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## KOREAN EXCHANGE NEXT WEEK

### MOVE BATCHES OF 25 SICK PRISONERS FOR 20 DAYS

#### Communists reject request by Allies for early start

**AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
**PAN MUN JON, April 12** — The Allies and the Communists to-day set April 20 as the date from which they will begin exchanging sick and wounded prisoners.

The decision was reached at an 85-minute meeting here of staff officers. They will meet again this morning to discuss further details.

Under the exchange agreement signed yesterday, all sick and wounded prisoners will be repatriated within a 20-day period. Today's decision means this period will end on May 10.

The prisoners will be handed over in batches of 25. About 600 Communist-held Allies will be exchanged for 5100 North Koreans and 700 Chinese.

It will be the first fresh truce talks—was not as hopeful as expected.

A section of the Communist letter said: "The Korean-Chinese side does not acknowledge that there are sick and wounded prisoners who are allegedly unwilling to be repatriated. Therefore, the question of so-called forced repatriation does not arise."

The Times said the Communist exchange proposal suggested that the Communists should go to a neutral country where Communist agents should have complete access to them.

The fact that this declaration comes after repeated and obscure Communist refusals of any sort of objective screening makes it all the more fantastic, it added.

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## WEST TO TEST RED "PEACE"

### TREASURER SMITH AND A.P. LONDON, April 12

The Western nations will put the Soviet's "peace" policy to its first real test in Paris April 23.

At a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation—the first since the emergence of the Malenkov policy—has been called for that date.

All will attend by the most formidable array of Western defence Ministers, foreign and finance ministers yet assembled.

America is sending the Secretary of State (Mr. Dulles), the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman (General Bradley), and the Defence Secretary (Mr. Wilson), while Britain's Defence Minister (Lord Alexander), the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Butler), and the Ministry of State (Mr. Selwyn Lloyd) will replace the Foreign Secretary (Mr. Eden), who is ill.

## SPENDER SEES NEED OF "CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM"

In a broadcast report from New York to-day, the Australian Ambassador to Washington (Sir Percy Spender) said Korea negotiations gave grounds for cautious optimism for peace, but they presented difficult questions.

"This is obviously a time for cool heads," he said. "The armistice discussions present questions of no small difficulty."

"It requires skilled statesmen to stipulate a short of unconditional surrender."

"There is, of course, no question of a short of unconditional surrender in Korea. What we are doing is negotiating a delicate settlement with patience, care, and resolution."

"We must be firm, yet not pressing, vigilant, yet not unfairly suspicious."

## Set targets

The meeting's programme is a 1953 review of NATO and the setting of provisional targets for 1954.

But the whole background of the discussions will be to determine Atlantic defence in the light of what the new Soviet policy is no more than a tactical move or of real substance.

America will propose a Western rearmament from a short-term to a long-term basis.

This would involve a 10 per cent increase in the programme and an annual reduction of budgeted levels to the level of service commitments at existing strengths.

In advance of the meeting, Britain's Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, is recalling to London for talks the top-level service commanders in the NATO area.

## Geneva talks

Another meeting which indicates the direction the wind is blowing between the East and the West is the Economic Commission for Europe, which will open in Geneva to-morrow.

## TWO WHO SHARE £2129 — UNDECIDED

TWO people who shared £2129 in last week's Find-the-Ball competition have not yet decided what to do with the money.

For Mrs. F. Douglas of Eagle Street, Longreach, it is her third win in the competition, and it brings her winnings to about £1340.

Mrs. Douglas has 11 children, 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She is a regular entrant to Find-the-Ball and makes it her main hobby.

The other winner, Mr. L. Scott, of Caboolture, may wish to give to buy a new car later.

## MANY TRIES

Mr. Scott is a frequent competitor, and usually submits between 10 and 15 worth of entries.

The main beneficiary of the current Find-the-Ball competition will be the Bush Children's Health Scheme's Redcliffe Home.

