

USAF WEATHER FORECAST
NORTH & WEST: Clear to partly cloudy, Max. 70, Min. 45; SOUTH & EAST: Partly cloudy and warmer, Max. 72, Min. 45; BERLIN: Partly cloudy, Max. 70, Min. 50; BREMEN: Partly cloudy, Max. 65, Min. 53; VIENNA: Partly cloudy, Max. 58, Min. 53; FURTHER OUTLOOK: Fair and warmer.

One Year Ago Today
Tito holds firm in Trieste. Bremen enclave is placed under U. S. control. Petain blames collaboration on Laval.

U. S. Soldier Confesses Dual Slaying in Nurnberg

'Fired at Civilian,' Negro Tells CID In Yanks' Killing

The Stars and Stripes Bureau

NURNBERG, May 17—An occupation army Negro truck driver, who came to Germany four months ago, has confessed that he fired the carbine bullet which killed two American sergeants last Friday night in Nurnberg, it was announced today at the office of the theater Provost Marshal in Frankfurt.

The signer of the confession was identified as 26-year-old Pfc James C. DeVone, of Sampson County, N. C., assigned to the 3757th QM Truck Co., which is stationed near the scene of the shooting.

'Firing at Civilian'

DeVone told agents of the 9th Detachment of the Criminal Investigation Division in Erlangen that he was firing at "a civilian going up the road" when the jeep containing three soldiers and three women—two British and one American—"got in the way."

Why DeVone fired at the civilian and whether the civilian was a German were not explained. He said that although he had been drinking schnapps and beer, he was not drunk. He was on guard duty but had left his post. After the shooting he went to his billet nearby.

Bullet Killed Pair

CID agents announced that one bullet, the third of three fired by DeVone, killed both victims—S/Sgt. William R. Timmons, 21, of West Haven, Conn., and T/4 Paul R. Skelton, 21, of McKinney, Texas, both assigned to the fiscal section of The Stars and Stripes.

The criminal investigation, which involved a brilliant and arduous excursion in ballistics—the science of the motion of projectiles—narrowed to DeVone Wednesday night. He was taken to the scene of the killing this morning and completed the confession at 3:45 p.m.

The apprehension of DeVone followed a "shakedown" Monday,



De Vone handing confession to CID agent in Erlangen

in which 250 military police and 50 German police searched Nurnberg's suburb, Erlenstegen, for clues. The solution, however, lay in the carbine bullet, which went through Skelton, who was sitting in the back of the jeep, and lodged, six inches deep, in the body of Timmons, the driver.

After the autopsies, Capt. Claude Nichols, of Wichita, Kan., CID ballistics specialist, stationed in Frankfurt, went to Erlangen to take charge of the hunt for the weapon which fired the doubly fatal shot.

"A lucky break" led to the discovery of the weapon, Capt. Nichols said, in describing the course of the ballistics investigation. He credited "outstanding markings" on the bullet and the cartridge case with "making our task easier."

After an essential part of the

CID's ballistic laboratory was flown to Nurnberg, a "mass production" firing system was set up to determine the weapon used in the slayings.

Nitrate and ballistics tests were made on 87 weapons—79 belonging to members of M Co., 26th Inf. Regt. of the 1st Div., and eight carbines belonging to the Negro unit. The 87th carbine tested was established as the weapon sought.

Each carbine was fired twice in the tests, conducted with the assistance of two German ballistics experts from Regensburg.

DeVone said that the carbine he used was the one assigned to him for guard. The empty shells were found near the road, close to imprints of a carbine stock and a man's posterior. Six other Negro soldiers were questioned along with DeVone. He said, however, that no one else was involved—that he was alone when he fired.

Agents Lauded

Lt. Col. Eugene Smith, theater CID chief, said credit for the solution belonged to the many agents and scientific experts who worked on the case.

DeVone entered the Army July 1, 1941. After serving in Italy, he was returned to the United States. He came back to the European Theater in January after enlisting in the Regular Army.

With Timmons and Skelton in the jeep were T/5 Elmer Holdway, of Cambria, Va., and Misses Rose I. Korb, of Hammond, Ind., Kathleen Gass, of London, and Kathleen O'Farrell, of Limerick, Eire. Miss Korb, a secretary at the International Military Tribunal, and the others, with the fiscal section of The Stars and Stripes, were not hurt.

The killing occurred about two blocks from the residence of Brig. Gen. Leroy H. Watson, commander of the Nurnberg-Fürth Enclave.

Russia Blocks Asset Disposal

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The Soviet Union has refused to agree to repeated American requests to join with Great Britain, the United States and France in a common disposition of millions of dollars of German assets in Austria.

In disclosing this, Government officials elaborated on press conference statements by Dean Acheson, Assistant Secretary of State, who had revealed the existence of the dispute.

These officials, who were closely connected with the problem, said that the United States had urged the Russians to be "lenient" in claiming German assets for reparations, lest wholesale seizure would permanently ruin Austria's economy.

Moscow is insisting on working out the problem alone with the Austrian government, despite a disagreement with American officials on what constitutes a German asset, they said.

Because the Russian definition of German assets involved most of Austria's basic industries—shipping, oil, banking and insurance—these officials said that the United States was extremely anxious to settle the question and to give some meaning to Austrian independence.

House Votes 5-Cent Airmail

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Reduction in airmail postage rates from 8 to 5 cents an ounce has been voted by the House.

Berlin Fights Food Thefts

BERLIN, May 17 (AP)—Berlin's four-power Kommandantura today ordered tightening up on security and property accounting to halt food thefts from central warehouses which an American spokesman said had "assumed alarming proportions."

The spokesman cited as examples of recent unsolved "disappearances" the loss of 20,000 tons of potatoes and 8,000 tons of flour. The potatoes lost were sufficient to fill the ration of this commodity for the entire city for more than two weeks. Unless thefts are checked, it was indicated Berliners might be put on curtailed rations to make them up.

Shanghai MPs Quit Search For Jeeps After Shootings

SHANGHAI, May 17 (AP)—The Provost Marshal's office announced today that it is withdrawing Military Police patrols seeking stolen jeeps because of five separate shooting incidents in the outskirts of Shanghai.

No Americans were injured, but, the statement declared, "Recovery of a few jeeps is not worth risking American lives." The statement did not say who did the shooting.

Pet Camp to Close June 30

LE HAVRE, May 17—The pet reception center here, through which 1,110 dogs and one cat have been shipped to their GI masters redeployed to the U. S., will close June 30, Western Base Section announced today.

Keep a Watch Out For MPs, Hemingway

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, Ind., May 17 (INS)—The librarian at this Army Service Forces' training center sent a card to a soldier reminding him of an overdue book.

The card came back marked, "Soldier AWOL."

The title of the book: "Farewell to Arms," by Ernest Hemingway.

U.S. Prepares For Railroad Strike Today

From Press Dispatches

The United States, still in the grip of the soft-coal dispute, prepared to face a nation-wide railroad strike scheduled for today.

President Truman informed his press conference he would order government operation of the railroads if the dispute was not settled before the deadline.

The New York Times said that the government would commandeered more than 1,000 cargo and passenger planes in the event of the railway strike.

U. S. to Seize Planes

The newspaper said 300 planes had been earmarked for Government operation in the New York City area alone and that, on warning from the War Department, the rest were being held in readiness throughout the nation.

Mr. Truman last night cancelled plans to leave Washington for the weekend after both operators and miners rejected his suggestion for further arbitration of the coal strike dispute.

Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, said that the representative for the operators, Charles O'Neill, indicated a willingness to arbitrate the wages and hours issue, but not the miners' demand for a \$70,000,000-a-year welfare fund.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, was said to have told the President that his negotiating committee was not authorized to accept arbitration.

Truman Still Hopeful

Mr. Truman said that he would "cross the bridge" of seizing the nation's coal mines when that bridge was reached, but added that he was still hopeful of a settlement of the strike.

The soft-coal strike, now, has had more far-reaching effects than any previous stoppage in the history of U. S. coal mining.

In Philadelphia, approximately 370 striking AFL truck drivers halted distribution of the city's three largest newspapers in a dispute involving full pay for their half hour lunchtime.

The Record, Inquirer and Bulletin in a joint statement announced that publishing would continue, but that papers would be sold only over the counter.

Limit Dropped on Size Of Packages Sent to U. S.

The Stars and Stripes Bureau FRANKFURT, May 17—Military and civilian personnel in the theater can now ship parcel-post packages to the U. S. in excess of the former limit of 11 pounds in weight and 60 inches in length and girth combined, the theater postal officer announced.

The ruling reversed an order that a limit would be placed on packages because of the nationwide fuel shortage.

Keyes Takes Command Of 3rd Army

HEIDELBERG, May 17 (AP)

—Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, 3rd Army commander who recently suffered a heart attack, yesterday relinquished command of the U. S. occupation army and was succeeded by Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes.

Keyes was commander of the 7th Army until it was deactivated April 1 and the duties of occupying the American zone of Germany were taken over by Truscott's 3rd Army.

Third Army public relations officers said Truscott would return to the U. S. within a few weeks to "rest and recuperate" from his illness. The gray-haired, bronzed Truscott was said to be "making a good recovery."

The officers also said Keyes would remain commander of the 3rd Army "indefinitely" and that Truscott would not take over again even if he fully recovered.

Parker Held Command

Since the deactivation of the 7th Army, command of the 3rd Army has changed hands several times. When Truscott's wife was taken ill in Washington, D. C., soon after April 1, Keyes took over as acting commander.

When Truscott returned, Keyes went back to the U. S. After Truscott was himself taken ill and was confined to his quarters, the Army revealed last night that Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, Jr., had assumed command for two weeks. The command finally passed to Keyes today.

Fifty-one-year-old Truscott previously commanded the 5th Army in Italy, and took over the 3rd Army from the late Lt. Gen. George S. Patton. He led the 6th Corps into Rome and Southern France after holding the Anzio beachhead against superior enemy forces.

Parker has taken command of the 3rd Inf. Div. Maj. Gen. William R. Schmidt, former 3rd Div. CG, has been designated chief of staff of the 3rd Army.

Both Parker and Schmidt have commanded divisions in combat in the European theater. Prior to his assignment to the 3rd Army, Parker commanded the 78th Inf. Div. and later the XXIII Corps. Schmidt headed the 76th Inf. Div. before his assignment to the 3rd Div.

FBI Aid Asked In Plane Crash

RICHMOND, Va., May 17 (AP)—Authorities continued attempts to identify 18 of the 27 passengers killed when a Viking airliner fell through murky weather to crash in swampy pineland near here. Meanwhile, a Civil Aeronautics Authority inspector said he would ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation to probe certain aspects of the crash "because there are some things we cannot account for."

