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Gas Issue May Cause MRP Bolt

By GERSHON FISHBEIN
Staff Correspondent

PARIS, March 10—Attention of the French people was centered today on an important meeting of the French cabinet Tuesday on nationalization of gas—a meeting which may result in the separation from the government of MRP, the Popular Republican Movement party, if the drastic nationalization program is found to be incompatible with the interests of the rightist group.

Regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's meeting, it was learned today that President Felix Gouin will not resign, even if a political crisis develops.

It was also indicated that even should MRP decide to hold the government, the party leader, Georges Bidault, still would retain his post as foreign minister.

SECOND SPLIT THREATENS

In addition to the gas issue, the wording of the new French constitution also threatened to disrupt the tripartite government.

The MRP insists on a strong executive branch—as France had under Gen. Charles de Gaulle—while the leftist elements are equally adamant in their desire for a strong independent legislature.

MRP objections to the gas issue hold that the nationalization plan is far too drastic.

War's Official End in Sight

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—House judiciary committee aides said Federal agencies have been asked to submit data which will help in drafting legislation to declare the legal end to World War II.

Committee aides said action on resolutions to set a date for the war's official end is being delayed pending receipt of this information.

Many war powers given the President and executive agencies will expire automatically when the war is declared over. Agencies have been asked to submit recommendations about which powers should be continued.

Three joint resolutions on the war termination have been introduced, all in the House. One would declare Sept. 2, 1945, the termination date, another Dec. 7, 1945, and the third the date of enactment of the resolution.

Aga Khan Has His Weigh

BOMBAY, March 10 (UP)—One hundred thousand visitors assembled today in Bombay's Brabourne Stadium to see Aga Khan Kultan Mohamed Shah weighed against 250 pounds of diamonds the first ceremony of its kind in history—in celebration of his diamond jubilee as leader of the Khoja (Muslim) community.

The weighing of Khan was carried out in a giant pair of specially prepared scales which had been set up in the stadium. The 69-year-old leader was put on the scales, which were balanced with a quantity of uncut and industrial diamonds.

The diamonds, which were loaned for the occasion by the British Board of Trade, arrived in Bombay on Saturday night.

The ceremony was attended by delegates from places as far distant as Syria, Lebanon, East Africa, Iran, Central Asia and Burma in addition to Khan's followers in India.

The dais on which the scales were mounted was estimated to be worth \$3,000.

Top Priority Given GI Mail in Pacific

TOKYO, March 10 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that all soldier mail will start moving by air from both sides of Pacific effective immediately.

Instructions have been issued that airmail, official and registered mail be given No. 1 priority both both ways across the Pacific on regularly-scheduled Air Transport Command aircraft. All passenger and cargo air traffic thus will be discontinued for the time being, MacArthur said.

Red Assembly To Open; Faces World Issues

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, March 10 (AP)—Scores of last-minute delegates to the 13th session of the Supreme Soviet scheduled to convene in the large palace of the Kremlin tomorrow night poured into Moscow today giving the city a holiday atmosphere.

If the customary practice is followed, the two chambers, the Council of Union and the Council of Nationalities, comprising delegates elected in the first ballot since 1937, will meet in joint session and speakers will discuss points in the abnormal relations between the Soviet Union and the United States.

FOREIGN TROOPS PROBLEM

One problem likely to arise is that of the presence of troops in foreign countries. Portions of the Red Army are in Iran and Manchuria, the British have troops in Greece, Indonesia, Egypt and the Lebanon and the United States has troops in China.

Foreign observers here believe the fact that British and United States troops are on foreign soil has a direct bearing on the presence of Red Army troops in Iran and Manchuria.

Another question is what is steadily growing to be known here as the "new anti-Soviet campaign."

The Soviet Union has said publicly and privately that it believes a wholesale campaign has been launched against Sovietism abroad.

British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Winston Churchill have been accused of instigating and fostering it. The United States so far has not been accused.

100 Sailors Hospitalized

RICHMOND, Calif., March 10 (AP)—More than 100 Navy enlisted men, suffering violent stomach cramps believed caused by ptomaine poisoning, were rushed to Navy hospitals last night. The men became ill shortly after a number of ham sandwiches were delivered to them.

8 Germans Sentenced As 'Fagins'

BERLIN, March 10—Eight German parents, arraigned with a petty larceny gang of 12 children drew jail sentences and fines in Zehlendorf summary court here yesterday, in the first case involving the Military Government ordinance which makes parents responsible for the crimes of their children where neglect is involved.

Although some of the children testified that their parents did not know of their thefts, and several fathers protested that they had punished their sons when they learned of the pilfering, Maj. John A. Sabo of Gary, Ind., presiding judge, found all four mothers and four fathers guilty as charged.

SHARP CRITICISM GIVEN

Mrs. Frida Schulze, whose three sons were convicted and sentenced for stealing soap which she accepted and sold drew one of the heaviest sentences and the sharpest criticism from the court.

Mrs. Schulze was told, "your conduct of using your little boys as stooges must appear contemptible to your own people as well as to the occupying authorities. You have failed as a mother."

The woman burst into tears when the court's maximum sentence of (Continued on Page 8)

Attorney General Assures 300 Vets Of Prewar Jobs

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 10—Three hundred veterans were assured by Attorney General Tom Clark yesterday they will be given "full protection" under law in regaining their old jobs with Bendix Aviation Corp.

The message from Clark was read last night at a mass meeting of veterans who charged they were denied their former jobs at the Bendix plant here.

Clark telephoned Assistant District Attorney James Keating requesting him to have a member of the veterans committee tell the meeting that "every person who has a claim contemplated by statutes will have his day in court."

He ordered the local district attorney's office to "proceed as quickly as possible in filing any veteran's claim and to have a trial on it if arrangements cannot be made to put the veteran back on his old job."

Bendix industrial relations director M. E. Stone said the company hopes to rehire all workers, "including veterans," now out of work because of war contract cancellations.

4-Billion Dollar Budget Asked for U.S. Navy

WASHINGTON, March 10 (INS)—President Truman transmitted his first postwar Navy budget to Congress, calling for a total of \$4,225,000,000 for the 1947 fiscal year.

He asked \$227,000,000 for research and development allowing the program to proceed at about its present level.

Stadium Collapse Kills 33 Britons

BOLTON, England, March 10 (AP)—Thirty-three persons were trampled or crushed to death yesterday as two crowd barriers at the Bolton football stadium, 25 miles northeast of Liverpool, gave way and created a human avalanche as thousands of standing spectators tumbled over each other in tidal waves of milling bodies.

As the fans tumbled from their standing positions in the low priced section of the stadium they were blanketed by succeeding waves of writhing bodies.

When the crowd surged over a retaining wall and onto the playing field itself, the game was halted but it was resumed 26 minutes later after the dead and injured were taken away.

One witness said he was lifted off his feet when the crowd began to shove forward and he was flung on the heads of those in front of him.

"I saw people on the ground and others sweeping over them. It was a horrible experience," he said.

Inquests were scheduled for tomorrow. It was England's worst sporting disaster.

REMOVE CASUALTIES

Throughout last night and today a continuous line of weeping women and grim-faced men shuffled silently through the city mortuary with mixed fear and hope as the last mangled body was not identified.

Police and firemen from outlying Lancashire districts assisted in removal of casualties to Bolton hospital. Ambulances were augmented by police cars and fire engines for movement of the dead and injured.

Spectators who had been parted from companions at the game crowded the street outside the hospital seeking information.

BODIES PILED UP

The crash occurred shortly after the start of the game when two retaining barriers gave way in the grandstand.

Bodies were piled four deep and some were swept on to the field.

The crowd inside the ground cheered when play was resumed after half an hour, but outside casualties were being loaded into ambulances and police vans.

An ambulance worker said ambulance men had to "tunnel their way" through heaving masses of people to free men and women who were seriously hurt.

No New Major Strikes Loom On U.S. Reconversion Horizon

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP)—The nation's reconversion picture assumed its brightest hue since mid-January Sunday as a new week opened with no new major strikes threatened for the immediate future and the number of strike-idle continuing to decline steadily.

Settlement of the 65-day strike of Western Electric Co. employes in New York and New Jersey dropped the number of strike-idle in the nation to 757,000—less than half the peak of nearly 1,700,000 in late January.

