

Reparations Group Sets Reich Wealth Split

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One Year Ago Today
Germans 40 miles inside Belgium. Americans hold off enemy at St. Vith, Stavelot and Malmedy. Eisenhower calls on AEF to halt Germans.

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The Weather Today
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PATTON IS DEAD

U.S., Britain, Russia to Get Major Shares

By Na Deane Walker
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The six-week session of the International Reparations Conference closed yesterday with the signing of the agreement reached.
The United States and Great Britain were each awarded 28 per cent of available reparations from Western Germany. France was allotted 16 per cent; and the remaining 28 per cent was divided among the 14 other participating countries.

Twenty-five per cent of Western Germany's reparations already had been pledged to Russia and Poland, so that the remaining 75 per cent represented "available" reparations to be divided by the conference.

'No One Satisfied'
Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister opened the final session with a speech in which he said "No one is fully satisfied," but added that the conference had achieved its threefold purpose—the allocation of reparations, the establishing of a permanent agency to administer reparations, and the determining of principles and policies.
Bidault also praised the generosity of nations which voluntarily relinquished portions of their shares. The U.S., Canada and the Union of South Africa gave up their shares in Germany's merchant and inland shipping and industrial equipment to be redivided among all the other countries except Britain which relinquished its share from this source.

Now Up to Governments
The quotas allotted are still subject to ratification by the governments concerned. The permanent agency set up by the conference will be located in Brussels.

Reparations were divided into two categories for the purpose of allocation—"A" Germany's foreign assets, current production and stocks, and "B" industry, machinery, merchant shipping, goods and capital taken from Germany. Quotas were allotted as follows:

- The U.S.—28 percent, category A; 11.66 percent, category B.
 - United Kingdom—28 percent A; 22.80 percent B.
 - France—16 percent A; 22.80 percent B.
 - Yugoslavia—6.6 percent, A; 9.6 percent B.
 - Netherlands—3.9 percent, A; 5.6 percent B.
 - Canada—3.5 percent, A; 1.5 percent B.
- The other nations, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Greece, India, Norway, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Denmark, Luxembourg and Egypt divided the remainder.

General Wants Wives To Visit Top Graders

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Robert F. Eichelberger, commander of the Eighth Army, reiterated yesterday his proposal that wives of officers and enlisted men in the first three grades be permitted to join their husbands in Nippon.

"Most of them (Eighth Army troops) are too young to have wives," Eichelberger said in explanation of his arbitrary limitations. He added that "if just one man in five had a wife who wanted to come over, we could manage it."

Truman Policy Delays Return, China GIs Told

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (AP).—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U.S. forces in China, told American troops there that in view of President Truman's recently stated Chinese policy, their return home would be delayed.

Until recently, Wedemeyer declared, U.S. policy would have permitted the withdrawal of practically all American forces in China by the first of next year or early spring, but this was not now possible in view of the President's statement that the U.S. had assumed a definite obligation in the disarmament and evacuation of Japanese troops from China.

Wedemeyer's statement was made in a broadcast shortly after a conference with Gen. George C. Marshall, newly-appointed American ambassador to China.

In Chungking, another step toward the cessation of hostilities was made when a Communist spokesman asserted that the Communists would put in writing formally and officially their proposal for immediate unconditional armistice with troops on both sides "frozen" at their present positions.

3 Officers Dead; 4 Hurt In Camp Campbell Fire

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky., Dec. 21 (AP).—A fire of undetermined origin burned three Army officers to death here yesterday, injured four others and gutted a 40-man officers barracks.

The dead were 1/Lt. Theodore J. Freeman of Fulton N.Y., 1/Lt. Ross Forges of Congress Park, Ill., and 2 Lt. Noble D. Wagoner, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Lung Complication Fatal After Mannheim Accident

FRANKFURT, Dec. 21.—Gen. George S. Patton Jr. died today at an Army hospital in Heidelberg.

The 60-year-old general' death came just 12 days after his neck was broken when his auto crashed into a big Army truck on a road near Mannheim. Until yesterday, it had been believed he was recovering.

It was understood that Mrs. Patton, who was flown to Europe from the U.S. shortly after her husband was injured, was at his bedside. The official announcement said only that Patton "died peacefully."

Some of the best surgeons in the Army and in Europe had assisted in the care of Patton, who at the time of his death was commanding general of the 15th Army, a force writing the history of the war in Europe.

Brig. Gen. John M. Willen of the Seventh Army announced the death this evening a few hours after a hospital bulletin had disclosed Patton's condition was growing grave, complicated by a pulmonary infection.

Had Shown Improvement

While the neck injury left Patton partially paralyzed, he had shown considerable recovery and a few days ago he was removed from the traction apparatus which had immobilized him and was given a cast which permitted him some freedom of movement.

Yesterday brought the first indication that the man who commanded the Second Army Div. in the Casablanca landings, the II Corps in the Tunisian campaign, the Seventh Army in Sicily, and the Third Army which fought its way across France and Germany, faced a fight for his life with the odds against him.

Then it was disclosed that he had suffered coughing spells and was bothered by bronchial secretions. Today's noon bulletin said his condition had taken a serious turn for the worse during the night and that the prognosis was grave.

Takes Turn for Worse

Late today it was disclosed that Maj. Gen. A. W. Kenner, theater chief surgeon, had left Frankfurt for Patton's bedside and a bulletin said the pulmonary complication had resulted in "an accumulation of secretations in the lungs, thus embarrassing respiration."

"The paralysis of one side of the diaphragm in the intercostal, resulting from the spinal cord injury, has made it

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difficult to get rid of these secretions by cupping. . . the heart has become embarrassed. However, the pulse is strong and temperature only slightly above normal."

While Patton had rallied following his injury, he apparently had no illusions about the seriousness of his injuries from the first, because he had remarked to the GIs taking him to the hospital, "This is a hell of a way to have to die."

Close to Death Several Times

Ironicly, Patton had narrowly missed death several times on the battlefield during the war. Once, when his Army was fighting around Nancy, an 800-pound railroad shell landed within six feet of him, but failed to explode.

The accident in which Patton received his fatal injuries occurred on Dec. 9 when his sedan collided with an Army truck near Mannheim.

The general was rushed to the 130th Station Hospital and was attended by Gen. Kenner.

His car was traveling on Route N-38 just inside the Mannheim city limits when the collision took place. Witnesses said the 15th Army commander's car was headed south on the highway when a two-and-one-half-ton truck, belonging to a signal unit going in the opposite direction



Gen. Patton

Congress OKs New GI Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP).—Congress yesterday passed a broad revision of the GI Bill of Rights liberalizing the rules on loans and education for veterans.

The measure amending the original law of last year benefiting veterans of World War II, now goes to the White House.

The House adopted it 134 to 23, on a standing vote, and the Senate shouted its approval a short time later. It was a compromise after weeks of heated controversy.

One purpose was to simplify the law. New features include:

- 1—Removal of requirements that tuition fees, unemployment compensation and defaults on loans be deducted from any future federal bonus.
- 2—Increase in subsistence allowance for GI students from \$50 to \$65 monthly to those unmarried, and from \$75 to \$90 to those married.
- 3—Expense-paid correspondence courses and short technical courses.
- 4—Removal of the requirement that men over 25 must show

GM Threatens to Withdraw If Prices, Profits Are Studied

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP).—Possibility that President Truman's fact-finding board on the General Motors strike would soon face a statement was indicated yesterday when the company announced it would withdraw from the hearings on the wage dispute if profits and prices are considered as evidence.

Company officials insisted the question of GM prices is a matter that should be left to the Office of Price Administration. Earlier GM had refused to open its books in conference with the United Auto Workers (CIO) to determine if the company could afford a general 30

percent increase without raising prices.

Meanwhile, in Detroit, Ford Motor Co. representatives planned to resume meetings with union officials to discuss the wage demands of more than 100,000 workers. This announcement followed a union rejection of a company offer of a 12.4 percent wage increase in place of the 30 percent demanded.

The UAW pointed out that in addition to being "totally inadequate" the offer would not come in the form of a blanket raise and therefore "a great many workers might receive little or nothing at all."

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Watch Jeep, He Cautions

Here is some advice for anybody who parks his vehicle in the Liege GI parking lot. Keep a watch on your vehicle 24 hours a day, or you'll lose everything. It happened to me and three men in my jeep. While the parking lot had signs, "Not responsible for lost articles," no one figured that thieves would carry off footlockers and duffle bags past a barbed-wire fence guarded by MPs.

Our lieutenant reported the incident to the provost marshal in Liege. He showed us a big list of names of soldiers who were robbed and said there was nothing he could do; he didn't have enough MPs. Aren't these MPs honest enough to watch our equipment?—Sgt. R. Staffon, 82d Airborne Div. Editor's Note: This letter was referred to the Liege provost marshal, who replied:

"The parking lot is located between two heavily traveled highways and inclosed by a high barbed-wire fence with one entrance. The lot is poorly lighted. "Three MPs are on duty at night. To curb further these deplorable incidents, we have built a smaller inclosure within the confines of the larger, immediately adjacent to the dispatcher's office, so closer watch can be maintained over a limited number of vehicles. "We have during the past weeks apprehended several individuals, both military and civilian, who were pilfering from vehicles in the lot. Our work involves the repossessing of much property, both personal and government, and I believe the results prove the MPs to be honest."

Claim Jumping?

We moved into the buildings we now occupy when they were no more than skeletons of houses. Being engineers, we immediately started to make them livable. We had our regular jobs to do during the daytime, but in the evenings and on weekends we rebuilt as best we could. In two and one-half months we had replaced broken glass, rebuilt a sewage system, repaired the heating system, and eventually had everything habitable once more. Today, a battalion of an infantry division moved into our area and calmly ordered us to move out within 30 days. They say that they need our buildings because they do not have sufficient room in their area. The outfit that they replaced were able to get along, without confiscating our quarters. Must we hunt for another place to live simply because a larger organization with more brass casts a covetous eye on the good job we did to our billets?—(53 Signatures, Ed.), 282nd Engr. (C) Bn.

No Snafu at Namur

After four years in the Army I have finally found an administrative outfit that not only knows its job thoroughly, but functions swiftly, efficiently and courteously with every GI it processes. The Overseas Separation Section of the 2nd Reinforcement Depot at Namur, Belgium, is the outfit. I went there expecting to find the usual quota of conflicting directives, confused processing, line sweating and disinterested personnel. I took clothes for a ten-day sojourn. But I never unpacked my bags. In 48 hours I was on my way to Paris, discharge in my pocket. I was no exception, either. I looked over the section's records and figured that the average discharge time for every man who goes there is 72 hours; some have got out in 28. The staff of 15 GIs and two officers is by far the most business-like and smooth-running unit I have ever seen in the Army.—(Mr. David Perlman.)

