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One Year Ago Today
Battle for Aachen rages, as Germans rush up reinforcements. Riga, capital of Latvia, captured by Reds; Athens reported liberated by partisans.

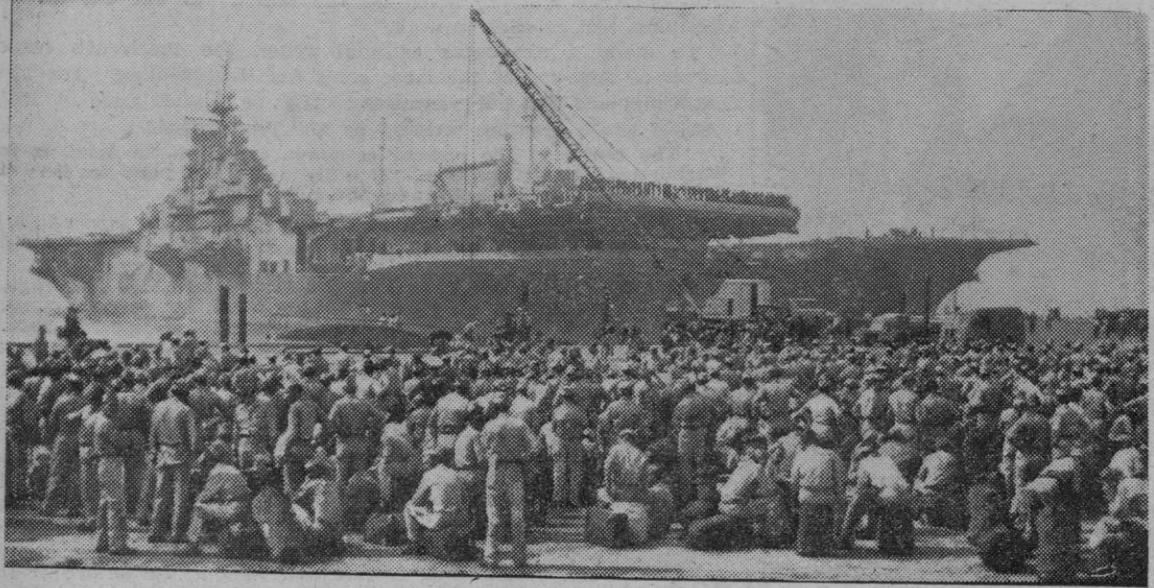
The Weather Today
PARIS: Clear—75
S. FRANCE: Clear—78
DOVER: Cloudy—65
GERMANY: Cloudy—60

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70s Put Off Sailing Lists

Four Pacific Warships Redeploy 9,000 CBI Veterans



Some of the soldiers just landed from the Saratoga (background) watch from the docks as another carrier, the Hornet, noses into Alameda, Calif., Naval Air Station. The men are among 9,000 troops redeployed from the Pacific by the battleship Maryland and the carriers Saratoga, Hornet and Bunker Hill.

USFET Trying To Ship All 80s Out by Nov. 10

By Robert J. Donovan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Faced with a redeployment schedule suddenly thrown out of joint by a shortage of shipping, USFET took steps yesterday to move men with 80 or more points out of the ETO ahead of other troops. This is to be accomplished by special screening of 80-pointers in Assembly Area camps.

In the readjustment, however, men with between 70 and 79 points are going to be removed from home-bound units, except in cases where the processing of the units has advanced so far that removal of men would delay ship sailings, USFET said.

Before the onset of shipping troubles, which were climaxed on Friday with announcement that the British liners Queen Elizabeth and Aquitania from American troop service, men with 80 or more points had been scheduled to leave by Oct. 31 and men with 70 or more by Nov. 30.

Delay for 80-Pointers

USFET said yesterday that, despite the new measure to get 80-pointers out ahead of the others, "doubt was expressed as to whether all of them would be out prior to the first ten days of November."

"With the present uncertainty about shipping," the statement added, "no estimates can be made as to whether all 70-point men will be out of the theater by Nov. 30 or whether all 60-point men will leave by Dec. 31."

With a further touch of gloom, the statement announced: "Anticipated shipping this month, formerly set at over 400,000, is already estimated at less than 360,000 and may be reduced again."

Shipping shortages began to be felt keenly in September when the number of men sent home fell 55,000 below the original quota, and in the last two weeks, according to reports from Reims, sailings of thousands of men have been postponed because of lack of ships. The longshoremen's strike in New York has added to the shipping difficulties.

Smaller Vessels Lost, Too

As was announced on Friday, the U.S. has lost not only the use of the Queen Elizabeth and the Aquitania, but has agreed to transfer to Great Britain a number of smaller vessels in return for continued use of the Queen Mary. Loss of the two big liners and the smaller vessels has eliminated shipping space for at least 120,000 men in the remainder of this year, USFET said. The Queen Elizabeth (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

Congress Acts After Britain Recalls Liners

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Britain's decision to withdraw the giant liners Queen Elizabeth and Aquitania from redeployment of U.S. troops brought quick reaction from Congress today, with the Senate Military Affairs Committee asking Army and Navy representatives to give last-minute reports on demobilization at a special committee meeting Monday.

The request followed a new outbreak of Senate criticism of demobilization progress, Chairman David Walsh (D-Mass.) of the Naval Committee having warned Congress that Navy morale was dangerously low because of dissatisfaction with demobilization.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col.), acting chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, said the services would be asked for assurances that demobilization was being carried out as fast as possible, and it was expected that the committee would ask Army and Navy officials if redeployment would be slowed (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

2,000 Taken in Raid On Berlin Black Market

BERLIN, Oct. 13 (Reuter).—In a raid by 100 British military police and 300 German civilian police near Brandenburg Gate in the British Zone, more than 2,000 persons, including more than 100 Russian officers and soldiers, were arrested today for black-market trading.

The elaborately-planned raid was supported by armored cars. However, several Russians tried to escape and were roughly handled by the civilian and military police.

No American or British personnel were among those seized.

Aquitania Loss Blocks Sailing Of 1,000 GIs at Lucky Strike

By William Spear
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, Oct. 13—Withdrawal of the British liners Queen Elizabeth and Aquitania from American troop-carrying service had immediate repercussions here today when 1,000 high-point and over-age casuals scheduled to sail on the Army transport West Point were taken off the list to accommodate a group of nurses and emergency furlough cases slated to sail on the Aquitania.

The 1,000 men had been scheduled to board the West Point at Le Havre tomorrow after sweating out ten days at Lucky Strike and more than a week at the 19th Reinf. Depot before coming here.

The scarcity of shipping at Le Havre now makes the sailing date for these men indefinite, along with

thousands of others who have been at Lucky Strike as long as 11 days.

Two groups of over-age and high-point troops, comprising 51 officers and 1,007 men, who arrived here Oct. 2, have been waiting for shipping ever since in this tent camp, which is not winterized and not equipped with adequate bathing, laundry, entertainment or other facilities for accommodating troops for more than a few days.

Officials at this camp followed with interest reports of longshoremen's strikes in the U.S. Which, they understood, had tied up hundreds of ships at New York and others at Boston and Hampton Roads, but declined to comment for publication on the extent of the strike's effect on the redeployment program in the absence of information regarding the types of ships affected by the tieup.

Britain, Russia Also to Help Occupy Japan

TOKYO, Oct. 13 (AP).—An Allied headquarters spokesman said today that British and Russian as well as Chinese troops would join American forces in the occupation of Japan.

The fact that China would send an occupation force was announced some time ago in Chungking.

The spokesman said there was no official word from Washington yet on the size of the Allied forces or the date of their arrival.

Discussions about incoming troops had been in progress for nearly a month, the spokesman for Lt. Gen. Robert K. Sutherland, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's chief of staff, said.

"We have received official word from Washington that they are coming, but we have been waiting for Washington to announce the fact and the details of the combined occupation of Japan," he said.

He added that it was up to Washington to decide the size of the respective Allied forces which will be sent. "We rather expect that each country will send one division."

When the size of the forces is known, MacArthur will designate their respective zones for occupation.

Occupation of Generation For Reich, Clay Estimates

BERLIN, Oct. 13.—How long will the Allies occupy Germany? "For quite a few years—at least a generation" according to Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Gen. Eisenhower's Deputy Military Governor of Germany.

19 GIs Arrested for Buying PX Rations on Illegal Cards

New regulations set forth by the Army Exchange Service, Seine Section, will subject every American soldier or civilian purchasing PX rations at any of the post exchanges in central Paris to an identification examination in connection with the use of the ETO Army Exchange ration card.

Seine Section headquarters said yesterday that anyone found purchasing rations with a card other than his own would be arrested for disciplinary action or court martial. In the last week 19 GIs have been arrested and confined for making PX purchases with illegally possessed cards, Seine headquarters said.

Of these, 15 have been convicted by a summary court martial and have received sentences up to six months' confinement. Four have been remanded to higher courts.

Others have been arrested and delinquency reports have been sent to their units.

Aim at Black Market

These measures have been put into effect to stop the dissipation of PX supplies to black-market sources, Seine Section officers said.

Increased sales of PX rations, at a rate of 75,000 weekly, rather than decreased sales expected to follow the exit of thousands of troops from the theater were cited as being responsible for the new, more stringent rules.

Illegally obtained ration cards, in circulation in an amount not calculated, stem mainly from the sale on loan of cards by GIs who are being redeployed out of the theater, it was said. Laxity by unit commanders in control of the distribution of ration cards also was cited.

GIs have been apprehended with as many as 30 ration cards on their person.

Report Farrell Offer to Resign

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 13 (UP).—The resignation of President Edelmiro Farrell was reported today to be in the hands of a group of army and navy officers. Farrell's cabinet resigned under pressure yesterday and police and demonstrating citizens engaged in bloody fights last night.

If Farrell's resignation is announced officially, government authority will be turned over to the Supreme Court.

The arrest of former Vice-President Col. Juan Domingo Peron was announced by the new Navy Minister, Adm. Hector Vernengo Lima, known as a bitter opponent of the former Argentine "strong man."

Before his reported resignation, it was said that Farrell would attempt to form a cabinet of civilians to replace the army-navy government.

At least one man was killed and several injured in clashes last night between police and crowds demonstrating for Farrell's removal.

Thousands of persons, assembled in the Plaza San Martin, where Adm. Vernengo Lima's announcement of Peron's arrest was greeted with cheers, later were charged by mounted police, who swung sabers and fired wooden bullets.

Army and navy officers were in consultation most of yesterday on the issues presented by the demands that Farrell resign and that elections be called within 90 days. Before the cabinet's resignation, Farrell had announced that the elections would be held on April 7.

GI's Discharge Waits For Proof He's Alive

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga., Oct. 13 (ANS).—Pvt. Paul Hammye is having trouble getting a discharge from the Army because he's legally dead.

He has a death certificate, signed by the late President Roosevelt, which resulted after his dog tag was found at Pruden, Germany, where he lost it when he was shot in the leg.

"When they bring me back to life, I'll be able to get my discharge and go home," he said yesterday.

announcement and were informed at the base that Trippi was being discharged on orders of the War Department after his application originally had been rejected at the camp for "not meeting the requirements."

The Tampa Tribune said: "It is well known in football circles that the highest political pressure in Georgia was brought to bear on the War Department to obtain Trippi's release."

The Tampa Times heatedly protested that the War Department "no doubt listened carefully to the demands of Georgia politicians who are powerful in Congress and who want a Rose Bowl team this year, not next year."

The editorial added that "the wrath of millions of soldiers who can't get out of the service because (Continued on Page 8, Col. 3)

41-Point Georgia Football Star Being Discharged as 'Surplus'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—A storm of criticism of the impending discharge of Sgt. Charley Trippi with 41 points was answered today by the War Department with the statement that the former University of Georgia football star was being released from the Army Air Forces because his commanding officer had declared him surplus.

Trippi, who has been in service for two and a half years, said he would re-enroll at Georgia and probably play football this season.

Charges of Congressional pressure by Georgia politicians in effecting Trippi's release were made in Tampa, (Fla.), newspapers after receipt of a public-relations notice that the "Fighting Rebel" from Pittston, Pa., was being discharged at the Tampa Third Air Force base.

Newspapermen questioned the

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Nazi Education

If the Allied governments are so interested in trying to de-Nazify Germany, it seems that we should investigate the many thousands of students now entering the different German universities. To this date a registering student has only to answer four political questions to the satisfaction of the college and he is accepted. They are:

- 1—Have you ever been a member of the Nazi or any similar party organization? (Date).
- 2—Rank, grade and function in Nazi Party or similar organization.
- 3—Have you ever been a member of any National-Socialistic German student organizations? If so give duties and work in such organizations.
- 4—Did you have any political functions in the army?

To answer these brief questions satisfactorily is an outlet for many Nazis to hide safely behind the walls in the security of a university and at the same time increase their knowledge and thinking power. This in turn will prove only dangerous and another means of kindling the fire to keep the Nazi spirit alive. It is time for even the intelligentsia of the Nazis to be checkmated before they grow too strong in their most diplomatic move.—G. G. Moody, Ninth AF Serv. Comd.

Underground Stockade

I think it is a damned shame that the Army has to put its GI prisoners in an underground stockade as is done by the Seventh Army at Mannheim, Germany. The lack of sunshine, fresh air and the fact that food is cooked in this underground stockade make it unhealthy and a distinct discredit to the American Army.—A Disgusted GI.

Poor Samaritan

On a recent trip in the vicinity of Stuttgart we came across a woman lying unconscious in the street. We stopped to see what assistance could be offered and decided she must be taken to a doctor or hospital.

Learning that the woman was a Polish DP and that her camp was too far away to return her there we decided to stop at the nearest military establishment and seek medical aid. Stopping at the CP of an outfit we found the medical officer only to be advised by him that he couldn't take care of a civilian of any nationality. With reluctance he finally agreed to arrange for her transportation to a civilian hospital in Stuttgart.

As we left this officer he made this statement: "I hope this will teach you boys a lesson and that is that in the future you won't stop to offer help to anyone you see in trouble. Such things can only cause a lot of trouble." We only hope that some day we may find this officer in similar circumstances. We will certainly follow his advice.—Two Pfc's, 572nd AAA AW Bn. S/P.

Grandpa Wants Out

Is there any explanation why age isn't given more consideration in releasing officers now that the war is over? I'll be 47 this month, will have finished three and a half years as enlistee and officer, but I am low on points.

My two children don't count, though one is a "Railsplitter" infantryman and the other built planes at Martins until she had to quit while I acquired the status of "Grandpoo."

There was a time when officers in unessential positions and who were over 38 years old could request discharge, but this was rescinded just before the end of the war. While I am in a T/O position right now it is with a category IV unit which is on the road to de-activation. Is there any way I can go with them to be sure of that happy day of release sooner? Shouldn't we old "Gran-nies" get some consideration?—1st Lt. T. C.

For Bull Sessions

Pfc Hosansky, who suggested in Oct. 1 B-Bag that experts and practitioners in all fields of politics and economics be brought here for "old-fashioned bull sessions" has hit the nail right on the head.

What a rare treat to hear a Southern Congressman try to explain why his constituents must pay a poll tax to vote and why Negroes are denied the elementary human right of the ballot. Imagine

the embarrassment of a Congressman telling a GI audience why he obstructed the soldier vote.

What refreshing journalism for a representative of the Fourth Estate to debate the charge that 90 percent of the American press is guilty of yellow journalism in lying and resorting to half truths and slander when dealing with the labor movement, Russia and the late President Roosevelt.

Ambassadors would be just the right fellows to tell us why we fought Fascism and now tolerate Spain and Argentina.

Industrialists, who are crack sellers, would be given the chance to "sell" us on the benefits of free enterprise for monopolies that stifle such enterprise on the part of the "little fellow," or on the benefits of free enterprise for international cartels that deal with native and enemy countries alike in their lust for profits.

It would be a shame for GIs who have won this war to go home and by their indifference and justifiable weariness let the nation again be menaced by Fascism at home.—T/5 Joe Lasker, 1251st Engr. C. Bn.

Fine No Barrier

I am a member of the 101st Airborne Div. who has been denied the right to go home despite the fact that I have 95 points.

And why am I denied the right to go home? Because I was court-martialed last June, fined \$22 a month for six months and was given one month of confinement but the latter was rescinded. Now the division says I can't go home because of the fine. There are quite a number of other fellows here in the same spot.

If we have been in the Army long enough to have acquired the points to go home then why can't we go, particularly since we haven't enough men to fill quotas which have been set for the 101st? If it's the \$22 that's holding me up I'll gladly pay it many times over.—Screaming Eagle.

Editor's note: Your letter, with name deleted, was sent to G-1, USFET (Rear), which commented:

No justification exists for detaining an enlisted man from return to the U.S. under readjustment regulations solely because he has a court-martial sentence forfeiture against his pay.

Souvenir Collecting

Our boys had enemy weapons as souvenirs and our CO made raid on our personal property and took all of them.

