

# 'Explanations' Halt Prisoner Exchange

PANMUNJOM, Saturday, Sept. 26. (AP) — A dispute over whether more than 22,000 prisoners balking at return to communism can be forced to listen to "explanations" by the Reds yesterday forced postponement of the operation until next week.

The explanations had been due to start today. Now they will begin next Thursday barring another postponement.

The Communists insisted that the more than 14,500 Chinese and 7,800 North Koreans refusing repatriation must be compelled to hear the Red teams; that the men must be interviewed individually, and that the interviews may be repeated over a 90-day period.

The UN Command argued that a man who has made up his mind and does not want to be interviewed need not listen; that explanations must be conducted in groups of 25 so there is less opportunity of intimidation; and that prisoners should have the right to decide if they want to meet the interviewers more than once.

Caught in the midst of the squabble, the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, which will supervise the interviews, put off at least until Thursday the start of work by explanation teams.

All prisoners of both sides are now held in the demilitarized zone under guard of Indian troops. Allied teams will be confronted with a much smaller group—23 Americans, a Briton and 335 South Koreans.

The Repatriation Commission did not make it clear immediately whether the time lost by the postponement would be tacked on at the other end of the 90-day period or merely dropped. Indications were, however, the full 90 days would be allowed.

The 5-nation commission, headed by the Indian delegate as chairman and umpire, has yet to announce the rules which will govern the explanations.

Many of the Chinese prisoners brought to the demilitarized zone had hurled stones at Communist observers and declared they would never return to Red rule. Some even ripped off identification tags and refused to give their names, lest these get back to Red China where the men had relatives.

The tension in the stockades was so marked that Indian custodial troops rushed out a call for reinforcements. Today five U.S. Air Force C124 Globemasters were due in southern Japan with 575 more Indian troops on their way to Korea.

There already are 5000 Indian soldiers on guard duty.

## Indochina Settlement Voiced by France

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 25 (AP)—France proposed today that the Communists and the French attempt to settle the 8-year-old war in Indochina by diplomatic negotiations, either in the Korean peace conference or immediately afterward.

Deputy Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, in his government's opening speech to the UN Assembly, said the object of such negotiations would be to end the aggression in Indochina and make possible a return of more normal conditions of international relations in Asia.

He said hints had appeared that the two outside powers which "inspire and arm the Vietminh rebels" in Indochina were disposed to consider the opening of negotiations to end that conflict.

Obviously referring to Communist China and the Soviet Union, Schumann said the time had come for those two powers to prove the hints were not mere propaganda.

French spokesmen emphasized later that their government had no intention of dealing with the Vietminh Communists in Indochina but would negotiate at diplomatic level with Red China and Russia for a settlement.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Paris tonight that Schumann's proposal represents no departure in French policy. He said that Schumann, in effect, was echoing the recent statement of U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that a negotiated settlement in Korea might lead to the same thing in Indochina.

U.S. officials in Washington said they would have no objection to Indochina talks provided the Reds agree to a satisfactory Korean settlement. They said the United States would be willing to join France and other Western nations in any negotiations with the Indochinese rebels at a second conference.

Commenting privately on Schumann's proposal, these authorities recalled the Dulles had made it clear at a news conference Sept. 3 that he opposed discussing Indochina at the Korean peace parley.

Without saying how many officers and men are involved, the East German Interior Ministry told of the shipment in a statement to the East Berlin press. The group was described as prisoners convicted of minor war crimes.

The Aug. 22 agreement, widely heralded by the Communists during the West German election campaign in their fight against Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, provided for the return of "minor" war criminals, canceled 2½ billion dollars worth of reparations still claimed by Russia and granted the East Germans several economic concessions.

But the Western-minded Adenauer snowed under the opposition in the West German voting Sept. 6.

The resolution approving the AFL-CIO agreement said "so long as the ranks of labor are divided, labor will continue to be weakened—there is no reason for the division in labor ranks."

The AFL-CIO pact is to become effective Jan. 1 for all unions subscribing to it individually. It would pledge them against seeking to get already organized workers to switch allegiance from one union to another.

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## Millikin Says Tax Plan 'Satisfactory'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP)—A congressional committee took a look today at the Eisenhower administration's tax service reorganization, and Senator Millikin (R-Colo.) said the picture was "very satisfactory."

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and Revenue Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews were questioned about the changes at a closed session of the Senate-House Committee on Internal Revenue.

Reports had circulated that some committee members wanted to check to see whether broad changes in tax collecting operations had lowered employee morale and caused a loss in revenue.

Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-NY), chairman of the joint group and of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said the congressmen reviewed the reorganization program. He declined further comment except to say the administration plans remain intact.

Millikin, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said revenue officials explained the purpose of the changes and gave details on how they are working. Millikin said he could not speak for the committee but personally, "I thought the explanations were very satisfactory."

Sen. Byrd (D-Va.), another member, said he was "very much pleased at the progress being made," but the full effects of the reorganization would not be felt until later.

Others who attended the meeting said members expressed no dissatisfaction.

The reorganization cut the number of revenue field commissioners from 17 to 9. It transferred virtually complete authority over tax collections in their districts to the nine commissioners, abolishing some auditing and reviewing functions at headquarters here. Hundreds of employees, including some veteran career tax workers, lost their jobs in the process.

## Gillet to Address Chemical Society

Dr. Alfred Gillet, professor of industrial chemistry at the University of Liege, Belgium, will address the meeting of the central Pennsylvania section, American Chemical Society, at 8 p.m. Monday in 119 Osmond. His topic will be "What is Coal?"

Dr. Gillet is visiting the United States to participate in the Gordon Research Conference.

## Criticize Newspapers

LONDON, Sept. 25 (AP)—A committee of the Methodist Christian Citizenship Department urged Methodists today to refuse to buy British newspapers and magazines that exploit sex and crime.

## Hurricane Heads Northeastward Towards Florida

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 25 (AP)—Mighty hurricane Florence swung northeastward in the Gulf of Mexico today and pointed dangerous 130-mile-an-hour winds toward the coast of Alabama and northwest Florida.

Residents of a thickly-populated 400-mile wide area from New Orleans to St. Marks, Fla., remembering a tricky 1947 hurricane that pounded the Mississippi coast, began preparing for the rampaging storm.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said the hurricane appeared headed for the area between Mobile and St. Marks, Fla., which is dotted with big military installations, beach playgrounds, and seafood and industrial plants.

Since midnight, military planes from Air Force and Navy installations along the coast have been winging to inland bases, shrimp fleets and hundreds of smaller boats scurried to the safety of inland bays and bayous.

The New Orleans Weather Bureau in a 4 p.m. CST, advisory located the storm approximately 290 miles south of Pensacola and said it was moving northward about 12 to 14 miles per hour.

The advisory said winds probably would reach hurricane force between Mobile and St. Marks near daybreak tomorrow.

## Airline Spokesman To Meet Seniors

A representative of North American Aviation, Inc., the company that designed and now produces the new F-100 Super Sabre Jet and the F-86 Sabre Jets, will be on campus Monday to interview winter graduates for positions at the Los Angeles and Columbus plants.

Junior engineering positions are available at North American. College Placement Service will supply further details.

## 'No Raiding' Agreement Given Approval by AFL

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25 (AP)—The AFL today approved a "no raiding" pact with the CIO and resolved to establish machinery for peaceful settlement of union fights within the AFL itself.

A busy final session of the AFL's annual convention also adopted a resolution saying the recent resignation of AFL union leader Martin Durkin, as secretary of labor, was justified "because of the failure of President Eisenhower to keep his agreement" with Durkin.

This referred to Durkin's claim he quit because Eisenhower broke an agreement to send a message to Congress suggesting 19 changes in the union-criticized Taft-Hartley law. The White House has said there was no such agreement.

"Although the administration amendments in question were far short of our program," the convention resolution said, "they represented a forward step and the failure to propose them was clearly responsive to anti-labor pressures."

In other actions the AFL re-elected officers, including George Meany as president, and chartered a new union to replace the International Longshoremen's Association, ousted from the AFL for harboring racketeers.

The "no raiding" agreement with the CIO still requires approval by the CIO convention at Cleveland in November, but an okay is expected. The pact is regarded as an initial step toward possible AFL-CIO merger.

## Parole Violator Shot In Theater Last Night

BALTIMORE, Sept. 25 (AP)—A man tentatively identified as John Elgin Johnson, 33-year-old parole violator from Alcatraz, was shot to death in a theater mezzanine tonight after wounding two FBI agents who came to arrest him.

The FBI said the man opened fire on Agents Brady Murphy and Ray Fox as they walked toward a telephone booth in which he was standing in the Town Theater. Murphy was hit in the side and Fox in the hip.

## U.S. Bases in Spain

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP)—The United States and Spain once again today were reported about ready to sign an agreement giving American naval and air forces defense bases on Spanish soil.

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