

Laotian Reds Free Captives

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Vientiane, Laos — Five Americans and a Filipino held captive for more than a year by pro-Communist forces were released Friday.

The men, who had all grown beards during their captivity, were cheered by a crowd of several hundred as they emerged from the twin-engine Soviet plane that brought them to Vientiane from Pathet Lao headquarters in the Plaine des Jarres.

Those released were Maj. Lawrence Bailey, Laurel, Md., assistant military attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane; John McMorrow, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edward R. Shore Jr., Galloway, Tenn.; Sgt. Orville Ballenger, Columbus, Ohio; NBC cameraman Grant Wolfkill of Shelton, Wash., and Lorenzo Frigillana of the Philippines.

All six appeared to have lost considerable weight.

Wolfkill left soon after for Bangkok en route to the United States. NBC correspondent Jim Robinson, who accompanied him, said Wolfkill would leave Bangkok for New York as soon as possible.

Flown to Air Base

The other Americans and Frigillana were flown to the U.S. Air Force Clark base north of Manila for a medical check up and interrogation.

Wolfkill, Shore, McMorrow and Frigillana looked healthy and in good spirits, but Ballenger was haggard and looked tired. Bailey had to be helped from the plane to the airport terminal. An Army doctor, Maj. Estes Cohen, who made a superficial check of the men aboard the plane, said, "They are all okay except Bailey who is pretty weak."

Shore and McMorrow were civilian employees of the charter firm Air America, which flew for the right-wing Laotian government. Wolfkill was with them when their helicopter crashed behind Red lines May 15, 1961.

Secret Mission

Ballenger had been missing since April 22, 1961, when four American military advisers were captured under circumstances the State Department has refused to divulge. Bailey was captured when his plane crashed March 23, 1961. Frigillana, an Air America mechanic, disappeared in December 1960, during fighting between neutralist and right-wing forces for control of Vientiane.

Pathet Lao chief Prince Souphanouvong had promised their release following last month's Geneva accord, sanctioning a coalition government for Laos and pledging the country's neutrality.

Dutch Disappointed

Indonesia's pleasure with the West New Guinea accord was not matched by the Dutch government. Foreign Minister Joseph Luns said in Amsterdam Thursday night that the government was disappointed with the agreement because it had "too many uncertain factors for the future and was too much dependent on good faith." He cited especially the provision giving Indonesia control of the territory before the 1969 plebiscite.

Luns said in a television interview his government accepted the original plan put forth by U.S. diplomat Ellsworth Bunker, who acted as mediator, because it was strongly recommended by the United States and because the Dutch felt they could not expect military support from their allies to counter an Indonesian invasion.

Vietnamese Troops Comb Swamp Area

SAIGON, Viet Nam (U)—Government ground, air and sea forces have killed 40 Communist Viet Cong guerrillas and captured 60 more in a massive operation in mangrove swamps at the southern tip of Viet Nam, military sources reported Friday.

The operation began at dawn Wednesday in Ca Mau Province. It was reported still under way Friday.

Government casualties so far were not reported. About 3,000 government troops were reported combing the mangrove swamps, supported by fighter planes and naval craft operating through the rivers and canals of the region near the coast.

The government forces captured a big Viet Cong ammunition dump Thursday after a 30-minute exchange with the guerrilla guard. Six U.S. Marine helicopters ferried the ammunition back to a government-controlled area. It was the biggest haul of Viet Cong ammunition so far in the war against the Communist guerrillas.

The operation was launched by 22 U.S. Marine helicopters and eight Vietnamese army helicopters which lifted a paratroop battalion into four villages at dawn Wednesday.



(AP Wirephoto)

Brush Work

Moscow artist N. Boryukov works on decorative vases bearing portraits of Soviet space heroes in this photo released by Tass, Soviet news and picture agency, Friday. Artist applies brush to portrait of Andrian Nikolayev. Vase on table, center, has a picture of Pavel Popovich on it. Other vase bears portrait of Lenin, the Soviet Union's former Premier and Communist hero.

Iraq Terms Plane Raids Unintentional

ANKARA, Turkey, (U)—Iraq has apologized for two raids by Iraqi planes on Turkish territory this week, the foreign ministry announced last night. It said Iraq promised to punish those responsible and to pay damages.

A government announcement attacking Iraqi plane Thursday near Baskan, about 25 miles inside Turkish territory. No casualties were reported. Conflicting earlier accounts said the Iraqi plane, a Russian-built MIG had either crash-landed or gotten away after the clash.

Turkey had already protested to Iraq about the death of two soldiers in an attack Wednesday, also near Baskan.

Iraq said in its apology that it "considers Turkish-Iraqi friendship important and valuable and hopes these unintentional incidents will not affect the friendship between the two countries."

