

Truce Talks Are Recessed To Wednesday

Negotiators For Both Sides Charge Proposals Unfair

PANMUNJOM, Korea UP — Truce negotiators accused each other today of not really wanting a Korean armistice and the United Nations recessed the talks until next Wednesday.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, head of the U.N.C. delegation, proposed the recess at a 67-minute meeting unless the Communists had "something constructive to offer."

North Korean Gen. Nam Il, chief Communist negotiator, demanded that the Allies withdraw their "absurd" proposals for settling the deadlocked issue on exchanging prisoners who do not want to go home.

Then he consented to a recess until May 20.

Harrison said he wanted the recess for "administrative reasons." The deadlock, tight as it was last Oct. 8 when the talks were broken off, still centered around ultimate disposition of prisoners refusing repatriation.

Harrison insisted that the U.N.C.'s 26-point plan submitted May 13 was a basis for negotiation while Nam stuck to his claim that the eight-point Communist proposal of May 7 needed no alteration.

Harrison tried to answer Red objections to parts of the Allied plan but Nam retorted that the U.N.C. was plotting to retain rather than free the prisoners.

"Whereas our side insists on no coercion either to prevent or effect repatriation," Harrison said, "your side clings to its extreme position of attempting to coerce unwilling prisoners to return to their masters."

"Thus, the hope of your side that you were sincerely seeking an armistice under terms which would accommodate legitimate viewpoints of both sides seems to have been unwarranted."

Under the Allied plan, North Korean captives would be freed on armistice day. Chinese prisoners would be turned over to a neutral five-nation commission for not more than two months. After that period they would be free to go where they choose if they still resist repatriation.

The Chinese plan would turn the prisoners over to a political conference for final disposition, a point which the Allies object to because prisoners might agree to go home rather than remain in custody indefinitely.

Nam accused Harrison of resorting to "fabrication and slander" in supporting the U.N.C. proposal.

He said the U.N.C. had failed to justify releasing of all Koreans.

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Oatis Release May Extend To Others

British Hopeful Of Release Of Sanders

LONDON, (UP) — The Czechoslovak Communists, in freeing American newsmen William N. Oatis, may have started a chain reaction which will extend to other Soviet satellite countries, diplomatic observers said today.

Oatis' release was called here a gesture of "good will," in line with the "peace offensive" which the Soviet Russian government started after the death of Josef Stalin.

Oatis' release, Russian experts here said, may be followed by the freeing of others.

Diplomats in London waited eagerly for any word from Budapest that the Hungarian Communists might free Edgar Sanders, British businessman who was sentenced as a spy at the same time American businessman Robert A. Vogeler was convicted.

Vogeler was freed after negotiations between the United States and Hungary. But Sanders remained in prison, though the Communists recently offered to "trade him for a Communist woman guerrilla leader sentenced to death in Malaya."

It is believed Sanders may be the next object of satellite "good will."

Observers noted that the Czechoslovak Communists announcing Oatis' release said the action taken in freeing him was entirely on the initiative of the Czechoslovak government.

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Last For The Williamsburg



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER waves gaily from deck of the presidential yacht Williamsburg as he and Mrs. Eisenhower and her mother, Mrs. Elvira Doud (left), embark on weekend cruise. It's the last voyage for a while for yacht, which is to be mothballed.

Dale Haggard Still Missing After Wreck

Driver Of Third Auto In Accident Is Still Missing

Twenty-six-year old Dale Haggard, route 2, Ossian, is still missing, more than 30 hours after a triple wreck that resulted in the loss of life to three people, Leo D. Sheets, 20, Decatur, Ralph W. Van Osdale, Jr., 33, and Mrs. Mary E. Owens, 23, both of Fort Wayne.

Almost immediately after the collision, three miles east of Decatur on U. S. highway 224, Haggard disappeared, after he was seen by at least two people describing his flight either in a car or walking down the road.

The accident happened—and any certain statements can only be made from Haggard, the only living witness to the tragedy—according to sheriff Bob Shraluka, when the Van Osdale car, with the woman, either was backing out of or moving into the "R" Truck stop. The car was struck nearly broadside by the Sheets vehicle, ramming it off to the right side of the road in a gentle arc. Sheets, car describing a sideways skid. The sheriff thinks Haggard's car did not hit the other two but ran out of control and rolled over, ending finally towards the left side of the road and further than the other two death cars.

