

# Allied Powers Turn To Consideration Of What To Do In Korea Should Truce Talks Collapse; Total War Skirted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and its Allies in Korea have begun exploring the question of what should be done in the event truce talks collapse.

It was emphasized that every thing possible still will be done to help reach a satisfactory truce, and unnecessary risks will be taken that might complicate negotiations. Hope of success is not dead.

But reports that State Department officials, military leaders and Allied representatives have begun a serious policy survey of what action may be taken if peace talks hereafter recognition in inner councils here that prospects of an agreement are slackening somewhat.

There was no clear indication of what line might be taken if truce talks failed, but these possibilities are reported under study:

1. The United Nations could increase military pressure on Korea to try to persuade the Red command to reach an agreement. This would be costly to both sides, as

both have strengthened their positions during the semi-armistice.

2. The U.N. could accept a withering-away of the war. In such a situation there would eventually be no fighting and no armistice, but also there would be no exchange of prisoners. This point, an irreducible minimum of a truce arrangement as far as the U.N. is concerned, has been a major stumbling block to date.
3. Direct pressure could be put on Communist China by methods ranging from naval blockades to a direct attack on Chinese bases or munitions centers. This would broaden the war, and is a step for which some Allies have no enthusiasm.

If a truce should be arranged, there is the problem of enforcing it.

One proposed plan—punitive measures against Communist China herself in case of violations—has touched off a new debate in



**POW'S IN CHINESE WINTER GARB** — This is another of a series of pictures taken at Chinese Prisoner of War camp No. 2 at Pyoktong on the Korean side of the Yalu river by Frank Noel, Associated Press staff photographer, a Communist captive himself for more than a year. Noel's caption says it shows (l to r) Lt. Harold Stahlman, Nashville, Tenn., and Capt. Fred L. Speers, Maryville, Tenn., walking. They are wearing winter uniforms issued by the Communists. Noel's pictures were taken with permission of the Reds and turned over to The Associated Press at Panmunjom. They were received in Tokyo (Jan. 25).

# UN Turns Over Detailed 14-Point Plan For Korea POW Trade To Red Brass

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — A detailed working draft of a 14-point U.N. plan for exchanging prisoners of war in Korea was handed Communist truce negotiators Monday.

The Reds promised to study the proposal.

The prisoner exchange plan incorporates all basic points of the Allied proposal submitted Jan. 8, which the Reds have said they never will accept.

It is a companion piece to the detailed draft on truce supervision given the Communists Sunday.

Staff officers were scheduled to start work on this Allied draft Monday, but the Communists asked for and got a 24-hour postponement.

The truce supervision subcommittee is in recess while the staff officers attempt to reach agreement.

Rear Adm. R. E. Libby presented North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho a revised roster of 132,000 Communist prisoners of war held by the U.N., listing names in Chinese and North Korean.

He said the Allies also were ready to exchange information on allegedly missing prisoners.

Lee thanked Libby for the data but accused the Allies of attempting blackmail because they hold more prisoners than the Reds.

He repeated previous arguments that the principle of voluntary repatriation, of "so-called one-for-

A joint committee of four field grade officers with a Red Cross representative as non-voting chairman would supervise repatriation of civilians.

Both Committees would function under the Military Armistices Commission and would make their headquarters at Panmunjom.

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# Price Level In Northwest Slightly Up Since Advent Of Government Price Curb

SEATTLE (AP) — One year ago the government slapped a "general freeze" order on all prices.

The Seattle regional Office of Price Stabilization has summed up a year of controls in the northwest with a report some prices have gone up, some down, some of the decreases, it said, led from OPS orders; some were caused by general market conditions.

The general level of retail prices in the northwest, it summarized, is about 2 1/2 per cent above a year ago, when controls first began to take effect.

Regional OPS officials contend it could have been worse. Before the price "freeze" last January, they say, prices were rising at "an alarming rate"—nearly 10 per cent in eight months.

John L. Salter, regional director, says the "braking action" on the price level should be classed at least partly as an OPS success. "An alarming rate"—nearly 10 per cent in eight months.

"We know the OPS has done a good job this year," Salter said, "and it has done that job while working under great difficulties. Price controls have helped the consumer's dollar buy more—and that's what OPS is for."

"Prices on a number of food items went down during the year, some as much as 20 per cent, according to an OPS check of food store activity line. This was true especially of cooking oils and fats," Salter said.

