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The Weather Today
PARIS & VICINITY
Partly cloudy, max. temp.: 80
STRAITS OF DOVER
Partly cloudy, max. temp.: 76

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The Weather Today
RIVIERA
Partly cloudy, scattered thunder
storms, max. temp.: 88
GERMANY
Cloudy, max. temp.: 70

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Jap Surrender Today Seen by Washington

3 Red Armies Drive To Shut Harbin Trap

BULLETIN

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP).—The Korean ports of Yuki and Rashin fell tonight to Marshal Kiril A. Meretskov's First Far Eastern Army Group, the Soviet communique announced. The assault carried the Red Army from nine and a half to 22 miles into Korea.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Three powerful Russian Armies, all commanded by heroes of Russia's war against Germany, were smashing forward today through rugged mountain passes and across major river barriers in gains of up to 50 miles toward the open plains of central Manchuria.

The prime objective of all three forces was the vital industrial city of Harbin, the capture of which would virtually seal the fate of thousands of Japanese troops who would be trapped in northern Manchuria.

Announcing new gains of from 10 to 50 miles on all sectors of the arching Manchurian front, last night's Soviet communique also revealed the names of the men in charge of Russia's four-day war against Japan.

Vassilevsky Commands

Over-all Soviet commander in the Far East is Marshal Alexander N. Vassilevsky, former chief of Moscow's general staff, and the man who assumed command of the Third White Russian Army when Marshal Ivan D. Chernyakhovsky was killed leading it in action in East Prussia.

Tactically, the most important of the three armies announced in action were those driving on Harbin from the east and west in a maneuver to isolate enemy troops north of the Chinese Far Eastern Railway, which cuts across central Manchuria.

These two armies were 400 miles apart at last report, but the Trans-Baikal Army, under Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky, was moving in from the west at a clip of almost 50 miles daily, while Marshal Kiril A. Meretskov's army, traveling westward from the Siberian maritime province of Primorye, was averaging 15 to 20 miles a day.

Drive Through Mountains

Malinovsky's latest success was a 50-mile advance through the Hsingan Mountains southeast of captured Hailar.

Troops under Meretskov seized the rail town of Muling and its airport.

Meanwhile, the Second Far Eastern Army, under Gen. Maxim A. Purkayev, began assaulting the big Sungari River port or Khua-chuan, 385 miles above Harbin, which also is situated on the river.

Through the Staging Areas One Theme Swells—Home

MARSEILLE, Aug. 12 (AP).—"I want to put on my Johnny suit; I want to go home."

This theme song swelled and boomed through three great staging areas here today while thousands of Pacific-bound veterans anxiously awaited word of the Japanese decision on Allied surrender terms. Meanwhile, American ships in this international Mediterranean port continue to be loaded with men and equipment being transferred from Eisenhower's to MacArthur's commands. Work is still going on 24 hours a day.

Before the original Japanese announcement, these Service Forces soldiers—almost all of them low-

Soviet Chief in Far East



Marshal A. N. Vassilevsky

3d Fleet to Keep Firing—Halsey

WITH THIRD FLEET OFF JAPAN, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Adm. William A. Halsey declared today there would be no cessation of hostilities by the Third Fleet until Japan surrenders.

Even then, he added significantly, he thought his mighty armada would have "a pretty definite job in case of surrender."

The Japs' predicament, he pointed out, follows a prediction he made two years ago that they eventually would break and, he added, grinning, it would be the first time he ever looked into a crystal ball and came up with the correct answer.

pointers—morosely and reservedly faced the fact that they were headed for the Pacific unless a miracle happened.
"The miracle came so suddenly it left them hanging emotionally in midair and touched off a celebration that sent 14 to hospitals from gunshot wounds.
Order has been restored today, but MPs were alert after yesterday's demonstration in which forbidden guns and ammunition appeared from nowhere, shots echoed through the camps and flares went off illuminating a wild scene of milling, joy-crazed men.
In face of official silence at the

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Luzon GIs Ordered to Battle On

MANILA, Aug. 12.—Four American infantry divisions in northern Luzon were ordered today to "push forward vigorously" against the remaining Japanese garrisons until cease-fire orders are received.

The Far East AFs similarly continued full operations against Japan, and the Tokyo radio reported an attack by 70 Superfortresses. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz alone among the American commanders said he planned no further action until ordered by Washington.

Orders to keep fighting were issued by Lt. Gen. O. W. Griswold, XIV Corps commander, to the Sixth, 32nd, 37th and 38th Divs. A Sixth Div. unit began an attack yesterday against a strong mountain position north of Kiangang where the main Japanese force left on Luzon is believed holding out.

The Americans yesterday killed 380 Japanese and took 50 prisoners—44 Japanese and six Formosans. Officers said there were no signs of any wholesale surrender among the Japanese but they were certain the enemy knew of the surrender negotiations.

The Superforts, escorted by fighters, were reported to have hit Matsuyama on the northwest coast of Shikoku Island at 10 AM. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz had announced that the B29s were not flying Saturday but the announcement held only for the one day.

The Japanese asserted that their submarines sank three American ships southeast of Okinawa yesterday.

Maj. Gen. George C. Kenney gave no details immediately of his latest Far East AF raid and said that his operations would continue until he was ordered otherwise. He disclosed that more than 500 of his planes had smashed at troop-packed Kumamoto in western Kyushu on Friday and set great fires in their heaviest saturation raid of the war.

Truman Stays Close To Desk to Hear News

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP).—President Truman was in and out of the executive offices and the White House living quarters during the day, available on a few seconds' notice as the capital expectantly awaited news of Japanese surrender developments.

At about noon, sidewalk barriers were put up and pedestrians diverted across the street from the White House.

6 Okinawa GIs Die Celebrating 'Victory'

OKINAWA, Aug. 12 (ANS).—At least six men were killed and 30 injured by falling anti-aircraft shell fragments and bullets in last night's spectacular display of rockets, ack-ack and flares celebrating Japan's surrender offer, it was disclosed today.

The half-hour demonstration by forces on Okinawa was quelled only when island commanders ordered an air-raid alert sounded and then warned the men over the radio to cease firing because of the danger to lives.

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M'Arthur Rule Likely for Foe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Bleeding Japan today studied peace terms providing that the authority of its Emperor should be subject to an Allied Supreme Commander, probably Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Allied military might stood guard in a steel circle around the home islands as the answer was awaited, and in some areas hostilities continued.

The expectation was widespread here that the enemy would agree to the terms and that acceptance would be announced by tomorrow. Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was among those predicting flatly that Tokyo would accept the terms, commenting that "Japan had her neck under a raised guillotine—it was surrender or death."

May Rule Son of Heaven



Gen. Douglas MacArthur

In Britain, celebrations on a greater scale than those which greeted VE-Day were set for Tuesday and Wednesday in the expectation that the war's end would materialize officially and finally by tomorrow. If it did not, however, the holidays would be postponed.

MacArthur Won't Comment

The Allied note serving notice that all Japan, including its Emperor, must expect to be ruled by a "Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers" upon its submission gave no indication as to who the man would be, although President Truman's press secretary said he would be an American. But the expectation was unanimous in the Allied capitals that MacArthur, who has been leading American troops in the Pacific since the outbreak of the war, would get the assignment. In Manila, MacArthur declined to comment.

It also was expected that the occupation of the home islands would be largely, if not entirely, an American affair, with the other powers more concerned with control of other areas.

Japan 'at the Crossroads'

Emperor Hirohito received Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo in audience this morning and heard from Togo a report "on matters under his jurisdiction," the Tokyo radio revealed. Other broadcasts told the Japanese to "wait for the great command from the Throne."

"The stark reality is that Japan and the Japanese people now stand at the crossroads of life or death," one broadcast said. "In this worst crisis of our history, all the people must strictly guard against the

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Gustav Asked by Japs To Mediate, Swedes Say

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP).—The Stockholm radio said today that the Swedish royal family had been approached by the Japanese to determine if King Gustav would act as intermediary between Hirohito and the Allies.

Let's Shake, Says Jap General, Now the 'Tennis Match' Is Over

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12 (UP).—Short, smiling Maj. Gen. Makoto Onodera, Japanese Military Attaché here, admitted today that the atomic bomb probably caused Japan's surrender offer, and said that in the future "maybe Japan and the U.S. will only fight on the golf course."
Interrupting himself with laughter at his own remarks, the 47-year-old Japanese, whose protruding teeth make him a perfect caricature of a Jap diplomat, said he was "not speaking as general but as Mister Onodera."
Interviewed in his office, Onodera declared gleefully that in his view

of the present military situation, "Peace seems to me the most appropriate solution."

He suggested the United Nations and Japan now "shake hands like after a tennis match."

Onodera confessed that in his opinion it was the atom bomb rather than Russia's entry into the war that forced Nippon to seek a quick way out.

A member of the Japanese General Staff in the war in central China in 1938-39, he would admit no remorse for his country's aggressions.
"War is like a sporting match, mingled with heroism," he said.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Penny Wise?

It was indeed a surprise to learn of the decision to close the Allied Expeditionary Forces Club. This club provided a fine meeting place for the servicemen and women of all the Allied nations under the best possible conditions. It was always thronged, yet nary a disorder. To watch British, French and Americans getting along so well together was a real pleasure.

It is too bad that after undergoing many hours of instruction on "Knowing Our Allies" that we should be deprived of one of the most effective and pleasant means of doing so such as the AEF Club provided.

Billions for the prosecution of war but not one cent for the promotion of understanding among Allied men and women, each to his own separate compound be it British, French or American. But none can convince me that this is desirable.

The club should continue as long as Allied troops are on the Continent.—Pvt T. M. Dunne, GFR.

Film Developing

Since there is such an overdose of work being sent to the Army Post Exchange, why can't something be done so that we may send our undeveloped rolls of film home.—Film Fan.

Editor's note: AES refers you to ETOUSA Cir. 90 June, 1945, 8b (1).

"Personnel may have amateur film processed by civilian firms or in unit or individual laboratories. Kodachrome-Kodacolor and movie camera film may be sent to U.S. address for processing."

Contrast

Today's (July 28) B-Bag letter captioned "Liberty Run," by Pvt. N. V. made me shudder as I read it. He described how he was SNAFUED by the MPs after he had appealed to them for help in getting back to his camp. He had just missed the truck from his outfit which was taking the fellows on pass back.

Yesterday I arrived at an air-drome near Paris from England and was given a pass to Paris, good until midnight. I was told to be at the Invalides parking lot by 23:30 and get in a truck that had "10 AD" on the bumper. I arrived on time but waited at the wrong exit and missed the truck.