In San Francisco, 7,000 independent machinists, whose strike had been branded "illegal and unsanctioned" by officers of the International Association of Machinists, were voting today on whether to return to work. The wildcat strike has kept 43,000 other workers jobless for 182 days.

Major disputes still unsettled:

1—The 110-day-old strike of 175,000 General Motors production workers.

2—The strike of 400,000 United Mine Workers threatened for April 1.

3—The walkout of 300,000 trainmen and locomotive engineers which was postponed for 30 to 60 days Friday, pending an investigation by a fact-finding board.

Government to Give Up Control of Meat Plants

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—The Government expects soon to relinquish control of more than 200 meat plants seized in January as a result of labor disputes, the Agriculture Department reported.

THE B BAG

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Six Weeks of Sweating

Gen. Eisenhower recently instructed ETO officials to deploy all surplus men, regardless of discharge status. We will be surplus after April 15, when we have finished closing out this university. A countless number of us will have our two years' service in May and June, but we are to be shipped back to Germany to sweat out that six or eight weeks.

Would it not aid redeployment schedules if we were sent directly to a staging area from here in mid-April?

—O-H Det., Biarritz American University

Suntans Not for Sun

Of course it's a brainy idea that we'll get to wear suntans this summer, but who's the joker that put in the clause, "only for off-duty hours?"

After wearing ODs all day, the poor EM can take a shower in the billet, and then put on his suntans. Why couldn't he be allowed to wear them during the day, when he'd get some relief from the heat?

—July Smolderer, USFET

Right to Use Force

A recent B Bag letter told about a DP who refused to show to German police the contents of a package he was carrying. They are supposed to track down black-market activities, I believe. If there was nothing to hide in the package, why did this DP refuse to show it to them? The police had a perfect right to use force.

—Too Much Guard

Official Bulletin

This official bulletin column is published in conformity with letter AG 000.76 GAP-AGO HQ USFET 22 Sept. 1945, subject: "Official Bulletin Column in The Stars and Stripes," to insure rapid and complete dissemination of official announcements to all USFET personnel.

Dependents' Mail

Section I, USFET Circular 32, dated 11 March 1946, states as follows:

Mail service for dependents of military personnel, U. S. civilian employees and for family communities.

1—Mail for dependents of personnel in this theater should be addressed as follows:

Mr. John Doe,
Care of Sgt. John Doe, 321000000,
Co. C, 115th Infantry,
APO 170, c-o Postmaster,
New York, N.Y.

2—Correspondents and publishers should be advised prior to the departure of the dependents from their homes.

3—Upon arrival in this theater, the responsible individual will furnish a locator card for each dependent, to the serving APO and the central postal director. Upon each change of address, correspondents, publishers, central postal directory, old and new APOs will be informed of the complete new address in the usual manner.

4—Dependents are not entitled to the free mail privilege.

5—Postal service of military communities will be provided by the Army postal service.

6—Mail for dependents will be delivered in the same manner and together with mail for related military or civilian personnel.

7—In communities having a high percentage of civilian personnel, the commanding officer of the military community will furnish the APO or money order unit such additional personnel (military or civilian) as may be required to maintain efficient postal service.

8—The facilities of the Army postal service are available only to dependents of personnel who are entitled to the use of such service.

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Over Here

By Bob Clarke



"Halp."

Navy Films Birth of Island

TOKYO—A new land mass rising out of the Pacific Ocean like a rumbling fuming monster of the deep, has been reported by the U. S. Navy.

Lt. Daniel J. Ransohoff, flag secretary at Yososuka Naval Base, said the island first appeared roughly 200 miles south of Yokosuka two weeks ago.

About 200 yards long, 150 yards

wide and 50 feet high, it is reported to be still growing.

Black smoke and steam billow above the new land mass, which is shaken periodically by underwater explosions.

Twenty-foot boulders slide from the rising ground and sizzle into the water, which resembles "a monster or whale turning over slowly in steaming water," Ransohoff said.

Medic Operates Clinic for Flea-Ridden Patients

By NA DEANE WALKER
Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, March 10—Lt. M. R. Flickinger, of Independence, Ia., is one Army medic who has it good. He holds sick call at his office only once a week, and he pats and pets all his patients, never asking them to say "Ah-hhh" or stick out their tongues.

On the other hand, many of his clients have fleas, and it is doubtful that they pay much attention to his medical advice—for the patients are pooches, the pets of U. S. personnel in Berlin.

The 168th Veterinary Food Inspection Det. officer started his canine sick call, as a sideline to regular food inspecting duties, last month in response to numerous inquiries from worried dog owners who wanted to know where to take their ailing pets. There were few civilian vets around to refer them to so Flickinger found time to set up a clinic adjoining his office.

OPEN EACH TUESDAY

Every Tuesday at 2 PM, 10 to 15 anxious GIs, officers, Wacs and Army civilians line up outside, each of them accompanied by a doleful looking dog. An equal number of emergency cases are handled during the week. The remedies and treatment are standard GI—Vaccinations, inoculations, first aid, cold pills, laxatives and advice. Head colds are common and many of the youngest patients are found to be suffering from nothing more serious than indigestion from over-eating.

The tiny dog clinic contains a miniature diagnostic and operating table—"We don't do any major surgery here, but once in awhile we lop off a tail," Flickinger ex-



"AH-H-H-H, IT'S A DOG'S LIFE," growls Lt. Flickinger's patient.

plained—a medicine chest full of iodine, flea soap, laxatives and wicked-looking needles and a refrigerator for serums. Whether he keeps a case record file, with cards for Fido and Fifi and Spot, the lieutenant didn't say.

The majority of the dogs brought in for treatment are purebreds,

Plays Called Re-Education For Germans

BERLIN (AP)—The author of the famous anti-Fascist play "Professor Mamlock" is back in Berlin after 13 years of exile and plans to re-educate German youth through a revival of the theater.

Dr. Friedrich Wolff's famed play is playing to packed houses in Berlin, berating Jewish persecution and ridiculing Nazi racial theories less than a year after creators of these creeds met their end. And the audiences are applauding.

Winner of the German equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize for a pacifist play, Wolff believes in German youth. He says by giving them hope enough and strength they can be made to become "decent young people again."

He asserts that they dislike to hear sharp criticism, but "they must be made to hear it."

SEES NEED FOR HERO

The creator of "Professor Mamlock," which brought to European and American audiences an idea of what life for a Jew in Germany entailed, believes that the youth of Germany must have a hero and he says he "will give them one they can idolize."

He declares that some Germans still sense propaganda in his play, but he said many mothers were affected by the touching scene where Mamlock's young daughter comes home ridiculed from school, wearing the star of David. Much sympathy and applause greeted the scene where Mamlock's young woman assistant surgeon changes her character from Nazi to anti-Fascist.

Sleep With Eyes Open

PADUCAH, Ky.—Fish do not close their eyes during sleep, it was disclosed here.

THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

The Question:

Do you think that the Japs or the Germans were the most barbarous in carrying out the war?

T-Sgt. Bill Walker, Co. F, 222nd Inf., 42nd Div., Avondale Estates, Ga.—"I think the Krauts were by far. Although the Japs pulled some pretty raw ones, they were more individualistic."

The Germans carried out their crimes on a much larger scale—cremation, mass murders and ditch graves. I think a thousand men dying of bullets is far worse than a hundred dying of mistreatment."



Pvt. Vernon R. Hansen, 619th QM Bn., Harlan, Iowa.—"Having not seen any action in the Pacific theater, it has been said the Japanese, having no religion, would commit almost any crime, while here in the European Theater, barring the concentration camps, the war was a little bit more civilized and the torture of prisoners was not so great. There was not as much need for the close combat here as there was there, which might also account for the barbarism."



Pvt. Larry C. Scriven, 3139th Sig. Motor Messenger, Jamaica Plain, Mass.—"The Japs seemed more barbarous in their fighting of the war. It was altogether two different types of warfare. The Germans might have been cruel in their treatment of prisoners, but from what the fellows say, and the pictures I have seen, there have been no more barbarous and uncivilized acts committed than those in the South Pacific by the Japs."



Sgt. Clyde G. Sharitz, G2 USFET, Crockett, Va.—"I think the Japs were more barbarous in their warfare. They wouldn't permit themselves to be captured as they would usually commit suicide first. When a German was cornered or out of ammunition he would give up, but the Japs would try all sorts of trickery and hole up waiting to be driven out."