We are being transferred to go home and so asked for our pistols. The CO said he was going to keep them and flatly refused to return them to us with the remark, "How do you like it?" We certainly don't, but, as he well knows, we are a powerless group of EM. I'd like to see an investigation of this battalion at Camp Baltimore.—A Negro Truck Co.

Justice Sworn In



Newest member of the U.S. Supreme Court bench, Justice Harold H. Burton poses in his judicial robes after taking the oath of office in Washington.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

Time	TODAY
1200-World News	1900-Hour of Charm
1215-Sunday Serenade	1930-Pass in Review
1230-Concert	2000-Francia White
1300-Horace Heidt	2030-Spike Jones
1330-Family Hour	2100-News
1400-Wayne King	2105-Here's to Music
1415-Football Game	2130-Comm'd Perfor.
1630-Great Music	2200-Arthur Hopkins
1655-Highlights	2300-State Dept.
1700-Duffie Bag	2315-WO McNeil
1800-News	2330-One Night Stand
1815-Yank Bandstand	2400-News
1830-Jerry Wayne	0015-Midnight Paris
TOMORROW	
0600-News	1430-Surprise Package
0605-Dictation News	1500-Beaucoup Music
0615-Morning Report	1600-H. Carmichael
0730-News	1630-Air Magazine
0745-GI Jive	1655-Highlights
0800-Fred Waring	1700-Duffie Bag
0830-Repeat Perform.	1800-World News
0900-News	1815-Songs for You
0905-AFN Bandstand	1830-Personal Album
0930-Harry Owens	1845-Magic Carpet
0945-String Serenade	1900-James Melton
1000-Across Board	1930-Abbott & Costello
1015-Songtime	2000-Date with Duke
1030-Merely Music	2030-Comedy Caravan
1100-Airborne Chorus	2100-World News
1115-Mark Webor	2105-Paris Showcase
1130-At Ease	2130-Guy Lombardo
1145-Melody Roundup	2200-Music We Love
1200-World News	2230-AFN Playhouse
1215-Off the Record	2300-Jack Kirkwood
1300-Help Wanted	2315-Carroll Sings
1305-Sports Review	2330-One Night Stand
1315-Remember	2400-World News
1330-You Asked for It	0015-Midnight Paris
1400-Ferry Como	0200-Sign Off
1415-Raymond Scott	
Short Wave 6.080 Meg	

Koniev at Prague

PRAGUE, Oct. 13 (Reuter).—Marshal Ivan Koniev, commander of the Soviet forces in Austria, arrived here today for discussions with his generals.

Willie and Joe



"Who said my medals wouldn't buy me a cuppa coffee?"

The American Scene:

Truman, Public Differ On Gravity of Strikes

By George J. Maskin
The Stars & Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—This was a week when longshoremen staged a walkout under the noses of battle-starred veterans waiting to be unloaded from the Queen Elizabeth, and President Truman, in an extemporaneous remark, called on the nation "to cut out all the foolishness and go back to work."

To many a newspaper editorial writer, the President's casual manner of disposing of the labor crisis was disappointing. The New York Times said that the grievances couldn't be brushed aside as "little troubles" which are "not serious," as Mr. Truman said.

"The center of the present economic confusion, in brief, is in Washington," the Times said. "It is there that the need lies first of all, to 'cut out all the foolishness and go to work.'"

THE public, polled by the Gallup Institute, meanwhile asserted overwhelmingly that the government should take a strong stand on strikes during the reconversion period. Of the 74 percent who expressed this feeling, nearly one-fourth advocated that Washington crack down on labor by prohibiting strikes, abolishing unions, punishing strikers, etc. Twenty-eight percent favored mediation, or forced arbitration, while the others had little to say on the subject.

A second Gallup poll disclosed that Democratic strength in the U.S. was spreading, and that the Republicans were faced with an uphill fight if they were to regain political control of the country next year.

Gallup put forth "important problems"—such as taking care of veterans, taxes, handling labor problems and keeping farmers happy—and asked people which party they thought could handle the matters better. In every instance the Democrats won a higher preference vote.

World Series Obscures World Politics

AMERICA still talked—and worried some—about the failure of the London Council of Foreign Ministers. But for a few days, at least, this week more people were concerned with what took place in the World Series.

Certainly plenty of energy went into the classic, which experts generally described as the most thrilling on record from a fan's viewpoint but probably the worst ever played.

THE House made everyone happy by passing the nation's first income-tax cut in 16 years, and Senate passage is expected to be a mere formality. For the average person the slash will save around \$80 next year.

The home front still was digesting Gen. George C. Marshall's report on the war. It was "must" reading on most people's list, and copies at \$1 each were difficult to obtain at bookstores.

SEVERAL surveys this week showed what everyone had known: veterans going to college under the GI Bill of Rights aren't able to "exist" on the government's monthly contributions. The \$50 for single men and \$75 for married veterans scarcely pays the food bill.

Elsewhere there were frequent complaints from men in uniform because of what they called a reduced civilian interest in servicemen. Cried several vets: "Why, they won't even give us a lift into town." In Miami, other servicemen squawked at the town's 12:30 AM curfew for them.

IN the suggestion department: Miss Sophia Orr of Munster, Ind., proposed that instead of shutting down servicemen's centers, the places be reconverted into date bureaus.

500 Pct. Boost for Labor Suggested

IN Chicago, a man wrote the Daily News there saying labor shouldn't be satisfied with just a ten or 15 percent raise. "Why not make it 500 percent?" he asked.

THE week's debut of new movies was headed by Ernie Pyle's "Story of GI Joe." Critics and film fans alike adjudged the picture "the war's best."

On the radio, Sunday night became the night of nights. Almost in succession one heard Jack Benny, Edgar Bergen's Charlie McCarthy, and Fred Allen. For Allen it marked a return to a regular program after a year in which he frequently guest-starred.

THE entertainment world prepared to nail an unusual performer—Patrolman Ian Cosman of New York's Midtown Squad. Cosman has taken a leave of absence from walking the beat to try his voice at opera.

THIS week saw the services discharge more than 250,000 men. As the men came home, the song of the week became "I'll Love That Guy Like He's Never Been Loved Before," and, of course, no GI objected.



Paris Area

MOVIES TODAY

MARIGNAN—"Over Twenty-One," Irene Dunne, Charles Coburn. Metro Marbeuf.

ENSA PARIS—"Murder He Says," Fred MacMurray. Metro Marbeuf.

OLYMPIA—"Midnight Movie only. Same as Marignan. Metro Madeleine.

EMPIRE—"Johnny Angel," George Raft.

MAISONS-LAFFITTE PALACE—"Thousand and One Nights," Cornel Wilde and Evelyn Keyes.

STAGE SHOWS

OLYMPIA—"Parisian Rhapsody," French Variety Show.

ENSA MARGNY—"Celebrity Concert," 2000.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

LE PRADO CLUB, 41 Ave. de Wagram—Officers and guests only. Metro Etoile.

COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers.

OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment. RIC 64-41. Hotel Louvois. Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse.

SIX-DAY TOUR to Lourdes, religious shrine, and to Southern France as far as the Pyrenees, offered free by French government. Also daily three-day tours to Loire Valley. Apply Information desk, 11 Rue Scribe.

Le Havre

SELECT—"Woman in Green."

NORMANDIE—"That's the Spirit."

GANGLANK—"Fighting Guardsman."

CAMP HERBERT TAREYTON—"Happy Memories" (ARC Show).

CAMP PALL MALL—"Three's a Family" (USO Show).

Verdun

BOX THEATER—"The Falcon in San Francisco."

Brussels

ABC THEATER—All-Star Vaudeville Show, 1930.

METROPOLE—"Guest Wife," Claudette Colbert, Don Ameche.

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Senators Fight Move to Keep Tax Rolls Fat

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Indications cropped up yesterday that there would be opposition in the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee to a movement led by Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) to keep on the tax rolls all Americans now paying income taxes.

Sen. George L. Radcliffe (D-Md.) said he felt "a good many of those with low incomes" should be dropped. He added that he did not know, however, whether he would want to go as far as the House-approved bill, which would end income taxes for 12,000,000 low-income Americans.

Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Neb.) said he would "go along with George on Jan. 1 as the date for ending the excess-profits tax." The House bill only reduces that tax at the end of this year, keeping the reduced tax in force until 1947.

The House bill calls for a reduction of ten percent or better in all individual income taxes, in addition to eliminating them for 12,000,000 "little fellows." It was estimated that this cut would reduce taxes by \$2,527,000,000. The bill also would cut corporation taxes \$1,888,000,000.

Fire Destroys Big Ohio Plant

CLEVELAND, Oct. 13 (ANS).—A \$200,000 fire and explosions yesterday destroyed the plant of the E. F. & H. Aluminum Foundry and Smelting Co. and the warehouse of the near-by National Refining Oil Co. west of the foundry.

Eighteen fire companies responded to the five-alarm call to fight 150-foot flames and clouds of black, oily smoke.

Most of the damage was suffered by the aluminum company, operated by Edward Frank and Herbert Schmeller, former officers of the National Bronze and Aluminum Co. here, whose plant was destroyed by a \$2,500,000 fire in September, 1941.

Two of the partners in that firm convicted in Federal Court here under the Federal Wartime Sabotage Act. Their convictions later were set aside by the U.C. Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati.

Ford Buys N.J. Plant Site

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Henry Ford 2d, president of the Ford Motor Co., announced yesterday the purchase of 78 acres of land in New Jersey for a plant to assemble Mercury and Lincoln automobiles. The site is in Raritan Township, 30 miles from New York.

Till the 'Smog' Scatters



Helping to dispel the "smog" which has been plaguing Los Angeles lately is radiant Dolores Mann. Anyone concentrating on ermine-wrapped Dolores can easily forget the city's mist and smoke.

Boy, 6, Plied With Grog Dies, Farmer Jailed

DOUBLES SPRINGS, Ala., Oct. 13 (ANS).—Attorney Jay A. Posey said yesterday that Charley Taylor, 60-year-old Winston County farmer, was held in jail on a murder warrant which charged that he caused the death of a six-year-old boy by giving him "several swallows of moonshine whisky."

The child, Fletcher Lee Sellers of Haleyville, became unconscious after consuming the whisky on Oct. 3 and died the following day without regaining consciousness.

U.S. Home Toll Tops War Loss By 35 Million

CHICAGO, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Total war casualties for the U.S. including killed, wounded, missing and prisoners, were 1,070,524 but the home front accident toll during the war reached 36,355,000, the National Safety Council reported yesterday.

The figures cover the period from Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, to V-Day, Aug. 14, 1945.

Of the total war casualties the council listed 261,608 killed, 651,911 wounded, 32,811 missing and 124,194 prisoners. On the home front 355,000 were killed in accidents and 36,000,000 injured, including 1,250,000 permanently disabled.

The traffic toll alone was 94,000 killed and 3,300,000 injured. Of the injured 270,000 cases involved permanent disability.

Home accidents killed 118,000 and injured 17,500,000.

The council said it released the report with no thought of implying that war-time activities on the home front compared in danger with actual fighting.

"The figures are presented merely to show the enormity of the accident toll and to emphasize the importance of preventing accidents in war or in peace," the council said.

ASF Casualties Put at 75,015

FORT BELVOIR, Va., Oct. 13 (ANS).—Gen. Brehon Somervell said yesterday that the Army Service Forces had suffered 75,015 casualties during the war.

In an address to service troops here, the ASF chief reported that 16,594 service troops had been killed in action, 4,234 were missing, 10,139 had been taken prisoner and 44,048 had been wounded.

Included in the total were 172 women Army nurses and Wacs.

National Guard To Get Wider Defense Role

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—All National Guard divisions are being returned from overseas with top priorities and will be reactivated by state governments within a year for an expanded role in the nation's defense, it was disclosed last night.

The Army's plans were outlined in letters sent to adjutant generals of all states and territories by Maj. Gen. John F. Williams, acting chief of the National Guard Bureau. It listed three steps in returning guard units to their traditional peace-time function:

1—Reallotment to the States, once a final decision is made on the Guard's peace-time strength, of the types of units they will be required to support.

2—Return of control to the States with part of the equipment required supplied by the Army.

3—Authorization for reconstruction of the units by the States themselves.

Post-war plans were not disclosed, but it was understood that tentative proposals called for 22 infantry divisions and two armored divisions. The greatest expansion probably will be in rocket and anti-aircraft units.

U.S. to Improve Ill Vets' Diet

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Revision of dietetic services for veterans' hospitals to provide qualified professional personnel to supervise food services for patients was announced last night by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Veterans Administrator.

The program was devised in conferences among Bradley, Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, Acting Surgeon General, and the agency's Dietetic Advisory Council.

It will provide pay ranging from \$2,300 to \$5,180 annually plus overtime pay for dietitians with at least 36 semester hours of study in a college or university and "practical experience."

Junior dietitians will be instructed at veterans' hospitals in 12-month courses and will be paid at the rate of \$1,704 annually for the first six months and \$1,902 a year for the remaining six months.

\$65,000 Bet Away, He Spends Last 50c. On a Drink, Yields

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (ANS).—A conscience-stricken Jersey City (N.J.) bank teller who admitted stealing \$65,000 over an eight-year period to play the horses and "live very well" gave himself up today after spending his last 50 cents for a cocktail.

Bruno F. Juban, of Irvington, N.J., employed by the First National Bank of Jersey City, left work Wednesday and failed to return. Bank officials Thursday checked his books and found a total of \$65,000 missing.

Today Juban walked into the 68th St. police station here and ended an eight-state FBI hunt.

Juban told police he had juggled bank records for eight years, stealing approximately \$8,000 annually to offset gambling losses. He had hoped to return the money, he said, when his luck changed at the races.

'Worker' Ex-Editor Threatens Expose

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 13 (ANS).—Louis F. Budenz, former managing editor of the Communist newspaper "The Daily Worker," who severed his political connections to return to the Catholic Church, said yesterday that he will "show up" Communism.

The 57-year-old Budenz, whose father was an Indianapolis banker, was accepted back into the church by Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, and was made Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Notre Dame.

"I will show up Communism in theory and practice in the classroom," Budenz said at a news conference. "I will oppose Communism in a definite, and I hope, effective way, but I will not engage in personal attacks on Communists. There will be no name calling."

Mustering-Out Is Old Stuff to Them



William H. Osborn, 102, of Joplin, Mo., takes time out from reminiscing with his buddies to chat with Arlene Smith while enjoying a soda during his visit to Columbus, Ohio, for the GAR encampment.



James Albert Spicer, 101, revives the Battle of Gettysburg for a neighbor, four-year-old Stephen Davidson in Washington. The Confederate vet resents being called old and says he still likes to look at pretty girls. His recipe for longevity is milk and applejack.

DAR Refuses to Drop Ban On Negro Artists in Its Hall

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—The executive committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution has voted unanimously against changing its rule barring Negro artists from appearances at Constitution Hall here, it was disclosed yesterday.

The committee acted after Hazel Scott, Negro singer and pianist and wife of Rep. Adam C. Powell Jr. (D-N.Y.) complained that she had been denied use of the hall because of her race.

The DAR said in a statement that it believes in racial "liberty" and that any citizen has the right to request the use of the hall, but that the society which owns and manages it also has its individual right to grant or deny the request.

It pointed out that the rule restricting the use of the hall to "white artists only" was adopted March 23, 1932, and was established "in accordance with the prevailing custom of the District of Columbia." Mrs. Bess Truman, wife of the President, criticized the organiza-

tion for barring the Negro artist, but refused to cancel an appearance as guest at a DAR tea yesterday afternoon.

"I deplore any action which denies artistic talent an opportunity to express itself, because of prejudice against race or origin," she said. She noted, however, that she had accepted the invitation before the controversy arose.

Mrs. Truman 'Last Lady' Now, Powell Declares

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Rep. Adam C. Powell Jr. (D-N.Y.), commenting on a White House announcement that Mrs. Harry S. Truman would attend a tea of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, said yesterday: "From now on, Mrs. Truman is the last lady."

Powell had addressed protests to the President and Mrs. Truman, both of whom condemned the DAR action, and also asked that she boycott the tea.

Navy CWO Asks Widow's Death For Jealousy Slaying of Wife

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Navy CWO Wilbur P. Martin, innocent victim of Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt's jealousy which resulted in two deaths, demanded bitterly today that the society matron be executed for the murder of his wife. "She may be neurotic but she knew how to kill," he said in asking the supreme penalty for Mrs. Mansfeldt, whose physician husband committed suicide after she shot Mrs. Vada Martin because she suspected the attractive nurse of having an affair with the doctor.

Martin discounted the opinion of District Attorney Edmund Brown that the red-haired widow and mother of three children had "suffered enough" through her grief over Dr. John Mansfeldt's suicide. Brown told the court he would not insist on the death penalty "because of her mental state."

Inflicting the death penalty on Mrs. Mansfeldt would be "an example" to other jealous wives who killed their rivals "on suspicion only," the 35-year-old warrant officer said.

France Fights Unified Reich Rule-DeGaulle

France will spike any attempts by the other three Allied nations ruling Germany to set up a central administration for the Reich, Gen. Charles de Gaulle indicated to a press conference in Paris Friday.