The impact was such that it is thought the victims died instantly. Haggard was nowhere in sight, from the description, 10 minutes after the wreck, and either walked off or hitched a ride.

Police are now satisfied that Haggard is staying in hiding, possibly entirely out of this area, because of some fear of the law. Haggard, according to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Haggard, his parents, has always thought the law was "picking on him." His record shows arrests on traffic violations and he has had his license suspended on at least one occasion.

Prosecuting attorney Lewis L. Smith said there is no affidavit against Haggard at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Haggard said their son is a stable type of youth and has never been in any serious trouble. It was learned that at one time Haggard was away from home for a long period.

He is urged by police to return to the obvious reason that the triple-death represents some vital unfinished business, 2)—he may very possibly be injured and need medical attention at once. He was observed by a witness to have a blooded face.

A full description of him follows: 5 feet 10 inches, blue eyes, dark hair, and fair complexion. He has a small scar on his lower left cheek and was not wearing a hat when last seen.

His shoes are tan scuff oxfords and he was wearing a maroon sportjacket and blue denim overalls or pants. It is thought that he didn't have much money with him.

Certain actions of Haggard's following immediately after he left work at the Inca Co., Fort Wayne, demonstrate his unreasonable fear of the police.

Wayne Haggard, his brother, who works in the same plant, left work about 11 p.m. Thursday night, when the shift quits, and they were driving home, Dean at the wheel, when Dean said to his brother that he thought a state police car was following them. Wayne shrugged it off. Dean then turned to him and

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Gov. Craig Speaks To G. O. P. Editors

Pledges Reduction In State Expenses

INDIANAPOLIS UP — Governor Craig told Indiana Republican editors today his administration hopes to cut \$100,000 a year from the cost of out-of-state travel in the last fiscal year.

Craig, speaking at a luncheon for the GOP editorial association, reviewed plans to reduce the cost of state publications by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

He said traveling, telephone tolls, and auto expenses would be "materially reduced."

Craig said a comparison of expenses in the fiscal years 1951 and 1952 showed postage costs were down \$14,000 but telephone expense was up \$31,000.

"At the present time there are more than 3,000 state-owned cars. This number will be materially reduced," the governor said.

"We are attacking out-of-state travel, which during the last fiscal year cost the state more than \$140,000," Craig said. "We believe we can effect a saving here of \$100,000."

Craig told the editors the state publications represented a "hazardous system . . . which cost too much and accomplished too little."

He told of the state's new public information department and said it is "not a propaganda agency."

"It is neither a department of news censorship nor a department of news suppression," he said. "Good or bad, the department will publicize the state government."

Craig's talk was part of a first-hand report from top administration leaders on the state and national level in the first of a series of rallies looking to the 1954 congressional and state elections.

Fears Widespread Auto Plant Layoff

Over-Production Scored By Reuther

DETROIT UP — Walter P. Reuther, president of the CIO and the CIO United Auto Workers, has told automakers that "widespread layoffs" may result from over-production in the first half of 1953.

It was learned Friday that Reuther sent a letter to top management of auto and auto parts firms saying, "The UAW-CIO is deeply disturbed by the prospects that there may be substantial and widespread hardships in the automobile, trucks and parts industries during the second half of 1953."

"This threat of widespread layoffs results from the fact that management is planning to produce a disproportionately high percentage of their annual projected 1953 production schedules during the first six months of this year."

Automakers had no immediate reply, but their previous predictions indicated auto employment will remain steady throughout the year.

Reuther said trade journals estimate production for the year will hit approximately 5,500,000 cars and trucks, "and these same industry sources predict that in excess of 3,300,000 cars will have been produced by the end of June."

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Bill Oatis, American Newsmen, Is Released From Prison By Czechs

Foreign Aid Program Hits New Trouble

Senators Appalled At Propaganda On Foreign Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, UP — The administration's \$5,828,000,000 foreign aid program ran into trouble in congress today as some senators charged officials with illegally "propagandizing" for the program.

