

TRUMAN EXPECTS TO RETAIN SEIZURE POWERS

Enemy Prisoners Post Own Guards

Sentries Seek To Prevent Escape of Fellow Captives

Van Fleet Believes Violence At End

BY RICHARD APPLIGATE

Koje Island, Korea—(U.P.)— Communist prisoners of war posted guards inside the barbed wire of notorious Compound 78 Thursday night to prevent fellow captives from escaping.

There were unconfirmed reports that the Communist sentries grabbed one prisoner who tried to escape.

Their action was noted for the first time by Allied newsmen shortly after Gen. James A. Van Fleet, 8th Army commander, visited the prison compounds here and declared that he believed violence had ended.

Allied sources here indicated the sentries were posted by the prisoners themselves to prevent fanatics from attempting escapes that could lead to new bloodshed and probably would be unsuccessful even if the captives got outside the compounds.

Full Control Predicted

Van Fleet predicted American guards would have full control in "a short time."

He flew here from Pusan where it was disclosed that nine American soldiers were injured in Tuesday's rioting in a hospital compound there. An earlier announcement placed the casualties at one prisoner killed, 85 injured and one American hurt.

North Koreans wearing uniforms and armbands stood without weapons at posts 50 feet apart in Compound 76 where more than 6,000 Communists held Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd hostage for 78 hours.

Ashland Blood Quota Missed

Ashland — A total of 254 pints of blood was collected here yesterday during the regular monthly visit of the bloodmobile to Jackson county, according to officials of the drive. The group in charge of the Ashland drive had set a goal of 350 pints for the visit.

Those in charge of the Ashland drive included Sid Reed, secretary of the Ashland Elks lodge, in charge of recruitment, and Mrs. H. S. Ingle, Ashland chairman. Lotus Eaton and Evelyn Reavis, Medford nurses, also aided in the collection.

An unusual feature of the Wednesday collection was the fact that three generations of one family aided in the program. They were Mrs. C. E. Pratt, her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Silver, and her granddaughters, Mrs. Michael McLaughlin.

The next Jackson county visit of the bloodmobile will be June 18 in Medford.

Rogue Valley Marine Wounded in Korea

Marine Pfc. Linsley D. Dotson, son of Mrs. Maybelle M. Rains, route 1, box 174, Central Point, has been wounded during fighting in the Korean area, according to word received by his mother.

A letter from her son stated that he was wounded in the head, back, hand and arm, Mrs. Rains said. He is receiving treatment aboard the USS Constitution, Navy hospital ship.

Private Dotson was graduated from Central Point high school in 1950 and attended West Side school. He was employed by the Mt. Pitt Lumber company for a few months and enlisted in the Marines in December, 1950. He has been in Korea since July, 1951.

Woman Under Life Sentence Gets Parole

Walla Walla — (U.P.)— Claire Richardson, who with her husband was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1939 for the bathtub murder of 19-year-old Clara Compton, has been released on parole.

The State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles considered Mrs. Richardson's case under a new state law permitting life terms to be released if they have good conduct records.

She divorced her husband in 1949, and he still is in prison. The beaten and burned body of the Compton woman was found in a Seattle hotel room 13 years ago.

Seattle — (U.P.)— Members of Local 81, Meatcutters' union (AFL), will strike May 29 if a wage agreement is not reached by then. Alfred Jussett, union business representative, said Thursday.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Friday. Low tonight 42. High Friday 48-55. Temp. Highest yesterday 45. Lowest this morning 31.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL Chicago 3 9 0 Boston 0 4 1 Rush and Atwell; Bickford, Jones 9, and St. Claire.

Cincinnati 7 11 1 Brooklyn 8 10 1 Hiller, Smith 8, and Semnick; Labine, Rutherford 6, Erskine 7, Black 8, and Campanella.

St. Louis 0 4 3 New York 6 11 0 Staley, Werle 8, Bokelman 8, and D. Rice; Kennedy and Westrum.

Home runs: Williams, none on. Pittsburgh 0 3 1 Philadelphia 6 10 1 Mungler, Wilks 4, and McCullough; Simmons and Lopata.

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Ernest Langley, Prominent Valley Pioneer, Passes

Ernest A. Langley, 84, who played a prominent part in the early history of Jacksonville and Medford, died at his home, 310 Oregon street, Jacksonville, yesterday.

