

Forced Repatriation Hit Again by Allies

MUNSAN, Saturday, March 22—(P)—The communists explained Friday their "compromise" for exchanging prisoners of the Korean war but the Allies said it did not yield an inch on the Red demand for forced repatriation.

The communists explained Friday what they termed their March 5 compromise proposal on prisoners. It said:

"After the armistice agreement is signed and becomes effective the Korean people's (Red) army and the Chinese people's volunteers shall release and repatriate all of the 11,559 prisoners of war in their custody and the United Nations Command shall release and repatriate all 132,474 prisoners of war in its custody."

Captives Should Choose

A UN Command spokesman said the proposal was "unsatisfactory as it represents no departure from the enemy's adamant demand for the forced return of the pawns."

The Allies insist that all captives must be given the right to choose whether they shall go home.

The Red statement ignored thousands of persons reported captured but not listed on the prisoner rolls exchanged last December.

It appeared that the Reds wanted to wipe off the books these 97,000 persons.

Some observers said the Red omissions were significant and indicated the communists were ready to compromise further. But an Allied spokesman said flatly there was "absolutely nothing new" in the communist explanation of the proposal.

Bombers Blast Cars

Red nomination of Russia as a neutral observer and their insistence on rebuilding military airfields in North Korea during an armistice are the two remaining major issues beside prisoner exchange.

SEOUL, Saturday, March 22—(P)—U.S. fighter-bombers blasted freight cars and buildings in the North Korean capital's port of Chinnampo yesterday and attacked Red front line positions.

The Fifth Air Force said the U.S. jet raiders damaged nine freight cars and four buildings at Chinnampo and destroyed or damaged five troop bunkers and 11 Red occupied buildings along the front. Chinnampo lies southwest of Pyongyang, Red capital.

Ground fighting Friday was limited to a few patrol clashes and Red probes in platoon size.

Lovett Cites China Red Supply Aid

WASHINGTON, March 21 (P)—Secretary of Defense Lovett said today that Communist-led troops battling the French in strategic Indochina had been reinforced by "some" Chinese Reds and "substantial" quantities of Chinese equipment.

However, high Pentagon officials said later Lovett was talking about Chinese arms supply officers and truck drivers and not organized combat units.

Lovett told the House foreign affairs committee there was no indication that "substantial" numbers of Chinese had crossed the border.

Foreign Aid Hearing

But he said it was "always possible" that their entry could mean the same kind of buildup that preceded the first Chinese offensive in Korea last November.

Lovett's statement was made during a hearing on the \$7,900,000 foreign aid program.

The French Ministry for the associated states of Indochina said in a statement issued in Paris: "We have received no information allowing us to suppose that Chinese troops have crossed the Indochina border."

Had Been in Indochina

Lovett said the United States had been informed "by good authority" that the Chinese had been committed to the fighting "for some time." This was the first official public word, however, that the Chinese had made a long-anticipated crossing of the border, even in small numbers.

Lovett said that the Chinese had been in Indochina "for some time."

Steel Price Raise Seen If Wages Are Boosted

NEW YORK, March 21—(P)—The steel industry told a government stabilizer today that it can't boost wages without an increase in steel prices.

Said Federal Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam as he emerged from a hot 90-minute session with industry leaders:

Boosters See Mac-Taft Slate

By the Associated Press

Boosters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur expressed new hope yesterday (Friday) that he would run if offered the Republican presidential nomination, and suggested that Senator Robert A. Taft take the No. 2 seat on the general's bandwagon.

John Chapple, Wisconsin publisher and national president of the draft-MacArthur movement, interpreted a new statement by MacArthur as meaning that the general "will accept the nomination" and predicted "he will get it."

MacArthur in a statement last night said there was no inconsistency between his 1948 declaration that he would not shrink "from any public duty to which I might be called" and his present unwillingness to permit his name to be used in party primaries.

Supporters of the Ohio senator put new stress on the Wisconsin primary in an effort to boost Taft's prestige. Their goal: to ring up a big score in the three-way Wisconsin race and thus offset some of the dazzle achieved by General Eisenhower in New Hampshire and Minnesota.

"We used words we regretted promptly and pulled them back."

Putnam's mission was to sound out industry on the Wage Stabilization Board's recommendation yesterday of 22½ cents an hour package wage improvement for steelworkers.

It includes 17½ cents in actual wage boosts plus other improvements estimated to be worth five cents an hour.

The board also recommended acceptance of the union shop, which would require every steelworker to join the CIO after a definite time on the job.

"We came to no definite conclusion, at least as far as that is concerned," the government man said.

The CIO United Steelworkers Union is ready to settle for the WSB's proposed package rather than go through with the strike they have scheduled for April 8. An earlier deadline of midnight Sunday for a nationwide strike has been postponed.

Putnam indicated that the steel industry is far from ready to go along with the WSB, at least at the moment.

"They asked for another meeting with the Office of Price Stabilization on the Capehart thing," he told newsmen outside the closed conference room.

Ike Campaign Leaders



EISENHOWER CAMPAIGN leaders stand in front of a big picture of the general flashing his famous grin in their Washington headquarters. Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (R-Mass.), Eisenhower campaign manager in the drive for the GOP presidential nomination, is flanked by

W. Walter Williams (left), of Seattle, Wash., new chairman of the Citizens for Eisenhower committee and his assistant, Paul G. Hoffman (right), head of the Ford Foundation. (AP Wire-photo)

Kale to Speak Sunday

Sri Krishna Kale will speak on "The Spirit of Hinduism" at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 304 Old Main. Kale is a graduate from Poona, India. His talk is being sponsored by the Unitarian Fellowship.

Sutton Identified

NEW YORK, March 21—(P)—After one eyewitness faltered, a second today identified Willie (the actor) Sutton and a henchman as gunmen who held up a branch bank here two years ago.

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