

President Pledges Aid to United Nations

HYDE PARK, N. Y., April 12 (AP)—President Truman today declared "the U. S. is determined to fight with all our strength" for the principles of international co-operation which the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt practiced.

Paying tribute to Roosevelt at the dedication of his Hyde Park home as a national historical site, President Truman declared in a prepared address that Roosevelt recognized "above all that our hope for the future of civilization, for the future of life itself, lay in the success of the United Nations."

"We are determined to do all in our power to make

the United Nations a strong, living organization; to find effective means of alleviating suffering and distress; to deal fairly with all nations," President Truman said.

"These principles were the basis of foreign policy under Franklin Roosevelt. They are still the basis of our foreign policy," he added.

"In the foreign field Roosevelt's guiding thought was that this nation as a good neighbor must play an active, intelligent and constructive part in world affairs. He saw clearly that we can not continue to live isolated from other nations. He knew that what happens on

other continents must affect the welfare of our country," he added.

Secretary of the Interior Julius Krug said the name of Hyde Park became a symbol of freedom-loving peoples of the world through the life of Roosevelt.

In a prepared address accepting the late President's gift to the nation, Krug stressed that the home now would be shared by people of all nations.

"Statesmen from many lands will come, sometimes weary and disheartened from their struggle with problems of the day. May his memory deliver all of them from selfishness and from greed," he said.

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'Rump Whack' Gets Limelight At Lichfield

LONDON, April 12 (UP)—The military court martial of S-Sgt. James Jones was halted today and recessed until Tuesday just after a prosecution witness was stopped from whacking a defense counsel officer over the rump with a military police club. The order to recess the trial came unexpectedly and was at the request of an unnamed "high authority."

Prosecution witness Pfc Clarence B. Smith of Big Rapids, Mich., who testified that Jones struck him on the rump at the 10th Reinf. Depot prison, was asked to demonstrate the alleged blow on Assistant Defense Counsel Lt. James D. Kerr, of Knoxville.

Court President Col. Buhl Moore then instructed Smith to proceed with the demonstration but "not to strike with any force."

Defense Counsel Lt. Frank M. Johnson interjected it was necessary to "show the extent of the blow" since the charge against (Continued on Page 8)

CGs of Theaters Responsible For Army Paper Impartiality

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—A new Army policy governing *The Stars and Stripes* and other service newspapers was disclosed, making military commanders responsible for assuring that news supplied is impartial and does not feature unjustified "inflammatory material."

Published as a War Department circular, the policy statement likewise advises that "permitting the newspaper to become the mouthpiece of the Army, theater or other command or of any individual or group should be avoided."

Military commanders were made responsible for assuring that papers are staffed by qualified personnel and conform to the policy.

House Opens Draft Debate

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP)—The election-conscious House today boldly plunged into debate on the politically ticklish issue of extending the draft. House leaders hoped for a final vote tomorrow on the bill to continue the Selective Service Act for another nine months—until Feb. 15, 1947.

In beginning the debate, the House seized the initiative from the Senate where the Military Affairs Committee yesterday recommended a full year's draft extension.

'Bovine' Star Is Not Cowed

HOLLYWOOD, April 12 (UP)—Alexis Smith, described by the *Harvard Lampoon* as "the most consistently bovine" movie actress, described the *Harvard Lampoon* today as "devoted exclusively to undergraduate overstatement." Miss Smith said she wasn't worried by opinion of *Lampoon* editors anyway.

"I am comforted by the fact that the same magazine once named Ann Sheridan as the least likely to succeed," she said.

The *Lampoon* jibe appeared in an article listing the eight worst pictures of the year.

Truman Scolds Navy for Lobby Against Merger

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—President Truman gave the Navy a severe dressing-down for lobbying against the merger of the armed forces.

Stern in word, tone and appearance, the Chief Executive told a news conference that the Navy was not justified in fighting unification with the Army after he had endorsed it and set the policy.

And, he said, he would attend to the matter a little later if the admirals keep on fighting. But that was not necessarily a threat to shake up civilian and service heads of the Navy Department if the battle rolls on, the President disclosed. He said he thought the matter would work itself out.

HONEST OPINIONS OK

Asked whether he had not authorized Navy officers to speak against the merger, Truman said he had not but that he had authorized them to express honest opinions. He said they are still authorized to express an honest opinion.

Then, with a tone of severity, he went on to declare that when the President of the U. S. and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy sets out a policy it should be supported

Wac Kidnaped In Chinatown

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12 (INS)—A dazed 21-year-old WAC private who was found wandering early yesterday morning in suburban Belmont, told officers she and her companion were kidnaped Wednesday night in San Francisco's Chinatown.

The young woman, Pvt. Lucile Dewey, of Coreys, N. Y., said she and Cpl. Agnes Lavaboro, 23, of New York City, were forced into a sedan by two men after they left a night club.

Pvt. Dewey, exhibiting signs of severe beatings, said she was criminally assaulted by both men after her companion managed to leap from the car and escape when the driver slowed down at a curve. She was taken to Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park where physicians said she was in serious condition from shock.

Cpl. Lavaboro, bruised and battered, made her way back to the WAC barracks in Berkeley, and was sent to Army regional hospital in Oakland. She said she spent the night in a farm house near the point where she jumped from the car.

Neither Wac was able to give an accurate description of their abductors. They said both men were dressed in "sun-tan" military-type shirts and trousers.

