

ADDED COINCIDENT

MOONDRIDGE, Kas. (AP) — Herman Krehbiel and Sylvanus Stucky, cousins, always thought it was quite a coincidence that they were born the same day. Then both turned up at the hospital for similar operations — both for the second time, the same week and by the same doctor.

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In the fall of 1953, when the exchange of prisoners began in Korea after the July truce signing, 23 Americans announced they were sticking with the Communists.

Even before the exchange was completed, two GI's recanted and returned to America. Later they were court-martialed, convicted of helping the enemy, and given prison terms.

Since that time, one of the remaining 21 has died. And now Peiping says three more want to come home and will be allowed to do so. In fact, the Red Chinese

strongly hint that the other 17 may want the same thing, and that the Communists won't stand in their way.

All his makes quite a commentary on life in Red China. After almost two years of sampling this life, three and perhaps all 20 of the renegade Americans evidently feel that jail in this country is better than "freedom" under the Communists.

For that is what their decision means. One of the three wants to stay in Japan, but the choice will not be his. Once they are turned over by the Chinese, they will be in the hands of U. S. military authorities. And they already have been warned that they will be held accountable for their acts.

Most of their days since the exchange these GI's have spent in China. Information about them has been meager. But reports indicate they have been going to school, trying various jobs, and participating in sports.

This was what they said they wanted in late 1953. By contrast, they said of America: "We know what awaits us were we to go back. It is not a pleasant thought."

Now it is different. They are choosing almost certain imprisonment in a free country, as against liberty in a land that is a living prison.

One of the three is even reported to have written home: "I may be hung, but I'd rather be hung than stay here."

Well, so much for the Communist Paradise in the years 1953-55. It appears to have been found somewhat wanting by men who embraced it, for the most part, voluntarily.

Perhaps, as a sort of secondary punishment, the returning renegades ought to be taken on a U.S.-sponsored tour of all the free lands, to tell in their own words what it means to live under Chinese communism.

If they could paint a vivid word picture of the truth of this life, particularly for the benefit of some of the more naive people of lands like India and Indonesia, it would constitute a small repayment for their error in deserting the cause of freedom two years ago.

STILL JUMPING
GRAND HAVEN, Mich. (AP) — Steve S. Malsam, 26, was a paratrooper in the Korean War and he's still jumping. He says there are only three men in the country who go up in balloons and parachute to earth as an entertainment stunt. He is one of them.

He's a welder in cold weather but gets a leave of absence from his job to do his jumping in the summer. Although he gets up to \$300 for each leap, he says the real reason he does it is because it is fun. Expenses are high. His balloons cost \$800 to replace and parachutes cost \$100 apiece.

He does stunts on a trapeze as the hot-air-filled balloon rises, then lets go and falls free for 800 feet before opening his chute. That free fall takes about 28 seconds, he says. He carries a little bag of flour to make a trail in the air.

TRUDGES WITH CROSS
CASALPUSTERLENGO, Italy (AP) — Lionello Natoli trudged the road to Rome Thursday carrying a six-foot, 75-pound wooden cross on his back. The Italian capital was 400 miles to the south. Natoli left Milan Tuesday morning at daybreak, to carry the cross to Rome as penance for "youths who have lost the way, like myself, and are abandoned."



JUNGLE JUGGERNAUT—The automotive monster pictured above is a "Tree Crusher," being tested at Longview, Tex., where it was built by R. G. LeTourneau, Inc. The jungle destroyer travels on the largest rubber tires in the world—10 feet in diameter and 4 feet thick. The 120,000-pound machine is so light on its feet it can roll over a match without breaking it. Yet, in its work of uprooting heavy trees and underbrush, it packs three times the wallop of an M-24 tank. Each of the six wheels has its own electric motor.

Attacker Of DeGasperi Released From Prison

PARMA, Italy (AP)—The creator of Don Camillo, writer Giovanni Guareschi, is out of jail after serving 13 months and 10 days for things he wrote about the late Premier Alcide De Gasperi and former President Luigi Einaudi. The author, whose stories of the Catholic priest and Communist mayor have become best sellers in Europe and America, has been given conditional freedom. Almost seven months of his 20-month sentence were remitted for good behavior, but he must report daily to the police until the full term is up.

OH, YES — SEATS!
LONDON (AP) — A British airline asked 300 passengers in a questionnaire: "Are you in favor of backward or forward facing seats?" Nearly half replied: "Yes."



CURBED—The Navy said it has withdrawn security clearance from Dr. Fritz Zwicky (above), a top expert in rocket and jet propulsion, because he has not declared his intention to become an American citizen. He is a Swiss citizen. Zwicky is a professor at California Institute of Technology and consultant for the Aerojet General Corp., a rocket development firm at Azusa, Calif. (AP Wirephoto).

Frying Chickens, Pork Best Values Over Weekend

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Frying chickens and pork will offer the best value for your dollar in the nation's food stores this weekend.

Fryers will be widely featured at prices considerably below those of a few weeks ago. Output is up, and as usual the consumer is getting the benefit.

Unusually good supplies of pork have resulted in sharply lower prices, too. The American Meat Institute says that at wholesale, pork loins at desirable weights of under 12 pounds are down around 18 per cent from prices prevailing a couple of weeks ago and are about 14 per cent below year-ago prices.

There will be some specials on beef—prime ribs, round roast, chuck roast and ground beef—but generally that meat will cost more than a week ago. Sirloin steaks will be up around four cents a pound in some areas and prime ribs two to four cents a pound.

A number of markets will trim leg of lamb prices by two to four cents a pound, but this Sunday dinner favorite still remains on the high side.

You'll find an excellent range of vegetables available at reasonable prices. Produce men list these as outstanding buys: Beans, beef, lettuce, cabbage, yellow and green squash, spinach, green onions and radishes.

Also well worth your attention are carrots, pascals and golden heart celery, corn, cucumbers, onions, potatoes, peppers and eggplant.

DRAFT CALL 10,000
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army Wednesday issued a draft call for 10,000 men in September. This is the same quota called for the previous four months.

The new call brings to 1,938,439 the total of men drafted or earmarked for induction since the resumption of selective service in September 1950.

Atomic Scientist Urges More Research Students

CHICAGO (AP)—A top atomic scientist has called on teachers, for the sake of the nation, to inspire exceptional students to go into scientific research.

Dr. Willard F. Libby of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission said the shortage of scientists and engineers "is a matter of serious concern."

In a speech prepared for delivery to the National Education Assn., he said "only about 2 per cent of those judged mentally capable of obtaining Ph. D. degrees do so." Libby blamed the shortage on "inadequate" instruction in the colleges and secondary schools, a mistaken belief that the fields of discovery are narrowing, and lack of financial reward.



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