

Released POW Tells of Filming Communist Atrocities at Camp 5

Freedom Village, Korea—(U.P.)—An American soldier made movies of Communist atrocities in camp No. 5 but American and British "rats" betrayed him, returning prisoners said today.

Pfc. John J. Megyesi, 22, Farrell, Pa., secretly recorded on film the mass burials of Americans who died of starvation, dysentery and malnutrition in the Yalu river camp.

Megyesi gave newsmen an account of the double-cross and two other soldiers supported his statements.

Used Movie Camera

"During that first winter of 1950-51, an average of 30 to 35 G.I.'s were being carried across

the ice every day," Megyesi said. "I had a movie camera a buddy had given me before he died. I'd sneak out of burial details and take pictures of the graves and stretchers coming across the ice."

"When I ran out of film, I gave the camera to an English soldier and he gave it to an American officer who had some film."

"A British and an American rat, two of the guys who stayed behind with the Communists, squealed on me."

"The Communists called me up to headquarters one day for questioning. I destroyed my film by exposing it to the sun before they could find it on me."

Put in Jail

"They put me in jail with this English soldier, the one I gave the camera to. They told me I'd better sign a confession or I'd be shot as a spy. I was in jail two months and eight days."

Many of the returning soldiers told of the privileges granted to the "progressives" and the shabby treatment given to the so-called "reactionaries" who refused to embrace Communism.

Given Wine, Candy

Cpl. Hjalmer E. Thompson, Seattle, was particularly bitter. "They were running around with tailor made cigarettes when we were rolling our own," Thompson said. "They also got shouju (Chinese wine), candy and cigarettes and then they would come around and tell us about it."

When questioned about previous reports that seven men had refused to be repatriated, the corporal said he thought "they were afraid to come home."

Casualties in Korea Increased to 142,294

Washington—(U.P.)—American battle casualties in Korea now total 142,294, an increase of 589 since last week's report, the Defense department announced today.

The new figure is not a final toll for the Korean war. It is due to climb still higher in the weeks ahead, even though the war is ended, as casualty reports trickle into the Pentagon from the Far East.

The new total includes 25,542 deaths, 103,513 wounded, 8,670 missing, 2,835 captured and 1,734 previously reported missing but since returned to military control.

The new weekly figure, covering casualties whose next of kin were notified through last Friday, showed an increase of 108 deaths and 475 wounded over the prior week's report.

All porcupine babies are born while still packaged in membranous sacs.



"BEWARE FOLLY"—In Washington, Eugene M. Zurkert, atomic energy commissioner, said that it would be "folly" for U. S. military planners to assume Russia can't build an atomic weapons stockpile with "unlimited power."

Truman Considered For Maryland Post

Baltimore—(U.P.)—Former President Truman appeared today to be under consideration, along with others, for appointment as the next president of the University of Maryland.

The Baltimore News-Post said it had learned that Mr. Truman is being considered as a possible successor to Dr. H. C. Byrd, who may run for governor of Maryland as a Democrat next year.

Judge William P. Cole Jr., chairman of the university's Board of Regents, declined to comment directly on the published report.

"We have received some interesting names," he said, but he would not comment directly on mention of Mr. Truman's name.

PT&T Authorized To Sell Common Stock

Salem—(U.P.)—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has been authorized to issue and sell by next March 31 \$100,460,300 worth of common capital stock, the state Public Utilities Commission said today.

Sold will be 1,004,603 shares of stock at \$100 a share.

The PUC also authorized issuance and sale of \$50,000,000 in 31 year debentures for a total of more than \$150,000,000.

The California Public Utilities commission already has granted similar authority.

The company also must have approval of the Federal Securities Exchange commission.

Germ Warfare Seen Deadlier Threat To Man Than H-Bomb

Washington—(U.P.)—A leading atomic scientist said today germ warfare poses a deadlier threat to mankind than the hydrogen bomb.

Prof. George Gamow of George Washington university, a world famous nuclear physicist, told a reporter that the H-bomb which Russia now claims to possess is not the weapon to be feared most in the modern arsenal of mass killers.

"Biological warfare would be worse," he said. "In sheer destructiveness, a little bottle of germs could do more damage than an H-bomb."

Longshoremen Air Action in Face of Union Suspension

Chicago—(U.P.)—Joseph P. Ryan and his International Longshoremen's association lieutenants meet today to discuss what action to take on their union's suspension from the AFL.

The AFL Executive council voted the suspension yesterday, but left the door open for return if the union purges itself of racketeering and corruption on East Coast waterfronts.

Lone Road Suggested

Following the suspension announcement yesterday, Ryan and other ILA officials met for a brief, but stormy session. Newsmen outside the meeting room heard denunciations of the AFL action and proposals for the ILA to go it alone.

Ryan had "no comment" when the meeting adjourned until today.

AFL President George Meany head of the council, said the suspension vote was "the milder of two steps we could have taken. The other step was expulsion, unprecedented in AFL history."

Meany said the council voted to give the 65,000 member ILA "a little more opportunity to do the things they say they are trying to do."

