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One Year Ago Today
Americans check German thrusts on flanks of counter-offensive in Luxembourg and Belgium. Spies in Allied uniforms infiltrate into American lines.

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The Weather Today

PARIS: Haze, high clouds—50
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DOVER: Cloudy—45
GERMANY: Cloudy—48

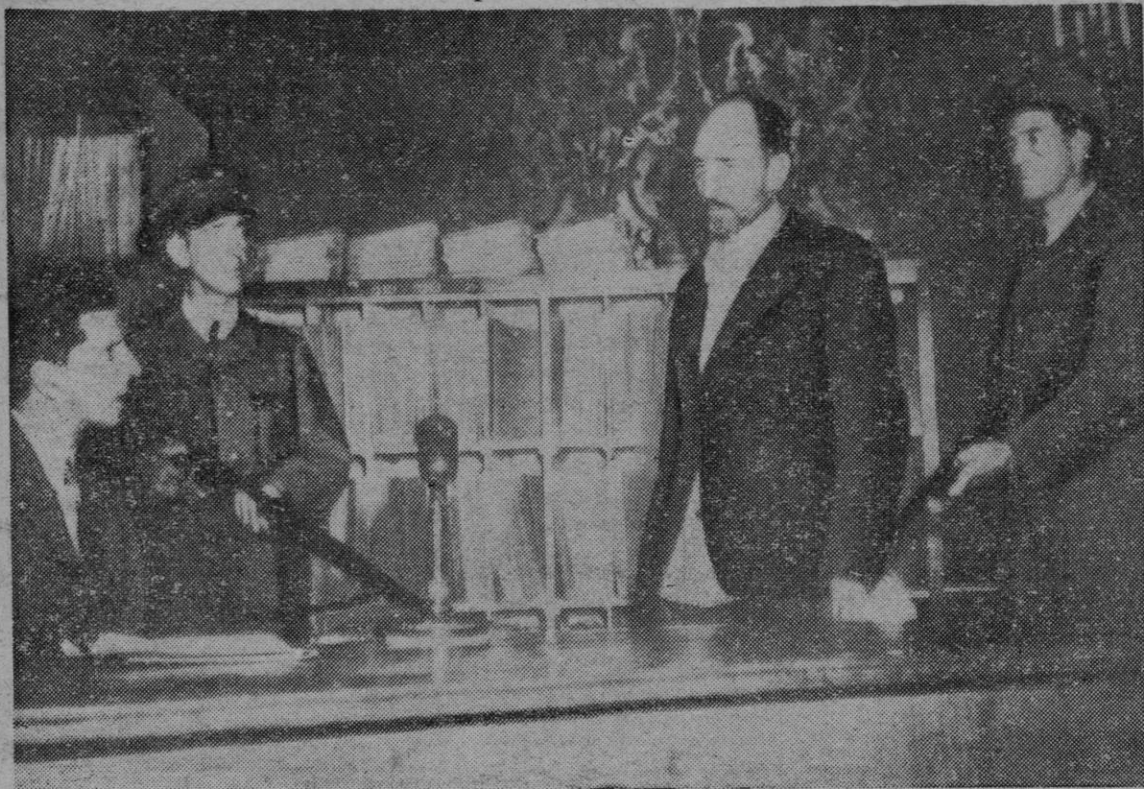
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Auschwitz Prisoner Camp Chief Quizzed by Former Internee



Wilhelm Grabner, former chief of the Auschwitz concentration camp, who has been accused of causing the deaths of a million persons, including a number of Russian prisoners, is questioned by Dr. Heinrich Dumayer, a former internee. Guards stand by with loaded rifles during the interrogation in Vienna.

Stalin. With a Fine Tan, Sees Byrnes and Bevin

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (AP).—Premier Josef V. Stalin met separately in the Kremlin last night with U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in the midst of their conferences with his foreign minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

Byrnes, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman left Stalin at 10 PM after an hour-and-a-half conference at which Molotov and Charles Bohlen, head of the State Department's Russian section also were present.

What they talked about was not divulged, but Harriman reported

Mrs. Roosevelt UNO Delegate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP).—Four delegates including Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to represent the U.S. in the United Nations General Assembly were nominated today by President Truman, as Congress gave final approval to legislation assuring American participation in the world peace agency.

In addition to President Roosevelt's widow, Mr. Truman named Sen. Tom Connally (D-Iowa), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.) who was also a delegate to the San Francisco Conference, and former Secretary of State Edward J. Stettinius.

Stettinius also was named U.S. representative on the United Nations Council with the rank of ambassador who in the absence of the President and the Secretary of State will act as senior U.S. delegate to the UNO.

The President announced that Secretary of State James F. Byrnes now in Moscow for the foreign ministers conference would attend the opening of the Assembly in London Jan. 10.

(According to a Reuter dispatch, Congressional approval of the UNO bill followed the insertion of a new clause requiring Senate approval of any U.S. representatives to be appointed to a UNO commission on atomic energy or to similar commissions.)

As alternate delegates the President nominated chairman So. Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Reps. Charles Eaton (R-N.J.) and John G. Townsend (R-Del.) former Postmaster General Frank C. Walker and John Foster Dulles, New York attorney who served during the last Presidential campaign as Thomas E. Dewey's adviser on foreign policy.

Red Press Is Mum on Talks

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (UP).—The Soviet press failed again yesterday to devote a word to the big Three foreign ministers conference, and Moscow radio reported only Stalin's meeting with the U.S. and British ministers without mentioning the conference.

that the Soviet Premier looked "even better than when I saw him at the end of October. He has a fine tan and looks well and rested," he said.

Bevin met with Stalin earlier in the evening, with Molotov and British Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark Kerr present.

The Kremlin meetings followed an afternoon session of the foreign ministers conference that started somewhat later than usual after Molotov had played host to the American and British delegations.

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Halt Civil War, China Reds Ask

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (AP).—As Gen. George C. Marshall, new U.S. Special Ambassador to China arrived here today, a Communist spokesman revealed that his party had asked the Nationalists to agree to a mutual and immediate unconditional cessation of hostilities.

Lu Ting Yi, Communist delegate to the peace conference to be held in Chungking, denied reports that hostilities had ceased. He said that he would seek an interview with Marshall and that the latter probably would be invited to visit Communist headquarters in Yenan.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had been reported to be in Shanghai for the envoy's arrival, but he did not appear at the airfield. It was expected that Marshall would fly to Nanking, perhaps tomorrow, for his first meeting with the generalissimo since the Cairo conference.

In Chungking, meanwhile, the Communist newspaper New China Daily News said that "intensive fighting broke out Tuesday within a radius of 20 miles of Peiping and Tientsin" and that Nationalist troops, supported by Japanese and puppet troops, opened a drive "under cover of swarms of planes."

First Airborne Army Will Disband at Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The First Airborne Army will be disbanded with the arrival of the new year and the 78th Inf. Div. will assume responsibility and control of activities at U.S. headquarters, Berlin district. Maj. Gen. Ray W. Barker of Washington, will command the new garrison and serve as military governor of the district.

Patter of Tiny Feet—by Mail— Tells Senate GI Dads Want Out

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senators heaved sighs of relief when Selective Service announced the end of the father draft yesterday, and started praying for an end to the deluge of baby shoes and booties which have been arriving in the oddest loopy yet.

In the battle to get fathers out of the Army, wives have turned for ammunition to bits of knitted wool and pink and blue embroidered silk.

"Please send my daddy some lisped messages attached to the infant footwear most of which came from Wisconsin mothers who are members of a 'Bring Back Daddy' club. Senators admitted they were stumped by this gentle attempt to boot them into action.

"I don't know what to do with them," Sen. Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, sighed

over a dozen pairs of little slippers which he exhibited to an Associated Press reporter.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) bucked the problem—and the booties—on to the War Department, with a whimsically seasonal suggestion to the generals: "Be a good Santa Claus and let the fathers out."

The pelting from little shoes which Sen. Chapman Revere (D-R-Va.) received doubtless had something to do with a motion picture filed before the Selective Service step was taken, asking Senate action on a bill to release all fathers immediately and stop further drafting of them.

Besides halting the draft of fathers, Selective Service officials instructed draft boards yesterday not to accept on a volunteer basis any father with three or more children.

Prosecution Blasts Lichfield Major for His Weak Memory

By Art White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Maj. Richard E. LoBuono, former Tenth Reinf. Depot provost marshal, was declared a "hostile witness" today by the military court hearing the Lichfield trial, after assistant prosecutor Capt. Earl J. Carroll had accused him of having a memory "far worse" than any previous witness at the trial.

99,456 in ETO Eligible for Release Jan. 1

By Johnnie Brown

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A total of 95,753 EM and 3,703 officers in the ETO will become eligible for discharge on points Jan. 1 when the critical score drops to 50 for EM and 70 for officers. GI of USFET Rear revealed yesterday.

At the same time the personnel section estimated that the number of EM eligible the first of the year because of length of service only will not exceed 5,200 in this theater. Redeployment records showed that most men who are eligible because of length of service are also eligible on points.

Enlisted men with three and one-half years' active service and officers with four years' active service since Sept. 16 1940 will be eligible for release New Year's Day.

The length of service feature is not computed on VJ-Day basis, as was indicated in yesterday's release from Washington. A man is eligible any time he completes the required length of service.

GI figures here show that on Dec. 1 there were 378,975 GIs in the theater with 55 or more points and 179,630 of them were in the redeployment pipeline.

On the same date, according to (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

Navy Orders Gag on Merger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In quick reaction to President Truman's demand for unification of the services to which it is strenuously opposed, the Navy today slapped a gag on its officers to forestall any "public utterances" in connection with the plan.

In the House, meanwhile, opposition to the service merger appeared developing, with Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) declaring according to a New York Herald Tribune dispatch, that any such proposal would "sink the Navy."

Vinson was quoted as saying that the Truman plan "smacks of the Germany of the Kaiser and of Hitler and of Japanese militarism." "It is a frightening manifestation of military power-politics which we would view with suspicion and dismay if it were introduced in any of our sister democracies," he asserted.

In view of the bitterness of the feud between the services in connection with the unification scheme, Washington observers credited Truman with an understatement when he described the battle in his message to congress as "the free discussion which has taken place between the services."

Patton Has Bad Night, With Coughing Spells

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 20 (AP).—Gen. George S. Patton, still partly paralyzed, spent an uncomfortable night during which he experienced considerable coughing and excessive bronchial secretions, according to today's medical bulletin.

The general had shown steady improvement since he was injured in an auto accident a week ago Sunday, the report said, adding that the cause of the "uncomfortable night" was not determined immediately.

