

McNarney Orders Crackdown on Discipline

FRANKFURT, April 24 (UP)—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of the European theater, has ordered tightening of military discipline which he asserted had "deteriorated" throughout Europe, it was learned today.

In a recent letter to major commands, McNarney outlined nine principle evidences of slipping discipline "which lead to loss of respect for American authority by enemy peoples and injure our reputation amongst our Allies."

The McNarney list included parti-

cipation in black market activities, indulgence in drunkenness, the high AWOL rate, excessive incidence of other disciplinary infractions, high automobile accident rate, excessive venereal disease rate, general lack of smartness in appearance, lack of observance of military courtesy, and a complaining attitude toward constituted military authority and those duties essential to maintain high standards of soldierly efficiency.

"All commanders and their subordinates must now devote themselves

to the reestablishment of discipline," the general ordered. "This becomes their most important immediate function."

Although ordering that "all commanders and their subordinates must now devote themselves to the reestablishment of discipline," McNarney did not outline any specific measures to accomplish this. It is expected that the general will announce new disciplinary measures at a special press conference here tomorrow.

The Theater commander blamed the weakening of control over troops to the

collapse of "unit pride" through "rapid demobilization and frequent change of station of units and assignments."

McNarney said: "The firm ties of unit pride have been weakened. The traditional constant concern of officers for welfare of their men and consequent mutual loyalties have been difficult to maintain during this transition period. Consequently, discipline in certain localities and commands in this Theater has deteriorated to the point of discrediting the fine performance of our troops in general."

One Year Ago Today

Reds hold third of Berlin; city reported encircled. 5th Army spans Po. Planes riddle Okinawa Japs.

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Lichfield's Second Act Deemed Test

BAD NAUHEIM, April 24 (AP)—A "four-ring big top" has been set up here for the Lichfield trials, which many veterans may regard as a crucial test of the Army's recently criticized judicial system.

With four court martials in progress simultaneously in four adjoining rooms, six officers and eight enlisted men will be tried individually on charges of mistreating fellow-American soldiers who were their prisoners in an Army guardhouse in Lichfield, England, during the last year of the war.

Definite dates have not been set, but the first trial is expected to begin by May 1.

First Officer Trials

The cases to be heard here will be the first in which former Lichfield officers are defendants. In previous hearings in London, two enlisted men were convicted of cruelty to Lichfield prisoners, one drawing a three-year, the other a six-month sentence. Names of high-ranking officers, including a major general and a colonel, were mentioned in London.

Witnesses indicated officers had let enlisted men be blamed for conditions under which prisoners were beaten, kicked and tortured.

The Army and Navy Journal, as well as several Congressmen, urged an investigation of the Lichfield trials, while almost simultaneously a Congressional sub-committee criticized the Army's entire court martial system as discriminating against enlisted men.

Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, European commander-in-chief, stepped into the Lichfield affair with a promise that all persons involved—officers and enlisted men alike—would be brought to justice speedily. He ordered the trials moved to Germany and the Army flew legal reinforcements from the U. S. to handle the many cases at once.

4 Court Rooms Prepared

Four court rooms have been prepared on the ground floor of a palatial hotel in this summer resort near Frankfurt with gaudy red plush-covered seats for spectators.

There is a grand piano in the corner of one chamber. On the second floor, several press rooms have been equipped with teletypes, typewriters and telephones. Over the hotel entrance hangs a showy sign "Lichfield Trials."

Another hotel has been taken over for the trial, staff and witnesses, while a nearby stockade has been prepared for the defendants and some of the witnesses, who are military prisoners.

All U. S. to Pay Tribute To Chief Justice Stone

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—President Truman today declared a 30-day period of mourning in the United States for the death of Supreme Court Justice Harlan F. Stone.

Mr. Truman directed that the flag be flown at half-mast on all public buildings and at diplomatic stations abroad. Justice Stone died of a cerebral hemorrhage Monday night after collapsing during a session of the Supreme Court.



Berlin in the Spring

Berlin homes have one thing in common—almost all of them feature airy, sunlit rooms—when there are any rooms. What they lack in solidarity they make up in solarity. These husky Berliners take advantage of the situation by acquiring a tan as they salvage bricks from the ruins of their former home.

Senators Favor Arms Merger MRP Supports French Cabinet

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The Senate Military Affairs Committee, by a surprising vote of 10 to 1 indorsed a comprehensive plan to unify the War and Navy Departments in a single Department of Common Defense.

Three senators who spent months writing and rewriting the measure appeared surprised at the margin of the vote, but one of them told reporters no one expects the bill to go through Congress without amendments.

Committee members reported Sen. Thomas C. Hart (R.-Conn.) retired Navy admiral voted "no" while Sen. George A. L. Wilson (R.-Iowa) was present, but did not vote.

Sen. Styles Bridges (R.-N. H.), who had been leading the opposition to the single department bill within the committee, was not present.

PARIS, April 24 (AP)—The MRP (Popular Republican Movement) will not withdraw from the French cabinet and George Bidault will remain as foreign minister, the party decided today.

Bidault will represent France at the foreign ministers' conference which opens here tomorrow.

Disagreement over the new French constitution, passed by the assembly by the narrow margin of 60 votes, had led to speculation that the MRP which opposed the draft of the constitution, would withdraw from President Felix Gouin's coalition cabinet.

TWA Schedules Cairo Flight

CHICAGO, April 24 (AP)—The first direct air service from Chicago to Paris, Rome, Athens and Cairo will be started May 3 by Transcontinental and Western Airlines.

Rome on Guard As Theft of Duce's Body Is Probed

ROME, April 24 (AP)—Uniformed police and plainclothes men today guarded the Palazzo Venezia—Mussolini's famed headquarters—as the Italian government took extraordinary precautions to prevent any attempt to bring the Duce's body to Rome.

Throughout the night police stopped every automobile approaching the palace. Roadblocks were set up on Rome-Milan highways as the probe of the theft of the body from Milan's potter's field continued.

Rome police yesterday arrested a man near the central railroad station who, while delivering an harangue to the crowd against the present government, suddenly displayed a huge photograph of Mussolini. The man was identified as Vano Giannini, an Italian citizen born in Odessa.

Fascists Threaten Fight

"The Duce is again among us," said a letter received last night by the Milan newspaper Corriere Lombardo.

"His mortal remains have been taken in custody by the Democratic Fascist Party," said the letter, which was headed P. F. D. (Partito Fascista Democratico) and was sent by the central directive committee.

The latter continued: "The party has been obliged to begin his fight against those who are a nightmare of Red violence."

Declaring that taking custody of Mussolini's body was the party's first step, the unsigned letter said that men and women of the party could not bear any longer "the cannibal slurs made by the human dregs of the Communist Party."

The letter said "the democratic tragedy of the country" was summarized in a decayed body from

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Council Seen Ready to Back Franco Inquiry

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP)—The United Nations Security Council and the big powers for once seemed to be in agreement today in supporting the Australian proposal for a thorough investigation of the Spanish regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, the permanent British member of the Security Council, reported he had received instructions to back the Australian proposal.

The United States delegate, Edward R. Stettinius Jr., also was reported ready to back it.

Mexico and Poland previously indicated they would support the measure and it was believed Russia and France were ready to go along. Other delegates, while reluctant to commit themselves in advance, were expected to follow the lead of the big powers.

Some delegates predicted there might be a lengthy discussion, possibly delaying the vote another day, but there was general agreement that the proposal was assured.

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Fritz Kuhn, Ex-Leader of Bund In U.S., to Be Released Today

By ALLAN DREYFUSS
Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, April 24—Fritz Kuhn, former fuhrer of the German-American Bund, who was deported from the United States as an undesirable alien in September, is to be released from custody at Asperg Internment Camp near Lud-

wigsburg tomorrow morning. The decision to release the former goose-stepping leader of hundreds of German-Americans with Nazi leanings came today from USFET Headquarters.

Kuhn's release is based on the joint decision of the Wurttemberg-Baden Security Review Board and USFET G-2, who adjudged the man who spent three years and seven months in a New York prison for embezzlement of Bund funds "an unknown figure in Germany whose health and spirit are broken."

Kuhn, who has been in U.S. jails since 1939, was interned in June, 1943, in a detention camp in Crystal City, Texas, after his embezzlement term. Deprived of his American citizenship in Aug., 1943, he was deported last September to Germany, which he had left in 1922 to take up residence and citizenship in the U.S. He has been in detention since his arrival in Germany.

Seventeen lesser-known deportees from the United States also have been released by the Wurttemberg-Baden security as constituting no threat to security.

Orphan Gets First U.S. Visa in Reich

BERLIN, April 24 (AP)—Three-and-one-half-year old Bella Raphael, whose Jewish parents were murdered by the Nazis in the Auschwitz concentration camp, today became the first person in Germany to be issued an American visa since the outbreak of the war. The visa was issued by the newly opened United States Consulate in Berlin.

The vivacious, chestnut-haired little girl is to leave for her new home later this month. She will be going with Sgt. Bert Simons, of Brooklyn, who adopted her last December as a result of a pledge made

while in a tough spot during the Battle of the Bulge. Simons, who was with the 103rd Inf. at the time, vowed to adopt some Jewish orphan if he came out unharmed.

The sergeant, a serious, bespectacled, tall man of 36, first met his new daughter when he visited the Jewish orphanage in Berlin. "Bella ran toward me," he said. "That settled it. She was a tiny, undernourished little thing, but look at her now."

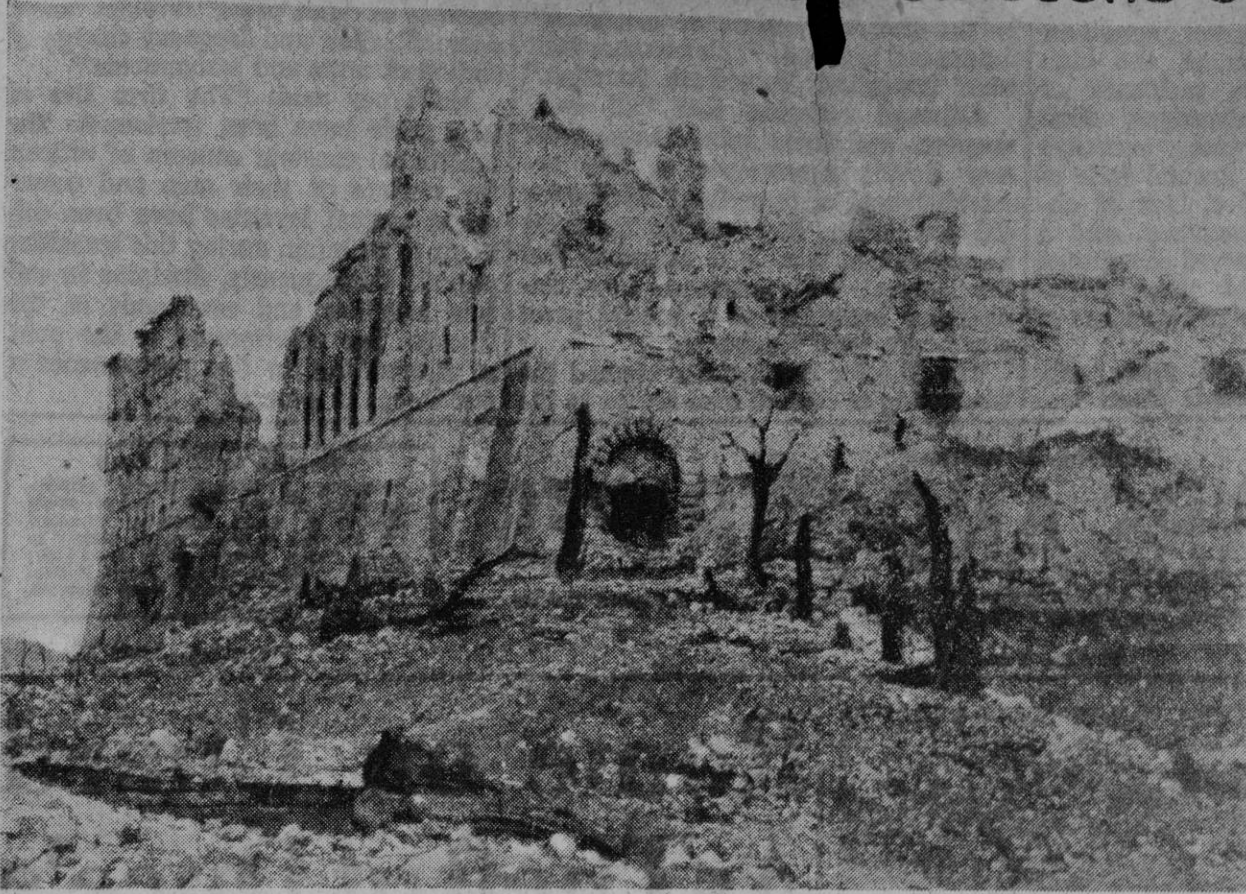
At the time, however, there was no legal machinery for adopting the child, so Simons volunteered for three more months of service. Bella,

meanwhile, was transferred suddenly to an UNRRA camp in the British zone.

