

Reds Throw City Open To Newsmen

(Editor's Note: This is the first story received from Mukden since nine allied correspondents were permitted to enter Manchuria nearly a week ago and were held incommunicado 54 hours by Russian authorities. The story was delayed two days presumably for lack of quick communications. Copy was flown from Mukden and radioed from Shanghai.)
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MUKDEN, Feb. 20 (Delayed) (AP) — This scarred, disheveled Manchurian arsenal city was thrown open by Russian military authorities today to nine allied correspondents who previously had been confined 54 hours in a hotel.

It was at Mukden that the incident which led to the Sino-Japanese war developed 14 years ago.

For the past six months, rumors emanating from this one-time stronghold of Manchukuo warlords were purple with intimations of banditry, rape, looting, kidnaping, arson and murder as violent as in the days of Genghis Khan.

Correspondents, wishing to check the validity of these accounts and to see what was happening in Manchuria's postwar world, were balked by both Chinese and Russian officials until today, when 46-year-old Maj. Gen. Andrei Kovtoun-Stankevitch announced:

"You may go any place at any time you wish in Mukden, with or without escort."

Internment Ends
This brought to an end a period of more than two days of restricted movement, amounting to internment for use in the south Manchuria railway's Yamato hotel, renamed the Intourist hotel.

It was the first time since the war ended that allied newsmen had been granted the privilege of entering this Soviet-occupied Manchurian city.

We found a city of 2,000,000 undergoing the pangs of inflation, with food prices four times higher today than six weeks ago.

This is a city where 85 per cent of the factories developed for Japan's war potential are idle, according to Russian sources.

We were told that more than 3000 cases of typhus developed in December and January until Russian army doctors checked the epidemic.

We were told that 30,000

prostitutes roam the streets and frequent dance halls and cafes.

These municipal affairs are the direct concern of Mayor Tung Wei-chi, central government appointee, and Police Chief Tai Hung-tao, but both Chinese officials frequently consult the Soviet commanding general, Kovtoun Stankevitch, whose estimated 6000 to 7000 veterans of Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army control the city.

Between 10,000 and 20,000 Chinese government troops under Maj. Gen. Peng U-shen are in the western section of the city, awaiting orders.

No Jap Troops
In contrast to many parts of north China, there are no Japanese troops to be seen in Mukden. There were 60,000 here when Kovtoun-Stankevitch's men entered the city by plane and truck August 19, 1945, and caught Henry Pu Yi, puppet emperor, about to skip for Japan by plane.

Now all Japanese troops are gone. The Russian commander prefers not to say where, but

reports circulating here are that none was repatriated to Japan—that all able-bodied men were sent to Siberia or Russia to work on mines and railways.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

2 Men Plunge To Death From Bridges

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP) — Two men plunged to their death

from bridges to the ground below today.

The body of Oke W. Johnson, 25-year-old veteran, was found below the Union avenue viaduct. About the same time, mo-

torists found the body of Harvey Miller Johnson, 32-year-old welder, under the Vista avenue bridge.

The coroner's office listed both as suicides.

Draft Status Issue In Case

Arthur Corden Robson, Klamath Falls youth of Canadian birth, came before the circuit court this morning for a hearing on whether he should be termed a parole violator after he had missed draft induction by being detained in Canada by immigration authorities.

Robson will be 19 years old the last day of this month. He has served a juvenile sentence in Woodburn and on July 5, 1945, was put on probation for larceny here on condition that he answer his draft call which was set for July 20, 1945.

The youth, his mother and grandmother left Klamath Falls a few days later for a visit

north and on July 24, 1945, he entered Canada at Vancouver, B. C.

The next day, it was reported to this country to report induction and was stopped at the border by U. S. immigration service officials and refused permission to cross the border on the grounds that he had been convicted of a felony in Canada. He was not allowed to enter the United States until one week later and was promptly taken into custody here by the U. S. Marshal, U. S. Attorney Robson, told the court "chain of unusual circumstances" and not willful evasion caused the youth to miss his induction call. Judge David H. Vandenberg has reserved a decision in case until a report of the immigration authorities is made.

Midland

The Midland Grange Excels club met at the home of Mrs. Emma Lamb with a large attendance. Several important problems were discussed.

Those present were Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. James Ely, Mrs. Fred Crapo, Mrs. Joe Milani, Mrs. Phil Mutschersbacher, Leon Andrieu, Mrs. Auguste d'rieu, Mrs. George Andrieu, Mrs. Ernest Milani, Mrs. L. Hickman, Mrs. Pearl Bannister, Mrs. John Mastler and Mrs. Lamb.

Joe Milani was severely injured in San Francisco last week. He was on his way to the University hospital to see his daughter who was a patient there. Milani, who was a passenger standing near a load block when a car struck, throwing him 15 feet, took off his coat and breaking ribs. Milani was taken to University hospital where he will be confined for several months. Mrs. Milani left immediately to be with her band.

Mrs. Edward Burke has returned to her home after a week's illness in Klamath Falls hospital.

Keno

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Lupton, Burney, Calif., are visiting their daughter's family, the Scherers, Mr. and Mrs. Lupton visited in Washington last short while ago with their children and other relatives.

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