Units of 4th Armd Div. Sail From Le Havre

FRANKFURT, April 12 (AP)—The Fourth Armd. Div. Hq. and several other units of the division were among 3,258 American soldiers who sailed for home from European ports in the last 24 hours, USFET announced today.

The Fourth Armd. Div. Hq., Hq. Co., Band, 24th Armd. Engr., Hq. Comd., and MP Co. left from Le Havre.

by the War and Navy departments. That does not mean, he said, that individuals are muzzled on their honest opinions.

In shocked and angry silence the Navy Department held aloof from wide speculation that top-berth resignations might follow President Truman's biting blast.

REACTION AWAITED

Immediate conjecture centered on whether Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal might decide to quit now instead of waiting until the summer, and whether Adm. Chester Nimitz would request retirement. Both have vigorously fought the merger.

There was no question, President Truman had his gloves off when he pointedly notified the Navy where he stood. He used the words "propaganda" and "lobbying" in speaking of continued opposition and said that the public was in- (Continued on Page 8)

Communists Lead In Japanese Vote

TOKYO, April 12 (AP)—Japan's half-finished vote today showed 358,729 votes for Communist candidates, six of whom definitely have been elected to the diet by late returns.

The incomplete reports showed a continuing close three-party race with the Independents becoming an increasingly important factor in any coalition government that might result.

Some observers forecast that the nation's total vote would amount to 25,000,000.

Bureau Predicts Clouds

The weather in the U.S. Zone today is partly cloudy, the USFET weather bureau announced. Rain in Bremen was forecast, and the future outlook for the Zone was cloudy with occasional rain. Further details on page 3.

14 U.S. Newsmen Land at Frankfurt

By MAX GROSSMAN, Staff Correspondent

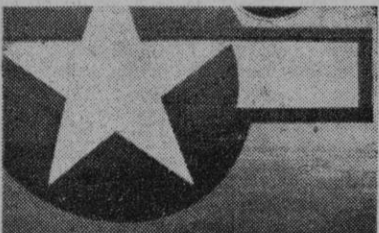
FRANKFURT, April 12—Fourteen important U.S. newsmen—a plane-load of editors and reporters who are ordinarily each other's keenest competitors—flew into Frankfurt today to take a quick look-see at Military Government operations.

The group, due to arrive in Berlin

tonight, was entertained at lunch by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, theater commander.

As is generally customary with newsmen, who reserve their comments and observations for their own publications, the party had

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FOURTEEN PROMINENT U. S. newsmen arrived in Frankfurt yesterday on their second lap to Berlin where they will begin a check on OMGUS operations. The visitors, left to right, are: Julius Ochs Adler, New York Times; Tom Hawkins, World Reports; Alan Barth, Washington Post; Edward T. Leech, Pittsburgh Press; Paul Bellamy, Cleveland

Plain Dealer; Henry R. Luce, Time, Inc.; Gardner Cowles, Des Moines Register; Malcolm Muir, Newsweek; Robert Fuoss, Saturday Evening Post; Glenn Neville, New York Mirror; Frank Gannett, the Gannett newspapers; Hamilton Owens, Baltimore Sun; Charles Gratke, Christian Science Monitor, and Robert Reed, Kansas City Star. —Photo, by Teagus

The B Bag

Address all letters to: B Bag Editor, The Stars and Stripes, APO 757, U. S. Army. Limit letters to 200 words and include name and address (names are deleted on request). Articles in this column do not necessarily reflect the attitude of The Stars and Stripes.

NCO Caste

It has just occurred to me how really terrible this caste system is in the Army, especially between privates and NCOs. Having spent the usual 13 weeks in basic training I would like to recall some of the most evident points of this caste system.

I can never forget the NCO table in the mess hall, well-filled with the best cuts of meat and plenty of seconds on ice cream and cake. The crowded conditions of our barracks, while the NCOs had their private rooms, and remember your radio was turned off at 10, while theirs would play until all hours of the night.

To be sure you did not enjoy life as they did; they had their own cadre clubs. Maybe it's a bit hard for these NCOs to see some trainees rise through the ranks to a commission and the much-coveted caste that they have over the privates. I wonder.

Inasmuch as NCOs will edit this I doubt if it will be printed. I remember that too, I was a sergeant myself.

—Lieutenant.

Wants Bikes Issued

Here in Germany where transportation is critical, it would seem advisable that the Army provide bicycles for issue to personnel. A program of this sort was carried out at hundreds of Army stations in England.

When the Eighth Air Force and other units folded up, the supply of bicycles was turned in to depots. We want to know, B Bag, what happened to those thousands of bicycles, and why they can't be transported to Germany to ease the burden of transportation and provide a means of recreation and entertainment for personnel sweating it out in the occupational forces.

—Lt., USAF

Editor's Note: This letter was referred to the theater deputy chief of ordnance, who replied:

"There is no present authorization for the issue of the available bicycles now on the Continent, but this matter is being further investigated to see if authorization cannot be obtained for such issue. All surplus property in the UK was included in the bulk transfer from the UK recently consummated."

He Likes It Here

Let's give that master sergeant a big hand. He is perfectly right. There is too much bitching about guard, chow, etc. These so-called bitches never had it so easy in the Army.

When the combat troops should have griped during the war, these guys now here were having it easy in the States, or trying to get deferred. For your information, I enlisted. I wasn't drafted, I have points enough to have gone home months ago.

—Pfc, 222nd Inf.

