

One Year Ago Today

Reds outside Berlin, Germans report. Isle off Okinawa invaded. Yanks 12 miles from Bologna. Byrnes seen as State Dept. chief.

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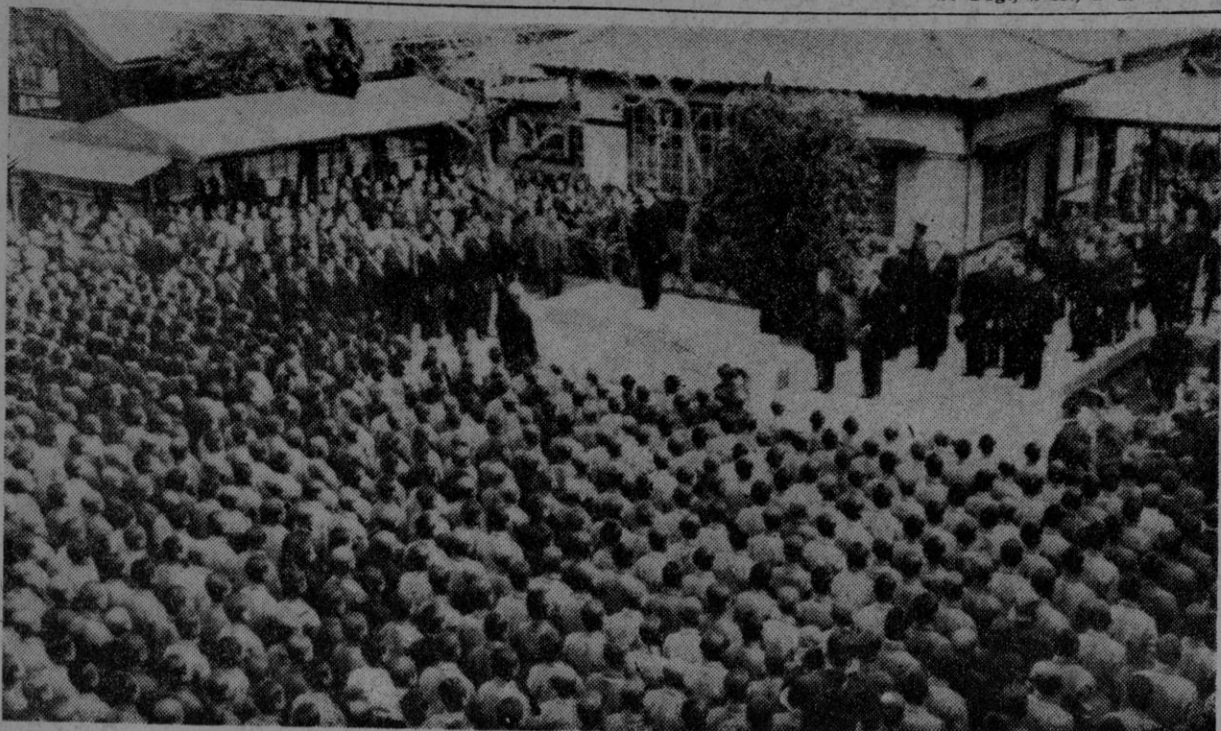
The Weather

Bremen: Partly cloudy, showers.
Bavaria: Cloudy, cooler, showers.
Austria: Cooler, showers in p. m.
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Hirohito Still Commands Awe

Emperor Hirohito is pictured standing on a platform before more than 3,000 students at Kumagaya, Japan. Although he has denied publicly that he is

divine, the rank and file of Japan's population still seem to be more than a bit awed when he makes a public appearance.

UNO Heading for Clash Over Franco Recognition

Sever Spain Ties, Congressmen Urge

Interest in the question of recognition of the regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco continued to grow in various capital cities throughout the world yesterday as the United Nations Security Council prepared to discuss the Spanish situation at its New York meeting.

Twelve Congressmen asked President Truman to sever diplomatic and commercial relations with Spain, the Associated Press reported from Washington. They urged that the U. S. take the lead in removing any official sanction to this regime which "is patterned after the government of Nazi Germany."

Amsterdam is the focal-point of a widespread anti-Franco campaign in Holland, according to an International News Service dispatch. Representatives of several organizations and papers with strong anti-Franco tendencies set up a propaganda committee today to direct campaign in Holland.

Spanish Boycott Proposed

An INS release from Mexico City stated that Indalecio Prieto, Spanish Socialist leader, declared he would appeal to workers organizations to establish a boycott of Spain which "could overthrow Franco" if UNO failed to act soon on the Spanish question.

United Press reported that Radio Madrid charged the UNO had capitulated to a Russian "tour de force" in the Iranian case, and insinuated that the Soviet has designs on Turkey and that the handling of the Iranian case has shaken Turkey's confidence in UNO.

At the same time, the Madrid paper reminded UNO that Spain had granted the United States a weather base in the African colony of Rio de Oro during the war, AP reported.

U.S., Britain Oppose Soviet, Pole Stand

NEW YORK, April 17 (UP)—The question of recognition of the regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco in Spain was expected to provoke heated discussion at the United Nations Security Council meeting later today.

Hafez Afifi Pasha, Egyptian delegate, was to open the meeting in his new role as council chairman.

Complaint against Franco has been registered by Dr. Oscar Lange, of Poland, who has demanded the severance of diplomatic relations with Spain.

France, Russia and Mexico are all known to support the Polish view, but both Great Britain and the United States, which oppose it, say action against Spain would violate the United Nations Organization prohibition against "intervention in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state."

Iran Case Studied

Meanwhile, a committee of experts will be studying the report on the Iranian situation prepared by Trygve Lie, UNO secretary general. Yesterday, the council argued for two hours when this report was presented, but without taking a vote on the matter, the council decided to postpone a decision until its board of experts reports back tomorrow.

Although the Soviet Union's demand that the Iranian case be dropped faces almost certain defeat in council voting, Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko is expected to remain in his seat.

Gromyko, who took a dramatic walk from the chamber when the council last voted against Russia on the Iran case, is expected to limit his protest to a resounding verbal attack against the council's action.

Britain Seeks Public Control Of Iron, Steel

LONDON, April 17 (UP)—The British Labor government has decided that the iron and steel industry "in large measure" should come under public ownership, John Wilmot, minister of supply, told the Commons today.

Wilmot said that the government had reached this conclusion on the basis of the importance of the industry to the national economy. He added that he proposed to establish a control board for general supervision of the industry.

Wilmot told the Commons that the British Iron and Steel Federation, at government request, had turned in plans for the development of the industry at a proposed cost of 168,000,000 pounds (\$672,000,000) during the next five to seven years.

Churchill Hits Measure

Winston Churchill, opposition leader, sprang to his feet as Wilmot finished, and declared: "I think the House must have been astonished at the statement to which we have just listened. First of all, it is quite clear that the government has no plan of its own for the next year or two, as far as I can gather from the statement. It is going to seek reasons in order to justify the decision it has taken."

Churchill's remarks were cut short by the speaker, who said the matter was not up for debate. However, observers said Churchill's words had served notice of a fight by the conservative minority against the proposal.

Iturbi's Daughter Commits Suicide

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 17 (INS)—Maria Iturbi Hero, 28, daughter of concert pianist, Jose Iturbi, committed suicide early today.

Police said she had shot herself with a small-caliber pistol in an upstairs room of her father's home while he was downstairs playing the piano.

She was the former wife of Stephen Hero, New York violinist.

In 1943, her father sued her for custody of her two children, Antonia and Teresa, who then were 5 and 6. The pianist testified that his daughter was not the proper person to bring up children, and he was awarded custody of them.

Brazil Welcomes DPs, UNO Conference Told

LONDON, April 17 (AP)—The Brazilian government is "ready to accept everybody" as immigrants, particularly displaced persons, Brazilian delegate Argeu Guimaraes told the United Nations conference on displaced persons here yesterday.

Guimaraes stated that great opportunities were offered, especially to agricultural workers,

Truman Says America Overeats, Suggests 2-Day European Diet

WASHINGTON, April 17 (UP)—President Truman today declared most Americans were eating too much and that it might be a good idea if food consumption in the United States was reduced to the low European standard for two days a week during the world food crisis.

The President, in reply to a question about proposals that Americans should try living on a European ration one day a week, asserted he personally "liked the suggestion." He added that he didn't see why the diet couldn't be adopted for two days a week.

"Not only do North Americans eat too much," Mr. Truman observed, "but they also waste enough food to keep people in the war-ravaged areas from starving."

Mr. Truman said the American people should do everything they could to aid the food problem abroad. At the same time, he added, Herbert Lehman, former director general of UNRRA, was "very much mistaken," in saying that the administration was not doing all it could to avert world-wide famine.

The President emphasized, however, that he knew Lehman's heart was in the question of feeding Europe, and that he was glad it was.

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U. S. Officer Spurns Sulu Harem Offer, Returns to His Wife

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 (AP)—Sulu princehood and a proffered harem of dusky wives rated a poor second to the wife and home of Lt. Charles W. Patterson, who arrived here en route to Massachusetts and a discharge.

He accepted the promotion to prince but politely declined the offer of "as many wives as he could support" for his efforts in bringing peace between Mohammedans and Christians in the Sulu Archipelago of the Philippines.

Patterson solved the touchy situation between 280,000 fanatical Mohammedan Moros and 4,000 Christians by organizing a battalion of military police. The Mohammedans and Christians policed the people of their own faith.

Spezia Jews Gain Entry to Palestine

JERUSALEM, April 17 (AP)—Fifteen Palestinian Jewish leaders ended their five-day-old hunger strike here today, when it was announced officially that the 1,200 Jewish refugees detained at La Spezia, Italy, would be permitted to enter the country as immigrants.

Meanwhile, negotiations between the Palestine government's chief secretary J. V. Shaw and representatives of the striking civil servants continued without immediate prospects of a settlement. The nationwide walkout embraces the entire life of the country.

Police Nab 'Frankenstein'

TACOMA, Wash., April 17 (UP)—A 14-year-old "Frankenstein" monster who terrorized Tacoma residents was in the toils of the law today. The youth, whom police did not identify, frightened women and children with hideous costumes, including a mask with leering eyes.

Army Ban on Car Ownership By GIs Is Reported Withdrawn

PARIS, April 17 (UP)—Circles close to the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission said today that the theater order issued by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney forbidding soldiers in Europe to own or operate personal cars had been withdrawn, on the "urgent suggestion" of the commission's European chief, John C. Burden.

The order, said the circles, originally had been issued to halt the use

Lichfield Guard Tells of Orders To 'Get Tough'

LONDON, April 17 (UP)—Guards at the Lichfield detention camp were told by officers in charge to "get tough" with prisoners and were shown in "orientation courses" how to use billy clubs and rifle butts, Sgt. Judson H. Smith, previously convicted of beating Army prisoners, testified today.

