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PRISONER EXCHANGE AGAIN BLOCKS TRUCE TALKS

Eisenhower Sees Hope In Moscow Statement

Gate To Freedom Closes For Prisoners Held By Communists

FREEDOM VILLAGE, (Korea), (CP)—The gate to freedom closed Sunday—at least temporarily—after the Communists said they had no more disabled Allied prisoners to release.

The Reds traded 684 Allied troops—including two members of the Canadian Army—during the first week of the exchange. The return by the Allies of nearly 6,000 disabled Koreans and Chinese is half finished and continues today.

Rear-Admiral John C. Daniel, head of the Allied liaison team handling the trade, said he is going to try to get more Allied prisoners out of Red hands.

Claim No More Eligible

Daniel has proposed that an exchange be continued during hostilities but the Reds apparently dashed this plan by insisting no more men were eligible to return home.

The Reds actually repatriated some sick and wounded than they normally had promised—684 compared with 603 originally offered, and the Allies reciprocated by adding to the number they would return to the Communists.

Eighty-four men came back to freedom here Sunday—13 Americans and 71 South Koreans. In all, 149 Americans were freed compared with a promise originally to send home about 120.

The Reds reported in the truce talks about a year and a half ago that they held about 12,000 Allied troops as prisoners, including 3,000 Americans. The UN command disputed the figures at that time. It insisted the Reds held tens of thousands more South Koreans and several thousand more Americans.

Blow At Hopes

But the tales told by returning POW's struck a blow at Allied hopes. They reported thousands of Allied soldiers died from wounds, starvation, bitter cold, cruelty and the ravages of disease.

One of the last Americans to come back, air force Capt. Zach W. Dean, described Red feeding and indoctrination and told of a futile escape attempt he made 18 months ago with Associated Press photographer Frank Noel.

The 34-year-old pilot said he

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U. S. President's Views Disclosed By Press Sec'y

By John Hightower

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower interpreted Moscow's latest peace statement Saturday as a possible sign that Russia may be ready to do "something concrete" about making settlements with the Western world.

The president's reaction was disclosed by press secretary James Hagerty who issued a statement on Eisenhower's views. Hagerty began by saying that he had "talked with the president" about an editorial in the Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda.

Might Be First Step

This might be a "first step toward something concrete," Hagerty said, and if it is the Kremlin will find the United States and other free nations "ready to work unceasingly for peace."

The Russian statement, which also was published in the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia, declared Russia is ready to enter into "business-like" discussions with the West to end great controversies. It made plain, however, that the Soviets are not retreating on the foreign policy.

White House Statement

Here is the White House statement: "I have talked with the president about the Pravda editorial. "It's milder tone is a welcome change from the usual vituperation against the United States and the free world."

"It is also significant that the world-wide interest in the President's April 16 peace speech caused the Soviet leaders to reprint it in full for the Russian people."

"Of course the Pravda editorial cannot be considered a substitute for an official action by the Soviet leaders."

"Maybe this editorial is a first step toward something concrete. If so the free world will continue to wait for the definite steps that must be made if the Soviet leaders are sincerely interested in a co-operative solution to world problems."

"If the Soviet leaders take such steps they will find the United States and the other free nations, as always, ready to work unceasingly for peace."

Senator William Duff Dies In Sleep At Lunenburg Home

OTTAWA, (AP)—Senator William Duff, 80, died in his sleep at his home in Lunenburg, N. S., Saturday night, according to word reaching his colleagues here Sunday. He was appointed to the Senate in 1936 after having been a Liberal member of the Commons almost continuously since 1917.

Senator Duff, familiarly known as "Admiral," was one of the most popular and colorful figures on Parliament Hill during the last 35 years.

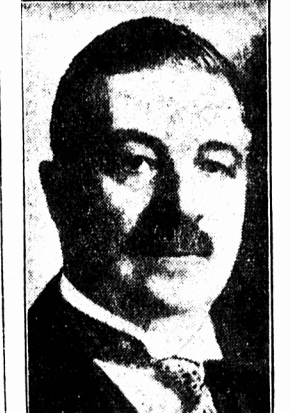
He was out of Parliament only one year in that period. He was defeated in the 1926 general election and returned a year later in a by-election in Antigonish-Guysboro.

More than six feet tall, huge of frame, Senator Duff's pungent and salty wit often livened the debates in both chambers.

He was born in Carboneau, Newfoundland, son of a time member of the Newfoundland legislature, and came to Canada in 1895. He was a practical fisherman and became widely interested in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland fishing and other enterprises associated with seafaring.

