

FREEZE HITS VALLEY'S FARMERS

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Enemy Prisoners Flee To Safety

Terrorized Reds Seek Protection Of Allied Guards

Control Gained, Boatner Reports

Koje Island, Korea. — (U.P.) — Four-hundred anti-Communist war prisoners, terrorized by Red execution squads who murdered some of their comrades, bolted to safety Thursday while being transferred from one compound to another.

"Now we will live!" they shouted as they ran toward American guards.

They broke from the marching ranks in groups up to 100 while die-hard Reds jeered or tried to hold them back.

Several frightened prisoners, unable to escape before they were inside the new Compound 91, tried to run back through the gate but were seized by Communists and dragged into a barracks before guards could interfere.

"If they do that again," Brig. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner told his officers, "order them to release the men. If they resist, bathe them in tear gas."

Some Get Through

About 40 anti-Communist got back through the gate or clambered over the fence.

Boatner, camp commander, supervised the movement of 4,875 prisoners Thursday from Compound 95 to temporary quarters in 91. It was the latest step in his plan to break up all the island compounds.

The deputy camp commander, Col. Harold L. Taylor, announced 19,000 prisoners have been transferred to new compounds. He said at least 1,000 prisoners have been weeded out of this number as anti-Communists or for other reasons.

Of the new compounds, he said, "we have uncontested control there, without a doubt."

"Uncontested control" of the compounds was ordered by Gen. Mark W. Clark, supreme United Nations commander.

Draft of Physicians Ordered in August

Washington — (U.P.) — The Defense Department Thursday ordered selective service to draft 450 priority one physicians during August unless a sufficient number voluntarily enters the armed forces.

If they actually are inducted, they will constitute the first large group of physicians to be drafted since World War II.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN

St. Louis	5	12	3
Boston	7	10	3

Pilleite, Madison 7, Mahoney 8, and Courtney, Moss 4; Hudson, Delock 9, and White.

Home runs: For Boston: Evers, 1 on.

NATIONAL

Boston	11	13	2
Pittsburgh	2	4	1

Johnson, Burdette 2, and Burris; Muir, Main 4, Munger 5, Lapaine 6, and Garagiola. Home runs: For Boston: Burris, 1 on.

Allied Forces Hack Wedges In Red Lines; Hold Ground

Seoul, Korea. — (U.P.) — Bayonet-wielding Allied riflemen, supported by tanks on the ground and fighter-bombers in the air, hacked two wedges into Communist lines and still held their newly-won ground Thursday night.

Buildup Area Struck

The Allies struck on the flanks of the old "Iron Triangle," the Red buildup area on the central front where Chinese in nightly attacks have been putting increasing pressure on United Nations lines.

The triangle is formed roughly by Pyongyang, Chorwon and Kumhwa. Heaviest Allied assault was along its western edge where the Reds have been trying to regain ground the Allies



MEETING WITH CHURCH DIGNITARIES, Pope Plus XII permits Frank Mastro, INP photographer, to make exclusive picture as Pontiff sits on throne in Clementine Hall, St. Peter's, Rome. On either side of Pope are Francis Cardinal Spellman (left), New York and Archbishop John F. O'Hara, Philadelphia (right). (International)

Drain on Britain's Gold, Dollar Reserve Claimed Only Slowed

London — (U.P.) — Britain, warned by Prime Minister Winston Churchill that she is perilously near bankruptcy, was told Thursday that the drain on her dwindling gold and dollar reserves has been only slowed and not stopped by drastic economic restrictions.

Continue To Dwindle

Chancellor and Exchequer R. A. Butler told the House of Commons that the vital reserves continued to dwindle. Shortly before he spoke statistics were released revealing that Britain's import-export balance ran into the red by \$250,000,000 last month.

Churchill said Wednesday that Britain is in peril of losing her possessions and glory because she is close to bankruptcy. Britons, he said, are standing on "a treacherous trap door" but his warning was "not a cry of despair . . . it is more than the alert. It is the alarm."

Loss Said Cut

Butler said the drastic measures taken by the Churchill government had cut the loss in gold and dollar reserves to under 10,000,000 pounds (\$28,000,000) during April and May. But he admitted that the dollar position had been helped in part because figures for this quarter include the first installment of a \$300,000,000 defense aid grant from the U. S.

Guard Units Leave For Camp Tomorrow

Seventy-three national members of Medford's two National Guard units, Headquarters company and Company A, 186th Infantry, 1st Battalion, will leave here by train at midnight tomorrow for 15 days summer training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Three officers and 30 enlisted men of Company A, commanded by Capt. George Bennett, Ashland, will make the trip. Headquarters company, commanded by Lt. Kenneth Black, Camp White, will be represented by nine officers and 31 enlisted men.