Appearing in the court martial proceedings against S/Sgt. James M. Jones, Lichfield guard charged with mistreatment of American prisoners, Smith said the commanding officer in charge of jailers told him they had nothing to fear if they used clubs and rifle butts on prisoners at the 10th Reinf. Depot detention camp.

Orders to 'Work Them Over'

"If a prisoner was a repeater, we had orders from the lieutenant to 'work them over,'" Smith said.

Smith said officers, who gave them "orientation courses," chided them for using their fists instead of clubs.

When asked by Lt. Frank M. Johnson Jr., defense attorney, why he did not make inquiries about the punishment of prisoners, Smith replied, "We just carried out our orders."

He said the commanding officer at the time he was the Lichfield provost sergeant was Col. James M. Kilian.

Barkley Tries to Nip Changes in UK Loan

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—In an effort to forestall any crippling amendments, Sen. Alben Barkley, of Kentucky, majority leader in the Senate, said today that Congress had the choice of approving the \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain as it stood or of not extending any financial assistance to the United Kingdom this year.

As the Senate prepared to start what may be weeks of bitter debate, Barkley said that he would fight all amendments on the ground that any alteration by Congress would necessitate a re-negotiation of the credit agreement.

Reds Order U. S. Flags Removed in Budapest

BUDAPEST, April 17 (AP)—Russian soldiers, apparently acting on official orders, have been entering houses occupied by United States legation personnel in Budapest and have been demanding removal of the American flags from doors, according to American military mission spokesmen.

They said a protest had been sent to Lt. Gen. V. P. Sviridov, acting chairman of the Allied Control Council.

of Army gasoline and spare parts by personnel in illegal possession of former German army vehicles. Burden, it was disclosed, pointed out on being advised of the order that OFLC operated under an act which specifically directed it to give priority in purchase of cars for personal use to American servicemen. USFET officials are working out a plan whereby gasoline, oil and parts can be supplied legally to GI car owners, it was said.

Speculation Grows Over Elizabeth's Prince Consort

LONDON, April 17 (UP)—Princess Elizabeth, the most eligible young lady in the world, will be 20 years old on Sunday.

It will be another milestone toward a problem the royal family cannot avoid: The selection of a prince consort for the future Queen of England.

The subject is taboo around the Royal Palaces of Windsor, Buckingham and Sandringham, because last year King George VI put his foot down on such speculation, saying Elizabeth was too young.

But the last year has been eventful, and observers point out that the schoolgirl princess of a year ago is now a self-assured woman whose recent "solo" visit to Northern Ireland was a tremendous success.

This visit, during which she launched a battleship, was really Elizabeth's graduation into the class of a full-fledged adult member of the royal family, ready to assume duties on her own and relieve some of the pressure from her parents, Dowager Queen Mary, the Duchess of Kent, the princess royal and others who serve as delegates for the throne. It also inspired a renewal of marriage speculation.

Nationality Is No Bar

King George is known to favor a love match if possible, and it is possible because the only qualifications for a prince consort are that he be a Protestant of acceptable background somewhere near Elizabeth's age.

Nationality or lack of royal blood is no bar, and theoretically, an American might be chosen. The present Queen Elizabeth was a commoner, her title of "Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon" being one of courtesy.

Present opinion is that Elizabeth's prince consort will be chosen from among the Scottish peers, about a dozen of whom are considered eligible.

The Master of Erskine, 25-year old son and heir of Lord Erskine, now a member of the Scots Guards, is regarded as a possibility. So is his brother, the honorable Alistair Erskine, 23.

Another young nobleman who has squired Princess Elizabeth about London is the Earl of Euston, 27 and heir to a fortune. Baron Wyfold, 31-year-old member of the Royal Horse Guards, escorted Elizabeth on a round of night spots on V-E night.

Greek Prince Mentioned

It is unlikely that a foreign prince will be selected, although there have been rumors about Prince Philip of Greece, who is Elizabeth's second cousin. There are three or four princelings of the royal houses of Sweden and Denmark, who are about the only other royal possibilities.

Victoria, the last queen of England, married Prince Albert of the Teutonic House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

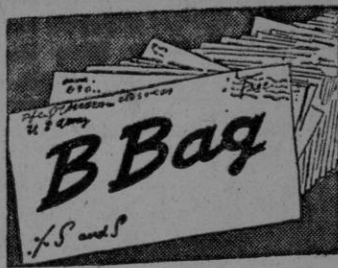
Princess Elizabeth speaks French, German and Spanish fluently, and is now studying Afrikaans in preparation for the royal family's trip to South Africa next year. Palace sources say it would be eminently acceptable if she were to find the right man in South Africa or other dominions when she visits them.

Until recently, the most eligible man of the list was the Duke of Rutland, who is young, rich and of proper background, but he has just announced his engagement to a well-born mannequin, Anne Cumming-Bell.

Prince consorts have no power except that which can be exerted behind the throne. They are expected to be only good husbands and—this is important—fathers.



BRITAIN'S CROWN PRINCESS will celebrate her 20th birthday on Sunday.



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Heart Regimentation

I predict this law forbidding GIs to marry German girls will soon be lifted. But how soon has got me guessing. Can any of the GIs in this ET of ours look into their crystal balls and tell me just about when it will be?

I like Germany, but have no desire to remain here forever. They can make rules and regulations for just about everything in this Army life of ours, but I think that they are going just a little too far when they try to give us rules and regulations in place of a heart.

—A Depressed Pfc.

B Bag Boasts a Friend

I didn't mind it when they tried to give us so much tea that I began to talk with a Limey accent; I didn't mind when I went without mail for four months; I didn't mind it when I didn't get paid for six months. But when a so-called master sergeant says that "so-called" soldiers gripe too much to suit his reading, when he says it is a waste of printer's ink, when he suggests a "column of facts and figures concerning points of interest here in Europe," in place of B Bag, then I do mind.

Gen. "Ike" was in favor of it, and I hope Gen. McNarney will always let us keep it. It has proved itself to be a super-chaplain who walks in where chaplains fear to tread.

—A So-called Soldier.

Urges Severe Penalty

Everywhere in Germany the Krauts are trying to convince us that they aren't guilty for the past. Moreover, they think we believe them. Some do. What has happened now with the Nazi underground work should wake us up and remind us who Nazis are—and why we fought for a better world.

We want the severest penalty for the underground Nazis as an example for the others. Do we have to wait until they will start to shoot again?

—(21 signatures—Ed.)

Tired of Lovesick Woes

The lamentation of some lovesick male GI about his so dearly beloved fraulein that he can't marry because she is German, while across the border the Austrian girls are allowed to marry GIs, calls for a reply.

In the first place, an Austrian is as little a German as an Englishman is an American—though they speak the same language. Secondly, if he loves his super-woman so deeply, what difference whether he lives with her in the desert or on the moon?

Mecca of Spenders

Cuba Bulges at the Seams From Tourist Rush

HAVANA, Cuba, April 17 (UP)—Tiny Cuba is bulging at the seams today from the welcome impact of its most prosperous tourist season in years.

With almost 3,000 visitors pouring into the island republic each week, the great majority by means of Pan American Airways clippers, nearly \$2,000,000 a month is being left behind to swell Cuban coffers.

Hotel accommodations are limited and tourist prices are high. But still the tourists come, from all points of the hemispheric compass.

With only a handful of good hotels available in colorful Havana, mecca of the visitors, rooms are scarce. But there is a quick turnover in the tourist trade from the mainland and, to date anyway, no one has yet had to sleep in the picturesque parks.

Rooms Are Scarce

Government authorities and local hotel men are trying hard to solve the unprecedented influx of free-spending guests, but nothing tangible has as yet resulted. Most recent government suggestion for solving what may soon become a housing crisis has been conversion of a tuberculosis sanitarium into a hostelry.

Hotel space has never been a problem in prewar years, principally because most of the tourists arrived—and lived—aboard tour steamers. But almost sole means of ingress into Cuba these days is by air and present rooming facilities are admittedly inadequate.

The Cuban capital of 600,000 inhabitants, approximately 10 per cent of the total population, continues as in prewar years, the favorite tourist attraction. But a comparative handful of the visitors pursue their tours to the interior, to beautiful beaches and land-locked bays, to the plains of Camaguey and the valleys and mountains of Oriente province.

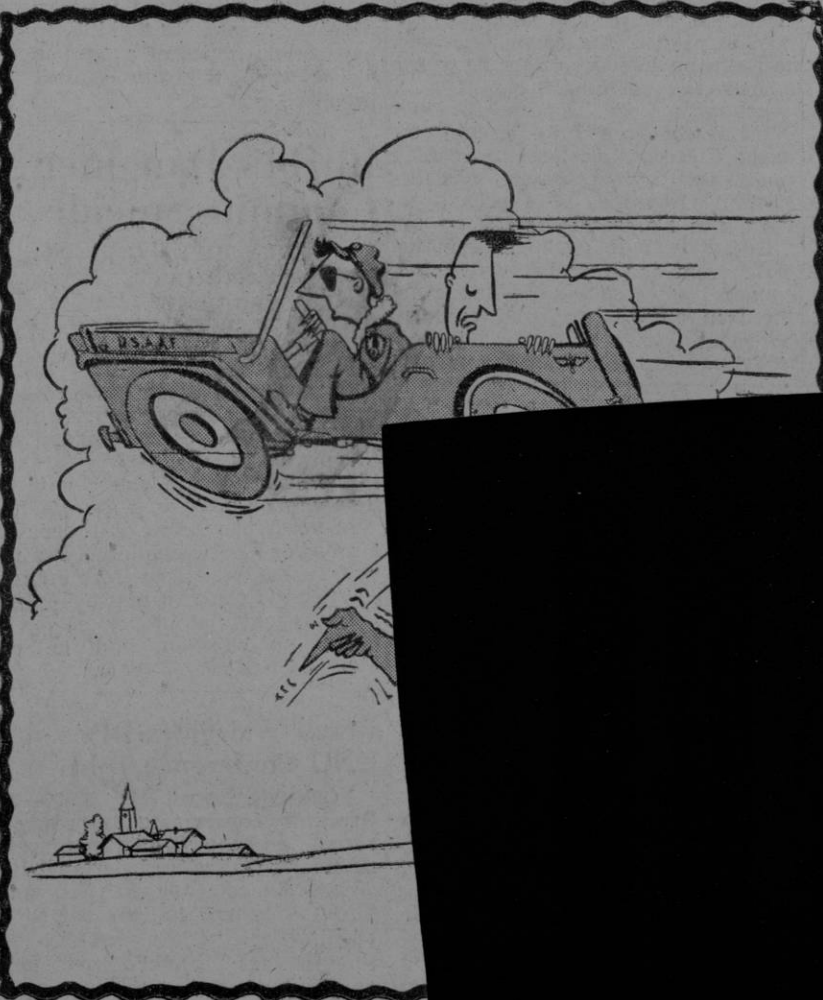
Havana is but 90 minutes by air from Miami and Pan American Airways alone carries over 5,000 persons a week between the two cities.

