

One Year Ago Today

Germans drive 20 miles into Belgium. China-based Forts hit Jap industry on Kyushu Island. RAF bombs battleships at Gdynia.

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The Weather Today

PARIS: Cloudy—44
S.FRANCE: Cloudy—56
DOVER: Cloudy, windy—43
GERMANY: Cloudy, rain—45

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Senate Asks Palestine Open Door

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (A.P.).—A resolution calling on the U.S. government "to use its good offices" with Britain to permit unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine went to the House today after receiving an overwhelming vote of approval in the Senate.

(The Senate passed the resolution in spite of a statement by Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that President Truman strongly opposed any resolution pending a report by the Anglo-American commission of inquiry on Palestine, Reuter reports. It was passed after a number of members of both parties had accused Britain of defaulting on her obligations.)

The House is expected to consider the resolution before the holiday recess. Passage by both Houses, however, still will have no effect other than to reflect Congressional sentiment.

House majority leader John W. McCormack (D-Mass.) told the House Foreign Affairs Committee he strongly favored the resolution. He added that he approved the immediate entry of 100,000 Jews into Palestine as proposed by President Truman to British Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee, and said the ultimate solution of the Palestine problem lay in the establishment of a free democratic commonwealth.

House minority leader Joseph W. Martin (R-Mass.) likewise favored the resolution, terming it "in accord with the spirit of America... and a step toward settlement of a problem which must be settled if

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Yamashita Gets Execution Stay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita was granted a stay of execution by the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday, only a few minutes after an airmailed petition from Yamashita had arrived, asking for a review of the decision of the Philippines Supreme Court.

As the judges attach great importance to the earliest possible decision, the Supreme Court probably will hold a special session during the Christmas recess to consider the case.

The Philippines Supreme Court earlier had overruled the "Tiger of Malaya's" contention that the U.S. military commission that tried him was illegal and that the Philippines Civil Court, should take jurisdiction. Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson ordered the sentence to be stayed pending a final decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The former Japanese commander in chief in the Philippines and conqueror of Singapore was sentenced on Dec. 7 by a U.S. military tribunal sitting at Manila to death by hanging after a six-week trial for atrocities in the Far East.

'Spare Yamashita' Plea Circulated by Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 (UP).—A movement has started in Tokyo to obtain 100,000 Jap signatures to a petition requesting that Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's death sentence be commuted or that the "Tiger of Malaya" at least be permitted to commit hara-kiri, according to an American broadcast from Tokyo.

(In Tokyo, Associated Press reports that members of the Japanese Imperial household were rebuffed when they sought assurances from American officers that no more household princes would be named as war criminal suspects. Prince Morimasa Nashimoto, the first prince named on the "wanted" list, is now in jail awaiting trial, and earlier attempts by the household to obtain his reprieve were met with the reply that he would receive the same treatment as all other Japanese suspects.)

Head Haunts Nazis

The heads of a Pole, shrunken to a fraction of its normal size, is exhibited by Thomas Dodd, an American lawyer, at the Nuremberg war guilt trial. The head was introduced as evidence.



Wasp, Augusta on Troop Run Damaged in Atlantic Gale

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP).—The aircraft carrier Wasp and the cruiser Augusta were damaged in a 70-mile-an-hour gale which swept over the mid-Atlantic and battered the coast of England today.

The U.S. Navy port office at Southampton announced the Wasp en route to Southampton to pick up troops when it ran into the storm Sunday. Steel curtains on the hangar deck were washed away.

The Augusta, en route from Le Havre to the U.S. with troops, had a starboard side plate bent in one or two inches and similar damage to bulkheads. No casualties were reported on either ship.

The port office said the Wasp was expected to put in at Plymouth this morning for temporary repairs and the Augusta would return to Southampton or Portsmouth later today.

Meanwhile, two persons were blown off the dockside at Aberdeen last night and drowned before rescuers could reach them.

The southwest and west coasts have been in the grip of the gale for 24 hours and the Channel has been whipped to a mass of breakers and heavy surf. Boats were riding out the storm with two anchors down and pilots were unable to reach shore. In London, gusts reached 47 miles an hour and the Air Ministry predicted hailstorms now hitting southern Ireland might add to the fury of the storm here.

Jap Ban Not Aimed at Pope
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 18 (AP).—A well-informed Vatican source today said General Douglas MacArthur's order severing relations between the Holy See and Japan "has not made any special impression in the Vatican, since it is merely an extension of Allied policy in Japan." "It is not aimed against the Vatican," the source said.

Day's Shipping Total At Le Havre Is 10,487

LE HAVRE, Dec. 18.—A total of 10,487 troops shipped from Le Havre to the U.S. today on five vessels.

Ammo a Black Mart Favorite

Pistol Cartridges Rival Food in Berlin Trading Popularity

By T. Norman Palmer
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Small-arms ammunition rivals foodstuffs as the most sought-after commodity in Germany today, and black-market trading in this item, particularly in Berlin, is now at an all time high, The Stars and Stripes learned.

Granting the truth of repeated announcements by Allied occupation powers that there is no evidence of any organized resistance to the occupation, the demand apparently predicated other uses. While it is conceivable that some ammunition is wanted for hunting game, revolver and pistol calibers fetch the highest prices.

Obviously the demand for ammunition is linked with an increase in the number of murders, thefts, robberies, burglaries and assaults reported in all sections of Berlin.

Reports of ammunition sales sent this reporter scurrying to the Tiergarten and Potsdamerplatz, two centers of the Berlin black market,

where he skirted the edge of the market place in the stump-studded Tiergarten.

The first agent wheeled down the street at the reporter's mention of ammunition. The second admitted surprise that an American would sell cartridges, indicating that the principals in most sales were definitely not Americans.

The reporter said he had 100 .32-caliber shells for sale, and an agent offered 1,000 marks (\$100).

It was the third contact who spoke most freely about business, after the reporter dismissed number two by saying he didn't have the shells with him. Number three wasn't at all amazed that an American had ammo for sale, but asked only one question: "How much?"

The reporter shrugged his shoulders and put the same question to him.

The first offer was 1,500 marks for 100 shells, but it was raised to 2,000 marks per 100 when The Stars and Stripes man intimated he had access to unlimited quantities. The agent said he could use all avail-

33 Days in 'Hole' Cost GI 4 Teeth, 30Lbs., Trial Told

By Ed Rosenthal

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A witness testified today at the Lichfield trial that an inmate had spent 33 days in solitary confinement at the Tenth Reinf. Depot in England and emerged with four front teeth missing, hollow cheeks, smashed eyeglasses and 30 pounds under his normal weight.

Ford Offers 12.4% Rise for Higher Output

DETROIT, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Ford Motor Co. today proposed a 15-cents-an-hour pay increase for all employees represented by the United Automobile Workers (CIO). The increase would be effective at the beginning of any calendar month during which production reaches or exceeds 80,000 cars.

The company said the increase would represent a 12.4 percent raise in Ford's average wage and approximately 22 percent more than the average wage of its major competitors.

Calls It 'Gamble'
In a letter to the union Ford said the increase would represent an expense of \$33,000,000, a gamble which the company has decided to risk.

Meanwhile, in Washington, some of the problems and much of the pattern of the government's fact-finding inquiry took shape as labor and industry waited to learn whether profits and prices are to figure in wage studies.

The question is regarded by CIO as fundamental but is opposed by industry on the contention it would be a forerunner to government snooping, and nearly broke up the first session of the Oil Wage Fact-Finding Board yesterday.

Office Workers Return
More than 13,000 non-striking office workers crossed UAW picket lines around General Motors plants throughout the U.S. to return to work, the company said today. The company, in latest negotiations with UAW, demanded a security clause against unauthorized strikes with penalties for participants in such strikes.

Churchill Will Fly to U.S.

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Winston Churchill will make a flying visit to America early in 1946. It is expected that the visit will be a short private one which will enable him to return to Britain in time for the reassembly of Parliament one month from Thursday.

The witness, Pfc. Henry Petras, was a former prisoner at Lichfield. He did not identify the inmate.

His testimony contradicted that of Col. James A. Kilian, Post CO, who had testified that no prisoner had spent more than 12 to 13 days in solitary confinement at Lichfield.

Another witness, Pfc. John P. Buckmaster, an MP stationed at Le Havre, testified that articles in The Stars and Stripes about the trial had impelled him to tell what he knew about Lichfield.

Testifies Against Guard
Obtaining permission from his CO, Buckmaster told the court, he willingly crossed the Channel to testify against Sgt. Judson H. Smith, former Lichfield guard, charged with brutally mistreating GI prisoners last winter.

Buckmaster, a former Lichfield inmate, described how Smith and another guard struck a prisoner who was not performing calisthenics to the guards' satisfaction. When the incensed prisoner tried to fight back, according to Buckmaster, the two guards "beat him to his knees."

S/Sgt. Ashur Baizer, a former Lichfield jaoler, told the court that 1/Lt. Leonard W. Ennis, a prison officer, called all of the guards to a meeting one day and ordered them to be rough with prisoners, saying that otherwise the guards themselves would be placed behind bars.

Two guards on temporary duty who gave cigarettes to inmates were imprisoned, Baizer said, and the guards complained to their officer, 2/Lt. Andrew J. Caffrey, who said he would take their complaint to Kilian.

When the defense counsel objected to the line of questioning, the prosecution stated that it was trying to find out whether Caffrey had approached Kilian, but the witness' subsequent testimony concerning the incident was stricken from the record.

Last week Kilian denied he had ever received complaints of prison mistreatment.

'Getting Well,' Patton Sits Up

FRANKFURT, Dec. 18 (AP).—Gen. George S. Patton, critically injured in a highway accident eight days ago, sat up in his hospital bed at Heidelberg last night for the first time since the accident. He is "getting well like a house afire," Army authorities reported today.

Doctors have removed the traction apparatus which realigned the broken vertebrae in his neck and substituted a plaster cast.

(The United Press said X-rays of Patton's spine following application of the cast showed perfect alignment of the vertebrae.)

Yank Gal in Japan Hits Fraternization

HIRO, Japan, Dec. 18 (AP).—Band leader Sharon Rogers, one of the few American civilian women in Japan, terms American soldiers' fraternization with Japanese women "disgusting." She says it "makes an American woman's blood boil."

"It's the rottenest thing I've ever seen in my life and the last possible thing I could have believed our soldiers would stoop to," The Stars and Stripes quoted the woman, who is leading an all-girl orchestra on a tour of Japan.



"Tain't So," Says 3rd

I am quartered with the Third Inf. Div.'s QM Co. at Zigenheim, Germany. My room is six feet wide, nine feet long, about seven feet high and in the corner of an attic. There are no decent sanitation facilities in the area.

Yet, Military Government, with the few men it has, lives in a hotel and works in an office building.