The court's action, taken at Carroll's request, gives the prosecution the right to try to impeach LoBuono, whom they had called up for routine testimony concerning introduction of a document.

Four times during LoBuono's first 20 minutes on the stand, the president of the court told him to "speak up" and face the members who are trying Sgt. Judson H. Smith, former Lichfield guard, for alleged brutality.

On Dec. 6 when he testified for the first time at the trial as a defense witness, LoBuono said Smith "handled the prisoners in an excellent manner at all times."

Proposes Impeachment

It was after LoBuono said he did not remember a prisoner named Pvt. Earl L. Bolton at Lichfield guardhouse, not the IG investigation there into Bolton's death that Carroll said, "We ask that he be declared a hostile witness for the purpose of impeachment."

Bolton, a Negro soldier formerly confined in the Lichfield guardhouse, died from "a massive intracerebral hemorrhage" possibly caused by having his head rammed against a wall, according to an IG report.

Maj. LoBuono testified that he could not remember any officer coming the depot making specific inquiries about Bolton's death, "although it may have occurred." He added that it was very difficult for him to recall specific cases "because there were so many inquiries about that time at the depot concerning lots of things."

Hotly questioned by Carroll, LoBuono said he could not remember giving a statement last April to Lt. Col. Lawrence W. Varner, author of the IG report, in connection with the Bolton investigation, although the prosecution contended he did.

Because LoBuono was called this time by the prosecution he had to be declared a hostile witness under court-martial procedure before the prosecution could attempt to impeach him.

Earlier, general prisoner John Ayers told the court that when he was at Lichfield two prisoners were (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Probe Stymied In GM Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—The fact-finding board appointed to study the General Motors strike found itself temporarily stymied in preliminary hearings here today when the question arose as to whether the board should consider profits and prices in connection with wage-increase demands.

Lloyd K. Garrison, chairman of the GM fact-finding panel, announced after argument on the issue that the board would adjourn until it decided whether to consider evidence on prices and profits. No help in arriving at the decision would be asked from government officials, he indicated.

If the board decides to study prices and profits it is likely to face the objection of GM, which so far has refused to open its books for inspection by either the union or the board.

Further labor troubles were expected today as 16,000 electrical workers in New York and New Jersey said they would strike Jan. 3 to support a 30 percent wage demand against Western Electric.

At the same time, the AFL union of Western Union employees reported that a strike had been ordered after Jan. 7, following breakdown of negotiations with the company on 13 issues, including a demand for a 25 percent wage increase.

Legislator Leaves 6 Millions

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 20 (AP).—Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, former Illinois Representative, left an estate of \$6,863,000, according to an inventory filed in court yesterday by her husband, Albert G. Simms, as executor.



Sweated Out His Watch

Six months ago, May 25, '45, I turned my watch in to a PX for repair. I paid \$26 for it at the PX only two months before, so it must have been a good watch.

Editor's note: Above letter was referred to Army Exchange Service, who replied that Sgt. Nalesnik's watch had been mailed to him by registered mail on Nov. 17.

AES also declared scarcity of replacement parts necessitated unavoidable delays. Additional time is lost in the complexity of incorrect or non-current mailing addresses.

Puppins too?

Many combat soldiers have had the experience of fighting in a particular town, group of woods, or hill ridge for so long they are familiar with every spot. Fine: but when they go home, all the conversation in the world isn't going



to convey the true situation to their friends and families.

In short, could maps be declassified so that a man could order one of his favorite battleground and take it home with him?

The Army is using the backs of many of these maps to print AG forms on anyway; why not release them to EM and officers alike for their souvenir value?—Lt. W. Sikle, 42d Inf. Div.

Administrative 'NAFU'?

Why is it now that we are on a special-duty job, we have been refused rations by U.S. Army dumps? Our job is to provide rapid movement of craft up and down the rivers in Germany, and we have had to place men in the French and British zones to check loadings, passings, sailings, etc.

I think it is a hell of a note that we cannot even draw from our Allies rations for a few men. In several instances, we have had to draw German civilian rations. Our Army has refused us with the statement: "No provision has been made for a circumstance like this."—Lt., Rhine Branch, IWTS.

Mail Wail Mounts

We ain't mad at the topkick. We don't want dates with nurses. We never complain about chow. We have no interest in points or shipping schedules. We don't even want to go home.

But where the hell is our mail? We are damned fed up with not getting any mail for six weeks, and somebody had better do something quick.—Bremen Homeguards, OMG, Bremen.

Mail that my mother sent to me has been coming back to her with a stamp—"for better address." The same thing has happened to other mail, my friends tell me. My last letter took 37 days. In every case the original address was correct and did find me when mailed the second time.

Letters written to this outfit covering the period of 15 to 30 Sept. have simply disappeared. No one seems to know anything about it. A little explanation about these delays would help us stand the mail mix-up.—S/Sgt. M. M. Meek, 1262 MP Co. (Avn.).

82,000 GIs Jam Coast Ports in Yule Rail Rush

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—The Army declared that 82,000 GIs from the Pacific would have to spend Christmas in West Coast ports awaiting transportation home unless the rail jam cleared up.

Hoping to relieve the situation, the Office of Defense Transportation ordered all railroads west of the Mississippi to move troop trains "just as fast as they do their regular passenger trains" from now until March 1.

The Army's statement reported that more than 35,000 soldiers had been waiting in excess of 48 hours for trains to the East as of Monday midnight. With 110,700 more troops expected to reach West Coast ports between now and Dec. 24, the backlog will continue to mount rapidly.

Eight troopships including the ice-coated liner Europa, docked Monday in New York, bringing home 11,000 veterans.

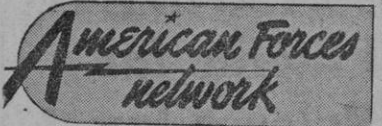


Table with columns for Time and TODAY, listing radio programs like News, Music, and Sports.

Table with columns for Time and TOMORROW, listing radio programs for the next day.

Short Wave 6.080 and 3.565 Meg. Paris 610 Kc Normandy 1.204 Kc.

Innocent, Says Mrs. Deveny

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Mrs. Eleanor Deveny yesterday pleaded innocent at her arraignment on charges she contributed to the delinquency of the boy eloper Ellsworth (Sonny) Wise-carver, 16. She was ordered to appear Monday for designation of a date for her trial.

Jap Votes in China



Chieko Niitsu, of Osaka, Japan, a Japanese civilian in Shanghai awaiting transportation home, marks her ballot in the first election held since the outbreak of war.

Braden Calls Human Liberty U.S. Obligation

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—Spruille Braden, Assistant Secretary of State, told the Council of the American Geographical Society yesterday that the U.S. was committed by basic principles and international agreements not to use its power to "subvert human freedom or human rights anywhere."

Braden declared the U.S. "must use all the influence its power gives to encourage human freedom and promote respect for the basic rights of man in the world."

Non-intervention, however, Braden said, is "affirmative and positive by the very nature of things, since whatever we refrain from doing and whatever we refrain from saying may constitute intervention to the same degree as anything we actually or say."

"We can dishonor our commitments to the cause of human freedom and the principle of non-intervention equally by inaction as by action," he said.

"The conclusion is inescapable that if a nation has great power, as we have it in abundance, it cannot shun its obligation to exercise commensurate leadership."

Cutler New Chanor Base CG

Brig. Gen. Stuart Cutler of Auburn, N.Y., former commander of the 101st Airborne Div., has been named commander of Chanor Base Section, TSFET (Rear) Headquarters announced yesterday. Cutler succeeds Brig. Gen. E. F. Koenig, who has returned to the States.

Willie and Joe



"You soldiers just don't seem to understand our problems."

By Mauldin

The American Scene

One Accident on Top of Another, But Victim No. 2 Makes the Rescue

GREENVILLE, S.C., Dec. 20 (AP).—One highway accident after another probably saved the life of James Hyde

Hyde was found pinned beneath his car at the foot of a deep ravine by the second accident victim, A. McKeithan, whose car slid off the road at the same spot a few minutes later, landing him right side up and uninjured.

City Policeman L. C. Nix said Hyde probably would have been dead from exposure in a short time.

Triangle Slaying Ends Xmas Wish

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (ANS).—"Too bad we couldn't have a wonderful Christmas," Julius F. (Bill) Sokol, 29, recently discharged soldier, wrote his wife's parents. "We had all planned and waited for these last several years," he added.

But there will be no more Christmas for Bill Sokol. He, his attractive blonde wife, Georgiana, whom he called "butchy," and her friend, Joseph Oliver, are dead. Police said they were victims of a triangle shooting.

Police said Sokol shot his wife and Oliver and then fatally wounded himself. An unmailed letter to Mrs. Sokol's parents gave the reason.

Sokol had come home after "23 miserable, rotten months," police quoted the letter, to find his wife suing for divorce.

"I need her, and the only way I can have her is to die with her," the letter explained.

One Good Break Deserves Another

PETERSBURG, Ind., Dec. 20 (AP).—Lannie Siple, suffering from a broken rib, was accompanied to the doctor's office by his wife and sister-in-law, Mrs. Maecel Willia.

Mrs. Siple slipped on the ice at the door of the building and broke her right arm.

Mrs. Willia started into the office, fell and broke her right arm.

The doctor patched up all three.

Never a Dull Moment For These Californians

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 20 (ANS).—Arlon Tussing, 12, was struck by a car, suffering cuts and bruises. Harold Wallace, driver of the car, ran to get help for the boy and fell into a fish pond, getting drenched and dislocating a finger.

Police took both Wallace and Tussing to Berkeley Hospital. Then Mrs. Wallace hurried down to bring her husband dry clothing. She stepped off the bus and fractured her ankle.

Christmas in Jail, for 10th Time

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Mrs. May Sears, 53, expects to spend Christmas in jail for the tenth time.

This time she is charged with violating a law which prohibits known pickpockets from loitering in public places. Her attorney pleaded for leniency on the grounds that she already had spent too many Christmases in jail, but Magistrate Raphael Murphy of the Bronx imposed the maximum sentence of 100 days' imprisonment.

Police said Mrs. Sears was in jail on 10 different Yuletides, on charges ranging from petty to grand larceny.

Prowler Caught Napping—Literally

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 20 (AP).—A sleepy prowler entered the home of Nathan Donner here and curled up in bed with his host.

Donner said he didn't even know he had a guest until he was aroused by police looking for the prowler, whose entrance had been witnessed by a neighbor.

He was about to leap from bed to join the search when he realized the visitor was snoring peacefully beside him.

The prowler's rest was interrupted by a trip to police headquarters, where he was charged with drunkenness.