TACA (Transportes Aereos Centro Americanos) Airways recently commenced making charter flights between Miami and Havana. Few ships with passenger accommodations are running.

But with all the petty inconveniences the tourist suffers, the inadequate rooming, the petty baggage inspection on arrival and departure, picturesque Cuba continues one of the world's beauty spots.

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Senator Assails WD on House Draft Measure

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D.-Colo.) asserted that the War Department was responsible for what he termed the "confused and chaotic" draft-extension bill passed by the House.

In a bristling letter to Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, the Senator spoke of the War Department's "blind and congenital stupidity" and said the department apparently assumed "that members of Congress are dummies and that they can be awed and influenced by a mass of distorted mathematics."

Ask Six-Week Extension

Johnson said the House measure would not provide replacements for fathers and combat veterans now in service. He urged the department to back his proposal for a six-week extension to July 1.

Johnson said the Senate now must find a way out of the "muddle" created by the War Department's "arrogant demand" for a year's extension of Selective Service.

"It never seemed to occur to these muddleheads that six weeks' extension could have been supported by them with honest calculations and that all the jugglers in kingdom come could not and did not make a case for one year's extension," Johnson declared.

Proposal Rejected

The Senate Military Affairs Committee previously rejected Johnson's proposal for a six-week extension.

Johnson contended that a six-week extension would provide sufficient men by July 1 to replace all drafted fathers, combat veterans who desire to get out of the Army and all draftees with 18 months' service.

The bill, approved by the Senate committee, would halt future drafting of fathers and would limit service of present and future inductees to 18 months.

ROYALL ATTACKS EXEMPTION OF 18-YEAR-OLDS BY HOUSE

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., April 17 (INS)—Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall, in an attack on the House action exempting 18- and 19-year-olds from the draft, declared last night, "If there ever was a period in our history when we must play safe, this is the time to be doubly safe."

Speaking before the University of North Carolina's Veterans Association, the Undersecretary said there must not be "a shortage of men to perform the minimum tasks necessary for our national safety in these uncertain and dangerous times."

He emphasized that "the only answer is to continue the Selective Service, and to do so without a political moratorium and without exempting men under 20, for these supply more than 90 per cent of our needs."

Two U. S. Soldiers Get Life For Slaying Two Japanese

TOKYO, April 17 (AP)—Two American occupation soldiers were sentenced to life imprisonment, 5th Air Force headquarters announced today, following conviction by a military court on charges of killing two Japanese men.

The soldiers, identified as T/5 John W. Hull, of Springfield, Ill., and Pvt. Arthur L. Hymer, of Sarepta, La., were accused of going into a house, dragging out the two victims and, after demanding money, killing them. Testimony indicated they previously had been drinking sake with some girls in a hotel.

Limousine Vice Service for GIs Bared in Roundup of Chicago Ring

CHICAGO, April 17 (UP)—Police today encountered a modern vice syndicate that used limousines, taxicabs and hotels instead of old-fashioned houses of prostitution. An investigation begun in secret a week ago resulted in nine arrests and uncovered a vice ring described by Police Commissioner John Prendergast as "one of the largest in the Middle West."

The investigation of Chicago's prostitution was the first in several years. At the start of the war, houses of ill-repute closed when Federal authorities told Mayor Edward J. Kelley that if the city police failed



It's Still a Honeymoon

Maria Montez, screen actress, and her husband, Jean Pierre Aumont, shown at a Hollywood night spot are regarded in the movie colony as proof that you can be "happy though married."

Aztec 'Curse' Is Suspected In Gold-Seeker's Illness

MIAMI, Fla., April 17 (INS)—The ancient "curse" on the reputed \$30,000,000 in gold lying beneath Caribbean waters in the sunken Spanish galleon Santa Rosa has reached out again to stifle the treasure-seeking attempts of the Irving Williamson expedition.

Capt. Edward Erickson, a key member of deep-sea-driver Williamson's party, is bedridden in a Miami hospital suffering from a malady that puzzled physicians thus far have been unable to diagnose. Erickson's sudden illness struck shortly before he and Williamson were to set out again on the treasure hunt in a newly acquired, 90-foot, two-masted schooner, powered by diesel engines and loaded with new equipment.

Several other vessels in the expedition have spent the past few weeks circling the area, roughly halfway between Key West, Fla., and Cuba, where the Santa Rosa has laid deep in a coral cave since it sank in 1521.

Searching operations have as yet failed to uncover a trace of the ancient Spanish vessel that Williamson located while on a Caribbean treasure hunt in 1941.

Hospitalization of Capt. Erickson, expected to cause a delay of at least several days in the renewed search, marked the eighth time the legendary curse placed on the galleon's gold by the Aztec emperor Montezuma has affected Williamson's plans.

Sharks, Rays Are Obstacles
Chief barriers to Williamson and his party in the past have been turned back on a few occasions by sharks, giant Manta rays and an octopus.

Legend recounts that Montezuma

cursed the gold and all who would touch it, after the Spanish explorer Hernando Cortez swindled it away from him and put it aboard the Santa Rosa for shipment to Spain.

Williamson gave up the hunt after four tries in 1941, but before he abandoned the search, he brought up a bell from the Santa Rosa to prove he really had something.

Wife Names Her Mother In London Divorce Suit

LONDON, April 17 (UP)—A wife who named her mother as co-respondent was granted a divorce yesterday by a London court.

The decree was given to Mrs. Mathilde Barnett, of Cricklewood, who charged that her husband Maurice had miscondacted himself with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Irma Hirsch, for a 10-month period beginning in June, 1944.

The husband admitted the charge but alleged that his wife had condoned it by living with him in full knowledge of the facts.

Educators Clash on Use of Rod To Curb Delinquency of Pupils

NEWARK, N. J., April 17 (AP)—A suggestion by a Newark woman teacher-lawyer that laws forbidding corporal punishment in the State be repealed brought swift disclaimers from Newark school officials.

Miss Grace R. Lewis, named head of the committee on juvenile delinquency, said that "timely punishment properly applied has a therapeutic value for many delinquents."

She spoke of juvenile delinquency as America's gravest internal problem and said it should be handled by experienced women psychologists and case workers.

"No man can handle a child as well as a woman," she declared. "God has taken care of that."

It didn't take long before opposition was heard.

"Anyone who feels that way about corporal punishment probably knows nothing about children about schools," said Dr. Bruce

British, French Leaving Syria

LONDON, April 17 (UP)—It confirmed today that withdrawal of British and French troops from Syria was being completed ahead of schedule. The withdrawal planned to be completed by April

Meatless Days Return As U.S. Fights to End Black Market Hoards

Lehman Charges Bungle in Relief

WASHINGTON, April 17 (UP)—Mass starvation looms in Europe and thousands are dying now in Central China because the U. S. Government is guilty of faulty planning and unrealistic measures, Herbert H. Lehman, former UNRRA director charged today.

Speaking before a food emergency mass meeting sponsored by a United Nations forum and a Washington food committee, Lehman said, "It's deplorable that the Government is still 'trying to get the facts' when UNRRA has the information. Starving people cannot eat facts."

He repeated demands for the return of rationing, saying that a voluntary food program was not enough. Faulty planning and un-

realistic measures, he asserted, were intimidating further the lives of innocent war victims. "We need Governmental action," Lehman said, "to an awakened and insistent public opinion into immediate action."

Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture stated that 487,700,000 pounds of meat had been allocated to foreign countries from April to July of this year. This figure included 200,000,000 pounds to UNRRA.

GREECE FACING FOOD CRISIS, HOOVER SAYS

ATHENS, April 17 (UP)—Between 1/3 and 1/2 of Greece's 7,000,000 people face a daily ration of only 700 calories, if additional food supplies are unobtainable, Herbert Hoover declared today.

The only way to prevent an immediate crisis, he stated, was to divert to Greece 100,000 tons of cereals now on the way to England from Canada.

In Belgrade, on his way to this city for talks with UNRRA officials, Hoover had been told that the whole of eastern Yugoslavia faced starvation by the end of May, if UNRRA could not get more food supplies than at present.

19 Belgian Traitors to Die

BRUSSELS, April 17 (AP)—A Belgian court late last night condemned to death 19 Belgians charged with the betrayal to the Germans of 329 patriots during the occupation.

Scarcity Greater Than During War

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—A large part of the nation remained on a meatless diet today as the Government staged a fight to break illegal dealings in meat and restore a more equal distribution. The shortage, acute in many metropolitan areas, was reported in nearly every part of the country.

Conditions are worse now than in wartime when meat was rationed, and some sections reported that the situation was getting worse.

Butcher shops opened their doors but weary customers had to choose between fowl and cold cuts, if they had a choice at all.

Situation 'National Scandal'

A meat packer told the Senate Agriculture Committee that the situation was a "national scandal, which makes prohibition look like a petty crime."

In Washington, the Office of Price Administration and the Department of Agriculture announced the re-establishment of wartime meat slaughtering quotas, in an effort to divert the supply of available livestock into established packing plants.

The FBI also was ordered into the investigation of the nationwide shortage of supplies. Agents were directed by the Attorney General to probe reports that many meat packers had attempted to defraud the Government by falsifying claims for Federal meat subsidy payments.

OPA Action Criticized

In Chicago, spokesmen for meat producing and packing industries said the OPA action in restoring slaughter quotas "will not provide a remedy for the black market."

But Price Administrator Paul A. Porter said the effect of controls would be to "provide for better distribution of meat supplies at ceiling prices to retail stores." Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said it meant "in reality a share-the-livestock program."

Record Baby Crop Of 3 Million in '46 Expected in U. S.

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—Statistical experts expect a record crop of more than 3,000,000 babies in the U. S. this year.

It was pointed out that the birth rate closely follows the marriage rate, and since V-E Day the marriage rate has jumped sharply. Marriages in the U. S. in January and February of this year were 67 per cent above those for the same month in 1945.

The record in U. S. births was set in 1943, with approximately 3,118,000 new Americans born. For the next two years, the birth rate dropped slightly.

'Flying Boxcar' Inaugurates Freight Service to Europe

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—The first all-freight air service to Europe was inaugurated by a group of former servicemen with the departure from LaGuardia field for Prague of a C-54 Flying Boxcar, carrying 155 cases of hatching eggs.

The service is operated by Veterans Airlines of Newark, N. J.,

Soviet Project Enlists Science Army of 70,000

LONDON, April 17 (AP)—An army of 70,000 Soviet Union scientists will study 52 fundamental scientific problems in a five-year research plan devised by the Academy of Science, Radio Moscow announced today.

The secretary of the department for technical science said that special attention would be paid in the plan to research in the technique of high pressure, high electrical discharges, radio communication, and radio location. The institute of power had the task of solving the problems of transmitting high-tension electrical energy over long distances. Radio research would concentrate on ultra-short waves.

