

Report on 'Cruel and Inhuman Treatment' of Yanks Held in China Due Soon

State Department May Release Paper During January

Washington (U.P.)—The State Department expects to have ready early next year, probably in January, its report on the "cruel and inhuman treatment" of American civilian prisoners by the Chinese Reds.

The department's investigation of prisoner treatment began early this month. When the grim history is completed, the administration will be faced with a high-level decision on whether to make the "White Paper" public immediately.

An important factor in that decision will be whether Red China still holds the 13 American civilians remaining in Chinese jails despite diplomatic efforts to free them.

The report most likely will be made public at some point. But it may be decided to wait until the other Americans are freed to prevent their lot from becoming even more difficult by official U.S. charges of cruelty.

The State Department investigation covers information from other governments, other U.S. government agencies, personal interviews with persons already released by Red China, reports from refugees, information developed in Hong Kong on China's doorstep, and from a variety of additional intelligence sources.

Inquiry Sparked
The inquiry was sparked by advance reports on the condition of Mrs. Homer V. Bradshaw, an American medical missionary, who was freed with her husband on Dec. 20.

Americans who met Mrs. Bradshaw were reported appalled and shocked at her condition although they had been warned to expect the worst. Her only apparent emotion upon being released has been fear. Her body had been ravaged by acute malnutrition and the effects of beri beri. Her weight had dropped to about 80 pounds. Dr. Bradshaw, who also suffered at Communist hands, reported he was handcuffed and "roughly manhandled" by the Reds.

HOSPITAL INSPECTED
Portland (U.P.)—The State Board of Higher Education inspected the new 277-bed teaching hospital here yesterday and officially accepted it from the contractor. Tentative opening date is early in March.

Portland (U.P.)—Robbers held up three grocery stores within a two-hour period here last night, escaping with some \$1,700, including about \$1,500 from one southeast supermarket.

Background on Prisoners Held by Red China

By UNITED PRESS
Background On Prisoners—American and Chinese representatives have been negotiating at Geneva, Switzerland, on release of U.S. civilian prisoners since Aug. 1. At that time, the Chinese held 41 American civilians. In the drawn-out negotiations that have followed, the Chinese gradually have given permission for all to leave except 13 still in jail.

No Formal Relations
The Geneva talks are being held on the ambassadorial level, although the two nations do not maintain formal diplomatic relations. The United States is represented by its ambassador to Czechoslovakia, U. Alexis Johnson; the Chinese by their ambassador to Poland, Wang Ping Nan.

On Sept. 10 Red China promised at Geneva to release all Americans held within its borders in return for an American agreement to let Communist

Chinese civilians in this country return home who wished to do so.

The Communists, meanwhile, balked on carrying out their agreement fully and on Dec. 15 charged the United States had violated the "letter and spirit" of the Sept. 10 agreement. They claimed some Chinese still were being held in this country against their will.

The U. S. issued a strong denial. It said India, which is acting as intermediary, had re-

ported no Chinese being held against their will. It then charged the Communists with "cruel and inhuman" treatment of the Americans held in China.

Varying Experiences Told
Americans released have told of varying experiences with the Chinese, ranging from mere petty annoyances and house arrest to imprisonment in solitary confinement and virtual torture. One civilian, Walter A. Rickett, of Seattle, returned an apparent "brainwashing" victim. He said

he engaged in espionage for the U. S. government and was convinced this country used germ warfare in Korea.

Lighter Load For Ike Expected

Washington (U.P.)—A top administration official says Congress will be asked to lighten President Eisenhower's work load by eliminating some minor paper work.

The official said yesterday the Justice Department is preparing the request.

He said the Justice Department already has eliminated some of the name signing required of the President. But he said further reductions, requiring the approval of Congress, could be made.

After Mr. Eisenhower's heart attack, several members of Congress proposed various ways to ease the burdens of the presidency. They have said they will try to set up a special commission to study the problem.

Rep. Augustine B. Kelley (D-Pa.) has suggested that the commission be headed by former Presidents Hoover and Truman. He said the problem should be divorced from current political speculation about whether Mr. Eisenhower will run for reelection next fall.

POOL OF CHAMPAGNE

New York (U.P.)—The importers of the champagnes of France predicted today that enough champagne will flow in the United States on New Year's Eve to fill a swimming pool 50 feet long, 20 feet wide and nine feet deep.

Far East Air Power Buildup Scheduled

Tokyo (U.P.)—U. S. Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles said today the U. S. Far East Air Forces will be beefed up to meet the constant buildup of Communist jet air strength in Asia.

But Quarles, who arrived today on his first tour of Air Force facilities in the Far East since his appointment, said the free nations now have enough defense strength to make war "completely unprofitable" for any aggressor.

Doesn't Share Alarm
Quarles refused to share the alarm many military men here feel over the growing Communist air superiority in the Far East.

He conceded that Russia, Communist China and Red North Korea have numerically stronger jet air forces than the United States and its Asian allies and have further increased their strength during the past year.

To counter this trend, he told a press conference, the U. S. Far East Air Force will be strengthened "with primary emphasis on getting more modern aircraft to replace those now here."

Quarles gave no timetable for the buildup. It had been announced previously, however, that B57 twin-jet fighter-bombers are replacing the propeller-driven B26s based in Japan.

The Air Force secretary, apparently taking into account the U. S.-based reserves of the Strategic Air Command, insisted that the United States in Asia and elsewhere has "the quality and the stuff to do the job."

"The important thing is to be strong enough in our whole free world position to make it completely unprofitable to any enemy to start a war," he said. "I believe we have that position."

Quarles flew into Tokyo for three days on the first leg of an 11-day inspection tour of American Air Force installations in the Far East.

Rita Hayworth Tells Influence By Ex-Husband

Los Angeles (U.P.)—Film star Rita Hayworth has testified in federal court that her ex-husband, crooner Dick Haymes, exerted considerable control over her screen career prior to their recent divorce.

The actress disclosed Haymes' influence in her business affairs yesterday during trial of her \$150,000 breach of contract suit against Columbia Pictures and the studio's \$150,000 counter suit against her.

The actress charges the studio failed to start the picture, "Joseph and His Brethren," as scheduled. The studio contends it was Miss Hayworth who broke the contract to make the picture.

Makes Suggestion
During yesterday's testimony, the actress agreed Haymes had called the actor suggested for her leading man in the film "a lightweight" and suggested either himself or Montgomery Clift for the part.

B. B. Kahne, vice-president of the studio, testified that Haymes, in his role as advisor to his wife, vetoed the suggestion that Orson Wells, one of Miss Hayworth's ex-husbands, appear opposite her in the film.

Miss Hayworth admitted that Haymes "conveyed my wishes to the studio," but insisted the crooner "never made any decisions for me."

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