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Lichfield Courts Martial Changed to Bad Nauheim

General Says Case Outside WBS Control

USFET announced today that all future trials of Lichfield defendants will be held at Bad Nauheim, Germany, United Press reported from Frankfurt. The trial now in progress in England will be completed there.

Officials said the change was designed to "expedite" handling of Lichfield cases wherein officers and EM have been charged with abuse of prisoners at the 10th Reinf. Depot during the war, according to United Press.

E. C. Betts, theater judge advocate, said final arrangements for the transfer would be completed on or about April 15.

The Army is sending 15 or 16 additional lawyers to expedite the Lichfield trials, International News Service said in a Washington dispatch.

Maj. Gen. John T. Lewis, Western Base Section commander, testified. (Continued on Page 3)

Poland Asks Franco Action

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—Poland today asked the United Nations Security Council to take action against the Franco regime in Spain on grounds that it has already threatened world peace and is a haven for Nazis and their assets and German scientists "devising new means of warfare."

Meanwhile almost certain defeat for the Soviet proposal to drop the Iran question from the Security Council agenda was forecast by delegation officials.

(International News Service reports that at today's Security Council session, Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko, hatless and smiling, arrived a few minutes after Trygve Lie and Edward R. Stettinius.)

Paris Leave Quota Cut by Two-Thirds

PARIS, April 10 (AP)—The Paris leave quota for ETO personnel has been slashed from 1,000 a month to 300 for the period ending April 30. Thus, no more than 300 GIs will be allowed in Paris on seven-day leave at any one time, Western Base Hq. has announced.

The Riviera leave quota has been cut over 50 per cent, dropping from a previous monthly allotment of 1,150 to 598 for the period up to May 10.

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Weather Central's prediction for weather today in the U.S. Zone is partly cloudy. The expected maximum and minimum temperature in the south and east is 70-38; north and west, 60-35.

Eggs Won't Roll At Capital: Food Must Be Spared

WASHINGTON, April 10 (INS)—The White House announced today that, because of the world food shortage, the traditional Easter egg-rolling on the grounds of the executive mansion will not be renewed this year.

In prewar years, the grounds were opened to Washington children during the Easter season for rolling brightly-colored eggs on the trim green lawn.

House Urges Draft Change

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—A bill which the House has recommended would ban the induction of fathers and limit service of new inductees to 18 months. These provisions were approved in advance by the Army and Navy.

It also would lower the maximum draft age from 44 to 30 while retaining the minimum at 18. However, no men over 26 are being drafted now.

Another provision would limit inductions to only such a number as would be necessary with enlistments to provide an Army of 1,070,000, a Navy of 558,000 and a Marine Corps of 108,000 on July 1, 1947.

The committee considered a variety of proposals for raising the pay of soldiers and sailors as a means of promoting enlistments.

7 Burned to Death In Boston Blaze

BOSTON, April 10 (INS)—Seven persons were burned to death today in a three-alarm fire which swept a Back Bay apartment building. Three victims were children.

Fire officials said the blaze was started by a firebug.

The victims were burned beyond recognition but residents said the dead appeared to be Mr. and Mrs. Wassela and their three children and Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Lapete.

Firmen rescued 12 with ladders while others jumped from windows of the four-story brick block to safety.

Miners Leave Wage Parley In Coal Strike

WASHINGTON, April 10 (INS)—John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers negotiators "walked out" of the soft coal wage negotiations today some two hours ahead of the scheduled time for adjournment of the daily bargaining session. Lewis refused to comment to reporters except to say the union would have a statement to make later.

Bituminous operators continued in session in the regular conference room.

This morning, Lewis B. Schwellenbach, Secretary of Labor, said the Government will take action within three or four days if an agreement is not reached in the negotiations.

Neither miners nor operators held any hope of immediate progress. (Meanwhile, Associated Press reported the announcement that the 80-day-old strike in 11 factories of International Harvester Co., affecting 30,000 workers, has been settled.)

NEW STRIKES CALLED

(In a review of the labor situation, Associated Press also reported that union refinery workers called a strike which would cut off 70 per cent of the nation's cane-sugar output.)

(In Cleveland, Associated Press reported that 900 CIO steelworkers left their jobs at the Republic Steel Corp. hot strip finishing and shipping department, causing it to shut down in what union officials said was a "completely unauthorized" walkout.)

(At Trenton, N. J., Gov. Walter E. Edge authorized the return to the Public Service Electric and Gas Co. of nine gas plants seized and operated by the state since Friday.)

Camp Herbert Tareyton Will Be Closed April 20

LE HAVRE, April 10 (INS)—Camp Herbert Tareyton, one of several redeployment centers for homebound U. S. troops will be closed April 20, it was officially announced.

Two other camps will remain open, and will handle the greatly thinned stream of troops headed home.

Unwed Mother Abandons Dead GI's Son

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The story of little Johnnie Doe came to light today.

His mother, a daughter of the South, fell in love with a serviceman but her parents objected to the marriage because of religious differences. She wanted a son of his, "for fear he wouldn't come back." He didn't.

The mother told the story in a letter left with 3-week-old Johnnie in a pew at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The letter follows: "Dear People:

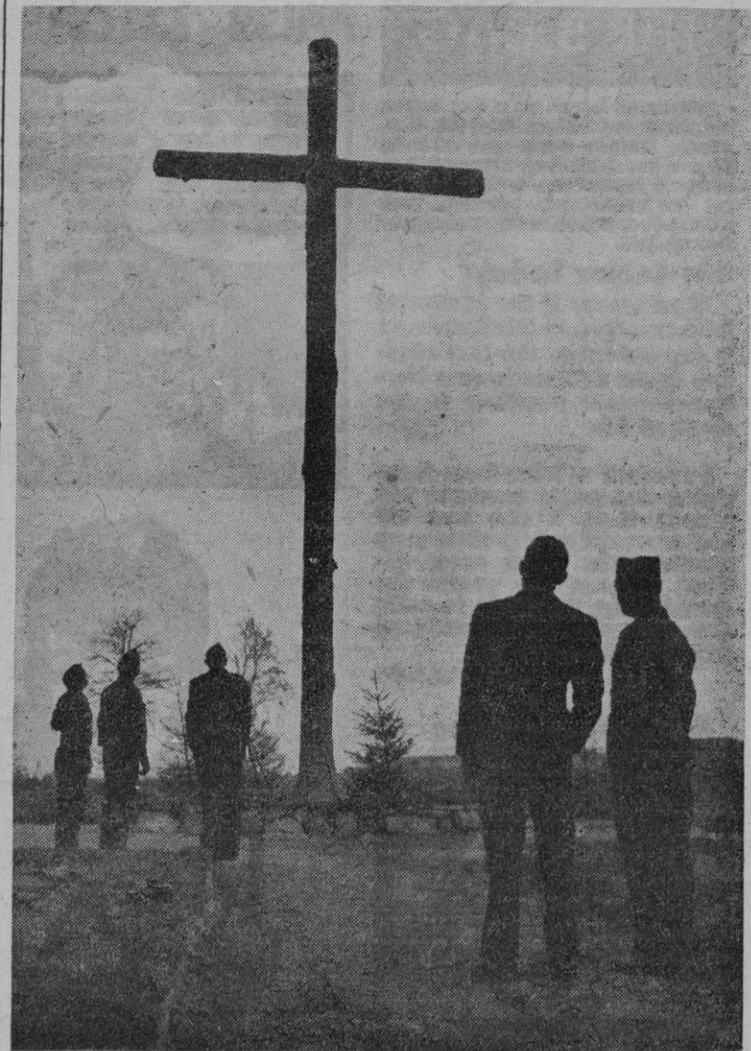
"I hope some day I'll be for-

given for this act I'm doing now. But I will try to explain it so you will know why I'm doing this.

"I was born and raised in a state south of here and brought up as a Catholic. About two years ago I met and fell in love with a fellow who was then in the service. He was of another religion and my parents would not consent to our marriage.

"He was getting ready to ship out and I wanted something that would hold us together. I wanted a child, a son of his for fear he would not return. As things came

Malmedy Remembers . . .



SURVIVORS of the "Malmedy Massacre" gaze silently at the memorial erected to the memory of their comrades. Left to right, they are Samuel Dobyms, Sandusky, O.; Kenneth F. Ahrens, Erie, Pa.; Omar D. Ford, Lecton, Mo.; Kenneth E. Kingston, Lexington, Ky., and Carl R. Daub, Colebrook, Pa.

—Signal Corps Photo by Bob Merritt

Survivors of Malmedy Revisit Scene of Death

By RAYMOND BOND, Staff Correspondent

MALMEDY, Belgium, April 10—Six grim survivors of shocking pre-Christmas Malmedy massacre of 1944 returned yesterday to the wind-swept meadow where Nazi troops had machine-gunned more than 100 of their comrades. They stood silently in the charnel area located on top of a steep hill in the village of Baugnez, about a mile south of Malmedy.

