

Greyhound Buses Will Resume Schedules Soon



LOCATED OFF KOREA COAST, this is Kojima Island where Communists in United Nations' prisoner of war camp are holding Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, commandant, as hostage. (International)

Dodd Tells of Death Threat While Captive of Prisoners

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd said Monday Communist prisoners of war threatened to kill him and stage a mass break for freedom if 8th Army troops entered the Kojima Island camp where he was held hostage for four days.

Dodd's story as a captive of the rebellious Red prisoners in Compound 78 was told for the first time in a statement released by 8th Army headquarters here.

The general, released unharmed Saturday night, said the warning came Friday night. He had been seized on Wednesday.

Dodd said a Colonel Lee and a prisoner of war whom he believed to be the commissar of the Kojima camp came to the makeshift room where the Communists had quartered him.

"They discussed with me the effects of the use of force," Dodd said. "They informed me that if troops entered the compound, they would resist; that my life would be forfeited and that there would be a simultaneous

break from all compounds on the island.

When Dodd, who was commander of the unruly Kojima camp, was seized outside the gate to compound 78, he said his captors stationed 15 to 20 guards around his quarters to protect him from fanatical prisoners of war.

Dodd was released after Acting Camp Commander Brig. Gen. Charles Colson stationed flame-throwing tanks and bayonet-wielding infantrymen around the compound.

In Tokyo, Gen. Mark W. Clark, newly-appointed U.S. and UN Far East commander, issued a statement accusing the Communist prisoners of "unadulterated blackmail" in seizing Dodd. He said the whole incident was plotted for its propaganda effect.

To influence armistice

He said the Dodd incident and two previous riots at the Kojima island camp "were motivated by attempts to influence the armistice negotiations."

Gen. James Van Fleet, 8th Army commander, ordered Dodd's release by 10 a.m. last Saturday, threatening to use "all necessary force" if he was not turned loose unharmed by then.

The North Koreans, demanding the right to organize and be represented by an elected group, did not release him until 9:30 that night, 11 and one-half hours after the deadline.

Treated With Respect

Dodd said his captors treated him with the "utmost respect and courtesy." He said they gave him flowers and medical treatment while dickering for the right to organize.

He said he was seized Wednesday at the end of a discussion of Communist complaints concerning their needs for additional food, clothing and medical supplies. They also made a number of political demands "not appropriate for such an interview."

"At about 3:15 p.m., I had decided the interview was at an end and turned to depart, whereupon I was rushed by some 20 leaders, dragged into the compound and quickly carried to a building where I was searched and my personal possessions removed."

On the next day, Thursday, Dodd said he spent the day discussing the organization the prisoners had proposed. On Friday, he was presented with a revised written statement of the organization plans, plus a number of instances that concerned injuries to prisoners.

The next three hours were devoted to discussions of prisoner grievances," Dodd said. "The meeting was conducted according to the best parliamentary procedure."

"It appeared to me that in all cases Colonel Lee ruled in my favor."

On Saturday morning Colson gave them an answer to their demands. At noon, Lee and the prisoners told Dodd the answer was unsatisfactory.

After further negotiations and clarifications, the Communists decided the agreement was satisfactory. Since the weather was bad, they told Dodd they wanted to release him on Sunday.

Communists Defy UN To Break Off Talks

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — The Communists defied the United Nations Monday to break off the Korean armistice negotiations.

They bitterly denounced the U. N.'s treatment of war prisoners and arrogantly served notice

that they intend to use the daily negotiating sessions solely as a sounding board for Red propaganda—unless the Allies accept Communist terms or suspend the talks.

Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy, Chief U. N. delegate, emerged in an angry mood from the conference tent after the 52-minute session. He said the Reds had poured a flood of "invective, distortions and palpable lies" on the Allies.

More Airline Flights Cancelled by Gas Lack

Portland — (U.P.) — More cancellations of airline schedules out of Portland took effect Monday.

The 13-day old strike of the nation's oil workers forced United Airlines to consolidate its flights through Portland, and three flights through Salem were cancelled.

The service restrictions affect only United's DC-3 service. DC-8 planes will operate as usual.

West Coast started a new flight between Portland and Medford, but some other flights were cancelled. WCA's new flight will stop at Corvallis, Albany, Eugene, North Bend and Roseburg.

Cancelled West Coast flights were the Seattle-Portland-Medford morning flight, the 5 p.m. (PST) flight from Portland to Seattle and the morning flight from Seattle to Port Angeles and back to Seattle.