Roughing It in Berlin

As Gen. Eisenhower has said, the American soldier should take pride in his unit and uniform, and conduct himself with dignity. All well and good, but how can we possibly have any pride when our living quarters in the worst area in Berlin are nothing but flimsy, half-gutted barracks with legions of rats and vermin and unsanitary plumbing? Our area has been declared unfit for human habitation at present by our medical officer. Pulling guard duty after day, two hours on and four off, after duty hours we go slinking back to our icy cells where one must be drunk to keep sane and warm. Good billets are available, but the big barrier is the decadent caste system. A colonel gallantly roughs it in a sprawling 19-room mansion. Other officers survive in less palatial surroundings. We were essential in combat. Have we outlived our usefulness?—(372 Signatures, Ed.) 3rd Bn, 309th Inf.

2,000,000 GIs Transported Safely; Liberties Prove They Can Take It

Fear of Sea Forced At Least One GI To Re-Enlist

At least one soldier re-enlisted because he was afraid of the ocean voyage home, but the Army has re-deployed more than 2,000,000 troops from this theater since VE-Day without casualties resulting from the ship's inability to ride the roughest seas, it was learned yesterday. The one lone re-enlistee was not identified. Three troop-laden Liberty ships had to be towed into port in recent weeks because of engine or propeller trouble. A fourth Liberty sprang a leak off Nantucket, but managed to make port under its own power. The troops on all four vessels reached their destination generally as healthy as they were upon embarkation, redeployment authorities said.

Lt. Col. C. Y. Kimball, USFET G3 priorities officer, of Fuente, Calif., gave assurance that all vessels on European GI shipping runs are considered safe. Because it was constructed as a cargo ship, the Liberty, he pointed out, is not as safe as the Victory ship or the regular troop transport.

However, during November approximately 125 trips were made to the States by Liberties returning troops, Kimball said, adding that plans are to use them in considerable number throughout the winter season. Reasonably rough weather is expected in the Atlantic from now until March, Army Transportation Corps authorities said. Actually, however, it is not expected to get rougher than the weather already experienced by redeployment vessels this month on the Europe-to-U.S. voyages. Kimball said a 50-mile wind is considered heavy in the Atlantic, while a nice breeze for ocean-going comfort is nine to 11 miles.

The larger troopships are seldom slowed by rough seas, but Liberties are sometimes slowed almost to a standstill. The Liberties, however, carry enough food and drinking water for a 21-day voyage and are equipped with emergency rations and facilities for use in case they are at sea longer than three weeks, Kimball said. He added that the longest Liberty redeployment voyage to the States that he has record of took 17 days.

Kimball, who as a civilian traveled extensively at sea, explained that a vessel can best be used for the purpose for which it was built. The Liberty is not as good a trooper as the other vessels, he said, because it was intended to carry cargo.

Devers Says 'Merry Xmas'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, today sent Christmas greetings to AGF units throughout the world in which he called for maintenance of peace "with the same determination that was displayed in winning the war." "On this, our first Christmas of peace in five years," the message read, "I take this means of expressing to all of you my most sincere wish that your holiday will be a happy one, filled with thankfulness for victory you have won by your brilliant performance in combat. "It is my hope that the New Year will bring to all of you the contentment and prosperity you so richly deserve. As we begin this new year, let us resolve to apply our energies to the job of maintaining the peace with the same determination that was displayed in winning the war."



Gen. Devers

WD Alerts 39,000 Italy PWs For Sailing Home by February

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP).—The War Department's Christmas gift to Italian prisoners of war was a general alert order for the long-awaited trip home for 39,000 prisoners who are now busy packing in their various compounds.

War Department officials said that moving alert orders had been sent to commanders of prisoner-of-war camps along the Eastern Seaboard where prisoners have been engaged in volunteer work which is now completed.

All but 3,000 Italians are expected to be home by the end of January, and the remainder will be home during February.

Officials explained that transportation problems to ports of embarkation had become increasingly difficult as American soldiers sought to go home for Christmas, too. These officials, however, expected to move the Italians to ports soon after the Christmas rush.

Regular Xmas Dinner

Central buildings of various PW camps were reported fully decorated with seasonal trappings. Local relief agencies plan choral groups to help in the general Christmas entertainment program with songs.

The Christmas dinner for the Italians consists of five ounces of canned chicken or turkey, one ounce of butter, bread, potatoes, vegetable, coffee, one ounce of candy and 20 cigarettes.

Brig. Gen. C. G. Helmick, commander of Ft. Meade, said that German prisoners of war under his supervision would spend Christmas "a regular working day."

The prisoners will provide their own entertainment during off-work hours and their menu will be the same as for the Italians, without the cigarettes and butter.

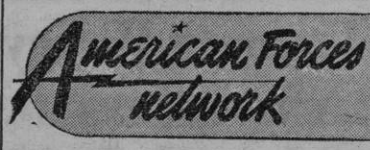


Table with radio program listings for TODAY and TOMORROW, including times and program names like '1200-News', '1815-Magic Carpet', '1530-Family Hour', etc.

Willie and Joe

By Mauldin



...and so, fellow Americans, I claim the atom belongs to us—we invented it, didn't we?"

Returning Vets Causing Jam In U.S. Schools

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP).—The U.S. is headed for the greatest educational jam in history as thousands of returning war veterans swamp colleges and universities with enrollment applications. Already 125,000 veterans financed under the GI Bill of Rights are in college classes and 207,000 more have applied for entrance. Dr. Francis J. Brown, staff associate of the American Council on Education, yesterday predicted in an interview that more than 600,000 would be in colleges and universities by next fall.

'University Crisis' "This is creating a university crisis," said Dr. Brown. "Thirty percent of the veterans are married. Ten percent have children. This is in sharp contrast to the situation before the war when the great majority of students were single.

The housing situation is the greatest problem at present but it is hoped legislation now pending in Congress will be approved and will help the situation. Dr. Brown said. The legislation provides \$167,000,000 for moving temporary war and defense housing to regions of greatest need.

Dr. Brown said the "big name" universities and those in the large urban areas were the first to be filled by returning GIs.

Nearing the Limit

Such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth and Brown are nearing the limit of their normal capacity but if additional housing becomes available normal capacities can be increased substantially.

While some of the smaller colleges have not been affected by the rush of students and report sub-normal enrollment, all probably will be filled by the fall, educators agree.

They expect the previous peak of American college enrollment of 1,400,000 students in 1930-40 to be exceeded by at least 25 percent.

At the Veterans Administration it was reported that 9,591 veterans are taking on-the-job training under the terms of the GI Bill in addition to those enrolled in school classes. The percentage of on-the-job trainees is expected to increase.

Monoxide Fatal To Five in Family

LE MARS, Ia., Dec. 21 (AP).—Five persons—representing three generations—were found dead yesterday in their home where Coroner S. J. Luken said they had died as the result of carbon-monoxide gas poisoning. Their bodies were frozen.

The dead were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harms, 85 and 76, respectively; Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Siebels, 54 and 52, daughter and son-in-law of Harms and their 19-year-old daughter, Sylvia Siebels.

The deaths were discovered when Clyde Eastman bank cashier, went to the home to inquire about Miss Siebels' absence from work. Luken said the deaths might have occurred Monday night.



Table listing entertainment venues and programs in Paris Area, Verdun, Metz, Le Havre, Nancy, and Marseille, including showtimes and program names.

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The American Scene

Little Fulton Ready for Big Talk; Truman, Churchill to Appear There

FULTON, Mo., Dec. 21 (ANS).—Announcement that Winston Churchill would speak on world affairs at Westminster College here Mar. 5, and would be introduced by President Truman, caused a deep stir, despite sub-zero weather and snow, and immediately started Fulton citizens preparing for the biggest day in the town's history.

Churchill was invited last October through the White House by F. L. McClellan, Westminster College president, to be principal speaker at a John E. Green Foundation lecture held annually with money left the college by an 1884 graduate.

Westminster College was founded in 1853 and is maintained by the Presbyterian Synod of Missouri as an exclusive college for men.

Local residents believe the college name appealed to Churchill in accepting the invitation, and that he may use this forum for an important statement of his views on world events. About 2,000 persons can be accommodated in the gymnasium where the lecture will be given.

Women Vets Organize

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (ANS).—The Nation's first organization of women war veterans was launched yesterday when eight former servicewomen announced the founding of the Legion of American Women Veterans.

Mrs. Patricia Reuse, former Marine sergeant and acting national commander of the group, said the organization expected to have nearly 1,000 members by spring, and that the first national reunion of U.S. servicewomen was planned for next April.

Freight, Limited Crash

LULA, Ga., Dec. 21 (ANS).—Two sailors and a locomotive engineer were killed yesterday when a freight train crashed into the rear of the Piedmont Limited, a Southern Railway passenger train, in snow and ice-covered terrain near White Sulphur, Ga.

Six persons were taken to a Gainesville hospital for treatment. A number of less seriously injured, many of them sailors, were given first aid by doctors at the wreck, about 65 miles northeast of Atlanta.

India Seeks U.S. Experts for Big Dam

COULEE DAM, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP).—The irrigation development to be built on India's Godavari River will be twice as big as Columbia Basin Project in the U. S. N. G. Ayyangar, India's chief government irrigation engineer, declared here today.

Ayyangar said the dam would be almost as large as Grand Coulee. He added it will be a mile long and 400 feet high, will require ten years to build, and will cost \$200,000,000.

Ayyangar said his government hoped to obtain the services of John Lucian Savage, Bureau of Reclamation engineer who designed Grand Coulee, Boulder and Shasta Dams, and Doctor Karl Terzaghi, Harvard University authority on soil mechanics, as consulting engineers

'Redeployed'



Lt. F. J. Woods, of Birmingham, Ala., has his pet rhesus monkey on his shoulder, decked out in "longies," as he arrives in San Francisco from Luzon.

Army Loses Champ Dad

PORT HURON, Mich., Dec. 21 (ANS).—All was confusion at the Gilbert Fleury residence in Port Huron today, for "Pops" was home to stay.

Thirty-nine-year-old Gilbert Fleury, the Army's champion father, has returned to his 13 children and \$200-a-month mail carrier's job.

Ex-Pfc Fleury was assigned to the Army Post Office in San Francisco as a postal clerk where he received \$352 monthly in pay and allotments.

