

UN Completes Transfer Of Anti-Reds To Neutrals

(By Sam Summerlin)
PANMUNJOM, (AP)—The UN command completed the transfer of about 23,000 anti-Communist prisoners to neutral custody today and the Communists promised to follow suit Thursday by yielding control over 359 Allied prisoners.

The Communists have completed a new camp in the demilitarized zone near here to house the captives the Reds say have refused to return home. Communist reporter Wilfred Burchett said the group is made up of one Briton, 23 Americans and 335 South Koreans.

Beginning Friday, Allied and Communist teams will have an opportunity for the next 90 days to talk with the prisoners in the presence of neutral repatriation supervisors in an attempt to persuade them to return home.

The first South Koreans who supposedly refused repatriation but changed their minds said on their return last week they wanted to come home all along but the Communists would not let them.

The last delivery of anti-Communist Chinese and North Korean prisoners today brings to 22,605 the number turned over to Indian custodian troops. About 1,000 disabled captives, some on stretchers, made up the final delivery.

Soviet Government Finally Recognizes Farm Crises

(By Thomas P. Whitney)
LONDON, (AP)—The Soviet government has finally recognized that it has in its hands a major farm crisis and is taking drastic measures to cure it.

That is the meaning of agricultural measures announced by Premier Georgi Malenkov's government.

The collective farmers of the USSR have been getting the dirty end of the stick for many years and have been unhappy about it. As a result they have not been increasing their production rapidly enough to meet satisfactorily the growing needs of the increasing Soviet population.

Lagging agricultural production has become an important bottleneck in general Soviet economic development.

But Prime Minister Stalin while he lived was never willing to admit this situation and do something about it. Now the situation cannot be ignored any longer. Malenkov and his chief farm advisers have been forced for cogent economic and political reasons to take sweeping measures and more may be in store.

Fake Facade

Sunday's decree in some details exposes how Communist propaganda on farm prosperity has been in part at least a fake facade to conceal ominous developments.

For instance the decree revealed that in Russia now there are 8,900,000 fewer cows than there were in 1928, 25 years before the vaunted collectivization took place.

Soviet farm policy since the arrest of the former minister of internal affairs, Lavrenty P. Beria, in late June appeared to be largely in the hands of Premier Georgi Malenkov and the first secretary of the central committee of the Communist party, Nikita Khrushchev.

Khrushchev, who had long experience with Soviet agriculture during his many years as boss of the agricultural rich Ukraine, delivered the recent report to the central committee on agriculture measures which resulted in Sunday's decree.

Now Malenkov and Khrushchev have been forced to adopt a policy of encouraging private ownership of livestock in their big effort to increase the livestock population, and with it meat, milk, butter, wool and poultry production.

They are going to assist Soviet peasants to acquire their own privately-owned livestock.

Still for Collectivism

But it cannot be said in general that Malenkov's policy is one of encouragement of private agriculture at the expense of the collectivized side of it. On the contrary, Malenkov's government now is directing vast resources into the socialized side of agriculture and offering the farmers considerably increased material incentives for increase collectivized production.

Malenkov's and Khrushchev's motives in going these great lengths to appease the Soviet farmers are certainly in great part political. The farmers still make up the bulk of the country. Farmers' sons make up most of the Soviet army. The government seems to be out to show that it intends to give farmers a better deal and thereby build up popularity.

LONDON (CP)—Richard Stapleford, Ontario trade commissioner in London, said on his return from a five-week visit to Ontario that economic and industrial progress in Canada is much faster than in Europe. He is stressing the need for frequent visits to keep up with the rapid expansion in Canada.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Pilot fish have been known to follow a ship right across the Atlantic and back.

The human race accounts for 10,000,000 fish annually, yet the race continues despite this terrific slaughter, and the ravages of disease.

It is simply amazing the number of eggs laid by fishes. The female herring lays an average of 30,000 eggs in a season; the pilchard 60,000, the salmon half a million; the carp 600,000 for each pound of weight of the female, the young hatching in from 3-4 days; the common mackerel half a million which float at or near the surface.

It is interesting to note that gems occurring in crystal formation always occur in the same definite form, even when found in different parts of the world. Still more amazing is that the angles between like pieces of crystals of the same species are always the same, no matter where they may be found.

