

Religious Group To Take Over Soldiers' Orphanage for Blind Korea Children

Portland, Ore.—(U.P.)—An all-faiths religious organization today promised to heed an Indiana soldier's plea for someone to take over a pathetic little orphanage for blind Korean children.

World Vision, Inc., said steps to assume the responsibility for Pfc. Fritz Moeller's "off limits" orphanage already are being taken, and funds will be made available before Moeller is sent back home to Southport, Ind., in February.

"So you tell that boy and his mother not to worry," Roy Wolfe, director of publications at World Vision's headquarters in Portland, told United Press.

Moeller, 22, started his orphanage in an "off limits" area near Seoul despite objections from the Army and assurances it would not be successful. Once he was jailed by Army authorities for visiting his charges, but the Army later relented and issued Moeller an unlimited pass.

Moeller grew fearful about

the future of the orphanage when his rotation date approached. He wrote his mother, Mrs. Christian Moeller, for help. She got the name of World Vision, Inc., from her Baptist minister and asked for help.

"Help is coming," Mrs. Moeller was able to cable her son in Korea late yesterday after contacting World Vision in Portland.

Moeller's flock is made up of refugees and orphans from North and South Korea. About half of them are blind, either

a result of diseases or from war injuries. Their ages range from 6 and 7 years to a few youths in their 20s who are as helpless as 5-year-olds.

One 7-year-old boy, a United Press reporter cabled from Korea, sports the biggest smile of all though he has no right arm. He has never seen himself and he doesn't know the wounds which blinded him make his face a horrible caricature.

Each night two of the children walk four miles to the service company of the 24th Division

near Moeller's unit, United Press Staff Correspondent Robert Brown cabled. They carry two large paint buckets to receive leftovers from the mess hall.

The two girls who pick up the leftovers each night also act as guides for the others who stumble and fall if not helped through the doorway of the small mud-walled, tin-roofed building Moeller is having built for them.

Moeller said he found them in August living in an old Army squad tent and "I couldn't be-

lieve they could exist like that, sleeping on the ground with no blankets or anything."

He tried to buy them blankets but deliveries were not permitted through the lines so "when I found out that a house only costs \$500 or \$600 I decided to buy some land and have a Korean contractor build one," he explained to Brown.

Even when the building is finished it won't be much of a house, no electricity or plumbing, Brown reported. Water comes from a crude well.

"But it's pretty good for Korea, and warm," Moeller said.

World Vision said it was compiling case studies of each orphan which it uses to locate sponsors willing to underwrite each child's care at a cost of \$10 per month.

World Vision will send assistance director Irwin Raetz said, since to the orphanage even if but contributions are needed sponsors are not found, over-badly.

George Predicts Congress Will Reject Administration's Foreign Aid Request

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Walter F. George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee predicted today that Congress will reject an administration request to double foreign aid appropriations next year.

The influential Georgia Democrat was one of a number of congressmen who said the \$4,900,000,000 in foreign aid funds the administration plans to seek will be trimmed sharply.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said Tuesday that Congress would be asked to fix foreign aid appropriations at that level—nearly double this year's allotment—although actual spending would be boosted only by \$200,000,000.

Sees Congress Rejection

"I am satisfied that Congress

will not approve any \$4,900,000,000 if they (the administration) ask for it," George said at his Vienna, Ga., home.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), another member of the Foreign Relations Committee, agreed. He said the administration appears to be "overemphasizing the value of dollar aid" and that it is time to re-evaluate both economic and mili-

tary assistance programs.

Both George and Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.), ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, said that Dulles' announcement was not in accord with what he told congressional leaders at a recent White House briefing. Taber said he was led to believe the new foreign aid request would be only \$2,703,000,000.

Rep. Omar Burleson (D-Tex.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the stepped up appropriation request "to put it mildly, will be looked over very closely."

The congressional complaints were voiced despite Dulles' warning that foreign aid of more than \$4,000,000,000 a year must be maintained for the indefinite future in view of recent cold war developments.

The new appropriation request would be divided so that \$3,000,000,000 would go to military aid and \$1,900,000,000 to economic aid.

Two F84 Thunderjets Crash in Azores

Angra do Heroismo, Azores—(U.P.)—Two U. S. Air Force F84 Thunderjets crashed within minutes of each other Tuesday night. One pilot died in the flaming wreckage of his plane; the other parachuted to safety.

The two planes were in a formation of four jets believed en route to the joint American-Portuguese air base from Newfoundland.

Rescuers Press Paratrooper Hunt

Ellensburg, Wash. — (U.P.) — Volunteers drove three snow weasels into bleak mountain country today in a desperate search for a lost paratrooper whose chance of survival faded with "each passing hour."

Sgt. J. H. Horan, 23, Maynard, Mass., was hitch-hiking an aerial ride to Seattle for a Christmas reunion with his Japanese wife and their three children when he had to bail out of a spinning Air Force C45 Sunday. The plane later was righted and later landed safely.

"He has a chance," said Maj. W. H. Maxwell of Larson Air Force Base. "He has had survival training and could survive if he has wrapped himself in his parachute and made a snow hut. But his chances diminish with each passing hour."

Valley View Road Opens For Traffic

Valley View road was opened for travel yesterday after completion of two reinforced concrete bridges across Bear Creek, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.

The bridges were built by the state highway commission with county, state and federal funds, he said.

Rynning also said a public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 23, in the county court on establishing the upper end of Sardine creek road as a county road.

County crews expect to finish work this week improving Elk creek road.

Cold Delays Opening Of Highway 99 Section

Olympia — (U.P.) — Opening a new five-mile section of Highway 99 between Centralia and Grand Mound will be delayed because of the effects of cold, wet weather, the State Highway Department reported today.

The two-lane project was to be opened tomorrow along with a 14-mile section of four-lane highway south of Chehalis. Concrete had not hardened, however, because of inclement weather, the department said.

Amended Complaint By Wood Village Asked

Portland — (U.P.) — Presiding Circuit Judge James R. Bain yesterday ordered stricken parts of a complaint by the mayor of Wood Village who is seeking to prevent Multnomah county commissioners from building a fairgrounds near his community.

Mayor Paul G. Sherman filed the complaint for a restraining order against the commissioners who have optioned 170 acres for a fairgrounds site near the incorporated community of Wood Village in eastern Multnomah county.

Judge Bain ruled that three paragraphs of the complaint should be stricken because they were based on a law amended by the 1955 Legislature. Sherman's attorneys were given 10 days in which to bring in an amended complaint.

Finland To Start Plane Services To Moscow

Helsinki, Finland—(U.P.)—Finland will become the Soviet Union's main Western civil aviation partner when the Finnish airlines, Aero, opens direct services to Moscow Feb. 18, informed aviation circles said today.

The sources said that Aero will replace Scandinavian Airlines as the Soviet Aeroflot's booking agent on the Helsinki-Moscow route.



TRAFFIC COP NEEDED HERE—In what appears to be a superimposed photo are skiers Otto Weaver (left) of Yakima, Wash., and Jan Moeller of San Francisco doing a well-timed double leap on Dollar Mountain above the Union Pacific resort at Sun Valley, Idaho. If this kind of traffic keeps up they're going to need cops on skis.

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