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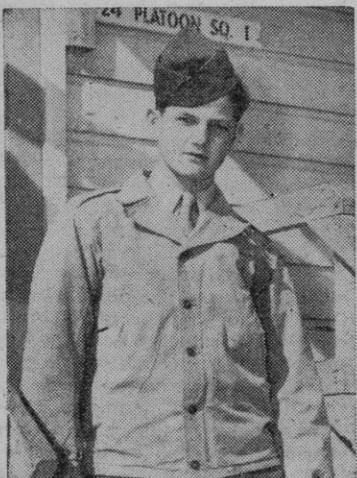
U. S. Zone—Partly cloudy, morning haze
Berlin—Cloudy
Bremen—Cloudy



SWEET STUFF: Adelaide Richards, left, and Vivian Marshall chew the sweet juice from the stalks of sugar cane in the Florida Everglades.



WHO WANTS ME? This little girl is awaiting adoption at the Salvation Army Nursery and Infants' Hospital in Brooklyn. She shouldn't have long to wait.



13-YEAR-OLD VET: Pvt. Ralph E. Lindsey of Texarkana, Tex., was discharged at Sheppard Field, Tex., after officers discovered he was only 13 years old.



HIPPO HYGIENE: Eli Mark, keeper at the Brookfield, Ill., zoo, wields a large brush to clean the teeth of Bebe, a hippopotamus expecting to give birth to her sixth offspring soon.

Spain's 'White Book' Answer Charges U.S. With Espionage

MADRID, March 19 (AP)—Spain's reply to the U.S. "white book" charges against the Franco regime accuses the U. S. of having conducted espionage activities in Spain and denies that Generalissimo Francisco Franco had compromised Spain with the Axis nations.

The 31-page reply, also referred to as a "white book,"

was delivered to Philip Bonsel, U. S. charge d'affaires, who said he did not know whether the book has been sent on to Washington.

The Spanish "white book" made five objections of general character:

1—That publication of the 15 substantiating documents

in the American statement of charges that Spain had collaborated with the Axis was done without Spanish consent, and "constituted an act difficult to justify according to the morals of diplomatic courtesy."

2—Facts in the U. S. "white book" were long known and uncomplained of.

3—The documents published were taken from context.

4—Only two of the 15 refer to the period during which the U. S. was a belligerent.

5—The 15 documents had been written by German diplomats and were therefore one-sided.

Refers to Neutrality

The reply referred to recognition of Spanish neutrality by American generals in North Africa in 1943, and added:

"Despite these guarantees, Spain had later to present complaints to the North American nation because of activities of its officials and secret service agents in Algeria, in relation to certain subversive attempts, especially in Malaga and Melilla."

The Spanish reply said these complaints were sent by telegraph to the State Department from the Spanish Embassy in Washington in September and October of 1943.

The introduction to the reply said that its publication was necessary to make clear "this truth" of Spain's neutrality toward the U. S. during the war and postwar years.

Directed Toward Public

Describing this neutrality as "irreproachable," the Spanish statement said publication of the reply was not directed as much at Washington as it was toward public opinion.

Running to some 5,000 words, the "white book" charged that an anti-Spanish campaign by the American

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Five Ex-EM on Board To Probe Army's 'Caste'

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP)—A special board composed of six former enlisted men and officers will hold hearings on the Army's so-called "caste system," and will recommend any changes it considers advisable, the War Department announced.

The board will be headed by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, now on terminal leave. The board, appointed by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, will open hearings late this month. Witnesses will include officers and enlisted men, both in and out of the Army, nonmilitary personnel and representatives of various organizations, the War Department said.

The board will inquire into relations between officers and men, on and off duty, housing, clothing, living conditions, recreational facilities and promotion system.

Plan Future Army

"In the last few years, millions have served in the Army who would not have done so had it not been for the war," Patterson said in announcing the investigation.

"Their presence in the Army was a stimulant to widespread discussions of status and privileges of enlisted personnel. Now, while their experience of war is still fresh in their minds and while we are planning for a future Army, the time is right to take stock, and to determine what changes—if any—should be made in our practices.

"It my desire that personnel policies be based on the objective of building a citizens' Army of the best type possible."

Doolittle, who led the first bomber raid on Tokyo, and later commander the Eighth AF, now with the Shell Oil Co., was on terminal leave in Florida, when he received the appointment to the board. He flew to Washington immediately, to discuss it with Patterson.

Five Had Been EM

Doolittle first enlisted in the Army as a flying cadet in 1918. All other five members were enlisted men at one time. Three later served as officers as well.

They are: Troy H. Middleton, former lieutenant general and commander of the 45th Div. in

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British Plan to Resume Broadcasts in Russian

LONDON, March 19 (AP)—The British Broadcasting Corp. is preparing to beam three 30-minute programs to Russia in Russian daily, Assistant Postmaster General W. A. Burke announced in Commons today.

Burke explained that Soviet authorities had lifted wartime restrictions which impounded civilian receiving sets and that BBC Russian language broadcasts were to begin before the end of this month.

114 Pet Dogs Arrive In N.Y. From Europe

NEW YORK, March 19 (UP)—A noisy welcome was given the pet dogs of 114 soldiers when they arrived from Bremerhaven, Germany, aboard the Grace liner Thomas Nelson Page.

Relatives and friends of the GI owners claimed all dogs except for 20 which were destined for the last lap by train or express truck to their new homes.

Yanks May Go To Manchuria

PEIPING, March 19 (INS)—Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer today awaited instructions from Washington on the question of sending American troops into Manchuria to aid in the repatriation of the Japanese.

The commander of the American forces in China told newsmen that he had asked Washington to clarify his responsibility for repatriating the Japanese from Manchuria and added:

"I do not want to become involved in incidents, but I may send men to Manchuria to help establish communications and repatriation centers."

Wedemeyer also said he plans to visit the south Manchurian port of Hulutao which he described as "a potentially fine debarkation port."

Mass Murderer Calls Self Destroyer of Stool Pigeons

PARIS, March 19 (INS)—Feroocious verbal fireworks shattered the musty air of the Court of Assizes this afternoon as Dr. Marcel Petiot, the judges and the prosecutor hoarsely tried to shout each other down over the gruesome details of mass murders.

Displacing a brilliant imagination, the production-line murderer violently defended himself detail by detail as an underground avenger who destroyed informers, Gestapo agents and stool pigeons.

A fierce exchange, almost verging on a fist fight, occurred when the prosecutor shouted:

"You are slurring memory of the resistance."

Petiot shouted back: "You are a

Iran Protests Again to UNO On Red Troops

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Iran has filed a new protest with the United Nations Organization Security Council against the continued presence of Russian troops in that country, an Iranian embassy official said today.

Gholam Abbas Aram, first secretary of the Embassy, told a reporter that Ambassador Hussain Ala delivered the protest last night to Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Instructed by Premier

Ala acted on instructions received from premier Quavam es Sultaneh late yesterday, Aram said.

Aram said he believed Ala, if given an opportunity, would appear in person before the Security Council to present the Iranian case against Russia.

A dispatch from Teheran said the whereabouts of three Russian combat columns, reported last week to be fanning out of Tabriz toward the Turkish border, Kurdistan and the rail route to Teheran, were hidden behind tightening Russian security measures and the rugged and isolated country into which they were moving.

Column at Khoi

An American Embassy official said "unconfirmed Iranian reports" placed one column at Khoi, north of Lake Urmia and about 40 miles from the Turkish frontier.

A second force was last reported by reliable foreign sources to be at Bukan, south of Alke and near the Azerbaijan-Kurdistan border.

Activity of the third column, last reported at Maimeh, was unknown here. Maimeh is a rail and road terminus on the route to Teheran.

cop. You were never in the resistance."

The prosecutor, purple with rage, cried: "I'll smash your face in."

He told how in June 1940, his secret weapon which "made no noise and left no mark" killed two SS motorcyclists in midmorning in a busy Paris street.

Describing his technique of vengeance, Petiot said his agents would grab a suspect, announcing that "we are German police. Come with us."

Whereupon the suspect would answer: "You made a mistake. I work for the Germans too."

Then Petiot would take the suspects for a ride and "stab them in the liver until they were dead and then dump them out on the roadside in a suburb."

Hoover Arrives in Paris On Food Study Tour

PARIS, March 19 (UP)—Herbert Hoover, upon his arrival here today, told a press conference of 50 U. S., British and French newsmen that he would make Paris his headquarters during his stay in Europe to study the critical food shortage. He warned again that 500,000,000 persons were critically short of food and that the danger period is in the next three months.

"I shall stay over here just as long as it takes me to visit every country seeking food supplies from the United States," he added.

Hoover said he was planning to leave for Rome Thursday, stay there for five days and then return to Paris.

Lamarr, Loder Reunited

HOLLYWOOD, March 19 (AP)—Hedy Lamarr and husband John Loder, who separated about three months ago, have become reconciled.

THE B BAG

Address all letters to: B Bag Editor, The Stars and Stripes, APO 757, U. S. Army. Limit letters to 200 words and include name and address (names are deleted on request). Articles in this column do not necessarily reflect the attitude of The Stars and Stripes.

Music and Nazis

The report that one quarter of the present members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra were members of the Nazi party, and many others passive to it, is a striking example of the attitude, "Let's forget the whole thing."

If the Austrians consider having a symphony orchestra more important than cleansing themselves of the putric scent of Nazism, they should be placed in the same category as their German neighbors. Exempt the Nazi members of an orchestra on grounds of cultural necessity, and soon the artists, actors, authors; and so on down the line will demand the same consideration.