Each week another beneficiary will be added and given £100. This week it is the Townsboro Rotary Club's appeal for the Redcliffe Home for the Aged.

To-day's picture — P 5

## UN PREPARES MERCY CAMP

### "MERCY VILLAGE," where the first exchanged UN sick and wounded POWs will be received in Korea.

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## AUSSIES TO MAKE THEIR TV BOW IN LONDON TO-MORROW

### LAY SHOT ON HIGH LEDGE

**LONDON, April 12** — The Australian cricketers will be introduced by television to an audience of five million people on Tuesday evening—the day after their arrival in Britain.

Television cameras will be set up at practice nets at the Middlesex county cricket school.

BBC organisers hope to show at home Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller bowling straight into the lens behind the wicket.

However, it is not yet known whether the team manager, George Davies, and the captain, Lindsay Hassett, will agree to have their bowlers in action at such an early stage.

All five Test matches will be televised.

The BBC will pay £1250 for each Test match and this money will be divided among English county clubs.

Australia will not share it.

It is pointed out that Australia keeps all the money obtained from broadcasting rights at MCC matches in Australia.

Golden tour?

This Coronation tour could also prove the "golden tour."

There is every reason to anticipate a bumper harvest to feed the county clubs in England and State associations.

Lords, with £48,000 in the till, officially has "sold out" and the other four Test grounds are reported to have nearly reached that stage.

But it is rather the MCC people are discreetly saving some reserved seats for visiting cricketers who do not insure any of the paltry allotment for the coronation year of 1953.

Enclosure: special Australian enclosure.

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## Heavy damage Gale hits NZealand

### WELLINGTON (NZ), April 12 (AAP) — A gale which whipped the east coast of South Island on Saturday caused heavy damage.

Sheds, fences, chimneys, roofing tiles, trees, telephones and power poles, and lines were blown down in many places.

A record gust of 80 miles an hour was registered at Dunedin.

Many country areas were out of communication, and without power for hours.

Quake, too

About an hour after the gale struck Wellington city experienced a short earthquake but no damage was done.

At Timaru the wind reached 75 mph. Two aerodrome hangars were wrecked, and four aircraft damaged.

The railway station near Winton was blown on its side in a 70 mph blast.

## Heavy rain along coast

Three to five inches of rain fell along the Queensland coast from Brisbane to Rockhampton at the week-end.

Before the rain eased yesterday morning many streams showed sharp rises.

Falls reported included Bustard Head near Goldstone, 980 points, Bald Knob on the Stanley River catchments, 448, Gympie 372, Bundaberg 371, Mackay 335, Maryborough 297.

The rain extended inland, but heaviest rain over there was 227 points at Roma.

Weather Bureau said there would be further showers with some local heavy falls on the coast mainly north of Rockhampton to-day.

In Brisbane, which had half an inch of rain at the week-end, there should be further showers.

## Royal tour talk

**LONDON, April 12 (AAP)** — Australia's Royal tour director (Lieut-General) F. H. Berryman, arrived at Windsor Castle last night for discussions on the tour itinerary with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

## 'SWEETHEART' TURNS 60

MARY PICKFORD—'America's Sweetheart' of the silent films—blows out candles on a cake for her 60th birthday. She was in Atlanta on a U.S. bond-selling tour, and had help with the candles from Mr. Joseph Woodruff, a Savings Bond official.

## £4/10 FOR 7 THEFTS

**BEAUDESERT** (by telephone) — Burglars who entered seven business premises on Saturday night got only £4/10.

The premises entered were: E. Hart's, car proprietor, £2; 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

## Mercy offer

**LONDON, April 12 (AAP)** — Police are searching for a missing 35 British paratrooper, who offered to go to the rescue of Tom Hawthorn, the British flyer who is believed to have crashed in the Austrian Alps on a flight from London to Bratislava on Friday.

Major Williams said he would jump with first aid gear into the mountains if the lost aviator, who was piloting an Auster aircraft, is found to be in the Austrian Alps.