—Signal Corps Photo by Bob Merritt

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UNRRA Relief For Italy Spurs Contributions

WASHINGTON, March 10 (UP)—Latin American sympathy for distressed Italy is seen at UNRRA headquarters as among the major factors motivating active participation of some American republics in the UNRRA program.

This is an important current consideration because renewal of contributions of American republics will be discussed at the UNRRA council meeting at Atlantic City March 15.

UNRRA in January concluded with the Italian government a broad agreement of a relief and rehabilitation program in 1946 involving aid of \$375,000,000, plus shipping costs, making a total of at least \$450,000,000.

PLEASES REPUBLICS

This decisive program for relief of hunger and disease in Italy reportedly pleased some Latin American republics where large local populations are intensely concerned for the welfare of the Italian people.

Under UNRRA procedure, contributing countries do not specify particular countries where aid will be rendered, but arrangements now existing with Italy entitle it to large benefits. Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina are reportedly especially anxious to help the Italians.

Argentina is not a member of UNRRA but supplies grain to the world wheat pool which makes allotments to UNRRA.

FAVOR MEMBERSHIP

Some participants in the council meeting are known to favor Argentine membership in UNRRA, but a tentative Argentine overture at the council meeting in London last August did not bring immediate results and observers therefore said the matter would require careful preparation to avoid a possibility of misunderstanding in view of current political factors.

Brazil now ranks fifth among the 47 contributors to the UNRRA program, exceeded only by the U.S., the UK, Canada and Australia.

GIs Operate Phones During Manila Strike

MANILA, March 10 (AP)—Soldiers of the Signal Corps took over the operation of parts of Manila's telephone system as 150 employees of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. struck for higher wages. GIs were operating only the lines used by the Army. The strikers' demands were not announced.



ENGAGED: The engagement of Rachel Cooke, Baltimore socialite, to Lt. Col. James P. S. Devereux, marine hero of Wake Island, has been announced. Devereux's first wife died in 1942. This picture shows him as he returned to the States last year.



DEMONSTRATE: A group of Jewish students demonstrated in front of the British NAAFI club in Vienna before departing for Palestine where they will make their home. The group was orderly and sang songs and carried banners asking justice for the Jewish refugees. —AP Photo

French, British Will Begin Quitting Lebanon March 30

PARIS, March 10 (UP)—The French foreign office announced today that British and French experts have agreed that the evacuation of Lebanon will begin March 30.

All British troops will have left the country by June 30 and all French troops by April 1, at the latest.

Austria Protests Red Screw Grab

VIENNA, March 10 (UP)—The Austrian government has complained to the Allied Council that its reconstruction program was threatened by Russia's demand for a major part of the nation's woodscrews.

The Russians, government officials asserted, laid claim to the entire output and current production of that essential item as "war booty."

The government protested that the Russian demands would leave none of this item for the vital reconstruction program.

Unfriendly Hangman Puts Doctor to Death

MADRID, March 10 (INS)—Dr. Manuel Estebanez Nordine was executed in Madrid yesterday after the Spanish state finally succeeded in finding a hangman who was not a friend of the famous physician.

Nordine had been sentenced to death for poisoning his young, pregnant wife because he was attracted by a pretty nurse with whom he wanted to live.

Several Spanish hangmen had refused to operate the gallows because Nordine was their friend.

2, Unhurt in Combat, Die in Crash of Trainer

PHILADELPHIA, March 10 (AP)—Two veteran fliers who came through combat unscathed died in a crash of a training plane after it brushed wing tips with a plane piloted by a brother of one of the victims.

Dead are Victor Lapkiewicz, 24, of Philadelphia, an Army flier, and Dario L. Zanzi, 22, of Geysersville, Calif., a Marine Corps pilot. The other plane was flown by Sylvester Lapkiewicz.

Two GI Suspects Seized in London On Holdup Count

LONDON, March 10 (AP)—Two armed robberies of London taxicab drivers within the last two days by men reported to be American soldiers appeared on the way to solution today when Scotland Yard turned over to military police two GIs said to be escaped prisoners from a guardhouse here.

An Army spokesman said the two soldiers would be charged with robbery, violence and escaping confinement.

Scotland Yard said both robberies occurred at about the same place and the same time on the nights of March 7 and 8.

The two suspects were picked up by Scotland Yard this morning at a hostel in Westminster and turned over to the American authorities for action.

Lie Undergoes Operation

LONDON, March 10 (AP)—UNO Secretary General Trygve Lie is showing excellent recovery from a "minor operation" and will be back at his desk Monday, a United Nations staff official said last night. Lie entered a London hospital Friday.

Allies Free Jap Schools Of Militaristic Ideology

TOKYO, March 10 (AP)—Japan's educational system is "freeing itself of the insidious poison of militarism and ultra-nationalism and is moving into an era of democratic reform," Brig. Gen. Ken R. Dyke, chief of Allied headquarters information and education section, has reported.

Dyke said textbooks on morals, geography and Japanese history were so filled with militaristic and ultra-nationalistic ideology that it was necessary to suspend courses in these subjects. As a temporary measure, the Japanese ministry of education was directed to prepare a substitute program.

"The present school texts in the main are free of the greater part of objectionable wartime material," the general asserted. "Up to the present, 188 of 497 school texts, from elementary through high school level, have been censored by Allied headquarters."

These censored books and supervised radio broadcasts are being used in the schools now, pending preparation of entirely new textbooks and teaching manuals. Dyke said 4,000 schools were destroyed or damaged during the war. Other public buildings, including temples, are filling the gap. Most of Japan's 18 million students and 400,000 teachers are back at work in the country's approximately 40,000 schools, Dyke reported.

Since the end of the war, Dyke said, martial training has disappeared from the school curricula. Gone are fencing, military wrestling, and military subjects such as training in aeronautics.

Chinese Duel Was Mistake, French State

SAIGON, March 10 (AP)—French High Commissioner Adm. Thierry d'Argenlieu told 3,000 Saigoneses yesterday that last week's gun duel between French ships and Chinese shore installations at Haiphong was probably the result of an initial misunderstanding.

Addressing the throng on the grounds of the high commissariat, d'Argenlieu said relations between France and China had been strengthened and rejuvenated by the recent Sino-French treaty. Benefits of the agreements, he said, had not been reduced by the Haiphong incident.

He praised the Franco-Viet Nam accord as a symbol that France has good intentions. He said the friendship of France for Asia is "more precious than I can say."

Meanwhile, Hanoi radio broadcast a statement by Viet Nam, President Ho Chi Ninh informing his people that the republic's independence was not yet complete but adding that negotiations were only beginning.

The statement said: "Remember that our resistance is not finished. We have signed an armistice but we are always ready to face any eventualities."

The French suffered 30 killed and more than a hundred wounded during exchanges with the Chinese shore installations last week, according to a delayed dispatch from aboard the flagship Emile Bertin off Haiphong.

GIs Break Up Chinese Strike

SHANGHAI, March 10 (AP)—A company of armed U.S. troops ejected more than 100 Chinese employees who went on strike at the Broadway Mansions Hotel Army billet.

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, when informed the troops had resorted to force in ousting the strikers, gave strict instructions to avoid rough handling in the future.

The soldiers stripped the coolies of their hotel uniforms and pushed them out into the rain.

The strike curtailed elevator, room and dining service at the hotel. The Chinese, who receive an equivalent of \$10 to \$15 monthly, say they are unable to live on that.

'Black Cat' Gang Seized in Moscow

MOSCOW, March 10 (INS)—The "Black Cats," a gang of criminals, were caught and tried in Moscow.

They had been committing daring, insolent raids for the last few months in the Soviet capital.

People whose apartments were robbed found the following notes: "Don't try to look for us. You were visited by the black cat."

Moscow criminal police looked for and found the gangsters. A large cache of pistols and daggers was uncovered.

Two ringleaders, Kunzetov and Bukvarev, were sentenced to death by shooting and all their property was requisitioned. The other members of the gang got various sentences from 10 years downwards.

