

Gen. Dean Hid Identity From Reds When First Captured

By BILL SHINN

Pusan, Korea, Dec. 21 (AP)—The communists were unaware they had captured Maj. Gen. William F. Dean for some time after he was taken prisoner, a South Korean official who saw Dean in a prison camp said today.

Lee Byung Ho, prosecutor for the South Korean ministry of justice, was in the prison command at Chonju when the former commander of the U. S. 24th division was questioned by his captors.

Lee escaped and brought information given him by Park Whan Sang, a South Korean impressed into service as an interpreter by the North Koreans. At the time, his data about Dean was not believed because of the general opinion that Dean was dead.

The general's bullet-pierced helmet liner had been bound.

Lee's account: Dean hid in the hills for more than a month after he was cut off from his troops following the fall of Taejon.

On Aug. 25, 1950, he approached a Korean farmer on the road near Sedong to ask for food. Dean's face was swollen and he was tired and dirty.

As he was talking with the farmer, two communist guards happened by and took him prisoner. But they did not recognize him.

Dean was taken to the Sang Chun police station near Chinan where security police questioned him at length.

Lee said the general refused to answer questions and told his captors: "I am an American soldier—a professional soldier. All I need to give you is my name and rank."

The Reds thought they had an important man, but they had no idea he was a general, even though he had a calling card in his pocket.

The general was taken to the prison commander's own home and kept there until Sept. 3,

1950. Then he was moved to Taejon and later sent to Seoul and on into North Korea.

Until Dean's name appeared on the list of war prisoners released by the Reds Tuesday, most officials had believed him dead.

This correspondent ran across Lee's story in police records and through friends and persuaded him to tell it for the first time for publication.

Lee said he was a political officer in the Seoul area when war broke and was picked up by the communists as they swept south. He concealed his identity by posing as a teacher.

Lee escaped when allied troops broke out of the Pusan perimeter and swept northward late in 1950.

(AP Correspondent O. H. P. King reported Wednesday that Dean had eluded capture 33 days after he was reported missing. King obtained his information from an unidentified South Korean source. Thursday an army war historian at Richmond Va., quoted a Korean interpreter as saying Dean was "sick and despondent" in a prison camp in the summer of 1950.)

Plywood Sales Up 50 Per Cent

Tacoma, Dec. 21 (AP)—Douglas fir plywood sales bounced up last week to 50 per cent over current production, the Douglas Fir Plywood association announced here today.

O. Harry Schrader, Jr., managing director of the association, said sales reached 64 million square feet. A week previous, he added, demand hit the 50 million mark.

Average sales in recent months have been about 36 million feet weekly, Schrader asserted.

"And it is the first time since March," he continued, "that sales have substantially exceeded production."

Milk Price Increase Asked

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Medford and Grants Pass milk producers want to raise milk prices, and yesterday the board of agriculture agreed to hold hearings on the hearings. The board suggested that the producers work with the state milk marketing administration in assembling figures on which to base their request.

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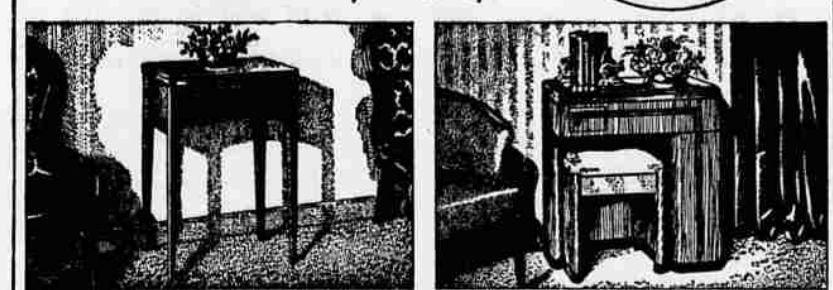
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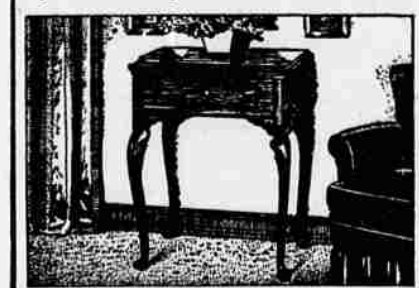
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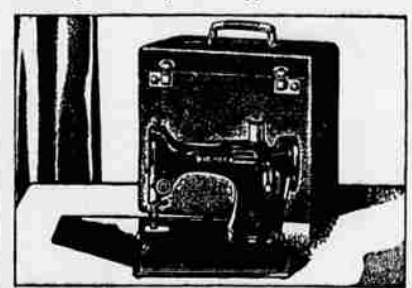
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'Pinkish' Path of Statism Seen in Blue Book Growth

By BEN MAXWELL

Lying between Oregon's first Blue Book of 133 pages, published in 1911, and the current 1952 issue of 405 pages is an interval of 40 years.