More than 400 French and foreign newsmen heard him say curtly, "France has been invaded three times in a lifetime. I do not want ever to see the establishment of a Reich again."

His statement was in reply to a question as to whether France would continue to block the Big Three decision at Potsdam to set up central administrative departments for all Germany.

It had been reported previously from Berlin that De Gaulle's representatives on the Allied Control Council had refused even to discuss central administration until French demands for internationalization of the Ruhr and the Rhineland had been granted. Since a unanimous vote is necessary for any Control Council action, France could stalemate the centralization move, which has the support of Britain, Russia and the U.S.

De Gaulle confirmed France's desire for an internationalized Ruhr.

Danes Ignored Invasion Hints

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 13 (AP).—The Danish government was warned of the impending German invasion three months before Hitler sent the Wehrmacht into Denmark, but no one regarded the communications seriously, a parliamentary investigating commission reported yesterday.

A 700-page report on the conduct of Danish officials before and during the German invasion said the Danish Minister in Berlin advised the government of danger, and the Norwegian and Swedish naval attaches also sent warnings. Nevertheless, no counter-measures were taken.

The commission made no recommendations and withheld criticism of ministers in office at the time of the invasion.

Falsely Quoted On Hitler, Says Ike

FRANKFURT, Oct. 13 (AP).—Gen. Eisenhower said that he was quoted "absolutely falsely" by Dutch newspapermen who attributed to him a statement indicating that Hitler might still be alive.

The American Commander said he actually told a questioner during an interview in The Netherlands recently that "there is every assumption that Hitler is dead but not a bit of conclusive proof that he is dead."

He declared that he found it hard to believe Hitler was still living, but conceded that Russian friends told him they had been unable to unearth any shred of tangible evidence of his death.

WACs Being Discharged At Six U.S. Centers

Wacs are now receiving discharges at six separation centers in the U.S., according to a War Department release. The centers for service-women are at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa—first training center for Wacs; Ft. Dix, N.J.; Ft. Sheridan III, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., and Camp Beale, Calif.

Wacs are being redeployed on the same proportionate basis as enlisted men, according to the announcement, which also revealed that all overseas shipments of Wacs ceased on the same date that enlistments were closed Aug. 29.

Officers of the WAC who are 40 or over are now eligible for discharge upon application, the release said.

Jeeps, Locomotives, V-Mail-- All Surplus--Go on Sale

Surplus materials ranging from jeeps to V-Mail forms, having a total value of \$170,000,000, have been offered for sale today in the latest special offerings catalog issued by the Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner.

The items, which are awaiting disposal in England and France, include 5,000 jeeps, priced from \$300 to \$1,300; 1,667 locomotives, listed at \$92,000,000; 551 ambulances; 150 motorcycles; 175,000 tires; washing machines and Diesel cranes.

Yank Hayloaders Ride Hayburners at Army's Triesdorf Aggie



GIs attending a German agricultural college at Triesdorf under U.S. Army sponsorship ride back on an ox-cartload of hay from a field at the school's farm after completing their class in haypitching.

MG Finds Free Enterprise Puzzles German Businessmen

By Joseph Harvey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Oct. 13.—U.S. Military Government is having difficulty selling democratic free business enterprise to German businessmen, it was disclosed here at a conference held by officers of the MG industrial branch.

So accustomed have German businessmen and industrialists become to rigid governmental centralization and control of all places of business as a result of Nazi rule that they now fail to understand and in some cases are reluctant to undertake the responsibilities of free enterprise, MG officials declared.

There is a real problem, said Maj. Eugene H. Clay, MG economic policy officer, in the attempt by Americans to have the Germans go back to competitive, decentralized and non-regimented business.

Many German businessmen and industrialists Clay said, have taken the attitude that "it was so easy the old way" when German govern-

mental agencies ruled who should go into business, what should be produced and how much, and where products should be marketed. The German president of the American-sponsored chamber of commerce at Heidelberg recently declared, however, according to Maj. Albert J. Gottlieb of the MG Economics Branch, that "the economic future of Germany depends on the ability of Germans to take care of their own businesses."

Germans are being encouraged, Clay said, to become members and participate in chambers of commerce and trade unions. However, he added, MG officials find it difficult to make Germans understand that such membership is not compulsory.

The controlling power that governmental agencies had over chambers of commerce has been ended, Clay said, but military authorities will make decisions on priorities for rationed materials such as coal and will determine prices and other top-level policies.

Canada Slashes Income Tax

OTTAWA, Oct. 13 (AP).—The Canadian government announced today a 16 percent reduction in the personal income tax, together with other heavy cuts in Canada's wartime tax structure amounting to \$300,000,000 a year.

The reductions were announced by J. L. Ilsley, Minister for Finance, in presenting his budget to Parliament for the fiscal year from April 1, 1945, to March 31, 1946.

Over-all reductions are at the rate of approximately 13 percent a year and four and a half percent for the fiscal year to which it applies.

The reduction on income tax is effective from Oct. 1 this year, which means that Canadians will have their income tax for the current calendar year cut by four percent over the previous rate. The cut is applicable to all incomes.

Canadian income tax rose sharply during the war.

Army Finds Mom At Wrong Port, Flies Her to Son

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13 (ANS).—The Army, rectifying an error, fulfilled yesterday the dreams of a Chicago mother to watch her son walk down the gangplank at a Pacific Coast port.

When a telegram from Washington informed Mrs. George Engel, 50, on Sept. 7 that her son, whom she had not seen since 1942, was expected to arrive in San Francisco about Oct. 9, the family scraped together \$98.27 to buy her a plane ticket.

Her son, a bomber radio operator shot down in January, 1945, and liberated from a Japanese prison camp in September, was not aboard the overflowing transport which his hopeful mother met.

Finally she showed her telegram to port of embarkation authorities and they discovered that her son was aboard the transport Gosper, due to arrive in Seattle today instead of San Francisco.

So Mrs. Engel, wife of a Chicago printer, and seven other mothers and 12 relatives and friends similarly misdirected were to be flown to Seattle by the Fourth Air Force in time for the reunions.

Persia-Arabia Discord Bars Iranian Pilgrims

TEHERAN, Oct. 13 (UP).—Iranians will not be able to make their traditional pilgrimages to Mecca this year, the foreign ministry has decided, "because relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia are not clarified."

Two years ago Iranian pilgrims and Arabians were involved in several incidents.

Lehman Sees Hope for Italy

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (AP).—Herbert H. Lehman, UNRRA Director General, said last night that he hoped Italy would be "at least on the road to recovery by the end of 1946."

Lehman spoke to an audience of 900 at a Columbus Day dinner honoring the former American commander in Italy, Gen. Mark W. Clark.

Clark, who received the "Four Freedoms Award" of New York City's Italian-American Labor Council, said he believed that although Italy had "many unhappy days ahead," the country "is on the mend."

The general added that he was sure Italy's present leadership was "completely determined forever to destroy Fascism, rebuild their ideal of democracy and restore Italy to its rightful place in the community of peace-loving nations."

President Truman, in a message to the gathering, expressed faith that the Italians would face the "heavy task of rehabilitation" with the same "vision and courage" shown by Columbus.

Quisling Loses Appeal

LONDON, Oct. 13 (AP).—The Norwegian Supreme Court today unanimously rejected Vidkun Quisling's appeal against the sentence of death passed on Sept. 10, the Norwegian Information Office announced.

Russia Starts Election Drive, Votes Feb. 10

MOSCOW, Oct. 13 (AP).—Russia's election campaign for seats in the Supreme Soviet began yesterday with the publication of laws governing the election on Feb. 10, 1946.

Declaring that the people of the Soviet Union were guaranteed the freedom of unhindered electioneering for their many candidates and that the USSR had the most democratic of all election statutes, Izvestia said in a front-page editorial that Russian citizens "are going to the voting booths closely rallied around their native government, around the party of Lenin and Stalin. Soviet power is now sound as never before."

Complete Laws Reissued

Since the last election was eight years ago, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet reissued the complete election laws of the Stalin constitution which gives free suffrage to all persons 18 and older.

The nation's press carried the law in full. It took up more than half the space in each paper.

There are no essential differences in the current election procedure from the last election on Dec. 12, 1937.

Many Want Stalin

Hundreds of districts would like to have Stalin as their candidate. At the last election there was considerable agitation about this and Stalin finally accepted the invitation of voters in the Stalin District of Moscow, which is one of the capital's biggest industrial sectors.

In the last election 632,000 negative votes were cast out of more than 100,000,000. There have been predictions that 110,000,000 persons would vote this time.

World Relief Called U.S. Aim

ANKARA, Turkey, Oct. 13 (AP).—Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) told a press conference today that the U.S. intended to "help other nations get on their feet."

"We are spending billions of dollars for this purpose, especially on UNRRA relief in Europe," Pepper said.

The Senator said the Arab-Jewish difficulties in Palestine could not be worked out "without consideration of the Christian viewpoint."

Asked for his opinion on a "Middle Eastern bloc," Pepper referred to the Arab League and said: "We do not have objections, but it must be remembered that such organizations, including the Pan-American and others, must be subordinated to the United Nations, which is the top organization."

Surplus Planes for Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 13 (ANS).—The U.S. will supply Brazil with a large number of surplus Army Air Force planes giving that country the largest fleet of commercial planes in Latin America, the U.S. Embassy announced today.

Apt Title for Brighton Pub



Two inquisitive youngsters stand on a pile of rubble to peer into the interior of the old public house, "The Fortune of War," which was damaged during the war by Nazi bombing attacks on Brighton, England.

'No Ostrich,' Patton Urges Peace Draft

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
BAD NAUHEIM, Oct. 13.—Adding his voice in support of universal military training, Gen. George S. Patton said today that a powerful America, ready to stop any aggressors, was the one hope for a peaceful world.

"I am not an ostrich," the 15th Army commander said. "I do not bury my head in the sand of wishful thinking. I have studied and practised war all my life, and therefore I am utterly opposed to it."

He made this statement in response to queries by correspondents about his expressed opinion that "there will be more wars."

'Play on the Many'

Wars, he said, are not a set of logical circumstances, but invariably are produced through the efforts of a few unbalanced people who "play on the many by exploiting thwarted ambitions and emotions of avarice," and because it is impossible to determine where or when such unbalanced individuals will appear, it is impossible "to prophesy when or whom we shall fight next."

The U.S., he observed, has engaged in nine wars since 1821, eight of them outside the U.S., and "we have been induced to subscribe to the doctrine that in weakness there is strength."

Nation Unprepared

Patton said that in the two world wars the U.S. had to come from behind "because the nation was unprepared, and it had to resort to last-minute improvisation that proved expensive in both money and blood," and that "several wars we have engaged in would not have happened and all of them would have been shorter and less bloody if America had been prepared."

"Unless we are armed and prepared, the next war will probably destroy us," he said. "No one who has lived in a destroyed country can view such a possibility with anything but horror."

France Denies PW Charges

The French Labor Ministry has denied to Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters accusations by the International Red Cross that German prisoners in France were being mistreated, the French news agency AP said last night.

A letter sent by the ministry to Eisenhower's headquarters reportedly said that German PWs were receiving the same rations as French civilians and were adequately supplied. The letter added that the prisoners were in poor circumstances when handed over to the French by the Americans.

U.S. Arms Found Used by French to Hold Syria in Line

Rep. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) declared yesterday that members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee had seen specific evidence that French troops used arms from America to quell Nationalist forces in Syria and Lebanon in what he termed "a shocking perversion of lend-lease."

In Paris with Rep. Frances P. Belmont (R-Ohio) after a tour of 20 eastern European, Balkan and Near East countries, Mundt told the press he had seen some of the American equipment that had been used.

Asked whether the British in Lebanon had used lend-lease arms, too, he said: "We do not know whether they did or not. But we know the French did."

He said the misuse of military equipment would be reported to the government.

Swapping Greenbacks for Sen and Yen in Tokyo



Three U.S. Coast Guardsmen change their American money for occupation bills in a Tokyo bank. Left to right: Harvey Twyman, Omaha; Bob Russell, Los Angeles and Harmon Laughler, Berkeley.

Nazi Murder Mill Executioner Tells Court of His Expertness

By Bob Marshall
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WIESBADEN, Oct. 13.—The American military court now trying Heinrich Ruoff, expert executioner at the Hadamar murder mill, is expected to begin deliberating his fate Monday, when final arguments will be heard. Last witnesses in the case of Ruoff, who got draft deferment from the Wehrmacht because of his essential occupation, were heard today.

One of seven defendants charged with "putting aside" nearly 500 Poles and Russians—not to mention several thousand Germans—Ruoff showed his professional proficiency when Col. Leon Jaworski, war crimes prosecutor, displayed a glass tube hypodermic syringe in the courtroom.

"I used a different kind," Ruoff testified. "I used one that had a metal tube. They don't break so easily, but the purpose is the same."

Lethal instruments came in three sizes at the Hadamar charnel house, Ruoff said. One had a five-cubic centimeter capacity, another ten and a third 20. Ruoff preferred the large size.

Ruoff said that two and a half cubic centimeters sufficed to put away a child, while the average adult required eight to ten CCs of morphine or another deadly drug. His victims never lived for a second shot. Sometimes his "patients" died in 15 minutes; others lived for an hour or two.

Apparently troubled by frequent courtroom references to fatal injections, Ruoff, chief male nurse at the asylum, protested: "To speak only of injections is not quite accurate. I also did quite a bit of work with tablets. But women did not like to take tablets, they are so bitter."

Despite his draft deferment and his steady job, Ruoff, whose arteries are beginning to harden, said he would go into the Wehrmacht if he had it to do over again.

"If I had gone into the Army," he reflected, "I would still have my job and my pension. Now I am sick and aged. But I was always honest. I never did anything wrong. You can ask any of my patients."

AF Secret Weapons Show Bares Devastating Azon Bomb

DAYTON, Ohio, Oct. 13 (AP).—The U.S. Air Technical Service Command, in preview of its multimillion dollar "Army Air Forces Fair," gave a detailed picture of the war of the future and weapons of destruction which find their way to targets by heat, light, gas and even television.

Most of the exhibits packed into the mile-long tent and on the stands at Wright Field were until yesterday among the greatest secrets of the war.

Among them was a 5,000-horsepower engine—too big for any plane yet designed—a radio-controlled "azon bomb" and a television-equipped glide bomb, both of which were used with devastating effect in the closing days of the war.

The azon bomb is an ordinary bomb to which a radio-controlled fin has been added. It was first used to destroy the Avisio Viaduct near Rome, making the German supply system through the Brenner Pass ineffective. The azon bomb was also used effectively in Burma

this year, when officers declared it destroyed every bridge of any strategic value to the Japanese.

Bombs which are unerringly attracted to their targets by heat, by reflected light, or even by the heat from the exhaust, were on view.

The television bomb, which literally carries the eyes of the pilot of the "mother" plane on its nose, is equipped with both a television camera and a transmitter. When the bomb is dropped, the bomb-aimer aboard the mother plane guides the bomb by reference to a television screen.

Cops' Release Sought As Boston Crime Grows

BOSTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Confronted with a rising tide of crime, Gov. Maurice J. Tobin moved yesterday for the release of 300 Boston policemen from the armed services and suggested other communities needing police reinforcements take similar action.

Vets Bid Draft Board To Feast—on C and K

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Oct. 13 (ANS).—Six Jersey City veterans of Europe and the Pacific War zones have invited members of their Selective Service board to dinner Oct. 24.

The menu: C and K rations garnished with trimmings served to men in combat areas.

Trial to View Auschwitz Film

LUNEBURG, Germany, Oct. 13 (AP).—The Military Court agreed today to view a Russian film of the Auschwitz concentration camp despite a defense argument that it was "propaganda" designed to prejudice the case of the 45 Belsen and Auschwitz defendants.

A proposal by Prosecutor T. M. Backhouse to introduce the film was opposed vigorously by Maj. W. S. Granfield of the defense counsel as a shrewd move to inject Russian propaganda into the trial at a psychological moment.

Backhouse said he resented that accusation and added that the film was offered as soon as it was received and viewed by the prosecution.

Charter Ratifications Deposited by 15 Nations

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—The State Department revealed yesterday that 15 of the 50 United Nations have deposited their ratification of the United Nations Organization Charter.

The Philippines, Chile and Paraguay were the latest to do so. To bring the charter into effect 28 nations must deposit their ratification instruments with the State Department, including the Big Five.

Three of the Big Five have done so—the U.S., France and China. To complete the process Britain, the Soviet Union and 11 other nations must make the deposit.

MG CO Gets New Job

HEIDELBERG, Oct. 13.—Col. James R. Newman of Floral Park, L.I., has been appointed director of the Office of Military Government for the German province of Greater Hesse, Seventh Army headquarters announced today. He had been commanding officer of the Wiesbaden MG detachment since April 1.