He said two pistols, part of another gun of some sort, two stiletos, a pair of handcuffs and a police whistle had been discovered amid the twisted wreckage.

In Washington, officials of the Civil Aeronautics Board said stricter safety regulations than had been planned for charter airlines might grow out of the crash.

Spain Plotted Gibraltar Stab, Nazis Say

MOSCOW, May 17 (AP)—Two of Germany's former military attaches in Spain said in a statement to the Soviet government today that Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Government, "under the mask of neutrality, actually participated in the war on the side of Germany."

The officers, now Soviet prisoners, are Lt. Gen. Gunther Krappe, former attache in Madrid, and Col. Hans Remer, former attache in Tangiers.

Their 10,000-word statement, taking up two pages of Izvestia, said the Spanish and German general

staffs developed plans for military collaboration on a large scale at the close of the Spanish Civil War.

Wilhelm Keitel and Alfred Jodl, now on trial at Nurnberg, had much to do with working out this plan, the statement said.

Krappe and Remer said Gen. Asensio, who commanded a division in southern Spain, boasted that he could take Gibraltar in 20 minutes.

The date for storming Gibraltar was set for Jan. 10, 1941, but the operation was abandoned because Hitler decided against an invasion of Great Britain and started plan-

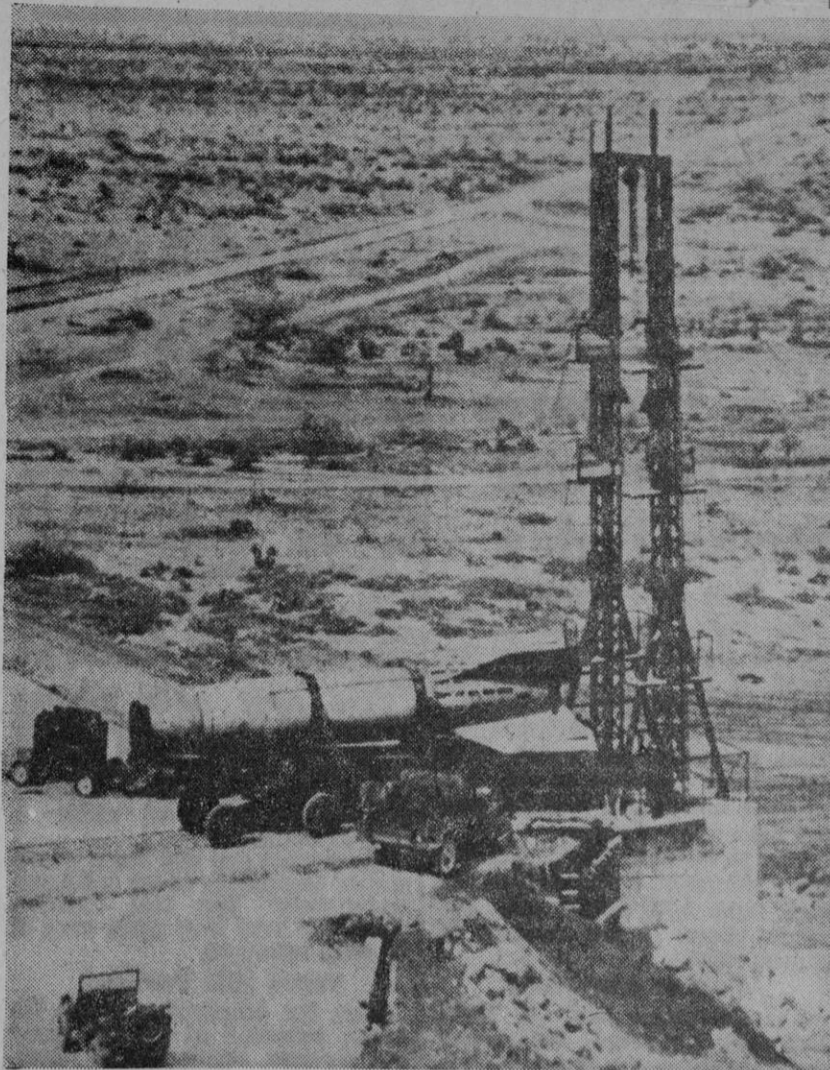
ning his attack on Russia, the German officers said.

Spain also relayed information on Allied shipping to Germany, the statement continued.

The Germans learned from Spanish sources in October, 1942, of the forthcoming Allied landings in North Africa, Krappe and Remer maintained.

They said Spanish ports were available to German submarines and their bombers were serviced there. Allied planes forced down in Spanish territory were available to German experts for study, they declared.

Weather Rockets Roam Heavens Seeking Data for Meteorologists



GERMAN V-2 rocket is trucked to the launching platform at the Army Ordnance Proving Grounds, White Sands, N.M., for tests.

PASADENA, Calif., May 17 (INS)—Rockets screaming skyward into the upper atmosphere at the Army's White Sands proving ground, in New Mexico, in current tests, are doing something more than reveal information of military value. The missiles, traveling at speeds faster than sound into the ionosphere, are seeking meteorological secrets to extend the range and increase the accuracy of weather forecasting. And weather men are confident this goal will be attained. Because the German V-2, twenty-five of which are being used in the present experiments, is primarily a terror weapon, California Institute of Technology experts developed, for purely peaceful purposes, a new type of "weather rocket." Lessons learned in tests with this missile are being applied to the studies now being made in New Mexico.

Chute Returns Data

Equipped with parachute, the U. S. invention brings back to earth a record of what its delicate instruments discover many miles above the earth's surface.

Sixteen feet long and twelve inches in diameter, the Cal Tech rocket has a needle sharp nose instead of the rain drop shape of conventional streamlining.

Dr. Frank J. Maline, who developed the rocket, in cooperation with Douglas Aircraft Co., says the fine point enables it to overcome the terrific shock waves encountered at supersonic speeds.

The nose is so sharp that workmen constructing the rocket place a rubber cap over it to avoid being injured.

Reaches Ionosphere

A few weeks ago the rocket (called the "WAC Corporal" in its tests) set a new U. S. record by climbing 230,000 feet, or 43 1/2 miles, into the fringes of the ionosphere.

Scientists predicted then that with the improvements designed by Dr. Maline, it will eventually go far beyond that mark, possibly to 120 miles.

The "WAC Corporal" is powered by a secret liquid propellant which carries its own oxidizer. This is necessary because of the thinness of oxygen in the upper atmosphere, oxygen being necessary to combustion.

Heretofore, meteorologists depended on instrument-equipped sounding balloons to gather atmospheric information for them. But the upper limit of these free-flying gas bags is 132,000 feet, about 100,000 feet below "WAC Corporal's" mark.

Balloons cannot penetrate the ionosphere—that region of mystery where the answers to much scientific speculation undoubtedly lie.

The ionosphere has many curious electrical phenomena concerning which much remains to be learned. These include the invisible kennelly-heaviside or "E" layer and the

visible aurora borealis (aurora australis in the southern hemisphere) and aurora polaris. All of these adversely affect radio communication and are believed to have some effect on the weather.

Another fact sought is the distribution of ozone, a form of oxygen, in the upper atmosphere.

Armed with this additional knowledge, meteorologists hope that they can extend the present five-day forecast limit by at least two or three days. Predictions also can be more accurate.

At present, 40 weather stations in the continental U. S. send up an average of two sounding balloons each day. However, forecasting depends on an accumulation of data rather than on the finding of a single balloon or rocket.

The "weather rocket," it is theorized, will answer all the purposes of such balloons, and will supply much additional data.

Slender Santa Asks Presents For Poor Kids

NEW YORK, May 17 (INS)—A streamlined Santa Claus from the North Pole is in this country.

He's a bit in advance of the Christmas season, and he doesn't look at all like the traditional St. Nick, being 6 feet, 1 inch tall and on the slender side, without a beard or a red-and-white costume.

But this Santa, suave, handsome, looking much younger than his 39 years, is very much in earnest about his job of providing toys for needy kids next Christmas.

His name is Sam Styles and he is (actually!) the mayor of North Pole, Alaska, a tiny town 600 miles from the North Pole.

Seeks Gift Fund

Styles is here to raise a million-dollar gift trust fund to buy toys for little boys and girls all over the world. The toys will be sent direct from North Pole, Alaska, which is already being flooded with requests from trusting youngsters who address their letters to "Santa Claus, North Pole."

Styles, business manager of three Alaska radio stations and managing editor of a monthly magazine Alaska Life, is head of a group of four Alaskan citizens promoting this project.

This 1946 Santa Claus lives in an oil-heated log cabin with his pretty wife—Patricia, and two sons—Sam Jr., 9, and Dick Allen, 6.

Dominating the whole town is a 136-foot statue of Santa Claus, also the dominant figure on his letter-head, which is date-lined "North Pole, Alaska, Office of the mayor."

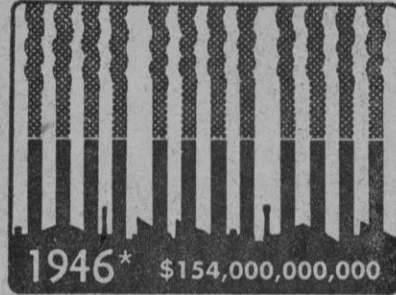
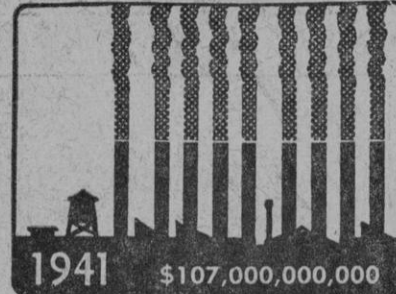
Styles hopes to get everything in working order by Oct. 1. He also hopes he'll be able to persuade some of the toy manufacturers to sell the fund toys at cost. To avoid complications in packaging and shipment, he and his "assistant Santas" will send out only four types of toys—two for girls two for boys.

House Numbers Give Headache to Postman

JOHANNESBURG, May 17 (AP)—Postmen in Harrismith, Orange Free State, get a headache every time they visit Warden Street. The first house is No. 3, which is followed by 7 and then 9. After that comes No. 5, then another 7, followed by 15. No. 21a nestles between 149 and 163.

When the local council called for bidders for numbering the houses they accepted the lowest bidder, and only when the contract was completed did they discover that the bidder was illiterate.

AMERICA'S PRODUCTION



*ESTIMATED ON BASIS OF 1ST QUARTER. (IN TERMS OF 1941 PRICES, 1946 PRODUCTION EQUALS \$122,000,000,000)

Gestapo Inspired 'Symphony' Tune

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—The French composer Sigfried Stein, whose pseudonym is "Alstone," told newsmen here how the thumping boots of the Gestapo and the pounding of his own heart helped to form the musical composition which he calls "Symphony."