Republican Sens. Robert A. Taft, O., and Homer Ferguson, Mich., told a reporter that they are "appalled" by the number of pamphlets and brochures published by the state department and mutual security administration in connection with the program.

"It's coming out of our ears," said Ferguson. Taft agreed, saying that an outright violation of the law may be involved since the MSA act forbids use of foreign aid funds for dissemination of "general propaganda" in support of the program.

Ferguson said it would take a "strong man" to lift the amount of such data already produced. Chairman Alexander Wiley, R-Wis., of the foreign relations committee on which Taft and Ferguson sit, said that he has ordered that all such material be sent to the committee for study. "We are going to the bottom of this matter," he said.

Besides "propaganda" charges, there were these other developments:

1. The house foreign affairs committee recessed its hearings on the bill when administration spokesmen were unable to produce detailed figures on how the new funds would be spent on a country by country basis. Chairman Robert B. Chipperfield, R-Ill., said "No figures, no hearings," while the officials said they would try to produce by Tuesday.

2. Wiley told technical cooperation administration officials to "simplify" their presentation and come up with some "hard" balance sheets.

3. Administration officials were openly concerned that congress will use the current dispute with Britain and India over Korean war policies and the fear of Red China's entry into the United Nations as a reason for cutting back the program.

Oatis' Wife Overjoyed At Husband's Release

ST. PAUL, Minn. UP — William Oatis' young wife gasped her joy and relief today that her "purely personal" letter to a Communist ruler had freed her husband.

Mrs. Oatis, 29, fought to keep her self control during the long hours Friday night as she awaited for official confirmation of her husband's release from a Czechoslovakian prison.

Then the telephone rang in the small modern apartment she shares with her mother. It was undersecretary of state Walter Bedell Smith calling from Washington with the news that her long ordeal was over.

Her reserve broke down and she smiled. "I'm delighted—practically inarticulate—so grateful" to news men a short time later.

Laurabelle Oatis didn't add that she was proud it was her letter to the late Klement Gottwald that was the occasion of her husband's release. But she might well have done so.

The letter, sent last November, was a restrained but poignant appeal that ignored political barriers.

"Surely you must heed a simple plea for mercy and put an end to this bitterly unhappy situation in which my husband, William, and I are entrapped," she wrote.

Armed Forces Day Observed In U. S.

Special Tribute Is Paid By Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, UP — The nation's men and women in uniform marched down the main streets of America today in a mighty demonstration of the armed forces' "power for peace."

From major cities to small towns the military displayed its growing might in the fourth annual armed forces day.

Millions of Americans lined parade routes and flocked to military installations to pay tribute to the military and to gaze at the strange weapons of the jet and atomic age.

In a special message, President Eisenhower paid tribute to members of the armed forces throughout the world.

"Thousands of you are in the front line of freedom in Korea," he said. "Others perform the multiple defense tasks vital to the security of America and the free world." He offered them "a salute—and the homage of a grateful nation."

Defense secretary Charles E. Wilson said the free world has achieved a "posture of defense" that allowed re-examination of the arms program "in the light of economic capabilities." And the administration believes, he said, that "Uncle Sam's big old pocketbook has been open just too wide."

The military's observance of armed forces day, this year set on the theme of "power for peace," ranged from mammoth military parades to "open houses" and demonstrations at smaller military installations.

In ports around the nation, the navy lowered gangplanks to let the public tour fighting vessels from the small, sleek torpedo boat to the battleship. Overhead streaked the latest air force jet fighters and intercontinental bombers. And on the ground, the army displayed its latest weapons, from tanks to the new atomic artillery gun—moored on a barge at the foot of Manhattan Island.

One of the largest parades was in New York, where 25,000 persons trooped down Fifth Avenue.

INDIANA WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers to night and Sunday. Somewhat cooler north Sunday. Low to night 55-62.

War In Korea Erupts In Air And On Ground

Heaviest Fighting In Months On War Fronts In Korea

SEOUL, Korea UP — American fighter pilots shot down 11 MIG-15's and damaged six others in wild dog fights over North Korea today as the war erupted violently in the air and on the ground.