Replacements Expected To Top 65,000 Dec. 31

By The Stars and Stripes Bureau FRANKFURT, Dec. 20.—Replacements entering the European theater are expected to total more than 65,000 by the end of December, according to figures released today by USFET G1.

Actual troop arrivals in the theater by Dec. 1 totaled 33,300 enlisted men and 1,498 officers. Schedules call for the arrival of an additional 30,000 enlisted men and 2,000 officers this month.

January arrivals are expected to total 19,873 enlisted men and 586 officers bringing the total to more than 87,000 by the end of January.

Report Allies Approve Fgl Plan for Austria

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP).—The Allied Council for Austria yesterday approved the Austrian government list submitted by Chancellor Elect Leopold Figl, according to a Moscow broadcast of the Council's communique.

The communique said the Council "after making some amendments, agreed to put before their governments a unanimous recommendation."

The communique added that the Council "examined and approved the Austrian government's constitutional law and a number of other laws."



Paris Area MOVIES TODAY MARIIGNAN—"Sing Your Way Home." Continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf. ENSA PARIS—"Bathing Beauty." Red Skelton, Esther Williams, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf. OLYMPIA—Same as Marignan, 2330 only. Metro Madeleine. EMPIRE—"Guest Wife."

STAGE SHOWS ENSA MARIIGNY—"Lover's Leap," comedy. OLYMPIA—"This Is It," variety show. MAISONS-LAFFITTE—Col. Eifingham's Raid," 1930.

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

Nancy SHOWTIME—"Shady Lady," Charles Coburn, Ginny Simms.

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Jap Officer Tells How He Sank the Indianapolis



Iko Hashimoto, right, commander of the Japanese submarine which sank the U.S. cruiser Indianapolis near Guam July 30, points to a model of the warship at the court martial of Capt. Charles McVay, commander of the ship. At this left is Francis R. Eastlake, an intelligence officer.

Indianapolis Skipper Cleared on One Charge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—A Navy general court martial yesterday acquitted Capt. Charles B. McVay III of a charge of inefficiency in the loss of his ship, the cruiser Indianapolis. The court held the charge "not proved."

No announcement was made concerning the court's decision on a second charge of negligence against McVay for allegedly failing to steer a zigzag course through dangerous waters. Navy regulations require immediate announcement only of a finding that charges are not proved. Under these regulations, any finding of guilt must be reviewed by higher authority before the verdict is made known.

House, Senate In Compromise On New GI Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—Striving for adjournment, Congress yesterday paved the way for action on an amended GI Bill of Rights. The result of a compromise after weeks of bitter Senate-House controversy, the veterans' legislation held top priority on the business calendar.

But it faces one more fight in the House—where it comes up first—over the subject of future bonus payments, if any. Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss.) of the House Veterans Committee, leveled his oratorical guns at a compromise recommendation that no payments under either the original or the amended GI bill be deductible from any future bonuses.

The original GI bill set down as a future deduction all tuition, unemployment compensation, or defaults on loans but not the loans themselves. The House left this provision in the proposed new law, but the Senate removed it and the conferees followed the Senate.

Other compromise provisions ease present stringent control wielded by the Veterans Administration over GI loans and raise the maximum government loan guarantee from \$2,000 to \$4,000 on real estate. This would permit a maximum real estate loan of \$8,000, with the government guaranteeing one half.

Navy Ammo Truck Blows Up In California--1,000 Homeless

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 20 (ANS).—A Navy ammunition truck and trailer caught fire and exploded on a highway about 15 miles north of here yesterday with a terrific concussion that rendered almost 1,000 persons homeless in nearby Torrey Pines Federal housing project and caused the hospitalization of seven persons, six of them marines.

Camp Matthews, near the blast, reported 16 marines were treated for cuts. Windows were broken in the area, furniture blown into the street and nearby Army and Marine camp structures were reported damaged extensively.

The truck's cargo included 57 rocket mortars, 24 depth-charge extenders, 49 depth-charge pistols, 29 depth-charge boosters and other explosives.

The concussion was felt 90 miles away.

He Wanted One Night In Jail, Gets 30 Days

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20 (AP).—George M. Lisatz, 47, told District Judge Harvey Neelen that when he told some men in a tavern at 1 AM that he had no place to sleep they suggested he turn in a fire alarm and he would be assured a night's lodging.

He said he turned in an alarm and was given a place to sleep—in jail.

Saw GI Kill German PW, Two Testify

MONTEREY, Calif., Dec. 20 (AP).—Two witnesses testified at the general court martial of Cpl. James O. Provost of Lafayette, La., at Ft. Ord yesterday that he fatally shot a German prisoner of war Dec. 3, after shouting: "You... when I tell you to go somewhere or do something you do it."

Members of the court were told at the outset that the charge was "premeditated, deliberate homicide" and were asked to declare themselves if they had any prejudices against the death penalty.

Two Civilian Employees

Witnesses who said they saw the shooting of Richard A. Mangold were Guy L. Murphy and Frank S. Waddak, both civilian employees at Ft. Ord.

They testified that Provost was pointing his rifle at Mangold and occasionally prodding him. The German had his hands in the air and appeared to be "extremely frightened," they said.

The German, witnesses continued, ran to them and Provost chased him away. The German then tried to run back into the building, and, according to witnesses, Provost fired five shots, two hitting the prisoner, who fell at the doorway.

'Tired of It'

After the shooting, when Provost and Waddak were in a club telephoning a report, the soldier, a witness testified, said: "I'm tired of taking this crap off these fellows."

Waddak, said Provost told him that he had been reading a newspaper in the club just before the incident when the German, apparently thinking he was dozing, attempted to "slip up and steal his rifle."

Provost, a member of the PW section of Ft. Ord, is married and the father of a small child. His family lives at Seaside, near the fort.

U.S. Housing Plan Defended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Bitter industry criticism of the government's new housing program brought a "let's give it a chance" reply from Federal officials yesterday.

The officials contended there was no basis for the assertions by the building materials producers that the program was unworkable and unrealistic and they expressed confidence it would speed relief of the housing shortage.

Industry maintains that the government had its mind made up about the program when it called this week's advisory conference of labor and management representatives.

Producers of building supplies assailed the program at a news conference Tuesday after government officials, at a separate meeting with reporters, declared the purposes of the two-day housing conference had been accomplished.

Douglas Whitlock, former president of the Producers Council Inc., said he had understood the conference was to be a co-operative project but that instead "we were told: Here's a priority program, and you are going to take it."

U.S. Denies Entry To Modern Vikings

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 20 (ANS).—Entrance to the U.S. was denied yesterday by immigration officials to 16 Estonians who landed here Saturday after sailing their 37-foot sailboat for 129 days from Stockholm, Sweden.

None of the group, composed of seven men, five women and four young girls, possessed visas, or had any of them consulted an American consul before starting their voyage. They have appealed to the U.S. Attorney General.

Snow, Rain and Sleet Pelt on Shivering U.S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Snow and rain, sleet and sub-zero temperatures dampened and chilled a large part of the country yesterday, and the immediate outlook for better weather was not promising. The prolonged cold wave was directly responsible for at least 34 deaths.

Fresh falls of snow were expected along the Atlantic seaboard from the Midwest and Southwest, and falls of from eight to 12 inches were forecast. Rain and sleet pelted down across many southern states after falls of snow were reported as far south as Macon, Ga.

Snow, Winds in N.Y.

There was only a mild tempering of the nation's cold belt from eastern Montana westward to Indiana and Illinois, and the mercury again was far down below zero in several sections. Sub-zero blasts struck into northwest Missouri, stopping at 17 below in Tarkio, Atchinson County.

Snow hit northern Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, southeastern Pennsylvania and southeastern New York. Heavy

Heat Wave in Australia

SYDNEY, Dec. 20 (ANS).—While most of the U.S. was shivering, barelegged Australian women yesterday were wearing sleeveless, midriff dresses, and men discarded coats to gain relief from a fierce heat wave which has taken 11 lives.

Temperatures close to 120 degrees in the shade were recorded at inland points and in New South Wales the mercury has topped the 100 mark daily for nine days.

winds accompanied a sudden fall in New York City, and streets were blanketed under two inches.

Land O'Lakes Coldest

New season-low temperatures were reported in some sections but in the frigid Midwest cold belt readings were higher than 24 hours ago. The coldest spot on the weather map was Land O'Lakes, Wis., with a low of 23 below. Other sub-zero readings included 21 at Waumar, Minn. and 18 at Lincoln, Neb.

Below-freezing temperatures were reported throughout north Texas as far south as Austin with a low of 14 at Amarillo; 19 at Fort Worth and 20 at Dallas. Two inches of snow fell in Tennessee, the same amount at Birmingham, Ala. Warmest weather across the country was 78 above in Miami, Fla., while temperatures along the Pacific Coast were near normal.

Stayed in U.S. By a Bribe to Major, Says GI

MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y., Dec. 20 (ANS).—An Army private testified yesterday at a general court martial that he was saved from shipping overseas on the eve of his scheduled departure after paying \$500 to Maj. Alphonse J. Fabricatore, then a medical administrative officer of the Army Air Forces at this station.

Fabricatore is being tried on 19 specifications which charge he maneuvered the fraudulent discharge of three enlisted men and provided illegal favoritism for ten others.

Met in Night Club

Pvt. Daniel J. Patrissy, 24, of New York, who received a medical discharge one month after his reported payment to the major, said he met Fabricatore in a New York night club in September, 1944, and told him he would like to be stationed nearer home than his base at that time, Camp Crowder, Mo.

The major gave him a card with his telephone number, Patrissy said. One month later Patrissy said he was sent to a port of embarkation and knew he was about to be shipped. He called Fabricatore, asked for an interview and met him at the night club again. At this meeting, Patrissy testified he left \$500 on the seat of the major's car.

Discharged in Month

Next day he was transferred to Mitchel Field Army Hospital and was discharged a month later. The discharge was later declared void and Patrissy was arrested and returned to service.

Another witness, James J. MacDonough, special agent of the FBI, testified that during the questioning of Fabricatore the major refused to discuss the case of another soldier, saying: "That case will hang me."

At this testimony, Fabricatore shouted: "That's a lie."

'Mary' Taking 500 to UK

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (ANS).—The Cunard White Star liner Queen Mary today was en route to England with more than 500 passengers. Line officials said the passenger list was the largest since the start of the war.

Heads Field Artillery Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Raymond S. Maclain of Oklahoma City has been elected president of the U.S. Field Artillery Association. Maclain commanded the 90th Div. and later the XIX Corps in the European war.

