

2 Prisoners in China Claimed Agents of U.S.

Ousted State Official Gives Opinions on Ban of Newsmen

WASHINGTON (AP)—An ousted official of the U.S. Information Agency says at least 2 of the 10 Americans held prisoner by the Red Chinese are agents of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Charles Edmundson said yesterday that is why the State Department has been trying to bar U.S. newsmen from going to Communist China.

He said the department fears the newsmen might learn some of the imprisoned Americans are intelligence agents and that this might weaken U.S. efforts to get the prisoners freed.

State Department and CIA spokesmen declined comment.

Edmundson was fired last month from his USIA post in Korea after he had criticized President Eisenhower's proposals for blocking Communist expansion in the Middle East.

Appearing in a television interview, Edmundson said he, the CIA and the Red Chinese all know that some of the 10 Americans are agents of the CIA and "perhaps other intelligence agencies."

He named only "Fecteau and Downey." Two of the Americans still in Red Chinese hands are John T. Downey of New Britain, Conn., and Richard H. Fecteau of Lynn, Mass. At the time of their capture in 1952, they had been listed as civilian employees of the U.S. Army who were aboard an Air Force plane when it was shot down.

Six other American prisoners have been identified as clergymen and the remaining two as businessmen.

Edmundson said the CIA errs, when some of its employees are caught, in describing them as businessmen and civilians. He said this arouses emotions in the United States, adding that such emotions can "cause tensions and create a national atmosphere... that can lead a nation to war."

The State Department has taken the position that no Americans, including newsmen, should visit Red China while U.S. citizens are held prisoner there. This government has accused the Red Chinese of using the imprisoned Americans as pawns in a blackmail scheme.

Phone Service Will Resume In Ohio City

By JOHN R. PASCAL

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Officials begin planning today for what Gov. C. William O'Neill hopes will be "the immediate restoration to telephone service" in the Portsmouth, Ohio, area after the end of a seven-month strike.

O'Neill called a meeting of Portsmouth and Scioto County officials for today, as soon as he was notified yesterday that negotiators agreed on a settlement of the 226-day strike against the Ohio Consolidated Telephone Co. Part of the talks will deal with maintenance of order while phone service is being restored.

Company officials, along with representatives of the striking Communications Workers of America and federal mediators, announced settlement of the long, violence-marked strike after a 25-hour bargaining session. Terms of the contract, however, were not immediately disclosed.

Negotiators worked around the clock as Portsmouth telephones were silenced by a new wave of vandalism that resulted in more slashed cables and knocked out the last of the 17,000 telephones in the area.

"If it is determined that the local officials cannot or will not afford full protection to persons and property required for the immediate restoration of telephone service, I shall then order the Ohio National Guard into the affected area to give such protection," the governor said in a prepared statement.

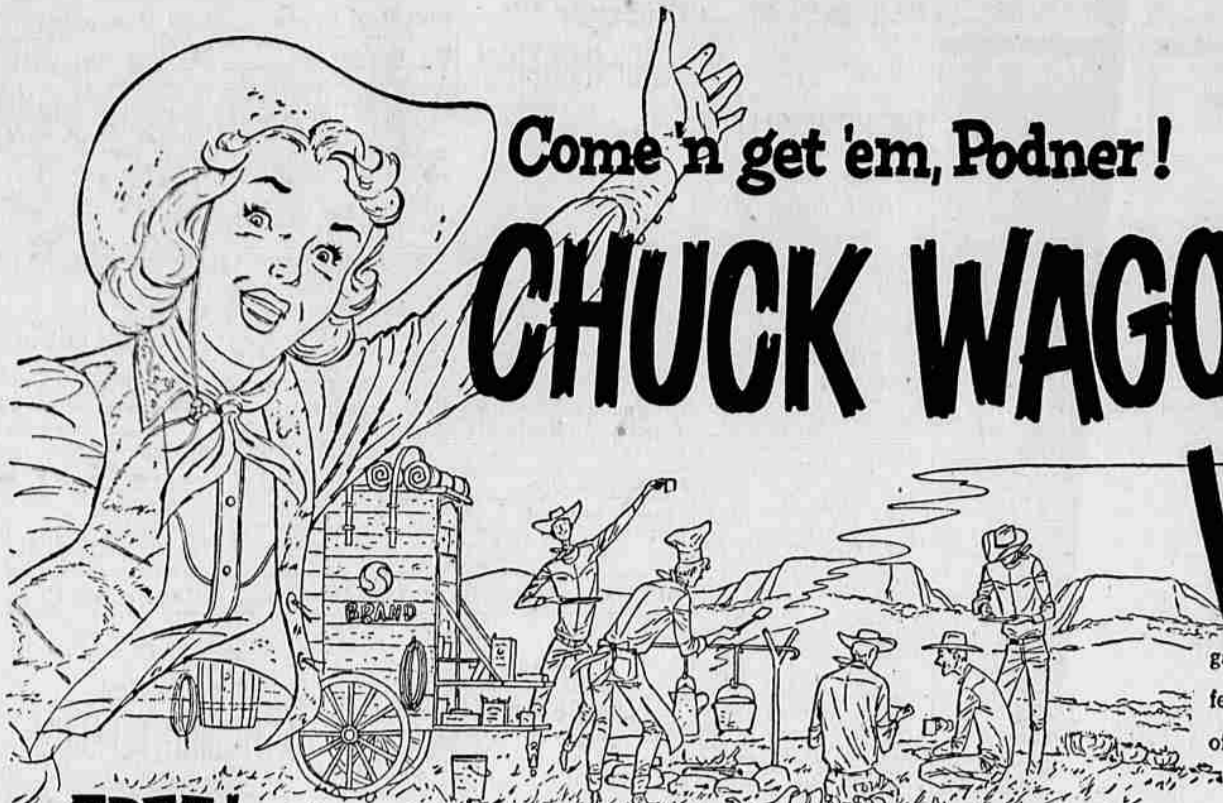
One unit of the Guard was sent to the struck area during the weekend. O'Neill sent a mobile unit to Portsmouth to maintain an emergency communications Saturday.

Formosa Quake Takes 11 Lives

TEIPEI (AP)—Formosa today counted 11 dead and 33 injured in its worst earthquake in a decade. There were no casualties among 8,000 Americans stationed on this main Nationalist Chinese island.

The quake, centering 45 miles off the island's east coast, struck before dawn Sunday. Greatest damage on this island of 10 million population was at Hualien, east coast port city of 50,000. High mountains across the center of Formosa reduced the shocks before they reached Taipei and other west coast centers, where most of the American military and embassy personnel live with their families.

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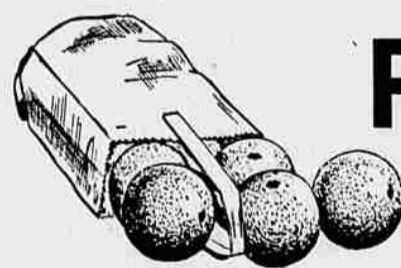
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