Mr. Langley was born near Hutchinson, Minn., on October 11, 1867, and at the age of 14 came to Jackson county with his parents, David and Lucy Van Ness Langley, where he lived the remainder of his life. On March 15, 1900, he was married in Jacksonville to Maryann Bienvenu, who survives.

In Medford and Rogue Valley history, he was one of the two remaining members of the first volunteer fire department in Medford, and a member of Medford's first band. He was a fireman on the Southern Pacific railway when the first trainload of soldiers went through Medford in World War I. For several years he operated the train that ran between Medford and Jacksonville and on leaving the railroad he was a deputy assessor in Jackson county for 32 years.

Next Tuesday he would have been honored at a banquet given by the Medford fire department. In point of membership, he was one of the oldest members of Warren lodge No. 10, AF&AM, and one of the oldest Past Masters of that lodge. He was also a Past High Priest of Oregon chapter No. 4, R.A.M., a Past Patron of Adalor chapter No. 3, Order of Eastern Star, and a member of Crater Lake council No. 15, A. & S. M.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Chapel Mortuary, with Elder O. E. Schnepfer of the Seventh Day Adventist church in charge. Interment will be in Jacksonville cemetery, with Warren Lodge No. 10, AF&AM, in charge. Pall bearers will be Masonic brothers, Ray Coleman, Ernest McIntyre, Tom Cunningham, Andrus Smith, R. C. Cummings and Elmer Adams.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a cousin, Alvin Langley, Spokane, Wash., and several nephews and nieces in California.

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Barker stated that more than 500 invitations to the convention have been sent throughout the state to city and rural fire departments and to fire fighting equipment dealers. Indications at this time are that a majority of those invited plan to attend, he stated.

Approximately 30 dealers are expected to show equipment ranging from fire extinguishers and other small items which will be displayed in the Jackson hotel, to fire trucks which

Chief Executive Doesn't Expect Adverse Decision

Promises To Abide By Court Verdict

Washington — (U.P.)— President Truman told a news conference Thursday he does not think the courts or the Congress can take away his power to seize fundamental industries in a national emergency.

Under questioning by reporters, he said he does not believe this inherent, constitutional right of his is at stake in the steel case currently before the Supreme Court.

Will Accept Decision

He promised to abide by the Supreme Court decision on steel and said his news conference comments in his way constituted pre-judgment of the court decision.

He said that if the court decides that he did not have the power to seize steel, he would turn the mills back to steel management and see what happens.

Mr. Truman, however, said repeatedly and pointedly that neither the courts nor Congress could take away from the president his inherent right under the constitution to seize properties if such a step is necessary to protect the welfare of the nation.

Means Courts, Too

Three times reporters put this matter up to the president in virtually the same language. Each time Mr. Truman said nobody could take from a president the inherent rights granted him under the Constitution.

"That means the courts?" he was asked.

Nobody, the president replied firmly.

Favors New Law

Mr. Truman said he favored congressional enactment of a new law giving the President specific authority to deal with strikes in fundamental industries. He said he thought the law should contain a provision for seizure.

Russell Counts on North Carolina Votes

Washington — (U.P.)— Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia counted on North Carolina to provide him with a big bloc of Democratic convention delegates Thursday but Florida campaign problems kept him worried.

North Carolina Democrats were scheduled to name 40 national convention delegates with 32 votes — the second largest Southern delegation — at Thursday's state convention.

Before leaving to resume his Florida campaign, Russell told reporters that he expects to get the support of a substantial majority of the North Carolina delegation, although it may be officially "uninstructed."

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DEFYING AMERICAN GUARDS, these Communist captives in riot-torn Kojé Island prison camp are defiantly drilling with spike-tipped tent poles as 3,000 fully armed troops and 18 tanks take positions outside the compound as a "precautionary measure."

West German Pact Would Decrease Unification Chance

Berlin — (U.P.)— East German premier Otto Grotewohl said Wednesday night that West Germany's separate peace treaty with the Western allies would wreck chances for unification and bring the country to the brink of civil war.

Grotewohl's warning came as Allied big three and West German delegates announced at Bonn that the peace treaty — technically known as a peace contract — was now ready for signature by the four foreign ministers next Monday.

World War Possible

The East German premier told the Communist National Front council that the treaty would "bring Germany into the immediate neighborhood of civil war and a new third world war."

He said signing of the pact would be "the final blow" to Communist attempts to bring about understanding and unity between the East and West German governments.

A communique issued after the council meeting called on East Germany to rearm to meet the threat posed by the new treaty.