Civilians are billeted with us, eat our chow, go to our movies, and there are private rooms among the officers and men for entertainment of the opposite sex.—An EM of Postal Sect., 3rd Inf. Div.

Editor's Note: The above letter was referred to CG Third Inf. Div. who replied:

"An investigation revealed that improvements on billets were made in the last two weeks; more are contemplated. Adequate showers are being constructed and should be completed around Dec. 17. The Mil. Govt. is vacating its facilities, and this will help relieve the billeting situation. No evidence of German civilians being billeted with military personnel was discovered. No private rooms are maintained for entertainment of the opposite sex. Orders are posted and nocturnal checks are made to prevent the presence of women in billets. Civilians are prohibited from attending Special Service motion pictures. Unit commanders of the Third Inf. Div. are always willing to hear any complaints of EM under their command."

Flay Civilian Slant

In S & S, Dec. 3, I read about these Army civilian employees threatening to quit their jobs because they had to eat in the enlisted men's mess. Most of these people are fresh from the U.S.A. where they were glad to be when we had a war on over here. The GIs made it possible for them to have these high-paid volunteer jobs over here. How can these civilians have the brazen rudeness to try to outclass the enlisted men?

Civilian workers should have their own clubs and mess halls. Under the present circumstances, officer clubs are crowded by civilians beyond comfort. They are in a class by themselves, but that class certainly isn't above our country's soldiers. As an officer I prefer to associate with soldiers in off-duty hours rather than a bunch of whimpering boys and girls just out of school who believe the world owes them a helluva lot more than they deserve.—Lt., 924th Engr. Regt.

WO's Fraulein Rides

Three EM returning from furloughs were waiting at the Karlsruhe station for transportation to their unit. Upon inquiry, the unit dispatcher informed them that a jeep had been sent to meet a warrant officer and that they could return with him.

The jeep arrived, and the men settled themselves for the trip. The warrant officer appeared, accompanied by a German fraulein, and ordered the EM to get out of the jeep, unload their baggage and make way for the fraulein.

The EM secured other transportation and arrived in Esslingen late that night—too late, so GI says to be included in quotas for high-point men transferring to alerted units returning to the U.S.—T/3 R. A. Williams, Hq. VI Corps.

Information, Please

Paragraph 7 of letter AG 387 GNMCA Hqs 3rd U.S. Army dated 21 November 1945 states that officers will be reported "available for separation within 60 days of date of eligibility." What does that mean? Can it mean 60 days prior to eligibility date? Does it mean 60 days after? Webster's New Handy Dictionary defines "within" as "inside of; not beyond." What is the 3rd Army's definition?—Capt. W. Sadowsky, 3172 QM Service Co.

Wants Better Maintenance

I'm a bit fed up with filling out accident-report forms, reports of survey, and sending swell young drivers to their deaths. The war is over, so why must we use jeeps that are death traps and should be dead-lined?

About 100,000 new shock absorbers are needed if we are going to have safe vehicles. No new shock absorbers have been available in the Mannheim areas since August. Don't talk about stripping them off wrecks. The wrecks all had bad shock absorbers, too.

To turn a truck in for a new one means about three weeks doing without. What we finally get is what ordnance can't use, and we find very quickly that we can't use them either.—Lt., APO 758.

Bar Dictators By World Law, Braden Urges

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18 (AP)—Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden declared today that the best means of preventing a rise of dictatorships was for the nations to set international standards of law to regulate the conduct of men and governments.

In an apparent reference to the Uruguayan proposal for multilateral intervention, Braden said that when an international community enforced law, such an action was no more intervention than "indifference to law is neutrality."

He questioned whether a nation should not submit its absolute sovereignty to the "common law of all nations."

"It is inconceivable to us that a government that does not believe in the sovereign authority of the people should still rule in the name of the people," Braden continued.

Asserting that political thinking was lagging behind scientific progress, Braden said if the two were on the same level "such violations of accepted political principle and such latitude for irresponsible authority would cease to exist."

There was no doubt that the eruption of illegitimate governmental systems contributed to social restlessness, he said. Domestically these governments paralyzed or eliminated opposition, while internationally they sought quarrels with their neighbors, Braden added.

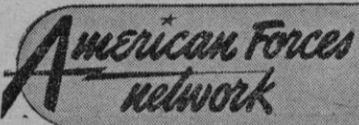


Table with radio program listings for TODAY and TOMORROW, including times and program names like '1200-News', '1900-Waltz Time', etc.

Willie and Joe

By Mauldin



"Boys will be boys, Joe."

U.S. Now Views Internal Troubles Of Other Nations As a Global Problem

By Donald Hovey Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The U.S. appears to have embraced the belief that under certain conditions any nation's internal affairs become the business of all nations.

President Truman applied that principle to strife-torn China in his policy declaration on Saturday, and government officials said the U.S. might soon join others in applying it to Spain and Argentina.

The American Scene

Six Disabled GIs Take Time Out From Hospital, Bag 5 Deer in Hunt

TEMPLE, Tex., Dec. 18 (ANS).—Six patients from McCloskey General Hospital, all minus an arm or leg, returned yesterday from a hunting trip to Mason County with a bag of five deer.

High-point kill was a thirteen-point buck brought down by one-armed Pfc Preston Roberts of Cameron, Tex. Pfc Leroy Miller, of Highland, Ill., who lost a leg in the European Theater, killed a ten-point.

Other members of the party were Sgt. Lloyd Smith, of Eldorado, Ill.; Pfc Robert W. Finnigan, Chicago; Pfc James Dalsky, Louisville, Ohio, and Sgt. Charles A. Schult, Eureka, Kans.

The men, none of whom had previous experience at deer hunting, were guests at a 2,000-acre hunting lease near Mason.

High-point killer Roberts said he was going to get his deer stuffed. "Not just the head," he said. "The whole deer, even if it costs me all my mustering-out pay."

4 Children Die in Apartment Fire

PINOLE, Calif., Dec. 18 (ANS).—Four small children burned to death here last night in a fire which razed a chicken house that had been converted into apartments. Two other persons are in critical conditions at near-by hospitals.

The dead were Gene Bishop, four, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop of Pinole, in whose apartment all of the victims were sleeping; Alfred Major, eight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Major of Monterey, Calif., and Coella Twiman, two, and Glen Roy Twiman, four, children of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Twiman, of Stockton, Calif.

Hollywood Press Club Picks 'Em

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 18 (ANS).—The Hollywood Women's Press Club annually holds out a "golden apple" for the most co-operative actress and actor.

Joan Crawford and Gregory Peck were announced yesterday as winners of the fifth annual award, with June Allyson and Dana Andrews as runners-up.

Branded "most unco-operative" were Greer Garson and Fred MacMurray with Lauren Bacall and Ray Milland as runners-up.

Miss Garson has an "oscar" to comfort her, and MacMurray can get along nicely without any "golden apple." Treasury figures this last week show him the highest-paid male star for the year and one of the top ten breadwinners of the country, with 419,000 "golden apples" to soothe his wounded pride.

Allies Open Drive On Berlin Car Thieves

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP).—Allied authorities have launched a drive to smash a ring of automobile thieves which has been stealing dozens of cars weekly.

Thefts have been increasing in all sectors of the city, according to Col. Frank Howley, director of the American Military Government. The gang has been selling the cars to the Poles for reputedly fantastic prices.

Police also are seeking a garage which is believed to be repainting the vehicles before they are sold.

Chicago Sun Pays Million For Site for New Plant

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Chicago Sun has completed the purchase, at a cost of about \$1,000,000, of a block-square site west of the Loop, for a projected new plant.

The newspaper has been housed in The Chicago Daily News building since The Sun started publication four years ago.

Rich Diamond Deposits Discovered in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Diamond deposits, reported to be the richest ever discovered in this country, have been found in the western Brazil backlands, a spokesman for the Diamond Mine Union has announced. Diamonds valued at \$5,000 have been found here in the last fortnight.

Directive to Marshall

Mr. Truman moved some distance away from the position in his directive to Gen. George C. Marshall, newly appointed Ambassador to China.

The President observed that events of this century indicated that "a breach of the peace anywhere in the world threatens the peace of the whole world." Thus, he said, it is in the "most vital interest of the U.S. and all the United Nations" that the Chinese Nationalists and Communists settle their differences promptly and peacefully.

Meanwhile, there are indications that the U.S. soon may decide officially that the tactics of Franco in Spain and the military regime in Argentina also constitute threats to peace and thus are an international business.

Uruguayan Proposal

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes has announced the U.S.'s "unqualified adherence" to the recent Uruguayan proposal that the American Republics adopt the principle of collective intervention whenever one of their number denies its people essential rights or violates its international obligations.

Diplomats here concede that the collective intervention idea is aimed squarely at the Buenos Aires militarists.

As for Spain, the return to Washington of Ambassador Norman Armour will end a phase of American relations with that country. There are no plans to replace the ambassador, who is retiring from the diplomatic service.

Cut Visit Short

Armour, accompanied by his wife, left Paris by plane Monday night for Washington. Armour had planned to spend some time in Paris but cut his visit short after started for the U.S. for State Department conferences on the Spanish situation.

One indication of a change in U.S. policy towards Spain was the visit Saturday of Juan Negrin, last Premier of Republican Spain, with Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson. It was the first time in years that a Spanish Republican of Negrin's standing had called on a top-level State Department official.

'Rocket' Derailed in Iowa

DES MOINES, Dec. 18 (AP).—Seven cars of Rock Island's "Rocky Mountain Rocket" were derailed two miles east of Oxford, Iowa, yesterday. One coach and the diner overturned, and two passengers were injured slightly.



Paris Area MOVIES TODAY MARGINAN—"Mildred Pierce," continuous 1400-2300, Metro Marbeuf. ENSA PARIS—"Bathing Beauty," Red Skelton, Esther Williams, continuous 1400-2300-Metro Marbeuf. OLYMPIA—Same as Marginan, 2330 only. Metro Madeleine. EMPIRE—"Along Came Jones."

STAGE SHOWS ENSA MARGINNY—"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 Ternes or Etoile. 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. COLUMBIA ARC CLUB—Talk by Henry Cassidy on "Getting Along with the Russians."

Nice FORUM—"Paris Underground." Verdun VOX—"You Came Along." Nancy SHOWTIME—"You Came Along." Metz SCALA—"And Then There Were None." ROYAL—"Nob Hill."

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Angry Senate Votes UNRRA 1 1/3 Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Another \$1,350,000,000 was authorized by the Senate today for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration on a voice vote, sending the measure to the White House.

UNRRA was warned that the sum would be the last obtained from the U.S. Treasury. The measure would terminate UNRRA shipments to Europe by the end of 1946 and those to the Far East by March 1947.

