

News in brief Pueblo rumors are flying

From The Associated Press

SEOUL — The Korean truce village of Panmunjom was under a tight security today and reports that 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo might be released Sunday or Monday.

The South Korean Christian Broadcasting System reported that the United States and North Korea held their 20th private meeting today to settle final details of the men's release.

Quoting unidentified diplomatic sources, the radio station said that if everything goes well at today's meeting, the crewmen would be freed Sunday or Monday. It said both sides already have reached general agreement on the release of an island on how much difficulty in working out the final procedural details.

The Seoul Daily Kyungyang Shinmun, which correctly predicted two meetings early this week, published a story similar to the radio report.

U.S. military and diplomatic officials, however, refused to comment on the progress of the negotiations or on where, when and how the Pueblo crew might be released. But a high government source in Washington said North Korea had agreed to free the men and that he would not rule out the possibility that the American sailors would be on their way home by Christmas.

Rift denied

PARIS — Top U.S. and South Vietnamese negotiators at the Paris peace talks will report to their respective presidents this weekend amid fears of a growing split in the allied camp.

But the U.S. deputy chief negotiator, Cyrus R. Vance, just before leaving for Washington today, said: "There is no misunderstanding between us and the government of Saigon. Other people talk about disagreements, but they don't exist."

Vance said he would see "a number of people" in the United States. These are expected to include President Johnson and President-elect Nixon. He plans to return to Paris Dec. 27.

Secret talks between the United States and North Vietnam to make conference arrangements are blocked by the refusal of the Saigon government to negotiate with an independent Viet Cong delegation, and the refusal of Hanoi to negotiate unless such a delegation is seated.

The chances of the expanded talks opening before the New Year appeared slight.

U.S. NFL to meet

SAIGON — The United States announced today it will meet with the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front on Christmas Day to arrange for the release of three American prisoners.

The NLF had proposed the meeting in a broadcast Thursday.

The U.S. announced that no more than five representatives of the United States would meet with no more than five NFL representatives, and there would be no U.S. nor South Vietnamese government forces within six-tenths of a mile of the meeting spot.

11 en route home

HONOLULU — Eleven GIs freed after five months as Cambodian prisoners headed for Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D.C., today and Christmas reunions with their families.

Looking tired, they landed at Hickam Air Force Base near Honolulu Friday night after a 16-hour flight from Bangkok, Thailand. Cambodia released them Thursday.

At a news conference in Bangkok the men said they were well treated in Cambodia. During the refusing stop from their C-141 jet at Hickam, however, they declined to talk to newsmen. An Army spokesman said they were tired and "just wanted to get processed and get out of here."

2 teen-agers slain

VALLEJO — Two Vallejo teen-agers were found dead sprawled on a rural road late Friday night, each slain by a bullet in the head.

The body of David Faraday, 17, was lying outside the right side of his car on the road five miles northeast of Vallejo. The body of Bettina Jensen, 16, was about 16 feet behind the vehicle. Solano County Sheriff's deputies said they were killed with a .22-caliber weapon.

First flu death

SAN DIEGO—California's first known death officially attributed to the Hong Kong flu has been reported in San Diego County.

Dr. Donald Ramras, assistant director of the County Health Department, said Friday a 49-year-old Chula Vista woman died of the disease last Saturday. Her name was not revealed.

Quiet settlement

LOS ANGELES — The County Grand Jury has indicted 28 persons on charges ranging from kidnapping to disturbing the peace in connection with a Nov. 4 disturbance at San Fernando Valley State College.

The indictments were issued Friday after a seven-day inquiry. More than 40 witnesses testified, including 24 school employees who said they were held hostage at knifepoint by members of the Black Students Union and others.

The jury also issued a statement flouting campus protests in general and urged San Fernando Valley State officials to suspend students accused of felonies.

28 indicted

OAKLAND — An Alameda County jury has awarded \$12,500 to 17 residents of homes near the Oakland International Airport because of jet plane noises overhead.

That was the worth placed on air rights in the Bay Farm Island area off the north end of the old Oakland Airport. Residents had sought \$10,000 each in counter suits against the Oakland Port Commission which had imposed a height limit of 35 to 38 feet on their property.

Redding man fined \$302

Donald E. Elliott, 25, 6001 East Side Road, Redding, was fined \$302 in Redding Justice Court Friday after he pleaded guilty of drunken driving.

Elliott was given time to pay the fine, which was imposed by Judge Truman A. Mays of Cassella Justice Court, who presided in Redding Friday during the absence of Judge Joseph F. Aleck Jr.

Elliott was arrested by the California Highway Patrol Dec. 8. In another matter Joseph P. Padula, 36, of Redding was sent to jail for 10 days Thursday after he pleaded guilty of petty theft.

Padula, arrested by Redding police Wednesday, stole an iron, four pairs of pliers, three wrenches, a steel tape measure and five screwdrivers from Joy Less Drugs Store.

In another case Shirley N. Maher, 25, of the Clear Creek Trailer Park in Redding is to appear Jan. 9 on a charge of exhibiting a firearm.

She was arrested and arraigned Wednesday after Shasta County sheriff's were told that she threatened her sister, Betty F. Martin of Anderson, and Edwin C. North of the Delmar Trailer Park, with a .22-caliber rifle. She is free on \$1,200 bail, and will be defended by Public Defender Jerry Hurley Jr.

Bishop Pike marries again

SAN JOSE (AP) — Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike, 55, was married for the third time Friday. Episcopal Canon 18, which prohibits a second marriage until a divorce is necessary in cases of infidelity, was waived.

The new Mrs. Pike, a vivacious blonde, wore a bridal, happy grin throughout the ceremony, while Pike appeared nervous and fidgety and kept looking around.

The Associated Press the groom was married to be married in a grand ceremony at the Episcopal headquarters of the diocese he once headed.

Pike has drawn the wrath, and even hatred, of some high churchmen over his questioning of the Virgin Birth, the Trinity and the concept of Jesus Christ minister of the First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles. The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara, issued a statement after the ceremony.

It was read for him at the rear of the church and said that Pike's successor, Bishop C. Kimer Myers had given a "favorable judgment" in Pike's remarriage.

Bishop Myers has not issued a statement.

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