## Trace films

**MELBOURNE** (by telephone) — Detectives have recovered about three million feet of allegedly stolen movie film after investigation of a missing nearly 500,000 feet.

## MAN ON MURDER COUNT

### Two women killed in cafe attack

**A DELAIDE** (by telegram) — Two women were killed, and another woman and a six-year-old boy critically injured in a savage attack in a city cafe early yesterday.

A few minutes after the attack, police arrested John Balaban, 29, a Rumanian industrial chemist, husband of one of the dead women, and later charged him with murder.

Police took possession of a carpenter's claw hammer.

Late last year Balaban was charged with the murder of Miss Zora Kusic, 29, of North Parade, Torrensview.

After a police court hearing he was discharged.

Police last night said they believed the victims were battered about the head while they slept in three rooms above the cafe. They are:

**DEAD:** Thelma Joyce Balaban, 30, wife and mother of the victim, Mrs. Susan Balaban, 24, a waitress at the cafe.

**CRITICALLY HURT:** Phillip Cadd, 6, Mrs. Balaban's son by a previous marriage; and Verna Manie, 24, a waitress at the cafe.

Verna Manie was found unconscious on the pavement below the first floor of the cafe.

Police believe that Miss Manie was struck on the head, struggled with her attacker and jumped 20 feet from the window of her verandah room to the pavement.

Balaban was living on the cafe premises with his wife. She was killed in the main bedroom of the upstairs flat. Her son and mother were in a smaller bedroom, and the waitress occupied a sleep-out on the balcony.

There were no signs of a struggle in the two bedrooms. Furniture and blood-smeared walls were found in the main bedroom. Police found broken lamps, disarranged furniture and blood-smeared walls.

A report will appear in Adelaide Police Court to-day.

## Call police

Screams were heard coming from the cafe soon after 1.30 am yesterday. Neighbours telephoned the police.

Police found Mrs. Balaban dead on a bed. Her mother and her son were unconscious.

## Upstairs flat

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## Helpful spirit

The Canadian Government had already announced a gift of 55,000 tons of wheat to Pakistan as a contribution to the wheat shortage in that country.

Pakistan is also seeking to buy Australian wheat. The Government has been approached for assistance in view of the most serious food emergency which followed the partial failure of Pakistan's wheat crops.

## State and rail link AWAIT REPLY ON DAJJARRA

The Premier (Mr. Cairns) was awaiting a Federal reply to a letter on the North-west rail link proposal.

A full report on Queensland's rail situation and recommendations had been sent to Canberra early last month.

Mr. Cairns said that the Territory was again ready to produce, and within three weeks the first stock would move out to killing centres on the North Queensland coast.

## Eden illness

**LONDON, April 12 (AAP)** — The Foreign Secretary (Mr. Anthony Eden) had a successful operation at a London clinic to-day, it was officially announced.

## NEW SHUTE NOVEL ON ROYAL FAMILY

**LONDON, April 12** — Author Nevil Shute has written a novel about the Royal Family in 30 years' time.

Called "In the Wet," it tells how the Queen, because of the way she is being treated by the British Government, decided to spend most of her time in the Dominions.

She appoints a Governor-General for the United Kingdom and flies out to Australia to live.

Most similar British Shute would not discuss the novel before its publication date, but a bookeller who had seen an advance copy, said it was "bound to be a considerable controversy."

The bookmaker added: "I was amazed; the Queen, Prince Philip and Prince Charles (who is the Prince of Wales by that time) all appear in the story."

## Atom cloud was small

**NEW YORK, April 12 (AAP)** — An experimental atomic device exploded in Nevada yesterday produced a relatively small white cloud.

It did not seem as forceful as the four earlier blasts of the spring test series.

The device was detonated on a 1000-foot tower at the Yucca Flat proving ground, 15 miles from Las Vegas.

The Atomic Energy Commission announced: "Desired effects were obtained."

