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All areas in U. S. Zone—partly cloudy to cloudy with rain, snow and strong winds; colder.

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Bombay Becomes A City of Terror; Mobs Cost 30 Lives

BOMBAY, Feb. 22 (AP)—Mob fury made this a day of terror here as people were beaten, stoned and knifed, trucks and private cars burned and stores and banks looted.

(The All-India Radio, heard in London by the Associated Press, reported the latest casualty figures at Bombay were 30 killed and 500 wounded, more than 100 of them seriously.)

A 9 PM-to-6 AM curfew was imposed for 15 days as the mobs rampaged through the streets.

In the harbor, Royal Indian Navy craft, in complete command of mutinying crews, were faced with the advance guard of a Royal Navy force ordered here to quell them.

On land, Britain poured hundreds of tommies into Bombay in trucks and armored cars, with full permission to fire as occasion demanded. Airfields ringing the city piled up with heavy bomber forces.

The army demanded unconditional surrender.

With the police and military using machine guns, pedestrians moved about in peril of their lives.

CARS SMASHED

Cars were stopped and smashed, with their occupants sometimes escaping unbeaten if they pleased the crowd by chanting "Victory for India."

Military trucks were heavily (Continued on Page 8)

GI Acquitted In Red's Death

VIENNA, Feb. 22—A military court martial yesterday acquitted T-Sgt. Shirley B. Dixon of murder and assault in the death of a Russian captain and the shooting of a second Soviet officer Jan. 16 on a train in which the American soldier was train commander.

The shooting took place aboard a U. S. Munich to Vienna train at St. Polten in the Russian Zone.

Col. Stanley J. Grogan, president of the court, announced the decision after the 10-man general court had deliberated for less than 45 minutes.

Dixon is a resident of Toledo, Ohio, and a member of Co. G, 735th Ry. Op. Bn.

Reds Were Right—Smyth Did Write A-Bomb Book

By JOSEPH LANDAU, Staff Writer

PFUNGSTADT, Feb. 22—Friday's edition of The Star and Stripes carried the text of the Soviet Government's statement on its position in the big Canadian atom bomb spy plot. It asserted that the Soviet did not need the information allegedly stolen because it was well acquainted with "similar subjects" as well as having the information contained "in the well-known pamphlets of the American Smith on atomic energy."

The "Smith" referred to in the Russian text is Dr. Henry DeWolf Smyth, chairman of the department of physics at Princeton University. The book referred to is

Press Assails British Policy In India Crisis

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Criticism of British government policies in India today highlighted British press reports on the crisis there.

"India wants its independence and sees in the various offers of the British government nothing more than a series of unscrupulous devices for creating division between Indians and perpetuating imperialist rule," said the Communist Daily Worker.

The liberal Manchester Guardian, sizing up both Middle Eastern and Far Eastern problems, declared that, "The chief criticism of British imperial policy in India, Egypt and elsewhere is that we have failed to raise the standard of living and to abolish poverty and illiteracy."

Pointing out that "Russian imperialism, though less tolerant and more ruthless, has concentrated on or has advertised just this aspect," the Guardian explained. "That is why Russian influence is increasing in Persia and the Middle East today."

New Pacific Score To Be 40, 2 Years

MANILA, Feb. 22 (AP)—Lt. Gen. William D. Syer, western Pacific Army commander, announced that men with 40 points or 24 months service as of June 30 will start home as soon as 7,500 personnel with more points clear Philippines and Okinawa ports.

Officers with 65 points or 42 months service will also be sent home, the announcement added.

The movement of the newly-eligible groups probably will start early in March.

Bevin Tells Bid to Extend Russian Pact to 50 Years



Ernest Bevin
"... and I mean friendship"

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin revealed to Commons yesterday that he had offered to extend Britain's 20-year friendship pact with Russia to 50 years.

He said he told Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov at the December conference of the Big Three foreign minister in Moscow that "we have a treaty of friendship and I mean friendship." If you want to change it from 20 years to 50 years I will advise my government to do it.

To the House Bevin declared: "I do not think I could do better than that to lessen Russian suspicions." He added that if the treaty "can be amended to make it more explicit and changed in order to give confidence I am willing also to look at that."

SPOKE PRIMARILY ON RUSSIA

Though he reviewed the whole field of British foreign affairs, Bevin was primarily concerned with Anglo-Russian relations on which almost every speaker in a two-day debate on foreign affairs had expressed concern.

Asserting his wish for "friendship with the Soviet Union for all time" he said "it has been said we are drifting to war with Russia."

"But I cannot conceive any circumstances under which Britain and the Soviet Union should go to war. I cannot see what we should have to fight about."

Bevin asked Russia to "show the same interchange of discussion and opinion as is shown between ourselves and the State Department in America."

CITED U. S. RELATIONS

Refuting the idea that "we gang up against Russia the foreign secretary pointed to the open discussion between Britain and America that had led to agreements and settlements and he added specifically "I would be quite willing if the Soviet Union would join us in the oil agreement as an international agreement which if they came in would solve this conflict for oil as between great allies."

Declaring amid cheers that he was not prepared to sacrifice the British Empire, Bevin told the Commons he had appealed to Stalin in Moscow to try and make the gears of the diplomatic machine run smoothly to solve all difficulties in the course of time.

Bevin summed up a lengthy round-up of European and Middle Eastern problems with the statement: "I am more concerned with the economic (Continued on Page 8)

Sealing of Shaft Dooms 500 Men In German Mine

DORTMUND, Feb. 22 (AP)—Rescue operations at the Unna mine where nearly 500 men were entombed two days ago were abandoned today. Officials said the wrecked shaft will be sealed off.

Fifty-nine men had been recovered alive.

Three British officials and 495 German miners were trapped in Wednesday's disaster following a mysterious explosion. Fourteen bodies had been brought out.

Earlier, German police and British soldiers kept a growing crowd of whitefaced women away from the head of the coal pit near Kamen while rescue work went ahead to reach the trapped miners and British officials.

The rescue shifts were compelled to use breathing equipment and had to be relieved frequently.

Atomic Law Is Demanded

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Congress, uneasy about the implications of the Canadian-Soviet espionage row, today heard a new demand for speed in framing atomic control legislation.

It is "imperative" that atomic legislation be enacted "without delay," asserted Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Ia.), a member of the Atomic Energy Committee which is studying several bills to set up a control commission.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes was summoned today to a locked door conference with the Senate committee which is seeking means to safeguard atom bomb secrets.

He went to the conference unaccompanied a few hours after President Truman had expressed confidence in U. S. security measures to protect atomic secrets.

(Details of President Truman's statement are on Page 5.)

Paris Crusader Accused of Fraud

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UP)—A charge of embezzlement was filed in Paris yesterday against Mrs. Marthe Richard, well-known member of the Paris city council, who conducted a one-woman campaign that resulted in a police order closing Paris bordellos.

The charge resulted from a year-old accusation by an unidentified woman who asserted that she paid Mrs. Richard and two men 300,000 francs for the release from internment of her lover, a German subject.

Mrs. Richard, who was the French Mata Hari in the World War I, gained world fame by her single-handed campaign against Paris prostitution.

She said that she has received many threats, as well as offers of bribes, from organized proprietors of bordellos.

Pope to Receive Diplomats

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 22 (UP)—The Pope Monday will receive all the cardinals and every diplomat accredited to the Holy See at a special collective audience—the first of its kind ever to be held—it was learned today.

Phone Strike Set for March

MEMPHIS, Feb. 22—The National Federation of Telephone Workers' executive board last night voted unanimously to call a nationwide telephone strike March 7.

Other strike developments were:

1—United Mine Worker's President John L. Lewis summoned the Policy Committee to meet in Washington on March 11 in an obvious move to shape new wage demands for five million miners.

2—The International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union announced today that Pacific Coast longshoremen voted 14-1 to strike on or before April 1.

Quit Manchuria, Russia Urged

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (AP)—More than 10,000 slogan-shouting Chinese students marched through the streets of Chungking today in a "quit Manchuria" demonstration against Russia.

Canadian Cabinet Prepares Reply to Russian Statement

OTTAWA, Feb. 22 (AP)—The Canadian cabinet after a four-hour session was understood to have decided on a brief reply to Moscow's accusation that the dominion government acted in a manner unfriendly to the Soviet Union in the matter of atomic espionage allegations.

Canadians eagerly awaited the reply and also the interim report of the royal commission's inquiry into the spy case, but detailed disclosures were not anticipated until the commission completes its report, probably in about two weeks.

Meanwhile, the Royal Canadian

Mounted Police continued investigations and witnesses were being called and released in a steady stream.