I immediately reported to the MP in the RTO and he asked me the name of the airfield that I was to return to. I forgot the name entirely and couldn't give him the slightest clue. He made many phone calls... finally located the right field. He was told that I could catch a bus at 6:30 near the Opera. As my pass had expired, he arranged a ride in a jeep for me and the MPs drove me to the MP Booking Station where the officer on duty listened to my story and fixed things... an MP sergeant escorted me to the Rainbow Club where I got some much-needed sleep—and I caught the bus in the morning.

I can't understand the treatment given Pvt. N. V. by the Brussels MPs, but I would like to say that each MP in whose care I placed myself last night in Paris treated me with the utmost courtesy and kindness. They were extremely patient with me at all times and made every effort necessary to return me safely to my field.—S/Sgt. Louis Rosen, 3 Air Div.

Geneva Convention for GIs

Our company has been through five major battles. Now we have been transferred from different units into one that is going back to the States.

We are working under a battalion that has never seen the front lines... from seven in the morning till seven at night. We all understand that there is a war going on in the Pacific, but you can do so much and that's all. If we can't get a boat ride home soon, give us some rest. They give a PW a day off out of every week!—Cpl. W. S. Ord, Amo. Co.

Geneva Convention for DPs

I have seen the miserable conditions under which DPs must live even now. They've been getting K ration biscuits and black coffee for breakfast, just soup for dinner and a slice of bread and soup or gravy for supper.

This may be necessary under existing conditions but after having lived in terror for four years and more, and having seen their loved ones killed before their eyes (I spoke to one who had to throw his own mother and dad into a crematorium) it's hard to believe that

even how they must receive worse treatment than a Nazi PW.

Last Sunday I saw ten Nazi PWs in a mess hall have their mess kits piled up with four pieces of chicken apiece and lots of peas, potatoes dressing, desserts etc., while the DPs were eating their soup and slice of bread.

Just who are the prisoners and who are the liberated?—Sgt. D. K., 580 APU.

Double Standard?

Are Wacs permitted to fraternize with German men?—Wac Sgt. USSTAF.

The Victor Toils

I am in an engineer aviation battalion and we have been overseas three years and worked like a bunch of slaves and figured that after the war ended we would get a break. No such luck.

We just kept on working... in fact we are working more now than before. I wonder just what we fought for when I see all our boys on the job and Heinie prisoners coming out one hour and a half later. Days it rains we go out and the prisoners don't come out till it stops.

Today I saw our boys working steady all day while about 20 Heinies lay around sleeping. We are a browned off outfit and would like to see slavery abolished again.—"Browned-Off" Sergeant.

He Walks Alone

In answer to the letter captioned "Disgusted and How."

You talk about us soldiers running around with German girls! And why not? We EM would rather go out with any American girl in preference with any two girls in Europe. But this is the way it stands. We see a Wac and say "hello," and what happens? She walks right by us as if we were dirt. Maybe from sleeping in it so long we may look like dirt, but it couldn't be helped. And if we are seen with nurses we are liable to pay a fine, and we don't make that much money.—D. J. D., Sta. Hosp.

Somebody Says It Ain't True

After reading everyone else's gripes... I have decided that my outfit doesn't have to take a back seat for any of them.

Last week we had to parade in honor of the non coms... and this week we had to parade in honor of the cooks.

The cooks got a letter of commendation from the CO for the wonderful meals they fed us while in combat. All they ever did was to send up C and K rations with the ammunition. And the few times they did cook a hot meal we all preferred the Cs or Ks. If we hadn't lived off the land in Germany we would have starved to death.—Pvt., Inf.

Budding 'Little Flower'



Kids at the Hester Street Children's Aid Center in New York elected Vincent Pagliuca, six, as the mayor of their "Tot Town," so Vincent adopted a LaGuardia pose to assure his constituents they picked the right man.

Stalin's Pledge In 1943 Cited

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 12 (ANS).—Russia pledged itself two years ago to join the war against Japan once Germany had been defeated, a former U.S. ambassador in Moscow revealed here today.

Retired Adm. William A. Standley told a civic group that the promise had been made by Premier Stalin to Cordell Hull, then Secretary of State, in 1943.

"I believed Stalin," Standley declared, "and he has confirmed my faith in his sincerity."

Can't Aid, France Informs UNRRA

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP).—The third international conference of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was told today by René Massigli, head of the French delegation, that France would be unable to aid in UNRRA's work.

He said his country was sharing with the rest of Europe the devastation and suffering of five years of war, and that the French government could not call for more sacrifice from the French people.

GI Takes 1st Furlough After 25 Years' Service

NEWCASTLE, Del., Aug. 12 (ANS).—Sgt. George Faulker, 42, Wilmington, Del., "too busy" to take a furlough in 25 years of Army life, was reunited with his mother here yesterday for the first time in a quarter of a century.

Faulker, a three-battle-star veteran of the Third Army, left home at the age of 17 in August, 1920, to enlist in the 25th Infantry.



The American Scene:

If Japs Lose Empire—Halsey Loses a Horse

By Philip H. Bucknell
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The weekend was one of contentment and satisfaction, rather than of rejoicing. The decision of the Allied Nations that Hirohito be controlled by an American commander met with overall approval. The position of Japan's myopic Emperor has been the topic of considerable discussion during the war and the reservation made in the surrender offer has brought to a head many of the objections against the son of Heaven.

A large number of Senators contend Hirohito is one of the greatest war criminals. On the other hand, there is a large body of opinion, including, it is believed, State Department officials, which feels that the unique, all-powerful and worshiped status of the Emperor makes it worthwhile to dicker with him. There are any number of people in the Pacific who are awaiting that privilege.

One of them, of course, is Adm. William F. Halsey, whose expressed desire to ride the streets of Tokyo on the Emperor's white horse has been received sympathetically over here. So if the Jap peace offer were accepted, Nippon would have its Emperor, but lose an empire, and at the same time, thwart Halsey's desire.

Closed Shop Opposed in Poll

ONE of the great tasks facing organized labor, as thousands of men are released from the services, is the question of the closed shop. Several attempts have been made in Congress to veto that clause as far as it concerns veterans. A Gallup Poll issued today shows a surprising opposition to the closed shop principle. Only 13 percent approved while 75 percent opposed the proposition, with 12 percent voicing no opinion. Even more surprising was the fact that a majority of union members in the survey—54 percent—disapproved of a closed shop, with 39 percent in favor.

From Ames, Iowa, the State entomologist warned brother Halsey eyes that the Mexican beetle is on the prowl. Previously prevalent in a number of states east of the Mississippi and in the Rocky Mountains, the beetle, which looks somewhat like a ladybug, had up to now not heard of Iowa's charms.

IN MINNESOTA, a committee of the Military Order of the Purple Heart met and discussed plans to manufacture and sell Purple Heart flowers with proceeds to be used for the rehabilitation and welfare of all servicemen. They plan that the flower should be on sale on a specified day, in the same manner as poppies and forget-me-nots.

GEORGE ELMO JR., of Sedalia, Mo., claims that this really happened. He said that he felt a tug on his line while fishing in Flat Creek. He pulled his line in to find that he had hooked a perch, a snake and two turtles. The snake had swallowed the fish and the turtles had swallowed the snake, one turtle the head and the other the tail.

\$1,000 Awaits Fund Raiser

THERE is \$1,000 waiting for someone who can produce the best working plan to raise funds for a U.S. Public Theater Foundation before Jan. 1, 1946. W. Horace Schmidlapp, who is reported to be marrying Carole Landis shortly, is making the offer and, he says, "There has been considerable discussion about establishing a national theater, but no action has been taken. I hope by presenting this cash award to bring about results, for I feel that we, of the theater, should use our talents toward establishing such a foundation. An act was even presented to Congress in 1935 under the auspices of Sen. Robert Wagner but it was shelved."

CHICAGO cops, stationed in the Chicago Avenue Station, feel the lack of a knowledge of the Chinese language. There was a fire at a laundry near the station and when the cops tried to salvage their own shirts they found they couldn't read the identification tags on the packages.

Senators brooding over the high cost of income taxes—their own—are cooking up a question for Internal Revenue Commissioner Joseph D. Numan. It goes like this: "If House members can take \$2,500 yearly income tax exemption for official expenses why can't we?" Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) is going to ask Numan to explain it to the Senate Finance Committee when the Chamber reconvenes in October.

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Paris Area

MOVIES TODAY

MARIGNAN—"Affairs of Susan," Joan Fontaine, George Brent.

ENSA-PARIS—"Hitch-Hike to Happiness," Al Pearce, Dale Evans, Metro Marbeuf.

OLYMPIA *Same as Marignan, Midnite show only 11:30 Metro Madeleine.

VERSAILLES CYRANO—"Salty O'Rourke," Alan Ladd, Gail Russell.

MAISONS-LAFFITTE PALACE—"The Clock," Judy Garland, Robert Walker.

STAGE SHOWS

MADELEINE—"No T O for Love," Musical comedy, Metro Madeleine.

OLYMPIA—"Summer Follies," variety, Metro Madeleine.

EMPIRE—"Potpourri," variety, Metro Etoile.

ENSA MARIGNY—"The Circle," Somerset Maugham comedy, Leslie Banks, Max Adrian, Metro Clemenceau.

MISCELLANEOUS

EIFFEL TOWER CLUB—Open 2000 hours to 0200 hours. Bring civilian date. EMS only Metro Trocadero.

SEINE SECTION PX, 112 Rue Provence—Gift Shop for officers and EMS on leave. Metro Havre-Caumartin.

Nancy

CAMEO—"The Affairs of Susan," Joan Fontaine, George Brent.

EMPIRE—"The Corn is Green," Bette Davis, John Dall.

Dijon

DARCY—"Swing Out Sister," Rod Cameron, Arthur Treacher.

Rheims Area

PARAMOUNT—"Twice Blessed," Wilde Twine, James Craig.

MODERNE—"The Great John L.," Linda Darnell, Gregory McClure.

STAGE SHOW

MUNICIPAL—"Designed for Laughing," Edith Rogers Dahl, Phil Kaye.

Mets

SCALA—"Pillow to Post," Ida Lupino, Sidney Greenstreet.

Le Havre

SELECT—"In the Bag," Fred Allen, Jack Benny.

STAGE SHOW

RECREATION CENTER—"Paris" Broadway, ARC show.

Troyes

ALHAMBRA—"Doughgirls," Ann Sheridan, Jane Wyman.