Returning to his civilian mail-bag-toting, Pops will suffer a \$1,734 annual cut in salary. That made no difference today.

Fleury declared he was glad to be home as the 13 little Fleurys swarmed about him.

Mrs. Fleury reported the family plans to buy its own home from money saved during the war.

Byrnes Hints Foreign Service Shuffle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP).—Reorganization of the State Department's foreign service during 1946 was hinted by Secretary of State James Byrnes today in a Christmas message published in the December issue of the American Foreign Service Journal.

In the message, Byrnes lauded career diplomats for their war-time achievements and sacrifices and added: "In the year to come there will be changes in foreign service, some of which may be of far-reaching consequence. These are necessary if the service is to function as it should."

Government officials regard the Byrnes reorganization hint as something he has planned for a long time. They recalled when Byrnes assumed office he promised sweeping reorganization.

Finds Other Quarters

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Film cameraman Gregg Toland, 43, who was divorced six weeks ago, announced that he and actress Virginia Thrope, 19, were married in Nogales Sonora, Mexico, Dec. 9.

At the time of their estrangement Mrs. Helene Toland permitted him to occupy their home until he "could find other living quarters."

One Kid's Christmas

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (ANS).—An unassuming man entered Bellevue Hospital and asked to see Michael Lennon Jr., 12-year-old poliomyelitis victim who has spent the last six months in an iron lung.

"Gee," the lad exclaimed, "Hi ya, Bing!"

Bing Crosby and Michael talked for 15 minutes, mostly about horses and dogs.

AF Sends C97s to Coast To Fly Vets Home for Xmas

DAYTON, O., Dec. 21 (AP).—The Army Air Force is sending two giant transports from Wright Field to the West Coast to fly returning Pacific war veterans back to their Midwestern homes in time for Christmas.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, deputy commander of the Air Technical Service Command, announced that the first flight of two aircraft assigned to the troop-carrying venture would take off today for Seattle, Wash.

A second flight to return the veterans from San Francisco is scheduled to leave Saturday.

The planes, C97s or a transport version of the Superfort, can carry 100 to 125 men each. The planes are expected to make the non-stop flight to and from the coast in eight hours.

Col. George Smith, project officer, said the planes would carry food, candy, cigars, blankets and anything else needed for the men's comfort.

Ann's Queen of the Ball



Movie Actress Ann Miller, who was selected queen of the Hollywood photographers' ball, dances with Harry Karl. They wore their "dude ranch" duds for the costume event.

82d Airborne Designated Part Of General Army Reserve

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The 82nd Airborne Div. has been designated as the only airborne division to become a part of the general reserve of the United States Army.

Those men in the unit not eligible for discharge will become a cadre which will train volunteers for this special type of organization which proved itself in operations against the Germans.

U.S. Cold Snap Breaks; 62 Die

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (ANS).—The Federal Weather Bureau reported yesterday a temporary break in the prolonged cold wave which has gripped a wide section of the country for the past several days but forecasters said a new mass of cold air was moving in on the Midwest from central Canada.

A blanket of snow extended from the Rockies eastward into New England and into the south, with the heaviest falls in the eastern section.

The snow measured 20 inches in Hartford, Conn., 12 inches in New York and ten inches in Boston. The fall in New York was the heaviest in more than 10 years.

The extended cold snap, which has crippled transportation, disrupted communications, forced schools to close and curtailed production in many industries, also was responsible for at least 62 deaths. Fatalities directly attributed to the cold weather and snow were reported in 18 states and causes included exposure, sledding accidents, falls on icy pavements and traffic accidents.

Special Services For Vet Hospitals Is Bradley Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Gen. Omar N. Bradley, veterans' Administrator, announced yesterday that entertainment and services made available to GIs by the Army's Special Services Division soon would be offered to men in veterans' hospitals.

He appointed Col. Francis R. Kerr, chief of the Army Exchange Service and Deputy Director of the Special Services Division, to head a new Special Services Division in Virginia.

Heretofore there has been no over-all plan or budget for entertainment in veterans' hospitals. Patients were dependent on whatever was produced by local initiative.

Bradley said the new morale section would follow closely the program of its Army counterpart, which, with USO Camp Shows, motion-picture libraries and post exchanges, performed a world-wide entertainment job.

Truman Plea Fails to Alter Merger Lines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Opposing Congressional lines in the battle of the merger showed no signs of cracking today despite President Truman's flat request that Army and Navy Forces be unified under a single civilian secretary.

First members of House and Senate Military Affairs Committees to comment were for the plan, as they have been all along. Members of Naval Affairs Committees still were against it.

The only committee member deviating from this line-up was Rep. Andrew May (D-Ky.) chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee. He already has joined with Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman of the House Naval Committee, in proposing a separate air force with cabinet representation instead of a merger of the services.

Sen. Elbert Thomas (D-Utah), chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, told a reporter: "We will have a good will to carry out the President's ideas shortly after the holidays."

Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.), a Military Committee member and author of one unification bill, declared: "I favor closing the hearings at once and starting to work on the legislation. There are no material differences between the President's basic plan and the bills on which we have held hearings."

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), who also has a merger bill in the legislative mill, commented jubilantly that Mr. Truman's plan "could not have been better if I had written it myself."

Rival Slayer Found Guilty

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP).—Socialite Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt, charged with the slaying of Vada Martin, her supposed love rival, was convicted yesterday of manslaughter by a Superior Court jury which deliberated four hours.

Next Wednesday the same jury of six men and six women will again convene to determine if the 45-year-old San Francisco matron was sane when she shot the pretty 36-year-old Baltimore nurse last Oct. 4.

Mrs. Mansfeldt, widow of a wealthy Dr. John R. Mansfeldt, who committed suicide a few hours after the tragedy, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. Under California law she now must stand trial on the second half of the plea.

If she is found sane she will automatically be sentenced to one to ten years for manslaughter.

If found insane she will be committed to an institution.

'Orphan' Finds New Home in America



One of the most unusual mascots to be taken back to the U.S. by servicemen is a seven-month-old fawn captured by Sgt. Earl Shaw of Wellsboro, Pa., while hunting near Hanau, Germany. He discovered the fawn after shooting its mother.

U.S. Charges Homma With New 'Death March' Of Americans on Luzon

MANILA, Dec. 21 (ANS).—A second "death march" in the precipitous mountains of northern Luzon, in which exhausted and emaciated American prisoners of war were pushed over cliffs, was charged yesterday against Japanese Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma.

More than 100 sick prisoners were made to act as pack animals for hauling Japanese arms and supplies into rugged country to fight guerrillas, according to formal charges against the former commander in the Philippines.

Lt. Col. Frank Meek, chief prosecutor in Homma's trial slated to begin Jan. 3, announced the additional specifications.

Meek said he would introduce evidence to show that Homma actually witnessed the first death march from Bataan while lolling in an automobile. Homma is accused of responsibility for atrocities involving the death of 67,000 American and Filipino war prisoners.

A twelve-page deposition from Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright just received in Manila will show that Homma was "utterly unscrupulous" in his dealings with the American commander, Meek added.

(At Dallas, Tex., Wainwright yesterday said he was relieved to know he would not have to go to the Philippines to testify but added: "I can give definite evidence to show that Gen. Homma as commander of all Japanese forces in the Philippines was most certainly responsible for the atrocities of Bataan.")

The prosecutor said Homma even used Wainwright as a hostage after refusing to grant quarters to American forces in an effort to effect surrender of other Allied units in the Philippines.

Mac Promises Japs a Chance To Make Good

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (AP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander of Japanese occupation forces, today re-emphasized his determination to keep a firm hold on the Japanese people and their future while affording an opportunity for the "completely vanquished enemy to correct the error of its ways."

Japan must support the Allied objectives, MacArthur said, but to impose upon a nation "any form of government not supported by freely expressed will of the people is contrary to the Potsdam terms."

By Force If Needed

The Japanese will be given every opportunity to carry out Allied orders voluntarily but if they do not act, "orders will be given to appropriate commands to require compliance," MacArthur added.

He promised Japan's civil population it would be freed of any interference with liberty and property rights and that historical, cultural and religious objects would be preserved.

The Allied chief stressed that Japan's sovereignty would be limited to the four main islands and 1,000 smaller adjacent islands.

Totally Disarmed

MacArthur reiterated that Japan would be completely disarmed and demilitarized and that the influence of militarism would be totally eliminated from national life.

He noted that the Japanese people would be encouraged to develop a desire for individual liberties, respect for human rights and representative organizations.

Nazi Art Loot On Way Back

FRANKFURT, Dec. 21 (INS).—More than 6,000 highly prized French art works looted by the Germans are on their way back to Paris in two full trainloads of 36 cars, USFET revealed yesterday.

The fabulous hoard, ranging from painting masterworks to China and silverware from the Rothschild collection, was discovered by MG authorities in Schloss Neuschwanstein, a castle at Fussen, 70 miles southwest of Munich on the Austrian frontier.

The castle was the greatest collecting point of the far-flung Nazi looting organization headed by Alfred Rosenberg, one of the 22 major defendants on trial in Nuremberg.

U.S. authorities surmounted a difficult problem in getting 1,221 crates containing the art works down steep mountain slopes from the castle, which is on a high plateau in the Bavarian Alps.

Ninth 'Tac' Command to Get Belgian Croix de Guerre Today

BRUSSELS, Dec. 21 (AP).—The Belgian Croix de Guerre will be pinned tomorrow to the colors of the Ninth Tactical Command of the Ninth Air Force in one of the largest mass decorations in history.

A private, not yet named, and Brig. Gen. Ralph B. Stearley, chief of the command during the Battle of the Bulge, will accept the decoration from Belgian War Minister Leo Mundeleer in behalf of their comrades.

Bavarian Town Asks to Try Own War Criminals

ASCHAFFENBURG, Dec. 21 (AP).—The people of this northern Bavarian town of 30,000 have asked permission of American authorities to stage their own war crimes trial of two men they hold responsible for the greater part of Aschaffenburg's destruction.

The present lord mayor, Dr. Arthur Stock, told the Associated Press he had applied through his public prosecutor for permission to try a Wehrmacht officer and a local Nazi leader.

He said the two not only were accused of prolonging useless resistance in a nine-day battle here in March, but also allegedly ordered the execution of five Germans.

The prisoners are Maj. Emil Lambert, 49, and Wilhelm Wohlgermuth, 45, once lord mayor, Nazi Kreisleiter and SS Obersturmfuehrer.

They now are held in the bomb-damaged local jail, awaiting a Military Government decision on the trial, which may be held in January if it is allowed.