After unsuccessfully requesting permission to remove the child, Simons boldly "kidnaped" her and brought her back to Berlin, where he outlined his story to his commanding officer. His CO forgave him, and appointed him the child's official warden.

Simons had to sign up for another three months, before any action could be taken toward legal adoption of the child and bringing her to America. The opening of the consulate in Berlin solved his problem.

Ruined Cassino Rises Anew on Scene of Bloody Siege



MONTECASSINO ABBEY as it appeared after capture by Allied troops, May 18, 1944.

Economic Puzzle Confronts Prosperous Swiss

By Robert Wadsworth

BERNE, April 24 (INS)—It is a popular joke these days in Switzerland that the only persons unemployed are the members of the special commission which is investigating the possibilities of employment. Business is generally good.

However, there exists a fear in this traditionally optimistic little country, which is expressed in various ways—in private conversations between businessmen, at public meetings, in the newspaper columns and in the official reports distributed by the government.

This fear, which every thinking Swiss person realizes is lying hidden beneath the surface prosperity, was explained recently by a Zurich banker.

He said:

"We are at the crossroads of capitalism. We don't know whether we can continue with our free enterprise system or whether we will have to adopt a controlled economy in self defense."

The Swiss know that they are tied to the economic coat tails of Europe, and that if a European "barter

system" is adopted, they must tag along.

Despite an underlying uncertainty for the future, Switzerland is an island of prosperous living in an ocean of misery, and may continue that way for a long time to come.

The rationing system, which has assured everyone of meals with a high calory content, both in restaurants and at home, still continues. But it is becoming increasingly easier to augment the rations with fruits and vegetables and even dairy products.

Building Increases

The rate of industrial construction has risen 80 per cent over last year, while building activity as a whole has increased 200 per cent. The volume of work on roads and hydraulic projects has doubled that of last year.

Prices of all foods, both native and imported, were coming down slowly the last part of 1945. The index of the cost of living, which had reached its highest level during the last year, also has taken the downward path, however slowly.

Simultaneously there has been a rise in salaries of skilled and unskilled workers which has brought the level of wages in industry back to the 1939 level. Employees of what might be called the middle class level have been recently pressing for increase in their salaries.

In Switzerland, as in the United

States, the government has been confronted with the problem of how to increase wages without raising prices.

A partial solution was found in 1945 when the federal government spent 30,000,000 francs in reducing prices for low income classes on such essentials as food, textiles and shoes.

Swiss, who have benefited from this measure, were those who were unmarried and making the equivalent of about \$500 a year or married and making \$750 a year.

On the debit side of the ledger in Switzerland in the severe housing shortage, and the high prices that must be paid for those apartments or houses which can be found.

Electricity is short and gas is still rationed, and the coal shortage is particularly severe. Prices on most articles of clothing are still as high as they were when rationed during the war, and show no signs of going down.

Would Deport Nazis

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The Society for the Prevention of World War III has asked U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark to see to the deportation of more than 600 members of the Nazi party in this country.

The Nazi party membership list came out of captured official German records.

CASSINO, April 24 (AP)—The road back to war is strange and new.

All the ingredients of battle are missing except the ruins. Only by such odd and haphazard monuments—a few roadside graves, an occasional rusted tank, some small forgotten stack of ammunition—can you read the story of the siege of Cassino.

These small memorabilia of battle can only hint at the long heartache and dull misery this mountain village symbolized for thousands of Allied soldiers in the early months of 1944.

Nature which heals or kills has taken care of the rest. The road to Cassino once was a dreary trail of mud and blood and weary tears. It was as tedious as a dull football game wherein no one scores, and lives were lost for yards. It was endless agony and crash of sound and it broke men's hearts and minds and bodies.

Weather Bleak

It was rain and damp wind and crippling cold for bleak weeks when "Sunny Italy" hibernates in its cocoon of winter promise.

It wasn't hell because hell is heated. It wasn't life because life has moments of rest. And it wasn't death because you still could move—any direction but forward.

It wasn't anything but Cassino—and Cassino was life and death and hell in one bitter draught.

Riding back along that road today you feel like some doomed ghost foreordained to revisit scenes of ancient disaster, and you live again that old agony which still stirs many veterans in fruitful dreams of that vanished frustration, that hill of heartache—Cassino.

Other Cassinos

Cassino was only one major signpost on the road to Rome. It was preceded by several miniature Cassinos. Among them was "Million Dollar Hill," so named by combat troops who figured it took that much costly artillery to soften its defenses for the doughboy attack.

In those days it was a bare rock-boned slope. Now, like other way-stops on the road of hate that led to the Italian capital, its forbidding features are veiled by early verdure. Sheep graze where once American and German played deadly hide and seek.

The green of spring has softened everywhere this brown arena of mortal scrimmage. Purple flowers bloom wildly and confuse a visitor to the battlefield who only knew Italy before in its skeleton months.

Rapido Almost Dry

Drought has all but dried the narrow Rapido River, where 3,000 American casualties were suffered in the crossing before the assault on Cassino.

Cassino, sacked and destroyed more than once before in its long history, is rising anew from its gray rubble. It is flanked by British empire and Polish graveyards. Americans who shed existence there are buried farther away.



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Pines for Pin Balls

Now that the Army is sending the wives of married men overseas, why not give a little attention to us juvenile delinquents? We could use some juke boxes, pin-ball machines and pool tables.

—Hurting, APO 411.

Editor's note: The Athletic Division, Theater Special Services comments:

"This is the season for outdoor sports. Indoor recreational facilities will be provided in due time. There is plenty of outdoor athletic equipment available, so why not stay outdoors and keep healthy?"

How Old Is a Soldier?

The statement, "It's wrong to let children in the Army," will live in our minds as the biggest case of "two-facedness" we ever encountered.

Two years ago we 18 and 19-year-olds were sent to the battlefields to fight and die like men. Now those of us who survived four to six months of combat, and have been occupying Germany for the past year are termed children. We thank you Rep. May, and your colleagues, for your heart-touching appreciation of our 18 and 19 months of service, in combat and occupation... and we thank you for our buddies who aren't here to receive your appreciation.

—Children of the 53rd A.I.B.

More Lonely Hearts

I'm afraid you two lonely Wacs will have to stay lonely. The way most GIs behave over here, hunting two gentlemen would be like looking for a needle in a haystack.

—Pvt. W. S. R., USFET.

Before we commit ourselves we want not to see your pictures; we care not what your ages are, where you are stationed or how lonely you are, but pray tell us: how much money do you have in your currency control books?

—Budd & Lambert.

Wants More Sports

I wish you would devote more space to sports now that the baseball season is on. But don't forget there are 13 other Major League teams beside Brooklyn and the two New York clubs.

Editor's note: You must have rubbed the magic lamp, for your wish has come true. Compare the amount of sports news in current issues of this newspaper with that carried at the time your letter was written.

Poles Move West

WARSAW, April 24 (INS)—One of the greatest organized population resettlements in history is underway in Poland today.

Nearly 1,000,000 people are being transferred gradually from the eastern Polish territories annexed by Russia to the rich German lands which Poland has acquired in the west.

Foreign visitors to Warsaw are assured that the acquisition of this new German territory, representing 18 per cent of the area of prewar Germany, will enable Poland to become the greatest power in Central Germany.

Estimates are that Poland's industrial output will be doubled when industries acquired in the annexed territory are fully set in motion.

English Interpreter Uses 21 Languages

LONDON, April 24 (INS)—With 43 years of experience behind him, S. D. Salzedo, interpreter for British law courts, is today regarded as one of the most brilliant linguists in the world.

A white-haired man of genial appearance, advancing years, and with the unmistakable appearance of a scholar, he has acted as interpreter for hundreds of persons in hundreds of cases and his work has been praised by famous judges, past and present.

Salzedo translates 21 languages adeptly, although he has only been called upon to interpret in seven different languages. He has translated legal documents in at least another dozen tongues. In a divorce action some years ago he had to interpret the testimony of women witnesses in three different languages.

Salzedo's work mainly has been in the law courts but he came into prominence during the war as an interpreter in war office cases.

The 21 languages which Salzedo has on the tip of his tongue include English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish, Greek, Hebrew, German, Italian, Turkish, Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian, Russian, Bulgarian, Polish, Serbian, Rumanian, Icelandic, Czech and Hungarian. Most of his interpretations are in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Danish and Portuguese.

"In the whole of my wide and long experience in the courts," affirmed Salzedo. "I have never had any of my work contested and it has always been accepted by the other side."

Salzedo was educated in England and pursued his linguistic studies in Russia.

OCCUPATION By Shep



"How can you say I don't really love you? After all, I'm Austrian, and that makes us allies."

Official Bulletin

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Will the following named enlisted men report their present unit assignment and APO number to AG Military Personnel (Enlisted Branch), Hq., U. S. Forces, European Theater, APO 757. This information is in connection with discharge, redeployment status under War Department demobilization plan, rank status and OCS. Contact should be made by TWX, letter, or telephone Frankfurt 2-1205, 2-2748 or 2-2647:

Annweiler, Theodore, 3666508. Cpl.; Arthur, Archie W., 35082737, Pfc; Chirico, Marino A., 32841329, T/S; Willis, Jessie J., 38133353, Pvt.

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CIO-AFL Fight Feared Over Dixie Industry

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The AFL's entry in the race to organize Southern workers has prompted governmental fears that bitter CIO-AFL jurisdictional battles may lie ahead for Dixie industries.

Highly placed labor officials told reporters privately that the two union drives, both aimed at a growing political voice for labor, are bound to collide in pitched competition for members.

The CIO announced its plans for a Southern organizing invasion some weeks ago. It picked Van A. Bittner, of the United Steel Workers, to head the \$1,000,000 campaign.

Not to be outdone, William Green, AFL president, came out with a competing AFL spearhead and a goal of 1,000,000 new Southern members within a year.

Conference Slated

In a statement issued here while he was attending the Carpenters Union convention in Florida, Green disclosed plans for a conference at Asheville, N. C., on May 11 and 12.

At that time he and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and Vice-Presidents John L. Lewis and William L. Hutchison, among other top AFL leaders, will lay final plans for the Southern drive. The organization already claims 1,800,000 workers in the South.

Bittner, disclaiming any desire for a fight with Green, told reporters with a grin that it looked to him as though the South really was going to become unionized.

"I am glad to see the AFL getting on the job in the South," Bittner asserted. "I don't want any fight with the AFL. If the CIO has any fight down South, it's with employers for higher wages."

UAW OFFICIAL ACCUSES CHIEF OF TRYING TO FREEZE HIM OUT

CHICAGO, April 24 (AP)—R. J. Thomas, vice president of United Automobile Workers, CIO, said that Walter P. Reuther, union president, "was trying to freeze me out completely from important assignments" and was "trying to build up a political machine for himself for dictatorship in the union."

