

# RETURNED FLIERS DENY MAKING SPY CONFESSIONS

## FREED AIRMEN ARRIVE AT TRAVIS AIR BASE

Travis AFB, Calif. — (U.P.)—Eleven American airmen freed after 2½ years in Communist Chinese prisons returned home today and their commander issued an emotional "categorical denial" of published reports that they had confessed to Chinese espionage charges.

Col. John K. Arnold called a special press conference and told reporters in a voice choked with emotion that the Reds "got not a God damned thing from us."

In some accounts of interviews we have given on the way back I have noticed some misquotations," Arnold said. "Most of them were minor but one bothers me very much."

**Wholesale Denial To Confessions Made**  
"I want to categorically deny that anything we ever said or did comprised a confession to the espionage charges that the Chinese Communist laid on us. I challenge them to produce anything that will substantiate their charges if they have anything."

Two Air Force planes brought the 11 airmen on the last leg of their long flight home from the Far East.

Only a few relatives were here to greet the returning fliers who had signified earlier that they preferred to hold reunions with their families at home.

The first of two Air Force planes carrying the men on the last leg of their long flight from the Far East touched down from Hawaii at 7:57 a.m. (PST). Aboard were Col. John K. Arnold, Montgomery, Ala.; Airman Daniel C. Schmidt, Redding, Calif.; Airman Harry Benjamin, Worthington, Minn.; Lt. Wallace Brown, Montgomery, Ala.; Capt. Eugene Vaadi, Clayton, N. Y., and Airman John W. Thompson, Orange, Va.

**Second Plane Lands Two Minutes Later**  
The second plane landed two minutes later at this base north of San Francisco. It carried Capt. Elmer Llewellyn, Missoula, Mont.; Maj. William H. Baumer, Lewisburg, Pa.; Sgt. Howard W. Brown, St. Paul; Capt. John W. Buck, Armathwaite, Tenn., and Airman Steve Kiba, Akron, O.

Arnold, pilot of the ill-fated B29 shot down over North Korea in January, 1953, was the first man off the first plane. He was greeted by his brother, Dr. Robert Arnold of Sunnyvale, Calif., and the latter's pretty wife, Ellen.

"I thought I would never get here," the colonel said. "Ellen come here and get yourself a big kiss."

**Schmidt Won't Talk About Wife's Remarriage**  
Arnold said he expected to leave for Alabama as soon as possible today for a reunion with his family.

A few feet behind Arnold was Schmidt, the airman whose wife remarried while he was still in prison.

"I will not discuss anything about the situation with my wife," he said. "I'm only going to be here a few minutes. I will not discuss it."

Schmidt's wife, Una, did not come to the air base to greet him.

She was waiting at an undisclosed spot to discuss their tangled marital situation.

Schmidt said he did not plan to place a telephone call to his wife from Travis.

**Requests Privacy for Talk With Wife**  
"I don't even know where she is," he said. "I would appreciate it if I could discuss the case with my wife in privacy. It is my own decision and I want it this way."

Schmidt was swamped with hordes of newsreel cameramen, photographers and reporters, and although he refused to discuss his marital status he managed a broad smile and shouted into radio microphones:

"Hello folks, I'm glad to be back. Thanks for everything."

One member of Schmidt's family was her to greet him. Mrs. Paul McQuary of Alameda, Calif., a first cousin, came to welcome him although she had not seen him since he was 16.

**Wartime Buddies on Hand To Greet Fliers**  
Others in the welcoming party included two former members of the fliers' wartime outfit.

Col. George Pittman, the squadron commander who sent the 11 airmen on their ill-fated flight that led to their capture, came from his present station at San Bernardino, Calif.

And John Gibbon, a former Air Force officer, came from his home at Oakland, Calif. Gibbon said he missed being a member of the luckless B29 crew only by a quirk. He said Llewellyn was late coming back to the squadron base at Yokota Air Force Base, Japan, and Gibbon was assigned to take his place as navigator.

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## John E. Peurifoy, Thailand Envoy, Dies in Car Wreck

**Sports Car Hits Truck; Son Also Victim**

Bangkok, Thailand — (U.P.) — U.S. Ambassador John E. Peurifoy, one of the State Department's top cold war trouble-shooters, was killed today with his youngest son, Daniel Byrd Peurifoy, when their fast sports car crashed into a truck.

