

Tokyo Area Hammered By 3d Fleet, 1,500 Planes

Truman and Stalin Confer for Hour in First Potsdam Talk

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, July 17.—Premier Stalin met President Truman today for the first time, calling on the President in the temporary "White House" in the Potsdam area.

The two spoke for an hour in the privacy of Mr. Truman's study and then lunched together. There was no information given on the nature of their talks.

Stalin was accompanied by his staff, including Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov. During the talks, only Stalin, Mr. Truman, Molotov, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and two official interpreters were present.

The President's personal Chief of Staff, Adm. William D. Leahy, joined the six for the luncheon.

Stalin, wearing a fawn-colored uniform, arrived at the President's villa at 11:50 AM. He was greeted on the steps by the President's military and naval aides, Brig. Gen. Harry Vaughan and Capt. James Vardaman Jr.

Accompanied by Molotov, Stalin went to the second floor, met the President, and was closeted with him for an hour.

The party adjourned to lunch after the meeting. Mr. Truman sat at the head of the table, with Stalin on his right.

The menu included creamed spinach soup, liver and bacon with onions, baked ham, Julienne potato.

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3 Big Explosions Rock Berlin Area

BERLIN, July 17 (AP).—Three terrific explosions, apparently emanating from the Russian zone of the city, rocked the Berlin area, including Potsdam, scene of the Big Three parley, today between 9 AM and noon. The blasts occurred about one hour apart.

The explosions sent war-conscious Berlin residents scurrying to cover. The blasts sounded more like huge demolitions however, than any wartime type of concussion.

American officers charged with security in this sector said they had received no reports on the cause of the explosions. The Russians, they said, had been carrying out considerable demolition in their area.

No, It's Not a Hollywood Dream; It's Just the Big Three's PX

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, July 17.—Does your PX sell cameras, film, alarm clocks, women's handbags, men's leather traveling kits, perfumes from southern France, novelty lipsticks and self-winding, shockproof Swiss wristwatches?

No? Neither does ours, but we can tell you how to make the grade. Just get yourself invited to the next Big Three conference, preferably as a high-ranking Army officer or a member of the Presidential party.

Some gentleman with a sense of humor put out a release today disclosing that these items "difficult to obtain in America" are stocked on the shelves of the special U.S. Army Post Exchange in Potsdam, a few steps from the temporary White House.

The PX is in a transformed,

shabby old drug store, now an architectural dream—shiny, blue, trimmed, flag-decked, and lined with mirrors and paintings salvaged from the ruins of bombed-out German buildings.

The dignitaries are "limited" in their purchases of such scarce items as cameras, film and wristwatches, but they have a full selection of women's handbags from Paris, leather traveling kits and novelty lipsticks in pert umbrella shape pink containers, the release says.

In a modest masterpiece of understatement, the release concludes that the exchange is "stocked with large supplies of tobacco, all brands of cigarets and cigars. It represents one of the most complete stores in the present wartime world."

Ninth Army Hq. Begins Shift to U.S.

By Robert J. Donovan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The redeployment program reached a new high yesterday with announcement by Com Z Headquarters that advance units of Ninth Army Headquarters have begun embarking at Le Havre for the U.S.

Main elements of Ninth Army Headquarters have reached Le Havre and will begin shipping out Friday, Com Z disclosed.

The Ninth Army, commanded by Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, who already has arrived in the U.S., will be the second of the U.S. armies on the western front in the war against Germany to reach the States. Preceding it was the headquarters of the First Army. Headquarters of the Third, Seventh and 15th Armies still are in Europe. The Third and Seventh Armies have been designated as parts of the Army of Occupation. The mission of the 15th Army has not yet been announced.

Important Mission Likely

No destination for Ninth Army Headquarters was announced other than the U.S. The inference was, however, that an important mission was awaiting the Ninth. Otherwise it would not be sent home at this critical period in the shipping program. Organizations to be inactivated have the lowest priority on shipping space.

The fact that Ninth Army Headquarters has begun redeployment does not mean necessarily the division.

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U.S. Setting Stage To Land—Nimitz

GUAM, July 17.—With 1,500 planes and the guns of the biggest British as well as American battleships, the U.S. Third Fleet bombed and bombarded the Tokyo area today. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz officially announced that "the pre-invasion stage" of the Pacific war had been reached.

The blow near the Japanese capital itself was delivered by the greatest aggregation of naval might ever massed under a single command in the history of warfare as new British battleships and carriers joined Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey's command for their first strike at the home islands.

Paper Strike Ended in N.Y.

NEW YORK, July 17 (AP).—The newspaper deliverymen's strike which left 13,000,000 residents of New York's metropolitan area virtually without newspapers for 17 days was settled today.

Louis Waldman, attorney for the Independent Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union, said the settlement was made on the basis of a telegram from the newspaper commission of the War Labor Board which said the commission would hold an immediate hearing to consider the issues if the men returned.

The strike developed from contract negotiations in which a principal issue was the union demand that the publishers establish a union welfare fund.

Earlier today several men in naval uniforms who attempted to sell New York newspapers in Newark, N.J. were attacked.

The waves of planes, both American and British, took off at dawn and pounded an area of 35 miles stretching northward from the capital city. Their attack continued for hours.

At nightfall the battleships, spearheaded by America's 45,000-ton Iowa, added their 16-inch guns to the assault. Nimitz's communique announcing the bombardment said that the action was continuing.

Destroyers Join in Shelling

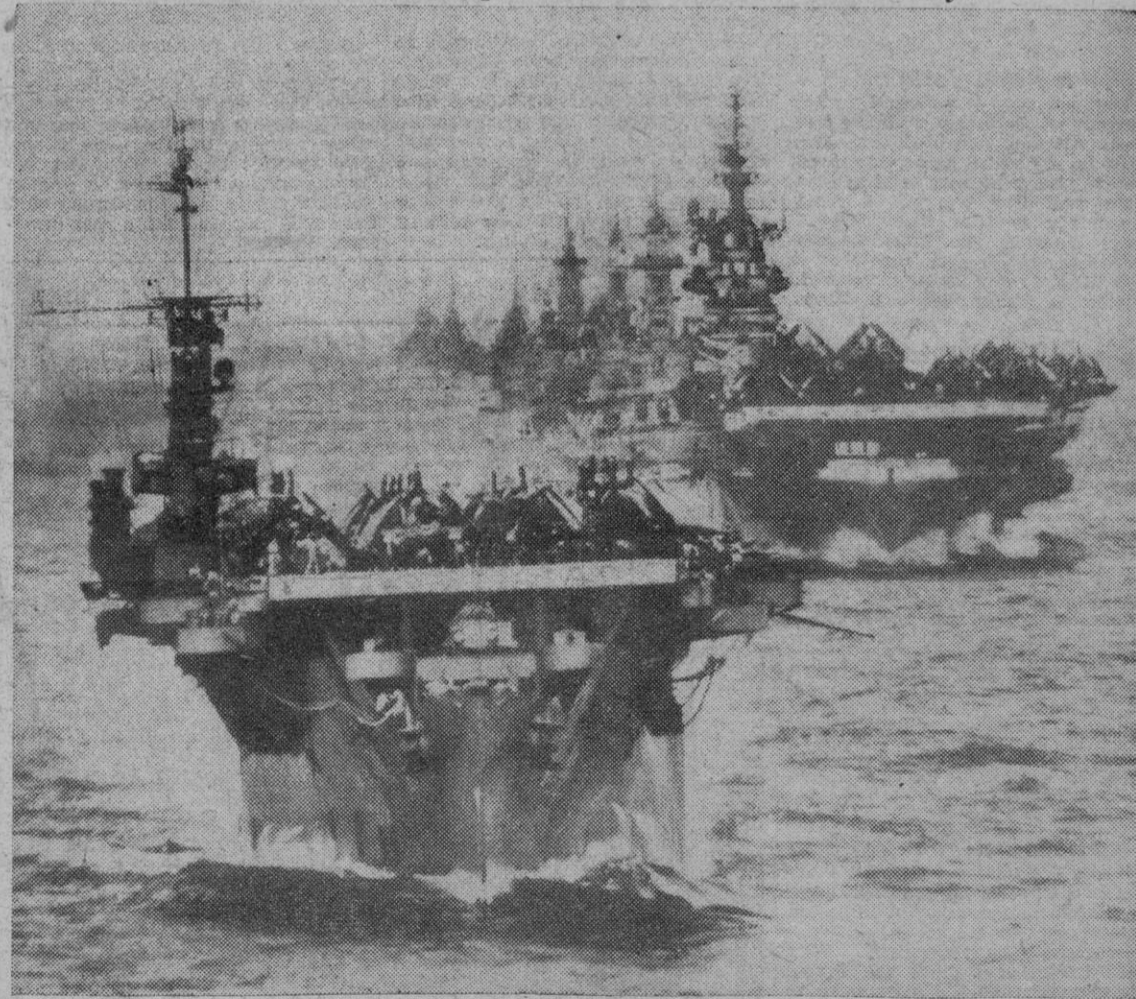
The battleships blazed away at the war industry city of Hitachi on the east coast of Honshu Island, only 25 miles north of Tokyo.

The formidable fleet, steaming up to the heart of Japan with impunity, operated so close to shore that even the destroyers joined in the shelling.

Demonstrating the scorn in which Halsey held the Japanese fleet, his

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Third Fleet Warships Ride the Sea Lanes to Tokyo



Typifying the might of the U.S. Third Fleet now shelling the Japanese mainland are these warships of Task Force 38 under command of Adms. John McCain and William F. Halsey. Two carriers in the foreground followed by other ships steam toward a rendezvous point somewhere off the coast of Japan.