The use in industry of steam under high pressure was to be studied, and improved methods of underground gasification of coal were to be sought.

A group of Soviet astronomers shortly will visit the United States to study American achievements in astrophysics, the radio announced.

Russia Trains Scientists

In a broadcast talk, S. V. Kaftanov, the minister of academic education, revealed that the Soviet Union had 70,000 scientists, and more were being trained.

He said that many of the Soviet Union's scientific institutions were as well equipped as those in western Europe and America. With the help of the government was about to give, he thought that Soviet scientists would not only equal, but would exceed the achievements of science abroad.

As an example of advancement of Soviet research, he described aerodynamic experiments made, not on models, but on full-sized aircraft.

Kaftanov added that one scientific institution with up-to-date equipment was the institute of physical problems headed by the Soviet Union's leading atomic scientist, Prof. Peter Kapitza.

Irene Castle to Wed Chicago Ad Man on Her 4th Trip to Altar

CHICAGO, April 17 (INS)—Irene Castle McLaughlin, who with her late husband created the internationally known "Castle Walk," plans to take a fourth husband, George Enzinger, Chicago advertising executive and former business manager.

The famous ballroom dancer who has been devoting her time to Orphans of the Storm, a sanctuary for homeless dogs, was widowed in 1944, by the death of her third husband, Maj. Frederic McLaughlin, Chicago coffee manufacturer.

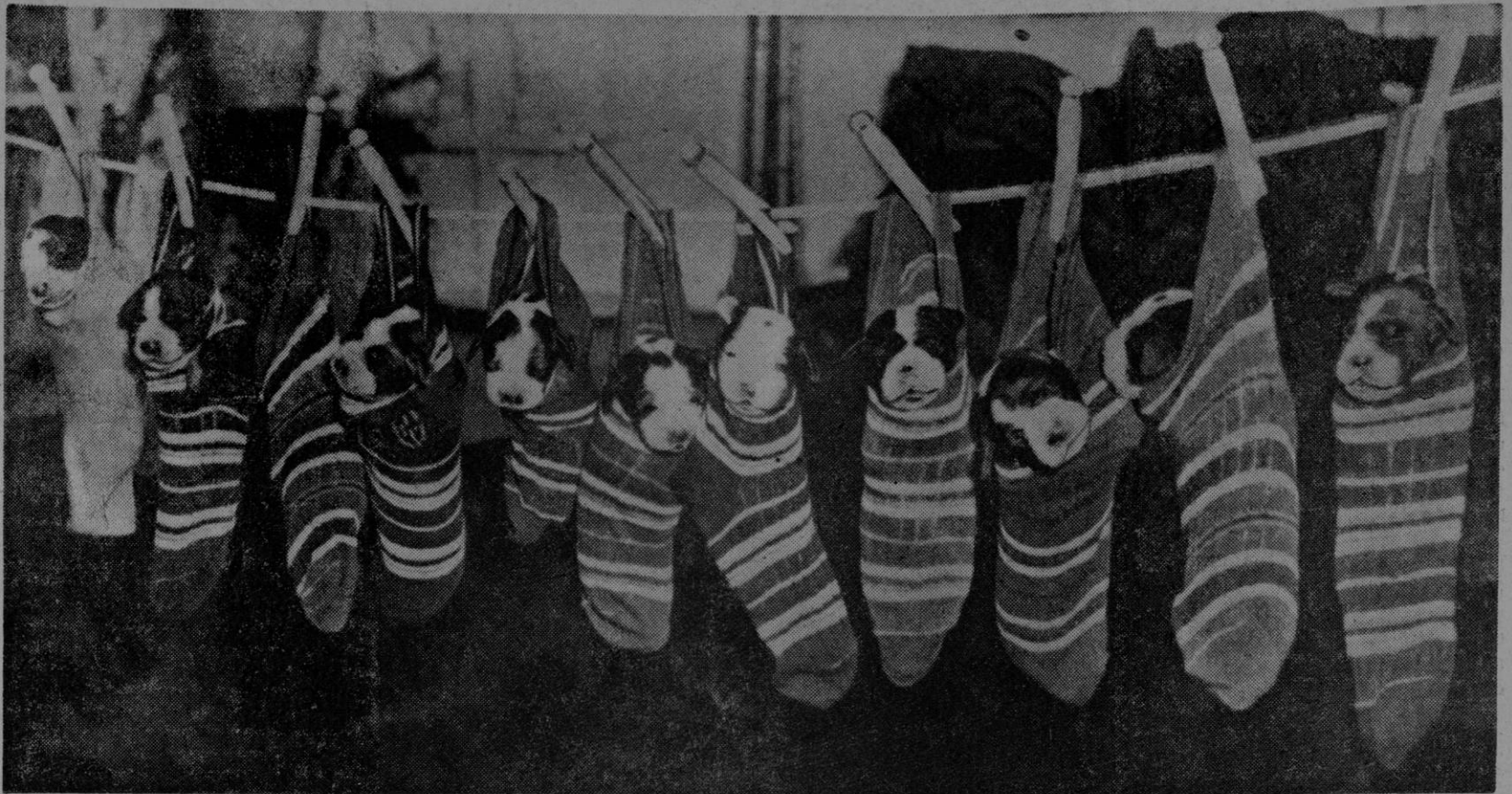
Her first husband, Vernon Castle, was killed in an airplane crash in Texas while serving as a flying instructor during World War I. The second marriage to Capt. Robert Treman, wealthy Ithaca (N. Y.) manufacturer ended in a Paris divorce in 1923.

Travel Urges Hits Britain, Passport Offices Swamped

LONDON, April 17 (INS)—The passport offices are swamped with thousands of applications for holidays in France, Switzerland and Belgium.

The visa offices are dealing with the requests at the rate of one every minute. Would-be travelers have been asked to apply a month ahead to avoid long waiting.

First Renovation



This Litter's a 'Natural'

When Newark florist Paul Bongiovanni's English springer spaniel gave birth to this litter of 11 puppies, he knew just what to do to keep

them out of the roses and petunias. He had been through it all once before as an earlier litter, also 11, arrived about a year ago.

Families Spared All but War's Reality

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles on how the Army plans to take care of the dependents of servicemen. The first arrivals are scheduled for April 28 in Bremerhaven.

By CYNTHIA LOWRY

BERLIN, April 17 (AP)—In undertaking to bring families of the American occupation Army into Germany, the United States Government is providing every possible comfort—but no amount of protection can ward off the shocks and emotional reactions which touch every person who sees for the first time the effects of war on cities and human beings.

First there will be the great port of Bremerhaven, where the ships will dock. The European victory came to the Allies almost a year ago, but Bremerhaven is still a city of huge piles of rubble and flimsy, unsupported walls that look as though a strong wind would blow them down—and a strong wind frequently does.

Will View Destruction

These things will be more interesting than horrifying at first. But after Bremerhaven, bomb-shattered as it is, they will come in closer contact with the communities in which they will settle—Berlin, with the awe-inspiring destruction of great buildings; Frankfurt, leveled in many places, but with the I. G. Farben building untouched; Munich, Kassel, Stuttgart—the list is as long as that of the great cities of Germany.

Then there are the grim sights amid the destruction: An evergreen wreath tacked on a pile of rubble, showing that someone has been buried in the debris.

There are carefully printed signs on other rubble piles, listing how many of the family that once lived at this address survived the rain of death and where the living reside now.

Picture One-Sided

It is a one-sided picture of destruction for American women to see. There are similar sights to be seen today in London, Coventry and other parts of England.

Some German people one sees on the streets are dressed shabbily.

She Used 1,500 Dimes Each Week—Not Hers

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 17 (UP)—Mrs. May Moon, of Misawaka, Ind., was charged with putting \$17,000 of her employer's money into a slot machine and getting \$0.00 out.

She was accused of putting the money into a machine in the Veterans of Foreign Wars clubhouse a dime at a time over a two-year period. She allegedly lost an average of 1,500 dimes weekly.

Shoes are worn out and sometimes held on the feet by pieces of cloth.

But that too is a one-sided picture of poverty, for in France today one sees the same sights and the same eagerness for coal, a bar of candy or a cigarette.

One thinks twice before one leaves an automobile outside for the night even when securely locked. Chances are good that it will be gone or stripped by morning.

Even after one becomes accustomed to Germany—Germany in bright sunshine and warm weather—there is still a depression of spirit from the constant sight of destruction and unhappiness and hunger.

Defeated Land Round About

The American occupation families will find that Germany to them is a land of comfort, good heat, good food. A land where each U. S. citizen can have penicillin if he needs it, beefsteak from time to time, and where many of the daily tasks of living have been made easy. But these things—surmounted by the fact that the family unit is together again—bring out in sharp relief the other side of the picture.

Families will live on tiny islands of America, but they will still be surrounded by an old, defeated country filled with beaten unfriendly people.

But the wives coming to Germany must be prepared for some shocks, too, from their own countrymen.

First, there is the business of fraternization, which reaches from the buck private up through the ranks. It is not forbidden and it definitely is in evidence. It will not be so much the sight of a soldier walking down the street or dancing with a German girl that will bother most of the women, but the broad and frank conversation on the subject that will make them believe that most American men have been away too long.

Fraternization Flaunted

There is nothing clandestine about American fraternization. It is practiced openly, enthusiastically and is only unromantic. All moral issues, if it is something the arriving wives must get accustomed to, accept or reject individually—and be proud about. Unattached men will outnumber the families in the occupation army and the morals of men away from their own concern or the stern of those in authority.

Secondly, there is the matter of

the black market in which some Americans are deeply involved, despite the rigid monetary and disciplinary controls the Army has set up.

Again, regardless of the moral issues involved, black marketeering is something that is going to be brought to the attention of every arriving family. There are American cigarettes sold in quantity for the equivalent of from \$20 to \$100, and there are American soldiers extremely wealthy in black market marks unable to spend their money fast enough.

These and many other situations, each upsetting and demanding much thought, are bound to confront hundreds of families who spent the war years in the safety that was America.

These families are a new generation of American pioneers

Arabs, Egyptians Help Syria Mark Her Independence

DAMASCUS, April 17 (AP)—It is believed that King Farouk of Egypt will visit Damascus to congratulate Syria on attaining independence.

The capital is celebrating the departure of foreign troops from Syrian soil, completed at midnight Monday.

Yesterday the first Arab planes to land on Mezza airfield after the Syrians had taken over, carried an Egyptian delegation. A Saudi delegation also arrived. The Arab League was represented at the festivities, which continue today. Iraq, the Lebanon, and Transjordan were also expected to be represented.

Record Cattle Price

LIMOGES, April 17 (INS)—The French record in cattle prices was beaten at the fair of Limoges when a pair of oxen was sold for 118,000 francs.

