

Truman Calls on China to End Civil War

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Strife Perils Pacific Peace, President Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—President Truman called on China yesterday to cease internal hostilities immediately, declaring that a unified, democratic and peaceful nation was necessary for the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

The President, in a 1,200-word message backed by outright American pressure, said this could be accomplished only by elimination of Japanese influence, cessation of internal strife between the Nationalist and Communist forces, and the formation of a national government with representatives from all major political elements.

Mr. Truman's message came significantly, as his special representative to China, Gen. George C. Marshall, was flying to Chungking to take up his new post as U.S. Ambassador.

The former Army chief of staff is carrying with him a directive

Red Leaders Reach Chungking

CHUNGKING, Dec. 16 (UP).—Five Chinese Communist leaders, headed by Vice-Chairman Chou En Lai, arrived here today from Yenan to participate in the forthcoming meetings of the consultative council, designed to bring unity to China's warring factions.

based on Mr. Truman's policy statement, and it was said here that the granting of financial aid requested by China would hinge on the success of Marshall's mission. Mr. Truman reiterated the U.S. intention of dealing solely with the present National Government in China, but added emphatically that U.S. support for Chiang Kai-shek's government "will not extend to U.S. military intervention to influence the course of any Chinese internal strife."

"Intervention by any foreign government in these matters would be inappropriate," Mr. Truman explained.

The President declared that U.S. military strength was being maintained in China to disarm and evacuate the Japanese, emphasizing that "the maintenance of peace in the Pacific may be jeopardized, if not frustrated, unless Japanese intervention is stopped."

Woman's Mate Kills GI in Paris

A GI on pass in Paris was stabbed fatally early yesterday in a Montmartre restaurant in a brawl involving a Frenchman's wife. French police seized his assailant after a chase through the night club district's twisted streets.

The victim was identified by Paris police as Sgt. Irwin Westphalen, 26, who they said was stationed near Compiègne, about 40 miles from Paris. Army CID agents verified the death.

Police said Westphalen was seated in the restaurant, on Rue Joubert, with a 38-year-old woman named Andree Laval, shortly after midnight, when her husband stalked in and started an argument with her about money.

Suddenly the husband, identified as Rene Deros, 42, struck Westphalen in the heart with a knife, stabbing the woman and fled, according to the police report. The woman suffered unspecified wounds.

One-Legged Vet a Sprint Star

Amputee Runs '100' in 13 Seconds

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 16 (ANS).—A GI who lost a leg while fighting with the 10th Mountain Div in Italy today was credited with running the 100-yard dash in 13 seconds to prove to his ward mates at McGuire Gen. Hosp. that it could be done.

The exhibition was staged by Larry Toscano, 21-year-old amputee from Lyndhurst, N.J.

His "track" was a concrete road on the hospital grounds. Toscano wore ordinary street shoes, started from a starting-up position, and did not take a real preliminary warm-up sprint. He covered the first 50 yards in five seconds.

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Big 3 Parley Opens

KONOYE KILLS HIMSELF

Jap Prince Dodges 'Humiliation' of Trial by U.S.

TOKYO, Dec. 16 (AP).—Prince Fumimaro Konoye, three times the Japanese Premier in a decade of belligerency leading up to Pearl Harbor, committed suicide with poison at his lavish home today rather than surrender as a suspected war criminal.

The prince was found by Princess Konoye lying across his bed early this morning, a poison vial on the floor beside him. She said he left no notes.

Death Note Reported

(Reuters reported that Konoye's 22-year-old son, Michitaka, said his father pencilled a hurried note shortly before going to bed, indicating he intended to commit suicide. The note read:

"I have been very gravely concerned at the fact that I have committed certain errors in handling state affairs since the outbreak of the China Incident. I cannot, how-



Prince Konoye

ever, stand the humiliation of being apprehended and tried by an American court.

"I cannot but feel especially responsible for the outcome of the

Swallows Poison at Home as Prison Awaits Him

China Incident, and for this reason I tried my best to attain understanding between the U.S. and Japan in hope such an understanding alone could solve the China problem.

"It, indeed, is a matter of regret to be named a war criminal by the U.S., with whom I have wanted and tried to work together for a peaceful solution of Pacific affairs. I believe my real intentions even now are understood and appreciated by my friends, including not a few friends in America.

"Public opinion of the world, which at present is full of over-excitement and passion of war and misunderstandings, innocent and otherwise, malicious libel and unfounded rumors, will in time restore its calmness and balance. Only then will a just verdict be given at the court of God."

Konoye killed himself a few hours (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

Atom Holds Top Place On Agenda

MOSCOW, Dec. 16.—The Big Three Foreign Ministers' Conference began officially at 5 PM today in Moscow's Spiridonovka Palace.

With the problem of control of atomic energy No. 1 on its agenda, the conference opened after a series of informal individual visits between the Foreign Ministers of the three powers and their diplomatic aides.

Before the ministers began their discussions, Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin of Great Britain, who arrived by plane yesterday afternoon in a blizzard, cautioned that "patience" was more important than "hopes."

Declaring that a "lot of men have starved on hope," Bevin asserted: "The world is in a terrible mess and at this stage of history things cannot be settled by mere formulas. Things must have time to shake down. We are here for a practical job and I don't know how long it will take or exactly in what shape things will emerge."

Ministers Are Cautious

All three Foreign Ministers approached the conference in a cautious mood and there was every indication that they were not hoping to achieve any diplomatic miracles.

With the arrival in Moscow by plane of Sir Reader Bullard, British ambassador to Iran, and the presence of John D. Jernegan, U.S. Embassy representative in Iran, it appeared certain that before the conference terminated, the situation in northern Iran would receive attention. Iran has charged Russia with interfering with her attempts to put down revolt in the province of Azerbaijan.

Coming on to Moscow although three other planes of his party turned back, Bevin said on his arrival that he brought greetings from the people of Britain and hope that their bonds of friendship with Russia could be further strengthened by the meeting.

In marked contrast with the manner in which U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes arrived, Bevin was so bundled up he had to turn sideways down the steps of his big four-motored plane. He was greeted immediately by Deputy Foreign Commissar Andrei Vishin.

Swedish Bacteriologist Claims Cure for TB

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 16 (UP).

Discovery of a substance for killing the tuberculosis bacteria has been claimed by Hans Davide, chief of Stockholm's Bacteriological Institute, according to the newspaper "Morren Tidningen."

The paper said that successful animal experiments had been completed, and the substance was now procurable in large quantities.

Davide intends to test the new germicide on humans next year, according to the report. He declared that "many difficulties are still unsolved, but I believe we are half-way toward our goal."

Body of Sailor's 'Kidnaped' Son Found in China Closet of Its Mother

Woman Is Arrested As Murder Suspect

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 16 (AP).—The nationwide search for six-month-old Ronald Carlan, reported kidnaped on Nov. 28, ended yesterday when police found the child's body stuffed in a china closet in its own home. Mrs. Rose Carlan, mother of the dead infant, who originally reported the "kidnaping," was arrested immediately on suspicion of murder.

At her arraignment in Chelsea District Court the weeping 23-year-old mother sobbed, "It's not true." Judge John W. McLeod continued the case to Dec. 24 and ordered the woman committed to a psychopathic ward for observation.

Appeared on Radio

Police discovered the baby's body in a china closet in the combination dining-sleeping room in the tenement after they had returned for further questioning of the mother and her sailor husband, MM 1/c James J. Carlan.

The nation began to take a vital interest in the case when eight ransom demands, ranging from \$500 to \$30,000—now established as the work of cranks—were made.

Mrs. Carlan appeared on a 26-station radio network to give formulas for feeding the infant. Her husband—who had never seen the baby—flew home from the West Coast on emergency leave from the Navy after the kidnaping was reported. Later he went on the radio and promised to make no criminal charges if the baby were returned.



Mrs. James J. Carlan, Chelsea, Mass., her husband and their son, James Jr., look at photo of baby she reported kidnaped. Yesterday, Mrs. Carlan was held on suspicion of murdering the infant.

Paper Blames GI 'Gangsters' For London's Wave of Crime

By Art White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
LONDON, Dec. 16.—Scotland Yard today reported "very satisfactory and profitable" results in the all-out drive to smash London's crime wave.

Latest figures revealed: Number of persons questioned 15,161; deserters handed over to MPs, 32 (four of them American); arrests for housebreaking two; arrests for larceny, four; arrests for unlawful possession of black-market articles, nine.

Statistics of the check on motor vehicles and pedestrians in four police districts covered by the roundup—the focal point of which was Piccadilly—showed that 3,000 people were stopped and questioned

in the Paddington area alone.

After a night of tense activity the check-up was continuing today on a reduced scale.

Today, The London Sunday Pictorial devoted an entire page to descriptions of several "notorious American gangsters" who, the paper said, have been operating in England for more than two years.

They were described as AWOL American soldiers who deserted either in Britain or on the continent and now are "spearheading the crime wave here."

However, the American Provost Marshal here, Col. James C. Cullens, declared: "The majority of American AWOLs here aren't real criminals, just boys linked up with girls."



Tsk, Tsk, Tsk

The Armorial officers' night club has always been a fine place for officers to take their dates. That is, during the time when MP's were stationed there to permit entry to accompanied ladies only. Now, the MP's have been relieved from duty at the Armorial because of the shortage of MPs in this area.

On Saturday night, Dec. 8, the situation was deplorable. There were at least 30 prostitutes present and there was no secret made about their trade. It was most embarrassing to myself and the other officers who were in the company of respectable young ladies, many of whom were Americans.

I understand that MP's are needed for more important tasks than watching a night club, but why can't the responsibility of keeping the place clean be placed upon the French personnel who manage the Armorial?—Shocked Lt., APO 887 (Or a duty officer?—Ed.)

Wanted Dostler Hanged

Gen. Anton Dostler, the war criminal who ordered the execution of 15 American soldiers, should have been hanged by a rope like a common criminal. His execution by a firing squad was an insult to justice and ample evidence that Allied Army officers feel an obligation of caste and comradeship toward their opposites in the Wehrmacht; stronger than any feeling of loyalty to the men who serve under them.

Why was he permitted an honorable death in complete uniform and insignia, given the chance to be melodramatic as all hell and to inspire kids in knee pants with the memory of his gallant death?

Dostler probably found Valhalla "off limits to EM."—GI Zola, Biarritz A. U.

VD—A Scourge

The VD rate is increasing again, the newspapers tell us. As a student nurse I have seen syphilis: the suffering that never ceases, that cannot be aided, that continues until the body is destroyed by the spirochete. No body tissue is immune to its ravages. But unlike ordinary diseases of the organs, syphilis in advanced stages often fails to respond to therapy.