PARAMOUNT—"Twice Blessed," Wilde Twine, James Craig.

Toul

PATHE—"Woman in the Window," Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett.

Château-Thierry

THEATER—"And Now Tomorrow," Alan Ladd, Loretta Young.

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Grew Tells U.S. It Must Ration To Aid Europe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Under-Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew last night asked Americans to accept rationing and restrictions "for a considerable period longer" to permit food and coal to be shipped to needy Europe.

He said Americans must support an "adequate relief program even though it will mean continuing war-time controls."

The U.S. alone, he said, must ship to liberated Europe almost 12,000,000 tons of food this winter, in addition to 6,000,000 tons of coal already proposed by Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Recalls Truman Pledge

Grew spoke on a State Department broadcast with Willard Thorp, deputy to Assistant-Secretary of State William L. Clayton, and Assistant-Secretary Archibald MacLeish.

Grew recalled President Truman's pledge, made in his report to the nation last week, "We must help to the limit of our strength and we will."

Thorp estimated that liberated areas would be able "to take care of themselves by next year's harvest" if they were helped now. Grew said more shipping and supplies must be made available to UNRRA for relief in eastern Europe and to regular commercial channels for the eastern European countries, who are paying for what supplies they receive.

Shipments Fall Short

He said UNRRA received only 14,000,000 of 200,000,000 pounds of food promised for the second half of this year and that most of that came from Canada.

The U.S. aimed at giving the people of liberated Europe a basic minimum of 2,000 calories a day, Grew said.

Nine European countries formally thanked the U.S. yesterday for its announced intention of shipping 6,000,000 tons of coal to Europe this winter to relieve suffering in war-torn areas.

The message of appreciation was forwarded to Ickes by Great Britain, France, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Greece, Luxembourg and Turkey.

Hoover Sees Red Europe

LONG BEACH, Calif., Aug. 12 (ANS).—Herbert Hoover declared yesterday that "Communism or creeping Socialism are sweeping over Europe."

"They are beginning in Asia," he said, adding that the time had come for America to proclaim its faith in its system of life.

In an address prepared for the annual picnic of the Iowa Association of Southern California on his 71st birthday, he said:

"The causes lie deep in the holocaust of misery from war, power politics, from the impulse for any change from the bitter years which have passed and from years of propaganda of a new utopia."

"A score of Fascist nations have shifted to Communism and a half dozen nations, once liberty loving, are shifting to Socialism. The most recent chapter is the Socialist victory in Britain."

"Whatever the particular name of these European systems may be, whether it be Communism, Socialist or... a planned economy, they are all collectivist, they all have a common base in bureaucratic power over the liberties and the economic life of the people."

'Zoot Hat' Traps Pittsburgh Killer

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 12 (ANS).—A youth and his 14-year-old sweetheart have confessed to the slayings of George A. Schnellbach, 71, head of a singing society, whose battered body was found on the lawn of a grammar school July 25.

Detectives said that a pork-pie "zoot hat" found near the body led to the arrest of the pair. Neighbors reported that the youth, Charles H. Anderson, 20, a Negro, usually wore such a hat but that he was bareheaded the day following the murder.

Police investigated the lead and arrested Anderson and Estella Larkins, his sweetheart.

Anderson admitted he killed Schnellbach in what he described as "a strong-arm job," while the girl said she helped to rob the victim's wallet of \$45.

Pilots' Choice for Bomb-a-Deer



Flying Fortress Pilots at Drew Field, Fla., picked Dede DeVane of St. Petersburg as first choice in their Bomb-a-Deer pinup contest.

Seattle Veteran Beheads Wife With Her Bolo Knife

SEATTLE, Aug. 12 (ANS).—A Seattle wife was beheaded last night with a bolo knife wielded by her veteran husband as she ran screaming to a neighbor's home, Sheriff Harlan S. Callahan said.

The victim was Mrs. Ida Jane Leslie Hartley, about 56. Her husband, Earl Victor Bruce Hartley, 47, was held on an open charge.

Callahan said he asked Hartley his motive and got this reply: "To tell you the truth, Sheriff, I don't rightly know. Will you step on this cigaret for me?"

Callahan said Hartley told him that he was a veteran with a medical discharge.

The sheriff quoted Hartley as saying he "hit her with the Filipino beheading knife, the knife I gave her, and she started to run."

The first swing of the curved blade caught Mrs. Hartley at the top of the head, Callahan said, inflicting a deep wound. Pursued by her husband, Mrs. Hartley ran to a neighbor's yard where the second and fatal blow was delivered, he added.

The sheriff said Hartley submitted to arrest without protest.

"She got out of a car at the driveway and started down toward our house," Callahan said Hartley told him. "She knew I was going to cut off her head. I was going to use my own bush knife—it's sharper—but I picked up her Filipino beheading knife instead."

"I was in the Army at Casablanca, and with the Third Army in Europe until about 16 months ago. I got a medical discharge on account of being psychoneurotic."

Callahan said Hartley added he was married in March and that his wife had been "my nurse and was taking care of me."

Surplus Medic Supplies Sold in Balkans Area

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Sale of surplus medical supplies, mules and wool caps to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration for use in the Balkans area was announced today by Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, Army-Navy liquidation commissioner.

The sale, made at the commission's field offices in the Mediterranean Theater at Caserta, Italy, was for \$794,981. Procurement cost of the property was \$638,137.

Connolly explained that he was charged with disposing overseas surplus at its "fair value," which in this case includes procurement costs in the U.S. plus cost of transportation and handling costs. He pointed out that there was little if any depreciation on these items.

Millionth Redeployed GI Will Reach U.S. Today

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The War Department reported yesterday that the one millionth soldier to be returned from overseas, since May 12, when redeployment began, will arrive in this country tomorrow. Arrivals tomorrow, the Department said, will push the total to 1,011,432.

No breakdown by theaters was given, but it is estimated that at least three-fourths of those returned came from Europe.

Welcomers Catch GI With His Pants Down



T/Sgt. Donald Hutton got so excited he rushed on deck without his pants when buddies aboard the transport Benjamin Brewster, entering Boston Harbor, told him a tug loaded with Wacs was pulling alongside. Hutton, a former PW, stayed at the rail and waved just the same.

'Victory Girl' Joins Reconversion Rush

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The United Press coverage of New York's Japanese surrender reaction hit a new high in thoroughness today as one of its reporters found a "victory girl," so called because of her good will toward servicemen who confided: "Well, I guess it's a civilian for me. Reconversion, here I come!"

Cut Vacation, Congress Told In Job Crisis

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Congress was asked yesterday to cut short its vacation and deal with multiplying reconversion problems.

Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley announced after a 90-minute White House conference that President Truman felt Congress should reconvene as soon as practicable. Barkley said Congress probably would be called back into session Sept. 4, more than a month in advance of the scheduled date, Oct. 8.

Government officials warned that widespread unemployment was inevitable during the estimated six months it would take to achieve a good measure of reconversion. Confronted by the end of the war, government procurement agencies began canceling war contracts on a grand scale.

One high-ranking reconversion official estimated that during the period of transition, unemployment would rise to 8,000,000. There were 1,400,000 jobless in mid-June.

The master VJ-Day reconversion plan, drafted by the War Production Board to avoid a chaotic scramble for material and equipment, will lift virtually all controls on production except those governing distribution, allocation and inventories of some very tight items.

Navy Bares Loss Of Sub, Destroyer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The Navy announced last night the loss of U.S. Bonfish, the 51st American submarine lost in the Pacific war. The ship carried a crew of 85 officers and men, all of whom are listed as missing in action. The Navy said the ship has long been overdue on patrol and must be presumed lost.

The Navy also announced the loss of the destroyer Callaghan as a result of enemy action in the Okinawa area. The Callaghan carried a normal complement of 350 men. Forty-nine are listed as missing in action, three as killed and 73 as wounded.

Loss of the two vessels lifts the number of American warships lost in the war to 434.

Cutback Rush Ends Work on 95 Navy Ships

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Lessening Navy needs brought a halt yesterday to the building of 95 ships costing \$1,200,000,000, and Army officers told of plans to cut war purchases by an amount exceeding \$25,000,000,000 on a yearly basis.

The War Department revealed, at the same time, that the movement of ammunition by rail to the Pacific Coast has been halted. Shipment of ammunition already in ports was not affected by the order. The announcement said there was enough ammunition already in the Pacific to meet immediate requirements.

Fifty-six combat ships are included in the Navy cutback, which War Mobilization Director John W. Snyder attributed to a review of what was required to defeat Japan. There was no formal announcement of the Army program, but Snyder made it clear that the real VJ deluge of cutbacks was yet to come.

The combatant vessels include the 45,000-ton battleship Illinois at Philadelphia, the 27,100-ton carriers Reprisal at New York and Iwo Jima at Newport News, Va., and ten heavy cruisers.

Two weeks ago the Navy said it had 233 combat ships under contract. The cutback leaves 177, including two battleships and 13 carriers.

Army officials talked of a cut of 98 to 100 percent in the purchase of munitions, tractors and other heavy equipment once the Japanese surrender is final. They made these other estimates:

Service force requirements now running at \$1,800,000,000 a month will be cut 80 percent.

Air service requirements, now about \$750,000,000 a month, will be cut 90 percent.

These estimated cuts total \$2,115,000,000 a month—\$25,380,000,000 over a 12-month period.

Ickes Approves Alaska as State

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Secretary Harold L. Ickes has approved statehood for Alaska as part of the Interior Department's territorial policy, Acting Secretary Abe Fortas announced yesterday.

The statement sent to Ernest H. Gruening, Governor of Alaska, declared that Alaska is equipped for statehood as its citizens now have the right to vote for several territorial officials including a delegate to Congress.

Asserting that Alaska is on the verge of great postwar development, the statement added that it offers "real possibilities for veterans and for men and women who have been uprooted in the States." Statehood for Alaska, it pointed out, would link it more closely with the rest of the nation, speed development of its resources, encourage new settlers and capital investments and give Alaskans "their rightful voting voice" in Congress.

Nylons by New Year's If Japan Quits Now

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (ANS).—American women will have nylon on their legs by New Year's if the Japanese surrender is accomplished now.

That's the word of Roy E. Tilles, president of the Gotham Hosiery Co., based on the government promise to release nylon for hosiery manufactures immediately after V-J Day.

There's not much chance of nylons under the Christmas tree, Tilles said, as it will take about four and a half months to get production going.

