

Ex-PW Tells of 'Reconversion' To Democracy

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Repatriated Prisoner of War
(Story also on Page 1.)

TOKYO (AP)—At the camp in Pyongyang, Korea, where we were taken after our surrender, the Reds started lectures. My job was to go to the lectures and report to the others what I had heard.

In June of 1951 camp officers came to us and suggested we form a peace committee. It was said the men chosen would get to travel to Europe and let our folks know how we were.

I was one of about 20 elected. We wrote a peace appeal and went around getting others to sign it. We were told that if we did this the American people would realize they were wrong and sign a truce. On this peace committee we had access to the library. I began reading all I could about Communism. I read Lenin, books on the Soviet Union and books condemning American participation in the Korean war.

We got some Daily Workers in and I read those too. Reading the Daily Workers from New York, London and San Francisco swayed me. I began to believe a lot of it. I began to feel that I could help my people by becoming a progressive.

In August, there were a lot of reactionaries (prisoners who resisted all Red wooing) being sent

north. The camp officers called me in and tried to get me to inform on several of the fellows. I refused and talked them into letting several stay back.

Held in Respect
The other fellows still held me in respect because I was sincere and always kept my progressive activities out in the open.

In August, 1951, I decided to quit the progressive movement. I had been reading books on Communism all this time and never once did I see anything controversial. I decided I was too young to understand and that I would wait until I got back to the United States and learn more about it.

When I told the instructor that I wanted to quit, they kept me in a room at headquarters. After a week I got lonesome and asked to go back.

There were several other times when I got to thinking and quit the progressive movement, but every time they would send me up to the headquarters. There was an instructor up there who used to talk to me about the class struggle in China, how American intervention had interfered in the Korean war and things like that.

I got to know Frank Noel, AP photographer, when he came around. We talked a lot and decided to try and escape together but then Little Switch came along and we gave it up. We both decided we would be getting home

anyway. ("Little Switch" was the release of sick and injured prisoners. Noel was released during "Big Switch.")

Just before the war ended I asked to go back to my company. I felt real elated because the war was going to be over and I decided I would go home and be a peace fighter. A peace fighter, they said, didn't necessarily have to be a Communist, but merely one who would fight for peace because that is what the common people of the world wanted.

Then just before big switch, there was a Chinese officer who called me up. Man, he could really talk me up. I found out later he was not a salesman, but a deceitful too.

Decides to Stay
Well he talked to me for three days about staying behind. He said I would go to Europe, South America and everywhere in Asia talking about peace. He eventually got me to say I'd stay behind and made me feel I would be more help to my own people.

There were three of us Texans and we talked it over and all of us decided to stay behind. There were nine from our camp altogether, eight Americans and one Britisher.

The day the others moved out for Big Switch, we moved out to another camp. We were joined by the non-repats from the other camps. We finally went down to Kaesong.

There is some stuff here I have to leave out because it's security. Anyway, all the non-repats decided to elect seven representatives. I got all the votes, everybody's. The Britisher was second with 20.

I had a talk with Burchette (Communist correspondent for the Paris L'Humanite) and he told me that Paul Schur had been given a year in prison and a dishonorable discharge. (Actually the released San Francisco soldier was discharged June 30, 1953, from the Army as "disloyal and subversive" but it was not listed as dishonorable and did not deprive him of rights and benefits.)

He told me there were others who were going to be shot.

Naturally this scared us all.

Signs Statement
One time Burchette drew up a statement and asked me to have the others sign it. I did.

When we first got into the demilitarized zone, I tried to talk some of the others into going back. I realized they would be no use to us and didn't really know why they were there and so now I began to get fed up with the whole thing. The others knew I was fed up and I began to worry about what they might do to me. They could very well kill a person, the way they felt.

Finally I decided that I would go home and face the music. I decided I had done wrong and I hoped the American people would forgive me, but I had to go home. At 1:30 a.m. on New Year's Day I went to the Indian guard and told him I was sick.

I had to argue with him for a minute, but I finally made him understand I wanted to go to the hospital. There I told them I wanted to be repatriated and here I am.

I hope that my story will help the American people realize how deceitful the Communists can be and how they work on a man when he is young and openminded the way I was.

I hope too that my Mom and Dad forgive me.

I have tried to help the American Army authorities by telling them all I know. They have been very fair with me.

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VFW Wins Block of Dimes Competition

"Block of Dimes" competition in downtown Salem, part of the annual March of Dimes polio fund campaign, was won Saturday by Marion Post 661 of Veterans of Foreign Wars with \$304 contributed on their side of the block.

Total taken in all day Saturday was \$587 with Oregon State Employees Association, Capt. 20, Industrial Accident Commission bringing in \$283.

The teams were established on each side of a wet and windy Liberty Street between Court and State Streets with the VFW on the east and OSEA on the west side. Captain of the winning team was Melvin Clemens and co-captains of the other team were Don Parker and Francis Elv.

Hillary Etzel, chairman of the Block of Dimes competition, said that teams for net Saturday's competition had not been selected as yet.

