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X On Koje Island, General Beatner, prison camp commander, orders force to be used in breaking the Communist prisoners' insubordination. At a signal, tanks move off, followed by combat infantrymen. A crackdown campaign is on against the Reds, who have been drilling, arming, raising Communist flags and generally defying U.N. orders. Now the huge compounds, where the Reds have been in complete command, are entered. The object is to split prisoners into more manageable groups, but poles bearing Communist flags, put up in defiance of regulations, are now moved down also. No Red resistance is met, though they had promised the U.N. forces a fight if the compounds were entered. Illegally erected buildings are torn down and fires are set to banners, tents and other forbidden ~~paraphernalia~~ paraphernalia, the U.N. troops using ~~flame-throwers~~ flame-throwers to wipe out the emblems of mutiny. The present action is only a trial raid--sterner measures are to follow.

X The prisoners are required to sit down, hands over their heads. Some of these P.O.W.'s are obeying U.N. orders almost for the first time since their capture. General Beatner himself goes among the prisoners

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looking for ringleaders--the hardened Communist who have ruled the camp, terrorizing non-Communist prisoners, ordering executions, and even masterminding the kidnapping of a previous camp commander. Here's one of the men Beatner wants to talk to. The suspected Red leaders are rounded up and piled into trucks for to be taken away for interrogation. They'll be segregated from the other prisoners. But despite the success of this raid, most of the compounds have not yet been entered, and the Reds still hurl defiance from behind the wire fences. Kojima is still a tinderbox.