Klamath Falls-Medford Air Service Starts; Tickets Unavailable

Regular airline service between Medford and Klamath Falls—a major objective of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce—has started, due to the gasoline strike. But, under ruling of the Civil Aeronautics Board, it is impossible to buy a ticket between the two cities.

Walt Carson, station manager for United Air Lines, said that one northbound and one southbound flight daily are now routed through both Medford and Klamath Falls, thus eliminating other air service which in the past has gone down both sides of the Cascade mountains. The flights were eliminated to conserve gasoline due to the strike of oil workers.

But Carson said that under CAB regulations, tickets can be sold only to regularly scheduled stops, and one cannot buy a ticket from Medford to Klamath Falls. But if you want to buy a ticket to Portland, and then get off at Klamath Falls, there is nothing to stop you, Carson said.

North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, reading from a prepared statement, hurled charges against the U. N. of massacres, barbarous measures, blood-stealing, forced tattooing, maltreatment of prisoners and indiscriminate insults.

Included in the long list of charges was a serious protest for an alleged strafing attack by four Allied planes against a prisoner of war camp at Kang-dong in North Korea.

Nam said four U. N. prisoners were injured in a recent attack on the camp, the same one Communist negotiators claimed was bombed by Allied planes last January.

The North Korean general formally requested that U. N. "insure against a recurrence of such incidents in the future." Joy acknowledged the charge and said an appropriate investigation would be made.

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DAV Chapter Meeting To Elect, Nominate

An important meeting of Jackson County Chapter 8, Disabled American Veterans, will be held at the courthouse auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday, it was announced by OAV officers today.

A vote on the proposed purchase of property will be taken; delegates to the state convention will be elected, and officers of the chapter for the coming year will be nominated.

McCarthy Fitness Hearings Under Way

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Elections subcommittee opened hearings Monday on charges against Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) after warning that "charges, insinuations and innuendoes" will not stop it.

First phase of the hearing on McCarthy's fitness to sit in the Senate concerned his dealings with the Lustron Corp., a now-defunct pre-fabricated housing company which borrowed heavily from the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D-Ia.) put into the record a series of letters he said came from McCarthy denouncing the subcommittee and charging, among other things, it was carrying out the work of the Communist party.

Providence, R. I. — (U.P.) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Monday captured four at-large delegates and appeared likely to get all eight of Rhode Island's delegates to the Republican National Convention.

The GOP state convention voted 44 to 38 to adopt an all-Eisenhower at-large slate.

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Monday ordered a congressional investigation of "immoral" material presented on radio and television programs.

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FREE COUNTRIES FEEL EFFECT OF OIL WALKOUT

Record Turnout Predicted in State Primary Election

Extensive List of Candidates Available

Portland — (U.P.) — A record turnout was predicted Monday in Oregon's all-star preferential primary, featuring one of the most extensive lists of candidates in the 1952 battle for the presidential nominations.

Of the major GOP contenders, only Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio was missing from the six-candidate Republican ballot.

And the Democratic slate matched Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson—against his will—with Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

The Friday contest will be the first time Stevenson's name has appeared on a primary ballot.

A record registration of 387,717 Republicans and 380,075 Democrats prompted Dave O'Hara, state elections registrar, to predict a 60 per cent vote. In the 1950 primary only 41 per cent of the registered voters cast ballots.

The six candidates on the Republican ballot are Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gov. Earl Warren of California, Harold E. Stassen, Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and William R. Schneider, St. Louis attorney.

On the Democratic side are Kefauver, Stevenson and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

Morse and MacArthur both have disavowed their candidacy and have asked voters not to vote for them. Morse is in the state campaigning for Eisenhower.

And Kefauver is the only "willing" candidate on the Democratic ballot. Stevenson has said he is not a candidate and has asked voters to ignore his name on the ballot.

Local Attorney Gives Support to Haviland

Medford Attorney Otto Frohnmayer last night gave his support to District Attorney Paul Haviland in his campaign for reelection. Frohnmayer spoke on both Medford radio stations at 7 p.m.

His talk discussed the gambling situation in Jackson county, saying that it would be impossible to stamp out gambling entirely, and that if attempts were made to do so, "the people of this community would still

Lack of Gasoline Felt as Far as Finland, Honolulu

Non-Communist Nations Affected

Denver, Colo. — (U.P.) — Crippling effects of the nationwide strike of 90,000 oil workers reached from Finland to Honolulu Monday as the 13-day-old walkout continued to shut off fuel supplies.