Allies Seize Farben Firm—Reich Arsenal

By Joseph B. Fleming
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
BERLIN, Oct. 13.—The two-billion-dollar I. G. Farbenindustrie, which armed Germany for aggression, is being confiscated by the Allies.

Seizure of the company's 300 plants was ordered yesterday by the Allied Control Council's Coordinating Committee. The action does not require the approval of the council, and papers are being drawn up now.

Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Deputy Military Governor of Germany told a press conference that part of Farben's holdings would be dismantled for reparations. He said that those plants not used for reparations and not necessary for the Reich's closely-regulated economy would be destroyed.

Clay estimated that about 75 percent of the Farben plants were undamaged by the war. The American zone has only 40 plants, while 60 percent of the company's holdings are in the Russian zone.

De Gaulle Gets Plea for Laval

Gen. Charles de Gaulle Friday might grant a 15-minute audience to Vichyite Pierre Laval's lawyers—but up to last night he had issued no statement as to whether he would grant their plea for a new trial of the convicted traitor.

De Gaulle listened as Albert Naud, chief of Laval's defense, listed his reasons for demanding that De Gaulle void the death sentence and order a retrial for Laval.

Naud said that if the case had been an ordinary trial there would have been no question of overruling the High Court's verdict. De Gaulle waited until they finished, asked: "Is that all, messieurs?" and the interview was over.

Meanwhile, there were unconfirmed reports that Pierre Teitgen, French Minister of Justice, who is pioneering in Brittany, had been ordered back to Paris by De Gaulle presumably for discussion of the Laval case.

Since Laval had refused to appear for commutation of the death sentence, a quick execution is expected if De Gaulle refuses a retrial.

Mother Ends Life After Killing Tots

ASBURY PARK, N.J., Oct. 13 (ANS).—A woman beat her two infant daughters to death with a hammer yesterday, set fire to her small home and perished in the flames, several hours after a neighbor had tried to talk her out of suicide, Police Chief Vernon Shible, of Wall Township, said.

Shible said he found the bodies of Mrs. Grace McMurray, 32, Dorothy Ann, two and Laura Lee, ten months in their four-room bungalow, while flames still raged through the bedroom and living room.

An autopsy will be performed on the woman's body to determine the cause of death, Shible said, since there is a possibility that she had taken poison. Shible said a neighbor told him that she had talked with Mrs. McMurray for 45 minutes early yesterday trying to persuade her not to kill herself.

The children's father Cecil R. McMurray, is a mechanic in Whiteband, N.M., on assignment from a Signal Corps laboratory here.

Theft of 'No Value' Dog Twists the Law's Tail

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 13 (ANS).—The Ohio Supreme Court was legally involved with man's best friend yesterday via this question: If a dog not listed for taxation is stolen, is the theft larceny?

Willard Weekly was indicted on a charge of stealing a hound valued at \$100 by its owner.

A trial court found Weekly guilty, but the appeals court sent the case to the higher tribunal to determine whether larceny was involved since taxes never were paid on the dog.

An old Ohio statute provides that unless a dog is registered for taxation, it is legally considered to have no value.

Larceny is defined as theft of an article of value.

Blondie



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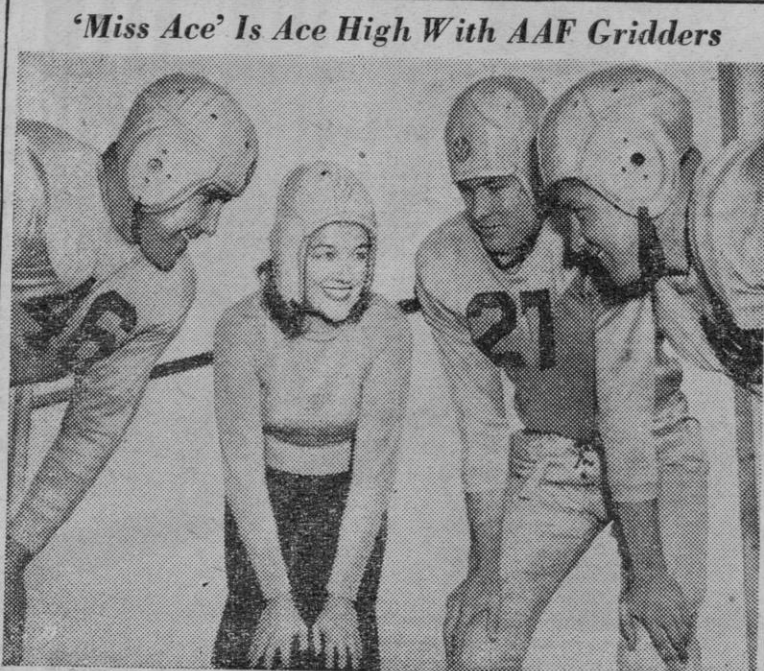
Owls Sink Bucknell Under 64-0 Flood; Carney Leads Boston College to 28-0 Win

Temple Chalks Up 39-0 Margin in First Half

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.— Temple's youthful Owls ran up and down Shibe Park last night to hand Bucknell a 64-0 shellacking. Hailed as an air-minded ball club, Temple exploded with lightning-like ground plays to rack up ten touchdowns and four extra points.

Beginning with halfback Gene Zawoiski's 18-yard touchdown sweep, the Owls engineered tallies on dashes from 13 to 83 yards. Jack Burns, springboard of Temple's T-Formation, ran a Bucknell punt the 83 yards for the second score that clinched their third straight victory.

Other first-half scoring plays by which the Owls sprang into a 39-0 lead included runs of 32 and 54 yards by Phil Slosburg; 15 yards by Andy Wolfrum; 13 by George Rote and three conversions.



'Miss Ace' Is Ace High With AAF Gridders
Ella Holland goes into a huddle with First Air Force gridders after being unanimously elected "Miss Ace" of the AAF Aces football team. This, obviously, is the time for the quarterback to call for a pass. Ella hails from Farmingdale, L.I., in case you are interested.

Robinson Paces Syracuse To Win Over W. Virginia

SYRACUSE, Oct. 13.—Syracuse splashed to a 12-0 victory over West Virginia before 5,000 drenched spectators here last night. Roger Robinson climaxed an 80-yard drive in the first quarter with a four-yard plunge and added a second touchdown in the final period when he passed nine yards to Accella.

Detroit Fans Honor Tigers

DETROIT, Oct. 13.—The world champion Detroit Tigers batted 1,000 last night when it came to eating and speechmaking at a banquet tendered them by 1,200 happy Detroit baseball fans.

Hal Newhouser, Hank Greenberg, Eddie Mayo and Steve O'Neill shared honors in the oratorical department, handling their assignments with much more ease than they showed in trimming the Chicago Cubs in the 1945 World Series.

Gifts showered on the champs by the enthusiastic fans included a hub cap presented to rookie Ed Mierkowitz as a symbol of the auto he will receive when it is rolled off the assembly line. Mierkowitz won the car in a drawing in which all the Tigers took part.

Fans saw sportswriter Frank "Buck" O'Neill of the Washington Herald present Sporting News awards to Eddie Mayo, named most valuable player in the American League, and Hal Newhouser, selected as the most valuable pitcher.

One of Manager O'Neill's awards was a deanship in Detroit sportswriters mythical Linsdale University. He received his sheepskin complete with sheep.

Parker, Segura Reach Finals

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 13.—Francisco "Pancho" Segura, defending titleholder, and Frank Parker, U.S. national champion, registered straight set victories yesterday to gain the final round of the Pan-American tennis tournament.

Segura advanced into the windup phase of the tourney by dint of a stellar semi-final round in which he toppled the youthful Bob Falkenburg of Hollywood, 6-2, 7-5, 6-0.

Parker entered the final bracket by downing Alejo Russell of Argentina, 9-7, 6-1, 6-1.

Newark Gains First Triumph In Little Series With 7-Run Spurt

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 13.—The Newark Bears came through with their first victory in four games of the Little World Series last night when they defeated the Louisville Colonels, 10-2.

A half-frozen record crowd of 14,586 watched the rivals battle on even terms for six innings and then Newark stage a seven-run uprising in the eighth. The Bears only made two hits in the big frame, but came off with the seven runs with the help of three walks, four errors and two wild pitches against four Colonels hurlers.

Bill Malgovan went all the way for Newark though touched for 11 safeties.

Betting Mark Set at Jamaica As 38,403 Wager \$4,752,756

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—A banner Columbus Day crowd of 38,403 persons set a one-day betting record at Jamaica yesterday by wagering \$4,752,756 on the seven-race card highlighted by the annexing by Mrs. Elizabeth Graham's Lord Boswell and They Say of the Remsen Handicap's first and second places, respectively.

Lord Boswell, piloted by Eric Guerin, was kept close to the pace until the top of the stretch when he bounded past his stablemate to score by two lengths in the six-furlong event. They Say had a five-length margin over Marine Victory, Bruce Livie's Champagne Stakes winner. C. V. Whitney's favored Enfilade finished fifth behind Misleader in a field of nine.

The Graham entry paid \$7.50 and earned \$8,675 first money and \$2,000 for second. The one-two cleanup boosted Mrs. Graham's racing earnings to \$474,660 this season.

Another one-two finish by one stable was registered at Laurel, Baltimore, where Warren Wright's Good Blood and Miss Keenland dominated the \$10,000 added Queen Isabella Handicap before 12,000. Fair Ann finished third in the field of nine, with the favorite, Milcave II, out of the money. Wright's entry paid \$5.20.

The morning and afternoon doubleheader at Salem's Rockingham Park attracted 27,000 customers for the 14-race card, and a total of \$1,775,158 was wagered. Navy, Old Orchard Farm's consistent performer, won the \$5,000 added Columbus Handicap feature and paid \$5.80. Boy Soldier trailed by a length with FBI third. All profits of this fourth annual Columbus Day twin bill will be turned over to the National War Fund.

Mrs. E. E. Robbin's Late Thread won her fourth victory of the Hawthorne meeting in Chicago by accounting for the \$5,000 Columbus Day Handicap of two miles 70 yards before a crowd of 13,475. The winner paid \$12.20. Real Short ran second and Cerberus was third.

S & S Quintet Wins, 29-28

The Stars and Stripes basketball team opened its 1945-46 season last night with a 29-28 victory over the French Military Firemen. Ernie (Red) Winford of the S & S quintet paced the marksmen with 15 points.

It's Police Chief O'Neill Now

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 13.—Steve O'Neill, manager of the Detroit Tigers, has been appointed honorary police chief of Scranton "because of his achievement in winning the World Series," Mayor Howard J. Snowden announced today. O'Neill is a native of near-by Minooka.

FOOTBALL Results

- Boston College 28, NYU 0
- Temple 64, Bucknell 0
- Miami University 21, St. Louis U. 0
- Syracuse 12, West Virginia 0
- Wilberforce 6, Tuskegee 0
- Drake 34, South Dakota 0
- Maryland 22, Merchant Marine 6
- Kansas 34, Washburn 0
- Oklahoma A & M 26, Southern Methodist 12
- Kemper Military 13, Bonneville 7
- Camp Hood 29, John Tarleton 0
- Hamline 17, Bemidji 8

Fight Results

- BUFFALO—Phil Muscato, 180, Buffalo, knocked out Vince Pimpinella, 176, New York.
- JERSEY CITY—Freddie Russo, 130, Rahway, N.J., outpointed Augie LaPara, 129, New Orleans.
- NEW YORK—Joey LaMotta, 156, New York, knocked out Danny Aldrich, 161, Newark.
- FARGO, N.D.—Jackie Graves, 130, Austin, Minn., knocked out Herman Mills, 133.
- LOS ANGELES—Al Medrano, 134, Los Angeles, outpointed George Hansford, 137, Los Angeles.

Delta Base Whips Chanor 11, 14 to 7

MARSEILLE, Oct. 13.—Engineering scoring thrusts in the first and third periods, the Delta Base football team gained its second consecutive TSFET League victory as it defeated the Chanor Base eleven, 14-7, before 18,000 fans at Municipal Stadium here today.

Fred Molmentkin, former Hardin-Simmons halfback, scored the first touchdown on a seven-yard end run, after which Doug Lanagan converted to give DBS a 7-0 lead. The next quarter was scoreless but in the third stanza Fullback Joe Andriotti pushed the count to 13-0 as he bucked over from the one-yard stripe. Lanagan again accounted for the extra tally.

Chanor picked up its counter in the late stages of the tilt as John McGowan of Chicago, Chanor quarterback, plunged over from the one-foot line. Tim Linehan booted the conversion.

Red Elevens to Clash

MOSCOW, Oct. 13 (AP).—Moscow sports fans looked forward eagerly to the championship game tomorrow between the Moscow Dynamo and Central House football team and the Red Army eleven, which is expected to attract the biggest football crowd in the history of sport in this country. During the regular season each team beat the other once.

Mangrum 7 Strokes Up At Biarritz

BIARRITZ, Oct. 13.—ETO pro golf king Lloyd Mangrum all but sewed up the Inter-theater Open here yesterday when he added a two-under-par 66 to his opening round of 65 for a halfway total of 131 and a seven-stroke lead.

Lt. Matty Kowal, former Philadelphia pro who beat Mangrum for the Third Army title prior to the ETO tourney, moved into second place with a 68-138. Sgt. Rod Munday of San Francisco soared from eighth place to third, adding a 68 to his first-round 71 for a card of 139.

Pfc Bill Pranipis, Portland, Ore., amateur who started the day in second place after an opening 69, blew sky high with a 78 and a 36-hole total of 147.

Everett Gann of Chattanooga climbed into fourth place with a 72-143, a shot to the good of Pvt. Tommy Bolt of Abilene, Texas, who posted a 73 yesterday.

The ETO quartet of Mangrum, Kowal, Munday and Jimmy McHale composed an aggregate 276 to grab a 43-stroke margin over the Mediterranean foursome of Pvt. Tom Bolt, Pfc Jay Weitzel, Sgt. W. E. Robinson and Cpl. Jimmy Durrante.

The ten top scores among the 134 contestants at the half-way mark are: Mangrum, 131; Kowal, 138; Munday, 139; Gann, 143; Bolt, 144; Cunningham, 145; Weitzel, 146; Pranipis, 147; Bond, 147; Cross, 147.

Amateur Cuts Nelson's Lead

SEATTLE, Oct. 13.—Byron Nelson found a hometown amateur his toughest competitor in the \$10,000 Seattle Open yesterday when his wide opening-round lead was cut to a single stroke by Harry Givan, who trimmed five strokes off par with a 65.

Nelson, seeking his 19th tourney of the year, turned in a 68 for a halfway total of 130, ten under standard figures. But Givan, who holds the local course record with a 61, blazed around the course in 32:33 yesterday for a 36-hole card of 131.

Their closest pursuer was Chuck Congdon, five strokes back at 136 after his second straight 68. Congdon broke into the links headlines last year when he attained the semi-finals of the PGA title meet in Spokane.

The field was cut last night to the low 40 professionals and six amateurs.

Yanks May Shelve Plans To Train in Havana

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—St. Petersburg and Bradenton Fla., probably will be twin sites for the New York Yankees' spring training camp in 1946, President Larry MacPhail said today.

Plans to train in Havana virtually have been abandoned, he said, but emphasized that "no definite arrangements have been concluded at this time."

Scores 3 Times In Triumph Over NYU

BOSTON, Oct. 13.— Injury-ridden Boston College proved too strong for an inexperienced New York University football team yesterday as it powered its way to a 28-0 victory before 5,000 Columbus Day fans.

Tom Carney led the Eagles to their second win of the season as he scored three touchdowns, the last on a dazzling 75-yard run in the final period.

Boston College punched its way to two quick scores in the opening quarter, the first coming on a 38-yard pass from Jim McMorrow to Carney. The next time Boston College gained possession of the ball Carney terminated a 70-yard drive with a three-yard plunge for the score.

After two dull periods the Eagles regained their stride and pushed over two more tallies. Carney uncorked his brilliant jaunt for the first, and Ed Ferdenzi accounted for the second and final score on a two-yard-line buck a minute before the game ended. Armand Logval converted all four times.

The passing combination of Tom Capozzoli to Seymour KupperSmith was the only threat of the Violets, and this was hampered throughout the game by penalties. NYU drove 80 yards to B.C.'s one-yard mark in the third period in their only real scoring bid.

Seine, 89th Div. Clash Today

The Seine Section Clowns go after their second straight Theater Service Forces Football League victory this afternoon at 2:30 when they face the 89th Div. at Buffalo Stadium (Metro: Porte d'Orleans). The invaders brought to Paris a squad of 46 players, including Dave Kesler of Duquesne, Merrit Kufferman of Oregon State, Dave Secor of Detroit and Russ Sailer of Santa Clara.

The Clowns, who last week defeated Bremen Port, 12-0, are spearheaded by Ned Butcher, who completed 11 passes for 176 yards against the Bremen team; Lynn Compton, UCLA Rose Bowler of 1943, and Leon Picman of Alabama.