Agency Criticized

Caustic criticism was heaped on the relief organization before passage of the authorization measure, with two Senate leaders who worked to win American participation in this and other United Nations programs, Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.) and Tom Connally (D-Tex.), conceding that if they had it to do over again they would act differently.

Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va.) urged that UNRRA Director Herbert H. Lehman "immediately place the ablest business men he can obtain at the head of distribution of food, clothing and fuel and to eliminate the inefficiency and lack of co-ordination now existing."

Approval Delayed

Approval of the bill was delayed in Senate and House committees because some members wished to incorporate a provision for U.S. correspondents to enter countries receiving relief to report on distribution of supplies.

As a concession, the bill provides that the President should negotiate with beneficiary countries for admission of correspondents and for publication of any trade agreements to which such countries may subscribe.

Senators Map Atom Control

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—The Senate Atomic Energy Committee will consider interim legislation for control of the newly discovered power source soon after the Congressional Christmas recess, Sen. Brien McMahon (D-Conn.) has announced.

He said the taking of scientific testimony was now complete and industrial leaders would be heard next week.

McMahon said: "The committee feels the preliminary phase of its work will have been completed before Christmas recess."

"While we are in agreement that the international phase of the atomic-energy problem is of first concern, we are faced with the necessity for undertaking to provide legislation for at least an interim handling of the Manhattan Project."

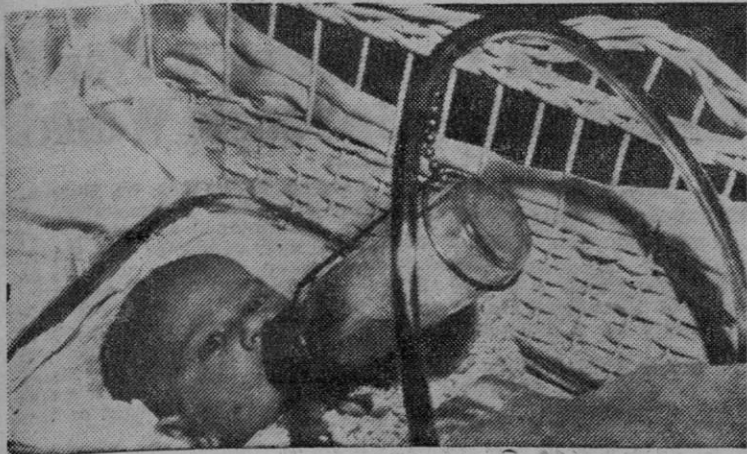
Postoffice Will Keep Zone-Number System

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Postoffice department said today that postal zone numbers on city addresses would be continued permanently.

The department adopted zoning May 1, 1943 to expedite mail deliveries and simplify work of inexperienced war-time help. Zone numbers correspond to postal districts.

About 60 percent of all mail now carries zone numbers, the department said, but most of this comes from large mailers who use address plates.

Yankee Ingenuity Again



Allan D. Bloom, a recently discharged Marine, couldn't see spending a lot of time holding a bottle while his six-week-old baby, Nancy Lee, took on her nourishment, so he invented this automatic feeder which he calls a feederette. It's okay with Nancy.

Brrr... It's Freezing

Photogenic Snowfall Poses Problems



Wet, heavy snow like this in a Buffalo (N.Y.), residential section, broke large tree branches, which, in turn, snapped power and telephone lines, disrupting service to many homes during a severe December storm that swept across upstate New York. It's a pretty scene, but the damage was heavy.

Buffalo Snowed Under By Four-Foot Blizzard

Little Relief Seen As Cold Wave Sweeps U.S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (ANS).—All Buffalo (N.Y.), schools were ordered closed yesterday after Mayor Joseph J. Kelly proclaimed a state of emergency as one of the worst blizzards in the city's history paralyzed transportation. Forty-eight inches of snow were deposited in some areas in 51 hours.

Most the continent east of the Rocky Mountains was overspread with frigid temperatures moving southeastward from the Arctic.

13 Die in Cold Wave

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—Thirteen deaths were attributed today to the Arctic weather which is invading the U.S. with only a slight promise of moderation.

The entire country, from the Pacific Coast to the Florida capes, was in the grip of a frigid wave coming down from the Arctic.

Coldest spot reported to the weather bureau was Fort Peck, Mont., with a temperature of 25 degrees below zero.

Circle. Weathermen predicted temperatures of five to ten above zero along the coastal area from New York to Norfolk.

Forecasters at Chicago said there was no prospect of relief from cold blasts "at least until after Wednesday and possibly not for the entire week."

Coldest place in the nation was Williston, N.D., close to the Canadian Line, where 22 below zero was reported.

Sub-zero readings extended as far south as Central Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Nebraska.

Sunday, Pittsburgh felt the sting of cold at two below zero.

Ban on Night-Club Building Asked to Ease Housing Crisis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—The government has asked the nation's builders to make ingenious use of substitutes for scarce brick and lumber to get volume home production started. At the same time, Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small also asked communities to bar construction of such buildings as night clubs until the housing crisis was nearer solution.

Lindbergh Urges World Group With Western Leaders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Charles A. Lindbergh, pioneer trans-Atlantic flier and pre-war isolationist, last night called for a world organization "led by the Western peoples."

The organization, he told the Aero Club at a dinner marking the 42d anniversary of the Wright brothers' flight, must be backed by military power and guided by Christian ideals.

Lindbergh warned: "We must face the fact that aircraft and the atomic bomb have brought us to a time when we will either live in an organized world or in constant insecurity."

It was Lindbergh's first public address since 1941.

Truman's Christmas: 3 Days in Missouri

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—President Truman plans to spend three days in family gatherings during his Christmas visit home to Missouri.

White House press secretary Charles G. Ross said Mr. Truman would depart by plane from Washington about 8 or 9 AM Christmas Day and start back from Kansas City, Mo., the following Friday morning.

CIO Supports U.S. Appeal For Price Ceilings on Houses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—The CIO endorsed the Administration's appeal for price ceilings on houses at the opening session of a two-day government-sponsored housing conference yesterday, but a spokesman for home builders said such controls would "emasculate the industry."

While labor and management delegates clashed on this point at the conference called by reversion boss John W. Snyder, they joined in recommending that it be made clear to the public that there can be no quick solution of the housing shortage.

House Passes Bill For More Officers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—A bill empowering the War Department to commission 8,281 additional officers in the Regular Army was passed yesterday by the House. It now goes to the Senate.

The new law would authorize 25,000 officers in the Regular Army, against 16,719 now permitted.

Supporters of the bill said it was devised "to keep some of the outstanding young men of the Army of the U.S. (not the Regular Army), who may go elsewhere upon demobilization unless commissions are offered immediately."

The bulk of the officers of World War II held temporary commissions in the Army of the U.S. That part of the fighting force is being demobilized.

Marsha Hunt to Wed Writer

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Wedding bells will be ringing early in the new year for actress Marsha Hunt and Robert Presnell Jr., author and movie writer. It will be the second marriage for each. Miss Hunt, 28, is a former model. Presnell once was a police reporter on the Milwaukee Journal.

Vet Strikes It Rich With a Gold Mine

DURANGO, Colo., Dec. 18 (ANS).—John B. Starr, ex-GI of Durango, has struck it rich on his mining claim six miles from Silverton.

Mining men hail the find as the most important in Colorado in several years.

Assays of gold taken from Whitehead Gulch, near Animas River, show \$17,080 a ton in gold. A mining company has contracted to work Starr's claim and others in the Gulch.

Clang, Clang, Clang Went the Trolley—The Wrong Way

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 18 (ANS).—Tired shoppers got aboard the trolley, their Christmas bundles piled high, in time to get home for 6 o'clock supper. Clerks who helped to pile those bundles got on the trolley, too.

Then came an intersection. The trolley went west instead of east. Then later it went north. That was the way the tracks went. There were no other tracks.

Presently the motorman admitted he was lost, a fact the passengers had realized for some time, so he pulled into a car barn a little farther on. There trolley officials told him there was nothing to do but go back downtown.

When he got downtown a trolley supervisor boarded the car and took the passengers home. When they got home more than an hour late they were sitting in reverse. No one had thought to turn their seats, and they had ridden backward.

CAB Allows Air Travel To Norse Countries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Civil Aeronautics Board yesterday authorized American commercial planes to begin service to the Scandinavian countries.

Airports designated are at Stockholm, Oslo and Copenhagen.

St. Nick an Admiral

Tot's Letter to Bring Dad Home for Xmas

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Eight-year-old Maurine Roesken's letter to Adm. Daniel E. Barbey asking him to send her sailor father home for Christmas paid off yesterday.

Specialist Maurice Roesken, 36, stepped off the train this afternoon after a 10,000-mile boat and rail trip from Shanghai, and Maurine climbed all over him.

The little girl had addressed the admiral as "Santa Claus" and told him: "I want you to send my daddy home fore Christmest because he is too old in the Navy." She added that she had seen the admiral's picture and thought he was handsome.

Roesken already was on his way to the States when the admiral received the letter, but he replied he would see to it that Roesken had a 15-day leave to get home for Christmas.

Truman Vetoes Navy Rank Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—President Truman asserted yesterday that he believed the question of post-war rank and promotion in all branches of the armed services should be tabled until Congress decided the kind of national defense establishment the country would have in the future.

Mr. Truman expressed himself in vetoing a bill to give the chiefs of naval bureaus the rank of vice-admiral and the assistant chiefs that of rear-admiral.

The message was delivered soon after the White House announced the President would send Congress a message this week, probably tomorrow, outlining his views on the proposal to unify the armed services.

LaGuardia Names Another Sponsor

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, for whom unemployment predictions hold no fear, yesterday announced the name of the third firm which will put him on the payroll when he retires as Chief Administrator of the City on Jan. 10.

LaGuardia said that the June Dairy Co. of Wisconsin will sponsor his weekly Sunday broadcasts on city affairs. This will be a continuation of the broadcasts he has made as mayor.

PM, the New York newspaper, has announced LaGuardia will join its staff to write a weekly column, and he will do a series of broadcasts on Sundays from 9:30 to 9:45, sponsored by Liberty magazine. He is also under contract to write for the magazine.

Canada Wants Recognition as World Power

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Canada served notice yesterday that she wanted to be treated as a major world power and that in the future she would make her own decisions on matters which she has left largely to Britain and the U.S. as a wartime expediency.

The dominion's determination was sounded by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King in an address to the Canadian Parliament. He asserted: "We do expect and will expect that this country shall be given full recognition along with other powers."

King declared that during the war the government at different times found itself in an extremely embarrassing position, while "decisions were being made by the Prime Minister of Britain, associated with the President of the U.S."

"I had at that time to make up my mind," King said, "whether I would protest each time we were overlooked or whether I would look at the matter in a reasonable light and say we had better allow this to pass without too much in the way of protest."