Weather Outlook

USAF Weather Service
U.S. Zone: North, west, south and east, cloudy with haze and local fog in morning. 33 max., 32 min. Berlin; (same) 36 max., 32 min. Bremen; cloudy with fog in morning becoming partly cloudy with haze in afternoon. 40 max., 33 min.
Further outlook: partly cloudy and warmer tomorrow.

Only 15 EM Seek April Passage for Dependents

1,073 Persons Expected in First Month

By ROBERT MARSHALL
Staff Correspondent

FRANKFURT, March 10—Enlisted men's families will be almost scarce enough to qualify as curiosities among the first shipments of dependents, scheduled to arrive in the ETO next month.

Of the 610 applications for April shipments so far forwarded to the War Department, only 15 are from EM.

Fourteen generals have asked to have their families sent overseas in April.

The applications call for shipment of a total of 1,073 dependents and 280 automobiles. Of the dependents, 430 are children younger than 18.

The small number of enlisted applicants, according to Col. Oliver G. Haywood, chief of USFET G1's morale branch, is principally a reflection of current regulations which authorize Government-paid transportation only of dependents of officers and enlisted men of the first three grades.

ALL MAY APPLY

Furthermore, Haywood pointed out, EM must have held rank in the top three grades when they left the U. S. for overseas duty to qualify for moving their families at Government expense.

With these restrictions applying, it is believed that most of the EM who have requested transportation for their families are Regular Army soldiers.

Enlisted men below first three grades or those who did not hold top three grade ratings when they left the U. S. may apply for movement of their families if they desire.

Legislation authorizing transportation of families of all enlisted grades has been introduced in Congress and is before the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

MAJOR TOPS PRIORITY LIST

The dependency priority system is based on cumulative length of overseas service. Top place on the April list goes to Maj. George Zane, of Paterson, N. J., a member of the USFET adjutant general's staff. He had four years, three months and 26 days overseas service to his credit when he made out his application. His dependents will live in one of the Frankfurt area military communities.

Generals whose families will arrive next month include Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, ETO commander; Gen. Mark Clark, USFA commander; and Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay, director.

USFA OKs Applications Of 87 Officers, 2 EM

VIENNA, March 10—Eighty-seven officers and two enlisted men have been granted permission by USFA to bring their dependents overseas to live with them in Austria.

New arrivals are expected to reach Austria some time before Aug. 20. By then the Army will have prepared quarters and other facilities for their convenience.

'Beast of the East' Sentenced to Life

SHANGHAI, March 10 (AP)—Besppectated Isamu Ishihara, 36, former Honolulu schoolteacher dubbed "Beast of the East," was convicted of torturing American prisoners, most of them Wake Island marines, while serving as a civilian interpreter at Shanghai camps. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.



WANT THEIR DADS: Carrying placards demanding their soldier-daddies be sent home from overseas, a group of children and their mothers parade in the Philadelphia city hall courtyard.

Four 'Custom-Built' Jeeps Win Winter Beauty Contest

By MURRAY BLOOM, Staff Correspondent

FRANKFURT, March 10—In the shadow of the largest office building in Europe where war-minded Nazi and I. G. Farben executives used to exercise chemical and cartel ingenuity, 35 GI's and officers yesterday revealed the results of their own ingenuity in winterizing the lowly jeep.

Four winners were selected in the winterized jeep contest, sponsored by the Special Service Section of Hq. Cmd., USFET, but one incredibly remodeled jeep drew the most attention.

The conversion was complete. The ugly duckling quarter-ton truck was refashioned into a beautiful sedan with upholstered seats, chrome plating and even civilian tires.

Entered in the contest by Lt. Ariel M. Hunt of the 344th Ord. Maint. Co. stationed at Wetzlar, the jeep was designed by the officer and Sgt. James Wilson.

HAD OAK FRAME

They entrusted their plans to a German carriage maker who used heavy German oak for the frame and then overlaid it with sheet metal. Hunt paid about \$60 for the work and materials. The comfortable seats were made by an upholsterer.

Hunt is very happy about the whole thing, particularly the Swiss-Rome tour he and Wilson will get. The other three contest winners also have a choice of a vacation in Rome or in Denmark. The leave will not count against their furlough time.

Another notable transformation was effected by Sgt. Clarence L. Long of the FIAT motor pool. They used sheet metal for the frame, plexiglass obtained from a wrecked German bomber for the jeep's side windows and a plastic steering wheel found in a wrecked Imperial Chrysler. The windows are framed by polished steel.

MANY GADGETS USED

S-Sgt. Marion R. Black, Co. B of the 709th MP Serv. Bn. won a prize with his neat vehicle. It was prepared in the Bn. motor pool.

More gadgets than any other winner were exhibited in the 3118th Sig. Serv. group entry, driven by Capt. Allen M. Douglas. The model, with an all-metal frame, plexiglass windows and a thick felt interior lining, also has a heater, radio, defroster, ash trays and a fancy set of Klaxon horns.

Pope Appoints Scientist

ROME, March 10 (AP)—The Pope has appointed Sir Alexander Fleming, British physician noted for his penicillin discoveries, to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

Yank to Take Home Bit of Old-England

LONDON, March 10 (AP)—Warrant Officer Richard N. M. Kullberg, of Providence, R. I., will sail for the U. S. March 18 with a miniature casket of earth from England, which, he says, he is reluctant to leave.

The casket, inscribed "a piece of this plot, this earth, this realm, this England you helped to defend," was presented to Kullberg by the management and patrons of a suburban theater.

Recently he has been playing the organ at the theater as part of an Army course preparing troops for return to civilian occupations. The 34-year-old officer was a radio organist in civilian life.

French Coal Allotment Cut

By a Staff Correspondent

PARIS, March 10—Allotment of 250,000 tons of Ruhr coal to France for March—as against the February total of 300,000 tons—has caused such disappointment in French government circles that Andre Philip, minister of finance and national economy, has suggested sending a mission of international technicians to the Ruhr to expedite and organize coal production.

A French spokesman pointed out that the British Zone of Occupation, which encompasses the Ruhr, was allotted two million tons of coal, a fact which prompted the oft-repeated French assertion that German industries are in much better operating condition than the French.

France has made several representations to Britain on the small proportion of Ruhr coal allotted to it. Promises were made that the 300,000-ton monthly allotment would be increased when transportation conditions improved.

Since then, France has sent railroad freight cars into the Ruhr Basin, but instead of an increase, the French monthly quota was cut 50,000 tons. The French claim that if France can get 1,200,000 tons of coal monthly, instead of the 250,000 tons it now is getting French production soon would attain its 1938 output.

France Holds First Census In 10 Years

PARIS, March 10 (UP)—The French population was busily engaged in filling in questionnaires last night in a rush to meet today's deadline in France's first census in 10 years.

This is the first official count of the population since 1936 when a figure of 41,000,907 was recorded.

French laws call for a census of the population every five years but the occupation interfered in 1941.

This year the census procedure is merely a matter of filling out forms which must be turned in today, by each household for all persons who stayed in the household last night.

Recent estimates have placed the French population at about 40,000,000, following the war and the occupation which caused a direct death toll of 500,000 lives, plus many thousands of others who died from cold and malnutrition.

Polish Forces To Be Released

LONDON, March 10 (AP)—British officials are expecting early demobilization of Polish armed forces serving under British command in Italy, northwest Germany and Britain, after a foreign office spokesman said the Warsaw government had promised returning troops would not be molested because of political beliefs.

The settlement presumably would end the controversy which reached a peak Feb. 12 when Russia, on behalf of Yugoslavia, drew attention of the United Nations Security Council to an alleged movement of Polish troops in Italy toward the Yugoslav border.

Mobilized under the British after the fall of France, the Poles fought through the African and Sicilian campaigns and swept on into Italy with the British forces.

Those in England made the channel crossing against Hitler's fortress. Still others in the British Isles formed bomber and fighter crews.

France Bidding For Europa as Reparations Pay

PARIS, March 10 (INS)—The French government is bidding to acquire the German liner Europa as part of reparations from Germany.

The 52,000-tonner was laid up for five years in Bremen and was taken to the U. S. late last year.

But neither the American nor the British governments wished to bid for the Europa, since she is approximately 20 years old, has a long record of unsatisfactory operation and does not comply with American safety standards.

The French, with their depleted merchant marine, however, are confident they can make a profitable use of the big-name transatlantic liner.



