

Americans Taken To Manchuria, PW Returnees Report

By JIM BECKER
FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea (AP)—Returning U. S. soldiers told Sunday of 14 Americans forced to go to Manchuria, of more death marches and of the ceaseless lash of Red propaganda in prison camps.

On the whole, however, the Americans and other non-Koreans returned on the fifth day of the prisoner exchange Sunday were in high spirits and good health.

It was a sharp contrast to the weary lines of returning South Koreans, many wasted by disease, who were dealt with harshly by their Communist captors.

In the group of Americans was one civilian, Associated Press photographer Frank Noel, who was captured in December of 1950 in northeast Korea.

Lots of Propaganda
 Noel said Communist propaganda was "jammed down our throats day after day" and prisoners had to attend lectures because "there was a man there with a cocked gun." He tried three times to escape.

There have been repeated reports that some American prisoners had been taken to Red China's Manchuria, and Cpl. Solomon Thomas of Macy, Neb., touched on this.

Advanced Training
 He said 14 Americans came through his camp at Pyoktong near the Manchurian border and said they were being sent to Manchuria for "advanced training."

"They didn't know what would happen to them. They didn't want to go. We didn't see them again."

Thomas said he also knew of two prisoners who were staying behind of their own choice and one of them told him "just the other day that I am going to Czechoslovakia to live."

On Death March
 Pvt. James G. Dobson of Alcoa, Tenn., said he was on a death march.

Salem Obituaries

BURRELL
 Mrs. Louise Jane Burrell, in this city Aug. 7. Late resident of 396 Columbia St. Survived by children Gordon Burrell, Salem, Mrs. Amy Alden, Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Pearl Stepien, Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Dorothy Franz, Fort Lee, Va., Mrs. Marguerite Hunt, Lake Grove, Services Monday Aug. 10 at 2 p. m. in W. T. Rigdon Co. Chapel with concluding services at Mt. Crest Abbey.

CUNNINGHAM
 Mary E. Cunningham, in this city Aug. 7 at the age of 84. Late resident of 1389 Center St. Survived by niece, Mrs. Florence Nelson, Aurora, Ill. nephews, Alfred G. McGuire, Salem, D. A. McGuire, Portland, Roy Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif., Will Breece, Aurora, Ill. Services Monday, Aug. 10 at 10:30 a. m. in W. T. Rigdon Chapel.

DAHL
 Miss Olive M. Dahl, in this city Aug. 4 at the age of 55. Late resident of 925 N. 3rd St. Survived by a sister, Mrs. Roy Chisholm, Fort Worth, Tex., three brothers, John Dahl, Hot Springs, S.D., Siegard Dahl, Moberge, S.D., and Albert Dahl, Malta, Mont. Services at First Kappa Fraternity, also Delta Gamma Sorority, Services Monday, Aug. 10 at 10:30 a. m. in Howell St. Chapel with the Rev. Brooks Moore officiating.

GRAY
 Mrs. Nora C. Gray, late resident of 1013 Glen Creek Dr. at local convalescent home Aug. 8. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Elmer R. Worth, Salem, son, Floyd A. Gray, Salem, Howard A. Gray, Tacoma, Wash., nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews. Services Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 1:30 p. m. in Clough-Barriek Chapel with interment at Belcrest Memorial Park.

LYON
 John Charles Lyon, in this city Aug. 7. Late resident of Estacada Route 1, Box 107. Survived by children, Mrs. Lola B. Betmers, Estacada, Mrs. Gertrude Sganzi, Sebastopol, Calif. one grandson, Delbert Belmont, Chicago, Ill. Services Monday, Aug. 10 at 1:30 p. m. in W. T. Rigdon Chapel with interment at Belcrest Memorial Park. The Rev. George G. Roseberry will officiate.

WILKES
 Claire Northrup Wilkes, at the residence 905 Hansen Ave., Aug. 7. Survived by wife, Hazel Wilkes, Salem; daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Parpia, Bombay, India, Miss Kathleen Wilkes, Salem; son, Stanley N. Wilkes, Salem; brothers, Francis M. Wilkes, Cathedral City, Calif., Ward A. Wilkes, Berkeley, Calif.; sister, Miss Elmer Wilkes, Monmouth. Services Monday, Aug. 10 at 2 p. m. in Virgil T. Golden Chapel with the Rev. Louis E. White officiating. In lieu of flowers, it has been suggested contributions be sent to the Knight Memorial Congregational Building Fund.

Saved After Plane Crash



NEW YORK — Sgt. Roy D. Speer has welcome handshake for Capt. W. H. Downing (right), skipper of the Manchester Skipper, which picked Speer from the North Atlantic after crash of 10-engine trans-Atlantic bomber Aug. 5. Speer, from Bennington, Okla., spent 10 hours in a single-naa dinghy before search plane dropped a life raft. Three others of crew of 23 were saved. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London to The Statesman.)

march from Wonju, in South Korea, to Chingsong near the Manchurian border in which 650 of 1,000 Allied prisoners died.

"We were almost starved and the cold was awful," he said. "I kept telling myself I wanted to get back."

Pvt. Rothwell B. Floyd of Chicago, who was on that same march in February of 1951, said he saw his Chinese captors push a buddy off a cliff because he was too sick to go on. He saw others beaten to death.

PFC. Fred L. Simpson of Philadelphia estimated that 2,000 men were on the march and only 100 were alive today. He said the rest were beaten to death or died of malnutrition.

Pvt. James Williams of Savannah, Ga., reported a U.S. prisoner who escaped from a Pyoktong camp was beaten to death with knotted ropes, heavy belts and clubs. He said other prisoners were beaten but this was the only one he knew who was beaten fatally.

