



"MIGHTY PURTY," were these two trophies won by Virgil Rick, (center) senior in Malin High School for sportsmanship during the athletic year. The presentation was made by Jim Conroy, holding the larger of the two trophies which is engraved with the name of the winning student and kept by the school. The smaller award is kept by the lucky student. Pleased about it is Lou Drager, retiring president of the chamber of commerce which presents the trophies.

Former POW Starts Home

TOKYO (AP) — Cpl. Claude Batchelor, a Texas ex-POW who changed his mind about playing with the Communists, left for home Wednesday aboard a plane carrying 14 officers, including two generals.

Batchelor, onetime leader of a group of pro-Communist American prisoners who refused to return home, boarded the plane 35 minutes before the plane took off.

Just before walking up the ramp Batchelor bade farewell to his Japanese wife, Kyoko, who love letters played an important part in his decision to renounce communism, he said. She hopes to join him later.

Batchelor has been living at Tokyo Army hospital since shortly after he was asked an Indian guard repatriation New Year's Day.

The corporal said he had no idea where the Army will send him after he lands at Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco. He hoped to go home to Kermitt, Tex.

One American who deserted the pro-Communist group — Cpl. Edward Dickenson of Cracker's Neck, Va. — will be tried by court-martial on a charge of informing on his companions while in prison camp in North Korea, the Army has announced.

Batchelor said in an interview Tuesday he doesn't believe he will be court-martialed.

"I had a pretty fair record in prison camp and didn't inform on any of the others," he said.

Oregon Man Finds Father Too Late

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (AP) — Norman J. Speer of Grants Pass, Ore., found his father after a 15-year search. But he was too late.

Speer wrote here seeking information about the missing man.

After investigating, Detective George Connell Monday replied: "Yes, the LeRoy Speer here was your father, but I regret to report that he died two days before you wrote your letter."

Expressway Work Started Again

PORTLAND (AP) — Construction on a stretch of the Portland-Salem Expressway, where a property owner had posted "no trespassing" signs, has been resumed.

The state filed condemnation proceedings to get title to the right-of-way which a court had given to the property owner, Paul McFarland, after highway construction had begun.

Meanwhile Willard Archer of Sherwood reported he has collected 132 signatures on petitions opposing a roadside park on the expressway.

He said he was concerned that the park might become a place where "guys drive in with cases of beer and hold beer buses at night. . . I know what those parks are like from back East."

Mob Welcomes Billy Graham

LONDON (AP) — American evangelist Billy Graham received a mob-scene welcome Wednesday from thousands of hymn singing Londoners.

"There's been no crowd like this since Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks arrived years ago," said a Waterloo Station official.

A dozen clergymen acted as bodyguards to Graham. Some lost their hats in the general tangle of taxicabs, porters and the thousands who sang hymns after hymns. Graham and his wife had arrived at Southampton Tuesday, and came on to Waterloo by boat train. He will open a revival campaign here Monday.

The crowds burst over dozens of the station rail lines. The station

TRADE PACT
TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Foreign Office Wednesday announced the signing of a new 90-million dollar trade agreement with Argentina.

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Red Bloodbath Victims Listed

HONG KONG (AP) — U.S. estimates that the Chinese Communist bloodbath has claimed 15 million victims since the Red triumph in 1949 tallies closely with figures gathered here.

The 15 million estimate was reported to Congress Tuesday by Asst. Secretary of State Walter Robertson. Observers in this British colony at China's doorstep said it was only slightly higher than their own reckonings.

Red China's first big slaughter was the "purge of counter-revolutionaries," starting late in 1950. It bloodied the land for 18 months. Often up to 1,000 dead in a single day's announced executions, to say nothing of killings not announced. In one day in the spring of 1951, 200 were killed in Nanking, 300 in Shanghai and 180 in Hangchow.

Nanking had many "200" days, so did Swatow, Tientsin and Chungking, but the real mass killings were in the countryside.

Missionaries and Chinese refugees have said as high as three per cent of whole villages died in the slaughter.

The second great bloodletting was the liquidation of landlords and big farmers which came with land reform. This reached a peak in 1952. In most areas the reforms were violently opposed and brought wholesale killings not only of landlords but of "reactionary peasants" too.

Philippine Army Hits At Huks

MANILA (AP) — Philippine soldiers Wednesday slowly closed a pincers attack around an estimated 650 Communist-led Huk outlaws northeast of Mt. Banahaw in an all-out offensive to wipe out the rebel bands.

It was still a question whether the military would be able to keep the rebels inside the ring.

The government drive in this sector is aimed at the Huk force under Castro Alejandro, which is entrenched in rugged hills along the Laguna-Quezon provincial boundary.

The Huks failed to meet a Monday deadline set by President Ramon Magsaysay for acceptance of government surrender terms.

OIL VISIT
TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Finance Minister Ali Amini announced Wednesday a 40-man committee representing major oil companies is to visit Iran next month for negotiations on the transportation and sale of Iranian oil.

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