The Canadian leader asserted that "very strong protests" have been made to the major powers that Canada should be consulted on any peace, or should at least be invited to such discussions. He added that this was one of the reasons for his visit to Britain in October.

Retain Draft, PTA Heads Ask

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18 (ANS).—The board of managers of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers went on record here as favoring continuation of the Selective Service Act.

The managers charged that the May-Gurney bill for compulsory military training was "inadequate," however, and favored an amendment to the Selective Service Act limiting the period of service to 15 months.

(Under terms of the May-Gurney bill, youths 18 years of age would be required to spend one year in military service.)

Appointment of a National Defense Commission for development of a comprehensive plan for military defense was also suggested.

The report concluded with a recommendation that a highly trained professional military force be formed and that a program of scientific and technological research be developed to support the armed forces.

MPs to Observe Poland

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A committee of British members of Parliament will go to Poland in January to observe the state of affairs there, it was announced in Commons yesterday.

British Protest Proposed Destruction of Vehicles



With the end of the war, vast quantities of British equipment were marked for destruction, including these vehicles at Old Oak Common Lane, near Wormwood Scrubbs, in England. Politicians and industrialists have protested the action, however, because of the acute transportation problem.

Joyce, Amery Lose in Final Death Appeals

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP).—William (Lord Haw Haw) Joyce's appeal from a sentence of death for high treason was dismissed today by the House of Lords, Britain's court of last resort.

Joyce, renegade propagandist who broadcast for the Nazis by Berlin radio, was not in the House when the decision was announced.

Joyce is the second Briton to hear this week that he must die for high treason.

Amery to Hang

John Amery, scheduled to be hanged tomorrow, was refused a reprieve, Home Secretary Chuter Ede announced yesterday.

The four-member court in the House of Lords voted, three to one, for dismissal of Joyce's appeal.

Joyce, convicted at the Old Bailey, first appealed unsuccessfully to the Court of Criminal Appeal on the ground that he was an American citizen born in Brooklyn, and that the British courts were without jurisdiction to try him.

Duce's Widow Loses Fortune

ROME, Dec. 18 (AP).—A vast sum in lire and securities listed as belonging to Mussolini's widow has been seized in the Bank of Italy's Naples branch by Italian authorities, the Ansa Agency reported.

The assets were taken by the Italian commission for the confiscation of Fascist profits. They were listed under the name of Donna Rachele Mussolini and totaled 1,800,000 lire in cash and 500,000 lire in stocks.

The dispatch said Donna Rachele and her two children, Romano and Anna Maria, get 15,000 lire a month from Italian authorities for their support. They are held on the island of Ischia, near Naples.

UNO to Send Advance Party To Look Over Sites in U.S.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Selection of the U.S. city to be the site of the United Nations Organization will await the report of a committee to be appointed for on-the-spot investigation and will be postponed at least until the General Assembly meeting next month and possibly until next summer or fall.

On the heels of this decision by the UNO Preparatory Commission at its deliberations here, an all-night meeting of one of its committees overrode the objections of several small nations, and created a small committee of the Assembly with political powers.

Delegates from Cuba and Ecuador wanted the Assembly's general committee to include all member nations of the Assembly, and the Belgians were willing to accept a smaller committee only if it had no political powers. Both proposals failed to get the required two-thirds majority, and the "Big Three" delegations won their demand for a smaller, politically empowered committee.

On the issue of selecting an American city as UNO's home town, several nations joined the British delegation in opposing any attempt to rush a decision. They suggested that the UNO Commission narrow down the more than 30 contenders to about half a dozen widely-separated sites.

Hits Color Bar

From the Indian delegate, Sir Ramaswami Mudalier, came a demand that any American city observing the color bar be ruled out. He insisted that the site be an area in which "every delegate has the same equal freedom of movement and thought."

Mudalier told correspondents that during a recent Washington visit a Negro State Department official was not permitted to dine at his hotel as his guest.

Many delegates were undecided on the city they would prefer, but Czechoslovakia spoke up for an eastern U.S. city, and San Francisco was favored by Australia, China, Luxemburg, Iran and Egypt.

Swiss Communists Urge Joining UNO

ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Political Bureau of the Communist party of Switzerland has urged the Swiss Federal Council to seek Swiss admittance to the United Nations.

In a letter to the council, the group asked the council to inform the Swiss public on current developments in the world organization.

The bureau, in session here, also decided to protest against the failure to include Adolf Hitler, "whether living or dead," on the list of war criminals. Leaders of the group said they would record their protest with the governments of the U.S., Great Britain, France and Russia.

Local Elections Due In 39 German Towns

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 18.—Thirty-nine local councils and burgermeisters will be chosen in elections in small communities throughout the Western Military District in January. Seventh Army headquarters announced today.

The elections, all in communities of less than 20,000 population, will be held on Jan. 20 and 27 in Greater Hessen and on Jan. 27 in Wuerttemberg-Baden.

Reporter Speaks on Russia

Henry P. Cassidy, formerly of the Associated Press bureau in Moscow, will speak at the American Red Cross Columbia Club at 8 PM today on "Getting along with the Russians."

Sunken Hulks Blocked Suez 76 Days in War

For 76 days of the war there was no Suez Canal for ship traffic and the Mediterranean lay landlocked to the east.

This was revealed yesterday when the Suez Canal Co. released its first report to stockholders in five and one-half years.

The Associated Press, covering the report, said there were two sunken hulks still in the channel as a reminder of 27 ships sent to the bottom in 64 German air raids. Sixteen other ships were hit in the canal.

The last general shareholders' meeting previous to yesterday was held in Paris June 3, 1940, only 10 days before the French capital fell into German hands. The company set up an office at Chatel-Guyon, in the unoccupied zone, to keep contact with the canal's agent in Egypt.

Under the noses of the Germans, it delegated powers to a British committee in London, but maintained a dummy office in Paris. Suez stocks were rising on the Paris bourse while Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was camping before El Alamein, hoping to advance on the canal itself.

Twenty bombing attacks and 17 mine-laying attacks on the canal paralyzed it for more than eight days on three occasions.

With Italy's entrance into the war and the blocking of the Mediterranean, only 1,804 ships in 1941 and 1,646 in 1942 passed through the canal, as against 6,171 in 1938 and 5,277 in 1939.

The canal proved its worth, however, when British forces broke through at El Alamein to join the Americans in French North Africa. Shipping pouring through the Suez Canal supported the operation.

U.S.-Red Aim: To Unify Korea

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Moscow and Washington are negotiating on elimination of the artificial barrier between Russian and American-occupied sectors of Korea. Lt. Gen. R. Hodge, U.S. XXIV Corps commander, said that "Problems to be negotiated include opening of communications, unification of economic life of Korea and exchange of goods and freedom of travel between the two zones."

Russians occupy all Korean territory north of the 38th degree meridian. Americans occupy the southern section of Korea.

Hodge said that he previously had been authorized to negotiate with the Soviet commander in northern Korea, "but these local negotiations did not get any results, perhaps because the Russian commander didn't have as broad powers as I had."

1 Dead, 30 Hurt In Train Crash

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 18 (AP).—At least one person died and 30 were injured when a tube train en route from New York City to Newark crashed into a bridge over the Passaic River between Newark and Harrison, N. J., police said.

Airliner Averts Crash

LISBON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Ambulances and anxious doctors yesterday watched an American Air Transport Command airliner make a safe landing at Portela Airfield here with one motor out of service. The engine stopped during heavy weather as the plane approached Lisbon. None of the 15 passengers was hurt.

Clothing Lack Laid to OPA

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Chester Bowles, chief of the Office of Price Administration, said recently, the OPA had done a "bad job" with price control of clothing, and the Government's worst home-front mistake of the war was failure to ration clothing in 1943.

Bowles said at a press conference here that the present shortage of almost all types of clothing and fabrics, and the admittedly inflated price of much that is available, were direct results of this failure.

The OPA administrator blamed responsibility for the failure on one other unnamed government agency, and on industry itself. Bowles said machinery for rationing clothing was set up in 1943 and was urged by OPA, but, he said, by the time other officials saw the necessity for it, stocks were so low that rationing was unworkable.

Posthumous CMH For Luzon Hero

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—A platoon messenger who volunteered as litter bearer and died carrying out his mission has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

The War Department said Pfc Joseph J. Cicchetti of Waynesburg, Ohio, "saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers at the cost of his own" on Luzon last February. He was a member of the 37th "Buckeye" Inf. Div.

Cicchetti led a litter team carrying wounded men through an area under heavy fire for more than four hours. On one occasion the bearers were held by Japanese machine-gun fire, and Cicchetti took time out to kill the enemy gun crew.

He was hit by a mortar fragment while carrying a litter. Mortally wounded, he lifted the patient to his shoulder and carried him another 50 yards to safety, then collapsed and died.

DBS Switches Switchboard

MARSEILLE, Dec. 18.—The Delta Base Section telephone system is being switched to civilian status. The three-week job of dismantling the Signal Corps switchboard will be finished tomorrow, after which all offices will have dial telephones serviced by six Marseille civilian exchanges.

Was Reich Conductor a Nazi? Discord Reigns in Music World

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—American music circles are in bitter controversy over whether or not German conductor Wilhelm Furtwaengler was a Nazi and the question of his acceptance by the Allied world as a non-Nazi musician.

The furore started when violinist Yehudi Menuhin, returning to the U.S. from Europe, said Furtwaengler should be restored to good grace because he "refused to give Nazi salutes at concerts," and "held on to Jewish members of his orchestra as long as he could."

Leading the attack on Furtwaengler and what he termed Menuhin's attempted "whitewash" of the German conductor was Ira A. Hirschmann, founder and president of "New Friends of Music."

Hirschmann declared, "If any efforts are made to bring the Nazi Furtwaengler to America he will meet with highly organized resistance and opposition. We are outraged at the very thought of this Nazi invading America."

Menuhin immediately countered that Hirschmann's statement had been made with "great passion and prejudice."

Ideal Christmas 'Package'



This is Film Star Jeff Donnell's way of wishing you a Merry Christmas. She takes time off for this bit of holiday byplay during the production of her new picture about servicemen and women.

Keynes Scores British Critics Of Loan Terms

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Lord Keynes, one of Britain's principal negotiators for the \$4,400,000,000 American loan, asked the House of Lords today to "appreciate the motives and purposes of the other side" in weighing its terms.

Resuming a two-day debate on the loan and on the Bretton Woods plan for a world bank, Lord Keynes observed:

"I feel sure that serious injustice is being done to the liberal purpose and intense good will towards this country of the American people, represented by their administration, and their ardent desire to see this country a strong and effective party in getting a distressed and confused world into the ways of peace and economic order."

Lord Keynes' conciliatory words contrasted the bitter criticism, Monday, from Lord Woolton, former Food Minister in Winston Churchill's War Cabinet, who declared Britain faced "an hour of degradation" and said the loan terms would cause deep animosity toward the U.S.