I have watched in the night: bodies contorted with pain, cold perspiration on ashen faces. I have seen little children enduring horrible agonies because a parent unknowingly endowed them with this scourge at birth.

And I have seen gonorrhea. Young men unable to move without the most excruciating pain—victims of gonorrhoeal arthritis, and crying like babies because they couldn't stand the pain. I have seen the young wives unknowingly and unthinkingly infected by fond husbands. I have been with them in the operating room where their reproductive organs were removed. When they came out of the ether I have heard what they scream about their husbands.

These things I have seen, not read about. I know VD. I hope you never do.—Ex-Student Nurse, Hq. 7th Army.

Mister Breger

By Dave Breger



"Bless you, dear boy!... Match you for it, double or nothing!"

Calas Nears 75,000 Mark For December

By Joe Mackey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARSEILLE, Dec. 16.—With only a little more than two weeks left as a redeployment center, according to an USFET (Rear) announcement, this port today was within a few hundred men of shipping the 75,000th returnee for December.

The last men of the 90th Inf. Div. were expected to be on their way home tomorrow, and the 26th Inf. Div. will continue to move out. The men of the 100th Inf. Div., expected at Calas Staging Area in the next day or two, will be the last redeployees from here. They were the first to stage through Calas in November of last year when it was a camp for troops headed north after the retreating Germans.

There are about 25,000 troops being processed at Calas now, and less than 3,000 station complement men, compared to a high of 64,000 last July, when it was a staging area for Pacific-bound troops.

High Pointers Get Priority, Says Delta Base AG

MARSEILLE, Dec. 16.—Despite rumors, no freezing order on low-point men is in effect at Delta Base. Col. Kenneth C. Jones, DBS AG, said today.

"It is simply a matter of men in the 55-to-50-point bracket having to wait their turn," he said. "Men with 60 points must be shipped before men with 59 points, and so on down the scale."

Jones said that those who became eligible for redeployment under the reduced score rating announced for Dec. 1, or because of three dependents or four years of service, would be sent home as soon as higher-point personnel cleared through the pipeline.

"There are still men in the theater who have point scores above 60 and nobody will dispute the fairness of getting them out first," he added.

Col. Jones also pointed out that many high pointers who had volunteered to stay at work for a prescribed time now were completing their terms and waiting to get out, and that high-point men who did not go home because of medical or other reasons were filtering into staging areas.

GI Billboard appears on Page 7 in today's issue.

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The Wind Moans in Bastogne

It's Break-Through Weather Again—A Year Later

By Bob Eunson
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BASTOGNE, Belgium, Dec. 16.—It's "break-through-weather" in Belgium.

The same low-clouded, mist-moistened, snow-swept days that gave von Rundstedt his chance to break through the American lines in the Ardennes one year ago today have come back to Belgium again and folks around here have been talking about the German counter-offensive all week.

Here, where the 101st Airborne's commander hurled back his now famous reply "nuts" to the German demand for surrender, only the wind and the cold of the hill sides remind you of a year ago. Inside the houses that are still standing it's warm and the Christmas trees shine in the candlelight.

Nazis Bet on Weather

Von Rundstedt bet on this weather a year ago and it lasted until he had driven a wedge more than 50 miles inside the American lines. Hidden under skies that protected them from Allied air power, the crack Nazi Panzers and SS troops drove through—but not through Bastogne.

"Defend Bastogne" were the only orders Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe had when he moved in here and he carried them out by attacking in all directions at once. His 501st Regt. broke out of here to the east on the fourth day and contacted the 10th Armd. Div. that was making a death stand at Longvilly.

But the German flood poured



Maj. Gen. McAuliffe

around them. Dazed, cold and hungry Yank paratroopers that a few days before felt victory in their grasp now dug into the snow-swept hillsides of Belgium and fought for their lives.

This flood of steel and gray uniforms that swept past them on both sides had been promised Brussels for Christmas and Paris for New Year's. Racing over the same ground that they had trod to victory in 1940 the Nazis felt victory in the air again.

On the night of Dec. 21 two American sergeants west of here spotted four Germans approaching with a white flag. They blindfolded them and took them to headquarters.

The Nazi spokesman delivered the surrender demand to McAuliffe in the general's CP. McAuliffe scowled fiercely and disgustingly declared,

Memories of Last German Bid for Victory Stir

without giving it a second thought, "Nuts."

On the next day, down to 11 shells per gun, the men of the Eagle Division got their Christmas presents. High flying C47s dropped yellow and green parachutes that floated to earth with supplies.

Three days later they were still surrounded and still fighting. McAuliffe penned his men a Christmas message. "Merry Christmas. What's merry about all this, you ask? We're fighting. It's cold. We aren't home. All true. But... we have stopped cold everything that has confronted us from the north, south, east and west... We are giving our country and our loved ones at home a worthy Christmas present. And, being privileged to take part in this gallant feat of arms, we are truly making for ourselves a Merry Christmas."

Tankers Plunged Through

The next afternoon an American tank approached the woods north of Assenois and a young lieutenant lifted his helmeted head out of the turret. The tanker from the Fourth Armd. Div. shouted and shouted before someone answered. Finally a lieutenant from the 326th Regiment that was holding the southern salient climbed out of his hole and approached the tank. The two American soldiers shook hands and the Battle of Bastogne ended at 4:25 PM Dec. 26, 1944.

The skies are low again today. The wind whistles through the trees and you hear their voices, the clear unafraid voices of the men of the 101st.

Training of Troops To Act in Strikes Denied by Army

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J., Dec. 16 (AP).—The Public Relations Office at Fort Monmouth said six hours of chemical warfare training is being given a number of Signal Corps units containing individuals scheduled for overseas shipment.

The Office said the course involved "defense against chemical attacks," and was included in regular Signal Corps basic training. CIO President Philip Murray announced in Washington yesterday that he sent a letter to Secretary of War Patterson asking investigation of reports that troops were being trained "for intervention in industrial disputes."

Murray handed out at a press conference diagrams bearing the name "T.H. Murphy, Colonel, CWS, Chemical Officer" and also the legend in the margin: "Camp Monmouth, New Jersey" and showing the use of various types of hand grenades against "rioters halting war work."

Shipping News

Table with shipping news for Marseille, Le Havre, and other ports, including ship names, loads, and departure/arrival dates.

For French Kids, Santa Claus Is a Lot of Guys Named 'Joe'

Santa Claus, for the children of France this year, wears an OD uniform instead of a red suit and white whiskers.

For weeks GIs have been tossing candy, gum and soap rations into PX bins set up for Christmas collections. Individual units are busy with plans to hold Yule parties for groups of French children. And contributions for The Stars and Stripes War Orphans' Fund have been given new impetus by the season.

For all the GI generosity there are plenty of small candidates. In Paris alone, 112 orphanages are full of fatherless and motherless youngsters who will look to Army "foster parents" for remembrance on Christmas. All over the country the picture will be repeated as U.S. troops add to their own enjoyment of the holiday by giving to needy children.

The tradition of soldier Santa Claus is an old one in France. The War Orphans' Fund had its beginning in World War I, when the 1917 Stars and Stripes originated the idea. Since it was reborn in November, 1944, the fund has received donations of nearly 4,000,000 francs and has provided five-year sponsorship of 187 youngsters. A year-round service of medical care food and clothing, the War Orphans' Fund at Christmas collects and distributes gift packages for each of its charges.

Three agencies, the American Red Cross, French Red Cross and the Entraide Francaise, a central clearing house for French philanthropies, administer the fund. Entraide Francaise also will distribute the GI contributions of PX rations, which have been mounting for a month at the rate of 5,000 candy bars a week in two Paris post exchanges.

Missourians Roasted At Gridiron Dinner

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).

—There was a distinct Missouri flavor to the Gridiron Club's famous dinner Saturday night—revived after a four and one-half-year wartime recess—as Washington newspapermen roasted the great and near great.

In skit and song, Gridiron members fired their jibes at Missouri's President Truman, Robert Hannegan, Democratic national chairman.

Fifteen Missourians, including Mr. Truman, Hannegan and Gov. Phil M. Donnelly, were among guests.

American Vets Discuss Peacetime Army Tonight

The Army in peace-time will be discussed by the American Veterans Committee at 7:30 PM, today Mezzanine floor, Shell Building, 29 Rue de Berri.

Plans for the constitutional convention, at which the permanent formation of the organization will take place, will also be considered.

Fools the Medics



Although physicians indicated that he could not recover from influenza meningitis without the aid of the new wonder drug, streptomycin, 2-year-old Bobby Wingo Jr., of Hays, Pa., fooled them all. He's well enough now to ride his tricycle.



Navy Denies The Boise Saw Dec. 7 Raiders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).— Pearl Harbor investigators received a Navy report yesterday that the U.S. Cruiser Boise was never closer than 1,400 miles to the Japanese task force which struck Hawaii Dec. 7, 1941, and thus could not have seen its approach.

This reply to a question raised early in the hearings—whether the Boise sighted the Japanese force but did not report it because of orders for radio silence—came during a session marked by continued bickering among Republicans and Democrats.

At its close, Sen. Scott Lucas (D-Ill.) told reporters the committee should find out how and where Gov. Thomas E. Dewey learned the U.S. had "broken" Japan's codes.

Gerow Says—Death

Lucas had drawn from Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, the day's witness, an opinion, earlier, that any military officer who deliberately disclosed the secret in wartime would deserve the death penalty.

Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart (R-Calif.) originally raised the Boise issue. He said early in the hearings he was informed the ship's crew had seen the Japanese force. He demanded that the Boise's log be produced.

Gerhard Gesell, chief assistant counsel, read the log into the record.

Ship Challenged

It recorded that in the late evening of Nov. 27, 1941, while conveying merchant ships to the Philippines, the Boise sighted a darkened ship and challenged it. No reply was received.

On the following night, a darkened ship again was seen which apparently was a Japanese cruiser of the Atago type.

In an accompanying statement, the Navy said no cruiser of the Atago type took part in the Pearl Harbor raid and that from "available information," the closest the Boise ever was to the raiding force was 1,400 miles.

Stockholders Take The Wheel as Bus Drivers Walk Out

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).— Stockholders dispatchers, and office employees of the Green Bus Lines, Inc., got behind steering wheels when regular drivers quit and managed to maintain service for an estimated 90 percent of the company's normal Saturday riders on 12 of 13 routes operated in Queens, the company announced.

