

# Civic Pride Finally Nets Rogers Bust for Airport

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 2 (AP). The president of a supermarket chain gave a life-size bust of Will Rogers to Oklahoma City because he said Publisher Amon Carter of Fort Worth bruised his civic pride.

S. N. Goldman said friendly jibes by Carter caused him to ask Sculptor Jo Davidson to cast a head piece of Rogers from the life-size statue at the Claremore memorial.

Goldman presented the bust to the city for its municipal airport—Will Rogers Field—Monday at a private unveiling.

He said he got interested in the project after he found out that not a single likeness of the famous humorist existed in Oklahoma City.

A phone call to Carter produced a refusal of permission to secure a cast from the original

mold of a Rogers statue in Fort Worth. Goldman said Carter told him, however, that he would present a statue of Rogers to Oklahoma City as a gift.

"I told him we're not that hard up in Oklahoma. We don't have to take anything from a Texan," Goldman said.

"Carter asked me where Oklahoma's pride had been all these years and claimed more Texas money than Oklahoma's went into the Rogers memorial at Claremore," Goldman added.

Then the Oklahoman said he really got interested. He called Davidson in New York and asked if he could cast a head piece from the sculptor's Rogers statue at Claremore.

Davidson found the original mold in his Paris studio, and ordered the bronze cast.

Editor's note: Amon Carter's comment when asked about the statement by S. N. Goldman, which was released in Oklahoma City New Year's Day, in general substantiated Goldman's statement, other than that Carter did not claim Texas put more money in the Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore than Oklahoma but that Texas had raised more money for the Will Rogers Memorial Fund than Oklahoma and California combined. This fund was divided among the University of Oklahoma, the University of California and the University of Texas for the purpose of creating Will Rogers scholarships in these three state universities.

After the discussion with Mr. Goldman, Carter phoned a friend in Oklahoma City and asked him to contact Allen Street and tell Mayor Street that he (Carter) would be delighted to present the City of Oklahoma a bronze bust of Will Rogers for its airport provided Oklahoma City was willing to accept it. The mayor was ill at the time—as a matter of fact he was ill for some time following this discussion—and no acknowledgment was received from Oklahoma City officials agreeing to accept the bust.

Carter states he has no desire to become involved in a newspaper controversy with Goldman, but that he in a friendly spirit stated to Goldman he would be glad to give the bust individually rather than to permit it to be commercialized, so-to-speak, by permitting others to make casts from the original. Incidentally, Carter presented a life-size equestrian to the City of Fort Worth, which now stands in front of the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, and another life-size equestrian to the Texas Technological College at Lubbock. In addition he presented bronze busts of Will Rogers to the cities of Fort Worth and Lubbock and also to the Rogers Memorial (Will Rogers' old home) now designated as a state park in Santa Monica, Cal., as well as to several other friends of Rogers.

Carter said that Goldman's statement that they "did not have to take anything from Texas" was somewhat amusing. Even Texas had to take something from Kentucky in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day and Oklahoma had to take something from Texas in the Cotton Bowl this past season, which is indicative of the fact that one can never tell what he will have to do as against what he would like to do.

In any event Carter extends congratulations to Goldman for his interest and civic pride, which is always a valuable asset in any community, and to the State of Oklahoma for the beautiful Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore, and sends his best wishes to the great state of Oklahoma and its fine citizenship.

## TRUCE TALKS

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Korean and Chinese prisoners on a man-for-man basis with South Korean civilians held by the Reds.

3. Turn the floodgates loose for an all-for-all exchange of thousands of other displaced civilians caught in the backwash of the Korean war when opposing forces swept up and down the peninsula in 1950 and 1951.

4. All repatriations shall be on a strictly voluntary basis, with International Red Cross teams making sure that no one is sent back against his will.

Red Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho took a hasty look at the U. N. proposal Wednesday and said in effect—"It stinks," Libby reported. It was considered politically unacceptable to the Communists.

After the meeting Libby said that Lee had perhaps misunderstood the proposal in the first reading and quick translation.

The Reds, however, asked for an adjournment to make a more detailed study.

### Rhee Dissatisfied.

U. N. command sources did not want to speculate on the plan. They were reluctant to amplify it until they heard the official Communist reaction.

The plan disclosed that the Allies had scaled down the number of Red prisoners from 132,474 to approximately 116,000 Koreans and Chinese. About 16,000 others were said to be ROK (Republic of Korea) nationals "who were identified" with the Red armies.

Another 38,000 ROKs were "incorrectly classified initially as prisoners of war" and have since been reclassified as interned persons, the U. N. command said.

South Korean President Syngman Rhee declared he was dissatisfied with the whole turn of the armistice negotiations. He said he may go to Washington and appeal to President Truman to oppose any armistice that leaves Korea divided.

Rhee expressed fear, during an interview, that "our friends are sacrificing our safety in order to come to an understanding with the Communists."

The 76-year-old ROK president particularly objected to the Reds holding of Kaesong, gateway to Seoul.

"Our ancient capital can not be reoccupied, rebuilt and operated as it was before the war as long as the enemy has an open road to its heart," he said.

### 113,000 Abducted.

The Reds still have not given an accounting for some 50,000 Allied prisoners, mainly South Koreans, who have not been listed as prisoners, although the Red radio had claimed them.

Nor was there an accounting by the Reds for the thousands of civilians swept into North Korea