Action Pushed On Jap Treaty

WASHINGTON, April 10 (INS)—Responsible sources said today the five-power council of foreign ministers may be asked to start work on the peace treaty for Japan if agreements for the European satellite states are completed by the coming Paris peace conference.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes is known to be intent on pressing the question of the Japanese and German peace treaties.

But he was also reported to be less optimistic than in the past on the possibility of unity being achieved on the European settlements at the "Big Four" foreign ministers' meeting in Paris April 25.

The day was overcast. A raw, biting wind scythed across the field. The men turned up their blouse collars and returned to the places where, unarmed and defenseless, they had stood December 17, 1944 when troops from the First SS Panzer Regt. turned their machine guns on them.

Independently, each of the men had vowed, upon his return to the States, to hunt down the Nazi killers. This was a score they had to settle, they said, or they could not shut out the echoes of machine gun fire and the agonized screaming of their comrades.

The War Crimes Commission brought the sextet to Baugnez yesterday to get details of the Malmedy massacre prior to trying nearly 50 Nazis who are being held (Continued on Page 8)

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, April 10 (UP)—The Senate Banking Committee today approved the proposed \$3,750,000,000 British loan by a vote of 14 to 5. The committee's action means that legislation authorizing the loan will now come before both houses.

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THE B BAG

Address all letters to: B Bag Editor, The Stars and Stripes, APO 757, U. S. Army. Include name and address. (Names are deleted on request.) Due to space limitations, letters may be cut for publication, provided such editing does not alter the meaning of the original.

'No Letter Today'

Editor's note: If the number of letters received by this department is any indication, the mail situation in the ETO rivals even German-American marriages in the minds of GIs.

I received a letter from home saying that empty envelopes had arrived there. I also sent my mother a scarf and my sister some handkerchiefs, which never arrived. If some Joe wanted the darned things that much, he could have written me and I would have sent him a few bucks.

—Pfc, Third Div.

An envelope containing 280 French francs, tax refund on perfume, sent me from Paris by registered mail, never arrived. A box sent from London over two months ago is missing. Fourteen letters written from England during December never got here. A package mailed from California hasn't been received. I think it is about time some changes were made.

—ARC Director.

'Chicken' Defined

I've rushed to my typewriter to interpret "chicken" for the puzzled lieutenant colonel. If he has yet to hear any soldier he would class as a good soldier complain of chicken, then I wonder which army the colonel was in. Chicken, sir, is the arbitrary and unwarranted abuse of authority, which I, a "good soldier" according to my service record and honorable discharge, encountered so often it ceased to be funny. Good soldiers, sir, won this war in the front lines; never have I met one of these good soldiers who had not encountered, and loudly cursed, chicken.

—Civillian

Fraulein Problem

It has been proved by hard, cold facts that Austrian girls fall in the same category as German girls, and if provisions have been made whereby Americans can marry Austrians, then the same should be provided for German girls.

It is with utter disgust that I, a veteran and sincere American, should accept civilian employment to prolong my stay, and sweat out the time limit in order to marry the German girl I so dearly love. If it has been proved that the girl and her family had no affiliations with the Nazi Party, there is no reason in the world why I shouldn't be allowed to marry my sweetheart.

—Civillian

Miss Lace is Seduced — by Separation Center



Famous GI Comic Strip Leaves 3,000 Papers

Miss Lace has been seduced—by a separation center. Civilian life lured the little lady into a discharge depot, and on the night of March 3, 1946, lovely Lace surrendered. Today she's leaving military service—and leaving millions of newspaper readers with a lot fewer laughs.

While GI editors around the world cry in their PX beer, we'll write this obituary for our favorite female:

"Miss Lace was born in October 1942. Milton Caniff, famed 'Terry and the Pirates' artist, sired the beautiful brainchild and surrounded her with a comic strip titled 'Male Call.' Soon Miss Lace became the most popular pinup in more than 3,000 Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine newspapers. She did something for the boys. The sexy siren reigned as queen of the comics for 180 weeks, until today when she pinned on a gold discharge button."

That's her swan song, but the real saga of Miss Lace is the story of Milton Caniff, her pen and pencil pop. For three years Caniff spent hours each week drawing "Male Call." He captured the enlisted man's viewpoint, real GI laughs and Army slang.

Every day he sweats out "Terry and the Pirates" working from 6 PM until noon the following day. Despite this 18-hour art schedule he somehow found time to create "Male Call." And in all 180 weeks he refused to accept payment for a single sketch.

Recently when civilian publishers compiled a whole book of Miss Lace strips, Caniff was entitled to thousands of dollars in royalties. Now, in the post-war world, he could cash in on "Male Call." But, instead, he quietly handed all the book's proceeds to the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

A childhood leg injury prevented 39-year-old Milt Caniff from joining the armed forces, but he made a major war contribution in other ways. Miss Lace drew chuckles from tense GIs riding invasion barges. On the homefront his sketches brought fabulous prices in war bond auctions. Caniff drew training aids for the Army, and illustrated the War Department's "Pocket Guide to China."

The other day a reporter went over to Caniff's New York home. The last "Male Call" strip was already finished, and we figured he'd be through with Army assignments. So, on behalf of 12,000,000 veteran Lace lovers, we wanted personally to say "Thanks." But Caniff was out. He was over in New Jersey in the wards of a military hospital drawing sketches for wounded servicemen.

Now Caniff has wrapped Miss Lace in mink—and mothballs—to keep her curves for future reference. She left with the promise: "So long, General. And if you ever want me... just whistle!"

Miss Lace is gone. But we can always leer at Burma, April Kane... even Dragon Lady.

VA Names Body to Plan Entertainment for Vets

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Veterans Administration announced the appointment of a committee of leaders in various fields to help map recreation and entertainment programs for veterans in VA hospitals and homes.

F. R. Kerr, Director of the VA's newly organized special service division, said the committee would have its initial meeting April 16 in New York.

Italian Map Of California Shows Island

ALBUQUERQUE (INS)—The University of New Mexico Library has maps which show California as an island.

The earliest chart showing New Mexico—printed in 1556 in Venice—is Ramusio's "Delle navigazione Viaggi." Another, Sansone's map of "Audience de Guadalajara, Nouveau Mexique, Californie," shows California as an island and has the Rio Grande River emptying into the Pacific Ocean.

As late as 1745, a chart mistakenly plots the western state as an island, but shows correctly the Rio Grande and the City of Santa Fe.

Navy to Award Dock Contracts

WASHINGTON (AP)—Contracts covering more than half the Navy's \$70,000,000 worth of new berthing facilities for inactivated ships will be awarded by early summer, the Navy Department announced.

Some work is already under way on both the east and west coasts and on the Gulf of Mexico.

The facilities include piers, quay walls, and extensions of electrical and steam equipment, fire fighting apparatus, and other equipment needed to maintain and preserve ships of the standby fleet for use in any future emergency.

Drug Supply Now Tripled

WASHINGTON (AP)—The penicillin production rate has tripled since December, the Government reported, but there is still only a meager output of streptomycin.

The Civilian Production Administration estimated the April supply of penicillin at approximately 2,178 billion units, compared with about 737 billion five months ago.

CPA said the big increase has made it possible to raise export allocations this month to 700 billion units.

1,165,190 Evacuated By Air, Surgeon Says

CHICAGO (AP)—Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant Washington, former air surgeon of the Army, said a total of 1,165,190 wounded fighters were evacuated by air from all theaters with a death rate of only 1.3 per 100,000.

"Between D-Day and V-E Day alone," Grant said, "more than 350,000 sick and wounded patients were flown from battlefronts in France, Belgium and Germany, to general hospitals in England and later in France."

January Imports Show Increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—Largely reflecting increased receipts from Latin America, Russia and India, U. S. imports for January rose to \$392,000,000 compared with \$297,000,000 in December, the Census Bureau reported.

U. S. exports for January were \$800,000,000, a 9 per cent increase over December.

French Envoy Notes Friendship With Irish

ROSSLARE HARBOR, Ireland (AP)—French minister to Ireland, M. Jean Riviere, opening an exhibition of modern Irish art at Waterford, Ireland, said that a lasting friendship had united Ireland and France since the day when St. Columbanus went to preach the gospel in Burgundy and King Dagobert of France came to study in the Seventh Century.

Turkey Thanks U.S. For Missouri Mission

WASHINGTON (AP)—Turkish President Ismet Inonu told President Truman, in a message made public by the White House, that the action of the U. S. Government in returning late Ambassador Mehmet Ertugun's body by the battleship Missouri was a "new and brilliant manifestation of Turkish-American friendship."

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'Floating' DPs In ODs Are MP Headache

FRANKFURT, April 10 (UP)—Military police officials today estimated that thousands of "floating" DPs are roaming through the American Zone dressed in U. S. uniforms and posing as GIs.

