

# Eleven Airmen To Head to Homes In US Wednesday

By GENE KRAMER  
 TOKYO (AP)—The Chinese Reds inflicted months of excruciating physical and mental torture on 11 U.S. airmen to wring statements used to convict them as spies, Col. John Knox Arnold Jr. told a press conference here yesterday.

The 11 men, released last Thursday at the Hong Kong border, are scheduled to leave Tokyo Wednesday morning for home in two U.S. Air Force transports.

Air Force spokesmen said two routes were being considered for

the homeward flight. One would take them to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., via Alaska and McChord Air Force Base, Wash. The other would go via Honolulu, which would have better medical facilities en route "although we don't expect to need them."

From Travis the men will be flown to the bases nearest their homes for 30-day convalescent leaves.

Arnold led the others yesterday in telling of their treatment during 2½ years in China.

"They used 'persuasion' that civilized people simply do not know about," he said.

He told of being slugged in the face with his hands tied behind him, of "torture-like manacles, of being 'forced to stand until you started screaming.' Then he broke down briefly.

Arnold, of Silver Spring, Md., commanded a B29 shot down Jan. 12, 1953, while on a Korean War leaflet-dropping mission over North Korea. Peiping's Communist propaganda radio announced last November that Arnold and his 10 crewmen had been convicted of intruding over Manchuria on a spying mission.

Arnold was sentenced to 10 years. The others got from four to eight.

"They told me sooner or later they would get from me what they wanted—but they didn't get it," declared the thin, tired-looking colonel.

He said he never had confessed to intruding over China or to being on a spy mission.

"But I told those people things that would have been better if they did not know. I am very much ashamed. . . . I am not proud of it," he said.

The only statement he signed, he said, was one that his air unit, the 581st Aerial Resupply Group, had come to the Pacific to aid countries in danger of being overrun by nations opposed to democracy. At the trial in Peiping, later, other statements were added to this which made it sound as if he had confessed to a spying mission.

"I repudiated that statement at the trial," he said.

His navigator Capt. Elmer F. Llewellyn, Missoula, Mont., also denied the Red charges.

"We were never in their god-damned China," Llewellyn shouted, his fists clenched, as he turned from a large map of Korea.

He had just pinpointed a spot on North Korea's west coast, 40 miles south of the Yalu River boundary, as the one where their B29 was downed in flames by combined MIG and antiaircraft fire.

MORE

**Heiress Picked Up For Drunkenness**  
 LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A 26-year-old heiress, acquitted in 1947 of murder charges in the yacht explosion deaths of her parents in Newport Beach, Calif., has been arrested on a drunk driving charge.

Sheriff's deputies said Mrs. Beulah Louise Overell Kooymann and her 4-year-old son escaped Saturday when her car overturned. Her husband Joseph is a sewing machine representative here.

Eight years ago she and a boy friend were accused of planting dynamite in the yacht of her parents.

# Una Fine Ponders On Mate Choice

NEVADA CITY, Calif. (AP)—Una Schmidt-Fine took her little boy and moved off by herself today, trying to decide whether she wants to remain the wife of a returning prisoner of war or of a logging tractor driver.

Una, a slightly built brown-haired woman of 26, says she married logger Alford B. Fine in the belief that A.C. Daniel C. Schmidt was dead. He and 10 others in a B29 were shot down Jan. 12, 1953, during the Korean War.

Una talked by telephone yesterday with Schmidt, who is in Tokyo on his way back to America after 32 months in a Red Chinese prison. After the call, her attorney Harold Berliner said she had separated—at least temporarily—from the logger.

Just what she and Schmidt talked about was not made public, Berliner said.

"Una and Al believe it is best for all concerned that they live separate and apart until such time as their problems are solved. In fairness to Alford Schmidt, there will be no further announcement until he returns and has had an opportunity to discuss the entire matter."

At Tokyo, a Red Cross official said Schmidt came out of the telephone booth with his "moral improved."

The airman said he would not discuss his tangled marital affairs until he had a chance to talk with Una face to face "and work out this personal problem with those intimately concerned."

He has never seen his 2½-year-old son Danny. The youngster was born after Schmidt went to the Orient. Fine said the child now calls him "Daddy."

At Portland, Ore., Mrs. Nellie Peters, mother of the airman, talked to her son Saturday night and said he "sounded very hurt."

But she said he indicated he would try to win back Una. Fine has said he hopes she will stay with him.

Mrs. Peters quoted Schmidt as asking her, "Didn't she get my letters, Mom?"