Austria still bears the scar of Mauthausen, and I can't recall hearing the Austrians, during the war or after, complain about that horror camp. We have already had one Austrian madman. Must we breed another?

—T-4 Robert Rice, 42nd Div. Hq.

Mail Plane Safety

If it's an 11-second safety margin that the mail pilots need, there is no one who would object. We would all say, "Give it to them, or ten times that much." But we have been waiting a hell of a long time for our mail and it isn't practicable to measure it in seconds.

No one would ask a pilot to waive safety precautions, but we hear much about our technological advances. If we are so far advanced as to be able to do all the stuff we read about in the newspapers, it seems that some of those gadgets could be put to practical use bringing mail planes in safely.

—Sgt. C. A. Fries, Hq., USFA.

A Vehicle for Boredom

Officers obtain vehicles for their own use, but how about the EM? If EM could draw a vehicle once or twice a week to go where they pleased, it would appreciably relieve the present deadly boredom.

—Pfc A. R. DiNardo

Prospective Clientele

I plan to practice law and specialize in divorce when I return to civilian life. I therefore enjoy hearing the following remarks. They assure me of a successful future:

1. What my wife doesn't know won't hurt her; she's probably stepping out on me anyway.
2. VD? No worse than a bad cold.
3. I'm having my fun while I'm young; women are all alike.
4. Well, you've got to do something to keep from getting lonely.

—Lt., Inf.

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WHY WAIT: Edward G. Hammond, a retired Newton (Mass.) lumber merchant, decided that he couldn't wait for a new automobile—so he built his own. He constructed his "Weep" from spare parts of 16 autos, a tractor, a mowing machine and a sailboat. The vehicle averages 50 miles on a gallon of gasoline, and has a top speed of 60 miles an hour.

—Press Association Photo

What the Germans Think

Glad Americans Are Here, Not Reds, Ex-Soldier Says

This is another in a series of interviews with German civilians by a Stars and Stripes correspondent. The writer was a political consultant for the OSS, in combat intelligence for the psychological warfare division, and served with the First and Ninth armies.

By S. K. PADOVER
Staff Writer

I met in a German tavern a talkative little man with a friendly, ingratiating manner. He asked me to have a glass of beer with him and offered me a cigaret from his pack of Camels. His name, he said, was Erich Kolb and he was 27 years old and had served in the Wehrmacht for seven years.

"I am glad," he smiled, "that it's over and that you Americans are here." It was very obvious flattery, the kind one always hears from Germans. I knew that he meant me to understand that he liked to have us here instead of the British or the Russians.

"The Russians," he said, as if reading my thoughts, "are terrible. I know it because I served in Russia for two years and got wounded three times."

I asked him what kind of soldiers the Russians were. "Lousy," he replied. "They don't fight fair. Their partisans used to shoot at us from the rear and cut off our supply lines. Soldiers! Bah! Those weren't soldiers. You could tell it from the way they reacted to the cold. We Germans shivered and froze in the Russian snow. But the Russians—Pfui! It didn't bother them at all. They weren't human like us Germans."

Why Was Wehrmacht Routed?

If they were such bad soldiers, I asked Kolb, how come that they licked the Wehrmacht and drove the Germans out of Russia?

"I'll tell you," Kolb said seriously. "It was because of treason. The higher German officers betrayed us. Why? Because they realized that Hitler couldn't make the grade. Hitler wanted to rule the world and the generals knew after a while that it couldn't be done. Germany could rule part of the world, but not the whole. So to save their own necks, the generals betrayed the Fuehrer to the Russians."

Germans, I thought, must always have a scapegoat. In the last war

it was the Democrats and the Jews who lost them the gamble; in this one it was the generals. Germans cannot face defeat realistically; they must always blame somebody. But I didn't want to put Kolb on his guard by voicing these thoughts. I asked him whether Hitler wasn't a big enough man to carry on without the generals.

Not a Nazi

Kolb's eyes sparkled. "I'm not a Nazi. I never did go for that stuff. But I tell you the Fuehrer meant well for Germany. He was a real idealist and he wanted to build up a strong prosperous Germany. Before the war he did a lot of good for the people. Then came the trouble. Oh, I don't mean so much the war. That was understandable and the people were with him, but Hitler got too ambitious; he wanted to swallow more than he could chew. That's how he got the whole world down on Germany."

Kolb thought it was a shame that the whole thing turned out as bad as it did. After all, Hitler meant only for the best. Perhaps some other time—. He asked me to have another glass of beer and said confidentially: "You know what Germany needs? I'll tell you. We need a new leader, an idealist who would tell the people what to do and who would work unselfishly for a strong and prosperous Germany."

Stars Given Builder, Razer of Same Field

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., (AP)—Two former servicemen were comparing their bronze star citations for war action. M-Sgt. Aaron Jones explained he received his for directing the construction of a B29 base at Hsinching, China.

Capt. Paul Bedard said he got his for leading a Chinese force that blew the same base to bits after it was abandoned in the face of a Jap counter-offensive.

Aid to Protect Jobless Girls Is Suggested

WASHINGTON (UP)—Federal, state and local governments should take steps to see that "prostitution exploiters" don't take advantage of "unstable" women whose high-paid wartime jobs now are disappearing, according to Rep. Frances P. Bolton (R.-Ohio).

Her statement came as the House judiciary subcommittee began hearings on a bill to continue activities of the Federal Security Agency's social protection division. Mrs. Bolton warned that the nation must not "lose sight of necessity for guarding and forwarding human reconversion" as it progresses in reconversion.

"Many women and girls who made high wages in war industries are now losing position," she said. "More unstable ones will provide logical recruits for prostitution exploiters, unless national, state and local teamwork continues"

Official Bulletin

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Navy Tests Air Arm in Arctic Sea

AT SEA OFF NEWFOUNDLAND (AP)—The U. S. aircraft carrier Midway is sailing north looking for bad weather.

Although the temperature of the sea has been 30 degrees Fahrenheit and the air only three degrees warmer they are going deeper into the near-Arctic regions in a month's cruise to test air operations under the worst possible conditions.

The sea does not freeze until the temperature is down to 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

Wearing face masks, heavy helmets, thick gloves and furlined trousers, deck crews have been getting aircraft into the air while snow swept the decks.

Nearing Icebergs

Icebergs will be sighted soon and the temperature will fall low enough for spray to freeze on the ship and its exposed equipment.

While the cruise is primarily to test air operations, all departments of the big ship are seeing what cold and ice mean to them.

The gunnery officer is interested to know if freezing spray will foul recoil springs on machine guns, whether heaters on gunsights will be able to maintain proper temperature and whether gun crews will be able to work a full watch.

Anti-freeze solution will be sprayed on guns and equipment and moving parts will be heavily greased to simplify breaking ice off them.

Danes Hired For Army Jobs

BREMEN, Germany—The need for typists, clerks and interpreters in civilian status for the U. S. Zone is bringing about the latest type of "critical" traffic through Bremen Enclave.

During the past week 34 selected Danish employes have passed through Bremen on their way to Frankfurt to accept USFET Civil Service positions. Present plans call for processing an average of 50 persons per week here.

Interviews revealed that the plan for employment is comprehensive, including extensive written, oral and physical examinations at Copenhagen. The successful applicants are thoroughly and carefully orientated on conditions within occupied Germany in order to avoid later disillusionment.

Once actually hired, they are considered on the same level as U. S. employes, holding a year's contract and sharing equal housing rights and PX and messing facilities. Interviews with employes stopping over at this city have revealed that each Danish employe is to deposit two-thirds of his total salary with Danish Banks.

Nordic Names Now Passe in Germany

BERLIN (INS)—Among the legacies left by Hitler are thousands of queer names from Teutonic mythology.

It was smart to be Nordic during the Nazi Regime, so thousands of parents inflicted on their children such names as Brunhilde, Sieglinde, Kunigunde or Gudrun. Today, it's smart never to have been a Nazi and names from Walhalla are embarrassing for the parents and the children.

The Berliner Zeitung, while expressing no sympathy for the parents, sees no reason why "an innocent young girl should have to go through life as Kunigunde Schultz" and suggests permission be given legally to change such names.

India Castes Riot; Talks Set by British Mission

BOMBAY, March 19 (AP)—Serious clashes were reported from Amritsar and Nagpur between Indians of various castes as the British Cabinet mission, preparing today to leave for the turbulent subcontinent, listed meetings it will hold with Indian leaders.

At Amritsar in the Punjab where Moslems clashed with other Indians, one Moslem was reportedly killed and another severely wounded yesterday. British troops were called out to patrol the area on the final day of the Sikh's Spring festival.

11 Injured

At Nagpur in the central provinces, 11 persons were reportedly injured in a riot between caste Hindus and depressed classes as 30 persons were arrested for arson and rioting.

Meanwhile, Mohandas Gandhi and Mahomed Ali Jinnah, all-India Moslem league president, were officially invited to meet the British Cabinet mission on April 3 and 4. The premiers of the frontier provinces of Sind, Punjab and Assam and these provinces' opposition leaders and other Rulers of Indian states will be among those scheduled for an early interview.

President Optimistic

Indian National Congress President Maulana Abul Kalam Azad told reporters yesterday he saw no reason why a solution of the Indian political problem should not be considered hopeful, it was reported from New Delhi.

Azad said he found in British Prime Minister Clement Attlee's Friday speech in Commons a "new spirit" and added that "an independent India today would be a great guarantee of world peace and would stem the tide of ambitions all round."

