

Convicted POWs Must Serve Terms, Reds Say

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Ithaca Destroyed by New Greece Temblors

Landslides Sweep Part of Island Capital Into Sea
Many People Vanish Into Great Fissures

Athens — (U.P.) — Landslides swept part of the Cephalonian capital of Argostolion into the Ionian sea today and new earthquakes destroyed nearby Ithaca, kingdom of Odysseus in Homer's epic poem.

Great masses of soil and rock slid into ruined Argostolion, a city of 10,000 population as fleets of ships raced to evacuate and aid victims of the continuing temblors.

Authorities fear that at least 500 persons on the destroyed islands of Cephalonia, Ithaca and Sante died in the mammoth upheaval. Many vanished into great fissures.

U. S. Fleet Helps
The American embassy in Athens said the entire U. S. Sixth Fleet would be available to the Greek government for rescue operations.

An accurate account of the dead was impossible because entire villages disappeared when the earth opened.

The Athens seismographic observatory said 22 new earth shocks jolted the islands during the night and early today.

Four Word Cable
V. Zante's deputy minister sent to Athens a four word cable that told the story of death and destruction.

"Zante does not exist," the cablegram said.

Terror stricken survivors who had seen their loved ones crushed to death by crumbling walls or swallowed by the earth crowded the beaches awaiting evacuation.

Pilots flying over the devastated area said the picture reminded them of photographs of Hiroshima after the atom bomb had been dropped.

Smokejumpers Battle Fires in California

Four plane loads of Forest Service "smokejumper" forest fire fighters were flown out of Medford today to help battle fires in the Klamath, Six Rivers and Trinity National forests in California, according to National Forest Service officials.

Another plane load was scheduled to arrive at 3 p.m. today from McCall, Ida., and the Forest Service has requested that two planes be sent in from Missoula, Mont., they said.

Approximately 26 men were dropped over the California fires this morning from planes based at Medford, San Francisco and Portland. The planes all were operating out of the Medford municipal airport.

Unverified Report Says Son Of GH Man Died in Red Jail

Gold Hill — An unverified report that Sgt. 1/c Richard H. Stewart, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, died in a Communist prison hospital in North Korea in April or May, 1951, has been received by his father, Daniel H. Stewart, Gold Hill, in a letter from the Department of the Army.

Letters Received
Sergeant Stewart was reported missing in action in North Korea Nov. 30, 1950. Two letters written by him, one dated Jan. 10, 1951, and the other March 15, 1951, were received in July 1951, by his wife, Marjorie, in Los Angeles.

If the report of the sergeant's death is true, the Communists apparently released the letters after they knew he was dead.

The notification from the Department of the Army said, in part: "An exchange soldier stated that Sgt. 1/c Richard H. Stewart, Corps of Engineers, 2nd Division, home address Los Angeles, Calif., who is identified as your son, died in a hospital at

ASHLAND FIRM HIT BY FIRE; MEDFORD GIVES ASSISTANCE

Ashland—A two-alarm fire destroyed the Busch Motor company building here early today and endangered a congested one-block business area before it was brought under control.

There was no immediate estimate of damage, but firemen reported the structure and everything inside was a "total loss."

Cars Destroyed
Seventeen cars were destroyed in the blaze. Fourteen of them were new models including a shipment which arrived at the firm Tuesday.

Hoarding, Epidemic Fears Added To French Troubles

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Gasoline Disappearing
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The result was a land of no mail, no trains, no buses, no subways, reduced gas, flickering electricity, limited taxi service at highway robber prices and a score of other inconveniences.

Epidemic Feared
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On Missing List
"Since the report regarding your son cannot be confirmed at this time, it is necessary for the Department of the Army to continue him in a missing in action status until information is obtained upon which a definite determination can be made. You may be assured that as soon as any further information is received, it will be transmitted to you."

Sergeant Stewart is the stepson of Vera Stewart. In addition to his wife in Los Angeles, he has a daughter, Marlene, aged two years and four months, whom he has never seen. He was sent to Korea late in August, 1950. He has served in the Army since 1938, and was in the African, European and South Pacific theaters during World War II.