Reuther, who previously declined to discuss assignments in advance of executive board action, declared he would seek to retain directorship of the General Motors Corp. division of the union because of a "moral commitment to General Motors workers," and added:

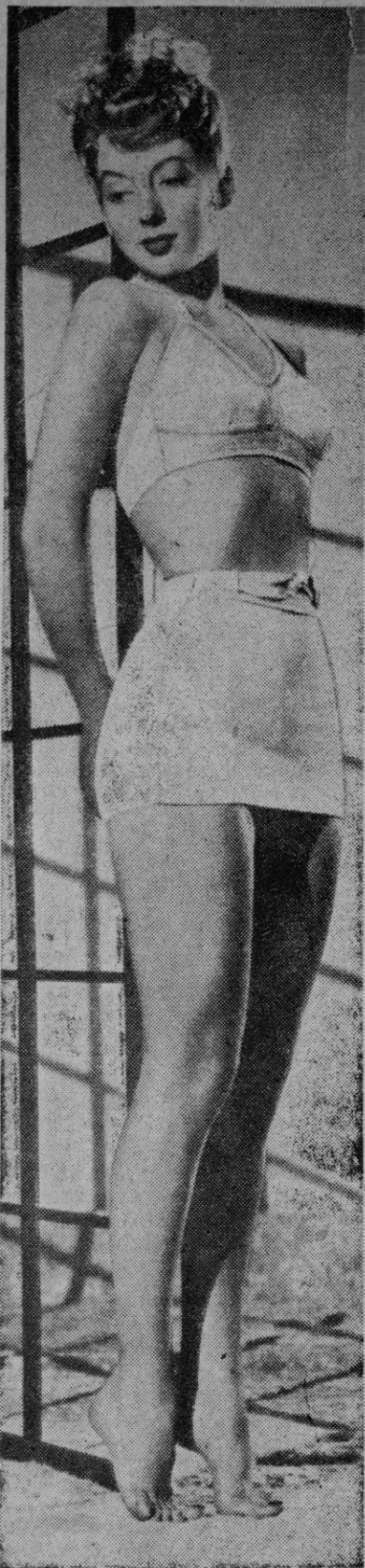
"It is regrettable that Mr. Thomas finds it difficult to adjust himself to his new status in the union."

Last week, Thomas, who was succeeded as president by Reuther, Richard T. Leonard, another vice-president, and George Adde, secretary-treasurer, submitted a statement of union policies which was adopted over Reuther's adverse vote. The new policy virtually repudiated Reuther's "ability to pay" stand in support of wage increase demands in the General Motors strike.

Roosevelt Estate Ordered To File State Tax Return

ALBANY, April 24 (AP)—The New York tax department ruled that executors of the late President Roosevelt's estate should file a 1945 state personal income tax return because there was considerable doubt as to Mr. Roosevelt's military exemption.

Attorneys for Mr. Roosevelt's estate had asked for a ruling on whether he was exempt from tax on grounds that he was commander-in-chief of the U. S. Forces, and asked whether this made him a soldier within the meaning of the tax law.



The Telegenic Girl

Now we have "The Telegenic Girl." Hollywood's Evelyn Keyes was picked by the Electronic Engineers of Southern California as the girl whose hair, eyes and skin texture are most nearly perfect for television transmission.

Sun Spots Blot Radio to U.S.

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP)—Radio communication between the U. S. and most of the world was almost blotted out, and telegraphic service within the country was disrupted, apparently because of abnormal sun spot activity.

Press Wireless Inc. reported it had had "no real contact" with Europe for more than 24 hours, and that there had been interruptions of contact with South America and points in the Pacific.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. said that only one of its seven radio-telephone circuits to London had been functioning, and that domestic telegraph service had been interrupted for short periods.

Leased wires of the Associated Press also suffered momentary blackouts.

U.S. Puts Russian Loan At Top of Credit Seekers

American Aid Causes Jump in Surplus Sales

PARIS, April 24—A general upswing in sales of surplus Army property to foreign governments has resulted from long-range credits to European countries, recently made available by the U. S. Treasury. Credits are granted to finance reconstruction and rehabilitation work.

Within the last 60 days, Britain has signed contracts for \$653,000 worth of surplus items, made bids for \$1,000,000 worth, and placed requests for other goods amounting to \$3,500,000.

Properties now being disposed of by the Foreign Liquidation Commission to England, France, Belgium, Finland, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries are estimated at \$1,500,000,000.

New Buyers in Market

Britain's worldwide export drive is credited with her interest in American surplus properties.

New buyers for the billion-dollar market in American commodities are Czechoslovakia and Poland, who have already spent \$3,000,000 in transportation and mechanical equipment.

The commission estimated that nearly 65 per cent of the original cost of equipment thus far sold has been recovered. Of the \$125,000,000 worth thus disposed of \$70,000,000 worth went to UNRRA.

Negotiations are now in progress for the sale of fixed installations in France and Belgium.

French purchases, being made with an eye to her present reconstruction program, have been directed at two of her major agricultural industries, wheat and wine-producing.

Belgium, buying against \$45,000,000 reverse lend-lease, has already spent \$9,000,000.

U.S. Receives 17% Of 23,000,000 Tons Of German Shipping

BRUSSELS, April 24 (AP)—The percentages of more than 23,000,000 tons of German merchant shipping to be allocated the Allied nations were announced yesterday by the inter-Allied reparations agency established in Brussels.

The distribution is based on the importance of shipping losses during the war, priority being given to the smaller nations, the announcement said.

The percentage shares in ships available approved by the assembly of the reparations agency are as follows:

Nationality	Gross Tons	Per Cent
Australia	44,000	0.19
Belgium	213,000	1.32
Canada	338,000	1.42
Denmark	618,000	2.19
Egypt	85,000	0.23
U. S.	4,209,000	17.82
France	1,814,000	7.68
U. K. and Colonies	10,870,000	44.04
Greece	1,178,000	4.99
India	56,000	0.24
New Zealand	32,000	0.14
Norway	2,393,000	10.14
Holland	1,555,000	6.59
Yugoslavia	302,000	0.88
South Africa	33,000	0.14
Totals	23,608,000	100.00

Hutchinson Back in U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Judge Joseph C. Hutchinson, co-chairman of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry into Jewish Problems, returned to the United States by air yesterday. He would not discuss the Committee's report.



Saint Peter Speaking

Soldiers telephoning the chaplain's office at Buckley Field, Denver, were startled by a voice that said, "Chaplain's office—Saint Peter speaking." When callers complained, the office explained that Pfc Saint L. Peter, of Omak, Wash., had been assigned to answering the phone.

No Aggression In Atom Tests, Blandy Says

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, who will command the joint Army-Navy atom bomb tests at Bikini, said they were neither a threat to other nations nor a martial gesture.

The total cost of the tests, he declared, would be only a small part of the annual Naval appropriation. It probably would not exceed the cost of one new large ship, he added.

Navy records show the cost of an Iowa-class battleship, the most expensive, as about \$110,900,000.

Have Only Scrap Value

Not all the target ships would be destroyed, Blandy said. Even if they were, the cost to the taxpayer for at least 90 per cent of the ships would be only their scrap value—less than 1 per cent of their original cost.

Blandy described the tests as a defensive measure of caution and economy, not aggression, and said postwar armed forces would be definitely and markedly affected by the implications of the atomic bomb.

The Bikini tests were one step in the program of pointing the way toward the best type of armed forces to build in the event of atomic weapons not being outlawed.

Prompt information is necessary, Blandy asserted. It is not expected that a positive guarantee against the use of the weapon can be accomplished except through a step-by-step process over an indefinite period.

French, Italian Money Talks May Be Delayed

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Government economists forecast today that the French and Italian loan negotiations may be stalemated another month as a result of America's recent encouraging reply to Russia regarding a \$1,000,000,000 loan.

This policy was connected with reports that the funds of the Export-Import Bank, whence all three countries would eventually obtain credits, have dwindled, slightly below \$1,000,000,000.

Officials explained that the State Department had placed Russian loan negotiations high on the priority list of American credit discussions.

James F. Byrnes, Secretary of State, dispatched a note on April 16 to Moscow, proposing immediate Soviet-American talks. Whether this action may be designated as a conciliatory measure to the Russians to insure the success of the Paris foreign ministers' conference was a topic of strong speculation here.

As far as United States economic officials are concerned, the Administration's urgency for discussing American credits with Russia has virtually suspended loan talks with France, Italy and other loan applicant nations, pending the Moscow reaction to Byrnes' note.

FRENCH LEND-LEASE DEBT TO U. S. MAY BE 'FORGIVEN'

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Members of the joint technical committee engaged in economic discussions reported yesterday a Franco-American agreement on a policy "forgiving" France's outstanding lend-lease obligations.

No official figures were released, but it was understood the United States had sent France about \$1,400,000,000 worth of war aid and had received from France, in reciprocal war aid, about \$700,000,000 worth.

The decision to forgive the difference, it was stated, was made because the United States lend-lease to France, unlike that to Britain, was mostly military supplies "expended" in the common war struggle.

French officials reported, meanwhile, that Leon Blum was "resting and awaiting the conclusion" of the committee's negotiations.

Wife Convicted In 'Love' Killing

LOS ANGELES, April 24 (AP)—Mrs. Virginia McIlheney, who, police said, described poisoning her husband to regain his love—a statement she repudiated in court—was convicted of manslaughter yesterday by a judge who believed the first version.

Detective Sergeant L. R. Howsley testified that Mrs. McIlheney told him she treated the coffee of her 28-year old former-GI husband, Everett, in the hope of making him ill and nursing him back to health. On the stand she said she remembered nothing of her police questioning.

Superior Judge Walter Gates commented, "I am satisfied she had no real intention of killing her husband in giving him poison, but I believe she did administer poison in the manner which she described to the police."

Anthropometrics? Ask Wacs or Nurses, Large or Small

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP)—Ten thousand Wacs and nurses are leaving the Army, but—the Quartermaster Corps says—not before they give up their anthropometrics.

A team of anthropologists is going to go over the girls with a tape measure—in 60 separate places—a six-month job.

The idea is to let the Quartermaster Corps know just what it's up against, in round figures, when it comes to putting the gals in uniform.

"Trimmer uniforms for women in the armed forces," is the aim, said Col. Simon Jacobson, commanding the Quartermaster Purchasing Office here.

A team of anthropologists—female anthropologists, the colonel said—already has gone to work at Fort Dix, N. J., under Dr. Adelaide Bullen of the Harvard Fatigue Laboratory, and at Fort Sheridan, Ill., under Dr. Ruth Mackaye, of Vassar.

Most of the measurements, the

announcement said, will concern those parts of the body covered by a dress. There, quite frankly, is where Army clothiers run into most trouble.

Take brassieres, for instance. The Army stocked all sizes from 32 to 44 during the war, said Miss Maxine Spengler, in charge of development and research for the Quartermaster Corps.

Yet, they frequently had to order odd sizes.

"You have to figure weight as well

as the-uh-measurement around,"

Miss Spengler said. But it isn't the large alone that created special problems. "We had a lot of extremely tiny Wacs from Puerto Rico," she said, "and maybe you think that didn't upset our table of sizes."

About slacks:

The Army conceded that these garments more and more were suited for nurses and some Wacs in combat zones.

"But don't you dare," breathed

Miss Spengler, admitting the size really was stocked, "talk about any 44's in slacks."

Forty-four is a little less than once around a bushel basket.

The anthropologists, just in case anyone gets the notion this is a lot of tom-foolery, want it understood that anthropometry isn't altogether new.

"Harvard," the announcement said, "has been measuring its men for three generations."

French Unable To Check Huge Black Market

PARIS, April 24 (UP)—The French black market has grown so large that today it threatens to destroy the country's whole recovery program, and the government has given up all hope of ever stamping it out by law, according to a spokesman for the Ministry of National Economy.

"In order to destroy the black market through legal action," the spokesman said, "we would have to maintain a large army of economy inspectors. This is impossible."

"We have reached the stage where our economy cannot be saved in the near future without large-scale outside help."

Food, Machines Would Help

There are only two effective weapons against the gigantic French black market, he declared, and neither of them is found inside of France. They are food and machines from America.

The black market will flourish until France enjoys full production, which depends on coal, machinery, and healthy workers, he said. Food, coal and machinery must be imported. Imports must be bought with dollars.

"Thus," he said, "if we fail to get a sizable loan from the United States, we will remain in the clutches of the black market, whose operators will get richer. Because of low production, the poor will get poorer."

French Morale Is Lowered

The Ministry spokesman admitted that from a purely economic viewpoint France might be able to struggle along in spite of the black market, but added it is destroying the morale of the people.

"How can we show French youth the value of work," he asked, "when they see about them racketeers making millions without turning a hand? If we had a dictator, blackmarketeers could be thrown into concentration camps, but in a democracy such things are impossible."

The official said his ministry had no figures on the proportion of the nation's economy which is outside the law, but insisted it was well below 70 per cent.

If eggs are indicative, half the food industry of France is in the black market. The National Dairy Union estimates that by the end of this year six billion eggs will have been produced in the country.

