

One Year Ago Today

First Army halts German assault in Monschau Forest. Bloody battles still rage in Belgium and Luxembourg.

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Truman Calls for Merger

Asks Single Defense Dept., AF Equal to Army and Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—President Truman called today for a merger of the Army and Navy into a single department of national defense, with the air forces fully equal to land and sea arms as a means of helping to keep world peace.

Mr. Truman linked the unification plan to U.S. foreign policy in a terse but significant paragraph which read:

"It (military policy) should be designed to support and reflect our commitments to the United Nations Organization. It should be adjusted according to the success or lack of success of our diplomacy. It should reflect our fullest knowledge of the capabilities and intentions of other powers. Likewise, our foreign policy should take into account our military capabilities and the strategic power of our armed forces."

Entering what has been a long and bitter struggle between Army and Navy top commands, Mr. Truman followed in virtually every detail the official War Department plan for unification.

Blasts Navy Hope

He dashed one prime Navy hope by declaring in his special message to Congress: "Further studies of the general problem would serve no useful purpose."

Navy witnesses at Senate hearings on the merger proposal have pleaded against hasty action and urged additional studies of all phases of unification.

Declaring "I urge this as the best means of keeping peace," the President proposed that the new defense department be headed by a single secretary operating with one under-secretary and several assistant secretaries, all of whom would be civilians. There would be a departmental chief of staff with a command for each of the three component branches—Army, Navy and Air.

The key positions would be filled with officers drawn from all services "so the thinking of the department would not be dominated by any one or two services."

The President also said: "As an additional precaution it would be wise if the post of chief of staff were rotated among the several

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Message Highlights

I urge this (service merger) as the best means of keeping peace.

We should provide the strongest means for civilian control of the military.

... our foreign policy should take into account our military capabilities and the strategic power of our armed forces.

... it would be wise if the post of Chief of Staff were rotated among the several services wherever practicable and advisable.

Whether we like it or not, we must all recognize that the victory which we have won has placed on the American people a continuing burden of responsibility for world leadership.

France Studies Death for Food Blacketeers

The death penalty for leaders of France's black market in food was under consideration by the Assembly yesterday after its proposal by the French Cabinet as part of legislation to halt illegal dealings and bring food prices within the average family's reach.

This drastic bill had the support of President Charles de Gaulle, who meanwhile intervened in France's most pressing wage dispute to win a unanimous vote of confidence from the Assembly for the government's compromise program for meeting utility workers' salary demands. The vote appeared to have averted a threatened general strike by 2,000,000 civil servants.

The proposed death penalty for black-marketeering was aimed particularly at those charged with deliberately creating or maintaining shortages to keep the black market going. The Cabinet was studying further sweeping measures to alleviate the food situation, including an extension of police powers in rural areas to force food products into legitimate marketing channels.

U.S. Radio 'Aid' To Japs Bared

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (ANS).—The Pearl Harbor inquiry committee heard evidence yesterday that an American radio broadcast two days before the Dec. 7 attack told the Japanese about the U.S. fleet being bottled up in Hawaii.

The broadcast, made while a Japanese task force was steaming toward Pearl Harbor, reported on the "number of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and others entering or anchored" in the harbor and was overheard by the Japanese, according to information obtained through questioning of Japanese leaders since the surrender.

The record, made by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo since VJ-Day, was one of the documents placed in evidence in the second day of testimony by Adm. T. S. Wilkinson, former chief of naval intelligence.

Wilkinson earlier told of seeing in 1941 a Japanese code message dividing Pearl Harbor into five areas, but he said he did not recognize it as the precise bombing plan it turned out to be.

House Approves Bill To Return War Dead

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (ANS).—The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill providing for the return to this country of bodies of servicemen who died abroad in World War II, whose next of kin so desire.

Rep. Robert Sikes (D-Fla.), the bill's sponsor, said it was estimated 300,000 bodies would be returned at a cost of \$700 each.

Stassen to Tour Europe

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19 (AP).—Harold E. Stassen plans to go to Europe and South America next year to study conditions, the former Minnesota governor said yesterday.

Japs Show How They Decapitated U.S. Fliers



These Japanese officers have been sentenced to hang by an American military tribunal on Kwajalein Island for the decapitation of the crew of a U.S. bomber on Mill atoll in 1944. One of the officers demonstrates the position the fliers assumed when they were beheaded.

Trial Told: SA Sports Was Basic Training

By Allen Dreyfuss
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NUREMBERG, Dec. 19.—The U.S. completed at noon today its presentation of evidence against the membership of the brownshirted SA organization, one of six German units under indictment as parties to the general conspiracy.

Charging that the SA assisted the defendants in

Amery Hanged; Haw Haw Next

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP).—John Amery was hanged today for broadcasting enemy propaganda during the war.

Led from a cell next to William (Lord Haw Haw) Joyce, who is awaiting death on the same charge, Amery went to the gallows at 9 AM under clearing skies after a night of cold rain.

Amery's father, L. S. Amery, former Secretary of State for India and onetime First Lord of the Admiralty, and his mother visited the prisoner last night. His wife, actress Una Wing, and his brother left the prison an hour before the hanging.

Amery, who was 33, pleaded guilty last month to high treason.

He was living on the Riviera when the war started. He had shown no previous interest in politics, but soon from Germany, Italy, France and other countries he was broadcasting for the Nazis.

He confessed also trying to organize Britons interned by the Germans in France into a "League of St. George" to fight against the Russians.

"crimes against peace, crimes against humanity and war crimes" Col. Robert G. Storey Assistant U.S. Prosecutor, listed six general activities of the group as indication of its guilt.

- 1—Acting as Nazi Party propagandists.
- 2—Acting as "strong arm" of the Nazi Party to "gain control of the streets" to consolidate party position.
- 3—Eliminating trade unions, Jews, and other opponents of the regime.
- 4—Fostering anti-Semitic feeling among the German populace.
- 5—Participating in the preparation of Germany for ultimate warfare.
- 6—Preparing German youth for participation in aggressive war.

Pointing out that the SA had been formed in 1920 as a "National Socialist sports troop," Storey introduced documents written in 1933 by SA officials to sub-echelons of their commands, ordering them to keep close watch on publicity given military activities of the unit, in order "not to give other countries an opening" for claiming German infringements of the Versailles Treaty.

Reading from an SA manual, Storey presented evidence that a portion of the qualifying activities

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Neckties a Must in Paris

GIs Lacking Them to Be Punished

Military police and officer patrols in the Paris area have been instructed to pick up soldiers not wearing neckties and report them for "appropriate company action," the Seine Section Provost Marshal's office announced yesterday.

Disciplinary reports will be sent to the units of violators at first, but punishment by summary courts martial and a resulting fine will be applied when the new regulation is better publicized, the statement said.

Formerly, a Theater rule did not require the wearing of a necktie when the field uniform was worn with combat boots. A USFET directive now calls for a necktie with both field and service uniforms, except during training periods.

U.S. Approved British in Java

The decision to send British troops into Indonesia came from the Anglo-American combined chiefs of staff, it was acknowledged yesterday in Washington by a spokesman for the State Department, who denied that the decision had anything "to do with the present fighting going on there."

Arranged "a long time before the war ended," the move was made to facilitate the surrender of the Japanese and protect civilian internees, the official was quoted as saying by the Associated Press.

In Batavia, it was reported that two men were killed and one was wounded when three British and Indian companies with tanks, armored cars and guns were met by considerable sniping.

A British press release said a trouble center at Bandung was occupied against slight opposition.

Russians Seek Deserters in British Zone



Russian Military Police and NKWD (Military Security Police) entered the British sector of Berlin recently in search of Red Army deserters. The Russian Police are pictured questioning a suspect on the street during the two-day roundup.



Claim They Got Zipped

A lot of GIs at this camp were stuck with Zipper cigarets and after smoking some of them wondered how we came out short on the PX ration breakdown. So 25 of us got together and sent a letter to the tobacco corporation that made Zippers. In the reply we received from the company they helped to clear up this mystery when they stated: "At the request and according to specifications of the War Department we manufactured Zipper cigarets for distribution among enemy prisoners of war; how or why they were ever issued to you and other members of our armed forces we are unable to say."

To complete the story we would like to know who got the butts that were scheduled to come to us? —Cigaret Sleuth, 698th FA Bn., Camp Pitsburgh.

Editor's Note: The above letter was referred to chief, Army Exchange Service, who replied.

Zipper cigarets, manufactured for POWs, were erroneously issued to some Unit Exchanges for sale to U.S. personnel. Unit Exchanges are being instructed to return Zipper cigarets to PX depots where they will be exchanged for popular brands.

Tenor Sax Blues

For two months we begged Special Service for a tenor saxophone for our battalion dance band. Finally they broke down and gave us an old wheezy job that lasted two



weeks. Then we had a great stroke of luck. We got one from an outfit whose band had broken up.

And then it happened. That Indian-giving outfit came back for their tenor sax and gave it to a POW band!

We have been playing for dances in the Le Havre area about six nights a week, and this instrument is valuable to us. We never thought we would see the day when a GI instrument would be taken away from a soldier and given to a Kraut. — Pfc Alfred Leurs, 569th AAA.

Oise Goes Mailless

In Oise Intermediate Section we have had almost no mail for a month, and the condition isn't local, either. I understand from conversations with personnel in Delta Base Section that they are going letterless, too. An adjutant of a Base PO unit told me he was disheartened because he has not received any mail himself lately. He said that the flow of mail did not even amount to their usual non-holiday volume.

Evidently some morale-conscious CO in the Berlin area got things rolling when he arranged a special mail plane to bring his unit's mail direct from New York. Why does not someone do something about this deplorable situation here in Oise?

Some of my mail has reached me through the Central Directory, while other letters have been returned to senders. Are those people too lazy, or uninterested, or is their morale low on account of the poor mail service? —Letterless Lt., Hq Oise Int. Sec.

Gobs 'Oriented' on Krauts

This morning our executive officer in naval headquarters, Frankfurt, called us together for a lecture on our relationship with the German employees in our building. We were told that the poor people were not being treated right by naval personnel and that more courtesy should be shown them.

