

UN, Communists to Start Interviews With War Prisoners This Thursday

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PANMUNJOM (AP)—The Korean reparation commission today asked the United Nations command and the Communists to start Thursday in their attempts to persuade war prisoners to return home.

The commission request came shortly after the UN command announced it would complete by midnight tonight a permanent centre for the Reds to use in interviewing 22,300 North Korean and Chinese POWs.

There was no immediate answer from either the Reds or the Allied command.

LATE STARTING
The Allied announcement opened the way for the long-delayed—and potentially explosive—explanations to start rolling.

The Reds had steadfastly refused to meet with the POWs until the UN command completed new facilities. The explanations originally were scheduled to begin Sept. 26, but both sides rejected existing sites as inadequate.

An Indian spokesman for the repatriation commission said he cannot now see any further barriers to starting the explanations.

Commission rules specify that the explanations may start at any time upon one day's notice.

The Communists, who want to interview the 7,800 Koreans and 14,500 Chinese POWs individually, presumably will begin the explanations by Thursday.

UN IN NO HURRY
The UN command, however, has said it is in no hurry to start meeting with the 23 Americans, one Briton and 395 South Koreans who have refused repatriation.

The UN announcement that the Red "expansion" centre would be completed so quickly came as a surprise. Only 24 hours earlier the Allied command had set a target date of Oct. 21 for completing the 32 explanation booths the Communists demanded.

The UN command also announced that the four-power armistice supervisory commission will investigate Allied charges that the Reds brought combat aircraft into North Korea in violation of the truce agreement.

MRS. TILLY ROLSTON

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In April of 1952, the Conservatives met in Vancouver to plan for the June election. Mrs. Rolston phoned to the Georgia Hotel from the Sylvia Hotel, where she was lunching. She spoke to a top Conservative, told him she wanted to return to the party, could be reached at the Sylvia for two hours. He passed the word around; the top brass was cold; no call went to Mrs. Rolston. Next day she went to Social Credit.

Social Credit won that election, and Mr. Bennett, by now the Premier, was eternally grateful to Mrs. Rolston, loyal to her, for all she had done for him, and recognizing her ability, made her Minister of Education. She in this way wrote political history—the first woman in Canada to hold an active cabinet post. All other women cabinet ministers had been so much window-dressing—they were ministers-without-portfolio.

Tilly Jean Rolston was a good scrapper in the Legislature. Once, long ago now, CCF Mrs. Laura Jamieson, said there should be government nursery schools, so young mothers could work. Mrs. Jamieson said children would be a lot happier if they weren't tied to their mothers' apron strings all day; mothers, said Mrs. Jamieson, would be a lot more pleasant without a bunch of kids hanging around them all the time.

This enraged Mrs. Rolston. Up she jumped, and cried, blazing with indignation: "It's an insult to suggest that a mother can't bring up her own children better than some parched, dried-up, cultured academician."

Tilly Rolston, after 1946, fought just about everything the Coalition government did. She was against the three per cent sales tax, increase in hospital insurance premiums, the milk board and its controls. She said milk should be cheaper for people willing to carry it from stores. She battled for colored margarine until she won. She called the sales tax discriminatory, retrograde, unsound, unfair, a nuisance tax.

"This sales tax," she said to her minister of finance, "may be a finance minister's dream, but it's a housewife's nightmare."

When she became a member of the government, and the opposition taunted her because she hadn't pitched out the sales tax, she retorted that Rome wasn't built in a day.

Her battle to have colored margarine was monumental. "That white, lardy stuff," she called it, to the fury of farmer M.L.A.'s who wanted no competition for butter. She called uncolored margarine mournful-looking, and she did it dramatically, too. Being a good politi-

cian, she had a good sense of drama, and she thundered on about margarine.

She painted a grim picture of many kitchens, with the poor, exhausted housewife rolling margarine, putting it into a bowl, emptying the color in, whipping it and beating it, and then re-rolling it, and getting splashed and messy and having to wash extra dishes, and all the time her hungry children howling for their breakfast, and father so discouraged and grumpy at the confusion in his home, because of that lardy-looking margarine, that she slammed the door in wild rage and went to town for coffee and a donut with his stenographer.

After thus shouting for some years, Mrs. Rolston won the battle for colored margarine.

There are many other legislative stories that could be written about her. Her place is firm in the political history of British Columbia.

Mrs. Rolston is gone now. Her memory will live long with all those who knew her, and loved her laugh and good cheer. She was a good scout; she laughed in the face of personal tragedy. It is too bad she has been struck down, for she had much to offer.

She was a woman of great drive, and a great deal of charm that was so distinctly feminine, but she had the good sense never to boldly flaunt those charms, nor to feel hurt; she learned to take the rough and tumble of political life not too personally.



PRETTY LITTLE COLLEEN KELLY, whose mother is of Korean ancestry and whose father is Irish, holds the trophy she won in the "Baby Hawaii" contest, during the 49th State Fair. The tiny sweetheart will travel to Washington, D.C., where Vice-President Nixon will present her with a \$100 Defence Bond.

Alaska Steamship Company President Dies in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—Gibert W. Skinner, 54, president of the Alaska Steamship Co., died of a heart attack on his Lake Washington estate Sunday.

He had been ill some time but had improved in recent months and had visited his office daily and made a motor trip east.

Born in Detroit, he came to the Puget Sound area in 1911 with his father, D. E. Skinner, who bought the Port Blakely Mill Co. Later the elder Skinner was an owner in the Skinner-Eddy Corp., which built ships during World War I.

The son entered business in 1921 as owner of the Washington Bakeries. In 1926 he sold out and formed the Alaska Pacific Salmon Co., which operated canneries in Alaska. He headed the company until last year.

DUKE LEAVES FOR ENGLAND
JOHANNESBURG (AP)—The 13th Duke of Bedford, 36, whose father was found dead on his Devonshire estate Sunday, left here by air Monday for England.
For the last six years he and his wife have farmed 200 acres here. Now he inherits 30,000 acres and four stately homes in Scotland and England.
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