



TAKING NO CHANCES—Police (right) and detectives (center) stand guard over four of five gunmen lying face down in the street. The captives were caught attempting to break into a building in downtown New York. The fifth gunman was captured after being wounded in a running gun battle with police.

Freedom Means Heartbreak For New York GI Who Spent Almost Three Years as POW

Yonkers, N.Y. — (U.P.) — "All I dream about," the letter read, "is coming home to you, and that's all I'm living for."

The letter was written by Lt. John B. Griffiths of Yonkers, to his wife, Annee, a few weeks ago.

Full of Hope
It was 1-1 of love and hope for the future and told how the thoughts of Annee helped him bear the hell of a Communist prison camp for almost three years.

What the lieutenant, who was released Friday night, didn't know is that Annee died two years ago.

Her sister, Mrs. Margaret Williams, of Yonkers, told the story Saturday.

She said Annee died in a Yonkers hospital in July, 1951, after a long illness. Nobody ever told her that John had been captured by the Chinese Communists seven months earlier.

Married Five Months
Neither did anybody let John know that Annee died. The two, married in April, 1950, just five months before John shipped out for Korea, were very much in love.

It was decided that the knowledge of his wife's death would only add to John's burdens. But toward the end of his captivity, John began to sense that something was wrong. He had written continually to Annee but got letters only from her family. Finally, in a letter received by Mrs. Williams shortly before the Korean armistice, John wrote:

Knew Something Wrong
"Peg, dear, from what I can

88th Annual Oregon State Fair Starts With Large Crowds

Salem — (U.P.) — The 88th annual Oregon State Fair opened at 8 a.m. Saturday and within an hour visitors were pouring like lava into the fairgrounds.

Sunny and clear skies brought the vacation-weekend crowd out early, and hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks provided the luau for the fair which this year has a Hawaiian motif. Hawaiian music wafted through the vast grounds by way of loud speaker.

It was already apparent, this early in the fair that the county exhibits in the Agriculture building and the 4-H and Future Farmer exhibits were among the most popular at the fair.

Leo Spitzbart, fair manager, said the advance sale of tickets for rodeo, horse races and stage revue was ahead of opening day last year by about 10 per cent. The advance sale, up to opening time today, totaled \$12,283.75 compared to \$11,175.70 up to opening time for the 1952 fair. First awards were made Fri-

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West Side School Lists Class Hours

The opening hour for classes at the West Side school was changed at the last meeting of the West Side school board. Classes will begin each day at 8:30 and be dismissed a half an hour earlier each day.

School will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m. Classes will be held in the old school plant which has been cleaned and made ready for the school year. The new plant should be completed and ready to move into within the next few months, according to Mrs. Bertha Haskins, principal.

Mrs. Haskins said that the area under construction will be fenced off and a new entrance will be made for the workmen to park their cars away from the play area.

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Today's hats, mere dabs of this and that rest lightly on the heads of today's women.

In a great-grandma's day it was different. "Way back yonder a name named Arthur Munchausen of Independence, Mo., got to thinking about the heavy load the ladies had on their heads and put his mind to inventing. His invention, still on file at the U. S. Patent Office, was called "hat."

It wasn't a hat, exactly. Munchausen described his innovation as a "means for supporting ladies' bonnets." The invention, he said, put a lady's headgear "above and out of contact with the wearer." Cool Head

It took the weight of the tower toppers of old off a woman's head and put it on her shoulders. The gimmick consisted of some steel braces which must have weighed more than

Chadwick Heads for Gibraltar Straits

Dover, England — (U.P.) — Florence Chadwick, the 33-year-old swimming stenographer from San Diego, prepared Saturday to go to Spain to attempt to swim the Strait of Gibraltar and add that achievement to the two channel swimming records she hung up Friday.

She said she plans late to go to Turkey and attempt to swim the Dardanelles. According to Greek legend the most famous swimmer of the Dardanelles was Leander, who did the trick nightly to visit the beautiful priestess Hero.

Miss Chadwick set a new speed record for the difficult swim from Britain to France Friday by making the channel crossing in 14 hours and 42 minutes.

She then plunged back into the channel and swam two and one half miles of the return journey before stinging jellyfish forced her out of the water. That too was a record.

"Irish Potatoes" came originally from Roanoke Island, N.C. Members of the first English colony in America took them back to England with them in 187.

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