'Equality' Not Magic

Exclaimed Lord Keynes: "What a depth of misunderstanding governs this criticism!"

Then he continued: "It is a complete illusion to suppose that in Washington you have only to mention the principle of equality to get all you want. Americans find a post-mortem assessment of relative services and sacrifices extremely distasteful and dissatisfying."

"Is it not more practical and realistic to think as the Americans do, in terms of the future, and work out what amounts and what terms will do the most service for the post-war world and for general prosperity and friendship among nations?"

Regrets Interest

However, Lord Keynes expressed disappointment in the loan, saying he regretted it was not interest-free.

"The amount of money at stake cannot be important to the U.S.," he said. "What a difference it would have made to our feelings and to our response!"

But, assuming the interest had to be charged, Lord Keynes said: "Is it not putting our claims and legitimate expectations a little high to regard these proposals, on top of lend-lease, as anything but an act of unprecedented liberality?"

Bank Studies Finnish Loan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—A draft agreement on a reconstruction loan of an undisclosed amount to Finland has been completed and submitted for action to the board of the Export-Import Bank, an official of the bank disclosed yesterday.

The preliminary agreement, drawn up by the bank's staff and the Finnish delegation to the U.S. after several weeks' negotiations, is said to contain the viewpoints of the various government agencies on the amount the Finns should receive for immediate reconstruction.

The bank spokesman revealed that the over-all Finnish request was regarded as a two-year proposition, with the initial credit being a portion of about \$100,000,000 which the Finnish government is known to desire.

British Zone Eases Curfew

HERFORD, Germany, Dec. 18 (AP).—The civilian curfew in the British occupation zone of Germany, normally enforced between 10:30 PM and 5 AM, will be suspended on the nights of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, to enable arrangements to be made for church services, it was announced yesterday.

3 Yanks Stranded in Japan--- No Plane, No Pilots, No Home

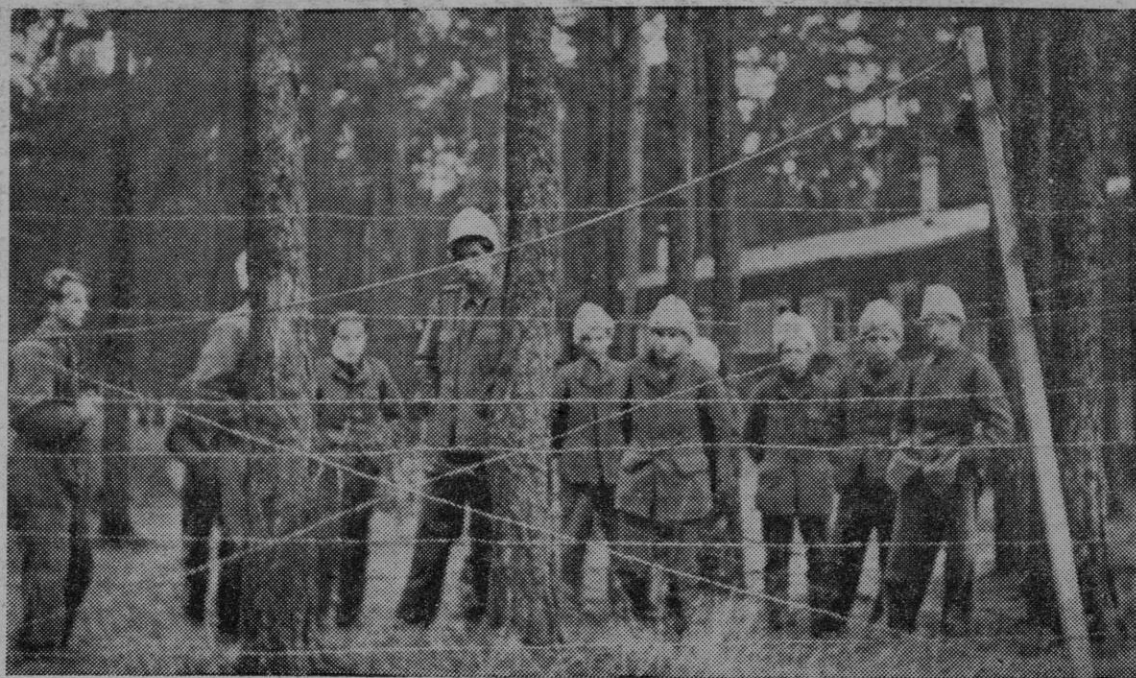
YOKOHAMA, Dec. 18 (AP).—Three U.S. airmen were stranded at Atsugi Airfield today with a C47 cargo ship that wouldn't fly, no pilots to fly the ship if it could, and no place to go anyway.

The three are crew members of the "Tokyo Express," up from Leyte and the 66th Troop Carrier Squadron. The plane made an emergency landing here Nov. 29 after one of the engines failed. When they couldn't get parts for the plane, the pilots hitch-hiked back to Leyte, while the crew remained with the disabled ship as specified in orders.

With still no parts, no pilots and their outfit now disbanded, Cpl. Carl Schaefer, 78-point flight engineer; Cpl. Robert Lancaster, a radio operator; and Cpl. Glenn Plaim continued today to play nursemaid to the disabled craft.

Russians Get Baltic Internees

The Swedish Government decided to hand over to the Soviets 167 Baltic internees, some of whom are shown below at a Swedish enclosure. Volunteers in Hitler's forces, they fled to Sweden in May, 1944. Many arrived still wearing their German uniforms.



100 Javanese Slain at Roadblock

BATAVIA, Dec. 18 (UP).—Buitenzorg yesterday was the scene of bitter hand-to-hand fighting between a British column and 300 Indonesian extremists armed with knives and a machine-gun. Indonesian casualties were placed at 100 dead and many wounded, while British and Indian troops were said to have suffered 32 casualties. The fighting occurred when the British column ran into a roadblock 30 miles south of Batavia.

67,000 Deaths Laid to Homma

MANILA, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma must answer for the deaths of 67,000 U.S. and Filipino troops seized in Japan's conquest of the Philippines, the war-crimes investigators said yesterday.

Forty-three specific charges have been lodged against Homma, who will be arraigned Wednesday. He will face a Military Commission in a trial for his life about Jan. 7.

He is charged with responsibility for the "death march" from Bataan in which 17,200 Americans and Filipinos died.

He also is charged with responsibility for the brutalities and executions that took the lives of 4,831 Americans and 45,000 Filipinos between April and August of 1942 in the notorious O'Donnel and Cabanatuan prisoner-of-war camps.

Aid to Reich's Jews Brings Rifkind a Medal

FRANKFURT, Dec. 18.—Judge Simon H. Rifkind, special adviser to the theater commander on Jewish affairs, was awarded the Medal of Freedom, a U.S. civilian decoration, by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney at USFET headquarters yesterday.

Rifkind, formerly U.S. judge in the Southern District of New York City, has been a special staff adviser since Oct. 20. He worked principally on problems of rehabilitation and resettling Jewish displaced persons.

U.S. Reported Blaming Presence Of Red Troops for Iran Uprising

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Unidentified but official U.S. sources revealed today that the American government believed the Iran trouble was inspired and not spontaneous, and that the uprising and creation of the autonomous regime in Azerbaijan was attributable largely to the presence of Russian troops.

At the same time an Iranian general staff officer in Teheran reported that the Tabriz garrison surrendered because "it was completely surrounded by Russian troops armed with machine-guns."

He said the story was brought to him by Col. Chahente of the regular army and Col. Honayun, Tabriz gendarmerie commandant, two officers of the garrison who managed to escape.

The American officials, pointing out that there had been no widespread demands for autonomy until the present uprising in Iran, said the U.S. differed strongly with the Russians' view that they have the right to bar regular Iranian troops from Azerbaijan.

Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala said he has asked Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, to forward an Iranian request for a protest to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes in Moscow. He termed the Iran trouble an attempt on the part of Russia to present the U.S. and Britain with a fait accompli on the eve of the Big Three foreign ministers' meeting.

U.S. Decorates 29 Frenchmen

Presentation of American awards to 29 French officers was made last night by Maj. Gen. John T. Lewis, head of the USFET Mission to France, at the Hotel Maurice.

"For meritorious service and achievement" the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, was awarded to General de Corps d'Armée Roger Leyer, French chief of staff, General de Division Francois Sevez, General de Brigade Aérienne Francois Masnou and Contre-Amiral Pierre Barjot.

The citation read by Lewis, said that each officer, "by his courage, determination, energy and ability, has contributed a material share toward the victory of Allied arms."

The Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, was presented to General de Brigade Fernand Besancon, Lt. Col. André l'Huillier, Lt. Col. Maurice Labadie and Lt. Col. Raymond Pedron.

Among the 21 officers awarded the Bronze Star was General de Brigade Pierre Mounier.

Reich Sport Units To Be Abolished

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP).—The international co-ordinating committee yesterday issued a directive abolishing all sport organizations existing in Germany prior to the capitulation.

The move was to prevent organized sport from cloaking military preparation.

A statement said the prohibition would apply especially to organizations engaged in aviation, parachuting, gliding, fencing and military or semi-military drill. In the future physical education will be limited to health, hygiene and recreation.

Belgians Decorate 28 Officers, One EM

ANTWERP, Dec. 18.—Twenty-eight U.S. Army officers and one enlisted man have been awarded Belgian decorations for heroic work during enemy air and V-bomb attacks on Antwerp.

Many other officers and enlisted men also were scheduled to receive medals but had returned to the U.S. prior to the ceremony, which was held Saturday at City Hall.

Indians Seize Rebel Citadel

SAIGON, Dec. 18 (AP).—A stronghold on an island from which terrorist raids on French, British and Indian troops have originated north of Gopav has been cleared by Indian troops, according to an official Anglo-French statement issued yesterday.

Casualties were inflicted on the Indo-Chinese, who offered resistance, and more than 400 suspects were arrested. Material captured included grenades, ammunition, a printing press, a wireless transmitting station and three heavy machine guns.

French Give Death To 2,984 Traitors

Death sentences were pronounced on 2,984 Frenchmen as of Nov. 30 by courts of justice for treason and intelligence with the enemy, according to statistics issued by the French government yesterday.

Courts also sentenced 1,195 to forced labor for life, 1,317 to prison for five years or more and 13,493 to lesser terms of imprisonment. A total of 45,717 were acquitted.

Civic courts dealing with lesser cases of collaboration sentenced 27,847 to national indignity and acquitted 5,591.

British 'OWI' to End

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The British government has decided to abolish the Ministry of Information, Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee announced yesterday.

Restless Austrian Anti-Nazi Forming 'Fascist' Movement

VIENNA, Dec. 18 (UP).—Discontented elements of resistance organizations which fought the Nazis during the occupation are reported to be forming a new "potentially Fascist" movement, which is said to have gained 40,000 to 50,000 members.

