

PW Tells of Seeing Nun Tortured, Slain

PANMUNJOM (AP)—Returning American prisoners today accused the Communists of continuing brutality and torture right up to the armistice—but behind closed doors where they could not be seen.

Of 144 exuberant Americans freed from Red prison camps today, many were captured in the first few weeks of the war. Some said they had been beaten and tortured almost until the truce July 27.

The Communists also turned over four British, two South Africans and 250 South Korean prisoners. The South Africans sported six-inch beards.

The Americans were laughing and happy. They seemed to be the most jubilant group of prisoners to return so far in the 24 days of Operation Big Switch.

The Communists promised to return 145 more Americans, three Turks, two Australians and 250 South Koreans Saturday.

TORTURE, KILL NUN

Today's delivery brought the number of Americans returned to 2422 of the 3313 the Reds said they held. The Reds have sent back a total of 9819 of the 12,776 Allied Pws they listed.

Some Americans returned today told of an infamous North Korean death march early in the war when a French nun was dragged through streets of a town and then shot. PFC Reuben K. Kimball, Jr., of Baytown, Tex., said he watched the bitter spectacle. He said he saw the Reds kill 20 American prisoners, all but 13 of them wounded men.

The co-pilot of a U. S. B29 shot down in November, 1950, said he was taken to Manchuria for six days with three other survivors for questioning.

The flier, Capt. Billy B. Foshee, 28, of Bowling Green, Ky., said more than 20 Air Force officers held at his prison camp, No. 2, are now at the Red exchange grouping point of Koesong, awaiting repatriation.

SAW GEN. DEAN

Another American, Cpl. Thomas Kappel, 21, Homestead, Pa., said he saw Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, captured U. S. 24th Division commander, at a prisoners' athletic meet in Pyongyang in November, 1952. There still was no indication when the Reds would free Dean.

As the last of the day's prisoners were being exchanged, the joint military armistice commission met at Panmunjom.

Maj. Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan, chief UN delegate, asked that Indian troops who will guard prisoners unwilling to return home be granted the right of movement into and out of the neutral zone. The Communists agreed.

An advance Indian unit moved into the demilitarized area today. It was a medical group which has been in Korea almost three years.



PROMOTED—Phyllis Lindgren of Watertown has been named supervisor of stewardess service at Boston for United Airlines, it was announced today by company officials. She has been an airlines aide since 1948.

College Girl Vanishes at Marblehead

Miss Penelope Protze, 19-year-old blonde college student, has vanished from her summer home in Marblehead, the second college girl from the town of Wellesey to disappear within a week, police disclosed today.

Penelope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman G. Protze of Martin st., is due to begin her sophomore year next month at the Bouve-Boston school of Tufts College, where she is majoring in physical education.

During the summer she has been staying with a grand-aunt, Emily Thorner of Roosevelt ave., Marblehead, and working at the soda fountain of the Eastern Yacht Club.

She quit her job last Monday, and when her father heard of this yesterday he talked with her by telephone, police were told. Shortly afterwards, about 3 p.m., she left the Thorner home.

About 4:30 p.m., some girls with whom she has been working saw her in Lynn, pedaling her bicycle toward the Revere Beach road.

Her light hair is cut in a long bob. She has olive skin, is about 5 ft. 8 in. tall and weighs about 150. She is wearing a white blouse and tan flared skirt.

Earlier this week, Sivia Plath, 20, a Smith College senior, was found in the basement of her Wellesey home after a two-day search.

Nab Swindell As Swindler

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (AP)—Oklahoma City officers are on their way home today with a man charged in the \$1800 swindling of an Oklahoma City automobile firm. The 37-year-old man's name is C. Swindell.

2 Bay Staters Among 4 N. E. PWs Freed

Two Bay Staters today were among four New England prisoners of war released at Panmunjom in the latest swap of "Operation Big Switch."

They are Cpl. John W. Powell, Telford st., Brighton, and Cpl. George Maryea, Pine st., Leicester.