Alstone, visiting the U. S. with his wife, the former Cecile de Ribourg, of Nice, said he was on the "wanted" list of the Nazi secret police after the collapse of France and took refuge in the cellar of a house in Nice.

"While I was hiding there," he said, "the melody of 'Symphony' came into my heart and played itself into my brain."

To illustrate how such things happen, Alstone sat down at a piano and played several bars which he said is his brain's conception of New York's fashionable Fifth Ave. Listening newsmen suggested, however, that it seemed more reminiscent of the considerably less fashionable 42nd St.

You never can tell how a piece of music is going to affect people, Alstone reported. "Symphony," he said, was composed during a period of haunted terror but American soldiers have written to him that they met and wooed French girls to the accompaniment of the melody. One sergeant wrote to Alstone to say that he made love by its words alone.

"He did not know any other words," said Alstone.

Juvenile Crime Increases

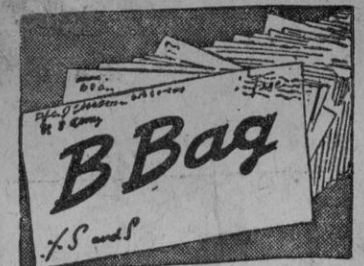
WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Attorney General Tom Clark informed the Senate labor subcommittee of an "alarming" increase in teen-age crimes since 1939, including a jump of 198 per cent in arrests of girls under 18.

He declared "records show that high delinquency and inadequate recreation facilities go hand in hand."

Clark wrote to the committee in support of a measure authorizing the Federal Security Administration, with a maximum expenditure of \$450,000, to aid states in developing community recreation programs.

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Re: Helen Braden

On a subject that has been much discussed, here is some straight dope from one who knows. Helen Braden, the girl who criticized GIs as husbands, was described as blonde, a senior, 20, and shapely.

Not more than two months ago I attended a dance where she was present. The majority of the men there were GIs or ex-GIs, and she showed no aversion to them. I have known her for three years, and went with her quite a bit during that time. She is not at all as the papers would have you believe. Helen has long, light brown hair, a swell figure, is a very good dancer, is 19, a freshman, and is very friendly.

I feel certain that this rain of criticism from a misinterpretation of her speech has made her feel very badly. I can't believe she made the statement that she would never marry an ex-GI. If I know GIs, she will.

—Pvt. Charles Fellers.

Doesn't Like Chow

No wonder there's so much wasted food in the Army. If they'd cook it halfway decent, maybe the GIs could eat it. Still, we don't see how the soldier will be able to do his occupation duties properly on the food they're serving us now.

—Hungry.

Unfair to Officers

Of all the ungrateful, insincere, unintelligent bitches I've heard, the ones of some of these GI brides beat them all. They come out of a country that has been bombed to pieces, where the people don't eat worth a darn, and certainly don't dress well, and after being in the States long enough to get some good meals, they pop off.

They don't like the women's hats; the American women are sloppy dressers; they are uncultivated, fickle, stupid, conceited. All I want is to hear one complain of the food; that's all.

If guys are going to marry these girls over here, they ought to do one of two things: Teach them decent and respectful manners, or tell them to keep their mouths shut when they get to the States.

—America First.

Fathers: Pro and Con

What makes the married men think they should go home before the single men, regardless of ASR score or months of service. We who are single love as many people, and as much, as any married man loves his family. And besides, the excuse of having children is very poor; the single men would like to go home some day and start a family.

The married man has just as much to protect, and maybe more, than the single man. Let him stay here and do his share, too.

—Depressed.

All Judged by Few

During the war, and right after it, there was nothing but praise for the soldier, be he a combat veteran or a Stateside GI. But now some of the people are trying to turn the homefolk against us.

I have seen many articles telling how bad GI Joe is. Sure some are bad—pretty bad—but because of a few should the public be turned against the soldiers as a whole?

—S/Sgt., USFA.



"Uh, got a match?"

President Orders Draft of 26-to-29 Group

Reverses Move Made at End of War With Japs

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Moving to increase the number of men available for the armed forces, President Truman yesterday ordered the conscription of men from 20 to 29 years of age, reversing a previous Presidential order, issued at the end of the war with Japan, which had restricted Selective Service from calling those over 25.

"We must save what we can from the near-wreckage of the Selective Service system," he told his press conference.

The stop-gap legislation passed by Congress Tuesday night barred the draft of fathers and teen-agers. Officials had estimated that this would leave 59,000 men theoretically available within the 20-to-25-year group, and that only an additional 15,000 registrants for possible call could be obtained by making the 26 to 29 group eligible.

Law Drawn Loosely

Mr. Truman said the temporary draft-extension law had been drawn up so loosely that men up to 35 years and seven months old could be taken. But they would not be taken, he said, because the War Department did not want men over 30.

"I am, however," he asserted, "authorizing the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy to call upon the director of Selective Service for the induction of men who became 20 and who will not have reached the age of 30 on the date of their induction."

After the surrender of Japan, Mr. Truman halted the induction of men over 25. The age range had been 18 through 35 during the war.

Getting men into the forces was one of America's biggest headaches. From an area embracing 16 eastern Pennsylvania counties with a population of 3,000,000, one 21-year-old youth, Edward Mooney, was Wednesday's solitary draftee. In 1944 the daily average was more than 350.

Bill for Burials In U.S. Signed

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Legislation directing the War Department to return for burial in this country the bodies of approximately 300,000 Americans who died abroad since September 1939 has been signed by President Truman.

The bodies, mostly of servicemen but including some civilian Government workers, are now buried in military cemeteries throughout the world.

When returned, they will be interred either in national cemeteries or in private burial grounds, according to the wishes of relatives. The department estimated it would cost an average of \$700 each to return the bodies.

All costs of burial overseas in an American military cemetery or in a national cemetery in the U. S. will be paid by the Government.

If burial is in a private cemetery in the U. S. the Government will pay up to \$50 of expenses.

Mother Seeking Aid Finds Family Doctor in Germany

FRANKFURT, May 17 (AP)—An American soldier's wife who just arrived in Germany rushed her three-year-old son to an Army hospital with measles today and found her old family doctor waiting to take care of the boy.

"It certainly made me feel at home," said Mrs. D. E. Honadle of Washington, D. C., whose lieutenant husband is stationed at Bad Nauheim. The doctor, Lt. Col. Robert A. Bier, of Plattsburg, N. Y., used to attend Mrs. Honadle and her family in Washington 15 years ago.

Vein Found in Canada Gives Record Gold Yield

QUEBEC, May 17 (UP)—A gold vein comparable to or possibly richer than the recent discovery in South Africa has been found in Quebec Province, officials of the Beaulieu Yellowknife Mines, Ltd., announced today.

Samuel Cinglen, president of the company, said that the new vein's yield of 38.15 ounces of gold per ton of ore was a record yield in Canada or anywhere else.

Women in the News



Dimpled Bess Myerson, of New York, "Miss America of 1945," adjusts the crown of model Martha Adams, 18, who defeated 29 other contestants to become "Miss Press Photographer of Philadelphia."



Although her spring bonnet is not the type of millinery usually associated with chiefs of veterans organizations, Mrs. Patricia M. Deuse is the national commander of the Legion of Women Veterans.



The former Mrs. Arthur J. Peavey Jr., daughter of the late Sen. John Thomas of Idaho, was married in Washington recently to Sen. C. Wayland Brooks, of Illinois.

Leader Blames Big Powers for Troubles of UN

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Hafez Afifi Pasha, the Egyptian delegate to the United Nations, retiring as president of the Security Council, lectured his colleagues yesterday on the disappointment of the great mass of humanity that the great powers of the UN were trying to "further their own interests without regard or consideration for others."

"I shudder when I hear people talking of a third world war," he said.

In his closing remarks to the council over which he had presided for a month, Afifi Pasha emphasized that he was speaking as the representative of a small nation and told the Council, "Do your utmost not to leave a stone unturned to make this Council the true and real instrument of everlasting peace among peoples, nations, and races of the earth."

War Ideals 'Forgotten'

The great mass of humanity, he said, was disappointed with the world a year after V-E Day because the ideals for which the war was fought seemed to have been forgotten.

The Egyptian urged people everywhere not to despair of the Security Council and its differences. He said the council was still in its infancy and growing pains were inevitable.

Later, a reception was given by Afifi Pasha for delegates and particularly for his successor, Alexandre Parodi, of France. Among those present was Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate.

GROMYKO RESUMES SEAT FOR 41st COUNCIL SESSION

NEW YORK, May 17 (INS)—Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko resumed his seat yesterday as the United Nations Security Council went into its 41st full meeting.

Only two items were on the agenda—consideration of 34 proposed rules of procedure for the council and adoption of the American resolution which would defer action on new memberships in the United Nations until August.

The latter move was aimed at Albania, whose application for admission is opposed by the United States and Great Britain and is supported by Russia.

Vital Manila Data Destroyed by Japs

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The Japanese destroyed approximately half of the vital statistics and official records of the Philippines, placing a severe handicap on the rehabilitation of the islands.

American experts in the preservation of records who entered Manila after the Army are doing their best to restore records of births, deaths, land sales and other official matters.

Before their defeat, the Japanese destroyed census records. The data on some of the damaged records may be saved by photographing them with infra-red rays.

Bill Asks Fiancee's Visits

WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP)—Sen. Richard B. Russell (D.-Ga.) has introduced a bill to authorize three-month visitors' visas for fiancees left overseas when GIs came home. One qualification for the visiting permit would be a "bona fide intention" of getting married.

800,000,000 Facing Greatest Famine on Record, Hoover Says

CHICAGO, May 17 (AP)—Herbert Hoover called upon Americans tonight for greater self-denial to help save 800,000,000 persons from "the grimmest spectre of famine in all the history of the world."

The former President, who has just returned from a survey of food conditions that took him around the world, warned that unless more food were shipped to needy areas in the next few months, millions would be condemned to a Buchenwald diet.

"Hunger hangs over the homes of over one-third of the people of the earth," Mr. Hoover declared in a nation-wide broadcast.

Wants Every Grain Saved

Mr. Hoover suggested still more intensive conservation of breadstuffs and fats and the marketing of every grain of cereal on farms.

He did not touch upon suggestions that the United States return to rationing, and pinned his faith instead upon a voluntary conservation program as outlined by President Truman's Famine Emergency Committee, which appealed to Americans to eat 40 per cent less wheat products and 20 per cent less fats.

The President's famine investigator said he pared the needs of the hungry nations to a minimum and found that there was a cap of 3,600,000 tons between their needs and exportable supplies of bread.

Caloric Table for World

Mr. Hoover said he and his colleagues measured the world's needs on the basis of a daily ration of 1,500 to 1,800 calories.