Flour Sacks Provide New Style Note

LONDON (AP)—Mrs. May Cunliffe-Millington, trimly gowned in a couple of old flour sacks, strode calmly through Mayfair Saturday without attracting any attention. She won a five-pound (\$14) bet for her efforts. The former racing motorist and plane pilot made the sackcloth ensemble in three evenings at home at a cost of one shilling, nine pence. (25 cents).

Her walk down Piccadilly proved rather cold but "oddly enough the sacking was not a bit prickly," she said.

She won the bet from her 21-year-old son.

Body of Man Found Under Astoria Pier

ASTORIA (AP)—The body of a man, believed to be William E. Smith, Astoria, was recovered from the water under pier 2 here Saturday. Smith, a cook on the dredge Davidson, disappeared Dec. 12. He is believed to have fallen into the water while boarding the dredge after a trip into Astoria.

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WAF Director Split Hinted in Marshal Tito's Government



WASHINGTON—Lt. Col. Phyllis D. S. Gray poses in Washington where she has come to be the new director of women in the Air Force (WAF). She will take over her command later this month and be promoted to full colonel. Col. Gray, of Warwick, R.I., formerly was WAF staff director in Europe. (AP Wirephoto)

Injured Coeds Leave Hospital

JoAnn Curry and Carol Litchfield, Willamette University coeds injured in a traffic accident which took the lives of two other students as they drove home for Thanksgiving vacation, have been released from Portland hospitals and are now at home in Newport.

Miss Curry's condition is generally good and she plans to return to Willamette next fall. Miss Litchfield, who recovered consciousness Christmas week, is walking now and doctors reportedly are pleased with her progress.

Miss Litchfield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Litchfield, Newport. Both parents are Willamette graduates. Miss Curry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Curry, also of Newport.

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Man Fatally Hurt In His Own Grave

LIMERICK, Ireland (AP)—An 84-year-old Irishman slipped while preparing his own grave and died from injuries.

Michael Magner has lined his grave with bricks and collected half a ton of special clay from his favorite walk to cover him in death.

Magner was buried Saturday in his self-made grave.

Mourners erected a white cross Magner had made from cement mixed with milk.

Parley Site Still Unsettled

BERLIN (AP)—Representatives of the United States, Britain and France conferred with the Russians again Saturday in a get-together which exuded cordiality but produced no agreement on a site for the Berlin conference of the Big Four foreign ministers.

A terse, four-power communique on the second attempt in three days to choose a building for the conference merely said the representatives had conferred at Soviet headquarters in Karlshorst and that they would have another try Monday.

State Medical Society Approves Polio Vaccine

PORTLAND (AP)—The State Medical Society has approved the use of Salk polio vaccine in Oregon. It was reported Saturday.

There has been speculation that one of eight Oregon counties was being considered as a test area in the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis experiment.

Water Boiling Test Too Hard

AMES, Iowa (AP)—It wasn't as good as mother's but the young coed learned to boil water—and then some.

The coed, an Iowa State College sophomore with an eye toward matrimony, wanted to learn to cook and signed up for a home economics food course.

Her first project was boiling water. All went well until the pot boiled dry and started smoking. In her embarrassment she burned her hand pulling the pot off the stove.

DAMAGE CONFIRMED
ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Army authorities belatedly confirmed Saturday that a Dec. 29 fire at Ladd Air Force Base, near Fairbanks, destroyed an estimated \$1,000,000 worth of ordnance material.

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Feud Leaves Taxi Driver, 2 Women Dead

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—A taxi driver's feud against a farm family blazed up Saturday in an afternoon of gun play that left three dead and four wounded.

The dead were Walter Clark, 36, the taxi driver, cut down by a posse's bullets when he tried to shoot it out with them. Mrs. Lorraine E. Schultz, 25, and her mother, Mrs. Edna B. Brown, 48, both shot at pointblank range in their home.

The wounded were members of the Schultz-Brown family and one policeman.

Police and survivors said Clark had quarreled with the Schultz-Brown family about unwelcome overtures he had made to Mrs. Schultz. Friday he pelted their house with rocks, breaking several windows.

When Mrs. Schultz told him she would have a warrant sworn out against him, he replied, "If you do I will kill the whole damn bunch of you."

He returned Saturday and the shooting fray followed.

Man Arrested After Wreck

James Fredrick Sexton, 1150 3rd St., was arrested late Saturday night on a charge of being intoxicated in a public place following an accident near the intersection of Division and North Commercial Streets which damaged two cars, city police reported.

Police said Sexton's vehicle struck a parked car owned by Robert Horton, Salem Route 4. Sexton was released on \$15 bail.

Youth Acquitted Of Manslaughter

BURNS (AP)—A circuit court jury Friday night acquitted Jimmy Biswell, 16, of manslaughter.

The boy admitted killing his father, Eldon L. Biswell, by hitting him over the head with a baseball bat, but the boy's attorney pleaded temporary insanity. There also was testimony the father had been cruel to him.

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