For a brief period in 1926 he was deputy speaker of the Commons.

Senator Duff's death leaves the Senate standing at Liberals 71 and Progressive Conservatives 81. There is a record of 23 seats vacant in the 102-seat upper chamber.



The late Senator Duff

Red Six-Point Plan Rejected By The Allies

PANMUNJOM, (CP)—The Communists returned to the truce talks Sunday with a new six-point plan for exchanging prisoners—the only issue blocking the end of the Korean War.

The plan was immediately rejected by the United Nations command.

The two sides were divided on these points:

1. Naming of a neutral state to handle prisoners who refuse to be returned to their homeland. The Reds suggested further debate on this while the UN urged that Switzerland be named.
2. The Reds proposed that up to nine months be taken to dispose of the question of what to do with prisoners unwilling to go home after which their fate would be turned over to a political conference. The UN insisted this should be cleaned up in 60 days.
3. The place prisoners refusing repatriation should be held while their fate is being decided. The Communists said the prisoners should be sent to the neutral state or to an area designated as neutral. The UN command said they should

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U.S. Atomic Experts Shun Exchange Of Data With Britain

Report Red River At 15-Year Low

WINNIPEG, (CP)—The Red river, whose spring floods sometimes bring disaster to Manitoba, is at its lowest point for late April in 15 years, A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer, said Saturday.

Red Invasion Of Laos Continues To Make Progress

HANOI, Indo-China, (AP)—A rebel invasion of Laos has sent Communist-led Vietminh guerrillas sweeping over a third of that little mountain kingdom. Victory would put them in position to punch through Cambodia and spread Red control over Indo-China's borders with Burma and Thailand.

Vietminh columns drove Sunday to within 40 to 50 miles of the Laotian royal seat at Luangprabang, where French Union forces are busily reinforcing defenses by airlift for a strong stand against the enemy they have fought throughout Indo-China for seven years.

The Vietminh, led by wily, Mao-trained Ho Chi Minh, appear to be directing their new drive toward a morale-building, if not so strategic, capture of the royal seat and the kingdom's administrative capital of Vientiane on the southern border.

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Members of the congressional atomic energy committee have indicated informally that they will reject any proposal to exchange atomic weapon information with Britain.

Some members who believe that such an exchange may have been suggested by Prime Minister Churchill in his talks with President Eisenhower early this year said they doubt the administration ever will formally present the proposal.

There is no doubt, however, that some high administration officials would like to have authority for the United States to tell the British government how many atomic bombs it possesses and how it proposes to deliver them against an enemy in case of attack.

Such information might include data on the development of atomic power for industrial purposes, but it was not proposed that any information be exchanged on actual manufacture of the atomic bomb or on progress made with the hydrogen bomb.

Opposition within the congressional committee to any such exchanges of information apparently is based largely on the belief that Britain's atomic security precautions are not tight enough — that any facts given to London would soon find their way to Moscow.

WINDSOR, England, (AP)—Royal mourning for Queen Mary ended Saturday. The 85-year-old queen died a month ago. Queen Elizabeth, now in residence at Windsor Castle, resumes Monday a glittering round of social events leading up to the Coronation June 2.

Royal Mourning For Queen Mary Ends

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Veteran N. B. Doctor Passes

SAINT JOHN, N. B., (CP)—Dr. H. A. Farris, 71, a pioneer in the modern treatment of tuberculosis, died in hospital Saturday night after a brief illness. The funeral will be held Monday.

The son of a former New Brunswick agriculture minister and grandson of a former House of Commons member, Dr. Farris directed New Brunswick's tuberculosis hospital at Saint John for 15 years and later became a heart specialist. He retired from private practice two years ago.

He is survived by three brothers: Chief Justice Wendell B. Farris of British Columbia, Senator J. W. DeB. Farris and Bruce M. Farris, all of Vancouver.

Eight Children Burned To Death In Ont.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., (CP)—Eight children were burned to death early Sunday when fire destroyed a four-room frame home in neighboring Tarentorous Township.

The dead: Dorothy, 7, Reginald, 5, Clifford, 4, Eleanor, 3, and John, 1; all children of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Derry; and Wilma, 14, Marjorie, 10, and Diane, 9, children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trudell.

The Trudell children, whose home is in nearby East Korah, were visiting the Derry family over-night.

Philip Derry, 31, and his wife, Winnifred, 27, are in hospital in critical condition suffering from severe shock, cuts and burns.

