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First British Prisoners home

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The first British prisoner to arrive home since the Korean Armistice is Ganner Ken Tolley. Flown back because of his Mother's serious illness, he is now questioned by his brother Victor, a Corporal, about prisoncamp life.

Back in Korea the exchange goes on, with the returning North Korean and Chinese Reds defiant and truculent. Striking evidence of their humane treatment in United Nations camps - for they show little sign of the apathy that comes from near-starvation. As they reach their "Freedom Gate," Red officers are waiting to greet them.

And even in the moment of liberation, hate still rules their actions as they tear off clothing given to them in captivity. One actually throws his at the cameraman...

Propaganda pictures will, no doubt, be circulated of tattered prisoners returning. ~~From the lorry~~ Meanwhile, the offending evidence of good treatment is pushed out of sight.

Contrast these pictures with our own prisoners' return to Panmunjom - some so weak from suffering that they ~~fall~~ ^{HAVE TO BE PREVENTED FROM FALLING} from the lorry.

Others ~~are~~ ^{ARE} almost delirious with joy) as they leave for Base hospitals.

So Panmunjom becomes a village of smiles - the "gateway to freedom" and a swift journey home.

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