

Anti-Reds Escape From Korean Prisoner Groups

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

ROJE ISLAND, Korea (AP)—U.S. troops hunted Thursday for missing comrades of 399 frightened anti-Communist prisoners of war who broke away from 4,800 marching Reds.

The breakaway came during an otherwise orderly evacuation of the fourth trouble-ridden POW enclosure at this United Nations prison camp.

Reds Extend Border Guard

BERLIN (AP)—The Soviet Zone government decreed Thursday an extension of its shoot-to-kill security measures to include the border around Berlin as well as the frontier with West Germany.

An order signed by Communist boss Walter Ulbricht, deputy prime minister, directed the state security police to "extend generally" the measures begun at first on the interzonal frontier to "hinder the entrance of diversions, spies and terrorists in the territory of the German Democratic Republic."

It provides sentences of at least two years in jail for violators "unless they are not liable for higher punishment under other regulations."

The death penalty is already provided for major violators of a catch-all Communist law "for protection of the peace."

The order came as the Western high commission met in this blockade-threatened city for a discussion of the Communist squeeze.

The commission's visit here from Bonn was a gesture of Allied support for the troubled West Berliners, who have lived through one Russian blockade and are afraid the Russians may be plotting another.

The West German government did its reassuring bit, sending its Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer here to discuss plans for federal economic aid to West Berlin's endangered industries.

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And, he adds, mass welfare is just one phase of the overall communications problem. Auxiliary power units in convenient spots would facilitate operations greatly, and Conner says arrangements are being moved in this direction.

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The anti-Red POWs said the missing prisoners had been held before Communist kangaroo courts before the transfer. They didn't report the number.

Death at the hands of their die-hard leaders was the fate of 16 POWs missing from an enclosure emptied Wednesday.

The camp commander, Brig. Gen. Hayden L. Boatner, is expected to order evacuation of a fifth compound, No. 66, Friday. Some of the 2,700 ugly-tempered North Korean officers and 650 non-coms there are reported fashioning knives and spears.

Boatner met Thursday with their leaders, some of whom were shown the smoldering wreckage of Compound 76, the first to be emptied. Thirty-nine prisoners died and at least 150 were injured there in a Tuesday battle with U.S. paratroopers.

Some 24,400 have been moved. Thirteen compounds remain to be emptied.

The transfer from compound No. 95 was orderly, in contrast to the hour fight that left 39 prisoners killed and 150 wounded when the first compound—No. 76—was emptied Tuesday.

Many of the 399 POWs who broke away plainly feared death at the hands of their red leaders. Others who tried to escape were dragged by the Communists into compound 91, their new, temporary enclosure.

"Now we will live," one grateful North Korean soldier sighed after escape tunnels.

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Compound 66 is guarded by one company of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry of Britain, and one company of the Royal Canadian Regiment. However, indications were that the U.S. 38th Regiment would supervise the evacuation.

The remains of 16 savagely killed prisoners were dug up in the third emptied compound, No. 77. But so far soldiers found no bodies in the fourth, No. 95. Unlike 77, there were no homemade weapons or escape tunnels.

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Radio Ham Operators Ready for CD Emergency

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.

In event of disaster—manmade or natural—one of the important elements is the maintenance of proper communications, and George Conner is the man in charge of Klamath County's communications under the Civil Defense Program.

Under the program, Conner has the position of deputy director in charge of communications. Here's what his job and his division's job entail.

In case of disaster, two links must be set up immediately.

The Red Cross must obtain outside contact with its regional office in San Francisco. And the civil defense authority here would require communications with its regional office.

HAMS: About three dozen Klamath radio amateur—ham operators—are on tap for such emergency. Already they have been maintaining almost nightly contact with "The Oregon Emergency Net" which covers the most important cities of the Pacific Northwest, ranging from Alaska to the north to Reno south, Boise East.

Recently, Conner reports, local operators have activated a special network for Civil Defense which serves to keep most of the counties in Oregon tied together by radio communication.

"Dependable high speed communication," Conner says, "between points of concentrated welfare would become essential in emergencies."

He divides the problem into two basic requirements:

1. Contact with outside areas, and 2. Local communications problems.

"Much of the local communications," he says, "would be handled by the telephone company, unless the offices themselves are destroyed. The phone company maintains auxiliary power, so the communications also has an auxiliary power supply, so it too could function to some degree."

Conner's group has compiled a comprehensive list of services capable of coming to the aid of the community in case of emergency. Many have independent power plants or outlets, and would assist power facilities.

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Douglas Fir Output Down

PORTLAND (AP)—Production of Douglas fir lumber is running 6.7 per cent under that for last year, and with orders and shipments also down, stocks on hand are higher than at comparable times last year and the year before.

That was reported Thursday by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association. In the first five months of the year, production was 4,254,316,000 board feet. That is more than 300 million feet under last year at this time.

A year ago, despite record production, the output could not keep up with orders or shipments. This year, though, orders are a little below production and shipments are a slight amount over production.

Unfilled orders at the end of May were listed at \$48,482,000 board feet while on the same date last year there were orders at hand for 1,089,110,000 feet. Gross stocks May 31 were 917,160,000 feet, about 150 million greater than a year ago.

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Grange May Act Today

LA GRANDE (AP)—The Oregon Grange, holding its annual convention here, was to take action Thursday on the controversial loyalty oath resolution.

The resolution calls for a law to deny teachers and state officers salaries unless they sign anti-Communist oaths.

In Wednesday action the Grange approved resolutions calling for creation of a federal food and mouth disease laboratory, uniform traffic laws among states and a state ground-water code.

Disapproved were resolutions opposing cloud seeding to increase rainfall and making the State Game Commission liable for damage to farmers by hunters and game animals. A proposed \$200 bounty on cougars also was rejected.

Action is expected Thursday on the remainder of the 95 resolutions submitted Tuesday.

State CIO Secretary George Brown, a speaker, said there was "reasonable assurance" that the Dechutes River in Central Oregon never would be built. The dam is opposed by the CIO and the Grange.

Juvenile Grange officers elected included Jeanette Thompson, Sixes Grange, Curry County, master; Betty Haynes, Kellogg Grange, Douglas County, lecturer; Cecil Evers, Pruitdale Grange, Grants Pass, steward.

Retha Grant, Springwater, was named the state's outstanding young Granger.

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