First AGF Dog Handlers To Graduate Aug. 18

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The First Army Ground Force troops trained to handle war dogs in combat will be graduated Aug. 18 at Fort Robinson, Neb., the War Department announced today.

Previously QM troops were trained as war dog handlers and joined combat units as Quartermaster scout dog platoons.

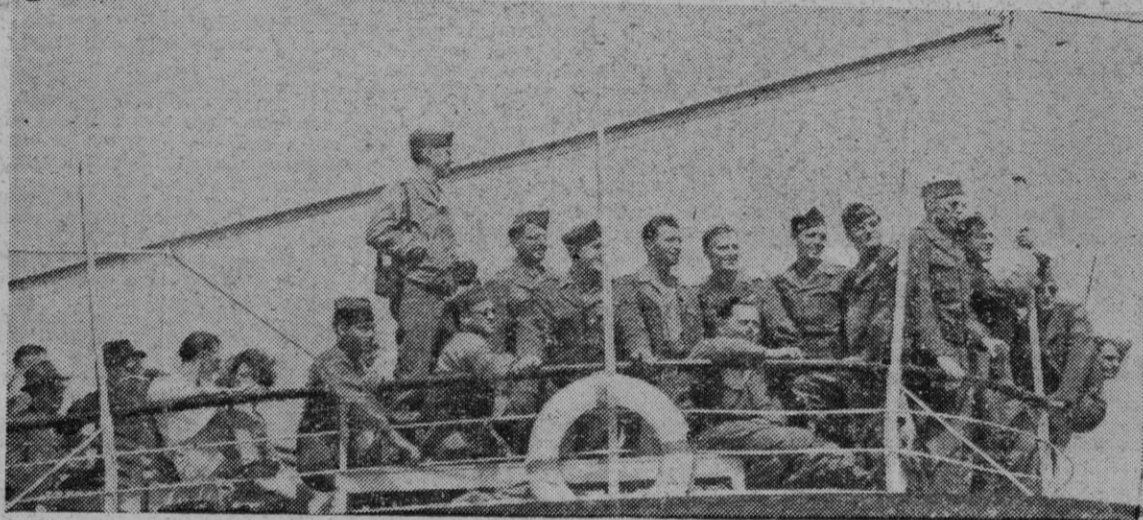
Waves' Chief Weds

JAFFREY, N.H., Aug. 12 (ANS).—Capt. Milfred H. McAfee, president of Wellesley College and director of the Waves, became the bride yesterday of the Rev. Dr. Douglas Horton of New York.

Yanks Roam a Tourist's Trail in a Land Unscarred by War



Vacationing U.S. soldiers amble through the tall grass of a hillside meadow above St. Moritz. Left to right: Cpl. D. B. Green, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Sgt. M. W. Sick, Rochester, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Joseph Halloran.



GIs relaxing on a seven-day travel-furlough in Switzerland crowd the rail of the upper deck on an excursion steamer to see the scenery around Lake Lucerne. Passengers see more interested in the Yanks.



Cpl. Louis F. Hewett, of Woonsocket, R.I., explains the meaning of his service stripes to a Swiss soldier he met at a railroad station.

Nazis Boosted Output for War Despite Raids

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—A captured German document released today showed that, despite years of Allied bombing, the Reich was steadily increasing production of many war materials right up to the time of its defeat.

The document, lifted from German files last spring, is the official report of the Reich Ministry for Armaments and War Production for 1944. It was made public by the Senate War Mobilization subcommittee to emphasize its contention that, even in defeat, Germany remains a grave threat to world peace.

Chairman Harley M. Kilgore (D-W.Va.) said the report "indicates the extent of de-industrialization necessary to achieve objectives enunciated by the Potsdam conference." It showed that three times as many armored fighting vehicles were produced in 1944 as in 1942, and more than three times as many fighter-bombers and eight times as many night fighter planes. The report called coal production the most critical problem. Military demands for fuel were met, it said, despite heavy damage to synthetic oil plants.

Using 1940 as a base year, the report said that ammunition production was 150 percent in 1942, 290 percent in 1943, and 390 percent in 1944. Production of Panther and Tiger tanks was almost double that of 1943.

Production of essential civilian goods was not far off. In 1943, for example, 159,000,000 pairs of shoes were delivered to the army and civilian workers in 1944. In other European countries, new footwear had been almost unknown for three years.

Britain to Aid Atom Control

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Clement Attlee tonight promised Britain's "full co-operation" with the U.S. in the control and use of atomic power so that "it may become a perennial fountain of world prosperity."

Berlin Fears Suicide Spree When Allies Turn On the Gas

BERLIN, Aug. 12 (UP).—Predicting a wholesale rise in the already large number of suicides when household gas is restored, German authorities here expressed hope today that the Allies would not restore the service for some time.

There were 250 suicides last month, and there appears to be little prospect of the rate falling. Highest rate is in the borough of Wilmersdorf, which coincidentally

had the largest percentage of Nazi party members before the defeat of Germany.

Dr. Anton Hasselmayer, German chief of Berlin's Criminal Investigation Department, attributed the suicides to the fact that "Nazis are unable to see the slightest hope for the future." He predicted an increase in murder and juvenile crimes if the winter proves severe, "because the whole city is already demoralized."

French Ask Part In Jap Surrender

France will consider her war with Japan over when the Big Four—the U.S., Britain, Russia and China—accept Japanese capitulation, although the surrender terms were not presented to the De Gaulle government, it was disclosed yesterday.

A request that France become a signatory to the Allied unconditional surrender terms for Japan was presented in Washington Saturday by French Ambassador Henri Bonnet and is being discussed by the Big Four.

Bonnet stated that the then French Provisional Government in Exile declared war on Japan Dec. 8, 1941, and that the De Gaulle regime contributed naval units and several bases to the Allies and planned to send 40,000 French troops to the Pacific theater.

VI Corps Non-Operational

WITH THE VI CORPS, SEVENTH ARMY, Germany, Aug. 12.—For the first time in more than two and a half years overseas, the VI Corps is non-operational. Veterans of three major amphibious operations against the Germans at Salerno, Anzio and Southern France, the men and officers of the Corps are now located in Esslingen, Germany, where they are undergoing an intensive program, both training and recreational, preparatory to their redeployment to the United States.

Chinese Battle For Rail Center

CHUNGKING, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Fierce fighting southwest of Chuanhsien, an important railroad town about 70 miles northeast of Kweilin and last barrier to ejection of the enemy from northern Kwangsi province, was reported last night by the Chinese high command.

Other Chinese units advanced east of Kweilin, a communiqué said. Chinese in this sector were approaching Lungfukwan on the Kwangsi-Hunan border.

GIs Prefer Fraternization To USO Shows, Actor Says

By Tom Hoge
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WIESBADEN, Aug. 12.—GIs, when up at the front used to sit on their helmets in the rain and watch a USO show from beginning to end, are now so satiated with entertainment that they yawn through a couple of acts and then walk out to fraternize or count their discharge points.

That is the experience of Jerry Lawton, 63-year-old juggler from Providence, R.I., who for the last three years has been performing for line troops in virtually every combat theater from Guadalcanal to Metz.

"You can't blame the kids," said

Britain Will Fly Hess to Trial At Nuremberg Army Reveals Execution of 15 Yanks by Nazis

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Rudolf Hess Nazi man of mystery, will be flown from Britain to Nuremberg this month to stand trial with other German war criminals, a correspondent of the Sunday Dispatch reported here today.

While it was understood a British prosecutor would conduct the case against Hess, the London War Office would not comment, pointing out "there was a complete blackout on all movements of war criminals in this country."

Earlier, it had been believed Hess' mental condition would not permit an early trial.

Meanwhile, the trial of four Nazi concentration camp wardens, accused of murdering more than 100 Hungarian Jews, was scheduled to begin Tuesday in Vienna. It will be the first war criminals' trial by the newly-formed Austrian People's Court.

The London radio also picked up an announcement by Prague reporting the arrest in Karlsbad of seven youthful werewolves, all former members of the Hitler Youth.

Shaw Still at It at 89

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—George Bernard Shaw, 89, is working on his first new play in six years, the Evening Standard reported yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).

—The Germans executed 15 American soldiers in Italy in March, 1944, with complete disregard for the rules of warfare, the War Department revealed yesterday.

The bodies of two officers and 13 enlisted men, all in uniform, were discovered in a common grave in northern Italy shortly before V-E Day by American troops.

The hands of the dead men were tied behind their back and shoes were missing from each body, the War Department said.

Every effort has been made to catch the Nazi war criminals responsible for the mass execution and several suspects are in custody and will be brought to trial soon.

The 15 Americans were captured while carrying out military operations behind German lines, the War Department said.

They had been put ashore by PT boats at night to blow up a railroad tunnel.

The executed men were: Lt. Vincent J. Russo, Montclair, N.J.; 1/Lt. Paul J. Trafigante, New York; T/Sgt. Livio Veceli, Manor, Pa.; Sgt. Dominick C. Manure, New York; Sgt. Alfred L. Deflumeri, Natick, Mass.; and T/5 Salvatore Disclafani, Brooklyn; Santoro Calcara, Detroit; Joseph M. Farrel, Southport, Conn.; John J. Leone, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Joseph A. Libardi, West Stockbridge, Mass.; Joseph Noia, New York; Thomas N. Savino, Brooklyn; Angelo Sirico, Brooklyn; Rosario F. Squatrito, Staten Island, N.Y.; Liberty J. Tremonte, Westport, Conn.

Finns Threaten Strike, Assail War-Trial Delay

HELSINKI, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Organized labor threatened a general strike today "unless those responsible for the country's present misfortunes are immediately brought to trial and a satisfactory answer is given to the proletariat by Monday."

The Helsinki radio, which reported the ultimatum, quoted Prime Minister Juhu Paasikivi as replying that his government would consider the question and abide by any decision made by Parliament.

Lawton, "it's just that we're feeding them too much stuff now. Back in Stuttgart last week we went on with a night performance of 'Something For the Boys' after another troupe had done a matinee in the same theater. You got to be a Barrymore to get away with that."

Lawton, who despite his 46 years of trouping, looks about half his age, says front line performing gave him the biggest thrill of his career.

"Those kids in the line are wonderful," he chuckled. "We didn't have much time to rehearse, riding around the front in a jeep, and sometime the stuff was pretty corny, but they really went for it."

Price in Blood—U.S. Pays 260,000 Lives to Win War

350 Billions Set As Cost of Axis Defeat

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (UP).—The U.S. has paid more than 260,000 lives to win history's greatest conflict. In cash, the nation paid more than \$299,408,000,000.