Truman Rounds Out One Year in Office Beset With Peace, Reconversion Troubles

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman reached the close of his first year in the White House yesterday.

The 12 months brought to the White House the thrill of proclaiming the victorious ends of two wars, the unprecedented problems of reconversion at home, rehabilitation and new outbreaks of controversy abroad.

Franklin D. Roosevelt lay dead at Warm Springs, Ga., when Vice President Truman was whisked to the White House last April 12 to take the oath as his successor.

It is still Truman's view that Roosevelt's economic and social welfare programs should be carried through.

STRESSES DEMOCRACY

He has said "it is disastrous to permit either radicals or reactionaries to obtain control of our political affairs."

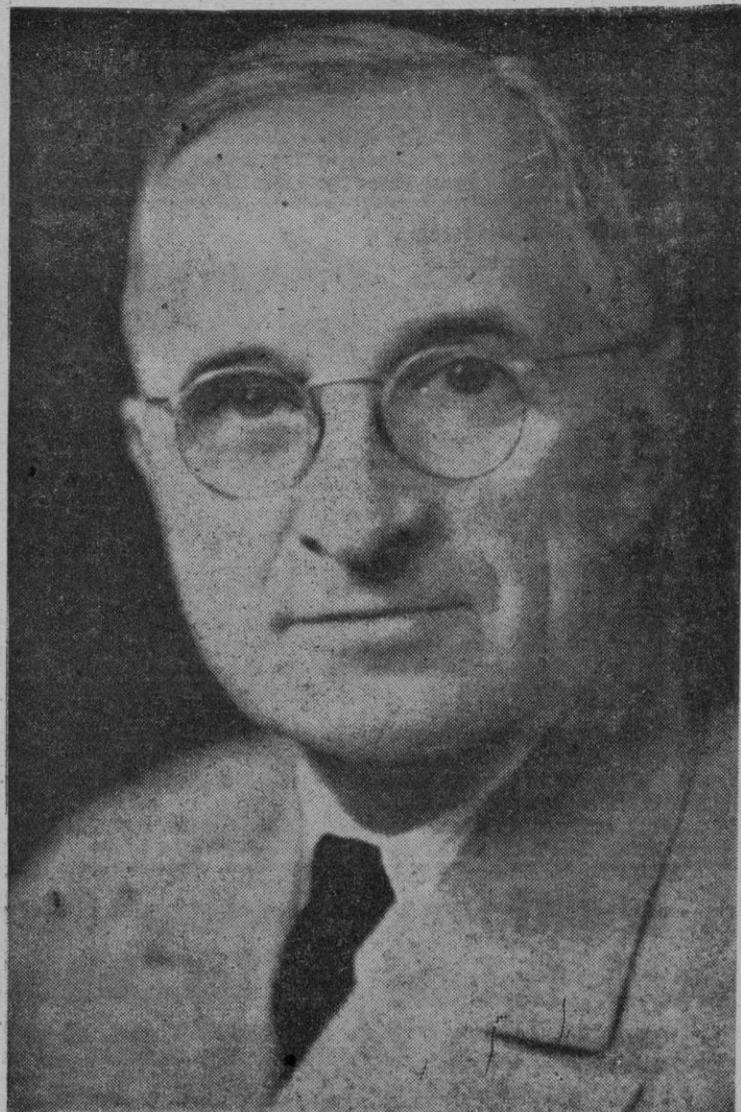
Widely differing groups at times have said he lacks a positive program. He called upon Congress for a 21-point reconversion program. When it showed no disposition to grant most of it, he carried his case to the people by means of radio broadcasts.

Mr. Truman journeyed by land, sea and air approximately 28,000 miles, including the round trip to Potsdam for his first Big Three meeting. His plane carried him about Europe, to the West Coast for a Washington state vacation and a speech to the postwar security conference at San Francisco and four times to Grandview, Mo., for visits with his 93-year-old mother.

LIKES SPORTS, MUSIC

He likes walks, an occasional swim and a friendly game of poker. He relaxes by cruising on the Potomac River in his Presidential yacht. Whenever he gets an opportunity he sits down at the piano to run through one of the classics.

The one-time farm boy rises at



President Harry S. Truman

6 AM and begins his day by reading several metropolitan newspapers. After a light breakfast, he walks to his Executive offices with either his Army or Naval aide.

At 9 AM there is a staff con-

ference. During the day Mr. Truman may see as many as a dozen callers. He has perfected a special grip by which he can shake hands with scores of people at a gathering without injury to his hand.

President Truman Frowns on Colored Nail Polish; First Lady and Daughter Wear Transparent Film

By MARTHA KEARNEY

WASHINGTON (INS)—President Truman's preferences carry so much weight with his womenfolk that both the First Lady and Margaret Truman shun colored nail polish because the President does not approve of it.

This was revealed by Miss Ray Shaw who sculpts hands for a living and currently is engaged in modeling Margaret Truman's hands. Miss Shaw said:

"Margaret Truman has very interesting hands—delicate and sensitive, the palest hands I have ever seen. Her long, tapering fingers impress me most, I think. She wears colorless nail film be-

cause her father doesn't approve of tinted nails. Mrs. Truman wears colorless film, too.

"Mrs. Truman's hands are different from her daughter's—they are shorter and heavier with square efficient fingers."

Miss Shaw has done the hands of such widely diverse personalities as the late President Roosevelt, Jack Dempsey, Clare Boothe Luce, Irving Berlin, Albert Einstein and the quintuplets' doctor, Alan Dafoe.