American and South Korean infantrymen killed or wounded 1,070 Communist troops in hurling back 4,500 attacking Chinese along the Central Front.

Paced by MIG — killing Sabre jets, fighter pilots streaked up and down MIG Alley from dawn to dusk, engaging the Red jets whenever they wanted to do battle.

The toll of enemy jets mounted hourly as the returning Sabre jets landed at South Korean bases.

Capt. Manuel Fernandez of Miami, Fla., the world's leading jet ace, downed his 14th MIG. Only a few hours earlier Capt. Joseph McConnell Jr. of Apple Valley, Calif. had shot down his 13th MIG to move into a tie with Fernandez.

It was the fifth day of intense fighting on the ground.

Eighth Army said a full communist regiment of about 3,000 men lashed into South Korean positions southwest of Kimsong but fell back with heavy losses.

Two more Chinese battalions rushed U. S. Third Division positions northeast of Chonwon but the tough Americans held them back.

American superforts blasted a troop and supply complex at Yongksan-Dong, 18 miles north of Sinanju, and crewmen said results were "good to excellent."

Tonnellier Funeral Services Monday

Funeral services for Miss Emmelia Tonnellier, whose death occurred Thursday, will be conducted Monday at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Very Rev. Msgr. J. J. Seimetz officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Friends may call at the Gillig and Doan funeral home. The Rosary society will meet at the funeral home Sunday at 8 p.m.

Seven Airmen Die In Triple Collision

Three Army Planes Collide In Germany

HEIMSBACH, Germany UP — The recovery of four U. S. airmen's bodies from a tangle of wreckage today increased the tragic toll of Friday's three-way American air collision to seven dead.

Four survivors among the 11 men in the jet fighter and two transports involved in the crash are in an army hospital at Heidelberg, where all but one of them are reported in "good" condition.

German sources said the most seriously injured of the survivors lost one leg in the crash. The other leg was so badly mangled it probably will have to be amputated.

The collision occurred during a formation flight exercise, when a group of about 18 C-119 Flying Boxcar transports lumbered into the path of 16 speedy F-84 Thunderjets.

A 15th air force announcement said the jet pilot, 1st Lt. James W. Chilton of Sandy, Ore., suffered only slight injuries in the triple collision.

Eight Are Killed

POINTE CLAIRE, Que. UP — A twin-engine Mitchell bomber overshot the runway at Dorval Airport Friday night and tore itself

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Ike, Top Advisers Conferring On Yacht

Eisenhower Works On Speech On Taxes

WITH EISENHOWER ON CHESEAPEAKE BAY UP — President Eisenhower called some of his top advisers aboard the yacht Williamsburg today for some hard work on his tax speech to the nation Tuesday night.

The sleek, 243-foot luxury ship was due to put in at Norfolk, Va., this afternoon to pick up the officials. Just who they were was not disclosed.

At the same time, the President arranged to confer with Adm. Lynde D. McCormick, commander in chief of U.S. and North Atlantic pact naval forces in the Atlantic, who headquarters at Norfolk.

The Williamsburg loafed over the sleepy Chesapeake. But the President had to wrestle with the draft of the address in which he plans to discuss the prospects for tax cuts in view of national security and budget balancing needs.

Republican leaders believe there is a strong possibility that he will recommend against any early tax reduction and even urge a six-month extension of the excess profits tax, which is due to expire June 30.

They didn't view this prospect with any comfort. Although it will have the advantage of clearing up the confusion that has existed regarding the administration's tax policy, it is considered politically dangerous.

GOP congressional leaders have said plainly that the party will be in trouble in the 1954 elections if it doesn't make a good record on tax relief.

Mr. Eisenhower and his family boarded the Williamsburg Friday afternoon after the President spoke at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.

Mr. Eisenhower spoke informally on the 177th anniversary of the signing of the Virginia Declaration of Independence.

Payment Of Hearing Costs Is Ordered

Orders Commission To Withhold Orders

INDIANAPOLIS UP — Governor Craig late Friday announced he had directed the Indiana public service commission to withhold its future orders affecting Hoosier utilities until all public hearing costs have been paid.