Mannerheim on Way After Rest in Portugal

LISBON, Dec. 21 (AP).—Marshal Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, President of Finland, left yesterday by train for Madrid en route to Helsinki. He refused to talk to reporters.

Mannerheim came to Portugal several weeks ago for a rest. The trial of a number of other Finnish leaders on charges of responsibility for Finland's second war with Russia began shortly after Mannerheim left Finland.

Thousands of soldiers in the command, including fighter and bomber crews, ground crews and various staff members, will be entitled to wear the green and red fourragere on their shoulders.

It is not known exactly how many men were in the command a year ago tomorrow when its airmen began their attack on the Nazi panzer columns that had broken through the Ardennes. But the Ninth TAC was the largest unit of the Ninth Air Force, known in military circles as "the largest air force in the world."

Anti-Peron Organization Stages Rally in Buenos Aires



A throng estimated at 200,000 recently attended a mass meeting of the Democratic Union before the Congress building in Buenos Aires. The Union is opposed politically to Juan Peron, candidate for President of Argentina. A huge poster depicts Roque Saenz Pena, a leader of the Democratic Union.

French Mission Will Study Ruhr Coal Delivery Lag

A French economic mission headed by René-Edmond Sergent, French delegate to the European coal organization at Essen, left Paris yesterday for London to attempt to break the transportation bottleneck slowing the shipment of France's quota of Ruhr coal, the Associated Press reported.

Only 62,000 tons of the French quota of 222,000 tons of Ruhr coal was to be shipped by rail, with the remainder coming by Rhine and English Channel barges, delaying delivery by as much as a month, a spokesman for President Charles de Gaulle's office declared.

The explanation by the European coal organization for shipping by barge cited the French failure to return railroad cars which have carried coal into France. The spokesman, however, insisted that all cars have been returned and 3,700 additional ones have been added as well. If the cars did not reach the Ruhr, he added, it was because they disappeared in Belgium or Germany.

U.S. Allots Sweden 76,000 Tons of Coal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP).—A Swedish commercial official said today the U.S. had allocated 76,000 tons of coal to Sweden for January, 25,000 tons less than the December quota. Due to delays caused by weather and poor port facilities, only 25,000 tons of the 102,000-ton allocation for this month has been delivered.

Franco Stumps For Popularity

MADRID, Dec. 21 (AP).—While the French note, sent to the British and U.S. governments, asking for their stand on the Franco regime, remains unmentioned in Spain's censored press, there are indications that the Caudillo himself is embarking upon a campaign to strengthen his position with his own people.

As Washington and London considered the French government's suggestion for re-examining the relations of the three countries with Spain, Franco made three speeches in one day, at Badajoz and Estramadura.

Franco made no mention of the possibility of a return to the monarchy, although his representative, Jose Maria Oriol, wealthy Basque industrialist, is now at Lausanne for a conference with Don Juan, pretender to the throne.

Reich Police Prohibited From Mixing in Politics

FRANKFURT, Dec. 21 (UP).—To prevent revival of any form of the Gestapo, USFET has directed the minister-presidents in the American zone of Germany to prohibit formation of any German political police agencies or bureaus. USFET also directed that police would not be allowed to exercise any restrictive supervision over political activities, but would report activities they believed to be subversive.

Mrs. FDR Approved by Senate, UNO Names U.S. Site Group

The U.S. Senate yesterday confirmed the nominations of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and three others as principal U.S. representatives to the United Nations General Assembly, while in London the UNO preparatory committee appointed an interim commission of 12 nations to tour the U.S. in search for a site for the UNO headquarters.

In addition to Mrs. Roosevelt, the Senate approved the nominations of former Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.) chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.).



Mrs. Roosevelt

The United Press said the interim commission named in London was empowered to recommend "up to six" possible locations, leaving final selection to the general assembly in January.

Will Study Sites

The commission is authorized to tour the U.S. to "inspect any cities or areas it deems necessary." To guide them in their work, delegates will have the voluminous records of three weeks' debate on general requirements of the site, as well as literature from 50 U.S. communities.

Members of the committee will be representatives of Australia, China, Cuba, France, Iran, Iraq, The Netherlands, Poland, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Appointment of Mrs. Roosevelt to the UNO General Assembly brought both criticism and praise from legislators, the Associated Press reported. Rep. Charles W. Vursell (R-Mich.) said: "It is a bad start toward international co-operation," while Rep. Andrew J. Biemiller, (D-Wis.) thought President Truman had shown "foresight and intelligence in naming her."

The Preparatory Committee yesterday also approved a U.S. amendment to provide for a quick convention of international conference on trade, employment and health, but rejected a Soviet-Yugoslav plan which would have required consent of member governments before any person could be employed by the UNO secretariat.

'Frozen' Officers Get New Chance For Higher Grade

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Eligible Army officers who have watched promotion pass them by can now make the grade before they get out of service.

The War Department announced yesterday that officers up through lieutenant colonel who have served long periods in the same grade and who meet requirements will be promoted on the first day of their terminal leave.

A prepared statement said: "This policy will benefit many officers who have been unable to secure promotion because of a lack of authorized position vacancies."

The provision applies to second and first lieutenants who have served in one grade for 18 months, captains and majors for 24 months, and lieutenant-colonels for 30 months. In computing service, 50 percent additional credit is given for time served overseas in grade.

To qualify for such promotion officers must have an efficiency index of not less than 40. This is the average of ratings given by commanding officers. A rating of "superior" has a numerical value of 50; "excellent," 40; "very satisfactory," 30; and "satisfactory," 20.

7 SS War Criminals Hanged by Russians

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP).—Seven SS men, convicted of war crimes by a Russian military tribunal at Smolensk, were hanged in a Smolensk square yesterday before a crowd of 50,000, Moscow radio reported.

The prosecution said that thousands of Smolensk residents, including women and children, had been "mercilessly exterminated" during the German occupation.

Pfc and His Battlefield Pup Find a Dog Heaven in U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP).—A dog's dream of paradise is about to come true for Tiny, giant German shepherd which accompanied Pfc Johnny Glynn, of North Weymouth, Mass., across Germany, Czechoslovakia and France to America.

Tiny, now 155 pounds, was a puppy when Johnny picked him up on the battlefield. The dog arrived from Le Havre Wednesday aboard the French ship Legroix, and was met by Johnny, a recently-discharged veteran, and his wife.

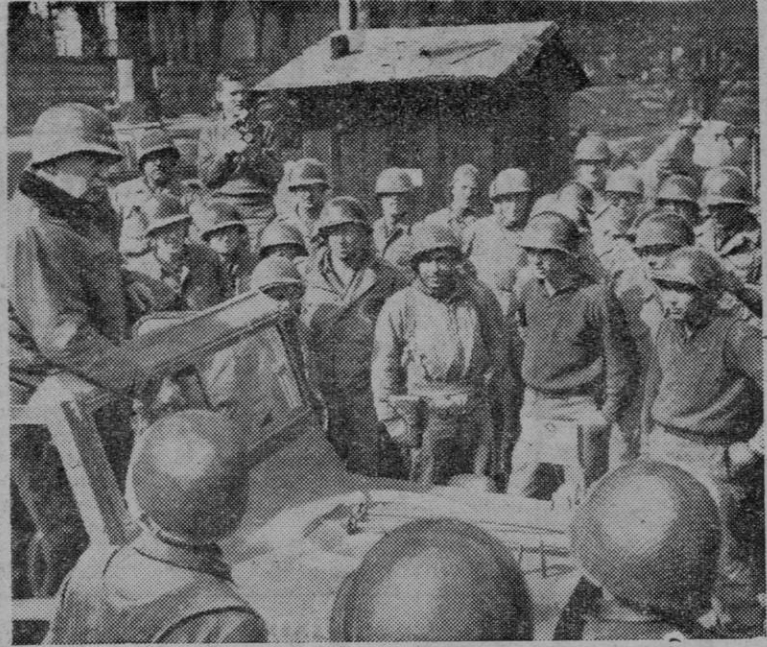
After a reunion on the ship, Johnny told the crowd about the future that awaits Tiny.

A packing firm in Queens, after reading in newspapers about Tiny, agreed to feed the dog for the rest of his life—free. Likewise, an elderly retired farmer in Boston has offered to give Johnny and his wife a farm of 120 acres in New Hampshire as a permanent home for Tiny and the Glynn's.

Getting Tiny to America wasn't easy. Johnny had to leave the dog behind when he sailed for home. Word of the pet got around and the Quincy, Mass., American Legion Post and other dog lovers chipped in to pay the \$80 it cost to bring Tiny home and \$4 a day board for one month in Paris.



Gen. Patton meets with Gens. Eisenhower and Omar N. Bradley in the Third Army area as America's armies were surging into Germany.



Patton, standing in jeep, thanks Third Army Engineers for speed with which they bridged Rhine last March.

Tempestuous Patton Proved to World That He Was a Great Field General

Colorful, swashbuckling Gen. George S. Patton Jr. may have been the "enfant terrible" of the American military hierarchy, but he certainly was one of its ablest field commanders.

Patton's brilliance in the field undoubtedly saved him many times from the consequences of tempestuous statements which would have cost officers of lesser stature their military careers.

A brother officer, commenting on one of the most recent episodes in Patton's career, in which he was relieved of his command of the Third Army in Germany when a controversy arose over his implementation of the de-Nazification policy, summed up causes of the general's chronic difficulties with this observation: "George's mouth does not always carry out the functions of his brain."

Held in High Regard

However valid this statement may have been in reference to Patton's public utterances, it was a long way from a fair estimate of the general's activities in the field. "Old Blood and Guts," as Patton was known to the press and his men, was a match for the best battlefield tacticians in the business. Even the enemy paid him tribute.

Maj. Gen. Erwin Lahousen, head of German Intelligence during the war, termed the American officer one of the ablest commanders faced

by the German Army on any front.

The Germans had more than sufficient reason for their high regard for Patton. In two theaters, the forces under "Old Blood and Guts" met and whipped the best the Germans had to offer. In Africa, it was Patton's 2nd Corps that helped bring Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the Nazi "Desert Fox," to bay in the Tunis-Bizerta trap; in Sicily, it was Patton's Seventh Army which won the major credit for tumbling that fortress in 38 days; and in France, in one of the most brilliant campaigns of the war, it was Patton's Third Army which chased the Germans half-way across France, completely demoralizing the enemy and crushing all plans for any Nazi defense of northern France.

Blunts Nazi Offensive

The speed of Patton's thrust through France, with the tremendous number of troops involved, was unprecedented in military history. It covered more than 300 miles in 30 days.

