

New Code of Conduct for War Prisoners Arms Soldiers With Mental Weapons

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States set out today to arm its fighting men with the tough mental weapons demanded by its new code of conduct for prisoners of war.

An Armed Forces training program was ordered for all men in uniform by President Eisenhower Wednesday night in laying down the historic six-point code for men in combat and captivity.

A Defense department report said the new code was drawn up because "the Korean story must never be permitted to happen again." The report referred to Red torture and brainwash-

ing faced by prisoners and the wide differences in individual ability to endure it.

The code decrees that members of the Armed Forces must be ready to die for their country, must never surrender of their own free will, must try to escape if captured, and must seek no special favors from the enemy. They also must "give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades."

With the stern new code, based on a tell-the-enemy-nothing philosophy, "Communist methods can be successfully combated," according to Assistant De-

fense Secretary Carter L. Burgess who headed the committee which drafted it.

But "real success" will depend on enlightened training and education in American principles, he said. The Burgess Committee proposed that the services cooperate with educational institutions, churches and other patriotic organizations to "provide better understanding of American ideals."

The new code of conduct adopts as "a line of resistance for war prisoners" the Geneva convention provision that captives are not bound to tell captors any-

thing but name, rank, serial number and age.

It recognizes that prisoners may be forced to tell more by torture but it makes them responsible for all their actions.

Gen. John E. Hull, former Far East commander and vice-chairman of the committee, told reporters that a prisoner under duress should not feel "that he has to just live and die on the name, rank and serial number proposition, but he must feel a sense of responsibility when he goes beyond that."

The retired officer said that the committee recognized that any man can be broken and

"if he is broken, he will not stand trial" for what he is forced to do.

Washington — (U.P.) — Here is the text of the new code of conduct which President Eisenhower proclaimed Wednesday for

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American servicemen:

1. I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

2. I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

3. If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

4. If I become a prisoner of

war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

5. When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

6. I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

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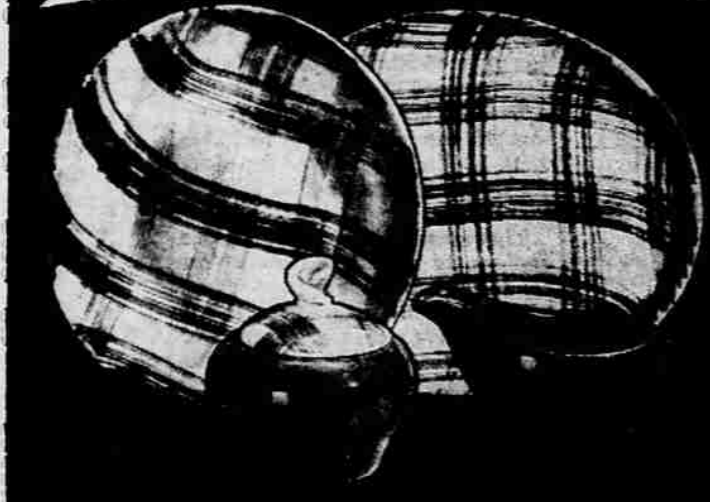


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