We may be the undefeated but it seems that we are already treating these people just the way we treat children on Christmas. If we must show consideration, how about considering our fellow Americans who lost their lives, who were beaten as prisoners, robbed of rations and forced to work when ill? —Landlubber, U.S. Navy 948.

Swiss Expel 3,630 Nazis And Fascists

BERN, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Swiss National Council (Lower House) approved today President Eduard von Steiger's report on the expulsion of Nazis and Fascists from Switzerland.

Steiger, head of the confederation's Police and Justice Department, said 3,150 Germans and 480 Italians had been expelled from Switzerland as undesirable.

Steiger said that Italy had protested against Switzerland's manner of "cleaning up" the Fascists, but that the government was motivated by Swiss and international laws rather than by "influence."

In the case of Dr. Wilhelm Furtwaengler, Steiger said the German orchestra conductor had not been expelled because the Justice Department came to the conclusion that Furtwaengler had not been unfriendly to Switzerland and had not "basically stood on National Socialist politics."

Steiger added that the government had suggested to Furtwaengler, who is in a clinic, that he depart as soon as possible.

Steiger said some German diplomats still were interned in Switzerland. He did not say how many.

Steiger said that Gen. Tancredi Bianchi, Italian Military Attache at Bern under the Mussolini regime, probably would leave Switzerland before the end of the year. He added that the case of Count Giuseppe Bastianini, former Italian Ambassador to London, was still pending.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the "Free Germany" organization in Switzerland would be disbanded Dec. 31 because anti-Fascist elements in Germany had regained political freedom.

The organization, which sponsored rallies and published literature, included expatriates as well as long-time German residents in Switzerland. Speakers have denied repeatedly that the organization was affiliated with a similar movement in Moscow, which was disbanded recently.

Businessmen Get Army Chow, Billets

FRANKFURT, Dec. 17.—American businessmen traveling in liberated areas may use Army facilities at rates comparable to the charges for similar services in the U.S., USFET announced today.

The facilities involved include messes, billets and transportation "up to the limit of unused facilities" provided no extra cost to the government is incurred, the announcement said.

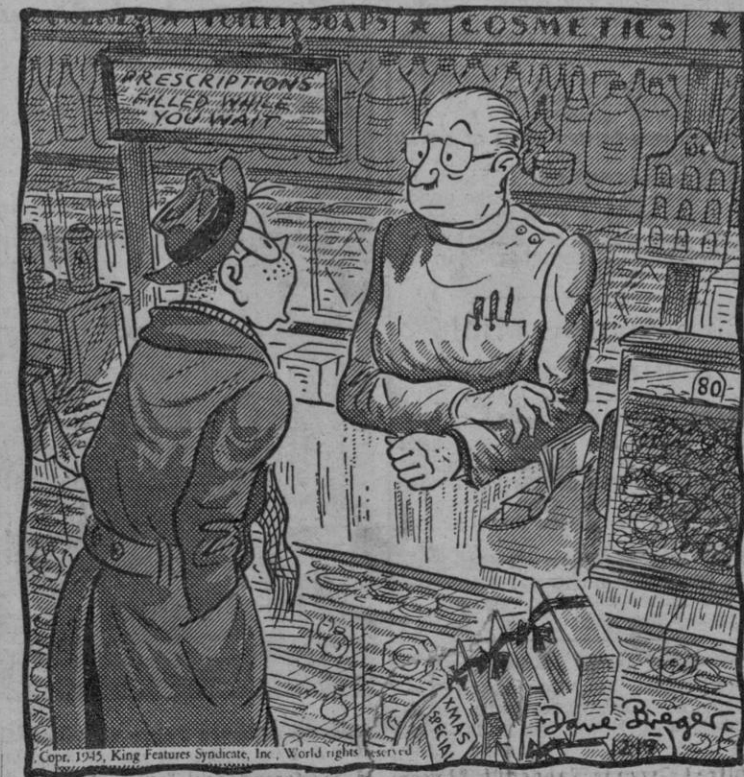
No Army personnel or facilities can be retained or augmented to aid civilians. The businessmen must be accredited by the State Department or an appropriate embassy. Army postal and communications facilities have not been extended to civilian businessmen.

Free Xmas Cards for Yanks

Free Christmas cards will be available to American military personnel from noon today to noon Saturday at the Special Service Publications Depot, 65 Champs Elysees.

Mister Breger

By Dave Breger



"Have you something Christmasy in a cure for trench foot?"

Anglo-American Relations Cemented in Berlin



Sgt. James C. Kerrigan of New Haven Conn., and his English bride, Pvt. Joyce Wiltshire, A.T.S., of London, leave a Berlin church after their wedding ceremony. ATS drivers holding the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes form a guard of honor. A few seconds later the bride fell down the church steps.

Secrets of Nazi Radar Bared In 1944 by an RAF Right Fist

By Ed Rosenthal

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The educated right fist of a Royal Air Force flight sergeant which connected with a German airman's jaw was credited today with saving the lives of hundreds of American and British fliers in the summer and fall of 1944.

Subscription Policy Of S & S Changed

Subscriptions to The Stars and Stripes must be paid in advance by U.S. postal money order effective Jan. 1.

All subscribers will receive order forms, rate cards and letters explaining the new subscription policy. Unit commanders and personnel concerned are urged to follow the procedure outlined to avoid delay in delivery of papers.

With suspension of Yank Magazine, subscription rates for January have been reduced to 22 French francs, 20 Belgian francs, four and one-half German marks or Austrian schillings and two shillings three pence in British currency.

Marseille Ships 85,000; Tops Schedule by a Day

MARSEILLE, Dec. 19.—The 20-day December redeployment estimate of 85,000 was passed today—a day ahead of expectations.

The 26th Inf. Div. still was shipping but was expected to clear by the weekend. The 100th Inf. Div. will start to sail early next week, according to present schedules. Nearly 35,000 men now are at Calas Staging Area, and first elements of the Second Arm. Div. are scheduled to arrive there by Monday.

The story of the sergeant's capture of a radar-loaded Luftwaffe night fighter and three German airmen who mistook an emergency landing field in England for a suburban Berlin airport had been declared top secret by the British Air Ministry. A Stars and Stripes reporter who learned of the incident a few days after it occurred from members of the Eighth Air Force stationed at the emergency field is now able to give the entire account.

Shortly after 7 AM July 13, 1944, Flight Sgt. Kenneth E. Clifton, in charge of the duty crew at Woodbridge Field in East Suffolk, waited on the west end of a 3,000-yard-long runway for the arrival of an aircraft, believed to be a Mosquito, which had circled the field three times before receiving a green light to land.

Black Cross Revealed

As the plane swung off the runway, a firetender which had pulled up alongside flashed its light over the fuselage, which bore the Luftwaffe's black cross. After directing a corporal to telephone flying control for help, Clifton signaled the plane to the dispersal area, and the pilot followed orders exactly.

The aircraft's radio operator, suddenly realizing he was on enemy soil, tried to burn his logbook, but Clifton tore open the entrance hatch and ordered the three men out of the plane.

The radio operator jumped on Clifton's back, nearly knocking him off his feet. The RAF sergeant shook him off quickly and lunged for the flaming logbook, which supplied the only light on the weird scene. Wrenching the papers out of the German's outstretched hand, Clifton quickly stamped out the fire and turned to meet his antagonist.

Ex-Boxing Champ

A former RAF boxing champion who had knocked out all but one of his opponents in 20 bouts, Clifton rammed a right at the German's jaw, driving him ten feet back against the rear fuselage. The stunned German shook his head and slowly raised his hands in surrender.

To Clifton's amazement, the other two airmen quickly lowered themselves to the ground and also raised their hands. All three Germans were armed.

The other duty-crew members, who had rushed to the plane, escorted the three prisoners to the control tower. Then they turned their lights on the plane. It was a modified Junkers 88 night fighter with the tail surface of a JU188 and stepped-up equipment.

Develop Counter-Measures

But the remarkable part was its radar equipment. Two long poles with eight aerials on each stuck out of the plane's nose. They represented the Luftwaffe's latest radar developments.

Whitehall officials rushed to Woodbridge a few hours later and inspected the undamaged plane. Allied officials worked night and day on counter-measures for the new radar equipment, and only ten days later, in a bombing attack of more than 500 planes over Germany, only four were lost, thanks partly to the radar information.

GI BILLBOARD

Paris Area MOVIES TODAY MARRIGNAN—"Sing Your Way Home," Continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf. ENSA PARIS—"Bathing Beauty," Red Skelton. Esther Williams, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf. OLYMPIA—Same as Marrignan, 2336 only Metro Madeleine. EMPIRE—"Guest Wife."

STAGE SHOWS ENSA MARRIGNY—"Lover's Leap," comedy. OLYMPIA—"This Is It," variety show.

MISCELLANEOUS PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer. COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers. LE PRADO CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Fernes or Etolle. ARMORIAL CLUB—Officers and guests only. 14 Rue Magenta. Metro George V. OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RIC 64-41 Hotel Louvois, Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse.

Marseille ALCAZAR—"Kiss and Tell."

Nice FORUM—"Paris Underground."

Verdun VOX—"You Came Along."

Nancy SHOWTIME—"That Night With You."

Metz SCALA—"Sunbonnet Sue."

ROYAL—"Captain Eddie."

French Children Will Get Tons Of U.S. Candy

Seventy-two tons of surplus candy from U.S. Army stores will help to brighten Christmas for French children. The Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner yesterday announced the sale of 1,149,120 chocolate-covered marshmallow bars, stored at a QM depot at Reims, to American Relief for France, an agency which will distribute the candy through the French Red Cross, Entr'Aide Francaise and French schools.

The Friends' Ambulance Unit, a British volunteer organization which has operated on the Continent since the invasion, will deliver part of the candy before Christmas to Paris, St. Dié, Coutances, Bitche and Dunkirk. The remainder will be distributed later as part of the child-feeding program of American Relief for France.

The candy, all in good condition, was declared surplus because it was unwrapped and impractical for PX sale.

Army Will Give Yule Party For 1,000 French Orphans

More than 1,000 orphans of the Paris area will be the guests of the Army at a Christmas party at 11 AM Sunday at the Olympia Theater.

A 24-piece orchestra, vaudeville acts, and cartoons and comedies on the screen topped off with candy bars and apples will comprise the entertainment for the small French guests.

