

## General's Wife Happy to Hear Dean Still Alive

By The Associated Press

Red-haired Maj. Gen. William F. Dean has been reported wounded, dead or captured so many times in the past 17 months his wife and mother today found reports that he was in the hands of Communists "almost too good to be true."

Word that the Reds list him among their prisoners is the most definite statement on what happened to him since he led a small party of his 24th Division out of flaming Taejon in the early months of the Korean war and then went to hunt for more American stragglers.

"I'm afraid to let myself get too elated," his wife, Mildred Dean, said in Berkeley, Calif., today when informed by the Associated Press of his reported POW status.

"It's wonderful. It's almost too good to be true."

"But those peace talks have been going so poorly, you can't tell what will happen. We still have to keep our fingers crossed and keep hoping."

Dean's mother, 71-year-old Mrs. Charles Watts Dean, said:

"I've been praying for his safety these many months."

"I'm very, very happy."

"At times I heard rumors that raised my hopes then there would be silence. Then despair because there was nothing to substantiate the rumors."

"It was discouraging when his helmet liner was found" with two bullet holes.

The general's son, William F. Dean, Jr., is at West Point.

## Jet Ace



Maj. George A. Davis Jr., of Lubbock, who is the leading United States jet fighter ace in Korea with 12 victories, uses two scale models to show how he did it. He holds a scale model of an F-86 Sabre jet in his right hand and puts it on the tail of a model of a Russian-made TU-2 bomber during a news conference in Tokyo. Davis got three bombers of this type and one MIG jet fighter in one day on Nov. 30. (AP Photo)

## West Disarmament Plan Rapped As 'Wishy-Washy'

Paris, Dec. 18—(AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky turned down today a revised Western disarmament proposal. He called it "wishy-washy" and meaningless.

Breaking a week-long silence, Vishinsky told the U.N. General Assembly's 60-nation political committee that Britain, France and the United States had tried to persuade the world they had submitted a truly revised plan but "searching scrutiny failed to bring out any serious changes."

The Western big three followed up the deadlock in ten days of secret big four disarmament talks with revisions they thought would meet some Russian objections.

None of the concessions concerned major issues and the West stuck to its demand for creation of a tamper-proof system of inspection and control before agreeing to ban the atom bomb.

Russia has consistently demanded an immediate ban on atomic weapons. In secret sessions the four powers had agreed to recommend setting up of a 12-nation disarmament commission—the 11 Security Council members and Canada—to renew talks on ending the world arms race.

That plan would have combined the present U.N. commissions on atomic arms and conventional weapons.

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## Commies Release Prisoner List To U. N. Truce Team

Munsan Korea, Dec. 18—(AP)—The Communists turned over to the United Nations today a list of 11,559 prisoners, including 3,198 Americans.

They said the list includes all prisoners of the Korean war in their hands. The U.N. gave the Reds a list of 132,474 Chinese and North Korean prisoners.

General Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo said it understood the Communist list includes Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, lost commander of the U.S. 24th Division. Dean has been missing since the fall of Taejon in July 1950.

Communist newsmen at Panmunjon said Associated Press Photographer Frank Noel was also listed.

Exchange Lists were exchanged Tuesday with Communist truce negotiators suddenly capitulated to U.N. demands. The prisoner subcommittee recessed until Thursday, Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, U.N. member of the committee, said the purpose was to study the lists.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, U.N. spokesman, elaborated: "The Communist lists have not yet been verified. They probably include errors, omissions and possibly fictitious additions."

"Every effort humanly possible will be made immediately by the U.N. command to check the list. The respective arms of services in the United States will notify the next of kin immediately on verification."

"I cannot emphasize too strongly that this is a Communist list."

Questionable "Any information on prisoners received from the Communist is questionable due to their continued refusal to allow international committees of the Red Cross to inspect their prisoner of war facilities and operations."

Of the 11,559 names on the Communist lists, a U.N. command communique reported: 7,142 are South Korean, 3,198 American, 919 British, 234 Turkish, 40 Filipino, ten French, six Australian, four South African, three Japanese, and one each from Canada, Greece and the Netherlands.