Black Market To Get Most

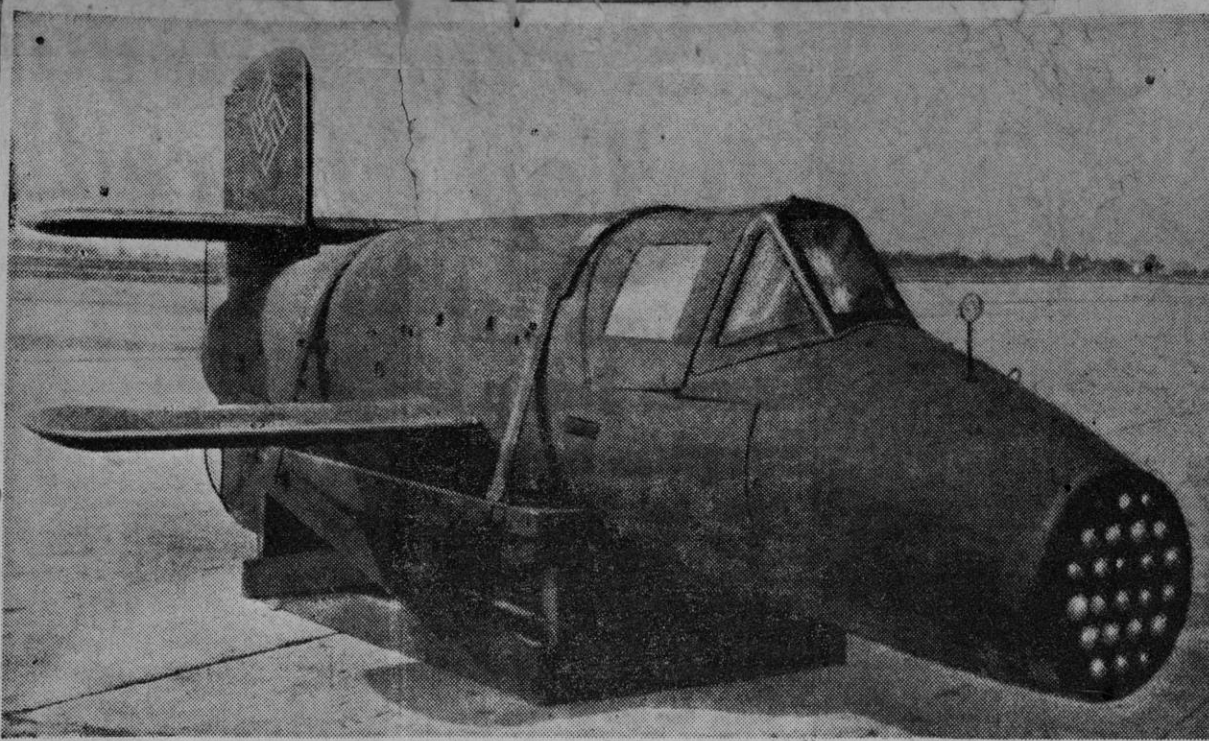
Of these, two billion will be eaten by the farmers themselves. Only one billion, the Union believes, will be sold through legal channels while three billion—three times the legal supply—will go into the black market.

Almost every Frenchman is connected in some way with the black market. Even the most honest housewife buys an occasional piece of meat above the legal price without ration coupons. Hundreds of illegal transactions are made on the Paris Stock Exchange every day. The government has accused large and respectable insurance companies of underwriting big operators against interference by the police with their blackmarketeering.

Bulgarian Regime Pushes Ban on 'Disturbing' Press

SOFIA, April 24 (AP)—Administration forces yesterday introduced legislation in the Bulgarian parliament permitting a permanent ban on newspapers and periodicals found guilty of disturbing the nation's domestic order or its foreign relations.

The opposition organ of the Socialist Party, Svobodni Narod, said that under the proposed amendment to the press regulation law, "The minister of information becomes a full-power dictator of the thought and speech of Bulgaria's people."



Nazi Engineers, Not Buck Rogers, Designed This 'Viper'

A rocket-launching interceptor that can climb to 30,000 feet in less than a minute, this German "Viper" was launched by rockets from a modified gun mount. After reaching a high altitude, the

pilot used a jet engine for power. The plane fired 24 rockets in a single burst, after which the pilot parachuted to earth. Rear half of the plane also was parachuted so the engine could be salvaged.

Medics Adopt Peacetime Streamlined Plan for ET

FRANKFURT, April 24—A streamlined system of medical care for U. S. occupation troops is being established by the medical section of the new U. S. Zone Constabulary, it was announced today by USFET.

Under the new plan, the highly flexible system of medical care used in wartime will be combined with the more static system of specialized treatment that was introduced among the large numbers of troops that remained in Europe after V-E Day.

The Constabulary now has 41 medical aid stations, strategically located throughout Southern Germany, at which facilities for emergency and preliminary treatment are being installed. An aid station is allocated to each battalion, regimental and brigade headquarters in the Constabulary.

Patients will be given preliminary treatment at aid stations. Those who require further care will be admitted to the nearest of 18 permanent hospitals which the medical service has established in the zone. Mobile ambulance and collecting companies have been organized to transport patients and supplies between aid stations, hospitals and supply depots.

Prepares Troops

While the Constabulary readies itself to take over occupation duties on July 1, Lt. Col. Emil J. Gennetti, Constabulary surgeon, is preparing medical troops for long-term assignment.

Selection of enlisted men qualified for medical service continues as new groups of replacements arrive in the theater. Training programs for medical and surgical technicians are now under way in hospitals and medical units throughout the zone.

Efforts to reduce the incidence of communicable disease among constabulary troops already are showing results in the form of diminishing disease rates, according to a report submitted by Col. Gennetti.

Disease Rate Increases

Although an increase in communicable disease rates has been noted among newly arrived troops, this has been attributed to the fact that new replacements have not had time to build up resistance to disease under conditions in Germany.

Frequent inspections and counter measures, employed in units which have recently received replacements from the U. S., have resulted in the current decrease in disease rates.

Bumper Wheat Crop Predicted

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—Undersecretary of Agriculture N. E. Dodd said today there was a good prospect that the U. S. wheat crop this year would be the largest in history.

17 Operations, 97 Transfusions Save Burned Boy

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 24 (AP)—After 97 blood and blood plasma transfusions and 17 skin-grafting operations, Richard Jackson, 13, is able to turn his head to the window and dream of riding a bicycle.

At the General Hospital where he was brought five months ago with third-degree burns covering three-fourths of his body, doctors say Richard's recovery is "almost a miracle."

Additional operations will be necessary before the boy is able to leave the heated tent which protects most of his body from changing temperatures, but doctors predict he will be completely well when surgery is completed and he has regained his strength.

Richard was burned on Nov. 23 in an explosion which took the life of a playmate.

Prague Bookstores Again Sell U.S. Books

PRAGUE, April 24 (AP)—Colorful show windows in Prague's bookshops are displaying American and British books again for the first time since shortly after the Germans occupied the city seven years ago.

The appearance of the books alongside brightly jacketed Czechoslovak and Russian volumes is in line with Czechoslovakia's policy of maintaining cultural and commercial ties with both the East and West, while adhering to the political ties it has with the Soviet Union.

Most of the English-language books are from collections distributed by Swedish and Swiss publishing houses. Other books are being sent directly to booksellers here by American and British publishers.

Polish Stevedores End Strike

GDYNIA, Poland, April 24 (AP)—About 5,000 stevedores returned to work at Gdynia and Gdansk today after what is believed to be the first strike in Poland under the provisional government.

War-Born Way To Stop Inside Bleeding Found

NEW YORK, April 24 (UP)—Another war-born medical wonder was revealed here today by Dr. Virginia Knelland Frantz, pathologist at the New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Frantz's discovery, soluble cellulose, has been used extensively during the war to stop bleeding hemorrhages within the patient's body after the wound has healed.

Prior to Dr. Frantz's discovery, ordinary gauze used in such cases stopped hemorrhages but on being removed took blood clots with it, resulting in additional bleeding. Another advantage of soluble cellulose is that it does not promote the growth of infections and scar tissue.

Began Search in 1935

Dr. Frantz began her search for a body-soluble gauze in 1935. After much research, Dr. Hans Clarke, professor of biochemistry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, suggested oxidized cellulose. Tests proved this material harmless to rabbits. Dr. Frantz then injected the substance into the muscles of another animal. "It seemed incredible to me upon checking," Dr. Frantz said, "that the cellulose had completely disappeared."

Oxidized cellulose came into use in the armed services just prior to the Japanese surrender.

The doctor expressed the hope that her discovery would be available for civilian consumption early next month.

Scores Arrested In Bavaria Raids

FRANKFURT, April 24 (AP)—German police and U. S. Army CIC agents arrested scores of Germans and investigated 25,000 others in South Germany April 2 in widespread raids instigated by reports of an underground plot to murder Bavaria's Minister President Wilhelm Hoegner, Army G-2 officials disclosed today.

The murder plot, they said, was found to be only propaganda circulated by two lunatics—now being treated in an Army hospital—but the raids resulted in the arrest of six persons wanted by the CIC and of "many" violators of Military Government regulations.

Hitler Raved Even at Work, His Aide Says

WURZBURG, Germany April 24 (AP)—Adolf Hitler drafted all his own speeches and often became as frenziedly oratorical in dictating them to his stenographers as he did later in delivering them to cheering German audiences, a former secretary of the Fuehrer related today.

The secretary, Frau Marie-Thekla Weichelt, is a prisoner in Wurzburg's bomb-scarred jail where Counter Intelligence Corps agents are quizzing her about her associations with the former Fuehrer and about the whereabouts of her husband, an SS lieutenant who was one of Hitler's bodyguards and may have been with him in his last days in Berlin.

Believes Hitler Dead

"Yes, I believe Hitler must be dead—and I am sorry," she candidly told the reporter interviewing her in her jail cell. "The Fuehrer was so good to us who worked for him."

She said Hitler took only four or five hours to draft one of his usually wordy, bombastic speeches and often paced the floor, gesticulated and orated to his stenographer as though she were a big enthusiastic audience.

"He was a fine speaker and a very intelligent man," she maintained. A reminiscent gleam of admiration flickered in her eyes as she recalled, "I heard him deliver one of those speeches he dictated to me."

Handled Incoming Mail

It was in 1935 and 1936 that Frau Weichelt—then Fraulein Michels—served on Hitler's stenographic staff. She said she did not handle his private correspondence, took dictation but only on his speeches and handled the general incoming mail.

"Hitler received a lot of congratulatory letters from Americans, Englishmen and Frenchmen as well as Germans," she said, "but of course that was long before the war."

Frau Weichelt retired in 1937 when she married SS Lt. Karl Weichelt and said she has had no contact with Hitler since.

Left Berlin April 6

Her husband, however, was Hitler's bodyguard during the siege of Berlin, and CIC agents apparently suspect she may hold a clue to some additional evidence about those fateful days when Hitler is reported to have committed suicide.

"I left Berlin on April 6 to go to my parents' home in Uttingen," Frau Weichelt related. "When I left, my husband didn't know whether Hitler was going to stay in Berlin or flee to Berchtesgaden, but he expected to stay with the Fuehrer wherever he was. However, I have had no word from my husband nor even any report about him since then."

The slim, blonde, blue-eyed 34-year-old woman was arrested by a Military Government public safety officer who learned she was working in Uttingen.

'Outlaw' Suit Filed By Howard Hughes

NEW YORK, April 24 (INS)—Howard Hughes has filed a suit demanding \$1,800,000 against the Motion Pictures Association of America, formerly known as the Hays Office. Hughes said he filed suit "because of the Hays Office's interference with 'The Outlaw,'" a motion picture produced by Hughes.

Hughes' statement, issued through his public relations counsel, Russel Birdwell, said the organization, now headed by Eric Johnston, failed to approve exploitation material for the film. The suit alleges that the association's procedure constitutes a system of private censorship.

Vet Wins Cut in Term For Robbing Bank Funds

LOS ANGELES, April 24 (INS)—Stanley Matysek, 25-year-old discharged soldier who confessed that he and a partner had robbed two bank messengers of \$111,300 last summer, won a reduction of his sentence from 40 to 21 years.

A Federal judge granted the reduction after the former UCLA student's parents, John and Mary Matysek, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., declared their son was a "good, studious boy who has been unduly influenced to commit the crime."

'Dick Tracy'

(By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.)

By Chester Gould



Renner Wants UNO Army to Unite Austria

By ARTHUR NOYES
Staff Writer

VIENNA, April 24—Dr. Karl Renner, president of Austria, recommended yesterday that Austria be occupied by a United Nations army of 30,000 men rather than by occupation armies of the Big Four.