B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Right Time
 as to the major and officers in charge of our (NBS) from 19th Depot, Paris and from Paris to on June 26. Due to the three-hour wait in Paris and the foresight and goodwill of our officers, we had a fine hot meal at the transit mess on Rue Diderot. After chow, we were taken on a tour of Paris—three busloads of cheering, happy GI hospital veterans. For some of us it was our first glimpse of Paris. We were at the station in plenty of time to meet the train and continue on our successful journey.—T/5 Goodie Rossi, 3185 Sig. Sv. Bu.

City Hall Problem

Since the invasion no Town Major in either Brittany or Normandy Base Section has been promoted. Many of us from Bieppe to Brest feel that if we are good we should be considered for promotion, if not we should be kicked out of the Army. In the meanwhile, we are plugging along and noticing others with less basic responsibilities pass us on the upgrade.—A Puzzled Captain.

This Is Where We Came In!

B-Bag ran a statement by Col. Jablonsky of the 515th Pchnt. Inf. pertaining to this unit not being allowed to write "bitching" letters to the B-Bag.

It is true—the Colonel said that we were told that it would be advisable to wash our "dirty linen" at home. . . . If we had any gripes, we should take them to our CO. But it is also true that a notice was posted on the bulletin boards of all companies that no member of this organization would write a gripe letter to the B-Bag; any member doing so would be subject to punishment.

In one instance, three members who did write had their letters intercepted by unit censors and threatened with courts martial for disobeying this directive. All we can say to Col. Jablonsky's statement is if we are to wash our "dirty linen" at home, please give us the soap to do it with.—Pfc, 515 Pchnt. Inf.

High-Level Combined Ops

It's about time high level planners got a sensible plan with regard to the uniform to be worn here in Paris in the summer. Officers must wear the blouse (2 authorized) or ETO jacket (1 authorized)—average dry cleaning time 3-4 weeks—all the time, while other ranks may be more comfortable in the shirt only. . . . a good idea if originators of this farce got together with God, with Whom they probably think they are on the same level, and arranged for a cooler summer season.—"Overheated" (Signed by 2 Majors, 5 Capt., 4 Lis.—Ed.).

Take a Bow, Jane

Just returned from our hospital theater where I saw a USO stage show starring Jane Froman. The men in my ward, want to extend our sincerest thanks to Miss Froman and her troupe. I can't remember another time since I have been in the ETO that I enjoyed anything as much as I did Miss Froman's singing.—Sgt. Arthur L. Callen, 195 Gen. Hosp.

Facts vs Half Truths

We noticed in the S & S where they were flying PWs mail from the States to Paris. Why do they think of the PWs before they do of us? . . . this is a dirty deal.—T/4 Woodrow Slavery, 2 Cav. Ren. Sq.

Editor's note: The Theater Postal Officer advises that during the war, the U.S. and Germany . . . agreed through the protecting power, Switzerland, that both governments would fly the mail to and from PWs to a neutral country, accessible to aircraft of both nations. . . .

American aircraft flew to Switzerland via Paris, and carried mail to American soldiers held as prisoners of war by Germany, and mail from German prisoners of war held by the U.S. to their next of kin in Germany. Soldiers of both nations and their families benefitted by this agreement.

The service was discontinued before the end of the war because the German mail service broke down. . . .

Don't Write, Telegraph

While the war was on here I understood why an urgent cable message from home could not be gotten immediately to a soldier.

Conditions have changed. Why can't cables sent from the States be relayed from Paris by wire to the various message centers where they could be picked up by regular carrier? Cables from home often arrive after an air mail letter of

the same date. Why can't cables be addressed directly to a soldier's outfit and not to a code address which requires directory service? I work in an APO. . . know that mail with a good address gets faster service than mail needing directory service.—Sgt. Bob Brown, 267 APU.

Editor's note: Col. S. G. Schwartz, Theater Postal Officer, states that: "Despite cessation of hostilities here facilities are inadequate for the electrical forwarding of personal cables from Paris to message centers throughout the Continent."

"Use is being made of facilities as fast as they become available for direct transmission of cables between the U.S. and radio stations in Germany. The Third and Seventh Armies are now being so served and the facilities of additional radio stations are expected to become available in the near future. Incoming cables received in Paris for addresses in other commands are dispatched to addressees' APOs three times daily through the Com Z Signal Dispatch Service, which insures delivery to Ninth and Fifteenth Armies and base section headquarters in less than 18 hours."

"Factors contributing to delay of incoming cables include time taken to transmit intermediate message centers; missed connections; time required for directory service at command APOs, and, in frequent instances, forwarding from the command APO to the serving APO after directory service at the command APO."

"The War Department has authorized, effective 15 July 1945, the inclusion of grade or rank (up through colonel) and unit or organization in addresses of cables originating in U.S. The deliveries will be considerably expedited because the new form of address eliminates the necessity for directorizing messages and moreover will enable direct dispatch to serving APOs instead of to command APOs. . . ."

Rank

I witnessed the nauseating spectacle of Nazi Germans drilling under the command of their arrogant Fascist officers on the grounds of a large general hospital. I heard, as in a nightmare, the same barked orders that sent these "good Germans" on their mission of devastation and death into every country in Europe.

The authority for this flagrant perpetuation of the Germanic militaristic tradition included the following gems:

German PW officers will be responsible for all activities within the stockade and will be appointed by virtue of rank. Line officers will be given preference in all such appointments. German PW officers will be treated as officers, quartered separately given the best possible uniforms, fed separately from enlisted personnel, and accorded the respect due their rank. Orderlies will be provided for each stockade commander and members of his staff including company commanders. Where possible it is desired that retreat formations be held at least twice a week, and enough close order drill be given PWs under German officer supervision to ensure adequate standards of military discipline.

Shades of Lidice, and the millions of rotting dead! Have we been fighting all along in order to preserve the rank prestige of these gangster leaders of a gangster people?

Will the swastika be lowered at retreat formations to the brave blaring of the Horst Wessel? What Nazi German can ever believe that we are anything but the imbecilic offspring of a decadent and corrupt democracy when he is encouraged to prepare for the next war under our very noses, before the bodies of our boys are completely cold in their graves!—Capt., Nancy.

Fearless Marine



Marine Cpl. Glenn H. Tanner, Jr., of Cleveland, appears quite unconcerned about the razor in the hands of Nishi Nobuyuke, a Jap PW, on Okinawa. Nobuyuke was a barber for a Japanese Naval unit.



Paris Area

MOVIES TODAY
 MARGINAN—"Without Love," with Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. Métro Marbeuf.
 ENSA-PARIS—"A Royal Scandal," with Tallulah Bankhead and William Eythe. Métro Marbeuf.
 OLYMPIA—Same as Marginan. Midnite show only 11.30. Métro Madeleine.
 CYRANO—"Keys of the Kingdom," Gregory Peck, Thomas Mitchell.

STAGE SHOWS
 MADELEINE—"Section Eight," GI variety show. Métro Madeleine.
 EMPIRE—"A Gay Promenade," French variety show. Métro Etoile.
 OLYMPIA—"Take a Break," French variety show. Métro Madeleine.

SPECIAL EVENTS
 INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, Cité Universitaire—Dance, 317th ASF Band, 2600.
 ENSA-MARIGNY—"Saint Jean," with Lewis Casson, Ann Casson. Métro Clemenceau.

Nancy
 EMPIRE—"Tarzan and the Amazons," Johnny Weissmuller.
 CAMEO—"Hangover Square," George Sanders, Laird Cregar.

Metz
 SCALA—"Murder My Sweet," Dick Powell, Ann Shirley.

Dijon
 DARCY—"Keys of the Kingdom," with Gregory Peck and Thomas Mitchell.

Toul
 PATHE—"Keep Your Powder Dry," Lana Turner, Lorraine Day.

Troyes
 INDOOR SWIM POOL—Open 1400-1800, 2000 to 2200 daily.

Château-Thierry
 CINEMA—"Experiment Perilous," Bedy Lamarr, George Brent.

Radio Device Helps Planes Land in Fog

A new radio device, revealed after 17 months of experimentation in the ETO by the Air Technical Service Command, makes aircraft landings practical despite fog and other adverse weather conditions. Two needles on a plane's instrument panel guide pilots to precise landing points with assurance that they will clear all trees and buildings.

Out Our Way

By Williams



The American Scene:

Prewar Factory Centers Still Carrying the Load

By Phil Bucknell

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, July 17.—The War Production Board's report on America's \$20,300,000,000 wartime industrial expansion explodes the popularly held idea that post-Pearl Harbor industries spread across the country like a rash. Fact is the report reveals that 93 percent of the wartime investment was placed in 179 previously-existing manufacturing areas. Included in these areas are 451 counties which, in 1939, contained 84 percent of all the country's manufacturing wage earners and 81 percent of the value of all products. More than one-third, or seven-and-one-half billion dollars' worth of facilities were located in Chicago, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Houston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, St. Louis and San Francisco. Ohio led the states with 1,293 facilities and authorizations, with Pennsylvania second. Other leaders included Michigan, Illinois, New York and Texas.

Despite these impressive figures and the cutbacks in war production since V-E Day, an announcement from another government agency—the Office of Defense Plants—shows that government money is still pouring into fresh war plants for the struggle against Japan.

Since Germany's fall, ODP has committed itself to spending \$44,000,000, and it says it does not know how much more it will have to spend. This agency puts up the money when the War and Navy departments come along and say that they need more of something that already is being made, or that they need something that is altogether new. ODP looks around for the plant making the thing needed. If it finds one, the chances are that it will have to be enlarged to meet the new demand. Sometimes a new plant will have to be built and equipped. In either case, ODP digs into the bankroll and pays.

