

Released GI Tells of Ordeal

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—A U.S. soldier released by Communist guerrillas told Thursday of 35-hour forced marches during which his arms were bound and his captors led him with a rope around his neck.

Spec. 4 George F. Fryett Jr., 26, of Long Beach, Calif., told a news conference he was exhibited in many villages during six months in Viet Cong captivity. He said he had to read Communist propaganda aloud at gunpoint four or five times a day.

Fryett, 26 pounds thinner than when he was captured on Christmas Eve, consulted with a U.S. intelligence agent before replying to questions from newsmen. He denied, as he has done before, that he cooperated in any way with the Viet Cong while he was held in the jungle.

Before allowing him to appear at the news conference, U.S. authorities apparently decided he revealed no secrets to his Communist captors and signed no statements critical of the United States. He said he knew nothing about a letter Communist broadcasters said he had written to his family criticizing U.S. support for the South Vietnamese government.

Fryett said the pair of sandals he had been wearing when captured fell apart because of constant exposure to water and marching. His feet were badly blistered.

The soldier said he tried to escape once by slipping into a river. He managed to loosen his hands while partially under water, he said, and pulled the rope around his neck loose. He then tried to swim away under water, but he was caught and bound tightly again.

During his entire stay with the Viet Cong, Fryett said, he was kept at gunpoint by guards totaling from seven to 50 men. Fryett was captured while riding a bicycle about 15 miles from Saigon. He was released last Sunday.

Greeted as a Friend

The government organ Diario de Manha greeted him Thursday as a friend and said it hoped he would act as a real friend after seeing for himself the situation of Portugal and its possessions.

Rusk began his day with a 90-minute conference with Foreign Minister Franco Nogueira and emerged unsmiling. Neither side would comment on what was said.

Then Rusk drove to the office of Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, this country's dictator for nearly 35 years, for another conference.

Key Issues

The key issues for discussion were renewal of the lease for U.S. military bases in Portugal's Azores Islands, Portuguese bitterness because the United States supported a U.N. investigation of Portugal's African colony of Angola and resentment because the United States did not prevent India's seizure of Goa.

American officials said nothing would be said publicly about the future of the Azores bases until both sides can think it over in connection with broader questions of cooperation.

Rusk and Ambassador Burke Elbrick looked gloomy when they walked out of Salazar's office.

Police Close Strip Joints

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Police closed all five of Miami Beach's strip joints Tuesday night. The police chief said they were fire traps.

Testimony before a Senate investigating committee in Washington last week indicated that some of the night clubs at Miami Beach were controlled by the underworld and allowed open solicitation for prostitution.

"I've been planning this for months," said Police Chief Michael Fox. "Other investigations held it up."

Fox said he intended to keep the clubs closed until they complied with fire department regulations.

Sharp Quake Rocks Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP)—A sharp earthquake apparently centered on the big island of Hawaii, jarred the 50th state Wednesday night but there were no reports of injuries or serious damage.

The tremor, followed by a rolling shock, toppled a cliff into the sea on the Kona coast of Hawaii and knocked dishes from shelves in Hilo and other communities on the big island.

The quake was felt throughout the island chain. Seismologist Harold Krivoy at the Volcano Observatory on Hawaii said the movement occurred along the Kaoliki fault and registered a Richter scale intensity of 5.3.

Krivoy said there was no danger of a tidal wave, as the quake occurred on land and not under the sea.

Witnesses in Kona said a cliff crashed into Kealahou Bay, and rockslides were reported on the Hamawau coast.

HST to Receive Korean Award

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The South Korean government will confer its highest decoration on former President Harry S. Truman in recognition of his decision to send American troops to help turn back the Communist invaders in the Korean War.

The Foreign Ministry said Wednesday the Order of National Foundation will be presented to Truman in Washington by Ambassador Chung Il-Kwon on behalf of the chairman of the ruling junta, Gen. Chung Hee Park.



Going Home

Patricia Lowe, held by her mother, went home from Children's Hospital in San Francisco Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lowe. She and her sister, Prudence, held by her father, are Siamese twins separated in a five-hour operation May 29. Prudence will go home in a few days. The girls are 11 weeks old.

Mexico Readies Welcome For President, First Lady

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MEXICO CITY — Rising expectancy gripped the Mexican capital Thursday on the eve of President Kennedy's arrival for possibly the warmest welcome Mexico has ever given a visiting chief of state.

Tens of thousands of posters, banners and signs were going up along the parade route from the International Airport to Los Pinos, the Mexican White House. Work had been held up until the last minute because of the torrential rains falling each afternoon. Officials did not want them to be damaged or faded Friday.

Three hundred bands, including many mariachi and marimba groups, were assigned places at intervals along the route.

Holiday

An estimated one million persons will line the streets. Schools are closing, federal employees are being let out from work, and all unions are ordering members to turn out in force.

The Weather Bureau said it was almost certain that warm

sunshine would greet President and Mrs. Kennedy when their jet touches down after a four-hour flight from Washington.

It is almost equally certain that showers will fall during the afternoon, as this is the rainy season.

Police said they expect no anti-Yankee demonstrations. Steps were being taken to prevent any. Known Communists have been rounded up, students warned, and security measures are tight.

Reds Call Demonstration

However, the Communists have called for a demonstration sometime Friday. A 24-hour visit Tuesday by Blas Roca, Cuba's top Communist, added to fears at least a minor disturbance may develop.

President Kennedy and his host, President Adolfo Lopez Mateos, will talk privately on three separate occasions, with a total of about 3½ hours set aside for the conversations.

No agenda has been set for their talks, but Kennedy told his news conference in Washington Wednesday he wants to

discuss all Latin-American problems, not just between the United States and Mexico.

Two Days in Mexico

This reinforced speculation that the U. S. President would bring up Fidel Castro's regime and its influence throughout Latin America.

The Kennedys will spend 48 hours in Mexico. Their first day's program will be packed with activities, beginning with airport ceremonies and ending with a Mexican folklore ballet at night.

On Saturday President Kennedy will attend the annual Fourth of July celebration held by the 15,000-member American colony. On Sunday, just before they take off for Washington, President and Mrs. Kennedy will attend Mass at Mexico's leading Roman Catholic shrine, the Basilica of Guadalupe.

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