The train will also pick up guard units at points north of here. The National Guard outfits are slated to arrive at Ft. Lewis at 6:30 p. m.

Officers and men of the 304th logistical command (A), a local organized reserve corp unit, commanded by Col. Tom Gunn, Grants Pass, will train at Ft. Lewis from August 3 to 18.

Birth Reporter Reports Birth

Salem — (U.P.) — Men bites dog, or:

Birth reporter reports birth. James B. Miller, who calls from the Salem Statesman to the hospitals to ask about births, called the Statesman from the hospital Wednesday night to report the birth of a 7 pound, 13 ounce son to his wife at Salem memorial hospital. The newcomer, Jeffrey Burr Miller, and Mrs. Miller were reported doing well.

Higher Spud Prices Boost Farmers' Index

Boise — (U.P.) — The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported Thursday that a sharp increase in Idaho potato prices boosted the price index received by farmers during May to an all-time high.

The May index was set for 327.4 points higher than the record high established in April, the USDA reported.

Average price for potatoes was \$2.35 a bushel. This was exceeded only by April, 1948, when prices went to \$2.40 a bushel.

Frank Sawacki, Juvenile Officer, Resigns from Post

Cut in Budget Seen As Among Reasons

Frank Sawacki, Jackson county juvenile officer since September, 1950, has submitted his resignation, it was announced today by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, who is also presiding judge of the county juvenile court.

Sawacki, in his letter of resignation said, "I am accepting another position which will offer salary opportunities that will enable me to better meet the financial requirements of my family."

1952 Budget Cut

Members of the Juvenile Advisory committee, who were instrumental in bringing Sawacki here from Madison, Wis., to handle juvenile problems, acknowledged Sawacki's desire for a better paying position. But it is an open secret among committee members that his resignation was at least partly motivated by the fact that the juvenile court budget was cut this year.

Principal cuts were in the amounts allowed for institutional care for young people, and in mileage payments, which in effect would cut down the number of home visits which juvenile officers could make. Miss Alice Grace, deputy juvenile officer, is now on vacation, but committee members have been informed that she also is considering resigning, and for much the same reasons.

Prizes Judge

Sawacki's letter of resignation however, made no criticism of the county budget, which in total amount is the largest in history. His letter was devoted to an appraisal of the juvenile department, and had warm praise for the manner in which it has been conducted by Judge Hanna.

"Your sound application of juvenile justice, tempered with deep understanding of child and parental problems, has personally enriched my experience," he said. "You have given our people a deeper appreciation of real juvenile law, and in my opinion, you have made a lasting contribution to the juvenile court system in our state and country . . ."

Committee's Aid Cited

His letter also acknowledged the "tireless effort and devotion to public service" of the Juvenile Court Advisory committee, terming it "commendably unique in the cause of juvenile services and democratic participation in a vital public affair . . ."

There remains much to be done," his letter continued, "and it is my fond hope that the citizens of Jackson county will continue to offer their understanding and support in this vital service to our children and our community."

Sawacki made no public announcement of his resignation, and explained that he felt it might damage his work with young people if they knew he was leaving. However, Judge Hanna made the resignation public in the hope that residents of the county could, if familiar with the circumstances, be of assistance in finding a qualified replacement.

BULLETINS

Berlin — (U.P.) — The Russians rejected Thursday a U. S. protest against the June 4 shooting of an American military policeman patrolling the East-West border and charged that the soldier had violated Soviet Zone territory and threatened a guard.

Berlin — (U.P.) — The East German Communists heightened their border controls Thursday by giving the Soviet Zone secret police unspecified but "broadened" powers to act against "spies, terrorists and diversionists" in frontier areas.

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Thursday approved another 15-day extension of President Truman's emergency war powers and sent the bill to conference with the House.

Astoria — (U.P.) — Bottom fishermen were bringing catches into Astoria and Newport again Thursday after the Otter Trawler Union and Offshore Fishing essel Owners association reached a price agreement with packers.

Astoria — (U.P.) — The Astoria Plywood corporation has put \$200,000 of preferred stock up for sale in an effort to liquidate a portion of the company's indebtedness.

Central Point Boy Killed When Truck Rolls Over on Him

Vehicle Hits Ruts On Road, Police Told

A 14-year-old Central Point boy was killed outright yesterday afternoon when he was thrown from a pickup truck, and then was crushed by it when it rolled on him, state police reported this morning.