The impression in the Canadian capital was that the next real blow in the Russia-Canada clash would be dealt after the dominion is ready to announce its findings. Pending the issue of this report, the official Canadian view is that Moscow has already admitted guilt to some degree by the recall of its military attache to Ottawa, Col. Nicolai Zabolot, whom the Soviets themselves identified as the recipient of unauthorized information.

The B Bag

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Keep Them Over Here

After reading the results of the poll among occupation GIs about the German people's war guilt and Hitler's so-called good points, I am convinced of the utter futility of having fought this war.

Those who don't blame the Germans for the war either never saw combat, or frauleins have paralyzed their sense of world freedom and justice. The Krauts are probably laughing to think that they fooled so many into believing that their crusade against humanity and God was justifiable.

Those who idolize the Germans ought to pull occupation duty from here on out. They can get a better chance to learn about all the Allied graves caused by war-crazy Nazis over here.

—Pfc Donald Smith, 519th AAA Bn.

Pink Pants Protest

There isn't a dull moment in the Army, and you needn't be a GI to make this observation. There is a lot of chicken even for civilians working for the WD.

In Washington they gave me a list of "required items" to secure before leaving for the ETO, including two complete officer uniforms. At the quartermaster store in Washington, I got everything on the list, including pinks and a cap with visor, and left the store about 260 dollars lighter.

Now we learn in The Stars and Stripes that we can no longer wear pinks or caps with visors. What shall we do with them? Is the quartermaster store going to exchange those items for things which we can wear?

—Ernest Halpern, APO 742.

"Civilian Employees Stripped of All Military Insignia" (headline). Is this new edict perhaps designed to spare the feelings of some high-ranking gentlemen whose Bronze Stars (sans V), ETO ribbons (sans stars), and Sharpshooter Medals (with palms) are overshadowed by the converted GI wearing those little things earned at St. Lo, Bastogne, Aachen or the Roer?

Editor's Note—Awards and decorations are designed to be worn with the military uniform, not with civilian clothes.

—10 Ex-GIs

Wants Camera Ban

In order to prevent the misuse of PX rations, I suggest military personnel no longer be permitted to buy or otherwise obtain foreign cameras, watches, etc. Those attempting to smuggle out such valuables should be court-martialed.

America's good name is being dragged through the mud by the actions of the minority who participate in black market operations. The currency control scheme was a great innovation, let us now strike the death-blow.

—Pfc J. Wilson, Hq. Berlin District

Half-Naked Truth

The unusual suggestion with which Renie recently beguiled the public, wherein she predicted that the fair sex would soon bare its bosom to the world's critical eye, has caused much comment.

Naturally, some people are saying that this wild-eyed idea is just another publicity stunt. So I say, "Show 'em, Renie! Let the people know the half-naked truth!"

—Pfc Clyde Cordeau, 72nd QM Base Depot.

Regarding the idea advanced by Renie in Hollywood—if the bosom is uncovered, where would the corsage be worn?

—Pers. Sec., Hq. Cmd., USFET.

Drugs, Poverty and Immorality Influenced Correspondent to Sell Out and Join Nazis

By ARTHUR NOYES, Staff Correspondent

VIENNA—Drugs, poverty, a mother complex and immoral associations with a middle-aged countess were the contributing factors in Robert H. Best's decision to become a traitor.

Best waits today in a British internment camp to be turned over to America for a treason trial as a result of his selling out to the Nazis for 120 dollars a month to become a propaganda broadcaster.

The former United Press correspondent in Vienna was born 46 years ago in Spartanburg, S. C., to a Methodist minister and his sickly wife.

When he still was a young man his mother died, and Best developed a mother complex that stayed with him and contributed to his entanglement with a Greek countess, 30 years his senior.

COMPILES GOOD RECORD

To work his way through the Columbia University School of Journalism, Best did odd jobs and was for a time a Pullman porter. His record at Columbia was a good one and in 1923 he received a chance to travel abroad on a scholarship.

Best went to Vienna where he lived in the student barracks which are now the living headquarters for USFA Hq. enlisted personnel. It was there he met Countess Le Roy whose Greek name had been forgotten and who, Best claimed, was actually a Greek princess.

The countess was a dope addict and introduced young Best to the habit as well as to other anti-social customs. The countess was able to persuade him to come back to Vienna after he had gone to the London UP bureau on what might have been the start of a promising career.

COUNTESS RUNS DRY

In Vienna, he worked for a 75-dollar-a-week salary which was not enough to keep the countess in liquor and dope, to say nothing of his own drug habit which was becoming stronger every day.

As a result in 1931, when the Credit-Anstalt bank of Vienna was about to fail, he accepted a 200-dollar bribe to hush the story.

His actions were revealed when John Gunther, author of "Inside Europe," and W. Fodor, present Chicago Sun correspondent, reported the actual details of the bank failure. Best's acceptance of the bribe was immediately known to all editors.

He, however, continued with the United Press until 1938 when the news service ordered him to go to the Balkans on a new and better assignment. Best refused because he then could not leave the countess. As a result he was fired from his job but stayed on in Vienna on free-lance assignments.

By 1940, the countess' health was so poor that she had to remain in bed for weeks at a time, and Best met a governess named Maurer, whom he brought to Vienna.

EARMARKED AS TRAITOR

The Nazis knew of Best's acceptance of a bribe, of his financial plight and of his tangled romantic interests, and earmarked him as a future traitor. Thus, after America's entry into the war, he was approached with an offer to broadcast for the Germans.

The countess had since died and Best wanted to marry his Austrian sweetheart. He knew he was discredited in America. A curious religious belief in "christocracy" or mobilized Christianity had given him an ideological attachment to the Nazis.

As a result he decided to remain in Germany for 120 dollars a month when the other U. S. correspondents were repatriated to the U. S. in exchange for German newsmen.

In 1942, he married Miss Maurer in Berlin during the height of his activity as a Nazi propaganda broadcaster. Few in America who knew Best recognized his voice on the air because he talked slowly. He talked like a machine gun normally. His identity, however, was clearly established.

France Appears on Road Back After Devaluation of Franc

PARIS (UP)—It still is too early to predict the effects of franc devaluation on the French banking system and economics, according to a high French banking official, but he added that "we nevertheless observe a certain slackening of tension in the field of our monetary accords, and domestically the situation is satisfactory."

Atom to War On Disease

CHICAGO (INS)—The use of atomic energy in the conquest of disease and to further other fields of science may overshadow its use as a source of power, Director Glenn T. Seaborg, co-inventor of plutonium, the base of the atomic bomb, has said.

He added that radioactive isotopes or variant forms of elements produced during the development of atomic power can be employed to "tag" atoms in the human body for tracer experiments in medicine.

He said they may be used for similar purposes in chemistry, physics and industrial research.

Seaborg is professor of chemistry at the University of California.

Resistance Editor To Lecture Abroad

MONTREAL (AP)—Robert Bonfils of Paris, who published one of the first underground papers in occupied France during the war, has arrived here to assume a post as visiting lecturer at the Quebec School of Graphic Arts where he will lecture here for six weeks.

His paper, Conseil a l'Occupe (Advice to the Occupied), appeared in August, 1940, and continued publication throughout the occupation.

Back Home

By Mauldin



"How's things outside, boys? Am I still a war hero or a drain on the taxpayer?"

THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

The Question:

Have you learned anything in the Army that might be useful to you after you return to civilian life?

T-Sgt. Ralph M. Klopp, 333rd Engr. Bn., Cleveland.—"As to what

knowledge I have attained in the Army, I can't measure it exactly in dollars and cents, but I have been doing work from which I have gained valuable experience, which might be of an advantage to future training for a livelihood in later life. One thing the Army has taught me above anything else, is patience."



Pvt. Albert A. Apicilli, 573rd AAA Bn., Asbury Park, N. J.—

"During my hitch in the Army, I haven't learned a thing which might be useful to me in civilian life. Where will I be able to use, right face, left face, and to the rear march after I become a civilian? I did learn to goldbrick some, but as a civilian there isn't too much profit to setting around and being a goldbrick."

Capt. Frederic Delzell, Hq. USFET, Roston.—"Certainly I have

learned something that will be useful to me after I return to civilian life. You learn the value of discipline, team work and much about human nature. Basic training, in particular, has developed within the individual much self-confidence and initiative, to undertake new lines of work and endeavor. You learn to be a better citizen and to take your responsibilities seriously."



Sgt. Ralph M. Horton, Hq. Co. Second Bn. Third Inf. Regt., Milan, Tenn.—"Yes I have. During my time in the Army I have learned teletype operation, also radio operation and maintenance. As I plan to take a civilian job here after being discharged shortly, I can use this training to an advantage, while here and also after returning to the States."