Exact figures on the extent of the latest MP headache are now being compiled. The problem has been complicated by noncompliance with the theater rule that American uniforms worn by DPs must be dyed blue.

Pseudo-GIs picked up in this area are immediately dumped into a local guardhouse where olive drab uniforms are taken from them and blues issued, police officers said. During March, 90 DPs were arrested for assaults on civilians.

Col. R. J. Connolly, local provost marshal, said troublesome DPs are "repeaters"—those who are arrested time and again in U.S. uniforms. He told of one individual who had been picked up five times in one week, given five sets of blue clothing, yet each time reappeared in olive drab.

The officer in charge of the local guardhouse said imitation GIs are always modest in their military ambitions. None has yet attempted to pass as more than a private.

The regulation Army uniform brings great advantages to impostors who find GI clubs, movies and messes open to them—as long as they keep their mouths shut and do not betray their ignorance of English.

Canada Gives France Credit

OTTAWA, April 10 (AP)—The French and Canadian governments last night signed an agreement by which Canada gave France a credit of \$242,500,000.

Largest of any credit extended by Canada under the Export Credits Act, it will bear 3 per cent interest and will be subject to repayment in 30 annual installments beginning at the end of the year and ending in 1976.

The fact that the amount was exactly equal to that voted by parliament last autumn was interpreted in some quarters as meaning that Leon Blum's mission here had failed to obtain more money.

The French embassy denied, however, that Blum's visit had anything to do with the signing of the agreement, which officials said "simply had to be signed some time."

League Session Finds Argentina Represented

GENEVA, April 10 (AP)—Members of the Argentine delegation returned to their seats in the League of Nations meeting today on instructions from Buenos Aires.

The delegates walked out of the opening session Monday after failure to receive one of the assembly's eight vice-presidencies.

Children Bled by Wehrmacht Returned to Russian Homes

LONDON, April 10 (AP)—Many hundreds of White Russian children, who had been deported to Germany by the Nazis to serve as reservoirs for blood transfusions to Wehrmacht members, are now back with their families, Moscow radio reported.

The broadcast said more than 3,000 children were brought back to Russia from Germany.

The Nazis sent these children to special camps in Germany, and it

Chinese Nationalists March Into Mukden



Marshall's Return To China Reported

CHUNGKING, April 10 (INS)—Reports circulated yesterday that Gen. George C. Marshall, President Truman's envoy, will return to China possibly within a week to aid in heading off a major civil war between Chinese Nationalists and Communists in Manchuria.

At the same time, Gen. A. C. Gillem, Jr., Marshall's representative, and Nationalist and Communist officials prepared to leave here for Mukden for the purpose of investigating at first hand the circumstances existing in the northeast.

Iraq Cautious Of Red Pact

BAGDAD, April 10 (INS)—News of the Russo-Iranian agreement was welcomed with guarded optimism in Iraq.

Premier Suwaidi declared it unlikely that any serious trouble would occur in the Kurdish tribal region after the withdrawal of the Russian forces, but that measures to deal with any possible disturbances already have been taken.

The premier belittled the existence of an "independent Kurdish republic," pointing out that Mullah Mustapha el-Barzani, whose name was linked with the revolt, was a leader of a religious sect and unlikely concerned with a large-scale revolutionary movement.

26-Monthers Alerted in Japan

YOKOHAMA, April 10 (AP)—Enlisted men with 26 months' service as of June 30 have been ordered to replacement depots April 12 for shipment home and discharge, the Eighth Army announced. The orders affect 3,000.



CHINESE NATIONALIST forces moved into Mukden, the troubled industrial city of Manchuria, following the withdrawal of Soviet troops. In the upper photo, they march down a Mukden street. The lower photo shows guards at the official Chinese headquarters, which has been fortified by sandbags. A picture of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is displayed.

Divers Search For Jap Gold

TOKYO, April 10 (INS)—Americans will start diving operations today to recover a secret cache of Japanese bullion which is now believed valued at much less than the two-billion dollars originally estimated.

Lt. E. V. Nelson, of MG legal and public safety section, who announced the find last week, said he believed the original estimate "greatly exaggerated."

He said serial numbers on bullion bars—buried on the muddy floor of Tokyo Bay—probably will provide a clue to the identity of Japanese officers who ordered the treasure dumped.

Rommel's White Horse Arrives in Great Britain

LONDON, April 10 (INS)—Erwin Rommel's white charger on which the field marshal boasted he would ride triumphantly into Cairo, arrived in London aboard the steamship Empire Asquith.

The stallion, captured by Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery's troops in Schleswig-Holstein, was shipped from Hamburg.

Vatican Recognizes Lebanon

VATICAN CITY, April 10 (INS)—The Holy See officially has recognized the independent state of the Lebanon.

Damaskinos Quits As Cabinet Meets

ATHENS, April 10 (INS)—Regent Archbishop Damaskinos will cease to hold office at noon today when the cabinet will meet to attempt a constitutional solution.

It is understood that the cabinet will decide to assume the regency powers under the constitution of 1911.

EAM and other left wing organizations are demanding formation of a three-man regency.

China Gets Orders For White Pandas

CHUNGKING, April 10 (AP)—Here is a peacetime problem for the Chinese government.

The New York zoo has requested a mate for its white panda to replace the one that died. A similar request has been received from the London zoo.

Information Minister K. C. Wu said that the requests had been relayed to hunters in western Szechwan and he expects delivery as soon as air transportation is available.

Don Juan Backers in Lisbon

LONDON, April 10 (INS)—Lisbon reports that the Duke of Maura, prominent Spanish Monarchist, and Gen. Martinez Campos arrived there from Madrid. The visit is believed to concern the possible restoration of Don Juan.

GI India Paper Bows Out With Army 'Reform'

NEW DELHI, April 10 (AP)—The Roundup, a GI newspaper of the India-Burma Theater, made its final appearance today, and in its first editorial since V-J Day offered a nine-point program for a revision of Army organization for "betterment" of enlisted personnel.

Noting that "we have not made a fight against Army censorship that members of the Rome Edition of *The Stars and Stripes* have" the editorial added that the War Department policy toward GI publications "must be revised and made abundantly clear."

Among the nine proposals was one for a maximum of a \$2,000 bonus to veterans. Others called for promotions based entirely on merit and not seniority, common billeting of all personnel below the rank of major, the wearing of identical uniforms, less segregation with equal rations, food and drink to all personnel, and use of enlisted men as jurors in Army courts martial.

Editorials in the Roundup were banned by order after the end of the war and today, entitled "Roundup Takes Leave," was not submitted for review or approval to higher authority.

Japs Turn Out For Free Vote

TOKYO, April 10 (AP)—Japan's voters turned out today for their freest election in history to show the world what they have learned of western democracy.

Forecasts of a conservative victory were made by Japanese political experts.

Four hundred and sixty-eight members of the house of representatives will be picked from 2,600 candidates.

Experts predicted that the Liberals and Progressives—conservatives despite their labels—would win the majority of seats between them, but that no single party was expected to dominate.

It was also predicted that less than 3/4 of the 36 million eligible voters would cast ballots. This was said to be due to the people's worry about finding enough to eat.

Elections in Poland Shelved Until Fall

WARSAW, April 10 (AP)—Poland's general elections appeared to be definitely shelved today until autumn with summoning of the national council of the homeland to ratify a national referendum on the policies of the present regime.

The council will meet April 25 and is expected to discuss questions for submission to the people including whether the Poles want a one- or two-house parliament, whether they approve nationalization of basic industries and land reforms, and whether they are satisfied with establishment of the present western borders of Poland.

B29 Duds Removed By U.S. in Japan

OSAKA, April 10 (AP)—Two dud bombs, weighing 2,000 pounds each, have been dumped into the ocean by a U.S. bomb disposal team of the 210th Bomb Disposal Gp.

The bombs, which were moved out by rail, were dropped last June from B29s.

France Stops Export Trade In Prostitutes

PARIS, April 10 (INS)—South American houses of prostitution have been cut off from a once flourishing supply of European women by French cabinet decree.

The decree, which simultaneously ordered the closing of all "maisons de tolerance" throughout France, forbade the "procurement of women for South American houses" under pain of heavy fines and imprisonment.

Before the war "France was the world's most fertile ground for the hiring—and shanghaiing—of young women, via Marseille and Bordeaux, to South American bordellos.

In metropolitan France, the decree banned a billion-dollar industry from which the French government previously received a large annual income in the form of taxes.

Outlawing the world's "oldest profession," the cabinet climaxed a three-month campaign in Paris against legalized prostitution.

Proponents of the anti-prostitution act admitted, however, that the profession would not be entirely eliminated by the prohibition but at least it would be considerably reduced.

EATS to Begin Control Center

WIESBADEN, April 10—A transport aircraft control center is being established and will be functioning in the Operations Division at European Air Transport Service Hq., by the end of the week, it was announced yesterday by Brig. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, EATS commander.