Azad reportedly said events in India's neighborhood "are bound to have repercussions straight away in India and we know where a great tension exists. It is next door to India."

Two Killed In Java Clash

BATAVIA, March 19 (AP)—A British Indian guard at the Good-year tire factory at Buitenzorg replied to small arms and mortar fire Monday night in which two Indian soldiers were killed and five were wounded, it was reported here today.

Minor clashes were reported at Bandoeng and Surabaya.

It was reported at Bangka that Dutch troops fired on a Chinese mob which refused to disperse. The trouble was believed to have resulted from the erroneous striking of a Chinese flag by the Dutch. Hundreds of Chinese coolies are said to be unemployed at Bangka.

Danish Troops Due At Bornholm Thursday

COPENHAGEN, March 19 (AP)—With Russian evacuation of Bornholm gaining momentum and indications that part of the Red Army here may move out by air, it was confirmed today that the first contingent of Danish troops is scheduled to arrive Thursday morning to replace the Russians.

Col. H. E. Christensen, Danish commander of Bornholm, disclosed that a small force of Danish troops, which have been on the island, took over the first military camp evacuated by Soviet troops.

Weather Outlook

USAFE Weather Service
U. S. Zone: North and west, south and east—partly cloudy, morning haze. Berlin and Bremen—cloudy.
Maximum and minimum temperatures: North and west, south and east—54, 34; Berlin—52, 32; Bremen—52, 34.
Further outlook: Cloudy and warmer.

Clash of Reds And Germans Called Error

FRANKFURT, March 19 (UP)—A high American military official said today that "misunderstandings" on eastern German borders which resulted in small exchanges of shots by Russians and American-employed German guards had been settled.

In at least two instances Russian troops fired on German guards. The spokesman said incidents occurred because Russian troops at the border were not notified fast enough of the quadripartite agreement permitting Americans to employ Germans as frontier guards. The spokesman said the issue was straightened amicably immediately by local American-Russian talks at border patrol level. USFET headquarters intelligence officials said "misunderstandings were easily understandable due to slowness of communications."

Germans Fired on Reds

The first incident happened March 9 at Rottenbach, west of Voburg, when two German border police attempted to prevent two Russians from crossing into the American zone. Shots were exchanged but no one was injured. The Russians withdrew, returning half an hour later with an estimated 20 men. Germans told American Military Government investigators that Russians had entered the houses and beat up civilians. Upon the arrival of the Americans in the village the Russians, German border patrolmen reported, departed.

German border patrolmen reported that on March 11 they were fired on by Russian border guards at Grattstadt, which is two kilometers inside the American zone. The Germans did not return the fire.

Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Adcock, director of MG, said border clashes have been fewer than anticipated. He said they usually occur when Russians go hiking in the woods without realizing they cross the border into the American zone.

Conductor Denies Charges of Nazism

BERLIN, March 19 (UP)—Wilhelm Furtwaengler, German concert conductor, said today he had appealed to the German Board of Review for reinstatement after presenting evidence which "refutes the charges brought against me."

Furtwaengler said he was confident of favorable action, asserting that Allied authorities, particularly the Americans, are satisfied I am all right.

He appeared haggard and exhausted, but hopeful, as he told the United Press he had original documents proving he returned the Prussian Staatsrat title and resigned all government connections in 1930.

McCreery Replaces 'Monty'

LONDON, March 19 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Sir Richard McCreery will succeed Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery as commander of the British Army of the Rhine, the War Office announced.



USAFI TRAILER: A 10-ton trailer has been fitted up as a combination office and display room, capable of carrying 2,500 USAFI self-teaching courses for direct distribution in the occupied zone of Germany. American soldiers are shown visiting the mobile unit.

Mobile Book Store Tours U.S. Zone For USAFI

FRANKFURT, March 19—With the closing of the GI universities and the TWCA program, USAFI courses are being expanded, Brig. Gen. Paul W. Thompson, theater chief, Information and Education Service, announced today.

The U. S. Armed Forces Institute section has recently organized a mobile book store which tours the Occupation Zone. It is equipped with a supply of course lists, forms and posters.

The unit is prepared to advise prospective enrollees in USAFI correspondence, self-teaching courses and university extension courses. To speed up the service they will make out application forms on the spot. The usual \$2 money order for the first enrollment will be required.

The majority of enrollees are young replacements who desire to complete two or three courses for the purpose of obtaining high school diplomas.

All inquiries should be addressed to: Headquarters, USFET, I & E, U. S. Armed Forces Institute, APO 757, U. S. Army.

Russian Offer of Wheat Delays French Bread Cut

PARIS, March 19—France disclosed today it will be able to maintain its current bread ration of 300 grams a day, following announcement of America's offer to supply all the ships necessary to pick up the 400,000 tons of wheat Russia has promised the French government.

At the same time, American embassy officials here would neither confirm nor deny current reports of the French harvest became more and more apparent, it was reinstated on the food cards in January. Allotments to France now total 2,245,000 tons—only 55,000 below the figure required to sustain the ration—and this is likely to be made up by expected increases in American deliveries.

"There is absolutely no way of checking the origin of the wheat," an embassy agriculture expert said today. "All the wheat is put into common stockpiles. Besides, there probably would be no objection to Russia's reshipping the wheat, even if it were American, as long as the recipient is in need of it."

The U. S. has notified the French government that the first American liberty ships will make a pickup in Black Sea ports about April 15. These ships, which will carry the first 100,000 tons, are now either docked at or are in the vicinity of Odesa or Novorossisk, where the grain will be loaded.

Bread was ration-free for a short time last fall, but as the failure of

Airlines Cut Europe Fares

PARIS, March 19—Further reductions in plane fares within the European continent were announced yesterday by members of the International Air Transport Association meeting here.

The run between Paris and London will be reduced \$2 to a new rate of \$30.21.

Conference members issued a communique saying the reductions were notable because of a general increase in world prices and because insufficient postwar data on the future of airlines made it impossible to fix passenger and cargo rates accurately.

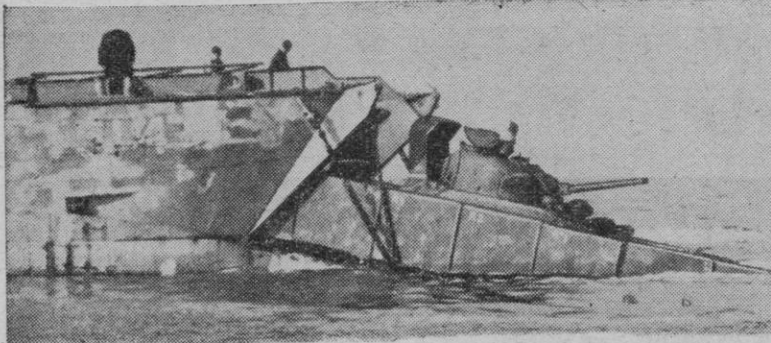
Agreement was reached during the Paris conference on increasing free baggage allowances from 30 to 40 pounds. Children under 12 may now ride for half fare.

Turkish DPs to Go Home

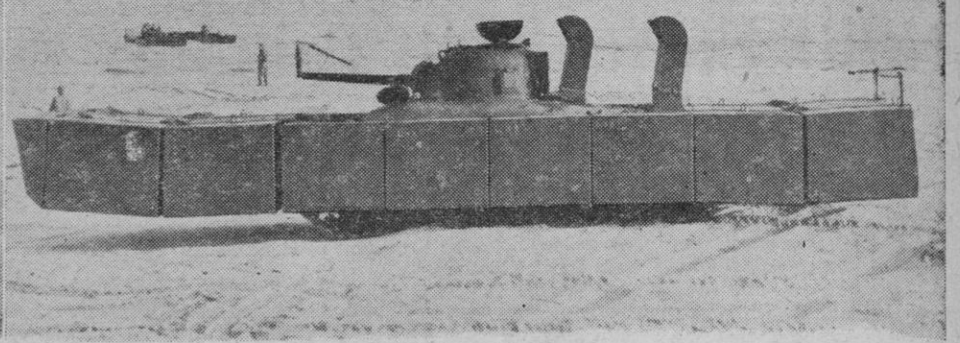
BAD TOLZ, March 19 (AP)—Plans for the return to Turkey of all Turkish displaced personnel in the American zone of Germany were announced today by Third Army headquarters.

Communist Party Hall Blown up in Trieste

TRIESTE, March 19 (UP)—The Communist Party Cultural Center was shattered by an explosion yesterday afternoon. Police determined today that the explosion was caused by a chemical detonator of the type used in land mines. A Communist spokesman blamed it on "reactionary forces."



SEAGOING TANK: Thirty-ton Army tanks of the type shown here were converted into tiny "warships" which crawled ashore from landing craft, providing heavy fire support to beachhead invasion troops in the Pacific war, it has been revealed by the War Department. Life-



belts of steel pontoons filled with rubber sponge to stop rifle and machine gun bullets were attached to both sides of the heavy tank, making the tiny mobile fortress safe and dependable even in rough seas. Once on land, the pontoons then would be released by pushing a button

which exploded rivets holding them to the tank, and the vehicle could continue on free of its cumbersome seagoing girdle. At the left, the tank moves off the landing craft into the water, and at the right the tank appears on the beach with pontoons attached.

NAM Opposes Extension of Price Control

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers called upon Congress to end price controls on all manufactured goods, contending the OPA was "fostering inflation, enabling black markets to flourish and slowing down production."

Robert R. Wason, president of the NAM, opposed a year's continuation of OPA, as asked by President Truman in a statement prepared for the House.