The drivers quit at midnight in what a union spokesman said was a dispute over contract provisions. The company immediately put a staff to work calling up stockholders in the metropolitan area and buses were rolling at 5 AM it said.

The firm has scores of small stockholders because when it was organized it took over numerous little bus lines and paid for them in stock. The line carries 160,000 persons daily.

Union leaders set the number of drivers, maintenance men and other workers out on strike at 300, while the company said 250 were out.

Syphilis Increases in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (UP).— Syphilis has increased 500 percent among teen-agers in New York and 280 percent among youths between 20 and 24, the city's Bureau of Social Hygiene reported today.

This Santa Claus is Slim

But He's Having a Very Busy Year

SANTA CLAUS, Ind., Dec. 16 (AP).— This is the busiest year Santa Claus ever had.

Postmaster Oscar Phillips, who needs padding to look like the children's Saint, says the post office in his little country store probably would handle more than 1,000,000 letters and packages this month.

A dozen extra helpers, mostly housewives, sort and postmark about 40,000 pieces of mail each day. Piles overflow onto grocery shelves but Phillips has moved catsup and crackers out of the way.

The postmaster is a genial chap, even though his girth is a little disappointing. He enjoys the holiday rush, and so do other residents of this 15-dwelling southern Indiana hill town.

The memory of Jim Martin helps keep the Christmas spirit alive in Santa Claus.

Martin was postmaster-merchant here for 30 years, until his death in 1935. Letters addressed to Santa Claus in childish scrawls, once routed to the dead letter office, were forwarded to Martin. He answered as many as he could and sent replies to children he guessed would have no Christmas otherwise.

The Santa Claus American Legion Post has answered some 25,000 letters this year.

7,000 Miles in a 37-Foot Boat

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 16 (AP).— Sixteen Estonians, including four women and four children ranging in age from three to ten years, yesterday ended a 7,000-mile sea journey that took them from Stockholm to Little Creek, Va., in a 37-foot boat.

The boat ended its journey at the Army Mine Base in Little Creek. The voyagers were on their way since Aug. 9, defying heavy weather and lack of modern navigation instruments.

The captain, Arvid Kunn, 35, said their destination was New

York but the group would be just as happy to do the last leg by train provided they are cleared by immigration authorities.

The trip was begun after the Estonians had reached Stockholm, where they fled when the Germans occupied their native land.

Mongrel With a Thoroughbred Heart



When daylight broke on a Lynbrook, (L.I.), street, it revealed this scene of loyalty unto death. A mongrel stood guard over the body of his playmate, killed during the night, and snapped at anyone who came near.

Ex-Convict Linked to Deaths, Cremations of Four Women

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (ANS).— District Attorney Edmund Brown yesterday instituted a nation-wide investigation of strikingly similar deaths and cremations of four elderly women, whose names have been linked with that of Alfred Leonard Cline, ex-convict under arrest here.

Brown asked police in Macon, Ga., Portland, Ore., Los Angeles; Jacksonville, Fla., and Dallas, Tex. to send officers here to confer on widely-separated aspects of the case.

Three of the four women left property exceeding \$300,000 in value. One—Mrs. Eva Delora Krebs of Chicago—left her entire estate to Cline, Attorney Frank War said.

At Columbus, Ohio, cash and securities totaling more than \$200,000 were recovered Wednesday from her safety deposit box.

Cline has stated Mrs. Krebs died as his wife in Portland in November, 1944, and was cremated. Cline is held here on a charge of suspected forgery of papers from Mrs. Krebs estate.

Brown said all four women died shortly after being registered in hotels and that arrangements for their cremation were made by a man who identified himself as Cline or Klein, either as their husband or business agent.

1,000th UK Re-enlistee

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The 1,000th man to re-enlist in the UK since the recruiting campaign started Oct. 20, signed up yesterday, filling the December quota of 250 men. He was Pvt. William D. Scott, of Camden, S.C., Purple Heart veteran, who came overseas in May, 1944. He re-enlisted for three-years.

Legislator Sees No Hope Of Draft Beyond May

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).— Rep. Forest A. Harness, (R-Ind.) said efforts of the War Department to get extension of the draft beyond next May would "get a cold reception from Congress."

War Department spokesmen have told the House Military Committee, of which Harness is a member, that a draft would be needed beyond May to insure an adequate number of troops for occupation forces.

"I think we'll get enough men by voluntary methods," Harness told a reporter. "I can see no need to continue the draft."

Fine 4 Firms, 4 Officials as Chemical Trust

TRENTON, N.J., Dec. 16 (AP).— Federal Judge Philip Forman imposed fines yesterday totaling \$52,500 on four of the nation's largest laboratory chemical manufacturers and four company officials indicted on charges of violating the Sherman-Anti Trust Act.

All of the defendants, who were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury here in November, 1943, and pleaded innocent, changed their plea to no contest before the court sessions got under way.

Four firms ordered to pay the maximum fine of \$5,000 apiece on each of two counts of the indictment, charging conspiracy to fix prices, suppress competition, and monopolize the sale of laboratory chemicals, were:

Merck and Co. of Rahway; J. T. Baker Chemical Co., of Phillipsburg; General Chemical Co., of New York; and the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, of St. Louis, Mo.

Prosecution of the case had been stayed since July 8, 1944 after the War and Navy Departments requested abeyance of all anti-trust suits in which the principals were engaged in war work.

The indictment said the four concerns named in this case produced approximately 90 percent of the nation's supply of laboratory chemicals.

'No Favoritism,'— Army Asserts of Pitcher's Release

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).— Rep. John D. Cochran (D-Mo) made public a letter from the War Department regarding circumstances under which Max Lanier, St. Louis Cardinal pitcher, was discharged from the Army.

Cochran said he asked for an explanation of the ball player's release last October because "there was a great deal of criticism" of it. "No favoritism was shown Lanier, according to the War Department," Cochran said.

The War Department wrote that a "report had been received from the appropriate commander, in the field stating that Pvt. Lanier was discharged for reason of dependency after an application and all supporting evidence was reviewed by a board of four officials."

Pacific Coast Ports Full; GIs Stay on Ships

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (AP).— Home-bound troops are debarking at Pacific Coast ports faster than they can be moved east and by Monday staging areas in the San Francisco region will be filled to a point exceeding their capacity. Maj. Gen. Homer M. Groninger, commanding the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, said.

So great is the flow that it will be necessary to tie up some troopships and leave men aboard until further movement east releases space in the staging areas for them to move in, Groninger explained in a statement telling of the pre-Christmas jam.

He said: "This current rush stems from a great desire to get the maximum number of eligible men back in the U.S. before Christmas."

Troops Held on Ship

In Los Angeles the situation is so acute, Brig. Gen. J. K. Herbert, commanding the port, reported, that 1,900 troops were being held aboard the USS Olmstead in the harbor for 24 hours to give the staging area time to clear. Herbert said staging camps were bulging with 17,000 men awaiting transportation to separation centers.

Brig. Gen. Eley P. Denson, CG of the Seattle POE, said at least 75,000 Army personnel were scheduled to arrive in Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland during the last 15 days of December, bringing total debarkations for the month close to 150,000. During December, 385,000 troops are expected to reach West Coast ports, all of which are facing the same bottleneck of rail transportation, he added.

Meanwhile, in Kinston, N.C., marines homeward-bound for the Christmas holidays were under orders not to travel by train during certain periods in which their officers anticipate a rush on rail and other travel facilities.

Lt. Col. J. R. Christensen, commanding the Kinston Marine Air Base, said 50 percent of the base personnel have been issued holiday leaves under the terms of a Marine Corps headquarters directive specifying that "Do not travel by rail" be stamped on each pass for certain periods before and after Christmas.

At near-by Cherry Point Marine Air Base a public relations officer confirmed the fact that holiday leaves were being issued under such restrictions and said the dates in which holiday-bound marines were not supposed to travel by train were Dec. 21 through 25 and Dec. 28 through Jan. 2.

The Cherry Point office said it was believed the system was the same as that followed in 1944 when the nation was still at war.

Adm. King Gets Gold Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (ANS).— President Truman presented a gold star in lieu of a third Distinguished Service Medal Friday to Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King, now retiring as chief of naval operations.

'The Body' Would Shed Her Mate

Divorces Sought By 3 Others In Filmland

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 16 (ANS).— The divorce business was rushing here yesterday as four prominent Hollywood gals began suits to free themselves of mates. Marie (the Body) MacDonald started things with the announcement that she had had enough of married life and now wanted a separation from Vic Orsatti, actor's agent.

"I am too fond of Vic to let our marriage develop into a series of quarrels and nagging scenes" she said. She intends to keep Orsatti as her agent, she said, and "There is no other girl with Vic, and heaven knows there is no other man with me."

Frances Rafferty prepared legally to shed Maj. Don Norton, whom she left last Sunday. "As far as I can tell you now we will be divorced," she said, declining to reveal the reason for the parting.

Actress Helen Walker filed suit for divorce from Robert Blumofe, attorney, charging mental cruelty. In Los Angeles Eddie Cantor's daughter, Edna, filed suit for divorce from James McHugh Jr., musical composer, who is in the Army. She charged cruelty and wants \$500 monthly alimony.



Marie MacDonald

Oldfield Reweds Wife 21 Yrs. After Divorce

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 16.— Barney Oldfield, one-time auto racer, has remarried his second wife 21 years after their divorce.



Frances Rafferty

DP Camp Staff Defends It, Cite Improvements

By Robert Marshall
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LANDSBERG, Dec. 16.—Members of the UNRRA team directing the camp for Jewish displaced persons here today denied that conditions in the camp "even approximated" those in former Nazi slave labor camps and declared certain improvements have been made in conditions during the last week.

The camp, which once housed 2,500 members of a Wehrmacht artillery unit and now accommodates about 6,300 homeless Jews, received wide attention a week ago when Dr. Lee Srole, UNRRA welfare director at the camp and a former Hobart College sociologist, resigned in protest against "appalling conditions."

His protest brought a visit from a group of Army generals including Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, USFET Chief of Staff, and Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Third Army CG. Dr. Srole withdrew his resignation after the generals' visit.

A few days ago, a group of Allied correspondents from Nuremberg inspected the camp. Their findings, reported in The Stars and Stripes, likened Landsberg camp conditions to those of the Nazi slave labor camps.

Dr. Srole and A. C. Glassgold, camp director, today said the following changes had been made or were imminent:

- 1—A family type center has been opened in Munich for 1,000 Landsberg occupants who began to move yesterday.
- 2—The Army is replacing wood-burning stoves in Landsberg barracks with oil-burning central heating, improving comfort and sanitation and freeing additional space.
- 3—The Army Medical Corps completed a nutrition survey yesterday "which gives hope for improved diets."
- 4—A new commander of the Military Government detachment in Landsberg and a new battalion commander in the area have been giving the camp administration "unstinting assistance."