His suggestion was made during an informal discussion with 14 American publishers and editors who visited here yesterday on a tour of European occupied areas to study military government problems.

Renner said that it is "impossible" today to function as a nation because "with four occupation armies and four zones of occupation, Austria is not one nation but four." He told the publishers: "We need occupation troops here to protect our borders but we want to put our faith in the United Nations and in a United Nations international army. If the UNO fails," Renner said, "there surely will be another war. If there is another war, Austria will be ruined for all time."

Praises Clark

Renner praised Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of U. S. Forces in Austria, "for his great help and understanding." Austria, Renner continued, "does not want to lean either toward the Western or the Eastern nations. 'We exist,' he said, 'between two great philosophies and, to remain a free nation, we must not be drawn into any ring of nations.'"

Dr. Karl Gruber, Austrian minister of State, also talked with the publishers, who asked him many questions about the Zisterdorf oilfields, now under Red Army control. Gruber said that arrangements recently had been made to turn over "a small amount" of Zisterdorf's oil to Austria but that "most of it is being exported to the Soviet Union."

Russian Offer Refused

The Russians offered Austria a 50-50 ownership of the fields, Gruber explained, "but we refused the offer. More recently the Polish government has made a similar suggestion."

The foreign minister told the publishers that an interpretation of the Potsdam agreement is required "at once" for Austria because "with the present lack of certainty Austria can not plan." He said that if Austrian property could be taken for reparations, "our country will be bled to death."

Gruber also told the publishers of Austria's demand for the return of South Tyrol from Italy and said: "It is necessary that these Austrian people be returned to us not just for economic and sentimental reasons but to insure a peaceful border between Italy and Austria."

AUSTRIA SEEKS HEARING AT BIG 4 PARIS PARLEY

PARIS, April 24 (UP)—Norbert Bischoff, Austrian envoy to France, said that Austria was seeking to place her claim to the South Tyrol, which she lost to Italy under the 1919 peace treaty, before the council of Big Four foreign ministers in Paris.

It is understood that the council, which begins Thursday, will discuss a treaty of peace for Italy. Austria's letter asked for a voice in any such discussion.

May Day Banners in Russia Call for Increased Production

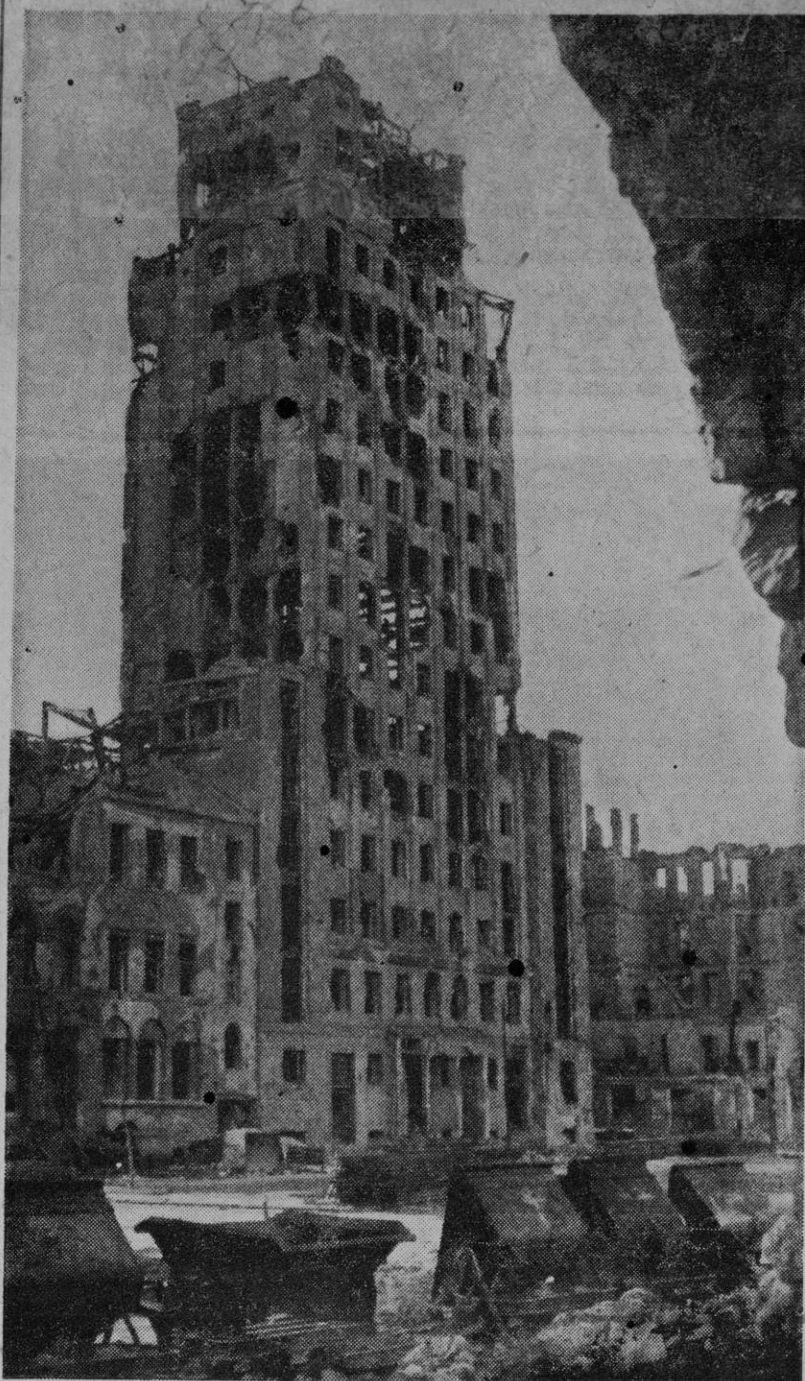
LONDON, April 24 (AP)—Banners in the Soviet Union's May Day parades will call for production increases surpassing in all industries the goals set in the new five-year plan.

Slogans borne through Red Square also will urge establishment of a lasting world peace, but the emphasis will be on ever-increasing production "for the further raising of the material and cultural standards of our people."

Fifty-nine slogans chosen by the Central Committee of the Communist Party for the May 1 celebration were broadcast by Radio Moscow.

They included: "Working people of all countries fight for the annihilation of Fascism! Expose the reactionaries and the Fascist underlings who sow enmity among the peoples! Guard the cause of peace!"

"Let us not allow instigators of a new war to create a threat to the peaceful life of the peoples! Let us



Warsaw's Monument to War

A symbol of the extent of the war damage in Warsaw, this scarred and battered skyscraper in the heart of the Polish capital is the only large building left standing in the entire city.

British Curb Press in Sudan

KHARTOUM, April 24 (AP)—A warning to "irresponsible speech makers" and writers of "irresponsible newspaper articles" on the Anglo-Egyptian treaty revision negotiations was issued today by the civil secretary to the Sudan government, J. W. Robertson.

"It will be increasingly impossible," he said, "to prevent further incidents if speeches and newspaper articles do not alter their present tone." In an address to the Northern Sudan Advisory Council, Robertson said that, whatever the court outcome of the negotiations, the government intended to maintain essential law and order in the Sudan.

"I have therefore issued instructions," he declared, "that those who make speeches productive of violence and disturbance shall be prosecuted in the courts and legal action similarly will be taken against newspapers which abuse the rights of free speech."

Boom Era Seen For Argentina

NEW YORK, April, 24 (AP)—Genaro Cooke, Argentine consul general, has given details of an immigration project destined to make of Argentina a nation of possibly 40,000,000 inhabitants.

Cooke, brother of the Argentine foreign minister, returned recently from Buenos Aires and said he found people in his country "in an unexpected fever of production, willing and ready to carry agricultural outputs to new peaks."

He said the 1946-47 wheat crop in Argentina is expected to be unprecedented, adding that the country's agricultural products will go a long way in helping the starving nations of Europe.

Cooke declared that some of Europe's present food problems could have been averted if Argentina had achieved a normal wheat crop this year.

Cooke said Argentina's projected immigration policy would make of his country one of the strongest in the Western Hemisphere, adding that immigrants from Italy, Spain, Ireland and the Low Countries were principally sought.

The policy will be a broad one, he said, with personal health being the only requisite of entrance.

He reported the Argentine Central Bank was willing to extend credits to 100,000 immigrant farmers each year.

Talks Resume in Java May 4

THE HAGUE, April 24 (AP)—Negotiations between the Dutch and the Indonesians will be resumed in Java May 4.

Terry and The Pirates



(By Courtesy of News Syndicate)

By Milton Caniff

Post, Wire Paralysis Ends in Palestine; Rail Strike Continues

JERUSALEM, April 24 (AP)—Palestine's postal service and telephone system resumed operations today, following partial settlement of the civil service strike, which had lasted two weeks.

The strike ended officially at midnight. The strikers had demanded salary increases, larger living allowances and a grant of two months' salary as a war bonus. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed officially.

Meanwhile, the army was reported still operating the railroads throughout the country, as the railroad workers had not returned to work. Many said their demands had not been met.

Ends National Paralysis

The return of the communication employes ended a stoppage, which had paralyzed the country's postal and cable services for two weeks.

The terms said to have been accepted by the strikers included increases of basic salaries, especially in the lower brackets, a better system of promotion, increases in cost-of-living bonuses, and two months' salary as a war bonus.

Immediately after the settlement, announced at 6 p. m. yesterday, both the government and the Civil Service Association had statements broadcast, asking the workers to return to their jobs.

3 DIE AS BAND RAIDS TEL-AVIV POLICE STATION

JERUSALEM, April 24 (AP)—Two Jews and an Arab policeman were killed today when an armed band attacked Ramath Gan police station in Tel-Aviv. Two other Arab policemen were wounded seriously. Simultaneously the Tel-Aviv railway station was damaged considerably by four explosions.

About 30 persons, disguised as British soldiers, attacked the police station and escaped with a truckload of weapons and ammunition from the armory. They mined the roads to prevent pursuit, but two of the attackers were killed and two others wounded and captured in the engagement before the band escaped.

Royal Air Force planes later located the three-ton military truck, which the attackers had used. The army and police were still searching for the group.

Twin Blondes Land In U.S. in Ocean Hop To Wed Army Vets

NEW YORK, April 24 (INS)—The romantic side of war came up with a pair of blond twins when blonde June and Doreen Robbins landed at La Guardia Field ending the first lap of their trip to the altar with two American veterans.

The 20-year-old twins were wartime entertainers. They brought along from England their trousseaux, including silverware, cut glass and Nottingham lace—also their mother, Mrs. Lea Robbins.

On hand to meet June was her fiancé Earl Mahn, 37, of Baltimore.

Doreen announced she was a disappointed woman when her fiancé, Jack Silver, 29, of Los Angeles, had failed to meet her. He cabled her that he would be detained on business.

1943 West Point Class To Hold Reunion May 4

HEIDELBERG, April 24—West Point graduates of the class of 1943 will hold their annual reunion at the Schloss Hotel here May 4. Capt. Hamblen, of 3rd Army Hq., who is in charge of the event, urges those interested in making reservations to call him at 3rd Army 6231 or 5531 before May 1.

British Press Hails Nation's Empire Policy

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—The Laborite Daily Herald this morning discussed the commonwealth meetings taking place at 10 Downing St. and said it did not hesitate to declare that the British Commonwealth as a whole has far outlived the ancient reproach of imperialism.

The paper hailed the sessions as meetings of equals and added, "It would please us very well if all the dominion spokesmen were of our political color. But it does not discourage us in the least that some who will attend are at odds with us over a wide range of social issues."

Britain Back In Market

The Times saw the March export figures as perhaps being disappointing to some, but added it would be unreasonable to expect that the big jumps forward which occurred in November, January and February could be repeated.

The Beaverbrook Daily Express urged: "Shout it aloud. Tell the buyer from overseas that Britain is back taking orders and delivering them on time." The paper said Britain must develop her methods of packaging and design.

The Daily Telegraph viewed the export figures as satisfactory but nothing sensational and said that the commercial comeback, modest as it was, was achieved in spite of the impact of Socialism upon productive enterprise.

Too Many Controls Seen

The paper deplored government activities causing uncertainty in the iron and steel industry, a jungle of often unnecessary formalities, far too many signs of control for controls sake and the continuing handicap of a Socialist policy.

The Daily Mail examined the South African gold strike and found that Britain's standing in the world is not judged by the amount of bullion in the Bank of England but upon the skill, energy and resource of her manpower and the state of her industries.