London 'Parliament of Women' To Plan New World for Wives

LONDON, April 17 (INS)—In Westminster, London, on May 18, the first women's parliament, a conference on a "New World for Wives," will be held under the auspices of the British Married Women's Association.

Although Dr. Edith Summerskill, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Food, will be among the speakers, the most important issue at stake will be approval of six questions to be submitted to delegates.

The conference seeks unanimous approval on the following points:

1. UNO should take early steps to bring about the establishment of an agreement on marriage laws to safeguard the spouses and children of mixed-nationality marriages.

2. The married woman, housewife

S&S Expands Delivery Route To 4 Countries

ALTDORF, Germany, April 17—With this issue, the Southern German Edition of *The Stars and Stripes* changed its name to the European Edition, and expands its circulation routes to serve Americans in all of occupied Germany and Austria, in parts of France, and in London.

Last remaining in the chain of newspapers established during the war in widely scattered parts of the theater, the European Edition will serve, by plane, rail and truck, an area roughly the size of Texas in square miles, from New York to Chicago in distance.

Staff Enlarged

Until today, the edition published at Altdorf had reached only Austria and Southern Germany. The edition published at Pfungstadt, which closed yesterday, served Northern Germany and France.

To meet its new circulation schedule, the European Edition enlarged its staff and moved up its deadline to 9 p. m., German time. It will report the news up to that time as gathered daily by the Associated Press, the United Press, the International News Service and its own field correspondents.

When conditions permit, the European Edition expects to resume publication of a Sunday magazine.

\$3,000,000 Fire Destroys 2 Army Warehouses in Italy

ROME, April 17 (AP)—A Leghorn dispatch to the Mediterranean Edition of *The Stars and Stripes* said that fire yesterday had destroyed two warehouses containing \$3,000,000 worth of Army supplies, mostly blankets and mattresses.

The fire followed by little more than a month a \$1,000,000 conflagration at Leghorn, which destroyed a warehouse full of heavy engineering equipment.

and mother should be legally recognized as contributing an essential part to the economic and social wellbeing to the community.

3. The mother should have equal guardianship rights with the father.

4. There should be an economic partnership in marriage, under a new marriage property act, wife and husband sharing the property of the home and pooling their earnings.

5. The married woman should have the right to establish her own nationality and domicile.

6. Husbands should pay maintenance to separated wives according to their income, with a fixed minimum subsistence rate in place of the present maximum.

A second session will deal mainly with wives' food problems.



Girls' Legs May Look Just Like Grandma's

If the hosiery shortage continues, girls may be forced to search the attic to see what grandma had stored away. Diana Cheryl, New York City College student, wears a 50-year-old stocking on one leg and on the other a nylon at the annual Antique Show at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Reports from the States tell of women stampeding to stores whenever a sale of nylons is announced and there's no relief for the stocking shortage in sight.

Russia Is Seeking Friendship of Turks, Istanbul Whispers

ISTANBUL, April 17 (AP)—Widely circulated reports today said the Soviet Union might be approaching Turkey through a third power with a view to settling long-standing differences and reestablishing good relations.

There was no confirmation, and one diplomat said he was skeptical but added that there might be some truth in the reports.

The newspaper Vatan, in an Ankara dispatch, asserted that, while it was impossible to ascertain the veracity of the reports, "the fact they have been spread is considered in foreign circles as confirmation that the wave of Russian opposition has been checked."

Russia Modifies Language

Vatan added that it was also reported that Soviet language towards Turks had been modified recently and that Turkey had been informed that claims for her territory had been made only by personal publications of Georgian and Armenian politicians.

Russo-Turk relations have been strained for more than a year, with the worst phase coming last December when Georgian professors wrote to the big three ministers' meeting in Moscow asking that a stretch of the Turkish Black Sea coast be ceded to Russia.

Calls Accord Unlikely

The Soviet Union did not renew her friendship pact with Turkey last year after the Turks had rejected flatly what was reported to have been a formal Soviet demand for the provinces of Kars and Ardahan and bases along the straits.

The diplomatic source, skeptical of current reports, said Turkey's adamant stand against all Soviet claims seemed to leave little ground on which to reach a settlement.

The source said it was equally unlikely that the Soviet Union would be willing to back down voluntarily from a stand equally firm, particularly in favor of a Turkish, settlement which had drawn criticism from Moscow.

Nevertheless, the reports attracted intense interest.

Cure for Cancer In Rats Is Found By U. S. Scientists

PHILADELPHIA, April 17 (UP)—The development of a cure for cancer in rats was announced by three scientists.

Dr. Paul Myron Aptekman, chemist at the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, warned, however, that the alcoholic extract used to destroy tumors in inbred albino rats could not be used for human beings and that it was still in the experimental stage.

The scientists said:

"To the best of our knowledge, these are the first experiments wherein the injection into tumors of a substance such as a concentrate brought about the destruction of tumors in rats and was followed by the establishment of immunity in the majority of treated rats."

Carrier Freed From Shallows

BAYONNE, N. J., April 17 (AP)—Five Navy tugs assisted by a high tide succeeded in refloating the Wasp. The battle-tryed aircraft carrier broke loose from her moorings in a high wind and drifted aground on the New Jersey shore. Navy yard spokesmen said the ship

Eire Is Called Bright Spot in Hungry World

DUBLIN, April 17 (AP)—A program of self-sufficiency launched by the government of Eamon De Valera in 1932 and not the "luck of the Irish" has made Eire one of the best-fed and best-clothed nations in the world.

All food, except butter, tea and sugar, is ration-free. Shops are filled with beef, pork, mutton and poultry, and grocers advertise "eggs are cheap."

Hotel and restaurant menus read like a page from a history of the lush years and the country produces an exportable surplus that would have been larger had fertilizer and farm machinery been available.

Livestock Leading Industry

Livestock is still the country's most important industry, but cultivation has increased many fold during the last decade and a half, and the government has called upon farmers to sow at least 700,000 acres of wheat this year "as a safeguard for ourselves, and as an act of thanksgiving to God for our relatively fortunate position."

A flour extraction rate of 85 per cent compared with one of 70 per cent before the war has been restored, and the prime minister has cautioned:

"We must not allow ourselves to be competitors with the starving people of Europe for the wheat which they so badly need."

National Income Soars

During and since the war, Eire's national income has mounted steadily, climbing from \$616,000,000 in 1938 to \$6,008,000,000 in 1944. The agricultural price index figure of 202 last January, compared with 100 in 1938, was the highest in history.

President Sean T. O'Kelly recently issued a whitepaper on what he called the "monetary phenomenon" showing a decline of 18 1/2 per cent, compared with 1938 figures, in the consumption of goods other than food.

Senators Approve Military Missions

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Authorization for the United States to send military missions to the Near East and any other countries which request them was approved by the Senate Military Affairs Committee yesterday at the request of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Writing that the U. S. might be asked to send military missions to places of strategic importance, Byrnes mentioned specifically "the Near, Middle and Far East regions, component parts of which are in a state of intense political, social and economic readjustment."

Byrnes revealed that request for military and Naval missions had already been received from several foreign governments, and others were expected.

Austria Fights Soviet Hurdle On Constitution

The Stars and Stripes Bureau

VIENNA, April 17—Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl demonstrated yesterday that the Austrian government had a measure of independence when he informed the Russian element of the Allied Control Council that Austria would not rewrite its constitution of the pre-Hitler era for approval by the four occupation powers.

Figl told the Russians that the return to the pre-Hitler Austrian constitution had been approved by all three Austrian political parties, the Conservative People's Party, the Socialists and the Communists, as a "democratic constitution in keeping with the aims and ideals of the people of Austria."

The Russians had opposed the suggested Austrian constitution in the Allied Control Council meeting last month and had blocked a program of the United States, France and Great Britain to accept the legislation which had been approved by the Austrian Parliament.

The Soviet argument against the pre-Hitler constitution was that it gave no guarantee to labor and was not up to date in its recognition of the vast political and economic changes of the last 10 years.

Church Services

Special Good Friday Services have been announced in the following areas:

- KASSEL**
Protestant—1100 in Lutheran Church.
Catholic—1100 in Liberty Theater.
- PARIS**
Protestant—1200 to 1500, "The Seven Last Words from the Cross," St. George's English Church, 7 Rue Auguste Vacquerie.
Catholic—1000, Mass of the Presanctified; 1230 to 1430, The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross; 1500, Stations of the Cross, Sermon; 1930, Rosary Meditation, Holy Hour.
Episcopal—9900, Mass of the Presanctified, St. George's English Church, 7 Rue Auguste Vacquerie.
- HEDDERNHEIM**
Protestant—1730, Holy Communion.
- WIESBADEN**
Protestant—1930, Worship.
- BERLIN**
Protestant—1230, Worship, Protestant Church, Onkel Tom and Wilski Strasse; 1245, Tempelhof Air Base; 1915, Lutheran Services, Tempelhof Air Base.
Catholic—1930, Veneration of the Cross, Stations and Meditation on the Passion of Christ, Sacred Heart Church.

Russians Want to Use Captured Yen in Tokyo

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Russia has asked the United States if about \$4,000,000 in captured Japanese yen could be used to defray expenses of the Soviet mission in Tokyo.

The currency was seized by the Red army in Southern Sakhalin Island. State Department officials indicated that it would be a routine matter to transfer the yen to the Soviet mission's account in Tok

Catholics Deny Hungary Food, Insist They Handle Own Supplies

By ARTHUR NOYES, Staff Writer

VIENNA, April 17—The National Catholic Welfare Conference of America yesterday refused to give relief to the people of Hungary, following a refusal by the Hungarian government to allow Cardinal Mindszenty in Budapest to handle the distribution of the more than 500 tons of American Catholic relief supplies designed for Hungary.

The Hungarian government has informed Thomas Fox, director of the war relief service of the Catholic agency, that relief from American Catholics would be accepted only if it were distributed through the Hungarian minister of social welfare.

Fox, who is in Vienna supervising the distribution of 500 tons of American relief supplies through the Austrian Catholic agency, stated that "American Catholics are willing to give until it hurts for the relief of peoples of all religions, political faiths and races, but it is necessary that Catholic organizations handle the supply program."

New Drive Started

Catholics in America have collected more than 30,000 tons of food for the relief of Europe, and much of the food would go to Germany and Austria, Fox said.

Austrian Catholic relief will be under the direction of the Archbishop Ancheas Rohracher of Salzburg.

Fox added that American Catholics would ship in "more than 2,000 tons of food before the end of May" and that a new welfare drive was being started in America to "produce at least twice as much more."

Direct Commissions Are Approved for 61

FRANKFURT, April 17—Sixty-one warrant officers and enlisted men now serving in the European Theater have been approved for direct appointment as second lieutenants, USFET Headquarters, announced today.

