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Tokyo, Nov. 25—(UP)—A Far

East Air Force spokesman revealed today that two of the 13 Americans imprisoned as "spies" by Red China disappeared the night President Eisenhower landed in Seoul on his post-election "end the war" mission.

The spokesman said the two men hitched a ride on a transport plane that disappeared mysteriously December 2, 1952, between Seoul and Tokyo.

Their plane never was heard from after it crossed the Korean east coast, the spokesman said. Communist China claimed, however, the plane was shot down over northeast China and that the pilot and co-pilot were killed.

Civilian Employees

The two passengers were identified by the Tokyo spokesman as John T. Downey, 24, and Richard G. Fecteau, 27.

Defense officials in Washington said Downey and Fecteau were civilian employes of the U. S. Army in Japan, but Far East Command headquarters said it had no record of the men in its files.

Radio Peiping charged the two men were agents of America's super-secret counter-intelligence agency. Downey received a life sentence and Fecteau was sentenced to 20 years.