

Yank Denies Red Claims

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (U) — A U.S. soldier has denied Communist claims he denounced the United States while a prisoner of Viet Cong guerrillas. He charged the Reds tried to brainwash him at gunpoint.

Spec. 4 George F. Fryett Jr. of California, released Sunday after six months captivity, told U.S. officials he did not cooperate with the Communists despite their attempts to indoctrinate him politically.

The Viet Cong in a recent broadcast claimed Fryett, 26, had told them he learned he was "an accomplice of the criminal maneuvers of U.S. imperialism and the Diem administration of South Viet Nam."

The broadcast quoted Fryett as saying: "The only thing I can say is that I am very sorry for having played a role in the forces that are being exploited in South Viet Nam. The truth has been concealed from the American public. This situation should not be allowed to continue."

China Patrol Reinforced By 7th Fleet

TAIPEI, Formosa (U) — U.S. warships were speeding from Japan Monday to reinforce the 7th Fleet's Formosa patrol in the face of a reported Chinese Communist military buildup on the coast opposite the Nationalist offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

Most of the 7th Fleet ships that had been in the big Yokosuka, Japan, naval base pulled out over the weekend. A spokesman said only that they were "deploying for operations at sea," but Pacific fleet headquarters in Honolulu confirmed that they were strengthening the patrol in the Formosa Strait off Red China's Fukien Province.

A Navy spokesman in Honolulu said the move was almost routine in the light of reports of the Communist buildup. He refused to say how many ships were on patrol, but an unconfirmed report from Japan said reinforcements from there included the carrier Coral Sea.

The Nationalist Chinese Defense Ministry said the Communists are evacuating noncombatants from the entire coastal area opposite Formosa.

The Defense Ministry has estimated that the Communists have 400,000 men, 300 planes and 400 small naval craft on the "invasion front." It also said Sunday that the Reds have 30 submarines, but did not pinpoint them as being in the Formosa Strait, which is relatively shallow and narrow.

Orders were reported to have gone out to commanders on Quemoy and Matsu to be especially vigilant against possible Communist action. Quemoy received one of its sporadic Communist shellings over the weekend.

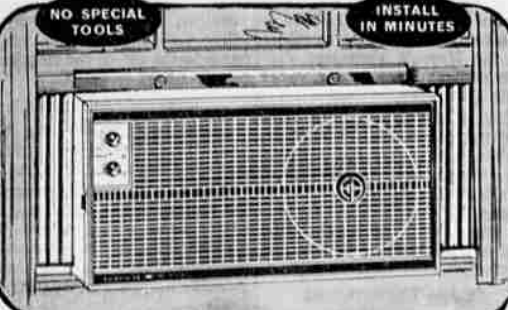
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Had Dealings With Gilbert

Financier Denies Fraud Intent

NEW YORK (U) — Financier Jacques Sarlie, who had dealings with Wall Streeter Edward M. Gilbert, has returned from Paris and denies he left the United States to defraud creditors — as alleged by a brokerage firm.

Sarlie disclaimed liability Sunday for \$754,770 of stock ordered purchased on his account during Gilbert's efforts to hold onto one company and acquire another. Gilbert is now in extradition-proof Brazil.

Sarlie denied charges made in a State Supreme Court suit filed last Thursday by the brokerage firm of McDonnell & Co. that he had left the country to defraud creditors.

Returned by Plane

Sarlie, 47, returned to New York by plane Saturday night. In a statement made through his counsel, Justin N. Feldman,

Sarlie said: "McDonnell & Co. improperly and without authority from me took orders from Gilbert to buy shares of Bruce and Celotex which it charged to my account. They had no more right to do so than they did to spread the story that I had 'fled' the country."

"I left New York on June 9, on a scheduled business trip from which I was scheduled to return this weekend. At the time that McDonnell's charges were filed in court and published by the newspapers across the country, their lawyers and mine had already conferred several times over a period of several days and they were well aware of my scheduled return this weekend."

Gilbert was president of the E. L. Bruce Co., producer of hardwood flooring. He resigned and flew to Brazil June 12 after disclosing he had made unauthorized withdrawals of \$1,953,000 from the Bruce firm, which he was trying to hold in control.

Seeking Control of Firm

Gilbert had been trying to gain control of the Celotex Corp., manufacturer of building materials.

Feldman said Gilbert — like Sarlie — had a stock account with McDonnell & Co.

Feldman said Sarlie became aware about May 31 that Gilbert had made a purchase on his account of about \$38,000 in Bruce stock.

Feldman said Sarlie was not aware that further purchases on his account had been made on June 6, 7 and 8 until he received word from McDonnell & Co. while he was in Paris.

After going to Rio de Janeiro, Gilbert said he used the money withdrawn from the Bruce firm to buy stock in Celotex. No charge has been lodged against Gilbert. The Manhattan district attorney's office is investigating the case.

Loren, Ponti Face Charges Of Bigamy

ROME (UPI)—Italian magistrates Monday ordered Sophia Loren and her husband, Carlo Ponti, to stand trial on charges of bigamy.

A date for the trial was not set immediately.

Court sources said that in view of the heavy schedule of the Rome Tribunal, it was unlikely the case would be tried before October. The starting date, these sources said, would more probably be November or December.

The investigating department of the Rome Tribunal, in a ruling filed with the Court Chancery, ordered the trial.

The charges stem from the couple's Mexican proxy marriage of Sept. 27, 1957, which they have been trying to annul to escape the bigamy action.

Under Italian law, Ponti still is married to his first wife, Guiliama Fiastra, daughter of an Italian general.

If Ponti and Miss Loren could get their Mexican marriage annulled, this would mean they never were married and thus could not be prosecuted in Italy for bigamy.

Under Article 536 of the Italian Penal Code, Ponti could face a jail term of from one to five years if convicted of bigamy. Miss Loren could face the same on conviction of being a party to bigamy.

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