—Signal Corps Photos by Bob Merritt

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Killings Strain Ties Between Britain, Egypt

By MAX BOYD

CAIRO, Feb. 22 (AP)—The task of developing a new postwar relationship between Britain and Egypt, traditional base for the defense of British interests in the Middle East, is immeasurably complicated by the shedding of Egyptian blood during incidents outside the British army barracks here yesterday.

The incident touched a match of stored-up anti-British and anti-foreign feeling which has been growing since the end of the war, among students and, to some extent, the workers of Egyptian cities.

The crowd which attacked the barracks after a truck with British markings killed an Egyptian was composed to a large extent of students, workers, and street urchins.

For hours, howling crowds roamed the streets, smashed shops bearing foreign names, and denounced anyone who resembled a foreigner.

The outbreak was no surprise to veterans of Cairo's foreign population although Egyptian Prime Minister Ismail Sidky Pasha had warned against violence.

TREATY REVISION PLANNED

Sidky Pasha was appointed prime minister less than a week ago by King Farouk to negotiate revision of the 1936 treaty permitting the British to keep troops in Egypt.

Almost simultaneously, the British government announced the appointment of a new ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, an old acquaintance of Sidky Pasha.

For England, the issues are vital. They include the question of where Britain is to base the forces she needs to protect her lines to India and her oil interests in the Persian Gulf area where American companies also have vast holdings.

Britain now has armies and air personnel in both Egypt and Palestine. With Palestine's future clouded, she has shown no hurry to move forces out of Egypt.

Egyptian politicians have spoken so strongly in demanding complete withdrawal that it may prove politically difficult for them to accept less.

Mobile Train Shop Steams for Poland

PARIS, Feb. 22—An emergency mobile railroad repair shop, bought by UNRRA from surplus U. S. Army stocks, was steaming for Poland yesterday to help speed the rehabilitation of Polish rail transportation.

The repair train, consisting of cranes, electrical shops and spare parts and tools, left Alizey, France, with a Polish crew. The trip is expected to take five days.

The Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner said the train was purchased for 128,000 dollars. It formerly was used by the U. S. Transportation Corps during the Allied drive into Germany.

OFLC said that Poland's crippled rail transportation has caused the pile up of two million tons of coal outside Polish mines.

Reservoir Held Hot Bomb

OSAKA, Japan, Feb. 22 (AP)—When an unexploded 2,000-pound bomb was discovered in the water reservoir, Naval ordnance men disposed of it. The fuse was armed for instantaneous firing.

Stiff Shirts Become Diplomatic Dilemma



HELPED BEAT ADOLF: Seaman, 34-year-old nephew of Adolf Hitler, U. S. Navy from Cmdr. Louis A. F. separation center. Hitler went to the

U.S. Delegation to visit his former soldier friends in Texas.

He has been held at Ellis Island, charged with entering the country illegally, but his friend, former Sgt. Clarence H. Thompson, has guaranteed the authorities 500 dollars if Johnny does not return to Ellis Island within the month.

Johnny will leave Monday, hoping to join Thompson in Dallas.

Although his deportation has been ordered by the immigration authorities, many of his friends from the division are clamoring for official sanction for Johnny to remain in the U. S. permanently, and his case is before a committee for consideration.

80,000 Troops Scheduled To Leave ETO in April

FRANKFURT, Feb. 22—A total of 80,000 troops will be redeployed in April, USFET G1 announced yesterday. April quotas of eligibles established for the major commands are: TSFET, 15,000; Third Army, 20,500; Seventh Army, 16,250; USFA, 11,000; USAFE, 9,000; USFET, 5,000; Berlin District, 3,000, and OMGUS, 250.

Point Score Cut to 16 For Women Marines

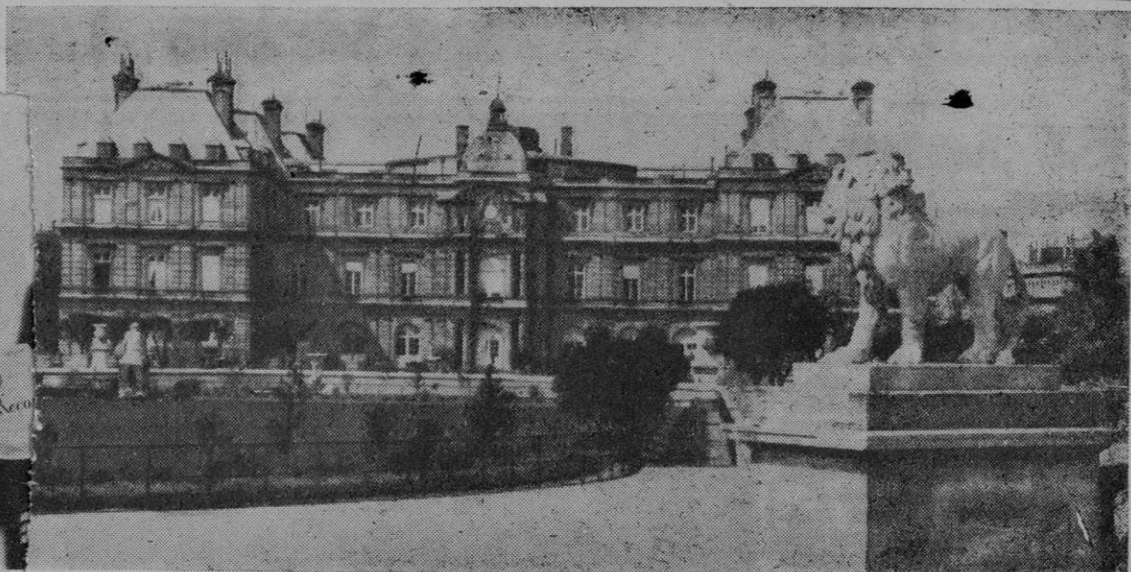
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The discharge score of women marines will be reduced from 17 to 16 points March 1, making 1,250 more eligible for overseas travel on a ferryboat.

Block of Hose B...



Feb. 22 (UP)—A Boston store was ready to open when it placed 37,000 pairs of

men were mobilized, and the base area of everything except heavy tables, piled to the floor. A special emergency unit was staffed by a doctor and nurses, and chairs were ready for casualties. In addition, play windows were boarded up. Women were up at dawn, and there were 1,000 on the store opened for business.



PEACE PARLEY SITE: Luxembourg Palace, meeting place of the French senate when France's parliament had two houses, has been selected by President Felix Gouin and his cabinet as the site

of the Allied peace conference to be held in Paris this spring. A conference was held there recently to determine the reparations each Allied nation is to get from Germany. —International News Photo

London Newspapers Urge Closer British-Russian Tie

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Both Conservative and Laborite papers today editorially admitted Britain and Russia were not "working together" and urged a better understanding between them at all cost.

The Laborite Daily Herald said the recent Soviet statement on espionage in Canada "is so heavily charged with ill feeling as to astonish Russia's best friends in this country." The paper added that "there are very few who will think that the government is justified in distorting the episode for purposes of violent anti-British propaganda."

While hoping for "eternal" friendship between Britain and Russia, the Herald said "most sincerely we urge upon the Soviet leaders and upon our own that the decline be arrested and reserved."

The Times said the only remedy "would be to reduce the occasions of public controversy and to multiply those of direct confidential discussion between the leaders of both countries."

The paper explained that the real trouble lies in the fact that Britain and Russia "while sincerely desiring friendship, indulge in word and action which excite the suspicions of the other and are treated by the other as provocative."

The Conservative Telegraph said "the extraordinary Russian outbursts" on the Canada spy case "is only the latest revelation of a state of mind which appears fantastic."

The paper noted "at least the suggestion of personal contacts with those who really direct Russian policy should not be ruled out. For the results of Russian suspicions, though they do not make war less conceivable, are sufficiently serious for every remedy to be tried."

MP, and Fugitive Shot in Paris Metro Gun Fight

PARIS, Feb. 22—An MP officer was shot through the arm and a fugitive Army prisoner wounded in both legs in a gun battle last night near the Strasbourg-St. Denis Metro station, Western Base Section disclosed today.

An official release said the shooting started when the officer and two MPs recognized two escaped Army prisoners and attempted to take them into custody. Both prisoners were armed and opened fire. The wounded prisoner was captured but the second escaped.

Mine Kills 2 Fisherman

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, Feb. 22 (AP)—A charge believed to have been a mine exploded in a fishing net, killing two fishermen in the North Sea. Three survivors were picked up.

