

## Bandits 'Take Over' 16-Story N. Y. Hotel

NEW YORK—(AP)—Three brazen young gunmen took over a 16-story hotel Thursday, running its switchboard, elevator and desk—and leisurely robbing some 25 guests.

The bandits held control of the 297-room Hotel Emerson on W.

75th St. for about three hours. Not a shot was fired.

A gunman on the switchboard carefully followed the schedule to wake up guests who'd left calls. Many of them came down from their rooms in time to get caught in the holdup in the lobby.

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## Reds Still Hold Two Newsmen

One Kidnaped German Released

BERLIN — (AP)—The Russians Friday freed one German they had kidnaped from West Berlin, but they defied a British protest by continuing to hold two West Berlin newspaper men seized at the same time.

A young West Berlin woman also was arrested by Communist police Thursday night and was still in their custody. She was the first victim of a new Communist decree which extended to Berlin's boundaries the same severe measures which have sealed the East-West German frontier.

This decree, issued Thursday night, was the latest move in the Communist campaign to squeeze surrounded West Berlin, the Allies' last stronghold behind the Iron Curtain.

It was timed neatly to offset, in the worried minds of West Berliners, two measures taken by the West to boost Berlin's morale.

Only a few hours before the decree, the Allied High Commission announced its determination to counter any new attacks by Russia on Berlin, and joined with West Germany in providing economic aid for this city's struggling industries.

## Arms for Chiang Moving Slowly

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Adm. Arthur W. Radford, Pacific fleet commander, said Friday deliveries of military aid equipment to the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa have been "disappointingly slow."

He told reporters that was one of the reasons why he is in Washington for a series of conferences with military officials here.

To news conference questions, Radford said he assumed deliveries of arms to the forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek were slow because of "the necessity for setting world wide priorities under the general military aid program and (2) the fact that production deliveries are slower than originally expected."

Did he think there was too much preference given European requirements?

"From where I sit, I think the priorities could be readjusted," Radford replied.

However, Radford said: "I'm not too pessimistic; we're making headway."

The admiral recently went to Formosa to inspect the military situation there. He told reporters that the Chinese Nationalists have "the manpower and they have excellent potentiality." He added they are fairly well fixed on small arms but need artillery, transportation, communications and other equipment. He said their amphibious force was "very small."

He was asked if he thought Chiang's forces might attack the Chinese Communist mainland. He replied that "no, I don't think there is a chance."

## Annual Girls' State Opens

SALEM—(AP)—The Girls' State, an educational program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, opened legislative sessions in the House and Senate here Friday.

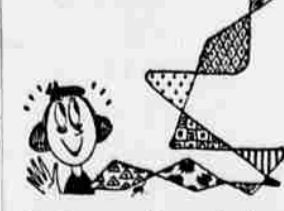
Anne Eberle, Portland, is president of the Senate and Shirley Gray, Independence, is speaker of the House.

Sworn in at inauguration ceremonies in the Capitol Thursday were:

- Mary Jenks, Albany, governor;
- Shirley Seaborn, Klamath Falls, chief justice;
- Sammie Romero, Springfield, secretary of state;
- Carol Bestal, Grants Pass, treasurer;
- Susie Johnston, Willamina, attorney general;
- Connie O'Leary, Bend, labor commissioner;
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## Ten Crewmen Feared Dead In B-29 Crash

HONOLULU—(AP)—Ten crewmen of a ditched B-29 Superfortress Friday were reported missing in shark-infested waters 175 miles west of Kwajalein.

The pilot of the 11-man crew, an Air Force captain, was rescued by a Navy patrol craft four hours after the plane went down. He had a broken leg. His name was withheld.

The rescued man said the B-29 broke up quickly when it hit the water. He said he believed the others aboard were lost. One sank beneath a wave before he could reach him, the pilot said.

Navy patrol boats and a crash boat from Kwajalein picked up pieces of the crashed plane.

The Hawaiian Sea Frontier said two of the bomber's four engines apparently failed shortly after take-off from Kwajalein for Guam.

The pilot had radioed 16 minutes before the crash that he had feathered two engines and was losing power in a third. His last message said he was ditching—landing on the ocean surface.

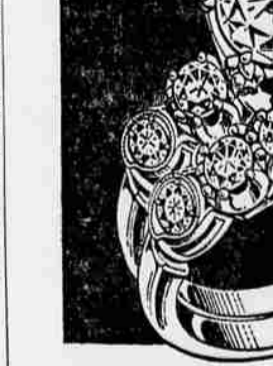
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## Nam II Rebuffs Allied Proposal

Talks Still Stalled On POW Exchange

MUNSAN, Korea — (AP)—The chief Communist negotiator in the stalled Korean truce talks Friday said the United Nations "is in no position to dictate anything either on the battlefield or in this conference."

The blast by North Korean Gen. Nam Il came at a 16-minute no-progress session at Panmunjom, one of the shortest in weeks. Otherwise, Nam used softer words for the second straight day but remained unyielding on the final issue blocking an armistice—prisoner exchange.

MAJ. GEN. William K. Harrison, the chief Allied negotiator, agreed to another session Saturday at 11 a. m. (6 p. m. PST Friday). But he hinted to newsmen afterward that the U. N. may impose another recess if the Reds continue their propaganda blasts.

A Red charge that three civilians inside the neutral zone were wounded by Allied artillery last week backfired on the Communists at meetings of liaison officers before and after the main truce sessions.

Marine Col. James C. Murray told the Reds they had been keeping combat troops within the zone. Another meeting of liaison officers was set on this question, which was not discussed by the senior delegates.

HARRISON HELD a whispered conference with his aides before agreeing to Saturday's top-level session.

"We considered whether it was worthwhile to come back tomorrow," Harrison told newsmen.

The Allies took a three-day walkout last week in an unsuccessful effort to needle the Communists to change their insistence on return of all 169,000 Allied-held prisoners.

## Marine Base Prisoners Riot

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—(AP)—Marine guards armed with bayonet-tipped rifles and tear gas were called into action to quell a riot of 50 prisoners at the Camp Pendleton Disciplinary Barracks last Tuesday night, it was reported Friday.

Spokesman for the base commander, Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Smith confirmed that armed guards put down a "demonstration" by prisoners in the camp stockade, but added that "no one was seriously injured."

It was reported that the prisoners used rocks and fists in the hour-long fight, which started when the prisoners were denied smoking privileges as a disciplinary measure.

Reports from nearby Oceanside said the guards broke up the battle with bayonets and tear gas, but base officials did not confirm them.

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**Catholic Cardinal Dies**  
MUNICH, Germany — (AP)—Michael Cardinal Von Faulhaber, 83, an outspoken defender of the Roman Catholic faith against encroachments of both Nazism and Communism, died Thursday of a brief illness.

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