

BROOKLYN BRIDGE FALLS DOWN



A section of the 80-year-old Brooklyn Bridge over the Kentucky River near Harrodsburg, Ky., is shown after it collapsed under the weight of a 1 1/2-ton truck. The driver of the vehicle loaded with margarine, Eugene Patterson, 25, suffered a back injury. (AP Wirephoto)

Communism Or Democracy

Choice Near For Allied POWs

PANMUNJOM — Allied war prisoners who haven't come home tomorrow begin considering their big choice — democracy or Communism.

Plans were completed today for U.N. interviewees to start talks with 30 of the 228 North Koreans who have not returned.

After the South Koreans are finished — that is, after five days of interviews — the Allied teams will face possibly the most important phase of their job — trying to win back 22 American and 1 British.

The big question is: How many? The Communists would back only about 3 per cent of the 2,500 Chinese and Koreans they have interviewed — a humiliating propaganda ploy.

"We want all of the prisoners listed as pro-Communist to get freedom of choice," a U. N. command spokesman said.

FREE CHOICE

"We want people all over the world to understand that the U. N. is willing to give these prisoners a free choice — even if they choose the Communists."

An Allied officer said he believes the 30 BOKs would agree to come out for the first day's talks.

The Allied effort will open with five South Korean interviews, one at each of the five explanation sites requested. The Communists used up to three men in each explanation tent, but the repatriation tent, but the repatriation tent.

Four Brothers Perish in Fire

GREENVILLE, Mich. — Four young brothers suffocated today when trapped in an upstairs bedroom as fire raced through the first floor of their frame home. The oldest gave his life heroically in a vain effort to save his three brothers.

Their two sisters escaped — one by jumping from a second-story window.

The victims were James McAllister, 14, and his brothers, Vernon, 10; Donnie, nine; and L. D. six. The sisters, Joan, 10, and Beva, 12, were unharmed.

Deputy Sheriff Hugh Yancy said the father, William McAllister, a scrap dealer, was at a tavern when the fire broke out shortly after midnight. The mother was working as a waitress at a downtown

OUR WEATHER

Fair with cool temperatures today and tonight. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and a little warmer.

Low temperature this morning, 22 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 23 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 53 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 53 degrees.

Sunrise 7:23 a.m.; sunset 5:11 p.m.

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Secretary Rejects Use Of Threats

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles, in an evasive retort to Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), said today that President Eisenhower and he "do not propose to throw away" the assets of Allied cooperation "by blustering and domineering methods."

Dulles did not mention McCarthy by name but he said he was commenting on widely published criticism to the effect that the United States speaks in too kindly a manner to its allies and has sent them "perfumed notes instead of using threats and intimidation to compel them to do our bidding."

McCarthy used the words "perfumed notes" in criticizing administration foreign policy in his nation wide radio-TV address on Nov. 25.

In a news conference statement, Dulles said the administration had rejected "stagnant" methods and the use of demands which the United States would turn down if such demands were made upon it.

He said it is in sharpest contrast with allies which make possible peace-keeping threat of atomic retaliation by the United States "against the vitals of Russia."

BACKED BY ICE

The secretary of state said he spoke with the support of the President who was aware of the statement he made.

Dulles had a conference with the President at the White House only an hour or so before his meeting with newsmen.

When talking of U. S. bases overseas which he said without them and allied warning systems, Dulles said at Detroit, Cleveland, Kansas City and Milwaukee would be "sitting ducks" for atomic bombs in event of war.

On another aspect of McCarthy's speech, Dulles announced that his career diplomat John Paton Davis, whom he had named as his successor at the Eisenhower Administration, was attacked by McCarthy, is undergoing a new security investigation which will be completed in about a month.

Farouk A Sissy With Women, Cousin Testifies

CAIRO, Egypt — Ex-Prince Abbas Halim told a revolutionary court trying him for treason today that he never had any trouble with his cousin, former King Farouk, in his life.

The cocky, 49-year-old Halim fled to Israel in 1952 and is now in custody with other Egyptian exiles.

Halim, an open admirer of the Axis in World War II, was arrested last year in connection with an arms scandal involving purchases of weapons for Egyptian forces in the 1942 Palestine war. A civilian court found him and others innocent, but he was re-arrested last September and held for the revolutionary court.

Halim was testifying in a trial today for treason.

"This is why he ran so much after them. He wanted to show he was tough with the fair sex."

In answer to a prosecutor's question, Halim replied: "Whenever we were competing to gain a

Work Stoppage Answer N. Y. Longshoremen Defy Law

NEW YORK — Longshoremen refused to work today as the New York waterfront today as a new law aimed at cleaning up dock racketeering went into effect.