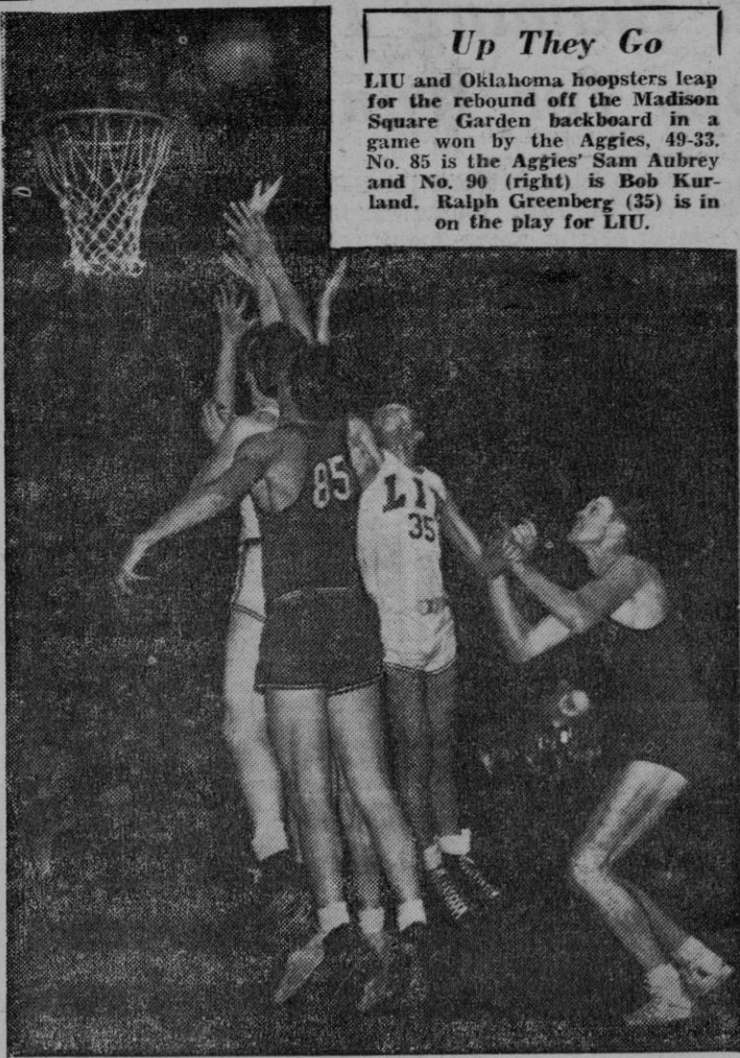
Austrian government circles expressed concern about the movement, which is reportedly unarmed and vague in its aims. Members, many of them from the Tyrol section, are dissatisfied with treatment received from the Allies and the Austrian government. The

former anti-Nazi—some of whom were in the Hitler Jugend to camouflage their activities—feel they have not received sufficient recognition for their resistance.

The organization is said to have had a government ready to take over in Vienna when the Allies liberated Austria, but they were ignored by the Russians, who set up their own regime under Dr. Karl Renner. Leaders are former officers in the Austrian Army before the Anschluss and are described as being "anti-Nazi but possessing few democratic beliefs."

Shipping News

Marseille			
Departures			
Ships	Load	Sailed	
Elbridge Jerry Lib.	567	Dec. 18	
John M. Forbes Lib.	550	Dec. 18	
James Hoban Lib.	550	Dec. 18	
John Fisk Liberty.	550	Dec. 18	
George Dern Liberty	586	Dec. 18	
Mahoney City Vict.	1,501	Dec. 18	
Arrivals			
Ships	Capacity	Port Reached	
Elgin Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 18	
The Chapel Hill V.	1,500	Dec. 18	
Hampton-Sydney.....	1,500	Dec. 18	
George Bibb Liberty	571	Dec. 18	
Hannis Taylor Lib.	550	Dec. 18	
In Port			
Ship	Capacity	Expected to Sail	
W. McLennon Lib...	552	Dec. 20	
Scheduled Arrivals			
Ships	Capacity	Due Date	
Mexico Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 19	
W. A. Graham Lib.	550	Dec. 19	
Webster Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 19	
Central Falls Vict.	1,540	Dec. 19	
Le Havre			
Departures			
Ships	Load	Date	
The Lairds Isle.....	724	Dec. 18	
Blue Island Victory.	1,533	Dec. 18	
USAT E.B. Alexander	5,163	Dec. 18	
Frostburg Victory...	1,533	Dec. 18	
Norway Victory.....	1,534	Dec. 18	



Up They Go

LIU and Oklahoma hoopsters leap for the rebound off the Madison Square Garden backboard in a game won by the Aggies, 49-33. No. 85 is the Aggies' Sam Aubrey and No. 90 (right) is Bob Kurland. Ralph Greenberg (35) is in on the play for LIU.

U. of Florida to Stress Football With Addition of 'Talent' Scout

Bible Resigns As Texas U. Grid Mentor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 18 (ANS).—The University of Florida is in the market today for a head football coach and a new athletic department official designated as "football scout."

Adopting an entirely new athletic policy designed to bring the Southeastern Conference school to the top in the new era of sports, the State Board of Control refused at the meeting yesterday to renew the contract of Head Coach Tom Lieb and then created the new position.

To Look For 'Talent'

The football scout is to receive a salary of \$6,000 annually and devote his time to the discovery of "talent."

University President John Tigert had recommended that Lieb, eighth coach at the university since 1922, be retained for another season, but the board declined to do so.

Gov. Millard Caldwell asserted that Florida had lost prestige because the university's football team had failed "to show either the ability to win or the ability to fight."

With the exception of the head mentor, all other members of the present coaching staff were retained for another year.

19-Year-Old Billy Fox Scores TKO Over Kochan in Sixth

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18 (AP).—Billy Fox, 19-year-old Philadelphian who has 36 straight knockouts to his credit, moved to the top of the light-heavyweight boxing, picture last night by scoring a six-round technical knockout over George Kochan, of Akron, Ohio, in their scheduled ten-round feature bout.

Youthful Fox, scaling 169 to Kochan's 172 1/2, led all the way.

Pellone Halts Giovanelli In 9th Round of Bout

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—Tony Pellone stopped Patsy Giovanelli in 51 seconds of the ninth round of their ten-round windup bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

A slim crowd of 5,891 paid \$14,239 to watch Pellone make it two straight over his New York rival. Pellone weighed 141 to 135 3/4 for Giovanelli.

The end came after Giovanelli went down for a one count from a right cross at the start of the ninth. Staggering, Giovanelli was set up for Pellone's smashing blows and when a series of shots sent Giovanelli helplessly against the ropes, Referee Ruby Goldstein stepped in and halted the bout.

Statesman Wins GI Joe Purse At Gulf Stream

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—K.A. O'Conner's Statesman earned a length victory in the GI Joe Purse, unique feature of yesterday's program at Gulf Stream Park. The winner was ridden by Wayne Wright, veteran jockey, making his first appearance since his discharge from the U.S. Coast Guard.

The six-furlong dash for three-year-olds was restricted to jockeys who had served in the armed forces.

Robert E. Lee, owned by V. Senseman, won the featured sixth race at Charlestown. The eight-year-old brown gelding, ridden by Jockey J. Matral, finished ahead of the favored Isle De Pine, owned by R. J. Randolph.

The winner paid \$14.60 and covered the mile and an eighth in 153.

5-Track Circuit Formed For Automobile Racing

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18 (AP).—Formation of a five-track circuit for big-car automobile racing, with prize money totaling \$100,000, was announced by Roy Richwine, owner and operator of the near-by Williams Grove Speedway.

The five tracks which combined to place auto racing among major sports events are Winchester, Ind., Dayton, Ohio, Thompson, Conn., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Williams Grove.

Signs New Pact



Howie Odell yesterday signed a five-year contract as Yale's head football coach. The pact was the longest of its kind given by Yale in its 73 years of intercollegiate football. The previous Eli high was three years.

Bible Quits as Coach; Aide to Succeed Him

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Dana X. Bible will terminate one-third of a century of gridiron success by resigning as head football coach at Texas University, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

Bible's teams have won more than 200 games during his long career, and in the major college field at Nebraska, Texas A & M and Texas, his elevens earned 14 championships. During the last four years his Texas teams have won three Southwest Conference titles.

Although he will step down as head coach, Bible will continue as athletic director at Texas at \$9,000 annually. His salary as coach and director under the ten-year contract has been \$15,600 annually.

The recommendation of Bible that assistant coach Blair Cherry be named his successor was approved by the university athletic council which set his salary at \$2,000 effective Jan. 1, 1946.

Bible said he wants to devote part of his time to private business. With his wife, he plans to operate a summer camp for girls near Kerrville, Texas. "After working with boys for 33 years, perhaps it is time I paid a little more attention to girls."

Peacetime League Planned by AAF

MEMPHIS, Dec. 18 (AP).—Service football is not just another "war baby" ready for the dump heap, but due to become a fixture on the autumn sports scene. That is the opinion of a man who directs the Army Air Forces' sprawling athletic program.

Lt. Col. E. B. Smith, meeting with representatives of various air establishments here to plan continuation of the AAF League, asserted yesterday that he felt sure military teams would hold their place in big-time football.

Smith said service elevens naturally would not be as strong as during the war years when they drew the best playing and coaching talent but would be good enough to command the fans' respect.

Kane Returns to Navy As Assistant Sports Chief

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 18 (AP).—Cmdr. William R. Kane will replace Capt. Morris D. Gilmore as assistant director of athletics at the Naval Academy after Jan. 1, Vice-Adm. Aubrey Fitch, superintendent, disclosed yesterday.

Kane is a 1933 graduate of the Naval Academy, where he won two varsity letters in wrestling and football and three in track. He was awarded the Navy Athletic Association sword as the most outstanding athlete of his class.

Football Writers Name Blanchard No. 1 Gridder

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 18 (AP).—Felix (Doc) Blanchard of the unbeaten Army, is the choice of the nation's football writers as the top intercollegiate player in 1945.

Blanchard polled 114 of 120 votes cast by members of the Football Writers Association of America for their All-America team, Bert McGrane, secretary of the organization, announced.

Ranking next in balloting were Halfback Glenn Davis of Army, with 110 votes, and DeWitt Coulter, Army tackle, with 106.

Takes Publicity Post

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—Arthur "Red" Patterson resigned as director of the National Baseball League service bureau yesterday, effective Jan. 1, to become director of publicity for the New York Yankee baseball and football clubs. Charles Segar, of the New York Daily Mirror, was named to Patterson's post by league President Ford C. Frick.