Others freed were Cpl. Donald J. Lever, Main st., Bennington, Vt. and Cpl. George E. Walker of Pine st., Swanton, Vt.

They were in a group of 100 Americans who came back grinning and shouting in the Russian-built Molotov trucks that carried them to the Allied repatriation center.

In Brighton, Mrs. Martha P. Grigg, said the release of her son, Cpl. Powell, was the "answer to my prayers."

Powell, a native of Gloucester, enlisted in the Army in 1949, shortly after his 17th birthday. He was captured in December, 1950.

Officers at Panmunjom said all of the returnees were "in good health and excellent spirits."

Violinist Lenska Dies

HOLLYWOOD (INS)—Vladimir Lenska, 59, internationally famed violinist known as "The Wizard Virtuoso," is dead of a heart attack.



SGT. DEWEY CHARLES EMBRACES BROTHER, ERNEST Kentucky Brothers Reunited On Latter's PW Release Associated Press Wirephoto

U. S. Eyes Victory Over Russia in UN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The UN General Assembly today was expected to approve U. S. demands for a Korean conference of non-Communist nations on one side of the table and Red coun-

tries on the other—and with India excluded.

The Communists, however, threatened to boycott any such "two-sided" parley.

The Assembly was due to adopt an American-sponsored resolution—overwhelmingly okayed by the 60-nation political committee yesterday—that the conference include: 1—The 16 UN members which supplied troops under the UN banner—the United States, Britain, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Union of South Africa, Turkey, and Thailand.

2—South Korea.

3—By implication, the Communist belligerents—North Korea and Communist China.

4—The Soviet Union, "providing the other (Communist) side of the table."

The political committee approved an invitation for India by a small margin—27-21—but that approval fell far short of the two-thirds majority required in the 60-nation Assembly. The Assembly vote today was expected to follow the committee pattern, barring India from a place at the table.

Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky told the political committee that the reactions of North Korea and Red China definitely would have to be considered here. As he left no doubt these reactions to the U. S.-backed conference would be unfavorable.

U. S. Delegate Henry Cab Lodge Jr., said this was a veiled threat that the Communists would torpedo the conference unless they got their own way about which countries would take part. Lodge had already said that the United States would sit with India if she could in the General Assembly.

In view of the Communist threat, other delegates fear that the Reds would reject a conference the Americans want and that the whole problem setting up the peace parley might be before them again when the General Assembly convenes for its fall session Sept. 15.



HEARTBREAK FOR MOTHER AND DAD—Melvin Hagen, fighting his own grief, supports his wife, Policewoman Marion Hagen, as the young mother turns from the casket of their son, Pvt. David Hagen, who was killed in Korea. Body arrived in flag-covered casket at Chicago railroad station. Young GI died while repairing a communication line under fire. Associated Press Wirephoto

A-Planes in 'Combat' 700 Miles Off Russia

TOKYO (AP)—The U. S. Air Force said today that giant B-36 bombers flown to Japan this week under warlike secrecy are teaming with other war planes in a "realistic combat-type" Far East exercise—within 700 miles of Vladivostok, a Russian stronghold base.

A mass flight of B-36s, capable of carrying atomic bombs anywhere in the world, landed near Tokyo Tuesday after a trail-blazing flight across the Pacific.

A second flight landed this morning for the exercise, dubbed "operation big stick."

Heavy and medium bombers, reconnaissance aircraft and fighters are participating in the exercises. These undoubtedly include planes and pilots that fought over Korea before the truce.

Red Roadblocks Hit Food-Giving

BERLIN (INS)—Communist police set up roadblocks today and closely searched Berlin-bound cars on East German highways in an attempt to prevent Soviet Zone residents from collecting their "second round" free food parcels.

West Berlin city officials, who yesterday distributed 105,000 parcels, hoped to give out another 90,000 today, despite the obstructive measures of the Reds.



HAROLD ST. JOHN, 25, Held in Ohio Misdemeanor. Associated Press Wirephoto