 200. Thousands of persons suffered injuries in falls on icy streets and sidewalks.

Highways throughout the snow-blanketed areas were hazardous for travel. Schools in many areas were closed. The stormy weather hit the sports schedules. There were widespread cancellations of basketball games. Football bowl practice was delayed and yesterday's race program at the Charles Town, W. Va., track was called off.

Cold weather extended over most of the Eastern and Northern sections of the country today. It was below zero again today in most of Montana and the Dakotas, the upper Mississippi Valley and the upper Great Lakes region.

It was 20 below in Pelston, Mich., early today and -19 in International Falls, Minn. Thermometers also dipped to 8 below at Mason City, Ia., -15 at Fargo, N. D., and -11 at Wausau, Wis.

Temperatures were expected to drop below zero over most of the North Central region tonight as the cold air headed into the Middle Atlantic and Eastern states.

50-INCH SNOW

Heavy snow blanketed wide areas across Northern states. It piled up to a depth of 50 inches in upstate New York, which yesterday battled the worst storm of the season.

Nineteen persons have died from causes attributed to storms in New York State since last week end.

Rain, sleet and snow raked New England yesterday. Snow measured 18 inches in some parts of Vermont. Icy highways in parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire clogged motor traffic. Planes were grounded in Boston and rail traffic throughout New England was delayed.

More snow and cold was in prospect for Pennsylvania, with up to 15 inches expected in some areas. Stripping operations in the state's hard coal region has been sharply curtailed because of the heavy snowfall and cold.

Chicago, which has been hit by two snow storms since Friday and has another on the way, already has had nearly a normal winter's snowfall. The total fall to date of 31.7 inches, with winter not officially starting until Saturday, compared with a normal of 33.4 inches for the entire winter season, including November, December, January and February.

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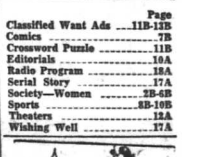

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