

# Red Plan Rejected; Wounded Arrive

## Allies Leave Fate of Talks Entirely to Reds

MUNSAN, Korea, Wednesday, April 29. (AP)—The United Nations Command put it squarely up to the Communists today to alter the unacceptable Red prisoner exchange plan or face a breakdown in the newly revived truce talks.

The Allies have rejected the Red plan to keep balky Communist captives imprisoned at least nine months and possibly indefinitely after an armistice is actually signed. About 50,000 Chinese and North Koreans have said they were unwilling to return home.

Negotiators were due to meet again today for the fourth straight day across the worn conference table at Panmunjom.

Lack of progress Tuesday in a 39-minute meeting promoted a point blank demand from Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, senior Allied delegate, that the Reds offer the name of a neutral country to handle prisoners refusing to return home.

The chief Communist delegate, Korean Gen. Nam Il said he would "note" Harrison's request.

A commentary from Korea broadcast by the Red radio said "it remained to be seen whether Harrison would offer constructive views instead of merely objections." The broadcast declared "so far the American delegates have done nothing to seek a solution of the prisoner of war question."

Harrison bluntly warned Nam Il that the UN Command "does not intend to become involved in protracted and useless arguments." Then, in an obvious reference to the Allied walkout which broke off the talks Oct. 8, Harrison said the Reds "should be well aware of what we mean."

## New Sales Tax Deadlocked In Legislature

HARRISBURG, April 28 (AP)—The Republican House leadership conceded today they lack enough votes to pass a sales tax but refused to give up hope of eventually winning approval for it.

The GOP representatives wrestled with the month-long sales tax issue for four hours behind closed doors and finally decided to put off action once more until next week.

"If it doesn't pass next week, I'm afraid it would be dead," Johnson told reporters after the long caucus.

Since the 98-member Democratic minority has counted itself solidly against the sales tax, the Republican leadership must rally the necessary 105 votes from the 109 GOP representatives. At least five of them, enough to prevent passage, have come out firmly against the levy.

Reports from the caucus were that nine representatives opposed the levy on a show of hands.

No other tax was discussed at the long session, the GOP floor leader said. He added two roll calls were taken on the sales tax.

While the House Republicans tussled with the sales tax issue, the Republican majority in the Senate slapped down Gov. John S. Fine's plan to revise Pennsylvania's Constitution.

## Vietminh Communists Advance on Capitol

HANOI, Indochina, April 28 (AP)—Communist-led Vietminh invaders have captured the mountain defense post of Pakseng, 42 miles northeast of Luangprabang, the royal Laotian capital, a French high command spokesman announced today.

A French major estimated yesterday that a advance Vietminh elements were within 12 miles of King Sisavang-Vong's residence city.

## Step-Mother Gets 'Mother' Award

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—The 1953 American Mother of the Year turned out today to be a step-mother.

She is Mrs. Ethlyn Wisegarver Bott, 58, of Belleville, Ill., who successfully raised four motherless children after she married their widower father 20 years ago. It was the first time in its nearly 25 years that the American Mothers Committee selected a step-mother for its annual honor. Mrs. Bott will receive her award at a Waldorf-Astoria luncheon May 8.

## Prosperity Outlook Bright for Future

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks told 2,500 American business leaders today the long-range outlook for prosperity is bright and there is no reason to fear a slump when and if peace comes.

"There will be no sudden nose-dive in defense production," Weeks said, addressing the 41st annual convention of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey told more than 1000 of the nation's leading editors and publishers at an Associated Press luncheon in New York on April 20 that the United States is "not headed for depression" in the event of an armistice in Korea or worldwide peace.

## Royal Welcome Given Heroes By Hawaiians

HONOLULU, April 28 (AP)—Thirty-five sick and wounded Americans from Korean Communist prison stockades arrived by hospital plane at Hickam Air Force base today on the long, happy journey home.

Waving and smiling, most of them stepped out of the big plane into the arms of flower-laden nurses and Hawaiian hula girls as soon as the transport-landed.

Eight veterans were lowered on stretchers from the belly of the C97 Stratocruiser. Two Air Force wives draped leis around their necks and hugged them as they touched American soil.

Some of the former prisoners, pale and gaunt from months and years in Communist captivity, leaned on the shoulders of husky medics. The returned men grinned sheepishly as the girls swarmed around them.

