

Japanese Prison Camp Is Setting For Savagely Powerful First Novel

For anyone reading "King Rat," the choice between right and wrong will never again appear simple.

Corporal Is King

James Clavell has written a novel, the setting for which is Changi, a Japanese prison camp near Singapore. The captives all suffer incalculable torments and degradations to the body and spirit in the squalor, privation and relentless heat of Changi. That is, all suffer except one — the King. An American corporal before his capture, the King is now a wheeler and dealing black marketeer who has built an empire for himself at the expense of his fellow prisoners.

Hated and feared, the King has only one friend, Flight Lt. Peter Marlowe, officer and gentleman, heir of a distinguished British military family. He comes to admire the King for his individualism and indifference to caste — and finds himself face to face with a desperate question. Is it better to compromise one's principles and live or refuse to compromise and die? He begins to learn that when survival is at stake there can be no hard and fast distinctions between right and wrong.

But to a third person, Lt. Grey, the provost marshal of Changi, morality is indeed a matter of black and white, no matter what the circumstances. Fanatically righteous and passionately resentful of the aristocracy, Grey is sworn to destroy the King and Peter Marlowe. The whole camp is drawn into this mortal struggle when the King attempts to peddle a priceless diamond to black marketeers on the outside — a diamond, the sale of which, will mean survival to those who profit from it.

Of Famous Searchers

"In Quest of the Northwest Pas-

sage" by L. H. Neathy is a well-authenticated account of the search for the northwest passage and of the men who dared to brave unknown lands.

It tells about one of the most famous searchers of them all, Henry Hudson, who was set adrift in a small boat by a mutinying



NEW ASB PRESIDENT

Gary Hill, a junior this year at Roseburg High School, has been elected by popular vote as next year's associated student body president. Other new officers elected were Bruce Hanford, senior vice president; Mark Sohn, junior vice president; Carol Todd, secretary; Dave Butler, business manager; Bob Palmateer, sergeant at arms; and Gory Riffe, chaplain. The 1963-64 officers were installed at ceremonies Monday at Roseburg High. (News-Review photo)

crew; it tells about Jens Munk, the Dane who entered Baffin Bay with a crew of ill-fed scurvy-ridden sailors; Vitus Bering, the Dane who was commissioned to find the passage by Peter the Great of Russia; Franklin's escape after a fight with the Eskimos; the troubles that almost sank the "Terror," and McClure's almost unbearable struggle against heavy ice. Three centuries of arduous exploration are described in exciting detail.

The author outlines the tremendous achievements of a group of pioneers, carefully appraising their exploits in light of the knowledge that was available to each of them. The result demonstrates most entertainingly how closely romance and geography are allied.

For Animal Lovers

The pages of "Animals Are My Life" by Lorenz Hagenbeck are studded with famous names and the book is full of exciting and humorous incident. But it is first and foremost a book about animals that will appeal to every animal lover.

This is the story of Lorenz Hagenbeck's life, from the early years when he collected animals for his father and took the circus round the world, to the present time when he has largely handed over the management of the family business to his son and nephew. He has countless tales to tell about the animals themselves, and gives a fascinating account of the running of the business with its problems, triumphs and set-backs.

Other books, new on the library shelves this week are: **Adult Non-Fiction:** Your Child's Teeth, Edgar Bacon; The Heritage of Kitty Hawk, Walter Bonney; The Beginner's Book of Oil Painting, E. Franklin-White; Brotherhood of Silence, Stefan Ilk; The Lerner & Loewe Song Book, Fredrick Loewe; Westward Tilt, Neil Morgan; New Frontiers of Christianity, Ralph Raughley; Garden Smartly, Nancy Smith; The Dillinger Days, John Toland; Knowledge and Wonder, Victoria Weisskopf.

Adult Fiction: The Massingham Affair, Edward Grierson; Guns at Gray Butte, Lewis Patten; John Slaughter's Way, James Wyckoff. **Young Moderns Non-Fiction:** Crusaders for Freedom, Henry Commager; This Crowded Planet, Margaret Hyde; Places of Musical Fame, Sharon Lerner; The Pageant of Chinese History, Elizabeth Seeger.

Young Moderns Fiction: The Young in Love, Denise Brookman; Before Adam, Jack London; That Girl Andy, Florence Means. **Juvenile Non-Fiction:** Getting to Know the FAO, Jim Breetveld; The Land and People of Afghanistan, Mary Louise Clifford; The Case of the Missing Link, Eleanor Glymer; Flags of American History, David Crouther; Women Made America Great, Harry Gersh; How to Play Baseball, Martin Iger; The Golden Stag, and Other Folk Tales from India, Isabel Wyszatt.

Juvenile Fiction: Kel of the Ancient River, Hans Horler; Sailor Rumbelow and Other Stories, James Reeves; The Tide in the Attic, Aleid Rhijn. **Easy Books:** This is the House Where Jack Lives, Joan Heilbroner; Ol' Dan Tucker, John Langstaff; Inch by Inch, eonaLd ionni.

Survival Supplies Cut For Portland

SALEM (UPI) — Survival supplies for public fallout shelters have been cut off from Portland because the city dropped its Civil Defense program, State Civil Defense Director Robert Sandstrom reports.

The Portland City Council voted Wednesday to phase out the program. Sandstrom said the regional director has asked for information about other counties that reportedly are dropping their programs. The state program is in the process of being chopped by the state legislature.

Sandstrom said Civil Defense directors of Klamath, Lincoln, Benton, Washington, Deschutes, Umatilla and Polk Counties have indicated local programs will be dropped if the legislative action goes through.

