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Many letters from station hospitals in Japan have been received by Arch L. Brewster, commander of Salem chapter No. 6, Disabled American Veterans, in appreciation of magazines sent by the chapter to the hospitals.

The letters were received

through the Red Cross. Excerpts from some of them are: "On behalf of the patients of this hospital we would like to extend to you their thanks and ours for the nice selection of magazines your chapter recently mailed to this hospital."

"These magazines were immediately distributed to all bed patients and also left in our recreation room where they were available to the ambulatory patients."

"Due to the fact that magazines and books are quite scarce

this far north in Japan, there were many thanks from the patients who read them and then exchanged with other patients."

"To all who contributed, let us say again that on behalf of all who read these books and magazines, there were many hours filled with enjoyment and contentment."

"We appreciate your thoughtfulness and want you to know that the joke books especially went over big."

The chapter has a list of about 30 hospitals in Korea and Japan

to which it has been sending magazines, and it has set out more than half a ton of reading material.

The boxes are loaded on trucks of the West Coast Fast Freight in Salem and delivered directly to the APO in San Francisco, and from there go to destinations.

The DAV committee needs more magazines donated by the public, especially the smaller pocket books, and joke books are very popular. The magazines will be picked up if the chapter is notified.

Investigate Communist Charges—Making an on-the-spot investigation of communist charges that Allied planes dropped flares and strafed in the neutral zone near Kaeson, Korea. Col. Andrew J. Winney, U. S. air force, UNC liaison officer, holds a parachute flare casing. Communists (left) UN personnel and correspondents at right. Communists made no mention of property damage or casualties. U. S. navy photo via AP Wirephoto)

BUSINESSMEN TO QUIT '100 Years' Effort in China Abandoned by the British

By PHIL NEWSOM (United Press Foreign Analyst)

British business concerns in China are throwing in the towel.

The first result is that they will abandon assets valued unofficially at nearly one billion dollars. The final result may spread well beyond the borders of Red China, and in fact become world-wide.

The news must have sent a shiver of apprehension through Hong Kong, the British crown colony standing at the gateway to China.

It must have caused serious discussion in Tokyo where it would be realized that the diversion of British commercial energies from China would give the Japanese serious competition in the markets of Thailand, Indo-China, Indonesia, Burma and India.

It must have brought a grim victory smile in Moscow and Peking.

Conversely, it could bring about even closer cooperation between the United States and Britain in Asia.

In Britain itself, it could foreshadow an even greater cleavage between the conservative forces of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the left-wing laborites led by Aneurin Bevan who have favored close relations with the communist countries.

At any rate, British business has found out the hard way that a free enterprise system cannot operate under communist rules.

So the British will salvage what they can and get out, abandoning 100 years of effort.

What they get out with won't be much.

The communists have another neat system for taking over whatever is left after their confiscatory taxes.

They will demand virtual ransom for the release of some 700 or so Britons still remaining inside China.

The ransom will come in the form of fines for various "violations" such as tax evasion, failure to declare assets, or illegal sales, or in demands for vast sums to be paid former employees.

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