

Big Celebrations Wait Released Fliers on Return to Home Towns

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — Three American fliers, freed by the Chinese Communists after two long years in Red prison camps, flew home today to joyous welcomes in their Midwest hometowns.

Capt. Harold Fischer Jr., 1st Lt. Lyle Cameron, and W 1st Lt. Roland W. Parks left Honolulu with their families last night on the final lap of their long voyage home.

The fourth flier freed by the Chinese Reds last Memorial day, Lt. Col. Edwin L. Heller of Wynnewood, Pa., elected to stay in Hawaii about two weeks more for treatment of a leg which was injured when he bailed out over North Korea.

The special Air Force Constellation carrying the three returning fliers landed at Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco at 2 a.m. (PST) for an hour's refuelling stop.

Fliers Surprised
The fliers met with a surprise when they got off the plane to stretch their legs. There to greet them were two aunts of Cameron, Mrs. Eugene Schuman of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. C. F. Bingham of El Cajon, Calif.; Fischer's uncle, Arlee Butterfield of San Bernardino, Calif., and an old buddy of Fischer's from Iowa State University, Gerald Schenck of Sacramento, Calif.

The big plane then sped eastward for a 6 a.m. (PST) touchdown at Offutt Air Force Base here and the cheers and handshakes of the hometown folks who saw the three fliers go away to war years ago.

The keys of Omaha were waiting for Parks. A brass band was to greet Cameron at Lincoln, Neb., and the hamlet of Swearingin, Ia., planned the biggest blowout in its history for Fischer.

The three returning fliers were in good condition for their homecoming—tanned and rested after five days in Hawaii with their families.

They also had a lot of lipstick to rub off their faces before they

greet the home folks.

The fliers got a bumper share of kisses last night in an emotional farewell from Hawaii.

Heller, their companion in captivity, and his wife arrived at the hangar to say goodbye and to pass out leis all around.

Heller kissed all the mothers. His wife then kissed the three departing fliers, their fathers, and their brothers.

The kissing continued as the wives of Air Force officers lined up to bid the three airmen a warm goodbye.

Heller Happy
Heller admitted he felt "a little emotion" when the Constellation took off. But he also had reason to be happy because the medics have told him that his leg, crippled when he bailed out of his Sabre jet fighter over North Korea, will heal and leave him fit to fly again.

Parks had already got his first turn at a plane's controls since his capture by the Communists. A few hours before his departure he went up in a T33 jet trainer and put it through its paces.

"It was really wonderful to get back in an airplane again," he said.

The fliers all have 30 day leaves to spend at home and recover from their captivity.

During that time they will receive orders from the Air Force directing them to their next duty station. And, for the time being, all questions about their future will be decided by the Pentagon in Washington.

Intelligence officers there were already going over masses of information gained from the fliers during hours of intensive questioning in Hawaii.

Body of Korean Stowaway Found; Second Hunted

Half Moon Bay, Calif. — (U.P.) — A search for a young Korean stowaway who vanished from a freighter at sea was centered along the coast near here today after the body of his companion washed ashore on El Granada Beach.

An object resembling another body was sighted several hundred yards off shore, but a search by boat yesterday failed to locate it.

The two youths disappeared from the Pacific Far East Line freighter Sea Serpent early Sunday as the ship completed a voyage from Long Beach, Calif., to San Francisco.

They apparently escaped from a locked stateroom after breaking handcuffs with which they had been shackled to their bunks.

Clad in Life Jacket
Painters working on a shore-side restaurant at El Granada sighted the body of one of the youths in the surf yesterday and pulled it in to shore. It was still clad in a red life jacket stenciled with the words "Sea Serpent."

San Mateo Coroner Paul Jensen identified the body as that of either Fung Nat Gon, 17, or Kim Fang Chull, 16, the two stowaways. Both were from Pusan, Korea.

They stowed aboard the Sea Serpent before it left Pusan April 19. They left the ship when it docked at Ocean Falls, British Columbia, believing it was the United States, but were discovered in a church and put aboard the Sea Serpent again for return to Korea.

They were placed in irons for the voyage to Long Beach and San Francisco.

Kentucky Working On Race Segregation

Lexington, Ky. — (U.P.) — Kentucky has taken a step toward compliance with recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions ordering an end to racial segregation in public schools.

An official said today that "we consider the Day Law has been overruled by the recent . . . decisions." The Day Law has banned school integration in this state since 1904. Helen Caise, 16, was accepted yesterday for the summer term at Lafayette High School.

Thus she became the first Negro to enter a white school below college level in this state for 51 years. The Day Law recently had been modified to a degree to allow Negro students to enter colleges where no equal facilities existed. But Miss Caise was the first to enroll in an elementary or high school.

Eureka Forest Fire Nearly Controlled

Eureka, Calif. — (U.P.) — California's first major forest fire of the season was expected to be brought under control today after burning through more than 400 acres of cut-over timber and threatening a valuable stand of Douglas fir.

A 20-mile-an-hour dry wind that fanned the blaze yesterday died down last night and most of the 400 firefighters were released from the firelines. About 100 men were retained to seal off the blaze.

Earl Madray, U. S. Forest Service spokesman, said he believed the fire would be brought under control before noon today.

The flames broke out Sunday in rugged terrain 50 miles northeast of here along U. S. Highway 299. The highway was closed temporarily but was reopened yesterday.

A wind, coupled with high temperatures, had made the area tinder dry and created critical fire conditions for the area, Forest Service officials said.

Pinball Ordinance In Effect at Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland's city ordinance banning pinball machines became effective yesterday afternoon.

Presiding Circuit Judge James W. Crawford entered U. S. and State Supreme Court mandates into the record and Marian C. Rushing, chief deputy city attorney, presented the court order in the afternoon.

Validity of the ordinance had been questioned in an injunction suit brought by Stanley G. Terry, spokesman for the city's pinball interests. The U. S. Supreme Court ruled the ordinance was valid.

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