

Koje Island Prison To See Firm Rule

KOJE ISLAND, Friday, May 16 (AP)—A new era of firm rule was proclaimed Thursday for Koje Island, ending soft measures that allowed Red prisoners to negotiate with their captors and flaunt "insulting signs."

Brig. Gen. Haydon Foatner made this clear to correspondents 24 hours after he had taken over the festering prison island-scene of two riots and the sensational seizure of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd.

UN Planes Smash Red Repair Base

SEOUL, Friday, May 16 (AP)—Allied war planes Thursday smashed a big vehicle repair center in Northwest Korea and shredded the Communists patchwork rail system with high explosives.

As they dealt their blows, a three-plane flight of Red MIG jets flashed out of Manchuria and tried to interfere. All three were shot down by alert U.S. Sabres on patrol along three fronts, pilots said.

The U.S. Fifth Air Force said fighter-bombers rained bombs and flaming gasoline on the vehicle center north of the Korean Red capital of Pyongyang. Sixteen buildings were left in fiery ruin.

Other fighter-bombers broke the Red rail lines of northwest Korea in 67 places and pounded frontline troop and gun positions.

The furious, five-minute air battle produced a new U.S. jet ace, Lt. James H. Kasler, Indianapolis.

Kasler said he turned one MIG-15 into a "ball of flame" and then picked off another in a wild chase a tree-top level for his fourth and fifth kills of the war. It takes five kills to make an ace.

Aground, patrols continued their ceaseless chore of locating enemy positions, touching off a series of small clashes.

The North Korean communique broadcast by Pyongyang asserted that nine Allied planes were shot down by ground fire in frontline and rear areas Thursday. Allied plane losses, if any, are announced weekly.

Boatner declared he would, of course, hew strictly to the Geneva Convention for humane treatment of war prisoners, but that the Communists behind the barbed wire would have to learn who was boss.

Tanks, some of them equipped with flame throwers, stood ready to foil any mass escape attempt such as the Reds threatened at the height of the Dodd incident. Troops were on the alert. Camp authorities were confident they could prevent any big break by the 80,000 prisoners.

Boatner Irritated Boatner said he believed the Allies had been too lenient on Koje and had given prisoners "more, in my opinion, than required by the Geneva Convention."

Boatner showed irritation at the idea of prisoners taking control inside the compounds and making demands on camp officials.

"Prisoners don't negotiate," he declared.

Correspondents asked if, in his brief tour of duty, he had seen things that needed changing on this island off the southeast coast of Korea.

Doesn't Like Demands "You're damned right I've spotted some things," he snapped. "For one thing, I don't like those insulting signs, and the flags, and the demands."

Boatner's stiff attitude doubtless was bolstered by the dissatisfaction shown by higher authorities in Tokyo and Washington over the way the Dodd kidnaping incident was handled.

Rep. Mansfield (D-Mont.) introduced a bill in Washington for a congressional investigation of the incident, declaring "We in the Congress must find out who is responsible for this monumental blunder that has so irreparably damaged our military effort and truce negotiations in Korea."

Truman Hints He May Help Select Nominee

By The Associated Press President Truman hinted yesterday he may play a key off-stage role in selecting the Democratic presidential nominee in July and then stump the country for the party's candidate.

Still silent on his choice for the nomination, Truman told his news conference with a smile that a President has a little influence with his party's convention if he wishes to use it—and he can use it without being on the scene.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas was chosen as permanent chairman of the convention, and House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts was named chairman of the preliminary platform drafting committee.

Meanwhile, the national political spotlight swung to the Pacific Northwest where Eisenhower was rated the favorite to win the Oregon popularity primary against strong contention from California's Gov. Earl Warren.

Eisenhower, Warren and the trailing Harold E. Stassen are listed on the ballot. Sen. Robert A. Taft decided to sit this one out, and his lieutenants have soft-pedaled a write-in drive in his behalf.

Military Given Pay Raises

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—A bill granting a 4-per cent pay raise and 14-per cent increase in living allowances to members of the military services was passed by House and Senate today and sent to President Truman.

If the President signs it before May 31, as he is expected to do, it will become effective with May payrolls. An estimated 3½ million active and retired personnel are affected.