The new "nerve center" of the U.S. military airline, relying on speeded-up telegraphic and radio communication, is designed for maximum utilization of aircraft and hour-to-hour information on aircraft location.

Better two-direction loading will be possible, Beau said, while at the same time the control center will show at a glance the status of all EATS airplanes, whether serviceable or not, scheduled or en route.

The TACC, as the new center is designated, will function with the facilities of the Command, Communications Division and the Army Airways Communication System.

End-of-War Law Expected in France

PARIS, April 10 (INS)—The French Cabinet is expected to announce shortly an "official end to hostilities" between France and Italy-Germany-Japan.

The law will probably be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1946, it is believed.

Ministers are now working out the many problems such as an announcement will cause, such as the ending of special privileges to ex-prisoners and deportees and the bombed-out population.

The announcement would also end a vast quantity of special wartime legislation which is still in operation.

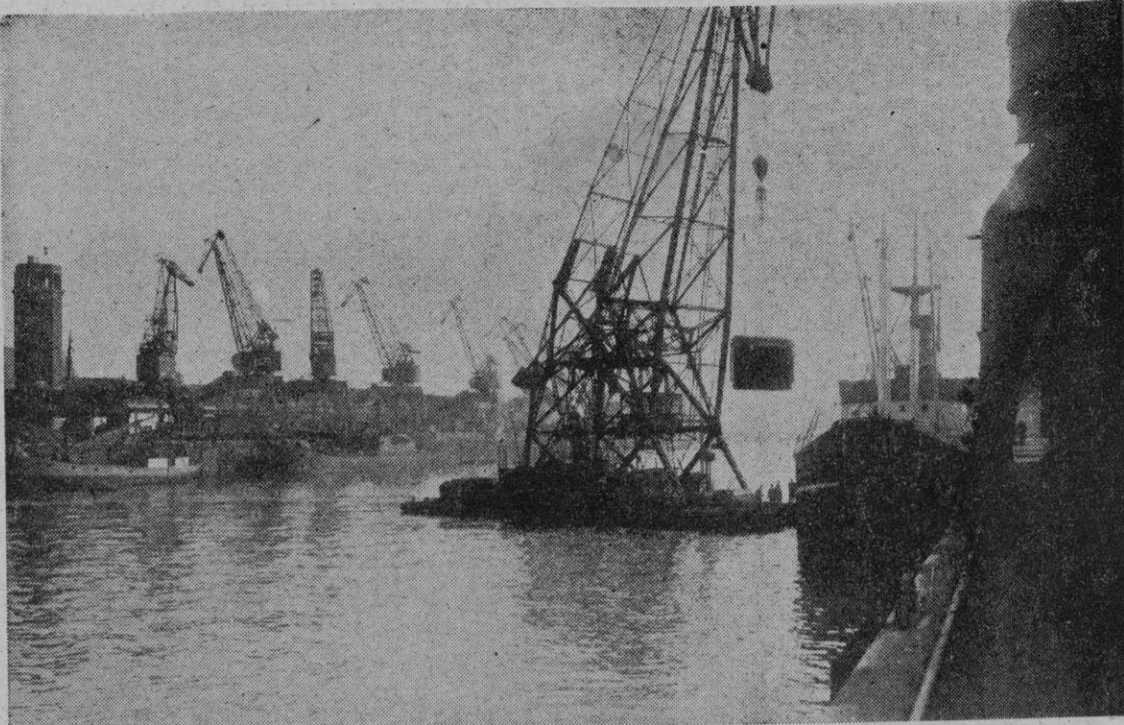
Lily Pons Pinched for Parking

PARIS, April 10 (INS)—Lily Pons, famed French opera singer, came back to France last week to find out that traffic regulations here are not the same as in her new home in America.

Her first luncheon back in France, after nearly a 10-year absence, ended in a police station in Vesinet, a Paris suburb.

Miss Pons had parked her car wrongly in front of the res-

Loot Loaded on Freighter for Return to Norway



FACTORY MACHINERY, looted by the Nazis during their occupation of Norway, is loaded onto the freighter Kong Bjorn by a 60-ton floating crane in the port of Bremen. This is the first shipment of Norwegian goods found in the U. S. Zone to be sent back to the owners. —Public Relations Photo

French Parade For Potatoes

LILLE, France, April 10 (INS)—Ten thousand local citizens paraded through Lille's streets yesterday chanting "potatoes, potatoes."

The mayor of Lille, after receiving a delegation of the demonstrators, ordered the police to tour the neighboring farmlands and to requisition enough potatoes to distribute a pound per head.

The French people have received a total ration of two pounds of potatoes per head during the past seven months.

Boulogne Workers Strike for Spuds

BOULOGNE, France, April 10 (INS)—Fifteen thousand Boulogne factory workers went out on strike yesterday and paraded in the city's streets chrousing "we want potatoes."

The city's mayor announced to them that 30 tons of potatoes were being dispatched from Brittany to relieve the long-standing shortage.

(This means that each of Boulogne's 50,000 inhabitants will receive about three small potatoes—their first legal pommes de terre in seven months.)

Garmisch Center Open to Air Traffic

GARMISCH, April 10—Third Army's Garmisch Recreation Center is now available by air, officials have announced.

A 1,500-foot, hard-packed air strip on the north edge of town, formerly used by the 10th and 80th Divisions, has been repaired for liaison plane traffic, officials said.

Personnel will be on hand at all times to service visiting craft with gas and oil and to provide airfield security.

Equipment Looted by Nazis Is Shipped Back to Norway

By BOB WILLIAMS, Staff Correspondent

BREMEN, April 10—The first shipment back to Norway of looted Norwegian goods found in the U. S. Occupation Zone sailed from Bremen this week. Consisting of approximately 1,000 tons of transformers, construction parts, motors and copper

4 Powers Agree On Wheat Trust

BRUSSELS, April 10 (INS)—Britain, France, Belgium and Italy have agreed to form a trust to purchase wheat from Argentina as a result of Herbert Hoover's advice that such action was necessary to stop the sky-rocketing price of Argentine wheat with the four countries bidding against each other.

The four-power arrangement was agreed upon Saturday during Hoover's visit to London.

Henceforth, one representative will act as joint buyer for the four countries.

Germans Charged With Grave Raids

COPENHAGEN, April 10 (AP)—Military police are hunting German terrorists who raided a Danish military cemetery in Flensburg Saturday, according to Berlingske Tidende.

Scores of marble headstones were knocked over or broken in the cemetery, which contains the graves of 500 soldiers killed in the Danish-Prussian war of 1848.

The cemetery was raided once before, in 1864, when Denmark was at war with Prussia.

Fire at Bremerhaven Destroys Motor Pool

BREMERHAVEN, April 10—A \$30,000 fire swept through the 355th Engr. Regt. motor pool here Sunday, destroying all of the vehicles except one.

The fire was apparently caused by an overheated stove in the garage. The damaged vehicles included a \$12,000 repair truck. Emergency transportation is being furnished by other Bremerhaven units.

China Denies Request to Reds

CHUNGKING, April 10 (AP)—The Chinese government denied a report that it had requested Russia to delay withdrawal from certain cities in Manchuria.

English to Cut U.S. Imports If Loan Fails

LONDON, April 10 (AP)—"If the U. S. Congress does not approve the pending \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain, we shall at once have to take restrictive measures to reduce imports, especially those affecting American dollars," Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton told Commons today.

Presenting Britain's first full peacetime budget since 1938, Dalton said: "My budget has been prepared on the assumption that the Anglo-American agreement will be approved."

He disclosed the \$80,000,000 pounds, \$320,000,000 had been spent this year on civil administration in Germany, some of it for food, and asserted "so far we are getting disappointingly little in return."

TAXES MUST BE CUT

"I am quite sure the British taxpayer cannot and should not be expected much longer to go on paying on this scale what in effect are reparations to Germany," he said.

The excess profits tax on industry will be repealed at the end of this year, Dalton said, and until then it will remain at the 60 per cent level to which he cut it from the wartime 100 per cent figure last October.

He said the purchase tax, a sales tax ranging from 16 2/3 per cent on many necessities to 100 per cent on luxuries, would remain "over the next few years to help pay the bill for social betterment."

French Star Is Ostracized

LYON, France, April 10 (AP)—The French film star Josseline Gael was condemned to national indignity for life yesterday for her association with collaborationist Tony Saunier, gunman in the pro-Nazi, Gestapo-like French Popular Party during the occupation.

The actress, whose real name is Janine Blanleuil, was accused of receiving 3 million francs worth of jewels from Saunier while living as his mistress in Nice and Paris.

But she was credited with denouncing him when France was liberated.

She was ordered to pay a 1-million franc fine, to hand back the jewels—which she says have disappeared—and to stay out of the regions where the film studios are located for 20 years.

U.S. Plane Is Missing; Chinese Reds Aboard

CHUNGKING, April 10 (AP)—An American aircraft carrying Gen. Yen Ting, former commander of the Chinese Communist Fourth Army, and other party leaders, is missing on a flight from Chungking to Yenan, according to a communique issued by the Chinese Communist Party headquarters today.