The News Chronicle, regarding the retirement of John Winant as United States Ambassador to Great Britain, hoped for continued Anglo-American agreement on the need for true internationalism, loyal support for the UNO (even when it hurts) and resistance to the defeatist idea that henceforth the world must be split into capitalist and Communist zones.

Banquet for 600 Climaxes Syrian Evacuation Fetes

DAMASCUS, April 24 (AP)—A sumptuous banquet given by Prince Faisal last night for 600 guests, including members of the diplomatic corps, climaxed almost a week of celebrations over the withdrawal of foreign troops from Syria.

The evacuation began last Wednesday.

President Quwatly yesterday gave a luncheon to Gen. Sir Bernard Paget, commander in chief of British forces in the Middle East, who had flown to Damascus to say goodbye.

Head Pitches No-Hitter, Topping Braves, 5-0

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP)—Ed Head's no-hit, no-run chore for Brooklyn, outstanding event of the infant ball season, highlighted major league games as the Dodgers stretched their winning streak to six, beating the Braves, 5-0.

The lean righthander from Louisiana, who hadn't appeared in a big league game since he went marching off to war in July, 1944, walked only three men, and one other reached base on an error by Pee

Wee Reese, as he notched the first no-hitter at the expense of Boston's Mort Cooper.

The Dodgers greeted Cooper's seasonal debut with 10 hits. Catcher Ferrel Anderson's sixth inning homer followed two-run bursts in the third and fifth.

Carl Furillo made a sensational catch of Tommy Holmes' long drive to deep center field in the seventh. Anderson's bullet peg that caught Chuck Workman off first base in the

ninth, after Connie Ryan struck out, was the clincher.

The Dodgers' rookie catcher Anderson was asked if he thought he had contributed anything to Head's feat, which was witnessed by more than 30,000 fans.

"Not a thing," he insisted. "I just sat there and let him do it. He was master out there. No, I didn't say anything to him about a no-hitter. I knew he knew what was happening."

It was Head's first start of the season—his first, in fact, since he went into the Army. He served in a tank destroyer battalion, and last summer his pitching shoulder was badly hurt by the recoil of a 57 MM gun that was touched off accidentally. He took things very easy this spring in consequence, and only today was adjudged ready to start.

"Something you might not know is that I pitched left-handed until 1935," Head volunteered. "Then I

got hurt in a bus accident and had to switch arms. This was my first no-hitter. Best I ever had in the big league before was a two-hitter."

When Johnny Hopp grounded to Billy Herman for the final out, the crowd poured onto the diamond and Head had to fight his way to the Dodgers' dugout. First, however, he ran over to first-baseman Stevens and got the ball which he later had autographed by all his teammates.

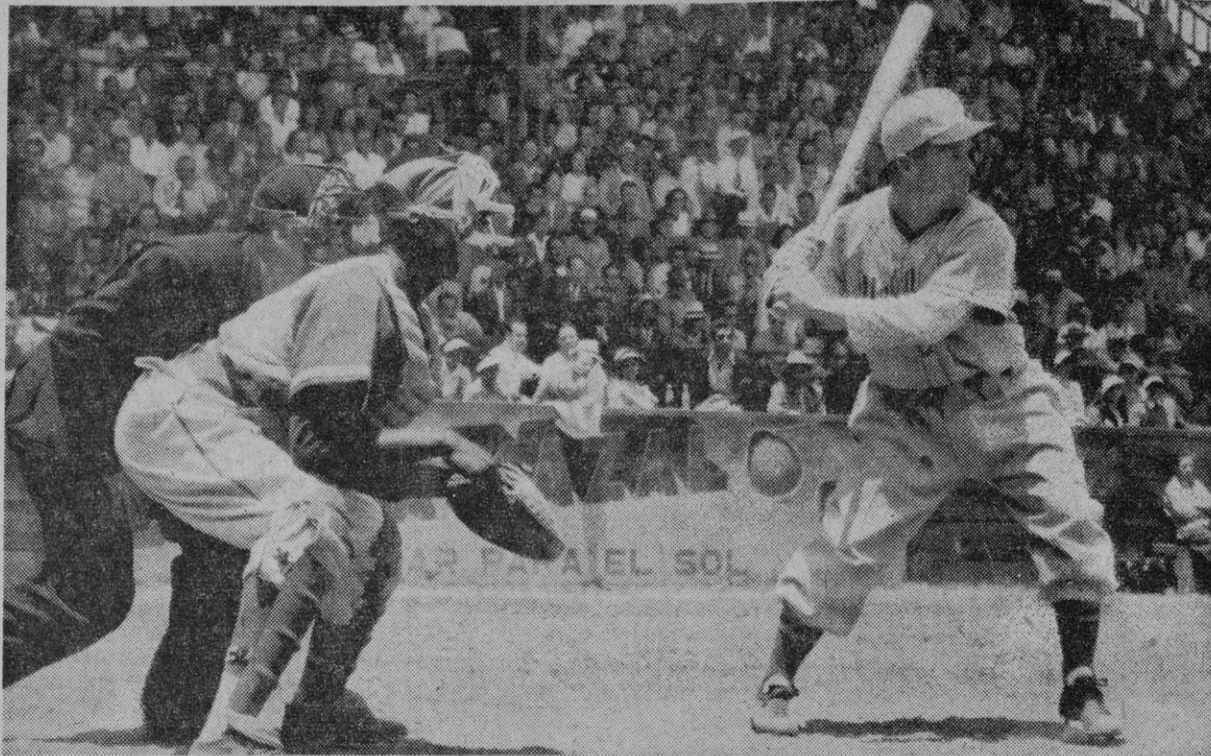
Cards Defeat Reds, 3-2; Cubs Rap Bucs, 3-1

CINCINNATI, April 24 (AP)—The Cardinals spurred for two runs in the eighth to defeat the Reds, 3-2, and take the second successive game of a three-game series. The Redlegs got both their runs by way of circuit clouts.

Nate Andrews, hard-luck pitcher, seemed to have the Cardinal attack solved until the eighth. Then singles by Marty Marion, Del Rice and Lou Klein, an error by rookie second baseman Bobby Adams, and a long fly put the Cardinals in the lead.

The Reds went in front in the second when Bert Haas, first baseman, banged a long homer over the center-field wall. Red Schoendienst opened the fourth with a double, and when Stan Musial followed with a single, the score was tied.

Cincinnati took the lead again in the same inning on Eddie Miller's homer. Ted Wilks started for the winners, and was removed for a pinch hitter in the sixth. Ken Burkhardt was the winning pitcher.



South of the Border
George Hausmann, former New York Giants' second baseman, who recently jumped to Jorge Pasquel's Mexican League, gets set to hit in a game at Mexico City. In this trip he grounded weakly to shortstop.

Chisox Topple Tigers; Yanks Blank A's, 3-0

CHICAGO, April 24 (AP)—Bill Dietrich, bespectacled White Sox veteran, gave the Tigers five safe hits and fashioned a 3-1 victory for Chicago over the World Champions.

Only once was Dietrich in trouble—in the fourth—when Hank Greenberg doubled to left with two out. Dick Wakefield followed with a double to the same spot, scoring Greenberg.

Benton's wildness in the first, plus an error by shortstop Eddie Lake, gave the White Sox two unearned runs.

The White Sox scored a third run in the seventh after Dietrich had retired because of a stomach ailment. Wally Moses batted for the hurler, singling to right. He went to second on Tucker's sacrifice and scored on a single by Don Kolloway.

Cubs 3, Pirates 1

PITTSBURGH, April 24 (AP)—Billy Cox, rookie Pittsburgh shortstop, let a bouncer go through him in the eighth to break a 1-1 tie and help the Cubs to a 3-1 victory.

Cox bobbled Tommy Livingston's infield tap with two away, enabling Phil Cavarretta to tally from third.

Veteran Claude Passeau hurled five-hit ball and struck out seven. Ed Alosta of the Pirates gave up only five hits, but wildness kept him in hot water. He walked 10 and forced in the third Chicago run in the ninth.

Frank Colman poled out a homer for the Bucs in the third.

Phils 8, Giants 1

PHILADELPHIA, April 24 (AP)—After manager Ben Chapman had been ejected in the first inning by umpire Tom Dunn, the Philadelphia Phillies knocked starter Harry Feldman out of the box and went on to score an 8-1 win over the Giants, squaring a two-game series.

The Phils clubbed Harry Feldman, Ken Trinkle and Rube Fischer for 12 hits.

Ron Northey's homer netted three runs off Feldman in the third.

Johnston to Compete With Mike Jacobs

NEW YORK, April 24 (UP)—Jimmy Johnston, veteran New York fight manager, announced that he would compete with Mike Jacobs as a boxing promoter this summer by staging topflight shows at Ebbets Field, home of the Dodgers.

Branch Rickey, Dodger president, and Johnston will meet at the team's headquarters Monday to sign contracts for the use of the field which seats 33,000 for baseball games. Johnston plans to present at least two fights monthly in competition with Jacobs' shows at the Yankee Stadium.

Pasquel Inroads Hit Rival Mexican Loop

EL PASO, Tex., April 24 (AP)—The baseball ambitions of the wealthy Pasquels are not only a headache to big league clubs in U. S., but now they're making inroads into a rival league in Mexico—the Mexican National.

The six-club loop, the only league in Mexico which is a member of organized baseball, is holding an emergency meeting Wednesday at Chihuahua to consider dropping to four teams. Already its president and secretary have resigned.

Competition with the Mexican League, operated with a flourish by the Pasquel brothers, has been too strong for Mexico City and Torreon.

11 Ex-Stars Voted To Hall of Fame

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP)—Eleven former big-league stars were voted into Cooperstown (N. Y.) Hall of Fame at a meeting of a special committee of old-timers.

Six pitchers and five other players were admitted after a meeting in the offices of the Yankees.

Ed Walsh, of the White Sox, Clark Griffith of the New York Highlanders and Washington, Jack Chesbro of the Highlanders, Rube Waddell and Eddie Plank of the Athletics and Joe (Ironman) McGinnity of the Giants were the hurlers added to the list of the game's immortals.

Leftfielder Jesse Burkett of Cleveland and the Browns in the early days of the century, and Tom McCarthy, who patrolled right field for the Browns from 1885 through 1888 were the outfielders named.

Pericles Wins at Jamaica With Strong Stretch Drive

NEW YORK, April 24 (UP)—Pericles, racing's poor little rich girl, paid off on two years of faith and hope when, in her first start, she defeated ten other rivals to take the six furlong test for maidens at Jamaica.

Tagged a \$60,000 lemon because of a series of mishaps which for two years have kept her stamping in the barn, the light chestnut colt scored a smashing victory with a thrilling stretch charge under the urging of jockey Eddie Arcaro. And as she carried her blue and white silks under the wire in 1.14, she had a length and three quarters margin over J. M. Jerken's Crack Time with Isatin fading third.

A crowd of 38,000 had come to see the colt, regarded as one of the most beautifully formed horses in turf history and who had never paid a nickel interest on her 1943 purchase price of \$60,000.

They too had faith in her—backing Pericles down to a 6-5 favorite as they closed mutual windows.

But the man whose heart swelled the most as Arcaro brought the streamlined 4-year-old down to the wire, was owner Bill Helis, the "golden Greek," who would rather have seen his "baby" win this one than the coveted Kentucky Derby.

King's Counsel Wins

Snow Boots, Mrs. Ada Rice's invader from Santa Anita, surprised the racing crowd by defeating Mrs. Ethel Jacob's favored Stymie by three lengths to win the featured High Quest purse. J. B. Theall's King Dorset was third.

Calumet Farm's Twosy, making its first start since the Florida season, coasted to a three-length victory in the Belle Dame purse at Havre de Grace. Knollwood Stable's

Cherry Pop ran second, a length and a half in front of Mrs. R. H. Heighe's Adroit.

King's Counsel, owned by the Baker Acres Stable of St. Charles, Ill., won the featured free-for-all six-furlong race at the Santa Anita grand circuit meet at Arcadia, Calif.

Driven by veteran Harry Fitzpatrick, King's Counsel defeated Guy W. by one length, with the favorite, Adois, third. The time was

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 24 (AP)—Bedless Kentucky Derby visitors who were counting on cozy lobby chairs and couches for 40 winks during the Derby weekend will be disappointed as most hotel managers said they were moving furniture out of the lobbies "for the duration." All hotels are booked solid for the Derby weekend, May 4-5.