Other Christmas parties have been scheduled for French orphans by local units in co-operation with Entr'Aide Francaise. Special Services is furnishing toys for these parties.

Yugoslav Held; Planned To Blast U.S. Embassy

BELGRADE, Dec. 19 (AP).—A member of a terrorist group planning to blow up the American Embassy here has been arrested, the Yugoslav Foreign Office informed the Embassy.

The arrest took place four days ago, it was said. The terrorist, it was added, intended to blow up the building "at the moment a certain conference was taking place."

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The American Scene

Bataan Death March, 3 Years a PW, Blindness, Torture—and He Re-enlists

SHAWNEE, Kan., Dec. 19 (AP).—John G. Lally, 22, survived the Bataan Death March, three years and five months in a Japanese prison camp, malaria, beriberi, dysentery, Japanese punk-burning torture and temporary blindness during his Army service in the Pacific.

Now he has re-enlisted for a three-year hitch in the Regular Army.

Phone Conversation Makes History

BROOKLAND, Ark., Dec. 19 (ANS).—A telephone conversation made communications history today.

General storekeeper Gordon Helms picked up his phone and called a friend and customer on a farm a few miles out of town. Instead of going over the usual telephone transmission line, this conversation thumbed a ride over the rural electrical power lines of the Creighton Electrical Cooperative.

The successful test marked the first time in the history of telephonics that the voice was

transmitted over a power line carrying thousands of volts of electricity.

Engineers hoped that the test would prove the feasibility of extending telephone service to areas where farms are located long distances from telephone lines but are served by a rural power system.

The voice is converted into ultra-high frequency waves whose vibrations will not mix with those of the electric current. A device known as a "coupler" allows voice vibrations to enter and leave the power line but prevents the current from entering the telephone.

House Group OKs Open Door In Palestine

Unanimous approval of a resolution calling on the U.S. to use its good offices to open Palestine as a Jewish homeland was made by the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday, it was reported in Washington by the Associated Press.

Free entry of Jews into Palestine also was backed by previous Senate adoption of an identical resolution.

In Cairo, the Arabic newspaper Al-Mokattam said today that the U.S. would have to resort to force if it tried to fulfill the "anti-democratic" resolution.

In Cleveland, Dr. Abba Hiller Silver, chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council, charged in an interview today that "tension in Palestine and the Near East is fostered by British agents."

"British imperial interests" would be endangered by "Soviet penetration," he said, adding that "the Arab League is a British instrument and has but one purpose—the cementing of the Arab world into a solid block" to guard against such penetration.

He also asserted that British troops in Palestine take advantage of every opportunity to display armed force.

Silver Star Dog a 'Civilian' Again



Home from the wars after being in service since August, 1942, Chips, Collie-German Shepherd donated to the Corps by Edward J. Wren of Pleasantville, N.Y., is welcomed by four-year-old Johnny Wren. Chips was the only war dog to win the Silver Star, which he received for attacking an enemy machine-gun nest in Italy, seizing one man and forcing four others to surrender.

Gerald L. K. Smith Plans Group to Honor Huey

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19 (AP).—Gerald L. K. Smith visited New Orleans today and announced he's organizing a Nationalist group that will do justice to the memory of Huey Long.

Meeting with Smith was Father Arthur W. Terminiello, Birmingham, national director of the Union of Christian Crusaders.

In a joint statement Smith and Father Terminiello declared: "We recognize and fight the menace of atheistic Communism."

Smith, former pastor of a church in Shreveport, La., became associated with Long about 14 years ago. Later he went to Detroit, where he has been identified with Nationalist groups.

Father Terminiello recently resigned as pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Anniston, Ala., and subsequently was suspended by Bishop T. J. Toolen of the Catholic diocese in Alabama.

In announcing the suspension, Bishop Toolen said, Terminiello "refused to obey orders of his Bishop to cease sending literature which we feel is detrimental to the church and the unity of our country."

Timber Wolf Bagged



Sharon Kuhn of Cheektowaga, N.Y., stands beside a 130-pound timber wolf killed by her father near Cloyne, Ontario, Canada.

Oldest Vet, 113, Dies

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19 (AP).—"Cap" William D. Welch, battle-scarred Civil War veteran whose 113 years made him the oldest veteran in Cincinnati and perhaps the oldest in the nation, died Saturday.

6 Missing Fliers Hunted in Wyoming

RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 19 (ANS).—Searchers spread through rugged plains of south-central Wyoming yesterday hunting six airmen who bailed out of a disabled Army B25 bomber during a blizzard driven by a 35-mile wind.

Accompanying the searchers was the plane's pilot, 2/Lt. Royal West, who made a successful crash-landing of the twin-engine plane Monday afternoon, two minutes after the last of the men parachuted.

WAC Training Ended

FORT DES MOINES, Iowa., Dec. 19 (AP).—The training program of the Women's Army Corps has ended officially with closing of the post here as a training center.

After more than three years, during which the WAAC became WAC, the training program closed with a record of 120,000 women trained, 65,076 of them here.

Training started here in July, 1942. After the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps became part of the Army of the U.S. those then in the WAAC were given the choice of being discharged or re-enlisting.

Enlistments for the WAC stopped Aug. 29, 1945, soon after VJ-Day.

Yes, She Was Married

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 19 (AP).—An American soldier stationed in north Italy recently wrote Mrs. Alice Bradfield a letter expressing his appreciation for a sweater she knitted and sent to him through the Red Cross.

In the bundle she enclosed a note containing her name and address. Since she did not specify herself as "Mrs." the soldier wistfully wrote: "I suppose you're married."

Mrs. Bradfield is 95 years old and the great-grandmother of three children.

Legislator Calls The Draft Silly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—Continuation of the draft is becoming sillier with each passing day, Rep. J. E. Chenoweth (R-Colo.) believes.

"But it's becoming obvious that they aren't going to stop taking these 18 and 19-year-old kids into the services," he told a reporter.

What makes the draft silly, according to Chenoweth, is that about 7,000 men are enlisting in the Army every day. Most of these, he said, are re-enlistments of trained men.

"And the Navy is getting all the men that it wants," he added.

Chenoweth said he would speak soon in behalf of his bill to halt Selective Service inductions. The bill is now in the House Military Affairs Committee.

"Sentiment seems to be against bringing it out of committee for a vote," he said. "If they ever do that it will pass."

U.S. Asks British Modify Severe Terms for Siam

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—The U.S. has asked Britain to modify its severe demands on Siam, which was an underground ally of the U.S. while officially on the side of Japan, it was reliably learned.

According to Siamese sources, the British had asked military control of the strategic areas of Siam, trade control, British press censorship and access to Siam's rice surpluses. Governmental informants said that as a result of the protest Britain had modified her proposals.

The State Department declined comment beyond the declaration that the U.S. desired "an economically free and independent Siamese government."

Charges That U.S. Firms Ship Mexicans Arms to Be Probed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (ANS).—The State Department announced yesterday that it has ordered an investigation of charges that U.S. firms are sending arms and ammunition to Mexican political factions.

Informed of the charges by George Messersmith, U.S.

Ambassador to Mexico, the department said that in view of their "seriousness" it had directed Messersmith to "inquire of the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs concerning any information he may be able to supply regarding this matter."

Charges were made by Vincente Lombardo Toledano, Mexican labor leader, who said that "certain Yankee imperialist companies" are smuggling weapons over the border to members of the Sinarquista Union, pro-Catholic movement which opposes the government party.

Ship Rams Bridge At Boston; 90 Ft. Of Span Crashes

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (ANS).—Transportation for thousands of commuters and Christmas shoppers was disrupted yesterday when a Liberty ship crashed into a bridge connecting Boston with several suburbs and dropped a 90-foot section into the water.

The John Hathorn, laden with grain, was caught in a riptide and separated from a tug. She rammed backward into the overhanging middle section of the bridge.

The bridge is one of the main arteries for traffic in and out of Boston. It was clear of automobiles at the time of the collapse and no one was hurt. Boston's elevated railway uses the structure and these lines were tied up.

The ship's poop deck was crushed. An engineer said it might be a month before the bridge could be used.

Auto Phone Trials Near

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Bell System announced plans yesterday for extensive service trials of mobile radio-telephone service along three highway routes between Chicago and St. Louis, New York, Albany and Buffalo, and New York and Boston.

When these services are established, the company said, it will be possible for any suitably equipped vehicle on these routes or any boat on adjacent waterways to make and receive calls from any telephone connected to lines of the Bell System. Transmitting and receiving stations needed for the service will be located along the routes.

The company said it planned to make the trials under actual operating conditions, and that a number of companies had indicated a desire to participate, including truck lines, bus lines, long-distance movers and utilities. It was believed several hundred vehicles would be equipped initially along the three routes.

Truman Calls Job Situation Not Acute

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (ANS).—President Truman in a letter to the 11th annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, said: "The unemployment situation has not been as serious or drastic as was originally anticipated."

The letter, addressed to Fiorello LaGuardia, head of the Mayors group, said:

"Even with demobilization of our armed forces speeded up, the current volume of employment has been far from unsatisfactory. In any event we must be ready with plans for meeting unemployment should it reach unduly high levels."

The President declared: "In the reconversion period great cities of the nation and the Federal Government must join hands in formulation and development of many programs designed to provide a better American way of life.

"One of the major responsibilities which must be met," he said, "is that of housing—housing for veterans, public housing assistance to home owners, and elimination of slums and blighted areas."

Watchmakers Call Off Picketing of State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—Because Switzerland will discuss limiting her watch exports to the U.S., a Watch Workers' Union plan to picket the State Department has been called off, a union official declared today.

The official was Walter Gerazzo, president of the American Watch Workers' Union.

Picketing was planned as a protest against what the union termed "dumping" of Swiss watches on the American market.

104 Warships Will Give Crews A Christmas Gift—New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Third Naval District announced today that 104 warships—an armada more than twice the 47-ship fleet that anchored in the Hudson River, Navy Day, Sept. 27—would be berthed in New York harbor Christmas Day.

They will be here in keeping with the order by Navy Secretary James Forrestal, that all personnel possible be permitted Christmas leave or liberty.