Machinist Cuts Miniature Tools for Fun

EAST ORANGE, N. J. (AP)—Bur-nice Lucas spends his days working as a precision machinist. At night, to relax, he gets even more precise. His hobby is fashioning tiny, working scale models of the tools he works with, perfect to the last detail.

So tiny and perfect are the models, his friends have suggested that the little tools would make good charms for a bracelet. This gets a smile from Lucas. He explains that, considering the time and artistry that goes into each model, a set for a bracelet would be worth more than diamonds. At least they would be to Lucas.

His collection includes chisels, drills, pliers and more than a dozen other types of tools. Each actually works: Drills have movable chucks and bits; wrenches are calibrated and adjustable; a blowtorch less than an inch high shoots out a tiny alcohol flame; the blades of a pocketknife fold neatly into the handle.

Most of the tool models are less than an inch long. Several are as small as three eighths of an inch. And Lucas takes no short cuts by working in soft material—he uses hardened tool steel. After the rough outline of the model is cut out of a block of steel, the finishing is done by a series of incredibly delicate filing operations.

Lucas, who served as a cook in the Navy during World War II, moved to East Orange with his wife six years ago.

ALMOST IMPERVIOUS
 WASHINGTON (INS)—There are as many as 750,000 tiny air cells in an ordinary bottle cork, says the National Geographic Society. In addition to its lightness and resilience, cork is almost impervious to gases and liquids.

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U.S. Production At Record High

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation produced goods and services at a record rate in the second quarter of this year, the Commerce Department reported Sunday, but inventories shot up to higher levels, too.

Overall personal income rose again during April, May and June (but farm income continued to decline), and consumers put their increased spending power into purchases, the report said.

But despite these purchasing power and spending increases, the most striking figure in the department's quarterly report on the economy as a whole was a sharp rise in unsold stocks on businessmen's shelves.

Sharp Increase
 The increase in inventories was from an annual rate of \$2,900,000,000 in the first quarter to \$8,800,000,000 in the second quarter.

The inventory piled up in the second quarter centered in the manufacturing industry, particularly in durable goods. During the April-June quarter, the department said, defense spending increased at a rate of 2 billion dollars a year, maintaining its 14 1/2 per cent share of national production in the face of the increased total output.

Picture Outlined
 Here is the picture of the economy in the second quarter of this year as put together by the Office of Business Economics in the Commerce Department:

1. The gross national product, which is the total market value of all production of goods and services, increased to an annual rate of approximately 372 1/2 billion dollars.

Increase Shown
 That was 10 1/2 billion dollars more on an annual basis than in the first quarter, and 24 1/2 billion more than the gross national product for the full year of 1952. The second quarter output was the highest ever recorded.

2. Personal income, the total of payments to individuals for productive work and for such things as pensions, increased to an annual rate of 284 1/2 billion dollars. This was 3 billion more than the annual rate in the first quarter of the year and \$14,700,000,000 over the 1952 rate.

However, farm income, at \$12,300,000,000 in the second quarter, was about 1 billion dollars less than the first quarter rate and 2 1/2 billion less than in 1952.

3. Personal consumption, spend-

ing by individuals, rose 3 billion dollars in the second quarter to 230 1/2 billion. Most of this represented increased physical purchases, not price rises.

Unionists Plan Model Village In Florida
 PHILADELPHIA (INS)—A model village spreading over several hundred acres in South Florida is being planned for retired members of the Upholsterers' International Union.

The pioneer village, so called because it is the first village planned by a union for its retired members, will have more than three miles of waterfront on which on which facilities for boating and fishing, will be concentrated.

Cottages will be rented on a scale corresponding to the size of the retired member's pension. In the planning stage but not yet definite are cottages for vacationing members of the union which would be rented on a self-sustaining level.

If they want, retired members will be able to supplement their pensions by working for the dairy and poultry farms that are being planned. Other farm features will be vegetable fields and groves of citrus and tropical fruits.

The village is a pioneer experiment designed to provide other than institutional "homes" for the retired, who often have no place to go and find living in regular communities difficult when their only source of income is a pension.

Sal B. Hoffman, president of the union, announced that the village for which the land has already been bought at Jupiter, South Florida, is being planned by a commission of Sociologists, retirement specialists and physicians—co-operating with the General Executive Board of the UIU and Walter Keyes, director of the Florida State Improvement Commission.

Helicopters Valuable Too In Timberland

EDMONTON, Alta. (AP)—The helicopter, with its ability to hang motionless in mid-air or land in a tiny space, is proving a valuable addition to northern bush plane fleets.

Manager Thomas P. Fox of Associated Airways Ltd., which has three 'copters based here, says development of their use in the northland has barely started. There now are five commercial helicopters in Alberta on geological, topographical or timber surveys.

Fox says the helicopter will not replace conventional aircraft in the near future, but will make unnecessary many trips by canoe or on foot.

With helicopters, geologists can reach areas previously inaccessible. Fox recalls one engineer who accomplished more with a helicopter and crew in six weeks last year than three crews could have done in three years by ordinary methods.

During the lifetime of President Thomas Jefferson, three other Presidents were frequent guests at Monticello, his home—John Adams, James Madison and James Monroe.

WOMEN MINERS Valuable Too In Timberland

BRUSSELS (INS)—"Spot light," monthly bulletin of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, reports that 2,800 women work in Polish coal mines. The figure, cited from the Polish miner's union trade publication, "The Miner," made an apology for the employment of women underground, "Spotlight" noted.



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