Turkish officials speculated earlier that the raids were in retaliation for suspected aid from Turkish Kurds to rebel Kurdish forces fighting army troops in northern Iraq.

The tribal warriors, seeking to establish an independent Kurdistan, were reported by a Swiss newsman Thursday to have won effective control of northern Iraq. He said the rebels had routed three government battalions and surrounded two regiments in the mountains.

Officials Seek Time Extension

ASTORIA (U)—A requested extension of time before the government disposes of Tongue Point Naval Station will be discussed with General Service Administration representatives at Astoria Aug. 21.

The city and county have asked that action on the abandoned station be delayed until next April. The original deadline was Sept. 1.

There have been a number of suggestions for use of the station's buildings and Astoria officials want more time to work them out.

Big Parade Saturday

Moscow Awaiting Two Space Heroes

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MOSCOW—The Soviet capital already promised to meet the space twins in Moscow. Dramatic Gesture

Diplomatic quarters predicted that Khrushchev may use the space triumph to make some dramatic political gesture in the near future. There has been no official hint of what it might be. However, there is speculation Khrushchev may announce his intention of going to New York for the U.N. General Assembly meeting, which starts in September, with the expectation of meeting President Kennedy without the burdensome formality of preparing a four-power summit conference.

Khrushchev's aim, diplomatic quarters indicate, would be to try to get broad public support for the Soviet version of how to disarm and of how to settle the German and Berlin problems.

Oregon Included In Investigation

WASHINGTON (U)—The Federal Trade Commission has added Oregon to the states where it will investigate real estate offers.

The commission said it acted after a former Oregon resident said a ranch tract described as "paradise" actually is located in barren wilderness.

The commission already has said it will look into real estate ventures in Florida, the Southwest and California. It said three or four complaints may be filed by fall.

Truman to Speak On Constitution

PHILADELPHIA (U)—Former President Harry S. Truman will speak here Sept. 17 at ceremonies commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Constitution, it was announced Thursday.

Truman will appear at Independence Hall and receive the city's gold medal of freedom. He will speak on "The Meaning of the Constitution."

Free Trade Group Cautious Against Lumber Import Ban

WASHINGTON (U)—A private free trade group has cautioned the government against imposing import restrictions on Canada in its efforts to aid the ailing Pacific Northwest lumber industry.

The group, the Committee for a National Trade Policy, said in a "background paper" prepared this week that import restrictions would not solve the industry's problems and could hurt the economies of both countries.

The United States and Canada will open negotiations on the North American lumber trade during the week of Aug. 27 in Ottawa.

Many spokesmen for the ailing Northwest lumber industry have called for restrictions against what they term "excessive" Canadian lumber exports to the United States. The demand has been echoed by many Northwest congressmen.

Could Hurt Canada

The committee said that lumber import restrictions by the United States could hamper Canada's effort "to adjust the Canadian economy to the changing facts of international economic life."

"If the Canadians are successful in achieving a new equilibrium," it said, "both countries will benefit."

If Canadian lumber sales in the United States are cut, it said, U.S. trade with Canada would probably suffer. It said

that in the past three years the United States sold Canada an average of \$3.7 billion worth of goods a year, and bought in return only about \$3 million worth.

Less than two months ago, Canada instituted an austerity program because of balance of payments problems.

'Changing Patterns'

Canadian exports of softwood lumber to the United States have been growing steadily in the past 10 years. Last year, they totaled more than \$250 million and accounted for 13.1

per cent of U.S. softwood consumption.

The trade committee denied, however, that Canadian lumber was the cause of the U.S. lumber industry's trouble. It blamed primarily "the changing patterns of lumber economics."

It said the U.S. lumber industry had over-expanded during and directly after World War II, and that many of the mills which have closed down succumbed to competition as much as from larger U.S. mills as from Canada.

It also said many of the smaller mills, with no diversification of product and small sales forces were unable to weather a two-year industry depression coupled with increased competition from substitute building materials.

The committee agreed with industry claims that certain U.S. laws have hurt the U.S. industry. It specifically supported the industry demand for revision of the Jones Act, a 1920 law that forces Western lumbermen to use high-cost, less efficient U.S. vessels when shipping lumber to the East Coast by sea.

It also noted lumber industry claims that while the Canadian government has a determined policy to aid its lumber industry and expand exports, present U.S. government policies actually tend to restrict the industry.

"If there is any merit to these claims, the deficiencies in U.S. policy should be corrected," it said.

War Damage Bill Clears Hurdle

WASHINGTON (U)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved Thursday the \$73 million Philippine war damage bill.

The measure, which has passed the House, would authorize the U.S. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to disburse the funds to 88,000 Philippine and American war damage claimants. Among these are 287 corporations.

Chairman J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., said the Senate committee made no change in the bill the House passed.

With only Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., voicing opposition, the measure was approved without a formal committee roll call.

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