If the world's 800,000,000 hungry people should receive no more relief their caloric intake would be about as follows:

- ABOUT 100,000,000 would be reduced to 2,000 calories.
 - ABOUT 100,000,000 to 1,800 calories.
 - ABOUT 150,000,000 to 1,500 calories.
 - ABOUT 150,000,000 to 1,200 calories.
 - ABOUT 300,000,000 to 900 calories.
- (The accepted minimum for healthy existence is 2,200 calories.)

TRUMAN ASKS STALIN TO HELP IN FOOD CRISIS

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman has appealed directly to generalissimo Joseph Stalin for cooperation in the world food crisis, diplomats here said yesterday.

The disclosure was made after a press conference at which the President said he had been in touch with Stalin regarding food, but declined to elaborate.

The diplomats, who cannot be named, said they understood the President based his appeal on the idea that the nations which cooperated so successfully in the war should attempt to work together equally in meeting the famine.

There were no indications whether any reply had been received from Stalin.

'Werewolf' Arsenal Found By Police in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, May 17 (AP)—Following the discovery of a secret "Werewolf" arsenal by Danish police, the town of Toender was patrolled and a strengthened guard sent to the nearby Danish-German frontier, police announced today.

An unidentified person, who had been held by the police, revealed a secret cache in a forest, where rifles, machineguns and ammunition of German origin were hidden.

Truman Seeks Separate FSA Post in Cabinet

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman has merged the Government's far-flung welfare activities under the Federal Security Agency and has announced that he would ask Congress soon to make the FSA a regular department headed by a cabinet secretary.

The agency, now under Watson B. Miller as administrator, already has more employes and spends more money than "several" of the 10 regular departments, Mr. Truman noted. He added that the importance of its functions clearly called for departmental status and a permanent place in the cabinet.

At the same time, he predicted that the National Housing agency, originally created in wartime, would remain on a permanent basis.

PUERTO RICAN PLEBISCITE IS VETOED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman has vetoed Puerto Rican legislation which provided for a plebiscite on the permanent political status of the U. S. dependency.

He also vetoed a companion measure providing a poll of Puerto Rican voters for the purpose of recommending a Puerto Rican for appointment as governor, in event of a vacancy before the permanent political status of the island is decided.

Vote on Dying FEPC Sought by Backers

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—House friends of the Fair Employment Practices Committee went to bat yesterday in a last-ditch attempt to save the dying agency.

They staked their hopes on the success of a move to force onto the floor legislation for establishing a permanent FEPC. The bill has been stalled in the House Rules Committee for months.

The last-ditch nature of the effort was borne out by the fact that the temporary FEPC setup, which was to continue until June 30, had been forced to suspend operations because Congress refused necessary funds.

FEPC advocates were cautious in gauging their chances, but they said they were ready to seek a vote on the issue.

Foes of the committee predicted the effort would be defeated, and Southern leaders called on their members to vote against it.

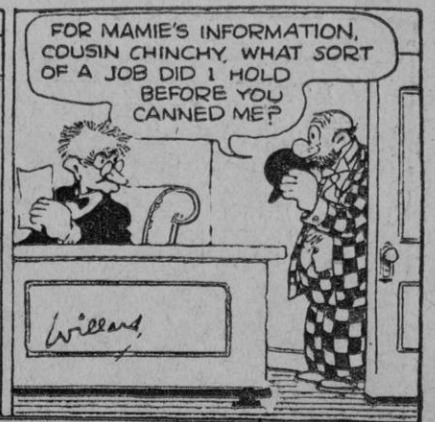
Sardinia Gets Pest Poison

FRANKFURT, May 17 (AP)—Loaded with 20,000 pounds of insect poison, five C-41s were en route to Sardinia yesterday in an emergency mission to save crops from destruction by a locust plague.

Moon Mullins

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

By Willard



Attlee Reveals New Plan For Indian Government

No Book Fires Or Witch Hunts, OMGUS Says

BERLIN, May 17 (AP)—American Military Government officials said today that there would be "no book bonfires and no witch hunts" in the American execution of the four-power Allied order to destroy German literature of a fascist, militarist and anti-democratic nature.

The same discretionary policy, they said, would be followed in execution of a companion directive handed down by the Allied Control Council's coordinating committee to destroy Nazi memorials and German military monuments commemorating World Wars I and II.

Maj. Gen. C. L. Adcock, deputy to Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay, deputy military governor, as well as other officials pointed out that the orders left much to discretion of the zone military commanders.

"And you can count on it," said one official, "that Gen. McNarney isn't going to persecute a German for owning and failing to surrender a history of World War I."

The Americans said that, at their own and British insistence, private libraries were exempted from the search for banned books. In the matter of monuments, they pointed to a clause which states that "removal of objectionable parts will constitute an effective eradication." Erasure is expected to be substituted for total destruction in many cases.

"What's all this talk about book bonfires?" said one high official. "We expect a lot of copies of 'Mein Kampf' and other objectionable volumes to be surrendered. What's wrong with tossing them into the chemical vat and converting them into good clean paper to help cure the present shortage?"



Ruffled Composure

This model exhibits the latest in bathing-suit fashions before an enthusiastic Miami audience at a Red Cross benefit. Note the ruffles which trim the strapless bra, and give an apron-like effect to the panties.

Labor Favorite In Dutch Voting

AMSTERDAM, May 17 (AP)—The Netherlands' vote-conscious electorate balloted today for its first post-war government, Esting Party strength in selection of 100 members of parliament.

Prime Minister Willem Schermerhorn's Labor Party was forecast as probable winner of a plurality, but not a majority, of seats. The powerful middle-of-the-road Catholic Party was expected to rank second.

Communist influence, increasing rapidly in populous Amsterdam and Rotterdam since war's end, has caused anxiety in the leadership of labor and old-line party groups. Sound trucks of divergent political faiths one message which was identical—"Don't vote Communist."

With men and women of 23 years of age able to vote the first time—the previous voting age was 25—there were 5,229,927 persons eligible to participate. Based on the 1937 turnout, when 94.4 percent voted, nearly 5,000,000 votes were expected.

Ex-OPA Attorney Jailed

NEW YORK, May 17 (INS)—Philip Goodstein, 52, former attorney for the Office of Price Administration, was sentenced to 10 days in a workhouse and fined \$100 for accepting a \$300 "bonus" for sub-letting his \$75 apartment.

Union Proposal Called Similiar To That of U.S.

From Press Dispatches

The British government last night published a progressive plan for the eventual independence of India. World reaction was instant and spontaneous.

The plan, worked out by the British cabinet mission in India, would establish an Indian union as a prelude to complete independence.

Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee was greeted with cheers from the House of Commons as he read the statement. He said that Great Britain approved the plan as a "just" solution "to the . . . claims of all parties and most likely to bring about a stable . . . constitution."

385-Seat Legislature

The details of the plan, a compromise of Hindu and Moslem stands, would set up a federal government somewhat similar to the U. S. Government. Major proposals include:

THE CENTRAL government would have an executive and a legislature of 385 provincial and Indian state representatives. At least 210 seats would go to "general representatives"—not Moslems or Sikhs.

MAJOR issues would require a majority vote of Hindus and a majority vote of Moslems as well as a majority vote of the legislature.

THE CENTRAL government would have power to deal with foreign affairs, defense, communications, taxation, and related activities.

POWERS not vested to the central government specifically would be given to the provinces and the princely states. The provinces also would be empowered to form regional groups.

An all-Indian interim government would function while the constitution is being put into effect. The proposed constitutional convention would meet in New Delhi as soon as possible.

Delegates will be chosen by the recently elected provincial legislatures. One delegate would represent 1,000,000 people. Conventional representation would further be apportioned between political factions.

This constitution making assembly would ultimately negotiate a treaty with the British government for the transfer of power.

Churchill Asks Study

While Attlee punctuated his announcement of the plan with hopes that India would "choose to be a member of the British commonwealth," opposition-leader Winston Churchill asked that the plan be carefully studied.

Churchill described the document as "able but melancholy."

Mohandas K. Gandhi, leader of the Indian move for independence, commented, "The announcement is a momentous one in the history of India."

Anne Baxter to Marry John Hodiak in June

HOLLYWOOD, May 17 (AP)—Screen actress Anne Baxter, 22, announced her engagement to actor John Hodiak, 32, and said they would be married in June at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baxter, at Burlingame, Calif.

Ogden Reids Visit Vienna

VIENNA, May 17 (AP)—Ogden Reid, publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, and Mrs. Reid arrived in Vienna for a two-day visit. They will be the guests of Gen. Mark W. Clark.

German Taxes On Cigarettes, Alcohol Raised

BERLIN, May 17 (AP)—The Allied Control Council for Germany today made public three new laws drastically increasing taxes on tobacco, matches, beer and alcohol—hiking some levies as much as 3,000 per cent.

The laws represent the second step in overhauling of the German tax structure which was begun last February with boosts in income and property levies with the aim of increasing revenues and reducing inflation potential. The new boosts are all on products now in scant supply in Germany, so the revenue yield largely must wait upon increased manufacture.

The biggest increase is on drinking alcohol—roughly 3,000 per cent. This means a rate of 11,470 marks (about \$1,147) per 100 liters. Rates on alcohol for medicinal purposes are increased from 100 to 200 per cent. The levy on beers is raised 75 to 125 per cent depending upon alcoholic content.

On tobaccos the boost is roughly 200 per cent. It will, for instance, quadruple the legal price of German cigarettes from 5 pfennigs apiece to 20 pfennigs (2 cents). Beyond this legal frame is the huge inflationary black market where Berliners with the means pay \$1.50 and up for a single American cigarette.

JUDGE MADDEN APPOINTED OMGUS LEGAL DIRECTOR

BERLIN, May 17 (AP)—Judge J. Warren Madden, of Arlington, Va., today was appointed head of the legal division of the office of Military Government in Germany, succeeding Charles Fahy, who has returned to the U. S. to become legal adviser to the State Department.

Judge Madden, who had been associate director of the legal division, is on leave from the U. S. Court of Claims. Former dean of the University of West Virginia law school and professor of law at University of Pittsburgh, he was also the first chairman of the National Labor Relations Board.



Four Extra Piggies

Two-month-old Michael Diaz, of Chicago, may have quite a future ahead of him as a speed typist or pianist with six fingers on each hand, above. In the lower photo, Mike exhibits, with the help of his Mrs. Jeanne Diaz, mother, the six toes on each of his feet.

Illegitimate Birth Rate Is Tripled in U. S. Zone

NURNBERG, May 17 (UP)—More illegitimate children than legitimate children were born in some cities in the American zone of Germany in January, according to a survey revealed by the Bavarian state statistical office.

Figures for January showed that the illegitimacy rate had increased to 32 per cent of all births in 50 Bavarian towns. The rate was only 10 per cent of all births in 1939.