For every life lost and every dollar spent by this country in World War I, five lives were lost and more than \$6 were spent this time. Total cost of this war is expected to reach \$350,000,000,000.

Selective Service inducted 16,000,000 men into the armed services out of nearly 23,000,000 processed. Additional hundreds of thousands served as enlistees while still under age. Peak strength of the armed services at any given time, however, was about 11,500,000 men and women.

Roughly, a third of the casualties was incurred and a third of the money was spent in the defeat of Japan. The rest went toward subduing Germany.

650,000 Wounded

The monetary cost will mount during the years to come—there will be interest on government borrowing, benefits to veterans and spending to keep the peace. The killing will stop now, but the cost in broken lives will last generations, with more than 650,000 wounded.

Total U.S. casualties for the whole war are about 1,075,000, which includes approximately 925,000 Army casualties and 150,000 in the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. German-Italian casualties were about 800,000. The Pacific total as of now includes about 100,000 dead, but when final reports are made the death toll will be increased by many thousand more, since many now carried as missing or prisoners will be found to have perished.

In the war against Germany and Italy, 150,000 were listed as dead out of 800,000 casualties. In the first World War 54,000 were killed among 260,000 U.S. casualties.

299 Billions Spent

America began her war expenditures long before the country actually entered the conflict. Through lend-lease shipments and other aid the U.S. supported democracies already fighting against aggression while this country began to remedy its almost complete unpreparedness.

From July, 1940, the beginning of the fiscal year in which war spending started, through Aug. 8, 1945, the flood of dollars spent on the war reached \$299,408,000,000 and at least another \$50,000,000,000 must be spent before the nation can consider itself back on a peacetime budget.

No exact computation can be made of the amount spent in beating Germany and the amount spent against Japan, but most experts believe about two-thirds of the total may be charged against the European war.

The cost of World War I is placed at \$55,345,000,000 and this figure includes expenses which continued for many years after the war as well as the unpaid war debt.

Army Invites Officers to Stay

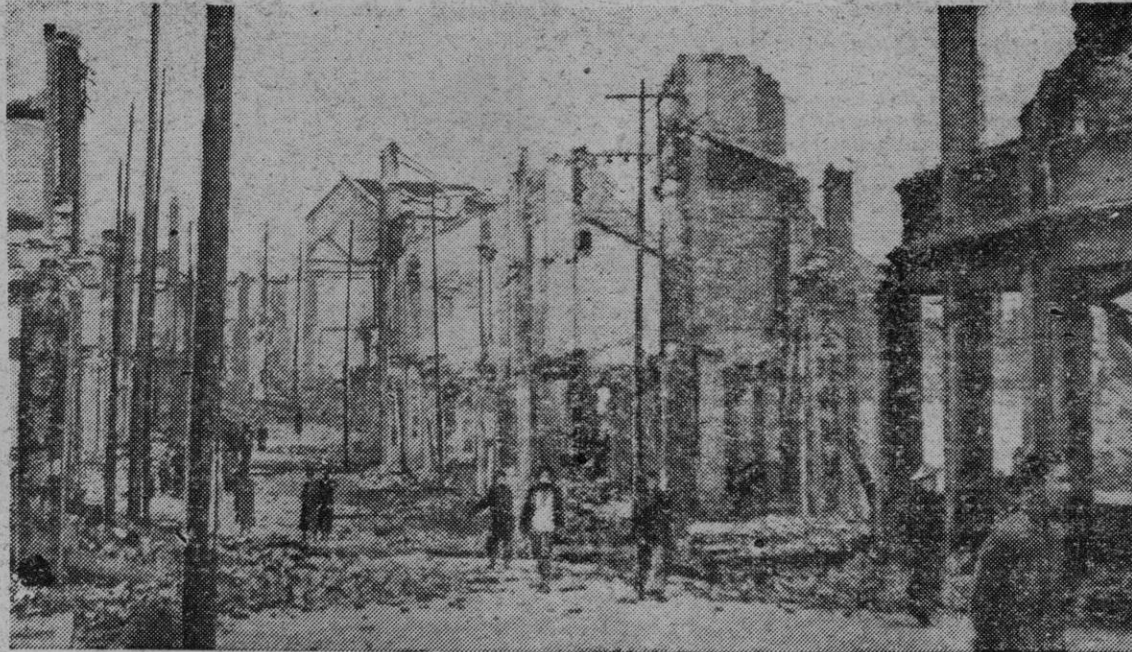
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The Army announced today that officers commissioned during the war would be invited to apply for commissions in the Regular Army.

A draft of a War Department circular on "interest in commissions in the Regular Army" emphasized that the plan for choosing and integrating officers in the Regular Army officers corps, as well as the eventual size of that corps, would finally be determined by Congress.

In the meantime, however, officers were invited to submit a "statement of interest" which lists education, business and military experience. Indorsements and evaluations from immediate commanding officers are required.

The draft of the circular said: "The War Department will recommend that those officers integrated into the Regular Army will be of such age and physical condition as will permit them to serve for a reasonably long time before being retired. No officer will be appointed in a grade higher than that which he held in wartime."

Retreating Japs Leave a Ravaged and Shattered Liuchow



This photograph of a main thoroughfare in Liuchow was taken on the first day Chinese troops moved into the city. The retreating Jap forces burned and plundered the city for a week before.

FBI Prevented Even One Act of Axis Sabotage

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP).—The Federal Bureau of Investigation caught up with Axis saboteurs so quickly that there has not been a single case of successful foreign-directed sabotage in the U.S. since Pearl Harbor.

The 45 criminal convictions for sabotage in 1944 mostly involved acts of plain, unthinking spite. But real Axis wrecking crews, trained in Nazi spy methods, were in the country and ready to disrupt America's war effort. They could have caused a reign of terror fierce enough to shake the nation; but they were caught.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, believes this was because his men were prepared to move fast in rounding up some 16,000 enemy aliens.

When FBI agents swept down on 25,881 enemy premises, they found secret arsenals containing 4,626 firearms, 306,247 rounds of ammunition, 2,240 sticks of dynamite, 3,127 short-wave radio receiving sets, 4,245 cameras, Japanese and German uniforms, code books, charts, maps and factory plans, as well as daggers, torches and poison.

When President Roosevelt in 1939 designated the FBI as co-ordinating agency for all counter-espionage-fifth column activities, the FBI systematically spotted likely foreign saboteurs thereby preventing completion of even a single act of sabotage.

In the first World War, more than 20 separate agencies were striving at the same task in the U.S. and there were scores of major disasters.

Spellman to Tour Pacific

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The office of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of New York said last night that Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, military vicar of the armed forces, would leave today to tour the Pacific war theater. The archbishop will visit Guam, Saipan, Okinawa and the Philippines and expects to return to New York by Oct. 4.

Boy Prince, Heir to Hirohito, Gets Big Play in Tokyo Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Tokyo morning newspapers today, possibly in anticipation of demands for the removal of Emperor Hirohito, featured stories and pictures of 11-year-old Kotoishi Akihito, heir-apparent to the throne of Japan.

The unusual publicity reportedly given the young Crown Prince followed by 24 hours the creation of a special household staff for him. Broadcasts heard by the Federal Communications Commission stressed that the Crown Prince lived on rationed food and showed great



Groups of Chinese youngsters, made homeless by the Japs' destruction of Liuchow, roam the streets of the city hunting for scraps to eat.

POEs to Speed Carriers Beat Shift to States

BRUSSELS, Aug. 12 (UP).—The Chanor Base Section, which handles all Army redeployment from the ports of Antwerp and Le Havre, is ready to step up the shipment of GIs homeward as soon as shipping is available. Brig. Gen. Egmont F. Koenig said today.

Additional shipping probably will become available almost immediately after a Japanese surrender, he said, although some vessels may need reconversion before they are capable of carrying large numbers of troops.

The general added that the end of the Pacific war will also release additional thousands of GIs from Europe who are presently employed waterproofing, packing and reerating supplies being shifted to the Pacific.

German PWs Earn \$2,000,000 for U.S.

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill., Aug. 12 (ANS).—German prisoners of war working in Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan performed jobs valued at about \$3,620,000 in the first seven months of 1945, officials said yesterday.

Of the total, approximately \$2,035,000 represented sums paid into the U.S. treasury by civilians using prisoner-of-war labor where civilian labor was not available.

Carriers Beat Japs—Mitscher

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher declared yesterday that "Japan is beaten, and carrier supremacy defeated her."

The former commander of Task Force 58, now designated to be Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air), made this statement in a message to the Naval Air Force.

"Carrier supremacy destroyed her Army and Navy Air Forces," he said of the enemy "carrier supremacy destroyed her fleet, carrier supremacy gave us bases adjacent to her home islands and carrier supremacy finally left her exposed to the most devastating sky attack—the atomic bomb—that man has suffered."

Mitscher went on to say he did not mean that air power by itself won the war with Japan.

"We exercised our carrier supremacy as part of a balanced, integrated air-surface-ground team in which all hands may be proud of the roles assigned them and of the way in which their duties were discharged," he said.

Ike Visits Moscow, Sees Red Athletes

MOSCOW, Aug. 12 (UP).—Gen. Eisenhower, visiting in Moscow as the guest of the Russian government, today attended mass physical culture demonstrations in Red Square. Eisenhower was accompanied by Premier Stalin. Tens of thousands of Soviet athletes exhibited their physical training system for the former Supreme Allied Commander.

Earlier, Eisenhower decorated Gen. Antonov, chief of the Red Army general staff with the Legion of Merit. The certificate for the decoration was personally signed by President Truman.

De Gaulle U.S. Trip in 2 Weeks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, president of the French provisional government, will visit President Truman here in approximately two weeks, French Ambassador Henri Bonnet indicated yesterday.

Freedom Near For Heroes of Wake, Bataan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Long years of imprisonment and torture for Americans captured on Bataan, Corregidor and Wake Island in the early days of the war appeared near their end yesterday. The estimated 26,000 American fighting men—plus 41,000 U.S. civilians—have waited more than three years in Japanese prison camps.

Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, in command when Corregidor fell, was last reported held prisoner at Mukden in Manchuria, after transfer from a Formosan camp in November, 1944. Moved with him were 17 other generals, 119 colonels, six Navy captains and 34 enlisted men, all captured at Corregidor.

Maj. James P. Devereux, who led the heroic but futile fight at Wake Island, was believed to be imprisoned at Shanghai. More than 400 military personnel and 1,000 civilian construction workers were captured on Wake.