Brazil Rejects Spain's Envoy

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 22 (UP)—The Brazilian government canceled an agreement whereby it had accepted Eduardo Aunos as the Spanish ambassador to Brazil and at the same time officially announced its determination to cooperate with the U. S. to prevent a repetition of the Fascist era which threatened the Americas in the past.

Aunos was mentioned in the U. S. blue book on Argentina as having participated in Argentine efforts to obtain German armaments by way of Spain while in Buenos Aires as the head of a special Spanish delegation. Aunos, now on his way to Rio de Janeiro, is expected to land at some Caribbean port.

A dispatch from Madrid said that the Brazilian action had not caused surprise there and it was unlikely that a new ambassador would be appointed immediately.

Greek Orthodox Church Elects Youngest Ruler

ISTANBUL, Feb. 22 (AP)—Maximos of Chalcedon, long an exponent of closer unity between religious faiths, has been elected patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, it was announced today.

He succeeds Benjamin I, who died Sunday.

Maximos, 51, is the youngest ruler ever chosen to head the Orthodox Church's millions.

Dutch Await Tide's Assault On Rebuilt Walcheren Dikes

MIDDELBURG, The Netherlands, Feb. 22 (AP)—Surging spring tides lapping at Walcheren's rebuilt dikes will bring a verdict this week-end as to whether the plucky Hollanders have beaten the war and water to reclaim the saucer-shaped island.

The rich agricultural area was inundated in October, 1944, when Allied planes blasted four dikes. This week-end, if the dikes hold, government authorities will declare Walcheren dry and Monday will begin five days of celebration.

The festivities will be on a sober note, however, restricted to entertainment for dikes workmen and a speech by the prime minister, probably Tuesday.

Walcheren's waterwise inhabitants know the job is only half done. One-tenth of the island west of Middelburg is still flooded and the returning population must tear mussels and seaweed from the

ruined dwellings and barns. They will have to fight thousands of huge rats. In the spring the farmers will plant rye and barley, which will help free the soil from salt residue.

Only 900 of a prewar 13,000 cattle remain and scarcely 650 horses out of an original 3,500.

Government engineers who measured the gaps immediately after liberation found a 1,050-foot sea gate at Flushing (Vlissingen), a 1,500-foot hole at Westkapelle, a 2,100-foot gap at Veere and a 2,700-foot dike destroyed at Rammekens.

Britain helped reconstruction with much material, including artificial harbors. The U. S. sent 200 pumps.

The new dike was built 300 feet behind the old one at each hole, advancing from each side until finally the gap was closed.

Repair of the town of Middelburg is estimated to require five years.

Weather Outlook

USAFE Weather Service
U. S. Zone: All areas—partly cloudy to cloudy with rain, snow and sleet; winds, colder.
Maximum and minimum temperatures: North and west—33, 25; south—32, 24; Berlin—33, 24; Bremen—32, 25.
Future outlook: Little change.

Polish Army Opens Drive Against Terrorist Band

NSZ Accused Of Plundering Wide Section

By LARRY ALLEN

BIALYSTOK, Poland, Feb. 22 (AP)—The Polish 18th Div., with a strength of about 6,000 men, today was deployed in the snow-covered forests near here in a campaign to drive NSZ (National Armed Forces) bands from northeastern Poland.

Gen. Gustav Paszkiewicz, commanding the division, charged that the NSZ troops were "national bandits" who had terrorized a wide section of Poland by killing peasants, burning villages, staging train holdups and robbing government offices.

The general, who returned a month ago from England where he commanded some of the Polish troops there, said unofficial estimates of from 50,000 to 100,000 NSZ members in Poland were "quite impossible."

REPUDIATED BY POLAND

Paszkiewicz said that Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, commander of Polish troops in Italy, was financing and equipping the NSZ.

Anders' army has been repudiated by the Polish home government.

Another force under Paszkiewicz's command is operating against NSZ elements in the vicinity of Bielsk, south of Bialystok.

The general said Soviet troops were not participating in the operation. The Russians have an air force regiment stationed at Bielsk and considerable strength at Bialystok.

Polish casualties have been light but NSZ losses have been proportionately heavy, Paszkiewicz said.

At Bialystok Thursday, a military tribunal sentenced two Polish NSZ members to death for raiding and plundering villages.

Germans, Polish and Russian deserters, as well as many Balts, are said to be in the bands.

Recruits to Speed Medic Deployment

FRANKFURT, Feb. 22—Replacements from the U. S. and a special medical training program already started at the larger theater installations will soon relieve enlisted medical personnel in the critical specialty categories, Col. Alvin L. Gorby, acting theater chief surgeon, has announced. Their return home would then be on the same eligibility basis as other soldiers.

At the present time, medics in the critical specialty categories can be held overseas an extra six months.

SS Officers, Men Enjoyed Death of Lidice, Films Show

By NOLAND NORGAARD, Associated Press Correspondent

NURNBERG, Feb. 22—Scenes of high-ranking SS officers strutting among the ruins of martyred Lidice and then watching with grins of satisfaction the blasting and hauling of the debris which removed the last trace of that Czecho-Slovakian town flashed on a movie screen before the International Military Tribunal today.

The pictorial story of the complete blotting out of the town which became a symbol for many European towns and cities left in ashes by the Nazis was a German film presented by the Soviet prosecution.

The defendants, some of whom were unable to face the screen at the showing of atrocity films, watched the scenes without visible emotion.



TOURS ETO: Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said recently on a tour of Germany that while the people were hungry he found no evidences of starvation. He is being interviewed in Frankfurt by Pvt. Joe O'Brien, of the American Forces Network. —Photo by Silverman, Signal Corps

German Press Suggests Loan To Rebuild Shattered Nation

By ROBERT MARSHALL, Staff Correspondent

BAD HOMBURG, Feb. 22—The first German request for an American loan has appeared in the German press, it was revealed here today in a study of German editorial comment by OMGUS Information Control Division officials. The appeal appeared in a recent issue of the Rhein-Neckar Zeitung, an American licensed newspaper published in Heidelberg.

Edelweiss Gang Not Zone-Wide, USFET G2 Says

FRANKFURT, Feb. 22 (UP)—Minimizing any subversive threat from the "Edelweiss Pirates," a USFET G2 spokesman today declared that the group of 51 young Germans who will be tried in Munich was only a local gang and that there was no evidence of a zone-wide organization.

The spokesman doubted reports that Martin Bormann was directing activities from a mountain hideout, but admitted the gang was the closest thing existing to a real underground. He said that remnants of the organization are probably still at large but described the Munich police figure of 1,700 as "highly exaggerated."

During the war the original Edelweiss Pirates functioned against the Nazis.

Glee with which SS officers and troops participated in the destruction of Lidice was unmistakable. The Nazi cameraman carefully filmed closeups of the smiling faces as the ruins left by fire were dynamited and later as the rubble was hauled away.

The destruction of Russian cities on an almost unimaginable scale was portrayed in the subsequent showing of both Russian and German films of the burning and blasting that preceded the Nazi retreat from Soviet soil.

Some prisoners looked away from the screen as a film unrolled pitiful scenes of bodies of child victims sprawled in the ruins of a Leningrad school hit by a long-range German shell.

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tension in the field of our monetary
accords, and domestically the
situation is satisfactory."

He said that the sudden increase
in domestic prices which was
feared at the time of devaluation
had not come about and that the
experts were confident that prices
would be held within bounds.

He said also that Belgium was.

Official Backs Jewish DP Aid

FRANKFURT, Feb. 22 (UP)—
Judge Simon H. Rifkind, Gen. Joseph T. MacNarney's adviser on Jewish affairs, today lent vigorous support to demands of Jewish displaced persons seeking asylum in Palestine in a plea to the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine now touring Europe.

Rifkind, who had accompanied the committee on a part of its tour, wrote members they must solve the DP problem in Germany and Austria before leaving Europe, and that there was no practical alternative but to permit immigration to Palestine to all wishing to do so.

"This human necessity," he wrote, "takes precedence over political questions which confront the Committee."

"I confess my apprehension over the price we shall pay for a delay. It is bound to be high in terms of demoralization."

Explaining the aversion of Jews against staying in Europe, a "continent which held only tragedy for them," Rifkind said they desire to go to Palestine because they want to "find a place they can call home where they will be welcomed. The Palestine Jews are eager to welcome their European brothers."

Prince Decorates Soldiers

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Prince



still a war hero or a drain on

Powers Ban German-Made War Materials

ERLIN, Feb. 22 (UP)—The Allied
ontrol Council has formally ban-
Al German production of 11 cate-
ories of war and potential war
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a synthetic gasoline, oil, rubber,
d ball and taper roller bearings,
without specifying the quantity.

