

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sorenson

Acheson Skeptical On China

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson Tuesday skeptically challenged the Chinese Communists to live up to the Geneva treaty governing treatment of war prisoners, which Peiping says it is ready to recognize conditionally.

Since the start of the Korean conflict, the secretary charged, the Communists have failed to abide by five major Geneva provisions despite earlier pledges to do so. He said he could now only "hope very feebly" that the Peiping announcement means a change.

The Communists, Acheson told newsmen, "have not done any of the things which are called for" in the Geneva convention dealing with war captives.

He specified: 1. Periodic publication of lists of prisoners. 2. Inspection by an international agency. 3. Appointment of a protecting power. 4. Giving notification of prisoners who are sick or wounded. 5. Marking prisoner-of-war camps.

The handling of prisoners, with the Reds insisting on return of all their captives, is the one item he wants to go back on, he said, is the big stumbling block of the peace talks.

The same theory applies to Detroit and Lookout Point dams which the federal government is building, but since the federal government didn't seek a state license the Fish Commission and Hydroelectric Commission did not interpose a stopper on their construction.

The question now will arise on whether the private company can proceed on the basis of its license issued by the Federal Power Commission. That is under challenge by the state attorney general in federal court. The danger in resort to litigation is that federal courts have interpreted the laws usually in favor of the FPC on questions dealing with waters even of intrastate streams. If Oregon should lose on this issue the result will be a further curtailment of state rights over water.

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Accounting for POWs Sought; 50 Red Jets Up

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The United Nations Command Thursday asked the Communists to account for 1,881 missing Allied soldiers believed prisoners of the Reds.

Efforts since last December to obtain information on the missing men had brought either no reply or an accounting the Allies described as "totally unsatisfactory." The Communists delivered two messages from Gen. Nam Il, senior Red delegate. One note announced a shift in prisoner of war camps with four of six new camps located in the vicinity of Pyongyang.

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, former commander of the U. S. 24th Division was among prisoners shifted.

The second message from Nam reiterated that the big Allied raid on Pyongyang last Friday hit POW camp 9 with 110 Allied prisoners killed, wounded or missing.

The U.N. Command Wednesday said aerial photographs "show conclusively" that the camp was not bombed.

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—A flight of 50 Communist jets, described as "the cream of the crop," challenged U. S. Sabre jets high over Northwest Korea late Wednesday and one Red fighter was reported shot down.

"The best MIG pilots I have seen up there yet," commented Capt. Arthur H. McCarthy of Dearborn, Mich., who was credited with destroying one of the formations—his first.

The dogfight was one of three during the late afternoon. U. S. losses, if any, were not reported because of the Air Force's policy of listing losses once a week.

Fighting flared at isolated points all across the line.

Pay Boost Plan Revamped for State Workers

The State Civil Service Commission, at an all-day meeting in Salem Wednesday, completed revision of the proposed pay plan for state employees as requested by Gov. Douglas McKay.

The commission conferred with Gov. McKay and Sen. Paul Patterson, chairman of the state emergency board, on modifications of the plan and it was decided to request a meeting of the emergency board on July 25 to consider appropriating funds for those departments unable to absorb the costs of the plan within present budgets.

The modified plan revises classification for employees in the state institution and holds for future consideration increases for employees in the beginning clerical classifications.

Recommendation for technical, professional and administrative employees was unchanged.

The original pay increase plan involved virtually all state workers other than those in the beginning classification. The emergency board returned this proposal to the commission for revision, based on a letter from Governor McKay.

The argument was advanced at that time that the state was without funds to cope with a general increase.

Some state departments were reported to have surplus funds which appropriations were authorized at the 1951 legislature.

Soviet Rejects Sweden Protest

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—Russia Thursday rejected Sweden's sharp protest against the shooting down last month of two unarmed Swedish planes over open Baltic waters. Sweden accused Soviet fighters of both shootings.

The Soviet government also rejected Sweden's suggestion that the case be referred to an international tribunal.

The Russian note described the findings of the Swedish investigation commission on the shooting down of the two aircraft last month as "completely unfounded."

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Pacific Coast League
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At Boston 7, Chicago 3
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10 Cities on Carpet For River Dumping; Mt. Angel Included

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The action is part of the state's program to eliminate stream pollution.

The cities cited to appear before the authority are Newport, Lebanon, Mt. Angel, Vale, Nyssa, Co-Wheeler and Nehalem.

Unless they can offer adequate reason for failure to start construction, the authority can order them to take action.