Again, when the Germans made their famous breakthrough in the Ardennes, in December, 1944, it was the colorful, revolver-toting, tough-talking Patton who helped blunt the German offensive with a lightning counter-attack referred to by the War Department as "a superior example of tactical and logistical maneuver."

Later, in March, 1945, Patton's Third Army broke through the German lines north of Trier and in four days reached the Rhine. Everyone expected, including prob-

ably the Germans, that Patton would storm across the river at this point. Instead, his army swung southwards, thrust toward Worms and crossed the Rhine there. Then, topping all resistance, Patton's forces rolled 300 miles to the borders of Czechoslovakia and deep into Austria before the war ended.

With one outstanding exception, Patton's conduct during the war as a military commander in the field was exemplary.

The exception occurred in Sicily. On a visit to a hospital, Patton struck a soldier patient when the latter, in response to the general's question, voiced a reluctance to return to the front. The incident caused a furore and brought demands in Congress for Patton's immediate demotion and withdrawal as a field officer. Some even urged a court-martial. Patton later publicly apologized to the men of his command.

More Time for Speeches

Once the war was over, and Patton had time to talk to the press and to make speeches, his old proclivity for making controversial statements again became apparent. In Germany, where he took over as American commander for the U.S. Eastern Military District, he told reporters that he couldn't see the need of so much de-Nazification, and compared "this Nazi thing" to Republican and Democratic politics in the United States. This statement had disastrous repercussions. Congress was up in arms, the press editorialized against him and finally Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered his removal as commander in Bavaria, assigning him instead to head a "paper" force, the 15th Army.

Talking too much, or not letting his mouth perform the functions of his brain, got the general in trouble on his visit to the U.S. after the war. In an address to some school children in his home town of San Gabriel, Calif., Patton predicted a third world war, "because there have always been such things," and warned the children that they would be soldiers and nurses "whether you like it or not."

Began Career at VMI

He was roundly taken to task for presenting such a black picture to his adolescent audience. The clergy attacked him, too, for emphasizing his remarks with cuss words, of which the general had a notorious store.

Patton's military education was begun at Virginia Military Institute in 1903, where he distinguished himself for one year as a polo player and a poor speller. Never much of a student, he entered West Point the next year with ambitions to become a football player. He spent five, instead of the usual four years, at the Aca-

demy before he got his second lieutenant's bars.

His first taste of warfare came in the Mexican border rising of 1916 under Gen. John J. Pershing. The young officer distinguished himself by shooting the Mexican bandit Cervantes, strapping his body to the hood of an old touring car and driving triumphant back to the garrison. Patton later described the incident as the "first motorized action of the U.S. Army."

The general's career as an expert on armor began in World War I, in which he became the first American tank corpsman. He learned from the French, later taught Americans and led the first and only American tank brigade of the war at St. Mihiel. By the war's end, he had risen from first lieutenant to colonel.

Accused of Showing Off

Patton frequently was charged with being a show-off and of deliberately trying to promote his reputation as a colorful fighting man. His appearance on the battlefield, under the worst possible conditions, always spotlessly attired with polished boots and brass, was said to have been one of the ways by which he kept alive his reputation as a top-notch soldier.

No less well known was his habit of always toting a pearl-handled revolver slung in a holster outside his blouse. The revolver was another of the "props" by which Patton drew attention to himself as a colorful commander. The Saturday Evening Post, in a recent article on the general, said that Patton admitted these publicity tactics, and quoted him as saying, in reference to his revolver:

"This Colt .45 that I carry—don't you think I get tired of it? It's damned heavy. But I can no more leave it off than William Jennings Bryan could have left off that white tie of his."

Patton Won Reputation For His Courage in Battle

By Associated Press

Gen. George S. Patton Jr. caught the popular fancy in the United States as the dashing, roaring hell-for-leather old cavalryman with two pearl-handled pistols on his hips who led United States forces in the conquest of Tunisia and again in the world-enthraling armored dash across France.

Always in the foreground of the fighting, he leaped impatiently into the water from a boat to lead his men into battle on the shores of Sicily.

Nicknamed by his men "Old Blood and Guts," many were the tales told about his "purple profanity."

One raw infantryman who had been the unhappy object of a barrage of the Patton profanity was told by his comrades: "Why, man, you haven't lived until you have been cussed out by 'Old Blood and Guts.'"

Wrote Poetry as Pastime

For a pastime he wrote poetry—two volumes, which he hoped to have published posthumously. He liked to sing in church, and knew the whole order of Episcopalian morning prayer by heart. Somehow, he managed to find time to write entertaining letters to his children back home.

His talented wife, the former Beatrice Ayer of Boston, author of the historical novel Blood of the Sharks, once shyly told interviewers that she wished the press would not call him by his Army nickname, because it really did not fit his character.

For 30 years Patton's ears had been tuned to the thunder of war. He was equally at home within the confines of a tank in the forefront of the fighting on a battlefield, on the back of a pony on the polo field, or gracing an Army social function. In his younger days he was a noted sharpshooter and famous as a track athlete. He took part in the Olympics at Stockholm.

His wife said he never liked to watch any athletic competition—he always wanted to be in the game himself.

Born in California

He was born on a ranch at San Gabriel, Calif., Nov. 11, 1885.

When America stepped up its preparations for the new war, Patton was made brigade commander of the Second Armored Div. at Fort Benning, Ga. There he distinguished himself by clearing red tape and getting new tanks for rusty old ones.

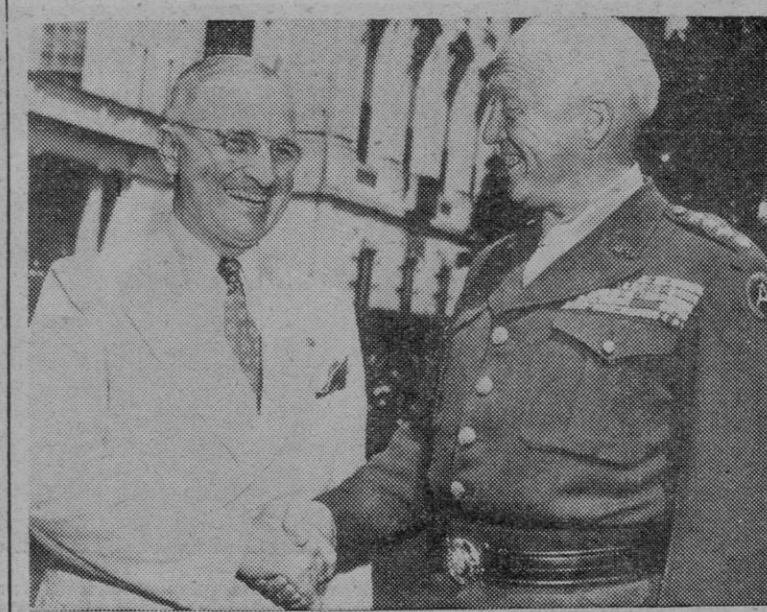
Promoted to brigadier general and commander of the First Armored Corps in California, he developed his Corps into one of the toughest outfits in the Army.

When the invasion of Africa was being planned, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower placed Patton in command of the task force troops. Typical was his study of the Koran while sailing on that expedition, but, equally typical, he was in the thickest of the fighting on shore. "It was a real nice fight," he reported back to Eisenhower.

The Pattons had a home in an old farmhouse at Hamilton, Mass. In his younger days, when he was ordered to Hawaii, instead of taking a steamer he bought a 52-foot sailing boat and sailed it by dead reckoning.



Patton takes bow from rear seat of sedan at Bedford, Mass., where huge crowd turned out to welcome Third Army commander.



President Truman shakes hands with Patton on the general's arrival in the States from Paris on June 7.

Nelson Voted World's No. 1 Male Athlete

Byron Captures Honor For Second Year in Row

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP).—Byron Nelson, winner of the national PGA championship and 18 other tournaments, today was named the world's No. 1 male athlete of 1945 by sports writers across the country who voted the honor to the Texan for the second consecutive year.

But the 33-year-old shotmaker encountered tougher opposition in the annual Associated Press poll than he did in most of his battles on the fairways—battles that fattened the Nelson bankroll by \$66,600 in war bonds.

Blanchard Real Competition
This time his competition came from durable Doc Blanchard, the Army's All-America fullback.

Of 82 sports writers participating in the poll, 36 of them placed Nelson at the top of the list, while 30 picked Blanchard as the best. On the basis of three points for the first-place vote, two for the second and one for the third, Nelson scored 161 points to Blanchard's 150.

Thirty-one athletes from all fields of sport were mentioned in the voting but Nelson was placed first, second or third on 70 of the 82 ballots and Blanchard on 65.

Newhouser Runs Third
It was strictly a two-man affair. Hal Newhouser, pitching hero of the world champion Detroit Tigers, got only seven first-place votes and wound up third with 73 points.

Nelson is the second man in the 15-year history of the poll to win the honor twice. Don Budge, former tennis champ, was named the outstanding athlete in 1937 and 1938. The only other golfer to finish first in the poll was Gene Sarazen, in 1932.

The leaders, with their first-place votes in parenthesis, follow:

ATHLETE, SPORT	Pts
Byron Nelson, Golf (36)	161
Felix Blanchard, Football (30)	150
Hal Newhouser, Baseball (7)	73
Glenn Davis, Football (2)	19
Phil Cavarretta, Baseball (1)	14
George Mikan, Basketball (1)	9
Bob Waterfield, Football	9
Hank Greenberg, Baseball (1)	7
Buddy Young, Football (1)	7
Bob Kurland, basketball, 4; Ray Robinson, boxing, 4; Don Hutson, football (1), 4; Hank Borowy, baseball (1), 4; Herman Wedemeyer, football, 3; Harry Gilmer, football (1), 3; Steve Van Buren, football, 3; Ben Hogan, golf, 2; George Stirnweiss, baseball, 2.	
One point each: Bob Fenimore, Frank Parker, Galt Bishop, Maurice Richard, Ted Atkinson, Jerry Niles, Paul Richards, Tommy Holmes, Dave Ferriss, Gunder Haegg, Billy Talbert, Sammy Baugh, Charlie Robbins.	

Flam Leading Junior Netter

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP).—Herb Flam, of Beverly Hills, today was ranked first among junior tennis players of the nation for 1945 by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

All rankings are subject to approval of the USLTA at its annual meeting, Jan. 19.

Others, in order, among the first ten in the rankings are:

Bernard Bartzan, San Angelo, Tex.; Herbert Behrens, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Richard Savitt, Bayonne, N.J.; Sidney Schwartz, Brooklyn; Tom Molloy, Panama City, Fla.; Hugh Stewart, San Marino, Calif.; Don Hamilton, Burbank, Calif.; Dean Mathey, Princeton, N.J., and McDonald Mathey, Princeton.