If you were to analyze any group of gem stones you would always come up with Silicon, aluminum, sodium, zinc, beryllium and phosphorus — the diamond is the one exception to the rule. It is almost pure carbon.

The popularity of a gem is often influenced by its being worn by some member of a royal family. When the Duke of Connaught gave the Princess Louise of Prussia a ring mounted with crysoberyl's-eye this made the stone go up in price and popularity. In like manner Princess Mary has helped to popularize the emerald and the Duchess of York, by wearing sapphires, has increased the demand for this stone. The present Queen Elizabeth favors diamonds so we look for a good market and higher prices for these gems.

But apart from fashion, the economic state of a country has a lot to do with the price and demand for gem stones.

In times of war prices fall sharply. With the return of peace prices again shoot upward.

While we are on the subject of gems did you know that the price of pearls is based on a method not used in the case of any other gem stones? The pearl is first weighed in grains, and this weight is squared. The resultant figure is regarded as shillings. The "base" value of a pearl is then arrived at; this depends on the market fluctuations, and the shilling base is multiplied by the base assigned to the pearl. Thus a ten-grain pearl valued at 15s base is worth 225 pence. Prices of real pearls in the trade are always referred to by "base".

The incident that led to the Civil War was the firing of Fort Sumter, but the first battle fought and the first blood drawn was at Manassas, Virginia. General Beauregard, Commander of the Confederate army had selected a Mr. MacLean's home as his headquarters. Naturally the old house attracted much of the enemy fire. One well-aimed cannonball struck the house and demolished the fireplace.

You won't find Wilmer MacLean's name mentioned in most history books, yet around him centers one of the most amazing war stories.

MacLean, a man of peaceful pursuits, hated war and its attendant miseries so he left his former home and moved 120 miles away where he carried on his farming operations quite undisturbed by four years of bitter conflict.

But the cards were stacked against him, around his once peaceful home the first great conflict of the Civil War was fought and strange but true it was at MacLean's home that General Lee met officers of the Union forces to arrange the terms that brought to an end that tragic affair. Thus we see in Wilmer MacLean the man history wouldn't let alone.

There are 10,000,000 intellectuals in the U. S. A.

Ever since her son was reported missing in South America, July 7, 1951, Mr. Edgar Manolis, of Toronto, France, has kept a light burning in the window for him.

"It was my fault: I was kissing him," a gal told the court in Windsor, Ont., when Eugene Dudda was accused of reckless driving. Along with the kisses he had to pay a fine.

One single moth family can destroy, in a single year, the wool product of a dozen sheep.

Joyce Stewart of Central Royalty, never missed a day of school in 8 years of attendance. Joyce was graduated from P. W. C. in 1932. Accepting a cheque for \$1047 which was signed "U. R. Hooked", an Indiana grocer to his chagrin learned that the signature told the truth. A bank cashier stamped the cheque "No Funds", and wrote beneath the signature: "U Sure R".

The Isle of Capri may be a tourist paradise but it has no water of its own. Father Adam's ale has to be brought to Capri in tank ships from the Mainland.

The easiest way of multiplying your troubles is to tell your neighbors about them. My philosophy is to make the most of all that comes, and the least of all that goes.

Mr. Know-It-All



They're a little skeptical, but Pvt. Mary Barlow, left, and Cpl. Joan Stewart listen for the answers to questions they've asked the "Know-It-All" talking robot at London's National Radio Show. Sgt. Bernard Scottin demonstrates "Mr. Magnetron's" electronic-powered speaking ability.

New Town In Manitoba To Welcome Railroad

LYNN LAKE, Man. (CP)—Northern Manitoba's new town is preparing to come to life.

Two years ago Lynn Lake was a gleam in the eyes of Sherritt-Gordon Mines officials. Today, it is on the verge of boom activity as it attempts to welcome the life-giving steel arteries of the railroad.

When Sherritt-Gordon holdings at Sherridon, 147 miles due south, started to peter out, officials decided to develop valuable nickel-copper deposits at Lynn Lake.

Many Sherridon buildings, including homes, bank and church, were loaded on sleighs and carted by cat train across the frozen muskeg to the new site.