Military Academy Reunion

HOECHST, April 10—Plans have been made here for an informal reunion of members of the U. S. Military Academy Class of 1944 present in the ETO. It will be held here April 13. All members are invited to attend.

AES Announces 25 Jobs To Open in Zone Communities

FRANKFURT, April 10—An opportunity to obtain civilian employment with the Army Exchange Service will soon open to those who qualify in one of many fields, it was announced by Maj. Gen. A. R. Bolling, theater chief of Special Services.

Approximately 275 jobs will be opened, covering a wide range of vocations, from brewmasters to commercial artists. Openings will also exist for secretaries, stenographers, bookkeepers, accounting clerks (two years' experience), se-

nior accountants (five years' experience), junior accountants (two and one-half years' experience), refrigeration mechanics, warehousemen, store supervisors and store managers.

Military personnel eligible for discharge may apply to the nearest Army area or section exchange service at any one of the major command headquarters, to the Army exchange officer of Hq., Command, USFET, and at the principal Army exchange office at Hoehst.

Petrino Seeks Pay Increases In Hollywood

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL), served notice on eight major film producers that the union would demand that musicians salaries be doubled, that they be placed on a work-week of 10 hours "including time spent in rehearsals" and that their numbers be more than doubled. Petrillo's demands, if granted, would increase from \$100 to \$200 the minimum weekly salary of studio musicians and require each studio to employ at least 90 instead of the present 35.

In demanding the 10-hour week for Hollywood musicians, Petrillo said the union regards them as "highly skilled artists" who practiced long hours at home to maintain their proficiency. He also demanded that "not more than two minutes of recorded music be reported during one hour."

Ex-Klan Head Denied Writ

INDIANAPOLIS, April 10 (AP)—The Indiana Supreme Court called a temporary halt to litigation by D. C. Stephenson, former Indiana grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, who is trying for the 40th time to obtain freedom from a life sentence imposed in 1925 for the murder of Madge Oberholtzer, Indiana state-house employe.

The court prohibited Judge Casius M. Gentry, of Hamilton County Circuit Court, from acting further in Stephenson's case. Gentry had granted the former Klan leader a writ of habeas corpus.

Deputy State Attorney General Frank E. Coughlin said the supreme court action barred Gentry from enforcing any orders previously issued by him, and would restore the order for Stephenson's return to the state prison.

Wife of Crooner Wins Divorce Suit

NEW YORK, April 10 (INS)—A recommendation by Supreme Court Referee John F. Carew provided for separation between radio crooner Jerry Wayne and his red-haired wife and payment of \$120 per week. Carew's decision also granted custody of the couple's child, Jeffrey, 3, to Mrs. Wayne and specified that Wayne could see him on Saturdays, provided he was paid up in his alimony.

Mrs. Wayne, in her suit, alleged the radio crooner went around with other women, particularly "flashy blonds" and that he treated her "cruelly and inhumanly" in ingenious ways.

Thief Mistakes Taxi, Taxes Cops' Patience

DETROIT, April 10 (UP)—William Cobb, of Detroit, was apologetic early today when he mistook a police cruiser for a taxicab, and ordered the driver to take him places—quickly. He was embarrassed further when another Detroit, James Bryant, ran up to the cruiser and told the two police occupants to arrest Cobb.

"He just shoved a knife against me and robbed me of \$38," Bryant said. The police prouled Cobb to jail where he was charged with armed robbery.

Tulips Set on Tomb Of Unknown Soldier

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Forty-eight Dutch tulips, grown on American soil, were placed at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Alexander Loudon, wife of the Dutch ambassador to the U. S.

The flowers, grown near the Arlington National Cemetery, blossomed from some of the 600,000 bulbs presented last autumn to the U. S. by the Dutch as a token of gratitude for their liberation.

"May the peace of unknown soldiers from two wars not be disturbed again," the ambassador said.

Unclad Blond Killed by Fall

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10 (AP)—A platinum-haired girl, unclad save for panties, was killed in a plunge from a seventh-floor hotel room registered to two Army officers.

Police Inspector Alvin Corrasa said Lt. H. A. Blankenship, of Atlanta, told him the girl crawled through a window and plunged to the fourth-floor balcony below before he could stop her. Corrasa identified her as Virginia Hepburn, of Lindsay, Calif.

The inspector said Blankenship told him he and Lt. Steven Ondrusek of Binghamton, N. Y., were registered at the hotel, but Ondrusek had not been in the room since Sunday. The three had visited night clubs together last Saturday.

Corrasa went on to quote Blankenship as saying he awakened to discover the girl in the room and that she tore off all her clothing save her panties and declared she was going to jump from the window.

Before he could grab her, the officer said, she ran to the window, crawled over the sill, and disappeared.

Grief, Fear Lead To 'Torch' Suicide

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10 (INS)—Grief over his wife's death coupled with fear that he was going blind was blamed by authorities today for the weird suicide of a 69-year-old widower who made a human torch of himself.

David Anthony scribbled a note on the kitchen table, slashed his wrists, saturated himself with kerosene, walked into the front yard and set fire to himself. Anthony died soon after being rushed to a hospital.

First Refugee Quota To Reach U.S. in May

SYRACUSE, N.Y., April 10 (INS)—Edwin Rosenberg, vice president of the National Refugee Service, announced last night that 2,000 displaced persons are due to arrive in the U.S. next month under President Truman's directive speeding up "quota immigration."

Rosenberg made this disclosure to the delegates to the state regional conference of Jewish welfare funds.

Steelworker Convicted Of Slaying Wife, Pilot

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 10 (AP)—John Barnak, 30-year-old steelworker, was convicted of second degree murder in the slaying of Benjamin C. Bowman, Jr., former Army flier who was shot to death along with Barnak's wife on Dec. 20.

The steelworker was accused of shooting Bowman and 21-old Madeline Barnak as the former GI escorted the woman to her parents home after a dance.

Ex-Captain Sweeps New York Streets



WEARING CAPTAIN'S BARS on his cap and six "Hershey bars" on his sleeve, former Army Capt. John S. Cholewinski, 28, worked as a sweeper for New York City's Department of Sanitation until subsequent publicity brought offers of other jobs. Cholewinski served in the Pacific Theater for 37 months. —Acme Photo

Mechanic Mounts Mad Bear To Save Trapeze Performer

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—An unarmed Navy Yard mechanic jumped on the back of a charging 350-pound bear at the Shrine Circus and saved a 20-year-old girl trapeze performer from possible death. Mechanic E. F. Springman was standing in the runway at the Uline

Arena when he saw the bear lunge at terrified Marjorie Baker. Straddling the animal's back, Springman struggled futilely as Miss Baker was dragged 20 feet.

The enraged animal was halted by its trainer, Emil Pallenberg, after Springman had slowed its progress.

Pallenberg said: "Fritzie becomes angered at the sight of female humans. Girls of the circus troupe were warned against standing in the runway when the animal came out of the ring."

Henry Wallace's Son Gets Marriage License

PHILADELPHIA, April 10 (AP)—Robert B. Wallace, 27, son of Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, and Miss Gordon Grosvenor, 27, daughter of architect Edward Grosvenor, applied for a marriage license.

Russia Suggests U.S. Drop Spy Charges Against Redin

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Government officials yesterday reported Russia has "suggested" that the U.S. drop its spy charges against Soviet Lt. Nicolai G. Redin unless it can produce more evidence.

Redin, 29-year-old naval officer, was seized by the FBI at Portland, Ore., March 26, on espionage charges.

The officials, who asked anonymously, said the Soviet Union sent the

Armed Forces Merger Goes To Committee

WASHINGTON, April 10 (INS)—A three-member subcommittee yesterday submitted to the Senate Military Affairs Committee the long-awaited detail of the armed service merger aimed at "getting unification without sacrificing autonomy."

The plan for carrying out President Truman's request for unifying the armed services into a department of common defense, headed by a civilian secretary, provides:

1—A secretary of common defense as head of Army and Navy establishments.

2—An undersecretary of common defense.

3—Secretaries for the three military branches, to be known as secretary for the Army, secretary for the Navy and secretary for the Air Force.

4—Assistant secretaries of common defense.

CHIEF TO ROTATE

5—A chief of staff of common defense with the President authorized, but not compelled, to rotate the appointment among Army, Navy and Air Force.

6—Retention of the joint staff, composed of top officers of the three branches and responsible directly to the secretary of common defense.

The subcommittee, composed of Sens. Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah), Lister Hill (D-Ala.) and Warren R. Austin (R-Vt.), also recommended the council to be headed by a civilian executive secretary and functioning under the secretary of common defense. Also recommended are a national security resources board to plan for maximum use of the nation's resources, and a central intelligence agency reporting to the council of common defense and compiling and evaluating information gathered by all Government agencies.