Lack of Priority Blocks U.S. Boxers' UK Jaunt

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the AAU, said today he had cabled London that it would be impossible to have the U.S. represented by a quartet of amateur boxers on Jan. 16. The trip was approved by the AAU early this month but Ferris said he had been unable to get the necessary visas and travel priorities to assure the boxers' arrival in London in time.

Dodgers Farm Nitcholas

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP).—The Brooklyn Dodgers yesterday announced the outright sale of pitcher Otho Nitcholas to their St. Paul farm club in the American Association.

Tarnished Golden Gophers 1945's Top Flop

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—The University of Minnesota football team, which started off like a house on fire and then lost five in a row, today was named the flop of the year in the annual Associated Press year-end poll.

It polled a total of 112 points compared to the St. Louis baseball Cardinals, whose failure to retain the National League pennant put them in second place at 32 points.

The failure of the Chicago Bears in the National Football League was ranked

third with 30 points, only one point ahead of the St. Louis Browns, who were expected to repeat their 1944 pennant winning of the American League.

Rounding out the remainder of top ten disappointments were Bill Nicholson, Chicago Cubs outfielder; Gunder Haegg, track star; Happy Chandler, baseball's new commissioner; the New York Baseball Yankees; Pitcher Mort Cooper, who was sold by the Cards to the Boston Braves, and the Navy football team, although only beaten once.

Trainers Open Court Battle

'Doping' Rule Is Attacked As Illegal

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21 (AP).—The American Trainers' Association asked the Baltimore City Circuit Court yesterday to declare unconstitutional a rule of the Maryland Racing Commission making trainers solely responsible when evidence of "doping" of horses is found.

Judge Joseph Sherbow signed an order giving the Racing Commission ten days in which to reply.

The action was taken by: John W. Gaver, president of The Trainers' Association and trainer of Col. John Hay Whitney's Greentree Stable; John A. Haley, vice-president and trainer of the Christiana Stable of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lunger of Wilmington, Del., and Janon Fisher Jr., owner-trainer and former president of the Maryland Horse Breeding Association.

Eight trainers have been under suspension in Maryland this fall in connection with stimulation charges at both Laurel Park and Pimlico. The Racing Commission has barred one for life, and two others for a one-year minimum. The hearings have been postponed in three other cases, while no decision has been made in two other cases where the hearings have been concluded.

Two days ago counsel for two trainers filed injunction proceedings in the Circuit Court to restrain the commission from conducting further hearings for E. A. Christmas, trainer for W. L. Brann, and Clay Sutphin, trainer for S. W. Labrot Jr. The commission had announced Wednesday that further hearings would be postponed indefinitely.

Tom Smith Rejoins Stable in California

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP).—Trainer Tom Smith, whose appeal of a one-year suspension for horse "doping" is being considered by the New York Racing Commission, arrived here today to be near the Maine Chance Farm's stable, now at Santa Anita.

The Maine Chance string quartered here includes Magnific Duel, the horse Smith was accused of stimulating with an ephedrine solution.

College Ace Denies Huge Yank Bonus

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Reports that he had signed a baseball contract with the New York Yankees for \$50,000 bonus were denied today by Bobby Brown, highly touted former Stanford University shortstop.

In denying reports out of San Francisco, Brown declared he would play baseball next season "but it will be with the Tulane University team." He intends to complete his education there "without a break."

Judnich to Return to Browns

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21 (AP).—Walter Judnich, former center fielder for the St. Louis Browns, has been released from the armed forces after two years and is ready to return to baseball. The Browns' office said today.

Canadiens Retain NHL Lead By Battling Hawks to Draw

MONTREAL, Dec. 20 (AP).—Montreal's Canadiens still set the pace in the National Hockey League today after resisting strong challenges from their closest contenders.

In one of the fastest games ever played at Chicago Stadium, the defending NHL champions battled the bullish Black Hawks to a 4-4 draw last night before 15,812 fans to retain their two-point hold on first place.

The division of points left Chicago in second place one point ahead of the Boston Bruins, who shaded the New York Rangers, 8-7, at Boston Garden. Wintery weather held the crowd to 9,424.

In the season's highest-scoring display the Bruins seemed fated to record their fourth straight deadlock. But with 41 seconds left, Herb Cain drove a six-foot shot home to give Boston the victory.

Cain obtained possession of the disc when Terry Reardon's skates deflected a pass from veteran Bill Cowley, who shared Boston's goal-getting honors with Bobby Bauer at two each.

Woody Dumart, Pat Egan and Reardon provided the other goals for Boston, which has been defeated only once since Nov. 10.

Fox Termed Louis' Peer

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21 (AP).—Billy Fox, 19-year-old slugger with 36 straight knockouts, is "a better boxer at his age than Joe Louis was," Frank Palermo, his manager, declared yesterday.

The lithe Negro from Philadelphia ran his consecutive kayo string to 36, Monday, by a convincing six-round technical knockout of George Kochan, front-ranking light-heavyweight from Dayton, Ohio.

"Billy's cold and he doesn't talk much," Palermo said. "He stalks his man like Louis and he even talks like him."

Fox's explosive-packed fists have ended nine of his 36 pro bouts in one round or less, 12 in two rounds, nine in three, four in four, one in six and one in seven.

Luckman Signs 2-Year Pact to Play for Bears

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP).—Sid Luckman, veteran Chicago Bear quarterback who had been wooed by the new All-America Conference, yesterday signed a two-year contract with the Chicago National Football League club.

The star field general and passer said he had been approached by three clubs of the rival league and received "most tempting offers," but added: "I started my professional career with the Bears and I intend to finish it with the Bears, too."

Jo-Jo Heads Pacific Hitters

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (AP).—Former major league outfielder Jo-Jo White of Sacramento led the Pacific Coast League in batting with a mark of .355 for 1945.

The veteran White, who—as a Detroit scout once observed—formerly "ran like a rabbit, but hit like one, too," led the loop by a wide margin with 244 base hits and tied for the lead in doubles with 46. Batting in the No. 1 or 2 spot all season, White drove in 88 runs in 177 games.

White, now 36, is not overly interested in returning to the majors. He reputedly is the highest-paid player in the coast circuit.

Named Wayne Coach

DETROIT, Dec. 21 (AP).—Johnny Newman, 170-pound junior fullback who prepped at Detroit's DeLaSalle High, yesterday was named captain of the 1946 Wayne University football team.

Diamond Stars Turn to Bowling Lanes



Hal Newhouser, mound ace of the world champion Detroit Tigers, tries his luck with a different kind of a ball as (left to right) Babe Ruth, Dizzy Trout, another Tiger pitcher, and Hank Borowy, Chicago Cubs hurler, look on. The diamond stars' bowling match was the highlight of a Victory Bond rally held in Mount Vernon, N.Y.



Byron Nelson

Count Did Wins Gulfstream's Feature Event

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP).—Count Did, owned by Mrs. A. B. Christopher, easily defeated a field of 11 other class D thoroughbreds yesterday in the featured Hendry Purse at Gulfstream Park.

Morton Newmeyer's heavily backed Milkstone was unable to overcome a sluggish getaway and hemmed close to the rail for most of the six-furlong sprint as Count Did closed up early and moved to the front in the stretch and scored by two lengths. Mrs. Jean Febridge's Long Shot was second by two lengths over Mrs. Louis Rabinowitz' Lost Control.

Colonel John, longest-priced winner of the meeting, returned \$182.80 for taking the first race, his first victory in 26 starts. When Easy Blend took the second at \$12.30 each of the Daily Double winners received \$780.90.

David Lewis' Old Silk and Bengston and Bagley's Son Forever copped two divisions of the Red River Purse at New Orleans' Fair Grounds.



East

Marshall 50, Maryland 43
Lehigh 57, Franklin and Marshall 38
Pittsburgh 67, Bethany 36
Navy 74, Bainbridge Naval 67

Midwest

Chicago 53, Depauw 54
Iowa Seahawks 51, Iowa State 34
Maryville (Mo.) Teachers 46, Kansas CB 37
Creighton 41, Morningside 32
Drake 53, Bradley 43
Peru (Neb.) 38, Wartburg 36
Jamestown (N.D.) 46, Aberdeen (S.D.) 30
Central State Teachers 58, Calvin 47
Concordia (Wis.) 42, Mission House 38
Fort Hayes St. 49, Kearney (Neb.) T. 33
Beloit 82, Carroll 40
Miami (O.) 52, Ball State 36
Illinois 62, Nebraska 51

South

Georgia Tech 52, Clemson 38
Camp Pickett 62, Camp Lee 33

Far West

Colorado A&M 52, Kansas State 43
Colorado 45, Buckley Field 47
Camp Carson 41, Colorado State 40
New Mexico 42, Arizona 37
British Columbia 65, Wash. State 51

11-Tilt Spring Slate Set by Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21 (AP).—The Indianapolis baseball club yesterday announced an 11-game spring exhibition schedule which involves ten games in Florida and a windup against Cincinnati at Indianapolis April 14.



GI Church Services

Paris PROTESTANT

Sunday Services at American Cathedral, 23 Ave. George V, communion 0700 and 0900, General service 0930, Cathedral service 1045, evening service 1830, American Church of Paris, 65 Quai d'Orsay, worship service 1100, St. Georges (Anglican), 7 Rue Auguste-Vacquerie, communion service 0830 and 1100, Church of Christ, 27 Rue S. Guillaume, 1930. Weekday communion at American Cathedral 0700, Lutheran Service Center, 10 Rue de Duras, services 1100 and 1930.

Special Christmas services: American Cathedral Christmas Eve, Carol Candlelight service, 1830. Midnight choral communion, 2315. Christmas Day, Holy communion 0700, 0900. Choral communion and sermon 1045. American Church, Christmas Eve, Carol Candlelight service, 2245. Christmas Day Open House in the Church House 1600 to 1900.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass: St. Joseph's, 50, Ave. Hoche, 1000, 1700; St. Pierre's, 33 Ave. Marceau, 1000; Church of the Madeleine, 1800.

Weekday Mass: Headquarters Chapel, RM 8 Majestic Hotel, 1145 and 1745. Confessions: St. Joseph's, any time daily except 1200 to 1500. Madeleine, Saturdays 1700 to 1930, Sundays 1700 to 1800. Majestic: Hotel, Chaplain's Section, daily.

Devotions, Miraculous Medal Novena, St. Joseph's, Tuesday 1930.