As each man stepped down, an Air Force officer welcomed him over a public address system and a welcoming throng of about 300 military dependents cheered.

Grass-skirted Hawaiian hula girls swirled in a dance of welcome, and an Air Force band blared as the hospital plane pulled up to the ramp, lined with this territory's top civilian and military officials.

## U.S. Teaches Atom War To Top NATO Officers

OBERAMMERGAU, Germany, April 28 (AP)—They started teaching atomic warfare today in Oberammergau, where the life of Christ has been dramatized since 1643.

Daily routine went on as usual in this Bavarian Alpine town, scene of the Passion Play every decade, as key officers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization began their study under instructors from the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force.

For the next four days, major generals and their equivalent rank in the other services will take part in the first atomic warfare course ever given the military of foreign nations.

It was the first of two courses scheduled under the direction of Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's U.S. Command in Europe. The second will include about 30 staff officers and is to last 10 days.

The Army threw up a barrier of secrecy about its school.

High U.S. officers declined even to disclose what types of atomic weapons will be discussed, although one indicated in Paris last week that the instruction would be varied when he remarked:

"We have atomic weapons running out of our ears."

A communique said Allied officers would be acquainted with the use of atomic weapons in tactical situations so they could consider "the implications of atomic warfare in the defense of Europe."

And it said protective measures would be taught, as well.

Presumably motion pictures of American atomic experiments on Nevada's Yucca Flats form part of the instruction.

## Senate Sets May 5 For Tidelands Vote

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Senate agreement for a final vote May 5 wiped out today the threat of round-the-clock debate on state vs federal ownership of submerged coastal lands.

The break came after almost four weeks of talking, mostly by opponents of a bill by Sen. Holland (D-Fla.) to give the states ownership of the disrupted lands within their historic boundaries.

The Senate promptly agreed to the May 5 vote proposal made by Sen. Anderson (D-N.M.), a leader in the opposition forces. That date had been suggested earlier by Republican leader Taft of Ohio, who insisted that the opponents were conducting a filibuster to prevent a vote.

The agreement limits debate on each of a number of amendments to four hours, to be divided between those favoring and opposing it. The final vote is to come at 2 p.m. May 5 whether or not all amendments have been debated.

### Senate Against Bill

Each side will get only one hour for the final round of debate on the bill itself.

The overwhelming Senate strength for the bill was shown yesterday by a 56-33 test vote on an amendment sponsored by Anderson. The vote killed his proposal that federal control provisions be substituted for the state ownership sections of the pending bill.

As written, the Holland bill would give the states control of the disputed lands within their historic boundaries. For most states this is three miles, but Texas and Florida claim three leagues—about 10½ miles—extending into the Gulf of Mexico. The bill makes no provisions for the lands beyond those limits.

## Espionage Confessed By Worker

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—A Polish-born factory worker told investigating senators today he stole secret plans for a military diesel engine during World War II and delivered them to a Red spy ring in Cleveland.

He testified that he also filched the formula for a preparation to prevent and cure livestock diseases.

The story was unfolded nervously by Thad Mason, alias Thad Mosiejewsky, at a televised hearing of the Senate's internal security subcommittee.

Mason said he became disillusioned with communism during a visit to Poland in 1950-52, and now repented his acts.

Speaking in a voice which broke occasionally, Mason testified he smuggled blueprints for the diesel engine from the inspection division of a General Motors plant in Cleveland, where he had a filing job. This was sometime between 1944 and 1945, he said.

Mason said he stole the formula for the livestock preparation while working as a chemical operator in the insecticide division of the du Pont chemical plant in Cleveland sometime between 1941 and 1943.

## Eisenhower to Give Achievement Awards

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—The President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower will attend the Women's National Press Club dinner and stunt party Saturday, May 2. They will see club members put on skits kidding prominent people on the Washington scene.

Eisenhower will present the club's achievement awards to five women for outstanding accomplishments in the last year.

The "woman of the year" award is being given to American nurses in Korea.

## 25 to Participate In Speech Contest

Twenty-five persons registered Monday night for the John Henry Frizzell extempore speaking contest, sponsored annually by the Department of Speech.

Elimination meetings will begin Monday. Finals will be held at 7:00 p.m. May 7, in 121 Sparks. A first prize of \$50 and a second prize of \$25 will be awarded.

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