

Red China Invites Families To Visit Captives

Chinese Offer To Permit Prisoner Visits Denounced

Washington (U.P.)—The United States today denounced a Red Chinese offer to permit relatives to visit imprisoned American fliers and demanded again that the prisoners be freed.

This government advised the relatives that it cannot "in good conscience encourage" them to go to Red China because it cannot guarantee their safety there. It said they would be traveling at their "own risk." It upbraided the Red regime for the "harrowing dilemma" it has brought upon the families of the imprisoned fliers.

The Chinese offer was branded as "designed primarily to achieve political purposes."

Under Fire in Senate
This government's position was set forth in a statement issued by the State Department and in a message sent by the Air Force to relatives of the imprisoned fliers.

Red China's offer also came under fire in the Senate as a "propaganda buildup."

One senator, William E. Jenner (R-Ind.), said in a Senate speech that the "righteous wrath" of the American people eventually will free the fliers because "that is the kind of power the Chinese Communists understand."

State Department spokesman Henry Suydam refused to say whether or not the United States would let relatives visit the prisoners as Red China had offered. And he refused to say whether the government would provide transportation or whether any Americans have been allowed to visit Communist China since 1950.

Asks For Release
It was in this connection that this government in a statement by Suydam again called on the Chinese Reds to release the Americans.

"It is by releasing those they hold that the Chinese Communists can convincingly show concern for the human suffering they have caused," Suydam said. Suydam was asked for U. S. reaction to the U. N. announcement of Red China's offer.

"The U. S. government cannot of course in good conscience

encourage those who may wish to go into an area where the normal protection of any American passport cannot be offered," Suydam said.

"World public opinion will judge the motives of those who, having it in their power and being under an obligation to end promptly the tragic grief they have caused now visit upon the families of these imprisoned Americans a harrowing dilemma."

Refuses to Answer
Suydam flatly refused to answer a barrage of questions by newsmen seeking to determine whether the United States actually will permit the relatives to visit Communist China.

The United States has been stamping American passports invalid for travel to the Communist mainland.

Partnership Issue On Willamette Dam Projects Revived

Salem (U.P.)—A memorial to Congress asking construction of Green Peter and Cougar dams under the partnership plan was approved by a 6-1 vote by the House Committee on State and Federal Affairs today and sent to the House floor with a "do pass" recommendation.

Salem (U.P.)—A new skirmish in the Northwest power battle hit the House State and Federal Affairs Committee today, on the issue of partnership construction of the Green Peter and Cougar dam projects in the Willamette river basin.

The committee, headed by Rep. William Braden of Oregon, scheduled a hearing after adjournment of the House this morning on a Lane county memorial to Congress requesting federal funds to begin planning and construction of the two projects.

Said Badly Needed
The memorial, introduced by the Lane county delegation in both houses, says construction of the Green Peter project on the middle fork of the Santiam river and Cougar project on the McKenzie river are badly needed to balance operation of already existing facilities in the Willamette basin. They also fit in as important units of the entire Columbia Basin power development affecting all of the Pacific Northwest.

Together, the two projects would produce 120,000 kilowatts of electrical energy, the memorial says, and would serve to alleviate recurring flood damages.

Aspect Frankly Stated
The partnership aspect of the memorial is frankly stated in the section pointing out that Lane county electric utilities, one municipal and one private, have offered to build and finance the power generation portions of the flood control projects.

Committee action on two other power memorials has been held up pending today's hearing. They are concerned with John Day dam on the Columbia river. One memorial would invite partnership construction and the other would ask full federal financing.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
New York (U.P.)—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 395.90 up 2.87; 20 Railroads 140.91 up 1.28; 15 Utilities 62.86 up 0.24, and 65 Stocks 147.18 up 1.05.

Defendant Cleared In Dentistry Case

District Judge Rawles Moore yesterday upheld a demurrer against the charge that Lee Poirier, Jacksonville, practiced dentistry without a license. This, in effect, clears Poirier of the charge. The case, which did not go to trial, had been pending in district court for several months.

Earlier Judge Moore set aside an order, made by Acting Judge James Main, which overruled the demurrer. Main's ruling was made last year while Judge Moore was on vacation.

Poirier was represented by Medford Attorney O. H. Bengtson. District Attorney Walter Nunley was not available this morning for comment on any further action the state may be planning in the case.

Cash, Check Stolen In Burglary at School
About \$38 in cash, and a check for \$4.25, were taken last night in a burglary at West Side school, according to Sheriff Howard Gault.