In Munich, 31 per cent of all babies born were fatherless. At Bad Kissingen, the figure was 55 per cent.

Army Washes Hands

The American Army has disavowed all responsibility for the relations between its soldiers and German women. Military Government headquarters at Munich said that it was making no arrangements to deal with the problem.

The Munich Red Cross recently opened an office in an effort to aid unwed mothers, but officials there believe that their facilities are limited.

Many observers feel that displaced persons share with soldiers the responsibility for the fatherless babies. Americans are forbidden to wed German women, and DPs often have trouble arranging a marriage

because of identity paper complications.

In a survey made during the last year of the war for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mrs. Ruth Kempner, of Lansdowne, Pa., warned that German women between 22 and 45 were the "most dangerous."

This survey said that this age group had been inculcated by the Nazis with the theory that it is honorable to have extra-martial relations. However, until the mid war years, the German women clung to the old-fashioned institution of marriage.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1940, months after the Germans occupied Paris, the Nazis banned the publication of statistics on the proportion of legitimate-illegitimate births.)

Britain Starts Drive To Enlist 250,000

LONDON, May 17 (AP)—Great Britain launched a nationwide recruiting campaign today to get 250,000 more men into the army, navy and Royal Air Force.

Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee declared that the campaign was important because "the forces of peace must be powerful."

"We must be in a position," he said, "to carry through our commitments overseas and to give full support to the United Nations."

Terry and The Pirates



(By Courtesy of News Syndicate)

By Milton Caniff

World War I Vets in France To Observe Memorial Day

The Stars and Stripes Bureau PARIS, May 17—The American Overseas Memorial Day Association has invited all veterans of World War I now in France to participate in Memorial Day services May 30 at American World War I cemeteries in France.

Those interested should write or telephone Maj. D. F. Gibbs, American Battle Monuments Commission, 49 Rue Pierre Charron, Paris VIII, telephone ELYsees 29-98.

PXs Stocked With Nylons for Allied Women

First Sale Is Limited To WAC Officers And U.S. Nurses

The Stars and Stripes Bureau
 FRANKFURT, May 17—Enough nylon hose to supply two pairs to all Allied female personnel in the theater has been distributed to Army Exchange Service depots, it was announced by theater Special Services. Sale of the hose, however, will be limited to WAC officers and Army nurses on a priority basis for the first 10 days of sale.

WAC enlisted personnel have been issued nylon hose already and are not entitled to make sales store purchases of this item, Special Services said.

First Chance to Americans

This policy has been made to insure that all U. S. female military personnel acquire their ration prior to the sale of the nylons to all other qualified buyers, Army officials said. The hosiery now is being supplied to unit exchange clothing stores and will be available in all areas shortly.

Exchange officials expect enough nylon hose to enable all female personnel, including soldiers' dependents, to purchase one pair of nylons each month, following the initial sale of two pairs.



Smiling with happiness, Cpl. Madeline Richardson of Columbus, Ga., extreme right, receives a pair of nylons at the WAC detachment supply room in Frankfurt. Issuing the stockings is Cpl. Jean Fallon of Boston, while, left to right, Cpl. Dorothy Bragdon of Caribou, Me.; S/Sgt. Norma Relihan of Harrison, Me., and 1/Sgt. Helen Bazzetti of Hardin, Mont., examine the hose.

Terminal Raise Given Officers Newly Demoted

The Stars and Stripes Bureau
 FRANKFURT, May 17—Officers demoted without prejudice in the recent grade-readjustment program will be promoted to the highest grade from which they were reduced upon processing for relief from active duty, USFET announced today.

The announcement also provides that upon relief from active duty, an officer can be promoted to one grade higher than the one from which he was demoted if he is eligible by virtue of length of time in grade or a high efficiency index.

Requirements Explained

Through this procedure, an officer with 24 or more months in grade as a major with an efficiency index of 40 or above, who has been demoted to captain, may be promoted to lieutenant colonel upon being processed for relief from active duty.

The ruling also specifies that the promotion may only be granted if the officer's efficiency index has not fallen below 40 and his service since demotion has been honorable.

Another clause in the announcement said that an officer promoted after demotion under the new plan may be eligible for further promotion if he completes his time-in-grade requirement while on terminal leave.

Example Is Cited

In practice, this phase of the regulation would make a major reduced without prejudice to captain, who has 23 months in grade and an efficiency index of at least 40, first eligible for promotion to major upon processing for relief from active duty.

Then he may report to the adjutant general for promotion to lieutenant colonel, if the effective date of relief from active duty is one month or more subsequent to the date of the second promotion to major.

Time-in-grade is computed for eligibility with 50 per cent of overseas time prior to May 1, 1946, being added, while service overseas after that date does not include any additional credit.

Swiss Reveal Bomb Damage

ZURICH, May 17 (INS)—Ten cases of violation of neutrality which cost nearly two million dollars in damages and 20 lives have been set forth in a list published by authorities of the canton of Zurich.

The damages to this heavily populated canton, containing Switzerland's largest city, were suffered mainly during the intense aerial warfare between March, 1944, and March, 1945.

The first violation occurred Dec. 22, 1940, when five heavy explosive bombs and 160 incendiaries were dropped on Zurich by British bombers. There was one death in this raid.

Plane Fell on Chateau

One of the most destructive violations took place April 1, 1944, when an American bombing squadron loosed 97 explosive bombs and 31 incendiaries on Schaffhausen, causing heavy damage to nearby communities as well.

On July 1, 1944, an American bomber fell on a famous Zurich chateau. During September, two trains were machine-gunned by an American pursuit plane.

During an aerial combat over Zurich on Sept. 5, a Swiss pursuit plane was shot from the skies.

The two heaviest bombardments of Swiss soil took place during the early spring of 1945 when American planes dropped bombs on the villages of Rafz and Strickhof, causing heavy damage and 15 lives.

U. S. Army Major Pleads To Stay With Leper Wife

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 (UP)—A U. S. Army major has appealed to the surgeon general to let him spend the rest of his life if necessary in a leper hospital rather than be separated from his 53-year-old wife, who has leprosy.

The officer is George Hornbostel, who is 65 years old and in good health. His wife's case is still in the early stage and while doctors say she will never be completely cured, they hope to arrest the disease in a year or 18 months and release her on parole.

Hornbostel asked Surgeon General Thomas Parran to help him follow his wife into exile. "I'd like to see all bureaucracy and red tape cut as soon as possible," he said.

During the war Hornbostel, an engineer, went through the tortures of the Bataan death march. His

wife, meanwhile, was interned in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, where she apparently contracted the disease.

Reunited after their ordeal, they could not face the prospect of being separated again. Hornbostel appealed to numerous friends and influential persons, including Gen. Douglas MacArthur, to help him gain admission to the leper hospital at Carville, La., where his wife is to be sent.

Mrs. Hornbostel said she wanted her husband to stay with her forever.

Dr. Harvey Hendrickson, who treated her, said so far the only sign of her leprosy is the partial loss of sensation in her hands. He said there is no visible signs of tissue deterioration yet.

PXs to Start Sale Of Professional Cameras June 1

FRANKFURT, May 17—Professional-type cameras and specialized accessories will be sold in local post exchanges after June 1, Army Exchange Service officials announced.

The cameras, both German and American-made, will be available through local exchanges. Sales will be restricted to U. S. military and civilian personnel who require them for professional use in civilian life or for military duties.

To purchase accessories, the buyer will be required to prove possession of the camera for which the items were made. Further details will be announced on June 1 when local PX officers may begin taking orders.

Cameras to be sold will include the American-made Speed Graphic and the German Linhof Plate camera.

Special Services announced that 17,000 cameras had been sold in the theater through exchange lotteries in March.

Jobs Open to Veterans In Auto Maintenance

The Stars and Stripes Bureau
 FRANKFURT, May 17—Officers and enlisted men who have had extensive experience in automotive maintenance or supply and are eligible for discharge soon may obtain jobs with Ordnance, it was announced.

Jobs as parts clerks, stock supervisors, vehicle inspectors, shop foreman, maintenance supervisors, shop superintendents, tire-repair foreman, automotive advisers and other specialists are now open in the U. S. zone.

The jobs are under Civil Service and pay from \$2,000 to \$6,000 for a one-year contract.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning Mr. Brown at Frankfurt 21732 or writing him at USFET Hq., Ordnance Maintenance Division, APO 757.

Belgium to Fly Earth From Bastogne to U.S.

BRUSSELS, May 17 (AP)—Earth from Bastogne will be sent to Washington by plane and will be offered to Congress on Independence Day, as a sign of Belgium's gratitude towards the United States.

In Bastogne itself, a new cemetery will be arranged in the form of the American star by the Belgo-American Society of Brussels.

Pope May List 3 New Cardinals

VATICAN CITY, May 17 (AP)—Pope Pius XII may convoke a consistory on or about June 13 at which he will create three cardinals, it was reliably reported yesterday.

One source said that the Pope planned an American cardinal to replace John Glennon, who died after the February consistory; a German to replace August Clemens von Galen, who also died soon after his elevation, and an Italian to replace Pietro Boetto, archbishop of Genoa, who died Jan. 31.

While Vatican officials declare "nothing is known about the Pope's intentions," they do not deny that a consistory may be called soon.

Should the Pope appoint three cardinals, the Sacred College would again reach the traditional maximum of 70.

The canonization of Chicago's Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini is scheduled for July 6 in a semi-public consistory.

Physical Examinations Urged For U. S. Families' Servants

The Stars and Stripes Bureau
 FRANKFURT, May 17—In an effort to prevent the spread of communicable diseases to American families settling in Germany, the office of the Theatre Chief Surgeon advised yesterday that servants working in the homes of Americans be given thorough physical examinations to prevent the contamination of other household members.

The high prevalence of diphtheria, tuberculosis, scabies, dysentery and venereal diseases among the civilian population in the occupied zones was cited.

Army Inspectors To Check on Waste Of Food in Messes

FRANKFURT, May 17 (AP)—The American Army in Europe made its own contribution yesterday toward alleviating the world-wide food shortage by ordering conservation in all messes.

As the "hunger" ration for Germans was cut a second time, Army headquarters announced inspectors were being dispatched to all units to see that soldiers were not leaving food on their plates and that there was no wastage in Army kitchens. Recently, the Army ration in Europe was cut by 300 calories a day.

In one officers' bar, the sign "Drink Your Way to Health—Food is very scarce" appeared yesterday.

2 Airlines to Link N. Y., London

LONDON, May 17 (AP)—New York and London will be linked directly for the first time in the history of commercial aviation on May 31 when two American airlines inaugurate regular services to the London airport at Heath Row.

Dick Tracy (By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.)