Of \$44,000,000 contracted for since Germany's fall, \$21,000,000 is for new troop trains for use here and \$13,000,000 is for a plant making fiber glass which is now used by the navy instead of kapok. In the latter case, the agency found a plant to do the job already existing in Kansas City and \$13,000,000 will be spent for new equipment and structural alterations.

Altogether there are contracts for 115 increases in existing plants and 33 new projects. The increases are largely in aircraft, chemical and rubber products, while new projects are slated for the manufacture of new aircraft, chemicals, carbon black (used in tire making) electronics and heavy trucks and trailers. In all, ODP owns about 900 war plants and the machinery and equipment in 1,000 others.

What a Difference a Few Feet Make

A MATTER of six feet seven inches made all the difference in the world to a would-be barkeep in Miami—it meant that he just isn't. A local law states that there must be 2,500 feet between places with liquor licenses. When this hopeful filed application for a license, the city manager measured off the distances and found the proposed bar was exactly 2,493 feet and five inches from the nearest established gin mill. So the answer was no. The fact that people frequently don't walk exactly straight from one bar to the next wasn't even considered.

ALLENTOWN, Pa.'s Willoughby H. Troxell is dead and the town mourns the passing of the man who, for years, predicted the weather by the discoloration of geesebones. The locals swore he had the weather bureau beat. Troxell used the breast-bones of white geese to make his forecasts.

When Texas horses went off to war, co-eds in the Port Arthur area rigged up a substitute. The girls, who used to go horseback riding to keep trim, replaced the nags with a steel barrel suspended by ropes from four uprights. They put a saddle on the barrel and a load of sawdust below. Two girls tug away at ropes which set the synthetic steed a-gallop, while the rider tries to hang on.

FOR 10-year-old Ukrainian Robert Sokotowski, now hospitalized in Bury St. Edmunds, England, there is a home waiting in Chicago. Sgt. Edward Klonowski of the 44th Div. wrote his mother just before leaving for redeployment that he wanted to adopt the lad his division rescued from the Germans. So far the sergeant hasn't been able to fulfill his plan, but his mother says that if he can't do it, she will.

WHEN crewmen of the steamer Amherst Victory pulled anchor in the Mississippi near New Orleans, they found that they had hooked a four-ton fish, approximately 18-feet square. The fish has been identified as one of the largest known species of the two-horned manta.

As soon as Cab Calloway finishes his engagement at New York's Zanzibar, he is leaving for Mexico to work with Leopold Stokowski on a new operetta called "Rhapsody in Reverse." Stokowski's new wife, Gloria Vanderbilt, has informed Calloway that she will back the enterprise if he will play the lead. The story deals with a modern bandleader who falls asleep and dreams he is living in the days of the old masters.



Synthetic Texas Bronco.

Escaped PWs Caught

NEW YORK, July 17 (ANS).—Two Italian prisoners of war who escaped from Camp Shanks yesterday have been recaptured by Army officers, it was announced last night.

'Out of Night' Author Awarded Bronze Star

MANILA, July 17 (ANS).—Pfc Richard J. Krebs—Jan Valtin—author of "Out of the Night" has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement against the Japs at Mindoro and Mindanao, 24th Div. headquarters announced today.

Valtin is now busy writing "Japs Die Hard." He toted a typewriter onto Mindanao beach in one hand and a rifle in the other.

Aged Actress Dies

LOS ANGELES, July 17 (ANS).—Mrs. Etta Hawkins Morris, 80, former stage actress and mother of Film Actor Chester Morris, died last night at her son's home in Beverly Hills. She and her late husband, William Morris, played in Daniel Frohman and David Belasco productions.

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Nation Gets Little Hope Of More Food Supplies

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson last night held out little hope that civilian food shortages will be eased before next year, despite Army efforts to cut its demands.

He said in a radio address that meats, fats, oils, sugar, condensed and evaporated milk and canned fruits and vegetables will continue in short supply. In addition, he said rice and dry bean supplies will become shorter.

The only bright spot in the civilian food picture is the milk supply.

Army Cuts Sugar Demands

Earlier, he revealed at a press conference that the Army cut its sugar demands by at least 68,000 tons after re-examination of its requirements. He added that the Army is making a "severe effort" to help out civilian food shortages.

The Republican Congressional food-study committee charged, meanwhile, that the sugar scarcity may result in higher priced bread and less of it.

OPA regulations, it said, in a statement, have forced bakers to produce bread at a loss and depend on rolls, cakes and pastries for profit. It held that a short sugar supply would force bakers to reduce production of "sweet goods" and "start selling bread for what it costs them to make it."

Detroit to Be "Guinea Pig"

Anderson disclosed that Detroit will be a "Guinea pig" area for the Patman Amendment to the price control extension act. The amendment gives him authority to certify non-federally inspected packers to ship meat in interstate commerce. He said that all meat will be traced to see that it moves into legitimate channels.

He disclaimed that he is a "food czar" in the popular sense of the term, since it implies complete control over pricing and rationing and "I have enough to handle right here in this department."

Post-War Plan Drawn for N.Y.

NEW YORK, July 17 (ANS).—Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia disclosed yesterday that a \$1,250,000,000 post-war public works program for New York City has been drawn up.

The survey was made by the U.S. Steel Corp. at the request of a city planning commission and other city departments, proposing 2,386 projects in the post-war plan.

The program would provide employment for 200,000 men during the peak of construction activity and call for 396,000,000 man hours of work. LaGuardia said construction plans call for new police stations, schools, colleges, markets and hospitals.

The mayor estimated about \$120,000,000 would be spent for housing projects and large sums devoted to development of parks, city transportation systems, airfields and sewer and sanitation systems.

Sailor, 19, Is Held In Woman's Death

MIAMI, Fla., July 17 (ANS).—A 19-year-old sailor was in custody today after the nude body of Mrs. Ella Mae Flynn Eames, 42, wife of a former Army chaplain, was found in a blind alley. Lt. Cmdr. Richard Giffen, commanding officer of the Toledo, Ohio, youth, said the sailor admitted hitting the woman with a beer bottle in a hotel room and dumping her body into an alley. No charges were filed against the sailor immediately and his name was unavailable.

In Boston, the Rev. Owne Whitman Eames, 45, former pastor of the fashionable Church of Unity of Springfield, Mass., said he and his wife, a former Wac and Red Cross ambulance driver, had been estranged for four years.

Mrs. Eames, mother of three, had entered divorce proceedings last December charging the minister, whom she married in 1925, with desertion.

Police Capt. James D. Barker said Mrs. Eames had been living at a hotel here with a civilian army employee, Warren M. Smith, 45, and that they had planned to marry as soon as she obtained a divorce.

Arrest Burned Him Up

BRISTOL, Conn., July 17 (ANS).—Police reported that Stephen Ostroski, 36, was so burned up over his arrest on charges of intoxication and breach of the peace that he set fire to \$300 he had on his person in the police lockup.

GOP Enemies Of Bretton Plan To Fight Vote

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—Republican Senators opposed to the U.S. \$6,000,000,000 contribution to the Bretton Woods agreements served notice today that they would try to hold up voting on the proposals, and charged that the Treasury and State Departments were lobbying for their passage.

Leading the opposition to the Bretton Woods plan, under which the U.S. would be the largest single contributor to both the International Bank and Fund, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) attacked the agreement as "pouring \$6,000,000,000 down a rat hole."

"It isn't a currency stabilization fund at all," he charged, "but just a fund for the U.S. to lend money all over the world." He asserted that the Treasury and State Depts. "have put on a one-sided propaganda drive from the beginning."

The bill implementing the agreement has been passed by the House, 345-18, and was reported favorably by the Senate Banking Committee, whose chairman Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) opened debate for its passage yesterday.

Truman Names War Mobilizer

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—John W. Snyder, of St. Louis, was named by President Truman yesterday to succeed Fred M. Vinson as war mobilization director, as Vinson's formal nomination for secretary went to the Senate.

Snyder, former vice-president of the First National Bank of St. Louis and close friend of Mr. Truman for more than 25 years, is now Federal loan administrator. He succeeded Vinson in that post, too. Vinson, a Kentuckian, will succeed Henry Morgenthau, Jr., who had held the Treasury post for more than eleven years.

2 Men Held in Rape Of Red-Headed Wac

NEW YORK, July 17.—Two men were under arrest and a third was being sought here today in the rape of a red-headed Wac attached to Halloran General Hospital.

The Wac, whose name was withheld, was beaten, raped and robbed of \$92 near the Bowery after three men threatened the girl's escort, Pvt. Clifford Davis, a malaria patient at the hospital. The trio kidnapped the girl in an automobile and took her to a tenement.

Davis noticed a birthmark on one of the men. This brought the arrest of Jack Colletti and Phillip Fusco, who were charged with assault, rape and robbery.

Elks Elect New Chief

NEW YORK, July 17 (ANS).—Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va. business man, yesterday was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He succeeded Dr. Robert S. Barrett, Alexandria, Va.

Chaplin Ordered to Resume Paying \$75 a Week for Baby

LOS ANGELES, July 17 (ANS).—His mustache twitching, Charlie Chaplin today admitted he is worth about \$3,000,000 and was ordered by a superior judge to resume paying \$75 of it every week for the support of Carol Ann Barry.

Last April a jury held Chaplin father of the illegitimate child born 21 months ago to Joan Barry, one-time protégée and drama student of the wealthy comedian.

Chaplin's counsel contended he should not pay support pending an appeal from the jury's decision. Accordingly the last payment of \$75 was made last April 19, a week after the verdict. Joan's attorney

Addie Gets a Gander at Some Gorgeous Gams



A gal who knows good gams when she sees them is Addie Clifford (left), who is looking over the underpinning of Gloria Vicario (center) and Peggy Miller (right) as one of the judges in the Venida "Legs Beautiful" contest at Palisades Park, N.J. Gloria copped 1st prize.