Most similar blasts have been from a 300-foot tower.

About 20 planes were in the air over the test site to track the cloud, survey terrain and measure radioactivity.

Neither troops nor animals were involved.

## Prison escape

**TOWNSVILLE** (by telephone) — Police are searching for a prisoner who escaped from Stuart prison, Townsville, this afternoon.

He is Allan Taylor, 27, who was sentenced in Brisbane in September, 1952, to 18 months imprisonment on stealing charges. He was due for release on December 21.

Bador was engaged in a dairy under the prison, and was missed at 4 pm.

## Mine explosion

**TAIPEH (Formosa)** April 12 (AAP) — The Nationalist Government said to-day three explosions at Kechio tin mine in Yunnan Province in mid-March claimed 780 casualties. The agency quoted "underground sources" on the China mainland.

## SAY SCREAMS SAVED GIRL

**BRISBANE** detectives have intensified investigation into the midnight attack on a St. Lucia girl on Friday.

Police are satisfied the girl, Miss Carmel Power, 21, of Riverview Terrace, might have been seriously injured if her screams had not brought help quickly.

CIB men said last night Betty Shank might not have lost her life at Wilston on September 19 if her screams had brought assistance.

A man rushed from roadside bushes and seized Miss Power at the corner of Bellevue Terrace and Douglas Street, St. Lucia.

Her screams were being roving the area.

## Surf 2 saved

Two surfers were rescued by lifesavers at Heads beach yesterday.

The pair, a man, 50, and a 10-year-old boy, swam beyond their depth and signalled for help.

Lifesavers Col. Imrie and Lou Vaughan brought them ashore.

## WAVE

OUT at the State Gallery's French art show, over the week-end, a Brisbane society matron walked up to the tapestries. . . . She looked hard at the fabric; turned to her companion. "Ah, beautiful," she trilled knowingly. "Is it oil or water-colour?"

## LINDSAY Hassett's team expects to come up against a new hoarder in the picnic gunner

East town returned to the club this month, see hear — a tall, fair medium spinner named the Duke of Edinburgh. . . . His form, according to the experts: Only fair.

## ARMY LIFE (Nobby Kneecap Division)

It's maybe the most heroic story we've ever handled up in this N.E. corner of the page. . . . A Brisbane school cadet, E. G. O'Connell, who was the other day woke for morning parade, couldn't find his uniform in the quarters. . . . He decided a good soldier couldn't miss parade.

## STANTHORPE and Mrs. R. G. Menzies

of the graceful gesture. . . . Mrs. R. G. Menzies on her current tour; decorated her with a ribbon of the Order of the British Empire. . . . She recognised 'em, sure enough—they're a fairly new variety, named Mrs. R. G. Menzies.

## DOMESTIC DIARY

That's a darned lot of important stuff like guns and games, them that uncombed. . . . time for domestic chores; take to the hills at the drop of a teatowel. You know how it is.

## BURGLAR LEFT FOOTPRINT

A barefoot burglar entered the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co. Ltd. building in Queen Street, City, early yesterday.

They ran wetly through the old homestead to get the Little Women's have little fell over buckets, slipped on soap, placed all the wrong places, shot through visiting the place looking like the last days of Pompeii.

The Child Endowment brother is stuff you earn the hard way.

Arthur Roland.

## Your Favourite Corner



## DRAG MAN FROM GAS

Two ambulance bearers dashed into a gas-filled house of Petrie Terrace last night in an unsuccessful attempt to save the life of a man lying in a kitchen.

They were Bearers E. Ebborn and S. Turner of the GATB, Ann Street Parent Centre, who dragged the man to the footpath outside and gave him emergency oxygen treatment.

He was John Duff, 52, married, of Petrie Terrace. City ambulance men said they were called at 10 pm by another resident of the house, Milan Gryllan, a New Australian, who smelt escaping gas.

They found Duff lying beside a gas oven, and the house thick with fumes.

Police were told Duff had been in ill-health.

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