Twenty-one classes of fighting ships will be at docks in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Staten Island and New Jersey including battleships,

cruisers, destroyers, submarines, tenders, minelayers, communication ships, freighters, transports, landing craft and submarine chasers.

The battleships New York, North Carolina, Missouri, and Washington, and six carriers including the Enterprise and Franklin Delano Roosevelt were included in a list of Navy vessels already in port or on the way here.

In contrast to the Navy Day provisions, the general public will not be permitted aboard vessels, although on some of the ships Christmas parties are planned for children of crew members and for orphans.

Vanderbilt Elopes With Ford Kin



Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, 33-year-old sportsman, and Jeanne Lourdes Murray, 22-year-old cousin of Mrs. Henry Ford II, eloped from New York City by private plane to Philadelphia recently, where they married.

Brisk Trading on the Souvenir Mart



Chinese boatmen swarm around an American warship at anchor off Shanghai in brisk trading with the sailors. The Navy men purchase knick-knacks as souvenirs.

Storm Forces Augusta to Port, Ruins GIs' N.Y. Xmas Hopes

By Ed Rosenthal
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Angry seas, which damaged the cruiser Augusta, possibly seriously, wrecked hopes of the 1,160 troops aboard to be home by Christmas, and caused a five-day delay in the aircraft carrier Wasp's first trip to Southampton.

Soviets Find More Minerals

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (UP).—Scientific institutes have sent out 500 expeditions comprising 16,000 geologists and prospectors since the end of the war to seek new mineral wealth in Siberia's maritime province, the Urals and Central Asia, it was disclosed here today.

S. A. Yershov, Chief Soviet Geologist, said the expeditions were successful in discovering new sources of gold, wolfram and other minerals. Great deposits of tin were found in the Baikal area of Central Asia and in the maritime province on the Pacific, he added.

Copper abounds in the Urals, Kazakstan and Armenia, lead and nickel in the Urals and Murmansk areas, wolfram in Central Asia and molybdenum in Chita Khabarovsk, the scientists learned.

Churchill Opposed Riviera Invasion

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Allied invasion of southern France on Aug. 15, 1944, was opposed by Prime Minister Winston Churchill as late as the end of July, 1944, Capt. Harry Butcher, naval aide to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the last three years of the war, said in a broadcast.

Butcher said Churchill wanted this second invasion force brought into northern France instead. According to Butcher, Churchill called on Eisenhower late in July, 1944, and "for seven hours tried to persuade the general to change the battle plan." "The general loved his friend, but from the standpoint of military strategy and logistics could not agree on this point," he said.

Quits Congress for Bench

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—Rep. Samuel Weiss (D-Pa.) yesterday submitted to the Speaker of the House, Rep. Sam Rayburn, his resignation from Congress effective Jan. 7.

Weiss was elected recently to a judgeship in Pennsylvania.

Preliminary Navy reports of the damage to the Augusta, which left Le Havre four days ago, stated today that her port and starboard bulkheads had buckled and her seams had sprung, influencing her captain's decision to disembark the GIs at Portsmouth. No casualties were reported.

The ocean-buffed troops are proceeding to Southampton by train for a voyage to the U.S., Navy officials said.

Repairs were not expected to take "too long," depending upon a thorough check-up.

The Augusta, which was struck two days ago by heavy gales sweeping across the Atlantic, was originally due in New York two days before Christmas.

The Wasp, an Essex-class carrier renamed after the original Wasp sank in the Pacific, suffered damage to temporary installations for accommodation of troops on the hanger deck, according to preliminary reports.

Carrying only her crew when she ran into the storm two days ago, the carrier put in at Portsmouth instead of Southampton.

The 5,000 troops expected aboard now will wait until Christmas Day to sail, according to the tentative schedule, instead of arriving in New York on that date. Navy officials said that "as far as is known now" the Wasp will be fully repaired by Sunday.

The 27,000-ton carrier made one previous trans-Atlantic run as a troop carrier, docking at Naples. The Augusta carried President Truman to the Potsdam conference last July, and also served as meeting place for the late President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, when the Atlantic Charter was drawn up.

(In Le Havre, it was believed that the storm had delayed the arrival of several troopships. Only two ships—the Hood Victory with a load of 1,540 and the John McCosh Liberty carrying 97—pulled out of port today.)

(It was also announced by re-deployment officials that more than one-third of the troops expected to clear the ETO in December already had sailed from Le Havre. The total number of returnees reached 111,511 up to midnight last night, while figures released by USFET G3 yesterday indicated that 325,000 would depart from the Theater this month.)

GI News Roundup from the ETO

TSFET Bows Out on March 15; Some of Units Going to Frankfurt

New GI Tour To Rome via Switzerland

FRANKFURT, Dec. 19.—A new seven-day tour to Rome by way of Zurich, Switzerland, and Milan will begin Saturday, TSFET Special Services reported today. The tour will accommodate 200 persons a day from the Third Army area and will cost \$20. The first group will leave Munich at midnight Friday.

Apples and Grapefruit For Occupation Troops

BREMEN, Dec. 19.—Two shiploads of American-grown fruit for holiday menus of occupation troops have arrived at Bremerhaven, the Bremen Port Command said today. The shipments consisted of 35,753 cases of apples and 11,165 cases of grapefruit. A shipment of oranges is expected soon.

Take Currency Book If Visiting Belgium

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19.—Soldiers stationed in France and Germany coming to Belgium on pass, furlough or temporary duty must bring their currency-control books with them to exchange their currency for Belgian francs, Chanor Base Section officials said today. Finance offices have no authority to convert money without the books.

While no entry is made in the book if the conversion is from French to Belgian francs, finance must check the balance in the book. If the exchange is made from German or Austrian currency to Belgian currency, the transaction must be entered in the book.

More Allies To Attend GI U.

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Dec. 19.—Eleven Allied nations may now send officers and enlisted men to Biarritz American University under a policy announced today at USFET Headquarters.

The policy is an extension of a previous arrangement whereby some British, French and Canadians have been attending the university. Beginning with the term starting Jan. 8, the British and Canadians are invited to send 30 students; Russia, 30; France, 30; Belgium, and the Netherlands, eight each; Norway and Denmark, five each; Luxembourg, four; and Poland and Czechoslovakia, three each.

The policy of inviting Allied students to attend is expected to continue as long as the U.S. Army maintains any academic institutions in Europe.

The British have offered U.S. forces a bi-monthly quota of 50 American officers and EM.

Elimination of 'Other Headquarters Not Absolutely Essential' Ordered

By Robert Marshall
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Dec. 19.—Theater Service Forces will be dissolved March 15 as a major move in unifying and consolidating Army installations on the Continent, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney announced yesterday.

In setting the date for the demise of TSFET, the theater commander issued orders for prompt elimination of "other headquarters and installations that are not absolutely essential." Those remaining, the directive said, are to be reduced to a minimum.

Announcements will be made soon after the first of the year concerning the transfer of some of TSFET's activities to USFET headquarters in Frankfurt and the disposition of TSFET's main operating agencies, such as the base sections operating ports in France, Belgium and the United Kingdom.

Officers in Paris Must Leave Private Billets for Hotels

American officers in Paris who have been billeted with French families will move to Army quarters this week, the Seine Section Billeting Division said yesterday.

Under the order all private billets will close by Dec. 23. Officers affected will move to hotels still under Army requisition, which have been made available by re-deployment of former occupants.

GIs May Visit Kin In Occupied Zones on Compassionate Leaves

FRANKFURT, Dec. 19.—Seven-day compassionate leaves and furloughs may be granted to military personnel desiring to visit blood relatives in the U.S., British or French zones of Germany, USFET announced today.

Such leaves and furloughs would be made on the same basis as military vacation tours, in which a group of soldiers is provided with a vehicle and rations to visit localities of their own choosing.

Seven-day re-enlistment furloughs for Germany may also be granted for compassionate reasons.

Union Election OK Heralds Return of Free Vote to Berlin

By T. Norman Palmer
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The Allied Kommandantura yesterday approved plans for a city-wide election of trade union officials, thus setting the stage for the first large-scale democratic balloting in the German capital since the rise of Hitler.

A union committee will determine the date of the elections among the city's 284,000 trade unionists.

The election formula, patterned after the accepted American procedure, was decided upon after the Allies had ironed out a considerable difference of viewpoint, particularly among the Russians and Americans, it was reported.

Highlights of the plan include voting by all members, secret ballot, unrestricted nominations, publication of all election notices before the election and a lapse of seven days between nominations and elections.

The establishment of mutually acceptable democratic election principles is of particular significance because it will influence general political elections in the future.

The main point of dissension between the Americans and Russians was the issue of the validity of the elections already held under the authority of a directive from Russian Marshal Zhukov on May 2.

Glassford Heads U.S. Navy Forces In Reich Today

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Dec. 19.—Vice-Adm. William Glassford, former commander of U.S. Naval Forces, North African Waters, will take over command of U.S. Naval Forces in Germany from Vice-Adm. Robert L. Ghormley tomorrow.

Glassford also will serve as naval adviser to the Office of Military Government, Ghormley, who commanded the South Pacific areas and South Pacific forces in 1942 and who has held the German assignment for the last year, will return to the U.S.

Soon after the outbreak of war, the Naval commander for Germany was named commander of all American Naval Forces in the Southwest Pacific under the Allied command of Gen. Archibald Wavell.

He was later sent to Dakar to head the American mission charged with extending agreements relating to French colonies in West Africa and arranging for return of French ships to U.S. ports. In June, 1943, he returned to the Dakar mission as personal representative of President Roosevelt.

Ammo Dump in Italy Blows Up; One Hurt

ROME, Dec. 19 (AP).—A munitions dump four miles from Reno blew up early today, seriously wounding one British soldier who was passing in a truck, the Ansa News Agency said.

Several companions in the truck were injured slightly and many windows in the hamlets of Lavis and Gandolo were broken. The explosives in the dump had been surrendered by the Germans.

Criminal Lawyer Dies

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 19 (AP).—Moman Pruiett, 73, nationally-known criminal lawyer who obtained acquittals for 303 of 343 accused slayers he defended and kept the other 40 from paying the death penalty, died yesterday.