Mystery surrounds the fate of the survivors of the 18,000 American soldiers captured on Bataan in April, 1942, after a four-month fight against hopeless odds. Only a few thousand were liberated when Gen. Douglas MacArthur recaptured the Philippines.

Many succumbed on the "March of Death" from Bataan. Others died by the thousands in Japanese prison camps in the Philippines. At one prison, Camp O'Donnell, about 2,200 American prisoners died in April and May, 1942, the Army and Navy reported. In the camp at Cabanatuan about 3,000 Americans died up to the end of October, 1942.

The rest of the men who were captured on Bataan and Corregidor were shipped to new camps in China, Japan, Formosa and possibly the East Indies. Attempts were made constantly by the State Department and the American Red Cross to ease the plight of military and civilian prisoners held by the Japanese. They met with varying success.

Rescue Ships Ready To Rush to Singapore

KANDY, Ceylon, Aug. 12 (UP).—Help for the approximately 20,000 Allied war prisoners in and around Singapore, once the war ends, received a top priority today at Southeast Asia Command headquarters.

Plans were made to send rescue ships at full speed to Singapore when Japan capitulates.

Elizabeth Brings Home 15,000 GIs Yelling With Joy

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The Queen Elizabeth arrived yesterday with nearly 15,000 troops, all of whom yelled with joy over the Jap offer to surrender.

All agreed news announcements over the ship's public address system during the week made it "some trip." Monday they heard of the new atomic bomb, Wednesday they learned Russia had entered the war, and Friday they heard of the Jap offer.

As the ship pulled into her berth, the veterans crowded the rail and portholes cheering, whistling, throwing shredded paper, waving caps and even shirts. Many exuberantly tossed souvenir coins onto the dock.

As debarkation began the soldiers boomed officers who were allowed to leave first. Finally, pored with this, they boomed MPs and Navy officers.

The bulk of the men came from the Eighth Air Force. Five other transports arriving yesterday brought the day's total to approximately 19,500 men.

Torpedoed Allied PWs Saved by 4 U.S. Subs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Four American submarines rescued 49 British and Australian war prisoners, survivors of the torpedoing of the Japanese prison ship Rakuyu Maru which was taking them from Singapore to Japan, the Navy Department announced today.

Some of the men had drifted on debris in the open sea for five days before being rescued, and seven of the group died of exposure and the results of three years' imprisonment before the submarines could reach port.

Cubs Widen NL Margin; Tigers Trip Red Sox

Giant Rookie Beats Cards; Bums Triumph

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Catcher Phil Masi slammed shut the no-hit door in Claude Passeau's face with two outs in the eighth inning yesterday but the big Cub righthander twirled his club to an 8-0 victory over the Braves, lengthening Chicago's National League lead over the Cardinals to five and a half games.

After Masi singled, Pinch-Hitter Morris Aderholt followed with another hit. Then Passeau settled down again and preserved his shutout.

The Cubs scored enough runs off Bob Logan in the first inning to win. They got to Logan for two runs and, although they made 11 hits during the game, left 15 runners stranded, failing to score again until the ninth when Johnny Hutchings and Don Hendrickson were victimized for six runs.

Cards Stopped With 6 Hits

Adrian Zada, recalled by the Giants from Jersey City last week, made his first start a good one, setting down the Cardinals with six hits as he coasted to a 10-1 triumph. Manager Billy Southworth employed five pitchers and none was able to stem New York's 14-hit attack which netted runs in six of the first seven innings.

Bud Byerly, Ken Gardner, Al Jurisich, Johnny Crouch and Jack Creel took turns on the hill for the Cards, with Byerly being the loser. Billy Jurgens homered for the Giants off Jurisich in the sixth inning. Zada lost his shutout in the fourth inning when Floyd Young doubled and Debs Garms singled.

Webber Checks Reds

Another recently recalled pitcher won yesterday when Les Webber, who was recalled from Montreal, twirled the Dodgers to a 5-2 verdict over the Reds, giving the Flock a clean sweep of the five-game series. Webber stifled the Reds with six hits, including Al Lakeman's homerun with a man aboard in the fifth inning.

The Bums peppered Elmer Riddle liberally and he lasted only five innings. Goody Rosen was the big gun against Riddle, Mike Modak and Hod Lisenbee with four singles. The Bums scored twice in the fourth inning on Johnny Peacock's double, added another run in the fifth and finished with two more in the eighth.

The Pirates and Phillies were not scheduled.

Only Flyers Triumph

The Only Flyers racked up their 25th success of the baseball season by shading 6960 Repple Depple, 4-3.

Nakama Wins 200-Meter Event As AAU Swim Meet Opens

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 12.—Keo Nakama, ending his competitive swimming career in the States before returning to his native Hawaii as a government official, got off to a flying start in his quest for another triple National AAU swimming crown here yesterday when he captured the 200-meter free style title.

Nakama, representing Ohio State, defeated Milford Maloney, of the Buffalo AC, by five yards in 2:18.7. Last year Nakama won the 400-, 800- and 1,500-meter races, but he dropped defense of the 1,500-meter event this time to try for the 200 and give the Buckeyes a better chance for the team title.

Norman Sper Jr., of Hollywood, slender 19-year-old entrant, retained his three-meter springboard diving title in a field rated by the AAU as one of the strongest in history. Bruce Harlan, of Jacksonville, Fla., was second, and Frank McGuigan, of San Francisco, was third.

Jimmy McLane, 14-year-old Akron speedster who was barely nipped by Nakama last year in the 1,500-meter grid, turned the race into a rout this year by winning by 80 meters over Ross Dan, of Oakland, Cal. Michigan State splashed to victory in the 300-meter medley relay, nosing out Great Lakes in 3:32.4.

Hasterville Triumphs

CAMDEN, N.J., Aug. 12.—Hasterville nipped Olympic Zenith by less than a length in winning the \$15,000 Quaker City Handicap at Garden State Park before 27,254 fans. Cedar Farm's George Case finished third.

ARC to Conduct Swimming Meet

The American Red Cross will stage a swimming meet for GIs, Wacs and ARC girls next Sunday night at 7 o'clock in the Columbia Club pool, Paris.

Entries, which close Thursday at midnight, will be accepted at any Red Cross club in Paris until the deadline.

Lamotta KO's Jose Basora

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Jake Lamotta, pulverizing Bronx middleweight, stopped vaunted Jose Basora in the ninth round of their scheduled ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

It was their fourth meeting, the rivals having exchanged victories and battled to a draw in their previous three meetings. This one was Lamotta's from start to finish. Jake, the 8-5 favorite, began reaching Basora with his lethal right hand in the first round, and the only wonder to the 14,907 who contributed a gate of \$40,238 was that Basora lasted as long as he did.

It was an accumulative pounding rather than one punch that finished the Puerto Rican. Basora fell into a clinch midway in the ninth round and when referee Johnny Burns pried the battlers apart, Basora just collapsed to the canvas. He was dragged to his corner where he had to rest ten minutes under the care of his handlers before being able to walk from the ring.

Johnny Bratton Loses

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 12.—Dave Castilloux, veteran lightweight from Montreal, outpointed Johnny Bratton of Chicago in the top ten-rounder here last night.

AHL to Launch Season on Oct. 16

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The American Hockey League has voted to abandon its present officiating system of a referee and head linesman and instead will use two referees of equal power and responsibility. President Maurice Podoloff said today.

The league also adopted a new constitution at yesterday's day-long session, and tabled the application of the Toronto Maple Leafs for the establishment of a farm team in Rochester.

Under present plans, the league season will open on Oct. 16 and run through March 17, although a formal schedule was not adopted.

Running Cheek to Cheek



Coming home as if they were hitched together, the Norman W. Church entry of Safe Reward (2), ridden by Georgie Woolf, and Plucky Lea (2A), ridden by Doug Dodson, race for the wire in the third race at Washington Park. Plucky Lea won the photo finish.

Adonis Takes Travers Stakes; N.Y. Crowd Sets Betting Mark

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The 76th running of America's oldest turf classic produced a major upset when William Helis' Adonis captured the Travers Stakes at Belmont Park yesterday as a crowd of 44,125 bet a record \$4,035,465 on the eight-race card.

Adonis, out of the money in five previous starts this year and winner of only one event last year, paid \$53.50 after finishing the mile and a quarter with three lengths to spare over Ed. Bradley's Burning Dream.

Burning Dream had another five lengths on George Widener's Sir Francis. Then came Walter M. Jefford's Pavot, winner of the Belmont Stakes over the same track two months ago and the bettors' choice this time.

More than \$140,000 was turned over to war relief by track officials. The former record betting mark was \$3,951,000, established by 43,701 customers at Belmont on June 9.

Beaugay Wins Rich Filly Test in Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Beaugay, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham's sprightly daughter of Stimulus, won the \$43,000 Princess Pat Stakes for 2-year-old fillies at Washington Park yesterday, beating Col. C. V. Whitney's Enfilade by six lengths. Breezy Louise was third.

Backed down to favoritism by the 22,000 railbirds, Beaugay broke speedily, shook off a momentary challenge from Lamme and responded to Jockey Doug Dodson's mild urging to win easily. The winner paid \$2.80, \$2.40 and \$2.20. Enfilade returned \$2.60 and \$2.20, while Breezy Louise paid \$2.40.

Air Sailor outfooted War Jeep in the secondary feature—the \$32,000 Dick Welles Handicap. Owned by Lt. Cmdr. T. D. Buhl of Detroit, Air Sailor closed fast to win the mile test, paying \$43.40.

First Fiddle Repeats Suffolk Downs Victory

BOSTON, Aug. 12.—First Fiddle repeated his 1944 triumph when he raced to victory in the \$50,000 Massachusetts Handicap at Suffolk Downs yesterday before more than 35,000 fans who ended the afternoon in a riot.

The crowd became unruly when judges disqualified Johnny Junior, winner of the seventh race. People swarmed on the track, threw bottles and debris at the stewards and one group set fire to an official's motorcycle. The eighth race was canceled because state law forbids racing after 7 PM.

First Fiddle defeated Dinner Party by a length and a half, with Megogo saving show money. The winner netted \$3.60, \$2.80 and \$2.40.

Griffs Remain One Game Out; Yanks Lose

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The Tigers maintained their slim one-game lead over the Senators in the American League whirl by shading the Red Sox yesterday, 5-4, while the Griffs were pounding their way to an 11-2 romp over the White Sox.