The appointments will be made under authority granted to the theater commander in February and are to be given to qualified individuals who applied for appointment in one of seven technical

USFA Offers Technical Jobs

FRANKFURT, April 16—Four highly technical civilian administrative positions are open with U. S. forces in Austria. They are:

ADMINISTRATIVE officer in reparations, deliveries and restitutions division.—\$7,175. Allocates work to branches of the division, checks their procedures and correspondence, attends quadripartite meetings, prepares directives.

REPARATIONS and restitution officer.—\$6,230. Chief adviser to division chief, investigates claims by other governments, determines properties available for reparations and restitution.

ADMINISTRATIVE officer.—\$5,180. Assistant to chief of reparations, deliveries and restitution branch.

ATTORNEY.—\$5,180. Conducts investigations of various enterprises as member of German internal assets branch, investigates undisclosed interests and transfers of interests which appear illegal.

Qualified personnel in the theater may apply by mail or in person to the AG civilian personnel office, USFET, Room 520, I. G. Farben building, Frankfurt, after obtaining approval from their commanding officers.

U. S. Arrests Six More As Nazi Spies in China

SHANGHAI, April 17 (AP)—American authorities investigating a Nazi spy ring which operated in the Far East long after Germany's surrender arrested six more alleged members of the ring today, making a total of 13 rounded up so far.

Marine Capt. Frank Farrell said those arrested today included Hans Mosberg, said to have come to China from the United States as a German agent in 1941, and Baron Jesco von Puttkammer, head of the German information bureau which circulated propaganda in the Far

Feller Blanks Chisox, 1-0; Bosox Win, 6-3

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—President Truman made the first pitch and Ted Williams the first homer, thrilling 30,372 fans as the Red Sox beat the Senators, 6-3, in the season's opener.

Truman made a southpaw pitch to inaugurate the season a minute later, umpire Bill Summers trotted over to the Presidential box and tossed Truman the ball, on which pitcher Roger Wolff had just thrown the first strike.

William's homer with none on base was the longest hit seen here in 15 years, carrying 430 feet into the centerfield bleachers. Jeff Heath of the Senators also hit a four-bagger, a fast drive over the right field fence.

Tex Hughson, prewar ace, pitched all the way to start the highly-favored Red Sox off on the right foot in the American League race giving up 11 well-scattered hits.

Cards Bow, 6-4; Braves Nip Flock

Giants Blast Phils, 8-4; Cubs Whip Reds, 4-3

ST. LOUIS, April 17 (AP)—The highly-touted Cardinal mound staff developed the jitters in today's opening National League game and the Redbirds, after an explosive three-run first, were tramped on by the slugging Pirates, 6-4, before 14,000 spectators.

Ken Burkhardt, the fourth of five Redbird hurlers to parade to the mound, struck out one batter to open the eighth and promptly walked the next four men, forcing in first baseman Elbie Fletcher with the Pirates' sixth run.

Pitchers Johnny Beazley, Murry Dickson, Harry Brecheen, Blix Donnelly, and Burkhardt yielded 11 hits, two wild pitches, eight bases on balls, and hit one batter.

BRAVES NIP DODGERS ON COSTLY ERRORS

BOSTON, April 17 (AP)—Two costly errors by Gene Hermanski and Pee Wee Reese helped Billy Southworth to celebrate his Boston managerial deal with a 5-3 victory over the Dodgers to the delight of 18,261 customers.

Dodger Hal Gregg and Johnny Sain, righthanded curve ball artist, hooked up to 3-3 tie until the sixth,

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—Five delegates to the Security Council of the United Nations and about 70 staff members became a little more familiar with American life, watching the Giants and Phillies open the National League baseball campaign at the Polo Grounds.

The Chinese delegate, Dr. Quo Tai-Chi, required no aid, saying "I used to play myself a little. Just knocked the ball around a bit."

when Connie Ryan walked, stole second, and scored when Hermanski dropped Tommy Holmes' fly in the seventh. Phil Masi was safe on Reese's boot to shortstop and came all the way around on Al Roberge's second double.

Billy Herman, playing his first big-league game since 1943, contributed four hits to Brooklyn's 10-hit attack on Sain, who started when Mort Cooper complained of a lame right shoulder while warming up.

OTT BASHES HOMER AS GIANTS DOWN PHILS

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—Mel Ott, whose entire major league career has been spent in the uniform of the Giants, bashed a homer in his first trip to the plate, and the Giants downed the Phils, 8-4.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York was among the 34,472 spectators who cheered the former Louisiana school boy, now in his 21st year with the New Yorkers, as he trotted around the paths behind Mickey Wittek, who had walked.

Ernie Lombardi, huge Giant catcher, also hit for the circuit in the first frame with Babe Young



Williams ... first homer



Feller ... three-hitter



Herman ... big day at bat

Bonnie Beryl Triumphs In Jamaica Handicap

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—William Woodward's favored Bonnie Beryl closed fast in the stretch to win the first half of the six-furlong Jamaica Handicap, while a pair of Kentucky Derby eligibles, Alworth and East Light, finished fourth and seventh respectively.

Jockey Jimmy Stout scored the first win of the New York season by bringing the 3-year-old filly on again after she faded rounding the stretch turn, to finish a head in front of Jay Paley's Introc. Al Ernst's Aladear was third, a head farther back.

Taking the lead in the stretch from his running-mate Misty Fox, Tilting came in first by a neck to win the Oakland Handicap at Bay Meadows in San Mateo, Calif., in 1:44 flat. The winner is owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Rice of Spokane, Wash. The Man, post-time favorite, took second place from Observer in a photo-finish.

Tilting paid \$14.00, \$4.80 and \$3. The Man paid \$3.40 and \$2.80, Observer, \$4.00.

East, West Share Honors

The east and far west shared inauguration honors as the Santa Anita Grand Circuit Harness race meeting opened.

Victory, owned by W. T. Maybury of Dexter, Me., and King Abbe, owned by William Lachennater of Shafter, Calif., won two divisions of the featured \$5,000 Long Beach Pace.

Victory, the second favorite, was driven by Del Cameron to beat the 2-1 choice, Doctor Brodie by a nose in a photo-finish, paying \$10.60, \$6.50 and \$4.30.

OWNERS, TRAINERS LEAD

Managers Hopeful But Wary Making Pennant Picks

NEW YORK, April 17 (UP)—Major league managers took a long look at prospects for September glory today and came up with comments traditionally cagey, but hopeful.

Joe McCarthy, New York—"I think we will do well in the pennant race."

Steve O'Neill, Detroit—"Unpredictable season with New York, Boston, Detroit, Washington and Cleveland in the running."

Joe Cronin, Boston—"Closest pennant race in baseball history."

Lou Boudreau, Cleveland—"If pitching delivers, we may land in the first division."

Ossie Bluege, Washington—"Our pitching staff shapes up as good as any in the league."

Luke Sewell, St. Louis—"This year's club is probably the strongest I've ever had in St. Louis."

George "Mule" Haas, subbing for the ailing Jimmy Dykes, Chicago—"The White Sox are much stronger than last season."

Connie Mack, Philadelphia—"We'll be hard to beat."

National League

Major League Standings

National League			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	1	0	.1000
Boston	1	0	.1000
Pittsburgh	1	0	.1000
Cincinnati	1	0	.1000
Philadelphia	0	1	.0000
St. Louis	0	1	.0000
Chicago	0	1	.0000
Brooklyn	0	1	.0000
American League			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	1	0	.1000
Cleveland	1	0	.1000
Detroit	1	0	.1000
Boston	1	0	.1000
Philadelphia	0	1	.0000
Washington	0	1	.0000
St. Louis	0	1	.0000
Chicago	0	1	.0000

INDIANS BLANK CHISOX AS FELLER YIELDS 3 HITS

CHICAGO, April 17 (UP)—Bob Feller, the American League's speed-ball king, was in prewar form as he hurled the Cleveland Indians to a 1-0 triumph over the White Sox in the season opener at Comiskey Park.

Feller, starting his first full campaign since 1941, limited the White Sox to three hits, all singles. The first hit came in the fourth inning and the other two in the eighth. A perfect throw from left fielder George Case cut down Don Kolloway at the plate as he tried to score on pinch-hitter Ralph Hodgins' single.

A spectacular catch by center fielder Bob Lemon snuffed out a Sox rally in the ninth. Feller issued his only walk of the game to pinch-hitter Bob Kennedy to open the final frame. Wally Moses sacrificed him to second. Then pinch-hitter Murrel Jones slapped a curving line drive to center which Lemon came in to catch while flat on the ground. He then tossed to shortstop Lou Boudreau to double Kennedy and end the game.

GREENBERG'S HOMER GIVES NEWHOUSER WIN OVER BROWNS

DETROIT, April 16 (AP)—Hal Newhouser, Detroit's lefthanded pitching ace who was chosen for two straight years, the league's most valuable player, handcuffed the St. Louis Browns with six scattered hits and struck out eight men as the World Champion Tigers nipped the Brownies, 2-1.

It remained for Hank Greenberg to provide the huge crowd with its biggest thrill. Greenberg's first homer, a line drive into the left field seats with nobody on base, accounted for the winning run.

Hank's big wallop pinned the defeat on Nelson Potter, the hurler who served up the pitch last September which Greenberg belted into the stands to clinch the American League flag for Detroit on the last day of the season.

Potter matched Newhouser's six hitter, but Greenberg's big lick was the difference. Hank also sent center fielder Walt Judnick chasing back to the flag pole 400 feet away to drag down a long fly in the sixth.

YANKEES BLANK A'S; DIMAG BELTS HOMER

PHILADELPHIA, April 17 (AP)—Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler sprung a neat five-hit shutout and Joe DiMaggio belted the first home run of the season as the Yankees blanked Philadelphia, 5-0, before 37,472 fans, the largest opening-day turnout in Shibe Park history.

Although Phil Rizzuto, Joe Gordon and Charley Keller were not in the starting lineup because of minor injuries, the prewar Yanks clawed Russ Christopher and Dick Fowler for seven blows, four of them extra-base variety.

Tommy Henrich's long double off the right-field wall produced two of the Yanks' three runs in the third, and DiMaggio's 400-foot clout after Henrich walked in the sixth completed the scoring.

Cash Prevents Nostalgia For 'Jumpers' to Mexico

in Mexico was "hunky dory," and that he had even solved the housing problem, a task well nigh impossible in the United States.

He was interviewed in a new swanky apartment where he sat in lounging pajamas. Owen said, "I am perfectly happy here. My wife likes Mexico and we moved into this super modern apartment today and everything is just dandy."

Owen, who makes his debut with Vera Cruz Thursday said that he couldn't wait to see how a ball bakes off for great distance in the high atmosphere of Delta Park.

Outfielder Danny Gardella, who left the Giants when manager Mel Ott consigned him to Milwaukee, was found strolling peacefully down a street. He said, "I assure you I am just as happy as Ott and probably less confused."