1:30, fastest for the distance at the current meet.

CROSBY SELLS INTEREST IN DELMAR RACE TRACK

DELMAR, Calif., April 24 (AP)—Bing Crosby sold his 35 per cent interest in the Delmar race track and Charles H. Carr, U.S. District Attorney here was named its, new president.

Larry Crosby, Bing's brother and business manager, said Bing retained an interest in the Binglin Stables, which the crooner operates jointly with Gin Howard. "Only a few horses," Larry said, are currently on the Binglin string.

Yanks 3, A's 0

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP)—Al Gettel earned his second decision of the season over the Athletics, 3-0, hurling a brilliant four-hit shutout for the Yankees before a large weekday throng of 24,548.

The 28-year-old righthander from Norfolk, Va., who travelled north from spring training with the B squad, earned his regular starting turn by scattering four singles over the route.

Charley Keller scored the first Yankee run in the second after he was walked and moved to third on Nick Etten's single. He came across when Bill Dickey bounded into a double play.

Senators 8, Red Sox 2

BOSTON, April 24 (AP)—The Senators, who had lost four games to the Red Sox so far this season, turned on the Bostonians and dynamited a 2-2 game by making six runs in the 11th inning for an 8-2 victory.

The big blow was a three-run homer by Gerry Priddy. The Senators started the big inning against Mike Ryba, and finished up against Jim Wilson.

Murphy to Extend Pro Sports Unions

BOSTON, April 24 (UP)—Robert Murphy followed up his projected American Baseball Guild by taking preliminary steps toward unionizing the nation's professional football, hockey and baseball players.

The Harvard-educated organizer of the baseball union filed papers with the Boston City Clerk authorizing him to form three more labor groups for athletes—the American Football Guild, the International Hockey Guild and the American Basketball Guild.

The three new unions, Murphy said, were prompted by inquiries from professional athletes. He said that the baseball guild had "substantial membership" on 12 major league clubs, but admitted that the other three unions were still "in the planning stage."

Last week, Jerry Bric, AFL business representative in Detroit, said that he had been exploring the possibility of unionizing professional football, hockey and basketball players.

Murphy said that his three unions, like the American Baseball Guild, would remain independent, at least for the present.

Toledo Golfer Leads Tourney

PINEHURST, N. C., April 24 (AP)—Frank R. Stranahan, of Toledo, breezed around the 6,879-yard championship course in a four-below-par 68 to lead the qualifying field in the 46th annual North and South Amateur championship.

Moon Mullins

(By Courtesy of News Syndicate Co., Inc.)

By Willard



Chess Masters To Match Wits For World Title

By WILLIAM STEELE

NEW YORK, April 24 (INS)—Alexandre Alekhine's recent death in Lisbon left the world's chess throne untenanted, and no one knows today how or by whom it will be filled.

American and Russian players of the game are already advocating that the long-used "match" system of selecting a new champion be abandoned in favor of tournament play embracing leading players from all over the globe.

They argue that under the old rules the champ could pick his own opponent for a title match, name his own time for play, and in general, operate in a manner not conducive to chess interest.

United States players, and very probably USSR contenders, hope that a field of top-notch crown-seekers will be chosen by the International Chess Foundation when it meets in Zurich this summer.

They hope also that the ICF will set a schedule of regularly paced tournaments that would keep the title fluid, boost interest in the game and give numerous contenders a crack at the No. 1 chess spot.

Kenneth Harkness, managing editor of the magazine "Chess Review" and author of the book "Invitation to Chess," is rooting wholeheartedly for the tournament system.

Russian Might Claim Title

He warns, however, that the Russian master, Mikhail Botvinnik, might claim the title by virtue of having contracted to play Alekhine shortly before he died.

Harkness does not feel that any such move would be considered seriously by the majority of ranking enthusiasts. He said U. S. masters of the chessboard would turn "threadbare" any title claim made by the Russian without first meeting wide competition.

Neither Harkness, nor any member of the important Marshall Chess Club in New York would predict who might win a tournament set by ICF.

But it was generally agreed that Reuben Fine of Los Angeles, and Samuel Rashevsky of Boston, undoubtedly would be selected to represent America.

Botvinnik to Represent Russia

Harkness said that if the international body calls for more than two men from a single country, the U. S. would probably name the required number of top players from the American championships scheduled for this fall.

Botvinnik, he said, would certainly represent Russia, although the Soviets have at least 100 players in the "master" category.

Other bright spots on the chess championship horizon include Dr. Max Euwe of Holland, Miguel Najdorf of Argentine, and the Argentine champion, Herman Pilnik.

Harkness, who managed the Russo-American radio-controlled matches last summer, said he hoped to see interest in championship play exceed that shown then. He argued: "International chess tournament competition will do more for global goodwill than any amount of diplomacy."

"The struggle to fill Alekhine's high place will serve to bind, rather than strain, international trust and communication."

Injured Driver Enters Auto Race

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24 (AP)—Joel Thorne, lying in the hospital with assorted broken bones, flabbergasted Indianapolis motor speedway officials by nominating himself to drive in the 500-mile race on May 30.

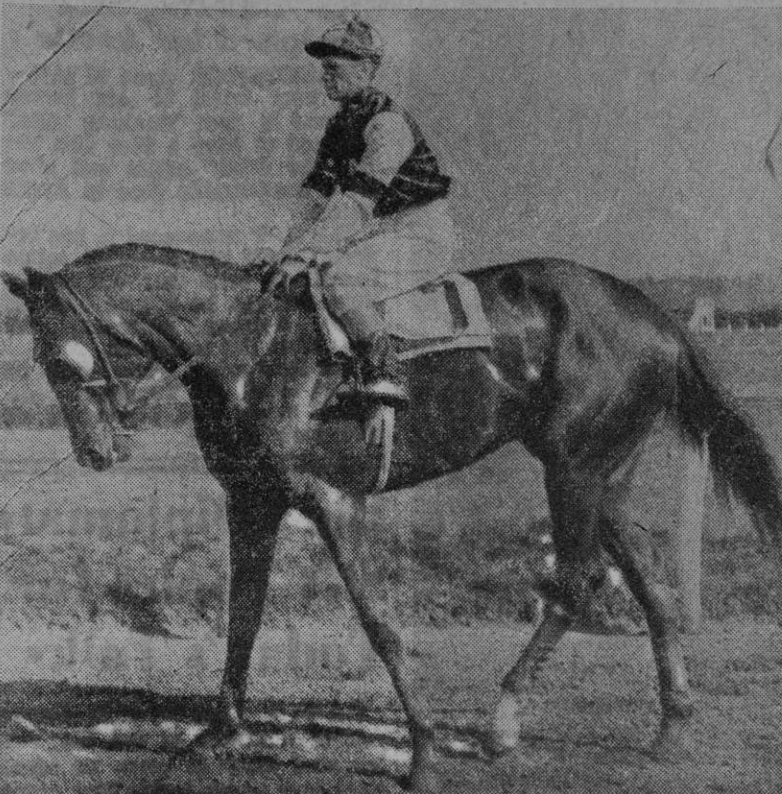
The Californian cracked up on a motorcycle early last month. West coast reports listed his injuries as two broken legs, a cracked wrist and a battered head.

Speedway president Wilbur Shaw said he was skeptical about Thorne's ability to recover in time for the 500-mile race and would insist on the stiffest physical examination ever given at the speedway. Thorne started in four previous races.

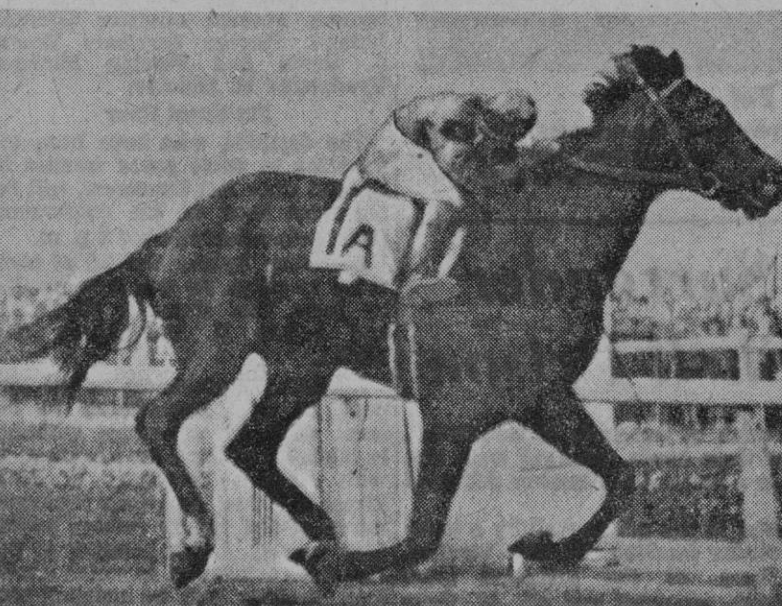
Bermuda Fleet Outsails N. Y. Club to Retain Cup

HAMILTON, Bermuda, April 24 (AP)—The Bermuda fleet won the sixth race of the best four of seven International One Design class series with the Larchmont, N. Y., Yacht Club, retaining possession of the Amorita Cup. The home fleet won four and lost two.

Assault, Knockdown Rule Kentucky Derby Choices



Assault, son of Bold Venture, winner of the 1936 Derby, has been established a leading contender for the Churchill Downs classic on May 4. The chestnut colt made a fine impression outsprinting five other Derby candidates to win the \$10,000 Experimental Handicap at Jamaica, Warren Mehrtens, who rode Assault to the four-length triumph and is expected to pilot him in the Derby, is in the saddle. Assault also galloped off with the Wood Memorial at Jamaica last Saturday in a fireball finish. Warren Mehrtens is atop Assault. The 22-year-old jockey was astride Assault in both victories.



Knockdown, the most prominent member of the quartet that Elizabeth Graham's Main Chance Farm intends to enter in the Derby, will be backed by plenty of "wise money," after the "Cinderella" horse's stunning victory in \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby. He won the rich classic by two lengths over his stablemate, Star Pilot. Beside Knockdown and Star Pilot, the Maine Chance Stable will be represented by Lord Boswell and Colony Boy. They also have Perfect Bahram and War Pippin on the eligible list. This entry of four horses in the Derby is a new all-time record for number of entrants from one stable.

Hole-in-One Makes Golfer Quit Game

GEORGIA, Ill., April 24 (UP)—Joe Lowenstein, local golfer, made a hole-in-one on the fly today. He teed off on the 12th hole with a five-iron. The ball sailed for 155 yards through the air and landed in the cup without touching the green.

Lowenstein threw down his clubs and trudged off to the clubhouse, "I quit," he said, "my nerves can't stand any more."

Couple Plans Trip From England to Australia by Bike

LONDON, April 24 (INS)—Undaunted by mountains and oceans, a 33-year-old London poet and his 33-year-old wife will soon begin a 15,000-mile bicycle ride to Australia. They will go from England to France and thence across Europe to Greece and Persia, on to India, then Burma, Malaya and finally Australia.

Concerning their plan to pedal themselves halfway around the world, Barry Green stated:

"We hope to make a start early in May. Passport and visa problems are working out smoothly, and we expect the whole trip to take slightly under a year. It will involve 15,000 miles of cycling and less than 1,000 miles of shipboard travel.

"We certainly shall reach Australia by spring or early summer of '47 at least."

Both Vegetarians

Kay Greep explained that they were both vegetarians.

"By sticking to a well-planned vegetarian diet, we shall be able to manage comfortably on little more than 20 cents a day each for food." It is possible that before May arrives, the Greens will have recruited another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cooper, also of London.

The full itinerary for this tour of tours begins with a cycle ride from London to Dover, then over the channel by boat to France. Striking out from Calais, the party will cycle through France to Italy, then on through Yugoslavia to Greece, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Persia, India, Burma and Malaya.

The longest sea journey will be from Singapore to Australia but the Greens hope to cut that short by trying to go through Borneo and Java, adding another 500 miles of cycling.

Russian Team to Meet British Chess Stars

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—Moscow radio said today that an international radio chess tournament between the Russian and British players will be held between June 19 and 22, on the initiative of the Chess Section of the British Society for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union.

Each side, said the broadcast will be represented by a team of ten.