By Chester Gould

Pasquels' Attorney Calls Big Leagues 'Monopolies'

Hornsby Denies Asking For Chance in Mexico

CHICAGO, May 17 (INS)—Roger Hornsby declared it untrue that he begged for a chance to appear in the Mexican League.

This denial came as an aftermath to the testimony of Ray Gillespie, St. Louis sports writer, in the Brooklyn Dodgers versus the Mexican League suit which opened hearings in St. Louis yesterday.

Gillespie, named by the Dodgers as agent of the Pasquel boys, testified that in 1943 and 1944 Hornsby asked him for a job in Mexico, declaring he was broke and out of work.

Gillespie then said he obtained \$2,000 from the Pasquel brothers and sent it to Hornsby.

Other Way Round

"No," howled Hornsby, "it was the other way around. I had never even heard of Jorge Pasquel until Gillespie got hold of me. He wrote me asking if I'd be interested in the Mexican League. Not knowing much about it, I said I'd be interested. So they sent me \$2,000—an advance on the salary we had agreed upon in a verbal contract—and I became manager of the Vera Cruz team."

"That was just the beginning," said Hornsby.

Hornsby said that when the Vera Cruz team took to the road, he discovered he had to pay his own expenses. When he questioned Pasquel about this procedure, Hornsby said, he was told that was the way they did it in Mexico, but he could make some extra dough by pinch hitting.

Returned to States

Hornsby said he returned to the United States shortly thereafter, and all he made out of the venture was the \$2,000 advance.

Gillespie has testified that he acted "merely as a friend" in his dealings with the Pasquels.

His signature appeared on the Mexican League contract of catcher Mickey Owen, who jumped from the Dodgers shortly before the season opened. The newspaperman denied that he received pay for signing Owen and said that he did it "to keep an exclusive banner story from blowing up in my face."

BABE RUTH PREDICTS MAJORS WILL TAKE BACK JUMPERS

MEXICO CITY, May 17 (AP)—Babe Ruth arrived in Mexico to look over the baseball situation and predicted that players barred from organized baseball for jumping to the Mexican League would be received again with open arms.

The former "Sultan of Swat" recalled that he broke into the major leagues at a \$600 annual salary in 1914. He refused a \$20,000 offer from the old Federal League "because they said I would be barred from baseball forever."

Ruth added, "When the Federal League folded, organized ball took all players back."

Calls Suits Unnecessary

"In the same way, organized ball will take back at any time all really good players now banned for playing in the Mexican League."

Babe called suits brought by major league clubs seeking to prevent the Mexican League from inducing players to come here "unnecessary."

"Why bring it up?" he asked. "Any U. S. player could still write to Pasquel and offer his services for more pay. The only thing those suits will do is to expose organized balls' contracts with their controversial reserve clause to the courts."

Washington to Hold Invitational Crew Race

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17 (UP)—Intersectional crew racing will be revived on June 22 when some of the nations crack collegiate oarsmen match strokes on a 2,000 meter course, it was announced today.

Harvey Cassill, manager of athletics at the University of Washington, said that invitations have been sent to ten colleges, and four of them have already accepted.

Separate Trial Sought To Expose Contracts

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—The Mexican League fired back at organized baseball with both barrels: charging in New York Supreme Court that American player contracts were "monopolistic, unconscionable, illegal and against public policy" and that players who signed them were held "in peonage for life."

The charge was levelled by Jerome Hess, counsel for Jorge Pasquel and the Mexican League, in opposing action by the Yankees to permanently restrain the Latin League and its agents from trying to induce Yankee players to repudiate contracts and perform below the border.

In a sometimes heated exchange between counsels, Hess sought a separate trial of whether baseball contracts were monopolistic, while Mark T. Hughes, representing the Yankees, was equally insistent that Justice Julian Miller should grant the requested injunction against the Mexican Leaguers, irrespective of the monopoly angle.

Judge Reserves Decision

In the end, Miller reserved decision on both motions but strongly indicated he thought the whole thing should be fought out in one trial, and the earlier the better. The Yankees said they would be ready after May 27, when the team returns from its present road trip. Hess said that should suit his clients fine.

"Monopoly is our defense, and the case will be tried right down to the end until every scintilla of evidence has been introduced," Hess told the court. "Let there be no doubt of that."

He demanded that the Yankees supply him in advance of the trial with a copy of one of their contracts, and this they agreed to do.

Calls Contracts Illegal

At one point, when Hess declared baseball contracts were so one-sided they could not be enforced by a court of equity, Miller interrupted to ask somewhat incredulously, "Do you really claim that these are illegal contracts?"

Hess assured him he did and read the decision of the New York Supreme Court in 1914 in a case involving Hal Chase, Yankee first baseman, where it said it would not enforce a "monopolistic contract."

No Yanks Complaining

Hughes, the Yankee counsel, pointed out repeatedly that no Yankee players were complaining about the "reserve" clause in their contracts which, the Mexican Leaguers said, made them "chattels" for life, completely, at the whim of the owners.

Asked by Miller if the contracts as now written were a vital part of baseball structure, Hughes assured him the "great American game as we know it will be destroyed if present contracts were declared illegal." He said that a "monopoly" trial as such would probably would last "all through the summer."



Frisch . . . surprised and speechless

Bucs 'Consider' Guild Request For Parley

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—President William E. Benswanger of the Pittsburgh Pirates said he would "consider" the American Baseball Guild's request for negotiations but asserted he had "no information from any players on whether they have a bargaining representative or even want one."

"After the club returns to Pittsburgh next Friday we will investigate the situation," Benswanger stated. "Right now I wouldn't know what to say. The whole thing comes as a complete surprise. But after we have looked into the matter thoroughly we will make a reply to the people in Boston."

Manager Frank Frisch, at his New Rochelle, N. Y., home said, "It is a surprise to me. I have nothing to say about it."

No Members Identified

Although none of the players wished to go on record, there was plenty of hotel lobby conversation to the effect that Robert Murphy, prime mover of the players union, was "about right" when he said last night that, "more than 90 per cent of the players" belonged to the guild.

First club owner to hear from the union president was Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators, who was accused of "intimidating and coercing players from their rights to join or form a labor organization."

E. Ross Madden, chairman of the fifth regional labor board, to whom the accusation was addressed by Murphy, said at Baltimore that the board was "still in the process of investigating charges and has reached no conclusion yet."



The Ump Has to Jump

Umpire "Butch" Henline jumps high to avoid the spikes of Billy Jorges, Cub shortstop, who is tagged out by Philadelphia third baseman Roy Hughes as he attempts to stretch a double into a triple. Chicago trounced the hapless Phils, 13-1.

Card Rookie Steals Home In 10th to Beat Braves, 9-8

BOSTON, May 17 (AP)—Pinchrunner Jeff Cross stole home to give the St. Louis Cardinals a 10-inning 9-8 victory over the Boston Braves before a crowd of 32,974.

Much earlier, Enos Slaughter treated Mort Cooper, bridegroom of a few hours, most harshly by clubbing him for two consecutive homers with a runner on in each case.

Kramer Pitches 3-Hitter, Blanks Red Sox, 3-0

ST. LOUIS, May 17 (AP)—Big Jack Kramer prolonged the Boston Red Sox's batting slump by holding the American League leaders to three hits as the St. Louis Browns triumphed, 3-0, slashing the lead of the Croninmen to five games over the idle New York Yankees.

Only 31 men faced the Brownie righthander as he set the Red Sox down in order in five innings and did not allow a runner to reach third until the ninth. It was Kramer's second victory against no losses.

Browns Bunch Hits

Joe Dobson, trying for his fifth straight mound success, yielded only five safeties, but the Browns piled Chet Laabs' single, Johnny Berardino's double and Walt Judnich's one-baser on top of one another after two were out in the first and chased in two runs.

The other Brownie tally came in the seventh, when Judnich doubled to right, took third as Mark Christman flied deep to center, and came home on Dobson's balk.

It was the fifth straight game in which the power-laden Red Sox have been limited to four hits or less.

Lesnevich-Mills Fight Sets New British Gate Record

LONDON, May 17 (AP)—Promoter Jack Solomons announced today that the Gus Lesnevich-Freddie Mills fight for the world light-heavyweight title May 14 drew a gross gate of 44,000 pounds (\$176,000)—a record for any fight in Britain.

The previous record gate was set at 30,000 pounds (\$120,000) for the Georges Carpentier-Joe Beckett bout more than 20 years ago.

Walker Fails

Manager Eddie Dyer sent in Harry Walker to hit for Blix Donnelly, the fourth of five St. Louis hurlers in one overtime action, and he fanned on three consecutive pitches.

Lou Klein, Cards leadoff man, then took a strike, and as Konstanti wound up, the flying Cross took off for the plate and was over it with the winning run before Hofferth could get near him after catching an outside pitch.

It was evident from the outset that bridegroom Cooper's baseball reception was not going to be a happy one. In the first, Klein led off with a double and, with two out, Slaughter poled one into the rightfield stands. He laced another four-bagger in the same vicinity in the third, after Cooper had passed Stan Musial.

U.S. Amateur Boxers Start European Tour

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—A team of eight amateur U. S. Boxers is scheduled to sail from Boston today for bouts in London May 29, and Paris June 2.

Jerry Looney, Washington, is the manager and Pete Mello, New York, is the coach of the first U. S. ring team to make an international appearance since 1939.

Boxers making the trip are 112-pound John Arduini, Washington, 118-pound Keith Hamilton, New Orleans, 126-pound Leo Kelly, Pittsburgh, 135-pound Marine Cpl. Harold Anspach, Cherry Point, Va., 175-pound John Tucker, Columbus, Ohio, and heavyweight Charles Lester, Cleveland.

Blondie

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HOW THEY STAND

NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns W, L, Pct., GB. Rows include St. Louis, Brooklyn, Chicago, Cincinnati, Boston, New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia.

Results St. Louis 9, Boston 8 (10 innings) Other games rained out.

AMERICAN LEAGUE table with columns W, L, Pct., GB. Rows include Boston, New York, Detroit, Washington, St. Louis, Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia.

Results St. Louis 3, Boston 0 Other games rained out.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns W, L, Pct. Rows include Montreal, Syracuse, Buffalo, Toronto, Baltimore, Newark, Rochester, Jersey City.

Results All games postponed rain.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION table with columns W, L, Pct. Rows include Louisville, Toledo, St. Paul, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Columbus.

Results All games postponed rain.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE table with columns W, L, Pct. Rows include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, Hollywood, San Diego, Sacramento, Seattle, Portland.

Results Portland 5, Seattle 1 Sacramento 6, San Diego 5 Los Angeles 8, San Francisco 5 Oakland 5, Hollywood 4

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION table with columns W, L, Pct. Rows include Atlanta, Memphis, New Orleans, Nashville, Chattanooga, Little Rock, Mobile, Birmingham.

