

New US Military Code For Prisoners Signed By Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new military code calls on every captured fighting man to withstand enemy pressure to the utmost, but to avoid at all costs disclosure of vital military information and disloyalty to his country or his comrades.

Drawing on experiences in the Korean War, it recognizes that physical and mental torture can force a man to the breaking point. It proposes idealistic standards and indoctrination to keep that breaking point high.

President Eisenhower proclaimed the new code yesterday and directed the military services to train all men to stand up to it, both in combat and in captivity.

It says that every American fighting man should be prepared: To give his life for his country. To refuse to surrender on his own initiative. To continue resistance to pressures after capture. To keep faith with his fellow prisoners.

as soon as possible in ways and means to prepare Americans to resist pressure and foil enemy interrogators. But the defense report stressed the necessity for the training in Americanism to start in the homes, the schools and the churches, saying that by the time a man gets into uniform his character is pretty well established.

The American military man, according to the code and accompanying instructions, must oppose an enemy both before and after capture. He must try to escape and help his comrades do likewise. He must obey discipline in prison camps, following the leadership exercised by the senior ranking prisoner.

"Informing, or doing anything to harm a fellow prisoner, is described as 'despicable.' No serviceman may sign a confession or assent to an oral one, whether true or false, or sign any peace or surrender appeals or anything on behalf of an enemy. Likewise forbidden is the making of propaganda recordings or broadcasts.

Balancing this demand for responsibility on the part of the military man is the defense report statement, backed up by the President himself, that the "United States will never forget and never forsake him and that it will win the ultimate victory."

The framers of the code drew upon the advice and personal experience of many experts, including Americans who survived the worst that the Communists could do to them in Korea. The committee rejected as impractical the "Spartan code of silence" that would demand of a prisoner that he say absolutely nothing to his captors.

The committee also rejected the advice of some who advocated either letting prisoners tell as much as they wanted to and others who would encourage prisoners to talk a lot but say nothing.

The report criticized the actions and failures of some Korean War prisoners who "failed to keep the faith," but said on the whole, those taken prisoner "cannot be found wanting."

The code holds to the loftiest ideals of bravery, but recognizes, as Gen. John E. Hull phrased it, that "any man can be broken if enough pressure is put on him." Hull, onetime supreme commander in the Far East, was vice chairman of a committee of retired officers and civilian officials which drew up the code and an accompanying report.

It officially relaxes for the first time the old requirement that a man give his captors only his name, rank and serial number.

That remains the first line of defense, to which he should hold if he can. The code calls on him to avoid answering other questions "to the utmost of my ability."

The report says he should stand "on the final line of resistance to the end—no disclosure of vital military information and above all no disloyalty in word or deed to his country, his service or his comrades."

The framers of the code noted that because modern warfare may reach "the doorstep of every citizen," it may well become a code "for all Americans if the problem of survival should ever come to our own main streets."

The presidential order directed the military services to start "specific training" for all ranks



SHARING THEIR TALENTS is this group of dance students of the Sandra Rae Dance Studio, Klamath Falls, who danced recently at Redding and Ashland. The group dances for lodges, clubs and other organizations. Left to right are Catherine Plowman, Delphine, Patricia and Peggy Walden, Patricia Uglum, Darlene Kay Gentry. Seated, Lenore McReynolds. Dancing but not pictured were Vicky Schultz, Leroy Pemberton, Veleta Hankins and Sandra Ray Pemberton.

Tax Provision Misunderstood

PORTLAND (AP)—No. Dad and Mother, you won't lose an exemption if your son or daughter earns more than \$600 this year.

R. C. Granquist, district director of the Internal Revenue Service of the U. S. Treasury Department, said Wednesday there apparently has been a misunderstanding of this income tax provision.

"We have reports of parents and employers telling working children they'd have to quit their jobs before they earn \$600," Granquist said. "They can work right up to reopening of school if they want to."

He said parents may claim working children under 18 years old as exemptions provided they furnish more than half the total cost of the child's support for the year, the director explained. The same applies for adopted children.

Also, a dependent child is entitled to an exemption for himself on his own tax return. But if he or she is married and files a joint return, no dependency exemption can be claimed by the parent.

Some working children may have

to pay a small tax on their earnings, Granquist said, but those who are employed for a short period or receive a small salary may be entitled to a refund.

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Walcott Stops Escaping Youths

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Walcott is a special juvenile investigating officer attached to the Camden Police Department. Police said he and Patrolman Bernal Ford were standing a few feet away when the teen-age boys fled from the store.

The men gave chase and Walcott forced the youths against a wall. The boys were identified as Albert MacNeill, 15, and William Brothers, 16. They were charged with breaking and entering and larceny.

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