She noted that Margaret Truman had a firm handclasp despite her fragile-seeming fingers and learned that the Trumans have come to classify people by their

reception-line hand-shaking technique. She explained:

"Margaret Truman told me she likes or dislikes people instinctively by their handclaps. She said her family hates the dead-fish variety of handclasp but dislikes the bone-crushing type just as much. Miss Truman said bone-crushers always make people feel as though they were public enemy No. 1 in the grip of the law."

Miss Truman also said she would like to have Miss Shaw model the President's hands. She said her father's hands looked as though he had not done a day's work in his life and that he had long tapering fingers.

French Navy Don't Run North, Alaskan Pleads

TOULON (INS)—Three years after the French navy was scuttled in Toulon Harbor most of the warships have been refloated.

The total scuttled when the Nazis invaded southern France was 32,000 tons. Now, after three years of hard work, 18 warships, 11 submarines, 37 auxiliary vessels and several tankers have been refloated.

Rear Adm. Lambert, naval prefect of Toulon, also announced that the arsenal which had been badly damaged by the Nazis can now careen the largest warships. Out of 13 floating and dry docks destroyed, seven are now available.

Science Ups Life's Span

PORTLAND, Ore. (INS)—You can't eat timber or gold, so don't rush to Alaska, the last frontier with a future, pleads Frank Heintzleman, forestry and agriculture commissioner who has lived there 28 years.

Heintzleman said farming and fishing industries must be built up to take care of the thousands, including ex-soldiers, who would like to move to Alaska as pioneers.

30,000 Homeless

PARIS (INS)—Thirty thousand Parisians are still without homes or adequate shelter, it was officially announced.

VANCOUVER, B. C. (INS)—In a world free of infection, man could live to be 300 years old, declares Dr. Gordon Bates, general director of the Health League of Canada.

One hundred years ago the average man lived to be 26, according to Bates. The average life span was 50 years in 1900 and now it has risen to 68, thanks to medical science.

There would be no limit to life expectancy, Bates says, if infection could be banished completely.

However, despite all science, an average of 200,000 persons are sick every day in Canada, the doctor adds.

THE INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

The Question:

Do you think that the so-called "Caste system" of the Army should be eliminated?

Capt. Carroll Gilliam, Western Base Hq., Knoxville—"As it stands,

there is definitely a so-called 'caste system', and I do think that it needs a little streamlining in some ways. Now, the officer eats in a mess with the best service and white table-



cloths, but he also pays for the service. There is such an additional number of EM to take care of in this way that it seems impractical. I feel that there should be a differentiation between the officer and the enlisted man, but not as great as it exists now."

Pvt. Francis R. Foley, 3118th Sig. Sv. Bn., Bronx—"All men are

created equal.' When both officers and enlisted men take off the uniform they are exactly the same. As officers, they are allowed many privileges and priorities. Of course, there have always been more GIs than officers, but that isn't any reason why the GI's life couldn't be improved a little—living conditions and all. I think that abolition of the 'caste system' would improve all of this."



T-5 Raymond Wilson, Btry. A, 537th AAA, Charleston, W. Va.—

"With the supposedly democratic nation that America is, it sort of hurts a man's ego to have one man get something better just because he happens to be an officer. We are all striving for the same end. Why should he be so much better than the ordinary GI who walks along the same street? During combat, the officer and the enlisted man lived, ate and slept the same and generally had the same things all around. Why couldn't it be that way now, too?"



1-Lt. Emory M. Potter, 1704th Labor Supervision Co., Lexington, Va.—

"As far as abolishing the so-called 'caste system' completely, it is impossible. There always will be some who will be leaders. If everybody was the same and equal, it wouldn't work out very well. In any type of work, civilian or military, there are those who formulate the policies and those who carry them out."



—Signal Corps Photos by Bob Merritt

Educator Suggests English for Sweden

STOCKHOLM (INS)—The Swedish minister of education recommends that in 1947 English become the first foreign language to be taught in Swedish schools. The riksdag does not have to take any action in the matter. Eighty-five per cent of the Swedish people share his views, a recent poll has revealed.

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League Hails New Freedom Gained in Italy

GENEVA, April 12 (AP)—The League of Nations Assembly adopted a resolution today hailing "the birth of a new democratic Italy, freed of that Fascism which has done so much harm to the interests of all Italians and all mankind."

The League also invited Austria to send an observer to attend its last sessions.

Austria had asked to attend as a full member, thus raising technical problems, since she is at present under the direction of an Allied control commission.

A French proposal to admit her as an observer was ratified by today's plenary session.

Italian Charge d'Affaires A. Berion in Switzerland sent the League a letter expressing his government's hope "that the League of Nations may find in the United Nations a fertile soil for their development and their application in the relations between peoples."

The letter expressed Italy's wish "to be able soon to resume in the new organization that work of collaboration to which the Italian people are confidently looking forward."

The League's replying resolution added that "the assembly does not forget the valuable assistance offered to it in its labors by statesmen representing the best traditions of Italy and, in particular, that tradition of Roman law which is one of the solid foundations of civilization."

PWs Favored, Paper Charges

PARIS, April 12 (UP)—The evening newspaper Ce Soir in a dispatch from Le Havre by Roger Boumendil, said yesterday that Le Havre is "once more occupied by Germans"—and that prisoners of war have been given so much freedom and protection by the American guards they've become as arrogant and domineering as before the liberation.