Assailing what he termed OPA's propaganda campaign to "frighten" the country into a new lease on life for price controls, Wason declared:

"Inflation can never be stopped unless we stop creating fear in the minds of our people through irresponsible statements. Assure the public they will get the goods they want at reasonable prices by taking OPA shackles off manufactured goods, and bring the Federal budget into balance, and thereby end the growth of inflationary danger which comes from continuous Government deficits."

Administration Termed False

He termed "false" the Administration claim that "only the OPA stands between the people and disastrous inflation."

Anticipating the attack, Chester Bowles, economic stabilizer, criticized NAM as an "irresponsible pressure group" in an earlier appearance before the committee.

The committee also has heard industrialist Henry J. Kaiser challenge the authority of NAM to speak for a great body of manufacturers. Kaiser said the association never asked his opinion of the OPA.

But Wason said NAM speaks for 15,000 manufacturers who produce 85 per cent of all goods manufactured in this country.

Thousands in Portugal Register for 1949 Vote

LISBON, March 19 (AP)—Hundreds of thousands of Portuguese citizens, including thousands of women, have registered for the next general election in 1949, when President Oscar Carmona ends his fifth term.

Officials of the registering offices, which were opened in January and closed last Saturday, said that judging by the number of persons who registered, the next elections will be the biggest ever held in Portugal.

Husband Annoys Actress

HOLLYWOOD, March 19—Actress Gail Patrick was armed with a court order today, protecting her from annoyance by her estranged husband, Arnold Dean White. Miss Patrick accused White, toy tycoon and former Navy Lieutenant, of breaking into her home and creating such a racket that she had to call the police.

Expert Discounts Ex-Servicemen As Spurring Increase in Crime

BALTIMORE, March 19 (AP)—Returning ex-servicemen are not to blame for the increase in crime, says James H. Hepbrun, director of the Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission.

"Attributing responsibility for a post-war crime wave to the man who has been in uniform is cowardice," he declared. "Too often, a simple cause is read into a

complex problem, and the solution is sought in too simple a remedy."

"A fact continually overlooked is that the man coming out of uniform is essentially the same person he was when he went into the service."

Hepbrun explained that in crime "every man has a breaking point, dependent upon his conditioning in earlier life. Some breaking points are much lower than others."

"If the man who succumbs

happens to be an ex-serviceman, it does not follow that his military service was the cause. The same person would have buckled under the same circumstances if he had never worn a uniform."

He added that some ex-servicemen, broken physically and emotionally, were contributing to crime as a direct result of their war experiences, but he described them as very exceptional cases.

Widow of Air Ace Offered 4 Careers In Varied Fields

HOLLYWOOD, March 19 (UP)—Pretty Marjorie Ann Bong, 22, widow of Maj. Richard Bong, was given four different careers to choose from today—less than 48 hours after she disclosed she had a job as a model.

A movie studio offered her a contract, a newspaper syndicate wanted to print in serial form the book she is writing about her late husband and another modeling agency is after her to teach other young girls how to "walk with dignity."

Mrs. Bong, an ex-schoolteacher, was discovered Saturday working as a mannikin in an exclusive Beverly Hills shop, modeling suits and dresses. She said she didn't like the idea of publicity.

She and Bong—who died in the flaming crash of a P-80 he was testing last August 6—were married a little over six months.

They were married early in 1945 when he was home on leave after earning the Congressional Medal of Honor for downing 40 Japanese planes.

PW Repatriation Of Italians Slow

PRETORIA, South Africa, March 19 (AP)—Repatriation of Italian PWs in South Africa may be delayed because it was found possible to repatriate South African troops from the Middle East more quickly than was at first thought.

The last South African troops are now home and the rate at which Italians are repatriated will probably be slowed.

South African Defense Force Headquarters in Pretoria pointed out that the movement of all ships taking part in the repatriation was controlled from London where arrangements would no doubt be made to repatriate Italians as expeditiously as possible.

A total of 18,000 Italian PWs have already been repatriated, leaving about 21,000 still in the Union.

Taylor to Be Vatican Envoy

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Myron C. Taylor will return to Rome as personal representative of President Truman to the Vatican, Charles Ross, Presidential press secretary, said today. Taylor came back to the U. S. last August.

Boy Attempts to Saw His Way INTO Jail

SCRANTON, Pa., March 19 (INS)—A 14-year-old boy reversed the usual process and attempted to saw his way into the detention home.

The youth, apprehended in connection with an automobile theft, had been released for juvenile court but returned to the detention home to help a buddy escape.

WD Backs Lee On Censorship

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The War Department said yesterday Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commander in the Mediterranean Theater, was within his prerogatives in "screening" contributions to "Mail Call" in *The Stars and Stripes*.

There was no personal comment from Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson or Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, to whom Maj. Harold C. Kessler, publications officer of *The Stars and Stripes*, Mediterranean Edition, addressed protests against censorship, but the War Department said the theater commander had authority to run his command as he deemed most advisable.

U.S. Not to Put Question Of Manchuria to UNO

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP)—The question of Manchuria will not be placed before UNO by the U. S., Secretary of State James F. Byrnes told a press conference today. He added that he had conferred with Gen. George C. Marshall, ambassador to China, who has just returned to the U. S.

Please Make Me Governor Aspirant Says With Nylons

CLEVELAND, March 19 (AP)—Albert E. Payne, Springfield candidate for the Republican nomination for Ohio governor, completed "aerial delivery" of 150 pairs of nylon stockings—from a height of approximately 15 feet.

The gubernatorial candidate, who planned to hurl scarce nylons from an airplane in an admitted publicity stunt, blamed northern Ohio politicians for his inability to obtain a pilot.

QM Will Forward Lost Baggage To U.S. April 1

FRANKFURT, March 19—Lost and unclaimed baggage which has been stored at the theater baggage bureau for 90 days will be shipped to the Effects QM, Kansas City, Mo., on or about April 1, 1946, the office of the Theater Quartermaster announced today.

Repeated attempts to locate the owners of this baggage have been unsuccessful. For information concerning lost baggage call or write the Theater Baggage Bureau, Blumenthal, Bremen Port Command, APO 751. Telephone: Bremen 6381, or Depot Operations Branch, OT-COM, phone Frankfurt 22773.

British Officers Get U.S. Awards

LONDON, March 19—American decorations were presented to 30 British air officers in an informal ceremony today by Col. Milton M. Turner, air attache at the American embassy.

Flight Lt. T. O. Gorman received a DFC for his outstanding achievements in air-sea rescue. Remainder of the awards were for meritorious service in liaison between British and American air forces.

One Waaf, section officer Renata C. Rogers, received a Bronze Star for her supervision of message coding. Legion of Merit awards were made to eight group captains and seven wing commanders while other Bonze Stars went to four wing commanders, five squadron leaders, and four flight lieutenants.

Army to Have 6 Cemeteries For ETO Dead

FRANKFURT, March 19 (UP)—The U. S. Army Graves Reg. Cnd. here is planning six cemeteries in Europe, to be located at Cambridge, England; St. Laurent and Epinal, France; Margraten, Holland; Neuville, Belgium and Hamm, Luxembourg.

A visitors bureau will be established in Versailles for families who wish to visit the graves.

Meanwhile, more than 6,000 searchers have started a five-year hunt for the bodies of 25,000 U. S. soldiers scattered over an area extending from northern Ireland to the Balkans.

Still 12,000 Missing

Though regular graves registration teams assigned to combat units were able to find and bury most of "those killed in ground fighting, there are still some 12,000 missing in action" along with an equal number of airmen shot down over obscure corners of Europe long before ground troops arrived and regular Army cemeteries were established.

Also unlocated are the resting places of many intelligence agents who filtered into enemy areas never seen by Infantrymen.

Searching teams composed of both soldiers and civilians are now sweeping through western Germany, the low countries and France, and three groups are combing that part of the Russian zone of Germany conquered by the Americans.

Advance Publicity

The highly organized hunt through a dozen villages daily is spearheaded by publicity teams operating two weeks ahead of the searching parties. Publicity men make use of radio, newspapers and posters as well as interviewing local residents in an effort to find bypassed graves.

Searching teams working with Army documents such as battle maps and casualty reports come next. In addition to using the information developed by their predecessors, they beat across miles of ground daily in their search.

Ambassador Winant Hopes to Retire Soon

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—John B. Winant hopes to retire soon as U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, he said here today.

He spoke of his interest in his job as American representative on the United Nations Social and Economic Commission.

"Nobody could do both jobs," he said, referring to the ambassadorship.

7 Newsmen to Tour Zone

FRANKFURT, March 19—Seven American newspaper executives are scheduled to begin a 10-day tour of the American Zone on March 25, USFET announced today. The group represents 50 papers and nine radio stations.

UNRRA Help Is Cut in Half For 6 Months

ATLANTIC CITY, March 19 (INS)—Director general Herbert H. Lehman announced tentative approval of an "austere" UNRRA program for the first six months of 1946, contemplating shipments of \$2,434,126,300 worth of supplies.

This program will fall short by approximately 50 per cent of the actual requirements of the starving nations, but it was based on the "highest degree of necessity."

Lehman advised the assembled UNRRA that it was estimated that over 15 million gross long tons of food, clothing, fuel and medicines could be procured by June 30.

6 Million Tons Sent

Up to the end of February, some 6 million tons had already been shipped.

Lehman, UNRRA's retiring head, said that "this is an austere program providing only for the minimum needs which must be completed on time to avert death and misery to millions of people."