The money, from the school's lunch fund, was taken from a cabinet, which had been pried open, Gault said. The method by which entry to the building was gained was not determined. The case is being investigated by deputy sheriffs.

Neuberger Startles News Conference By Admitting He Doesn't Know Everything

Chicago (U.P.)—Freshman Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) says it seems that senators are supposed to know everything. He admits he doesn't.

"Just because a man is elected to an office doesn't mean he knows the answer to all of mankind's ills," he told a startled news conference.

Anybody Can Be Expert
He said that nowadays "anybody with a briefcase 50 miles from home can be an expert on anything."

Neuberger, 42, rumpled and balding, has been a senator only two weeks. He said he has a "lot to learn."

"Somebody told me there will be about 9,000 proposals sub-

mitted to this session of Congress," he said.

"If I never ate or slept I couldn't possibly have time to learn what's in all those bills."

A newsmen reminded him he would have to vote on many of them.

Will Talk It Over
"That's true," he said. "I'll read as many as I can and talk it over with responsible committee members whose opinions I respect."

Neuberger said he has had 171 invitations to speak on various subjects since his election. He has accepted nine of them.

"Lots of times they want me to talk about things I know nothing about," he said.

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Weather

FORECAST: Showers this evening. Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Valley fog Saturday morning. Low tonight 28-30. High Saturday 38-40.

Highest Yesterday 42
Lowest this Morning 22
Prec. to 10:30 a.m. Today .29

Yanks Taken Off Tachen

Advisory Officers Claimed Removed; Shipping Blasted

Nationalists Indicate Willingness To Leave

Taipei, Formosa (U.P.)—American advisory officers were reported today to have been removed from bomb-battered Tachen Island, pawn in a vicious air-sea war between the Chinese Nationalists and the Reds.

The report, regarded as reliable here, came shortly after another from a top American source that the Nationalists had indicated their willingness to withdraw from their imperiled island holdings some 200 miles north of Formosa.

Nationalists Blast Shipping
Nationalists warplanes were blasting Communist shipping along a 300-mile stretch of the East China coast again today in another major effort to at least forestall the forced evacuation of the islands. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek summoned his top lieutenants into emergency session to consider the situation.

Withdrawal of the approximately 10 American officers and men on Tachen was said to have been carried out under considerable "difficulty."

Merchants Attacks
The island has been subjected to merciless aerial attack by the Reds, and the Americans were said to have left after Red bombs "knocked out their installations."

The Americans' job was to advise the island commander, Gen. Liu Lienchi, and to train Nationalist troops in the use of American weapons.

Nationalist Ambassador George Yeh was believed to have approached U. S. authorities in Washington for help in removing troops from the outpost islands only a few miles off the mainland with its huge Red Chinese airbases.

Defendants Guilty In Overload Cases

Defendants in four overload cases pending in district court since last August have been found guilty by Judge Rawles Moore. Lester J. Monroe, of the United Log Truckers association, Coos Bay, had entered in recent pleas for each of the four men.

Those found guilty were Jean Charles Smith, 27, of 725 Beekman st., driver for Skeeters and Skeeters, Talent; William Rudolph Harmon, 32, Veneta, Ore., driver for Stanley W. Hillyer, Veneta; and Alvin John Paudois, 19, of Box 995, Central Point, and James Vinton Roberts, 31, of 102 Division rd., Camp White, drivers for John J. Paudois, Box 262, Central Point.

The amounts of fines assessed against the drivers were, Smith \$117; Harmon \$133; Paudois \$29, and Roberts \$89. Bail equal to the amount of the fines had been posted for each of the four.

The trials were held last fall without juries. The defendants were represented by Lynn McNutt, and District Attorney Walter Nunley represented the state.



THEY MEAN BUSINESS—A state trooper leads the way as this 30-ton light Army tank moves into Massachusetts State Prison at Boston to help break up the revolt of four convicts who hold 11 hostages, including five guards. The tank was requested by state police after the convicts defied guns and bazookas and refused to release their hostages.

Three Subdivisions Given Tentative OK By Plans Commission

Tentative approval for three subdivision plans, one involving an estimated 40 new homes near Medford, has been given by the Medford city planning commission.

At the commission's last meeting, preliminary plans for the Wilson tract, involving some 10 acres south of Stewart ave. off Hamilton st., were tentatively approved. Final approval must be made before any work can begin.

