

20 POWs To Be Freed

SAIGON (AP)—Hanoi said it will release 20 more American prisoners of war from North Vietnam in a few days, and the four-party military peacekeeping commission here was summoned into session Wednesday to make the arrangements.

At the same time, Col. Bui Tinh, chief spokesman for the North Vietnamese delegation to the commission, said the second group of American prisoners of war held in South Vietnam will be released in 10 to 15 days, possibly near the same site where 27 U.S. prisoners were freed Monday.

Tin said he had no details on the impending release of the 20 prisoners in North Vietnam.

Jerry W. Friedheim, spokesman for the Defense Department in Washington, said on Tuesday the Pentagon had received the list of names of the 20 Americans to be freed in North Vietnam and their families were being notified. Included on the list are four Navy men and 16 from the Air Force.

A total of 116 American prisoners were freed by Hanoi on Monday in addition to the 27 released in South Vietnam. The release of the additional 20 will bring to 163 the number of American prisoners released by the Communists in both the North and South, including eight civilians. It will leave 320 American prisoners held in North Vietnam, 99 in South Vietnam and nine in Laos. These include 19 civilians in

South Vietnam and two in Laos still in captivity.

The Pentagon indicated that North Vietnam's action apparently is a goodwill gesture following a four-day visit to Hanoi by U.S. presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, who negotiated the peace agreement under which all American prisoners of war are to be freed by March 28.

Friedheim said the Pentagon was informed of the release by North Vietnam through "communications channels." He did not elaborate but said the message apparently was connected with Kissinger's postwar discussions with the Hanoi leadership.

Kissinger arrived in Hanoi earlier Tuesday for a two-stop before continuing on to Beijing on Thursday for talks with Chinese leaders.

Kissinger had said he expected that all of the American prisoners will be released in four installments of roughly equal numbers in two-week intervals. The agreement signed in Paris on Jan. 27 states only that all prisoners are to be released within 60 days or by March 28, and makes no specific time provisions. It is only that the releases shall be contingent on the rate of American troop withdrawals from Vietnam, and shall be no slower

Car Rally Set For Saturday

A&M Sports Car Club drivers take to Brazos Valley roads Saturday for a St. Valentine's Day Massacre Rally.

TAMSCC President Kerry Bonner said non-member drivers—beginners and experts—are welcome to compete in the 3½-hour event.

"This will be a straight-forward time, speed, distance rally with some observation over about 120 miles of Brazos Valley roads," he said.

Registration starts at 12:30 p.m., and the first car will leave Parking Lot 50 behind the Zachry Engineering Center at 1:30 p.m.

Entry will cost club members \$2.50, non-members \$3.50.

A school/clinic on how to drive a rally will be conducted from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for interested participants. It will be in Room 105 of the Old Engineering Building and conducted by Dr. Allan Kerker, Bill Williams and Joe Baker, who will supervise the rally.

A Wednesday TAMSCC meeting at the Old College Station City Hall, 101 Church, will provide additional information on the rally. Bonner said the program will include a film on the 1952 LeMans race.

Resonance by Steve Grayson

"I can see clearly now, the rain has gone, I can see all obstacles in my way; Gone are the dark clouds, that had me blind, It's gonna be a bright, bright sunny day."

These are the familiar lines from one of 1972's biggies, "I Can See Clearly Now," by Houston's own Johnny Nash. It wasn't his first hit song, but was by far his most important.

Last summer I worked at the fun center of the Southwest, Busch Gardens in Houston. One day as I passed an elderly custodian, I noticed he was whistling the theme song from the "Hercules" cartoon series.

Puzzled at why a 60-year-old man would openly show affection for a dumb cartoon show, I stopped and addressed him.

Grayson: Sir, wasn't that the "Hercules" theme song you were whistling?

Custodian: Yep, sure was, sonny.

Grayson: But, sir, what does a dumb cartoon have with your life?

Custodian: Dumb! Why if it hadn't been for that little jewel, I wouldn't have lost 20 pounds in the winter of '65 (the old man then began laughing and slapped me on the shoulder which was swollen due to a recent tetanus shot).

Grayson: (fighting back the tears) Please explain, sir.

Custodian: Little Johnny is my son!

Grayson: John Wayne, sir?

Custodian: Naw, Johnny Nash, the singing star.

So went the first of many enjoyable conversations with the amiable John Nash Sr.

Johnny Nash Jr. got his start one day while caddyng at a Houston golf course. The first time Johnny yelled "fore," one of the golf club owners stopped in mid-swing and asked Johnny to repeat his warning, which he gladly did.

U.S., Cuba Reach Accord On Hijackings

WASHINGTON (AP)—An agreement on curbing hijacking apparently has been reached between the United States and Cuba, President Nixon indicated Tuesday.

And the State Department said a note received from the Havana government over the weekend "made it clear only procedural details remain to be worked out."

Department spokesman Charles W. Bray expressed the hope that these details will be worked out over the next days.

Cuba has been a favorite haven of terrorists who seized control of planes in the United States and forced pilots to fly there. Of late, however, there has been an apparent hardening of the Cuban attitude toward these hijackers.

President Nixon told reporters casually that some type of agreement had been reached with Cuba and he referred further disclosures to Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

However, Rogers was out of town and the State Department declined to discuss any of the substance of the agreement. Bray said the time intervening before a public announcement would be taken up by consultations with Congress as well as clearing up the final procedural details.

The man turned out to be a KPRC television station executive. Next day he signed Nash to a three-year contract on a local t.v. variety show.

From there Nash moved to New York to be a regular on Arthur Godfrey's radio program. Besides singing the "Hercules" theme song, he also starred in a couple of movies before devoting himself entirely to the recording business.

While on a Caribbean tour in the early '60s he stopped in Jamaica, liked it, and has been in and out ever since. He set up a record company and in 1967 came out with "Hold Me Tight," which hit number one in Jamaica, England and the U.S.

Today, Nash, 32, is back in the states making his first American appearance in seven years. His music is classified as both "pop" and "soul" due to the unique musical arrangements of his material, usually referred to as reggae, more or less.

Nash's voice reminds me of Smokey Robinson, only Nash sings his lyrics more clearly. As a whole, Johnny's album "I Can See Clearly Now" is an enjoyable thing, with a bunch of lively "pop" songs on it. The simple lyrics begin to drag toward the end, but the buoyancy in Nash's voice prevents them from becoming too repetitious.

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