For the first time since the Nazi regime seized power, German citizens in Wiesbaden get a look at political posters undecorated by a swastika. The posters were published by the Christian-Democrat Party after permission was granted by U.S. occupying authorities for supervised political activity.

It's Welcome Home for CBI Veterans Docking in New York



Returned veterans of the CBI Theater crowd the decks of the troop ship USS Greeley as the vessel docks at Pier 88 in New York. About 3,000 GIs were aboard the ship.

Peace With China Reds Is Chiang's Hope as He Goes to See Marshall

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19 (AP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told newspapermen today that he hoped to achieve a "peaceful, cordial settlement" with the Chinese Communists in the forthcoming peace council, and that a broadening of China's government would be one of the

purposes of the National Assembly convoked to meet in May.

Chiang also said President Truman's recent statement urging peace and unity in China showed a "very clear understanding" of the situation. The generalissimo was on his way to Nanking from Peiping to confer with Gen. George C. Marshall, new American Special Ambassador to China, who was expected to arrive at Shanghai tomorrow.

Gen. Chou En-lai, head of the seven Communist delegates to the Inter-Party Consultative Peace Council, disclosed at a press conference yesterday that the Communist party would submit "concrete proposals for a peace plan for the whole of China." He declined

'Keep Mikado' Is Platform of 2 Jap Parties

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (AP).—As the Japanese Diet ended an extraordinary 22-day session today Japan began to make preparations for the elections scheduled for the last week of January.

Echoing the Diet's expressed support of a continuation of the Emperor-system, two major political parties, the "Liberals" and the "Progressives," listed preservation of the system as the first plank in their election platforms, and subordinated improved living conditions and other issues. Only the numerically-small Communist party advocated abolition of the system.

Election Reform Voted

Chief products of the Diet session were an election-reform bill enfranchising about 22,000,000 young women and 3,000,000 young men, a law legalizing labor unions, a farm-reform measure and the repeal of several war-time laws.

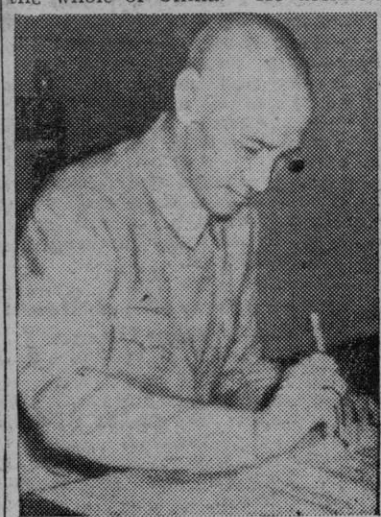
The Diet agreed with Premier Baron Kijuro Shidehara that Emperor Hirohito was not a war criminal.

Shidehara's Cabinet plans to remain in office until the election, when a party government is expected to come into power, a source close to the baron reported yesterday. There is "absolutely no foundation" to the report that the Cabinet would resign Sunday, the source asserted.

Urges Free-Press Clause

Gen. Douglas MacArthur recommended yesterday that a clause be put in all U.S. treaties guaranteeing a reciprocal free press and open communications facilities, declaring that "there can be no greater guarantee of a peaceful world than an international free press." He warned, however, that "nothing will destroy a free press more quickly than a propaganda press."

(The system of rounding up Japanese war-crimes defendants may be changed by MacArthur as a result of Prince Fumimaro Koyama's suicide a few hours before he was due to surrender, the United Press reported. Army authorities are considering whether to arrest defendants at once instead of giving them a period of grace to arrange their affairs.)



Chiang Kai-shek

to disclose the nature of the proposals.

Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, commander of U.S. forces in China, has been instructed to provide U.S. shipping to transport Chinese government troops to Manchurian ports whenever he thinks necessary, the State Department disclosed last night. This decision affects Manchuria only, it was stated.

Vice-Foreign Minister Liu Chieh said today that the reason for the "apparent delay" in moving Nationalist troops to Mukden and Changchun was that negotiations still were under way at the Manchurian capital.

Danes Offer British Ships

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP).—Denmark has offered to loan Britain five fully-manned vessels for use as Channel troop transports, the Ministry of War Transport announced in Commons today.

Russia Supports Azerbaijan Revolt, Prevents Its Suppression, Iran Says

Lords OK Loan, Bretton Woods

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP).—The House of Lords voted 90 to 8 last night to accept the \$4,400,000,000 American loan to Britain and a few minutes later approved the Bretton Woods World Bank without discussion.

The Lords, by a surprisingly light opposition, decisively rejected arguments of Lord Beaverbrook, who insisted Britain could solve her economic crisis by drawing on the Empire.

The Bretton Woods agreement, now clear of the final Parliamentary hurdle, is expected to receive Royal assent tomorrow. The loan was previously accepted by the House of Commons, 345 to 98, and the Bretton Woods Plan approved 314 to 50.

Approximately 60 members of the House of Lords abstained from voting, as advocated by Conservative Party leaders.

British Zone Permits Politics on Wider Scale

HERFORD, Germany, Dec. 19 (AP).—Political parties in the British Zone of Germany have been granted permission to form central committees and to organize on a zone-wide scale.

Political organizations in the British Zone hitherto had been restricted to the "Kreis" district level.



Lt. Gen. Homma

Death March Guilt Denied by Homma

MANILA, Dec. 19 (AP).—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma today pleaded innocent to charges of responsibility for the Bataan Death March and other major Japanese atrocities in the Philippines.

Speaking clearly in English which he learned as an attaché with the British Army, Homma agreed to dispense with translations as he was arraigned before a U.S. military commission here.

The former commander in the Philippines was accused of responsibility for the Death March on Bataan which cost the lives of 17,200 American and Filipino prisoners, and with other alleged atrocities including the deaths of 4,831 Americans and Filipinos in the O'Donnell and Cabantuan prison camps.

Premier Defies Rebel Regime

TEHERAN, Dec. 19 (UP).—Iran's present government will "never recognize the so-called Azerbaijan government," Premier Ibrahim Hakimi told the Majlis (Parliament) yesterday, as Iran formally charged Russia with having prevented her from suppressing the Azerbaijan revolt.

Cheered by a majority of the Majlis deputies, Hakimi declared the government would take strong measures against the insurgents, who have set up an autonomous regime in the northern Iranian province.

He will appeal, he said, to the Big Three powers to remove their troops from Iran as soon as possible, and will go to Moscow for talks.

Soviet 'Warning' Cited

In its protest note, the Iranian government charged that a Soviet commander had "issued a warning" to Iranian troops protecting Tabriz, now the insurgent capital, "that the premises must be evacuated."

Documents in the government's possession showed, the note said, that the government, the Iranian general staff and the Tabriz commander had applied repeatedly to the Russian commander for permission to send troops to other cities and outside Tabriz, but were refused.

Soviet troops, the statement read, intervened on several occasions, arrested seven Iranian soldiers and expelled Brig. Khosrovani from Tabriz.

The statement listed specific acts of violence, and said that a number of armed "adventurers" had taken advantage of the presence of foreign forces and, using the title of democracy, had engaged in an armed uprising against the monarch and government of Iran.

Leader Called a Russian

The founder of the movement, whom the document named "Idalat," is a member of the Communist party from Baku, Russia, the note charged.

(People of Azerbaijan and Armenians sympathetic toward the newly-formed Iranian National government in Azerbaijan have been subjected to mass punishment in the city of Resht, it was reported by Tass, official Soviet news agency, in a dispatch from Teheran, the Associated Press said from Moscow.)

Meet the Real Prince Mike

Lt. (or Sgt.) Romanoff at Biarritz U.

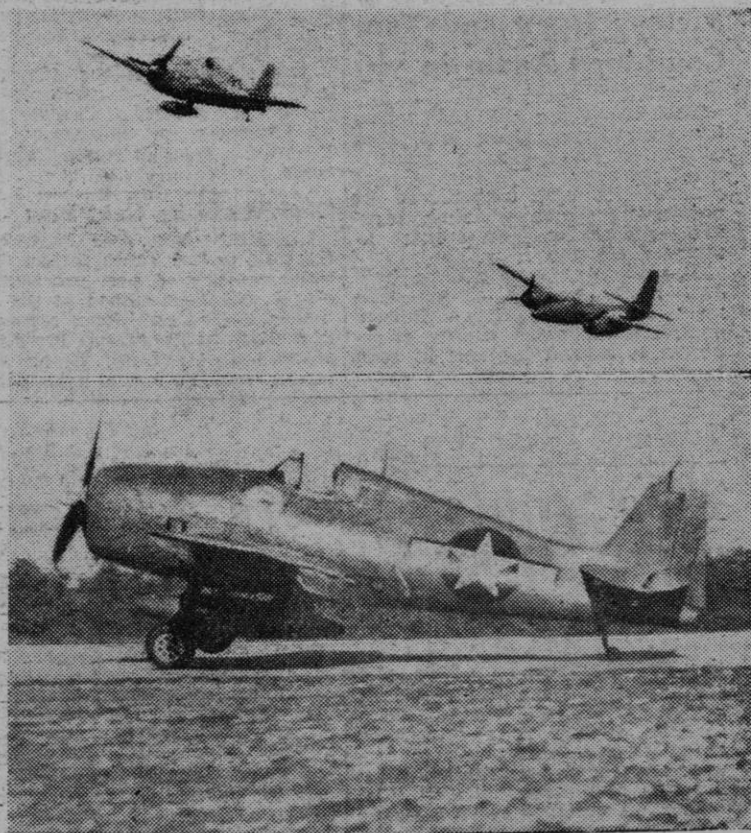
BIARRITZ, Dec. 19.—Michael Romanoff, not to be confused with the Hollywood "prince" of the same name, is a student at Biarritz American University.

This Romanoff is a nephew of the late Czar Nicholas of Russia. Like Prince Mike, who is not, he has his troubles. A member of the French Army, the 21-year-old prince originally reported here on orders received from Paris, but ten days later his colonel at Coblenz ordered his return. The colonel praised Romanoff on his initiative in reaching Biarritz, then charged him with being AWOL and sentenced him to 16 days. When he got out, he returned to Biarritz.

"They said I didn't go through channels, but sometimes I don't like channels," he explained.