Bert Slaven and Ralph Follett, both Eugene, appeared before the commission as representatives of the large development. Slaven requested the plat approval and would make application later to the city for annexation. He said he intends to construct all the sewer, water and street improvements as required by the city for annexation, according to city officials.

Exact individual cost of the homes planned is not known, but it was believed they would be about \$9,000.

Other plans approved tentatively were for a large tract in the Cherry Heights subdivision, and the Mt. Pitt subdivision. The former is located south of the Jacksonville-Phoenix highway at the end of Orchard Home

Snow Makes Chains Necessary on Many Highway Routes

Snowfall over southern Oregon last night and this morning made chains necessary for auto travel on some highway routes leading from the valley.

Medford office of the weather bureau reported a total of snowfall of 1.2 inches between 5:30 and 10 a.m., but the snow continually melted and little could be seen in this area after mid-morning.

Crater Lake National park reported five inches of new snow today and snow was still falling. Chains were required from south and west entrances to the lake rim. The highway department told United Press that chains were necessary in the Prospect and Green Springs areas.

Snow on Passes
State police reported snow falling on the Green Springs highway route with 3 1/2 inches of new snow. Siskiyou pass could be traversed without chains except for cars pulling heavy trailers. Rain was falling on Sexton and Oregon mountains.

Mandatory chain signs were out in California on Highway 97 over Mt. Hebron and on Highway 99 from four miles north of Weed to that city.

Showers have been predicted in this area this evening.

SP To Inaugurate New Fast Freight Service

Portland (U.P.)—Southern Pacific railroad today announced that a new fast freight train, "The Pacific Coast Expediter," would extend its trailer-flatcar operation between the San Francisco bay area and the Pacific Northwest for the first time.

The railroad said both less than carload and carload trailer-flatcar shipments would be handled. The service is called "piggy-back" because the operation consists of hauling truck trailer loads of freight on railroad carriers.

OLCC Will Distribute Portion of License Fees

Portland (U.P.)—The Oregon Liquor Control Commission plans to distribute \$601,685 collected during 1954 through licensing operations to cities, counties and the state general fund this month.

Committee Picked To Negotiate With Mutinous Convicts

Boston (U.P.)—A "do-or-die" revolt by four escape-mad convicts ended after 21 hours today at Massachusetts state prison when they released 11 hostages unharmed.

Boston (U.P.)—A seven-man committee started negotiations today with four mutinous Massachusetts State Prison convicts in an effort to end their four-day rebellion.

The convicts held 11 men including five guards, as hostages in a barricaded building in the prison's solitary confinement section.

The negotiations committee was set up after Warden John J. O'Brien and three other state officials appealed in vain for two hours to the inmates to surrender.

Committee members are Sumner H. Babcock, president, Boston Bar Association; Rev. John J. Grant, associate editor, Boston Pilot, Catholic archdiocesan newspaper; Erwin D. Canham, editor, Christian Science Monitor; Rev. Edward F. Hartigan, Catholic chaplain at the prison; Rev. Howard Kellett, Protestant prison chaplain; Dr. Samuel Merlin, prison physician, and Patrick J. McDonough, governor's counsel, who had talked with the four convicts face to face Wednesday.

The convicts accepted the seven negotiators as "impartial" and presented a list of grievances.

Before any final agreement can be reached with the convicts, it presumably would have to be approved by Gov. Christian A. Herter.

Freedom Demanded
The convicts, led by bankrobber Theodore (Teddy) Green, 39, have demanded their freedom in return for release of the hostages seized after an attempt escape failed early Tuesday morning.

O'Brien has refused to grant the convict's demands.

Wallet and Money Back After 10 Years

Ten years ago Attorney Bob Boyer, then a high school student, lost a wallet containing \$14 in cash. As he recalls, it was during an algebra class. Yesterday he got the wallet back. It contained a check for \$14.

Sgt. Clifton Lacy Named Lieutenant Of Medford Police

Patrolman Whisler Appointed Sergeant

Clifton Wayne Lacy, 29, Medford city police sergeant since July, 1952, was named lieutenant of the department by Chief Charles Champlin yesterday.

At the same time, Patrolman Theodore Herbert Whisler, 25, was named a platoon sergeant, to fill the sergeant's post held by Lacy. Both men were selected on the basis of their high scores in civil service examinations recently held. The sergeant's exam was taken on Dec. 3 and lieutenant's on Jan. 10.

