

Gigantic Airlift Planned To Speed Korea POW's To Homes After-If-Released

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN
 TOKYO (AP)—A giant airlift is being organized to speed home the 2,000 American prisoners of war held by the Communists in North Korean POW camps, it and when they are released.

It is unofficially dubbed "operation homecoming."

The men will be given medical examinations then flown immediately to Japan for care and rest.

Miners Set To Go Back Into Orient

WEST FRANKFURT, Ill. (AP)—"You must forget—you can't sit back, even after a disaster like this."

The words are those of Sherman Whitlow, president of the United Mine Workers Union local which lost 119 members in that tragic pre-Christmas coal mine explosion.

Like the others who received the Dec. 21 blast, Whitlow is ready to go back to work in Orient No. 2 as soon as it reopens.

"Sure, it will be a long time before we get over it, but they'll all go back," Whitlow said Saturday. "It's in their blood."

A cleanup crew of about 100 men already is at work repairing the blasted workings. The lower is on again. Permanent ventilation has been re-established.

About 1,100 men were employed at the mine before the disaster—some 200 of them on the night shift when the blast struck.

A spokesman for management—The Chicago, Wilmington and Franklin Coal Co.—doesn't know when the mine will reopen but he said it won't be until after an investigators' report is completed. He added that may be next week.

The report is being prepared by federal and state officials who investigated the explosion, which they said was set off by ignition of methane gas.

Federal Job Roster Gains

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Byrd (D-Va.) said Saturday total civilian employment by the federal government climbed to 2,300,000 persons in November, a gain of 4,000 over the previous month.

Additional industrial employees (blue-collar workers) in the military establishment caused the gain, the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures reported. Byrd is the committee's chairman.

Byrd said military agencies employed 1,274,181 in November, the latest month checked, and civilian agencies 1,025,819.

He said there was a decline in classified (white-collar) workers in civilian agencies except in the Post Office department during the Christmas rush.

Other agencies showing increases included the Veterans Administration, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the General Services Administration.

Those reporting decreases included the Agriculture, Commerce and Interior departments and the Economic Cooperation Administration.

Byrd said the total federal payroll was \$40 million dollars for October, an increase of 148 millions above September. He said this was due largely to pay increases granted by Congress.

Purity Squad Puts Clamps On Show

YANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Morality detail officers who said there was too much in the show and too little in the girls arrested five persons in a raid on a showplace Vancouver house Friday night.

Named in the raid as the first show of the night closed were Barbara Wallace, 42, and Charles Nelson, 41, co-owners of the State Theater, the "red" scene. Nelson with whom were Jay La Jone, 33, New York; Francis Marco, 21, Little Rock, Ark.; and Harry Lowe, 38. They are charged with participating in an obscene show.

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SNOW GIRL—Mary Lou Janssen (above), 337 Martin St., appears to have failed to duck one or more snowballs. Mary Lou is taking a business course at Oregon Tech.

Newell Bond Vote Slated

TULELAKE — Voters in the Newell elementary school district will go to the polls Jan. 15 to ballot on the proposal to bond the district for the maximum 5 percent allowed to raise \$152,000 for construction of a new school building.

A favorable vote will qualify the district for state aid totaling \$160,801.

Estimated cost of construction on the grade school building is \$312,801.

Information sheets have been mailed to residents of the area to acquaint them with the urgent classroom accommodation problem that has already outgrown the present building used by children of new home-owners.

A meeting has been called for Friday night of this week at the Newell Community Hall which will further acquaint voters with seriousness of the situation.

Money from the bond issue and the state grant will be used for construction of a building only. The district has title to an 11-acre tract of land at Newell.

This year's enrollment is 147 students. Next fall the enrollment is expected to jump to 230 and by the 1953-54 term there will be an estimated enrollment of 350.

Children are now attending classes in the building used by children of war relocation authority officials during life of the Japanese internment camp.

Bureau Of Reclamation Eyeing \$200 Million Or More Budget For Future

By MORRIS CLEAVENER
 WASHINGTON (AP)—A ceiling of 200 million dollars yearly is the outlook for the reclamation construction program the next years of the "cold war."

Three things might change this picture:

1—Eruption of the cold war into something hotter;

2—Worsening of the world food situation—in other words a shortening of food supplies for the United States and other freedom loving countries; and

3—A mounting demand for power facilities for the defense program.

The President's budget message which will go to congress about Jan. 21 is expected to request 250 millions for the reclamation program, says informed officials who decline to be quoted by name.

Of this, slightly more than 200 millions would be used for new construction. The remainder would be for operation and maintenance of existing projects, rehabilitation of projects already constructed, administrative purposes and for other uses.

This is a summary of conditions as they are expected to exist without radical changes in the world situation:

1—Power will have the right of way.

Poetic Police Keep Close Watch

GARMISCH-Partenkirchen, Germany (AP)—U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy was startled to find this German police warning sticker on his car here last week-end:

"To a cow, traffic's only a lark, but you must learn how to properly park."

In the South China Sea 3 1/2 miles of communication cable was recently cut from the line between Hong Kong and Amoy. This is usually the work of thieves because cable material, untraveled and melted down, makes top black market items.

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2—Purely "irrigation" projects, unless a critical world food shortage develops, are likely to take a secondary place, say many informed officials.

Some western congressmen, interviewed Monday expressed belief that a major fight may develop over starting new projects.

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