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Five Burglaries Reported; Yreka Man Admits Three

Possible Implication In Others Studied

William Henry Robinson, 40, of route 1, box 131A, Yreka, Calif., was being held in the Medford city jail today after admitting three burglaries which took place in Medford last night.

Police are investigating the possibility that Robinson may be involved in a fourth Medford burglary and another at the Varsity theater in Ashland.

Robinson has admitted burglaries at Doctors Clinic, Cal-Ore Machinery company, and General Petroleum company police said. They are investigating the possibility that he may have been involved in burglaries last night at Skinner's garage and Varsity theater in Ashland.

Arrested at Phoenix
Police picked Robinson up in Phoenix at 2:20 a.m. today following a rash of burglary reports. At 11:50 p.m. yesterday they received a call from Lucile K. McKenzie, 1013 West Main st., who reported sounds of pounding and hammering coming from the Doctors Clinic, 1032 West Main st. On investigation police said they discovered the combination of the safe had been knocked off and an unsuccessful attempt had been made to open the safe from the bottom.

The pharmacist at the clinic said that a bottle of a thousand Benzadrine pills, a bottle of Dexamdrine pills and a one ounce bottle of Dionin, a morphine derivative, had been taken.

Merchant patrolman John Henry Tizek, chased away a man from the Cal-Ore Machinery company, 944 South Central ave., at 1:30 a.m. today. On arrival police said they discovered he had broken into the safe and taken \$83.68.

Unsuccessful Burglary
At 2 a.m. today police were notified of an attempted burglary at General Petroleum, 938 South Central ave. The attempt was unsuccessful.

A call from Skinner's Garage, 143 South Riverside ave., at 5:34 a.m. today notified police of the fourth burglary. An undetermined amount of money was taken from the safe there.

Ashland police were alerted this morning when the janitor at the Varsity theater arrived at 8:30 to discover that the safe there had been broken open. The day's box office receipts had been taken to the bank, but \$150, box office change normally kept on hand, had been stolen.

Jail Escapee Still Sought by Police

The search continued today on the Pacific coast for escaped Jackson county jail inmate Floyd Earl Denno, 23, of Sun Valley, Calif., according to the sheriff's office.

Denno was awaiting sentence on a larceny by bailer charge when he escaped with two others from the jail's "bull" pen Sunday night. Police have captured the two others, one near Ruth and the other at Los Angeles. They were in jail awaiting disposition by military authorities on AWOL charges.

Earthquakes Shake Buildings in Tokyo

Tokyo — (U.P.) — An earthquake shook Tokyo buildings for three seconds today but there were no casualties.

The government meteorological observatory said the tremor was of "weak intensity" in the Tokyo area but was felt in a wide area of Honshu island.

Weather
FORECAST: Cooler with afternoon and evening thunder showers through Friday. Low tonight 66, high Friday 72-75. Highest Yesterday 100. Lowest this Morning 64.

Mercy Flight Carries Ex-Medford Resident

Charley Gruberman, formerly of Medford, was brought by Mercy Flights ambulance plane this morning from Corvallis to Sacred Heart hospital where he was admitted as a medical patient, according to Mercy Flights officials.

Lee Flink was pilot of the plane and Clyde King copilot. Mrs. Gruberman was expected to arrive here today to be with her husband.

Hamilton Field, Calif. — (U.P.) — Gen Mark W. Clark, commander of United Nations forces in the Far East, has left aboard a military aircraft for Tokyo where he will resume his duties.



SOMBER WELCOME HOME—Mrs. Frances Huddleson, Battle Mountain, Nev., reassuringly touches shoulder of her son, Cpl. Richard M. Davis, who was second repatriate to be taken from a plane at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., as the first "Freedom Flight" from Korea ended. Only a small number of relatives met the plane.

Carpenters-Joiners Quit AFL; Cause of Labor Unity Shaken

Chicago — (U.P.) — The cause of labor unity was shaken today by the withdrawal of the powerful 750,000 man Carpenters and Joiners Union from the AFL.

The carpenters bolted the federation only hours after the AFL Executive Council approved a "no raiding" pact with the CIO, an essential step toward eventual consolidation of labor groups.