Drunkenness Increasing Behind The Iron Curtain

VIENNA, (AP)—Drunkenness and rowdiness are on the increase behind the Iron Curtain.

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There is a running campaign against tipping, not only in Czechoslovakia, but in Poland, Romania and Bulgaria. It is called "immoral" or "bourgeois" and good Communists are pledged to fight excessive drinking.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Location	Min.	Max.
Dawson	36	58
Victoria	47	54
Edmonton	39	48
Calgary	35	53
Regina	22	57
Winnipeg	26	50
Ottawa	43	50
Montreal	44	46
Quebec	40	42
Saint John, N.B.	40	46
Moncton	41	54
Halifax	39	46
Charlottetown	40	52
Sydney	38	52
Yarmouth	38	49
St. John's, Pfld.	33	52

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Weather Office says rain and drizzle will fall over the Maritimes again Monday.

Regional forecasts:
Lower St. John River valley: Overcast; occasional rain and drizzle; not much temperature change; light winds. Low-high at Fredericton 38 and 50, Saint John 40 and 50.

Bay of Fundy: Light winds, occasionally easterly 15; occasional rain and drizzle; visibility eight miles lowering to one mile in mist and precipitation. Little temperature change.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties: Occasional rain and drizzle; not much temperature change; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown and Moncton 38 and 50.

Upper St. John River valley, Bay of Chaleur: Occasional rain and drizzle; not much temperature change; light winds. Low-high at Edmundston 38 and 50, Campbellton 38 and 48.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:28 A. M. and 10:19 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 4:33 A. M. and 5:11 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 5:09 A. M. and sets at 7:13 P. M.

25 Dead In Mexican Mine Explosion, Fire

ANGANGUEO, Mexico, (AP)—Masked rescue workers Sunday brought out the bodies of 11 workers killed Saturday in a cave-in and explosion of an American Smelting Company silver mine here.

With black and yellow smoke still pouring from the mouth of the mine, the search teams hunted for the bodies of 14 other known dead and six other miners still un-

Coming Events

- *Seeds! Send for Free/Catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.
- *See Cherry Valley play in North River hall tonight.
- *Dance in Morell Hall, Monday night. Don Messer's Orchestra. Dancing from 9 until 1.
- *Hunter River Starch Factory will open for the season April 27th. Call for appointments.
- *Seed Cleaning Plant now operating. Gordon MacMillan, Cornwall.
- *Regular Dance, Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night. Charlottetownians Orchestra.
- *Cleaning grain from now until end of season. Stephen Walsh, Hope River.
- *Just arrived. Carload double cleaned oats suitable for seed. Beaton & MacRae, Winsloe.
- *See Hampton Variety Concert in Sherbrooke Hall, April 30th. Sponsored by Albany Village W. I.
- *April 29th, Hall, Wednesday. April 29th, Cape Traverse W. I. are presenting Variety Concert, sponsored by De Sable W. I.
- *Clyde River Hall, Friday, May 1. (Emerald players present "Tish Dream Girl." Sponsored by New Haven W.I.
- *The annual meeting of Crapaud Hall Co. will be held in the Crapaud Hall, Monday, evening April 27th at 8 o'clock.
- *Cherry Valley Players present the three act play, "The Path Across the Hill," North River Hall, Monday, April 27th. Auspices Hall Committee. Curtain 8:30.
- *See Tracadie Dramatic Club present their play "Room No. 13" in Tracadie Hall, Friday night, May 1st. Curtain 8:30.
- *Master Feeds.—New shipment just arrived. Prince Edward Island Fur Pool Ltd., Summerside. Feeders who keep records use Master.
- *Cherry Valley Players present the three act play, "The Path Across the Hill," Vernon River Hall, Thursday, April 30th. Auspices C. W. L. Curtain 8:30. Dance after.
- *Wednesday, May 6, fiddlers contest at Tracadie, 9 p.m. Entries also received for boys and girls in singing and dancing. Mail entries to Mrs. Wm. Lacey, secretary C. W. L., Tracadie Cross.

Promises Every Effort To Avoid Unemployment

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower Saturday assailed "the stupidity of mass unemployment" and pledged "every useful measure, private and public," to avoid it in the future.

In a letter to CIO president Walter Reuther, the president said he "firmly" subscribes to the Employment Act of 1946, which established the council of economic advisers and made it public policy to "promote" full employment.

The letter, made public by the CIO, was hailed in Saturday's CIO News as a clear outline for a liberal economic philosophy for America—the sort of economic philosophy which has proven so beneficial to the country and its people during the past 10 years.