Religious Accord Is Seen in Italy

PADUA, Dec. 16 (AP).—The composition of the new Italian government indicates that Italy's struggle between Catholics and anti-clericals is drawing to a close, Socialist Vice-Premier Pietro Nenni declared here Saturday night.

Nenni noted that a Catholic party leader, Alcide de Gasperi, headed the government for the first time since the unification of Italy. He added it was also the first time a Socialist held the Interior portfolio.

Both facts, said Nenni, "mean we are nearing the moment when Catholic workers and atheist workers will loyally clasp hands in common social interest without being divided by ancient frictions."

Regular Navy Can Place Half Reserve Officers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Secretary of Navy, James V. Forrestal, said yesterday the regular Navy probably would be able to absorb only half of the reserve officers applying for permanent berths.

The statement noted that more than 17,000 applications had been received and 1,500 were being made weekly.

Voters Scan Election Rosters in Madrid



With municipal elections scheduled to be held throughout Spain soon, municipal authorities have placed election rosters in the main square of Madrid, where citizens can see whether they are eligible to vote and where they can pick their candidates. Here is a view of the square in the capital.

Capital Sees Early Break With Franco

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The return of American Ambassador Norman Armour from Madrid is regarded by diplomatic officials here as marking the beginning of the end of intermittent relations between the U.S. and Franco's Spanish dictatorship.

Diplomatic officials say as things now stand a break in relations with Franco's government is highly probable. Advisers to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and to President Truman were recently pressing for clarification of American policy toward Spain and they now hold hope it may soon be forthcoming, probably early next year.

No plans have been made yet at the State Department to fill the post Armour is vacating, it was reported. There are strong indications that the post will be left vacant indefinitely as an expression of disagreement with Franco's policies.

Some persons here believe that the American reply to a reported French inquiry on this subject should be: "What does the French government propose to do?" If the French then propose to break relations with Spain the United States would be likely to follow French initiative.

Gen. Lugué, Air Attache Of France in U.S., Dies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The French embassy in Washington announced that its air attache, Gen. Charles Lugué, died in New York yesterday.

Lugué, a hero of the first World War, aided Gen. Charles de Gaulle in the early days of the Free French movement.

When De Gaulle visited Washington last August he bestowed the decoration of the Legion of Honor on Lugué.

Czechs Plan to Help Girls Who Were Loyal

PRAGUE, Dec. 16 (AP).—A proposal before Parliament would give sweethearts of men who died in concentration camps status as wives. It was recognized many girls risked much and spent fortunes to help interned men, and the proposal would give them pensions and other benefits.

Peron Opens His Campaign

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Col. Juan D. Peron formally opened his campaign for the Presidency on Friday night before a crowd estimated at between 100,000 and 400,000 jammed along the Avenida Nueve de Julio.

Claiming the support of Army, police and Church, the former Argentine vice-president told his supporters in the newly-organized Labor party that he wanted freedom for his country and its citizens.

His aim was continental unity, he said, which could be obtained by mutual respect between the big and little nations of the American continent.

(United Press reported that Peron disavowed all ideas of racial prejudice or anti-Semitism and said: "We do not want to fight, we want to vote.")

Army to Provide Meals For German Employees

FRANKFURT, Dec. 16.—German civilian workers, employed full-time by the U.S. Army may be fed a noon meal to increase availability and productivity, USFET announced.

The meal will not exceed 1,200 calories.

All workers will be charged for the food through payroll deductions, and any U.S. Army stocks going for this purpose will be charged to occupation costs.

Internees Out, British Quit Javanese Town

BATAVIA, Dec. 16 (UP).—British troops have withdrawn from Ambarawa, and it was said would shortly evacuate Ungaran, which was occupied to protect the supply line from Semarang to Ambarawa during the evacuation of civilian internees.

The official British explanation for the withdrawal from Ambarawa was that evacuation of civilians had been completed. Their action left the village in the hands of extremist elements.

While most of Java was generally quiet yesterday, Indonesian forces were reported to have shelled British troops near Semarang, a port which the British are using for deportation of Japanese troops from middle Java.

(Reuter reported that while British forces are extending their control both in western and eastern Java, and leading members of the Indonesian Republican government planned a tour of central and east Java to gain support of Sutan Sjahrir's government, Indonesian extremists were massing at Tjikampek, 70 miles east of Batavia.)

GI Bill School Funds Speeded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (ANS).—Gen. Omar Bradley has ordered red tape slashed so veterans attending school can get living allowances promptly.

If possible, the Veterans Administrator said, every student will receive his first subsistence check the day he becomes eligible under law, 30 days after enrollment.

Many GI scholars have complained that they had to wait months after enrollment to get their checks. Some had to borrow money to bridge the gap.

Latest records showed 45,538 veterans studying under the GI Bill of Rights. They draw \$50 subsistence a month if single and \$75 if married. Congress is considering raising the allowances to \$65 and \$90.

13 Countries Buy 56 Million Surplus

Surplus U.S. war stocks in the ETO, worth \$56,000,000, are going to 13 European countries through UNRRA and direct purchases, the office of the foreign liquidation commissioner has announced.

Sales to date amount to \$55,691,270, of which UNRRA, with top priority, got \$39,566,354 for distribution in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece and Holland.

Poland, almost completely devastated by six years of war, is UNRRA's principal beneficiary, with \$27,952,806 of the surplus purchases so far, consisting mainly of transportation, supply system and medical equipment for hundreds of thousands of homeless and undernourished Poles.

Arab League To Boycott Jews In Palestine

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Plans for total economic blockage of Palestine Jews have been completed by the members of the Pan-Arab League, it was learned yesterday.

Boycott and economic sanctions are to start Jan. 1. Arab leaders say their object this time is not demonstrative, but to destroy the Jewish economic capacity in Palestine to make further Jewish immigration economically impracticable.

Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, Palestine Arab leader, described the object of the boycott as total strangulation of Jewish industry by joint action of governments adhering to the Arab league and of the Palestinian Arabs.

To Stop Licenses

Member states of the Arab League will stop granting import licenses for goods from Jewish Palestine, and heavy punishments will be imposed on any infringement. A special fund has been opened to assist development of Arab industry in Palestine. In addition, all Arab countries have agreed to total blockage of the Palestine Jews—men, women, and children. They will not be granted visas to travel in any country-member of the Arab League, either as a resident or in transit.

Auni Bey said this was the only weapon the Arabs had left to oppose any revision of the Palestine White Paper of 1939.

May Be Underrated

The Jews are said to be facing the boycott with mixed feelings. Leaders say: Its possible effects are being underrated in some quarters. This is explained by the boom which Jewish shops and industry are enjoying at the moment, as Arab firms and individuals are buying—particularly textiles and chemical products—in anticipation of the boycott.

Though exports to Arab countries make up only six percent of the total output of Jewish industry, Jewish leaders say the effect of the boycott may be serious as it comes at the end of the wartime boom when Palestine prices are higher than those of most competing countries, and special wartime contracts have been stopped. It is expected that the Jewish Agency for Palestine will ask the Palestine government for protection of Palestine citizens against blockage and boycott.

Prince Konoye Kills Himself

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before he was to report to Sugamo Prison on orders from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters. He had until midnight tonight to turn himself in, but Japanese photographers and reporters were already standing watch at the prison when word of the prince's death was received.

Konoye entertained close friends and relatives last night, but he gave no indication that he had any plan except to surrender himself.

An American doctor, rushed by Counter-Intelligence officers to investigate, took charge of the poison vial.

At the time of Japan's surrender, some Japanese said Konoye was among a select few responsible for persuading the Emperor to accept terms. Presumably Konoye's influence on Hirohito was due to his family position, which was second only to that of the emperor's itself.

Rebuked by MacArthur

Prince Konoye was reported on Oct. 21 to have stated that MacArthur had suggested he lead a liberal political movement and revise the Japanese constitution. An Allied Headquarters statement, Nov. 1, regarded as a public rebuke for Konoye, denied any such official sponsorship of the prince. Konoye's arrest was ordered last week.

During his three terms as Premier, Konoye led Japan steadily towards the war which finally smashed her. The so-called China Incident occurred during his first term, and it was the prince who said Japan would not talk peace with Chiang Kai-shek.

His second term was marked by the introduction of a single political party, regimentation of the Japanese people and the signing of the tripartite pact with Italy and Germany. U.S. relations with Japan were crumbling during his final term.

15 Irish Republicans Freed
BELFAST, Dec. 16 (AP).—Fifteen Irish Republican detainees were released from Belfast prison yesterday.

THORN IN GIs' FLOWERS

Now Need Money Orders, Not Marks, To Cable Home Bouquets from Berlin

By T. Norman Palmer
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Berlin GIs who have been saying it with flowers have been left speechless by the Army's new currency control regulations—but not before they uttered more than \$500,000 worth in the language of flowers.

In the future, RCA and Mackay Radio will accept flower orders for delivery in the States by cable only when accompanied by a postal money order. Marks are no longer acceptable since the two companies have on hand about 5,000,000 (\$500,000) which they're having a tough time converting into dollars.

The Army has refused "to convert marks into dollars for trans-

mission to the States in payment of flowers," a company official explained.

'Morale Factor'

"We believe the service has been a great morale factor," he said, "and we've got scores of letters in our files proving the point—letters

from GIs and copies of letters received from home by GIs and officers. But it is a dollars-and-cents proposition with the Army, which insists the service is just a racket for black-market operators to get profits home."

It has been asserted that some soldiers made arrangements with individual florists to have cash instead of roses delivered to the folks at home.

Restrictions on the service are particularly galling right now, GIs indicated. Thousands had banked on cabling flowers to wives, mothers and sweethearts for Christmas.

While virtually all flower orders have been extremely personal and sentimental, at least one Joe got a load off his chest when he cabled an order for a potted cactus plant to be delivered to his draft board with the following message: "You got me here, now get me back."



Ribbentrop's Regalia 'Captured'



War Skyrockets U.S. Public Debt To \$275 Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The U.S. today has a public debt of \$275,000,000,000 a figure four and one-half times greater than the debt in the summer of 1940 when American rearmament began, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced. The total debt, which refers to June 30, 1945, covers all the governmental units—federal, state and local—but the federal portion represents \$259,000,000,000 of the total.