Johnny Lazor was the only Boston batter to trouble Les Mueller, driving in all of his team's runs with two homeruns. Mueller, although gaining credit for the victory, departed after Lazor rifled his second shot over the fence and George Caster, acquired from the Browns last week, finished for the Tigers.

The Tigers rapped George Woods for one run in the first inning on a triple by Joe Hoover and an infield out, then broke loose for four more runs in the second inning on four doubles and a single.

Dutch Leonard vanquished the White Sox for the fifth time this season, rationing six hits along the route. Orval Grove, who failed to weather a five-run uprising on seven hits in the first inning, was the losing pitcher.

Clift Swats Four Hits

Leonard contributed two singles to the cause, but it was Harland Clift who drove in four runs to lead the Griffs to victory and a split in the four-game series. Johnny Dickshot drove in both Chicago runs, one with a homer in the third and the other on a long fly in the sixth.

The Indians drove Walt Dubiel to the showers in the first inning with five runs, then held their lead safe the rest of the way to beat the Yankees, 5-3, and give Steve Gromek his 13th win of the year. Dubiel failed to retire a single man, yielding a triple to Dutch Meyer, a double to Manager Lou Boudreau, a single to Pat Scerey and two walks before Joe Page arrived.

Gromek allowed two runs on three hits in the second inning and a homerun by Bud Metheny, his sixth of the season, in the third inning. In all, the Yankees collected five hits from his offerings.

The Athletics and Browns enjoyed a scheduled day of rest.

Talbert to Face Segura in Finals

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Defending Champion Billy Talbert and Pancho Segura yesterday stroked their way into the final round of the Eastern Grass Courts tennis championships, annual preview of the Nationals.

Talbert overpowered Frank Shields, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3, while Segura took the measure of Sidney Wood, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

Pauline Betz came from behind to attain the women's final with a 6-8, 7-5, 6-3 triumph over Louise Brough, the defending titleholder. Miss Betz meets Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke today for the seventh time this season. Mrs. Cooke eliminated Margaret Osborne, 6-3, 9-7, 6-3, in their semi-final yesterday.

71st Div. Wins Opener, 2-1

By Ed Brown
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NUREMBERG, Germany, Aug. 12.—Nearly 30,000 GIs took advantage of the first clear day in a week to come to Nuremberg's Soldiers Field today to see two evenly matched baseball teams—their rosters studded with former professional and college stars—battle in a doubleheader to determine the Third Army championship.

In the opener, the 71st Inf. Div. won, 2-1, in the 12th inning. It was a pitchers' battle between ex-New York Giant Ken Trinkle, pitching for the 76th, and Bill Ayers, Newnan, Ga., formerly of the Atlanta Club of the Southern Association.

The winning run came with one out. Lawing hit a two-bagger out to the centerfield fence. Moore, who had driven in the earlier run, drove him in with another long drive to center.

66th Cops XVI Corps Title

CHANTILLY, France, Aug. 12.—The 66th Inf. Div. turned back the 17th Airborne Div., 3-1, here today to annex the XVI Corps baseball championship and the right to tackle the USFET-GFRC titlist Tuesday for a position in the ETO championships at Nuremberg, Germany, Aug. 23.

The Black Panthers scored their first run in the opening inning on a single by Bob Witt, a balk and another single by Ray Turnbull. The 17th knotted the count in the fourth inning on a single by Lisle Davis and a long triple by Bill Goss, but the 66th bounced back with one run in the sixth inning on another hit by Turnbull and added another in the eighth.

The Airborne club missed an opportunity to score in the seventh inning when Clarence Smith clouted a triple after Pitcher Steve Lagomarsino, who had singled to open the session, was caught off first base. The next two batters went down swinging.

Witt and Turnbull, each with two hits, paced the winners, while Smith, Davis and Goss each collected two hits for the Airborne.

Grid Giants Sign Two Ex-Marines

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The grid Giants of the National Football League today had their first two players in the fold for 1945 when Robert Gainer and Harold Springer, marine discharges, forwarded their signed contracts. Gainer is an end and Springer is a tackle.

The Pittsburgh Steelers came up with Pepper Petrella, former Penn State star who was discharged by the AAF after 73 bombing missions.

Wins ETO Crown



1/Lt. Bill Tribou leads his Com Z teammate, 2/Lt. Andy Neidig, to the wire in the 1,500-meter romp during the ETO track and field championships at Soldiers Field, Nuremberg.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Detroit, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, New York, Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia, and Washington at St. Louis.

National League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include New York, Brooklyn, Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh at Boston.

Minor League Results

International League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Jersey City, Toronto, Newark, Syracuse, Montreal, and Buffalo.

American Association

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Toledo, Kansas City, Louisville, and St. Paul.

Eastern League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Hartford, Binghamton, Utica, Wilkes-Barre, Albany, and Hartford.

Runs for the Week

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Muckerman to Fight For Night Baseball

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 12.—Richard C. Muckerman, new owner of the St. Louis Browns, said today he would wage a determined fight to keep night baseball as a regular fare in St. Louis.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

Table with columns: Time, TODAY, TOMORROW. Lists radio programs like 1200-World News, 1205-Off the Record, 1301-Paris Pass, etc.

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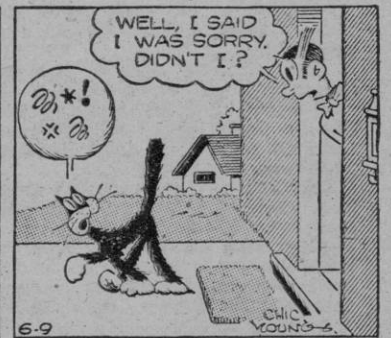
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Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: SGT. David Herschenhaus, Bronx-An...

girl, Aug. 5; Cpl. Charles W. D. Weedon, Dover, Mo.—Mary Jane, Aug. 2; Lt. Eugene L. Foster, Rochester, N.H.—Kaye Louise, Aug. 6; Lt. Albert Silla, Alliquippa, Pa.—girl, Aug. 4.

boy, Aug. 3; Pfc Saul Stain, Waco, Tex.—William Leon, Aug. 6. SGT Thaddeus Zebrowski, Brooklyn—Robert Joseph, Aug. 3; Pvt Albert Harrington, Rose City, Mich.—Milford Lawrence, July 26; Sgt. C. E. Bernard, Waterville, Me.—Paul Jerrold, Aug. 2.

John J. Knutsen, Cleveland—girl, Aug. 6; Capt. Lee N. Booth—girl, Aug. 4; Capt. Wesson E. Schulz, Pontiac, Mich.—Lauren Kay, Aug. 1. PFC Floyd Venter, Waterloo, Iowa—Vicki Jo, Aug. 5; T-5 Harold E. Gall, Springfield, Ohio—James Edward, Aug. 4; T-5 Laurence Ables, Harvey, Ill.—Terry Carl, Aug. 5; Lt. Wallace L. Cobb, Walla-Walla, Wash.—girl, Aug. 5; Pvt. Paulie Coonis, Springfield, Mo.—twins, boy and girl, Aug. 4; Cpl. Dan L. McLaurin, Rowland, N.C.—Dan L. Aug. 3.

Japs to Forfeit Empire Built on 50-Year Aggression

Nippon to Have Only 4 Isles, As Perry Found It

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Japan, under terms of the Potsdam peace formula, will be stripped of the overseas empire she has won during the last 50 years and will be reduced to her four principal home islands "plus a few others to be designated by the Allies."

Japan will be returned to the proportions of the tight little island nation that Commodore Perry opened in 1853.

Her overseas empire stretched from the Arctic to the tropics on December 7, 1941. Japan of 1945 will measure 148,756 square miles in area and 1,100 miles in length, and in that tight space there will be at least 75,000,000 people—500 a square mile. The population density of the U.S. is 44 persons a square mile.

Without an army or navy, a merchant fleet or her Asiatic mainland industries, she will have to absorb her people in her agrarian and small home industries.

Under the Potsdam formula, Japan must surrender:

Manchuria, 40,000,000 population, 503,000 square miles, richest of the former Chinese provinces and center of the Japanese decentralized and expanded steel industry.

Korea, 23,000,000 population, 85,000 square miles.

Kwantung Peninsula, 1,700,000 population, 1,440 square miles, including Port Arthur, which Japan took from Russia in 1905, and the great seaport of Dairen.

Karafuto, southern half of Sakhalin Island, whose fish-rich waters have fed Japan throughout the war, 336,000 population, 13,390 square miles.

Formosa, island of 13,880 square miles and 5,250,000 population which Japan forced China to cede after the Sino-Japanese war of 1895. China insists upon recovery of Formosa.

The Pescadore Islands, between Formosa and the China coast, which China demands be returned to her.

The Ryukyu Islands, including Okinawa, lying between Formosa and Kyushu, southernmost of the home islands. Since President Truman affirmed American policy of maintaining vital bases, the U.S. may keep prior rights to Okinawa and the rest of the Ryukyu chain.

The Marshall, Caroline, Mariana and Palau Islands, which Japan won by mandate from the League of Nations, after the World War. These include Saipan and Yap.

The disputed Spratly Islands, seven in number, consisting of 247 acres of coral reefs in the South China Sea. Both France and Great Britain have disputed Japanese possession.

In addition, the whole "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" has been dissolved. That means Japan must withdraw from all non-Japanese territory its armies have occupied, including Malaya, Burma, the Dutch East Indies, Borneo, Indo-China, Thailand and China.

UAW Demands Prewar Weekend Wage Setup

DETROIT, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The CIO United Automobile Workers informed President Truman that beginning August 27 it would no longer abide by the wartime executive order against premium pay for Saturday, Sunday and holiday work.