Romanoff wears a lieutenant's uniform and draws a lieutenant's pay, but he is not sure he is a lieutenant. A corporal until August, he then received a French War Ministry letter addressed to him as 2/Lt. Romanoff. His CO said he was a sergeant. In September he made first sergeant, and this month he was offered a captaincy to stay with his unit, but he decided to return to school.

'Ghost' Plane Controlled by Radio



A pilotless Navy Hellcat is sent aloft by the Navy in a ghostlike demonstration of air power near Atlantic City, N. J. At top, the plane in front is controlled by radio by the "mother" plane which follows it in flight. At the bottom, the "ghost" plane makes a perfect landing.

Shiny Penny Wins Feature At Gulfstream

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP).—Shiny Penny, making his first start since the New England season ended, sped to a two-length triumph yesterday in the featured Pasco Purse at Gulfstream Park before more than 9,000 fans. The five-year-old bay horse gave apprentice R. J. Martin his second straight winner. Shiny Penny paid \$7.20.

Blue Pennant Captures Finale at Bay Meadows

SAN MATEO, Calif., Dec. 19 (AP).—The Bay Meadows' most successful racing season closed yesterday with Blue Pennant, six-year-old gelding by Blue Larkspur, winning the featured mile and a sixteenth Pleasant Journey Purse in a photo finish.

Jockey Gene Pederson, second leading rider at the meeting, was in the saddle at 114 pounds.

First Fiddle to Start In New Year's Day 'Cap

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 19 (ANS).—First Fiddle, top money winner now in training, was named by trainer and owner Ed Mulrenan today as a definite starter in Santa Anita's \$25,000 added San Carlos handicap on New Year's Day.

Other starters will be Challenge Me, Hollywood Gold-Cup winner; Texas Sandman, second in last year's Santa Anita handicap; Sirde and Bull Reigh.

Longden Gets Mayer Mount For Santa Anita Opener

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19 (AP).—Johnny Longden has signed to ride Honeymoon, Louis Mayer's three-year-old, in the \$25,000 California Breeders' Champion Stakes at Santa Anita on opening day, Dec. 29. Longden will free lance at Santa Anita.

Tide Clipped By Influenza

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Dec. 19 (AP).—Eight members of the Alabama squad were kept from practice yesterday by an outbreak of influenza as other gridiron performers worked out in weather termed "awful, just awful" by coach Frank Thomas.

Snow and rain had turned the practice field into a quagmire and the workout in preparation for the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl date with Southern Cal was short and mostly indoors.

Flu victims were All-America center Vaughn Mancha; right halfback Lowell Tew, the team's leading ground gainer; right tackle Lee Flowers; right halfbacks Corky Corbitt and James Robertson; ends Jim Grantham and Richard Gibson and quarterback Hugh Morrow, expert placement kicker.

Victory Open and Tam Combined Again in '46

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Chicago Victory Open and Tam O'Shanter All-American Tournament again will be dove-tailed next summer for the convenience of professional golf's traveling caravan, sponsors of both events announced yesterday.

The Victory Open will be held July 17-21 and the All-American meet July 24-28. Byron Nelson, golf's leading money winner, is expected to defend his title in both tournaments.

Turfmen Rear Up

Two Stable Owners Ask Court To Block Stimulating Hearings

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19 (AP).—Two racing stable owners and their trainers filed an injunction seeking to prevent the Maryland Racing Commission from enforcing sections of the rules concerning stimulation of horses and to conduct any further hearings without sanction of the court.

The suit was filed by W. L. Brann and his trainer, E. A. Christmas, and by Sylvester W. Labrot, Jr. and Clay Sutphin, trainer of the Labrot string. Sutphin and Christmas were among five trainers called before the commission last week for hear-

Ranger Goalie Thwarts Maple Leaf Scoring Bid



Goalie Chuck Rayner of the New York Rangers sprawls on the ice as he makes a save. Gus Bodner (21) and Robert Davidson (4) of the Toronto Maple Leafs stand ready to move if there should be a rebound.

Basketball

East
Slippery Rock (Pa.) 51, Carnegie Tech 48
Harvard 53, Tufts 36

South
Maryland 61, Marine Institute 46
Kentucky 67, Arkansas 42
Selman Field 51, Louisiana College 35

Midwest
Western Kentucky 37, Miami 27
Illinois 61, Drake 42
Indiana 54, Cincinnati 44
Earlham (Ind.) 95, Wilmington 62
Capital (O.) 44, Muskingum 42
Oberlin 59, Wooster 44
Ohio 53, Dayton 41

Western Illinois 51, Arkansas State 33
Central (Ia.) 60, Penn 38
Washburn (Kan.) 38, Wichita 33
Western Michigan 54, Utah 51
Concordia (Minn.) 48, Moorhead Tars 34
Toledo 65, Akron 60
Loyola 53, Chicago Teachers 39
Central (Ind.) N. 43, Indiana Central 33
Louisville 51, Butler 41
Assumption (Ont.) 57, Detroit Tech 13
Simpson (Ia.) 74, Parsons 44
Morningside (Ia.) 58, Warburg 36
Emporia State 65, Topeka AAF 48
Springfield Tchers 53, Pittsburgh T. 31
Midland 43, Nebraska Wesleyan 34
Lacrosse Tchers 36, River Falls 31
St. Thomas 58, Superior Tchers 39
Huntington (Ind.) 53, Anderson 43
Crame (Ind.) Navy 34, Wabash 33
Baldwin-Wallace 44, Crite Hospital 43

Southwest
Southern Methodist 48, North Texas St. 38
Texas 54, Southwestern 47
Lake Charles AAF 55, Houston 50
Loyola 46, Washington (St. Louis) 44
East C. Oklahoma 51, Oklahoma Med. 43
New Mexico Highlands 47, Trinidad Jr. 31
Baylor 59, Camp Hood 51

Far West
Washington St. 49, Central Wash. 33
Idaho Southern Branch 47, Idaho U 46

Eastern Grid Squad Leaves for W. Coast

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (AP).—A 21-man squad of Eastern All-Star football players left here yesterday for San Francisco and the 21st annual East-West Shrine benefit game. The squad will arrive in San Francisco Monday.

The squad spent the afternoon in a "skull session" conducted by coaches Andy Kerr of Colgate, Bernie Bierman of Minnesota and Beatty Feathers of North Carolina State.

Gets Nebraska Grid Post

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19 (AP).—Navy Lt. Gomer Jones, former Ohio State center and later pro football player, has been signed as the Nebraska line coach. Jones served as line coach at St. Mary's Pre-Flight school under Lt. Cndr. Bernie Masterson, new Nebraska head coach.

Diamond Dust Borowy NL's Leading Hurler; Chisox to Regain 2 Infielders

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP).—Hank Borowy, whose mid-season purchase from the New York Yankees helped the Chicago Cubs to gain their first pennant in seven years, led all National League pitchers in earned runs and won and lost ratings for 1945, official baseball figures disclosed yesterday.

Waived out of the American League by Larry MacPhail, President of the Yankees, because of his "inability to go the route after July 4," Borowy not only completed 11 of his 14 starting assignments for the Cubs, but became the first senior circuit hurler since 1941 when Cincinnati's Elmer Riddle captured both the earned run and won and lost honors.

Allowed Only 2.14 Earned Runs Per Game

In winning 11 and losing two for a .846 percentage, Borowy allowed only 2.14 earned runs per game, a fraction of a run better than teammate Claude Passeau's 2.46, with five others bettering 3.00 par for the nine-inning course.

St. Louis' Harry Brecheen, runnerup to Borowy in the won and lost department, ranked next in earned runs with 2.52, followed by Bucky Walters of Cincinnati (2.68) and Hank Wyse of the Cubs (2.69). Pittsburgh's Preacher Roe was sixth at 2.87 and Ken Burkhardt, another Redbird, ranked seventh at 2.90.

Chisox to Regain Services of Kennedy, Kolloway

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (AP).—Third Baseman Bob Kennedy and second baseman Don Kolloway of the Chicago White Sox will be available next spring to fill a couple of gaping holes in the Pale Hose lineup, Leslie O'Connor, new vice-president, announced today.

Kennedy, who entered Naval aviation in October, 1942, arrived in Chicago yesterday and will receive his discharge within a few days. He will take over the third base chores veteran Tony Cuccinello abandoned after last season. Kolloway, still in Germany, said he will be discharged within two months. He will take over at second base where Leroy Schalk performed.

Browns' 'Red' McQuillen Out of Navy

BRUNSWICK, Md., Dec. 19 (AP).—St. Louis Brown outfielder "Red" McQuillen said today he was out of the Navy and has been ordered by the Browns to report for Spring training. He entered the service almost three years ago.

Huck Geary Decides to Rejoin Pirates

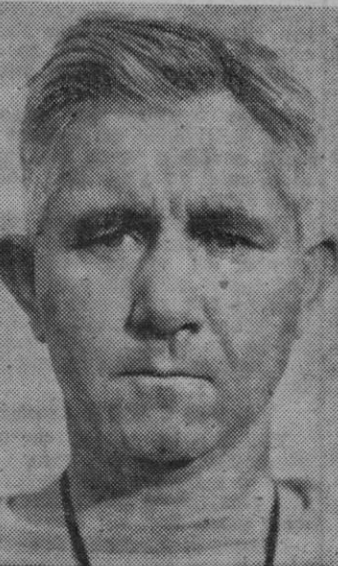
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19 (ANS).—The Pittsburgh Pirates announced that shortstop Eugene "Huck" Geary has decided to rejoin the club. Geary was purchased from Minneapolis in 1942 but voluntarily retired after the 1943 season to take a war plant job. Later he was drafted into the Navy and honorably discharged.

Reds Talk of Florida Drills - Snow Falls

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Cincinnati Reds picked a day of heavy snow today to announce that spring training under Florida's sun would open Feb. 22 and that a 32-game Grapefruit League series would occupy their time beginning March 10.

Pitchers and catchers will report at Tampa on Washington's birthday, with infielders and outfielders instructed to show up Feb. 28.

THE Coach



Football notables of the nation gathered Tuesday night to honor Bo McMillin, Indiana football coach, in recognition of his selection as Coach of the Year. Ray Morrison of Temple University presented McMillin with a scroll.