The starting line-ups:

SEINE SECTION	No.	Pos.	89th DIV.	No.
Hopper	16	LE	Coman	7
Fiehrman	25	LT	Shirley	24
Roberts	3	LG	Gerwung	41
Hetterman	6	C	Laurenzono	42
Compton	4	RG	Hockenberger	61
Nevills	14	RT	Kufferman	9
Gerometta	13	RE	Kesler	3
Butcher	2	QB	White	55
Demcheck	17	LH	Secor	44
Mastrebattista	12	RH	Wetrich	16
Dawkins	13	FB	Glynn	10

Max Lanier Discharged

DENTON, N.C., Oct. 13.—Max Lanier, Cardinal southpaw, arrived home today with an Army discharge.

Golfing in Berlin



Cpl. Pat Palazzo of Natick, R.I., makes an iron shot from the fairway of the Berlin Country Club, just a few feet from the cross-marked grave of a German soldier. The course was a Russian-German battleground in the last few days of the fight for Berlin.



Byrnes Tells Of Advisory Body on Japan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Creation of an Allied commission to advise on Japanese control policies has been announced by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, but he emphasized that the U.S. intended to maintain its dominant role.

The status of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Supreme Allied Commander in Japan is to remain unchanged, Byrnes said, and any time the victor nations fail to agree on policy, U.S. policy will prevail.

Headquarters of the advisory commission are to be in Washington, with meetings in Tokyo when necessary. The first session will be held here Oct. 23.

It is to be composed of China, Russia, the United Kingdom, the U.S. and six other nations to which the Big Four agreed—Canada, the Netherlands, Australia, France, New Zealand and the Philippines.

The commission will be limited to making recommendations to member governments on "policies, principles and standards," and on machinery for strict compliance by Japan with her surrender obligations.

China Censors Still Active

CHUNGKING, Oct. 13 (UP).—Although China's wartime censorship was ended formally Oct. 1, it has been replaced with a number of new regulations.

Correspondents have been directed to comply with the new regulations with the understanding that they may be penalized if rules are transgressed.

The principal regulation stipulates dispatches from Chungking or other interior Chinese points may not refer to military activities in recovered areas beyond reporting what has been published in the Chinese press or officially announced.

Any such military reports are to be submitted to local offices of the Information Ministry.

Dispatches on transportation by American Air Forces of Chinese troops to Peiping and North China points were held up yesterday under this regulation.

After discussion with the Ministry of Information, dispatches were released today with mention of specific units deleted.

Patton Suggested As Congressman From California

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Gen. George S. Patton jr. recently relieved of his command of the U.S. Third Army, has been suggested by Republican leaders here as a possible candidate for Congress.

"The general would be a real candidate and it would be wonderful if he could qualify and would be willing to run," Leo Anderson, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, told the Associated Press.

Sidney Hatch, vice-chairman of the Republican Committee, named to seek a candidate to oppose Jerry Voorhis, Democrat, in the 12th Congressional District next year, said of Patton, "He'd be a great candidate if we could get him, a very colorful figure and an able man."

Patton's residence is at San Marino, in the 12th District. His sister, Miss Anne Patton, said she didn't know whether he was a Republican or Democrat.

"I doubt that he is a member of either party," she added. "He has been a soldier all his life and never took part in politics."

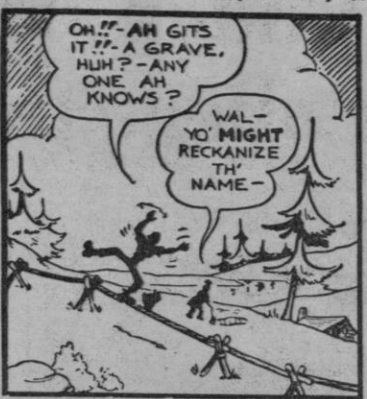
Private Shipping Looms in Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Resumption of commercial steamship traffic to Shanghai, Hongkong and other ports in the Orient is scheduled for next month, Pacific Coast ship operators reported today.

Three lines are prepared for immediate operation, officials of the War Shipping Administration disclosed. They are the American President, Isthmian and American Mail Lines.

Cargo in "considerable volume" already is moving to private firms in the Philippines and continues on the upswing. n

Li'l Abner



Dick Tracy



Joe Palooka



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100 Annamites Die as French Drive Is Slowed

SAIGON, Oct. 13 (AP).—Efforts of French occupation forces to expand their hold from Saigon met with stiffening resistance today, with an estimated 100 Annamites reported killed and 800 taken prisoner.

Eight French soldiers were reported killed and 15 wounded in a fight alongside British artillery which was attacking a strongpoint, and two Japanese leading an Annamite force, one of them an Air Force captain, were shot dead.

Clashes took place despite reports that the French expansion was continuing under the semblance of a truce. French authorities said there were plenty of Japanese snipers among forces opposing French re-occupation.

French Land Up River

Latest French movements inland are aimed at the up-river area where U.S. Col. Peter Dewey was killed and a British-Indian water-supply reconnaissance patrol was ambushed Wednesday.

Landings up river were accomplished by French forces using British assault craft after leaflets had been dropped by plane on Annamites offering a reward for information leading to recovery of Col. Dewey's body.

The French are moving northward to Olan, where they plan an airborne rescue of their countrymen, including women and children from Dalat Hill station, where several incidents have been reported. The area is 200 miles north of Saigon and the rescue is to be effected with the aid of the RAF, Japanese planes and the single French plane available.

Liberated Dutch Cheer

Cheering Dutch liberated prisoners of war passed through the streets of Saigon on their way to Java, where they will rejoin the Dutch East Indian Army, now facing Indonesians—a situation roughly parallel to that in Indo-China.

Reports from Chungking, meanwhile, said a political agreement between China and France on Indo-China to be supplemented by a Sino-French trade treaty, was in the offing following discussions between Chinese officials and Adm. Georges d'Argenlieu, French High Commissioner for Indo-China.

In Paris, the Indo-Chinese delegation to France reiterated demands made by Annamites in the colony that a pledge of independence from France was necessary before negotiations could begin.

British Army Warns 'Annamites Who Obstruct'

LONDON, Oct. 13 (AP).—The British Government disclosed today that the British Army in Indo-China had decided to take "firm action" against the Annamites unless they ceased "interference."

A Southeast Asia Command communiqué released in London by the Ministry of Information said Maj. Gen. D. D. Gracey, head of the Control Commission in Saigon, reached the decision because "armed bands of Annamites have continued to attack our troops" despite Annamite assurances that a truce would continue.

"Certain key areas needed for controlling communications with the airfields and the port now are being occupied by our troops," the communiqué said. "Annamites who obstruct will be treated firmly." Gracey, the communiqué said, would not tolerate "Annamite interference with his tasks of recovering Allied prisoners of war, controlling the Japanese headquarters of the southern regions and disarming the Japanese troops."

Cologne Express Wrecked, 26 Die

LUNEBURG, Germany, Oct. 13 (AP).—Twenty-six persons were killed and 73 hospitalized when the first express train from Cologne to Hanover since the end of the war was struck by a single locomotive near Kamen early today.

Nationality of the passengers was not announced immediately. The train came to a sudden halt when an alarm signal was sounded, reportedly by a passenger. The single locomotive following behind crashed into the train and splintered two rear coaches.

Champagne at the Snack Bar

A bottle of champagne will be a prize at a Truth and Consequences program at 8 o'clock tonight in the snack bar of the Columbia Red Cross Club, Paris.

Fire Hose Cools Down Hot Scraps in Film Strike



Studio police and firemen use a hose to break up fist fights between strikers and non-strikers and to disperse a picket line of several hundred film workers at Warner Bros. Studio in Burbank, Calif.

N.Y. Strikers OK Troopships

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Ships returning troops to the U.S. for discharge and supplying the armed forces abroad will be serviced by striking longshoremen, union officials said today.

The announcement was made by William E. Warren, chairman of the provisional rank and file committee of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA).

It came shortly after Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Vice-Adm. Emory Land, head of the War Shipping Administration, appealed to the longshoremen to end the 12-day strike which has paralyzed shipping in the nation's largest port.

Patterson and Land, according to International News Service, urged the stevedores to unload 16 troopships tied up in New York Harbor, "delaying the return home of 15,000 soldiers who are eagerly awaiting the ships in European ports."

The Associated Press reported, meanwhile, that striking longshoremen were beginning to return to their jobs on the basis of a statement by Joseph P. Ryan, president of the association. Ryan said men were returning to work "all along the waterfront" after an inspection tour of the congested Hudson River dock area, where about 400 vessels have been tied up by the strike.

INS reported that a "revolt" had developed among Brooklyn workers who had refused to abide by a six-point program offered by LaGuardia. The dispatch apparently referred to the Warren group.

Warren said his committee was ready to confer immediately with the Army on the loading and unloading of troopships or ships carrying supplies to troops.

Docker Unrest Cuts Rations

SYDNEY, Oct. 13 (UP).—Australian waterfront labor unrest has resulted in a 50 percent food ration cut for British Empire troops in the Wewak, New Guinea, area. The Australian Sixth Army Div. put troops in the field on half rations of canned meats and canned milk.

Dutch Extend Control of Java; Several Are Killed in Clashes

BATAVIA, Oct. 13 (UP).—Dutch troops were cautiously extending their occupation of Java today after clashes in which several persons were killed. At the same time, Nationalist supporters of the government of Dr. R. I. Soekarno were tightening their hold on other parts of Java.

A Dutch lieutenant was killed and two soldiers wounded when two companies of Dutch troops were ambushed by Indonesians in Batavia. A British captain and an Indian officer were shot and their bodies mutilated, and Indian occupation troops arrested 40 armed men after firing on an Indonesian crowd.

The Nationalists also attacked the Japanese secret police headquarters in Bandoeng. Four of them died in the unsuccessful attempt. A British naval officer also reported that all Japanese troops in Surabaya had been imprisoned by the Indonesians.

Film Studios Picketed Despite Union Victory

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 13 (ANS).—Columbia studios became the third to be subjected to mass picketing today in the latest move on the Hollywood strike front.

Pickets arriving before dawn at Warner Brothers studio, scene of bloody skirmishes, were split up, about 100 being dispatched to Columbia by strike leader Herbert K. Sorrell, who announced they would be augmented by other unionists during the day. Universal is the other studio affected. The picketing continued despite the fact that the union was declared the victor in a National Labor Relations Board election.

Before the strike is called off, Sorrell reiterated, all strikers must be reinstated in jobs they held March 12, when the walkout started, and must be given full seniority rights. He said no claims for back pay were to be made.

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of the points system should fall on the War Department's shoulders." When Washington officials were queried earlier in the day, a spokesman said that the case was being checked through the customary channels and that an announcement would be made later. It consisted of the brief statement that Trippi's release was sanctioned because his commanding officer had said he was not in a critical category.

When interviewed last night by Tampa sports writers, Trippi said he was being discharged "in a day or so" because of "hardship." He said he must aid in the support of his parents and his wife and seven-month-old daughter, who live in Clearwater, Fla.

Last season, while playing with the Third AF Gremlins, Trippi was named on the Associated Press' All-America Service eleven. Trippi was the hero of the 1943 Rose Bowl game when Georgia defeated UCLA, 9-0. After Frankie Sinkwich was badly injured in the first half, the sophomore flash took over and passed and ran the Bulldogs to victory.

70s Taken Off Sailing Lists

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and Aquitania henceforth will be used for transport of British troops, some of whom have been overseas longer than some American soldiers.

Explaining the new measures to cope with redeployment delays, USFET said:

"Whatever shipping is available will be used to move the 80-point units first, necessarily by-passing units with men below 80 points... Once the 80-pointers have left the theater, the remainder of available shipping will go to the units containing men with ASR scores of 70-79.

70-Pointers Must Wait

"Units now in the Assembly Area awaiting return to the U.S. which have enlisted personnel with ASR scores below 80 will have to await prior shipments of units with ASR scores above 80. All enlisted personnel with ASR scores above 80 are being screened out of deferred units in the Assembly Area and are being concentrated in units to be shipped out first."

"Originally, all of the men with ASR scores of 80 and above were in units scheduled to sail in October. Some 70-79-pointers also were in these units on the basis that they too were eligible for discharge in the U.S."

"When it was discovered that all of the scheduled units with 80-pointers would not be shipped in October, an immediate further readjustment was directed. All units with men having any scores between 79 and 70, which were not too far along in the pipeline to delay ships, are having such men removed, leaving only 80-pointers."

100 Percent 80 and Over

"Later units which must now be delayed temporarily are having all enlisted men with over 80 points withdrawn to fill the earlier nominated units to a 100 percent strength of 80-point-and-over men. These units, now composed entirely of the highest-score men, will then bypass all lower-score units in the Assembly Area and go to the ports to fill all available shipping."

"USFET officials contradicted the statement from Reims, which appeared in Friday's Stars and Stripes, to the effect that lower-point units scheduled to sail from one POE might move out prior to higher-point units scheduled to sail from another POE, which had been delayed by loss of shipping."

"While it is impossible to guarantee that all men with, for example, 87 points will leave Marseille at the same time that all men with 87 leave Le Havre, Transportation Corps control of movements has sufficient flexibility to adjust, within reason, out-movement of first-priority units based on available shipping at all ports."

Marseille to Ship Out 66th Div. This Month

MARSEILLE, Oct. 13.—Delta Base GI Section said today that present plans called for shipment of the 66th Inf. Div. before the end of this month.

The 66th, the sixth combat division to go home through Marseille, will carry returnees from Delta, Oise and Seine Base sections with about 3,000 of its own personnel. Its total strength will be about 15,500 officers and enlisted men.

Sixth Port authorities expected no reduction in shipping out of Marseille this month.

Free Assembly, Speech, Press Granted Japs

TOKYO, Oct. 13 (UP).—The Japanese Cabinet abolished today all restrictions on freedom of the press, speech and assembly and completed the dissolution of army, navy and air force headquarters in compliance with American directives.

Reuter reported that the Cabinet also approved measures giving women the right to vote and lowering the voting age from 25 to 20. Both measures must be approved by the Diet.

Kendji Kodama, chief of the Japanese government's liaison bureau with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, disclosed that the government would ask the Allied Supreme Commander to agree to the importation of rice and other foodstuffs from Indo-China, Korea, Formosa and Siam.

Kodama said the food situation was serious and rice riots this winter were possible.

(Reuter also reported the formation of a new co-operative news agency, Kyodo, to replace Domei. Formed by representatives of Japan's leading newspapers, the agency will concentrate on news and will be free of government control.

(Army authorities arrested seven minor officials of the Nanking puppet government in China today, and also took the Ambassador and Military Attache of the Manchukuo puppet government into custody.)

Release Nurses, Services Urged

CHICAGO, Oct. 13 (ANS).—The American Hospital Association appealed today to the Surgeons General of the Army and Navy for immediate demobilization of nurses no longer essential to the services.

"It is our conviction that a preferential plan for immediate demobilization of all nurses not absolutely essential to the services is justified in the public interest," Dr. Peter D. Ward, president-elect of the association, wrote.

The association said not only individual hospitals but entire sections of the country are experiencing shortages of graduate nurses "as great or greater than at any time during the war" and "wards and entire floors are continuing to be closed."

Congress...

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down by the withdrawal of the ships.

Congressional members, meanwhile, expressed distress at the withdrawal of the ships, Johnson calling the step "a great disappointment."

There was no disposition on the part of Congressional members to criticize Britain so long as the ships were being used to send Empire troops home. Sen. Johnson said: "We can't ask that our boys be given preference over Canadian boys."

Some concern was expressed by legislators that Britain might put her big ships into commercial trade before the job of returning U.S. veterans was completed.

Sen. Burnet R. Maybank (D-S.C.), said he had heard reports while in England last summer that the British intended to put both the Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary into commercial trade next year, but that was before the war with Japan ended.

That now is the time to "find out just where we stand on this whole matter of using British ships," was the opinion of Sen. Joseph Knowland (R-Calif.).

He showed to reporters letters he wrote to the War and Navy Departments on Sept. 29 asking what arrangements had been made with the British with respect to the Queen ships and which inquired about the possibility of using more naval ships as transports for American troops, but so far, he said, he had received no reply.

Knowland estimated that the loss of major British ships might mean that it would take a year and a half to return all American troops from Europe.

(The Associated Press reported that Almon Roth, president of the National Federation of American Shipping, had announced that should Britain withdraw the Queen ships as troop transports and put them into commercial use next March she could outdistance American shipping on the North Atlantic passenger run. At that time, Roth told the Senate Commerce Committee, American ships would still be needed to bring U.S. troops home.)