The boy was Robert Leland Rominger, route 2, box 246, Central Point. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rominger, of the same address. The father is employed at the Redskin orchard.

Police said he was a passenger in a truck driven by Elgin Gene Robinson, 16, route 2, box 290, Central Point. Another passenger was Robert William Johnston, 14, route 1, box 273, Central Point.

Hit Road Ruts

The surviving boys, neither of whom were seriously hurt, told officers they were coming south on Antioch road at about 25 or 30 miles per hour. The truck struck deep ruts of the Beagle road where it intersects with Antioch road, they said, and was thrown out of control. The Rominger boy was thrown from the cab of the pickup, and then the truck skidded, turned over, rolled on him and crushed him to death.

The accident occurred at about 5:06 p. m.

The boy's body was taken to the Litwiller funeral home in Ashland by a Conger-Morris funeral home vehicle, and announcement of funeral services is pending.

In addition to his parents, the boy is survived by a brother, Byron, 10, and a sister, Barbara, 4.

Major M. Morris Tells Retirement From Ice Company

The retirement of Major M. Morris, president and general manager of the Medford Ice and Storage company, after 35 years with the firm, was announced today. William Briggs, Ashland, former vice-president of the firm, is the new president of the corporation, and A. M. Collier, Klamath Falls, is vice-president.

Lyle B. Thurman, an employee of the company for 26 years, and secretary of the firm, has been named general manager. Earl T. Shepherd, Los Angeles, is another member of the board of directors.

Former President

John R. Tomlin, Medford, for many years was president of the company until his retirement Jan. 1, 1952, when Morris assumed that office.

The Medford plant, organized in 1905, is considered one of the best and most modern on the west coast. Its storage capacity, is 6,000,000 standard boxes of fruit. Fruit storage is the principal use made of the plant. In addition the plant furnishes all the ice for refrigerating cars from the valley. There also is a meat cutting department with quick freeze and locker service for individuals.

House Committee Vetoes Seizure Power

Washington — (U.P.) — The usually pro-administration House Banking committee rejected 15 to 10 Thursday a move to give President Truman power to seize the steel industry.

The action was taken as the committee worked on legislation to extend the Defense Production Act—the basic controls act which expires June 30.

The seizure proposal, identical to one already rejected by the Senate, was offered by Rep. Richard Bolling, D-Mo.

Five Southern Democrats joined 10 Republicans in voting against it. One Republican joined nine Democrats in voting for it.

The outcome made it plain that the administration can have little, if any, hope of getting seizure legislation through the House.

3-Way Scheme To Weld Republican Delegations Told

Washington — (U.P.) — Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland confirmed Thursday that a move is under way to weld three pivotal state delegations into a "harmony" bloc which possibly could decide the Republican presidential nominee.

McKeldin, who holds Maryland's 24 GOP convention votes as a "favorite son" candidate, said he had been approached about the deal Wednesday by a "Pennsylvania politician" he described as a friend of Gov. John S. Fine of Pennsylvania.

The Maryland chief executive said the politician talked over a three-way proposal which also would involve Republican National Committeeman Arthur Summerfield of Michigan.

Large blocs of GOP convention delegates from all three states now are listed as uncommitted in the contest between Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"I, of course, have no way of knowing whether the person who approached me had authority from Governor Fine," McKeldin said by telephone from Annapolis, Md.

"Perhaps the same person still is to make contact with Governor Fine. However, the initiative in this matter certainly is not mine.

"If Governor Fine is not interested, that ends the matter. On the other hand the news reports which I have seen do not indicate that the governor would not be interested in such a harmony move."

Negligent Homicide Charged to Driver In Fatal Accident

Royley Howard Newsom, 31, of 603 North Bartlett street, was arrested and jailed in lieu of \$2,000 cash or \$3,000 security bail today, state police said. He was arrested on a warrant charging negligent homicide in connection with an accident in which two people died.

Newsom was driver of a truck which collided with a sedan occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dudley C. Fullington, Torrance, Calif., on June 7. The accident occurred on a highway curve north of Central Point, and the Fullingtons died instantly.

The warrant was issued on a complaint signed by state police officers, who have been questioning eye witnesses to the accident since it happened. The complaint alleges that Newsom, who was driving his own truck, was driving with excessive speed, failed to keep a proper lookout, and failed to operate on the right side of the road, according to District Attorney Paul Haviland.