JEWISH

Sunday synagogue, 44 Rue de la Victoire, Metro Trinite, 1030 Friday 1930, followed by "Oneg Shabat," Saturday 0900. Social activities every evening at the JWB center in the synagogue.

BAPTIST

Ave. du Maine Church, 48 Rue de Lille (Metro du Bac), 1900 hours. Fellowship meeting, 2000 hours Thursday, 2015 Sunday.

MORMON

Sunday Services at Hotel Jubilee, 120 Champs-Élysées 1030 and 1930. Recreational evening every Sat. night at 1930, same place, Sunday school 1030. Special Christmas Service, 1930.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Sunday services at 10 Avenue d'Iéna, 1115, Wednesday 2030, 58 Blvd Flandrén, Sunday, 1115, 2015; Wednesday, 2000; 45 Rue de la Boétie, Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 2100.

St. Dizier

Sunday Mass and Confession at the college chapel, 0900.

Versailles

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass: Notre Dame Church, Rue Paroisse, 1530

Reims Area

PROTESTANT

Sunday: 0900 Protestant Temple, 13 Bld. Dundy, 1000, Maison de Retraite, 1030, Christian Science, 80 Rue de Vesle; Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Sunday 1400, Sacrament Service, Tuesday 1900, Activity Meeting at the Protestant Temple, Wednesday Christian Science, 89 Rue de Vesle 2000 hours Sunday, 2000, Christian Science 89 Rue de Vesle.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass: Cathedral, 0900 and 1600, Daily Mass Cathedral, 0700 Novena: Tuesday, 1900, Confessions: Saturday, Cathedral, 1600-1930, Sunday 0900-0900.

JEWISH

Friday, 1900 hours, 49 Rue Clovis, Saturday: 0900, 1945 Ethics class: 1930, 2000, Music class: 2100 Vespers, Sunday: 1030.

Le Havre

MORMON

Latter Day Saints, Chaplain's Office, Hqs., Camp Phipp Morris, Sunday, 1400.

CATHOLIC

Sunday: Port de Tourneville chapel, 0900; Gangplanck Theater 1000, Home Run, 1000, Phillip Morris, 1000, 1130, Herbert Tareyton, 0900, 1615; Wings, 1000

PROTESTANT

Sunday: Select Theater, 1000, Fort de Tourneville Chapel 1100; Home Run, 1100; Phillip Morris, 1000, 1800; Herbert Tareyton, 1000, 1830; Protestant Church, 55 Rue Thiers, 1100, 1930; Camp Wings, 1000, Christian Science services Sunday, Thursday, 2000 at 204 Rue Aristide-Briand.

JEWISH

Synagogue, 5 Impasse des Ormeaux, today, 1930, Saturday, Herbert Tareyton Chapel, 1100; Pall Mall chaplain's office, 1400, Sunday, Phillip Morris chaplain's office, 1000

Marseille

MORMON

Sunday: Hotel de Bordeaux, 11 Blvd. d'Athènes, 1030.

Nice

PROTESTANT

Holy Trinity Church, 12 rue de France 11 rue de la Butte Sunday Holy Communion at 0930, Sunday Morning Worship Service at 0945, Weekdays Holy Communion, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1000, Services by Chaplain R. I. Du Brau. Services conducted by local clergy Church of the Holy Spirit, 21 Bd. Victor-Hugo, Sunday services at 0830 and 1030, (Episcopal)

CATHOLIC

Saint Peter's Church, 62 rue de France Sundays and Weekdays Mass at 0900, Sundays and Weekdays Confession at 0845, Saturdays Confession at 1600, Services by Chaplain J. L. Toner.

JEWISH

Temple Israelite, 1 rue Gustave Deloye, Friday service at 1945, Saturday service at 1000 Services by U.S. Army Chaplain Carl Miller

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Christian Science Church, 7 rue Gaellan, Sunday service at 1100, Wednesday service at 2030, Reading Room open daily from 1400 to 1700.

ORTHODOX

Russian Cathedral, Bd du Tzarevitch, Sunday Orthodox Mass at 1000.

Dick Tracy

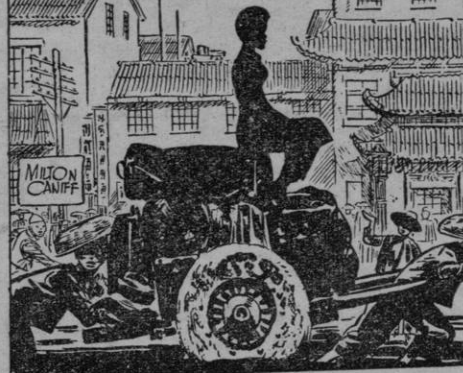
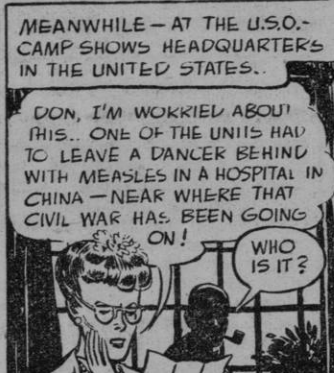
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Terry and The Pirates

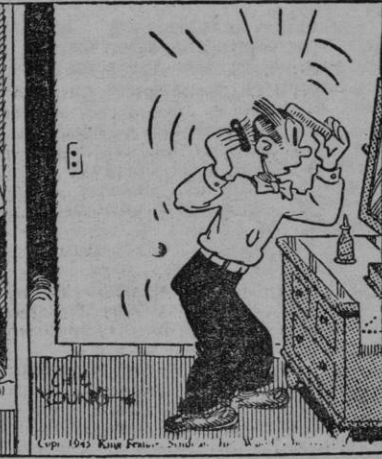
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By Ham Fisher

Special Religious Services For Paris GIs Xmas Week

Special religious and musical programs to be held during Christmas week for soldiers of the Paris area were announced today by TSFET Hqs.

The 102nd Inf. Div. Chorus, made up of 55 combat veterans, will appear as part of the regular program of the Olympia Theater from Christmas Day to Jan. 1. The group, which has appeared widely in Germany and over AFN, has also been invited to sing before Gen. Charles de Gaulle on Christmas Eve at the benefit performance of "La Nuit du Déporté" at Salle Pleyel.

Christmas church services, as announced by Maj. Albert J. Dubois, senior chaplain for Seine Section, will include Solemn High Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve at Sacré Cœur Church, Montmartre, and Mass on Christmas Day at 6 PM at Madeleine Church for Catholics. For Episcopalians, Solemn Procession and Solemn High Mass will be held at St. George's Church, 7 Rue Auguste Vacquerie, at 11:30 PM Christmas Eve, a Choral Communion at 11:15 PM Christmas Eve at the American Cathedral, 23 Avenue George V, and Holy Communion at 7 AM Christmas Day at the American Cathedral.

Protestant services will be conducted at 9:30 AM Christmas Day at the American Cathedral, and a Candlelight Worship service at 10:45 PM Christmas Eve at the American Church, 65 Quai d'Orsay. For the Antwerp area, the following religious services will be held for Catholics: Solemn Mid-

night Mass at St. Anthony's Church, with confessions from 10:30 to 12 midnight; Midnight Mass at Camp Top Hat Chapel.

For Protestants: Christmas services at 11:45 PM on Christmas Eve and at 9 AM Christmas Day at the Servicemen's Church, 9 Bex Street, Antwerp, and at 10:30 AM Christmas Day at Luchtbal Barracks Chapel.

German Interzone Travel Ban Eased

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Restrictions on the travel of German civilians which prohibited interzonal movement have been relaxed for citizens in seven specific categories whose work requires such travel, a coordinating committee of the Allied Control Council announced today. Special passes good for one year will be issued on application to church officials, doctors, technicians on reconstruction projects, agents of interzone business, citizens engaged in approved enterprises requiring travel in two or more zones and employees of central administrative agencies under the Allied Control Council.

How's That Again Dept.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP).—"Many a GI Joe is learning to appreciate the Army," The Washington Star said, "now that two million of them have been reduced to the bleak democracy of civilian dress."

19-Pound Son Born To Kentucky Woman

ASHLAND, Ky., Dec. 21 (ANS).—Mrs. John Castle, 40, gave birth to a 19-pound boy here. It was her twelfth child. Physicians said the condition of mother and child was satisfactory.

Leap Saves Couple As 4 Children Die

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Three sisters and their brother perished in a fire which swept their bungalow in sub-zero temperatures in suburban Summit Tuesday. Their parents jumped from their bedroom window and escaped.

The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jacques were trapped in their bedrooms as flames spread through the two-story brick and wood structure. Policemen climbed into a rear window and carried out two of the sisters, Mary Ann, 23, and Alice, 22, but they were dead on arrival at a hospital. The bodies of Therese, 17, and Michael, 14, were found in second-floor bedrooms.

Passenger Office Moved

The Passenger Branch, Transportation Section, TSFET, has been moved from 23 rue de la Paix to 11 rue Scribe. The office handles all railway and boat-train warrants and dispatches taxis and buses. Transportation Section Hqs. is now in the Hotel Majestic annex.

Olympia Admission Raised

The admission price for the Olympia Theater has been increased from 25 to 30 francs, effective Dec. 25, it was announced yesterday by Seine Section Special Services. The five-franc increase, it was said, will make it possible to continue the present quality of entertainment offered by the theater.

Major Admits IG Reprimand At Lichfield

By Ed Rosenthal
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Maj. Richard E. LoBuono, key defense witness in the Lichfield trials, admitted today he was reprimanded under the 104th Article of War while serving as provost marshal at the 10th Reinforcement Depot.

The reprimand, which might have been for "neglect," he testified followed an IG investigation of prison conditions at Lichfield. LoBuono told the court that he did not know the reason for the reprimand, even though he had received a lengthy letter describing his offense.

Proving the circumstances surrounding the offense Capt. Earl J. Carroll, assistant prosecutor, told LoBuono that the reprimand represented a "form of criminal punishment" and that acceptance of the reprimand was equal to a plea of guilty. Asked where the letter of reprimand was now, the witness said he had sent it back to the U.S. with his 201 file.

'Dereliction' Article

(The 104th Article generally applies to minor offenses including "dereliction not involving moral turpitude.")

LoBuono inadvertently mentioned the reprimand when Carroll was questioning him about his 66-1 card, admitted in evidence by the court in order to refresh the major's memory about his promotion. The card showed that while Col. James A. Kilian, post CO, gave LoBuono a rating of "superior" or "excellent" during 1943 and 1944 at Lichfield, the major's rating under other commanding officers dropped to "very satisfactory" from January to the middle of April, 1945.