Far Short The Communist lists fell far short of previous public Allied estimates of perhaps 100,000 or more. The 3-198 Americans listed as

prisoners compare with approximately 12,000 Americans officially listed as missing in action.

But a reliable source in Tokyo said there probably was "no great disparity" between the official U.S. Army estimate of the number of prisoners the Reds hold and the number announced by the Reds. He said that probably many of those listed as missing actually died in battle.

Col. James M. Hanley of the U.S. Eighth Army recently reported that 5,500 Americans were slaughtered by the Reds after being taken prisoner.

First Information The lists supplied by Red truce negotiators Tuesday was the first official information from the Reds since July and August, 1950, when the Reds gave the International Red Cross the names of 110 prisoners.

Coincidentally with the sudden change in Red attitude, General Ridgway flew to Munsan from his Tokyo headquarters.

Ridgway He immediately went into a top strategy conference with his armistice negotiators and military commanders.

Ridgway was quoted as saying the "military and truce delegations are in complete accord" on future steps in Korea.

The conference was attended by Gen. James V. Van Fleet, U.N. ground commander in Korea, and Vice Arm. C. Turner Joy, head of the U.N. armistice team.

No progress was reported by a second truce subcommittee arguing at Panmunjon over how to enforce an armistice. It adjourned until 11 a.m. Wednesday (9 p.m. Tuesday EST).

Survey (Continued from Page 2)

The survey revealed that 32 per cent of these 91 boys do not drink at all. Twenty per cent of the non-drinkers said that they were normally against drinking, and 80 per cent said they did not like the taste and saw no reason for drinking.

This survey was taken from an equal number of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors on the campus.

Freshmen were the least in number to drink, sophomores next, and juniors next. Seniors were found to drink more than any class, according to the report.

Sudden Communist capitulation in turning over the names of prisoners they hold is the most hopeful break in talks since a provisional cease-fire line was created last month. The buffer line will become effective if other truce terms are agreed to by Dec. 27. Otherwise it will be changed to conform to changes in the battle line.

Xmas Trees Fire Hazard Simmons Says

Christmas tree safety precautions were offered by C. W. Simmons, extension farm forester of the A&M System, who said, "The tree are a fire hazard in the home and every effort should be made to eliminate the possibility of a fire starting from the trees."

Simmons advised to buy a tree with fresh leaves or needles and place it aside for a few days before decorating. Before mounting the tree, Simmons said to make a new cut and put the tree in a container of water which will keep the tree fresh. This will also prevent leaf shedding, he said.

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## Second Contract for Nuclear Aircraft Engine Let; Pratt-Whitney Recipient

Washington, Dec. 18—(AP)—The air force, pushing for early development on an atomic-powered airplane, has awarded a new contract for work on a nuclear engine to Pratt and Whitney Aircraft at East Hartford, Conn.

In effect, the air force appeared to be putting some of its eggs into a second basket.

Last March 23, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) announced it was negotiating a contract with a General Electric Company division "for further development of a nuclear reactor for aircraft." Last night the air force said it had given Pratt and Whitney "a contract to work on the development of an atomic aircraft engine."

An air force spokesman said letting of the contract to Pratt and Whitney was not to be taken as an indication that the General Electric Company is not making progress. Rather, he said, a search is being made for more than one way to develop the engine.

The air force and the AEC, working with industry on the project, have been close-mouthed about details. But scientists have predicted unofficially that an atomic-powered plane might have a range limited only by human endurance and speeds that can only be guessed at.

Last Sept. 5, the air force announced it had contracted with Consolidated Vultee Corporation for construction of what engineers call an airframe—the shell of a plane without engines or instruments—for a nuclear powered plane. This was regarded as an indication of reasonable confidence such a plane can be produced.

Yesterday's announcement gave few new details. The air force recalled in a statement that Pratt and Whitney's parent, the United Aircraft Corporation, "was one of a group of firms that participated in the postwar studies of nuclear energy for propulsion of aircraft."

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