It's Official Now—She's a Siren

Because she is specializing in screen siren roles such as "The Bamboo Blonde" and her name sounded too much like that of a sweet little ingenue, Bette Jane Greer officially became Jane Greer recently when Los Angeles Superior Court approved her petition for a legal change of name. This is the second time Miss Greer has changed her name. The first was on Dec. 2, 1943, when she became Mrs. Rudy Vallee. She divorced Vallee in July, 1944.



U.S. Asks Renewal of Java Peace Attempts

State Dept. Avoids Placing Guilt for Strife

The U.S. expressed "increasing concern" yesterday over the Netherlands East Indies situation, and voiced the hope that "all parties" in the revolt-torn islands would renew attempts to reach an agreement "in harmony with the principle and ideals of the United Nations declaration and Charter."

While the first official U.S. policy statement from the State Department on the matter refrained from placing blame for the Indies strife on any of the parties involved—Indonesian Nationalists, Dutch colonial authorities and British occupying forces—it warned that "extremist or irresponsible action or failure to present or consider specific proposals can only lead to a disastrous situation," the Associated Press reported.

The U.S. recognized, the statement said, that primary responsibility for an agreement rested with Dutch and Indonesian leaders, but added: "The U.S. cannot fail, however, to be deeply interested in the solution of problems that are of vital importance to the entire world."

The statement recognized, the AP added, that the U.S. shared responsibility for the sending of troops of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's command into Indonesia, but said this move "was only for the purpose of accepting the Japanese surrender, liberating Allied prisoners of war and assuring the safety of more than 100,000 civilians interned by the Japanese."

There was, the statement added, "no thought, so far as the U.S. is concerned, of extending an Allied mandate beyond those responsibilities."

Meanwhile, the United Press reported that the first Indonesian naval activity had taken place off the island of Billiton, north of Batavia, and that on Java British paratroopers had gone into action for the first time yesterday in Tanahtinggi, scene of considerable smoldering activity.

Concern was expressed in Batavia over the fact that Indonesians had dug in behind strong fortified positions beyond the British perimeter in the Tangkubanprahu mountains.

The UP said the Indonesians, using five armed motorboats and sailing under the red and white flag, of the Indonesian Republic, had attempted to land heavily-armed extremists on Billiton, where Dutch sources reported order had been restored after the landing of Dutch troops six weeks ago.

Several captured extremists told Dutch authorities their task was to inform the Borneo people that Java had been "free," force local police to hand over their arms, imprison local Dutch officials, and hoist the red and white flag over the ports.

At Bekassi, Java village destroyed by the British in a reprisal air attack several weeks ago, Republican authorities were preparing to rush relief to survivors.

Vet Kills Soldier; Verdict 'Justified'

MACON, Ga., Dec. 20 (ANS).—A coroner's jury last night returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in the death of Pvt. Richard T. McCarthy, 28, of Stratford, Conn., who was shot eight times and killed early yesterday.

McCarthy was shot by John W. Smith, discharged Pacific war veteran, when the soldier came to his home and demanded entrance.

The coroner's inquest disclosed that McCarthy had been drinking when he knocked on the door of the Smith home. Mrs. J. J. Womach, Smith's stepmother, answered and refused to admit the Camp Wheeler (Ga.) soldier. McCarthy tried to break down the door, Smith said, and knocked the glass out of it. Then Smith picked up a .22-caliber rifle and shot eight times through the door, each bullet striking the soldier.

Neither Smith nor his mother ever had seen the soldier before.

Berlin Night Clubs Raided

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Hamburg radio reported last night that 300 persons were arrested and several premises closed following a raid on Berlin night clubs by German police. Large quantities of black-market meat, eggs, Madeira wine and liquors were confiscated.

A Good Idea—But It Didn't Work



Policemen inspect the wreckage of a Piper Cub plane which crashed on a farm near Plainview, L.I., during a demonstration. The plane was equipped with a parachute which was to have brought it down safely in case of bad weather or other emergencies. The pilot bailed out when the plane crashed.

U.S. Asks Siam Chinese to Try To Delay Pact Frenchman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—The U.S. has requested Britain and Siam to delay the signing of any agreement until the conclusion of British-American discussions on the subject, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson disclosed yesterday.

Acheson said the U.S. had repeated this request on several occasions when it appeared that an agreement formally terminating hostilities between Britain and Siam was about to be signed, which Siamese sources said would have given Britain virtual economic control over Siam.

The reasons for the U.S. intervention, according to Acheson, were the historic sympathy between Siam and the U.S. and the fundamental American interest in the democratic development of that country, as well as appreciation for the part Siam took in the war in the Far East. Siam had an extensive underground movement during the Japanese occupation.

Acheson said that the U.S. was standing by an "open door" policy for Siam as the cornerstone of that country's future development.

British to Recruit Reich Scientists

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Britain plans recruiting of a "limited number of politically unobjectionable" German scientists and technicians as part of a program for development of research.

Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons that the plan had been successfully adopted by the U.S. and Russia and that the men would work generally in government establishments or for research associations. Some may be made available to individual firms.

Belgian Francs Counterfeited

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20 (AP).—About 25,000 counterfeit Belgian 500-franc notes have been put into circulation around Mons, Tongres and the French frontier, national police announced today.

A 500-franc note is worth about three British pounds or 11 U.S. dollars on the official exchange.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (AP).—Despite vigorous protests by the French Consul General over the arrest by the Chinese of Roland Sarley, former director of the French municipal police in Shanghai, he will be tried publicly within the next few days for alleged military espionage.

The Chinese authorities indicated the case would be heard in the High Court. It will be the first trial of a foreigner since abolition of extraterritoriality.

Under extraterritoriality, which France says she has not yet relinquished as have Britain and the U.S., Sarley could have been arrested and charged only by the French.

Sarley is accused of having furnished the Japanese with information at the beginning of the fight for Shanghai and of having assisted Japanese and puppet government secret service agents.

Senate Votes Raise For Civil Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—The Senate voted yesterday a graduated pay increase averaging about 11 percent on present scales for more than 1,000,000 Government employees in the classified civil service.

The vote was 62 to 3 for a bill sponsored by Sens. Harry Byrd (D-Va.), Thomas Hart (R-Conn.), and Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) as a substitute for the 20 percent flat pay increase proposed by Sheridan Downey (D-Calif.).

The legislation now goes to the House.

Bretton Woods Plan Becomes Law in England

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP).—Britain's adherence to the Bretton Woods plan for a world bank became law today when royal assent was announced in the House of Lords.

The act was approved in Commons 314 to 50, and later passed the House of Lords without division after the government won acceptance of the \$4,400,000,000 American loan to Britain, 90 to 8.

Acheson Mum on Spain Policy, But Praises Loyalist Leader

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson highly praised D. Juan Negrin, last Premier of Republican Spain, at a news conference yesterday. Asked what he and Negrin had talked about during the State Department conference Saturday, Acheson declined to disclose the topic of their conversation, nor did he indicate anything in regard to U.S. policy toward Spain.

Acheson told a press conference that France had asked the U.S. to keep secret the contents of a note which the French government had sent both Britain and America on the relations of the three governments with Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime.

The note to Britain and the U.S., suggesting joint action to break off diplomatic relations with Spain, raises the question whether the U.S. government should embark on a crusade against another regime from purely ideological motives. The New York Times said today: "Spain is not Argentina, and final analysis is up to the Spanish people. But there is no reason why the U.S. should not use its moral and even its material power to press for the rapid democratization of the Spanish government."

The late Duce's lean and hawk-faced daughter did not attend the trial before a provincial commission, the account said, because she refused to leave the tiny island of Lipari, off northern Sicily, where she has been interned since the end of the war.

Her husband was Count Galeazzo Ciano, who was Mussolini's Foreign Minister.

Bank Holiday Paralyzes Business in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Business throughout Hungary has been temporarily paralyzed by a government order closing all banks following the levying of a 75 percent tax on banknotes above 500 pengo value.

Banks may not accept any of the affected banknotes for deposit or repayment. The levy will be collected by stamps which will be affixed to the notes. All unstamped notes above this denomination will be void after Jan. 6.

Art Treasures Returned To Belgium by U.S.

LOUVAIN, Belgium, Dec. 20.—All public art treasures taken by the Germans during the war have been returned to Belgium, according to an announcement by the USFET Mission to Belgium.

Discovered by U.S. troops in May in an art depot maintained by the Germans in an Austrian salt mine, they included such masterpieces as the marble "Madonna" by Michelangelo, which was returned to Bruges, and Van Eyck's "The Adoration of the Mystical Lamb," which was re-installed in the Cathedral of Notre Dame at Ghent. The final restoration was the return of four altar panels of Thierry Bouts to Louvain last week.

Shipping News

Marseille		
Arrivals		
Ships	Load	Date
Central Fall Vict...	1,540	Dec. 20
Mexico Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 20
George Bibb Liberty	550	Dec. 20
In Port		
W. McLennen, cargo	30	Dec. 21
Eign Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 22
Expecte.		
Tentative Arrival		
Chapel Hill Victory.	1,500	Dec. 20
Webster Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 20
St. Albans Viet.....	1,500	Dec. 20
USS Monticello.....	6,865	Dec. 20
W. T. Barry Liberty	550	Dec. 20

Vet to Dangle Nylons as Bait For British Wife

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Dominick Casciari, 22-year-old ex-paratrooper, who jumped onto many European battlefields, is flying on a new mission—to his girl's father in London.

For this mission, his only ammunition is an age-old plea and a pair of nylons.

"We wanted to get married when I was in England," Dominick said, "but we couldn't get her father's consent."

"Her father said come and see me after the war was over. I'm coming."

Xmas Parties At ARC Clubs

Christmas festivities at Paris American Red Cross clubs will include religious services, parties for French children, dances and carol singing.

Horse-drawn wagons, piled with hay, will carry American soldiers and Red Cross girls from the Columbia Club for a Christmas caroling party on the Champs-Elysees on Christmas Eve.

Children's parties will be held at the Columbia, Potomac, Union Terminal and Pavillon EMs' Clubs, the Women Officers' Club, Lafayette and Mayflower Officers' Clubs and the Patio Club for Wacs.

Formal holiday dances are scheduled at the Lafayette and Mayflower Clubs and at Rainbow Corner.

Artificial Limbs' Defects Studied

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—The National Bureau of Standards is trying to discover what is wrong with artificial limbs issued to veterans, with a view to improving them.

Many artificial legs are too heavy for comfort, while others have different faults, and there is "much room for improvement," the bureau said. It is conducting scientific tests of materials and construction in co-operation with manufacturers.

Comintern Really Dead, Cassidy Tells Paris GIs

The Comintern has been abolished in practice as well as in theory, Henry C. Cassidy, former Associated Press bureau chief in Moscow, told a soldier audience at the American Red Cross Columbia Club Wednesday night. The Communist in the U.S. "has to get up early and read the newspapers quick" to guide himself in making policies, he added.