Ratification of a wage pact between Standard Oil of California and 20 locals of the Independent Union of Petroleum Workers was announced Sunday. The agreement, approved by a 98 per cent majority of the 5,000 West Coast oil workers, called for an average 18½ cent hourly wage increase.

Strike Unaffected

The pact, however, had no effect on the nationwide strike by a coalition of 22 CIO, AFL and independent unions.

The strike threatened to cut into the non-Communist nations' fuel supplies because the U. S. sends gasoline to more than half the world market.

The strike also hit commercial airlines, which have grounded a number of domestic and foreign flights, and the military was using its fuel supplies only for essential operations.

Motorists Feel Strike

Some motorists and service stations were finding there wasn't enough gas to go around, especially in the East and Midwest.

The main pinch was in the supply of aviation fuel, however.

United Airlines announced it had cancelled temporarily 14 flights from San Francisco.

On the East Coast, air service from Idlewild International Airport at New York also was hit. No U.S.-to-Europe flights from some suspensions were expected.

Plane Fuel Cuts Asked

The U. S. and Great Britain Saturday joined in calling on all free nations to take cuts in use of aviation fuel to help make up the loss of 40 per cent of capacity production in this country, government officials said.

Finland was one of the first of the non-Communist nations to respond to the reduction appeal.

40 and 8 Members Elect New Officers At Wreck Saturday

At the closing session of the Tri State wreck of the 40 and 8 members of the Elks Temple basement here Saturday night, the voters from three states elected Abe Henderson, San Francisco, chief of state; Less Lessinger, Reno, chief of train and Val Dage, Reno, correspondent. Reno was selected as the place for the next wreck and the dates will be April 24 to 28, 1953.

George Bonner, Cave Junction, and Lloyd Baldwin, San Francisco, were elected aids to the chief.

The ritualistic work Saturday night was supervised by Dr. F. M. Ernest, Portland, sous chef de chemin passe; Harry Bahlman, Portland, grand chef de gare; C. J. Layton, Astoria, grand chef de train; Bert Hafenden, Portland, and Fred Paulus, Salem.

Mayor D. L. Flynn, Marvin Kahn, Donald M. Wilson, Howard McClure, Medford, and Lester Mathes, Central Point, were initiated into the order.

Southwest City Area Residents Awakened

A series of loud explosions woke a number of residents in the southwest section of Medford early this morning between 1 and 2 o'clock. Although reports of the noises came from a variety of sources, no one reported them to city police.

One resident who was awakened said he believes the bangs were caused by automobile back-firing and that it sounded as though the exhaust was specially fixed to produce the noise.

The explosions which sounded to some like shots, were heard in an area which ran from South Oakdale avenue west to the Winchester street area.

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.) — Czechoslovak Minister of Interior Václav Nosek apparently has disappeared and may be the latest victim of the ruthless purge which is sweeping Soviet satellite countries, well informed sources said Monday night.

Steel Seizure Arguments Start

Washington — (U.P.) — The steel industry opened arguments in an historic Supreme Court hearing Monday on the constitutionality of President Truman's April 8 seizure of the steel mills.

John W. Davis of New York, 79-year-old Democratic presidential nominee in 1924 and one of the nation's foremost constitutional lawyers, led off for the steel companies.

The chamber was jam-packed as Davis started the oral arguments in the great legal battle. Davis represented seven steel companies which are challenging the seizure.

After the industry presents its side, Acting Attorney General Philip B. Perlman will present the government's case.

Explosion of Meteor Believed Responsible for Seattle Blast

Seattle, Wash. — (U.P.) — Responsible observers believed Monday that a blinding blast which rocked this city of 500,000 persons may have been an exploding meteor.

But talk of "flying saucers" and "guided missiles" could be heard on any street corner.

The military was deep in a thorough but close-mouthed investigation. An intelligence officer at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma said an official statement may be released later Tuesday.

Residents Awakened

Thousands of startled residents were awakened at 1:30 a.m. Sunday by the blast which "rumbled like a freight-train," the eerie, blue-white light was seen at an estimated elevation of 2,000 feet and was visible 60 miles away.

The explosion occurred directly over North Seattle and was witnessed by many persons, including Northwest Airlines pilot Bert Carlson. He said he first sighted "an object" as he prepared to land at Seattle-Tacoma International airport.

"It was at about 7,000 feet when it suddenly shattered into eight pieces which looked like chain lightning. Fireballs trailed to the earth," he said.

Sidney owlick, a weather observer at the airport, described it as a "sort of lights-on, lights-off thing. It lasted two seconds at most. Everything turned blue." He also said he saw fireballs falling to the south.