The Cameras Turn—and Actor Gallops at Top Speed—to Death

HOLLYWOOD, July 17 (ANS).—Cowboy Actor Addison (Jack) Randall, 38, rode to his death on a movie set yesterday when his head struck a tree as his horse galloped at top speed before the cameras.

Randall, husband of Barbara Bennett, actress, was dressed as a Canadian Northwest Mounted policeman. Studio officials said his hat blew off and he tried to snatch it, but his foot slipped from the stirrup and he struck the tree.

Miss Bennett was notified immediately but Randall died before she could reach the set.

The cowboy actor recently returned from stage appearances in the East for a resumption of parts in western movies.

He and Miss Bennett, sister of Constance and Joan Bennett, were married in Mexico in June, 1941, shortly after her divorce from Morton Downey, singer.

Randall formerly was the husband of film actress Louise Stanley. They were divorced in 1941.

Pictures in which Randall appeared included "Riders of the Dawn," "Stars Over Arizona," "Blazing Barriers," "The Kid From Santa Fe" and "Wild Horse Range."

Cafe Point Shortage Perils Kansas Wheat

TOPEKA, Kan., July 17 (AP).—Nearly 2,500,000 bushels of wheat may go unharvested in one Kansas county because of a shortage of food ration points in the restaurants.

Rep. Clair Curry, of Greeley county, informed Gov. Andrew Schoepel that harvest crews were migrating to other regions because of the lack of food in restaurants.

Chaplin Ordered to Resume Paying \$75 a Week for Baby

went to court to demand the "reasonable" payments.

The court held that \$75 was reasonable, and ordered payments retroactive to April 19. It also ordered Chaplin to give Miss Barry \$500 to pay her attorney for today's hearing, and \$2,750 with which to fight Chaplin's motions for a new paternity trial.

"This woman is trying to persecute me," the red-faced Chaplin shouted. "They're trying to blacken my character."

Joseph Scott, 77-year-old attorney for Miss Barry jumped to his feet. "The jury took care of that in the paternity trial," he snapped.

Chaplin shook his fist in Scott's face.

New 1942 Cars Taken From Rationing List

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—The automobile situation looked brighter today for both "essential" drivers and ordinary citizens, as OPA loosened its grip on new model cars.

New 1945 model automobiles will be sold at first only to "essential" drivers, who have been eligible right along for new 1942 cars, the last model produced, OPA said.

OPA removed the remaining 6,000 new 1942 cars from rationing, effective tomorrow, to "ease the transportation problem of at least a few thousand motorists, who will not be eligible for new cars now being manufactured."

List to be Expanded

The eligibility list for 1945 models will be expanded as rapidly as production and supply permit, OPA rationing chief Max McCullough said.

Those eligible to buy 1945 models include:

Members of the armed forces or state military officials "for official business only," fire-fighting officials, law enforcement and public health authorities, mailmen, physicians, ministers, licensed veterinarians, taxicab owners for replacements, with ODT permission, and owners of car rental businesses.

Simultaneously, the tire situation took a turn for the better.

Some passenger car owners including "A" card holders became eligible today for new tires for a bona fide change of address that required a special gasoline ration.

This is the first time since the beginning of tire rationing that any "A" card holders have been eligible for new tires.

Eligible for Tires

"This extension of the eligibility is particularly needed now that increasing numbers of persons are moving from one city to another," OPA said.

These persons may apply for new tires if they have a tire failure while making a permanent change of residence regardless of the type of ration they hold:

1—War workers moving from one city to another as production shifts from one type of war goods to another and to civilian goods.

2—Members of the armed forces moving to a new port.

3—Discharged veterans returning home or moving to another city to accept a job.

No Kick Coming

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 17 (ANS).—Municipal Judge Harold Neff dished out some justice in a hurry yesterday. Before him was a man accused by his wife of assault. "He kicked me," the plaintiff declared. "Case dismissed," said the judge after looking hewn and noting the defendant had but one leg.

Spots in Front of His Eyes



Frances Scully, 11, of New Brighton, N.Y., won by a margin of a few hundred spots in the contest to pick a Freckle Queen at Ave. B playground in New York. Alvin Schultheil, 11, who won the Freckle King crown, tries to count Frances' polka dots. Alvin had a pretty good crop of freckles, too, in the original photograph. But the French engraver must have thought his face was dirty and he retouched them.

'Take Rail Job and Ease Crisis,' Truman Urges

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—President Truman, in a message from Potsdam today, urged persons not in essential war work to take jobs on western railroads to help avert a transportation crisis that may delay the Army's redeployment program.

The President, in an appeal released by the White House, said the western railroads need 65,000 men. Veterans returning from Europe "are not getting the best accommodations because many cars are in the shops awaiting repairs and overhauling," he said. Some troops are being held up at ports because trains cannot be supplied promptly, he added.

The President asked railroad workers to stay at their jobs and said that any American not already engaged in essential war work "can make a real contribution toward the defeat of Japan by applying for a job on a western railroad during this emergency period."

He noted that the manpower shortage is so serious that the War Department recently ordered 4,000 experienced railroad men furloughed to help ease the situation but said this number was "only a fraction" of those needed.

422 Sleepers Removed From Eastern Roads

NEW YORK, July 17 (ANS).—Sleeping cars were removed from trips of 450 miles and less with a minimum of confusion, officials of three railroads reported today.

The New York Central, Pennsylvania and New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads said most passengers had exchanged or canceled sleeper berths before the deadline on trips of less than 450 miles fell at noon Sunday. As a result of the ban, 422 sleeping cars were removed from roads with terminals in New York to be turned over to the Army. The cars will accommodate approximately 10,550 passengers.

Civilians who gave up sleeper reservations rushed for chair cars and overnight trains from Boston to New York provided passengers with blankets, pillows and footstools. There were separate cars for men and women.

Nationally, all railroads detached a total of 895 sleepers from short runs and turned them over to the Army. The move on sleeping cars came after protests of troops making transcontinental trips in day cars.

France May Junk Guillotine

"Monsieur de Paris," the traditional executioner of France, may soon vanish if the French government decides to substitute the electric chair for the guillotine, French form of capital punishment since the French Revolution.

The Foreign Ministry has been asked by the Ministry of Justice to discuss with the U.S. the efficiency of the electric chair, with special reference to its humanitarian aspects.

Since the war, the guillotine, known in France also as "la veuve," or "the widow," has been largely supplanted by the firing squad. During the war, there were relatively few executions under the civil code, and in addition the firing squad was found to be more expeditious than the cumbersome guillotine scaffold.

The executioners have handed down their jobs from father to son. The job was held for 100 years by the Deibler family. When the last of the male adult Deiblers—Anatole—died in 1939, the job was given to his nephew, Jean Desfouneaux.

Liquidation Chief Lauds ETO Equipment

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—Army and Navy materials in the ETO including potential surplus and residue, are in "excellent condition" because of competent handling by military personnel, James S. Knowlson, liquidation field commissioner for the European theater, said yesterday.

After a four-week survey in the theater, which included London, Paris, Rheims, Frankfurt, Brussels and Antwerp, Knowlson declared, "it is difficult for anyone to appreciate the magnitude of the supply job which the services have been doing."

Juliana Sails for Home

OTTAWA, July 17 (AP).—Princess Juliana of The Netherlands and her three daughters left by train today for New York, where they will sail for home, ending a five-year absence from their war-ravaged homeland.

Senate Group Warns Against Charter Curbs

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a formal report today approving the United Nations Charter as it stands, warned against any attempt to restrict the use of U.S. troops by requiring Congress to approve each case as it comes up.

If Congress limits the use of American troops under the proposed World Security Council, it will "unquestionably" mean that the United Nations will have to renegotiate the charter, the committee declared.

The majority report pointed out that the U.S. position as a permanent member of the Security Council would prevent the use of American forces unless the U.S. delegate and the council approved.

Congress' exclusive right to declare war would not be taken away, the report said, since actions of the Security Council in calling out troops would not constitute an act of war. Troops would be called out to prevent war or to enforce a council ruling.

New Hughes Plane Carries 750 Men

CULVER CITY, Calif., July 17 (ANS).—The Howard Hughes airplane manufacturing plant yesterday took the wraps off its Hughes Hercules, which is to be the world's largest seaplane, and disclosed the massive cargo carrier will weigh 425,000 pounds. Its cost will exceed \$20,000,000.

The plane has a wingspread of 320 feet, large enough to accommodate a Superfortress on each wing. It will have eight engines to generate 24,000 horsepower for its maiden flight some time next year. Delivery of the engines is expected next January.

The Hercules will be able to carry a 60-ton tank complete with armor and crew or three light tanks. Used as a hospital ship, it would accommodate 350 patients on stretchers with doctors and nurses to care for the wounded. As a transport, it could carry 750 infantrymen from Honolulu to Tokyo nonstop.

Bedside Rites Honor Sergeant

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., July 17 (ANS).—Sgt. Frederic Hensel, the first U.S. veteran of World War II to lose parts of all four limbs in combat, received the Bronze Star medal today as well as the Purple Heart and his three campaign stars. The presentation was made by Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Bastion, commander of the Percy Jones Hospital. The chief spectator was Hensel's wife, Jewell.

The combat stars represent service on Guam, Leyte and Okinawa where the sergeant was a tank battalion maintenance man with the 77th Div. It was on Okinawa, June 2, that he stepped on an anti-tank mine that caused the loss of both legs above the knee and left arm above the elbow. His right hand was wounded so badly it had to be amputated on the way back to the U.S.