The growth in national income, although phenomenal during the war, has not been equal in amount or rate to the debt rise, according to the Department. In 1942 the total debt was 75 per cent of the estimated national income, but in 1945 the total public debt was 75 per cent larger than the national income.

The federal revenue increased from \$5,000,000,000 in 1940 to \$46,000,000,000 in 1945, but the expenditures increased from \$9,000,000,000 to \$100,000,000,000 during same period.

War activities accounted for 50 per cent of the total expenditures in 1941 and for 90 per cent in 1945.

Japan's State Shintoism Outlawed by M'Arthur

TOKYO, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Japanese State Shintoism was abolished yesterday by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who declared the compulsory religious ideology was "manufactured" by ultra-nationalists and war lords who led Japan's abortive attempt at world domination.

The general's directive leaves purely religious Shinto, which does not contain any nationalistic or militaristic elements, on an equal legal basis with other religions. Government sponsorship and financial support of State Shinto is outlawed. There are an estimated 17,000,000 members of the Shinto sect.

Everyone Was Member

However, Japan's entire population of 70,000,000 is considered to be members of State Shinto. This includes 45,000,000 Buddhists and 315,000 Christians.

"God shelves" (religious shrines) and all other symbols of State Shinto are to be removed from public schools, offices, and institutions. All references to Shinto doctrines, such as that of superiority of the Japanese emperor and people over all other leaders and peoples, are to be deleted from textbooks used by educational institutions.

The directive frees Japanese from "direct or indirect compulsion" to believe in the ideology to which they have been moral and financial slaves for 75 years.

Called Promotion Job

An Associated Press dispatch quoted Brig. Gen. Ken R. Dyke as describing the development of State Shinto as "a masterly job of promotion."

Asked whether steps affecting Japanese conception of emperor divinity were contemplated, Dyke said he could not answer at this time. He saw no reason why the emperor should not continue to worship at the Grand Shrine of Ise, but he could not in the future be accompanied by state officials, he added.

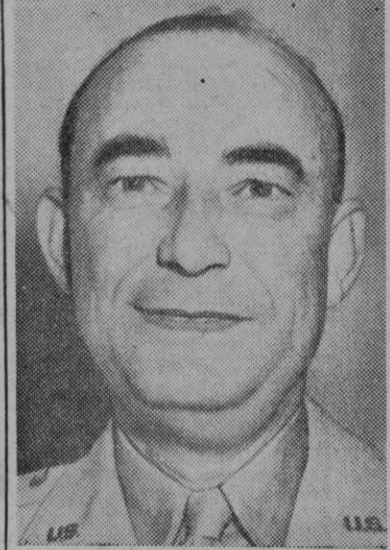
"The emperor is still the spiritual head of Japan," he said.

Berlin Hears McNarney Will Get 5 Stars

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Rumors of possible promotion for Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commanding general of the ETO and U.S. member of the Allied Control Council, were widely circulated in all sectors of Berlin today and were given some credence by informed American officers.

McNarney's four stars put him at the bottom of the ladder of the



Gen. McNarney

Allied Control Council, where he is outranked by representatives of three other powers: Marshal Georgi Zhukov of Russia, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery of Britain and General of the Army Pierre Koenig of France.

While actually McNarney is on equal footing with council colleagues in the matter of power and authority, and his present rank interferes in no way with performance of his duties, it is generally admitted that American prestige has suffered by delay in advancing General of the Army Eisenhower's successor to the five-star level.

It is pointed out that one reason for the creation of the special five-star rank was to enhance the prestige of the U.S. and American officers, who previously had always been outranked. America's five star rank corresponds to the British and Soviet marshal.

While there has been no indication that President Truman has proposed the promotion to Congress, which must act on all promotions of general staff officers, the report is especially persistent among Russian and British officials whose first impressions of McNarney have been extremely favorable.

Senators Urge Truman To Ease Reich Famine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—An appeal to President Truman to take immediate steps toward relieving "appalling famine" in Germany and Austria appeared here today over the names of 34 Senators.

The petition bore no organization caption. Sen. Robert M. LaFollette (W-Prog.) said he did not know who sponsored it, although he thought it originated within the Senate itself.

Sen. Edwin Johnson (D-Colo.) said he understood it was circulated by a Congregationalist minister.

Senate OKs 2 1/2 Billions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Senate yesterday passed a catch-all deficiency appropriation of more than \$2,500,000,000 for government agencies, including \$750,000,000 as the first instalment of another \$1,350,000,000 voted for foreign relief under UNRRA. Early last week, Congress voted the final \$550,000,000 of an initial \$1,350,000,000 pledged to UNRRA.

The deficiency measure now goes back to the House for action on more than \$950,000,000 of Senate increases. Besides the grant to UNRRA, the Senate voted \$167,400,000 to the National Housing Administration for housing war veterans, \$19,576,000 for the Federal Works Administration, and lesser amounts to other agencies.

Before adjourning for Christmas holidays next Saturday, Congress is expected to act on several bills, but action on other major administration measures dealing with strikes, employment, minimum wages and unemployment pay is considered unlikely.

Unions Reject France's Offer

Leaders of French public service workers' unions met yesterday with Finance Minister Rene Pleven and announced they would submit counter-propositions to the government's wage proposals.

Statements from unions affiliated with the CGT and CFTC said the increases offered following Wednesday's two-hour demonstration walkout reflected "an improvement" in the Government's position but were still insufficient.

The Government offered to grant 1,000-franc increases to workers in low-wage brackets and to augment living and other special allowances to offset higher living costs, to be financed by higher tobacco taxes.

One union demanded a general reclassification of persons in public service, reduction in other governmental budget expenditures and a partial freezing of prices.

Workers' representatives will meet today with political leaders to map strategy.

Jews Plan Reopening Of Synagogue in Spain

BARCELONA, Dec. 16 (AP).—Isaac Weissman, representative of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday that the first synagogue in Spain since the Civil War would soon open in Barcelona.

Although under the recent "Fuero de los Espanoles," Spain's "Bill of Rights," only Catholic services are permitted publicly, Jewish private ceremonies were organized and conducted during the last high holidays without being molested.



S/Sgt. Lucille Mullens of Omaha, Neb., recently discharged Wac, examines the wardrobe and regalia worn by Joachim von Ribbentrop, who is now on trial as a war criminal. The uniforms and the decorations, finely worked in gold, silver, diamonds and rubies, were obtained by her brother-in-law, Capt. Howard F. Goldsmith, when his infantry company took over an Austrian hotel. Many of the decorations are from Italy, Spain, Japan and other countries.

ASTP Doctors Must Serve 3Yrs. After Getting Commission

The Stars and Stripes Bureau

FRANKFURT, Dec. 16.—Army doctors whose professional training was completed under the Army Specialized Training Program must serve three years as commissioned officers on active duty before becoming eligible for discharge.

The ruling was announced by Maj. Gen. Albert W. Kenner, Theater Chief Surgeon, in compliance with a recent War Department cable which rules out the possibility of ASTP medics obtaining discharges on points, age or length of service.

The issuance of the policy clarifies a long burning question among military physicians as to whether the ASTP officers, most of whom remained in the U.S. after completing their professional training at

government expense, would be released for civilian practices, while doctors who entered the Army from private practices would continue in active service.

Graduates of the ASTP Medical Corps program are expected to arrive in the ETO shortly. Their services will be completely utilized by the Army to permit the early return to private practice of additional Medical Corps officers now overseas, declared Col. Edward G. Hall, director of personnel, office of the Surgeon General.

Indication of the Army's firm intention to retain in the service all ASTP graduates was the recent courts martial conviction of a few men in this category who sought to avoid further service through false claims of physical defects not declared at induction, Col. Hall said.

China Area Combed For 1,000 Lost Yanks

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16 (ANS).—Teams of Americans are searching all sections of this theater and islands off shore hoping to establish the fate of more than 1,000 Army and Navy personnel missing in rugged terrain.

Most of the missing men are air crew members lost in crashes in the Hump area or in coastal regions from which aerial sweeps against Japan were launched.

10 Nazi Soldiers on Trial In Moscow for Atrocities

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Ten Wehrmacht men accused of atrocities in the Smolensk area during the German occupation went on trial before a military tribunal in Smolensk Saturday, a Moscow broadcast, heard here, said today.

According to the radio, the 10 have already admitted their guilt. They were accused of mass murders and the torture of civilians and Red Army prisoners of war.

Seek to Ease Andorra Vote

The French and Spanish governments were engaged in negotiations yesterday to assure democratic elections for the 5,000 mountaineer inhabitants of Andorra, their tiny co-dependency high in the Pyrenees mountains, the Associated Press reported.

The negotiations were initiated by the French, a government spokesman explained, after the fiasco of elections Dec. 9 when only 20 electors turned up to find there were just four candidates for the 12 vacant posts on the 24-man General Council.

The Andorrans protested the elections, saying they were held under the undemocratic voting system established in 1866, whereby only the male heads of families may vote.

That set-up was revoked in 1933 and all male Andorrans were given the right to vote under a code similar to that then existing in France. The Vichy regime, however, with the approval of the Spanish bishop, returned Andorra to the 1866 status in 1941.

Eisenhower's Aide Receives Legion of Merit

FRANKFURT, Dec. 16.—Col. Ernest R. Lee, aide-de-camp to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, has received the Legion of Merit at a ceremony in the office of Lt. Gen. W. B. Smith, chief of staff, USFET. Lee, who joined Eisenhower when the latter was Third Army chief of staff in June, 1941, was cited for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services contributing notably to the prosecution of the war against Germany."

Currently engaged in closing out Eisenhower's office in Frankfurt, Lee will leave shortly to join Eisenhower in Washington.

Doctors Take 'Bomb' from Gob's Body

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 16 (AP).—Sailor Jack Slosky Jr., 19, of Bentleyville, Pa., is reported in excellent condition at the Naval hospital where surgeons, assisted by a bomb disposal officer, successfully removed the detonator from a 20mm. shell from Slosky's bladder. Anti-climactically, the fragment was found to be harmless after it was removed, but during the 40-minute operation last Thursday, doctors and nurses operated under the assumption that the piece might explode momentarily.

Slosky, a metalsmith, third class, was wounded Dec. 7 when a shell accidentally exploded on the destroyer transport Jack C. Robinson, a few hundred miles off the West Coast.

NYU Edges Arkansas In Garden Tilt, 63-62

R.I. State Bows

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—Two free throws by Sid Tannenbaum with five seconds to play gave New York University a 63-62 victory over Arkansas last night in the second game of a basketball doubleheader before a record crowd of 18,398 at Madison Square Garden.

