

KOREA PRISONER EXCHANGE BEGINS

30 Panmunjon, where armistice talks dragged on without result, sees action that may lead to peace, agreement on the exchange of prisoners. On UNO side Admiral Daniel arrived at the one-room bungalow to meet the Far Eastern Communists. There was no stalling or disagreement this time. Pressmen saw the Admiral ~~arrangements~~ sign for the United Nations. First arrangements provided for the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners, still on the understanding that we should send no 45 men who wished to stay our side of the iron curtain. The Communists having signed too, it was an obviously jubilant Admiral who left the meeting. There it was, in black and 55 white at last! Meanwhile the sick and wounded North Koreans went on receiving the good treatment ~~which~~ they have had all along.

83 When the big convoys drew near there was general feeling that peace was not faraway.

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The eyes and ears of the world are fixed on this distant setting — liaison groups representing nations and peoples poles apart in ideologies meeting in a truce camp. Panmunjom, where the hopes for peace in Korea were buried last October, alive with cautious expectancy. Perhaps even full-scale armistice talks could be resumed; for already there was agreement for exchange of sick and wounded prisoners was being worked out. Here, where close by, in non-neutral territory, the sound of battle is still heard. . . . here, history is in the making, while free world statesmen ponder the Red motives, Rear Admiral John C. Daniel, allied liaison chief, affixes his signature with the Communist representative. Approximately sixty-five hundred disabled prisoners to be returned by both sides, with the ratio 10 to 1 in favor of the Reds. Yet, anxious families throughout the free world could not help a moment of hope; loved ones might be alive. At the rate of 500 a day, well cared for sick and wounded Red P-W's would be brought to receiving depots in the neutral zone. And that area is now being checked. Word comes that the first prisoner convoy out of Red P-W camps is en route from 30 miles south of the Manchurian border. and so Panmunjom awaited the hour of prisoner exchange.....