At a Glance Golden Gophers Enter 3 Athletes In Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA, April 17 (AP)—The receipt of a third Western conference entry for the Penn Relays was disclosed by Director H. Jamison Swarts, who said that the University of Minnesota will be represented at the April 26-27 carnival for the first time in 15 years.

The Gopher entry, nominated by coach James Kelly, includes pole-vaulter Harry Cooper and distance-runner Floyd Foslein, who will compete in the two mile event. The last Minnesota entry was Clarence Munn, who broke a 27-year-old record to win the 1931 shotput competition with a heave of 48 feet, 4 inches. Munn now is a football coach at Syracuse University.

Other Western Conference entries received to date are from Michigan and Ohio State.

Louise Suggs Leads Field In Women's Golf Tourney

PINEHURST, N. C., April 17 (UP)—Louise Suggs, of Lithia Springs, Ga., who won the Women's Titleholders tournament, led the field into match-play in the fourth-annual North and South Women's golf championship after taking medalist honors with a 73 in the qualifying round.

Miss Suggs, playing consistent golf, shot 36 going out and 37 coming in, carding birdies on the third and 17th holes.

Aaron Perry TKO's Howard in 2nd Round

NEWARK, N. J., April 17 (UP)—Aaron Perry, Washington welterweight, gained prestige as a terrific puncher for the job he did on Charley Howard of Pittsburgh putting him away with a technical knockout in 27 seconds of the second round.

Perry, gaining eight victories in nine starts since leaving the Army, cut loose with a savage attack to face and body in the feature bout of the Laurel Gardens card. He dropped Howard for the count of eight at the close of the first round, the bell robbing him of a clean knockout.

Seven Teams Compete In Table Tennis Playoff

PARIS, April 17—The Western Base Section table tennis finals will be held here April 19. Seven teams, all winners in area elimination play, will compete in the ultimate playoffs.

In addition to Headquarters Command of Paris, other entries will be from LeHavre, Marseille, Antwerp, Rheims and Charleroi. The latter section will be represented by two teams, the 2nd Reinf. Depot and the 193rd Ord. Bn.

Boxing Promoter Suspended By Missouri Commission

KANSAS CITY, April 17 (AP)—Tom Walsh, secretary of the Missouri Athletic Commission, said that Freddie Sommers, Kansas City boxing promoter, has been suspended until July 1 "for violations of rules and regulations of the commission and for conduct unbecoming a promoter."

Baltimore Bullets Win Pro Basketball Crown

BALTIMORE, April 17 (AP)—The Baltimore Bullets scored a 54-39 triumph over the Philadelphia Sphas to capture the playoff finals of the American Professional Basketball League.

The Baltimore team annexed their third-straight playoff tilt against the Sphas in this encounter, after dropping the first game of the best three-of-five elimination series.

Tribe Releases Eisenstat; Giants Sign Ed Carnett

CLEVELAND, April 17 (AP)—Harry Eisenstat, veteran southpaw pitcher obtained by Cleveland in 1939 from Detroit was released unconditionally by the Indians, reducing the Tribe roster to 36 players. The lefthander, 30, recently was discharged from the Army. The Giants announced the acquisition of pitcher-outfielder Ed Carnett, recently released by the Indians.

Traffic Law Catches Form Sheet Readers

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—It is not illegal to read racing dope sheets in New York—if you're careful where you stand.

Police commissioner Arthur W. Wallander, clarifying the announcement that the police would arrest persons found scanning "scratch sheets," said they would act under a law which forbids crowds at street corners or building entrances if they interfere with pedestrian traffic.

It's all right to read sheets at a race track, he said, where betting is legal.

Italian Batters Own Discus Mark

ROME, April 17 (AP)—Milan dispatches said the Italian athlete Adolfo Consolini exceeded his own world record in the discus throw with a mark of 54.23 meters in competition Sunday. The previous record was 52.47 meters.

Marathoner Trains on Navy Airstrip

BRUNSWICK, Me., April 17 (AP)—A snow and ice-bound Navy airstrip isn't the ideal training spot for a marathoner, but it served Charlie Robbins, national A. A. U. long distance titleholder, who has in mind the laurels of the forthcoming April 19 Boston A. A. run.

Charlie, who has been on duty at the Brunswick Naval Air Station most of the winter, didn't let the frigid Down East weather bother him at all. Daily workouts kept him in top shape.

The rugged 26-mile Boston marathon is a greater test of his leg power than the AAU 15, 20, 25 and 30 kilometer and marathon races, all of which Robbins won last fall to become the first runner to hold so many national long distance titles.

But to Charlie those were only

warm-ups for the big goal of his career—the BAA crown.

The 25-year-old Robbins has been running since high school days in Manchester, Conn., when he first started jogging over back roads—a four-mile trek—after visiting his sweetheart who is now Mrs. Doris Robbins, mother of his year-old daughter Chris.

University of Connecticut track and cross-country competition developed his talent. Then it was national meets for the slim, bespectacled Charlie while he was a metallurgist for a Hartford plane-building company.

In 1942, he won the 10-mile Presentation Cup, a tune-up for the Boston marathon which he entered for the first time and finished 18th. The next year he ran 14th in the Boston classic, second in the AAU

15 kilometer race at Fall River, Mass., and second in the AAU cross-country at Baltimore.

Charlie continued to climb in 1944, winning the 20 kilometer title at Providence and the national marathon at Yonkers, N. Y. The Boston grind was more to his liking, too, for he finished third.

After taking all AAU long distance honors last year and again the Yonkers marathon, he dropped back to sixth in the BAA race.

Buffalo Signs Two Linemen

BUFFALO, April 17—The roster of Buffalo's team of the All America Football Conference stood at forty players, after the signing of tackle Mike Kostiuik, and guard Steve Benchwick, both former National League players, Kostiuik with Detroit and Benchwick with New York.

Blondie

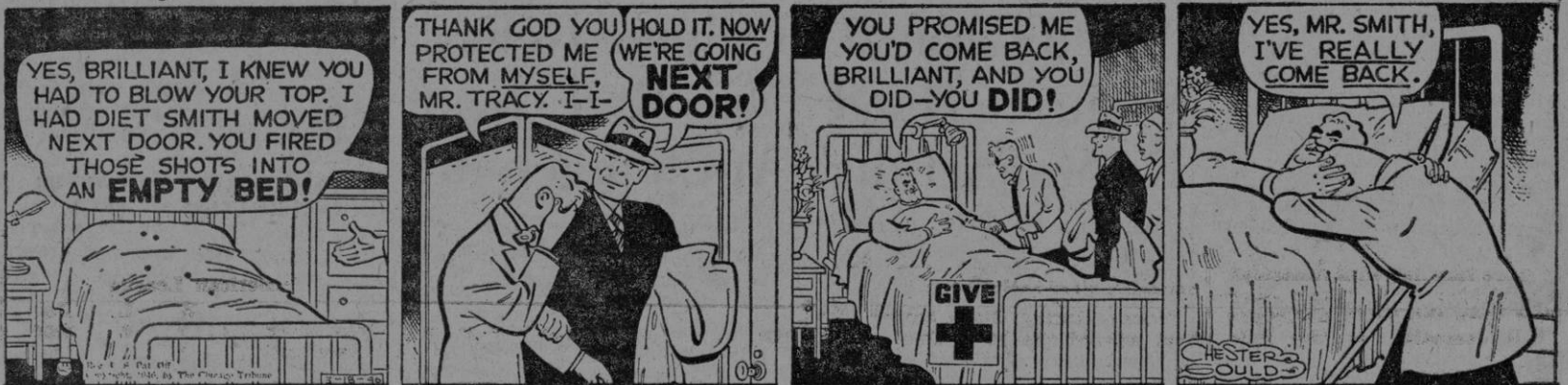
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Terry and The Pirates

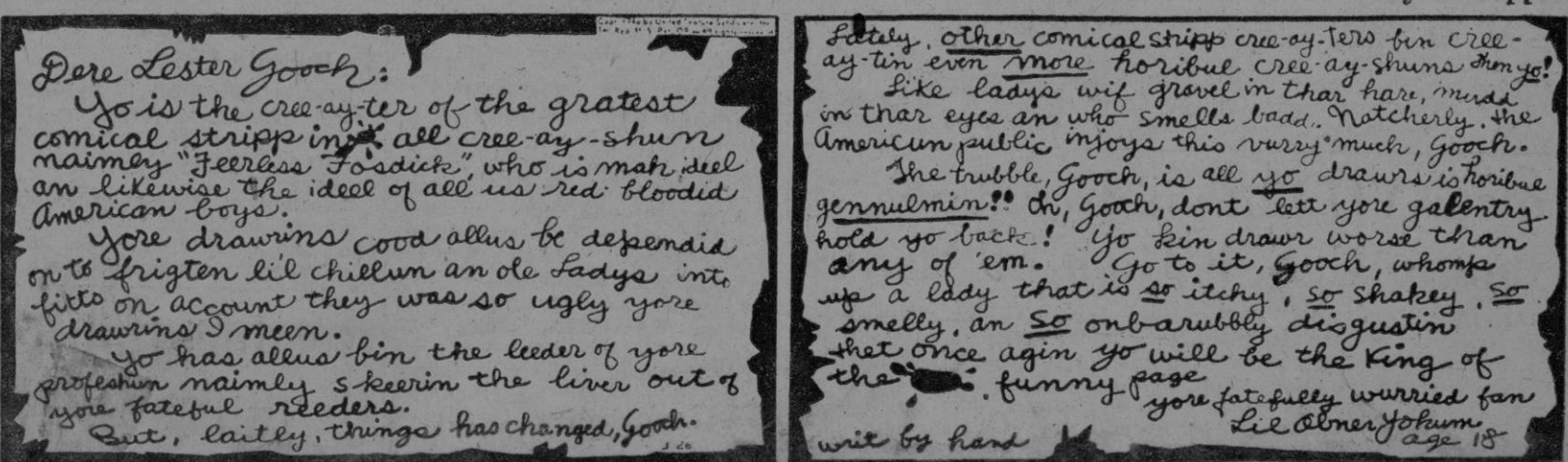
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Slavery Draft Is Admitted By Rosenberg

NURNBERG, April 17 (AP)—Alfred Rosenberg, chief exponent of Nazi ideology, admitted before the International Military Tribunal today that he had ordered the conscription of thousands of workers in eastern Europe for slave labor in Germany.

After his attempts at evasion were blocked by the prosecution's documentary evidence, Rosenberg acknowledged that "terrible excesses" had been committed in carrying out this program.

"I always tried to alleviate the worst conditions," Rosenberg said.

Advocated Starvation

American Prosecutor Thomas Dodd pinned him down to admitting not only the conscription of adults, but the approval of a program for bringing Russian and Baltic children to Germany.

Rosenberg further admitted that he advocated a program of starvation and mass evacuation of Russians in order to exploit the conquered territory to feed the Reich.