The crowd, which also saw St. Johns defeat Rhode Island State, 51-37, in the opener, was the largest ever to see a regular season game in the Garden. It exceeded the previous attendance mark of 18,394 set Jan. 3, 1943, but barely missed the all-time mark of 18,414 set at tournament time.



George Mikan

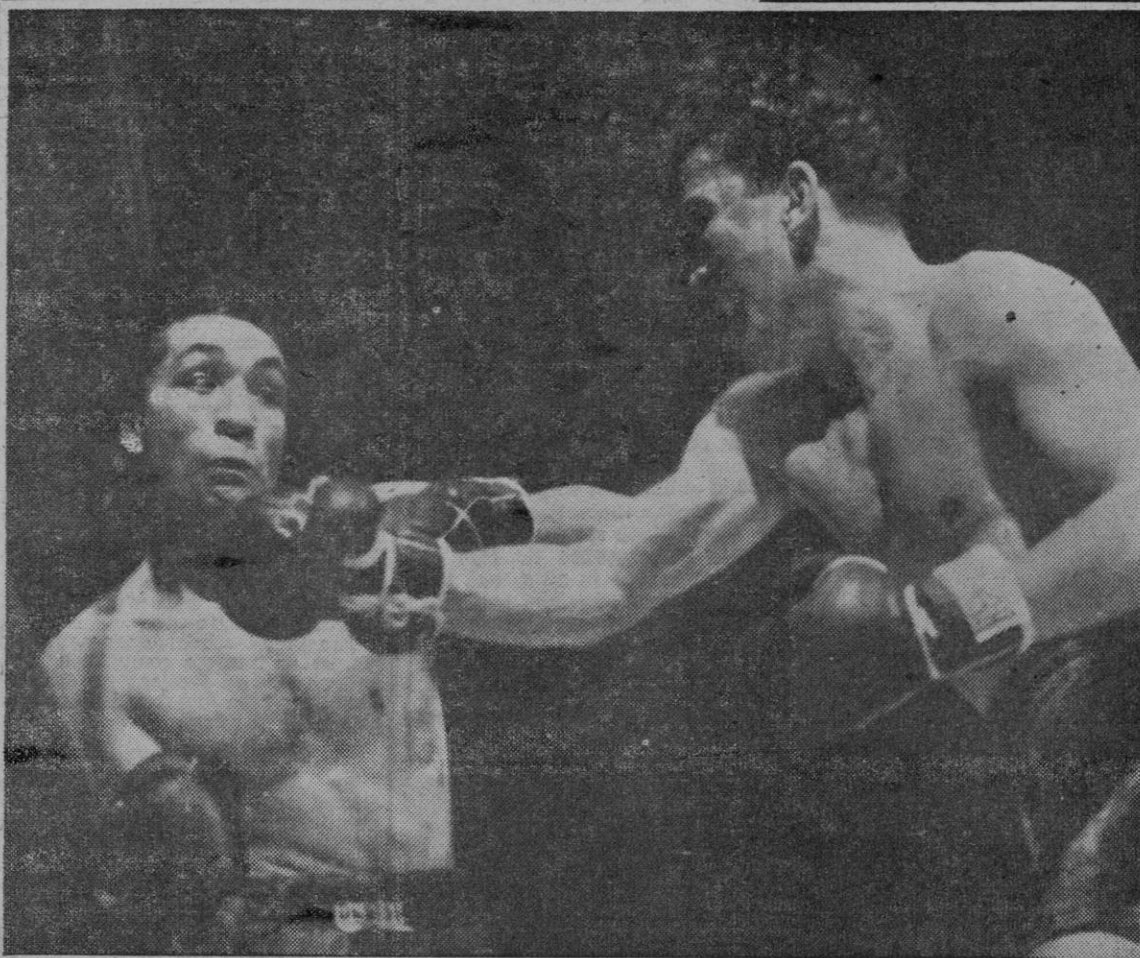
In Chicago, DePaul University, bidding for a national inter-collegiate title, defeated Indiana State Teachers College 74-56, and won its own tournament, the DePaul Invitational, before 7,917 in Chicago Stadium.

DePaul's George Mikan scored 37 points to set a new all-time Stadium record. Mikan, who set the Madison Square Garden record of 53 points and previous Chicago Stadium record of 27 points, both last year, left the game on fouls with four minutes remaining in the second half.

Ollie Cline Awarded Chi. Tribune Trophy

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP).—Ollie Cline, Ohio State's plunging fullback, Saturday night was awarded the Chicago Tribune Trophy as the most valuable football player in the western hemisphere.

The Buckeye fullback, aged 19, scored 54 of Ohio State's 138 points and gained 930 yards.



Tippy Larkin lands a terrific right to the head of Nick Moran, Mexican junior welterweight champion, that makes his eyes cross momentarily in a recent bout at Madison Square Garden. Larkin took the 10-round fight by a decision.

Right-Hand Jolt Staggers Foe 'Knocked Crosseyed'

By Nelson Leads Field In Fort Worth Tourney

Fires 6-Under Par

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 16 (AP).—Golfdom's wizard shot-maker, Byron Nelson, took charge of the Fort Worth \$10,000 Open yesterday, warming the frozen Glen Garden course with a six-under par 65 to give him a lead at the halfway mark with 72-65-137.

Lord Byron led his fellow Texan, Jimmie Demaret, by a stroke. Jimmie posted a 67 to go with his first-round 71.

In third place were Dutch Harrison of Little Rock, and Ed Furgol of Detroit, playing his first tour as a professional, each with 139. Furgol had a 68 yesterday and Harrison a 70.



Byron Nelson

Forty-seven pros and amateurs qualified for today's final 36 holes. It required a score of 150 to make the grade and among the casualties were Denny Shute of Akron, twice national champion, and Bob Hamilton of Chicago, who held the title last year, each ending up with 151.

Nelson took the course yesterday burned up over a wisecrack. Someone asked him after Friday's one-over-par 72 if he figured he would qualify. "I'll show you," stormed Lord Byron, and his 65 was the result.

The course record is 64, set by amateur Jimmy McGonagill of Shreveport, and tied by professional Henry Ransom of Houston, and Jack Grout of Harrisburg, Pa. None shot their scores in tournament play, thus Nelson's 65 is the competitive course record.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 16 (AP).—The next tournament on the PGA tour will be the Los Angeles Open, Jan. 4-7, Fred Corcoran, PGA tournament manager, said today.

CANADIENS BOOST NHL LEAD

MONTREAL, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Montreal Canadiens boosted their first-place lead in the National Hockey League to two points and the Boston Bruins moved into a tie for third place as the two clubs battled to a 3-3 tie Saturday night. The one point earned in the draw gave the Canadiens a total of 21, two more than the idle runner-up Chicago Black Hawks. The Bruins were able to advance into an 18-point deadlock with Detroit when the Red Wings lost, 3-1, to Toronto.

College Basketball Results

Cornell 55, Pennsylvania 42
Oklahoma A&M 38, Temple 36
Utah 50, Canisius 39
Geneva 57, Western Ontario 40
St. Francis 49, Brooklyn College 28
Cathedral 57, Yeshiva 45
Ohio State 50, Illinois 46
Northwestern 61, Marquette 35
Chicago 57, Western Illinois Teachers 40
Oklahoma 46, Bradley Tech 31
Michigan 58, Great Lakes 45
Notre Dame 65, Wisconsin 51
Purdue 32, Washington St. Louis 28
Southern Ill Normal 57, Loyola NO 38

Sheppard Field 44, Enid Airfield 25
Kansas 59, Missouri 35
Nebraska 62, Kansas State 47
Indiana 62, Louisville 59
San Claire Teachers 60, Mankato Teachers 59
Ripon 37, Lawrence 36
Minnesota 65, Iowa State 33
Idaho 55, Utah State 23
California 41, Treasure Island 29
Southern Calif. 44, San Diego Navy 41
Washington State 53, Whitman 40
Los Alamos Army Base 37, Colorado C. 48
New Mexico 50, New Mexico A&M 23

Kerr Names East All-Stars

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (ANS).—Coach Andy Kerr of Colgate announced yesterday the complete squad for his Eastern All-Star team in the annual East-West charity football game in San Francisco on New Year's Day. The squad includes:

Ends—Les Thompson, Columbia; Angelo Accocella, Syracuse; Leo Skladany, Pitt, and Joe Distasio, Cornell.

Tackles—George Savitsky, Penn; Mike Prashaw, Michigan; Dick Hollingshead, Yale; Jack White, Florida, and Bob Fitch, Minnesota.

Guards—Joe Dickerson, Penn; Bob Dodelstein, Tennessee; Jim Groh, Colgate; and William Koens, Illinois.

Centers—Frank Sniadak, Columbia, and Bronco Kasonovich, Penn State.

Backs—Allan Dekedebun, Cornell; Bob Evans, Penn; Dick Fisher, Ohio State; Jack Breslin, Michigan State; Meryl Frost, Dartmouth; Charles Drazenevich, Penn State; Paul Capomolis, Marquette; Walter Trojanowski, Connecticut, and Roger Robinson, Syracuse.

Meanwhile, the addition of two more players to his Western team was announced by coach Babe Hollingsberry. They were guard Rod Riske of Washington State, and end Dick Lorenz of Oregon State.

Stoefen Tops Tilden, 6-1, 6-3

CORONADO, Cal., Dec. 16 (AP).—His powerful serve clicking to near perfection, Lester Stoefen, former world doubles champion, yesterday reversed his recent defeat by Big Bill Tilden by blasting the 52-year-old tennis patriarch 6-1, 6-3, in the opening day of a round robin tournament.

Bobby Riggs, winner of the recent world's hard court championship tournament, encountered stubborn opposition before subduing Fred Perry 8-6, 9-7. Perry held leads of 6-5 in the first set and 7-6 in the second. In the doubles, Tilden and Stoefen combined to defeat Riggs and Perry, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Poughkeepsie Is Ruled Out for '46

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (ANS).—Stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association decided yesterday not to revive the Poughkeepsie Regatta in 1946.

There were indications that the famous four-mile race might not be sanctioned for even 1947 since rowing association officials postponed such a decision whereas they had been expected to approve it at yesterday's session.

The Severn contest will replace not only the Poughkeepsie Regatta, but races for various cups, including the Childs, Blackwell, Adams, Compton, Carnegie and Coaches trophies.

Hornets Whip Indianapolis

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Pittsburgh Hornets defeated Indianapolis, 4-2, Saturday night to narrow the Capitol's edge as leaders of the American Hockey League's Western Division to a single point. Pittsburgh holds second place in the Western loop.