National League

	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	6	1	.857
Brooklyn	6	1	.857
Chicago	4	2	.667
New York	3	4	.429
Boston	2	4	.333
Pittsburgh	2	5	.286
Philadelphia	2	5	.286
Cincinnati	2	6	.250

Results

Brooklyn 5, Boston 0
Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 8, New York 1

American League

	W	L	Pct.
New York	6	2	.750
Boston	6	2	.750
Detroit	5	2	.714
St. Louis	3	3	.500
Cleveland	2	2	.500
Chicago	2	5	.286
Philadelphia	2	6	.250
Washington	2	6	.250

Results

New York 3, Philadelphia 0
Chicago 3, Detroit 1
Washington 3, Boston 2
Cleveland at St. Louis rained out

Pacific Coast League

	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	18	7	.720
Los Angeles	17	7	.708
Oakland	14	11	.560
Hollywood	11	13	.458
Portland	11	13	.458
San Diego	11	15	.423
Sacramento	9	16	.360
Seattle	8	17	.320

Results

Sacramento 1, San Francisco 0
Hollywood 11, Seattle 4
Portland 2, San Diego 1 (3 innings)

Texas League

	W	L	Pct.
San Antonio	6	1	.875
Tulsa	5	2	.714
Dallas	5	2	.714
Shreveport	4	4	.500
Forth Worth	3	4	.429
Beaumont	3	5	.375
Houston	3	6	.333
Oklahoma City	1	6	.143

Results

Houston 9, Shreveport 3
San Antonio 8, Beaumont 4

Southern Association

	W	L	Pct.
New Orleans	8	2	.800
Atlanta	8	2	.800
Memphis	7	3	.700
Nashville	4	5	.444
Chattanooga	4	5	.444
Little Rock	4	6	.400
Birmingham	3	6	.333
Mobile	1	10	.091

Results

Little Rock 3, Mobile 1
Atlanta 12, Chattanooga 1
Birmingham 8, Nashville 6 (4 innings)
Memphis at New Orleans rained out

South Atlantic League

	W	L	Pct.
Augusta	5	1	.833
Charleston	4	2	.667
Jacksonville	4	2	.667
Columbus	4	3	.571
Macon	3	4	.429
Savannah	2	4	.333
Columbia	2	5	.286
Greenville	2	5	.286

Results

Charleston 5, Greenville 4
Augusta 14, Columbia 8
Jacksonville 5, Macon 2
Columbia 10, Savannah 3

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Schacht Charge Goering With Blackmail

Clark Protests Russian Attack On U.S. Plane

VIENNA, April 24 (AP)—Gen. Mark W. Clark protested to the Russians here today concerning an attack by four Russian fighter planes on a C-47 transport plane of the European Transport Service April 21—just a day before four fighter planes attacked another transport over the Tulln Airport near Vienna.

Two of the Russians fired upon the transport plane in the April 21 attack, but no hits were scored, it was announced.

The plane was flying on time and was within the corridor prescribed by the Russians for flying from Linz to Tulln.

The pilot, whose name was not disclosed, was flying at an altitude of 4,500 feet when the Russian fighters closed in.

Four Attacks Reported

There were four attacks all together. The first came just east of Vienna and fighters closed in again as the plane was flying over Linz itself although Linz is within the American zone except for the part known as Urfahr, north of the Danube River.

The attack which Clark protested took place while the American plane was flying on a regularly scheduled flight between Vienna and Munich.

No Answer Received

Only two of the four Russian planes took part in the shooting. The shots were fired off the wing of the transport plane and the fighters came so close the crew was able to read the numbers on the sides of two Russian planes. The numbers were given as 54 and 99. The American plane was flying empty except for the crew.

Clark's protest was the second filed with the Russians. No answer has been received yet to the protest filed concerning the incident over Tulln Airport Monday.

In that incident, which was observed by a crowd of airport workers and fliers, the Russian planes dove in on the transport from all angles. One of the planes pursued it down to the landing strip itself and then streaked off across the field.

The Russian planes used were P-39 fighters, pilots at the field said. The fighters used in the Linz incidents also were single-engined fighter type planes and carried a yellow star on the left side of the cockpit, members of the American plane's crew said.

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Such action would avert a showdown on Poland's move for a worldwide diplomatic break with the Franco regime for at least four weeks, the time allotted for an inquiry by a five-man committee.

By an 8-3 vote, the Soviet Union lost a bitter Security Council battle yesterday to have the Iranian case taken off the council's agenda.

Immediately after the vote, the chief Soviet delegate, Andrei Gromyko, announced that he would not participate in further discussions involving Iran, stating that Russia viewed the action as "contrary to the charter of the United Nations."

However, Gromyko did not leave the session like he did last month.

A compromise offered by the French delegate, Henri Bonnet, the defeated proposal had suggested that the Iranian matter be turned over to Secretary-General Trygve Lie for a report.

April 4 Vote Reaffirmed

The vote reaffirmed the council's decision of April 4 that the Iranian case be shelved until May 6, by which date Russia promised to have all Red Army troops out of Iran.

The April 4 resolution left room for further discussion, if desired, or for the dropping of the issue if the council thought it had been satisfactorily concluded.

Following the statement by Gromyko, expressing his displeasure over the vote, the council adjourned until Thursday afternoon when it will resume the debate concerning Poland's request for a diplomatic boycott of Franco Spain.



Truman Consoles Roosevelt's Pet

President Truman, on a visit to Hyde Park, the ancestral Roosevelt home which has been dedicated as a national shrine, pets Fala, the favorite of the late President Roosevelt. Watching the scene is Brig. Gen. Harry Vaughn, Mr. Truman's military aide.

Milan Rioters Surrender After Troops Shell Prison

MILAN, April 24 (AP)—Heavily-guarded by hundreds of carabinieri, 2,500 rioting prisoners, their hands over their heads, emerged from San Vittore prison this afternoon in response to a surrender ultimatum delivered by police and Italian troops.

The men crawled through holes blasted in the prison wall by a tank-surrender deadline had been reached.

Many of the prisoners were slightly wounded and all of them looked frightened.

More than 30 guards held as hostages were freed without injury.

About 1,000 of the rioters were escorted to a nearby jail by the heavily-armed police and troops.

The revolt, which came to an end after a tower of the fortress-like prison had been destroyed by shell fire and the all-out tank assault had been launched, began Monday when the rioters seized guards and revolted with arms taken from a secret subterranean munitions store.

Leader Still Holds Out

The uprising reportedly was led by Erzio Barbieri, a bandit who has been awaiting execution. He and a small group of gangsters have refused to surrender and have indicated that they will continue the fight until they are killed.

Six prisoners and two policemen were reported killed and a large number hurt in the fighting. Police reported that one of the victims was a prisoner who was killed by fellow inmates after fighting broke out inside the prison between those who wanted to surrender and those who favored continued resistance.

All streets leading to the prison were blocked by police and troops were equipped with tanks and machine guns. Late this afternoon, 77 persons being held in the prison hospital were removed with military trucks and brought to civilian hospitals.

ATC Designates 8 EM As Overseas 'Gripe Board'

WASHINGTON, April 24 (INS)—An all-GI "gripe board" was designated by the Air Transport Command today to investigate "faults and shortcomings" in the treatment of enlisted men abroad.

The ATC assigned eight GIs to inspect "living conditions, amusements and mess facilities, in order to improve the treatment and morale of enlisted men."

Juliana to Visit Swiss

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—Crown Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, will be guests of the Federal Council during an official visit in Switzerland from May 20 to 25, according to a Swiss broadcast.

AAF Dunking Suit Designed for Arctic

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The very latest in Air Forces fashions is the "dunking suit," designed to keep a flier who has "hit the drink" afloat and alive for a considerable time in Arctic waters.

The AAF announced it has ordered 10,000 plastic-coated cotton immersion suits that are water-tight and can be put on over all other clothing, including the Mae West life preserver.

The lightweight garment will be issued to all Air Transport Command crews and passengers on overwater flights.

Big 4 Diplomats Sift Topics for Today's Talks

PARIS, April 24 (AP)—Deputy foreign ministers of the Big Four prepared today to reach an agreement over which points they cannot agree upon after months of discussion in London, in order to clear the ground for the meetings of their chiefs, scheduled to begin tomorrow afternoon.

The disputed issues involve eventual peace treaties with Italy, the Balkan nations and Finland. They will be submitted tomorrow to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, Foreign Secretary Ernest L. Bevin and Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

Fix Exact Hour

The deputies, who have been attempting to write peace treaties in London since last December, will fix the exact hour of the conference, tentatively scheduled for 3 p. m.

Secretary Byrnes arrived at noon today by plane. He was accompanied by Sens. Tom Connally (D-Texas) and Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.).

Declining a statement at the airport, he went immediately to his hotel near the American Embassy in the heart of Paris for a conference with Assistant Secretary of State James E. Dunn, American representative of the deputy foreign ministers' council. A full meeting of the American delegation, at which American strategy will be mapped was scheduled for later today.

Bevin Due Tomorrow

The Soviet Embassy announced that Molotov left Berlin early this afternoon by plane and was expected in Paris at four p. m. along with Vice-Commissar Andrei Y. Vyshinsky.

Bevin was scheduled to arrive by plane tomorrow in time for the inaugural meeting.

The importance the Russians attach to the conference was seen in the fact that Molotov will be aided by two top assistants, Foreign Commissars Vishinsky and Dekanosov, and the largest delegation of the entire conference, comprising some 200 members.

The first meeting is expected to be taken up with drafting a conference procedure and program, with diplomatic quarters here betting that Italy would be taken first.

U.S., Aussie Export Shortage Accents Gloomy Wheat Outlook

SYDNEY, April 24 (AP)—Added to the already disparaging world food situation today was the news that Australian wheat exports in the next few months are likely to be millions of bushels below the 37,000,000 bushels it had pledged to export before the end of August.

Food officials said that on present indications this country would be able to ship about 27,000,000 bushels between now and Aug. 31.

Meanwhile in Washington Chester Davis, chairman of the Famine Emergency Committee, indicated the U.S. would be unable to meet her April export goal of about 1,100,000 tons of wheat to famine areas. He said the movement of grain off the farms had been disappointingly slow thus far in April and supplies in transit in the U.S. were low.

Meanwhile there was no letup in the critical food situation abroad.

Trial Witness Is Threatened, Jackson Says

NURNBERG, April 24 (AP)—A sensational charge that Hermann Goering, through his counsel, had sought to intimidate a defense witness to prevent him from testifying about "the worst deed Goering ever committed" was heard by the International Military Tribunal today.

The trial was thrown into an uproar as the story of Goering's alleged blackmailing threat was related by counsel for Hjalmar Schacht, who asserted that Goering had threatened to "reveal some dangerous things about Schacht" unless this witness was silenced.

A former Gestapo officer, Hans Bernd Gisevius attempted to testify about what Chief U.S. Prosecutor Robert Jackson said were "threats against both this witness Gisevius and the defendant Schacht."

Testimony Discussed

Gisevius started to mention a conversation between Otto Stahmer, Goering's attorney, and Rudolf Dix, counsel for Schacht, when Stahmer jumped to his feet and objected to testimony concerning "a private conversation."

Jackson declared, "this incident was reported to me and I think it is important the tribunal know of a threat made in this courtroom this morning against Gisevius and the defendant Schacht."

Stahmer told the tribunal he had discussed Gisevius' impending appearance at the trial with Goering last night and Goering told him he was intent on keeping out of the testimony any reference to the marriage of the late Field Marshal von Blomberg.

Dix then told the tribunal that Stahmer came to him and said, "Goering has the point of view that Gisevius can attack him as much as he pleases but if he attacks the dead Blomberg then Goering will tell several things against Schacht that will be dangerous."

Witness Lashes Goering

Gisevius, who had been lashing Goering from the moment he began testifying, declared he had not intended to mention Blomberg's marriage, although he intended to speak of other matters involving him.

"I know why Goering does not want me to talk about this, because it was the worst deed he had ever done," the witness added.

Gisevius described as the only one of the ringleaders in the Hitler bomb plot still surviving, was called as witness for Wilhelm Frick, who refused to take the stand in his own defense. Through his counsel, Frick submitted documentary evidence seeking to establish that he had been deceived by Adolf Hitler.

The former Nazi minister of interior sought to prove that he was a well-meaning but powerless official, who tried in vain to restrain Heinrich Himmler and the Gestapo.

Frick hinged his defense on two major claims: That he had been concerned only with internal affairs and was unaware of plans to wage aggressive war and, secondly, that he had had no control over Himmler, and hence was not responsible for concentration camp atrocities.