

Reds Killed Two Chaplains for Holding Services, Ex-POWs Say

Freedom Village, Korea—(U.P.) Freed war prisoners revealed today the Communists killed two chaplains for holding secret Christmas services and broke the will of many Americans.

Pvt. Edward R. Achee, a medic from Detroit, said the fearless chaplains, one a Roman Catholic and the other a Protestant, died of beatings after conducting the forbidden services.

Another liberated prisoner, Pfc. William J. Skipper, said he saw about 1,000 Americans die of malnutrition, dysentery and other ailments at Pyoktong during the two years and six months he spent there.

Gave Up Hope
"The guys just didn't have any will power," Skipper, of Galivants Ferry, S. C., said.

Skipper indicated that the men had given up hope of getting out alive.

Achee said the two chaplains went to his camp on Christmas day of 1950 to comfort the enlisted men with religious services.

"When they got back to their own compound, they were pretty badly treated," Achee said. "The Protestant chaplain died a week later and the Catholic chaplain a month later."

Taken Far Away
So many atrocities have been reported by prisoners returning to freedom in "Operation Big Switch" that the Army's hopes of recovering thousands of missing soldiers have faded.

Army intelligence already has learned that some of the captured Americans were taken as far away as Czechoslovakia and Poland for propaganda purposes and that others have been conscripted for slave labor in Manchurian mines and factories.

Pvt. Joseph G. Paquette 24, Grosvenordale, Conn., told of the

horrors of the now infamous "mining camp," a stopover for prisoners marching north to camps on the Yalu river.

Bodies Left Outside
He said about 100 in his group of 300 died during the four months he was in the "mining camp."

"When they died, the Chinese would take them and throw them outside the buildings," Paquette said. "It was warm and there were worms and flies and the bodies didn't have a stitch of clothes. They would keep the bodies lying out there for a day or so and then have other prisoners throw them in a hole or ditch some place."

Only Act of Congress Can Make Citizen of Haymes, Official Says

Hollywood—(U.P.)—An immigration official said today that only "an act of Congress" could make an American citizen of singer Dick Haymes, 34, who faces possible deportation because he chased Rita Hayworth to Hawaii.

Herman L. Landon, district director of the Immigration and

Naturalization Service, also said he considered the crooner's chances of being deported "good."

The singer, a citizen of Argentina, was arrested by immigration authorities yesterday.

Free on Bond
A few hours later he was released on \$500 bond, pending his appearance before an immigration examiner.

Haymes was charged with violating the McCarran-Walter act by going to Hawaii in June for a singing engagement and a visit with Miss Hayworth, divorced wife of Prince Aly Khan.

Under the McCarran-Walter act, an alien such as Haymes cannot re-enter without special permission if he leaves.

Avoided Army Service
The Department of Justice charged he is an alien ineligible for U. S. citizenship because he avoided the military draft in 1944 on grounds he was a citizen of a neutral country, Argentina.

Haymes, insisting he was no draft dodger, said "I was examined twice and found physically unfit because of hypertension and high blood pressure."

Miss Hayworth, whose charms got Haymes into legal hot water, was busy having her picture taken by a magazine photographer at her Brentwood mansion when the crooner was arrested.

Nothing to Say
"Miss Hayworth has nothing to say," the star's secretary said. But Haymes estranged wife, Nora, a former wife of actor Errol Flynn, staunchly defended him. She said she would resume the action after Haymes was "out of this mess."

Domiciliary Finance Officer Promoted

Camp White—Allan Henderson, finance officer at the Camp White domiciliary from the day of its opening, has accepted a newly created position in the accounting department of the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and their two children, Lanny and David, who reside in Medford will leave Sept. 1. The job constitutes a promotion, to organize a new office in accounting and management at the shipyard.

Henderson, who was in the Navy in the last war, started in government service at the Ft. Peck dam, Montana, in 1935. He went to school at Everett and members of his family now live there. Henderson was active in Medford community life and is a member of the Toastmasters club.

He came to Camp White from Montana as one of the original team sent there to convert the camp into a VA domiciliary.

KNEW WHERE TO GO
Richmond, Va.—(U.P.)—A black cat strolled into the emergency room of the medical college of Virginia Hospital here and gave birth to a litter of kittens.

Cap Got in Eyes; Judge Drops Charge

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Raymond L. Sturgis, 49, told a traffic judge he would never have collided with that other car if it hadn't been for his haircut.

"I had just had my hair cut," he explained. "My cap fell down over my eyes and I couldn't see."

The judge dismissed charges.



REDS HOLDING BACK—Gen. Mark Clark, Far East commander, tells a Pentagon press conference that the Communists may hold from 2000 to 3000 more American prisoners than they have agreed to return as part of the armistice. He also announced his retirement in October after 40 years' service.

Movie Tax Veto Hit by Sen. Kerr

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert S. Kerr, a member of the Senate Finance committee, said today President Eisenhower's pocket veto of a bill to repeal the 20 per cent movie admissions tax is "pushing a drowning man back into the creek."

The Oklahoma Democrat told newsmen, "I deeply regret the decision."

"He's pushing a drowning man back into the creek after we had succeeded, at least for the moment, in pulling him out," Kerr said.

Sen. Homer Ferguson R-Mich., newly elected chairman of the Senate Republican Policy committee, told a reporter:

"I understand and appreciate the President's reasoning but they (theater owners) do have and exceptional case."

Ferguson said he hoped Congress will re-examine the whole excise tax structure next January.

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