On the prohibited list are aircraft,
e-going ships, magnesium, prim-
y aluminum, beryllium and vana-
am used in high alloy steel, radio-
ive materials, peroxide above 50
cent strength, radio transmitting
quipment, heavy agricultural trac-
s and heavy machine tools.

Production of television equip-
ment will be permitted only at
specified plants under Allied control.
Production of synthetic ammonia
was also authorized until exports
can be found to pay for the neces-
sary imports of nitrogen and other
chemicals.

The council also decided to res-
strict production in 10 other cate-
ories of machinery equipment, in-
cluding machine tools and heavy
machinery, as Germany's peacetime
requirements have not yet been
defined.

German PW Mates Ask Mrs. FDR Aid

FRANKFURT, Feb. 22 (AP)—The
5,000 German women who demon-
strated in Stuttgart recently for
return to their husbands in Allied
PW camps have taken their troubles
to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The American-sponsored DANA
news service said in the Stuttgart
dispatch that the women had written
Mrs. Roosevelt through Military
Government channels, asking her to
intervene in seeking release of for-
mer German army men.

Illness Forces Closing Of USO's 'Junior Miss'

HEIDELBERG, Feb. 22—All book-
ings for the USO production of
"Junior Miss" in the Seventh Army
area have been canceled, Seventh
Army Special Services announced
today.

Illness affected so many members
of the cast that the entire troupe
has returned to the U. S.



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Ned recently in Paris for Amer-
Maid. The club includes a bar,
—Photo by Lee, Signal Corps

Oxford Professor Dies

OXFORD, Feb. 22 (AP)—Sir Hugh Percy Allen, 76, professor of music at Oxford University and former director of the Royal College of Music, died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

Truman Says U.S. Military Secrets Safe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—President Truman told a press conference yesterday that security measures in the U.S. are adequate to protect secret military information.

He added that these measures had been adequate in the past and he thinks they still are.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said Tuesday that as far as he knew the U.S. still retained exclusive knowledge regarding the manufacture of the atomic bomb, although Britain and Canada cooperated on the bomb project.

TOLD OF PROBE

The President told his press conference that Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King first told him about the investigation of spying in Canada before the November meeting in Washington on atomic energy among King, Truman and British Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee.

Meanwhile, the Senate Atomic Energy Committee, faced with the problem of tightening existing espionage laws, called a closed session to get views of the three men whose jobs were to counter enemy spy efforts during the development of the atomic bomb.

The witnesses summoned were J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Maj. Gen. Leslie Groves, head of the bomb project, and James McInerney, chief of the Department of Justice, espionage section.

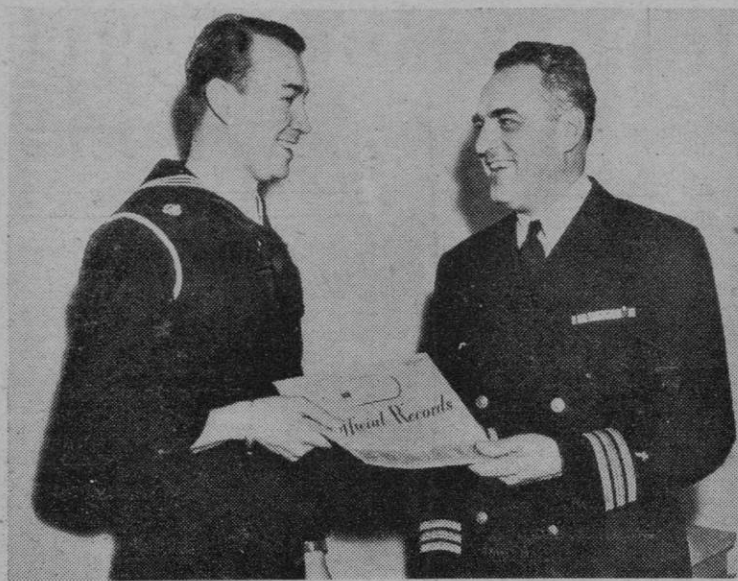
Goods Destruction Explanation Sought

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The Army was called up on the carpet yesterday to explain reported instances of surplus property destruction.

The House expenditures committee asked details about several cases where excess goods assertedly have been destroyed or allowed to rot.

Kenneth Royall, undersecretary of war, said the War Department is prepared to meet "head-on" any charge that the Army has been guilty of "wanton destruction of property."

Instead of destroying surplus goods which might have civilian or military usefulness, he said "if anything it is spending too much money and too many man-hours to protect property of doubtful value."



—International News Photo
HELPED BEAT ADOLF: Seaman 1/c William Patrick Hitler, 34-year-old nephew of Adolf Hitler, receives his discharge from the U. S. Navy from Cmdr. Louis A. Fey, senior chaplain, at the Boston separation center. Hitler went to the U. S. from England in 1938.

U.S. Postpones Deportation Of Blind French Warrior

NEWARK, Feb. 22 (AP)—The deportation of a 31-year-old blind French engineer who served for three years with the Free French forces as a merchant seaman has been stayed until Aug. 17, the U. S. Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization in Philadelphia, has notified the New Jersey Foundation for the Blind.

The foundation had sought to prevent deportation of the engineer, Paul Boulanger, who was blinded in an explosion in a New Brunswick refrigerating plant only three days after he had started work there.

Boulanger faced deportation because he did not come into this country under the French quota, but remained here when he was medically discharged from the Free French service in New York in 1944.

After fighting with the French underground near his native Le Havre, Boulanger escaped to England where he joined the Free French Merchant Marine.

Joseph V. Melillp, blind Newark attorney who heads the foundation, led the movement to halt the deportation on the grounds that Boulanger, once deported, could not re-enter the United States because of his blindness.

Admiral Drowns

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 22 (AP)—Vice Adm. Theodore S. Wilkinson, attached to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, drowned when his automobile plunged overboard from a ferryboat.

General Alarmed By Denunciations Of U.S. Leaders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Ray E. Porter expressed "alarm" that "men of such prominence as to compel attention boast of their readiness to denounce the integrity of the President of the United States."

He also deplored that the "character and ability of the men who so recently led our armed forces to victory are assailed without discrimination and with criminal distortion of the facts."

Porter, who commanded the 75th Inf. Div. in Europe, spoke out against what he saw as a "widespread and alarmingly effective effort throughout our nation to cultivate ill-will against everyone and to destroy our confidence in each other."

In a plea for adequate military training, he said he had seen "men dying unnecessarily and to little avail because they were inadequately trained."

Southern Drawl Puzzles Britisher

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (UP)—Mrs. Claude Baggett, 19-year-old British war bride, likes the U.S. but has misgivings about its language.

Mrs. Baggett, one of a score of wives who passed through here on the way to new homes in Southern states, was asked what she thought about the Southern accent.

"I think it is wonderful," she replied in clipped British tones, "except that it takes about a half hour to say anything."

Witness Says Vet Shot Wife

LITTLETON, Colo., Feb. 22 (AP)—Marie Woidill, 26, of Atlantic City N. J., testified she saw Joseph Desrosiers, 26, of San Antonio, Tex., an ex-soldier, shoot and kill his wife Katherine, 24, last Oct. 18.

Miss Woidill declared at Desrosiers' trial for murder that the defendant attacked her in her car before they picked up his wife, and again as Mrs. Desrosiers was dying in the back seat.

Miss Woidill testified she met Desrosiers in a Denver tavern and agreed to drive him home. At pistol point, he ordered her to drive to Denver's outskirts where he attacked her, she said.

They drove back to Denver and Desrosiers introduced her to his wife as the wife of a soldier whom they were going to pick up.

After they had driven a half-mile, Desrosiers took a revolver from his pocket and asked his wife if she was surprised.

"No, I expected this sooner or later," Miss Woidill quoted Mrs. Desrosiers as saying.

Then Desrosiers asked her if she did not think it was loaded. After he fired, Miss Woidill said, he forced her to park the car in a field and raped her again.

Miss Woidill said Desrosiers allowed her to leave, warning her to say nothing until the next day.

Girl Charged in Theft Gets Free Plane Ride

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (UP)—Eleanor Becker, 21, was scheduled to be extradited in style. A special five-seater, single-engine plane owned by the New York City Police Department arrived here to bring Miss Becker to New York City where she is wanted on charges of grand larceny and auto theft.

International Banking Fund Meeting Called

SAVANNAH, Feb. 22 (UP)—Delegates from at least 35 countries will meet at the General Oglethorpe Hotel here on March 8 to plan the physical makeup of the Bretton Woods international financial agreements.