Boumendil said he was told by a priest that there was an automobile accident approximately every 10 minutes, caused by reckless, unsupervised driving of American Army vehicles by PWs. He witnessed one such accident wherein the German driver was protected from a threatening crowd by an American MP.

Several thousand Germans in the area "appear not as prisoners, but as conquerors." Boumendil said the Germans are freely circulating in the town, flirting with girls and pushing ahead of civilians in theater queues. He charged that the best houses in town have been requisitioned as lodging for the prisoners, while many civilians are still living in war-shattered houses.

Passover Services Planned for Army

Passover services will be held for military personnel of the Jewish faith in Frankfurt and Kassel.

Passover Seder will be held in Kassel, Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16, for the Third Inf. Div., at the Cafe Reiss at 6:30 PM. In Frankfurt the ritual supper will be held Monday at the Palm-Garden Red Cross Club at 7 PM. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commanding general of USFET, and Col. Owen Summers, headquarters commandant of Hq. Command, USFET, will deliver messages of greeting. Chaplain Irving Ganz will conduct the Seder service.

Once Home of Royalty, Now Officers' Club



—Staff Photos by Johnny Teague
KRONBERG CASTLE, once the summer residence of the Kaiserin Friedrich, widow of Emperor Frederick III of Germany, now is being used as a U. S. Army officers' club. The upper photo of the front of the castle shows its imposing tower. In the lower photo, Capt. H. V. Myers, of Albany, N.Y., relaxes on an antique chaise longue in a bedroom set aside by the Kaiserin for the grand duchesses.

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Kaiser II Put Jinx on Castle

By CHARLES TRELEVEN
Staff Correspondent

KRONBERG, April 12—Nestled deep in the forests of the Taunus mountains, one of Germany's historic showplaces—a relic of the once-mighty Hohenzollern family—is lending its majestic atmosphere to the entertainment of U. S. Army officers and civilians. It seems only natural that the Americans should have taken possession of Schloss Friedrichshof. But the castle's gracious tower might well tremble at the change it has seen since they moved in.

Operated under Hq. Cmd., USFET, it is known simply as Kronberg Castle. Officers from all parts of the theater have been attracted by its charm, dignity and restful setting. On frequent occasions it has been chosen as a recreation spot by some of the highest-ranking generals in the ETO.

CATERED TO ROYALTY

Once the 80-room summer residence of Kaiserin Friedrich, it opened its doors to the highest royalty in Europe. Today, by virtue of its possession by a conquering U. S. Army, it stands as a monument to the passing of the Prussian military caste.

The castle's history goes back to 1888 when the Kaiserin built it in tribute to her late husband, Emperor Frederick III. Its architectural beauty was developed along a modern English Renaissance style, but this was cleverly inter-



mingled with German and Italian forms.

The empress died in 1906 and left the castle to her youngest daughter, now Landgraefin von Hessen. The princess and her family made the castle their summer home until 1920, when the Hohenzollern family hit a sudden decline with the flight of Kaiser Wilhelm II. The family closed the castle and moved to a 15-room cottage on the 250-acre estate.

Old servants of the princess say that, with the rise of the Nazis to power, she was quick to befriend the leaders of the Third Reich. Her admiration of Hitler was great, they recall, and on a number of occasions the castle doors were opened to entertain the Fuehrer, Goering and other high Nazis.

Servants say that the Army's operation of the castle has brought few changes to the general appearance of its interior.

France Gets Soviet Wheat

MARSEILLE, April 12 (INS)—A second cargo of vitally-needed Soviet wheat arrived here and was unloaded immediately.

Farben Secrets Found; Worth Millions to U.S.

FRANKFURT, April 12 (AP)—Inventions worth millions of dollars to American industries were found among the 7,000 wartime patents of Germany's big I. G. Farben Industry, Military Government sources disclosed.

Farben officials tried to hide the valuable patents when Allied troops crossed the Rhine, the sources said, but key employes last month gave the information to agents of the U. S.

The new processes developed by Farben researchers are now being distributed to American science and industry.

Officials said such technological information "may prove the most significant item of reparations which the U. S. will receive from the defeat of Germany."

One of the most valuable may prove to be a new process for making acetylene from natural gas and by-products of coal gas, important in the manufacture of plastics.

Another was a new method of making color films by three emulsions on a single negative instead of separate developing of the three carefully matched negatives as is done in America.

A synthetic fabric called "perlon" which is said to have some advantages over nylon also was said to have been developed by Farben.

Jap Teacher Says 'Sorry;' Retracts Story of Atrocity

SASEBO, Japan, April 12 (AP)—A school teacher who terrified little pupils with a fantastic story that an American soldier cold-bloodedly murdered 10 Japanese boys, stood before 1,000 students and said: "I must apologize to all of you. The tale I told was untrue. It was an invention of

my mind. I said a soldier of the occupation force was angered when a top spun by a Japanese child struck his jeep. I said that in a fury the soldier seized 10 children and that he ran his jeep back and forth over their crushed bodies until they were dead. I tell you now it was false."

He explained that he conceived the story so that children would not run in front of jeeps and be injured. The story spread through the Kumamoto Prefecture and the Second Marine Division demanded that the prefectural governor obtain a full public retraction.

Collaborator Is Executed

BRUSSELS, April 12 (AP)—Dr. August Borms, head of the original movement to divide Belgium's French and Flemish-speaking sections during World War I, was executed by a firing squad today at St. Gilles prison.