Columbia Quintet Bows

Paced by Walter Sibiski, the 3187 Signal Service Bn., champions of the Wiesbaden Basketball League, squeezed out a 38-36 triumph over the Columbia Red Cross quintet last night. Sibiski hit the hoops for 13 points to top the scorers.

Cadets Lead Parade

Writers Designate Army Top Sports Team of Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP).—It will come as no surprise to the nine teams that got in the way of the Army steamroller that the mighty West Point football combination has been named the outstanding sports team of the year.

The big, speedy invincible Cadets won the annual Associated Press poll in about the same manner in which they flattened their opponents. Of 76 votes cast by the nation's sports experts, 71 first-place nominations were awarded to Army.

The Detroit Tigers took second place in the voting, receiving one top nomination but plenty of se-

Leonard Quits Steelers; Jock Likely Coach

MULLICA HILL, N.J., Dec. 19 (AP).—Jim Leonard, coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League, said yesterday that he had resigned after serving out his one-year contract.

Leonard said reports that Dr. Jock Sutherland, former Pittsburgh University and Brooklyn Dodger coach, would succeed him probably were true and added that Sutherland would make a "great coach for the Steelers."

Lud Wray, his only assistant, also resigned, Leonard said.

Matheson May Quit NFL For All-America Circuit

CLEVELAND, Dec. 19 (AP).—Riley Matheson, All-League guard with the Cleveland Rams, National Football League champion, said yesterday he was considering going into the coaching field or playing in the new All-America Conference next season, possibly with the Cleveland Browns.

Slip Madigan Signs To Guide Pro Eleven

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19 (AP).—Edward L. "Slip" Madigan, former coach at St. Mary's College, yesterday signed as general manager of the Los Angeles club in the All-America Football Conference. His salary and tenure were not disclosed. Madigan did his playing for Notre Dame.

Frisco All-America Club Adds Pair of Gridders

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19 (AP).—San Francisco's entry in the All-America Conference added two players to the growing roster yesterday and selected the name—"The 49ers."

Contracts were signed by John Kuzman former Fordham tackle, and Garland Gregory, Louisiana Tech guard.

To Quit Grid, Sinkwich Says

ATLANTA, Dec. 19 (AP).—Frank Sinkwich, one of Georgia's football "greats" and the National Football League's most valuable player in 1944, said yesterday he had reached the end of the gridiron trail.

Discussing his future plans in an interview with the Atlanta Journal, the former Georgia All-America star said his recent knee injury prompted his decision to devote all of his time hereafter to operating the cafe he owns.

Chanor Quintet Wallops Engineer Five, 67-47

ANTWERP, Dec. 19.—The Chanor Base All-Stars rolled to their third straight basketball victory last night, lacing the 38th Engineers five, 67-47, at Camp White Tie.

Ed Klinker, of the All-Stars, was the high scorer for the night, collecting 17 points. Chanor held a 37-22 halftime lead.

Zale, Giles Matched

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19 (ANS).—Bobby Giles of Buffalo, N. Y., has been signed to meet Tony Zale, world middleweight champion, in a ten-round heavyweight boxing match here on Jan. 7. Promoter Freddie Sommers announced today. It will be Zale's first appearance in the ring since his discharge from the Navy in October.



New U.S. Plane Dwarving B29 'About to Fly'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Army Air Forces disclosed today additional details of its coming superbomber, the Consolidated-Vultee XB36. It said, in the monthly publication Air Force, that the huge plane was "about to take to the air."

A drawing of the bomber showed it with lines resembling those of the Boeing B29 Superfortress, except that six engines are set into the after part of the wing, and propellers push rather than pull.

To Weigh 125 Tons

Gen. H. H. Arnold, Air Forces head, recently said it would weigh more than 250,000 pounds and have an operating radius of 5,000 miles. This compares with 140,000 pounds and about a 1,600-mile radius for the B29.

The Air Force gave these general facts about the XB36, which is being built at Fort Worth, Tex.

The fuselage is 163 feet long and 150 inches in diameter. The tail rises 46 feet 7 inches above the ground. Its fore and aft compartments are linked by a pressurized tunnel as in the B29.

Carries Crew of 17

The crew will total 17, including relief crewmen. There will be sleeping accommodation and a galley to prepare hot meals. It will operate at more than 30,000 feet altitude and can make non-stop flights from Tokyo to New York as a "matter of course."

The wheels are nearly 10 feet in diameter and one tire weighs 1,500 pounds.

A transport version also is being built and is expected to accommodate 200 passengers. An order for it has been placed by Pan American Airways.

Council Bids Austrians Dissolve Military Units

VIENNA, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Austrian government has been ordered by the Allied Council to "dissolve all military organizations."

The action was believed here to have grown out of the reported formation of a club for glider enthusiasts. Such clubs were formerly used by the Germans for training Luftwaffe pilots.

Shipping News

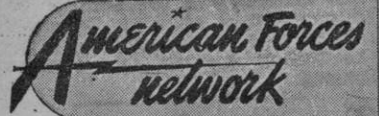
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Departures		
Ships	Load	Date
John Pisk Liberty...	586	Dec. 19
Elbridge Gerry Lib.	567	Dec. 19
Hannis Taylor Lib.	588	Dec. 19

Arrivals		
Ships	Load	Date
Mexico Victory.....	1,509	Unknown
Chapel Hill Victory..	1,533	Unknown
Central Falls Viet....	1,596	Unknown

In Port		
Ships	Load	Date
W. McLennon Lib....	556	Dec. 20
George Bibb Lib.....	569	Dec. 20
Elgin Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 22

Expected		
Ships	Load	Arrival Date
W. A. Graham Lib....	550	Dec. 20
Webster Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 20



TODAY	
1200-News	1900-Here's Romance
1205-Off the Record	1930-Music Hall
1300-At Your Service	2000-Ignorance Pays
1305-Sports Review	2030-Dinah Shore
1315-Remember	2100-News
1330-You Asked for It	2105-Speak Low
1400-Your Love Song	2130-Playhouse
1430-Heard at Home	2200-Date With Duke
1500-News	2230-Bennett Conducts
1505-Beaucoup Music	2300-Navy Reporter
1600-Symphony Hour	2315-Bandstand
1700-Duffie Bag	2330-Merely Music
1800-News	2400-News
1815-Personal Album	0015-Midnight Paris
1830-Supper Club	0200-Sign Off
1845-Magic Carpet	

TOMORROW	
0600-News	1430-The Story
0615-Morning Report	1500-News
0715-Hill Billies	1505-Beaucoup Music
0730-Fred Waring	1600-Symphony Hour
0800-GI Jive	1700-Duffie Bag
0815-News	1800-News
0830-Repeat Perform.	1815-Personal Album
0900-Modern Music	1830-Supper Club
0930-Navy Reporter	1845-Magic Carpet
0945-String Serenade	1900-Melody Hour
1000-Ranch House	1930-Kate Smith
1030-Here's Horace	2000-Jubilee
1045-Easy Does It	2030-Duffey's Tavern
1100-Lynn Murray	2100-News
1115-Across the Board	2105-Music
1130-At Ease	2130-AFN Playhouse
1145-Melody Roundup	2200-Shower of Stars
1200-News	2230-Harry James
1205-Off the Record	2300-World Diary
1300-Help Wanted	2315-Spotlight Bands
1305-Sports Review	2330-Merely Music
1315-Remember	2400-News
1330-Asked for it	0015-Midnight Paris
1400-Your Love Song	0200-Sign Off
1430-Short Wave 6,000 and 3,565 Megs	
1430-Paris 610 Kc (Normandy) 1,204 Kc	

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Dick Tracy

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Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Ye



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



TD Rests in U.S. Upped From 30 to 45 Days

FRANKFURT, Dec. 19.—All temporary duty orders granted for "rest, rehabilitation and recovery" in the U.S. will be for 45 days instead of 30 days, effective immediately, USPET announced today. The new policy is in keeping with recent War Department instructions to all theaters.

GI 'Marketers' Lifted From Homebound Ship

IRUMAGAWA, Japan, Dec. 19 (AP).—Five American soldiers and two Japanese civilians were arrested today charged with black marketing sugar, clothing and cigarets valued at \$3,333. Two of the Americans were taken off a transport which was to have sailed shortly for the U.S.

U.S., Britain Asked for Views On a French Break With Spain

Yielding to public opinion and pressure from the extreme left wing of the Assembly, the French government last night took the first step toward the possible breaking off of diplomatic relations with Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Spain by asking London and Washington to give their ideas on such a step.

A determined trend towards a rupture of relations with Madrid has been apparent in all left-of-center Paris newspapers since last summer, when a train allegedly carrying former members of the Spanish anti-Boishevik Legion back from Germany, via Switzerland en route to Spain, was attacked

by French Leftists at Chambéry. Sweeping victories of Communists in the October elections made it virtually certain that sooner or later the matter would be brought to a head.

Strong sentiment for breaking relations is apparent among France's three major parties—the Communists, Socialists and Popular Republican Movement (MRP). There is no agreement among them, however, on recognizing the Giral Republican government.

It is known that when Manuel Torres Campana, Minister of the Interior of the Giral Republican government, tried to see French Information Minister André Malraux he was refused.

New Rioting in Athens Over Amnesty Issue

ATHENS, Dec. 19 (AP).—An hour-long EAM and Communist demonstration demanding full amnesty for political prisoners was broken up by police today after several fist fights occurred between the EAM Communist group and anti-EAM Greeks who called them "dirty Bulgarians."

Today's demonstration was the second time in the last four days that several hundred young men and women assembled in front of the palace, shouting, "Full amnesty."

The Greek Cabinet has under consideration an amnesty decree, but action expected last night failed to materialize because of a disagreement in the Cabinet on the issue of pardoning murder during the occupation period.

Atom Reported Topic As Big 3 Hold 4th Talk in News Blackout

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin conferred with their advisers today as the fourth regular session of the Big Three foreign ministers got under way this afternoon amid indications that discussion of atomic energy was in progress.