The subcommittee said the plan will comply with President Truman's request for unifying the services.

Pickax Slayer Held On Murder Charge

DES MOINES, April 10 (AP)—William C. Irwin, 41, was held in jail on a first degree murder charge in connection with the pickax slaying of his mother, wife and two sons.

Irwin did not enter a plea, but an innocent plea was entered for him, and he was ordered held without bond.

After arraignment, Dr. A. S. Price, chairman of the Polk County Insanity Commission, examined Irwin and described him as "obviously insane."

USS Missouri Due in Greece

ABOARD USS MISSOURI, April 10 (AP)—America's biggest battleship, the Missouri, was to arrive at Piraeus, Greece, today where she will be greeted by British warships.

Russia Suggests U.S. Drop Spy Charges Against Redin

suggestion through diplomatic channels.

It expressed the opinion, officials said, that on the basis of current evidence the charge was not justified and asked whether the U.S. Government expected to proceed with the case.

Officials say any such suggestion made through diplomatic channels would be certain of rejection, and that only the Justice Department or the Federal grand jury could make a decision to drop the case.

Montreal Storms to Fifth Stanley Cup Title

Slide Cramer, Slide



"DOC" CRAMER, Detroit's aging outfielder, is tagged out at home as he tried to score in the first inning of a recent Tiger-Red Sox exhibition game. Blocking the plate and putting the ball on Cramer, is catcher Conroy, of Boston. —Press Association Photo

Detroit's Ninth-Inning Rally Beats Wallace, Braves, 4-3

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 10 (AP)—Bunching four hits for three runs in the ninth inning, the Tigers spoiled a superlative pitching performance by rookie lefthander Jim Wallace and defeated the Braves, 4-3.

Trailing 3-1 as a result of Boston's three runs off Hal Mander in the first two innings, the Tigers staged a ninth-inning rally which included three singles and pinch hitter Bill Hitchcock's triple. Wallace treated his hometown Evansville fans to three-hit shutout pitching for seven innings but couldn't hang on. Mander gave up nine hits and three runs in five innings while winning pitcher Les Mueller allowed only one hit and no runs in four innings.

CHARLESTON—Three Philadelphia pitchers held the Senators to three hits but the Senators won, 4-2.

Phil pitchers Al Hodkey, Dick Mauney and Dick Mullingam quieted the Senators' bats but gave up too many walks and got poor support from their teammates, who fumbled three times.

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Effective eight-hit pitching by Nate Andrews and a three-run homer by Eddie Miller gave the Reds a 4-2 victory over the Red Sox.

Andrews went the distance for the Reds, hurling shutout ball until the last inning, when a single by Sam Mele, triple by George Metkovich and a sacrifice out by Al Flair produced two runs.

Senator Squawks About Fight Prices

PHILADELPHIA, April 10 (INS)—A loud squawk, beef or, to be more formal, a protest was made yesterday against Mike Jacobs' plan to charge \$100 for a ringside seat at the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight in Yankee Stadium, New York.

H. Jerome Jaspán, state senator and Philadelphia lawyer, lodged the complaint. He said the price was "out of reach of the average sport fan" and urged that, if \$100 was charged, a part of the proceeds go to the Army Relief Fund or the starving people of Europe.

He said he would carry the protest to Governor Thomas E. Dewey and Boxing Commissioner Eddie Eagan.

Baseball Results

Exhibition Games
 Detroit 4, Braves 3
 Washington 4, Phillies 2
 Cincinnati 4, Red Sox 2

Pacific Coast League
 Hollywood 6, Seattle 4
 Oakland 4, Sacramento 1
 San Diego 5, Los Angeles 4
 San Francisco 3, Portland 2

Garmisch to Revive 'Falt-Boat' Racing

GARMISCH, April 10—"Falt-boat-ing," the European version of American canoeing, will have its first large-scale postwar revival this summer at the Garmisch recreation center, Maj. Ed Mueller, sports and training director, said.

A tryout run down the Loisach River last week demonstrated the project's feasibility, and Mueller now hopes to put a GI fleet of 100 falt boats on Garmisch streams and lakes this season.

Similar in size and appearance to eskimo kayaks, falt boats have a light-weight wooden frame construction with a covering of rubberized canvas. Most of the craft are designed for two persons, although single-seat racing models were also popular in pre-war days.

Two Quintets Advance In Pro Cage Tourney

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 10 (AP)—Schenectady and the Baltimore Bullets were the first round victors as the National Professional Invitation basketball tournament got underway.

Schenectady easily downed the Detroit Mansfields, 65-51. Baltimore defeated the Chicago Collegian, 66-49.

Rebuilt Racer Enters Classic

LONDON, April 10 (AP)—A racing car rebuilt from scrap after it was blown apart by a German rocket bomb is getting final trials this week as one of Britain's two entries in the Indianapolis 500-mile race May 30.

Pasquel to File Suits Against Two 'Jumpers'

MEXICO CITY, April 10 (AP)—Jorge Pasquel, angered over two outs in his Mexican Baseball League in the loss of big leaguers Vernon Stephens and Mickey Owen, said he would file suit for \$100,000 against Owen, Brooklyn catcher who changed his mind about going to the Mexican loop.

Pasquel also announced that he would file a \$100,000 suit against Stephens, St. Louis Browns shortstop who played two games in the Mexican League, then left to rejoin the Browns.

The suit against Owen will be filed in St. Louis, Pasquel said, because that was "where he signed his contract with us and where he got a \$20,000 cash advance." Owen denied he signed a contract and said he would return the money advanced to him.

In Lexington, Ky., baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler said that organized baseball would stand behind Owen and Stephens if they were sued by Mexican League interests, since "they are coming back at our call."

Islanders Pace AAU Boxing

BOSTON, April 10 (AP)—Thanks to the tiniest representatives, the Hawaiian boxing team captured six of the 32 semi-finalist berths in the 58th National AAU Boxing Championship tournament at Boston Garden, but it will be impossible for the Islanders to win more than three of the eight titles at stake.

The only other teams assembled from all parts of the country to make any kind of a showing during the second day's battles were those from Oakland, Calif., Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and the U. S. Marines from Cherry Point, N. C., each of which qualified two for tomorrow night's windup.

Augusta Gal Leads in Golf

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 10 (AP)—Eileen Stubb, of Augusta, posted a three-over-par 78 to take the lead at the end of the first round of the seventh annual title-holders golf tournament at the Augusta Country Club.

Wild Nag May Race If He Is Corraled

VALE, Ore., April 10 (INS)—Rainbow, the beautiful black stallion leader of 4,000 Eastern Oregon wild horses, long admired for his fleetness and grace, will become a race horse if he can be corraled. So will the twinkle-toed mare, Stardust, who is Rainbow's constant companion.

Rainbow is believed the son of former wild horse leaders in the rugged Owyhee Breaks—such as Quicksilver, of Bally Beers—or he may be an escaped stallion from a valuable herd.

Many of the other wild ones would make excellent riding horses. But the majority of the 4,000 will have to be sent to fertilizer factories—they are using up too much range that is needed by cattle.

Assault Scores Jamaica Win

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—Assault, from the barn of Robert J. Kleberg, of Texas, made a bid for a Kentucky Derby spot by winning the six furlong Experimental Handicap at Jamaica by four lengths.

Tropical Parks' program was featured by the largest daily double payoff of the year—Polymelior \$55.50 in the first and Linda \$45.70 in the second combined for a \$3,528 return.

Eugene Jacobs' Hazel Play came up fast in the stretch to win by a neck over Lady Eccleston in the \$3,400 Pigeon House purse for fillies and mares at Bowie. Hazel Play paid \$13.50.

At San Mateo, Calif., Xeno Sun broke on top and led all the way to win the Bay Meadows feature. The 2-1 favorite, My Empire, ran second a length and half back.

Budge Wins 19th Match In Net Tour With Riggs

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 10 (AP)—Don Budge's backhand enabled him to take a 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, decision over Bobby Riggs in the 19th round of their cross country challenge match for the world's professional tennis singles championship.

Budge, who has won four of the last five matches, now trails 14-5.

Lee Oma Joins Gathering That Wants to Fight Louis

By CASWELL ADAMS, INS Correspondent

NEW YORK, April 10—The field of people who want to fight Joe Louis is getting glutted. The latest to join the throng anxious to make money is Lee Oma, of Detroit, who stopped Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion of the world at Madison Square Garden recently, after four rounds of leonine battling.

Oma, a clown if there ever was one, suddenly landed two rights on Gustave's left eyebrow midway through the fourth heat and after Dr. William Walker had annulled the fistic festivities following an investigation of the slice, Oma let fly with his challenge to Louis. In his dressing room he said:



Lee Oma

"Lesnevich is the light-heavyweight champion of the world.

Right? Well, I stopped him. I'll stop them all. I'm a full-fledged heavy-weight—I weigh 189 1-2 and I would like to fight that Louis. Louis has a one-track mind and a one track manner approaching a project. I'd lick him easily."