Sheds Navy Blue



Lt. Comdr. Gardner Mulloy, 1945 U.S. doubles tennis champion, was discharged from the Navy yesterday. He will return to the University of Miami where he will assume his new duties as graduate manager of athletics.

Hawks Dominate NHL Scoring; Max Bentley's 24 Pts. Tops

MONTREAL, Dec. 18 (AP).—The high-scoring Chicago Black Hawks dominate the leading positions in the official National Hockey League statistics released yesterday, placing five men in the first six positions in the individual scoring list.

With 81 goals scored by the club in 17 games to date, Max Bentley, Bill Mosienko, Clint Smith, Doug Bentley and Alex Kaleta have provided more than half of the team's total.

Max Bentley leads the league's scorers with 16 goals and 13 assists for 29 points, giving him a five-point edge on Mosienko who piled up 10 goals and 14 assists. Clint Smith and Doug Bentley are tied with Toe Blake of Montreal with 19 points.

Eagles' Norm Larson Gains AHL Scoring Lead

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18 (AP).—Norm Larson of the New Haven Eagles staged an eight-point scoring burst this week to oust Pete Leswick of the Indianapolis Capitols from the leadership he had held since Nov. 19, American Hockey League headquarters said yesterday.

Larson picked up one goal and seven assists to bring his total to 37 points, one more than Leswick and Paul Courteau, also of New Haven, who were tied for second place. Courteau also picked up six points for the second week in succession, while Leswick was held to a single assist.

Wes Ferrell Named Minor League Pilot

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 18 (AP).—Wesley "Cheek" Ferrell, former major league pitcher, has been appointed manager of the Lynchburg Cardinals of the Piedmont League.

He succeeds Cecil "Zip" Payne, who took over the reins of the Cardinals in midseason last year after George Ferrell had been shifted to Winston-Salem by the St. Louis office.

New Baseball League Seeks NAML Charter

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 18 (ANS).—The Mid-South League, a new class D baseball circuit composed of six teams from four states, yesterday filed application for a charter with the National Association of Minor Leagues.

Teams in the loop are Cairo, Union City, Tenn.; Fulton and Mayfield, Ky., and Cape Girardeau and Sikeston, Mo.

Browns Buy Catcher

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18 (AP).—The St. Louis Browns yesterday announced the purchase of catcher Leslie McGarrity, 26, from the Memphis Chicks of the Southern Association.

L.A. Legion Eyes Dodgers' NFL Franchise

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Los Angeles Council of the American Legion yesterday made a tentative offer to purchase the Brooklyn Dodgers' franchise in the National Pro Football League.

Harry Meyers, representing the Legion group, wired Elmer Layden, pro football commissioner: "We are interested, with some financial backing, in purchasing the franchise of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Please advise if franchise is for sale and what price."

Baltimore OK's Use Of City Park by Pros

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18 (AP).—Baltimore's chances of fielding an All-America Conference professional football team next fall brightened yesterday when the City Park Board gave the backers of the proposed team assurance that they would be allowed use of the Municipal Stadium.

Hockey Player Fined for Fight

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18 (AP).—Magistrate Walter J. Dewees fined Joe Desson, 200-pound defense star of the Philadelphia Falcons hockey team, \$75 and \$1.45 costs in the Northwest Police court after Desson was arrested on a charge of assault during a game with the Baltimore Clippers.

Charges were filed by John J. Carlin, owner of the Clippers, who appeared in court with his left eye blackened and his nose cut. Carlin testified that he went to the penalty box during the game Sunday to inquire whether a Baltimore player was hurt during a fight on the ice, and was struck by Desson.

NL All-Star Nine To Open in Hawaii

HONOLULU, Dec. 18 (AP).—Chuck Dressen said yesterday he had found it no trouble at all to shift his scene of operations from wintry Flatbush to balmy Hawaii, where his National League Baseball All-Stars are to play a series of exhibitions for service men.

The 14-man squad will play a series of five games in ten days here and then will head westward. Their first opponents will be the Navy All-Stars, followed by the Army's Olympic team.

The National League All-Stars include Mike Sandlock, Clyde King, Tom Seaver, Tom Brown and Ralph Branca of the Dodgers; Whitey Kurowski and Red Barrett of the Cardinals; Al Gerhauser of the Pirates; Al Lakeman of the Cincinnati Reds; Frank McCormick of the Phils; Bill Voiselle of the Giants; Mike Ulsiny of the Braves, and Ed Logan, the Giants' trainer.

Yank Terry Bought By Los Angeles Nine

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Angels announced today they had purchased the Louisville baseball contract of Yank Terry, who led the 1941 Pacific Coast League pitching roster with 26 victories and eight defeats while playing with San Diego.

A right-hander, Terry went to the Boston Red Sox in 1942 and in three seasons there won 19 games and lost 23.

Bucs Add Farm Club

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18 (ANS).—The Pittsburgh Pirates announced today that the Birmingham club of the Southern Association has become a Pirate farm affiliate. Birmingham is the eighth club in the Buc farm chain.



Canada, U.S. Planning Polar Atom Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Mindful of atomic-age possibilities, the U.S. and Canada are beginning to work out joint plans to defend North America against any attack from Asia or Europe across the North Polar regions.

Disclosing this yesterday, Allied diplomatic officials said one of the first steps taken was the assignment of six observers to accompany a Canadian Army Air Forces expedition on an 81-day exploration.

Assigned the task of gathering military and scientific information, this expedition has been designated officially "Exercise Muskox" by the Canadian government. It will cover 3,100 miles through territory which heretofore has been considered an impenetrable barrier against attack.

Now diplomats say the wasteland area is regarded as one of the potential approaches to some of America's most vital cities.

In two segments, the expedition is scheduled to start from Churchill, Manitoba, in mid-February and from Edmonton, Alberta, early in May.

In addition to sending observers, the U.S. has given the Canadian government assurance of full cooperation in developing and carrying out the expedition.

During the 81 days, the men on the trip will be supplied by air. The Air Forces will obtain what officials expect will be vital information on Arctic operations, and the ground troops and scientists will gather essential facts on the clothing, food and equipment needed for ground operations in extreme cold.

Inquiries about what is going on were prompted by recent assertions by Gen. H. H. Arnold, Army Air Forces chief, that the next war might bring fantastic trans-polar assaults with atomic weapons. Military and diplomatic officials say Canada is on the strategic routes of attack over the Pole, the North Pacific and the North Atlantic.

GIs Told to Quit Yanking Trains' Emergency Cords

By The Stars and Stripes Bureau

FRANKFURT, Dec. 18.—The frequency with which wise guys have been pulling the emergency cords on military trains has drawn an official protest from French railroad authorities. Maj. Gen. Frank S. Ross, theater transportation chief, said recently.

Announcing drastic measures to be taken against such offenders, Ross pointed out that pulling the emergency cord takes the entire train out of the control of the train's crew. Such a situation, he said, increases the danger of head-on collisions and disrupts train movements.

After the emergency cord is pulled, Ross explained, the train cannot be moved until the crew gets off and examines all equipment. A train following on close schedule would be in danger of ramming a train making an emergency stop.

Army Re-forming Philippine Scouts

MANILA, Dec. 18 (AP).—The U.S. Army is recruiting 50,000 Filipinos for the recently reorganized Philippine Scouts who eventually will replace American garrisons in the islands.

The Scouts and their American officers were virtually wiped out during the Bataan campaign by Japanese brutalities on the ill-famed "Death March" and in concentration camps. They were reactivated when Gen. Douglas MacArthur started his reconquest of the islands.

Little trouble is expected in obtaining the required strength.

Corporal Wins Radio In Seine Section Lottery

Cpl. William C. Thomas, Co C, 1262nd Engr. Combat Bn., won a \$400 radio in a lottery held by Seine Section Sunday at the end of the Victory Loan campaign, Brig. Gen. Frank Allen, Seine Section CG, drew the name.

The total amount of bonds sold in Seine Section during the campaign was \$44,111.25. The 1262nd Engr. Combat Bn. led all other units with purchases totaling \$2,530.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

By Chester Gould



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



Black Market Out in Bavaria (Just Officially)

MUNICH, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The black market, although officially closed some months ago, is still flourishing throughout Bavaria.

Instead of closing, it went underground—and operators are hard to catch, though some amateurs come to grief quickly enough. There was, for example, one youth who sold a gold watch to an American officer for 1,600 cigarettes. The youth was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

American rationed military commodities are still the most sought-after black-market goods. But other articles, such as cameras, binoculars, microscopes, motor cars, furs and jewels are bought and sold at fantastic prices. Each American cigaret can be sold on the black

market at two or even three marks (20 to 30 cents).

American military blankets are finding their way into the black market in trade currency, one German in the form of girls' coats. Another activity of the black market which is even more disquieting is the black market in currency. Sterling pound notes are worth 600 marks on the black market, compared with the official rate of 40 to the pound.

Such notes are usually smuggled illegally out of England by returning American soldiers.

Asked why there was such a good market in trade currency, one German replied: "Because we no longer believe in German finances and fear the mark will crash before long like it did after the last war and like the pengo is doing now in Budapest, where the dollar last week fetched 100,000 pengos."

Nor is sterling the only currency at a premium. Swiss, Belgian and French francs also are circulating in the black market. Advantageous rates are even offered for "occupation marks."

Under American auspices German authorities are making some attempt to combat the black market by setting up barter exchanges on the principle that uncontrolled bartering fosters black-market activities.

33,500 GIs to Remain in India, Burma Feb. 1

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (AP).—U.S. troops remaining in the India and Burma theater will number 33,500 on Feb. 1, on the basis of present progress in redeployment, theater headquarters' tabulations showed today.

There are now 72,000 GIs in the theater. Every American who is to reach the U.S. by Christmas has already departed, except for a small number who will travel by air.

Co-Founder of Rotary Dies

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP).—Silvester Schiele, co-founder of the first Rotary Club in 1905, died of a heart attack suffered in a downtown Chicago street. The 75-year-old civic leader and first president of the Chicago Rotary Club had been treasurer of Rotary International for the last eight months.



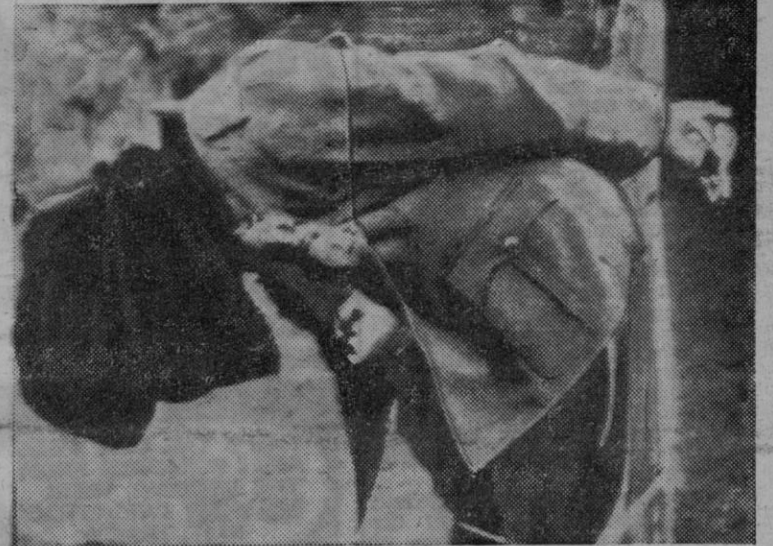
First photos show the execution of German Gen. Anton Dostler near Aversa, Italy, on Dec. 1. Here Dostler is being tied to the post.