A second son, John Clinton Peurifoy, 14, was critically injured when the ambassador's Ford Thunderbird crashed into a truck near a narrow bridge outside the famous seaside resort of Hua Hin, 125 miles south of Bangkok.

The flamboyant ambassador who liked sports shirts more than black homburgs was visiting Hua Hin with his two sons and his wife, the former Betty Jane Cox, an ex-school teacher from Oklahoma who stood by him in his battles against Communism in Greece, Guatemala and Southeast Asia.

**Killed Instantly**  
Peurifoy and his son Daniel were killed instantly. Clinton was flown to Bangkok in a seaplane used to haul in supplies. He was suffering from two broken legs, a badly bruised right arm and a severe cut on head. Mrs. Peurifoy flew along with her son and the bodies of her husband and her youngest boy.

No funeral arrangements have yet been announced.

Peurifoy was 48 on Aug. 8. He was a graduate of the military academy at West Point and entered the State Department in 1938 as a \$2000 a year apprentice economic analyst.

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## Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight 50. High tomorrow 90. Temp. Highest Yesterday 92. Lowest this Morning 50.

## American Soldier Slays Korean in Pusan Uprising

**Demonstrators Mill Through Seoul Streets**

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — An American soldier shot and killed one Korean and wounded two others today in an accident expected to increase the violent demonstrations against Communist truce inspectors guarded by U. S. troops.

The shooting occurred off Wolmi Island at Pusan where American military soldiers said the three Korean victims were trying to steal milk. But Korean police described them as peaceful fishermen who were shot when the soldier began firing "wildly."

**Demonstrators in Streets**  
Two thousand demonstrators, including 200 Chinese residents, milled through the downtown streets of Seoul today demanding withdrawal of the Polish and Czech members of the United Nations inspection team.

Communist newsmen at Panmunjom told United Nations command reporters the neutral inspection teams would ignore a Republic of Korea warning to leave Korea by midnight Saturday. Korea has accused the Poles and Czechs of spying for the Communists.

**Wild Rioting Expected**  
The rejection was expected to touch off another wave of wild rioting and American troops throughout Korea—charged by the U. N. command with protecting the neutral inspection teams—prepared for trouble. They already were under orders to shoot, if necessary.

Moscow, Peiping and Pyongyang joined in a series of radio broadcasts blasting the government of President Syngman Rhee for trying "fanatically" to wreck the armistice in Korea. Most of the broadcasts gave full credit to the Americans for trying to protect the truce inspectors.

**Verdict Expected In Jury Suit**

A federal district court jury was expected to reach a verdict early this afternoon in the personal injury suit of Nancy J. Copeland vs. Montgomery Ward company.

The case went to the jury late this morning.

If a decision is reached in time, the court will begin hearing today in the case of Mildred Balderson vs. O. D. Rasmussen, an auto accident suit. C. S. Crookham, Portland attorney, represents the plaintiff, and Roberts, Kellington, and Branchfield, Medford, the defendant.

Court will adjourn this afternoon until 9 a. m. Monday. A damage by fire case, Pacific Engine and Machine vs. John C. Rogers and Ruth V. Rogers of Del Norte Laundry company (Calif.), will open the new week. George W. Mead is attorney for the plaintiff, and H. B. Collins for the defendant.

**Mrs. Ruby A. Johnson Succumbs to Burns**

Mrs. Ruby A. Johnson, 49, of 819 South Central ave., died yesterday in a local hospital of burns suffered a week ago.

Mrs. Johnson was burned in an explosion which occurred in a small shop at a trailer court at 1832 North Riverside ave., when her husband, Glenn, cut into an oil drum with a torch.

Johnson was severely burned in the accident. He was reported off the critical list today at Sacred Heart hospital.

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnson are pending at Conger-Morris Funeral home.

**Passenger Schedule Hearing Under Way**

Salem — (U.P.) — Arguments opened before Circuit Judge Val Sloper today on whether the State Public Utilities Commission has authority to intervene with passenger schedule reduction plans of the Portland Traction Company between Portland and Oregon City.