Eisenhower's letter was in answer to one Reuther sent him April 6.

London Is Having Face Lifted For Coronation

LONDON, (Reuters)—It's only 37 days until the Coronation, and some old London is having her face lifted.

People who have been out of the city for a month are amazed on their return to see miles of grandstands flanking the route from Buckingham Palace along the Thames to Westminster Abbey.

Their cars are caught in endless traffic jams caused by street-cleaning being done to present the capital at Sunday-best for an expected 800,000 Coronation Year tourists.

Already brightly-painted heavy wooden gates have been put up to seal off streets and sidewalks leading from the critical "O Day" area.

Parliament Square, under Big Ben, already looks like a baseball stadium. There are so many bleachers that you can't see the

N.S. Couple Found Dead In Parked Car

HALIFAX, (CP)—Lee Alfred Harvie, 23, of Newport, N. S., and Maud Paris, 27, of Newport, N. S., were found dead Saturday in a car parked on the nearby Preston road with its motor running. Coroner E. L. Cote said death was due to carbon monoxide poisoning. There will be no inquest.

Body of Missing Child Recovered

MONTREAL, (CP)—The body of three-year-old Gilles Gonthier, missing since Feb. 25 from his home at Les Cedres, 40 miles west of here, was found Saturday on a beach at St. Lambert, across the St. Lawrence river from Montreal. The boy was the object of an intensive search after his father, Georges Gonthier, said he feared the lad had been kidnapped.

The search was called off after police concluded the boy had fallen through the ice and drowned.

Bellboy Charged In London Murder

LONDON, (Reuters)—A 39-year-old bellboy in London's fashionable Kensington district was charged Sunday night with murdering Mrs. Grace (Babs) Darrington last Wednesday by strangling her with her own nylon stocking.

The accused, John Haskayne, a bachelor from Liverpool, will appear in court Monday.

Mrs. Darrington, 50 years old but looking 35, was found dead by her travelling-salesman husband in her apartment in Paddington, a shabby area heavily populated by single men.

He found the body sprawled across her bed. She was clad only in a soft green nightgown, and there were signs of a violent struggle. Her husband had been out of town on business.

So far Scotland Yard detectives know this much: Mrs. Darrington visited a London club the night before. Later she was seen in a bar and neighbors heard her enter her apartment about 11 p.m. evidently without an escort.

Haskayne was charged at the Notting Hill Gate police station. John Christie, 55-year-old office worker now on trial for the strangling of three young women and his wife, also was charged at this station, which is near Christie's rooming house where the remains of six women's bodies were found last month.

British Labor Maps Strategy

LONDON, (Reuters)—Britain's Socialist leaders Sunday agreed on a five-year blueprint with which they hope to sweep Sir Winston Churchill's Conservatives from office at the next general election.

But in deference to growth from Britain's 8,000,000—man Trades Union Congress, which controls the Labor party purse strings, the leaders decided to ease up on certain nationalization and other proposals urged by the party's left-wingers.

The 27-member national executive committee of the party concluded a three-day conference on their five-year plan Sunday night.

The United Kingdom has refused to meet the \$2.05 maximum per bushel price in the new agreement, holding out for \$2. Already opposition members have pressed the government to try to get Britain to agree, but Trade Minister Howe has indicated the government plans no such move.

There are other, more minor items, still on the order paper but they are not expected to be delaying factors. One is a change in the National Housing Act but this has already gone through one round of debate. A proposal for a limited form of unemployment insurance for sick workers may also be brought in at this session.

The only other thing that could put the brakes on the wind-up drive is the sweeping revision and consolidation of the Criminal Code. A special committee is studying the

Canadians Leave Korea For Home

PUSAN, (CP)—The 1st battalion of the Royal 22nd Regiment and the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery embarked Sunday for Japan on the first lap of their journey home.

They will spend a few days in Japan undergoing final documentation and medical examinations before sailing for Canada aboard the USS General Hauser.

Before leaving, the Van Doos and the RCIA held a joint memorial service Sunday at the United Nations cemetery in Pusan for their fallen comrades.

Only 2 Big Jobs Left For House Of Commons

OTTAWA, (CP)—The House of Commons has only two really big jobs left before it can call it quits on law-making for this year, but they're jobs that could take a lot of doing.

One is the annual chore of passing the government's spending program for the present fiscal year. This always produces an outburst of talk from members who think the money should have been spent differently. So far only public works, defence and trade estimates have been fully considered.

The other job is approval of the new International Wheat Agreement. Advance signs indicate a debate lasting possibly two days or more.

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