The 68-year-old man was convicted of collaboration in both wars and escaped the death penalty in 1938 when he was granted amnesty and allowed to return to private life in Belgium.

In World War II he headed the famous "Borms Commission" which allegedly distributed millions of francs to Belgians who could be identified as aiding the Germans during the previous war.

L5 Pilot Is Killed In ETO Accident

WIESBADEN, April 12—An air safety board is investigating the crash of an L5 airplane five miles east of Soissons, France, which killed its pilot and seriously injured its one passenger.

The plane was on a local flight, and according to witnesses, apparently stalled immediately after take-off. It crashed into a tree, throwing the pilot clear of the wreck.

Names of the victims were withheld by USAF Hq. pending notification of next of kin.

Weather Outlook

U. S. Zone: Weather forecast with maximum and minimum temperatures. North and west—partly cloudy, 58, 38; south and east—partly cloudy, 58, 41; Berlin—cloudy, 62, 39; Bremen—cloudy with rain, 53, 43. Further outlook: Cloudy with occasional rain.

Petain Wine Cellar Sold for Charities

VICHY, April 12 (INS)—The wine cellar of Marshal Philippe Petain, imprisoned former president of France, was auctioned off yesterday to provide funds for ex-deportees and prisoners of war.

A total of 971 bottles were sold, including many rare wines and some fruit juices.

The aged marshal is at present exiled for life on a tiny Atlantic island, following his condemnation by a high court last fall for wartime collaboration.

205 Hawaiians Lost In Pacific Tidal Wave

HONOLULU, April 12 (INS)—The Red Cross announced that 205 persons were dead or missing and presumed lost as a result of the tidal waves which struck Hawaii April 1.

Red Cross officials said that 125 bodies have been recovered and 80 persons are missing and believed dead.

GI, VETERAN'S NEWS

Portland Vets Out to Attract New Industry

PORTLAND, Me., April 12 (AP)—Four hundred veterans rejected the conventional process of seeking jobs where industries exist and proposed that industries come here to take advantage of Portland's postwar manpower pool.

Organized informally as the Portland plan, the veterans classified their techniques, trades and professions and plan to advertise their availability nationally.

Unaffiliated with other veterans' groups and having no dues, the plan increased membership rapidly after its conception a few months ago in veterans' job discussions. Desk space was granted to them in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

It is estimated that at least 3,000 veterans in the Portland area are drawing \$20 weekly unemployment pay.

"We propose," said the veterans in a statement of their aims, "to recruit veterans who are not now permanently employed and then to advertise for able, alert, aggressive business leaders to come to Portland, build manufacturing plants, and give us an opportunity for jobs with a future. We believe such a group, willing to do something about jobs for themselves, will attract national attention."

Only those veterans who believe in "hard work and jobs with a future," and subscribe to the principle of no "handouts, relief or boondoggles," were sought as recruits.

Army to Train MG Officers

WASHINGTON, April 12 (INS)—The cream of the Army officer crop will be whipped into shape for Military Government duties starting May 10 in a newly-established school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

The War Department announced today that over the next 18 months about 2,400 officers and key civilians will be trained there for MG duties in Europe and the Far East.

The initial class will be made up of 200 hand-picked officers.

General qualifications for attendance include diplomacy, initiative, adaptability, unquestioned integrity above-average intelligence and ability to learn to analyze Governmental, economic or related problems.

The school replaces the recently closed Military Government School at Charlottesville, Va.

Memorial Forest Proposed for Vets

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—A living memorial of a giant tree for every person who served in World War II was proposed in the Senate and the House.

Rep. Orville Zimmerman (D-Mo.), who offered the bill, said it would provide for the designation of one of the national forests in Missouri as a memorial. Plaques bearing the names, addresses and serial numbers of all service personnel would be attached to trees throughout the forest.

Sen. Frank P. Briggs (D-Mo.) presented the measure in the Senate.

Zimmerman said plaques would be placed on evergreen trees for men who died in combat. Other types of trees would be used for other personnel.

Aussie War Bride Greets New Home



STANDING AT THE RAIL of the SS Mariposa, Mrs. Betty Goldshein waves the Union Jack (left) and Australian flags as the ship docks at San Francisco. She was among the 900 Australian war brides on the liner.

—Press Association Photo

General Maps Fight to Get Vets 2 Suits for 75 Dollars

WASHINGTON, April 12 (UP)—A veteran of Iwo Jima is out to win another victory—this time in the fight to lick shortage of men's clothing. Maj. Gen. G. B. Erskine, head of the Retraining and Re-employment Administration of the Department of Labor is trying to get each veteran two suits "one for dress, and one for work" for \$75.

Vets' Diet Raises Food for Thought

BOSTON, April 12 (INS)—Returned veterans now attending Boston University brought their "GI appetites" back with them.

Mrs. Marion R. Bridge, cafeteria director, said that sales have increased far beyond the enrollment which is slightly more than double that of last semester.

Milk sales alone have increased tremendously. During the last semester average daily sale of milk was five cases. It is now 25 to 28 cases.

Heavy orders are more popular with the returning vet. Mrs. Bridge said that a sandwich and cold drink are no longer sufficient for lunch. The demand now is for cold cuts and salads, or frankfurters and baked beans.

French Airmen to Meet

PARIS, April 12 (INS)—The annual French aviation congress will be held at the Sorbonne, April 16 through 25, under joint sponsorship of the ministries of armament, the armies and public works.