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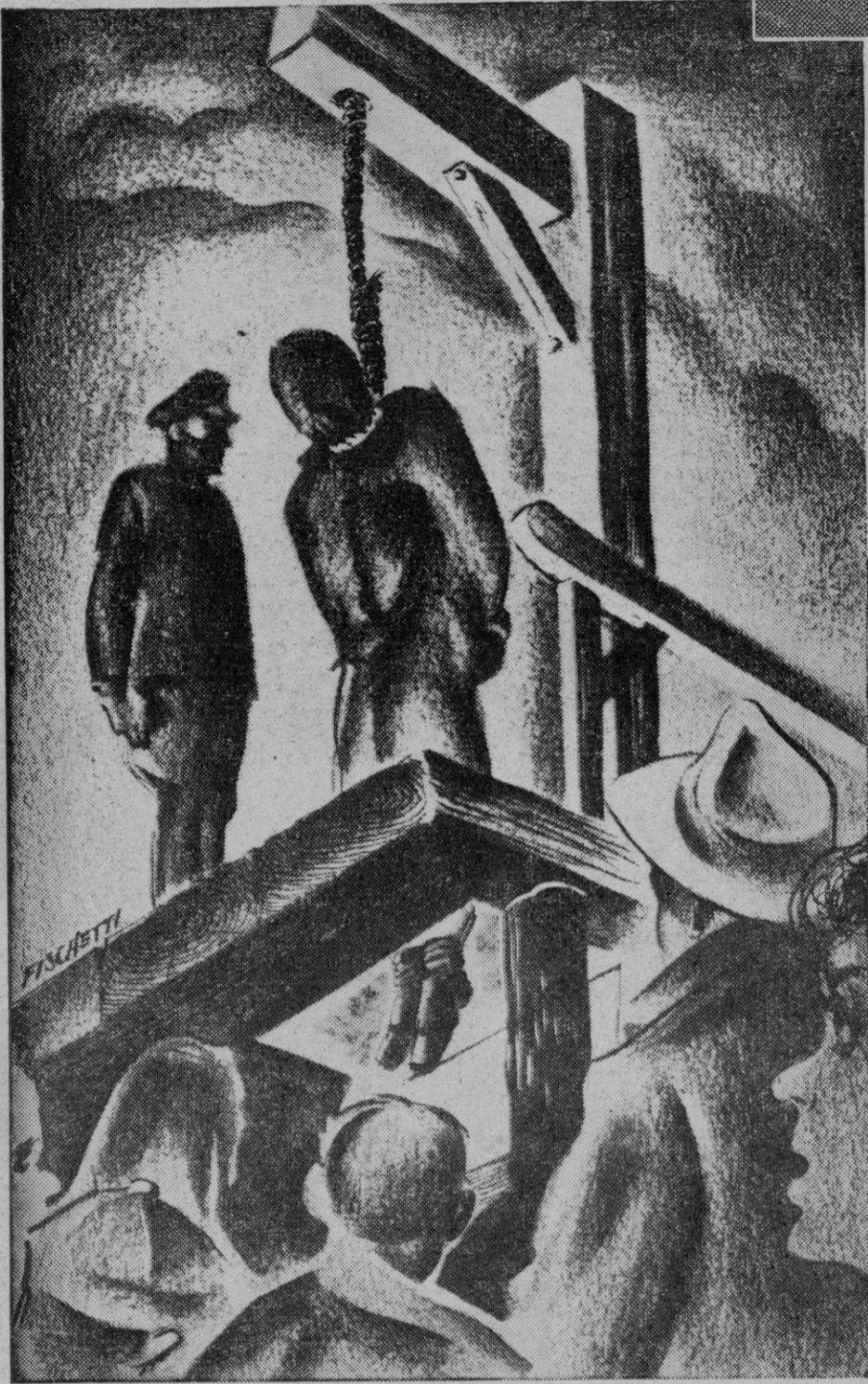


At Home—Abroad

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The Sharp Crack of a Murderer's Neck Stirred War-Wracked Czechs To the Realization That They Had...



The last earthly sound the doomed man heard was the hissing of the crowd.

NO TIME FOR REVENGE

By Ralph Harwood
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PRAGUE

ONLY a few of the 30,000 people jammed into Pankrac Court Square in Prague the evening of Sept. 7 were close enough to the gallows to hear the small, sharp sound that was Dr. Hans Pfitzner's neck snapping as the rope tightened. And there was no show of pity from even these few as the life of the little ex-deputy mayor of the Czech capital was snuffed out. The last earthly sound the doomed man heard as he was fished up by the shoulders to the fixed noose above, and the black-uniformed executioner mounted the steps beside him, was the hissing of the throng. Afterward, as the limp body wound and unwound slowly in the breeze, its head pulled sharply toward the sea of upturned faces, there was only applause.

There was no pity for Pfitzner because the people hated him. He was a Czechoslovakian-born German who had married the ideal of Nazism with a vengeance, when the right time came. He had had nothing in 1939, but he was a rich man by 1945. It was he who had put a violent end to the student demonstration in Prague in 1939 by having hundreds of young men and women thrown into SS trucks and carted away to slaughter or concentration camps as an abstract lesson to the Czechs. Then he closed the schools; the Czechs, as serfs of the Germans, would need no education.

Pfitzner was responsible for the torturing and deaths of scores of other Czechs—many of them intellectuals and officials—during the black years of the occupation. Yet, in a sense, his greatest crime was to have been a historian who blandly maintained in the face of history that there was no Czech homeland; that Bohemia and Moravia were a natural and rightful part of Germany and always had been.

That was Pfitzner, the man people hated. They gave him the honor of being the first of their war criminals to be tried by the Extraordinary People's Court, and then to be publicly executed in the same place where so many hundreds of Czechs had been martyred. Other hangings were to have followed in quick succession.

BUT then a strange thing happened overnight to public sentiment. Pfitzner's was the first public execution; also it was the last. The city was swept by a wave of moral revulsion. Newspapers cried out editorially against making hangings a spectacle for the eyes of women and children—however just.

One week later, Kurt Blastowitchka, Prague's sadistic German public prosecutor, who had made it a point to play chamber music with his friends while his sentences were being carried out, went to the gallows within the confines of Pankrac prison. Still later, even the hated Sudeten Nazi leader, Konrad Henlein, was executed, away from the public view.

Foreign observers in Prague, as well as officials of the government, sensed the significance of the clamor against public execution, and they were gratified. Here were a people who, less than four months before, were being subjected to the worst atrocities a beaten and maddened Gestapo and SS regime could perpetrate. Many of them had witnessed personally the barbarities of the Nazis during the desperate days that followed the Prague revolt that began on May 8. Flower-decked sidewalk and doorway shrines throughout the city marking the places where patriots died, attest to the severity of the fighting.

Behind these simple memorials are the terrifying memory of six nightmarish years of fear and brutal oppression, a period President Eduard Benes estimates cost the lives of at least 300,000 Czechs. Yet these people had so far recovered in four short months from the heat of their natural desire for revenge that they now were speaking out for a relatively fine point of decency. The first people of Europe to be ground beneath the Nazi heel were still, apparently, the same idealistic and sensitive race as before their ordeal.

THUS the will for violence which revolution engenders, and which too often persists indefinitely and to the detriment of the true revolutionary aims, has passed quickly from the minds and hearts of the people of Prague. The desire to restore their national structure is now uppermost in their minds. There is hopefulness in the future of Czechoslovakia—hopefulness in a degree, visitors remark, greater than that to be found elsewhere in central or western Europe.

The Czechs have no time now for revenge; it is enough to know that justice is being carried out swiftly and surely. At work, in the streets and in the coffee houses, they say simply: "We are not Germans. We should not do things in their way."

Like the punctuation at the end of a sentence, the small, sharp sound that was Dr. Hans Pfitzner's neck breaking in Pankrac Court Square that evening of Sept. 7 marked the end of the spirit of violence in Prague. The people sensed their true freedom, at last.

Pyle's 'GI Joe'

A Doughboy Looks On Ernie's Story

By Harry Feeney Jr.
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Ernie Pyle's "Story of GI Joe" is now being shown in the ETO. In deference to the film critics, Stars and Stripes feels that a qualified and authentic review can also be given by an ex-combat infantryman.

IF Ernie Pyle's *Story of GI Joe* isn't the best war picture ever made, it certainly belongs with the leaders in that category. Only *The Big Parade*, *Wings*, *What Price Glory?* *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Guadalcanal Diary* can come close to it.

Hollywood has outdone itself in this movie. It has been given no glossy finish, but rather it is presented in hitherto unprecedented, shockingly realistic scenes. And it has been made just as Ernie Pyle wanted it. The correspondent who did so much for the foot soldier insisted that his characterization be subordinate, and it emerges as just that.

To be sure, Ernie's role is important enough and it is played with consummate brilliance by Burgess Meredith. But it is the doughboys, the unsung, unglorified men of the war, who hold the limelight.

Possibly, "GI Joe" will be enjoyed fully only by infantrymen. The folks back home will shudder at its grim reality and at the scenes depicting the inhuman, intolerable existence suffered by the foot soldier. But, be that as it may, like it or not, everyone will honestly agree that it acts as a magnificent reminder of the role played by combat infantrymen in the global conflict.

Each scene in "GI Joe" is true—so true, in fact, as to cause shock among the audiences. The scene of the sergeant who receives a record of his baby's voice and his subsequent search for a victrola on which to play the record, is beautifully done. Then, when that same soldier suffers shell shock and goes berserk at the bitter thought of being away from his family, you feel all of his anguish and realize how many times that same thing has happened to tired American soldiers.

THERE are other such authentic scenes, too, like the one in which the Commanding Officer goes "all out" to get his men turkey for Christmas dinner... the sight of homesick faces as they listen to radio programs shortwaved from America... the doughboy so hungry for a woman and the ensuing intimate relations he has with an Italian girl... the GI who wants to expose the Army when he gets out. And when one of the soldiers puts

some perfume behind his ear, the subsequent sniffing of noses and the accusing glances of each man make for one of the truest, most hilarious scenes Hollywood ever has depicted.

In addition to Meredith, top dramatic honors go to Freddy Steele and Robert Mitchum. Steele, ex-boxer-turned-actor, turns out a remarkable portrait of the berserk sergeant and Mitchum's interpretation of the commanding officer is restrained, intelligent and expert.

Tops in sheer dramatic intensity is the Christmas Eve scene where the commanding officer writes letters to families of the men of his outfit who have been killed in action. Embittered by the hell his men have undergone, the CO pours his heart out to Ernie in a scene outstanding for eloquence and power.

Ernie would have been proud of the job Hollywood did with his story. Pyle's character is never overdone by Meredith, never made too mushy or saccharine. He is merely one of the boys, a guy who trudged along in the mud with the rest of the infantrymen because "he felt he just had to be there."

SOME of the sticklers for accuracy will criticize the soldiers who don't wear their steel helmets when they are so close to the front lines, or the platoon sergeant who says "fall out" instead of "take a break." But these are picayune matters. The important thing is that *The Story of GI Joe* is a fitting tribute to a magnificent fighting machine and a beloved journalist.

Thousands of soldiers are seeing the film and they aren't paying a cent, either. And although I never knew Ernie Pyle, it is rather easy to believe that is the way he would have wanted it. The Pulitzer Prize, all his acquired fame, meant nothing to Pyle. Like the foot soldiers he publicized, he just wanted the war to be over and "get back to that girl." Like Ernie Pyle, many GIs never got back to "that girl," but they left behind them a magnificent symbol of a job better than just "well done."



Ernie Pyle

A Corner For Comment

A steady influx of mail is taking exception to an article entitled "The New Schmeling" which appeared in the Sept. 2 issue of *The Stars and Stripes Magazine*.

The statement that precipitated the fan mail rush was that Max Schmeling had won the heavyweight title from Joe Louis in June, 1936. Needless to say, the letters putting us straight were justified. Louis was not the champion when Schmeling defeated him in '36. Joe won the crown from James J. Braddock in 1937 and in a return encounter with Der Moxie in 1938, the Brown Bomber scored a first-round knockout.

The writer is glad to acknowledge the error and his only excuse is that he got so used to remembering Joe Louis as heavyweight champion—just as a lot of guys around his age had found it difficult to remember anybody else but FDR as President.

A touching appeal to *The S & S* has reached our desk from Miss Linda Casazza, of New York City. Miss Casazza's brother, S/Sgt. Ralph Casazza of Co. G, 507th Parachute Inf., was killed in action in France, in July, 1944. The only information she has received to date has been rather incomplete. If any of our readers can give details of Sgt. Casazza's death, they are asked to write: Miss Linda Casazza, 61 East 86th Street, New York City.

It is possible that a personal and detailed account can be given by members of her brother's outfit who may still be in the ETO.

H. F. Jr.



Solange has dished up some pretty appetizing dishes but Marty still drools over hausenpfeifer and a few other dishes with which his mother whetted his appetite.



Marty already can distinguish between a continental and an American barfly.

47 Points and a Bride

A Low-Point GI and His French Bride Are Doing Quite Nicely As They Sweat Out That Ship for Their Milwaukee Home

By Carl Pierson

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS.

THE antiquated bus coughed and sputtered as it slowly heaved its way against a strong November head wind and pelting rain on the road twisting into Paris. Near the rear of the wheezing vehicle sat a stocky American soldier alternating casual glances out of the rain-smudged windows with obviously longer stares at the pretty blue-eyed blonde who sat nonchalantly across from him.

The Yank drew a cigaret from a pack he held in his fidgety fingers, prepared to light it when his eyes noticed the *Défense de Fumer* sign conspicuously stencilled on the wall above his head. Em-

barrassed, he shot a quick glance at the girl, hastily shoved the cigaret back into the crumpled pack, and then settled back into his seat. All the time the girl sitting across from him appeared entirely oblivious to his awkwardness—and his attention.

Maybe it was sheer desperation, or maybe it was just . . . well, anyway, temptation nipped T/5 Martin Mueller, of Milwaukee, and in an outburst of courage and determination he casually leaned over and, in his very best pocket-dictionary-style French, parleyed: "Comment vous appelez-vous?" Smiling, the demure Miss told him it was Solange Marie Laureyns. Yes, she lived in Drancy, just a short walk from his post on the edge of Paris. . . She

was an acrobatic dancer and was working for U.S. Army Special Services. . . That was where she was now headed for. . . Could he have a date? Definitely NOT.

The undaunted Marty persisted, however, and in his best mangled French managed to get the invitation: "If you'd care to, you can come to the dance next Saturday evening at my father's café, *Les Baladins*." The bus lurched to a halt and she was gone.

T/5 Mueller did go that Saturday night, but so did scores of other GIs from his outfit, the 2775th Photo Mapping Bn.—and they lacked no 20/20 vision when it came to realizing the charm of the slim Solange. But Marty was persistent—and, after a few Saturday night dances, managed a date at the local cinema. Romance bloomed—then several months later came the \$64 Dan Cupid question. The answer was "Yes"—a reply heartily endorsed by Papa and Mamma Laureyns.

The wedding bells. . . and the expected snafus—the birth certificate came just the day before the nuptials. . . a honeymoon at the Nice recreation center (had it all over Niagara Falls, beamed the strutting bridegroom). . . and then came time for the groom to tote his bride over the threshold. In this case it was the "in-laws"—and Mamma and Papa Laureyns were most enthusiastic in their role of hosts, providing the nuptial couple with their own private room replete with radio and other comforts newly-weds are apt to expect.

Marty probably is thinking this temporary honeymoon lodge is a permanent affair—and he isn't too far wrong, because with 47 points he doesn't need an Army accountant expert to tell him many snows may fly before he catches his next view of the Statue of Liberty. Meanwhile, when he's not at his camp—say on KP or some other Army detail—like as not the casual caller would find him at the back room of *Les Baladins*.

But Marty isn't letting any brussel sprouts grow under his feet—in fact, instead of his bride adopting habits of the American way (à la Milwaukee—whatever that could be) he's doing all right himself with a few continental tidbits he's picked up at his father-in-law's bar. In fact, he's picking up a few hints on that continental way—and already can distinguish between a continental and an American barfly—or rather, we mean, cognac, and pronouncing some of those tongue-teasers—like a-per-it-teef. And needless to say, he's caused many an innocent and highly sober GI to think he's stewed when he comes across with such Yankee terms as: "OK, Bub, how about crossing my palm for that last slug you drossed?" OR, "Whether Yo Is from GO-ga, New Yoke or Tax-sass, you still pay on the nose in this joint."

WHEN he's not behind the bar, you'll find him almost any evening high-pressuring his petite five-foot-two bride on the virtue of the States, especially of

Milwaukee and its extra powerful beer. That guy has become a virtual walking Chamber of Commerce for the city-of-better-brew, convincing Solange that every citizen honest and truly owns his own 12-cylinder convertible, that steaks are slightly larger than even those from Texas, and that nylon stockings are as common as C-rations in the Army. Incidentally, Solange has learned that C-rations ARE a common fare at the mess table.

Outside of building up his hometown, however, it's taking Marty a little time convincing his bride that mobsters and their tommyguns aren't running rampant in Chicago, that New York really is civilized—including the taxi-drivers who would run you down in only the most civilized manner—and that the Indians really have called it a draw and no longer are splitting hairs—or scalps—over ownership of the somewhat controversial Manhattan.

Cooking? Well, that's something else. Solange has dished up some pretty appetizing dishes, Marty confesses. In that department she's doing pretty well, but Marty still drools over hausenpfeifer and a few other Milwaukee dishes with which his mother whetted his appetite, but Marty figures he can wait till he gets back to the States before teaching his bride the American style of appetizers.