Barons Blank Bisons

CLEVELAND, Dec. 16 (AP).—Cleveland's Barons won their ninth straight home game Saturday night by blanking the Buffalo Bisons, 2-0, in an American Hockey League game before 10,407 spectators.

Chanor Quintet Beats Antwerp in Openc

ANTWERP, Dec. 16.—The Chanor Base All-Star basketball team opened its hardwood season last night with a 41-35 victory over the Antwerp Port Area All-Star aggregation.

Grabbing the lead at the onset, the victors were never threatened and held a 24-11 lead at halftime. Forwards Lowell Wilson and Ed Kinders sparked the Chanor offensive with 12 points each.

Sarazen First Entrant For U.S. in British Open

FT. WORTH, Tex., Dec. 16 (ANS).—The distinction of being the first American golfer to enter next summer's British Open, which is being resumed after a war-time lapse, yesterday went to Gene Sarazen.

Sarazen is co-holder of the all-time record score of 283 for the British event. He set that mark in 1932 and it later was equalled by Henry Cotton of England.

South Dakota Wins \$10,000 Louisiana 'Cap By 2 Lengths

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16 (AP).—South Dakota, three-year-old son of Omaha, made every post a winning one yesterday to take the \$10,000 added Louisiana Handicap. He finished two lengths ahead of Michigan Kid.

All Smith's gelding took the lead at the start and was never headed. Louis Prima's Pique was third and William Helis' Pindus fourth.

South Dakota ran the mile and an eighth in 1:58 1/5 and paid \$11.60, \$5.60 and \$4.40.

Royal Flush Wins in Mud

MIAMI, Dec. 16 (AP).—The five-year-old mare Royal Flush, owned by Vincent Cicero, found a muddy track to her liking as she splashed to a length-and-a-half victory in the \$5,000 Okeechobee Handicap at Gulfstream Park yesterday.

A crowd of 11,812 bet \$712,760 on the eight-race card.

Danny Socca was astride Royal Flush in her first win in four efforts. A length and a half behind was the favorite, Turbine. Eternity, under the steady burden of 122 pounds, lost the place spot by more than a length.

Royal Flush paid \$17.90, \$5.70 and \$3.50. She was timed in 1:26.4/5 for the seven furlongs.

Turf Board Reverses Decision on Dope Charge

Lifts Smith's One-Year Suspension; Awaits Ephedrine Test Result

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—A turf board comprising members of the Jockey Club and New York Racing Commission yesterday reversed its decision in the hearing of stimulation charges against trainer Tom Smith until an ephedrine test can be made on the horse Magnific Duel and the animal's reaction is determined.

Smith, trainer for Maine Chance Farms, was suspended by the Jockey Club for a year on Nov. 8 on charges that Magnific Duel was stimulated with ephedrine, a fairly common household remedy, before a race at Jamaica.

Permission to make the test was granted the defense at the conclusion of the second day of an open hearing in which opposing lawyers threw the medical book at each other.

Now in California, Magnific Duel will be given the works with experimenters as nearly as possible duplicating conditions of Nov. 1 when the race was run.

It was made clear at the hearing that 70-year-old Smith himself had nothing to do with spraying Magnific Duel, originally but that it was his assistant foreman who allegedly did the job. The foreman in turn said he thought he was

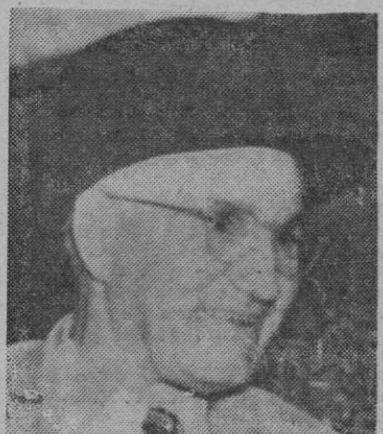
using a solution of salt vinegar and water.

When nasal tests are completed, the hearing will be reopened, probably next month.

Mexico Reinstates Meade

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16 (AP).—Don Meade, veteran jockey, has been licensed to ride in Mexico again, the Mexican Racing Commission said today.

The rider was suspended from racing by stewards of the Hipodromo de Las Americas race track here last March after he was accused of making derogatory remarks about the Mexican people.



Tom Smith



Heart Attack Proves Fatal To 'Brakeman'

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 16 (ANS).—Lew Diamond, 55, manager of light-heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich and long known in sports circles as the "Honest Brakeman," died Friday of a heart attack suffered last Sunday.

He had planned to leave Hot Springs yesterday for his home in West New York, N.J.

Diamond, who actually had been a railroad brakeman in his youth, was one of the gayest characters the fight game had ever seen. He broke into boxing in 1920 when he took over the management of Johnny Buff, who went on to gain both the flyweight and bantamweight championships under Diamond's direction.

In the mid-thirties he acquired a companion known as "Evil Eye Finkel" and Diamond rented "The Eye" to other fight managers with the assurance that Finkel could put the hex on the opponent and thus assure victory for the renter's fighter.

In addition to managing many fighters, Diamond promoted bouts in Jersey City, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, Rochester, Miami, Tampa and New Orleans.

Layden Suspends Topping—But Dan Quit NFL First

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP).—In an anticlimax to the recent switch of Dan Topping's Brooklyn team from the National Football League to the new All America Conference, Commissioner Elmer Layden ruled today Topping had forfeited his franchise in the National pro circuit.

Furthermore, Layden asserted the Brooklyn players "have been awarded" to the Boston Yanks of the National League. Brooklyn last season merged with the Yanks after being denied the use of Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

The commissioner listed 13 players on the active list and about 160 on Brooklyn's service roster to be available to Boston.

If any Brooklyn players insist on remaining with Topping's club, which will operate in 1946 as the New York Football Yankees at the Yankee Stadium, they will be suspended five years from the National League, Layden said.

Brooklyn last season owned such performers as Pug Manders, George Cafego, Johnny Grigas and Ace Parker.

Brewers Sell Rosenthal To St. Paul in AA Deal

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 16 (AP).—Outfielder Larry Rosenthal of the Milwaukee Brewers of the American Association has been sold to St. Paul of the same league. Brewer president Rudy Schaffer announced today.

Rosenthal, who batted .303 fielded .949 in 74 games last season, was transferred to the Saints in a straight cash deal.

American Forces network

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1205-Off the Record	1930-Burns-Allen
1300-Help Wanted	2000-Infom. Please
1305-Sports in Review	2030-Com. Caravan
1315-Remember	2100-News
1330-Asked for it	2105-American Album
1400-Love Song	2130-AFN Playhouse
1430-Pass in Review	2200-American Music
1500-News	2230-Guy Lombardo
1505-Beaucoup Music	2300-Bull Session
1600-Symphony Hour	2315-Spotlight Band
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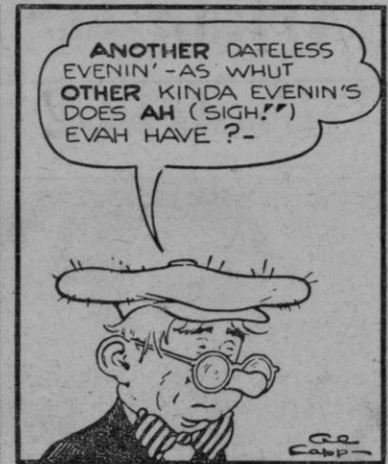
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0800-GI Jive	1700-Duffie Bag
0815-News	1800-News
0830-Repeat Perform.	1815-Personal Album
0900-Modern Music	1830-Supper Club
0930-Bull Session	1845-Magic Carpet
0945-String Serenade	1900-Andrews Sisters
1000-Ranch House	1930-Fibber McGee
1030-Interlude	2000-Show Time
1045-Easy Does it	2030-Bob Hope
1100-Carroll Sings	2100-News
1115-Across the Board	2105-Here's Music
1130-At Ease	2130-AFN Playhouse
1145-Melody Roundup	2200-Mail Call
1200-News	2230-Tommy Dorsey
1205-Off the Record	2300-Navy Reporter
1300-At Your Service	2315-AFN Bandstand
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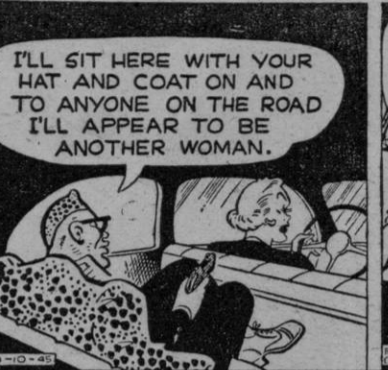
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Storm-Tossed GIs Safe in N.Y. Harbor

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—New York Harbor was cold, but it was heaven for more than 1,500 sea-weary soldiers who had been aboard three transports which ran into trouble in the storm-swept Atlantic. A total of 1,126 arrived yesterday on the Saturnia, Army transport, which picked them up in Bermuda from two disabled ships. Aboard the converted Liberty Joseph Hooker, which docked with more than six feet of water in No. 3 hold, were 526 men. They were in addition to 11,287 home-for-Christmas soldiers who debarked from the Queen Mary.

G.I. BILLBOARD

Paris Area	Marseille
MOVIES TODAY MARGAN—"Mildred Pierce," continuous 1400-2300, Metro Marbut. ENSA PARIS—"Bathing Beauty," 2-1 Skelton, Esther Williams, continuous 1400-2300, Metro Marbut. OLYMPIA—"Keys of the Kingdom," today only 1430-2300, Metro Madeleine. EMPIRE—"Along Came Jones."	LE PRADO CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro-Ternes or Etoile. ARMORIAL CLUB—Officers and guests only, 14 Rue Magenta Metro George V. OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RIC 64-41, Hotel Louvois, Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse. COLUMBIA ARC CLUB—"Men in Her Diary," 2000.
STAGE SHOWS ENSA MARGNY—"Gang-show," WAAP Production.	ALCAZAR—"Story of GI Joe."
MISCELLANEOUS PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer. COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers.	Nice FORUM—"Col. Effingham's Raid."
	Verdun VOX—"Shady Lady," Ginny Simms, Charles Coburn

Outlook on Jobs Brighter in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The impact of reconversion on employment will not be so great as was feared in October, government officials predicted today. Instead of their original estimate of 8,000,000 unemployed, the officials said not more than 5,000,000 would be seeking work by March. This figure will be sustained, an official said, until the middle of next year, when civilian production is expected to hit its full stride. Current unemployment was described as "amazingly small," probably ranging between 2,500,000 and 3,500,000. New estimates included discharged veterans who are "resting" now, and thus not technically unemployed, but who will be in the labor market later.

