

Reds Release 37 Prisoners After 'Party'

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, KOREA, Feb. 8—(AP)—Thirty-seven American, British and South Korean soldiers returned to headquarters of an American division early today after being released by their North Korean and Chinese captors.

They had been captured in actions on this front during the past two months.

(On the central front, four Americans and one South Korean got back to U.N. lines yesterday after being released by the reds.)

In today's lot were 16 Americans, 15 South Koreans, and 6 British soldiers of the Royal Ulster Rifles. They walked into division headquarters at about 2 a.m.

They appeared well-fed, well-dressed and healthy. All were shaved and carried their own equipment and clothing. One of the Americans wore Chinese footgear to replace the shoes he had lost.

The men said their captors gave them a farewell party last night and then took them to within three miles of U.N. lines and released them about midnight.

News men were not permitted to speak to them, but it was understood that they were selected from among hundreds of allied prisoners after a mass interview and then given a 21-day indoctrination course in communism.

It was understood they considered the schooling "a big joke." The British prisoners had been captured on the night of Jan. 2-

Taft Attacks Truman Troop Authority Bid

By W. W. Hercher
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—(AP)—Senator Taft of Ohio charged today that President Truman, by claiming the right to send troops to Europe without consulting congress, is making a "straight demand for a simple dictatorship."

Urging congress to lay down a policy, the Ohio republican also accused the administration of concealing from congress and the people just how many troops the United States and other nations are to furnish.

Taft said in the senate that this country should supply no more than one division for each nine raised by its western European allies to build a bulwark against communist aggression.

Taft, chief of his party's policy committee in the senate, asserted arguments that Mr. Truman could send the enlarged armed forces anywhere without definite congressional approval are "a claim of power which no president has ever had in time of peace."

President Truman has consistently claimed full authority to deploy American armed forces around the world, but he has always stated that he intended to consult congressional committees before acting.

Taft said that after the Brussels conference last December, Secretary of State Acheson announced that definite details had been received here as to "the structure of that (western European) army, how it should be composed, of what troops, where the troops should come from, how it should be organized."

But neither congress nor the people who must supply the troops and funds can find out these facts, Taft said.

Hoover Slates Radio Speech

NEW YORK, Feb. 8—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover goes on the air tomorrow night for his first foreign policy discussion since his now-famous "Gibraltar" speech of six weeks ago.

He will be heard over the Mutual system at 8 p.m. (PST) in a 30-minute address entitled "We Should Revise Our Foreign Policies."

Hoover aroused a storm of controversy—pro and con—in his last speech when he said the nation must "preserve for the world this western hemisphere Gibraltar of western civilization."

He then proposed to hold the Atlantic and Pacific oceans with one frontier on Britain—if she wants to cooperate—and the other on Japan, Formosa and the Philippines.

Milk Prices Up in Four More Areas

By The Associated Press
Milk prices are slated to go up in four more Oregon communities. Starting today (Friday) milk consumers in Pendleton and Umatilla county will pay 23½ cents a quart for milk—a 1½-cent increase.

Monday Eugene housewives will pay 22½ cents a quart—also a 1½-cent boost.

The Oregon milk marketing administration recently approved a 1½ cent boost for Portland, raising milk to 22½ cents.

In each instance the price increase goes to the producers.

A Eugene housewife, Mrs. Charles Ford, said the affiliated milk committee was preparing to circulate initiative petitions calling for repeal of the milk control law. Similar action is being studied by a committee in Portland.

Milk will sell for 23 cents a quart at The Dalles and Hood River starting today.

Willamette Holds Mid-Year Graduation Rites



Combining mid-year graduation exercises with the second annual Founders and Benefactors day, members of Willamette university's faculty, student body and visitors gathered in the university gym Thursday morning. Above, the graduating seniors, the first mid-year graduates since the V-12 program ended in 1946, file to their seats down the middle aisle as gowned and capped faculty members stand in the places at front. Benefactors honored were the Rev. Alvan Waller and Robert Asbury Booth, both pioneer boosters for the university. (Statesman photo.)

'Children of Light' Start New Vigil

WHALLEY, B. C., Feb. 8—(CP)—The "Children of Light," who vanished from the interior British Columbia town of Keremeos after a two-week "end of the world" vigil, were located today in this village 15 miles east of Vancouver.

Sixteen members of the sect have been living in three motel cabins for the last week. Three or four children are among the group.

Whalley residents said the sect keeps close to the cabins but occasionally members chat with passers-by or go out to shop.

