

POW Exchange Papers Signed

MUNSAN, Saturday, April 10 (AP)—Allied and Red liaison teams met at Panmunjom today for what may be a momentous session. On the agenda were the expected signing of an agreement to exchange disabled Korean War prisoners this month and perhaps the setting of a date for resuming full-scale armistice negotiations.

Optimism here was based:
1. On the swift, smooth way Red and United Nations liaison officers arranged for the exchange, starting by April 21, of 5800 sick and wounded Reds for 600 Allies, including 120 Americans.
2. On a new communication

PANMUNJOM, Saturday, April 11 (AP)—The Allies and Communists today signed an agreement for exchanging disabled Korean War captives beginning April 21.

The agreement was signed by Rear Adm. John C. Daniel and North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho at 12:08 p.m. (1:08 p.m. EST, Friday.)

from the Reds purporting to offer a "concession" on how to handle prisoners of war unwilling to be sent home—the only major stumbling block to a truce.

In Tokyo, Gen. Mark Clark, UN commander, authorized his liaison officers to sign the sick and wounded agreement at Panmunjom. But he withheld comment on the latest Red bid for resumption of the truce talks, which was mainly a restatement of a proposal by Premier Chou En-lai on March 30.

Clark told the Reds March 31 that if the sick and wounded terms could be concluded he was prepared for his liaison officers to discuss reopening the truce talks as the second order of business.

Yesterday at Panmunjom the Reds handed over a letter they classified as "very important" from their chief truce negotiator, Gen. Nam Il, to the senior UN truce delegate, Gen. William K. Harrison.

It reiterated Chou's offer made to tackle the prisoner issue thus:
1. Send home immediately all prisoners insisting on it.

2. Hand over the rest to a "neutral state so as to assure a just solution to the question of their repatriation."

But Nam Il's letter backed up Chou's assertion that the 50,000 Reds listed by the Allies as unwilling to go home merely have been "subjected to intimidation and oppression" and would be freed from apprehension when confronted with "explanations."

GOP Selects Hall Chairman

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The Republican National Committee elected Leonard W. Hall of New York as chairman today and then heard a plea from President Eisenhower to close ranks for the congressional election battle in 1954.

Eisenhower told the GOP high command there is no longer any room in the party for "Eisenhower Republicans or any other kind of Republicans." This brought a cheer.

His administration is working as a team, the President said, and although "there has been a whale of a lot in the papers" about differences among Republicans, these reports are just about as exaggerated as the report of Mark Twain's death was.

Mrs. Hobby Wins Senate Approval

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby was unanimously approved by the Senate today to be the first secretary of health, education, and welfare.

The attractive, dark-haired former newspaper publisher from Houston, Tex., will be sworn in tomorrow in President Eisenhower's office.

Mrs. Hobby, 48, will head the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Under Eisenhower's first government reorganization plan, the new department replaces the Federal Security Administration effective tomorrow. Mrs. Hobby, a Democrat who supported Eisenhower for president, has been federal security administrator.

Gross Blasts Russian Peace Proposal in UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 10 (AP)—American Delegate Ernest A. Gross called on the free world today to maintain its strength and unity. He described Moscow's recent gestures as "political weathermaking, unpredictable in its nature."

Gross urged the 60-nation Political Committee to give a swift "no" to the demands of Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky that the Assembly accept the old-type Stalin plan for peace, only slightly revised, as a way out of the world's tensions. The plan is embodied in a Polish resolution.

Siding with Gross, Victor Andres Belaunde of Peru, said the proposal is "perfectly dead—not only dead but rotten."

The committee adjourned until Monday but there is no chance the Polish resolution will be accepted. It may get only the Soviet bloc's five votes. It was endorsed and embroidered by Vishinsky yesterday.

The time will come when the Soviet government realizes the necessity for modifying its traditional "obstructive policies," Gross said.

The Polish resolution calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities in Korea.

Chesterman Bill Action Scheduled

HARRISBURG, April 10 (AP)—When is an economy bill not an economy bill?

That question faces the Senate again next week as four more bills containing recommendations of the Chesterman State Government Survey Committee come up for final action.

Sen. Rowland B. Mahany, Republican floor leader maintains that many of the Chesterman measures rejected so far were not economy bills at all.

And Sen. John H. Dent, Democratic floor leader, has voiced the suspicion that a "ghastly joke" has been played upon the public in leading persons to believe large economies could be made by the Chesterman bills.

The State Government Survey Committee, headed by Francis J. Chesterman, Philadelphia, made a ten-month study of commonwealth operations.

Enough Ammunition Reported in Korea

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Investigating senators heard from the new Army secretary today that ammunition supplies in Korea now are "in good shape," but sharp words were leveled at former Pentagon civilian chiefs and Army brass.

Referring to evidence of past shortages, Sen. Byrd (D-Va) said that if military leaders "conduct everything as they have this ammunition shortage, the country can have no confidence of security."

Robert T. Stevens, secretary since last February, told the Senate subcommittee investigating the ammunition situation that while "it is clear in my mind there have been serious shortages" at the front lines in the past he now thinks:

1. The situation "is currently in good shape."
2. The stockpile of reserve ammunition which was almost exhausted before new production started is beginning to improve.
3. Three new plants now under construction to produce large caliber, 155 millimeter shells, will come into production six months ahead of schedule.

Stevens made no effort to challenge previous testimony by Gen. James A. Van Fleet, former Eighth Army commander now retired, that shortages existed during the 22 months he was in command.

Politico Purged In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, April 10 (AP)—Col. Domingo Mercante, former governor of Buenos Aires province and once heir apparent to President Juan D. Peron was purged by the Peronista party today on rumors mongering.

The party machine clamped down on Mercante and seven former members of Congress after top Peronista labor leaders bluntly warned the President that wild rumors against his administration were knifing him in the back and workers were growing restless in the whirl of inflationary prices.

The purge followed by a day the suicide of Juan Duarte, Peron's brother-in-law, who left a letter saying he was being hounded by defamers.

The National Committee of the party ordered Mercante read out of the party along with seven

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