Decision in the case is expected to have an effect on a ruling as to whether the PUC has authority to force Southern Pacific railroad to restore passenger service between Portland and Ashland.

**Progress Reported In Pipe Line Work**

Camp White—Progress is being made on the laying of a 3,800 foot auxiliary pipe line between the Medford water main and Camp White, Manager E. K. Ricker of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary reported today.

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Screams by Mrs. Deutschman frightened the trio away. Her husband, who was sleeping in the rear of the building, notified police.

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## Nuclear Energy Used To Provide Electrical Power in Idaho Test

Chicago — (U.P.)—The Atomic Energy Commission revealed today that the little town of Arco, Idaho, has become the first U. S. community to receive all its light and power from electricity produced by nuclear energy.

The history making experiment was conducted on July 17, the AEC said, and lasted more than an hour.

Although Arco then went back to normal electricity, the AEC's national reactor testing station, 20 miles from Arco, is still generating electricity.

The AEC announced the new advance of the atomic age simultaneously in Chicago, Washington, Arco, and Geneva, Switzerland.

land, where the International Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy is now in progress.

It said the operation's simplicity of construction, ease of operation, low cost, and high degree of safety may make it suitable for use in remote areas or in conjunction with mining or manufacturing operations.

AEC scientists accomplished the Arco feat by feeding the nuclear-created electricity into normal transmission lines.

Utility lines supplying conventional power from the Utah Power and Light Company were disconnected, leaving Arco's 1200 residents entirely dependent on the nuclear energy.

The scientists decided that experiments with the reactor warranted the addition of a turbo-generator so the steam being produced could be converted into a usable form of energy.

On June 28, 1955, this generating plant was put into operation and production of electricity has been proceeding on a routine basis since then, the AEC said.

The reactor consists of a pressure vessel containing enriched uranium bearing plates submerged in water and a number of neutron-absorbing control rods.

Water circulates through the reactor core by natural convection, the AEC said. Steam is produced by the heat resulting from the fissioning of uranium atoms and is conducted into the 3500 kilowatt turbo-generator, located in a nearby building.

## General Electric, Union Sign 5-Year Work Agreement

New York — (U.P.)—The General Electric Company and the CIO United Electrical Workers hailed as "history making" today their agreement on a new five-year contract although it shuts out the possibility of a guaranteed wage for at least three years.

The contract grants minimum total wage increases of 23½ cents an hour for 100,000 GE workers over the next five years. It provides for no wage reopening during the five-year period but provides for reopening after three years for a discussion of employment security.

Although the reopening would allow discussion of the guaranteed wage plan in 1958, GE said there was nothing to indicate its opposition to such a plan would be anything less than it is now.

One of the 90-odd unions General Electric still has to agree with, the Independent United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, said it feels the agreement "falls far short of meeting the needs of the people."

The agreement provides for 4½ to 10 cent hourly wage increases this year and additional raises over the next four years. Present wages average \$1.93 an hour.

The company said it was negotiating similar pacts with other unions, representing the rest of its 220,000 employees across the country.

**Idaho Power Denies Tax Write-Off Plan**

Boise — (U.P.)—Idaho Power Company replied to one of its critics in the Hells Canyon dam case yesterday by saying no tax write-off or reduction is involved with any company project.

T. E. Roach, company president, issued the statement in reply to Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

Roach said that "Idaho Power's tax payments are the highest in ratio to revenue of any operating utility in the country and will continue on that scale during the big construction program immediately ahead."

He was referring to three low dams at Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon on the Snake river, which the Federal Power Commission has authorized Idaho Power to build.

**Creswell Family's Request For 8 Korea Children OK'd**

Creswell, Ore. — (U.P.) — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt, who already have six children romping around on their 353-acre Creswell farm, will have eight additions to their family within a month.