Mistrial Denied On S & S Story Of Lichfield

By Art White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
LONDON Dec. 19.—A defense move for a mistrial on the ground that The Stars and Stripes' account of the Lichfield trial published on Tuesday was "prejudicial to the rights of the accused" was overruled today by the court trying Sgt. Judson H. Smith, a former Tenth Reinforcement Depot guard for alleged brutal treatment of prisoners. First Lt. Frank M. Johnson Jr., chief defense counsel, protested mention by The Stars and Stripes of material concerning the possible murder of Pvt. Eril L. Bolton, a Negro prisoner at the Tenth Reinforcement Depot. The material was taken from an IG report by Lt. Col. Lawrence W. Varner. When his mistrial motion was denied, Johnson challenged members of the court.

Challenges Not Upheld
Flourishing a Tuesday's Stars and Stripes, Johnson asked members: "Have you read this story?" Five had, and they were challenged in turn. The court was closed each time while the remaining members voted on whether the challenged member had been prejudiced by reading the paper. Two members who said they had only glanced at the headlines were not challenged. In each case the court found that Johnson's challenge was not sustained.

After the challenges were overruled, Maj. Walter E. Hopper Jr., law member of the court, objected to the article on the basis that it gave the "erroneous" impression that the Varner report was discussed in open court. Actually, the report was submitted by the prosecution to be marked for identification in order to use it for future reference.

Not in Evidence
Hopper declared: For the record and for the benefit of the accused, the court wishes to state that the article in question in its principal tenor is entirely erroneous in so far as it stated that things took place in this court which did not take place.
Three hours later at the afternoon hearing Hopper said he wished to clarify the earlier statement. He said: "In relation to The Stars and Stripes story, it was in error where it stated that the IG report was submitted to the court. They were not submitted. They were marked for identification only, and have not yet been admitted as evidence. In no case is the published account considered by the court in the case now in hearing."
Hopper made it clear that his objection was to the words "submitted to the court," referring to the IG report, and, he said, the inference that it was aired in court.

Report Not Questioned
At no time, however, were any objections voiced against the correctness of The Stars and Stripes account of the Varner report, which said that Bolton died from a "massive intra-cerebral hemorrhage possibly caused by naving his head rammed against a wall."
Before the end of the discussion about the newspaper story, which lasted four hours, it was made clear that Col. Louis P. Leone, president of the court, had relinquished his post as commander of the 19th Reinforcement Depot some months before the death of Bolton who was en route back to his unit through the 19th Depot when he died.

Gen. Wing Dies; Led 'Winged Victory' Div.

RUTLAND Vt., Dec. 19 (AP).—Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing, 52, who led the 43rd "Winged Victory" Div. in four major Pacific campaigns and landed in Japan with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation troops, died at his home of a heart attack.

Byrnes spent much of the morning conferring with John Carter Vincent, head of the Far Eastern section of the State Department; H. Freeman Matthews, head of the department's European section, and Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard University and one of America's foremost atom scientists.
Both Byrnes and Bevin talked with their Iranian experts, and both made what were described officially as "courtesy calls" on Chinese Ambassador Foo Peng-sheung and French Ambassador Gen. Georges Catroux.

Meanwhile informed quarters said yesterday's session, which lasted three hours and 20 minutes, went smoothly. Official spokesmen still withheld information as to the nature of the talks.
In Washington, diplomatic sources reported that Generalissimo Josef V. Stalin purposely timed his return to the Kremlin from his nine-week vacation at a Black Sea resort to coincide with the foreign ministers' deliberations. His presence in Moscow means that the Soviet delegation will have a means of quick and definite decisions.

No date has been announced for the end of the conference, but Washington sources said they expected Byrnes home for Christmas.

War Training Told to Court

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for the unit's "sports awards" included such events as hand-grenade throwing, 200-meter runs over obstacles while wearing gas masks under small-arms fire.
During the early days of Hitler's ascendancy, Storey said, local SA meeting places became "arrest points" for the detention of enemies of the Nazi Party. With the organization of the Gestapo, the arresting powers of the SA were dropped.

Kaltenbrunner in Hospital

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Ernst Kaltenbrunner, former deputy chief of the Gestapo, was returned to a hospital today and was described by physicians as in "serious" condition with a recurrence of the cranial hemorrhage which first kept him from the war crimes trials.
After a week in the prisoners' box, Kaltenbrunner complained Sunday night and Monday of severe headaches and was sent to rest in his cell instead of attending the trial.

Presented as evidence of the methods of the SA were sworn statements by American Jews testifying to physical attacks by brown-shirted Storm Troopers during March, 1933. In the ten-year period 1933-43, membership in the SA grew from 300,000 to between one and one-half to two millions, the American prosecutor said.

UAW Holds Out for 30% Boost, Bars Ford and GM Compromise

DETROIT, Dec. 19 (UP).—The United Automobile Workers emphatically rejected today a Ford Motor Co. offer of a wage increase of 15 cents an hour.

Replying to the Ford offer, which accompanied a demand for security against wildcat strikes, Richard T. Leonard, UAW spokesman, declared that the company's offer was "completely unacceptable to the union."
A Ford spokesman said the offer would have brought the average Ford wage to "approximately 21 percent more than the average of its nearest competitor." Previously the UAW had turned down a General Motors offer of an increase of 13 1/2 cents an hour. The union

Grand Parade of Ballet Dancers on Opera's Massive Stage



The curtain at the Paris Opera lifted on a bare stage last night and ballet performers staged a grand parade from the deep recesses of the enormous floor to the footlights. It was the first time in history that an audience was permitted to view the huge, undecorated interior.

Truman Asks For Merger of Army, Navy

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services whenever practicable and advisable."
He underlined nine arguments for unity.

- In his own words they were:
- 1—We should have integrated strategic plans and a unified military program and budget.
 - 2—We should realize the economies that can be achieved through unified control of the supply and service functions.
 - 3—We should adopt the organizational structure best suited to fostering co-ordination between the military and the remainder of the government.
 - 4—We should provide the strongest means for civilian control of the military.
 - 5—We should organize to provide parity for air power.
 - 6—We should establish the most advantageous framework for a unified system of training for combined operations of land, sea and air.
 - 7—We should allocate systematically our limited resources for scientific research.
 - 8—We should have unity of command in outlying bases.
 - 9—We should have consistent and equitable personnel policies.
- Mr. Truman called again for Congressional approval of universal military training, which, he said, has "met with overwhelming approval of the people of the U.S."
He warned that any future conflict was sure to take place simultaneously on land and sea and in the air with weapons of greater speed and range, and that it should be assumed that another war would strike more suddenly than the last, and directly at the U.S.
Decrying a national tendency to forget about the war and the duties imposed by victory, Mr. Truman said: "Whether we like it or not, we must all recognize that the victory which we have won has placed on the American people a continuing burden of responsibility for world leadership."

All Curtains Lifted—and GIs See What Makes Ballet Kick

By Richard Pryne
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Stagehands and eight-year-old children shared the spotlight with the Paris Opera's brightest stars of ballet Tuesday night in a precedent-shattering special performance before more than 2,200 GIs and Allied soldiers who crowded the historic theater to its topmost galleries.

The whole elaborate mechanism of the ballet was taken apart before the fascinated audience. For the first time in the 70-year history of the Opera theater, spectators were able to see the entire depth of the stage—a stage so big that the whole Opera Comique theater would fit into it. Also for the first time, the audience witnessed the stagehands at work setting up the complicated and colorful scenery for a ballet.

Stagehands Stagestruck
The stagehands were far more nervous and stagestruck than the smallest child on the program. Dressed in new blue dungarees which they insisted on having before making their footlight debut, the 50-odd technicians conquered their shyness enough to put together the colorful gypsy camp setting for the second act of "The Two Pigeons" in record time. Their efforts won them a big hand.
Electricians and scene shifters manipulated backdrops, properties, myriad lights and the 21-ton cyclorama that gives the outdoor scenes the illusion of infinity, with an expertness born of years of work behind the curtains of the world's best-equipped stage.

The program, presented by the Franco-Allied Goodwill Committee (COFBA) also demonstrated how a ballet dancer is trained. Beginning with the simplest exercises given small children, the whole progress of the dancer, from neophyte to star, was traced in detail. The tedious "work at the bar," the endless repetitions of elemental steps and patterns, were demonstrated by girls and boys at all stages of artistic development, with some of the Opera's leading performers dancing in scenes from favorite ballets.

Ballet Brilliant
Forced for the first time to compete for public attention with the hitherto anonymous backstage crews, the Corps de Ballet and its stars outdid themselves in brilliant interpretations of scenes from "Giselle," "Cendrillon," "The Two Pigeons" and other numbers.
Robert Stern of the European Edition of the New York Herald Tribune, was master of ceremonies and explained the proceedings in English. The full Opera orchestra, directed by Roger Desormiere, supplied the ballet music.

For recent initiates in the ballet, the performance was a dramatized primer of the dance. To dyed-in-the-wool ballet enthusiasts, it offered a glimpse behind the scenes that no audience in Paris, and probably in the world, had ever seen before. As a Christmas present from France to her Allied soldier-guests it was not only a fascinating evening but a lifetime memory.

UNO Unit OKs Unified Staff

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—A report requesting the United Nations Assembly to create a UNO military staff committee—a Big Five combined Chiefs of Staff—has won approval from the UNO Preparatory Commission. It is the first attempt to extend war-time Anglo-American combined chiefs idea into peace-time operation.
The committee, according to the approved report, would prepare and negotiate agreements for the allocation of United Nations forces to be used against aggressors.

House Accords UNO Landslide Approval

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—The House of Representatives yesterday passed with minor changes the Senate-approved bill providing for U.S. participation in the United Nations Organization.
The roll-call vote was 344 to 15. Senate and House conferees will now consider House changes. The chief difference is the addition of an amendment allowing Congressmen to serve as representatives on the United Nations Organization Council.

Truman Approves New UNRRA Grant

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—President Truman yesterday signed legislation authorizing an additional appropriation of \$1,350,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.
The new grant boosts to \$2,700,000,000 funds approved by the U.S. for the world-wide organization created to aid foreign countries that were overrun by enemy forces. Half of the total has already been appropriated.

Kremlin Xmas Gift: Grandchild for Stalin

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Generalissimo Josef V. Stalin has become a grandfather, it was disclosed here today. His daughter Svetlana became a mother a few days ago. Both she and her husband are students at Moscow University.
Svetlana is the daughter of Nadezhda Alluluyeva, Stalin's second wife, who died five years ago.