Lehman added that the "procurement of supplies depends on their availability. As I have said repeatedly, the governments of the main supplying countries will have to make supreme efforts to make available more of the desperately needed supplies. The heaviest contributions will be made to China, Poland, Yugoslavia, Italy and Greece. Substantial relief also will be sent to the Ukraine and other invaded countries."

Finns and U.S. Fail to Agree

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Finnish negotiators on compensation for eight of 14 Finnish ships taken over by the U.S. are preparing to go home without having reached an agreement after almost four months of discussions.

A Finnish spokesman said that a "substantial" difference in the estimates of fair compensation for the ships existed between the U.S., War Shipping Administration and the Finnish representatives. Finnish estimates of the value of these eight ships have been reported to be less than \$10,000,000.

The spokesman said that "for the time being discussions will be conducted through legal counsel in the U.S."

It is understood that one alternative would be to accept the WSA compensation offer and, if deemed unsatisfactory, take the case before the American courts.

English Firm Strikes Oil by Gulf of Suez

CAIRO, March 19 (AP)—Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields, Ltd., announced yesterday an oil test on the east coast of the Gulf of Suez made a good showing and hoped it may lead to a producing field.

Drilling approximately 100 miles from the nearest producing oil field, testers found oil at a depth of 27,000 feet in a Miocene Age formation. The company, part of the Royal Dutch Shell Group, plans to make a production test and then to drill deeper to explore other formations.

UNRRA to Meet at Paris

ATLANTIC CITY, March 19—UNRRA accepted an invitation by the French government to meet at Paris in July after the harvest is gathered so that the council may estimate the food requirements for the coming year.



WILL BRING BRIDE: T-5 Robert Jamross, of Boston, who recently wed Edith Castanna, of Richmond, Va., will leave for Germany in April with his bride. She is one of the first servicemen's wives in the Boston section to be granted a permit to go to Germany.

Actor Hit on Jaw at Party

HOLLYWOOD, March 19 (AP)—Friends of Kurt Kreuger, Swedish actor, today said that Kreuger had been struck on the jaw during a party at the home of I. I. Rubin, wealthy furrier.

They declared that Kreuger was talking with Fatima Ipar, sister of

the millionaire Turkish journalist, Ali M. Ipar, when her escort, an unidentified Coast Guard officer, became involved with Kreuger in an argument.

The guests said the officer took Miss Ipar home but later returned to the party and struck Kreuger.

Asks Coverage Of Peace Talk

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Tom Connally (D-Texas) said today he felt the "public ought to be kept informed of progress being made" during the European peace conference due to begin in May.

Commenting on word from Paris that journalists will be permitted to attend only two scheduled public sessions, he declared, however, that "actual deliberations ought to be secret."

He said it "probably would hamper deliberations if they were open, and the meeting were subject to pressure groups," adding, "I think they should arrange for meetings with press and radio from time to time."

Nonstrikers Share Company's Profits

GREENVILLE, Mich., March 19 (AP)—A profit-sharing plan at the Ranney Refrigerator Co., which would entitle employees to 25 per cent of the yearly profits, was disclosed by L. W. Ranney, president of the company.

Ranney said the plan carried the stipulation that employees participating in a strike, slowdown or work stoppage would forfeit their sharing of the profits. He added these shares would then be distributed among the remaining employees.

United Auto Workers (CIO) which represents the majority of the company's 300 workers, declined to comment on the proposal.

Ship to Be Razed After One 'Cruise'

GLASGOW, March 19 (AP)—HMS Cutlass is scheduled to be launched today, and will sail once across the River Clyde—to a ship breaker's yard. Ordered and partly built while Britain was at war, the destroyer was declared obsolete.

Coal Chief Asks 40-Hour Week

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Charles O'Neill, Bituminous Coal Operators spokesman, proposed that overtime pay in the industry begin after 40 hours of the work week instead of the present 35.

O'Neill demanded a guarantee from John L. Lewis United Mine Workers against wildcat unauthorized strikes.

O'Neill, replying to Lewis' nine demands and his accusations of "neglect" in providing for safety and welfare for 400,000 bituminous miners, also proposed raising the miners basic work week from 35 to 40 hours.

Youth's Modesty Hid Story of Bravery

CLEVELAND, O., March 19 (AP)—A 14-year-old farm youth's modesty hid until today the story of how he risked his life to rescue his little cousin from a 40-foot well almost two weeks ago.

A physician, who treated Clarence Moats for badly lacerated hands, pried the story from the boy. Young Moats spent an hour in the well holding the child before neighbors could rescue the pair.

Mediator Tried to Pacify Hitler in '39, Court Hears

NURNBERG, March 19 (UP)—Birger Dahlerus, Swedish go-between for Adolf Hitler and Neville Chamberlain, testified at the International Military Tribunal that in 1939 he tried to reach an understanding with Germany. Dahlerus, known as the "man with red carnation" said he proposed for Hitler and Goering an offer of peace which included the support of the German army for the British Empire "wherever it might be attacked."

Language Is Stressed By Churchill

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—Winston Churchill, receiving Columbia University's Doctor of Laws degree yesterday, urged greater emphasis on teaching the English language and history in institutions of higher education.

Churchill said the U.S. and Britain are "walking forward together and will be able to render services to humanity that no country has been able to do before."

Britain's wartime leader said the English language is "a key to marvelous literature. It is a means of contact between, I will not say the most numerous, but the most influential, mass of human beings spread about the world."

Declaring a "spirit of tolerance and comprehension must run through all our studies of history," Churchill said "in my heart there is no abiding hatred to any great race on this earth. I earnestly hope there will be no pariah nations. Guilty or punished, we have to look forward to a broader and fairer world, richer and fuller in every way."

Release Sought For Heiress

DETROIT, March 19 (AP)—Representatives of the wealthy Froedtert family arrived today to seek the release from police custody of 16-year old Suzanne Froedtert, attractive runaway heiress.

No charge has been placed against the girl, who has been held since early yesterday when the police, acting on a tip, took her into custody at a Detroit rooming house, along with Ollie J. Williams, 24, who was held on charges of violating the Mann Act.

Officers quoted her as saying she left the exclusive Edgewood Academy in Madison, Wis., March 11 after teachers there refused her permission to attend a basketball game.

The heiress obtained employment as a chocolate dipper in a local candy factory at a salary of \$23 a week.

Baruch Is Appointed To UNO Atom Body

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch, American elder statesman and advisor of the late President Roosevelt, was appointed U.S. representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, it was announced yesterday at the White House.

The nomination was presented to the Senate today for confirmation.

Dahlerus said the British Government "naturally turned down" the Wehrmacht offer but "took lot of trouble to deal in a fair and reasonable way" with other Hitler proposals, including a German-British alliance.

Proposals Drawn Up

Dahlerus said specific proposals were drawn up for presentation to Hitler under which Sir Alexander Cadogan of the British foreign office "agreed that England was willing in principle to reach an agreement with Germany."

Dahlerus outlined a series of conferences with Goering and said he was finally informed that Hitler had accepted the British viewpoint subject to reply by Sir Neville Henderson.

He said he was first informed that Henderson's reply was "most satisfactory" and later was summoned by Goering who told him the historic meeting between Henderson and Hitler "most unsatisfactory and ended in a great quarrel."

Met Hitler

On September 1, 1939—the day war broke out Dahlerus said he met Hitler at the Reichschancellery. "On Sept. 4," he said "Goering said Germany would not take war action against England unless England shot first."

While at the close of yesterday's hearing Hermann Goering defiantly told the International Tribunal that he was never disloyal to Hitler and if the Fuehrer had been assassinated, he would have taken control of Germany and fought the war to the bitter end.

U. S. Troops Block Off Nurnberg RR Station

NURNBERG, March 19 (UP)—American troops threw a cordon around the Nurnberg railroad station for two and a half hours this morning. Military authorities said the action was a routine check of German civilians for credentials and possible weapons. They said the check was not linked to the war crimes trial.

Reds May Hire German Scientists

WASHINGTON, March 19 (INS)—Rep. Jennings Randolph (D-W. Va.) submitted to the State and War Departments yesterday reports that "the Red army is offering to employ German scientists left jobless in the U.S. Occupation Zone."

Randolph said these reports were sent to him by a German scientist who specializes in radar.

The German wrote that his career as a university professor was blocked because "I was an enemy of the Nazi Party."

Bickford Rejects Choice of Over-40 Women

HOLLYWOOD, March 19 (UP)—Charles Bickford, the man "frankly-over-40" women from San Francisco picked for their dream lover decided today to decline the honor with thanks—also with fear and trembling. He's grateful all right, but he says the matrons are wrong.

Bickford's name flashed all over newspapers a few weeks ago when the San Francisco Senior League bolted against Hollywood's emphasis

on bobby soxers and sent letters to six major studios reminding them that "older people love, too." What they wanted was thrills for ladies over 40.

"They're a little off the beam there," Bickford said. "Movies don't slant their appeal for bobby soxers. I think it's about time I said something about this movement the older gals are starting" Bickford explained.

"It's beginning to get out of hand.

Seems a flock of other matrons around the country are getting hep to the ideas of the San Francisco ladies. 'We-want-Older-Screen-Lovers' clubs are popping up all over the country. It's no telling where something like this might end."

It's getting so he's surrounded by hefty matrons every time he pops his nose out of his front door. Apparently they've forgotten he used to earn his money as a movie tough guy. "I'd hate to think what

would happen to Hollywood if all the old dames in the country started to boycott Van Johnson's pictures. We creaking Casanovas couldn't stand the gaff."