Maurice A. Hutcheson, general president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, denied that the union quit the AFL because "we do not believe

in no raiding agreements."

"We think they are all right," he said, "even with the CIO, but we believe the difficulties in our own families should be settled first."

Hutcheson said that the carpenters left the federation because of jurisdiction disputes between member unions and charged the AFL has failed to control "its own affiliates" or to curb "disruptive conditions."

The carpenters have engaged in an unsettled feud over union jurisdiction with the International Association of Machinists and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, both AFL affiliates.

One of the most important topics on the Executive Council's agenda for the weeklong meetings here was merger with the CIO. And yesterday's "no raiding" pact was considered an important step toward consolidation.

Blow to Unity
The carpenters' withdrawal was a grave blow to labor unity. The huge union now joins the ranks of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers and smaller unaffiliated unions, as well as several unions expelled from the CIO in recent years for Communist sympathies, as completely independent bodies.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — John L. Lewis says the withdrawal of carpenters from the AFL "exemplifies the fallacy of this policy of the AFL Executive Council in avoiding the basic question of unity and engaging in rather futile discussion of 'no raiding,'" Lewis said.

Lewis, head of the powerful United Mine Workers, left here for the east last night after a two day stopover on business.

Randle Drives Obstacle Course

Washington — (U.P.) — Dick Randle, 18-year-old Medford, Ore., high school graduate, today put an automobile through a tough, specially-designed obstacle course in the second day's competition here.

Randle and 47 other contestants are competing for a top prize of a \$1200 college scholarship and several lesser scholarships which will go to the top teen-age drivers in the nation. The Road-e-o is sponsored to promote safe driving among the country's youth.

Randle recently won the Oregon Road-e-o title at Bend. After the obstacle course test in the National Guard armory, the contestants will undergo an actual road test in traffic of downtown Washington. A written test will be held Friday.

Officials said no results of the competition would be announced before the awards banquet tomorrow night.

Fire Levels Sprawling GM Plant; Two Workmen Killed

Detroit — (U.P.) — A spark from a welder's torch was blamed today for touching off a spectacular multi-million dollar fire which killed two workmen and injured more than a score of others as it reduced a sprawling General Motors plant to rubble.

Company officials feared the final damage figure might reach \$70,000,000 and said it was nothing short of a miracle that most of the 3,000 employees on duty at the suburban Livonia plant managed to flee the building before it became a flaming inferno.

Inflammable Fluid
James L. Hagen, Livonia public safety director, whose preliminary estimate placed the damage at \$40,000,000, said the only part of the two block long structure left was a section housing front offices. The rest was a mass of charred bricks and twisted steel.

Pella Will Attempt Italian Government

Rome — (U.P.) — Former Treasury Minister Giuseppe Pella, a Christian Democrat, agreed tonight to attempt to form a new Italian government.

Pella was called upon by President Luigi Einaudi to make the third attempt to end the 46-day old Italian government crisis. Previous attempts by former Premier Alcide De Gasperi and Attilio Piccinini failed to win sufficient support from Italy's widely divided political parties to establish a stable government.

Pella, 51, directed Italy's finances through the turbulent post war years.

POWs Released From Prison Camp 1 Tell Of Bad Conditions

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — The first group of prisoners from Communist prison camp No. 1 came back to freedom today and said conditions there were worse than in notorious camp No. 5, where at least 2,000 Americans died.

They told of Americans dying of sickness and mistreatment, of men duped by Communist propaganda, of miserable food and of constant mental harassment.

One of the 75 Americans handed over to the United Nations in "Operation Big Switch" was swathed in bandages.

Others said he had been injured when the truck taking them from camp No. 1 at Im-sang-Dong to Kaesong near here turned over in North Korea after hitting a shell hole on the highway.

With the exception of the bandaged soldier who was able to walk all of the Americans repatriated today appeared in good health.

The returning Americans lifted the total of U. S. personnel freed by the Communists to 823, more than 25 per cent of the 3,313 listed by the Reds for repatriation.

More Head Home
As the new group of Americans arrived here, 10 Americans in Tokyo prepared to fly home tonight on the second airlift of sick and wounded, and in Inchon 306 freed G.I.s waited for the next ship to leave for the United States.