The religious ceremonies the cult performed for two weeks starting Dec. 23 in a Keremeos farmhouse are continuing here. Residents said they have caught glimpses of the children in white robes.

Members of the sect, led by 50-year-old Mrs. Agnes Grace Carlson, declined to talk with reporters.

The original vigil—with 35 cultists—was to await "the end of the world." When that didn't

come, the sect said it was awaiting a "message from God."

The rites ended temporarily when the Keremeos school board threatened to bring action against adult members of the sect for keeping their children out of school.

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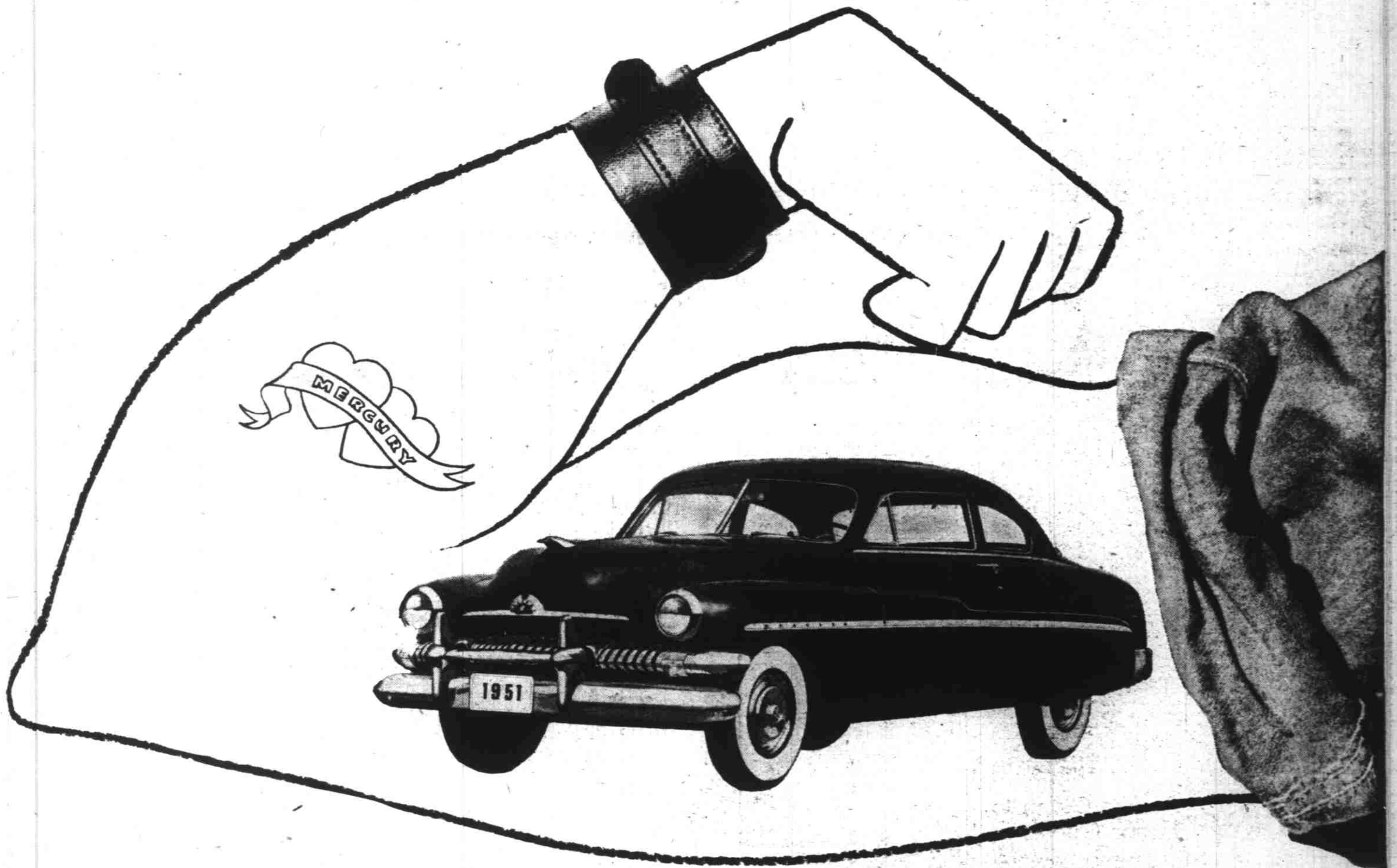
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