Cassidy, who was in Moscow for four years beginning in August, 1940, said Russian soldiers were not seriously shaken by the improvement in living standards they found as they carried the war westward.

Paris Brothels to Be VD Clinics

Bordellos of Paris will be taken over by the city and converted into dispensaries for the free and confidential treatment of venereal diseases, Mme. Marthe Richard disclosed in an interview with the United Press.

Mme. Richard, the Municipal Councilor who sponsored the recent legislation to close all brothels in the city, said a clinic would be opened in each district of Paris when 1,400 licensed houses were closed and 6,600 professional street walkers lost their permits to do business.

Among the first establishments to be converted into medical cen-

ters will be such world-famed brothels as the Sphinx Club, the 122 Club and the House of All Nations, she said.

"We want no more sick women in the streets," Mme. Richard said. "Girls will be urged to report to VD institutes through a publicity campaign for free and incognito treatment."

Once these centers are operating she added, the penalty for any woman with VD caught in police raids will be two years in prison. This campaign will be enforced by a large-scale women's vice squad now being planned.

"We cannot prevent women from

engaging in prostitution, but we can take steps to stamp out VD resulting from the practice," asserted the diminutive French crusader.

The closing of the houses is aimed more at procurers than at the girls, Mme. Richard explained. She estimated that 10,000 men engaging in this "second oldest profession" will be forced to employ themselves gainfully, thereby reducing the labor shortage.

The girls turned out of houses will be free to go to rehabilitation centers which will be set up by the city to learn "new and socially useful" trades, she concluded.



Big 3 Discuss Azerbaijan Revolt; Iran Rejects Autonomy Plebiscite

Byrnes and Bevin Talk to Experts On Middle East

LONDON, Dec. 20. — Azerbaijan autonomy may have been a major topic at the fourth formal session of the Big Three Foreign Ministers in Moscow last night.

Although the official agenda at the Moscow talks is secret, advisers consulted by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin included experts on Iran.

(A Reuter Washington correspondent reported the Iranian government's new plea for U.S. intervention in clearing all foreign troops from Persian soil was immediately forwarded to Byrnes in Moscow.

Wider Issue Seen

(Authoritative quarters in Washington said that the situation in northern Iran would be one of the most important points under consideration at the conference.)

London observers expect the Soviet government to press the question of continued use of Allied troops in Iran as part of a much wider issue. Confirmation of this was seen in the attack by Pravda on the presence of U.S. troops in China, plus earlier attacks by the official Soviet news agency challenging the use of U.S. and British troops in Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Indonesia, China and various countries in western Europe.

Comments on U.S. Troops

Journalist N. Sokolovsky said in "Pravda" that American forces, by remaining in China, were creating a situation that "rightfully alarms the democratic public not only of China and the United States, but of the whole world," the Associated Press reported.

Writing about American troops in China, Pravda's commentator asked whether this was compatible with respect for China's sovereignty. He said that Chinese troops that were able to resist the Japanese throughout the war could reasonably be expected to disarm the Japanese in China, the Associated Press said.

It was doubted here however, whether Byrnes and Bevin would agree to discuss removal of troops from these countries simultaneously with the situation in Iran, where provisions for garrisoning troops there were made in the Anglo-Soviet Iranian Treaty of 1942.

Stripper Noel Toy Weds AF Captain

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP). — Noel Toy, Chinese dancer and actress, was married yesterday to Capt. Carleton Young of the Army Air Forces, a former actor.

Mrs. Young said she would continue to make her appearances at the Latin Quarter night club, where she has been doing a Chinese ribbon dance which she created in celebration of VJ-Day.

She said she met Capt. Young, of Hollywood, Calif., a year ago when appearing in a strip-tease act at the Forbidden City in San Francisco during the United Nations Conference.

Forgotten Nazi Fort Gives Up in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 20 (AP). — The Danish newspaper Aftonbladet reported that the last German fort in Denmark surrendered Tuesday.

A young German officer who had withdrawn to a stronghold at Lyngby, on the Danish west coast, on the eve of Germany's capitulation last May and refused to surrender to the Danish resistance movement finally raised the white flag on the arrival of the British, who had forgotten all about it.

Moscow Papers Ask Return of Turk Territory

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (AP). — An "appeal to world opinion" to support demands for the return of roughly 12,000 square miles of territory from Turkey to the Georgian Soviet Republic was published by Moscow's leading newspapers today, the fifth day of the Big Three Foreign Ministers meeting.

Pravda, Izvestia, Red Star and Trud published the appeal, quoting a 4,000-word letter to the Tiflis newspaper Communist, from two members of the Georgian Academy of Science.

The letter listed nine districts comprising a strip of Black Sea coast about 200 miles long and extending some 60 miles inland, running west from the frontier near Batum and including the ports of Giresun and Trabzon.

Other districts listed were Artvin, Ardahan, Obtu, Tortun, Ispir, Baybut and Umusane. The area borders the Kars district of Turkish Armenia.

Belgium Gets 2 U.S. Loans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP). — The Export-Import Bank granted Belgium two loans yesterday totaling \$100,000,000 to facilitate the purchase of reconstruction supplies.

One of the credits, for \$55,000,000, will be used to purchase products ordered under lend-lease before VJ-Day. It must be repaid in 60 annual instalments, the first of which will be due July 1.

The second loan, of \$45,000,000, will be used to "finance the purchase of a wide variety of U.S. agricultural and manufactured products."

The two loans are the result of Belgian-American lend-lease negotiations in October. A Belgian mission visited the U.S. in an effort to "balance" Belgium's excess reverse lend-lease to the U.S. Belgium is the only country furnishing more than she received from the U.S. under lend-lease.

Tabriz General and Staff Returned to Teheran by Reds

TEHERAN, Dec. 20 (AP). — While government supporters were shouting down a proposal for a plebiscite to establish a federation of semi-autonomous states in Iran—full autonomy having already been claimed by insurgent "democrats" in Azerbaijan—the commander of the surrendered Tabriz garrison and 11 of his officers returned by Russian plane to this capital today.

The proposal was made by Dr. M. Mosadegh, minority leader, to the Majlis (Parliament) to change the Iranian constitution "to permit certain reforms and allow negotiations with the Democratic party in Azerbaijan."

Gen. Darachshani, commander at Tabriz, and his staff were returned here "under provisions of the surrender instrument signed with the insurgents."

Issues Orders to Troops

Before leaving Tabriz, now the insurgent capital, the general was said by Moscow radio to have ordered troops under him to lay down their arms to prevent "bloodshed, the killing of our own brothers and the destruction of government and public property."

The Moscow radio added that following the surrender of the Tabriz and Ardebil garrisons, Iranian troops, gendarmes and police in four other towns also surrendered.

The self-styled Azerbaijan National government, the radio said, has agreed to guarantee safe passage, food and money to all central government troops in the northern province who wish to return to Iran, and to keep those troops who take an oath of allegiance to the new government.

Negotiations Sought

A recent issue of the Iranian newspaper, Dad, was quoted by the Moscow radio as saying: "Several deputies of the Iranian parliament from Azerbaijan are inclined to go to Tabriz to conduct negotiations with the leaders of the Democrats."

Dr. Mosadegh, who is not regarded as pro-Russian, proposed in the Majlis that a referendum be held throughout Persia to change the constitution and create a federation of semi-autonomous states.

Attacking the present government of Iran, Dr. Mosadegh, who sponsored a law forbidding oil concessions until the Allies had evacuated Iran, reproached Premier Ibrahim Hakimi for not changing certain cabinet ministers, especially Finance Minister Abul Husein Hajir, and charged that the government had neglected Azerbaijan for year and had done nothing for the peasants.

Occupation: Farmer, Says Motorist Truman

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 20 (AP). — President Truman's application for the No. 1 1946 automobile license in his home state lists "farmer" as his occupation.

A secretary filed out the application, but Missouri Secretary of State Wilson Bell says the word "farmer" is in the President's handwriting.

Notre Dame Students Row Over Chow



University of Notre Dame students went on a "strike" recently in protest against the food. Some of them were former servicemen studying under the GI Bill of Rights, who complained that the chow was too much like Army food. These students prepare a meal in their room.

Congress Asks Open Palestine; Arabs Call America Tyrannous

Clare Luce Voices Plea High Arabs Will Appear For 'Brutal Honesty' On Discrimination

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — The House yesterday joined the Senate in favoring the free entry of Jews into Palestine, and passed a resolution calling on the government to "use its good offices" with Britain to open Palestine for free Jewish immigration to the maximum of its agricultural and economic potentialities.

Since the bill is merely an expression of Congressional opinion, it does not require President Truman's signature.

Both houses by this action have ignored the President's objections to passage of the resolution on the ground that it might tie his hands in future conferences dealing with the Palestine problem.

A pointed appeal by Rep. Clare Luce (R-Conn) for "brutal honesty" regarding "discrimination at home and abroad against not only Jews but also Negroes and other underprivileged races" highlighted the House debate which preceded passage of the resolution.

At Anglo-American Investigation

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20 (AP). — Several members of the "Arab higher committee" will appear before the Anglo-American committee of inquiry on Palestine to give evidence, it was learned here today.

Bitter attacks on the U.S. have appeared in the Arab press since the Senate adopted a resolution calling for free Jewish immigration into Palestine.

The "Arab higher committee" decision was taken after deliberations between the committee representatives of the Arab League Council in Cairo.

The daily newspaper Falastin in Jaffa called the Senate proposal a "crime against the simplest rules of humanity," and declared American democracy was "only a facade which in reality represents tyranny and injustice of the worst type."

The newspaper added that the Arabs had learned to hate the Americans as "the Carthaginians hated the Romans."

On the other hand, the Jewish press welcomed the Senate action. The Tel Aviv right-wing paper Habokar said "a first, although weak, gleam of light is discernible in the dark sky of Zionist policy."

Renner Asks Return of Tyrol

VIENNA, Dec. 20 (AP). — Karl Renner, who today became President of the Second Austrian Republic, yesterday asked Austrian political parties to work together for "full freedom" of the country as Parliament met for the first time here.

Renner was greeted with a burst of enthusiasm as he asked for the return of the Tyrolean lands which Hitler ceded to Mussolini's Italy.

The Rome newspaper Il Tempo reacted bitterly today to a report that Austria demanded the return of the southern Tyrol which she lost to Italy after World War I.

"Yugoslavia demands Trieste because she is one of the victors in the war," the paper said. "But on what grounds does Austria demand Bolzano (a principal city in the southern Tyrol)?"