LoBuono testified 1945's ratings were filled in after an IG investigation of the prison in late April.

The witness' indirect answers under exhaustive cross-examination tried the patience of both court and prosecution. The court directed him on several occasions to reply directly to questions. At one point, Carroll became so irritated at the witness that he cited LoBuono's education as a graduate of Syracuse University and a student of romance languages. LoBuono replied:

"I've been hounded for seven months. I can't think straight I'm mixed up." Carroll then told him to relax in his chair and answer questions to the best of his ability.

Gets Perjury Warnings

During one flareup when LoBuono's testimony conflicted with statements he had given the IG, Carroll, attempting to impeach the witness, asked the court to sentence LoBuono to the seriousness of perjury. The court complied.

One of the flareups concerned LoBuono's testimony about his duties as provost marshal. Under direct examination, he told the court he was responsible for prisoners at Lichfield. Today he was unable to recall that he had made that statement two weeks ago.

In LoBuono's original testimony, he stated he had received no complaints of mistreatment from prisoners and praised the conduct of Sgt. Jackson H. Smith, former guard, now on trial for mistreating prisoners.

Fleet Was Alerted Ten Days Before Dec. 7. Probe Told

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Ten days before Pearl Harbor the Pacific Fleet got specific orders which should have sent it onto the high seas ready to fight, Adm. Richard Kelly Turner, Navy war plans chief in 1941, told the Pearl Harbor Investigative Committee today.

In fact, Turner told Congressmen, he had assumed for days that the fleet was at sea until news came of Japan's disaster-dealing Dec. 7, 1941 raid on anchored ships at Hawaii.

At sea he declared was "the place for them under Adm. Kimmel's operating plan." Adm. Husband E. Kimmel was commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet when the Japanese struck.

24 Die in Truck's Fall From Bridge to Canal

ROME, Dec. 21 (AP).—Several Italian morning newspapers today reported that 24 were killed when a truck plunged off a bridge into a canal near Arzana in the vicinity of La Spezia.

Lung Infection Fatal To Patton After Crash

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turned left off the highway across the path of Patton's car. MP investigators said the truck was traveling at 10 miles per hour and that Patton's automobile was going 35 miles per hour.

The front of Patton's car was smashed but there was little damage to the truck. Other occupants of the car—Maj. Gen. Hobart R. Gay, 15th Army chief of staff; Pfc Horace Woodring, the driver, and Patton's dog, Willie—were not hurt.

Patton and Gen. Gay were on their way to a peasant aunt near Mannheim from their headquarters at Bad Nauheim.

A Red Cross girl at a nearby doughnut dugout was witness to the accident. Patton was driving a 1941 Buick, 500 yards away and summoned Maj. Charles Tucker, CO of the battalion, and his medical officer, Capt. Ned Snyder.

An ambulance was rushed from the 130th Sta. Hosp. at Heidelberg, 20 miles away, to the scene in 25 minutes, and Patton was treated immediately by Lt. Col. Paul S. Hill. Patton complained that his neck hurt and during the emergency treatment did not lose consciousness.

There was blood on the back seat of the Cadillac where Patton was riding. The entire front seat of the auto was wrecked but all windows were intact.

Wife Flew From U.S.

The general's wife left by plane from Washington shortly after she was notified that her husband was in a serious condition, reaching his bedside two days later.

At Mrs. Patton's request Dr. Hugh Cairns, professor of neuro-surgery at Oxford University, was flown from England to treat the general. Mrs. Patton was accompanied from the U.S. by Col. R. Glenn Spuring.

Gen. McNarney Hails Patton As Great Fighter, Great Man

FRANKFURT, Dec. 21.—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of American Forces in Europe tonight lauded the gallantry of Gen. George S. Patton Jr. and his "fighting heart." His statement said:

"It is my painful duty to announce the death of a great fighter and a great man.

"Gen. George S. Patton Jr. died peacefully at 5:30 PM tonight at the 130th Station Hospital of injuries suffered in an automobile accident last Dec. 9. His injuries

were grave, but his fight to overcome them was gallant. He went down fighting. Gen. Patton could have died no other way.

"And for those of us over here who love him and for all the world who applauded his bravery, there is a sudden, empty feeling.

"He brought to us a large part of our magnificent victory and this, I feel, is too well-known to need description.

"The world tonight is a poorer place without the fighting heart of George Patton."

400 GI Prisoners to Sail Next Week for Jails in U.S.

By Joe Mackey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARSEILLE, Dec. 21.—Four hundred prisoners from the Army's disciplinary training center near here, including 57 inter-termers charged with such crimes as murder and desertion in time of war, will be "redeployed" from this port next week under heavy guard. They will go to Federal institutions in the U.S.

The men are scheduled to sail on the Libby, said George M. Biss, which is being repaired after having undergone minor damage while berthing. The Biss originally was scheduled to carry 434 redeployees of the 3225 QM Serv. Co. and 135 men of the 3889 QM Truck Co., but they will leave instead on the Moses Cleveland, a Liberty ship which arrived today.

These 400 prisoners will be the first of a total of 1,600 to be sent from Southern France to the U.S. soon. Three other shipments will be made before Jan. 20 according to Lt. Col. Edward B. Hempstead of Walla Walla Wash., who operates the Disciplinary Training Center.

The prisoners including six officers, range from 19 to 39 years of age represent nearly every state in the Union and have names beginning with every letter but X. Twenty-two of them, only two of whom are lifers, are listed as "conduct prisoners." Police boats will meet the ships in New York.

Regular redeployment went on today under the continued handicap of bad weather. It was not known whether all four of the ships on the day's sailing schedule would get out, and arrivals were uncertain.

The first, 259 men of the Second Armd. Div. arrived at Calas Staging Area today.

Java Leader Speaks



Dr. Sukarno, Premier of the unrecognized Indonesian Republic in Java, addresses a youth rally at Jogjakarta.

Gen. M'Arthur Denies Report He'll Quit Post

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (AP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today flatly denied a radio report that he might resign as Supreme Allied Commander in Japan because of occupation disagreements with the Russians.

He issued the statement of denial, his second in recent weeks, in reply to questions concerning a broadcast from Tokyo by American Broadcasting Correspondent Larry Tighe who had said that MacArthur and the Russians had disagreed over the scope of Russian activities.

"The question of Russian occupation (in the occupation of Japan) is a matter for other decision than my own," MacArthur stated.

"I am here to serve and not to hinder or obstruct the American government," the general pointed out. "It is my full purpose to see the thing through."

Congress OKs New GI Rights

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their education was interfered with to be eligible for educational benefits.

5—Increase in maximum government loan guarantee from \$2,000 to \$4,000 on real estate.

6—Real estate loans to be arranged by recognized lending agencies, the veteran and the local sponsor of Veterans Administration; agreement of the three to be binding on the Administration. Business loans still would require Administration approval.

7—Easing up on loans by substituting "reasonable value" of property as the basic consideration instead of "normal reasonable value."

8—Additional purposes on which loan may be obtained and more time to pay back real estate loan.

9—Americans who fought for Allied governments will come under the bill.

Pecora Rules Out Hospital Strikes

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Employees of hospitals do not have the right to strike because of a compelling necessity for their service to continue without interruption. Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora ruled yesterday in granting a permanent injunction against work stoppages at New York Hospital.

Pecora emphasized that any individual had the right to leave his job, but he stressed that an organization must not strike against a hospital, although it has the right to picket.

Hungary Rations Hot Meals

LONDON, Dec. 21 (UP).—Hungarian authorities ordered a ration of only one hot meal daily per person during the last week because of the nation's food shortage. Radio Budapest reported last night,

No Xmas Fare For War Gang In Trial Halt

NUREMBERG, Dec. 21 (AP).—Hope that evidence against the 21 leading Nazis and half dozen top Nazi organizations may be finished by the end of January was expressed today by the prosecution staff as the Tribunal began its 1 day holiday recess.

Members of the Tribunal and prosecution staffs scattered to all parts of Europe and a few returned to the United States for the holidays.

The defendants were returned to their cells to spend the Christmas season. The recess will be marked by special opportunities for them to participate in religious services but it will bring only routine prisoner-of-war fare.

U.S., British Near End

In the month since the Tribunal convened, American and British prosecutors virtually completed their share of evidence under general terms of the indictment. When court reconvenes Jan. 2, Chief American Prosecutor Robert H. Jackson's staff is scheduled to finish its case against the Gestapo and Nazi Security Police, then proceed with evidence against the German High Command and the General Staff.

With completion of cases against organizations, the prosecution is scheduled to swing immediately to submission of evidence intended to show individual responsibility of the 21 defendants.

Crimes Against Humanity

This is to be followed by Russian and French evidence of war crimes against humanity, final phase of the prosecution case.

An attempt to have the Tribunal brand the Nazi Leadership Corps, SS and SA including the affiliated SD Gestapo Reich Cabinet and German Armed Forces Command and General Staff as criminal groups has been strictly a United States affair so far.

More Trials Seen

A declaratory judgment that the six groups are criminal would enable other Allied Military courts in Germany to start trying many thousands of organization members. In such trials, Jackson explained, "every defense would be open to the accused individual except that he might not deny the findings made by this Tribunal as to the character of the organization of which he was a member."

The condition of defendant Ernst Kaltenbrunner, who was hospitalized after a second cranial hemorrhage, was reported improved today. His temperature was normal and the hospital reported he had "a very good night."

Byrnes Heads Big 3 Session

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes presided today at the sixth session of the Big Three foreign ministers' conference after the five previous meetings had consumed almost 23 hours, but there was still no official indication of the progress of the talks.

Whatever views are being exchanged, it is clear that the conferees are working hard. In addition to the daily plenary session, there are meetings between Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, between Bevin and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, and between Molotov and Byrnes. Each of the three foreign ministers spends several hours a day with his advisers.

Molotov Gives Party

But typical of the kind of news that is being given out is the item about a full-scale reception given last night by Molotov for his Anglo-American guests and members of the Moscow diplomatic corps at which friendship and collaboration were toasted in vodka, wine and champagne.

Byrnes was accompanied at the reception by U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, his daughter Kathleen, John Jernigan, secretary to the U.S. Embassy in Teheran who had come to Moscow to report on the Iranian situation, and other American diplomats.

4 Drown in Boat Accident

ANTWERP, Dec. 21 (AP).—Four men were drowned when a Belgian pilot boat was rammed and sunk by a U.S. Navy motor boat port officials announced today. Only three crew members of the pilot boat were able to swim ashore.