International bank reconstruction and development as well as the organization of an international monetary fund, to which each of the 35 nations has agreed to donate, are the largest problems.

It is expected that trade will be placed on a sound financial basis and although some currencies may be devaluated, any devaluation must be approved by the fund.

Countries may borrow from the bank for reconstruction and development of new industries. The fund originally set up was 8,800,000 dollars and the capital of the bank was to be 91 million dollars, but the totals for the fund and the bank will be somewhat lower as all the nations have not yet signed agreements. Russia is the most notable nonsigner.

Actually 44 nations will be represented at the conference as the nations which have not signed have been invited to send observers. At present the nonsigners have until the end of the meeting to join, but whether they will receive another chance will be decided at the conference.

It is expected that the home of the fund and the bank will be in New York City or nearby.

Menuhin Protests Furtwaengler Ban

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (AP)—Yehudi Menuhin, violinist, said he has protested refusal by military authorities in Berlin to permit Wilhelm Furtwaengler to resume his position as conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

Menuhin cabled Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure in Berlin:

"Unless there is secret incriminating evidence against Furtwaengler supporting your accusation, I beg to take violent issue with your decision."

Vassar Has Female Proxy

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 22 (AP)—Sarah Gibson Blanding, of Cornell University, is the first woman president of Vassar. She succeeds Dr. Henry MacCracken.

A Run on Nylons

Lack of Hose Brings Woes in Battle of the Soxes

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 22—Women have become so violent in their quest for nylons that U. S. department stores are playing safe. The Stewart Dry Goods Co. here announced a sale, but advertised that the nylons would be available at the company's warehouse instead of its downtown store.



BOSTON, Feb. 22 (UP)—A Boston store was ready for women shoppers when it placed 37,000 pairs of nylons on sale.

Forty policemen were mobilized, and the basement was cleared of everything except heavy tables, which were nailed to the floor. A special emergency room was fitted and staffed by a doctor and nurses, and wheel chairs were ready for casualties. In addition, all display windows were boarded up. Women began lining up at dawn, and there were 1,000 on hand when the store opened for business.



WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (UP)—Shortage of nylon stockings in suburban Hyattsville, Md., is not quite so acute now. A train demolished a truck which stalled on a crossing, and dozens of persons grabbed stockings and socks from the scattered cargo, which also included 2,500-pound bolts of nylon yarn.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—A petition from hundreds of women in Connecticut and Pennsylvania flooded the office of Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.) demanding Federal action to put stockings back in retail stores.



BALTIMORE, Feb. 22 (UP)—Some husbands here admitted that recent gifts of nylon stockings to the little woman were not prompted wholly by sentiment. A department store which just received a large shipment of nylon stockings observed the occasion by having sale "for men only."

Word soon got around and about 1,000 men lined up for stockings. Many of them said they there on direct orders from their wives. One reported his wife threatened to lock him out if he did not bring home stockings. Another said he received an ultimatum of "no nylons, no dinner."





Fleet Fred Sickinger Voted Hallahan Memorial Award

BOSTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—After competing in two major meets with only three weeks experience on boards, Marcel Hansenne, France's metric mile champion, has become convinced that indoor running is much too hard on his feet. "The track was like concrete and it was very painful to run on it," he explained after finishing third behind New York's Les MacMitchell and Tommy Quinn in the Boston A.A. Meet's Enter Mile feature.

MacMitchell turned in a 4:13.6 performance while winning his third Hunter mile since 1941. He was so full of running when he finished that he promised to break 4:10 before the indoor season ends if given the required competition.

But America's outstanding 1946 miler received scant consideration when a nine-man jury balloted on the Boston A.A.'s outstanding competitor for the John J. Hallahan Memorial award.

It was voted to Fred Sickinger, the Manhattan College overseas star, who won the Lapham 1,000" by two feet from Stan Calender, one of New York University's speedy Negro twins, in 2:16.2.

Sickinger, received a total of 23 votes and Forest Eflaw, the wiry Oklahoma who won the Billings two-mile trophy, was second with 17 votes.

High School Cager Dumps in 53 Points

WAKEFIELD, Mich., Feb. 22 (AP)—Dick Axness, six-foot-three Ashland, Wis., high school center, scored 22 field goals and nine free throws for 53 points as his quintet defeated Wakefield, 71-42.

Armstrong's Crystal Ball:

Hank Sees Another Triple

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 22 (AP)—The "ghost" of Henry Armstrong has crawled through the ropes again—a bona-fide 1944 retirement notwithstanding—and he's aiming for another triple ring crown.

Hammerin' Hank won't wear three halos himself, he says in explaining the "ghost" analogy, but he knows the head sizes of three youngsters who can.

Armstrong was referring modestly to Roy Miller, the flashy Kansas City middleweight, Cecil Hudson, Los Angeles welterweight, and Keith Nuttal, 19-year-old bantamweight from Salt Lake City.

Henry, 33 now, is a fight manager with the above named trio and two other scrappers in his stable.

Strike Threatens Racing Shut-Down At Santa Anita

ARCADIA, Calif., Feb. 22 (AP)—A horsemen strike projected by the California Thoroughbred Owners and Trainers Association threatened to shut down racing at Santa Anita Park.

Al Luke, president of the association—which claims a membership of 75 per cent of the horsemen at Santa Anita—said association members will not enter horses Thursday morning for Friday races and grooms would not lead horses to the saddling paddock for Thursday races.

Continuance of the strike might interfere with the 100,000-dollar Santa Anita Derby on Saturday, track officials conceded.

Horsemen set forth two grievances: (1)—They want the track to pay groom and exercise boys awards instead of taking them out of purses; (2)—They seek assurance that races for which only six horses are named would be run.

Packers Sign Goodnight

GREEN BAY, Wis., Feb. 22 (AP)—Clyde Goodnight, 21, prize rookie end of the Packers last fall, has signed for 1946.

Red Devils Stop 3118th, 51-41; 7th Army Court Playoffs Start

SCHWETZINGEN, Feb. 22—The Third Division and Co. K, 7th Inf. captured first round decisions as the 7th Army Class A and B play-offs opened here last night before 900 spectators.

The Blue Devils jumped on the Heidelberg All-Stars, 39 to 25, to score an easy victory.

The winners started slowly taking the short end of an 8-7 count at the end of the initial period, but capitalized on their height advantage to forge ahead, 19-10, at halftime.

Big Ed, Posipanka led the scorers with 14 points, coming on half-dozen baskets and two free throws. Warren Rahn was top man for the losers with six tallies. The box score:

Third Division	GFT	All-Stars	GFT
Posipanka f	6 2 14	Rahn f	2 2 6
Ma'ntosh f	0 1 1	Slaga f	1 1 3
Keefe f	0 0 0	Heapes f	0 0 0
Barberian f	3 1 7	Winger c	2 1 5
Grove f	0 0 0	Millman g	2 0 4
Visser c	0 1 1	Susich g	1 0 2
Mandic c	1 2 4	Lloyd g	0 5 5
Murphy g	0 0 0	Berg g	0 0 0
Almstrom g	0 1 1		
Duyn g	3 4 10		
Gibbons g	0 0 0		
Lowerie g	0 1 1		
Totals	13 13 39	Totals	8 9 25
Officials:	Pavia, Morgan.		

Co. K, 7th Inf. Wins Class B Opener, 69-36

In the Class B curtain-raiser, Co. K routed the 204th M. P. Co., 69-36. After leading 19-14 at halftime, the Infantrymen stepped up the pace in the third period and capped their efforts with a 32 point fourth quarter splurge.

Center Jim Abshire racked up nine baskets to tally 18 points for the victors, while shifty Russ Willard contributed 16 to the 204th total. The box score:

Co. K	GFT	204th MP Co.	GFT
Flosi f	6 3 15	Willard f	7 2 16
Hammon f	1 0 2	B'chstead f	0 0 0
Klupchak f	1 5 7	Phillips f	4 2 10
Gunders'nf	5 4 14	Dodson f	0 0 0
Dwight f	2 1 5	Baker c	0 0 0
Abshire c	9 0 18	Shokey c	1 0 2
Palamari g	1 2 4	A. A'rson g	0 1 1
McGovern g	1 0 2	Triano g	3 1 7
Hurley g	0 2 2	G. A'rson g	0 0 0
Totals	26 17 69	Totals	15 6 36
Officials:	Burkett, Daskiewicz.		

2 WBS 5s, 311th In TSFET Semis

BREMEN, Feb. 22—The TSFET basketball tourney opened here yesterday with a three game slate that saw two Western Base teams and the 311th Inf. qualify for the semi-finals.