Wilson Brothers Will Hang June 23

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.)— Utah and Turman Wilson brothers were ordered hanged June 23 for the 1950 kidnap-murder of JoAnn Dewey, Meadowdale, Wash.

Superior Judge Eugene G. Cushing announced the new hanging date as the two brothers appeared handcuffed together in court before him.

The Wilsons, twice saved from the gallows, were returned to the Clark county jail here Wednesday night from Walla Walla.

Two previous execution dates were passed because federal courts issued stays to permit additional time for appeals, but each time the pleas were turned down.

Paris — (U.P.)— Tourist-season sign in a Paris café Thursday: "More or less we speak English."

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American, Australian Bombers Blast Huge Enemy Supply Base

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.)— American and Australian fighter-bombers blasted a huge manufacturing and supply center near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang into flaming ruin Thursday in one of the largest single air attacks of the Korean war.

Pinpoint bombing from dawn to dusk reduced at least 117 buildings between Pyongyang and Chinnampo, its West Coast port to smoking rubble. At least 84 others were damaged as the planes unloaded "hundreds of tons" of bombs, the 5th Air Force reported.

No Figures Given

The Air Force gave no figures, but extent of the attack and the damage inflicted indicated the raid at least approached size of the May 8 assault on Suwon, biggest fighter-bomber attack of the war. In that raid 165 buildings were destroyed.

Using tactics identical with those of the Suwon raid, the fighter-bombers struck at dawn after air intelligence officers reported a weeks-long buildup of supplies had reached a peak.

Planes in Relays

Relays of jets and propeller-driven planes, screened by American Sabre jets, slammed bombs, rockets, napalm and machine gun bullets into the area until nightfall.

Marine and Navy fighters and jets of the Australian 77th squadron joined American planes for the attack on the supply complex.

Other fighter-bombers raged across the ground front and knocked out 45 troop shelters, three artillery pieces and six mortars. Screening F-86 Sabre jets found no Communist Mig-15s.

Quick Action Planned To End Rail Seizure

Washington — (U.P.)— A White House spokesman said Thursday President Truman will move swiftly to end government seizure of the railroads on the basis of an agreement signed by the carriers and three rail unions.

The agreement signed at the White House shortly before midnight brought to a close one of the longest and bitterest labor-management disputes in U. S. history.

The dispute over wages and working rules began three years ago, Mr. Truman seized the railroads 21 months ago to head off a nationwide rail strike.

Newspaper and police telephone switchboards were jammed with calls from excited residents who reported hearing loud blasts, Don Shepard, manager of a sales book company, said a crack 50 feet long was opened in the ceiling of his firm's concrete, tile and plaster building. One woman said her door blew open and other residents said their houses shook.

Grants Pass Votes To Remain on PST

Grants Pass, Ore. — (U.P.)— Grants Pass has decided to remain on standard time.

The decision was reached Wednesday night when the city council mullied the daylight-standard time matter and ended up in a tie vote. The tie means that unless the council later changes its mind, Grants Pass will not move its clocks this year.

Jet Planes Blamed For 'Blast' Reports

Portland — (U.P.)— Authorities said Thursday that jet planes were responsible for a series of "explosions" reported by residents in Portland and Vancouver, Wash.

Washington — (U.P.)— Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway said Thursday that false Communist charges against the United Nations add up to "a monumental warning" that the Reds themselves may be plotting germ and gas warfare.

But the former supreme U. N. commander in the Far East told the House and Senate in joint meeting that the 8th Army in Korea is ready for whatever happens.

Ridgway said the U. N. Army stands "proud, defiant and confident of its capability for accomplishing any mission it might be assigned."

His remarks echoed somewhat those made last week by Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett. Lovett told newsmen that germ warfare charges hurled by the Reds against the U. N., may be, as Communist propaganda has been in the past, a tipoff to the enemy's own intentions.

Reasonable Formula

Ridgway declared that the U. N. has given the Communists a formula for "a logical, reasonable, and honorable settlement" in Korea. But their response has been "vicious falsehoods." Concerning the Reds' germ warfare charges Ridgway said:

"These allegations are false in their entirety. No element of the United Nations Command has employed either germ or gas warfare in any form at any time."

Then he added: "In the whole black record of false propaganda, these charges should stand out as a monumental warning to the American people and the free world — a warning as menacing and as urgent as a forest fire bearing down upon a wooden village."

Hammering this idea home, Ridgway continued:

Deadly Danger

"The extent to which Communist leaders have gone in fabricating, disseminating and persistently pushing these false charges should impress upon the brains of those, who yet fail to refuse to see the purpose of Communism, the deadly danger with which it confronts us and the free world."

