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Program Review

Invocation **Bill Schmidt**
 Sweetheart **Delores McGonegal**
 Introduction **Lock Lockwood**
 Program Chairman **Wayne Brown**

Our enemies in Korea are real killers. We must not underestimate them. We underestimated Hitler's armies. We underestimated the Japanese. We must be realistic about war. These are a few of the statements of Major General Haydon L. (Bull) Boatner who ought to know, because he is the officer who was called to tame the famous Koje island prisoner-of-war compound after the prisoners had kidnaped the previous commander General Dodd and held him prisoner.

"On Bloody Ridge," he said, "we have suffered 2272 casualties and on Heartbreak Ridge we have had 1400 casualties, and the enemy has not used a modern weapon."

"We have thought in the past that we could produce ourselves to victory," he continued. That, he said had proved wrong.

No one would think of training a football player, and then let him relax and lose the benefit of all his training the last two weeks before the game, he said. But that is what is being done in the army.

"Bull" Boatner, believes that training for fighting should be just as good as it is for a football game.

The General then explained that he got his call from A & M college unexpectedly and in four and a half days was on "Bloody Ridge." Shortly after, he was sent to Koje to take over.

He knew it was a tough job, and started in with what he thought was the toughest compound, of the three, 76, 77 and 78.

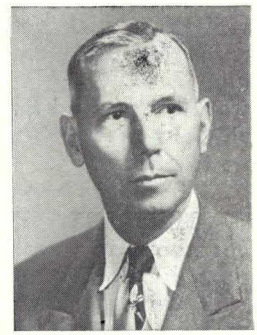
There were 43 killed and 135 wounded before they went along peacefully in evacuating the compound and being placed in smaller groups of 500 each.

In another compound 15 bodies were dug up, where they had been killed by the communists because they had decided to kill all anticommunists.

This Week



Bob Akers
Speaker



W. B. Johnson
Program Chairman

"INDIA-JAPAN-KOREA-THE PHILIPPINES" BY ROTARIAN BOB AKERS, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A TOUR OF THESE COUNTRIES AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT. AND INCIDENTALLY BOB ATTENDED TEN OR MORE ROTARY CLUBS DURING HIS JOURNEY IN THE FAR EAST.

Program Committee: W. B. Johnson, chairman; John Thomas, vice chairman; Harold Arnold and Snow Arthur.

Later testimony revealed that they had been beaten, but that when they were stubborn about dying they were strangled with telephone wire.

General Boatner's picture was not a pretty one, but he gave a realistic picture and one that showed that war is rough and tough and that the fighters on the other side are just as brave, just as loyal as ours and that it takes real fighting to do the job.

The general's report will rank high in Rotary programs for the year.

Plush Plaudits to Program Chairman **Wayne Brown** for bringing us one of the finest speakers of all times: Major General Haydon L. Boatner.

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Programs—July, August, Sept.

Due to the necessity of advance planning of programs for the first quarter of the new Rotary year which begins July 1st, President-Elect Pat Peyton announces his first committee appointments for the 1953-54 year with L. W. Skeet Pitts, heading first of the four lanes, Club Service, and W. W. Ward, chairman of first quarter programs.

Immediately upon appointment, W. W. called together the chairmen for 12 weeks. The program chairmen met at dinner Thursday night and received date assignments and program suggestions. Those present were **Ewell Strong**, representing Chairman **Snow Arthur**, **Jack Gore**, **John Pevateaux**, **Chester Weber**, **David Birdwell**, **Leo Ney**, **Lloyd Baker**, **Glenn Pontious**, **L. B. Gough**, President-Elect **Pat Secretary George Morgan** and **Skeet Pitts**. **Verner Jones**, **Louis Riegel**, **John Pevateaux** and **Winston Procter** were unable to attend.

NEW MEMBERS: Five excellent choices for Rotary membership were introduced to the club as new members last week and are: **Viriden Mabry**, Television Retailing; **Wayne Graves**, Grain Retailing; **Arthur T. Lawrance**, Oil Well Equipment Manufacturing; **George Thomas**, Laboratories-Medical. If they will send in photos, we will be very pleased.

Rotary Echoes

We're glad to see **W. C. Ross, Sr.**, back at home after spending most of the year in Austin attending the State Legislature. Many of our Rotarians were saying to him Wednesday: "You did a good job."

Post Card from President **John Gray** from New York where he detoured a bit on his way to Rutgers School of Banking. Says the President: "Attended very interesting Rotary meeting today at the Commodore. The A.M.A. is in session in New York so there was definitely a doctor in the house. Regards to all the gang. See you on June 22.

Harry Marlow has left for New York, Paris, France. He was to meet Rotary Ann Gabriel and Son Billy before touring Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Harry was born in Sweden and while there will visit with two sisters and a brother.

Last week **President John** was in College; The **Veep Ewell Strong** in hiding, **Pat Peyton**, Secretary and **Frank Betts**, Treasurer, simply went fishing, placing Past President **Robbie Robinson** in an ideal spot to preside and play his harmonica which he did. He also gave a plush plaudit to **T. T. Hunt**, the man who did most to keep baseball in Beaumont, to **Bob Akers**, traveler and explorer of the Far East; welcomed **Winthrop Leach** back to Rotary after his rotation at Convention in Paris.

Benny Hughes left Saturday by plane for Paris, France, to attend a meeting of the board of directors of Rotary International. He expects to return June 24 with Rotary Ann Lily who has been visiting with relatives in London.

Several calls about the good program review last week covering **Irwin Feray Day** and his being made an Honorary Member and Mayor Plummer's talk. It was written by **Bill Campbell**, who incidentally was editor of Rotarygrams and wrote every word in it for 10 or 15 years.

Eb Rectin was the speaker at the Baton Rouge Rotary Club last week. Title: "Morals & Machines". **Roy Nelson** also attended that club last week.

ATTENDANCE

June 3, 1953

Club Membership, Active	291
Members Present	250
Per Cent Attendance	85.91

GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS

West End, June 2

Bill Simonton	Bill Weed
Geo. Booth	Luther Carter
Keith Hotchkiss	G. P. Williams
Sam Sharfstein	C. A. Daniel
Ken Stevens	Albert Klein
Jim Winton	Bill Blieden
Matt Racki	Cooke Wilson
Ralph Griffing	Doyle Moreman
Joe Robertson	Leonard Conrad
J. T. Brown	Jack Neil
Rufus Mills	

West End, June 9

Keith Hotchkiss	Geo. Booth
John Winter	Howard Gardner
Dale Kelly	Hubert Oxford
Madison Wright	Joe Robertson
Monroe Vivion	Will Wilson
Homer Fort	A. B. Chenier
Walter Hoy	O. V. Wesley
Gene Ohmstede	W. M. Montgomery
Louis Nelson	Frank Buzz
Geo. Gill	Charles Wyatt-Brown
Bill Simonton	Leonard Toomim
Kelly Smith	Jack Neil

South Park, June 8

C. J. Lockwood, Tim Turner, Johnny Williamson, Dick Carey, Tim Whitehurst, Marion Munro, Ed Easterling and Joe Ehrhart.

Port Neches

Travis Brooks, W. J. Holloway, I. L. Hostetler.

Others

Wayne W. Brown	Galveston
Doug DuBois	Port Arthur
Bill McRee	Woodville
A. C. Love	Woodville
Roy Nelson	Baton Rouge, La.
Fred Neumann	Orange
Guy Oliver	Orange
Eb Rectin	Baton Rouge, La.
Ben Shipley	Port Arthur

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