One of the numerous picket lines stretched for a full mile from Canal to Chambers St.

The pickets were led by men who had been refused work permits by the new New York-New Jersey waterfront Commission.

The permits were refused in cases where men either had criminal records or were being investigated for possible criminal connections or using false names.

Longshoremen who had received work permits refused to cross the picket lines.

The work stoppage developed first at Pier 36 where the huge liner United States was docking.

Longshoremen who had received "dummy" liners picked by the "patrol" Local 824 of the International Longshoremen's Assn. then to Lower Manhattan. Brooklyn and piers on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River.

The AFL recently ousted the I.L.A. for failing to rid itself of racketeers.

The AFL, which has formed a new I.L.A. in an effort to gain control of the docks from the old union quickly exploited today's work stoppage.

It distributed handbills saying: "The I.L.A. is responsible for you longshoremen having to register to work."

Under the new bi-estate commission, longshoremen must register and then seek work through employment centers.

Previously, they were hired in a "shape up" whereby hiring bosses chose the workmen from "gangs" which gathered outside the piers.

This was the second major work stoppage to hit New York since the photo-censorship law which has resulted in suspension of publication by all seven major newspapers.

A spokesman for the bi-estate commission described the longshoremen's work stoppage as "irresponsible conviction that over 15,000 of these are dead." He explained that the higher figure is "a gross exaggeration of the notorious death marches and pickets on camps which had not been in the earlier U. S. Army report."

Unpaid Man Leaves Town High And Dry

CINCINNATI — Irked because he didn't receive his "sympathy strikes" of \$126 yesterday, Jerome Morris, 42, workbooks superintendent in nearby Cleves, turned on his headlights early today and completely drained the town's 138,000 gallon supply tank.

Police arrested on a disorderly conduct charge. Police said he admitted turning on his headlights and that he was refilled after Morris' arrest.

CURLY LOCKS GET ROBBER INTO TROUBLE

DETROIT — Dr. Edward D. Spalding, 60, a noted neurologist, lost his office in Detroit's Professional Building and stepped into the busy street he lay dead on the pavement, police said, shot by a former mental patient who got the wrong man.

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Foreign Policy Ideas

POLYGAMISTS AWAIT SENTENCING



Le Roy Johnson, spokesman for the 27 members of the Short Creek, Ariz., polygamist colony, explains to a few of the clan that they were made up of members of the clan pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of conspiracy against the president of the U. S. before Judge J. Edgar Hoover, U. S. District Court, Salt Lake City. (AP Wirephoto)

Income Figures Cited U.S. Opens Case In Beatty Trial

BY EMERY WISTNER
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With charts and figures as legal ammunition, U.S. attorneys opened their attack in the Keith Beatty trial today.

Mr. Beatty, a Charlotte businessman, is on trial in Federal District Court for attempted evasion of approximately \$225,000 in income taxes.

Testimony in the trial began early today when John F. Parrish, special agent in the intelligence division of the Treasury Dept., was called to the stand.

Mr. Parrish said he conducted an investigation of Beatty and his interests. The Beatty Service Co., which operates the Red Top Cab fleet, the Carolina Distributing Co. (a beer distributor), and the dissolved Lancaster Distributing Co. were listed as Beatty's business enterprises.

DECREASED INCOME

With the aid of a huge chart, brought into the courtroom, Mr. Parrish described Beatty's income for the calendar years 1947-47. He listed the amount of income which his investigation showed Beatty earned and the amount of taxes Beatty paid.

The government's figures showed that Beatty should have paid \$225,000 more than he actually turned over to the government.

Mr. Parrish said that the Lancaster Distributing Co. has since been dissolved and that Beatty received a salary of \$12,000 as president of Lancaster Distributing Co.

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Judges To Head Information Panel

HIGH POINT — Chief Justice William A. Devin of the North Carolina Supreme Court and U. S. District Judge Johnson of Hayes will head a judicial panel at a Freedom of Information conference here today.

Holt McPherson, chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee of the North Carolina Association Press, announced the committee, assisted by state press officers, is sponsoring the conference to discuss with members of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies the problems of freedom of information and how it may be achieved and protected.

Other members of the judicial panel are Superior Court Judge Benjamin Shary, Municipal Judge Easton Jones of Greensboro and Atty. Gen. Harry McCallum.

Representing the law enforcement panel on this panel will be James M. Wolf, executive officer.

WANT TO BAKE A CAKE? Quickly

Easily Inexpensively **Betty Boyer** tells you tomorrow in The **Grocery News** about a cake mix that won't over all other cake mixes in national home-baking tests.

Ex-Mental Patient Kills Wrong Doctor In Error

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