

American Students On Tour Meet Youth Captured in Korea

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Peiping, China — Touring American youths Monday met another American who came to Peiping the hard way. Captured in the Korean war, he now is a Peiping university student.

He is Morris Wills, 24, Fort Ann, Lake George, N.Y., who was taken prisoner at the 38th parallel in Korea in 1951.

Members of the American youth delegation in China paid a visit to Wills at the university where he is a student of Chinese literature.

They dined together in the university cafeteria while Wills recounted his experiences and opinions of China.

"Before coming to China I had some primitive ideas about the Chinese people wearing pig-tails and acting the way they are portrayed in movies and comic strips," Wills said.

"I like it here and like the people," he said. "I want to complete my studies."

Eugene Bronstein, 24, a student from New York City on the American youth tour, asked Wills if Chinese feel any hostility toward Americans.

"No, not toward the average American," he replied. "But they don't like the American government's policy toward socialist countries."

The young ex-G.I. taken prisoner by the Chinese when he was only 18, expressed the opinion that many improvements affecting the life of the ordinary citizen have taken place since his arrival — especially in food, dress, construction and a rise in industrial capacity.

Homesick Occasionally
In support of his claims, Wills said, "The Chinese make their own cars and planes now."

Asked whether he wants to return to the U. S., and when, he said, "Well, I get a little homesick once in a while but I have no definite plans for returning home right now."

"I'll return only after finishing my studies," he said.

"I miss the physical comforts, but aside from that, not much."

He and the American visitors sat talking long after their dinner of roast peking duck, stewed beef, and bamboo shoots with ham, butterfly shrimp and other delicacies was finished.

Wills posed for photographers and newsreel men accompanying the American tour. The Americans are leaving Peiping Thursday to visit other Chinese cities including Chanchun, Dairen, Tientsin and Wuhan.

An amplified recording of a frightened starling scores marauding birds away from cherry orchards in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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SYRIAN ARMY CHIEF—

Recently promoted Maj. Gen. Afif Bizri, an admitted Communist, is shown during a press conference in Damascus shortly after he took over as commander-in-chief of the Syrian Army. Syrian leaders deny their country is moving into the Soviet orbit and have assailed United States Middle-East policy as "imperialist."

Determined Artist Starts Work To Improve Works

Los Angeles — A determined artist whose first try at oil painting drew reserved praise for his "feeling for color" in a municipal art exhibit today worked at improving his technique.

Rajah Chandra, after turning out more than 750 water color paintings, switched to oils after seeing a Van Gogh exhibit and being impressed with the burning colors used by the old master.

Rajah's initial effort, "Cafe Leos," an abstract, was viewed by some 20,000 viewers at an exhibit of some 1,800 works and drew praise even from the director of the show.

When the "nonrestrictive" exhibit closed it was revealed that Rajah is a four-year-old Asian dwarf parrot with one brush with his claws or beak.

His owner is a lovely young commercial illustrator, Miss Chandra Poweris. Miss Poweris explains that her pet works with small pots of paint while his canvas lies on the floor, tilted slightly.

"He attends all the art shows with me and just went mad over a recent Van Gogh exhibit with its vivid coloring."

Miss Poweris says many human painters of the abstract among her friends have expressed interest in Rajah's work.

"The last exhibit was Rajah's ninth show and he has yet to win a prize," explains Miss Poweris. "He really has a squawk coming."

Gail Russell Pleads Innocent to Charge

Hollywood — Actress Gail Russell was released from county jail briefly Monday to plead innocent to a felony drunk driving complaint.

Miss Russell, 33, was ordered to stand trial Oct. 15 on the charge and returned to jail until bail of \$2,000 is posted.

On Aug. 21 she was arrested at her home for failure to appear in court on the charge. Officers said they found her unconscious on the floor of her home, a half-finished highball nearby.

The drunk driving charge was brought after she crashed her convertible into a closed coffee shop July 4 and broke the leg of janitor Robert Reynolds.

Bill Killed to Stop Military 'Grabbing'

Washington — An objection from a lone congressman has apparently killed a bill to prevent military "grabbing" of public land.

Rep. Walter S. Baring (D-Nev.) blocked action on the bill in the House when Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) author of the measure, asked for unanimous consent Monday to concur in a Senate amendment.

The amendment would exclude the huge Sawhave Gunner Range in Nevada from provisions of the bill, which specifies that the military must get congressional approval for withdrawal of more than 5,000 acres of public owned property.

The Navy is seeking to add an additional 1,100,000 acres to the 400,000 it already is using for the gunner range in Nevada's Pershing county.

Both the House and Senate have passed the bill but it was sent back to the House after the Senate Interior committee attached the Sawhave amendment.

Army to Replace Personnel of Depot

Washington — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), said Tuesday he had been advised by the department of the Army that an attempt would be made to place as many of the personnel of the Ordnance Ammunition depot in Umatilla county elsewhere in event of reduction in force.

The reduction might result from the Secretary of Defense directive cutting expenditures for the current quarter of the fiscal year by \$125,000.

"The Department informs me" Neuberger said, "that reductions in maintenance and operation funds frequently result in reduction of personnel, although such action at the depot has not yet been decided upon."



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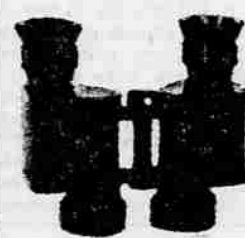
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