MARTY'S folks back in Milwaukee are helping Solange to get the feel of her American home in advance by sending snapshots and other neighborhood news—and gossip. But the young bride says her orientation course advances fastest of all at cinemas showing Hollywood pictures.

"Only thing," remarked Marty, "at times it's kind of hard convincing Solange that Hollywood doesn't always depict the typical American atmosphere—that Americans really are ordinary people without a flare for the ridiculous or melodramatic."

His French is gradually passing out of the pocket dictionary stage and he is becoming quite a fluent gesticulator (he claimed recently he had a full-length dream with all French dialogue—but it couldn't be verified by this writer). Mrs. Mueller's English is in the cute stage. She complains: "Marteen, he learn French from us. Now he speak only French! I cannot learn my English."

Figuring that he is one of the GIs who will have to "roll up the ETO carpet and close the door" after the high-pointers leave (with 47 points, his figuring nas logic), Marty naturally hasn't even started packing his duffle bag. But Solange's visa has been processed through the Embassy and her States-bound voyage assured. Marty is figuring on having her leave about a month after his departure—when-ever that may be.

The undaunted Marty isn't lamenting his belated departure too much, at least not as long as he can be near his bride. But there is one problem back home that does have him sweating a little:

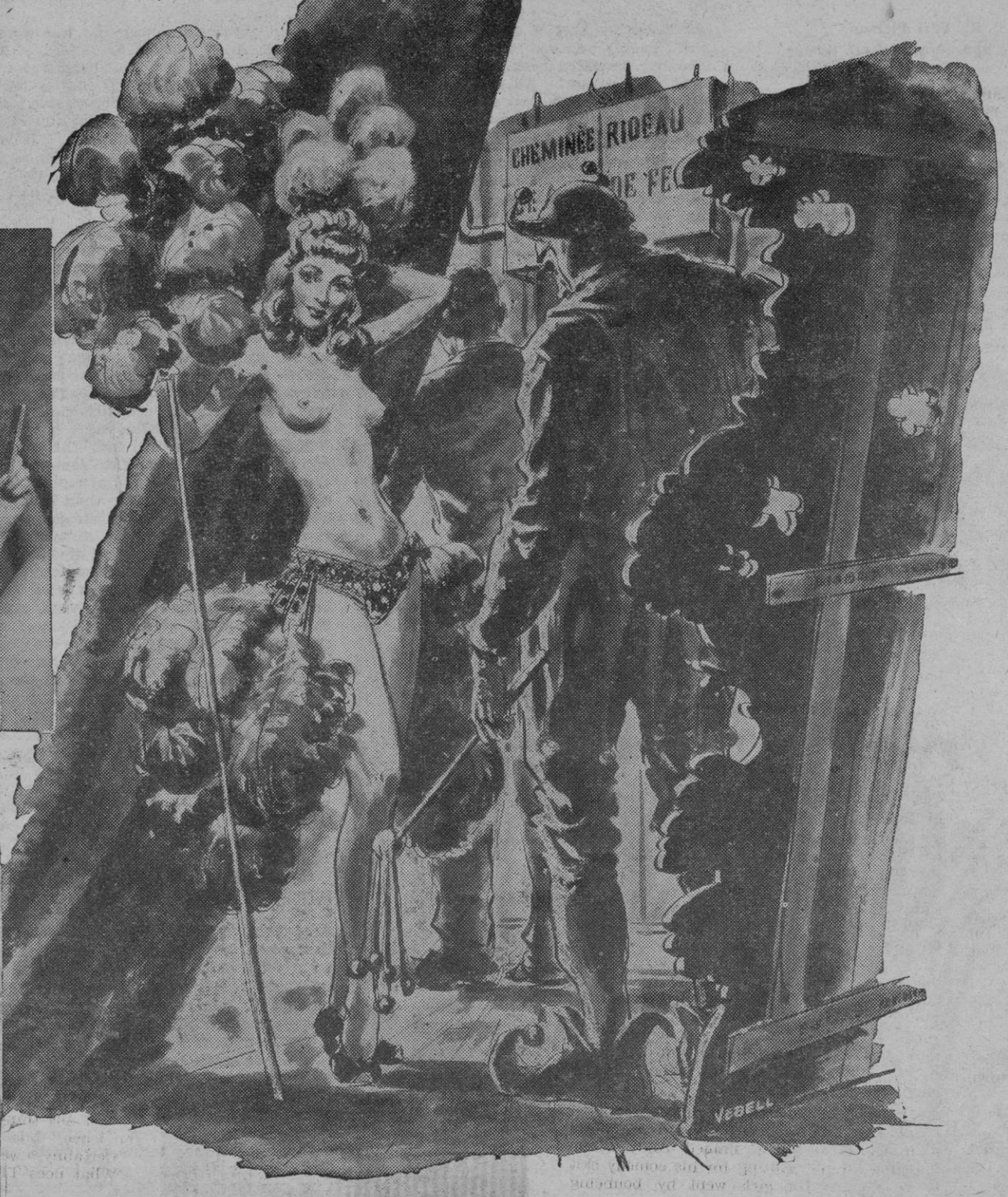
"That Nash he left up the jacks in his garage back in Milwaukee—will that damn thing still run?"



Cover and pictures on this page by Jack McNulty, staff photographer.

He's sure Solange won't let him down in the culinary department. . . her prowess on French dishes has convinced Marty that she is capable of tossing a mean steak.

"It was like the Metro at 5 o'clock with Minsky overtones... nude women were everywhere, stepping in and out of dainty little unmentionables."



By Ed
Stars and Stripes

WE HAVE just returned from a night of Ah's, Oh's and days we have been lost in a maze of backdrops, phony costume closets backstage here—chasing blondes feeling like a boy again on indefinite TD to Schrafft's.

Arriving at the staged before the show was so evaded a cordon of our way backstage to loiter under a "Ning the show girls. (no smoking backstage the spirit of things.

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ARMED with that b probed further in learned that not all of are required to take though you get the imp but the prop man app some point in the sho sure we didn't see him

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Just then we spotted ing before a mirror G-string and hair bow

"That's Nicole Roy, Bluebell said a little Nicole over and intro

"Aren't you cold," around in your bare f

She laughed and s cold but that she didn approaching winter wit



The girls aren't embarrassed when they do a nude. They admit it feels funny the first time but it's easy once they've undergone their so-called "baptism of fire."

Paris—Just Stripping!

Sketches and photos by Ed Vebell, staff artist.

By Ed Wilcox
and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS.

Undercover Facts of France's Take-It-Off Girls Are Bared Backstage at Folies Bergere, 'n' No (G) Strings Are Attached

Just returned from the Land of the Oh's and Hot Diggities. For a while we were lost in the tangled jungle of honey-scented and cosmo-backstage at the Folies Bergere, where blondes like Harpo Marx and a young boy again. It was like being taken to the Ladies Room at

the stage-door about ten minutes before the show was scheduled to start, we were surrounded by gendarmes and made to pass through one of the wings where a "No Loitering" sign, ogling girls, biting our fingernails backstage) and getting into the

minutes later we found ourselves in a madman's rush. A little fellow with a goatee told us that we had to get to the director to be backstage. In a matter of minutes, he gave his approval, and we were taken to the director to act as an interpreter. Her name, Bluebell Kelly, and she has been a dance director for more than

and American pastime of tease the Americans know it, we are basic, never caught on in an impetuous, Latin people, the French prefer to get down to the Folies the girls, instead of stage and undressing in true form, just appear without any save time for everyone.

that bit of information, we went further into the subject and got all of the girls in the Folies to take their clothes off—albeit the impression that everyone man appears in the nude at the show. And we're not so sure we see him in one scene.

girls for the show by two Bluebell said. "Either a girl must be good looking and able to dance, or be good looking, have a nice smile to walk—with her clothes

spotted a lovely blonde standing in a mirror and adjusting her hair bow.

Miss Roy, our principal nude, was a little proudly. She called and introduced us.

"Cold," we asked, "running your bare feet that way?"

and said that she wasn't nervous she didn't look forward to the inter with much enthusiasm.

"Must be wearing her winter G-string," we observed.

Bluebell smiled and said, "It really isn't funny for these girls when winter comes. They still come out undressed and have colds all winter long. This winter can't be any worse than last. We had heat in the dressing rooms, but the girls got chilled while on stage."

"I would like to attach a radiator to this," Nicole said, patting her pretty posterior. We told her that would spoil the effect—better to shiver a little.

"I broke up with my family because they didn't want me to do this kind of work," she said. "I like it though and the show business is my life. I have been in the Folies five years now and I think I'm improving all the time."

WE ASKED if she meant that her dancing was improving or that her body was shapelier. She said she thought she was making progress in both departments. Then she said she had to get ready for her number and got away before we could pinch her. The girls in the show, Bluebell said, range in age from 15 to 35. We saw one who looked like she was pushing 40 and mentioned it, but Bluebell said that it's just that French showgirls look more beat-up at 35 than the ones we were accustomed to seeing. Most of them were really pretty.

A few minutes later one of the big dance numbers ended and the girls came pouring in to change G-strings for their next dance (one of ten costume changes for the nudes). It was like the Metro at 5 o'clock, with Minsky overtones. Nude women were everywhere, stepping out of little unmentionables, into other little unmentionables, fastening brassieres at top speed.

While catching our breath and waiting for our toes to uncurl, we got to chatting with the wardrobe lady, discussing the relative merits of the U.S. strip-teaser and the French "nude." We settled the argument when we told her about the trick Carrie Finell does with the tassels with the lights on the end—making them spin in opposite directions.

"FORMIDABLE!" the wardrobe lady exclaimed enthusiastically.

WE LEFT her in raptures and wandered back out into the wing where we found a funny little fellow named Andy Silvio lounging around waiting for his comedy skit to go on. As the girls went by, bouncing

like mad, Silvio stifled a yawn, glanced at his watch, and whipped out a French newspaper and began reading.

"Doesn't it distract you to be in the middle of this nude melee for three hours each night?" we asked.

"No," he assured us. "When you are around it all of the time you develop sort of an immunity and you don't bother to look any more. It startles hell out of me to see a woman fully clothed, though. And I find myself thinking, 'Wow! She'd sure be terrific in a sweater!'"

"Of course, when a new girl joins the show, I give her a quick once-over with rather an impersonal, practiced eye—like a surgeon."

"How long does it take before you develop this immunity?" we inquired.

"Years, my boy," Silvio said. "Years."

We left him, feeling much relieved.

We watched a couple of the scenes in the show while waiting for one of the other nudes to come back and talk with us. The thing that strikes you about the Folies is the way every scene winds up with someone running around without clothes, no matter how innocently it begins.

One of Nicole's best dances starts on a



set with a fashionable residential district back drop. Nicole, in evening dress, is returning home with an old gent with a goatee. As they start into the mansion, Nicole sees a young fellow lounging against a telephone pole and smoking a cigaret without using his hands. She does a double take and before you can say Boulevard Suchet, she's back out on the street without any clothes on and doing a hell of a dance with the character with the cigaret.

JUST THEN a pretty blonde named Fabienne Fleureau came over and nudged us. She explained that she is one of the girls who "does the nude" and that she'd been in the Folies for a year, saving her money to take dramatic lessons.

"My parents don't approve of this sort of work," she said a little bitterly. "but I had to have money to go to school, I don't want to double in brass. I want to be a comedienne."

We asked her if she was embarrassed the first time she ever did the nude. She replied that the first time was a little rough, but after that it was easy. Fabienne doesn't go out much now. She said that when Paris was first liberated the girls had many dates with the Americans, but not so many now.

"American soldiers," she said, "think that because a girl is in this business she's a push-over. They're wrong."

Glancing around in the audience, we found that about 75 percent were American officers and soldiers. The Folies has become a myth with the Americans and tickets are sold out eight days in advance now.

"The Americans are funny," Miss Kelly told us. "They come back time and time again and seem to love this kind of entertainment. They will probably make some changes when they get home—they like to see the girls nude."

"YOU have a large number of stage-door Johnnies in your Army," she said, "and they all want to go backstage to get a closer look or to take photos of the girls. We can't allow that, of course, or they'd all be back there and we'd be forced to put the show on there."

"Americans are a good audience," she explained. "They usually laugh at the wrong times and they go all to pieces when the nudes are on stage and simply shriek—but they certainly enjoy themselves, I'll say that."

We thanked Miss Kelly for showing us around, said goodbye to the girls while they were making the G-string switch to the finale. The wardrobe lady waved at us and shouted, "FORMIDABLE!"

"Just one thing I'd like to ask you before you leave," Miss Kelly said.

"Certainly," we said.

"What does TIMMMMM-BER! mean?"

Goin' to Insure It?

There's Going to Be That Little Matter of Insuring Yourself When You Don Mufti

By Earl K. Giffin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

In response to numerous requests from discharge-bound GIs, this article was written by an insurance expert now on The Stars and Stripes staff in an effort to point out the advantages—or disadvantages, as they may be—of retaining National Service Life Insurance after doffing those ODs. It is offered merely as information—not as a sales line.

PROBABLY without exception every GI has solemnly made up his mind to divorce himself from everything even suggestive of Army life once his fingers close on that white discharge paper. And in many cases, that's contemplated with the National Service Life Insurance most servicemen and women received after coming into the Army. A lot of GIs possibly are still smarting under the "high-pressure tactics" that were applied by some camps in getting them to take out Army insurance, and plan to drop their policy "just as soon as I get my hands on that white paper."

In many cases however, GIs may only be spitting themselves—as well as their dependents—by canceling their insurance. That applies especially to those soldiers who have suffered such disabilities while in service that will cause many private insurance companies to reject their application for insurance.

While in the service, GIs were given an opportunity to own up to a maximum of \$10,000 of National Service Life Insurance on a five-year term plan having very liberal provisions. The monthly premiums for this term insurance were generally deducted from the soldier's pay, a "painless" method of paying. But in becoming a civilian, the policy holder, in order to keep his NSLI protection in force, must pay the premiums direct to the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., within 31 days from the end of the period for which the premiums were last paid.

DURING the transition period, the GI might be inclined to feel that "it was all right during the war service, but now that I'm a civilian again I don't need it."

At least during the transition period, it will be good judgment to continue the premiums—at least until the GI becomes established in some civilian activity and has some definite insurance plans in mind.

There are many advantages to this type of insurance not usually found in policies issued today by commercial companies, such as:

(1) The inclusion of a total disability clause whereby all premium payments are waived during "continuous total disability of the insured." The face amount of the policy will not be decreased by reason of any premiums having been waived, nor will such premiums be deducted in any settlement of the policy.

(2) No war or aviation restrictions. In other words, should the GI want to enter civilian aviation as a pilot, trainer or in some other flying capacity, NSLI gives full coverage. Insurance now issued by almost all commercial life insurance companies either would not give full coverage in this occupation, or may charge an extra premium.

(3) No restrictions as to travel, residence, occupation. Insurance benefits will not be effected whether the policy holder chooses to do a dare-devil barrel ride over Niagara Falls, take a job as the "human cannon ball," or expose himself to any other hazardous modes of travel or occupations.

(4) Lower premium rates than those charged by commercial life insurance companies. This is made possible partly because the U.S. Government pays the administrative expenses.

THE five-year-term insurance may be converted without medical examination or other evidence of health, any time after the term policy has been in force one year and within the five-year term to any of the following three plans: Ordinary life, 20-payment life, and 30-payment life. (No policies will be issued on any endowment plan.)

It is not necessary for the ex-GI to convert the entire amount of his term insurance. Say he has a \$10,000 policy. If he chooses, he may convert a portion of it in multiples of \$500, but not less than \$1,000—for example his policy may be converted to \$1,000, \$3,500, \$7,000. Also, it is not necessary to convert the policy to any one plan. If he wants, the discharged GI may convert part of the term policy to ordinary life, part to 20-payment life, part to 30-payment life. But the total of con-

verted insurance cannot exceed the amount of the term insurance (in most cases it's \$10,000).

The beneficiary or beneficiaries must be within the following classes: (1) Wife (or husband); child, including adopted, illegitimate and stepchild; parent, including parent through adoption and persons who served in place of a parent for a period of not less than one year prior to entry into active service; brother or sister (including step brothers and sisters) of the insured. The beneficiary may be changed at any time, but only within these specified classes.

Unlike policies issued by commercial companies there is no provision for the payment of a lump sum with the death of the insured. In other words, the face value of the NSLI policy would not be paid out-

right in cash, but in monthly installments—the amount of these installments depending upon the age of the beneficiary who first receives payment.

FOR example, if the first beneficiary of a \$2,000 policy is under 30 years of age at the time of the death of the insured, the monthly payment would be \$11.02 for 20 years; for a \$5,000 policy, \$27.55 per month, etc. If the first beneficiary, say, is 30 years old, the monthly life income per each \$1,000 of the insurance's face amount is \$3.97. And, if the beneficiary, say, is 45 years old, the monthly life income per each \$1,000 would be \$4.89.