Results Columbus 3, Augusta 0 Memphis 4-10, Birmingham 2-4 Mobile 8, Chattanooga 0 Little Rock 3, Atlanta 1

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE table with columns W, L, Pct. Rows include Savannah, Columbus, Greenville, Augusta, Jacksonville, Macon, Columbia, Charleston.

Results Columbia 12, Jacksonville 1 Charleston 8, Macon 6 Greenville 10, Savannah 2 Columbus-Augusta, postponed rain.

TEXAS LEAGUE table with columns W, L, Pct. Rows include Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, Tulsa, Beaumont, Shreveport, Houston, Oklahoma City.

Results Oklahoma City 5, Houston 2 Beaumont 4, Dallas 3 Fort Worth 7, Shreveport 0 Tulsa 4, San Antonio 3

Major League Leaders

Table of Major League Leaders with columns G, AB, R, H, Pct. Rows include Lodigiani, White Sox; Pesky, Red Sox; Williams, Red Sox; Musial, Cardinals; Walker, Dodgers; Cavaretta, Cubs.

RUNS BATTED IN

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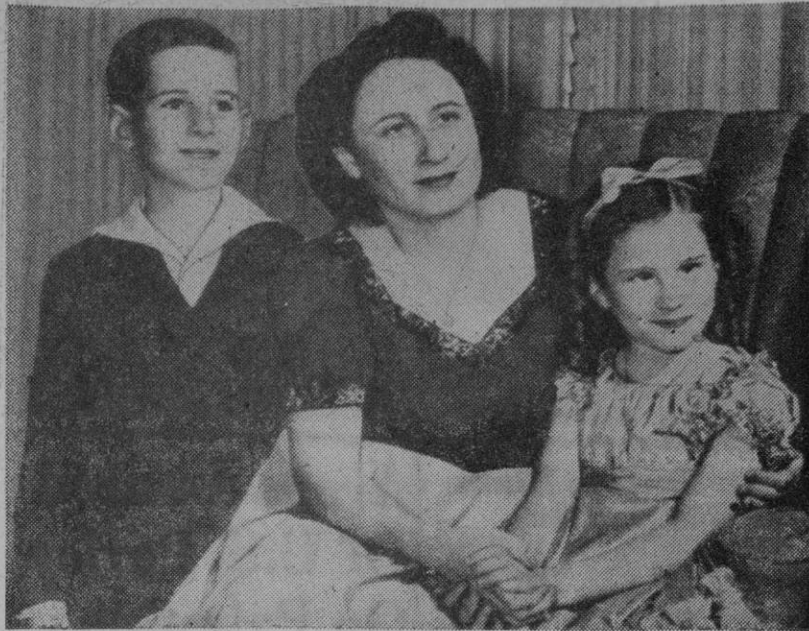
HOME RUNS

Table of Home Runs with columns National League, American League. Rows include Mize, Giants; Hatton, Reds; McCortick, Phillies.

Seven Horses Added To James-Grable Stable

SAN MATEO, Calif., May 17 (AP)—Bandleader Harry James and wife Betty Grable, are the possessors of seven new additions to their racing stable, at a reported expenditure of \$105,000.

Woman Bosses Boxers Deep in Heart of Texas



Boxing Commissioner Moore . . . and her "able advisors"

AUSTIN, Texas, May 17 (INS)—In Texas, the biggest and the toughest guys of the boxing and wrestling professions are ruled by a woman.

The woman is Mrs. Maureen Moore, newly-appointed Commissioner of Labor Statistics, whose duties include administration of Texas boxing and wrestling regulations.

"I won't be a toughie," Mrs. Moore declared when she accepted the appointment of Governor Coke R. Stevenson, and then she set out to prove it.

One of her first official acts was to lift the suspension from the ring of Paul Altman, youthful middleweight champion of Texas. Altman had been suspended for several months, because he allegedly had kicked another fighter in a bout in Houston.

"I am convinced the boy didn't know what he was doing when he broke the rules in that fight," Mrs. Moore said, "and I am placing him on probation for six months."

Before making her decision, Mrs. Moore granted the boxer a hearing at her office in the state capitol in Austin. She said she had lifted the suspension for several reasons, including the consideration that "he was going to be a father in a few weeks."

"But I warned him that if he breaks a single rule in the next six months, I will suspend him indefinitely," she added.

ADMITS SHE DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE RING

The new Labor Commissioner admits that she doesn't know too much about the boxing and wrestling profession, and declares that she will not go into the ring herself.

"I'll just handle the administrative end of it," she said.

Although Mrs. Moore has not always been too well-informed about the fighting profession, she is blessed with able advisors, she says. Her 15-year-old son, Jerrie, is a rabid fight fan, and knows the whole score, she says, and her 13-year-old daughter, Jo Ann, also knows what's going on. Besides that, she is keeping a close watch on the situation on her own hook.

The petite lady is not new at the business of having to deal with things sometimes distasteful to women. During her four previous years with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, she once had the job of regulating child labor. In this capacity, she went out over the State inspecting such places as bowling alleys, taverns and night spots, employing children.

Baseball Box Scores

National League

Box score for National League game between St. Louis and Boston.

American League

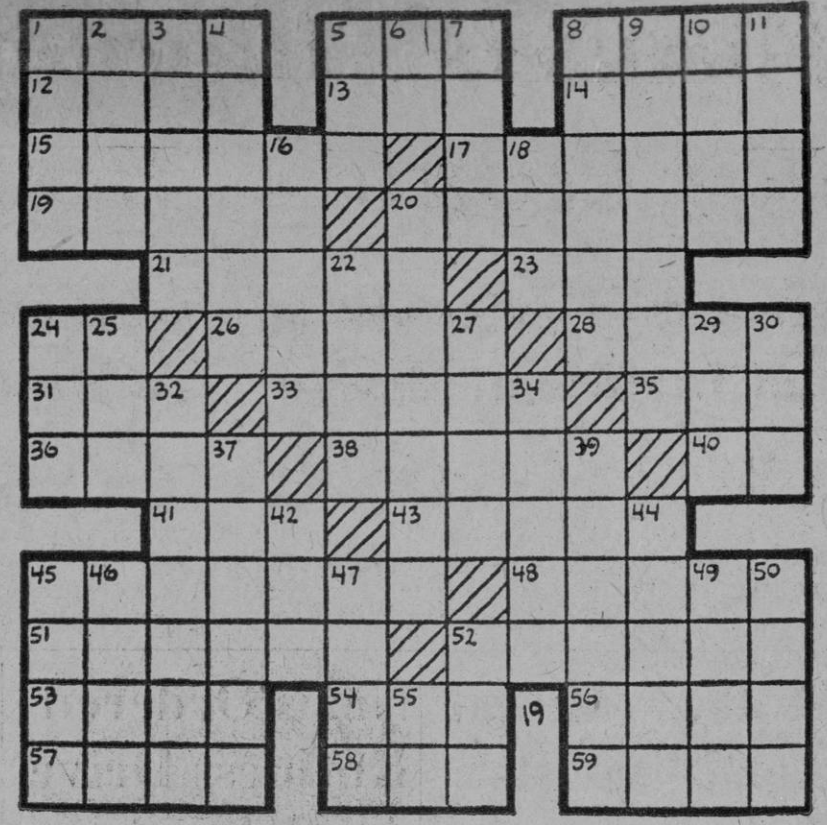
Box score for American League game between Boston and St. Louis.

Li'l Abner



Aussies Leave for Wimbledon

SIDNEY, May 17 (UP)—The Australian lawn tennis association announced that Denny Pails and Geoffrey Brown will leave here Saturday for England to play in the Wimbledon championships. They expect to return to Australia in August.



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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



Primo Carnera to Sail for U.S. Seeking Bout with Buddy Baer

ROME, May 17 (UP)—Primo Carnera, the "Ambling Alp," former world heavyweight champion, will sail shortly for the United States to meet Buddy Baer in a bout at Sacramento, Calif.

Carnera, who claims to be 36, has participated in 200 fights during his 19-year ring career and intends to make this bout his last one.



Da Preem . . . Alp ambles again

Buddy Baer said that he hopes that Carnera will come to the U. S. "because that is one guy I would like to fight because he is my size."

Primo won the championship by knocking out Jack Sharkey in the sixth round with what was called an "invisible" right. In his first defense of the throne, he was TKO'd in the 11th by the elder Baer after being floored 11 times throughout the battle.

Buddy Wants Bout

The younger Baer has been operating a cocktail lounge in Sacramento since he lost to champion Joe Louis in 1942, but hopes that his bout with Carnera can be arranged for next September.

Meanwhile, an official of the California athletic commission asserted that Carnera will probably not be allowed to fight in California because of his age.

A state law forbids the licensing of boxers over the age of 38, except in unusual cases. Carnera is 39, the official said.

Eagles to Use Braves Field

BOSTON, May 17 (UP)—The Boston College Eagles will play all seven of their home football games at Braves Field this year for the first time since 1926. Their home schedule includes games with Wake Forest and Villanova.

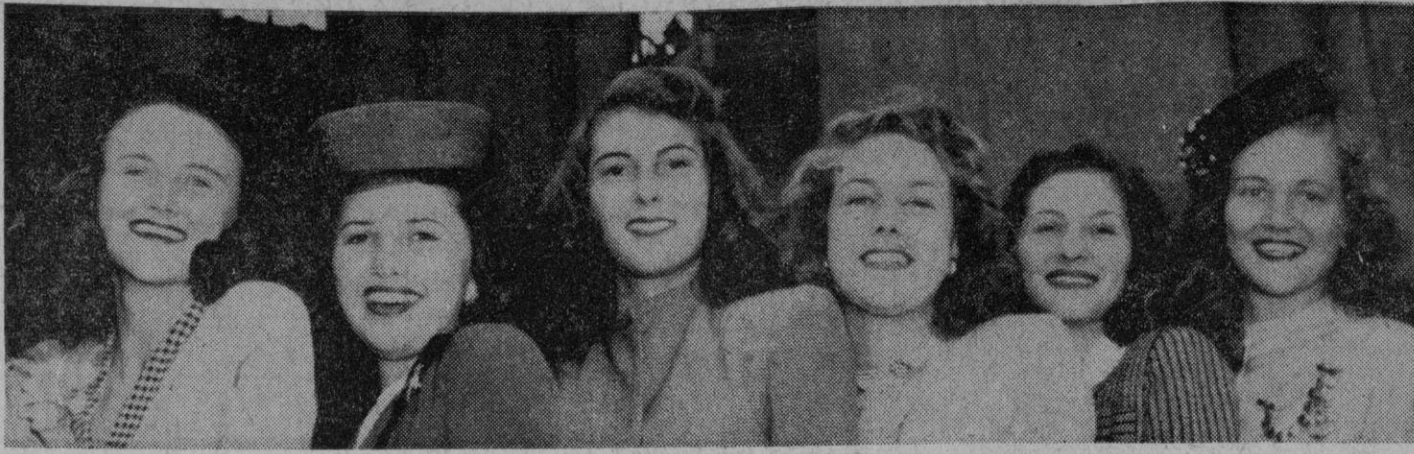
(By Courtesy of United Features)



Big Four Hopeful Despite Failure of Parley

Ideal

Chosen as the ideal American girls are these six students from Gulf Park College, Gulfport, Miss. Left to right, they are: Heiskell Kemmer, Crossville, Tenn.; Norma Jean Wood, Jasper, Texas; Peggy Holtz, Springfield, Ill.; Margie Osgood, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Carolyn Alert, Tulsa, Okla., and Mary Belcher, Birmingham, Ala.



