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Gone was the atmosphere of despair that for eighteen months had hovered over the Korean truce village of Panmunjom. And hope was high as Communist reporters and truce delegates arrived for the final Conference, on the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners.

Rear-Admiral John Daniel led the United Nations' liason group into the building. While, from the next ridge, came the distant sounds of war - a grim reminder that men were still dying on the Peninsula, and that this meeting could point the way to an armistice.

So - against this background - the agreement was signed. ~~the agreement was signed~~ ~~the agreement was signed~~ PEACE TALKS

~~for a new peace offensive~~ The world hopes that the ~~offensive~~ will now gain momentum; bringing peace to the Far East and understanding ~~in the~~ West. But for 600 Allied prisoners, long months of despair are over. May their road to health prove less ~~prolonged~~ ^{prolonged} than the way to freedom.

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