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## CINCINNATI, NORWOOD POWS FREED; MANY COME BACK GRAVELY SICK

**Old Ties Broken  
By "Solid South,"  
Byrnes Declares  
PARTY LOYALTY HIT  
Carolinian Says It  
Split Democrats In  
Vote By Habit**

N. Y. Times Special

SEATTLE, Aug. 5.—Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina asserted today that the people from the Potomac River to the Gulf of Mexico have broken their solid ties with the Democratic party and have declared their continuing political independence. He said he saw no chance of reunifying the party nationally as long as party-loyalty pledges are demanded of convention delegates.

Governor Byrnes, 75-year-old Democrat who held many high offices during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, urged the Democrats last year to back Dwight D. Eisenhower, as did many other Southerners. The South Carolina governor said he would be unwilling to attend any future convention of the Democratic party where such a loyalty pledge is required.

A limited party loyalty pledge was imposed by the 1952 Democratic convention, but Governor Byrnes, along with Gov. John S. Battle of Virginia, refused to endorse and very nearly were denied seats in the convention. But, at a dramatic post-outright session, during which five hours out on the convention floor, the Virginia, South Carolina and Louisiana delegations were permitted to keep their seats.

**HABIT VOTE BROKEN**

Talking with reporters during a recess in the fourth annual Governors' Conference, Governor Byrnes said he saw in the heavy Southern Republican vote for the Republican presidential nominee solid evidence that the South had broken away from its habit of voting Democratic.

"We were told for a half century that if people in the South ever thought of voting Republican, grandfather would turn over in his grave," he said with a smile.



AFTER NORWOOD POW'S FAMILY LEARNED OF HIS RELEASE

Tears of happiness and relief were in evidence at the home of Mrs. Grace Kobus, 8330 Globe Ave., Norwood, last night when news came that her son, Marine Pfc. Francis E. Kobus Jr., was among the U. S. prisoners of war released in Korea. Private Kobus, seen in inset, was listed as a prisoner of war in May, 1951. His mother, center, was looking at a portrait of him, held by his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Edgington, when this picture was taken. Looking over their shoulders are two of his sisters, Misses Patricia Kobus, 22, left, and Barbara, 21.

**Woman Is Killed  
In Electric Fence,  
Garden Protection**

BY STONE GAP, Va., Aug. 5 (AP)—The body of Mrs. Julia Lane, 35, was found today re-

**He's A "No Comment" Man**

**Governor Lusche Is Kept Busy In Seattle  
Refusing To Name Taft Successor**

BY READY BLACK

**Two Families Rejoice  
As Reds Release Boys  
In Armistice Exchange**

**ONE HELD FOR 30 MONTHS**

**Near-Riot Caused As Delhi Hills Household  
Fanatic Commies Slug UN Guards  
Watch For News**

PANMUNJOM, Aug. 6 (The Associated Press)—A group of sick men, dying men and some in seeming good health came back to liberty from Communist imprisonment today, in the second exchange of war prisoners under the Korean armistice.

The freedom of many of the men—including 41 sick Americans among the 70 Americans delivered today—was dramatically emphasized when one South Korean was found to be dead on arrival. Another South Korean died in the helicopter lift from Panmunjom to Freedom Village near Munsan.

Many others of the pitiful collection of South Koreans appeared on the point of death.

Why had the Reds withheld these sick and crippled men from the pre-armistice exchange of 11 and wounded last April? That worrying question to one could answer. In Washington Sen. Charles E. Potter (R, Mich.) demanded a Senate investigation.

**BRITONS LOOK HEALTHY**

In contrast, some among the 292 who came back today appeared in excellent health. Most, in good conditions were British prisoners—possibly given better treatment as part of the Red effort to split the United Nations.

On the other side of the big exchange in the neutral zone, the UN handed back 376 Chinese and North Korean Communists.

Two Greater Cincinnati soldiers were among the prisoners who was released yesterday in the Korean Operation Big Switch. They were:

Pfc. Anthony H. Ludwig, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ludwig, Box 12, North Road, Delhi Hills.

Marine Pfc. Francis E. Kobus, Jr., son of Mrs. Grace Kobus, 8330 Globe Ave., Norwood.

When Associated Press wire reports came through, the news fell on anxious ears in the homes of the two soldiers. There were rejoicing, there were tears, there were embryonic plans of welcome.

But members of both families were so happy over sudden relief from painful thinking, slow signing of the truce July 27, that they were too glad to do too much talking.

Plans of welcome mattered little—the boys were free, and coming home.

**LONG WAIT IS ENDED**

At the home of Private Ludwig, members of the large family had maintained constant vigil at their radio and television sets — just hoping the good word would come. It did, and there was relief.