Peace Treaties Looked For at June 15 Session

From Press Dispatches

The Big Four powers began a month-long waiting contest today in an aura of optimism that when the delegates to the Council of Foreign Ministers meet again on June 15, they may be able to agree on peace treaties they could not write during their three-week session in Paris.

As they left for home, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin expressed the conviction that despite their failure to conclude treaties here, the foreign ministers would be able to handle outstanding difficulties at the next meeting.

American sources said Byrnes' attitude was based on the progress made on questions such as Italian reparations, colonies and Balkan frontiers.

Liberal Control Predicted

Just before adjournment, the ministers initiated a revised armistice for Italy liberalizing controls over the former Axis partner. Terms of the armistice will not be published until approved by the Supreme Allied Commander, American sources said, but it was believed to include abolition of the Allied Control Council in Italy.

U. S. editorial reaction to the breakdown of the conference is uniformly gloomy, but the papers attribute the failure to different causes.

The New York Sun says: "Washington is at fault, not so much for what has actually happened as for not having adopted long ago a vigorous foreign policy and notified all the world that it intended to stick to it."

The New York World Telegram under the heading, "Russia Vetoes Peace," says: "Moscow's sabotage of the peace should surprise nobody. The longer she can postpone peace, the longer she can keep her 2,000,000 troops in Central Europe where they can maintain her dictatorship over most of the Continent."

New German Party Licensed by MG

MUNICH, May 17 (AP)—A new political party with plans for expansion into all occupation zones of Germany has been licensed by the American Military Government in Bavaria.

The new party, called the Free Democratic Party, is expected to absorb several minor Bavarian parties and then affiliate with democratic groups in other states of the American Zone, the MG said.

Simultaneously Dana, the German news service, said the Free Democratic Party of the British Zone has called a general convention of all liberal democratic parties in all occupation zones at Bad Pyrmont June 18 to form a single Germany-wide party.

Hitler's Threat To Militarists Told by Raeder

The Stars and Stripes Bureau

NURNBERG, May 17—Adolf Hitler told his commanders early in the war that he would destroy all who stood in the way of his military judgment, Grand Adm. Erich Raeder, former German naval commander in Chief, told the International Military Tribunal today.

Raeder said Hitler was a "master of bluff" who used such "strong expressions" and gave his "imagination so much play" that he "contradicted himself frequently."

Because of these contradictions and inconsistencies, Hitler's speeches made a greater impression on those who heard him infrequently, Raeder said. These conflicts between speeches did not disturb Hitler, Raeder said, since "every speech had a special purpose depending on the listeners."

'Intentions Vague'

But what the purpose was on a particular occasion was not always clear, the soft-spoken, 70-year-old man of the sea said. "One never knew what the Fuehrer's latest goal and intentions were," Raeder explained. "At the end of a speech it was usually difficult to decide. He often went far afield."

Among those fooled by Hitler's professions was Raeder himself, the defendant said in effect. He told the court: "in the summer of 1939 the Fuehrer assured me that his intentions were to carry on a policy of peace. When I brought up the question of England, he always convinced me that there was no danger of a clash with England."

Tells of Treaty Gaps

But if Hitler fooled Raeder, the one-time grand admiral participated in the deceit which the Nazis practiced on the world. As if it were the most ordinary thing imaginable, Raeder told how he and his staff sought every practicable gap in the Versailles Treaty and then breached it in every way which they thought would not be detected.

For example, the treaty forbade the building of submarines in Germany. What Raeder and his colleagues did to get around this prohibition was to obtain an interest in a Dutch engineering firm in The Hague. There they not only kept up on submarine construction, but trained skilled personnel and laid the basis for procuring parts and the launching of the first new German submarine in 1935.

More Deceit

Through similar subterfuges, which Raeder described to the court, the number of German factories which were permitted to receive war orders was enlarged, naval officers were trained in aviation and boats were armed. The arming of certain vessels was on the pretext that they were required to "fire salutes" in "guarding fishing fleets."

Testifying quietly, Raeder looked anything but the part of the militarist who found ways and means to build a great fleet of modern battleships, aided and abetted by hundreds of submarines and bombers—under the eyes of the powers which had won World War I.

His navy blue suit, minus brass buttons and insignia, covered a small, slender figure. The center part of his thin hair widened to a bald spot atop his squarish head. A light blue shirt, set off by a red tie, and a breast-pocket handkerchief, suggested a professional man rather than a trodder of the quarter deck.

Nazis Ordered Ruthless Drive At Malmedy

The Stars and Stripes Bureau

DACHAU, May 17—The prosecution gained a point in the Malmedy massacre trial today when the court ruled that statements made under oath by defendants prior to the trial were admissible as evidence against them.

Ranging from mere admissions of having acted as transmittal agent for the orders to terrorize and kill captured prisoners and civilians, to confessions of specific murders, they were described by Lt. Col. Burton F. Ellis, War Crimes Branch prosecutor, as governing "the policy and deeds" of the SS troops in the offensive.

'Without Inhibitions'

From Gen. Josef (Sepp) Dietrich, commanding general of the 1st SS Panzer Army, came an admission that his order of the day covering the offensive contained the spirit of an earlier order by Adolf Hitler to "conduct the campaign without humane inhibitions."

The prosecution charged that for two days and nights preceding the launching of the Rundstedt offensive, SS troops spearheading the attack were whipped into a frenzy of battle by officers and non-coms ordering them to "fight in the traditional SS manner, killing everything that came before their guns."

Details Slaughter

Ellis pointed out just how effective this approach to battle had been and detailed 94 known incidents involving the slaying of 528 to 749 American prisoners of war and more than 90 Belgian civilians by SS troops during their 29-day reign of terror in the Malmedy area.

The only show of emotion thus far exhibited by the 74 defendants occurred when the court interpreter read the part of Ellis' opening statement that described their singing the "Song of the Blood and the Long Knives," and referred to instructions to them to make plenty of "Rabatz" in the next day's battle.

"Rabatz" is SS parlance for having plenty of fun by killing everything in sight, and as the word was read into the court records, there was a stir of laughter and grins in the defense box. It was a sharp contrast to the mute and stern regard with which the defendants had followed the proceeding thus far.

Manning Appeals For Christian Unity

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—The Rt. Rev. William T. Manning, Episcopal Bishop of New York, today called for a "reunion of all Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, in one great Church of God."

He said in a speech prepared for the 163rd convention of the Diocese of New York, "In this great day of need and opportunity, the Christian Church stands with its witness weakened and its message confused and obscured by its own differences and divisions."

"More than ever today, when the whole world is one, we must think of Christian unity in its true world-wide meaning."

UN War Crimes Chief Quits

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman has accepted the resignation of Lt. Col. Joseph V. Hodgson as U. S. commissioner on the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

Army Surveys Mines For War Shelters

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The Army and Navy reported today that coal mines were being surveyed with a view to storing underground machine tools and other equipment vital in event of war.

There is no present intention of recommending that any industry be placed underground.

Colonel Stops Petition by GIs To Widen Draft

AMARILLO, Texas, May 17 (AP)—Col. Joel G. O'Neal, commanding officer of Amarillo Army Air Field, today squelched a petition circulated among personnel stationed at the field asking unamended extension of the Selection Service Act.

O'Neal ordered bearers of the petition to refrain from sending it to Congress because "when legislative actions or favors are desired by military services, humble petitions will be made for them and with our hats off at that."

The squelched petition said 18 months of service was the maximum anyone should be made to serve, and urged continuance of the draft for teen-agers.

The colonel said the petition constituted a "threat" to Congress.

8th Fleet Prepares For Mock Operation

WITH THE 8TH FLEET, Off Puerto Rico, May 17 (AP)—Warships of the 8th Fleet took aboard fuel, food, and other stores for a four-day mock war operation beginning tomorrow.

The fleet is simulating support of an amphibious landing on Puerto Rico.

Meanwhile, admirals as well as sailors were getting training in fleet maneuvers.

Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, fleet commander, was teacher and Rear Adms. John H. Classidy and Ernest W. Litch were pupils, along with staff officers.

Mitscher and his staff watched the students' performance, and at the end of each period, the admiral discussed it with them.

Arabs Assured Of U.S. Parley On Palestine

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—Diplomats of five Arab countries have been assured by Dean Acheson, acting Secretary of State, that the United States would make no final decision on Palestine without first consulting their governments and the Jews.

Acheson, at a news conference, said the assurance was given to representatives of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the Lebanon, and Syria. They had called on him to protest against recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine.

The Egyptian minister, Mahmoud Hassan, who acted as spokesman, told newspapermen the delegation presented a joint memorandum to Acheson.

He said the memorandum denounced the recommendations as "hostile" and claimed they constituted "a basic change in the status of Palestine."

Acheson said the United States was conferring with Great Britain on how the Arab states and the Jews could be consulted on the question.

ARAB LEADERS TO MEET IN CAIRO AFTER MAY 25

CAIRO, May 17 (AP)—The meetings of kings and presidents of the Arab states to take measures against the Anglo-American Committee's report on Palestine, and to unify the policy of the Arab states, will be held in Cairo between May 25 and May 30, an official Arab League spokesman disclosed tonight.

Sailors Accused of Looting Mail Bags on Ship to Alaska

SEATTLE, May 17 (AP)—Postal Inspector P. E. Morbello today charged 36 Naval enlisted men, mostly 17 to 19 years old, with larceny on the high seas, including rifling of mail bags aboard the Henry Failing, while en route to Alaska as replacements.

Morbello said that 16 seamen had stolen parcel-post packages, while the remainder had rifled a cargo of Government goods worth \$800. Authorities said the amount of money stolen could not be estimated.



Illinois Wreck in Which 44 Died

Rescue crewmen relax after toiling frantically through the night to save the lives of passengers trapped in the mangled cars of the Silver Stream-

liner Exposition flier of the Burlington Railroad. The wreck at Naperville, Ill., resulted in the deaths of 44 persons and injuries to approximately 100,