Commons OKs National Bank

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP). — The House of Commons approved nationalization of the Bank of England yesterday, as a similar measure for the coal-mining industry was introduced by Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power.

A vote of 306 to 126 approved the bill transferring the historic bank to public ownership with administration by a governor, deputy governor and board of ten directors appointed to the King. The bill has been sent to the House of Lords.

Labor benches cheered the reading of the long-heralded bill to "establish public ownership and control of the coal-mining industry and certain allied activities."

Brazilians Battle U.S. Sailors Making Latin Goodwill Cruise

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 20 (AP). — American sailors were ordered to remain aboard the U.S. cruiser Little Rock at Santos today as police investigated clashes between 350 seamen and angry Brazilians last night at Sao Paulo, 60 miles northwest of Santos. The Little Rock is making a goodwill tour of South America.

U.S. Consul Roland Welch said the sailors left Sao Paulo by special trains and buses under guard of police, who said the rioting had begun when some of the celebrating seamen were accused of annoying Brazilian women in the streets.

Six Brazilians and several Navy men were injured in the fighting, in

which firemen brought fire hoses into play to hold back crowds.

Dispatches from Sao Paulo said some of the sailors apparently had been drinking and began lifting skirts of young women waiting for a bus.

Angry Brazilians charged the sailors, reports said.

Other sailors emerging from a movie were met by crowds whistling in anger. The seamen took the whistling as a friendly gesture and responded with smiles, but soon learned their mistake when citizens rushed to slap their faces.

The Sao Paulo disturbances were the first reported in several stops at Brazilian ports by the Little Rock.

Jap Gestapo Members Accused of Mass Murder



Members of the Japanese "Gestapo," accused of assassinating 637 persons in the village of Kalagon, north of Moulmein, Burma, in July, are pointed out by natives who survived. Only four men and one woman are reported to have escaped.

Greenberg's Comeback 1945's Best

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—Hank Greenberg, 34-year-old inspiration to every returning GI, staged the biggest comeback in sports in 1945 with a grand slam home run that won the pennant for Detroit on the last day of the season and his slugging for the victorious Tigers in the World Series.



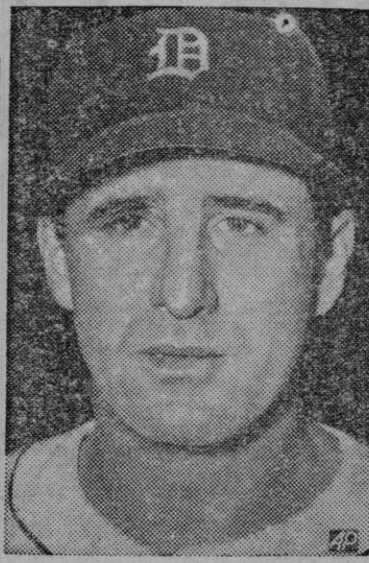
Ben Hogan

Hailed by a majority of 74 sports editors participating in the annual Associated Press year-end poll, the discharged Air Force captain picked up 29 first-place votes, nine second-place ballots and four thirds for a total of 109 points, outdistancing all opposition.

Second place went to Ben Hogan, another ex-serviceman, who earned 30 points by cleaning up in pro golf after his discharge.

The outstanding comebacks, determined on a basis of three points for each first-place vote, two for the second and one for the third (first place votes in parentheses) follow:

Hank Greenberg (29)	109
Ben Hogan (9)	30
Sarah Palfrey Cooke (5)	28
Indiana Football (4)	5
Tony Cuccinello (3)	21
Washington Baseball (4)	20
St. Mary's Football (5)	16
Hank Borowy (2)	11
Bobby Feller (1)	10
Cleveland Pro Football (2)	10
Chicago Cubs (1)	10
Happy Chandler (2)	9
Meryl Frost (2)	9
Columbia Football	7
Claude Passeau (2)	7



Hank Greenberg

Oregon Beats LIU Five, 60-50; CCNY Wins

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—After four fruitless visits here the University of Oregon finally won a basketball game at Madison Square Garden, doing it by beating an undermanned Long Island University five, 60-50 last night.

The seasoned Webfoots from the Pacific Northwest simply knew too much, had too much height and possessed too many good shooters for the Blackbirds.

Oregon's victory gave the visitors an even split in a doubleheader as Oklahoma was beaten by CCNY, 43-35, in the opener.

For the fifth straight night a crowd of more than 18,000—18,193 to be exact—was on hand.

Basketball Results

East	
City College 43, Oklahoma 33	
Penn State 58, Bucknell 35	
Connecticut 38, Wesleyan 35	
Geneva 68, Bethany 54	
Marshall 67, Army War College 35	
Oregon 60, LIU 50	
Yale 51, Kings Point 28	
Rutgers 59, Haverford 38	
Union 58, Rochester 45	
Midwest	
Purdue 51, Louisville 45	
Notre Dame 60, St. Louis U 45	
Hamline 60, North Dakota U 34	
Warburg 53, Doane 49	
Kansas 32, Olathe Naval 22	
Evansville 44, Southern Ill. Normal 43	
Carleton 46, Cornell IA 37	
Illinois St Normal 58, Arkansas St. 45	
Warrensburg (Mo.) 7ers, 42, Wichita 38	
Concordia (Ill.) 41, Illinois Tech 38	
Southwest	
Texas AM 50, Sam Houston Teachers 27	
Far West	
Southern Cal. 42, Clifton 26	
San Diego Naval 46, Modesto College 25	
Simplot Deserets (Ind.) 58, Idaho 55	

Hornets Tie Caps for Lead

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—One red hot period put the Pittsburgh Hornets in a first-place tie with Indianapolis in the Western Division of the American Hockey League last night.

The Hornets banged home six goals in the first period at Pittsburgh, then went on to an easy 9-0 triumph over the Caps.

The Buffalo Bisons whipped the Hershey Bears, 3-1, at Buffalo. The Providence Reds downed the St. Louis Flyers, 5-4, in the other scheduled game.

Grevers Whole Show When Ela Five Plays

LAKE ZURICH, Ill., Dec. 20 (ANS).—The Grever boys are the cause of no end of confusion when the Ela Township High School basketball team swings into action these days.

The starting forwards are Orville and Ken Grever, brothers, while Herman Grever is at center and Lloyd Grever is a guard. The latter are brothers and cousins of Orville and Ken. To top things off, Glenn Grever, brother of Herman and Lloyd, is the team manager.

Oh yes—the fifth starter on the Ela quintet is Roland Kane.

2 NL Players Sign With All-America

BUFFALO, Dec. 20 (AP).—The Buffalo club of the All-America Football Conference yesterday signed two star backs previously owned by the National Football League.

General Manager Sam Cordovano announced he had acquired Harry Hopp, formerly of the Detroit Lions. Earlier, Cordovano said he had signed and paid a bonus to Steve Juzwik outstanding running back at Notre Dame in 1941 and 1942 who was on the Washington Redskins reserve list of players in the armed forces.

Hopp, a 27-year-old graduate of Nebraska, and Juzwik starred for the Fleet City (Calif.) Bluejackets. Hopp is a brother of baseball Cardinals' Johnny Hopp.

Halas Says Topping Offered \$25,000 for Bear-Yank Tilt

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP).—George Halas owner-coach of the Chicago Bears in the National Football League, said last night that the Bears had been offered \$25,000 by Dan Topping to meet Topping's New York Yankees of the All-America Conference in an exhibition game next fall.

"Topping made his offer of a \$25,000 guarantee when he was in Chicago recently," Halas said. He indicated he did not consider Topping's offer seriously and had rejected it.

Topping recently jumped his Brooklyn-Boston NFL franchise to the new league.

NFL Ratifies Forfeiture of Brooklyn's Players

CLEVELAND, Dec. 20 (ANS).—The National Football League today ratified the action of Commissioner Elmer Layden in forfeiting the Brooklyn Tiger franchise and awarding the players on its active and reserve list to the Boston Yanks.

Layden issued the ruling after Dan Topping announced his withdrawal from the National League to enter the All-America Conference which starts action next year.

Canadian Speedboater Eyes Racing Trophies

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 20 (ANS).—E. A. Wilson, internationally known speedboat enthusiast of Ingersoll, Ont., may challenge for the Harmsworth and Gold Cup speedboat trophies in 1946. Both cups are held by Gar Wood of Detroit.

The London Free Press said that Wilson had purchased four 2,400 horsepower motors from a Detroit manufacturer and was considering filing a challenge for the cups before the Jan. 1 deadline.

Tennis Nationals Set

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—The national men's indoor tennis championships, both singles and doubles, will be held at the Seventh Regiment Armory here, Feb. 23 to March 2, the U.S. Lawn Tennis association announced today.

Miller Beats Out Marion For NL Fielding Honors

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—Eddie Miller of Cincinnati was the top fielding shortstop in the National League in 1945, outshining brilliant Marty Marion of St. Louis to annex his fifth title in the last six years.

Backers of the Red's shortfielder in countless Miller vs Marion arguments can point to the record books that show Miller tying the league record of five titles set by Joe Tinker of Chicago and Cincinnati.

By topping Marion in the official National League percentages, .975 to .967, Miller reversed the 1944 result when he was nosed out of a fifth successive crown by a single point.

Chicago's pennant-winning Cubs swept three of seven individual fielding championships with Stan Hack the leading third basemen. Andy Pafko showing the way to outfielders and Claude Passeau continuing his errorless streak in the pitching department. Not since Sept. 16, 1941 has Passeau made a misplay in a streak that now has run to 265 chances, establishing a record.

The Cubs led the team fielding with a .980 average, three points better than St. Louis, and the Phillies wound up in the cellar with the most errors—234.

The Braves showed the way with 160 double plays and for the fourth season in its history, there were no triple plays in the league.

Indianapolis' Wallace AA's Leading Hurler

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Indianapolis southpaw Jim Wallace was credited officially today with being the leading pitcher of the American Association during the 1945 baseball season.

League statistics disclosed that Wallace proved the loop's stingiest moundsman by allowing an average of 1.83 earned runs in 177 innings. His won-and-lost percentage was .810.

Luisetti to Help Coach Navy Five

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 20 (AP).—Capt. C. O. Humphrey Navy athletic director, announced today Lt. Angelo "Hank" Luisetti would serve as assistant varsity basketball coach this season. Johnny Wilson is head coach.

Luisetti, one of the nation's all-time greats, was among the highest scorers in the history of college basketball while starring for Stanford University. Later he played for the Olympic Club of San Francisco and for the championship Phillips Oilers.

Joe Louis Reported Taking Trip to Spain

SEVILLE, Spain, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Antonio Ponce, Spanish boxing promoter, said that the world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis would come to Spain late in January for an exhibition tour of the leading cities, including Barcelona and Valencia.