The 16,087 paying patrons who chucked in \$74,682 into Mike Jacobs' silk-lined coffers were not completely satisfied with the bout. True, they had made clownish Oma 5-7 favorite to whip Lesnevich, who had less than three minutes actual ring combat in the last four years. And, as a matter of fact, most ringside observers thought that except for a lucky hit, Oma was in for a thorough going over in the rounds that did not follow.

Canuck Rally In 3rd Stops Boston, 6-3

MONTREAL, April 10 (AP)—The Montreal Canadiens stormed through Boston's defenses for three goals in the final period to defeat the Bruins, 6-3, and regain the Stanley Cup, emblematic of the world's professional hockey championships.

In sweeping to the fifth Stanley Cup triumph since the NHL was organized in 1917, and their second in three years, the Canadiens captured eight of nine playoff games. They eliminated the third-place Chicago Black Hawks in the semi-finals in four straight contests.

Although they won the loop's pennant the last three years, the Canadiens were eliminated in the first round of the cup playoff last year.

With the score tied at 3-all, Toe Blake, Canuck captain who had been playing despite an ailing back, drove in what proved to be the winning goal at 11:06, when he fired an angle shot past Boston goalie Frank Brimsek.

Boston's defense fell apart and the fleet, hard driving Canadiens sewed up the contest and the championship with two more tallies.

Barons Come From Behind To Beat Buffalo Bisons, 7-5

CLEVELAND, April 10 (AP)—Cleveland's Barons took a lead of three games to one in the American Hockey League finals by trimming the Buffalo Bisons, 7-5, after erasing Buffalo's two-goal lead in the first period.

Tommy Burlington, Cleveland's fleet center who has been closely covered in this series, broke loose for two goals in the last period to clinch the game. One of his scores was on a solo dash the length of the rink, in which he stick-handled past three Bisons.

Kansas City Cops Opener

From Tulsa in USHL Finals

TULSA, Okla., April 10 (AP)—The Kansas City Plk-mors defeated the Tulsa Oilers, 8-2, in the first game of the final championship series of the U. S. Hockey League.

WAC Athletes Plan Spring Sports Card

FRANKFURT, April 10—Plans for an extensive spring-summer program for WAC athletes are being drawn up, Theater Special Services announced.

Opening the program will be a volleyball tournament in Vienna, April 15-20. Eight top-notch WAC teams, representing the major ETO regions, will battle for the championship.

The WAC's will have their own "little world series" Aug. 26-31, when the ETO softball tournament gets underway in Berlin.

Yankees' Infield Star Ready for Release May 1

FORT BENNING, Ga., April 10 (INS)—Army officials disclosed that Bill Johnson, former star infielder of the New York Yankees, was eligible for separation by May 1.

Player of the year 1943 for the Yanks and one of the 1943 world series stars, Johnson returned to the U. S. last summer after duty overseas.

He refused to be discharged twice on dependency basis, although he is married and has one child.

ETO Sextet Drops Finale To Lions, 11-3

By JERRY KALB
Staff Correspondent

LONDON, April 10—In a wild rough and tumble game, the ETO All-Star hockey team bowed to the Wembley Lions last night, 11-3.

Both clubs took full advantage of the new rule permitting body-checking in all zones and had the usually staid English crowd on its feet throughout the game.

The Lions punched home two goals in the opening period and then outskated the All-Stars the rest of the way.

Right wing Johnnie Clopec slid the first ETO score into the nets in the second period. The other ETO scores came in the last period on tallies by Gene Veilleux and Fred Trebino.

It was the last scheduled game for the All-Stars who expect to return to the continent and disband within a few days.

Baseball Sees Record Gates

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—Baseball appears to be headed for the biggest box office boom in history, with 16 major league clubs clicking the turnstiles at near-record rates on Southern barnstorming jaunts while huge advance sales pile up at the home offices.

Brooklyn's always-enthusiastic public will have poured \$400,000 into the Ebbets Field till before the season opens, says business manager Jack Collins.

Larry MacPhail's galivanting Yankees are rocketing toward the record Spring high of \$250,000 paid, which Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and company lured through the gates in 1929.

The Giants and Phillies regularly drew 6,000 at Miami, Cincinnati had its best year at Tampa, and the Yanks and Cardinals packed in 51,753 for the Spring series of seven games.

7 Civilians Added To Athletic School

FRANKFURT, April 10—Seven more outstanding civilian athletic consultants have been added to the staff of the Athletic Staff School which opens April 15 in Stuttgart, Theater Special Services announced.

Leading the list of seven, is Matt Mann, who is head swimming coach at Michigan University.

Other leading consultants are: Charles Sportsman, recently with North Texas Teachers College; Ralph Erickson, of Windsor, Conn.; George Wilson, of Northwestern University; Charles Foster, of Lakewood, O.; George Neilan, boxing coach at North Carolina Pre-flight; Emory Kelley, of Iowa City.

Skins Lose Koslowski Through Records Mix

NEW YORK, April 10 (INS)—Bert Bell, commissioner of the National Football League, has notified the Washington Redskins that Stan Koslowski, star Holy Cross fullback, was not eligible to be drafted when the Redskins selected him last January.

Bell said Koslowski will not become eligible to play in the National League until 1947.

ETO Swimmers Meet Dutch

FRANKFURT, April 10—ETO's undefeated swimming team meets a Dutch squad in The Hague, April 21, in the third of a series of inter-Allied meets. The ETO tankers previously beat two Czecho-Slovakian teams, 42-28 and 37-17, early last month.

TERRY AND THE PIRATES

Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



DICK TRACY

Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc

By Chester Gould



LIL ABNER

Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



MOON MULLINS

Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Frank Willard



BLONDIE

Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Wooderson Expected To Reject AAU Bid

LONDON, April 10 (UP) Sydney Wooderson, British athletic star, is not likely to accept an American Amateur Athletic Union invitation to participate in the track and field championships June 28, together with Swedish star Lennart Strand.

Wooderson would be expected to compete in the mile and 1,500 meter events, distances which he already announced he will no longer run.

New Yorker Batters Hydroplane Record

NEW ORLEANS, April 10 (AP)—Victor Scott, of Forest Hills, N. Y., bettered the world record for outboard Class C hydroplanes for the second successive day in the Pan-American regatta on Lake Pontchartrain.

Scott, recently discharged from the Army, sent his flying "Scott IV" over the course at a speed of 57.325 miles per hour. The previous record was 55.419, set by Paul Worley at Lakeland, Fla. on Feb. 3, 1940.

Beazley to Pitch Cardinals' Opener

FORT WORTH, April 10 (UP)—Manager Eddie Dyer, of the St. Louis Cardinals, riding high with 19 victories in 23 games, named sophomore ace Johnny Beazley to pitch the season opener against Pittsburgh provided the youngster passes his physical.

Beazley was sent home to St. Louis to have his arm and tummy looked after by Dr. Robert Hyland, club physician.

Steve Van Buren Signs 3-Year Eagle Contract

PHILADELPHIA, April 10 (AP)—Steve Van Buren, one of the greatest football players in the professional ranks, signed a three-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles, scotching rumors that he planned to jump to the rival All-America Conference.

The hard-driving halfback from Louisiana's Bayous won three individual championships in the National Football League race last year.

6 Survivors of Malmedy Massacre Revisit Field Where Buddies Died



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for participating in the slaughter of the Americans.

Several days ago, when the six survivors were brought to Wiesbaden they talked freely, if somewhat nightmarishly, of the killing. Yesterday, on the site of the slaughter, the men were silent. They looked tearful, as if wracked by half-hidden sorrow.

When Lt. Col. Burton F. Ellis asked them to stand where they had been when the Nazi machine gunners opened fire, they walked silently to their former places on the blood-bathed soil. Two of the men looked to right and left, as if trying to orient themselves in relation to friends among whose bodies they had lain.

They were dimly aware of a simple monument which stood nakedly in the field. They stared, tight-lipped, at a crude wooden cross made of crossed pine logs.

Finally, Virgil P. Lary, a former first lieutenant of the 285th FA Obs. Bn. said:

"I never thought a year ago that

we'd be standing here and looking at a monument to ourselves."

Later, in reply to questions from officers of the War Crimes Commission, they provided details needed in the Government's case against the Nazis.

The survivors of the massacre included the following:

Omar D. Ford, Leeton, Mo.; Samuel Dobyns, Sandusky, O.; Virgil P. Lary, Jr., Lexington, Ky.; Carl R. Daub, Colebrook, Pa.; Kenneth E. Kingston, Allentown, Pa. and Kenneth F. Ahrens, Erie, Pa.

What happened at Malmedy, briefly, is as follows:

The Americans, of the 285th FA Obs. Bn., were moving along the road at Baugez toward a small cluster of houses at the crossroads. In a convoy of about 30 vehicles, they were ambushed by enemy tanks, which came down the road they had just left, thereby cutting off escape. From the left flank and in front of them more of the German armored vehicles suddenly

came into view and commenced firing.