Ridgway traced the statement of Korean truce talks on the "blind hatred, vituperative venom, the vicious falsehoods" of the Red negotiators.

He asserted the U. N. truce proposals provide the basis for

Rapid Passage of Control Bill Eyed

Washington — (U.P.)— Senate Democratic Leader Ernest W. McFarland promised Thursday to press for quick passage of a watered-down controls bill despite the threat of another labor walkout from the stabilization program.

The wage-price-rent control extension bill was approved Wednesday by the Senate Banking Committee. It would extend wage and price controls until March 1, and rent controls until June 30, 1953. President Truman wanted a two-year extension.

Stirring labor's anger was a provision which would overhaul the Wage Stabilization Board and set up a new board composed of just six public members without power to recommend settlements of wage disputes.

Stockpiled Copper Ordered Released

Washington — (U.P.)— President Truman Thursday authorized release of 22,000 tons of copper from the strategic stockpile to keep essential production rolling until imports start coming in at newly approved higher prices.

The office of defense mobilization said stockpile copper would be used to make up a shortage caused by stoppage of shipments from Chile on May 8.

Oil Strike Settlement Reported Continuing

Denver — (U.P.)— Settlement of the 23-day old strike of the nation's union oil workers was continuing at a slow pace Thursday on an individual plant-by-plant basis.

A spokesman for the CIO oil workers union at Denver said it would be a "generous estimate" to say that one-third of the original 90,000 strikers were back at work.

Hillsboro Woman Rebekah President

Salem — (U.P.)— Mrs. Ralph Ramey, Hillsboro, is the new president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon Odd Fellows. She was elected at the Odd Fellows state convention here, which closes Thursday.

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settlement "on equitable terms."

"Acceptance or rejection, cessation or continuance of hostilities in Korea, is now the responsibility of the Communist leaders," Ridgway said.

Only Reference

This was Ridgway's only reference in his 2,500-word speech to the possibility of renewed large-scale warfare in Korea. He did not mention the recent capture by Communist prisoners of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, and the quickly repudiated concessions which were granted for Dodd's release. Many congressmen have demanded investigations of the entire Kojé affair.

Admiral Joy Raps Enemy Attitude in Departing Speech

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.)— Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy stepped out of the Korean truce talks Thursday with the parting accusation that the Communists have used the period of negotiations to rebuild their "shattered armies."

The senior allied delegate, who has served the entire 10 months and 12 days since the talks began, told the Communists that there is "nothing left to negotiate." The decision for peace or more war in Korea, he told them, "is in your hands."

"During a moving 1,200-word statement of United Nations aims, Joy said:

"You have increasingly presented evidence before the world that you did not enter these negotiations with sincerity and high purpose, but rather that you entered them to gain time to repair your shattered armies, and to try to accomplish at the conference table what your armies could not accomplish in the field."

He then turned his job over to Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison with the words, "May God be with him."

Leaves Abruptly

Joy turned and left the armistice tent so abruptly that the Communists thought for a moment he was breaking off the talks. Their translators quickly set them straight.

Joy's statement took up most of the 48-minute morning meeting. Harrison led the Allied delegation back for a 32-minute afternoon session, and will meet with the Reds again Friday.

Joy told the Communists once more that the Allies will not go beyond their April 28 offer to return only the 70,000 Red prisoners who want to go back to Communism. The other 99,000 prisoners held by the U. N. have said they would forcibly resist repatriation.

William Baillie May Be New OLCC Chief

Salem — (U.P.)— William Baillie, who has been in charge of the Salem office of the State Employment service for several years, may be Oregon's next liquor administrator.

Robert L. Elfstrom, chairman of the Oregon Liquor Control commission, said Thursday that Baillie may be named at the commission's meeting in Portland Friday to succeed William A. Bingham, who has resigned.

Bingham is returning to service with the Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Portland at a salary considerably higher than that he receives as liquor commission administrator.

Columbia Basin Celebration Opens

Pasco, Wash. — (U.P.)— A celebration began Thursday to mark the equivalent of adding a new state to the nation's economy—the opening of the Columbia basin, the largest irrigation project ever devised by the mind of man.

In just nine days, at a tiny Washington town called Othello, 42 lucky names will be drawn from more than 7,000 applications for Columbia basin homesteads.

Two days before that—Thursday, May 29—the water and the desert will be married.

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