

Communists, UN Study Problem Of What To Do With 22,000 Korea POW's

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PANMUNJOM (AP)—A three-member majority of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission to-day turned back to the U. N. and Communist commands the question of what to do with more than 22,000 war prisoners who have refused to go home.

An Indian command spokesman said that if the two commands reach no agreement by Jan. 2, "we do not appear to have any legal right to hold them (the prisoners)."

The majority report was signed by the Indian chairman and by Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Switzerland and Sweden filed a minority report saying it was "appropriate" to refer the prisoner problem back to the two commands. But the Swiss and Swedes said they could see no reason for a formal report at this time. They refused to sign the 44-page majority document, which also charged South Korean interference in anti-Communist compounds and criticized the U. N. Command.

Official sources said there was little prospect that the majority report would lead to settlement of the bitter prisoner dispute.

The Allies hold that the armistice provides specifically that unrepatriated prisoners be freed as civilians 30 days after the close of a 90-day period for explanations. That would mean the prisoners must be freed Jan. 22.

The Communists just as firmly contend that they are entitled to 90 days of actual explanations rather than a 90-day period which ended Dec. 23. They have used 10 days. The Reds also insist that the prisoners remain in custody pending action by the peace conference, regardless of when a conference is convened.

In addition to turning the prisoner question back to the two commands, the majority report said:

1. A secret South Korean headquarters in Seoul reached into all 35 compounds of the South camp building anti-Communist Koreans and Chinese and exercised a powerful influence over the prisoners.
2. South camp compound leaders used "coercive methods" and "acts of violence" were committed against prisoners wanting to go home.
3. The commission could "find no evidence" of such a similar organization in the North camp housing Americans, South Koreans and one Briton—although prisoners there seemed "under strong discipline."
4. The commission could not say that even the prisoners who went through the explanation tents were "completely" freed of force or threats of force.
5. Both commands were entitled to hold explanations "for a period of 90 days"—a statement interpreted by the Indian spokesman to mean what the Allies claim it to mean: the 90 day period ended Dec. 23. (A footnote signed only by the Czech and Polish delegates contended the Communists are entitled to 90 days of actual explanations.)

There was no statement that the Indians would screen prisoners not yet interviewed. The Indian spokesman said such a step would depend on reaction of the two commands to the report.

The combined report totaled 44 pages for the majority, 23 pages for the minority, plus cover letters from Indian Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimaya, commission chairman, and other members.

Thimaya said in his foreword to the report "I... express a hope shared by all other members of the commission that your command will give earnest consideration to the problem of disposition of the prisoners of war in a manner consistent with the fundamental objectives embodied in the terms of reference (of the armistice)."

"The commission will therefore await with interest your comments on the report."

Swedish Gen. Jan Stenstrom said in his letter "it is impossible to make an impartial choice between the existing facts and it is impossible through such a (majority) report to avoid blaming one side or the other."

The Czech delegate said the majority report failed to show "clearly enough" that the U. N. Command sent its prisoners into neutral custody as an organized group and that this organization prevented prisoners from exercising their right to ask repatriation.

The charge in the majority report of South Korean interference in the South camp seemed certain to provide fuel for more Communist accusations that the explanations were sabotaged.

Highway Fund Money Given

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly 18 million dollars will be earmarked Jan. 1 for Washington and Oregon as part of the apportionment of 375 million in federal aid highway funds. The money must be used before June 30, 1957.

Secretary of Commerce Weeks, in announcing the distribution Saturday, said the total is the same amount as authorized last year and the allotment was on the basis of funds authorized by the Federal Highway Act of 1952.

In most cases, federal participation in highway projects is limited to half the total cost with the states providing the remainder.

The money for the two Pacific Northwest states was divided this way:

For primary highway system: Oregon, \$4,209,333; Washington, \$9,070,127.

For secondary, or feeder roads: Oregon \$2,941,600; Washington, \$2,719,183.

For urban highways: Oregon, \$1,081,596; Washington, \$2,035,293.

For interstate system: Oregon, \$428,992; Washington, \$415,444.

Totals: Oregon, \$8,661,811; Washington, \$9,240,247.