The bill finally approved today to cost 484 million dollars annually. The raises are a flat 4 per cent on base pay and approximately 14 per cent on rental and food allowances normally paid to personnel with dependents.

The Steel Story

Truman's Economic Head Blasts Steel Industry

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—For the second day in a row Roger L. Putnam, a Truman administration man, today blasted the steel industry for failing to agree to a government-tailored wage increase.

Putnam, the president's administrator of the Economic Stabilization Agency, told the 20th anniversary conference of Mayors from 250 cities:

"The steel industry has been putting on a propaganda drive that even Dr. Goebbels might envy."

"The truth of the matter is this: The steel companies can grant the adjustments in pay recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board without any financial hardship to themselves and without violating existing stabilization policy." Much the same theme came yesterday from Vice President Alben Barkley and Labor Secretary Maurice J. Tobin at a Philadelphia convention of the CIO United Steelworkers.

Steel Dispute Called Anti-Truman Strategy

PHILADELPHIA, May 15 (AP)—Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) charged today that corporate interests are using the steel-labor dispute as part of a "grand strategy" to kill the Truman administration's inflation control program.

Humphrey told the 2500 cheering delegates at the CIO steelworkers convention that business interests have been attempting for two years to destroy wage-price controls and now are redoubling their efforts in the Congress.

Philip Murray, head of the CIO and the steelworkers union, told the convention that he never would agree to steel industry labor contracts containing anything less than the 26-cent hourly package and union shop recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

"This organization is not going to compromise any more on this issue," Murray insisted. "Our demands already have been compromised by the WSB. We didn't get all we wanted by any means, and we're in no mood to compromise any more with anybody."

Steel companies have rejected the WSB's full proposals on the ground they would be too costly.

Truman OK's Benefits

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation increasing railroad unemployment insurance benefits. It would set up a new scale of payments running from \$3 a day to \$7.50 for unemployed railroad workers. The present scale starts at \$1.75 and goes to \$5.

Tanker Sinks, Four Men Lost

WILMINGTON, Del., May 15 (AP)—The F. L. Hayes, a tanker carrying 640,000 gallons of high octane gasoline, burned and sank after a collision with the Barbara Lykes freighter early today in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. Four missing crewmen went down with the ship, their captain said.

A flaming torch for more than 12 hours after the crash, the 240-foot tanker sank partially across the heavily-traveled waterway.

There was no immediate indication when it might be possible to resume ocean-going traffic through the 19-mile waterway across the Delmarva Peninsula.

A third ship, the Angelina, was following the Lykes and was forced to pass close to the burning Hayes. One of a series of explosions that ripped the tanker threw burning gasoline onto the Angelina.

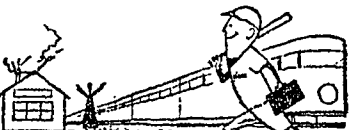
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MacArthur Warns Of Military State

By the Associated Press

LANSING, Mich., May 15—Gen. Douglas MacArthur asserted tonight that election maneuvering in the presidential campaign "sets the stage for the emergence upon the American scene of the ugly threat of a military state."

MacArthur spoke before a joint session of the Michigan State Legislature.

He did not openly identify a political party, nor any candidate, in his warning about "political conniving." However, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is the only military figure in the race.

MacArthur made three other major points in his prepared speech:

1. He said the talk of an imminent threat to the security of the United States from abroad is "pure nonsense." Not even the troops in Western Europe are in any present danger, the general said.

2. Nevertheless, "our country is now geared to an arms economy which was bred in an artificially induced psychosis of war hysteria and nurtured upon the incessant propaganda of fear."

3. "Our leaders are unable to survey the world as a unit, but

have become so infatuated with one area of Western Europe that they have largely ignored the Communist assaults in many other sections of the globe." Asia, he said, has been allowed "to go by inertia and default."

He said that political leaders of one party who attempt to obtain support for their candidate from voters of the opposition party threaten the essence of the American two-party system.

As for his own aspirations, MacArthur said:

"There is no politics in me, nor none intended in what I say. I plead nothing but Americanism."

However, he had plenty of harsh words for the Truman administration—words like "faltering leadership... fiscal instability and political insecurity."

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