Nazi General Pays With Life

Firing Squad Avenges the Murder of 15 Americans



Bullets strike. Dostler ordered 15 Yank prisoners killed.



The sagging body of the Nazi strains at the rope that tied him to the firing stake. He was the first general to die for war crimes.

Loot-Happy Rosenberg Took Junk, Trial Told

By Stoddard White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NUREMBERG, Dec. 18.—License plates of German Army vehicles bore the letters "WH." As these vehicles began to stream back from Nazi-occupied lands loaded with loot, the Germans spread a wry underground story that "WH" stood for "Wir Holen (We're Fetching)."

In their thirst to acquire all that was beautiful or valuable from museums, art galleries and private collections of Europe, the Nazis also became junk collectors on an unparalleled scale, the International Military Tribunal was told today. Furnishings for 69,000 complete houses were seized from homes of Jews in France, Belgium and the Netherlands and shipped to Germany, together with trainloads of scrap iron, old bottles, rags and scraps of fur.

Rosenberg's Boys

A subsidiary office of "Task Force Rosenberg," headed by the defendant, Alfred Rosenberg, made this report in August, 1944. Parts of the report were introduced by the U.S. Prosecution in its presentation against the Nazi Leadership Corps, one of the six organizations under indictment.

Nearly 27,000 railroad cars, equivalent to 674 trains, were needed to carry Rosenberg's loot from Western occupied countries between D-Day and Aug. 1, 1944, the report showed. In Paris alone the contents of 38,000 homes were confiscated.

Special confiscation officials under the direction of Rosenberg went through homes, inventoried them and then sealed the doors. But, the report pointed out, sometimes there were complaints on the sealing of "Aryan" premises, so the confiscators were careful to leave contents for two or three months before taking them to Germany.

Col. Robert G. Storey, Assistant U.S. Prosecutor, exhibited photographs of some of the most famous works of art looted from Poland, Russia, Greece and other nations.

He later quoted an order by Hermann Goering on Nov. 5, 1940, which directed the return to France of some lesser works to be auctioned "for the benefit of French people bereaved by war."

Rosenberg, Storey said, sought to bring joy into Hitler's birthday in 1943 with the gift of a folder of photos of stolen paintings and other art works.

Trial Too Exciting For Kaltenbrunner

NUREMBERG, Dec. 18.—For the second successive day, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, former deputy chief of the Gestapo, was missing from the prisoners' box here.

The scarred giant was taken out of the courtroom before yesterday's session with a severe headache and doctors decided he needed rest from excitement of the trial.

Parents Picket Crowded School

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—All but one of the 544 youngsters who go to Kimball Elementary School stayed home today while their parents staged a one-day "strike" and threw a picket line around the "overcrowded" schoolhouse.

Picketers, carrying placards reading "Little Jack Horner Sat in a Corner—Gee, it's Crowded—" represented the school Parent-Teacher Association which decided to picket the school in protest against delay in requesting funds for a ten-classroom addition.

Two Germans Seek Job as Executioner

NUREMBERG, Dec. 18 (AP).

—The International Military Tribunal trying Germany's leaders as war criminals already has received offers from two Germans anxious to take the post of executioner.

One, a Communist Party member, gave his name as Erich Richter of Marburg. Richter's letter to the tribunal discussed no salary.

Another letter came from "Joseph Schmidt of Barracks 106, Georg Schumann Strasse, Refugee Camp, Leipzig."

Schmidt stipulated that he expected an agreement on "salary and price per head."

Chinese Reds Ask Open Vote

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Chinese Communists will demand an open general election for the National Assembly in the forthcoming Chinese peace talks, Chou En-lai, leader of the Communist delegation, announced today.

The Chinese Minister of Information, K. C. Wu, declared yesterday that it was his "personal opinion" that the Chinese government would agree to a coalition with the Communists provided there were no independent armies or territories in China.

Chou said that the Communists could not be expected to hand over their armies to preserve a one-party government, since, if this was done, the Communist troops would become party troops.

He said the Communists would seek cessation of hostilities before the convocation of the 38-member Inter-Party Political Consultative Council, and if that failed he would insist that this be the first item on the council's agenda.

The second requisite, he said, is the planning of a program of national reconstruction. He said the Communists wanted political democracy, nationalization of the Chinese Army and legal status for all political parties.

Stalin Back in Moscow, Illness Still a Mystery

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Russian Generalissimo Josef V. Stalin has returned to Moscow from a vacation of more than two months, which gave rise to speculation throughout the world that his absence had been prolonged by illness.

Moscow Radio said early today that Stalin, who had been vacationing near Sochi, on the Black Sea, since Oct. 9, had returned yesterday.

Stalin's return coincided with the opening in Moscow of the conference of Foreign Ministers of Britain, the U.S. and Russia.

Rumors regarding Stalin's health, which were never confirmed by authoritative Moscow sources, were widely published when Stalin failed to attend the 28th anniversary of the Soviet revolution on Nov. 7. This celebration customarily had been launched by an address by Stalin on the evening of Nov. 6.

Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov delivered the speech this year.

Stalin was visited at his vacation spot on Oct. 27 by U.S. Ambassador Averell W. Harriman, who reported that the Russian leader was enjoying good health then.

Big 3 Locked In Discussion

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Big Three Foreign Ministers were meeting today in what was described as "an atmosphere of serious, business-like discussion."

While no communiques had been issued after the first two meetings, it was felt at the U.S. and British Embassies that when newsworthy developments occurred they would be reported.

V. M. Molotov, Russian Foreign Commissar, has been chosen permanent chairman for the Moscow meetings, which will be held daily until further notice in the sparkling white and gold conference room at the Spiridonovka Palace.

There was still no indication when the conference would end, but it was said the U.S. and British Embassies were prepared should the meetings run into Christmas.

U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Britain's Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, were said to be keeping in touch with Chinese and French representatives in Moscow.

8,000 Native Employees Strike in Singapore

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18 (AP).—Eight thousand native employees of the British Military Administration, chiefly laborers, struck today for higher wages, bringing the total number of strikers in Singapore to 10,000.

Japanese prisoners, organized in labor gangs, were assigned to many of the vacated jobs. Essential services were not affected.

Senate OKs Palestine Plan

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we are to have world peace." Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) said Congress should "hold up the hands of the President." He asserted that Palestine had abundant room in both agriculture and industry for more Jews, and said industrial potentialities barely had been scratched.

Sen. Robert Wagner (D-N.Y.) in urging passage of the resolution in the Senate yesterday said that the question of Jewish immigration to Palestine "is terribly important" as a test of the "integrity of the conscience of mankind" and as a "signpost of where the world is going."

Pointing out that both Britain and the U.S. had promised the establishment in Palestine of "a democratic commonwealth in which all men, regardless of race or creed, shall have equal rights," he asked, "If the great world powers prove themselves incompetent to deal honestly and fairly with a matter of this size, what hope or faith can we have that they will rise to enormously larger problems of the future?"

The Arab office in Washington has protested to members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the "resolution on Palestine amounts to the disposal of an Arab country against the express wish of its inhabitants," and charged that it "is contrary to the traditions of true American democracy" and "constitutes a flagrant violation of the principles of the Atlantic charter."

Divorces Randy Churchill

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Mrs. Pamela Beryl Churchill received a decree nisi today against Maj. Randolph Churchill, only son of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill. She sought the divorce on grounds of desertion. Churchill did not contest the petition. They were married in 1939.

Coal-Mine Blast Kills 2 Belgians, Injures 5

LIEGE, Dec. 18 (AP).—A gas explosion in a coal mine near here killed two Belgian miners yesterday and seriously injured five other workers, including a German prisoner of war. Officials of the mining concern said the injured were saved only after fellow miners put up a bitter battle against the elements during the early morning hours.

4 Killed, 14 Injured In French Plane Crash

CEUTA, Spanish Morocco, Dec. 18 (AP).—Four persons were killed and 14 injured when a French plane crashed in Punta Blanca, it was reported today. The plane was en route to Algiers from Casablanca. Its passengers were mostly French officers and their families. Violent rain storms were blamed for the crash.

Blues in the Paris Red Lights

By Hugh Conway
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Things were pretty blue yesterday in the purple districts of Paris as the news circulated that city police were going to close all houses of prostitution within three months. The prosperous brothel keepers, who had garnered fabulous sums weekly mostly from GI trade, were shaking their heads sadly. The "maquereaux" (procurers) were depondent and the girls were stunned.

On the other side, Paris officials were confident that the order would have a double-barreled beneficial effect. They pointed out that closing of the "maisons de tolerance" would make available more than 6,000 rooms which will be requisitioned immediately for homeless students, bombed-out families and repatriates who had been facing a bleak shelterless winter.

Over on the Place Pigalle, honky-tonk corner which is dotted with

borderellos, the houses were quiet as the owners and inmates discussed in hushed tones the sudden turn of events.

In a little house on Rue Navarin, just off the Street of the Martyrs, Mme. Marcelle sat on an overstuffed red sofa and stared with bleak blue eyes at a gilt cupid on the wall.

"Regard," she said, "this place. It is one of the finest establishments in Pigalle. It is true to the tradition of St. Louis, King of France, who established this type of business in 1220. It is modern, with everything of the best."

Mme. Marcelle's place has turreted windows and a quiet old-world charm. There is a hush about it and an air of simple dignity as a maid in a black dress and starched white apron ushers in a visitor.

"We are in Categorie B, and the fee is 200 francs," Marcelle explain-

ed. "Of our income, the police take 52 percent in taxes. Now they wish to close us up. Is that sense? Is that reason? Think of the loss in revenue to the government."

"One must know that an establishment like this costs a fortune," Madame Marcelle explained. "It is the work of years. If it is closed it means ruin to the proprietor, for what other type of business can you conduct here? And what will happen to our workers? They will take to the streets, or run what you Americans called the 'easyspeak.' Then the prices will go up, and there will be no examinations, and everything will be very bad."

The order to close the houses came following a resolution introduced in the City Council last Thursday by Mme. Marthe Richard, Charles Luizet, Prefect of Police, declared that the order was designed "to frustrate a medieval and degrading custom which profited a few."