

South Koreans Prepare to Open Gambling Casinos for Soldiers

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United Press International
Tokyo — The South Koreans are getting ready to open one of the world's largest gambling casinos to cater to American soldiers.

The five hotels included in the complex also are named after U. S. Army generals who played key roles in the Korean War. They are Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Matthew Ridgeway, Maxwell Taylor, James A. Van Fleet and Lyman L. Lemnitzer.

Although it is a private enterprise, Parker said "the government is 100 per cent behind it."

Officially, U. S. Army officials in Seoul are not for it; but neither are they against it.

Privately, the word is that they are all for it.

Is Excited
"I certainly am very excited about it," Parker said. "I was very impressed. I can see that it is going to be a big thing for Korea. They are planning on diverting some of the tourists from Japan and Hong Kong and I personally believe they are going to do very well."

Parker said the Koreans "have been very smart about the gambling."

He said they have brought in advisers from Las Vegas and even have set up a crupier school.

"The gambling facilities certainly are as good as those at Las Vegas," Parker said. "But what is more important is that they have taken the advice of the men from Vegas." They are going to run it straight.

Largest Suite
"It has got to be straight and strict," Parker said. "The Koreans are very aware of that and that is why the government is going to do the supervising."

What impressed Parker most was the prices.

"Listen," he said, "The project goes under the unlikely name of Walker Hill, Incorporated. It gets the name from the late Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, who was killed while serving as the first commanding general of the Eighth U. S. Army in the Korean War."

largest suite they have in the hotels will only cost \$12 a day. The regular rooms, of course, are much cheaper. It is designed so that they will have a place to go and spend some time and have a good time without getting clipped.

"The rates are fantastically low. But in the long run it is going to earn them some money."

Parker said he was going to Hollywood to begin lining up some American talent. It is his plan to bring some "really big name" American entertainers to kick off the Dec. 20 opening.

Declines To Say
He declined to say who he was attempting to get for the opening. But a source close to Parker said he was negotiating for Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin.

Parker said he hoped to be able to get the same entertainers to put on some Christmas shows for the troops along the truce line.

Al Ricketts, entertainment columnist for the military paper U. S. Stars and Stripes, accompanied Parker on his visit to the project. He was just as enthusiastic as Parker.

"It's utterly fantastic," said Ricketts. "There is nothing to match it in Asia. It's the biggest thing outside Las Vegas."

In addition to the gambling casino and five hotels, the \$5.5 million complex includes indoor and outdoor swimming pools, waterskiing facilities on the Han river, a 500-seat night club, bowling alleys, riding stables, tennis courts, speedboats, bars and restaurants. A nearby golf course also will be available for use by UO guests.

Church of Christ
Picks Walla Walla Man
Beaverton — The Rev. Frank Elliott of Walla Walla, Wash., was elected chairman of the United Church of Christ in the Pacific Northwest at the group's convention here Wednesday.

The group's next convention will be held in Boise in the fall of 1964. This year's three-day session ends today.

Effect of Crisis
On Draft Unknown
Plainview, Tex. — Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service, said Wednesday night he was unable to say whether the Cuban crisis would require an increase in the draft.

Hershey said possibly as many as 25,000 men could be inducted in November, but most of them would have to be called in the last 10 days of the month because draftees must have at least 10 days notice before induction.

SOC Representatives
Attend La Grande Event
Ashland — Four representatives from Southern Oregon college attended an Interinstitutional conference at La Grande recently to discuss mutual plans and problems in relation to curricular offerings, administrative procedures, and educational goals.

Those attending from SOC were Dr. Arthur S. Kreisman, director of general studies; Dr. E. C. McGill, director of academic affairs; Dr. Bill Sampson, chairman of the education division; and Dr. Marshall E. Woodell, director of graduate studies.



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Portland Office Building Approved

Portland — Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) said today the General Services Administration informed her it has approved a general purpose \$15 million federal office building for downtown Portland.

She said exact details of the location and agencies that would occupy the proposed structure have not yet been determined.

Mrs. Green said the project would be submitted to the federal budget bureau this month after which it will be forwarded to the Senate and House Public Works Committees in January for final authorization.

Registration for Window Painting To Start Friday

Registration for the annual window painting contest will start Friday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. in the recreation office on the second floor of the Medford city hall.

The contest is sponsored by the Medford Moose lodge and the city's recreation department in cooperation with Medford public schools.

Registration will continue until 6 p.m. Friday; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students desiring to participate in the window painting event must sign a Youth Honor day pledge card, be 14 years old or under, and register for the event.

Paint At City Hall

Paint to be used must be either water color or poster and must be taken to the city hall at the time the person registers so it may be approved for use.

When registering, each youngster will be assigned window space donated by merchants. Subjects to be painted should follow the Halloween or autumn theme.

Prizes will be awarded in two age groups — 11 and under and 12 through 14. Grand prize in each division will be a bicycle.

The window painting contest is one of three activities planned during the Halloween season. All require the participants to sign honor day pledge cards which state that the signed will not deface or destroy property of perform any harmful act during the season. Other activities include a costume parade and a teen-age dance.

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