The OPS reported the following evidence from store ads:

In Spokane this week a quart bottle of cooking oil sold for 67 cents, compared with 83 cents a year ago. In Seattle, the same bottle of oil could be bought for 62 cents. In Spokane the price of shortening dropped from \$1.02 a year ago to 85 cents this week for a three-pound can.

Many cuts of pork either dropped in price during the year or remained almost steady.

Prices of canned goods went 1 way during a year of controls. Canned tomato soup went up a penny a can in Seattle during the year. But in Spokane and other places the price of canned fruit juice hit the skins.

Retail beef prices, subject of a bitter controversy during the year, generally went up a few pennies or remained steady, OPS said.

Most spectacular price increases during the year were in the field of new cars, Salter said. Practically all auto makers asked for, and were granted, increases ranging up to hundreds of dollars for new models.

Men's clothing prices in the northwest generally held steady or decreased slightly during the year, OPS said.

A widely-sold model of a man's suit was listed at \$65 retail just a year ago. It went up to \$69.50 last August and was back down to \$65 this week, OPS said. Men's store buyers reported they expected suits of the same price range to drop another \$5 this spring.

Exact comparison of women's clothing prices is almost impossible, OPS said, because of widely varying styles from season to season. But it reported prices of standard items have remained steady during the year.

boy scouts. This scout movement in our community is the finest thing ever undertaken here for the local youth, and calls for much unselfish work and effort on the part of the leaders of the various groups represented. All are urged to attend the meeting on Friday, evening, February first, and help encourage and support this worthwhile activity.

Harry Orem returned Thursday, Jan. 24 from Portland and reported that his wife is getting along fine following surgery two weeks ago at St. Vincent's hospital. The two small Orem children, Gary and Anne, are being cared for by Mrs. Ord Pritchett at her home here during their mother's stay in the hospital which will be six weeks at least. Orem plans to return to Portland in a few days after attending to some business affairs. Friends wishing to send cards or messages to Mrs. Orem may reach her by addressing them simply in care of St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, Orem said.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren L. Miller Jr. and sons visited here this week from the Miller ranch at Red Bluff, Calif.

After spending some time at Red Bluff looking after his cattle on winter pasture there, Lloyd Nichol-

son returned here Wednesday to his wife and family at their home at the Nicholson ranch north of Ft. Klamath.

Driven on his route for the first time on Thursday morning, Jan. 24, was the fine new 66-passenger school bus assigned to this section by Klamath County School District, when the driver, Mrs. William C. Martin, piloted the bus from Fort Klamath to deliver pupils to their classes at Chiloquin schools.

The local State Highway Dept. also has a new piece of snow-removal equipment, a truck with

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# Two Drunk Drivers Held

Two motorists were arrested by City and State Police over the weekend for drunk driving and another was cited by State Police on charge of reckless driving.

A Portland truck driver, Harold E. Matthews was arrested about 2 a.m. Sunday at the Lenox junction of Oregon Highway 66.

A State Patrolman reported Matthews was trying to get his truck out of a snowbank. The officer said Matthews admitted consuming two drinks of whiskey with another man between Redding, Calif., and Klamath Falls.

Matthews was lodged in the county jail.

Saturday night State Police arrested Richard C. Tupper, 36, 1504 Fulton St. on charge of reckless driving.

The arresting officer said Tupper forced an oncoming vehicle into a snowbank on Riverside Drive, when Tupper tried to pass another car on the crest of a hill.

Then, the officer reported, Tupper lost control of his 1940 GMC pickup on the Link River bridge turn onto Main St., and crashed into another car.

Tupper was cited to appear in District Court Monday afternoon. In Municipal Court this morning, Ronald E. Curtis, 1717 Main St., was fined \$100 and given 30 days in jail on pleading guilty to driving while intoxicated.

Curtis was arrested Saturday midnight at Division and Eberlein

Scheduled for the same evening of Feb. 1 is the regular monthly meeting of Scout Pack No. 34, also in the clubhouse. Scoutmaster Frank Strahan extends a hearty invitation to everyone to attend the meeting, which promises to be most enjoyable and entertaining. A potluck dinner will be served at six o'clock, to be followed by a "rec" program to be presented by the Bluebirds, little misses of the 2, 8 and 9 year old age group of Campfire girls, also numbers by cub and boy scouts. In charge of the Bluebirds is Mrs. James Van Wormer, while Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Halford and Frank Strahan are cubmaster and den mother and leader, respectively, of the cub and

City Police reported they followed Curtis' weaving car for several blocks before being able to stop it.

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