To convince the ladies they're panting up the wrong tree he's going to dig up Shakespeare.

"Look at 'Romeo and Juliet,'" Bickford insisted. "They were bobby sox age. But do you think Shakespeare was slanting it for kids? Not on your life!"

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3rd Army Whips USFA, 69-50, for Company Title

Klaisner's 24 Leads Scoring

FRANKFURT, March 19—Third Army's fast-breaking five roared back from last night's set back to sweep past USFA, 69-50, and take the ETO company-level basketball championship this afternoon in Victory Gym.

The tall boys from Austria could not keep up with the fire wagon brand of ball that the AG Personnel club employed and fell behind from the opening whistle.

Third Army jumped into a 15-11 first-period lead and increased it to 33-23 at the intermission. Lanky Bill Miller and Gramillan went on a second half scoring spree to shove Third Army out in front 45-31 at the third quarter mark and from there on in the outcome was decided.

Smooth-working Fred Klaisner held the out-classed USFA five in the game with his 24 points, coming on 10 baskets and four gratis tosses.

Miller and Gramillan topped the Third Army point-makers with 22 and 15 respectively. Pint-sized Saigo turned in a good floor game for the winners and repeatedly broke up USFA's attack with his ball stealing. The box score:

| USFA | FTF | Third Army | FTF |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Riggan f | 4 3 3 | Davis f | 5 3 1 |
| Vargo f | 2 1 0 | Pugatch f | 3 1 2 |
| Mackey c | 1 0 0 | Miller c | 8 6 4 |
| Vowell g | 0 0 4 | Forsgren g | 1 2 2 |
| Reed g | 0 1 4 | Benson g | 0 1 1 |
| Klaisner f | 10 4 1 | Gramillan g | 7 1 5 |
| Thar'ong f | 2 1 1 | Saigo f | 2 0 1 |
| Warnok g | 1 0 2 | Peterson g | 1 1 0 |
| Acapelli g | 0 0 3 | | |
| Totals | 20 10 18 | Totals | 27 15 16 |



SWISH: Elongated Dale Davis, (No. 4), slips in a two-pointer for Third Army in last night's battle with USFA in the ETO company-level tourney. Waiting for the rebound is USFA's P. L. Riggan, (No. 2), and Gerry Vowell, (No. 3), and Third Army's Pugatch, (No. 11), and Bill Miller, (No. 10). Looking on from the left is Fred Klaisner (No. 8). USFA won this game, 61-51. —Signal Corps Photo by Bob Merritt

USFA Upsets 3rd Army 61-51 to Even Series

FRANKFURT, March 19—An underdog USFA quintet jumped into an early lead and held it all the way to upset the undefeated Third Army team in the playoffs of the company-level basketball tournament at Victory Gym last night. The surprise 61-51 triumph forced the championship struggle into an extra game, as both teams have now dropped one contest apiece.

Paced by John Vargo, Jerry Vowell and Fred Klaisner, who scored 18, 15 and 14 points respectively, USFA grabbed a 14-5 lead at the end of the first quarter and widened it to 32-16 at half-time. The Third Army five, led by Bill Miller, who took the game's scoring honors with 21 points, came back in the final period to cut the margin to 10 points, but could get no closer as Vargo and Vowell repeatedly came through with timely baskets.

Prewar Eligibility Rules Reinstated by Big Ten

CHICAGO, March 19 (UP)—Prewar eligibility rules for Big Ten sports during the next school year were reinstated by decision of the Big 10 faculty representatives. Few modifications were made to help reconversion, including a waiver of the freshman rule for the 1946 fall semester.

Another modification granted was a fourth year of competition to anyone who competed as a freshman during the wartime emergency or any ex-serviceman who played with a conference team during that period.

Dodger's Hurler Discharged

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., March 19 (UP)—Veteran Kirby Higbe, ace righthander of the Dodgers, before entering service, has been discharged from the Army, and will report to camp Saturday, club president Branch Rickey announced.

Royal's Negro Infielder Rated 'Fair Prospect'

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., March 19—Jack Robinson's future with Dodger's Montreal farm club is reported to be still shrouded in question marks with the Negro infielder rated a "fair prospect" on performances to date.

Robinson, handicapped by a sore arm, was shifted from shortstop to second base, where he played Sunday against the Dodgers, making the first time in Southern baseball history that a Negro has participated against a major-league ball club in an exhibition game. The former UCLA four-sport star played six innings but failed to garner a hit as the Dodgers defeated the Royals, 7-2.

Tigers Lose Another

LAKELAND, Fla., March 19 (INS)—The Detroit Tigers dropped the seventh straight, Sunday losing 8-3 to Cleveland.

The defeat was aggravated when the rookie outfielder Hoot Evers, who was clipping the ball at a .406 average, broke an ankle and frac-

tured his right thumb as he slid into second. The doctors say he will be unable to play at least 14 weeks.

Cardinals Win Twice

TAMPA, Fla., March 19 (INS)—Employing a Frank Merriwell finish, the St. Louis Cardinals returned to its winning ways on Sunday as they swept both ends of the first grapefruit twin-bill 6-3 and 3-2 over the Cincinnati Reds.

Three home runs in the ninth inning of each game enabled the Cards to snap their losing streak.

Lou Klein delivered a four-bagger in the opener, and Bob R. Hawn duplicated the feat in the night rap.

Browns Top Pirates

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 19 (INS)—Johnny Pavlick and Tex Shirley held Pittsburgh to four hits as the St. Louis Browns fashioned a 4-1 win in an exhibition contest.

Billy Cox tallied a lone Pirate run with a 350-foot smash over the left field wall.

El Paso Managers Back U.S., Mexico Ball Peace

MEXICO CITY, March 19 (AP)—Two U. S. baseball leaders, J. Alvin Gardner, president of the Texas League, and Andy Cohen, former New York Giant infielder—now managing El Paso in the Mexican National League—spoke out for baseball peace between the U. S. and Mexico.

Gardner, here on a vacation, volunteered to come to Mexico after the 1946 season as a goodwill ambassador provided baseball commissioner A. B. Chandler, and minor league chieftain William Bramham accept the proposal.

Cohen said he would try to bring U. S. teams to Mexico City next spring to train as guests of Aztecas, the Mexico City entry in the Mex-

ican nation, which is Class B in organized baseball.

The Mexican National League is not to be confused with the Mexican League, sponsored by the wealthy Pasquel brothers. The latter is not in organized baseball.

"Jorge Pasquel, president of the Mexican League, is such an honest man that I feel certain that if the situation were presented in the right manner he could be convinced that organized baseball is the right procedure," Gardner explained.

The Texas League boss said he believed a Mexican league could qualify for an "A" rating—similar to the American Association, International or Coast League—under the U. S. system.

Kentucky Makes National Finals; Faces R.I. Rams

NEW YORK, March 19 (UP)—Kentucky's fighting Wildcats, pre-tourney favorites, staged a brilliant last-minute rally to defeat a surprisingly strong West Virginia team in the semi-finals of the National Invitation Basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden.

The Wildcats really had their work cut out for them as the Mountaineers played steady, heads-up ball all night.

West Virginia moved into a 27-25 half-time lead as the Wildcat five manufactured a lot of its own trouble by committing 24 fouls with the Mountaineers converting 17 of them. Kentucky struck back to take a slim third-period lead, even though its two big guns, Jack Tingle and Wallace Jones, went out of the game on fouls.

The score was tied at 46-46, again at 48-48 and finally at 51-51 with a minute to play, as Kentucky repeatedly seemed on the verge of breaking away only to see the stubborn Mountaineers knot the count again. Sparked by little Ralph Beard, who led the team in the absence of Tingle and Jones, the Wildcats struck furiously in the closing seconds to open up an 8-point margin, the longest of the game.

By virtue of their victory the Kentuckians earned the right to meet the remarkable Rhode Island Rams in the tourney finals. Rhode Island, 20-1 shots in the ratings, pulled its second straight upset victory by trimming Muhlenberg 59-49.

Paced by Ernie Calverly, who rang up 27 points, the Rams completely upset the methodical Mules with their firehouse style of play, grabbing a 32-24 lead at the half. Muhlenberg managed to narrow this to 32-30 after 2½ minutes of the third quarter, but Calverly and mates broke loose again and sewed up the game.

Runner Draws Blank With No Blank Gun

JOHANNESBURG, March 19 (AP) South Africa's two-mile track champion drew a blank on setting a new record for the distance for lack of a blank cartridge.

F. M. Fousseau clipped two seconds off his present record by whipping through the distance in 9:40.6, but the time was not official because the race was begun by a whistle when no ammunition could be found for the starting pistol.

Swedes to Try Haegg OK for '48 Olympics

STOCKHOLM, March 19 (AP)—A slim chance that Gunder Haegg and Arne Andersson may be reinstated as amateurs in time for the 1948 Olympic games appeared yesterday as the Swedish Athletic Association began preparing to fight for revision of international amateur regulations.

"We will raise the question whether there is any possibility of restoring a lost amateur standing at the fall meeting of the International Amateur Athletic Federation in Oslo," Bo Lindman, chairman of the Swedish Athletic Association board told the Associated Press.

"The names of Haegg and Anderson will not be mentioned in this connection of course because it is a question of principles and not of individuals. If the principle is approved that an athlete declared professional may later regain amateur standing under certain conditions then it will be up to each country's athletic administration to consider particular cases."