A MAN'S CASTLE? With the wife in jail and the husband in the hospital, Los Angeles police are trying to figure out just what caused the fight between Harry C. Tegeler (right) and his wife, Mabel. He got the worst of it. "I said, wait a minute, honey, but she broke the coffee jug over my head," complained Tegeler. Mabel said he was lucky she didn't slug him with a flat iron. —INP

Glennon Rites Scheduled For Next Saturday

ST. LOUIS, March 10 (AP)—Funeral services for John Cardinal Glennon, leader of the St. Louis Catholic archdiocese for 42 years, will be held Saturday at St. Louis Cathedral.

Archbishop Amleto Cicognani, apostolic delegate to the U. S., has been asked to serve as celebrant of the solemn requiem mass. The Most Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, bishop of Galveston, Tex., has been asked to preach the funeral sermon.

Bishop Byrne at one time was pastor of the Holy Name Church in St. Louis.

The body will lie in state at the Cathedral from the time it arrives Thursday by plane from Eire until the funeral.

Burial will be in the crypt underneath the floor of All-Souls Chapel.

The red hat, symbol of the cardinal's rank, will be on the cardinal's coffin as it stands before the cathedral sanctuary, and will be hung from the cathedral ceiling until it disintegrates with age.

Glennon succumbed yesterday at the Dublin home of Sean O'Kelly, president of Eire. The 83-year-old prelate had been resting in Eire on his way back from the papal consistory in Rome, where he received the red hat of a cardinal a little more than two weeks ago.

Ike to Witness A-Bomb Tests

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—Eisenhower and two other members of the joint Chiefs of Staff will watch the forthcoming Pacific tests of the atom bomb against sea-power.

Adm. Chester Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, and Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the Army Air Forces, also will be witnesses.

White House officials said they knew of no plans for President Truman to go to the Central Pacific for the test.

Officials have made it plain that it is not expected the first or second tests will destroy the test fleet. The first test calls for an atom bomb explosion in the air. In the second test, a bomb is to be exploded at water level.

Principal Resigns Over Race Issue

MILWAUKEE, March 10 (AP)—Grant Rahn, principal of suburban Shorewood High School for 16 years, has resigned because, he said, certain members of the school board gave "only lip service to racial tolerance as related to employment of teachers."

Superintendent Homer S. Hemenway had issued an order forbidding the hiring of Negro substitute teachers, but rescinded the order when the State Industrial Commission advised him the "ruling appears to constitute a violation of the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act."

Leslie A. Eaton, a member of the school board, said the board had asked Rahn to resign and the Negro question had nothing to do with the request.

Texas U. Refuses To Register Negro

AUSTIN, Tex., March 10 (AP)—The University of Texas has refused to register Herman Marion Sweatt, Houston Negro, as a student in its law school and has asked Attorney General Grover Sellers for an opinion on whether a "person of negro ancestry, otherwise qualified for admission, may legally be admitted as a student."



BRIGHT BULB: This 1,000-watt mercury vapor lamp is declared by its makers to be the most brilliant bulb ever developed for general use. It produces three times the light of an incandescent lamp of the same wattage.

GOP Leader Asks Congress Be Told War Commitments

WASHINGTON, March 10 (INS)—House minority leader Joseph Martin urged yesterday that Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Secretary of War Robert S. Patterson and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower reveal to Congress any secret political or military commitments entered into by the U. S.

He says their testimony would be presented at a public session of a Congressional committee.

The three officials are slated to appear soon before the House Military Affairs Committee.

Martin said the Republican members will insist on open hearings to "give the American people and Congress a clear frank explanation of any security commitments we may have with other nations."

"It is impossible to decide such vital questions as the extension of draft and universal military training without having this information."

Air Shuttle Resumed To Speed Separation

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10 (INS)—A shuttle service by which returning servicemen are flown between the East and West coasts for speedier separation has been resumed.

Officials at San Francisco Port of Embarkation said that five transports operated by Air Transport Command leave Mills Field, Calif., and La Guardia, New York, daily, each carrying 50 veterans.

25,000 Troops Moved to AF By MacArthur

MANILA, March 10 (INS)—Transfer of 25,000 Ground and Service Forces troops to Air Force units in the Pacific has been announced in Manila by Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, commander of the Pacific Air Command.

Whitehead said this transfer was ordered by Gen. MacArthur in a move designed to overcome the acute shortage of Air Force personnel brought about by rapid demobilization.

All Army men affected by the transfers will have less than 40 points and 24 months service as of June, 1946, and the transfer will not affect their return to the U. S. upon completion of their service requirements.

Ex-CBI Air Chief Heads U. S. Command

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer was given command of a new continental Air Defense Command as one move in the general reorganization of the Army Air Forces.

Stratemeyer was the wartime commander of the American Air Forces in the CBI. His headquarters will be at Bolling Field here.

The Air Defense Command is one of the three major divisions of the AAF striking forces created in the reorganization ordered by Gen. Carl Spaatz, AAF commander.

Mid-Pacific Army Chief Plans Retirement

HONOLULU, March 10 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., announced he will relinquish command of Army forces in the mid-Pacific March 17 and return to the mainland for reassignment, after which he will retire.

Road Block Fight Halts 3 Gunmen

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 10 (UP)—Police announced the capture of three gunmen who terrorized western Washington, evading road blocks in stolen automobiles and engaging officers in two gun battles.

Apprehension of the three men was completed with the arrest of Trevor Prebenton, 20, who was captured without a struggle at the gang's hideout near Guilds Lake in northwest Portland. He fled on foot after the stolen automobile in which he was riding with Jack Roberts, 20, smashed into parked cars in an attempt to plow through police road block.

Prebenton, hurt in the crash, left a trail of blood for the police to follow.



STEAK SIZZLER: This airtonics machine was devised to pre-heat plastics for molding, but Ralph Hemphill, Los Angeles industrialist, discovered it would cook steaks equally as well, and do the job in just 20 seconds. He prepares one for his niece, Patricia Armstrong.

Bragging Safecracker Talks Way Into Further Trouble

CHICAGO, March 10 (UP)—Robert Lee Robertson, 25, pint-sized hoodlum wanted for questioning about four St. Louis murders, swaggered into the spotlight at a police lineup and told authorities: "I am good, see—I am a big-time safecracker."

Federal postal inspectors admitted he was, and hoped to solve over 50 postal burglaries throughout Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas, netting about \$20,000.

Robertson, seized here Wednesday in a basement hideout with five men and two women members of his gang, stood cockily with his hands on his hips and told police: "We must have pulled 100 safe-cracking jobs at least. I need only seven minutes—just seven—to crack any safe in the country, big or little. Yeah, I am good."

Sheriff Arthur C. Mosley, who came here to question Robertson about the St. Louis murders, said he was wanted in connection with the double slaying of Fabian Declue and Howard Aker last Thanksgiving day and two subsequent killings.

Of the slayings, Robertson said, "I guess I am hooked for them." Smoothing his hair, which was dyed a brilliant red, he added, "I ain't got no alibi."

The gang leader said he was sorry he was captured before what he termed a contemplated "invasion of California."

"We was going to take California like Grant took Richmond," he told police.

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Police Identify Body Found on Golf Course

ERIE, Pa., March 10 (AP)—State police Lt. John C. Bricker announced the victim of the "local gang murder" has been identified as Robert Fisher, 34, discharged Navy veteran.

The body was found by Erie golfers near the municipal links.

In Savannah, Ga., FBI agent D. K. Brown said he is holding a man and woman from Erie in connection with the investigation of Fisher's death.

Brown identified the couple as Mike Dominick, and Violet Eleanor Tradell.

Ike, Truman to See Parade

CHICAGO, March 10—Mayor Edward Kelly announced that Gen. Eisenhower would accompany President Truman to Chicago for the Army Day parade April 6.

Churchill Outdraws Attlee in U.S.

By the Associated Press
Winston Churchill last week received a welcome from the American public accorded few visitors from abroad.

His command of the language and salty personality, plus the message he put forward in his two speeches, received more headlines in the American press than the visit of British Prime Minister Clement Attlee last November.

During the train trip with President Truman to Fulton, Mo., for his Westminster College speech, the famous Churchill cigar and victory gesture caused thousands of Americans to shout approval when he glanced out of the train windows at the numerous stops.