Lacy becomes the first lieutenant in the department since Champlin became chief in November, 1953. Lacy will be the assistant chief and in charge of operations, which includes patrol, investigation, vice, juvenile and traffic sections. The job was included in the outline recommended for department operation by Sgt. William Beall in his analysis.

The new lieutenant has been with the department for five years and three months. He began as a traffic officer and has worked as a sergeant on the two night platoons. Prior to coming to Medford, he was with the police department at Klamath Falls for a brief time. He is a native of Montana.

Navy Veteran
Lacy is a veteran of 1 1/2 years service with the Navy in World War II. He resides with his wife and two daughters at 1376 Biddle rd.

Whisler has been a Medford patrolman since Nov. 30, 1953. He has worked on both night shifts. He attended both the University of Oregon and Southern Oregon college for a total of one year and is a native of Williams, Ore. He resides with his wife and two daughters at 304 Ashland ave.

City police department personnel now totals 30, including the chief, lieutenant, four sergeants, 22 officers and two records officers.

Government Seen Guatemala Victor

Guatemala City (U.P.)—Quiet prevailed in Guatemala City and the interior today, and it was believed the government had won out over a Communist-inspired attack on army and air bases.

The government, however, continued its "state of siege" and it was expected to censor outgoing news cables.

The censorship was expected to be light. Official communications said President Carlos Castillo Armas government was in "complete control" of the situation, with the rebel force crushed except for scattered remnants now being rounded up here and in the nearby mountains.

Several March of Dimes Projects Set for Week End

Several March of Dimes projects have been scheduled for the week end, it was announced today by Charles E. Jones, special events chairman.

Members of the Letter Carriers auxiliary and members of the Post Office Clerks auxiliary will conduct a Mile of Dimes on Central ave. between Main and Sixth st. Saturday. They will work on each side of Central ave. on a competitive basis and will be assisted by members of Brownie Girl Scout troops.

A steer giveaway will be held at Main st. and Central ave. all day Saturday and Sunday at the Big Y market. Cutting, wrapping and a year's free locker service also goes to the winner of the steer.

Fraternal Order of Eagles, Crater Lake Aerie, will again conduct their Milk of Dimes at tonight's Medford-Klamath Falls basketball game and a money pitch will be held at halftime in which spectators may participate, it was announced.

Hope Raised for Eventual Freedom Of US Prisoners

Chinese To Arrange Facilities for Visit

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Red China has agreed to let the families of 17 jailed Americans visit them in Chinese prisons, the United Nations announced today.

Eleven of the prisoners are American airmen jailed as "spies"; two others are civilians also held as spies and the four others are airmen shot down in separate engagements during the Korean war.

The announcement was the first of any positive nature to emerge from the talks in Peiping earlier this month between U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold and Red China's Premier Chou En-lai. A simultaneous announcement was broadcast by the Communist Peiping radio.

It raised new hope that the Reds intended eventually to release the prisoners. It said facilities for the visit would be provided by the Red Chinese government and arrangements would be made by the Communist Red Cross.

The United Nations issued the following "note to correspondents": "As is being announced this morning from Peiping (Peiping) Premier Chou En-lai during his talks with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold indicated that the government of People's Republic of China would provide facilities for relatives to visit those U.S. personnel who had been convicted and whose cases were under investigation if they wish to do so, and that the Red Cross society of China would make all the arrangements necessary."

Hammarskjold gave this information to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief U.S. delegate, upon his return from Peiping Jan. 13 and also communicated it to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles Wednesday.

He also told Lodge and Dulles he had received assurances in Peiping that the imprisoned men were in good health. Sources here said the assurances were "more than mere words."

However, it was known that neither Hammarskjold nor any of his party actually saw the prisoners.

Major Shutdown Of Water Slated

There will be a major water shutdown for the whole area north of the Big Y market and west of Bear Creek Monday from 6 p. m. to about midnight, according to Robert Lee, assistant Medford water superintendent.

The area involved includes the Midway water district, city of Central Point and users along Table Rock rd.

Lee stated that the shutoff will allow a change in an old feeder pipeline, bringing it up to modern standards under the Midway district's new expansion program, now almost completed. The contractor has installed the mains and most service connections, and all that is left is miscellaneous work, including installation of six fire hydrants and street repair work.

The Monday shutdown will be intermittent during the six-hour period, the assistant superintendent said. It is the second shutdown within a week for a portion of the area.