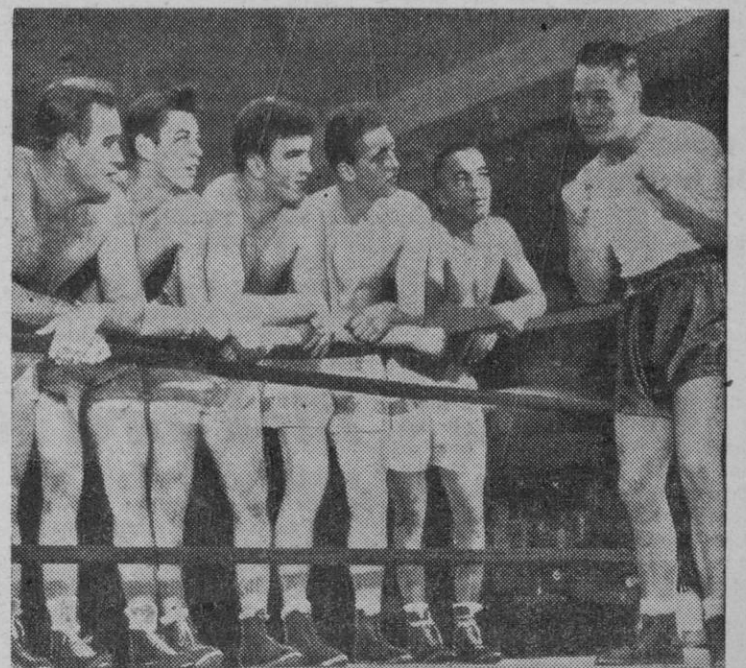
He evaded confirming specifically that the board's proposed action would be taken primarily in the interests of Haegg and Anderson.

Bo Ekelund, secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, declined to comment on this phase of the cases against Haegg and Anderson but said the question whether their world records will continue to stand on the international list will be submitted at the next IAAF meeting.

Max Bentley Wins NHL Point Race

MONTREAL, March 19 (UP)—Max Bentley, star center of the Chicago Blackhawks, won the 1945-46 National Hockey League scoring race with 31 goals and 30 assists for a total of 61 points, after returning to the ice from a two-year hitch in the service.

Toronto's Gaye Stewart nosed out Toe Blake of the Canadiens and Clint Smith of the Blackhawks for second place. Stewart racked up 52 points while Blake and Smith wound up in a third-place tie with 50 apiece.



EXPERT POINTERS: Getting the low-down here on fisticuffs from middleweight champion Tony Zale are Chicago CYO boxers (left to right) Charlie Hobday, Dick Neveux, Don Lambert, Jim Hurst and Hilton DePillars.

Quinn Wants Umps to See With Glasses

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 19 (AP)—Bob Quinn, the elder, has launched a vigorous campaign to put a good pair of spectacles on every arbiter in the big leagues.

It is difficult to understand why the former boss of the Boston Braves chose this point to open his bifocal crusade. Quinn is now attached to a sporting goods concern and no longer should be an active enemy of any umpire, for business reasons if for no other. Yet he insisted he was in dead earnest about the matter when found sunning himself in front of the Indian's clubhouse.

"Every umpire should be forced to get himself fitted with glasses," he said firmly. "There isn't a man living when he reaches the age of most of those fellows who couldn't see better with glasses. It's ridiculous for men over 50, as most of them are, to refuse to see better just because they are afraid of a little ribbing from the players.

"You might not believe it but a lot of these umpires actually can't read those lineups when they meet out there at the plate before the game. They say to managers, 'Now read off your lineups,' and they memorize 'em. If they can't read the lineup, how can they judge balls and strikes?"

"What I say is, it ought to be a league rule. Glasses for every umpire before he dusts off the plate."

Latin League After Owen

MEXICO CITY, March 19 (AP)—Mickey Owen, Brooklyn Dodgers catcher, probably will play for Mexico City this year, President Jorge Pasquel, of the Mexican League, said.

Pasquel said negotiations with Owen are "very advanced," and that he expects him here early in April.

Owen would replace Fermin (Mike) Guerra in the Mexico City lineup. Guerra rejoined the Washington Senators. Chico Hernandez, former Chicago Cubs catcher, arrived last night to join Vera Cruz of the Mexican League.

Sickinger Voted Leading Trackman

NEW YORK, March 19 (UP)—The Track Writers Association voted Fred Sickinger as the outstanding performer of the local indoor track season.

The Manhattan College sophomore won seven straight middle distance races after being beaten the first time out last winter.

Leslie MacMitchell was a close contestant in the balloting. Sickinger's best half-mile time of the winter was 1:57.3.

Morris Named Big 10's Most Valuable Cager

CHICAGO, March 19 (AP)—Max Morris, Northwestern's most versatile athlete in a decade was named the Big Ten's most valuable basketball player of the 1945-46 season.

Paul Huston, guard on Ohio State's championship team, and Tony Jaros, Minnesota, tied for second place in the balloting.

Donohue Returns to Carnegie

PITTSBURGH, March 19 (INS)—William W. Donohue, one of Carnegie Tech's greatest halfbacks when he was there 20 years ago, returns to the Pittsburgh campus as head football and basketball coach.

Reds Plan to Outstrip Other Radar Scientists

MOSCOW, March 19 (AP)—Accepting the challenge of the new five-year plan to outstrip foreign science, Russian scientists agreed in the Supreme Soviet today that the task will not be an easy one.

M. G. Pervukhin, representing the Voroshilov district in Moscow, said "the task of not only overcoming but surpassing in the near future achievements of science abroad concerns first of all Russian

physicists and chemists."

Pervukhin is also commissar of the chemical industry, a member of the Council of Commissars and a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

President S. I. Vavilov, a deputy from the Leningrad district of Moscow, discussing the difficulties, said "the project is not easy at all but its fulfillment is indispensable to the Soviet Union.

"Science is needed for realistically mastering already existing techniques along with new problems of great importance. These include questions of physics and techniques of liberating the energy of the atomic kernel, various tasks of organic chemistry, construction of living substance, radio and reliable long-range weather forecasts.

"Comrade Stalin has placed before scientists an intriguing and

honorable but very large task and it is so not only because the level of world science is already high but because it grows continuously," he said.

Measures already have been put into force looking to stepping up the rate of production of Russia's heavy industry. Areas made into ruins by enemy action will be built up and farmers will be encouraged to lift their output.

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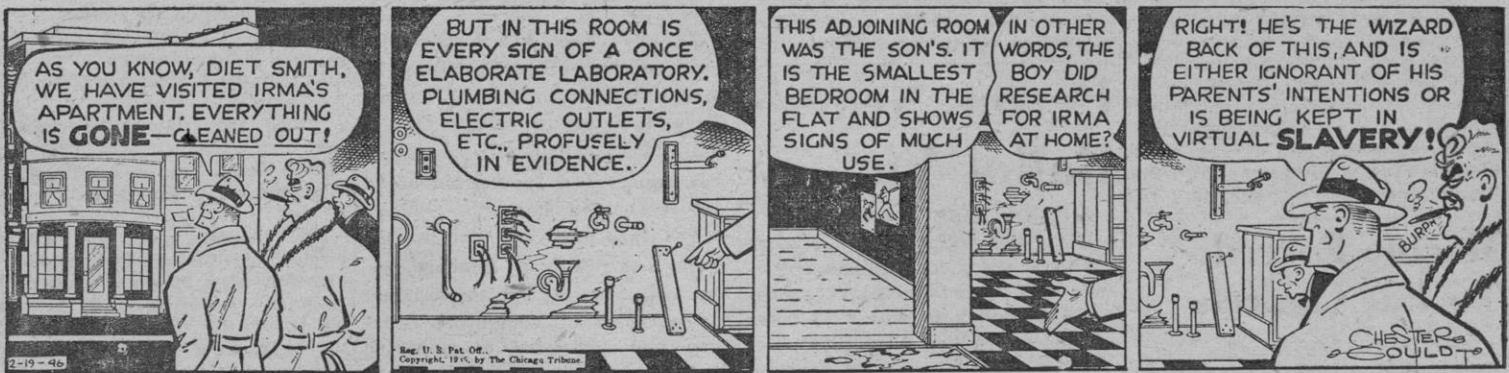
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French Foreign Office Reported Split on Spain

PARIS, March 19 (INS)—France is divided against itself on the Spanish issue. Officials of the French Foreign Office revealed in private conversations that their present policy regarding Spain was not of their own choosing.

In short, the Foreign Office is

opposed to its own policy.

—One official, who declined to be quoted, said that he was opposed to both steps, taken recently by France against Spain—the closing of the border and the proposals France made to put the Spanish question before the Security

Council.

This official revealed that even leaders of the Spanish Republican Government in exile were opposed to the second move. He said both Premier Minister Jose Giral and Dr. Juan Negrin, the last premier in Spain, thought it unwise for

France to make such a move without support of Britain and America.

The aggressive French policy against Generalissimo Francisco Franco, according to these sources, has been dictated by the left wing of the Socialists and by the Com-

munist Party.

The Foreign Office, under direction of the more conservative Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, would have preferred to have moved moderately against Franco, in line with the British and U. S. position.

But major decisions on foreign policy are now being made not by the Foreign Office or the executive branch of the government, but by the National Assembly and the Council of Ministers.

In these bodies, the Socialists and Communists have a safe two-thirds majority. Thus France put herself in a far more advanced position regarding Spain than the Foreign Office finds comfortable.

It is admitted that France must move now one way or the other. A backward step cannot be taken easily and a more aggressive attitude seems unavoidable.