At the time of the accident, Newsom told police his empty flatbed truck and trailer skidded into the Fullington vehicle on pavement wet by a recent rain.

The case was continued this morning for preliminary hearing, with a date to be set by the court at a later time. Edward C. Kelly is counsel for Newsom.

House Receives Bill To Continue Controls

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate passed and sent to the House Thursday a bill to continue price-wage rent controls to next March 1.

Passage was by a 58-to-18 roll call vote.

The bill continues the Defense Production Act, which is scheduled to expire June 30.

The Senate bill would keep wage, price and rent controls for eight more months, but continues authority for allocation and consumer credit controls for an additional year — until June 30, 1953.

The bill now goes to the House, where the Banking Committee is completing its own version of a controls measure.

American President Lines Will Be Sold

Washington — (U.P.) — The government and the Dollar Steamship interests Thursday agreed to offer the American President Lines Ltd. for public sale at at least \$14,000,000 and divide the proceeds.

R. Stanley Dollar, San Francisco, made it clear that he will make a bid for the disputed steamship line.

Extensive Damage Caused by Record Cold June Night

Tomatoes Wiped Out; Fruit Harm Uncertain

Widespread damage to Rogue valley agricultural crops was reported this morning, following an unprecedented mid-June cold snap.

Last night was the coldest ever recorded in this area during June, July or August, the weather bureau said. Minimum temperature recorded there was 31 degrees, although reports from elsewhere in the valley said some spots were as cold as 25 or 27 degrees.

(Previous record cold during June was 32 degrees, also on the 12th, in 1917.)

Damage Uncertain

County Agent C. B. Cordy said that the extent of damage to the county's \$10,000,000 pear crop is extremely uncertain. "I haven't the faintest inkling as to how much damage—if any—was caused to pears," Cordy said. But he reported that the tomato crop was virtually wiped out, as were most of the beans, cucumbers, some corn and many other truck crops. Tender flowers were also killed, he said.

Cordy explained that any dollars and cents estimate of the extent of damage is impossible to make today, but it will be heavy, he said. Frost damage to pears is impossible to detect for several days, he added, although the damage may not be as bad as was first thought this morning.

Some Heating Orchards

Most valley orchardists have taken in their orchard heating smudge pots for the season, although there were a few orchards where the pots remained. Most of these were lighted last night, and a light cloud of smoke over the valley was seen this morning.

Weather bureau temperature in Ashland was reported as 29, and in Grants Pass as 33, with some spots colder than these reports.

No Hail Damage

No hail was reported from the heavy cumulus clouds which remained over the valley yesterday, but a fall of snow pellets, and some flakes, was reported from a number of spots throughout the area. The snow was part of the general weather pattern which resulted in the extreme cold last night.

The anti-hail pilots flew a total of 11 hours in three planes yesterday, and Gene Kooser, the chief pilot here, said that he feels the cloud-seeding flights prevented fruit damage from the pellets. He explained that the freezing level was down to about 4,000 feet yesterday, and that pellets which fell from the clouds at around 17,000 to 18,000 feet would not melt before reaching the ground, due to the low freezing level.

Actual seeding time was between five and six hours, Kooser said.

By UNITED PRESS

The weather was more like approaching winter than approaching summer in most of Oregon Wednesday night and the weather bureau Thursday had little hope of immediate relief.

Temperatures dipped below freezing at several points, snow fell at Lakeview and rain and hail were reported in other sections of the state.

Minneapolis Pilot To Visit Scandinavia

Washington — (U.P.) — Max Conrad, globe-trotting Minneapolis aviator, took off Thursday on a tiny Piper Facer airplane on the first leg of a 4,000-mile goodwill flight to Scandinavia.

Because of bad weather in the Goose Bay, Labrador area, Conrad decided to set down at Old Town, Me., Thursday night.

'Peace Partisans' Protest Ridgway Arrival in Italy

Rome — (U.P.) — Italian riot squads and plainclothes police formed a ring around the Communist-controlled Rome Chamber of Labor Thursday as Red-led "peace partisan" leaders met to protest the arrival in Italy next week of Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

Police did not hinder individuals entering or leaving the labor headquarters.

"But, if they try to hold any sort of a demonstration outside we will move in," a police official said.

The government has promised "vigorous" action against any Red demonstrations following the lines of the Red riots marking Ridgway's arrival in Paris last month.

Weather

FORECAST: Light showers tonight, becoming partly cloudy with widely scattered showers Friday. Slightly warmer tonight. Low tonight 35-40. High Friday 65-70. Highest Yesterday 75. Lowest this Morning 31.