Big Ten Stars Saved as Loop Puts Off Ban

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP).—The Big Ten voted unanimously today to delay until the end of the winter sports season the effectiveness of the new eligibility legislation which previously threatened the careers of George Mikan, DePaul University basketball star, and Michigan's famed track twins, Bob and Rex Hume.

The new code specified that athletes who completed three years of competition during the war period, excluding play as freshmen or military trainees, would become ineligible.

At DePaul, which abides by the Big Ten rules it was first concluded that Mikan, cage scoring star, would be unable to finish the current season, his fourth, as an upper classman. Mikan did not compete as a freshman.

Conference reconsideration also will permit the Hume twins to compete during the indoor track season and will allow Ned Postels, regular guard on Iowa's championship basketball team, to finish the season.

Rose Bowl Game Officials Named

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 20 (AP).—Orlan M. Landreth of Long Beach, Calif., has been named referee of the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl game between Alabama and Southern California.

Victor O. Smith acting commissioner of the Pacific Coast Conference, announced that Rumsy Taylor, of Princetown, Ky., would serve as umpire; M. C. Evans of San Mateo, Calif., field judge and James C. Armistead of Nashville, Tenn., head linesman.

Jessop Nears Turf Mark

19-Year-Old Jockey Needs 19 Victories To Top Westrope

MIAMI, Dec. 20 (AP).—Job Dean Jessop, from Nibley, Utah, has rocketed to national fame from the smaller race tracks to become the leading jockey of the country with a chance at the modern win record set by Jackie Westrope in 1933.

Going into the final 10 days of the season today Jessop had 283 victories and needed but 18 more to tie Westrope's high of 301. The 19-year-old lad was almost certain to better Teddy Atkinson's winning total of 287 last year.

Jessop has been around horses practically all of his life. When induction boards stripped the backstretch colony of many of its better exercise boys, Job was passed into service while visiting his brother at Chicago during the summer holidays. He booted home his first winner at Fairmount Park, near St. Louis, on May, 30, 1944, and rode 97 first-place horses last year.

The record books show Walter Miller piloted 388 winners in 1906 and 334 in 1907 and V. Powers rode 324 firsts in 1908 but Westrope's feat is accepted as the modern record.



Job Dean Jessop Nation's No. 1 Jockey

LIU Cage Ace Banned as Baseball Pro

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—Lester Rothman, regular forward who has starred in all Long Island University basketball games this season, was dropped from his squad yesterday and declared ineligible because he had played professional baseball in the New York Yankee chain.

Rothman signed with the Newark Bears last winter and played some early spring games in the International League. Later he was sent to the Yankee farms at Norfolk, Va., in the Piedmont League and Wellsville, N.Y., in the Pony League. He was released unconditionally by Wellsville last August.

The six-foot junior from Paterson, N.J., played varsity ball for two years at Long Island.

He is the second LIU player ruled ineligible this week. Carl Meinhold, sophomore from Hazleton, Pa., was dropped Monday because of scholastic difficulties and failure to attend classes.

Longshot Wins Florida Photo

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—Veteran Jockey Ted Atkinson, who joined the Gulfstream Park riders several days ago, clicked for the first time yesterday when he booted Mrs. H. Mart's lightly-played filly Lucky Aunt, to a nose decision in the Everglades Purse.

G. R. Watkins' Cat Bridge, favorite of a dozen grade B horses, lost the photo finish while Mrs. V. Leonard's Beggar took the show. Lucky Aunt paid \$16.30.

Atkinson had to share plaudits with Job Dean Jessop, the nation's leading jockey, who chalked up victories 282 and 283 earlier on the card.

J. Virden's Bank Balance won the featured fifth race at New Orleans. The triumph was the second of the day for Jockey Nick Jemas. Bank Balance paid \$16.00.

Annie's Dream, owned by H. N. Warren, gained her third victory in her last five starts by capturing the featured sixth race at Charles-town. The winner paid \$5.40.

Vander Meer at Navy Separation Center

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—Johnny Vander Meer, only major leaguer ever to pitch two consecutive no-hit baseball games, will be discharged from the Navy, officers of the Lido Beach Separation Center said yesterday.

Vander Meer, property of the Cincinnati Reds has been in the Navy for 22 months, 12 of which were spent in the Pacific.

'Whizzer' Out of Navy, To Return to Law Books

WELLINGTON, Col., Dec. 20 (AP).—Lt. Byron "Whizzer" White, former All-America halfback at the University of Colorado is out of the Navy after four years in the Pacific and ready to go back to his law books, his mother Mrs. A. A. White, revealed yesterday.

White also starred for the professional Pittsburgh Steelers and the Detroit Lions.

Irish Coach Discharged

SOUTH BEND, Dec. 20 (AP).—Edward W. Krause, head basketball coach and assistant football coach at Notre Dame, returned to the university today with a discharge from the Marine Corps. He will not resume his duties until next season.

To Coach Montana State

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 20 (AP).—Clyde Carpenter football coach at the Billings (Mont.) High School from 1932 to 1942, has been named football coach for Montana State College at Bozeman. Carpenter will succeed Schubert Dyhe.



Blanchard, Duden to Get Grid Awards

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—The Army's Felix Blanchard and the Navy's Dick Duden were among the players selected yesterday to receive 1945 awards on Jan. 8 at the Touchdown Club's annual banquet. Blanchard will receive the Walter Camp Trophy as the outstanding college player of the year. The Knute Rockne Trophy for exceptional line play will go to Duden.

Bob Waterfield, brilliant former UCLA star who paced Cleveland's Rams to a 15-14 victory over Washington last Sunday for National Football League title, will be honored as the year's top professional player.

Special recognition for his many years of service with the New York Giants will go to Mel Hein, veteran center. Steve Juzwik, Fleet City (Calif.) and former Notre Dame and Washington Redskin backfield star, will receive an outstanding service player award.

Trainers Win Hearings Delay

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 (AP).—Counsel for two Maryland trainers yesterday gained a delay when the State Racing Commission announced that hearings on charges of stimulation of horses at a recent Pimlico meeting had been postponed indefinitely.

The postponement was announced by George P. Mahoney, Commission chairman, following a conference with Attorney General William Curran on a civil suit filed by the trainer's attorneys which challenged the commission's rules regarding "doping" of horses.

Maryland racing rules make a trainer solely responsible where stimulation evidence is found, with a minimum suspension of one year mandatory.

Pacific Tour Slated For Grid Coaches

CAMP LEE, Va., Dec. 20 (AP).—Coach Hooks Mylin, the Camp Lee Traveller football coach, revealed today that he is heading for a 60- to 90-day tour of Japan and the Philippines with four other big name football coaches early next month.

Mylin said he would leave for the South Pacific with Bo McMillin, coach of Indiana's Big Ten champions and recently named Coach of The Year; Jeff Cravath, University of Southern California mentor; Henry Franka, coach of Tulsa University; and Tad Weiman former Princeton and Columbia coach and now director of athletics at Maine.

"We'll conduct coaching schools, show football movies and give talks to the boys," Mylin said.

Southeast Conference OKs Use of Freshmen

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 20 (ANS).—Fifteen officials of the Southeastern Conference voted to continue to permit freshmen to play varsity football through the 1946 season. Freshmen will be eligible to compete in varsity athletics until June 8, 1947, through today's action.

Pro Tennis Crown Retained by Kovacs

HAVANA, Dec. 20 (AP).—Frank Kovacs, professional tennis champion, retained his title last night by defeating the Irish champion George L. Rogers, 6-1, 6-2, at Havana's Sports Palace.

Tournament of Roses Queen

PASADENA, Dec. 20 (AP).—Patricia Auman, 17-year-old Pasadena Junior College sophomore, yesterday was chosen queen of the annual Tournament of Roses. She will be crowned at the Coronation Ball on Dec. 27 and will preside over the New Year's Day parade and the Rose Bowl football game.

National Track Meet Set

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP).—The 1946 National Junior College Track and Field Meet will be held at Phoenix, Ariz., May 24 and 25. Herschel Smith of the AAU Southern Pacific Association announced today.

L'il Abner



By Al Capp



Dick Tracy



By Chester Gould



Terry and The Pirates



By Milton Caniff



Blondie



By Chic Ye



Joe Palooka



By Ham Fisher



Prep Cager Scores 59 Pts. in 32 Minutes

CLEVELAND, Dec. 20 (AP).—Mike Medich, six-foot five-inch center, scored 59 points in a 32-minute high school basketball game here yesterday, as Cleveland Benedictine defeated Cleveland West, 75-29. He bagged 27 fields goals and five free throws. Medich also scored 41 points in a game last week.

Great Lakes' Win Over Irish Top Sports Surprise of 1945

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Notre Dame's 39-7 defeat by Great Lakes in the final football game of the season for both teams was the "biggest sports surprise of 1945" in the opinion of 76 sportswriters who participated in the Associated Press annual poll.

Twenty-nine of the writers put the Sailors' triumph on their ballots, while 42 different eyebrow lifters were listed in all by the scribes.

Indiana's winning of its first Big Ten football championship was the second and the midseason sale of pitcher Hank Borowy by the New York Yankees to the Chicago Cubs ranked third.

Washington's baseball Senators, rated as 1944's greatest disappointment, were fourth in the poll with their battle to win the American League flag.

Fire Takes Zip Out Of Hurricane Dandies

TULSA, Dec. 20 (AP).—A \$350,000 laundry fire might force the Tulsa University football players to dress in dungarees and jackets for their trip to the Oil Bowl game at Houston, Texas, Elmo Thompson, university athletic chairman, said yesterday.

Thompson explained that the Hurricane gridders had taken most of their clothing to the laundry to be cleaned for the Texas jaunt to begin Dec. 26.

Winn Quits Turf Post

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—Col. Matt J. Winn today announced his retirement as president of the Empire City Racing Association. James Butler, grandson of the association's founder, was chosen to succeed him.

Krakauskas Out of RCAF

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 20 (AP).—Joe Krakauskas, Cleveland Indians pitcher before enlisting in the RCAF three years ago, has received his honorable discharge.

Bramlett to Captain Navy

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 20 (AP).—End Leon Bramlett of Clarksdale, Miss., will captain the Navy's 1946 football team. He succeeds All-America end Dick Duden.

Hartford Pilot Named

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 20 (AP).—Hartford's 1946 entry in the Eastern Baseball League will be managed by Fred "Dutch" Dorman.

U.S. Agency Asks Separate Ruhr, Rhineland

Report Echoes French Policy Stalled by Big 3

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—The Foreign Economic Administration, an expiring war-time government agency, proposed today the permanent separation of the Ruhr and the Rhineland from Germany to prevent reconstruction of war industry "capable of once again unmaking the security of Europe."

