

World News Capsules

United Nations, Commies Agree To Return Prisoners After Truce

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(From the wires of the United Press and Associated Press)

The United Nations and the Communists agreed Wednesday to return all war prisoners within two months of a Korean armistice.

The U.N. also offered to meet the Reds half-way in the dispute over the number of ports through which rotated troops may pass during a truce.

Both steps were taken in meetings of staff officers. The full truce delegations still were in recess, awaiting a promised Communist compromise proposal for a full-scale Korean peace conference.

Col. George Hickman, senior U.N. staff officer, told the Reds at the meeting on a prisoner exchange that the Allies could move to the exchange point all 132,000 Communist prisoners within 60 days of an armistice.

The Communists promised they would have all 11,559 Allied war prisoners at the exchange point within the same period.

The agreement was believed to have settled all outstanding questions relating to and exchange of war prisoners except the most controversial point of all—the U.N.'s insistence that prisoners shall have the right to refuse repatriation. The Communists still contend that all prisoners should be repatriated, by force if necessary.

Communist infantrymen hit U.N. . . .

...lines with stepped up probing attacks today and again suffered heavy casualties before being forced back.

Allied artillery killed or wounded an estimated 80 Reds out of two companies engaged in three night-long attacks against Allied positions west of the punchbowl on the eastern front.

The action was the heaviest of 30 contacts made by Communist probing forces along the 145-mile battlefront. Reds started attacking advance Allied positions late Tuesday night and continued lobbing hand grenades and firing automatic weapons until morning.

Sen. Robert A. Taft . . .

...said Wednesday in Portland he had not definitely made up his mind but he was "inclined not to enter" the Oregon primary election.

He told newsmen at a pre-breakfast press conference that he did not have the time to spend on a campaign on Oregon, but he did not completely close the door on the May 16 primary.

Reiterating statements he made in Spokane Monday, the GOP presidential nomination aspirant said if his "enemies" entered his name in the Oregon primary he would refuse to run.

"But if my friends enter me, I'll have to talk it over with them," he said.

Taft explained he was committed to spend three weeks campaigning in Wisconsin. He also will campaign in Illinois where Harold A. Stassen has entered the race.

In Tokyo, Chinese Communist leader . . .

...Mao Tze-Tung told Soviet Premier Josef Stalin Wednesday that the two-year-old Sino-Soviet alliance constitutes "an invincible force" in the Far East.

Radio Peiping said Mao, president of the Chinese people's republic, sent the message to Stalin "on the occasion of the second anniversary of the signing" of the pact.

Mao said the treaty was a "powerful guarantee against imperialist invasion" of China.

In Brussels, Belgium . . .

...Socialists and Liberals walked out of both houses of parliament Wednesday and said they would boycott all sessions until after the funeral of King George of Britain because the government did not send young King Gadquin to attend it.

The chamber of deputies rebuked the government yesterday in a censure vote of 91 to 84 because it had designated prince Albert, the 21-year-old king's brother, as the country's representative at the funeral.

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson . . .

...arrived in London Wednesday by plane to attend the funeral of King George VI and to try to smooth out Franco-German differences which already have delayed the formation of a west European army.

Acheson plans to confer with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, French Foreign Minister Robert Schumans and west German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer before the big three foreign minister's meeting opens Saturday.

A freakish series . . .

...of more than half a dozen earthquakes shook Los Angeles late Tuesday and early Wednesday. The heaviest rocked the downtown district at 7:14 a.m. (PST).

Dr. Charles T. Richter, director of the Cal. Tech. seismological laboratory, said this morning's quake was centered within 130 miles of Los Angeles in an undetermined direction and was of a 4.5 magnitude, "strong enough to have caused slight damage if it were situated in a heavily populated area."

Confab to Hear War Reporter

Donn Bourman, 1949 graduate of the school of journalism and a veteran correspondent of the Korean war, will give his impressions of that conflict when the Oregon press conference meets on the campus Feb. 22-23.

Three out-of-state speakers will be featured at this 33rd gathering of journalists from all parts of Oregon.

They are James S. Pope, executive editor, Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal; Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, chief of psychological warfare, U.S. army, Washington, D.C.; and Charley A. Broaded, director of industrial relations for the Fisher Flouring Mills company in Seattle.

Newspaper events and problems will be discussed at this meeting which is sponsored by the journalism school and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association.

SU Sponsors Lessons In Bridge Today at 2

Bridge instructions will be given in the Student Union at 2 p.m. today. Lessons are given by Gunning Butler and sponsored by the Student Union recreation committee.

Following the instructions, social bridge will be offered for those interested in improving their game.

At 7 p.m. tonight, in the Student Union, eliminations will be held to select players for the inter-collegiate bridge tournament.

WSSF Chairmen Call for Petitions

Chairmen of the World Student Service Fund promotion committee are calling for petitions for the contact, radio, posters and display committees. Petitions should be turned in to Jean Mauro, Alpha Chi Omega or Barbara Swanson, Carson hall, by 5 p.m. Friday.

A meeting of all chairmen of the WSSF drive will be held at 3 p.m. today in the Student Union according to Joann Sloan, general chairman.

Campus Briefs

● The "Lemon-Orange Squeeze", a dance for Oregon and OSC students will be held after the game Saturday evening in the Student Union ballroom. The dance is sponsored by the SU dance committee and admission price will be 20 cents per person.

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