Ike Predicts Long Occupation Stay

CLEVELAND, April 12 (AP)—Occupation and denazification of Germany will require "very considerable time," Gen. Eisenhower declared.

He made the statement at a press conference. He flew here to be the guest of honor at a civic reception sponsored by the Cleveland Aviation Club.

He declined to estimate the occupation period in terms of years but said determination of the length of occupation "is something even the highest authorities will have to adjust from time to time."

"More is involved than just occupation," he explained. "We face the job of making Germany impotent in terms of war-making power and we must teach the people to learn how to get along with the rest of the world."

He also told reporters that the "Army isn't sending 18-year-olds out to walk a beat in German trouble zones."

Gen. Eisenhower said he thought the current controversy involving the rights and privileges of officers and EM has been greatly exaggerated.

Surplus Sales Hit in House

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Government disposal of surplus property may become the "No. 1 scandal" of the postwar period, Rep. George Schwabe (R-Okla.) told Congress.

"All sorts of practices of favoritism and discrimination against veterans have been observed," Schwabe said.

He urged a Congressional investigation of reports that some surplus property is being sent to Moscow.

Congress, he declared, gave veterans priority for purchases of surplus war material but complaints are being made that those in charge of disposal do not give veterans a chance.

WAC Phone Operator Unable to Call Home

PEKIN, Ill., April 12 (INS)—Life in the Army is still as ironic as it was during the war, according to WAC Lt. Alma Rife.

Lt. Rife, stationed in Germany, wrote to her sister in Pekin that she was unable to get a transatlantic phone call through to her home town.

Lt. Rife's Army job includes handling long-distance calls.

'Executed' by SS Firing Squad, Vet Can Still Tell the Story

PLATTE CITY, Mo., April 12 (INS)—If you have wondered what it would be like to look into the rifle barrels of a firing squad as the "fire" command is given, you might ask former Sgt. James Cockriel.

Eight bullets were poured into his body by members of a German SS firing squad in September, 1944, and he lived to tell the story.

He was denied medical aid for 24 hours, and still carries three of the bullets which surgeons say they are afraid to remove.

Cockriel was shot down over Ger-

Job Situation Looks Better For Veterans

WASHINGTON, April 12 (INS)—The Veterans Administration disclosed that the peak of unemployment among veterans of World War II apparently has been passed.

This was indicated by the drop of more than 14,000 in the number of applications for unemployment compensation within a week.

VA pointed out that in the week ending March 30 there were only 170,204 initial claims for unemployment compensation filed in contrast to 184,492 claims filed the week before.

A spokesman said "that seems to be the tip-off. The fellows apparently are starting to find employment in larger numbers than at any time since the fighting stopped."

Nevertheless, unemployment compensation payments rose by more than half a million dollars within a week with the total of veterans receiving payments now amounting to 1,574,440.

The VA noted that New York was leading the states in unemployment compensation payments.

Army Justice Survey Begun

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—The War Department, aided by the American Bar Association advisory committee, tackled a survey of military justice with a view to possible revision of the Army's court martial system.

Following an initial meeting with Secretary Robert P. Patterson, members of the group, headed by Dean Arthur D. Vanderbilt, of the New York University Law School, started its study of miscellaneous recommendations already submitted to the judge advocate general's office.

The group is concerned only with procedures rather than individual cases.

Clemency boards, supervised by former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, are expected to complete in June an individual review of more than 20,000 cases of men still in confinement who were convicted by Army general courts martial of various offenses during the war.

War Bride Plans 132nd Wedding

LOS ANGELES, April 12 (AP)—Former Sgt. Robert Watson and his petite Italian war bride, Adriana, are going to be married for the 132nd time.

Adriana and her 3-month-old daughter arrived from Italy. She and her husband disclosed plans to repeat their marriage vows in an American ceremony.

In Naples, they were wed 130 times in the Army special services play "It's a Date," before deciding on a real-life ceremony.

Father, Son, Son-in-Law Together Through War

KINGMAN, Kan., April 12 (INS)—"Together"—that's the theme song of the Lloyd Belt family of Kingman, Kans. Father, son, and son-in-law entered the service on the same day, trained together in this country for three and one-half years, and went to England and France together. Each became a sergeant and was awarded the Purple Heart.



NEWS FROM HOME

U.S. Criminal No. 1 Grabbed By FBI Team

KNOXVILLE, April 12 (AP)—The nation's most hunted criminal-rapist and killer, Earl McFarland, is back behind bars, awaiting removal to Washington and eventual death in the electric chair.

The 24-year-old former marine, who was captured here yesterday on a street corner—a block from the city jail—by two FBI agents, said: "My goose is cooked and I am ready for it." He added that he would not fight extradition to Washington. FBI agent Norman H. McCabe said McFarland, who escaped from the District of Columbia jail on April 3 with another condemned killer, Joseph Medley, was being held in the Knox County jail under \$100,000, bond pending his removal for hearing tomorrow.

McFarland was awaiting execution for the 1944 rape-slaying of an 18-year-old Government worker in Washington when he and Medley made their jailbreak nine days ago. Medley was captured the day, he broke loose.

The tow-headed youth had hitchhiked to Knoxville. He said he spent the last five nights of his short lived freedom living in a pen, "just like we used to do on Guadaleanal."