Once, when the former prime minister appeared on the platform of the observation car in St. Louis, minus the inevitable cigar, a surprised spectator yelled: "Winnie, where's your cigar?"

Churchill laughed and said: "God bless you all."

"Welcome Churchill" signs hung in the streets of Fulton, where one of the 25,000 spectators sought to make him feel more at home by wearing a red hunting coat.

His address in accepting an honorary degree at Westminster College was interrupted more than 20 times by bursts of applause. These were loudest when he mentioned the United Nations and co-operative action.

A record-breaking number of newspapermen accompanied Churchill and the President and heard Churchill demonstrate that his reputation as an expert on American history is well founded.

While the train was passing through Maryland and West Virginia, Churchill surprised the President with detailed accounts of the

battles of the American Civil War. As President Truman sat amazed, he rounded off the discussion with a long recital from the American poet Whittier.

At present, Churchill is resting at the British embassy here. His relations with his old friend Lord Halifax, British ambassador, are temporarily very distant since the latter has chicken pox.

His last Washington appearance on his present stay is scheduled to be his address to several hundred Washington newspapermen at the Overseas Writers luncheon today.

He is tentatively scheduled to leave for New York today. He is to be the guest of the city at a public reception Friday.

Three days later, Columbia University will confer an honorary degree upon him.

Present plans call for him to leave for Britain on the Queen Mary March 20.

MacMitchell Pressed to Win Mile; Conwell Ties World's Dash Mark

Illini Cop Last Event to Shade Michigan for Cinder Crown

CHICAGO, March 10 (AP)—Illinois won the Big Ten indoor track title by an eyelash margin of 57 1/2 to 56 7/8 points over defending champion Michigan in a conference meet decided by the closing mile relay.

It was the first indoor conference setback for Michigan in four seasons and the first triumph for Illinois since 1928.

Third was Wisconsin with 16 1/2. Minnesota and Ohio State tied for fourth with 14.

Herb McKenley, of Illinois, tied the American indoor quarter mile record of 48.1 seconds and Wisconsin's Lloyd Labeach established a new conference broad jump mark of 24 feet 2 7/8 inches.

RAN AWAY FROM FIELD

McKenley, National AAU champion and a transfer from Boston College, ran away from the field as he equalled both the American and Big Ten 440 record set by Bob Ufer, of Michigan, in 1942.

In the mile run, unheralded Bill Clifford, of Ohio State, overhauled Michigan's Bob Hume in the last 15 yards to dethrone the two-time champion in the comparatively fast time of 4:23 seconds.

It was the first time in several years that Hume was defeated at one mile in collegiate competition.

Freshman Bill Mathis, of Illinois, streaked to a 6.3 seconds victory in the 60-yard dash after winning his semi-final heat one-tenth of a second faster.

Notre Dame Regains Central Track Title

EAST LANSING, Mich., March 10 (AP)—Notre Dame regained the Central Collegiate Conference track



Leslie MacMitchell
Came from behind

and field title it lost to Drake last year by over-powering a 14-team field.

The Irish out-pointed the nearest rival, Michigan State, by 16 points, piling up 48 points to the Spartans' 32. Drake was third with 28 points.

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP)—Leslie MacMitchell won the Frank A. Brennan Columbian mile at the Knights of Columbus Games in Madison Square Garden, but in hanging up his seventh straight triumph he got the fright of his life from Ed. Walsh, Manhattan's IC4A mile king.

The former New York University ace came from behind twice to keep his unbeaten record intact but he accomplished the feat in championship fashion and scored by three yards over Marcel Hansenne, of France, who nosed out Tommy Quinn, of the New York Athletic Club.

Walsh, who sped into the lead with only two of 11 laps remaining and held a good five-yard lead over MacMitchell at one time, faded in the stretch and wound up fourth.

MacMitchell toyed the distance in 4:15.3, three seconds off his best performance since shedding the Navy uniform.

WORLD RECORD TIED

Bullet Ed. Conwell, of the Shore Athletic Club of Long Branch, N.J., equalled the world indoor record for the 60-yard dash when he won the event in 6.1 seconds.

Off to a flying start, the Negro speedster broke the tape a yard ahead of National AAU indoor champion Tom Carey, of the New York Pioneer Club, to tie the mark he shares with five other sprinters.

National AAU two-mile champion Forest Efav, of Stillwater, Okla., gave away a few yards too many and went down to his first defeat of the season at two or three miles when he finished second in the two-mile handicap to Browning Ross, of the Little Creek, Va., Amphibian Base.

Running with a 150-yard advantage, Ross nipped Efav by three yards.

New York University's crack quartet of Milton Smith, Frank Martin, Henry Eckert and Stan Callender won the two-mile collegiate relay in 7:59.1.

Kline's Basket Gives All-Stars Overtime Win

WIESBADEN, March 10—Jim Kline, former Zaneville, O., college player, capped off a brilliant evening's work by whipping in the winning basket with three seconds left of the first overtime period to give the Wiesbaden AFS All-Stars an up-hill 53-51 victory over the Ninth AFSC in the finals of the USAFE tourney.

In a game that saw the lead change hands nine times, the two quintets were tied up 24-24 at half-time. The All-Stars jumped ahead in the third period 35-30 but the AFSC drove back in the last stanza to tie the game at 45-all as the regular playing time ran out.

Clayton Novak shoved the losers out in front 49-45 as the overtime quarters got underway. But the winners, led by Kline, put on the pressure to go into the lead and stay there. Kline's 17 points were high for the evening.

Buck's Upset Michigan For Big Ten Swim Title

MINNEAPOLIS, March 10 (AP)—Ohio State amassed 75 points to win the Western Conference swimming meet.

Ohio took seven first and four second places in nine events to upset the defending Michigan champions who trailed with 38 points.

Iowa, with 14 points, took third place.

Rangers Clinch NHL Cellar Berth

NEW YORK, March 10 (INS)—There is no doubt about who will occupy the last place in the National Hockey League standings when the season ends. It will be the New York Rangers who have finished last for four years in a row.

Montreal handed the Rangers a 7-3 beating at Montreal, making it a mathematical certainty that the Rangers again will be last.

At Boston, the Bruins beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 and regained the sole possession of the third place in the standings.

The Toronto Maple Leafs beat the second-place Blackhawks at Chicago 5-2 and still have a slight chance to get into the playoffs. It is a slim chance, however, as they now trail Detroit by eight points in the standings.

Wildcats Avenge Cage Loss

LOUISVILLE, March 10 (AP)—The Kentucky Wildcats avenged one of its two regular season defeats by scoring a post-season basketball victory over Temple, 54-43.

The Owls downed Kentucky at Philadelphia on Jan. 1, 53-45.

Outsider, War Knight, Scores Nose Victory in Anita 'Cap

ARCADIA, Calif., March 10 (AP)—Charging to the front in the last few strides, War Knight, six-year-old bay horse owned by Miss Ethel Hill, Hollywood scenario writer, won the \$100,000 added Santa Anita Handicap in a sensational photo finish. Time for the mile and a quarter was 2:01 3/5, with Johnny Adams, of Iola, Kans., in the saddle.

Four Softball Rule Changes Announced

NEW YORK, March 10 (UP)—The joint rules committee of the nation's various softball associations recently announced four rule changes designed to take the emphasis off pitching and place in on scoring.

The changes to open up the run scoring department are:

1—Eliminate the 10th player—the short fielder.

2—Shorten the base lines from 60 to 55 feet.

3—Put a batter hit by a pitched ball on base, rather than having it merely called a ball.

4—Move the batter's box a foot closer to the pitching mound.

The changes were decided upon by representatives of the Amateur Softball Association, the American Physical Education Association, the Y.M.C.A., the Catholic Youth Organization and the National Recreation Association, all of which have members on the rules committee.

It was the first meeting of the rules committee since 1934 and represented the most drastic changes in the game since 1934.

Clarence E. Brewer was re-elected chairman of the rules committee. The other officers—E. W. Johnson, of St. Paul, vice-chairman, and Arthur T. Naren, of Philadelphia, secretary-treasurer—also were re-elected.

Detroit Tigers Lose to Nats

ORLANDO, Fla., March 10 (AP)—Making 10 hits count for nine runs with the aid of three lusty triples, the Senators B squad whipped the world champion Detroit Tigers, 9-5.