The Communists have promised to return 84 Americans, one Canadian and 324 other captives tomorrow.

James Linderman Hurt in Accident

James C. Linderman, 22, well-known Prospect athlete, received a broken shoulder and leg in an automobile accident yesterday on Crater Lake highway, according to state police.

He was taken to Community hospital by Conger Morris ambulance.

Linderman was a passenger in a car driven by Joe Josephson, Prospect, which sideswiped a log truck 14 miles north of Trail at about 3 p.m. Josephson and Lewis S. Mason, 30, Prospect, another passenger in the car, received minor injuries.

Wayne Kenneth Griffith, 39, Prospect, driver of the log truck, was uninjured, police said.

The passenger car was reported to be a "total loss" and some damage was reported to the log truck.

In another accident, Walter G. Jovik, 924 Broad st., escaped injury at about 11 p.m. yesterday when his car failed to make a turn at Rock Point bridge on Highway 99 west of Gold Hill, police said.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL
Philadelphia 3 7 0
Pittsburgh 4 9 4
Miller and Popatz; LaPalme and Atwell.
Cincinnati 10 12 1
Chicago 2 7 4
Baczewski and Seminick; Pollet, Simpson, Willis and McCullough.

Unrest, Revolt in North Korea Reported

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Communist broadcasts today reported unrest and revolt in North Korea and said a total of 25 officials have been purged.

Among the new names stricken from party lists by Premier Kim Il Sung were the former ambassadors to Peiping and Moscow, Kwon O Chik and Chu Nyong Ha, respectively, a Peiping radio broadcast said.

Lawful Obligation To Free Prisoners Denied by Peiping

Vicious Sideswipe Taken at Dulles

Tokyo — (U.P.) — The Communists, in their first major threat to the new Korean peace, said they legally were empowered to hold Allied prisoners convicted of "crimes" until they finish their terms.

Peiping radio, voice of Red China, denied that the Communists had a lawful obligation either to liberate their political prisoners or turn them over to a neutral custodial commission.

The Red radio waited until the United Nations command had released the last of 5,495 Chinese prisoners desiring to return to Communist before making its defiant broadcast.

Sideswipe At Dulles
Quoting a dispatch from the Communist camp at Kaesong near Panmunjom, Peiping radio said the Geneva convention on prisoners accorded the Reds the right to compel prisoners convicted of "crimes" to serve out their terms.

At the same time Peiping made a vicious sideswipe at Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who had expressed "grave concern" over the Communists' refusal to release the accused Americans.

Dulles said yesterday, in a Washington press conference, that failure of the Reds to return "all" United Nations prisoners "would be considered by us to be a violation of the armistice terms."

Renewal of Fighting
He added under questioning such a truce violation might bring about resumption of the Korean fighting. But he tempered that statement by saying such a course would not be taken lightly. He also cautioned that the U. N. to date has only meager, unevaluated evidence of Communist bad faith in the prisoner return program.

The Red radio said the Dulles' statement was nothing but a "blackmail" plan for holding Communist prisoners.

Washington — (U.P.) — Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens said today that about 250 Chinese Communist prisoners are involved in various crimes and may be held until the last of the prisoner exchange.

Stevens' statement, made to reporters on his arrival from Korea, was an apparent counter move to an apparent report that some American prisoners have been convicted of crimes and sentenced to prison terms which will bar them from being returned with other Americans.

Stevens said charges against the Chinese prisoners range from murder of a United Nations guard in a POW compound to lesser crimes.

He stressed, however, that so far the United States is "not holding anybody back" in the prisoner exchange. He said the exchange is going forward, but that the Chinese Communist group involved in prison camp crimes will be held until the last.

KBES-TV May Resume Broadcasting Friday

Broadcasting from KBES-TV which has been interrupted temporarily since Tuesday because of a part failure, may resume Friday, station officials said today.

They expect a replacement part to arrive from New York City tomorrow and installation will be made at once when it is received, they said.

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Squire Smith Bozorth, 59, of Eugene, died here yesterday. He was on the staff of the University of Oregon infirmary.