

### Division Leader Lau's Puerto Ricans

By ROBERT TUCKMAN  
**SEOUL (AP)—**The commander of the U.S. 3rd Division voiced confidence today in the division's Puerto Rican regiment in which nearly 100 men were court-martialed for fleeing from battle or refusing to go into action.

Maj. Gen. George W. Smythe said he felt the 65th Regiment had done an "outstanding job" in Korea and that he "certainly intended" to put the unit back into the line.

"I have confidence in the men and their leaders and I feel that it will enhance the tradition of this division to have them go back into the line," Smythe said.

The regiment was put back into the line last December but was pulled back again soon thereafter. Ninety-two enlisted men and one officer, all Puerto Ricans, were convicted by court martial trials ending last week of misbehaving in the face of the enemy.

The trials stem from a series of actions last fall on the Central Front. Fifty-four of those convicted were involved in combat against the Communists in the Jackson Heights area Oct. 28 and 29. The other 39 were brought to combat patrol Nov. 3.

The 65th Regiment, almost entirely Puerto Ricans except for some officers, has been fighting

in Korea since November, 1950. Smythe's statement was made in a tape-recorded interview with a Voice of America correspondent. It was released to newsmen today.

Maj. Walton B. McMullen of Gainesville, Fla., division public information officer, said some of the Puerto Ricans asserted their platoon leader was lost and others insisted they were helping wounded to the rear.

McMullen gave this account at a news conference:

The 65th Regiment went back into the line Oct. 23 after it had been badly mauled at Kelly Hill in late September. Most of the men were veterans of the Kelly Hill action. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions were put on the line in the Jackson Heights area and the 1st Battalion was held in reserve. The Puerto Ricans took a heavy shelling the first day and on the second day repulsed two attacks.

On Oct. 28, "Fox" Company of the 2nd Battalion was ordered to an outpost and reached the objective under moderate to heavy fire. However, men dropped out and as a result the company was withdrawn.

"Charlie" Company was ordered forward and approximately the same thing happened. "Charlie" Company was pulled back and

"Able" Company was sent up to replace it. The officer of "Able" Company was the only one in the company to disobey the order to move forward.

The 1st and 2nd Battalions were pulled off the line for training. The 3rd Battalion was kept on the line. The officer and 53 enlisted men were convicted in this incident.

The second incident, on Nov. 3, involved a combat patrol made up of men of "Love" Company of the 3rd Battalion.

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and returned to Allied lines. They and some disobeyed. They were ordered to return forward and some disobeyed. They were convicted.

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### Confers On U.S. Defense

**MORIN**  
 President Eisenhower's first meeting with the National Security Council today reviewed the condition of the defense and to hear reports on foreign, domestic and military matters.

The only scheduled appearance today for the day was a speech by the president on the radio. He said he had the fever but that "he was going to work out technical details with the security council."

The president took in the morning with the cold war. He said he was "psychological" in his ability to work out technical details.

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### UN Says Reds Caused Riot

**TOKYO (AP)—**The United Nations Command Wednesday charged the two top Communist armistice negotiators with "direct responsibility" for bloody prisoner-of-war riots on Koje and Cheju Islands.

The UNC quoted captured Communist documents and Allied intelligence reports in directly blaming North Korean Gen. Nam Il, Senior Red delegate to the suspended talks, and his deputy, Gen. Lee Sang Cho.

The Allies said the uprisings which cost the lives of more than 200 Red prisoners, were part of the "Communist campaign on the second front of the Korean War."

In its lengthy statement, the UNC said Nam and Lee had dual functions:

- 1— to represent the Reds at the truce parley.
- 2— "Covertly and more important to mastermind the incidents within UNC prisoner-of-war camps."

The UNC previously said the Communist high command directed the riots. But this was the first time it named the negotiators as instigators.

"These two generals and their fanatical followers have exploited a new area of total war," the UNC charged.

"Many prisoners captured by the U. N. forces have admitted they were deliberate plants, dispatched to penetrate the prison camps at Koje, where they were to establish 'cell organization committees' in each camp," the statement asserted.

It declared there was direct chain of command from the armistice negotiators right down to individual compounds in the prisoner camps.

### Flu Increase Noted Here

A slight increase in the usual mid-winter respiratory illness of flu-type has been noted in the schools by the public health department.

School authorities and the health department request that parents be a little more careful about sending children back to their classes before they have fully recovered. Additional co-operation on their part will ease the responsibility of the teachers and check the spread of colds and allied winter diseases in the schools.

### 'Ike' Out In Alabama

**MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—**Headline writers on Montgomery's two daily newspapers must use the full name of the President of the United States in news stories.

"Let's make our contribution toward restoring some of the dignity that belongs to the office of the President of the United States," Managing Editor William J. Mahoney said in a notice banning such headline favorites as "Ike."

The rule applies to the jointly owned Montgomery Advertiser and the Alabama Journal.

### Murder Ends Love Affair

**ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—**An East-West international romance is ended with a pretty French-Chinese woman slain and her husband in custody.

Aimee Bono White, 33, member of a wealthy family from Singapore and Hong Kong, was found dead in a tourist cabin early yesterday. She had been shot five times.

Dist. Atty. Paul Tackett said a complaint would be filed today charging her 56-year-old husband Allen White, a Santa Fe, N. M., mining engineer, with first degree murder.

The district attorney said the husband, slender and scholarly in appearance, told investigators the couple had been estranged because she was thinking of leaving him for another man. Tackett gave this account:

White visited his wife's tourist cabin here Monday evening in an unsuccessful effort at reconciliation. As he started to kiss her goodby, he stated, Mrs. White spat in his face. White then shot her with a small foreign-made revolver.

After the Japanese overran China in 1942, Mrs. White's Chinese mother insisted on remaining in Hong Kong; her French father later died. The daughter went to Paris and subsequently to Chicago to finish her schooling.

In San Francisco she met White, first refused his proposal of marriage, later accepted him as an expatriate of her passport threatened a return to Communist-held China. They were married six years ago and moved to Santa Fe four years later.

Mrs. White returned here Sunday after a trip to San Francisco. She left the train at Gallup, N.M., 135 miles west, and was driven to Albuquerque by Wynn Hickam, Santa Fe insurance executive for whom she worked as secretary.

She registered alone at a motel and was there when White came to call.

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