America Hails Its Selection As Home of UNO

Action Spurred On Bill for U.S. Participation

Selection of the U.S. as the home of the United Nations Organization—approved by the UNO Preparatory Commission by a 30 to 14-vote in London last night—was received enthusiastically in America today. Congressional leaders were prepared to push through legislation before Christmas to provide for full participation by the U.S. in the UNO.

The Senate has already passed the necessary legislation, and it was scheduled for consideration by the House today.

Authorizing the President to name representatives to the peace agency, the measure sets forth specific powers to be given the chief executive, including the right to use American troops assigned to the World Security Council against any aggressors without asking Congress for permission and the right to impose economic sanctions against aggressor nations.

West Coast Has Edge

In the choice of a specific city, San Francisco and Boston, according to United Press, seemed to have a slight lead at present, with the West Coast city holding the edge, if it is decided that a sub-branch office of UNO would be set up in Europe. Otherwise, it was expected an east coast city would be chosen.

When the commission's decision was announced in Washington, Congressmen immediately stepped up their campaigns to have a city in their states named as the site of the world's capital.

New York, Newport, R. I., Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and San Francisco, have already been mentioned prominently, and it was expected that Congressmen would add more cities to the list.

'Won't Sleep Again'

Just before the decision was reached, Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urged that the U.S. be chosen as one way of keeping Americans "internationally-minded. When we have the organization in our lap we won't go to sleep again."

Approval of the U.S. followed a hectic two-hour session in London with bitter debates by both sides. The vote was taken after a previous motion favoring the U.S. had been defeated 25 to 23. Another motion to vote by secret ballot had also been defeated, but by only two votes.

The general unwillingness of any member of the European bloc to make a formal motion in favor of Europe caused the hectic session. Those supporting Europe contended it would be embarrassing and an affront to the U.S. to make such a motion.

Flu Epidemic Rises in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (ANS).—A nation-wide influenza epidemic is in an early stage in the U.S. but there is no danger of a repetition of the devastating 1918 epidemic, the Public Health Service has reported.

The report showed that cases jumped from 5,240 on Nov. 24 to 13,220 on Dec. 1, then to 49,694 on Dec. 8. At Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan announced that a vaccine produced from fertile hens' eggs has proved effective as a protection against influenza. The vaccine until recently had been exclusively a military product.

The nation's worst flu epidemic began in October, 1918 and killed more than 500,000 people in 10 months. No deaths have been reported in the current epidemic.

Report Mrs. Roosevelt May Get UNO Post

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President, is under White House consideration for appointment to an important position with the United Nations Organization, sources close to the President said yesterday.

These sources, asking they not be quoted directly, said the U.S. delegation to the General Assembly in London would be announced soon and Mrs. Roosevelt might be in the group.

In Patton Crash



Sgt. Robert L. Thompson, 22, of Camden, N.J., was the driver of the two and-a-half-ton Army truck which was involved in the collision with the sedan in which Gen. George S. Patton Jr. was injured near Mannheim.

Patton Is Cheerful, Comfortable; Holds Gains

FRANKFURT, Dec. 16 (AP).—Today's official bulletin on Gen. George S. Patton Jr. said: "Gen. Patton had a comfortable night. His general condition was excellent and he was alert and cheerful. Improvement in spinal cord function was maintained. His temperature was 99 degrees, pulse 64 and respiration 22."

Nurse Denies She Said Patton Held Out for Whisky

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 16.—Lt. C. Bertha Hohle, night duty nurse assigned to Gen. George S. Patton Jr., denied today in an official statement that she told correspondents the 15th Army commander "won't drink unless he gets a shot of whisky."

"I did not say anything like that," the nurse said, adding: "He is a patient, ideal, does not complain. If I were in his position with that uncomfortable traction apparatus, I'd probably be doing a lot more griping than he has done."

Reds Report Fall of Tabriz

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AP).—Iranian "democrats" have seized control of Tabriz in the country's northern Azerbaijan province and made it the capital of a new government after obtaining a surrender from the city's central government garrison, it was reported today by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The report said the "Democratic" Party leader, Pyshevari, with an 11-man cabinet, had received unanimous approval of the Azerbaijan parliament after the city had fallen to the "democratic" forces.

(From Teheran, the Iranian capital, came some confirmation of this report. An Iranian general headquarters officer announced that the central government garrison at Tabriz had surrendered after the garrison barracks was surrounded by "Kurds, Assyrians and partisans." He added that the government forces in Ardebil had not been heard from for 11 days.

Orders had been dispatched on Thursday to all garrisons in Azerbaijan, totaling less than 2,400 men, the officer said, "to fight where possible or to destroy their arms and surrender and return to Teheran."

Ike's Texas Birthplace Becomes a Memorial

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 16 (AP).—The birthplace here of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has been purchased in the name of the people of Denison as a permanent memorial.

The grounds around the house are to be landscaped, but the design of the home will remain unchanged. The city will assume permanent maintenance.

Truman to Ask Congress: OK Loan to Britain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP).—President Truman was busy at work today preparing his message to Congress, which is expected to give prime consideration to the importance of ratification of the Anglo-American financial agreement.

The White House was reported hopeful of submitting the message to Congress by next Friday, requesting "urgent consideration" of its recommendations in the January sessions following the Christmas recess.

The President is likely to stress that ratification of the \$4,400,000,000 loan would be the first step toward a system of more free international trade.

Opposition Seen

Opposition in Congress to ratification may be stiffened following debates in the British House of Commons revealing the critical attitude of the Conservative Party.

(The Associated Press reported from Washington that France would probably request a similar loan, of between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000. French officials were represented as withholding detailed plans until they could see how the British loan fared in Congress.

(The AP also reported favorable official action in Canada and Belgium toward participation in the Bretton Woods monetary agreement. Both houses of the Canadian Parliament gave final approval to Canadian participation, while the Belgian cabinet recommended to Parliament ratification of the plan. Belgium would subscribe \$225,000,000 to the monetary pool.)

Congress Approves 1/2 Billion for UNRRA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Congressional action on a bill appropriating \$550,000,000 to UNRRA has been completed by the Senate.

Both Houses approved the conference committee's report, which included an amendment requesting the President to seek admission of American press and radio correspondents to UNRRA-aided countries to report news of the organization's activities.

Ministers Open Big 3 Parley

(Continued from Page 1) sky. Later he conferred with V. M. Molotov, Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, accompanied by British Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr and permanent Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Sir Alexander Cadogan.

Byrnes made a courtesy call on Molotov at noon yesterday. Since arriving Friday after a hazardous plane trip from Berlin, Byrnes has been in almost constant conference with Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and U.S. Embassy Counsellor George Kennan.

The American secretarial staff moved into special quarters set aside for them in the Spasso House, where Byrnes is staying.

Byrnes told correspondents there were "good signs" of co-operation among the three powers on matters concerning Germany, and cited recent agreement on questions concerning reparations and administration.

The British delegation is staying at Sofiasakaya Palace, which houses the British Embassy.

Carol Landis and Producer Wed



Toasting each other after their recent wedding are Screen Star Carol Landis, 26, and Horace Schmidlapp, theatrical producer. The ceremony was performed in New York, after which the couple planned a honeymoon in Cuba.

Textile Strike Vote Asked; British Action on GM Unlikely

By Associated Press

Delegates representing 80,000 members of the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) have voted to ask for a strike ballot in 102 woolen and worsted mills throughout the country.

In a closed meeting, 250 representatives voted unanimously to petition the National Labor Relations Board tomorrow for a strike ballot, because of what a union spokesman said was "the companies' failure to meet union demands for wage increases and other contract improvements."

Emil Rieve, general president of the Union, said the action would place the union in a position to order a stoppage in the mills after current contracts expire on Feb. 1, 1946.

7-Point Program

At two union-management conferences held earlier in Boston, the Textile Workers Union presented a seven-point program calling for wage increases of 15 cents an hour, minimum wages of 75 cents an hour, a union shop, a second week's vacation with pay and other concessions.

Meanwhile, Reuter reported that no action was expected on the plea by the United Auto Workers (CIO) for the British Labor government to intervene, as representatives of a large General Motors stockholder, in the GM strike.

Whether the British Treasury did hold 434,000 shares of GM common stock, as reported by R. J. Thomas, President of the UAW, was not indicated but it was considered possible.

The UAW announced Saturday that Thomas had sent a letter to Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee suggesting that the British government "make known" to the corporation that "profits are indeed the concern of workers and owners of any company."

Board to Meet

Saying he was "reliably informed" that the British government acquired the GM stock last October, Thomas wrote that the union was "certain" that the corporation's stand did not reflect "the attitude and opinion of the British Labor government, a substantial owner of General Motors."

President Truman's fact-finding board, meanwhile, prepared to meet unofficially with representatives of both the union and GM tomorrow. Public hearing will start Dec. 20 and continue through Dec. 29.

Other developments in the auto labor front will include the meeting today of the UAW with the Kaiser-Frazer organization, which hopes to launch itself into the car-manufacturing business in February with a force of 8,000 workers. The new auto maker has reported it will establish a new system for labor-management security.

China Asked To End Strife

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fluence in China is wholly removed."

(The Associated Press said the President's plan for a political conference would have as its objective the creation of a Chinese national government giving "fair and effective representation to all major political factions in China.")

Mr. Truman said that existence of an autonomous Communist army made political unity in China impossible, and said all armed forces should be integrated into the Chinese National Army.

Mr. Truman said that "as China moves toward peace and unity, the U.S. will be prepared to assist the National Government in every reasonable way to rehabilitate the country, improve agrarian and industry economy and to establish a military organization capable of discharging China's national and international responsibilities for maintenance of peace and order."

Chiang Forces Push Back Communists in Paotow Area

CHUNGKING, Dec. 16 (AP).—Communications have been restored and food was being rushed to starving inhabitants of Paotow today after Nationalist troops had driven the Communists from points west of that inner Mongolian railroad terminus.

General Spies a Pretty Girl

And Has Her Seized as Spy Suspect

Gen. de Latre de Tassigny, inspector-general of the French Army, mixed business with pleasure last night when he attended a gay students' party at the Cité Universitaire and recognized a pretty French girl, who collaborated with the Nazis, and had her arrested as a wanted spy.

The General arranged for the arrival of the police while the collaborator and the other guests carried on their soiree unsuspecting that it was building up a grim climax. The police reported that the girl was Jeanne Zimmerlic 24, of Metz, and that her father and brother had previously been arrested on espionage charges.

They did not disclose how the General happened to recognize her, but said that the party, after its gay atmosphere only with great difficulty.