

KOREA: FIRST WOUNDED HOME

To Lysham air station a Royal Air Force Hastings transport brings the first British casualties to reach England from Korea. In five days they've travelled in comfort a journey that would have taken six weeks by sea.

A mobile elevator-boist picks up the men in their stretchers and conveys them to the ambulance, so that the wounded have as little handling and jolting as possible. Among them are four casualties from Malaya who were picked up en route at Singapore. It's a far cry from the days of Florence Nightingale. Today flight puts all the resources of science within reach of the wounded.

Travelling with the men were two little two-year-old boys, struck down by infantile paralysis. One had come from Ceylon in an iron-lung.

From Korea come first pictures of captured Chinese soldiers. Their quilted cold weather uniforms show they were prepared for a winter campaign. Now as MacArthur launches his end-the-war attack come reports that the Chinese are releasing U.N. prisoners. What does China want in Korea? These delegates (Passing through London on their way to accuse America before UNO) may know the answer. Formosa, Chiang-Kai-Shek's island, is their concern, but it's possible Korea will come into discussion, too. When they released their prisoners, the Chinese said they didn't want to fight Americans.

With Mrs. Chou is Mrs. Kung, Mao-tse-tung's expert on United Nations affairs to advise the leader of the delegation, General Wu. If Red China can be reassured a big step forward for peace may result.