The Friday meeting will consist of a hearing for each of the cities to show cause why they should not be ordered to complete sewage treatment facilities for the elimination of stream pollution. And unless the cities' representatives can convince the authority otherwise, most of them probably will be ordered to produce by specific dates or face legal action.

Curtiss M. Everts Jr., state sanitary engineer, pointed out that his investigation has failed to find any valid reasons why the 10 cities cited should not keep abreast of other Oregon communities in the construction of adequate sewage disposal facilities.

Sanitary authority files reveal that Lebanon, in Linn County, dumps all city sewage and industrial wastes into the South Santiam River. The file shows that the city has spent \$400,000 in 10 years for sewers and storm drains and accumulated \$175,000 in a sinking fund. Plans for a primary treatment plant are being drawn and a bond issue is needed.

Lebanon Mayor P. T. Tweed, in a statement on file, contended the city had conformed to the authority's requests. He said that the city disagrees with the authority demand for a secondary filtering system, which he said would cost Lebanon \$100,000.

At Mt. Angel, in Marion County, authority files show that the city dumps effluent from the city's yearling sewage tank into Pudding River. Industrial wastes from the Mt. Angel Co-operative Creamery plant in addition to city sewage is carried from this overloaded tank.

Mayor Jacob Berchtold earlier told the sanitary authority that his city could not arrange financing for the project. "The plant, a general obligation to the city, will have to be voted on," Berchtold reported.

Ham Blamed For Poison

PORTLAND (AP)—The city health officer Wednesday blamed improper refrigeration of hams for the outbreak of food poisoning at the Boilermakers' Union picnic Saturday.

Dr. Thomas L. Meader said laboratory tests showed the offending organism developed in ham that was put into sandwiches for the picnickers. The outbreak sent 138 persons to hospitals. All recovered.

20-Ounce Baby 'Doing Nicely'

BREMERTON (AP)—A 20-ounce baby about the size of a baby's doll was born at Harrison Hospital here Tuesday and the attending physician said the infant was "pulling through nicely."

The little girl is the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nichols of Tacoma. Mrs. Nichols was visiting relative here when the baby decided to make its arrival—3 1/2 months prematurely.

The infant was placed in an incubator.

Ship Strike Talk Yields Nothing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The rumored "big break" in the 80-day-old West Coast shipping strike turned out Wednesday night to be something quite different.

If anything, the shipowners and the striking AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific seemed farther apart than ever.

"Nothing happened," glumly commented Harry Lundberg, SUP leader, as he emerged with his strike committee from long bargaining talks.

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Willamette River—13 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, the Navy and the Army):
Fair today and tonight. Little change in temperature with the highest today near 80, lowest tonight near 58. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 54 degrees.

Brannan Plan Said Artificial

By OVID A. MARTIN

CHICAGO (AP)—Spokesmen for two major national farm organizations asked Democratic platform drafters Wednesday to disavow the price support policies advanced by President Truman and his secretary of agriculture, Charles A. Brannan.

Both organizations contended the present Democratic administration is depending too much on artificial and restrictive measures in its efforts to make agriculture prosperous.

The criticisms were voiced by Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Herschel Newsum, master of the National Grange, before a solemn-faced committee of 21 Democratic leaders, including some members of Congress who have supported the Truman farm policies.

Fighting Over Civil Rights
Meanwhile, the platform writers squared away for a bitter fight over the civil rights plank. Sen. Herbert Lehman of New York drew the battle line by predicting at a news conference that a plank to Northern liking would be written—from the convention floor, if necessary.

But a Southern leader, Sen. John S. Sparkman of Alabama, countered by telling a reporter he felt confident the convention will avoid a sectional battle by drafting a civil rights plank acceptable to Dixie delegates.

Lehman and many Northern colleagues want a plank "at least as strong" as the one in the 1948 platform. That one pledged federal action to stamp out—by compulsory measures—discrimination against Negroes and other racial groups in the hiring and firing of workers.

May Bring Rebellion
Many Southern delegates—who had insisted that civil rights is a purely local and state problem—walked out of the convention. Later a States Rights Party, espousing "states' rights" as its platform, was formed. There appeared to be a chance for history to repeat itself at this convention opening Monday.

In his testimony for the Farm Bureau, Kline said the Truman administration has turned its back on the party's 1948 farm plank, which endorsed the principle of "flexible" farm price supports.

Under the principle, price floors under crops would be moved upward when supplies were small—on the theory that such action could offer greater production incentives—and would be lowered when supplies were large to discourage production.

Hits Rigid Supports
Kline said farmers were "shocked" when after the 1948 election the administration put forward a new farm plan—since tagged the Brannan Plan—to set up rigid price supports and subsidies on a broad scale to support farm income.

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