Bluish Hue Lights Sky

United Press Staff Correspondent Peter Hayes was returning to Seattle from Bellingham, 60 miles to the north, when he saw the flash from the highway.

"It lit up the whole sky over the city with a bluish hue," he said. "It looked like lightning but somehow you knew it wasn't lightning."

All observers agreed the mysterious object was travelling from southwest to northeast when it blew up.

Despite the force of the blast, there were no reports of damage and no fragments of the "thing" have been recovered.

Cambridge, Mass. — (U.P.) — Harvard University's meteor expert says the giant fireball that split over Seattle, Wash., Sunday could have wiped out the city and its nearly 500,000 inhabitants if it had been a little nearer the earth.

Can Cause Damage

"A big enough meteor can cause more damage than several hydrogen-bombs," said Dr. Fred L. Whipple, an astronomy professor and widely-known authority on meteors.

He said a meteor which fell in the wilds west of Vladivostok, Russia in 1947 "blew down trees and leveled everything within a radius of 30 miles."

Reprisals Promised For Western Germany

Berlin — (U.P.) — The East German Communists said Monday that "consequences for West Berlin" will follow the day after West Germany signs its proposed contract with the Allies.

The threat was made by East German Deputy Premier Walter Ulbricht as the Russians for the fifth straight day prevented American and British military police from patrolling the highway leading to Western Germany.

The government of the East German Republic will never allow without a fight the Adenauer government's signature of the contractual agreement," Ulbricht said, referring to the agreement which Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the western Allies are to sign late this month.

Five-Day Week Won by Drivers In Long Walkout

Ratification of Agreement Expected

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Greyhound buses, missing from highways during a 67-day walkout of drivers and terminal employees, will roll again by next Monday, officials promised.

Many may be back in service by the end of this week, in accordance with an agreement for ending the drivers' strike, which extended over seven Western states.

Drivers Win Demand

Drivers won their main demand, a five-day work week, in the negotiations, which were refereed by Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins.

Before the buses can move, the agreement must be ratified by 51 per cent of more than 3,000 striking members of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Motor Coach Employees Union. This was considered automatic, and the only delay now is while mailed ballots are being returned by the drivers.

Pattern Expected

The new contract was announced by Hoskins Sunday. It affects striking workers of Pacific Greyhound in California, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and parts of Texas.

In addition, it is expected to set a pattern for settlement of strikes at the Northwest Greyhound, Overland Greyhound and Oregon Motor Stages which operates in Washington and Utah.

The Agreement includes, besides the five-day week, an immediate 4.6 per cent general wage increase and additional raises to compensate for the reduction in hours worked. Further cost-of-living wage boosts are scheduled for March 1953, and the same month in 1954.

Anti-Cloud Seeders Sign Law Petitions At Friday Meeting

Eagle Point — One of a series of meetings sponsored by the Moisture Conservation League, Inc., to organize opposition to cloud-seeding, was held here Friday evening. Petitions to place on the November general election ballot a proposal which would outlaw private weather control attempts were given to circulators, and signatures were accepted.

James Miller, Medford, who operates ranches in the Applegate and Ashland areas, is president of the league. He described the organization as a non-profit group, paying no salaries, with a membership fee of \$1.

More Than 100 Attend

More than 100 farmers of the Rogue valley attended the meeting, and heard arguments against cloud seeding, which concentrate on the assertion that flights to seed clouds for the prevention of hail have cut down on rainfall.

(The Rogue Valley Traffic association has hired two Medford pilots, Harvey Brandau and Eugene Kooser, to make the anti-hail flights. No hail damage has been reported in the past three years during the experiments, compared to reported hail damage to fruit on virtually every preceding year.)

Ed Hanley, Medford attorney for the league, said, "This is no question of putting anyone out of business. We had famous fruit here before cloud seeders were heard of."

County Equalization Board Meets Today

Jackson county's board of equalization met this morning in the county assessor's office to hear any complaints on property assessments and to check the assessor's rolls, according to County Assessor C. A. Myers.

The board will investigate any complaints, he said, and is empowered by state law to "correct any incorrect assessments." Myers said he knew of only one complaint to be heard, although there could be others.

The three-man board will meet for the first time today, the assessor pointed out, under the new state law which replaces the older five-man setup. Members of the new board are County Judge J. B. Coleman, Arnold Bohnert and Ralph Cook.

WEATHER

cloudiness, mild temperatures tonight and Tuesday. A few showers in mountains Tuesday afternoon. Low tonight 43. High Tuesday 68-70.

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Highest Yesterday	62
Lowest this Morning	44