Survivors were taken prisoner and marched down to the field near the crossroads. Those who survived the machine-gunning were killed by Germans who walked among the bodies of the fallen shooting all with any semblance of life.

Seventy-one bodies were found on the field, and there were 43 survivors, four of whom died later.

Now, after more than a year, the guilty are to be punished. The list of persons to be tried at Dachau May 2 include three generals: Dietrich, CG, Sixth SS Panzer Army; Kraemer, his chief of staff, and Priess, CG, First SS Panzer Corps.

Col. Joachim Peiper, 29, who at the time was the youngest Colonel in the German Army, was the officer directly responsible for the "Malmedy Massacre."

All known participants of the deed are being held for the trial, including six German prisoners from the U.S., one of whom has already arrived in Germany.

Witness Tells Of Death Walk

DACHAU, April 10—A "death march" of 1,700 prisoners in April, 1945, was described by a witness today in the 10th day of prosecution in the Mauthausen war crimes trial here. The march took place in cold, wet weather when prisoners were transferred from one of Mauthausen's sub-camps to the main camp. It took nine days, covered a distance of over 100 miles and left over 300 of its marchers along the route, dead.

Rudolf Halaba, 40-year-old Austrian tailor, who helped bury the dead on the march said on the witness stand that when prisoners had become exhausted, SS guards would pull these prisoners from the formation, kick them into the ditch and shoot them in the back of the neck.

Harriman Sworn In

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Averell Harriman was sworn in as ambassador to Great Britain today as Secretary of State James F. Byrnes looked on.

McNarney Issues Correction Of INS Account of Report

BERLIN, April 10—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney issued the following statement here today relative to an article in *The Stars and Stripes* Wednesday, April 10, credited to International News Service:

"This article indicated that my March report on Military Government had stated that the political fight between the Social Democrat and Communist parties had prevented discussion of more important government and economic problems.

"The article implied that such discussion had been presented in quadripartite machinery, which is not correct.

"In fact, the political issue involved is a German problem which

'Out of Uniform—No Chow' Is Slogan for Civvie Drive

By RICHARD S. CLARK

FRANKFURT, April 10 (UP)—U.S. Army "uniform-commandos," drafted from the 508th Prcht. Inf. Regt., were scheduled to strike at lax civilian employes today with a program of "out of uniform—no chow."

In the last hours before D-Day, for those who would spruce U.S. civilians, mimeograph machines turned madly and reams of handbills flooded Frankfurt. Officials said approximately 15 workers in the civilian personnel branch had been kept busy working on the crack-down program.

"Seven or eight" workers have been visiting mess halls in recent days pointing out deficiencies in their brothers' garb while handing them limericks, such as:

"And don't forget that you must not be hatless;

Reneg on these rules, and you will be hapless,

For after Wednesday no entrance to mess

Unless you are in proper uniform dress."

No estimate was available on the number of man-hours spent drafting the regulations since sartorial matters gained prominence in the former war theater. But the current drive dates back at least to early winter when a G-4 major spent

his last hectic days in Frankfurt before redeployment outlining USFET Circular 13, civilians uniform bible, which strips him of military decorations, brass buttons, "pink" trousers, brass insignia and the braid on his cap.

G-4 Plans and Procedures Branch consulted with G-1 policy makers co-ordinated with civilian personnel experts, and March 1 civilians were allowed to don civilian clothes, or comply with Circular 13.

Enforcement methods are almost painless in their simplicity. MPs will not track the sinner down or bundle him off to the guardhouse. "Courtesy officers" who checked on GI saluting in early postwar days will not be used to embarrass the girl who slips out in a sweater and GI skirt or the brassbuttoned civilian.

Paratroopers from the 508th Regt. will be posted at each of Frankfurt's five officers' messes for an indefinite period starting today with special orders—"Out of uniform—No chow."

Baby . . .

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thing that happened because a couple of kids didn't know better.

"Some day if I feel I can take the consequences, I'll return here.

"I hope you will say a prayer for my son. I know I shall pray for him every day as long as I live.

"Thank you kindly and God bless you always for being so good. "A sad and despondent mother."

Johnnie will be turned over to the welfare department for placement in a home if police can't locate the mother pretty soon. And if she doesn't come back for him in a year he'll be put up for adoption.

Lampoon Selects 8 Worst Pictures In Dishonor Poll

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 10 (INS)—The Lampoon, fun-poking publication, in which erudite sons of John Harvard take a look at the lighter side of life, came up with its annual dishonor roll of "The Worst Pictures of the Year."

Topping Lampoon's poll was "Dinner at the Waldorf." Others listed for 1945 were "Music for Millions," "This love of Ours," "Where Do We Go from Here," "Spellbound," "Anchors Aweigh," "Guest Wife," "She Wouldn't Say Yes" and "Uncle Harry."

For the worst single performance (female) Lampoon gave the bottom billing to June Allyson in "Her Highness and the Bellboy." Van Johnson won a nod for the worst male role in "Thrill of a Romance." Alexis Smith was awarded Lampoon's uncoveted "Oscar" for the "most consistently bovine performances" with Joan Crawford tabbed "the oldest actress of the year." Joan Bennett got an honorable mention.

Nazis Charged With Massacre

NURNBERG, April 10 (AP)—Through two defense witnesses brought to the stand at the insistence of the tribunal, the prosecution in the war criminals trial today hoped to link Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and Ernst Kaltenbrunner with the massacre of 50 RAF officers who made the now-famous attempt to escape from Stalag Luft 3.

The witnesses are Maj. Gen. Adolf Josef Westhoff, former deputy chief of the Wehrmacht's prisoner of war department, and Max Wieland, former chief of German criminal police at Breslau.

The order that the two men be produced came after Keitel's counsel had announced he was not calling them because "the British prosecutor has withdrawn charges that Keitel transmitted orders for the execution of the airmen."

'Snuffy' Takes Powder; Return Carries Reward

FRANKFURT, April 10—Lt. C. A. Roush has lost his dog Snuffy who broke out of his yard at noon today.

"Snuffy" is a reddish-brown, long-haired dachshund with long ears. His leather collar has a name plate without a name on it. If anyone finds "Snuffy," he can get a reward by calling Roush at Frankfurt 2-4911.

Engaged to Wed



SONGSTRESS Martha Stewart is engaged to Comedian Joe E. Lewis. They plan to be married in April when Lewis goes to Hollywood to fill a contract.

Mrs. Roosevelt Refuses Offer In '46 Politics

WASHINGTON, April 10 (INS)—A highly-informed source disclosed today that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt refused to enter politics this year.

Some of New York's leading Democrats hoped to present the 1946 state ticket headed by Mrs. Roosevelt for the U. S. Senate, and Sen. James M. Mead for governor.

Mrs. Roosevelt, however, killed this plan. She took herself out of the 1946 picture with finesse, but with finality.

She told New York Democratic leaders:

"I am not going to be in politics this fall and I am not going to do anything that will lend color to it. I don't believe I should have anything to do with politics this year. Indeed, I don't think any of the Roosevelts should be in politics this year."

Friends explain that Mrs. Roosevelt emphasized "this year" because of her desire to have her family maintain a proper period of mourning for the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The nation will honor his memory Friday, the first anniversary of his death.

The former first lady's words are in effect a rebuke to her son James who has been taking an active part in California politics. James is presently a member of the Democratic State Central Committee in California. His name has been frequently mentioned too as a possibility for the Democratic Senatorial nomination for the seat now held by Sen. William F. Knowland.

Lichfield Case Trials Moved

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fied at the Lichfield trial today that Col. Claude M. Thiele, London area commander, was "exempt" from his command "insofar as court martial jurisdiction is concerned," Associated Press reported from London.

His only part in the Lichfield proceedings, Lewis declared, was the preparation of a report "on the administrative features of the case" for Gen. Eisenhower in October and the current provision by his office of the necessary witnesses and legal personnel for the trial.

Lewis flew from Paris with his staff judge advocate, Col. Clarence E. Brand, to testify.

Previously the court trying Sgt. James M. Jones, former 10th Reinf. Depot guard, had heard a defense motion challenging its jurisdiction on the allegation that "prejudice" would disqualify the authorities who will review the case.

The defense had contended that Lewis, being in command of Thiele, was the "real prosecutor and reviewing authority" and that Thiele had been "usurped by high headquarters."

Among the spectators, reported Associated Press, was Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, theater IG, who is investigating the proceedings on behalf of Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, theater commander.

The trial today was marked by a sharp exchange between the president of the court, Col. Buhl Moore, and chief defense counsel, 1-Lt. Frank M. Johnson.

One Year Ago

Ninth Army captures Hannover. Fifth Armd. 20 miles from Brunswick. Eighth AF destroys 245 German planes. Russians take heart of Vienna.