"I could only tell him I didn't know," the mother said. "I do know I sent several of them on to California—there were even pictures in some—it said so on the outside."

Una says she married Fine last September and heard the following November that Schmidt was alive in a Red China prison. She and Schmidt had lived together only a few weeks before he left for the Far East.

**State Police Have Quiet Weekend**  
 State police activities Sunday included the following:  
 Arrest of a 16-year-old youth of Medford who stole a car there and drove to Klamath County.  
 Investigation of theft of a goat owned by Lydia Knotts, 4515 Altamont Drive.  
 Investigation of theft of clothes from the home of H. G. Haller, Bonanza.

# UF Officials Visit Camps

Two Klamath County United Fund officials visited the Salvation Army and Camp Fire Girls' camps Saturday on Lake of the Woods and found both groups busy with their outdoor activities.

Mrs. Margaret Sheridan, president of the fund, and Rex Dye, executive director, made the trip.

They found 45 boys at the Salvation Army Camp, conducted by Lt. and Mrs. Grable. It is their first experience in camping in this area. The daily agenda includes swimming twice a day, Bible classes in the morning, handicraft work, and open-air chapel on Sunday morning.

The group began their camp August 1 and was due to return today.

Mrs. Naomi French, Camp Fire Girls executive, is in charge of that group at Estler Applegate Camp. She showed the United Fund officials a new dock that was built by local volunteers and explained the girls' schedule.

**Orchid Plant Grown In Klamath**  
 A beautiful orchid plant — with three creamy white blooms and vertical-striped lavender centers — has been grown by Mrs. Bennie Sammons, 1774 Derby Street.

The blooms each have a white candle with yellow tips, and are one and a half to two inches in diameter.

The plant is an Epidendrum Fragrance.

**DRIVE**  
 PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—City police have begun a drive to clear undrives from the newly opened Independence Mall, fronting on Independence Hall. They said it had become a gathering and sleeping place for vagrants and panhandlers.

**CUT**  
 LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Mrs. Essie Madsen suffered only minor cuts and bruises when hit by an automobile while running to catch a streetcar. Mrs. Madsen is 87.



**BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS** assisted sportsmen of the Weed area recently in gathering bitter brush seed for planting in burned over areas to produce browse for deer. The rock formation in the foreground is a "guzzler," built to catch rainwater and melting snow to provide drinking water for deer and quail. The picture was taken by Dystart Scribner just off the Military Pass on Mount Shasta. Gathering the seed, from left, are Coyle Welborne, John Scribner, Dave Downey, Dick Millsap and Georganna Scribner.



**DISCUSSING THE BACKGROUND** for the forage trials with the participants in the Klamath Experimental Farm tour, was Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department, Oregon State College.

# Happy Chandler In Lead For Kentucky Governor's Post; Combs Falling Back

By MALCOLM PATTERSON  
 LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A. B. (Happy) Chandler, the former baseball commissioner, today appeared the winner of his primary election test in his bid to be Kentucky's governor again.

The 57-year-old Chandler built a 15,596 lead over Bert T. Combs, 43-year-old mountaineer judge, for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Their race was among the hottest in Kentucky political history.

Chandler, 1935-39 governor and 1939-45 U.S. senator, came back home seeking the executive post after losing the baseball job in 1951.

He ran against powerful party forces: the regular state organizations, rounding out its eighth year in office; U.S. Sen. Earle C. Clements, acting Senate majority leader; Gov. Lawrence Wetherby; and Sen. Albert W. Barkley, former vice president.

Returns from 1,955 of 4,074 precincts in Saturday's primary gave Chandler, 146,961; Combs, 131,365; Jesse N. R. Cecil, 2,479.

At this stage, the Louisville Courier-Journal, which supported Combs, said flatly that Chandler and his running mate for the lieutenant governor's nomination, Harry Lee Waterfield, former Kentucky House speaker, had won.

Combs commented, "It's a horse race, but I feel we still have a chance."

Counting of long ballots, with

numerous state and district candidates, resumed today after being halted by state law Saturday midnight. This traditionally Democratic state normally elects a Democratic governor.

An apparently unbeatable lead was amassed by former U.S. Dist. Atty. Edwin R. Denney for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Returns from 1,588 precincts gave: Denney, 29,492; James L. Clay, an attorney, 7,549.

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25 million dollars a year for expansion purposes but look no specific hand on any tax proposal. Chandler, who repealed the state's sales tax when governor in 1936, said the opposition planned to reimpose this levy.



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