During those 40 years past, Oregon's progress down the pink path of statism has seen state boards, commissions, institutions and sponsored societies increase from 78 to 120.

Today the board of examiners in watchmaking and clockmaking, massage, cosmetic therapy and the advisory council concerned with furniture and bedding receive a per diem allowance of \$10 for the performance of their duties.

Back in 1911 the trustees of Soda Spring at Sodaville and the board of commissioners for the Port of Nehalem received nothing at all for their services.

When the three-man commission for the licensing of sailors' boarding houses were about their duties, they received allowance for expenses.

Oregon's first Blue Book was something of a promotional brochure concerned with displaying the state's potentialities for agriculture and industry, hoping thereby to increase the state population.

A preface description declares the aim of this publication, started by Frank W. Benson, secretary of state who died April 14, 1911, and completed by Ben W. Olcott, appointed secretary by Governor Oswald West, is to relate "without exaggeration or color" facts and conditions which account for Oregon's "marvelous growth and development."

Illustrations toward this end are a scene in Portland harbor showing five full ships and barks, members of the grain fleet for 1910. Another view shows a combine harvester drawn through an eastern Oregon grain field by 27 horses.

Despite the trend toward statism, so apparent in the current publication, the 1951-53 Blue Book is a most worthwhile quarry of information, statistical and otherwise, pertaining to Oregon's past and current affairs.

For anyone wishing to be accurately informed about state affairs the price of one dollar is a small sum for a handsomely printed volume that relates to matters as diverse as the state song and membership on the board for funeral directors and embalmers.

Seven Towns to Be By-Passed

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Seven Oregon towns will be bypassed by the Pacific highway 99 relocation project which the state highway commission approved yesterday.

R. H. Baldock, chief engineer, was given authority to award a contract for the first section of the new highway as soon as right-of-way purchases are completed.

The towns to be by-passed are Creswell, Cottage Grove, Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, Sutherlin and Gold Hill. Hearings on the relocation plan were held in each of the towns from Oct. 7 to 9.

Leonard and Slate, Portland, was low bidder to build the first part of the new road—a 5.6 mile section south of Cottage Grove. The firm's bid was \$1,530,464.

Other contract awards:

Marion county—Paint shop at Salem, H. G. Carl, Salem, \$63,381. Awarded.

Yamhill county — Sheridan-Deer Creek section Salmon River highway, east of Sheridan, grading and paving 2.3 miles; J. C. Compton, McMinnville, \$182,352. Awarded.

Tillamook county — Tunnel Point section of Wilson River highway, grading and paving 2.9 miles; Carl W. Halverson, Portland, \$229,594. Awarded.

Sentry Kills Corporal in Test

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 21 (AP)—A corporal sought to test the efficiency of a sentry at Oesterbro army barracks early today. The sentry, a champion marksman, killed the corporal with a shot fired at 60 yards in the dark.

The army gave this report. Cpl. H. Christian Jessen deliberately attracted suspicion of the sentry. The sentry challenged Jessen, who tried to escape by running away in a zig-zag course among the trees. The sentry, following regulations, challenged loudly twice, fired a warning shot and when the corporal continued to run aimed to hit.

The sentry's name was not disclosed. An army spokesman said it was "extremely improbable" that any charge would be brought against him.

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Medford High Band To Play at S. F. Game

Medford, Dec. 21 (AP)—Final plans for a trip to San Francisco by the Medford high school band were being made here today after a benefit program assured the musicians of enough money to make the trip.

A total of \$2270 was needed to finance the band's appearance at the annual Shrine East-West game.

The Medford band received an invitation to the game through arrangements made by Medford Shriner E. C. (Jerry) Jerome. A series of donations and benefit programs raised the necessary money for the trip.

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