This might take the form of a break of diplomatic relations and recognition of the Giral government. But such a move must be made unilaterally without Anglo-American support which the Foreign Office at every step.

Reds Reported Using Canada As Spy Base

OTTAWA, March 19 (AP)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King yesterday told Canada's House of Commons that the spy inquiry uncovered "as serious a situation as has existed in Canada at any time."

Relating the story of espionage in Canada, the Prime Minister said that Igor Gouzenko, a Russian cipher clerk, had reported that the Soviet Union "was using Canada as a base for espionage operations against Britain and the U. S."

Gouzenko, according to King, also said that a fifth column was being established in Canada.

Embassy Documents

Giving the House of Commons his long-awaited statement on the espionage inquiry, King said the government started the investigation on the basis of documents obtained in the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. He added:

"These documents disclosed that Canada was being used as a base to obtain information on matters of very great importance to the U. S. and Great Britain."

Full Responsibility

The Prime Minister said he was prepared to take full responsibility for the action taken and added that the government could not ignore people in civil service who were giving secrets and confidential information to a foreign power.

An interim report issued by a royal commission investigating espionage had said that agents had obtained information on the atom bomb, radar, a hitherto secret explosive and other war secrets.

Marine Forced To Eat Cigaretts

TIENTSIN, March 19 (AP)—Marine Pfc Alfred Heap-of-Birds, a Cheyenne Indian from Thomas, Okla., told a General Court Martial that 1-Lt. Guy Agati, officer of the Okinawa brig, forced him to eat two cigarettes and bludgeoned him with a club during his confinement on Okinawa last September.

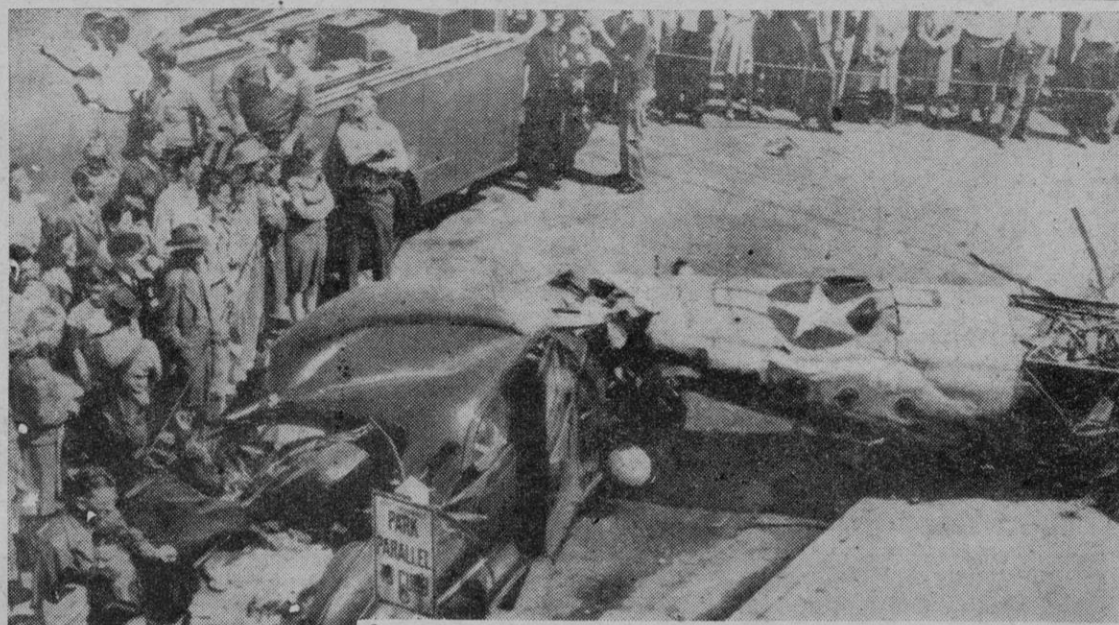
Agati, Marine lieutenant from West Wyoming, Pa., is being tried on charges of mistreating Marine prisoners.

The witness testified that Agati "checked my mouth to see whether I swallowed the cigarettes."

Four other witnesses related similar accounts of mistreatment by Agati and two brig wardens.

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CRACK-UP: A Navy pursuit plane crashed into a Los Angeles street recently demolishing an automobile and snapping a main power line which temporarily disrupted electricity service.

Peron Nears Ballot Victory

BUENOS AIRES, March 19 (AP)—With the winning of 22 more electoral votes in Entrerios province, Col. Juan Domingo Peron approached today to within 59 votes of victory in the Argentine presidential race. He has 130 votes to 38 for his Democratic Union opponent Dr. Jose Tamborini.

Diplomatic sources, meanwhile, said the U. S. and Britain had again attacked the legality of Argentine citizenship held by Ludwig Freude, named in the U. S. bluebook as leader of Argentina's "Germanism."

These sources said the note had been sent to the Argentine Foreign Office contending that German files showed Freude had been issued a German passport in 1937.

Morgenthau Says Some Still Wish for 'Strong Germany'

PHILADELPHIA, March 19 (INS)—Despite the experience of two World Wars within a generation, "some people" still prefer "a strong Germany," Henry Morgenthau declared last night.

"This seems to me one of the underlying sources of the present United Nations difficulties," the former Secretary of the Treasury told the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Morgenthau declared that Roosevelt and Churchill agreed at the Quebec Conference to convert Germany into an agricultural country. Author of the so-called Morgenthau

Spanish Republicans Sure UNO Will Discuss Franco

LONDON, March 19 (AP)—Spanish Republican circles in London are confident that the "Franco case" will be raised before the United Nations Security Council during its forthcoming New York meeting when they expect the Mexican and the Russian delegations to support any move made by France. Meanwhile, these sources added, Britain

Lewis Rebuffs Mine Owners

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Four counter proposals made by mine operators to John L. Lewis today brought from the United Mine Workers chief a rejoinder that miners had "asked for bread and received a stone."

Producers proposed that the industry substitute a standard 40-hour week for the present 35 hours for purposes of computing overtime and demanded a guarantee from Lewis against wildcat strikes.

After listening throughout the day to an operator spokesman replying to his nine demands, Lewis re-emphasized his insistence on a health and welfare fund for mine workers and significantly told producer: "If you work after April 1 in your mines—and I suppose some of you hope to remain in business—what are you going to do about it, continue killing men, filling up hospitals, hauling men to remote institutions?"

continued to favor an understanding between Spanish Republicans and Royalists as a prerequisite to any action against Franco himself. With Paris, a center of Spanish Republican negotiations, alarmed at the broadening of political representation in the present exile government, the informants said, no question of dealing with Royalists had even been considered.

While they lacked a complete text of Franco's answer to the U. S. "white book," the sources discounted it as the reply which could be expected.

The negotiations, the London circles said, include talks about the creation of a "federal council" or "supreme authority," which would be above the present cabinet and would insure a "regional" representation of Republican Spaniards through the inclusion of the presidents of the Basque and the Catalonian countries.

Other members of the council would be the president of the republic, the prime minister and the chairman of the Cortes.

Canoeing Soldier Drowns in Weser

BREMEN, March 19—The Navy Shore Patrol was today searching the icy Weser River in Bremen for the body of an 18-year-old soldier drowned Sunday afternoon when the canoe in which he and two companions were riding overturned in the swift current.

Attempting to rescue his companion, who reportedly could not swim, Pvt. Russell Gore, of the 576th Ordnance Co., narrowly escaped drowning himself. Forced by exhaustion to abandon his rescue efforts, Gore managed to grasp a line thrown to him by German river boat men and was pulled a shore. Seaman Stanford Barreux, a Merchant Marine, the third member of the capsized canoe, managed to swim to safety alone.

The drowned soldier, whose name was withheld pending notification of his next of kin, was a member of the 25th General Dispensary.

Spain Charges U.S. Espionage

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press in January, 1944, was intended to conceal a plan for Allied invasion of the Iberian peninsula.

The plan to invade, said the Spanish statement, was proposed by the U. S. to other Allied nations in January of 1944.

Congressmen Scorn Reply to 'White Book'

WASHINGTON, March 19 (INS)—The Spanish reply to the American "White Book" elicited mixed reactions from available Congressional sources.

Rep. Luther Johnson (D-Tex.), member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that "Spain's attempts to make a countercharge indicated her guilt."

Rep. James Wadsworth (R-N.Y.), member of the same committee, said that "Franco's whole performance from the beginning to the end of the war shows that his chief concern was to stay out of trouble with either side in a military sense."

Army 'Caste' . . .

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North Africa and Sicily, now Louisiana State University comptroller. He enlisted in the Army in 1910.

Robert Deville, *Yank* magazine, enlisted staff member and later editor of *The Stars and Stripes* in Italy. He went on terminal leave as a lieutenant colonel. His views on relations between officers and men recently appeared in national magazines.

Adnah Undersill, Freeville, N. Y., who rose from platoon sergeant to paratrooper Captain. He is now with the New York State Conservation Department, Bureau of Game.

CMH Winner

Jake W. Lindsey, Lucedale, Miss., former technical sergeant who was the 100th infantryman to win the Medal of Honor. He killed 20 Germans near Hamrich, Germany, Nov. 16, 1944, wounded an unknown number captured three and knocked out four machine guns. He now works for Veterans Administration in Lexington, Mass.

Merli M. Frost, Hanover, N. H., who was seriously wounded at Bari, Italy, as a sergeant with 451st Bomb Gp. and spent 18 months recuperating at Valley Forge General Hospital. He returned to Dartmouth College last July.