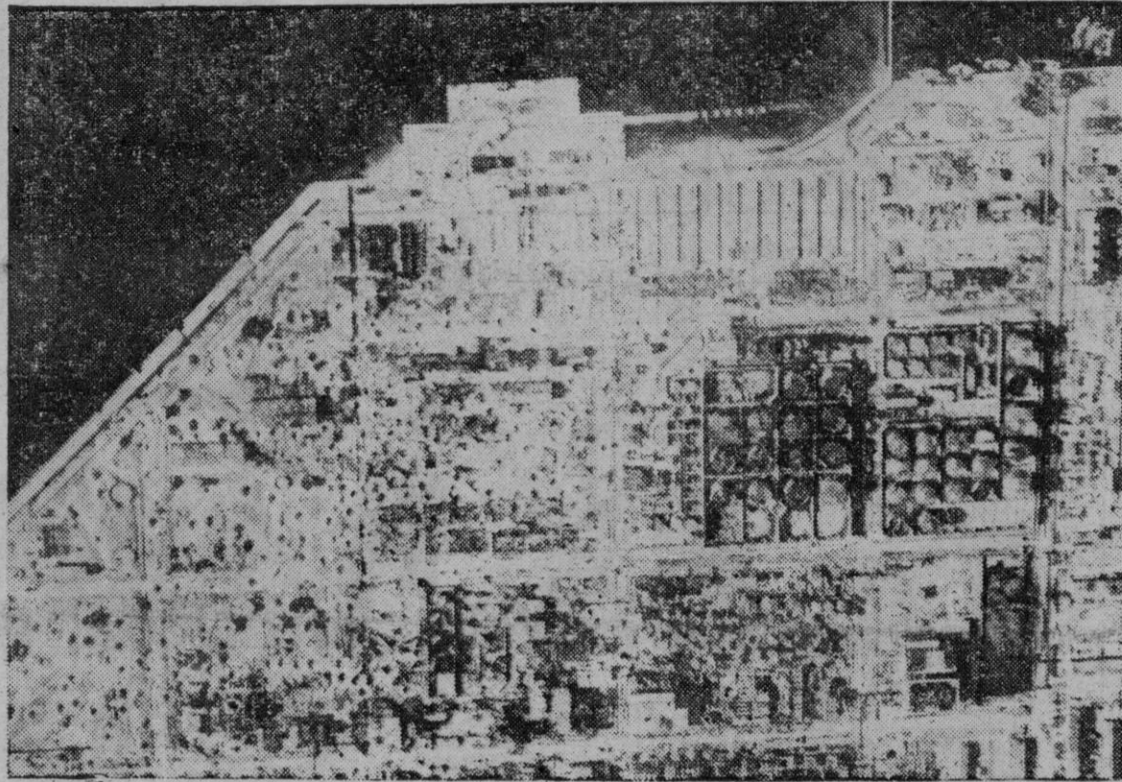
R. J. Thomas, union president, said in a letter to the White House that the union now proposes to return to prewar arrangements, under which a worker received extra pay for such time, regardless of whether he had worked 40 hours previously during the week.

Peace or Not, U.S. Plans Super Aviation Gas

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The Petroleum Administration for War announced today a program for the production of a new super aviation gasoline of a higher grade than the standard 100-octane type now in use.

"Talk of peace will not cause any slowing down or change of plans in the worldwide petroleum program," Deputy Solid Fuels Administrator Polish Davies said.

Navy Bombers Blow the Lids Off Jap Oil Storage Tanks



Bomb craters pock the area around oil storage tanks near the Iwakuni airfield on Honshu, after attacks by U.S. carrier-based planes. Many of the tanks were destroyed while others (center) had tops blown off.

Washington Expects Japs To Bow Today

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danger of internal split and conflict."

A broadcast Domei dispatch contained what was represented as an official communique ordering "an offensive against the enemy," but a later broadcast asked that this line be deleted. The line might have been inserted by military leaders and then removed by a higher command.

The Japanese public still had not been informed by its own radio and press of the attempt to surrender, but newspapers appeared to be preparing the way for a surrender announcement with a series of guardedly phrased articles.

Abdication Suggested

There also was unusual space given to the activities of the 11-year-old Crown Prince Akihito, including pictures and articles reporting his interest and anxiety in the air raids. This publicity campaign gave rise to speculation that Hirohito, who would be reduced virtually to the status of a puppet under the surrender terms, might abdicate, and that the boy prince might ascend the throne under a regency created to carry out the orders of the Allied commander.

The Allied reply to Tokyo's original peace offer reached Bern, Switzerland, at 9:05 o'clock last night, was decoded in 20 minutes and handed immediately to the Japanese ambassador there for transmission to his government. But Japan apparently was eager to know the answer without waiting for diplomatic channels, and stopped for once its continuous efforts to jam the American radio station on Saipan.

President Truman, after a busy Saturday, appeared at the executive offices at 8 AM today, apparently to await developments.

Celebrating Yanks Jump Gun On Britain's Two-Day Holiday

LONDON, Aug. 12.—While American troops touched off many an unofficial celebration of their own, the British government today scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday as national holidays in expectation of a Japanese surrender by tomorrow.

The Home Office recommended to Britons "all such public rejoicing and festivity as may be practical," but many an Englishman found himself already enmeshed in snake dances, impromptu parades and songfests staged by gleeful U.S. troops.

With most pubs drained by the recent bank holiday, crowds were having difficulty finding extra beer and whisky supplies. U.S. troops quenched their thirst on cokes at the Red Cross Rainbow Corner service club in Piccadilly.

A Slightly Better Atom Bomb—And World Could Kill Itself

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—An explosive of such unimaginable destructive force as to wipe out all civilization may be attained by only a "slight" improvement in the present atomic bomb.

This was announced yesterday by the War Department in a statement declaring that the present bomb releases only about one-tenth of one percent of its potential energy.

"If the bomb could be improved only slightly," the statement said, "civilization would have the means to commit suicide at will."

Revealing a few details of the bomb, whose introduction was followed by Japan's surrender offer, the War Department said the weapon is detonated high over the target to achieve maximum blast effect against structures.

Guard Against Radioactivity

The high explosion also is designed to disseminate radioactive products of the blast. "Practically all," the department said, "are carried upward in a column of hot air and dispersed harmlessly over a wide area."

The War Department previously denied reports that areas devastated by the bomb would be uninhabitable for many years because of radioactive elements generated in the blast.

Describing the present bomb as "potentially destructive beyond the wildest nightmares," the department said that if a scheme were devised for converting to energy even as much as a few percent of common matter, civilization could be destroyed.

Weapon for Sneak Attacks

The new weapon, which, in a single terrific explosion "vaporized" 60 percent of Hiroshima and in another raid obliterated 30 percent of Nagasaki, is considered ideally

suited for sudden, unannounced attacks.

"All the major cities of an entire country could be destroyed overnight by an ostensibly friendly power," the War Department said.

The report, written by Dr. H. D. Smyth, head of the Princeton University physics department, and a member of the atom-bomb project, disclosed that experiments with the bomb developed two new chemicals—plutonium and neptunium.

Plutonium, Smyth said, has proved an especially useful element, and its production has been started in government-owned plants. Its nature, he said, must be kept secret for the present.

Socialists Indebted To Churchill-Laski

The Labor party's victory in Britain was "only the beginning," Prof. Harold Laski, chairman of the party's executive committee said yesterday at the opening of the Socialist Congress in Paris.

"We have beaen Winston Churchill's party, but I want to state that both the French and English socialists owe very much to Churchill," Laski added.

Pietro Nenni, head of the Italian delegation, told the Congress that the Italian constituent assembly would meet in November, and he predicted that it would decree the abolition of the monarchy.

Nocky Johnson to Be Freed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—Impending parole from the Federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., for Enoch L. (Nocky) Johnson, former mayor of Atlantic City, was revealed today by the Justice Department. Johnson was sentenced to ten years in Aug. 1941 for income tax evasion. He will leave the prison Wednesday.

Einstein Sees Nothing Supernatural in Bomb

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y., Aug. 12 (ANS).—"No one in the world should have any fear or apprehension about atomic energy being a supernatural product," professor Albert Einstein said last night.

"In developing atomic or nuclear energy, science did not draw upon supernatural strength," he explained, "but merely imitated the reaction of the sun's rays. Atomic power is no more unnatural than when I sail my boat on Saranac Lake."

Einstein said "it probably will take many years" before atomic power would be brought under control so that it can be used for commercial purposes.

UNRRA Bars Aid for Japan After War Ends

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (ANS).—The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is not going to help post-war Japan.

This was made clear yesterday as UNRRA moved swiftly to put in force a tremendous relief program as soon as the Far East is liberated. Its first act will be to ship 800,000 tons of relief supplies to China.

Slave Labor

Acting Director General Roy F. Hendrickson said UNRRA would probably be asked to help furnish relief for Korea and Formosa.

While it will do nothing to assist Japan, UNRRA may send representatives there to seek repatriation of imported slave laborers, numbering perhaps more than 1,000,000.

At the present time, all of UNRRA's funds have been committed for the relief of Europe. The UNRRA council is now meeting in London and will act on Director General Herbert H. Lehman's appeal for \$1,516,000,000 more to meet the load in the Far East.

Plans for Relief

Hendrickson said that first steps in relief and rehabilitation of liberated nations of the Far East called for:

1—UNRRA's acquisition of all available military stocks in the Pacific theater essential to rehabilitation.

2—Immediate dispatch of UNRRA experts to Thailand, Burma and other food-exporting countries to locate food for famine areas.

3—Assignment of at least 300 trained technicians to the Far East, principally China, as soon as transport is available.

4—Earmarking not only food and medical supplies, but essential agricultural and industrial rehabilitation supplies for the Far East.

Staging Areas' Cry Is 'Home'

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moment regarding redeployment plans, the question is whether or not they are going home at last.

"A lot of us think we are going to have to stay here until they get high-pointers home," said Pvt. Rene Poissona, of Lynn, Mass. "Then we'll go home. I do not think we'll have to go to the Pacific, but we'll just sit here a long, long time."

His pal, Pfc. Joseph A. Jennetta, of Camden, N.J., sat across the room and said sadly: "I don't know what they're going to do with us, but I want to go home to Camden."

Several men like Pfc. Clyde S. Beck, of Cambridge Springs, Pa., believed they would still sail for the Orient, surrender or no. "I'm sure as hell going out there," he said. "They will need troops in the Pacific so they can pull back the ones who have been there a long time."

There was little or no joking about the future, and almost everyone was unashamedly homesick.

Stay Close to Radios

The men are hugging radios, searching the newspapers, consuming soft and hard drinks in larger quantities, smoking more and are still as tense as bowstrings as they wait for what they hope will be new orders from Washington.

Pfc. Edward Young, of Dallas, Tex., who has 86 points and has been in the Army five years, thinks he's heading for the Pacific. He summed up the whole thing: "It was much easier on your nerves when you knew just where you were going. But all I can think of today is that I want to wear a white shirt and be called Mister—in Dallas."

600 Attend Berlin's 1st United Front Meet

BERLIN, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Only 600 persons took part in the first united front demonstration by this city's four political parties today.

The meeting was addressed by leaders of the Christian Democrats, Communists, Socialists and Liberals, and by Berlin's Oberbürgermeister, Dr. Arthur Werner, who said that "the worst legacy left us by the Hitlerites is that we are regarded with contempt by the other nations of the world."