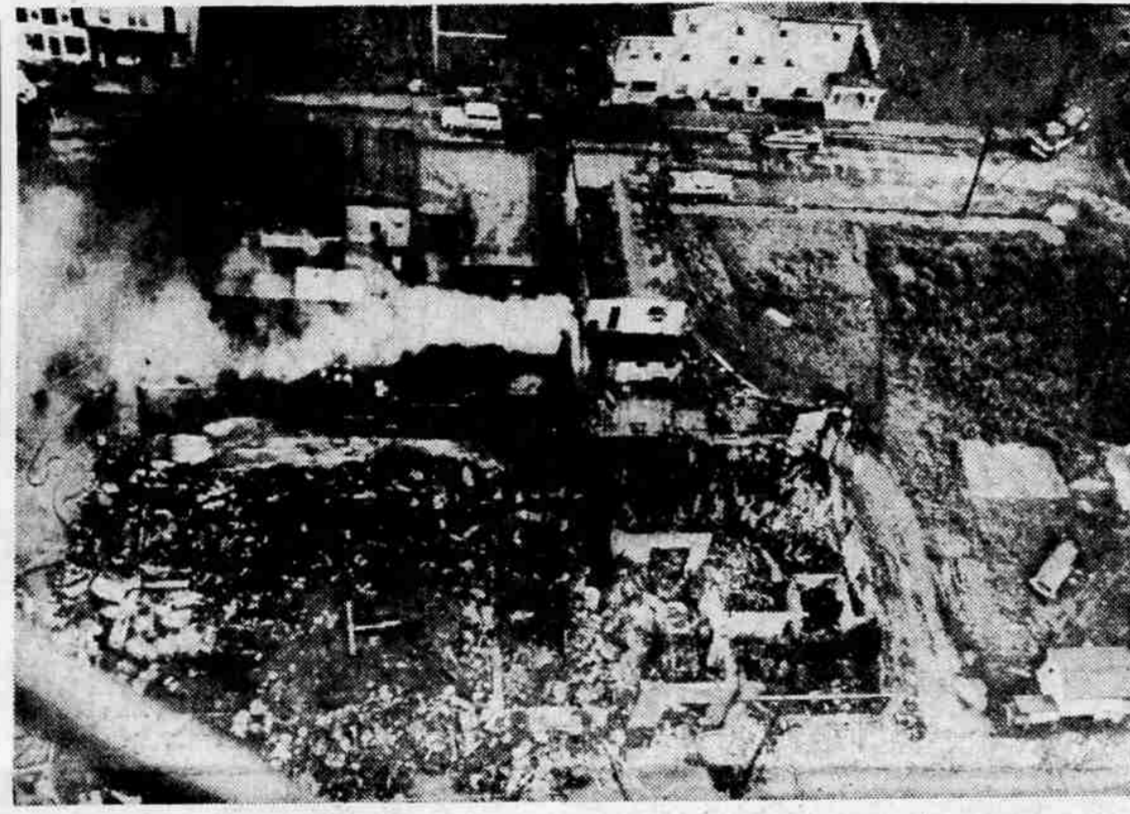
President Eisenhower yesterday signed a bill which will allow the Holts to adopt eight children in Korea. All are offspring of American soldiers and Korean girls. They range in age from one to three. Four are girls.

The Holts got the idea of adopting the American-Korean children last Christmas when they saw a movie in Eugene depicting the plight of the children.

"Possibly it was the time of the year," Mrs. Holt said, "but it almost seemed as if the good Lord told us to share our home with as many of those children as we could make room for."

**Limited By Act**  
The Holts decided they had room for eight. But the refugee relief act limited the number of foreign children they could adopt to two unless it meant dividing a family.

So the Holts enlisted the aid of neighbors and wrote letters to the Oregon congressional delegation urging them to push through a special bill to allow the adoption of eight children. The bill passed and the adoption was all but completed with the President's signature yesterday.



**BLAST LEVELS BLOCK-LONG BUILDING**—Aerial view taken from helicopter shows ruins of business block in Andover, O., where at least 20 persons died and some 20 more were injured in a terrific explosion and fire. Operators of a dairy store in the building, where most of the victims had taken shelter from a lashing rain and electrical storm, said they had smelled "something like sewer gas" just before the blast.

## HURRICANE HITS COAST

Cape Hatteras, N. C. — (U.P.)—Hurricane Connie smashed against the North Carolina coast today and headed north toward the heavily populated Eastern seaboard while far to the south another tropical storm reached full hurricane strength.

The new hurricane was Diane, still 1150 miles east of Miami. Highest winds already were up to 80 or 90 miles an hour.

Connie bored inland at Morehead City, N. C., in mid-morning with winds officially clocked at about 100 miles an hour, but unofficial