

Clark Demands Reds Return Allied POW's

MUNSAN, Friday, Sept. 25 (AP)—Gen. Mark Clark demanded anew last night that the Reds either return immediately more than 3400 Allied men missing in the Korean war or produce an "honest accounting" of what happened to them.

Simultaneously, the UN Command raised the total of Americans on the list from 944 to 958.

The UN Far East commander made it clear in a letter handed the Reds at Panmunjom that his demands included U.S. airmen held without prisoner of war classification because the Communists insist their planes crashed in "neutral" Manchuria.

Clark bluntly rejected as "wholly unacceptable" the Reds reply Monday to his original demand Sept. 9 for an accounting. That Red answer was to the effect that most of the men listed never had been captured and that others died, escaped or were released at the front.

Clark pointed out that the list included many names of men who had been listed by Red broadcasts as prisoners of war or who had written home from Red camps that they were prisoners.

Also on the list were the names of 23 Americans who were turned over by the Reds to Indian custody in the demilitarized zone.

Saturday Allied explanation teams will interrogate some 23,000 North Koreans and Chinese who have balked going back to Red rule.

Clark's demand for an accounting of the missing Sept. 9 listed 3404 Allied prisoners including 944 Americans.

Thursday the Allies conceded at a meeting of the armistice commission secretariat that 27 American names should be deleted but then added on 41 American names as well as those of two British soldiers and a Canadian. That put the new total at 3421.

The deletions turned out to be men already repatriated.

Convicts Hear State Testimony

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Sept. 24 (AP)—Six remaining convicts charged with riot in a three-day uprising at Rockview Penitentiary last January today heard commonwealth witnesses testify that rioters used baseball bats to "rule" the prison block.

State witness Marvin Preston, an inmate of the prison, told the Centre County court that convicts broke into a sports equipment locker to get the bats.

Another state witness, inmate Frank S. Rosenthal, said that a rioting prisoner shoved him and another convict into a cell and shouted: "If you remember my face, I'll kill you."

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Hydrogen Bomb May Be Easy To Manufacture

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP)—The dread hydrogen bomb may turn out to be so cheap and simple that almost any nation can produce an arsenal of them in a few short years.

The word seeped out today as President Eisenhower met in a prolonged 3-hour session with his National Security Council, the commanders and civilian chiefs of the armed forces, and a committee of advisers on defense of the North American continent.

No information was released after the secret session as to what took place. Vice President Nixon, one of the 26 participants, commented in reply to questions that meetings of the council are "always completely confidential." The extraordinary nature of the session was attested by the fact that more than twice the usual number attended.

Of primary concern, obviously, was Russia's position in the atomic arms race, and America's ability to unleash retaliatory action if the Soviet Union should start war with hydrogen bombs.

But it was the amazing progress in development of H-bombs for the American arsenal that stirred alarm.

Nuclear scientists are on the track of methods for making and exploding hydrogen weapons so simplified and so relatively cheap that any nation with a moderate military budget may be able to manufacture them well within the next decade.

Famed MIG's Value Reduced to Zero

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP)—The price of Russia's renowned jet fighter, the MIG15, fell from \$50,000 to zero on the American market today.

Gen. Mark Clark's Far East Command announced withdrawal of its offer to pay \$50,000 to any Red pilot who delivers a Russian-built jet into the hands of United Nations forces in Korea.

At the same time the United States offered to return to its "rightful owner" the MIG15 flown to an American airbase in South Korea last week by a young North Korean pilot.

Some officials here said the enemy aircraft was an old type from which American aviation experts could learn very little. It is known that the Communists have developed an advanced model jet known as the MIG17.

The reward for the delivery of MIGs has been withdrawn "during this period of armistice discussions." This seemed to indicate it would be reinstated if hostilities were resumed, although there was no official statement to this effect.

Pentagon sources suggested the armistice also entered into the offer to return the MIG surrendered in South Korea.

Reporters were unable to learn where the surrendered MIG is at this moment. Last Tuesday the U.S. Air Force said it had been dismantled and loaded on a C124 Globemaster for shipment to the Air Materials Command at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio.

The Defense Department said definitely today, however, that the plane has not been brought to this country.

Reds Claim 23 U.S. PWs Deny Home

TOKYO, Friday, Sept. 25 (AP)—The Communists yesterday made public the names of 23 U.S. prisoners they said refused to go home where "those who speak out for peace and freedom are rapidly being silenced."

The quotation was from a statement, purportedly signed by all 23, handed out by a Communist correspondent at Panmunjom.

The statement quoted them as saying they still loved America and hoped to return some day but for now felt they could best work for peace behind the "bamboo curtain."

A quick flood of reaction in the United States from anguished relatives of men named on the list was one of almost unanimous disbelief.



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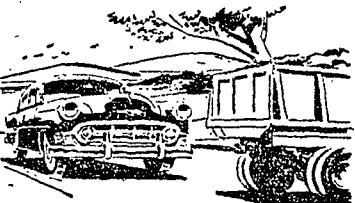
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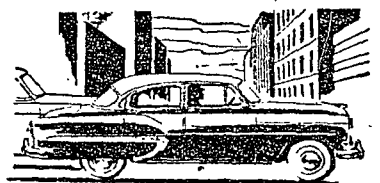
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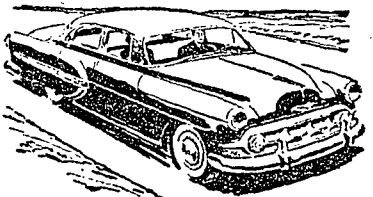


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