Western Base Headquarters toppled Nordenham Base Depot, 39-20. Western Base All-Stars rolled over 134th AACs, 89-29. The 311th edged the UK Bovington All-Stars, 32-31, in the most thrilling game of the night.

The infantry quintet led Bovington, 19-11, at the half, but the third period saw the Airmen go ahead, 26-23. With five minutes to play, the 311th went to the front again and in the closing seconds, Nordenham qualified for a free throw that would have knotted the score but missed.

Minor of WBS All-Stars was top scorer of the evening with 25 points while teammate Klinkers bucketed 18 tallies for second spot.

17th Port Co. Cagers Win BPC Tournament

BREMEN, Feb. 22—The 17th Port Co. Tornados of the Bremen Port Command trounced the Nordenham Ordnance Depot quintet 37-32 to win the BPC, battalion-level All-Star cage tourney from a field of 13 original entrants.

Sleepy Jim's Loop Willing to Face NFL

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (AP)—Jim Crowley, commissioner of the All-America Football Conference, said his league was willing to challenge the rival National Football League to a series of eight charity games before the beginning of the 1946 season. "I am so confident of the potential power of our clubs," Crowley said, "that I would be in favor of arranging a series thereby pitting our eight clubs against eight or of 10 selected by the National with profits going to charity."

WBS Boxers Take TSFET Tourney

BREMEN, Feb. 22—Amassing a total of 69 points, Western Base Section of Paris easily dominated the professional, novice, and open amateur weight classes to score a walk-away victory in the TSFET Boxing Tournament, held in Bremerhaven Navy Compound on Feb. 7 and 8.

Second place went to the sluggers from Bremen Port Command as they registered eight points in both the professional and novice classes. Chanor Base copped the other runner-up spot with eight points in the open amateur pairings. A total of 22 mittmen participated in this theater-wide fistic elimination go.

Establish Concordian As Widener Favorite

MIAMI, Feb. 22 (AP)—Concordian, winner of the 25,000-dollar McLennan Handicap by five lengths last Saturday, is an established even-money favorite for the 50,000-dollar added Widener, March 2, at Hialeah. Concordian's winning streak at Hialeah extended to four with the McLennan victory.

Citrus League

Diamond Stars Holding Out

LAKE LAND, Fla., Feb. 22 (AP)—Pitchers Hal Newhouser and Al Benton were barred from Detroit drills until they sign 1946 contracts, the Tigers announced as a dozen battermen participated in an opening workout here.

Jumping the gun on the Feb. 27 deadline, 29 candidates for infield and outfield berths joined in the opening exercises.

Pitchers failing to appear for the first day's work included Ruffus Gentry, a season-long holdout of 1945 who has come to terms for the next season, Frank "Stubby" Overmire and Les Mueller. George "Birdie" Tebbets, recently discharged from the Air Forces, was the only backstop to report.

Manager Steve O'Neill suggested Tommy Bridges, veteran right-hander, may pitch again this summer instead of coach, as originally planned.

"He hasn't formally been made a coach yet," O'Neill said. "If he wants to pitch it can be arranged."

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 22 (AP)—Manager Billy Southworth is shaping up the probably Boston Brave infield with Johnny McCarthy on first, Connie Ryan at second, and Nanny Fernandez at short. The third base slot is still wide open.

ANAHEIM, Calif., Feb. 22 (AP)—Manager Luke Sewell, of the St. Louis Browns, and shortstop Vern Stephens spent half an hour in a salary huddle but when it broke up they were no nearer to a solution and Stephens was classed as a "definite holdout."

Meanwhile three more members expressed satisfaction with contract terms and the list of Browns in camp climbed to 25, with 14 of them pitchers.

The three new men are Steve Sundra, Milton Byrnes, and Leonard Schulte.

BALBOA, C. Z., Feb. 22 (INS)—Larry McPhail declared that George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss, New York Yankees star infielder and most prominent holdout, can "take or leave" the club's offer to renew his 16,000-dollar contract.

Stirnweiss, batting champion and most valuable player of the American League last year, reportedly wants 17,500 dollars.

FRANKFURT, Feb. 22—A second half drive through a tiring 3118th Sig. Sv. Gp. quintet carried the 508th PIR Red Devils to a 51-41 victory here at Victory Stadium last night and deadlocked the USFET basketball playoffs at one triumph apiece.

The Red Devils' Jimmy Combs broke the heart of the Signalmen in the final quarter when he pumped 13 of his 23 points through the hoop to leave little doubt as to the outcome.

During the first half the lead changed hands six times and in the last period the Signals rallied to within two-points of the Red Devils.

It was by far the roughest contest seen on Frankfurt's hardwood this season. The Red Devils collected a major portion of the 23 personal fouls passed out by the officials.

CLOSE FIRST HALF

Neither team was able to establish more than a two-point advantage at any time during the first half. At the end of the first period the Signals posted a 9-8 edge but at halftime the count was knotted at 17-17.

The Red Devils found the range early in the third frame and moved out in front, 32-25, as the fourth period started.

Successive field goals by Rolly Williams, Phil Liehr and Martin Hartman pulled the 3118th within two points at the 34-36 mark but Ralph Holmes, on a pivot shot from the foul circle, gave the Red Devils a four-point edge.

Trailing Combs for individual scoring honors was Holmes with 14-points while Hartman's nine points was high for the Signals.

The box score:

508th PIR	GFT	3118th Sig.	GFT
Meyers f	1 1 3	Williams f	2 4 8
Combs f	10 3 23	Stipanuk f	2 2 6
Sheehy f	0 0 0	Honig f	0 1 1
Holmes c	6 2 14	Rice f	0 0 0
Winters g	1 1 3	Liehr c	2 5 9
Fabian g	3 0 6	Loftis g	2 4 8
McVay g	1 0 2	Hartman g	4 1 9
Totals	22 7 51	Totals	12 17 41
Officials:	Bohn, Rennard.		

Marines Break 6 for Plugging Protest Paper

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 22 (AP)—Three marine sergeants and three corporals were reduced to privates because they circulated a petition disapproving the Marine discharge policy and demanded more demobilization information.

Announcing final action in the case, Lt. Gen. Roy Geiger, Pacific Fleet Marine commander, said the demotions were not punishment.

They demonstrated "unfitness to be noncommissioned officers," he declared, and failed to display the qualities of leadership, judgment, loyalty and fidelity which are requisites."

Geiger's statement indicated that no action would be taken against the remainder of the 500 marines whom the American Veterans Committee leaders at Oahu declared had signed the protest.

Three were released from confinement as soon as they were notified of their loss of rank. They are T-Sgt. Jason Shaeffer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Sgt. George Darcy, of New York; and Sgt. Harry Cooley, of New Orleans.

Cpls. William Hamilton, of Indianapolis, Dale Hill, of Wichita, and Cpl. Walter Mullar, Jr., of St. Louis, had not been held.

Police Comb Haifa In Saboteur Hunt

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22 (UP)—In an effort to find the men who attacked the Royal Air Force radar station on Mt. Carmel with explosives Wednesday, police swooped on areas in Haifa, carrying out house to house searches.

Two RAF men were seriously injured and six were slightly hurt in the explosion. The station was damaged severely.

According to the underground radio station of the Jewish resistance movement, Voice of Israel, a telephone warning was sent to the radar station before the attack but this was ignored. An order recently issued by the British authorized death as the penalty for sabotage.

Rocket Called Able to Fly To U.S. in Half an Hour

LONDON, Feb. 22 (INS)—A startling disclosure was made in the House of Commons when Laborite A. Roodburn, parliamentary secretary of the ministry of supply and aircraft production, said he had seen a rocket which could travel 3,600 miles an hour which demonstrated the possibility of sending a rocket to the United States under half an hour.

He said he could foresee a time when the British mail service to the United States would use rockets.

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Cross Word Puddle



Bidault Predicts Italian Peace Dispute Settlement

Minister Says Paris Parley May Be Late

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UP)—French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault said today that the differences between the great powers, which threaten to delay the opening of the peace conference scheduled to start here May 1, will be surmounted soon.

He also told the French press that he hoped to convince other nations of the validity of the French viewpoint regarding the Ruhr and Rhineland.

Bidault said there are divergences of opinion on two major problems—the future of the Italian colonies, and the settlement of the Italian-Yugoslavian border problem. He added that because of the slow progress of negotiations over the peace treaty with Italy, the peace conference was likely to be delayed but that the delay would not be for long.