Hard Luck Skipper Looks Over Smashed Boat After Second Battering At Sea

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—The "dream cruise" yacht of a Seattle couple was here Monday after a second damaging start to the West Indies but Frank G. Porter, 65, said he "wouldn't be surprised" if he and his wife tried again.

"We're a little down in the mouth now," he said, looking over damage to the 41-foot ketch Minola II. "but we'll get over it."

The yacht, damaged last year off Point Reyes, Calif., in a collision with the Norwegian freighter Trondanger, ran into trouble again after leaving San Diego, Nov. 12.

Porter, retired insurance man, said the rudder was disabled a week ago in a storm off Mexico's Cedros Islands. Then, the yacht's port side and cabin were battered and both masts broken off when it smashed repeatedly into the oil tanker Rhode Island, which had come to its aid.

Mrs. Porter and a passenger, G. Curtis Whitlock of La Jolla, Calif., and the Porters' cat, Minnie, and dog, Nola, were taken aboard the tanker en route to San Pedro, Calif.

Porter remained with the Minola II, which was towed by the tuna clipper Far Famed after a line from the tanker parted.

The Minola II started taking water from high seas and the bilge pump became clogged, Porter said he "had to bail like mad by hand" throughout one night.

The Far Famed and its battered tow reached here Sunday night.

Porter estimated it would cost \$25,000 to make the yacht shipshape again.

US Economy In Good Shape

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gabriel Hague, economic assistant to President Eisenhower, said Sunday the nation's economy is in excellent shape and that "we can look pretty optimistically on the business... outlook for next year."

Hague, appearing on a radio and television debate with Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.), said the administration has been preparing plans for use in the event of a depression, and that the President will outline them to Congress next month.

Douglas reiterated his contention that a "real recession" is in progress, and that the administration should move to cut taxes and to sponsor public works.

"If we are to avert a depression," he said, "it will be necessary for us to recognize the problem and not hide from it as we did in 1931 and 1932."

Freak Baby Still Lives

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Mrs. Margaret Hartley took her first look at her two-headed baby son Sunday and decided to take him home when he can be released from Riley hospital.

The 27-year-old mother and her husband, Cecil, 41, have three daughters, all normal, in their small home on a backroad near Petersburg, Ind. They range in age from 2 to 5.

The Hartleys came to Indianapolis to see the baby and were admitted to his room alone. They showed no emotion when they came out in a short time. The baby's condition remains satisfactory.

The hospital indicated the baby, born by caesarean section Dec. 13 at Washington, Ind., may be released soon. Examinations have been completed, doctors said, but periodic oxygen treatments have been given because blood circulation hasn't been normal on the left side.

Each of the baby's heads is set squarely on a pair of shoulders, set at the normal shoulder position on each side of the single body. The baby has four arms.

SALE

DETROIT (AP)—Stockholders of the Briggs Manufacturing Co. will vote today on sale of Briggs' seven auto body and airplane parts plants to Chrysler Corp. for \$35,000,000.

Chrysler also proposes to buy all Briggs inventories, which may amount to another \$35,000,000.

Briggs plans to keep its Beauty-wear Division, manufacturer of plumbing supplies and bathroom and kitchen appliances.

East Coast Weather Mild

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Mild weather was general over Eastern United States Monday but it was damp in the South.

Temperatures generally were seasonable, although dropping to sub-zero in the central Rocky Mountains—Fraser, Colo., had -20.

It was around zero in Northern New England and the upper Mississippi Valley, between 10 and 20 above on the Central Plains, in the 50s and 60s in Southern Texas.

The rain area extended from Eastern Texas to the lower Mississippi Valley and northward to the Ohio Valley. There were showers in Florida, snow flurries in the Northern Great Lakes and Rocky Mountain regions, drizzle in the Pacific Northwest.

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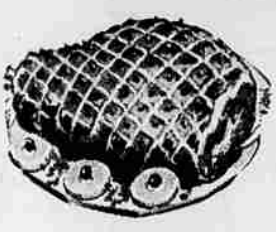
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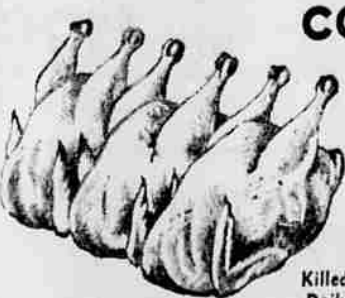
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