Walter (Hoot) Evers slapped out three singles in four times at bat for Detroit and Hank Greenberg hit safely twice, George Binks and Eddie Lyons each had two of the Washington hits.

FORT MYERS, Va., March 10 (AP)—The Phillies opened a week-end baseball series with Louisville, of the American Association, by pounding out a 9-1 victory.

Phil outfielder Danny Murtaugh had a homer, a single and three walks in six trips to the plate, while Lou Novikoff grabbed two singles.

Boss Jacobs' Scout Signs British Champ for U.S. Mix

PARIS, March 10—Lew Burston, fight promoter and boxing scout for his New York boss, Mike Jacobs, announced here yesterday he had signed British heavyweight champion Bruce Woodcock to fight the winner of next week's bout between Tami Mauriello and Joe Baski at Madison Square Garden, May 13.

Burston added that if Woodcock beat the winner of the Mauriello-Baski bout he would probably be given a shot at the world's heavyweight crown after the Louis-Conn fight.

He disclosed that middleweight champion Tony Zale had been asked to fight Marcel Cerdan, the

record breaking crowd of 80,200, ran second. Snow Boots, leading the race until the stretch run, took third and Bail Bond was fourth.

War Knight's nose victory was worth \$101,220 to Miss Hill.

The winner paid \$15.30, \$5.50 and \$3.30. First Fiddle returned \$5.80 and \$3.40 and Snow Boots \$4.00.

Bettors set a new state record, pushing \$4,601,461 through the pari-mutels.

It was the first four-million dollar day in California's racing history. The mark fell short of setting a national record-Belmont claiming that for the card on Sept. 29, 1945.

Jockey Willie Bailley, who rode Jeep in the Handicap, was suspended for the remainder of the meeting for rough riding on Thursday.

Occupy Nips Okana At Tropical Park

MIAMI, March 10 (AP)—Occupy, five-year-old sprinter, came from behind to capture the \$7,500 Coral Gables Handicap at Tropical Park.

Well-ridden by Jockey J. R. Layton, the black son of Bulldog, barely beat Okana to take top money of \$6,525.

Occupy paid \$4.30, \$3.10 and \$2.10. Okana returned \$6.00 and \$4.50. Do-Reigh-Mi was third and paid \$4.80.

Florida Track to Take Movies of Every Race

MIAMI, March 10 (AP)—Tropical Park will take complete moving pictures of every race starting Monday with results available immediately.

With the films, officials in the steward's stand will be able to check observations within eight minutes of the finish.

E. J. Neil Trophy To Army's Boxers

WEST POINT, March 10 (AP)—Army's boxers won the Edward J. Neil Memorial Trophy, emblem of team championship, in the 23rd annual intercollegiate Boxing Association championships.

Army, with four boxers in the finals, won four individual championships for a total of 20 points in team scoring for the silver cup awarded in memory of the Associated Press boxing writer and war correspondent who was killed during the war in Spain.

Virginia, also sending four men into the finals, took second place with 16 points, followed by the Coast Guard Academy, the defending champion, with 11, Syracuse nine, and Penn State eight.

Snead-Byrd Go to 40th Hole To Beat Nelson-McSpaden

MIAMI, March 10 (AP)—In one of the greatest semi-final finishes in the history of the \$7,500 International Four-Ball golf tournament, Slammin' Sammy Snead and Sammy Byrd paired to defeat defending champions Byron Nelson and Harold (Jug) McSpaden on the 40th hole.

The victory came as both Snead and Byrd shot easy par threes for the 150-yard hole and Nelson and McSpaden both took one over par.

Little Ben Hogan and Jimmy Demaret entered the finals by turning back Vic Ghezzi and Bob Hamilton, 3 and 2.

Locke Leads 1st-Round Transvaal Open Golf

JOHANNESBURG, Calif., March 10 (AP)—Bobby Locke took the lead in the first round of the Transvaal Open golf championship with a 69 today, cutting two strokes from the course record at Houghton Golf Club, where he is scheduled to play Byron Nelson next month.

Kansas Adds Three To Coaching Staff

LAWRENCE, Kans., March 10 (AP)—Athletic Director E. C. Quigley assigned three additional assistants to aid head coach George Sauer, to give the University of Kansas its largest football coaching staff in history.

The added aids are Dean Nesmith and Wayne Replogle, assistants to Coach Henry Shenk last fall, and Don Perce, former Jayhawk center now serving as sports publicity director. The trio will supplement Bob Ingalls and Vic Bradford, assistants recently named by Sauer.

USFET Lists Civilian Jobs Open in ETO

FRANKFURT, March 10—Civilian jobs paying from \$1,700 to \$3,600 now are open to personnel eligible for discharge or who will become eligible within 60 days, USFET adjutant general civilian personnel office announced yesterday.

The jobs include personnel officers, telephone repairmen, electrical engineers, aircraft dispatchers, clerks, typists, medical technicians, translators, telephone operators and librarians.

A list of jobs with qualifications is as follows:

Placement officer—\$3,640. Surveys personnel of entire command in recruiting U.S. civilians and foreign nationals.

Personnel officer—\$3,640. Develops and administers effective personnel for the division, advising superiors on technical aspects of personnel management and administration.

Engineers—(electrical) \$2,980-\$3,640. Requires ability to supervise the installation of electrical censorship equipment from blue prints.

Operations and training staff officers—\$2,650. Responsible for operations of five PW hospitals, one DP hospital, 12 pro stations, six dispensaries, must possess military experience in hospital administration.

Translators—\$2,320-\$2,650. Must translate from two to four languages in following groups: German, Russian, French, Italian, Czech-Slovakian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, Greek and Hebrew.

Central office repairmen in telephone plant—\$2,166. Individual must be thoroughly familiar with switchboard equipment such as relays condensers, switches, fuses, induction coils and telephone instruments.

Powerman in telephone plant and radio section—\$2,166. Must be thoroughly familiar with the electrical theory of AC and DC circuits and able to schedule, test, maintain and keep records of batteries.

Cable splicer—\$2,166. Supervision and inspection of Reichspost splicers on repair and new cables, trouble location and repair without the aid of German splicer assembling material for entry on cable records.

Aircraft dispatchers—\$2,100.

Clerks, file (requiring knowledge of War Department Dewey decimal system); Clerks, payroll, general, correspondence, distribution, statistical, mail and supply, cryptographic—\$1,704, \$1,902, \$2,100; medical and surgical technicians—\$2,100.

Stenographers—\$1,704, \$1,902, \$2,100; teletype and cryptographic technician—\$2,364; telephone operators—\$1,704; teletype operators—\$1,704; typists—\$1,704-\$1,902; investigator—\$2,320; librarian—\$1,902.

Salary is the base pay. Overseas allowance of 25 percent plus authorized overtime are added to the base salary.

Qualified persons may apply either by mail or in person with a form 57 (application for civilian employment) to the AG civilian personnel office, USFET, APO 757, Room 520, I. G. Farben Building. The endorsement of the CO accompanying the application form is required.

Typhus Epidemics Averted in Poland

WARSAW, March 10. (AP)—The danger of serious typhus epidemics in Poland has been averted but "general health conditions are critical," the Polish health ministry and UNRRA officers declared.

The statement asserted that there was a critical shortage of hospital and health facilities and that medical equipment and supplies were urgently needed.

Officials estimated there are 1,100,000 persons suffering with tuberculosis and two million with venereal diseases, typhoid and diphtheria, all mounting.

1,500,000 Kids Given Holiday in India Strike

BOMBAY, March 10 (Reuter)—A strike by 45,000 primary school teachers in Bombay province today was keeping 1,500,000 children away from school.

The teachers are demanding increased pay and cost-of-living allowances.

TERRY AND THE PIRATES

Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



L'L ABNER

Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



DICK TRACY

Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

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JOE PALOOKA

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By Ham Fisher



MOON MULLINS

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BLONDIE

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By Chic Young



Russians Delay U.S. Plan for Repatriating Japs

No Aid Given U.S. Officials In Manchuria

SHANGHAI, March 10 (UP)—Russian nonco-operation in American plans repatriation of an estimated 1,600,000 Japanese from Manchuria has become a new source of Russo-American friction, United Press learned.

Importance to over-all planning of U.S. operations in China is such it is believed likely Gen. George G. Marshall will place the problem before high Washington officials on his return next week.