Hensel talked over his future plans with Louis Bromfield, author and farmer. He said he and his wife may go back to their hometown, Corbin, Ky., and buy a small chicken farm.

Dick Tracy



Ninth AF Wacs Head Home by Air



Part of the first group of high-point Wacs to leave the ETO waves goodbye from the C47 which carried them from Ninth AF Div. Hq. in Namur, Belgium to Compiegne, France, on the first hop of their trip to the U.S. for discharge. S/Sgt. Evelyn J. O'Neil, Alexandria, Va., is seated on the duffle bag in the center. Others (left to right) are: Sgt. Verna L. Patton, Beaver Dam, Ky.; Sgt. Margaret E. Streibich, Lebanon, Ind.; Cpl. Lima J. Sponaugle, Circleville, W.Va.; Pfc Ann Stegura, Uniontown, Pa.; S/Sgt. Norma E. Harvey, Spartansburg, S.C.; Pvt. Shirley A. Scott, Rochester, N.Y.; Cpl. Aurice E. Lamphere, Milwaukee, Wis., and Pfc Florence V. Slavin, Nashville, Tenn., all of whom have more than two years overseas service and more than 70 pts.

45 Arrested In Trieste Area

TRIESTE, July 17 (AP).—Military Government authorities revealed today that a drive to eliminate "threats to military security" in the Trieste area had resulted in 45 arrests in the last few days. Thirty-three persons are being held on undisclosed charges while 12 others were released after 48-hour detentions.

Col. Alfred C. Bowman, AMG director here said that the "threats" ranged from the "operation of a small establishment making military uniforms" to "possession of sizable stocks of fire arms."

Giuseppe Pogassi, described in a Tass dispatch from Belgrade as "a prominent anti-fascist" was among those released, and his arrest was described by Bowman as "frankly, a mistake."

Hope for the solution of Allied difficulties in this international sore spot was expressed by Bowman, who said that the next few months would see a definite change for the better.

Among those being held are Giorgio Jaksetic, editor of the Communist newspaper in Trieste, and two journalists, Grabnor Bories and Pagon Andrej.

Here We Go Again: Hitler Rumor No. 99

Today's Hitler rumor is that he landed from a German submarine with Eva Braun on a lonely shore of Patagonia, on the southern tip of South America.

This story, according to Associated Press, was contained in a dispatch to The Chicago Times from its Montevideo, Uruguay, correspondent, who added that the two were reportedly living on an immense German-owned estate in Patagonia.

The correspondent added that Eva reportedly landed in men's clothes, and that an Argentine federal inspector said there was reason to believe that leading Nazis had landed near San Julian, Patagonia, perhaps bringing with them bullion, jewels and other treasures.

USNR Officers To Get Course

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal last night announced plans to give naval reserve officers an equal chance for advancement with Annapolis graduates.

He said that 189 reserve officers would begin a 10-month post graduate course in navy tactics at the U.S. Naval Academy Aug. 7, the first time in history that reservists have been afforded such an opportunity.

He predicted that those who complete the course would form the nucleus of a sizable group of officers transferring from reserve status to Regular Navy after the war.

"Although the size and composition of the post-war Navy has not been fixed by Congress, it is assumed that a considerable expansion of the Navy establishment will be necessary," he said.

Eligible are lieutenant commanders under 36 with at least four years of sea duty, lieutenants under 31 with a minimum of two-and-one-half years of sea duty and lieutenants junior-grade with two years. Ensigns are not eligible.

Raining Fire and Eccentric Fish Join Nature's Summer Fantasy

By Ed Clark
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Come the dog days or sun spots or something to Europe this time of year, Mother Nature and her children start scientists to guessing with only partly substantiated but never entirely disproved yarns of sea serpents in Scotland, two-headed babies in Moravia or unicorns on the loose once more.

V-E year has come up with a new and fancy crop of fantasy, some of the most fascinating of which concern eccentricities of fish in England and "rains of fire" in Spain.

Scene of the fish story is along the murky River Thames, near Richmond, Surrey, where dace and carp were reported yesterday leap-

Vets' Bureaus Now Set Up by All 48 States

CHICAGO, July 17 (ANS).—New legislation has given all 48 states an office or agency to administer veterans' affairs, the council of state governments reported today.

New state agencies were established or existing bureaus reorganized into state veterans' offices by legislatures of 15 states this year. Others had acted in 1943 and 1944.

States Listed. The 15 states were: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington and West Virginia.

The Alabama legislature set up an agency to help reorient veterans to civilian life and appropriated \$350,000 to finance it.

Arkansas established a state veterans' officer and appropriated \$95,000 a year to pay salaries of service officers in 75 counties.

Indiana's new department was established especially to aid discharged veterans in obtaining benefits to which they are entitled from state and Federal governments.

New York approved a series of laws reorganizing the state program of assistance to veterans. They established a permanent state division of veterans affairs in the executive department with an initial appropriation of \$2,285,000. Provision was made for a permanent state veterans service agency and for local veterans agencies through the state.

Job for Veterans

Kansas also provided for local as well as state administration, authorizing county commissioners of any county to employ a "veterans agent," the agent to be a veteran.

Other forms of local veterans offices were set up in Minnesota, Oregon and Wisconsin. Minnesota authorized county boards to appoint veterans service officers to work in co-operation with the State Veterans Affairs Department.

Gob Believed Drowned In Navy Jail Escape

NEW YORK, July 17 (ANS).—Police reported last night that eight inmates at the Navy disciplinary barracks on Harts Island, The Bronx, tried to escape by swimming 3,000 feet to City Island in Long Island Sound.

Seven were recaptured in the water by marine guards in motor boats a few minutes after the group was discovered missing from a motion picture show at the barracks. Police said the eighth, an 18-year old seaman, was believed to have drowned, police said.

Two of the recaptured men told police they saw the missing man go under, after they had been in the water ten minutes.

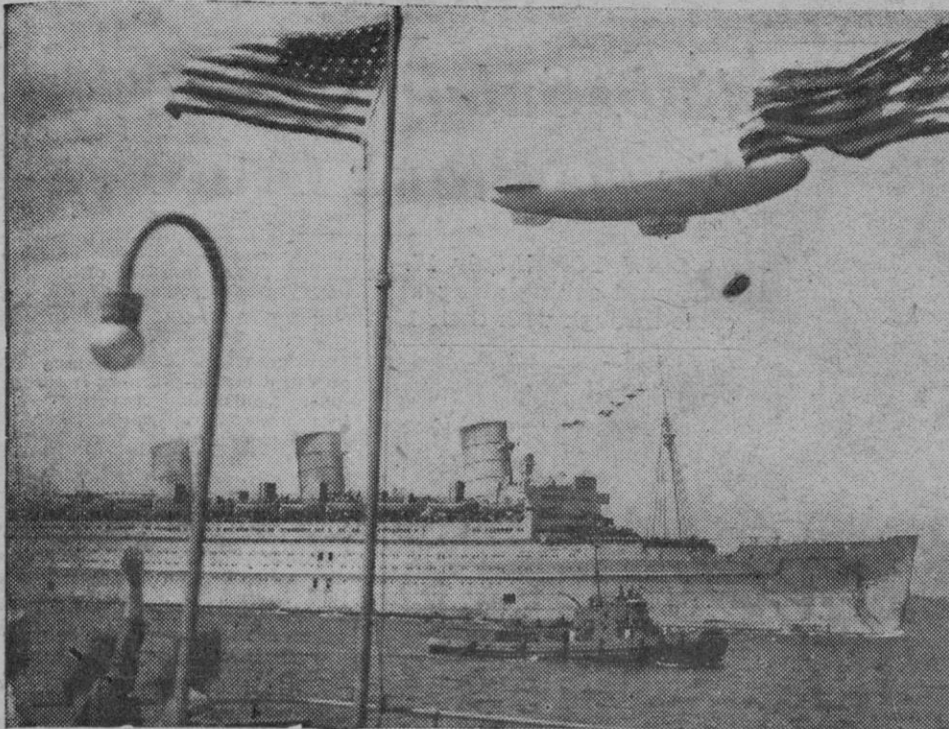
Navy officials did not release the names of the men.

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By Chester Gould



Manhattan's Skyline Gets a Cheer from 28,000 More ETO Vets



The huge liner Queen Mary heads for her pier in New York with more than 15,000 U.S. and Canadian veterans returning from Europe.



The Navy transport USS West Point swings into her slip in the North River with more than 7,500 troops—and 33 Japanese civilian internees.

900 Doctors Released From Army Service

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—About 900 Army medical officers have been released since Jan. 2, as part of a move to return 7,000 doctors to civilian practice, "as they can be spared by military needs."

The Army said 1,000 doctors would return to the U.S. from Europe for service in Army hospitals to relieve an acute shortage of physicians, which has been aggravated by doubling of the load of patients during the last six months.

A peak load of patients is expected by fall, if the present casualty rate in the Pacific continues, the War Department said.

1,000 ETO Doctors Returned to States

Com Z Headquarters in Paris said yesterday that 1,000 Army doctors were being returned to Army hospitals in the U.S. to replace those who had not yet served overseas.

The announcement said that the return of doctors, all of whom had high adjusted service rating scores, had begun on July 1 and was almost completed. All who requested passage by air were flown home, the announcement said. Others returned by ship. Although many have more than 85 points, they will remain in the Army until the War Department decides they can be released, the announcement said, adding:—

"Additional shipments to the U.S. will depend on the decline in requirements for medical personnel within the theater as the redeployment program progresses."

Persian Gulf's Oldest EM En Route to U.S. for Discharge

TEHERAN, Iran, July 17 (ANS).—T/5 Albert L. Hodge, 61, Wantagh, N.Y., the Persian Gulf Command's oldest enlisted soldier is on his way home to be discharged. The former New York policeman has been commended by Brig. Gen. Donald P. Booth for his refusal to return to the U.S. until cessation of hostilities in Europe and for his "devotion to duty, loyalty and soldierly bearing."