Should the first beneficiary choose, he may elect to have the insurance payable in monthly installments as a refund life income, payable for a definite period (but not less than 120 months) and continuing throughout the lifetime of the beneficiary. In the event of the beneficiary's death, the unpaid installments would be payable to the next beneficiary or beneficiaries.

The NSLI policy provides for such dividends as the Administrator of Veterans Affairs may determine. This would be paid in cash or (in other than the 5-year term) may be left to accumulate as interest.

If by chance the policy should lapse, there are liberal reinstatement provisions under which the policy could be continued by payment of all back premiums with interest of 5 percent per annum. In this case, the policy holder would be required to furnish evidence of his insurability at the time of the reinstatement.

In figuring out income tax reports, policy holders would be authorized to deduct the amount of their monthly installments, inasmuch as those payments are tax exempt. Furthermore, regulations provide that the payment to beneficiaries will be exempt from creditors of the insured or creditors of the beneficiary—providing that the creditor is not the United States Government.

Occasionally the question is asked: If the 5-Year Term policy is converted to a permanent plan, is the converted policy issued by a commercial life insurance company? The answer is NO—National Service Life Insurance is operated solely by the U.S. Government through the Veterans Administration. And

Well, is there any other information you want, just write to the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., giving your full name, insurance certificate number, service serial number and your complete address.



With GI insurance, premium payments are canceled during "continuous total disability," and there are no war or aviation restrictions.

Labor: A Peace Force?

By Howard Byrne
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS.

FROM the ornate halls of Chaillot Palace last week emerged history's largest international labor organization—the World Federation of Trade Unions.

The global movement, consummated by 300 delegates, representing some 60 million workers in 55 countries, during the two-week session of the World Trade Union Congress, projected an ambitious program designed to weld labor unions from the world's four corners into a massive instrument. Its aims, as set forth in the constitution adopted shortly before the closing session last Monday, are:

To support a "powerful and effective international organization armed with all necessary power to prevent aggression and maintain peace;" to assist workers in "undeveloped countries" in developing their trade unions; to continue the "struggle" for the extermination of "all Fascist forms of government and every manifestation of Fascism."

The exact course of action the new body would pursue in attaining its goal was not clearly stated, but delegates, many of them from countries ravaged by the war just ended, appeared confident that the seemingly idealistic aims of the Federation will materialize through joint action by the world's labor forces.

One observer stated: "The Federation could bare its teeth as a peace weapon if, for example, dock workers in Liverpool, New York, Vladivostok and elsewhere jointly refused to handle cargo destined for belligerent countries. But obtaining cooperation on such a wide scale is another thing."

EVERY major trade union group in the world—from tiny Gold Coast, with a trade union membership of only 3,000, to the Soviet Union, with over 27 million organized members, and including most of the former European Axis satellites and Italy—was among the Federation's founders. Among the absentees were three big U.S. labor movements—the American Federation of Labor, John L. Lewis' Independent United Mine Workers, and the Railroad

That's One Aim of the 55-Nation Delegation Which Met to Form a Global Trade Union

brotherhood. The AFL had abstained from the world organization because of Russia's participation.

In adopting its constitution without opposition, designating Paris as the permanent headquarters, and electing as its president Sir Walter Citrine, chairman of the powerful British Trade Union Congress, the conference hurdled the inevitable stumbling block in international gatherings—differences in languages. To alleviate this difficulty and "to put all the delegates on common speaking ground, a battery of translators were kept busy at every meeting."

The congress, inaugurated in London last February, got off to an inauspicious start when Citrine cautioned against speedy formation of the Federation. Although favoring world trade union unity, the British labor leader was apprehensive that the new international labor group might leave

the trade union sphere and become an international political force.

Citrine withdrew his objections after speeches supporting the "full speed ahead" viewpoint of the American delegation were made by Hillman; Toledano Lombardo, president of the Confederation of Latin-American Workers; H. T. Liu, of the Chinese Association of Labor, and Léon Jouhaux, veteran leader of the General Confederation of Labor of France.

HILLMAN told the delegates that the United Nations Charter adopted at San Francisco left the door open for representation by the World Federation of Trade Unions in the work of the Economic and Social Council in an advisory capacity. Delay in organizing the world labor body, he said, would deprive labor of a voice in framing the peace.

To insure that the World Federation of Trade Unions will not be hampered by financial problems in carrying out its work, generous sums of money will be placed at its disposal during the coming year by member unions. Based on an assessment of approximately two cents per annum per union member the labor federation will have an annual income of approximately one million dollars.

Stating that he was especially gratified at the unity the labor conference had achieved, which was in sharp contrast to the breakdown of the London Conference of Foreign Ministers, Hillman told the departing delegates that "the working people of the world have demonstrated their unity for our great and common objectives."

"They have shown that they can submerge all national and ideological differences in the higher interest of the great common cause which unites us all. Unity among governments depends finally on the friendship, common understanding and close collaboration of their peoples. A heavy responsibility rests upon us, therefore, more firmly to consolidate our own ranks in order that we may better guard and protect the unity of our nations."



Sidney Hillman
Pleased with labor's unity.



Troupers in the ETO

'Mrs. Anthony'

A Wac Lets Her Hair Down On Some Personal Secrets About Those Gals in ODs

NEXT time a Wac gives us any back-talk we're going to fix her with our fiercest stare, draw ourselves up to our full five feet three and one-half inches (in our 'be-as-tall-as-she-is shoes) and simply say, "M.F."

She'll get away from us faster than you can say Ovetta Culp Hobby, because we have the inside dope on the Wacs—personal stuff—from none other than T/5 Marion Finlayson, the lady who does the Mr. Anthony shot aimed at the Wacs each Tuesday and Thursday over AFN.

Marion is the gal who advises the Wacs on all problems. If you have been worrying about those extra pounds you gained, Marion will show you how to lose them. If it's a hangover that hurts, she'll offer sober words of consolation. And if you want to repair a damaged bras with a pipe wrench or a hairpin, she'll probably be able to suggest a method.

The peculiar thing about all this is that Marion has never received a fan letter from a Wac on her *At Your Service* show though she's had a flood of mail from paratroopers, tankers and Air Corpsmen.

We decided to shoot Marion a few fast questions about the Wacs—things we've wanted to ask for months but never quite got around to before we came down with a bad case of giggles.

"I can tell you a few things off hand," Marion volunteered. "Most Wacs are ten to 25 pounds heavier now than they were as civilians—the starch in the Army diet

did it. They'll hit the fruit juice diets after they are discharged."

"Anything else?" we asked.

"Well, the Wacs prefer our own American brands of perfume to most of these fancy French types. And a lot of the girls are having wedding gowns made over here."

"Got any beauty tips?" we queried.

"Yes," Marion said. "Take a bath with a little starch in it."

"A starch bath?"

"Sure—my father used to do that," Marion said, "and then I got into the habit of putting a couple of cups of starch in my bath water. It makes the skin simply tingle and it gives you that added zip on a date."

We no sooner left Marion than we rushed over to the mess hall, borrowed a couple of cups of starch, and had ourselves a good bath. Just look at that skin tingle! Examine that epidermis, Jack—greatest thing since we lost that can of DDT powder.

All we can say for Marion's starch bath is this: Saturday nights used to be a nightmare for us until we tried starch in our bath. Now we take showers.

KEEP your eyes open for those pretty girls in the powder-blue uniforms with the rainbow shoulder patch. They're part of the contingent of 160 "Army hostesses" who have come to the ETO at

Gen. Eisenhower's request to open up service clubs all over Europe—just like camps back in the States.

Hired by Civil Service, the girls will receive \$2,100 a year and will have the assimilated rank of a non-commissioned officer. Requirements for the job included at least two years of college and two years of business experience. Clubs will be opened soon in all large cities where American troops are quartered. Two girls will be assigned to each club. Wherever facilities permit, the GIs will have at their leisure dancing, swimming, horseback riding, tennis and a large library. Billeting and messing facilities also will be available.

M-G-M is interested in making a movie based on *O.K. USA*, the Mickey Rooney show now touring the ETO. Since the show is practically without plot or continuity and is just a musical revue, cast members feel that Rooney will probably be the hero of the show. One member of the Rooney troupe said, "They'll show Mickey running around to the offices of colonels and generals in the Shell Building in Paris, begging them to let him put on a show. And I'll give odds that Red Buttons doesn't get much of a part, because he steals too many of Rooney's scenes as it is."

Django Reinhardt, French guitar virtuoso, is said to be en route back to Paris after many months on the Riviera. One of the originals in the famed "Hot Club,"



Nelly Kay
French Dinah Shore.

Django is returning to Paris by easy degrees, traveling in a gypsy caravan. One of his fellow musicians said: "He might be back tomorrow and he might not be back until spring—you can't tell about Django". . . Ezra Stone will soon be out of the Army to take over his role of Henry Aldrich again. . . London will rename a theater for the late Leslie Howard. . . Marine Lieutenant Tyrone Power is in Tokyo, sweating out his points just like the rest of us. . .

TOMMY HARMON, the footballer who starred for Michigan and then in the Air Force for all 48 states, is getting \$750 a week for his radio spot. . . N.Y. columnists claim that this year's crop of showgirls is a new high in beauty. . . Ann Sheridan and Steve Hannagan, the press agent, will marry soon. . . Frankie Sinatra and Judy Garland will be a screen team after Judy has her baby. . . Lana Turner is now seeing someone named Peter Lawford, keeping Turhan at Bay. . . John Loder will leave his lovely wife, Hedy Lamarr, in January, to do a movie in Paris. . . *Till the End of Time* is the top tune on the Hit Parade, knocking Atchison, Topeka, etc., into second place. . .

Miss Nelly Kay, who is to France what Dinah Shore is to the U.S.A., will open tonight at the Paraqueet A Nid, rue de Ponthieu, Paris. Nelly, who sings in English as well as in French, got her start with Django Reinhardt and the Hot Club. . . Jack "Pat" Waltz, 24-year-old actor with the *For Men Only* soldier show unit, now touring Germany, is this columnist's bet to get the part in the French movie, *Spoiled Children*.

Hollywood Canteen will close its doors to servicemen on Thanksgiving Day. . . In case you've wondered, service men and women still get the cut-rate at most movie houses in the U.S. . . Bing Crosby is said to be ailing and planning to enter a hospital for a check-up when he finishes his latest film, *Blue Skies*. . . Sgt. Norman Goldblatt, of *The Stars & Stripes* London edition, and Sgt. Bob Lee, Jefferson Barracks, Mo., have written a slick ballad called *I Feel A Love Son Coming On* and you'll be hearing the recording on your local AFN station.—Ed WILCOX.

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Ann Sheridan
The Oomph Girl is altar-bound!

What's New in the Book World

Gertrude Lawrence Reveals the Life Story Of a Glittering Star—Herself

HOLDING down the No. 3 slot on the best-seller lists, Gertrude Lawrence's *A Star Danced* (Doubleday, \$2.50) is "packing 'em in."

"Gertie," who never has been what you would call an inhibited woman, tells the story of her life and career simply and with pride. The pride is understandable, for a natural talent plus hard work has made her career one of the brightest in the show business. The story's simplicity gives it a down-to-earth quality.

But it wasn't all beer and skittles. While fans always seem to believe that their stars are "living on the cream," there is also the same heartbreak and failures behind the footlights as there are in the gallery. Gertie somewhat wryly tells of her troubles and how she overcame them to continue a meteor-like career.

She uses the present as the core of her book, telling of her ENSA tour among Allied troops in the ETO both before and after D-Day. Then, as she sees more and more of the England she loves, memories come tumbling back and the star-come-home reminisces.

Great names answer the roll call: Noel Coward, Beatrice Lillie, Madeleine Carroll. Miss Lawrence tells how she first felt the urge to dance as a little, gawky child at the British seaside resort of Brighton. And how she stepped from a chorus line into her own career because Beatrice Lillie fell from a horse. She drolly speaks of the "trade" Noel Coward made for her precious bicycle.

It is a fascinating story told by a great musical comedy star. It is also the story of a woman who has retained the capacity to look at the world and life through the eyes of that little girl at Brighton.

HENRY MORGENTHAU'S suggestion that Germany be split up into farms drew the then-Secretary of Treasury a great deal of criticism some time ago. Now, Harper & Brothers announce that this month will see publication of his plan for a new Germany. Called *Germany is Our Problem*, it will be price-tagged at \$2.

DOUBLE PLAY DEPT—"Bob" Casey, Chicago *Daily News* correspondent, supposedly set a new record recently with joint publication of two of his books. Now we learn that November will see a duet published by Pearl Buck, famed author on China. This time she turns to the Pennsylvania countryside for the setting of a novel. The other carries on the series of stenographically-recorded talks Miss Buck is having with persons of various nations. It is entitled *Talk About Russia*.

BOSTON banned Lillian Smith's *Strange Fruit* in March, 1944. Recently, Author Bernard De Voto, with a Civil Liberties Union representative as witness, purchased a copy from bookseller Abraham Eisenstadt. It was intended to be a test case of Massachusetts' censorship. But the Massachusetts Supreme Court upheld the Superior Court's conviction of the

bookseller for selling the book. Mr. Eisenstadt's curiosity cost him 100 simoleons. And Massachusetts forges on, pure and untainted!

SHORT SHOTS—John Gunther will soon add an *Inside U.S.A.* to his *Inside Asia*, *Inside Europe* and *Inside South America*. . . Bill Mauldin's *Up Front* still holds down top spot on non-fiction best-seller lists. . . Josephine Pinckney's latest, *Three o'Clock Dinner* (The Viking Press, \$2.50) already has advance printing of 640,000 and a \$125,000 Hollywood sale. . . Col. Karl Detzer, ex-roving editor for *Reader's Digest* and now adviser to Gen. Somervell, wrote the 65,000-worder, *The Mightiest Army*, in exactly 33 days.

Tennyson fans, and they are legion, get a break with *The Charge of the Light Brigade* (658) by Alfred Lord Tennyson. Selected, and with an introduction by Louis Untermeyer, it will afford hours of pleasure—especially the stirring "Charge of the Light Brigade."



Gertrude Lawrence
Wrote a best-seller.

GI Bookshelf

SHORT stories come with the *Selected Short Stories* of Walter D. Edmonds (677), *Mrs. Egg and Other Barbarians* (668) by Thomas Beer (room for a pun here!), *Mademoiselle Fifi and Other Stories* (669) by Guy de Maupassant and *Seven Gothic Tales* (687) by Isak Dinesen. First two are strictly Americana right from the grass-roots. Maupassant is the legendary French genius of "risqué" tales.

Three good westerns and one fair anthology make up the boot and saddle entries.

Zane Grey, "Old Fithful" in the western field, is represented by *Western Union* (678). Harvard-graduate Wayne Cameron joins in the attempt to push Western Union's line of communications farther into the wilderness. Outlaws, Injun trouble, prairie fires—all combine to make up the usual Zane Grey thriller.

Western Story Omnibus (686), edited by William Targ, is a so-so collection of short stories. Some are good, some not so hot. The best thing to do is to skip through it, reading the ones that strike your eye.

LUKE SHORT'S *Gunman's Chance* (670) tells of land-grabbing, swindling, two sisters and their effect on the almost gone-bad Jim Garry. An old hand at the game—and good at it—William MacLeod Raine has turned out a good one in *Trail's End* (674). An ex-cowboy, he knows the West, and his characters, dialogue and plots ring true.

Biographies sometimes hit—and sometimes miss by a mile. Here's a good one:

Prodigal Genius (684), by John J. O'Neill, tells of Nikola Tesla, scientist and pioneer researcher in electricity. Here is the story of the Yugoslav-American who fathered the modern system of power transmission and "discovered" alternating current. Scientific adventures are always interesting to the layman. These are no exception.

—Carl Pierson

Smith Looks Aloft



The large picture at the left shows Charlotte Ainsworth, president of the Smith College Flying Club, demonstrating the correct way to swing an engine over. (Above), Two Smith girls filling up the fuel tank of a trainer.



(Above), Class is in session in the flying club's ground school. Mrs. Richard Whitbeck, one of the organization's leaders, instructs the group in navigation. (Below), Learning the intricacies of a trainer's motor.



WAY back in 1934, the Smith College Flying Club was organized. In the beginning, it was a non-flying group—the girls listened to lectures and learned the duties of a ground crew. But this was like taking a correspondence course in Jiu-Jitsu and so eventually into the air went the flying students of the Northampton, Mass., college. Since the club acquired its first training plane, many of its members have become licensed pilots and many of its alumnae were members of the Civil Air Patrol and later the WASP.

WARTIME restrictions called a halt to the club's activities but since VJ-Day, Smith is again looking aloft. The college's physics and astronomy departments are co-operating with the club in teaching the girls navigation, meteorology and radio communication, and the training planes are kept busy as the fledglings work hard for their wings.

With a couple of ground crew "men" ready to pull the chocks from beneath the wheels, Alice Kingsbury is poised for a trip into the wild blue yonder.