At first Sherridon buzzed with renewed activity as the Canadian National Railways prepared to cram a three-year construction job into two years. Then the town slowly faded. Now the railway is within 25 miles of its destination, 500 miles north of Winnipeg.

Rock, muskeg and the Churchill River blocked the way but all the troubles were not natural. This month, on the complaint of immigrant German construction workers about labor conditions in the construction camps, federal government inspectors toured camps to investigate. Results have not been made public.

The railway is due in Lynn Lake Oct. 30. Until then the town's only connection with civilization are cat train and aircraft. By early 1954 traffic will be booming north with supplies and south with nickel-copper concentrates headed for a new multi-million dollar chemical metallurgical plant at Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., near Edmonton.

Allies May Protest Red Air Build-up

PANMUNJOM, (AP)—One British and 23 United States war prisoners who the Reds say won't go home reach here today amid charges the Communists are violating the truce with an ominous air build-up.

It was believed the United Nations command was contemplating an official protest charging the Communists brought jet fighters and other planes into North Korea after the armistice.

Lt.-Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, U.S. 5th Air Force commander, said in a statement Wednesday: "We have two recent indications that the Communists have violated terms laid down by the truce in introducing warplanes into North Korea."

The Communists in all are delivering more than 300 prisoners who they say have cast their lot with communism.

A Communist reporter and the Peiping radio said there will be 23 Americans, one British soldier and 335 Koreans. Officially, the Communists have said there will be more than 20 Americans, one Briton and more than 300 Koreans.

The prisoners, brought down from nearby Kaesong, go under the custody of Indian soldiers in a barbed-wire stockade.

Anderson said his statement was based on radar sightings "quite recently" and on the word of a North Korean anti-Red pilot who flew his MIG-15 to Seoul Monday.

RIVERDALE — CHURCHILL W. I.

The regular meeting of Riverdale-Churchill W. I. met on Sept. 2, at the home of Mrs. Ollie MacLeod, with an attendance of 11 members and 7 visitors present. Roll call was answered with each member donating a half yard material for quilting. Correspondence was read by secretary, including a letter from the Cancer Society and it was agreed to donate \$5.00 to the Cancer Fund. The School Committee reported that

Bevan Plays Down Split In Party

By ALAN HARVEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON, (CP)—Aneurin Nye Bevan, gadfly of Britain's Labor party, Wednesday played down suggestions of a split within Socialist ranks. In fact, he said, the party is getting more united every day, at least in foreign policy.

And if there were differences of opinion internally, said the tempestuous left-winger, they were just the natural divisions implicit in all "left" parties. There was no such conflict in the Conservative government because like all Tory parties it was concerned only with maintaining the status quo.

Bevan spoke to a crowded luncheon meeting of the Commonwealth Correspondents Association. His address was awaited with interest as a pointer to next week's Labor party conference at Margate, widely expected to provide more ammunition for the three-year-old argument between Bevan's group and centre and right-wing groups who oppose him.

Woman Assaults Montreal Judge With Pair of Shoes

MONTREAL, (CP)—Cecile Gagnon, 35, was arraigned Wednesday, on a charge of assaulting Sessions Court Judge Guy Gullbault with a pair of shoes.

She pleaded innocent to the charge. Judge Willie Proulx ordered her held without bail until trial Oct. 1.

Police said the woman threw the shoes at Judge Gullbault, hitting him on the chest, while he was trying to explain a point of law to her.

The woman, who was ejected from the Montreal vice inquiry some months ago for her outspoken ways, twice tried to see Judge Gullbault before managing to evade court officials and entering his private chambers Wednesday.

She demanded the judge sign warrants for the arrest of certain police officials, claiming they had stolen \$400 worth of her clothes while she was in detention recently.

Police said it was when Judge Gullbault explained to her that such warrants could not be issued before an investigation is made that she took the shoes from a paper bag and flung them at him.

There were books needed for the school and it was decided that the teacher buy the required books and present the bill to the Institute.

Two guessing contests were put on and first prizes were won by Mrs. Robbie MacKinnon. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Orrin Corney. Roll call will be answered with a dime.

A dainty lunch was served by hostess assisted by Mrs. Guy MacLeod.

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