He was attached to the 48th QM Laundry Co.



Mighty happy to hit home shores again are these Fourth Inf. Div. men aboard the transport Hermitage in New York. The ship carried 5,852 men of the division, which landed in the Normandy invasion and fought at St. Lo.

Three-Alarm Blaze In Milwaukee Kills One

MILWAUKEE, July 17 (ANS).—A three-alarm fire in the Plankinton Arcade building caused the death of a bowling alley employee, and tied up transportation.

Joseph Levar, 50, died as several firemen were carried from the building after being overcome by dense fumes from varnish, wax and shellack in a storage room. Doors and windows in many of the hundreds of offices and stores of the seven-story building were broken by firemen to provide ventilation.

Dead Jap Wounds Yank

MANILA, July 17 (ANS).—Pvt. John W. Bryant of Petersburg, Va., got the Purple Heart and saber as a souvenir when he was wounded by a dead Japanese officer. The officer was riddled by rifle fire as he charged Bryant's fox hole. As he fell forward dead, his saber flew on ahead and cut Bryant's leg.

WPB OKs Sewing Machines

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—If manufacturers can find materials, they may make sewing machines for domestic use. The War Production Board yesterday lifted restrictions.

Wheel Chair Traffic May Get Right of Way

BRIGHAM, Utah, July 17 (ANS).—Wheelchair traffic involving wounded soldiers from nearby Bushnell General Hospital may be given right-of-way on Brigham's main street.

Proposals for this and to place removable ramps at curbs are under consideration by the city council and the state highway commission.

Hospital officials said veterans using crutches and wheel chairs would be encouraged to visit the city.

Deputies Vote Measure to Bar Leopold, 98-6

BRUSSELS, July 17 (AP).—The Belgian Chamber of Deputies in a stormy session today voted to prevent King Leopold from reassuming his throne until he is given consent of the Parliament.

The Chamber voted 98 to six, with 32 failing to vote. The bill was introduced by Prime Minister Achille van Acker and will go to the Senate, probably tomorrow.

The new measure proposed the continuance of a regency under Prince Charles and was given speedy approval at the opening of the session, called to debate Leopold's refusal to abdicate.

Earlier today, six members of the Catholic Party announced their resignation from the Belgian cabinet. Edmund Ronse, Catholic Minister of Information, said that Van Acker has been asked to hand the Catholic members' resignation to Prince Charles. The Catholic Party is pro-Leopold.

Some Belgian sources believe that the King's intentions may be more clearly defined when his mother, Queen Elisabeth, confers with him at St. Wolfgang, Austria. She is expected to return here today or tomorrow.

Leopold, however, in a letter to Parliament, refused to abdicate, declaring that he did not feel Parliament was representative of the nation.

Italian Subs Fight in Pacific

NEW YORK, July 17 (UP).—Italy's declaration of war on Japan makes it possible to reveal that for more than a year a fleet of Italian submarines has been acting against the Japanese in Far Eastern waters.

Submarines manned by Italian naval personnel were sent to the Indian Ocean a few months after Italy surrendered unconditionally in September, 1943, and became active against Japanese shipping as soon as operational details were ironed out.

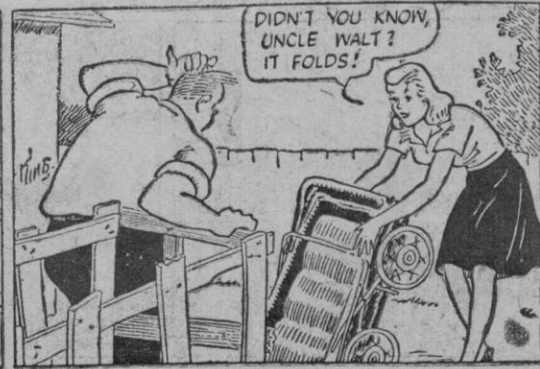
The number of Italian subs in action is small in comparison with submarine fleets employed by the U.S. and Great Britain.

The Italian subs originally were with the British Eastern Fleet, operating in the Indian Ocean, and as such presumably were under the supreme command of Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Most Italian submarines were originally designed for fairly short-range work in the Mediterranean and have been somewhat limited in their operations. Others were designed to complement the German Atlantic submarines and have the necessary range for long-distance operations against the Japanese.

The number of Italian submarines surrendering to the Allies in September, 1943, has not been made public. From 40 to 50 were believed in operation before the surrender. Some were apparently taken over by the Germans for whom they had carried supplies.

Gasoline Alley



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By King

Tigers Widen Lead to 3 Games; Cubs Win

Griffs Drop 2 to Browns; Red Sox Fall

NEW YORK, July 17.—After floundering through four straight defeats on their current Eastern jaunt, the Tigers finally nailed their first victory yesterday by turning back the Yankees, 9-4.

The triumph, coupled with a double-barrelled defeat suffered by the Senators, enabled the Bengals to assume a three-game lead in the American League parade.

Stubby Overmire had the Yanks shackled with three hits during the first seven innings; then the Bronx Bombers unloaded a four-run salvo. The outburst was featured by Charlie Ruffing's first official appearance in the Stadium since the 1942 World Series. And Charlie the Red responded with a pinch single.

The Tigers bagged the game in the first inning when key doubles by Hank Greenberg and Doc Cramer, plus a Yankee boot, produced four runs off Bill Zuber. Roy Cullenbine tagged Joe Page for a two-run homer in the seventh.

Senators Jolted Twice

The Senators were rudely jolted by the Browns, who swept their double bill, 7-3 and 5-1. Lefty Al Hollingsworth had the Nats blanked for seven innings of the opener, easing up to the extent of three runs behind a 7-0 lead.

The nightcap was a neat 1-1 duel between Tex Shirley and Rog Wolff until the eighth when the Browns climbed on the Nat knuckler for three runs and the ball game.

Old Bobo Newsom came through with a two-hit 7-1 victory over the White Sox to give the Athletics an even break in their bargain bill with the Sox after Chicago had taken the curtain-raiser, 6-2.

Johnny Humphries bested Russ Christopher in the opener on the wings of Roy Schalk's second major league homer with two men on in the third inning. Bobby Estalella made it easy for Bobo in the finale as he smashed out a pair of round-trippers against Orval Grove.

The Indians halted the Red Sox surge by squeezing out a 3-2 decision on a homer by Pat Seery and a double by Don Ross. Allie Reynolds had a shutout until the seventh when he gave way to Ed Kleiman after Eddie Lake's two-run single. Randy Heflin went the first six for Boston, Dave Ferriss spelling him for two runless frames.



American League				
St. Louis 7-5, Washington 3-1 (twilight-night)				
Detroit 9, New York 4				
Cleveland 3, Boston 2				
Chicago 6-1, Philadelphia 2-7 (twilight-night)				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	44	32	.579	—
Washington	40	34	.541	3
New York	41	36	.532	3 1/2
Boston	41	36	.532	3 1/2
Chicago	40	39	.506	5 1/2
St. Louis	37	38	.493	6 1/2
Cleveland	36	39	.480	7 1/2
Philadelphia	26	51	.338	19
Chicago at Philadelphia				
St. Louis at Washington				
Cleveland at Boston				
Detroit at New York				

National League				
Brooklyn 8, Pittsburgh 4				
Chicago 4, New York 3				
St. Louis 2, Boston 0 (night)				
Only games scheduled				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	48	29	.623	—
St. Louis	45	34	.570	4
Brooklyn	45	35	.563	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	41	38	.519	8
New York	42	41	.506	9
Boston	39	40	.494	10
Cincinnati	37	38	.493	10
Philadelphia	21	63	.250	40 1/2
Boston at St. Louis				
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh				
Philadelphia at Cincinnati				
New York at Chicago				

Runs for the Week (Week Ending Sunday, July 15)

American League									
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	To.	
Boston	x	x	x	2	5	7	6	20	
Chicago	x	x	x	2	2	p	d	4	
Cleveland	x	x	x	7	16	2	4	29	
Detroit	x	x	x	4	1	4	5	17	
New York	x	x	x	15	2	5	p	22	
Philadelphia	x	x	x	0	4	3	p	7	
St. Louis	x	x	x	4	3	p	d	7	
Washington	x	x	x	4	3	p	d	7	

National League									
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	To.	
Boston	x	x	x	4	0	5	3	17	
Brooklyn	x	x	x	14	6	x	4	23	
Chicago	x	x	x	7	2	6	12	27	
Cincinnati	x	x	x	9	6	x	9	24	
New York	x	x	x	0	4	x	5	18	
Philadelphia	x	x	x	0	13	x	2	15	
Pittsburgh	x	x	x	4	12	x	24	40	
St. Louis	x	x	x	7	18	x	4	29	

Slides Home Safely



Bob Wilkins, Athletics' infielder, slides into plate to score in sixth inning of second game with Browns as umpire Art Passafella and St. Louis Catcher Mike Hayworth look for elusive ball, A's won both games, 4-0 and 11-0.

Bums, Braves to Play Triple-Header

NEW YORK, July 17.—Harvey Traband, secretary of the National League, today announced a triple-header involving Brooklyn and the Braves for Boston on Aug. 3. The extravaganza will consist of the game originally scheduled for that day, a contest rescheduled from a rainy day earlier in the season and the final innings of the suspended June 17 game.

Brooklyn won all three games from Pittsburgh on Sept. 1, 1890, in the first of three National League triple-headers in the books. The American League never has had a triple-header.