The proposals were contained in a report made public before a subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, just eight days after the State Department issued a policy declaration charting a course for German economic recovery based on continued possession of the Ruhr and Rhineland by Germany.

The FEA proposals which recommended an international trusteeship to administer separated areas, were similar to those which France has endeavored to persuade the U.S., Britain and Russia to adopt in recent months.

The statement marked the first time that any American government agency had publicly advocated the detachment of the two zones which provided Germany's economic capacity for two world wars.

The FEA, officially dissolved by President Truman Sept. 9, put forward the proposals as a part of a detailed program for German economic disarmament, but emphasized that the proposals were "purely advisory" and should not be interpreted as an expression of U.S. policy.

The report said in part: "If the Rhineland and Ruhr were left under German authority, continuation of a more extensive control over German heavy industry may be necessary long after the occupation period."

Prosecution Raps Major

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beaten up and injured by guards, who left one lying unconscious on the floor "with blood pumping out of his mouth." The guards tried for 25 minutes to revive him, and then sent for the medics, who took him away on stretcher. The other prisoner, Ayers said, was on his bunk coughing up blood, and after he had been given a bucket to spit it into fellow prisoners asked the guard to get the medics back again. The second man was taken away, too.

General prisoner Albert Beach declared that Lichfield guards kept prisoners doing calisthenics daily for eight hours or longer "depending on how the guards felt."

At the request of the president of the court, Col. Louis P. Leone, Beach demonstrated how he stood nose and toes against a wall on one occasion while waiting to be interviewed by an officer who was checking on conditions in the guardhouse. For no reason at all, the witness testified, the guards made the group stand that way almost all day, with one break for lunch.

Asked why he did not complain to the inspecting officer whom he was waiting to see Beach said: "It was so common that I didn't consider it brutal—anyway, not like a beating." Beach told the court that on another occasion a lieutenant who was a prison officer but whom he did not know tried to "knee" him "below the belt" because he turned his head when doing calisthenics.

Bill OK'd to Bring GI Wives to U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP).—The Senate today passed and transmitted to the White House a resolution easing immigration requirements for wives of U.S. servicemen married abroad.

Physical examinations before the foreign-born wives and children board ships for America are waived by the new resolution, which also provides for relaxation of visa regulations.

Foreign wives of servicemen may expect some U.S. shipping to be available to them within two or three weeks, Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) said in Washington yesterday.

Korea Welcomes Liberators After 35-Year Wait



A group of U.S. Naval and Marine personnel on liberty from the battle cruiser USS Guam pauses beneath one of the arches welcoming American military forces to Jinsen, Korea. Korea was one of the first victims of Japanese conquest in the Orient, and has been under Nipponese domination since 1910.

Byrnes Plays Abelard To Heloise the Owl

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (UP).—Heloise knows the inside story of the Big Three Conference here, but like Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, she isn't talking.

Heloise is a baby owl which dropped half-frozen from a snow-covered tree on the grounds of Spasso House, residence of U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman. What with Byrnes' delegation to be quartered, the house was already jam-packed, but Harriman decided he might as well take in the owl, too.

Heloise rapidly became the personal pet of her star fellow boarder, the Secretary of State.

Byrnes, Bevin Talk to Stalin

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at a banquet in Spriodonovka Palace. Toasts were exchanged.

During the afternoon conference an informed source said, the three ministers continued their "explorations" on basic questions.

Before the luncheon, Byrnes received French Ambassador Gen. Georges Catroux, who later saw Bevin. Both were described as "courtesy calls." Bevin also received the Chinese Ambassador, who had called on Byrnes Monday.

(An INS dispatch from Moscow quoted "official American sources" as revealing that efforts were being made to include Russia in future Japanese occupation plans. Byrnes was said to be trying to obtain Russian representation on an Allied council to advise and consult with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo, but without yielding America's dominant role in governing Japan.)

(Unconfirmed reports from London said the Big Three were considering a "compromise" plan for the internationalization of the Ruhr being sought by France. The "compromise," ascribed to the British, would set up international economic control of the region but would leave it under German political sovereignty.)

It was reported that British occupation authorities in the Ruhr soon would take over all coal mines and steel plants there and hold them "in trust" until the Ruhr's future is decided.

(The French did not comment officially on the reported compromise on the disposition of the Ruhr, but it was plain they intended to stick to their demand that the region be divorced politically as well as economically from the Reich.)

Brutal SS Experiments On Prisoners Described

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NUREMBERG, Dec. 20.—Prior to beginning a ten-day recess, the International Military Tribunal today heard a member of the American prosecutor's staff, Maj. Warren Farr of Dorchester, Mass., describe the role of the SS, or Elite Corps, in promoting "scientific experimentation" in the concentration camps which they operated.

Presenting the court with documentary accounts of experiments performed on SS-held prisoners to determine the effect of poison bullets, high altitude and immersion in icy water, Farr linked seven of the defendants with positions of leadership in the dreaded unit. The seven whose names were read to the court from SS membership and voting lists were Joachim von Ribbentrop, Rudolf Hess, Fritz Sauckel, Martin Bormann, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, Constantin von Neurath and Arthur Seyss-Inquart. Referring to experiments conducted by three SS physicians on five concentration camp prisoners to test the effect of a "poisonous" akonitinnitrate bullet, Farr read in detail to the court the top secret Nazi document which catalogued the dying reactions of the human guinea pigs.

"Each subject," it reported, "received one shot in the upper part of the left thigh" with one of the experimental bullets. Death occurred 121.23 and 129 minutes after the shots were given the report said.

Farr introduced a letter from Heinrich Himmler in which the now dead SS leader offered to supply prostitutes held in custody for experiments to determine whether the heat of the human female body might assist in the revival of persons suffering from shock and immersion in cold water.

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Daily N.Y.-Paris Flights Await Wage Agreement

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP).—Inauguration of a daily air passenger service between New York and Paris only awaits completion of wage negotiations between Transcontinental and Western Airlines and the U.S. Airline Pilots Association.

50 Unloaded U.S. Ships Idle For Months in Saipan Harbor

HONOLULU, Dec. 20 (ANS).—More than 50 merchantmen, waiting for months in Saipan's Lianapag Harbor for unloading orders, are costing U.S. taxpayers more than half a million dollars monthly, The Stars and Stripes Honolulu edition reported yesterday.

A War Shipping Administration official in Honolulu, however, termed the tie-up just a "logistic hang-over" of the amphibious struggle against Japan.

"The vessels swing tantalizingly at anchor here while GIs slowly sweat out Starside transportation," wrote two Stars and Stripes reporters, T/5 Dickie Moore, formerly Hollywood child film star, and S Sgt. Martin Rakitt.

They reported ships' manifests showed they were loaded with ammunition bombs, Post Exchange supplies, beer, oil and other cargo. "The SS Alexander Hitchcock has been waiting for unloading instructions since Aug. 1," the GI reporters said. On an average, 50 merchantmen have been waiting more than two months.

Army, Navy and War Shipping

Shortage of Crews Holds Ships in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—A shortage of crews is delaying the sailing of 60 ships from American ports, the War Shipping Administration said yesterday. Six troopships are among those held up.

To man the vessels, WSA said, the Merchant Marine needs 1,000 officers and 10,000 men immediately.

Administration officials here explained that Tanapag Harbor was used as an anchorage for ships destined for other Pacific ports, and that some of the vessels were gasoline and oil tankers, whose cargoes were being held against future fuel needs in the Pacific. Others are loaded with munitions originally intended for use against Japan, but now must await decisions in Washington.

Nazis Get OK On Witnesses--Dead Ones, Too

By Stoddard White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NUREMBERG, Dec. 20.—Names of 85 persons requested by the defense as witnesses in the War Crimes Trials have been approved by the International Military Tribunal, it was announced yesterday.

Several others living outside Germany will be questioned by court interrogators or allowed to make statements. Among these are Britain's Lord Kemsley, Lord Beaverbrook, Lord Londonderry and Lord Vansittart all requested by Joachim von Ribbentrop former German Foreign Minister; Lord Halifax, requested by Hermann Goering; and a New York banker identified only as "Dr. Jeidels," a German who fled to the U.S. before the war.

Goering's attorney was given the right to submit questions he wants asked of Sir Alexander Cadogan, prominent Conservative and a righthand man of Winston Churchill when he was Prime Minister.

Applications of Rudolf Hess and former Gen. Wilhelm Keitel to call six other defendants as witnesses were granted. Hess will call Goering and Keitel will call Alfred Jodl, former Chief of Staff of the German Army; Constantin von Neurath, former Foreign Minister; Hjalmar Schacht, former Finance Minister; Walter Funk, former Economics Minister, and Erich Raeder, former Commander of the Navy.

Among others for whom requests were approved are: the German Field Marshals von Brauchitsch (believed by some Allied officials to be dead) and Von Rundstedt; Gens. Franz Halder and Thomas, the latter the economic genius of the Wehrmacht; and Dr. H. N. Lammers, one of the most powerful behind-the-scenes figures in Nazi Germany. Lammers was requested by six defendants.

The court gave no explanation for granting a request by Keitel to call Adm. Wilhelm Canaris, who is generally believed to have been executed after the 1944 bomb plot on Hitler's life. Keitel presumably knows whether the German military intelligence chief is dead, as Canaris' deputy, Gen. Erwin Lahausen testified in court recently that his chief was dead.

Point Cut Aids 99,456 in ETO

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GI there were 17,305 officers in the European theater with 73 or more points—7,716 of them in the pipeline.

So far, no estimate has been made on December redeployment shipping, but if it totals 325,000—and this seems to be a conservative anticipation—only 71,280 officers and men eligible for point discharge on Dec. 1 will remain in the theater Jan. 1. They will receive top priority for January redeployment.

USFET G3 officials said most EM with 60 or more points would clear the theater this month. Very few with under 60 points will leave in December. A below-60 pointer may ship in December only if he is ready to board ship at a time when no above-60s are available for shipping G3 emphasized.

G1's Dec. 1 figures revealed further that 29,493 EM who ordinarily would have been qualified for discharge remained in the theater because they were prisoners, court martial cases, hospitalized attending school or suffering from VD.

There were also 21,118 who had volunteered to remain on their present jobs until they were finished or had re-enlisted in the Regular Army.

Somervell to Retire, Goes on Terminal Leave

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces, will retire on April 1.

The War Department said yesterday he was beginning a 120-day terminal leave. Somervell, ASF chief since its formation in 1942, will retire at his permanent rank of major general. He was promoted to his four-star rank early this year.