

Russia Stays Out Of Austria Meet

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia has refused to send a representative to a meeting, suggested by the Big Three Western Powers to open today in London, to try to complete work on a peace treaty for Austria.

The State Department, making public the Soviet refusal late Saturday, said it was based on "flimsy" and "insincere" grounds. Among other things, Moscow said the problem was not one which deputy foreign ministers could handle, as the United States, Britain and France had proposed.

Jap Civilian Benefits From Aiding POWs

INCHON, Korea (AP)—Eighty freed Americans today collected \$2,079 for a Japanese civilian who "made life easier for us" in North Korean prison camps.

The money was sent to Kiyoshito (Mike) Tatsu, who was captured soon after going to Korea with the U. S. 24th Division in July 1950. He has been repatriated.

Sgt. Wilbert R. Estabrook of Portland, Maine, said:

"Mike went to bat for us when he didn't have to—and when it was dangerous for him to step out of line. He was our interpreter with the North Koreans and he made life much easier for us when they were kicking us around and plenty were dying from starvation and cold."

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Firestone Strike Ends

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The agreement was reached here last night after almost continuous bargaining during the walkout, which shut down Firestone plants in eight cities. It provides a 12-cent hourly pay raise package, including a 5-cent general increase which raises the average pay of the production and maintenance workers to \$2.10 hourly.

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Lt. William P. Wyatt of Venice, Calif., freed today by the Reds, told the story.

The Americans needed an ax to chop wood. They badgered the Reds for months for one, but were told it was hard to get supplies from China.

Finally a Chinese official told them in broken English he located "ax" but needed six men to carry it back from a barge on the Yalu River.

Warning them to be careful, he led them to the barge—and the men saw 500 pounds of eggs they had to carry back to their POW camp.

Klamath Area Hay Inspection Readied

SALEM (AP)—A hay inspection service has been set up for the Klamath area, the State Agricultural Department reported Friday.

E. L. Peterson, department director, said any other area in which hay marketing is important also could get inspection service by asking for it.

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