

## United Nations Propose Meeting Between Top Truce Negotiators

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.)—The United Nations, apparently heading for a showdown in the lengthy truce talks, proposed Friday night to the Communists that both sides hold a meeting of their highest-ranking truce negotiators Sunday.

The Allied proposal was made a few hours after the United Nations and the Communists recessed the prisoner of war discussions. The recess indicated then there was not much hope for an early armistice.

### Request Delivered

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols said the request for a full plenary session on Sunday was delivered to Red Col. Chang Chun San at Panmunjom by Air Force Col. Andrew J. Kinney, senior U. N. liaison officer.

Kinney flew to Panmunjom by helicopter and delivered the request at 7 p.m. The message, signed by Kinney, asked the Reds to confirm the date and time of the plenary session.

Allied spokesmen did not disclose what the U. N. had in mind when it asked for the meeting Sunday. However, it appeared that the Allies might be ready to

make some sort of effort to end the deadlocks on the principal issues before the truce negotiators—prisoners of war, Russia as a truce supervisor and airfield reconstruction.

On the prisoners of war issue, the Allies insist that only prisoners who wish to be repatriated to the Communist side should be returned. The Communists insist on forcible repatriation.

## Michigan Prison Leaders in Riot To Be Prosecuted

Jackson, Mich. — (U.P.)—Ring-leaders of the bloody riot at Southern Michigan prison will be prosecuted despite promises of no reprisals, state officials declared Friday.

"No state official, not even the Supreme Court, can grant anyone immunity for the commission of a crime," said State Attorney General Frank Millard. "This is not reprisal in any sense but entirely in accordance with my oath of office."

### Guarantee Given

The 172 prisoners barricaded in Cellblock 15 with eight guards as hostages got a guarantee of "no reprisals" from Gov. G. Mennen Williams and prison officials before surrendering Thursday.

But the governor said the guarantee applied only in the strict sense of disciplinary measures within the prison walls and under the prison code.

He agreed with Millard that "nobody . . . could assure these convicts that they would not be prosecuted under the laws of Michigan for any unlawful act committed during the riots at Jackson. Nobody, by any agreement, can set aside the criminal laws of this state."

The question of "coddling" the mutineers became a political issue almost immediately.

The Communists also insist on having Russia as a "neutral" nation to police the truce and they have demanded the right to reconstruct airfields in North Korea during a truce.

The Communists earlier Friday lifted the secrecy which surrounded the prisoner of war discussions. They accused the Allies of refusing to return some 100,000 United Nations-held prisoners.

Under a prisoner of war screening process held during a two-week recess in the prisoner talks, the U. N. discovered that only 70,000 Communist prisoners want to return behind the Iron curtain.

Some 59,000 North Koreans and Communist Chinese soldiers said they would resist any forced repatriations.

### Not Sympathetic

Col. George W. Hickman, chief staff officer of the prisoner exchange discussions, said, "when the Communists indicated concern over the lowness of the figure, I wasn't sympathetic with them at all."

The Communists reported today they hold some 12,000 Allied prisoners, including 7,700 citizens of the Republic of Korea and 4,400 non-Koreans.

## Education Survey Expert Visits SOC

Ashland—Dr. Earl W. Anderson, Ohio State university school expert, is visiting the Southern Oregon college campus today preparatory to beginning a survey of the teacher education program in Oregon.

Dr. Anderson has been retained by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education to make a thorough study of teacher training facilities in the state. Purpose of the investigation is to determine the adequacy of the present system to provide sufficient teachers to meet Oregon needs.

The consultant will also visit briefly other state institutions in the next few days and will return to Ashland for a complete study this summer.

## Oil Union To Plan Nationwide Walkout

Denver, Colo. — (U.P.)—The policy committee of the Oil Workers International Union will meet here Sunday to plan a nationwide walkout, scheduled for next Wednesday, that could paralyze the nation's vital defense petroleum production.

At Salt Lake City, 475 workmen left jobs at the Utah Oil Refining Co. Tuesday in a local outbreak. Pickets were stationed at the refinery and warehouse. The OWIU is the largest unit of a coalition of CIO, AFL and independent unions threatening to strike for higher wages. The original walkout, postponed three times, was slated for March 3.

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KNIFE PRESSED AGAINST NECK by unidentified convict, Guard Kenneth Parsons sits in Jackson Prison cell block as hostage during rebellion by inmates at Michigan Institution. (International)

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## Television Repair Racket Swindling Chicago Residents

Chicago — (U.P.)—A gyp television repair racket that bilked Chicago families of \$1,000 a day for three months is part of a nationwide pattern, the head of a national association of reputable repairmen said Friday.

Frank J. Moch, president of the National Alliance of Electronic Servicemen's associations, said the racket spread throughout the country from the East where it is widespread. Under investigation

The racket is now under grand jury investigation here. The most vicious technique used, Moch said, is to get a set out of a victim's home and into the repair shop, where it could be "held for ransom."

Moch, also head of the Chicago Television Installation Service association, said the association uncovered the fraud and turned it over to law enforcement officials. His investigation began when the association received an "abnormal number" of complaints from angry set owners.

Bargain Offered Moch said the firms gained entrance to Chicago homes by offering a \$3 service call, an "appealing bargain."

Once the repairman arrived he invariably attempted to take the set out of the home for service in the repair shop. Moch said reputable servicemen prefer, when possible, to repair sets in the home.

When the customer surrendered the set he was forced to pay a "ransom" fee of from \$35 to \$80 to get it back and did not receive an itemized receipt.

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## Woman Asks Refund On Marriage License

Coeur d'Alene — (U.P.)—A disgruntled Spokane woman who cancelled her wedding plans asked County Auditor James D. Riggs Friday for a marriage license refund.

The letter said: "Enclosed please find a marriage license for which no wedding took place and never will. If there is a refund, please send same to me. If not, then burn it up."

Riggs, who informed the woman there is no refund, indicated he would keep the license as a souvenir.

## California Woman Asks Aid in Finding Father

Ruby Morrison, Del Loma, Calif., has requested city police to get in touch with her father, Charles A. Pitts, who is believed to be in the Medford area. Police Chief Clatous McCredie said today. Her letter said she has not seen her father for the past 22 years.

A check by The Mail Tribune with the California Oregon Power company revealed that the firm is furnishing electricity to four men, two in the Medford area, one in Grants Pass and one in Ashland, who have names similar to that of the California woman's father.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday & 11

Cambridge, Md. — (U.P.)—It took the law nine years to catch up with Aubrey D. Moore, but Moore got too talkative. He was taken in on a speeding charge and volunteered the information that he had had a driver's license only a week after driving nine years without one.

Washington. — (U.P.)— Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State opened their fourth national conference Thursday with speakers attacking censorship of movies and religious instruction in public schools as threats to democracy.

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