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THE COOKS for the annual Douglas Fir District Boy Scout Camporee in the Melrose area June 7-9 will be this Camping Committee. While working on merit badges for cooking and camping, the group will do the cooking and camping chores for the entire Explorer group in charge of the camporee. They will also assist Dave Pratt in arranging and staging games. From left, members of the committee are: Back row, Dean Dilworth, Frank Lester, Dave Satten and their adult leader, Richard Rasmussen; front row, Jim Richmond, Jim Beckley and Gary Neilsen. (News-Review photo)

'Project Mercury' Battle Lines Form

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI) — The United States has the wherewithal to challenge Russia's most spectacular manned space-flight records this year—but it may pass it up. Instead, this nation apparently is ready to concede the Soviet Union an additional 18 months in propaganda value, and possibly new strides in research, in sending men out to conquer space en route to the moon. And the usually free-spending National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is trying to decide whether to put another \$10 million into the present Mercury program one-man flights or use the money in moving ahead with two and three-man missions. At stake is whether America will preempt the death sentence on its Project Mercury man-in-space program for one more flight—a mission that, on the drawing boards, would be far more ambitious than the stunning 22.9-orbit voyage of astronaut L. Gordon Cooper Jr.

The "go-no-go" decision hinges on the outcome of a struggle at the opposite poles of NASA's uneasy Washington-Houston axis.

Washington, the administrative center of the far-flung NASA empire, wants to chop off Project Mercury now, save the estimated \$10 million it would cost for another flight and concentrate on the more advanced Project Gemini, now 18 months down the pike.

Houston, the top working level in the U.S. man-in-space program, and the home of the astronauts, is fighting for another Mercury flight to gain more information and to bridge the gap between now and the first two-man Gemini flights, now set for October of 1964.

The battle lines are drawn. Washington's stand is led by NASA Administrator James E. Webb, who said flatly there will be no more Mercury flights "unless we find a gap in information"; and his associate administrator, Robert Seamans, who called such a flight "quite unlikely."

The astronauts of Houston, on the other hand, want another Mercury mission and they made a point of telling President Kennedy so during ceremonies honoring Cooper. Kennedy quoted them as saying the flight would be worthwhile and "useful."

But Kennedy also made it emphatic that NASA would have the "final judgment"—and right now, the space agency's Washington head has the high cards.

Rose Festival Center Open To Craft And Art Exhibits

Top artisans of the Pacific Northwest will be at the Rose Festival Center in Holladay Park from June 7 to 18 to demonstrate such skills as printmaking, weaving, ceramic ware production, pottery making, painting and wood-carving, according to George Buchanan, Festival Center chairman.

With 44 out of 68 booths already contracted, Buchanan said more requests for information on the arts and crafts show are coming in from outside points than ever before.

Foret Butts of Aberdeen, Wash., one of the area's best-known print makers, will show how he designs and applies prints to fabrics and other materials.

David Frank of Amphora Studios, Forest Grove, who sells his pottery wares throughout the Pacific Coast, will produce a number of pieces of Festival Center grounds during Rose Festival week.

The Portland Hand Weavers, in a display directed by Harold Johnson, president, will weave materials for clothing, rugs, draperies and other uses.

Several artists and groups of artists will be at work during the Festival including eight members of the Oregon Independent Artists, a group from the Columbia River Art Association of Vancouver, Wash., and some individuals.

Ceramists who will demonstrate their art during the Festival include Mrs. Naomi Blodgett of Naomi's Cottage Shop, Lake Grove; Mrs. Bernie Hughes of Bernie's Mug Room and Gift Shop at Lake Grove, and Phoebe Agner of Agner's Ceramics, Portland.

Artists and craftsmen interested in demonstrating and displaying their work are requested to contact the Portland Rose Festival Association office directly.

FINDS RIGHT PLACE
PEORIA, Ill. (UPI) — An injured swallow knew just where to go for help.

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Local News

Mercy Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday, June 3, instead of tonight, as originally scheduled. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jewell spent a recent weekend in Salem as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Nopp. A coffee was given for them, since the Jewells are former Salem residents. Many of their friends called during the evening. They spent a day and a half at the lakeside home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cates at Snider's Resort, then returned to Salem to attend the 65th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Jewell's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCarthy of Imperial Beach, Calif., are the parents of a son, born May 8. The baby, weighing 5 pounds 2 ounces, has been named James Michael. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy are former residents of Roseburg. The baby's mother is the former Helen Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Benson of this city. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris of Roseburg. Mrs. Benson went to Imperial Beach to help in the care of her new grandson, and is expected home Tuesday.

Births

Mercy Hospital

MORIARTY — To Mr. and Mrs. James E. Moriarty, Box 605, Winston, May 16, a daughter, Julie Ann; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

PILLION — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pillion, Rt. 3 Box 1250, Roseburg, May 16, a daughter, Melody Anne; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

BLOMGREN — To Mr. and Mrs. William G. Blomgren, Rt. 2 Box 1060, Roseburg, May 17, a daughter, Donna Maria; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

PRIEST — To Mr. and Mrs. Curtis M. Priest, Rt. 1 Box 458, Sutherlin, May 17, a daughter, Doni Marlene; weight 6 pounds 9½ ounces.

CAIRNS — To Mr. and Mrs. Chester V. Cairns, Rt. 2 Box 456, Roseburg, May 17, a son, Lyle Dennis; weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

MONTGOMERY — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Montgomery, 5114 SW Dillard, Roseburg, May 20, a son, Robert Lewis; weight 4 pounds 8 ounces.

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