Oise Captures 3-Way Meet

NANCY, July 17.—A crowd of 2,000 French civilians and GIs watched Oise Intermediate Section tracksters garner 66 points to defeat the 17 Airborne Division with 46 points and the French Sports Club with 20 points, in an inter-Allied Invitation track and field meet held at Porte Stade de la Pépinière, where the U.S. Olympic team practiced before the 1936 games.

The winners: 100-Meter High Hurdles—Lt. Arthur Clark (17th), Time—15.93. 100-Meter Dash—Cpl. Charles Edwards (Oise), Time—11. 1,500-Meter Run—Claude Lamadieu (Sports Club), Time—4:16. Shot-Put—Capt. William Smith (Oise), Distance—42.42ft. 400-Meter Dash—Cpl. Robert MacCaa (17th), Time—51.7. 3,000-Meter Run—Marcel Poinot (Sports Club), Time—9:10.5. 200-Meter Dash—Edwards, Time—22.8. High Jump—S/Sgt. Robert Lewis (Oise), Height—6ft. Discus—T/5 Frank Ryan (Oise), Distance—134.95ft. 800-Meter Run—Pierre Martinghem (Sports Club), Time—2:03.5. Broad Jump—Cpl. Marc Jenkins (Oise), Javelin—Pvt. Earl Long (17th), Distance—141.3ft. Pole Vault—Cpl. Jake May (17th), Height—12ft.

County Fairs Plan To Continue Racing

CHICAGO, July 17.—The ODT ban on shipping of race-horses and show animals will have little or no effect on 1,500 county fairs in the United States, according to the magazine Billboard, which conducted a survey.

The theatrical weekly said harness racing will continue as usual. The majority of harness horse owners own trucks in which they and their animals can travel.

Wait a Bit Defeats Stymie As Empire City Opens

NEW YORK, July 17.—Wait A Bit was in a big hurry as the Empire City meet opened at Jamaica yesterday and the William Ziegler veteran splashed home a handy winner of the \$10,000 Yonkers Handicap.

With Wayne Wright in the saddle, Wait A Bit toured the muddy mile and a sixteenth in the fast time of 1:45.4, leading Stymie and Olympic Zenith to the wire. The victor was third choice in the betting and returned \$11.20.

J. P. Jones' Pentin made every pole a winning one as he romped to victory in the \$3,000 Charter Oak at Garden State Park, trailed by Chiclé Clown and Director. Claud Erickson had the leg up on the winner, which paid \$9.10.

I Can Get It, L. Tukulski's son of Stagehand, covered the six furlongs in 1:11.8 to take down the major share of the \$3,000 Xenofol Purse at Arlington. Doug Dodson guided the heavily backed choice to victory over Headline and Hollyman. I Can Get It paid \$2.80.

Misflying, 6-year-old mare, came home in front in the \$2,000 Maid of Honor for fillies and mares at Suffolk. Stan Oliver booted the veteran across the line in front of Tiny's Choice and Air Beauty. Misflying was worth \$13 to her backers.

Phil Marchildon Rejoins Mackmen

PHILADELPHIA, July 17.—Pitcher Phil Marchildon, recently discharged from the Canadian Royal Air Force, has rejoined the Athletics.

The big right-hander, a veteran of 26 bombing missions over Germany, said he needs about three more weeks before reaching playing form. He won 17 games for the cellar-dwelling A's in 1942, after which he entered the service.

WPB Amends Ban

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The War Production Board today said it had amended a restriction limiting use of vegetables, tanned catlehide, leather, kidskin and calfskin in the making of athletic equipment. This means more footballs, basketballs and similar goods will be manufactured for civilian use this year.

Cubs Subdue Giants, 4-3; Cards Blank Braves, 2-0

NEW YORK, July 17.—Charlie Grimm's red hot Cubs continued sailing along at a merry pace yesterday as they came through with their 16th victory in 17 games, defeating the Giants, 4-3, to maintain their four-game National League lead over the Cardinals.

The Cubs shoved across two runs in the ninth inning to pull yesterday's game into the bag. Peanuts Lowrey singled to score Phil Cavarretta with the tying run and Paul Gillespie followed with a single to drive in Andy Pafko to end the game. Ray Starr, taking Claude Passeau's chores in the top of the ninth, was the victor over Van Lingle Mungo.

Six-hit twirling by Harry Brecheen marched the Cardinals to a 2-0 decision over the Braves last night as Brecheen pitched his first complete game in two months. Jim Tobin dropped his 11th game of the season, yielding single runs in the first and fifth innings.

Tom Seats, who hadn't finished a game since May 11, pitched the Dodgers to an 8-4 victory over the Pirates. He weathered a rocky start in which the Bucs assumed a 4-1 lead in the first two innings, then settled down and hurled shutout ball the rest of the way. The Pirates collected eight doubles, but six were wasted.

The Bums combed Pittsburg pitchers for 12 hits, including Augie Galan's home-run with one man on base. Their victims were Art Cuccurullo, who lasted less than three innings; Xavier Rescigno, the losing pitcher, Al Gerheuser and Walt "Boom Boom" Beck.

The Reds and Phillies were not scheduled yesterday.

Minor League Results

International League			
Jersey City 6, Baltimore 0			
Syracuse 7, Newark 2			
Buffalo 5, Toronto 3			
Montreal 2, Rochester 0			
	W	L	Pct
Montreal	59	26	.694
Toronto	39	43	.476
Newark	43	39	.544
Rochester	34	45	.430
Baltimore	43	39	.524
Syracuse	30	45	.400
Jersey City	42	39	.519
Buffalo	30	47	.390

American Association			
Toledo 5-5, Columbus 0-1			
Kansas City 15-5, Milwaukee 3-1			
Indianapolis 5, Louisville 2			
St. Paul 7, Minneapolis 6			
	W	L	Pct
Milwaukee	51	33	.607
Toledo	42	46	.477
Indianap.	53	35	.602
Minneapolis	39	46	.459
Louisville	48	41	.539
Columbus	39	49	.443
St. Paul	40	39	.506
Kansas City	30	53	.361

Southern Association			
Atlanta 1, Memphis 0			
Chattanooga 13, Little Rock 6			
New Orleans 7, Birmingham 2			
Nashville 4, Mobile 1			
	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	56	26	.683
Memphis	34	46	.425
N. Orleans	49	33	.598
Little Rock	30	50	.375
Chattanooga	43	35	.558
Nashville	30	50	.375
Mobile	49	34	.590
Birmingham	28	53	.346

Eastern League			
Utica 2-1, Williamsport 0-0			
Hartford 3-8, Scranton 1-2			
Binghamton 3, Elmira 2			
Wilkes-Barre 6-3, Albany 5-4			
	W	L	Pct
Hartford	39	31	.557
Williamsport	35	36	.493
Wilkes-Barre	40	32	.556
Scranton	33	37	.471
Utica	39	33	.542
Elmira	32	39	.451
Albany	41	35	.539
Binghamton	26	42	.382

Pacific Coast League			
No games scheduled			
	W	L	Pct
Portland	61	41	.617
Oakland	52	35	.596
Seattle	62	41	.605
Los Angeles	48	38	.558
Sacramento	54	33	.618
San Diego	49	30	.615
S. Francisco	53	35	.603
Hollywood	45	36	.556

Irish Gridders Report

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 17.—Coach Hugh Devore issued his first call for candidates for the 1945 Notre Dame football team today. Practice will start tomorrow and end with a regulation game on Aug. 18.

Nelson Enters Mayo Clinic

DAYTON, Ohio, July 17.—Byron Nelson, who racked up his second PGA crown here Sunday and won his eighth straight tournament, said today he will decide this week whether to retire from golf for a while.

Nelson revealed he was entering Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., for a checkup, adding that "my back has been bothering me and I want to find out just what the trouble is. If the doctors say I need a rest, I'll just put my clubs away until they tell me I can play again."

Nelson injured his back about two weeks ago in a driving contest preceding the Victory Open in Chicago. During the PGA tourney he had to have osteopath treatments to prepare for each day's rounds.

MAJOR LEAGUE Leaders

American League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Case, Washington	70	288	46	95	.330
Cuccinello, Chicago	73	256	35	84	.328
Stephens, St. Louis	73	280	50	87	.311
Stirnweiss, New York	77	315	58	96	.305
Johnson, Boston	79	298	43	89	.299

National League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Holmes, Boston	81	340	81	132	.385
Cavarretta, Chicago	78	297	65	110	.370
Rosen, Brooklyn	74	308	64	111	.360
Olmo, Brooklyn	76	307	45	101	.329
Kuroski, St. Louis	75	294	53	96	.327

Home Run Leaders				
American—Stephens, St. Louis, 15;				
Johnson, Boston, 11.				
National—Lombardi, New York, and				
Workman and Holmes, Boston, 15.				

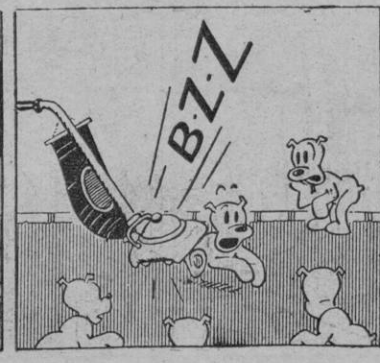
Runs Batted In				
American—Johnson, Boston, 50; Etten,				
New York, 47.				
National—Holmes, Boston, 70; Olmo,				
Brooklyn, 69.				

Leading Pitchers				
American—Ferriss, Boston, 15-2; Ben-				
ton, Detroit, 7-1.				
National—Cooper, Boston, 9-1; Passeau,				
Chicago, 10-3.				

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Admiral Hints Storms Won't Stop Invasion

WASHINGTON, July 17 (ANS).—Vice Adm. Daniel Barbey hinted today that American forces may not wait until the end of the typhoon season to invade China or Japan.