Plans for Manchurian repatriation have been in the making for months and were completed several weeks ago with definite allotments of shipping by Gen. MacArthur to begin in April. Unless Russian co-operation is obtained before that date, the U.S. will have a lot of idle shipping on hand and the completion of the mission in the China theater will be delayed.

To date, the Russians have given no information as to the number or whereabouts of Japanese repatriable, communications and shipping facilities available, nor have they shown any interest in arranging to get the Japs to ports of embarkation. Russian authority has not been given for use of ports such as Dairen and Port Arthur.

Wedemeyer Checking Manchuria Authority

SHANGHAI, March 10 (AP)—Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, American Army commander in China, said yesterday he has taken "appropriate steps as theater commander to ascertain my responsibility" in Manchuria.

He said Manchuria had always been considered part of his command.

Told that the Russian commandant at Dairen had refused to honor credentials of American and British correspondents, the general said he had not discriminated among journalists.

Referring to the U.S. and Russia, he said: "We are allies and we are friends. A correspondent on my team should be treated by the Russians as I treat theirs."

Brash Banditto Boosts the Ante

ROME, March 10 (AP)—"Giuliano," a waggish Sicilian bandit, is no man to take an affront without a comeback.

When a reward of 800,000 lire (about \$3,500) was offered for him



recently, Giuliano retaliated by having placards posted in Palermo, offering 2,000,000 lire (about \$9,000) reward for Minister of the Interior Giuseppe Romita "dead or alive."



POSTS BOND: Gerald L. K. Smith, America First head, posts bond at a Chicago police station after surrendering to police on charges growing out of a street battle staged at a women's club meeting, at which he was principal speaker. At left is Rev. Arthur Terminiello, Birmingham, Ala., who with Smith, was booked on a disorderly conduct charge.

Inseparable Sisters to Join Inseparable GI Brothers

LONDON, March 10 (INS)—If family traditions are reflected in romance, Chicago soon should have two households that are rockbound bastions of matrimonial performance. For two inseparable English sisters, Joyce and Eileen Ford, who married inseparable GI brothers, Patrick and Bernard Dawes, will sail together on the Queen Mary tomorrow to join their husbands.

Joyce could have sailed a month before but refused to leave Eileen whose passage was held up because U.S. authorities could not fathom the mystery of two Mrs. Dawes writing from the same address in England.

They concluded it was a mistake and sent only one set of forms. However, following explanations by the brides' mother, the second set for application papers arrived and the bride-sisters are excitedly making last minute preparations for the trip to join their husband brothers.

It was a romance on a family scale for the two couples. Eileen became the bride of Patrick in November, 1943. Jayce was bridesmaid and Bernard best man.

Joyce and Bernard were married in the same church the following May.

Since they were childhood playmates Jayce, 22, and Eileen, 21, have never been separated. They went to school together and served as switchboard girls in the Women's Land Army during the war as a sister-team.

The Dawes brothers present a striking parallel. They joined up together, went to France together, were promoted at the same time and demobilized simultaneously.

Baby of French Bride Dies at Le Havre Camp

LE HAVRE, March 10—The two-pound baby girl born prematurely yesterday at the 166th Gen. Hosp. in Camp Philip Morris to French war bride Jeanie Fletcher died this afternoon.

Meanwhile, it was also disclosed that war brides who were in an advanced stage of pregnancy would be returned to their homes in France and Belgium and would not sail until after the births of their babies.

National Hookup May Cure Schizophrenic

DETROIT, March 10 (AP)—A pianist whose promising career was interrupted nine years ago by entry to a mental hospital was scheduled to play for nationwide broadcast tonight as a therapeutic measure which psychiatrists are hopeful may cure his illness.

Psychoanalysts said the musician suffers from schizophrenia negativism, and that he had uttered his first coherent words since admission to the hospital after hearing a recent concert.

False Alarm Alerts Guards

SOUTHAMPTON, March 10 (AP)—Fire fighting brigades, held on special weekend alert to guard the world's two largest ships, answered a false alarm tonight aboard the 85,000-ton Queen Elizabeth, which was on fire Friday.

The mistake was attributed to faulty wiring in the fire alarm system of the vessel, which was floodlighted as a special precaution against sabotage.

Meanwhile, an explosion and fire aboard the motor minesweeper Steadfast in the Channel killed one man and injured seven others. The Steadfast made the port of Dover unassisted. There was no official explanation of the cause.

Boiler Room Fire Perils the Victorious

DEVONPORT, England, March 10 (UP)—A fire broke out in the boiler room of the 27,000-ton British aircraft carrier Victorious on Friday night.

The boiler room crew and dockyard fireman extinguished the blaze in less than an hour.

Authorities said the cause of the fire was purely "mechanical" but an investigation is being made by the ship's engineers.

Parents . . .

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one year in jail and a fine of 10,000 marks was imposed, with three months and the fine suspended.

The other mothers and fathers were given sentences of six months to one year and fines up to 2,500 marks.

The 12 children ranging from 12 to 18, who operated under the leadership of a 13-year-old, pleaded guilty to thefts of soap, candles, K-rations, cameras and gasoline from a U. S. QM warehouse and an Army parking lot. All were sentenced to one year, but in seven cases, six to 10 months of the sentences were suspended.

Statements taken by the special investigation service and read were studded with such admissions as, "my mother exchanged the booty for food," "My mother said, only don't let yourselves get caught," and (from the German civilian police report) "The parents of all the participants knew of their doings."

Dad Gives Civvies Gate For Upkeep of Little 8

ASHTABULA, O., March 10 (UP)—Francis Reed has returned to the Army because he feels that his \$252 monthly pay and allotment money are enough to take care of his wife and eight children.

Reed said the only civilian job he could find paid him \$25 weekly and that it was not enough to meet expenses.

168 Chutists Transferred For Jump Balk

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—Wing insignia and boots were stripped from 168 parachute troopers who refused to jump from planes in a training exercise at Ft. Bragg, N. C., last month and the men were transferred to other Army units.

Reports to the War Department said the jump was staged as scheduled on Feb. 16 with the Mexican secretary of war as a spectator. Some 700 parachutists took part.

Army officials who told about the incident in response to inquiries said no further disciplinary action is planned, although wartime refusal to jump called for court martial.

Stripping of wings and loss of extra pay was ordered by Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, who led his 82nd AB Div. in a Fifth Avenue parade in New York upon return from overseas.

NOT COMBAT VETERANS

Men involved were veterans of numerous jumps, though not in combat. All were members of the 815th Pchd. Regt., part of the 13th AB Div. The Division returned in August from Europe where only the 517th Regt. saw fighting. As the division was about to be broken up, Gavin commanded its remnants along with other units at Ft. Bragg.

Approximately 130 of those who refused to jump were said to have almost enough points to assure early release from service. Some had not jumped since last summer but had continued drawing extra pay.

WD DIRECTED JUMP

Gavin reported last month's exercise was directed by the War Department as a training measure in accord with the parachutists' contention that the "best way to hurt oneself and kill those in a unit is not to jump and train regularly."

Why the Ft. Bragg group refused to jump was not specifically stated, but officials assumed that with the war months past, the men did not care to face the hazards involved.

"You sweat out your 50th jump just like the first" is a common observation among paratroopers.

Two men were injured in the Feb. 16 exercise, but neither required hospital treatment.

2 Stowaways Land In U.S. With Troops

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP)—The Navy transport Gen. J. R. Brooks docked with 3,350 passengers including 2,000 troops and two stowaways after an eight-day voyage from Le Havre.

Troops aboard included three companies of the 407th Regt., the 607th and 259th FA Bns. and numerous soldiers from the 102nd Div.

Among civilians were 60 USO and Red Cross women, two war brides and the stowaways.

One of the stowaways, Robert E. Bogner, 15, of Vienna, said he "came aboard in a barracks bag." The other, Emile Navarro, 20, of Marseille, was quoted by the ship's security officer as saying he got aboard by posing as a soldier. Both were taken to Ellis Island to await action by immigration authorities.

Fire Routs Ginny Simms

HOLLYWOOD, March 10 (AP)—Fire drove 1,000 listeners from a Columbia Broadcasting Co. studio and forced cancellation of the Ginny Simms broadcast. The blaze started in a locker and storeroom.