Dodd produced a document disclosing Nazi plans for destroying the Slav race. This was a letter from one of Rosenberg's subordinates rebuking his chief for not opposing these plans, devised by Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's deputy, with the Fuehrer's approval.

Medicine Ordered Denied

Summarizing the scheme in his letter to Rosenberg, the writer pointed out that Slavs were to be employed only on work for the Germans and would be denied any preventative medicines. Fertility was to be prevented by abortions and the distribution of contraceptives—"the more the better"—and education was to be limited to teaching them to count up to 10.

The document disclosed that the Nazis were even thinking of "depopulating Kiev" by epidemics.

"Is it correct that you agreed with Bormann's shocking suggestions?" asked the prosecutor.

Rosenberg replied that he had written to Hitler asking him to delay the institution of such a program.

AUSTRIA NAMES 59 NAZIS IN THIRD WAR CRIMES LIST

VIENNA, April 17—Fifty-nine alleged war criminals, including a colonel of the German general staff who ordered the destruction of Vienna immediately before its liberation, were named yesterday by the Austrian preparatory war criminals trial commission. Warrants were issued for 27 of them who are still fugitives.

The list of criminals, the third issued by the commission, charged Col. Josef Machmayer, and two members of his staff with planning the destruction of Vienna after it was known that defense was useless.

Others indicted for war crimes included high Nazi officials, concentration camp directors and doctors, SS leaders, Gestapo officers, and two bankers.

Haile Selassie Tours Naples

NAPLES, April 17 (UP)—Emperor Haile Selassie, his wife Thaila Etadul and daughter Judith, arrived in Naples today from Alexandria aboard the Italian ship Vulcania and toured the city. The imperial family will leave Friday on the same ship destined for Washington.

Lower VD Rate in Germany Than in U. S. Is Goal of Medics

FRANFURT, April 17 (UP)—Army medical officers reported today that a far-reaching program to stamp out venereal disease among German civilians as a source of infection for American troops should slash the currently high German rate far below that of the United States within a year.

"Within six months we expect to show real results," one of the directors of the program said. "Within a year we hope that the German rate will be far below the rate in the United States."

Venereal disease among American soldiers climbed from V-E Day until around Feb. 1, when it reached a "plateau," according to official figures, which currently show 224 cases per 1,000 men a year. Officials decided that the source of disease—women in Germany and men who spread it among them—must be removed before troop rates can fall.

The program for civilians, which started last fall, already has treated more than 45,000 persons with



Mightier Than Swords

A group of pens, any one of which may assume a role of paramount significance when used for his signature, are admired by President Truman. In indorsing each important bill, he uses a group of pens for his signature, then gives them as souvenirs to Congressional proponents of the measure.

Allied Council's Chinese Reds Scope Defined Nab Rail Depot At Changchun

TOKYO, April 17 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur told the four-power Allied council today that its responsibility did not involve, a review of action heretofore taken in the administration of Japan.

MacArthur also replied in a written statement to Russia's request for a new election if undesirable candidates had been elected in last Wednesday's balloting by saying that such action had already been taken in substance.

MacArthur's said: "It is essential that the supreme commander issue no statement and avoid any action which might seem to bring pressure for or against any particular party or group."

PREMIER SAYS HE'LL RESIST ANY EFFORTS TO OUST HIM

TOKYO, April 17 (INS)—Premier Kijuro Shidehara told Japanese newsmen today that he would resist any efforts to force him to resign, at least until after the newly elected Diet approved the new Japanese constitution.

Wage Feud Closes Paris Opera

PARIS, April 17 (UP)—The Paris Opera and Opera Comique closed last night due to a wage disagreement of technicians and choristers.

CHANGCHUN, April 17 (AP)—Chinese Communists today captured Changchun's only railway station from an inferior force of Chinese government troops.

The Communists, who began an artillery assault Sunday night, two hours before the withdrawal of the last of Russia's occupational troops, will now be in a position to draw reinforcements from the north by railway.

Machine-guns and mortars were used in the battle for the station.

All nearby airfields have been seized by the Communists.

MARSHALL LEAVES TOKYO FOR CHINA PEACE PARLEY

TOKYO, April 17 (INS)—Gen. George C. Marshall left Tokyo today for Peiping in a hurried air trip to take part in the negotiations which to seek to end the spreading civil war in Manchuria.

Accompanied by his wife, the general is returning to China as President Truman's special envoy after his trip to the United States.

In their brief stop-over in Tokyo, the Marshalls were the guests of Gen. and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur.

STRONGER TIE WITH CHINA IS URGED BY PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, April 17 (INS)—President Truman stated in a message to the China-America Council of Commerce and Industry, which was read last night at the organization's annual meeting, that the way was being cleared for a closer and stronger economic collaboration between the United States and China.

The President declared that "one of the basic requisites for world peace and prosperity is friendly relations between the United States and China. The strongest foundation for such relations is a large and growing two-way trade between the two countries, the development of which is the principal aim of the China-America Council."

Army Recaptures Marine Who Bilked Jap Bank

YOKOSUKA, April 17 (AP)—Marine Pfc Earl L. Brown, who escaped Thursday from an Army stockade where he was held on a charge of bilking a Japanese bank of 500,000 yen, was recaptured in a railroad station last night attired in an Army uniform.

He had a .38-caliber pistol, but offered no resistance.

3 Quit Greek Cabinet As Coalition Falters

ATHENS, April 17 (AP)—Three veteran Greek statesmen resigned from the Papayotis Poulitzas cabinet today. They were George Papandreou, Sophocles Venizelos and Panyottis Canellopoulos. An authoritative source said a letter containing the resignations had asserted that they believed it impossible for them to collaborate in the two-week-old coalition government.

Bevin to Attend Dominion Talks Before Big 4

LONDON, April 17 (UP)—Prime ministers of the British dominions meeting here next week on the eve of the Paris foreign ministers' conference are expected to reinforce Great Britain's stand against granting a Mediterranean base to the Soviet Union.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will confer briefly with the prime ministers of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada before flying to Paris for the Big Four conference. The foreign ministers will have to settle Soviet claims to trusteeship over Tripolitania and to a naval base in the Dodecanese before they can draw up a final draft of the Italian treaty.

Egypt Accents Stand

Britain's determination to protect the empire's Mediterranean lifeline is heightened by the forthcoming Anglo-Egyptian treaty negotiations. Informed circles here believe that any concessions to Egypt would weaken Britain's military position in the Mediterranean.

Bevin may not be able to attend the first formal sessions of the commonwealth prime ministers, which open Tuesday—two days before the Paris meeting—but he will have opportunity for private talks with the prime ministers and their deputies who arrive this weekend.

BRITAIN AGREES TO CONFER ON INTERNATIONAL AREA

LONDON, April 17 (INS)—The British government informed France today that it is willing to consider French demands for international control of Germany's western industrial areas, after the foreign ministers' meeting next week at Paris concludes work on peace pacts for Axis satellite nations.

FRENCH NOTIFY CHINA OF BIG FOUR MEETING

PARIS, April 17 (UP)—The French government officially notified China today of the scheduled meeting in Paris April 25 of the British, American, Russian and French foreign ministers, as a gesture of courtesy in lieu of an invitation to China to attend the conference.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that, while the French government has not been officially advised of American and British acceptance of the French proposal to discuss problems regarding Germany at the meeting, he considered it probable that Washington and London were in accord on the matter.

Soviet Azerbaijan To Rebuild Cities

LONDON, April 17 (AP)—The Soviet republic of Azerbaijan will reconstruct, enlarge, or build anew 20 towns, Radio Moscow reported today.

Baku will be much enlarged, with municipal buildings, theaters, cinemas, and a sports stadium holding 30,000 spectators, the report said.

The letter, which was in Papandreou's handwriting, called attention to sharp disagreements with the Populist (Royalist) Party and its leader, Constantine Tsaldaris.

There were three main points of difference, the letter said. They were:

COMPOSITION of the reshuffled cabinet.

MEMBERS of the delegation to the peace conference.

A PLEBISCITE date on the return of the king.

"The Populist Party does not desire any substantial collaboration in the government by the National Bloc," the letter said.

It said Tsaldaris had told bloc leaders at a conference yesterday that he was retaining the ministry of foreign affairs in the reshuffled cabinet and would assume the presidency as well.

GREEK REGIME RECOGNIZED BY RUSSIA, YUGOSLAVIA

LONDON, April 17 (UP)—The London Exchange Telegraph reported from Athens today that the Russian and Yugoslav governments had notified Greek representatives in Moscow and Belgrade that the formation of the new Greek government was recognized. The dispatch said this was considered tantamount to a renewal of diplomatic relations.

Over Score Die In Iraq Clash

CAIRO, April 17 (AP)—Nineteen Iraqi policemen and several Kurds were killed in clashes in the Rayat and Barazan areas, according to a Kurdish source with high connections in Iraq.

The source said nine policemen had died at Rayat and 10 policemen and several Kurds at Barazan. The Iraqi government is reported to be mobilizing police and troops and reinforcing the Iran-Turkey-Iraq frontier, the source declared, adding that the British were furnishing Iraq with military supplies.

Seven Kurdish leaders were arrested in Turkey after Turkish police had raided their homes and found Kurdish nationalist pamphlets, the source said.

A Kurdish envoy was en route to the Soviet Union to obtain a radio station, the source declared.

League Denies Reds Share in Its Assets

GENEVA, April 17 (UP)—The Soviet Union was denied a share of the expiring League of Nations' assets last night when a League commission voted down the proposal because of "technical difficulties of so serious a character as to be practically insurmountable."

The commission adopted the resolution prepared by a subcommittee on which Poland and Czechoslovakia, which originally had proposed that Russia receive a share, were not represented. The only vote against adoption came from Yugoslavia's Marto Jacksie.

Reeducation of German Youth Requires Goals, Niemoller Says

BUEDINGEN, Germany, April 17 (AP)—Delays by the Allies in determining Germany's future are the greatest obstacles to destroying the last traces of Nazism, reeducating German youth in democracy and shortening the period of military occupation, Pastor Martin Niemoller said today.

"We can tell young Germans our ideals, but we cannot give them the aim, the goal to work for," asserted Niemoller, whose plain-spoken attitude toward the Nazi anti-church policy landed him in a concentration camp.

"If we could tell," he said, "what the boundaries of Germany will be, the territorial, economic and other boundaries, it would be different. We must be able to give youth

some picture of what to live for and what to work for."

Niemoller said he was confident that without military occupation by the Allies there would have been no Germany left at all, but if Europe is to be rebuilt as it was after the last war, I cannot see when the occupation could ever end.

"Either Europe will be destroyed forever or there will be a new relationship among its states," he added. "Europe must become a unit politically, economically and spiritually."

He said some younger Germans were clinging to National Socialism "like a man in an open sea clings to a plank," and urged that they be "shown another plank that would make democracy alluring."