The 7th Amphibious Force commander said in a radio interview that while the weather is important, "it will take more than a big wind to stop us."

Barbey said landings in Japan and China are "equal possibilities and an invasion force could be readied within 30 to 90 days, depending upon its size."

Reiterating his prediction that Japan can be forced to surrender within a year if there is no slackening of the war effort at home, Barbey declared Japan is "now at the crossroads."

"Her leaders must make a decision," he said. "She can follow the German example and see her cities destroyed or she can be realistic and save something for the future. If the Japs keep on fighting, then what happened to the German cities and factories will seem like peaceful prosperity and perfect order by comparison."

Terms for Surrender Reported Being Prepared

NEW YORK, July 17 (INS).—The New York Herald Tribune reported from Washington today that definition of the terms for the unconditional surrender of Japan was being prepared by the Administration.

The proposal was said to have been submitted to President Truman before his departure for Potsdam and to be responsible for his reported desire to return to Washington as speedily as possible.

The detailed proposals for unconditional surrender were reported to provide for no invasion or occupation of the Japanese homeland, providing Japan relinquishes all the territory she has grabbed and strips herself of all military and industrial power to wage war. The dispatch said the plan provides for only a "supervisory force" to occupy the Japanese homeland and see that the elimination of war industries and destruction of the enemy Air Force, Army and Navy is carried out.

All-German Civil Court Opened in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT, July 17.—The first all-German civil court was opened here today under the sponsorship of Military Government officials who installed seven judges, three public prosecutors, 23 lawyers, 12 notaries and numerous clerks.

Tokyo Area Pounded by Fleet

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ships made no effort to maintain radio silence and there even was a broadcast by an American announcer aboard a battleship at the height of the bombardment.

(At the same time waves of Superfortresses, striking for the second straight day, raided Oita on Kyushu Island, according to Tokyo radio, and U.S. submarines rose to the surface off northern Honshu Island and shelled the towns of Shiriya and Yowata.)

George V Added to Fleet

The Third Fleet's blow at the Tokyo area followed bombardments by its battleships, America's newest 45,000-tonners, and 1,000-plane bombings from its carriers of steel centers along the coast to the north of Tokyo on Saturday and Sunday, plus a Monday of radio silence.

Added to the fleet under Halsey's command were such British ships as the 35,000-ton battleship King George V, the carrier Formidable and the cruisers Black Prince and Newfoundland.

Details of the strike, which continued for hours after the initial dawn takeoffs, were not available immediately. But an Associated Press correspondent with the fleet, James Lindsley, radioed that "the massed fleet circled daringly near homeland shores" and that "fully eight hours after the first planes left the docks there still were no reports of aerial opposition."

Toll of Jap Ships Boosted

Similarly there had been no opposition from Japanese ships or planes to the Saturday and Sunday bombardments. Nimitz today upped the score on these forays to at least 140 Japanese ships and small craft sunk, including nine small warships. Damage on the ground included 84 locomotives destroyed and 45 damaged, the heaviest toll of Jap-

Nagoya Smolders After Superforts Pour on the Heat



Hundreds of fires blazing in Nagoya indicate the widespread havoc wrought by B29s of the 20th AF which rained tons of fire bombs on the Japanese industrial city during assaults on enemy centers.

Japs on Borneo Stiffen Defense

MANILA, July 17 (ANS).—Attacking from behind roadblocks anchored in mountainous eastern Borneo, Japanese troops stiffened today before Australian forces advancing slowly toward Sambodja and its adjacent oilfield.

Only five miles from their objective, the Australians penetrated salt marshes forming a natural obstacle to the oilfields, but ran into opposition on the coastal highway leading to Sambodja, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said.

An Australian patrol scouting the highway which leads beyond Sambodja to a second rich oilfield 36 miles to the north hit a strong roadblock anchored in the hills north of Aussie-held Mount Batohampar.

MacArthur's communique reported that dive-bombers killed more than 300 Japanese and wrecked 400 vehicles in an attack on an enemy concentration near Kiangan in northern Luzon, while a lone Liberator destroyed or damaged 37 Jap cargo junks near Hongkong.

Loot: Nine Cases Whisky, \$75, Gas Coupons, Kiss

GREENWICH, Conn., July 17 (ANS).—Nine cases of whisky, \$75 in cash, ten gasoline coupons and a kiss were stolen by three masked men who entered the home of George Houston as he played double solitaire with his wife.

One of them sat down, continued the game with Houston, another stood watch, and the third looted the house.

After the loot had been placed in a waiting automobile, the card-player, who had discussed philosophy during the game, rose reluctantly from the table, kissed Mrs. Houston on the cheek and joined his companions who drove calmly away.

Redeployment...

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sions or corps that were attached to the Ninth in the ETO will be redeployed also.

"Headquarters of a field Army," the Com Z announcement said, "is the only permanent component of the army. Divisions and corps within an army may be shifted from one army to another—at the decision of the army group commander. In the ETO many corps and divisions have fought first under one army and later under another."

Under the redeployment program seven infantry divisions, the Fourth, Eighth, 86th, 87th, 95th, 97th and 104th, already have reached the U.S. and nine more armored and infantry divisions are in various stages of movement home.

Acc. Ex-PW, Reaches N.Y.

NEW YORK, July 17 (ANS).—Lt. Col. Hubert C. Zemke, 31-year-old member of the 56th fighter group of the Eighth Air Force, who was credited with shooting down 30 1/2 German planes before being taken prisoner, arrived at LaGuardia field today aboard an Air Transport Command trans-Atlantic plane. He said he plans to visit his home in Tampa, Fla.

Truman, Stalin Confer Hour

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toes, string beans, pumpernickel bread with jam, sliced fruit and cookies.

The luncheon, followed by cigars and candy, finished at 1:45 P.M. It had been served by Navy Filipino personnel.

After lunch, the party posed for pictures on a porch overlooking a lake.

After pictures and an informal discussion, Stalin left.

U.S. Shipping Experts Called to Potsdam

BERLIN, July 17 (AP).—President Truman has summoned U.S. shipping experts, including Adm. Emory S. Land, head of the Maritime Commission, to Potsdam immediately, indicating that post-war world shipping will be discussed in the Big Three conference.

In addition to shipping, the conference will cover a wide range of subjects, including territorial disputes, occupational rehabilitation and other questions.

President Truman had as dinner guests last night Edward Pauley, chairman of the American section of the Tripartite Reparations Commission; Joseph Davies, special emissary to London; Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, and W. Averell Harriman, American Ambassador to Russia.

GIs Battle Fires In Oregon Forests

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17 (ANS).

—A thousand soldiers and sailors today joined foresters and civilians in fighting a 70,000-acre fire which raged uncontrolled over once-burned land in Tillamook County's Wilson River sector.

Four-hundred and fifteen sailors were sent from the naval air station at Astoria to join more than 500 soldiers from Fort Lewis and Vancouver barracks.

State foresters said, "The situation is the most critical in years—anything can happen."

Big Three Limit News to Official Statements

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, July 17.—News coverage of the Big Three conferences will be limited to official releases given when and if deemed advisable by the Big Three and their press secretaries, it was indicated here today.

It was previously announced that no actual coverage of the sessions would be allowed and that reporters would be kept outside the compound where the meetings are taking place. However, correspondents hoped that regular "briefings" at which a digest of the daily sessions might be given by those present, would take the place of personal coverage by the 140 correspondents present.

However, the announcement today by the public relations officials said also that the Army would continue to provide housing, communications and transportation facilities for correspondents and would continue censorship of all copy, but would no longer act as news intermediaries.

Since coverage, except when dignitaries leave the compound, has been otherwise impossible up to now, Public Relations personnel have been gathering the information and relaying it to correspondents.

Officials here said that this is being discontinued because of the criticism of such efforts.

Truman to Return to U.S. Immediately After Parley

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—President Truman intends to hurry back to the White House as soon as the Big Three conference ends, possibly to consider some matter of far reaching significance.

He is understood to have canceled plans for a tour of Western Europe that was to include Denmark, Norway and Great Britain and possibly a visit to the eastern Mediterranean.

There was speculation that his return might have something to do with the Japanese war.

Truman Guarded By 15 Members of 713th MP Battalion

BERLIN, July 17.—Fifteen GIs from the 713th MP Bn. have been picked to supplement the President's regular Secret Service bodyguard during the Big Three conference.

The MPs accompany him to the various conference rooms and on all his tours of the Potsdam and Berlin areas.

The list of soldier bodyguards includes: Sgts. William Hardwick, Orange, N.J.; Leon Maddox, Tallahassee, Fla.; Frank Nippens, Mt. Holly, N.J.; Russell Parkerson, Trenton, N.J.; Ralph Piscitelli, New York City; Stephen Polyi, Franklin, N.J.; Joseph Raffa, Latham, N.Y.; Cpls. James Slevin, New York City; Joseph Bodnar, Lindhurst, N.Y.; Walter Harvey, Decatur, Ala.; Pfc. Stephen Byleckie, Port Reading, N.J.; John Cooper, Wymouth, Neb.; Robert Cornett, Portsmouth, Ohio; Harry Moore, Milton, Pa.; Bob Wakeman, Portland, Ore.

Leave Boats to Britain Resume After Gale

FOLKESTONE, England, July 17 (AP).—Leave boats carrying Allied troops stationed on the Continent to and from holidays in Britain resumed trips today after a 24-hour suspension of service due to gales in the English Channel.

The first boat from Calais carried 1,500 pleasure-beat soldiers who had been held up at that port, and brought back to France hundreds whose return was delayed when they became stormbound at Folkestone.

Joe Palooka



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