The governor's directive followed a PSC announcement that its campaign to collect delinquent fees from utilities had brought more than \$36,000 into the state treasury.

Commission secretary Paul M. Tingle, Connersville, earlier reported the new commissioners had found 400 outstanding accounts when they took over, some dating back to 1941 and amounting to \$63,000.

Of the total, \$28,286 is involved in litigation between Indiana Bell Telephone Co. and the PSC. Oral arguments in the case will be heard by the supreme court Tuesday.

Among the largest overdue accounts were those of the Marion Water Works, \$3,351; Home Telephone Co., Richmond, \$2,547; Kendallville Electric Co., \$1,586; Bloomington Water Works, \$1,385; Jasper Electric Utility, \$945; Jasper Municipal Water Utility, \$805; Lafayette Water Co., \$691.

Other utilities owing smaller amounts were Southern Indiana Telephone Co., \$415; Indiana Western Telephone Corp., \$359; Decatur Water Works, \$356; Indiana Associated Telephone Corp., \$348; Auburn Electric Light and Water Co., \$326; Decatur Water Utility, \$319; United Telephone Co., Inc., \$255; Mt. Vernon Water Co., \$213; and Midwest Telephone and Utilities Corp., \$130.

Attend Funeral Of Drowning Victims

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Miller, Mrs. Leo G. Meyers and Mrs. Amelia Miller have returned from Mansfield, Ohio, where they attended funeral services for two nephews, Robert Lichtle, 38, and Eugene Lichtle, 36, sons of Mrs. William Lichtle and the late Mr. Lichtle. The two young men were drowned at Port Clinton, Ohio on Lake Erie while bathing, May 9.

They are survived by their wives, Mrs. Mary and Bonnie, their mother, Mrs. Teresa Miller Lichtle, formerly of this city, three brothers, William, St. Mary's, Ohio, Clarence of Mansfield, Ohio, and Edward of Detroit, Mich., and a sister, Mrs. William Wickhiser of Mansfield.

American Is Freed After Two-Year Term

Correspondent Had Become Symbol Of Hatred For Press

NUERNBERG, Germany UP — American newsmen William N. Oatis, free after serving two years and 22 days in a Czechoslovak Communist prison as a "spy," crossed into United States-occupied Germany today on his way home.

The 39-year-old correspondent, who had become a symbol throughout the Western world of the hatred of Communism for a free press, was released by decree of Czechoslovak Communist President Antonin Zapotocky.

Oatis was taken out of the grim Prague Pancrac prison this morning and delivered by Czechoslovak foreign office officials to the United States embassy.

He breakfasted with United States Ambassador George Wadsworth—his first meal outside prison since his arrest, April 23, 1951.

Then, accompanied by two officials of the embassy, he started by automobile for the border and the free territory of Western Europe.

Oatis crossed the frontier into German Bavaria at Waidhaus, a border check point, at 2:20 p. m. The car sped on to Nuernberg, 65 miles to the west.

Oatis had served nearly two years of a 10-year sentence after his conviction as a "spy" July 4, 1951.

Most of the time he had been kept incommunicado in his cell. The Czechoslovak Reds ostensibly freed Oatis because of a personal plea written by his wife last November to the late President Klement Gottwald.

Actually it is interpreted as a Communist "good will" gesture—probably inspired by the Kremlin in Moscow—to give the United States some of the assurance President Dwight D. Eisenhower seeks that there will be deeds behind the words of their "peace offensive."

Czechoslovak premier Vilem Siroky informed American ambassador Wadsworth Friday afternoon that they intended to free Oatis. Wadsworth notified the state department.

The first public disclosure Oatis would be freed came from Communist radio stations early today. After having imprisoned Oatis on trumped-up charges of espionage—the spy charges cited nothing against him but that he had conducted a conscientious newsmen's search for legitimate news—the Czechs went out of their way to speed his departure.

While Oatis breakfasted with Wadsworth, the Czech foreign office officials had passports for Oatis, embassy counselor Nat B. King, St. Louis, Mo., and vice counsel Christopher A. Squire, stamped at the foreign office.

The passports were delivered, and the three Americans left Prague shortly.

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