SAYS TRIESTE IS ITALIAN

In connection with the border question, he said: "For my part, during the course of initial discussions I have taken the position that Trieste is an Italian town. The Danubian states are all interested in this port. The hinterland is predominantly Slavic. It is necessary then to conciliate the difficulties.

"For the South Tyrol, I can state that none of the major powers to my knowledge has taken a definite position."

In connection with the Ruhr and Rhineland questions, Bidault emphasized that France is unwilling to bargain its future security for American credits to aid immediate reconstruction.

"France is very desirous to bring a solution to the immediate problems of co-occupation, but the essential preoccupation of the French government is naturally with those of long duration," he said.

Truman Opposes Move To Sidetrack Training

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—President Truman called impractical a House Military Committee move to sidetrack universal military training legislation in favor of a campaign to outlaw peacetime conscription throughout the world.

The President gave no reasons for his belief and, in the absence of an explanation, House Republican Leader, Joseph Martin (R-Mass.), said he would continue the fight for an international ban.

The committee heard witnesses in opposition to universal training and many endorsed the Martin proposal.

Legion, VFW Ask U.S. to Cut Immigration, Exclude Reds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (UP)—A complete ban, or at least a drastic reduction of all immigration into the U. S. for the next 10 years was asked of Congress today by representatives of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Barring of all Communists as well as Nazis from entry into the country also was sought.

"The acute housing shortage and unemployed problems facing the U. S. require the barring of all immigration for 10 years," testified John C. Williamson, VFW legislative representative, at the opening of hearings of the House Immigration Committee on a bill to deny admission of Nazis and Fascists to the U. S.

Jeremiah J. Toomey, chairman of

Vet's 20-Buck Check Has 3 Extra Zeros

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (UP)—The grocery clerk almost fainted when Edward R. McFadden's mother handed him a check to cash.

A veteran, McFadden endorsed his unemployment compensation check and gave it to his mother for groceries without looking at it.

He thought it was for 20 dollars. The clerk discovered it was for 20,000 dollars. McFadden said he would try to exchange it for a 20-dollar check.

Truman Backs Pauley in Fight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—President Truman said today he intended to back Edwin W. Pauley to the limit in his fight for confirmation as Undersecretary of the Navy.

A reporter, repeating a question asked of the President at two previous news conferences, wanted to know whether Mr. Truman intended to withdraw Pauley's nomination. The President gave a flat "No."

"Does that mean that Pauley will have your full support if he insists on fighting it out?" the reporter pressed.

The President replied that when he gets behind a man he usually stays behind him.

Bevin . . .

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recovery of Europe than I am in geography. I am more concerned at seeing the standard of life of the common people raised than I am of the grandiose development of any other society."

Declaring that the U. S. and Russia must be consulted and that he was already in close touch with France and Belgium on the subject, Bevin advocated international ownership of the Ruhr with administration by directors representing "nations and not private individuals."

Bevin also announced Prime Minister Attlee had invited the dominions' prime ministers to a meeting in England, he hoped to convene before the peace conference in May.

He also disclosed he would broadcast a statement to Polish troops serving with the British and declared amid cheers: "I cannot throw these people to the wolves. These people stood by us and helped to save our skins."

Bevin said Italy should not be treated "as if Mussolini were still alive."

Trial Begins For GI Accused Of Being Spy

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., Feb. 22 (UP)—The general court martial prosecution opened its case yesterday against Gestapo-trained, 31-year-old S-Sgt. Frank Hirt, who is accused of conspiring to pass American military secrets to Nazi espionage agents in Brazil, The Netherlands and Switzerland.

The former Air Forces mechanic pleaded innocent to the charges.

Hirt was linked with nine agents, five of whom were listed in a memorandum book which he carried. He allegedly corresponded with them all, sending them changes of address when he moved from air base to air base in California.

An American citizen, he admitted studying at the notorious German spy school run by Karl Bauer, but he denied all specifications and charges that he planned to transmit information about military aircraft, inventions or other war secrets from various California air bases to German operatives.

A prosecution witness, already convicted of espionage, described the type of training he received in Germany before coming to the U. S. Herbert Bahr, serving a 30-year term in Atlanta Penitentiary, testified he received instructions to use secret ink from Bauer.

Bahr contended he was tricked into the deal and believed he was returning to America to talk to General Electric officials about a German patent they had bought.

Bombay Mobs Create Terror

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stoned and some set on fire. There was repeated firing by the police when crowds attacked the trucks and set fire to a postoffice.

The civilian police were stated to have been withdrawn shortly before midday when steel-helmeted British troops with fixed bayonets took command of the streets.

In Calcutta, streetcar and bus services were disrupted by demonstrations and British military police and armed civilian police were guarding the area where streetcars were being pelted with stones.

The naval mutiny was overshadowed by civilian rioting, but enlisted men in the naval barracks at Bombay and those in the ships in the harbor still remained recalcitrant.

Meanwhile, calling for a general adjourned debate in the assembly congress, Deputy Leader Asaf Ali asserted the situation had been mishandled from the start and serious developments could have been avoided.

He charged the commanding officer of his majesty's Indian ship Talwar at Bombay had "misbehaved in many ways" and called the sailors "sons of coolies."

The Bombay nationalist paper, accusing naval authorities of incompetence, dubbed British officers in the Indian navy as "rejects from the British navy."

25-Minute Barrage Ends Mutiny in Karachi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22 (AP)—British general headquarters reported today that the mutineers on his majesty's Indian ship Hindustan at Karachi surrendered after being brought under fire for 25 minutes.

An earlier communique said an ultimatum had been given to the 300 mutinous sailors aboard the 1,000-ton sloop.



BLACK BREAD FOR U.S.: Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson tastes the new black bread which has been introduced in the U. S. to permit the nation to divert more of its wheat to needy countries abroad. Other grains are mixed with the wheat.

—AP Photo

U.S. Crop Increase Asked To Avert Worldwide Famine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson yesterday called on farmers to plant a million more acres each of wheat and corn to help avert starvation abroad and asked an increase in this year's output of soybeans and dry edible peas "to further contribute to the critical worldwide need for food."

At the same time, President Truman, reminding the nation of the threat of starvation abroad, urged that wartime victory gardening be continued.

Anderson's recommended acreage boosts would bring 1946 goals to 6,987,500 acres of wheat, 9,876,000 of corn, 1,070,000 acres of soybeans and 5,880,000 acres of peas.

Bread Curtailed As Wheat Crisis Hits Portugal

LISBON, Feb. 22 (UP)—Portugal has announced a drastic reduction in her bread consumption due to a serious wheat shortage and the impossibility of importing sufficient wheat from abroad.

The country had sought to import 314,000 tons of wheat, but following requests from the U. S. to reduce the demand to an absolute minimum in view of the world wheat shortage, Portugal reduced her wheat import program to 144,000 tons.

From the U. S. and Canada, Portugal recently purchased 8,000 tons of wheat, 8,000 tons of flour and 10,000 tons of maize, but these shipments have not yet arrived.

Portugal has at the moment only 100,000 tons of wheat to last until next August.

Famine Threatens 4 Million Chinese

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (AP)—Serious famine, threatening four million persons with death by starvation, has been reported from Northern Hunan. Relief authorities have planned to rush rice and flour to the area.

Kaltenbrunner Returns To War Crimes Trial

NURNBERG, Feb. 22 (AP)—Ernst Kaltenbrunner, took his place among the defendants in the prisoners' box at the Nazi war crimes trial this afternoon for the first time since early in December.

The tall former Gestapo leader appeared fit and smiling as he sat among the prisoners. He suffered a cranial hemorrhage just before opening of the trial in November, recovered sufficiently to attend the trial for a few days but returned to the hospital for treatment after a recurrence of the hemorrhage.

Americans Open Drive To Cut Food Consumption

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—A Government campaign to reduce consumption of wheat and other foods opened yesterday with a nationwide appeal by the Agriculture Department for a concerted effort to cut the nation's food bill in order to increase assistance to India and other countries.

Boost in Food Relief For India Expected

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (AP)—Pearl Buck, author and authority on Far Eastern affairs, said yesterday that the growing awareness among Americans of India's food crisis may be expected to result in a better balance of American food relief to Europe and India.

Paris Collaborationist Press Chief Executed

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UP)—Jean Luhaire, collaborationist chief of the Paris press during the occupation, died before a firing squad at 8:56 AM today in Fort de Chatillon. Luhaire, who was sentenced to death a month ago for treason, was shot after his mercy appeal was rejected.

Caballero Recovering

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UP)—The condition of Francisco Largo Caballero, former premier of Republican Spain, continued to improve today, his physician said. He will be given his first solid nourishment this afternoon since a kidney operation several weeks ago.