Oregon Veterans, Kin Receive \$49,371,574

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon veterans of World War II and their next of kin have received \$49,371,574 in bonus payments since the program was authorized in June, 1952.

Payments have been made to 126,558 of the 130,807 persons who have filed applications. Of the total, 1161 have applied since the 1953 legislature extended the deadline from Dec. 1 of last year to Dec. 31 of this year.

Defense Department spokesmen said they did not share Gamow's view, and asserted that this country has "excellent" defenses against germ warfare.

"Nobody is worried about the possibility of a devastating bacteriological attack," one Pentagon official said.

Officials refused to say how much information, if any, U.S. intelligence agencies have been able to obtain about Russian progress in germ weapons. Nor would they discuss this country's own "GW" development program, which is conducted under conditions of extreme secrecy at Camp Detrick, Md.

Secret Production

It is U.S. policy to treat germ weapons like poison gas, that is, this country will not resort to them in war unless the enemy does so first. But the Army evidently feels that the power to retaliate strongly is the best insurance against enemy use of such weapons.

There is every indication that the United States could deliver a quick and deadly counter-blow. It was revealed more than a year ago that the Army had reached the stage of producing and stockpiling germ weapons. And it asked for an increased appropriation for the purpose this year.



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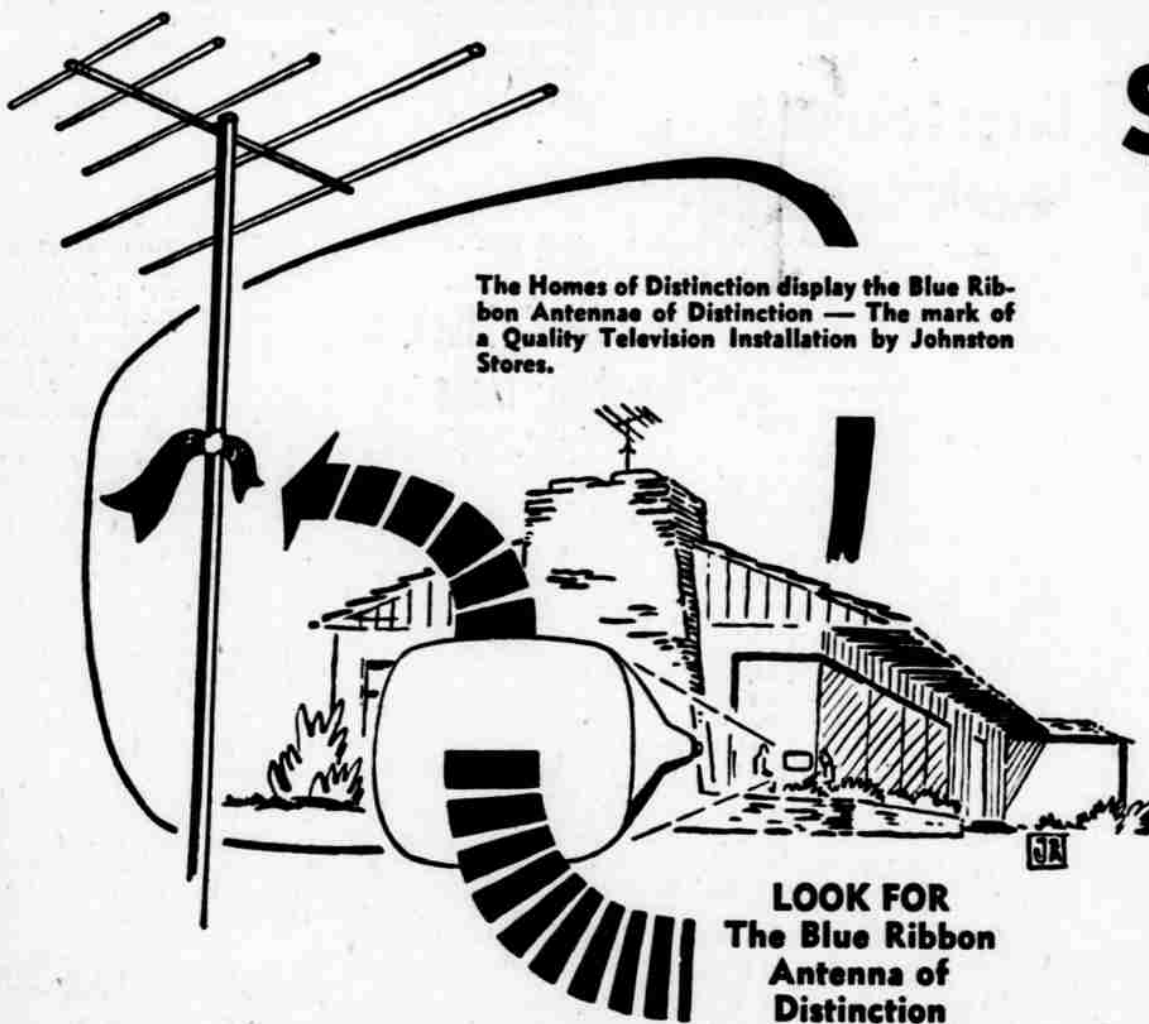
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