He was shabbily dressed when captured and had only one cent in his pocket. He said he spent the first day of his freedom in a Washington theater. He waited until dark and then thumbed a ride to Alexandria, Va.

Box Car Trek Cures Asthma

MERCED, Calif., April 12 (AP)—Ray E. Gilbert and his wife, who migrated 3,500 miles by freight car from Augusta, Me., last October in search of a new home and a cure for his asthma, were on the move again by box car.

"We could not get the materials here to build a home," Gilbert explained before leaving by freight train for Escondido in San Diego County.

Aboard the box car were the Gilberts' worldly goods, cows, household belongings and the family automobile. The cattle had increased by one since the Gilberts arrived.

Gilbert purchased land here, but said that efforts to obtain lumber and other building materials had proved futile.

But, he said, his asthma was better and he hoped he could get home-building supplies at San Diego. If not, he and his wife will return to Augusta in a box car, he declared.

Time Changes Tomorrow

At 2 AM Sunday, clocks in the U. S. occupied areas of Germany will be set one hour ahead, it was announced by USFET.

Wife All Broken Up Over Soldier's Return

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 12 (INS)—Mrs. Martha Shearer will long remember the homecoming squeeze from her husband when he was discharged from the Army. He embraced her with so much ardor that he fractured one of her ribs.

Filmland Prodigy



BEVERLY SUE SIMMONS, 7 and brown-eyed, is Hollywood's newest child prodigy. She recently edged out 40 contestants for a role in a western picture. —Press Photo

Stoned Coach Shoots Pupils

FORT WORTH, April 12 (AP)—A junior high school student is in a serious condition and two others are suffering from minor gunshot wounds as a sequel to a rock-throwing incident at the home of physical education teacher S. F. Watkins, it was reported.

"I fired at the ground and should have aimed in the air," Watkins told police. "If I had it to do over, I wouldn't shoot at all."

The teacher said he never realized the figures he saw in the darkness were his pupils.

The 14-year-old driver of the car in which the four youths were riding told the officers the rocks were hurled after someone suggested "let's go by and tease the coach."

Watkins, who has been in the public school system since 1935 except for a period while serving in the Navy, told the officers of a habit of throwing rocks at his home.

Arsonist Charged With Boston Fire

BOSTON, April 12 (INS)—Wilfred Baetz, 35, dapper radio script writer and firebug of record, was charged with arson in connection with one of three Back Bay fires, the worst of which cost eight lives.

Baetz, who pleaded innocent, was charged with setting a blaze which caused \$10,000 damage to an Irvington St. apartment house. The fire closely followed the Belvedere St. tragedy in which three small children and a policeman were among the victims.

Circus Vice-President To Succeed Ringling

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP)—Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey announced that James A. Haley, of Anniston, Ala., vice-president of the circus for the last five years, has been elected president, to succeed Robert Ringling.

Haley was freed in December, 1945, after serving eight months and 20 days in jail after the Hartford circus fire of July 6, 1944.

One Dissents Time Change

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., April 12 (INS)—Only one negative vote was cast when the Jacksonville City Council voted to adopt Daylight Saving Time between April 28 and Sept. 29. Lone dissenter was the mayor himself, Ernest Hongland.

Sitting Fad Will Be Revived By Tallest Flagpole's Builder

COSHOCTON, O., April 12 (UP)—Marshall P. Jacobs will climb to the top of the world's tallest flagpole May 30, and sit there until July 4. This reversion to days when flagpole sitting was a national issue, will take place at Conesville, O., Jacobs built the 308-foot pole himself.

He said it cost him about \$3,000, and most of his spare time while he worked as a steeplejack in Toledo.

The pole was made in seven 44-foot sections. It weighs eight tons and will be supported by 12 guy wires.

"It's a kind of hobby," Jacobs said. "I'm not out to set any kind of record. It's just something I've wanted to do for a long time."

He admitted money might enter into the picture. A small platform mounted on top of the pole will have telephone, electric lights to warn airplanes, chemical toilet outfit, electric hotplate for cooking and rod and reel.

Jacobs planned to do a little fishing in Muskingum River from his lofty seat. Most meals will be hoisted up. For exercise, Jacobs said, he would slide 100 feet down the pole and climb back up occasionally.

Prison Inmates Testify In Dismissal of Officials

LANSING, Mich., April 12 (AP)—The Michigan Civil Service Commission called present and former inmates of the state prison at Jackson for testimony regarding the activities of six ousted officials who are appealing their dismissal. The six, including former Warden Harry H. Jackson, are charged with "maladministration" of one of the largest prisons in the world.

The commission has heard testimony concerning special privileges allegedly granted to certain convicts including delivery of liquor to the prison, prison visits arranged for woman friends of inmates and dice games in which \$2,000 changed hands.

One witness, paroled convict Arthur Little, testified that a girlfriend of prisoner Mike Selik was lodged at the home of one ousted official while Selik was official house boy there.

Selik and the girl frequently left the premises in a car owned by official D. C. Petit, Little told the commission. Little said he was "yard boy" for Petit at the time.

Thurston Gets Mexican Post

WASHINGTON, April 12 (INS)—President Truman today nominated Walter Thurston, now ambassador to Bolivia, to be ambassador to Mexico.

He succeeds George Messersmith, recently appointed ambassador to Argentina.

Thurston, 50, is a veteran diplomat with almost 30 years of foreign service.

Born near Denver, his first job was secretary to the president of an oil company in Mexico, but he went to work for the State Department in Mexico City as clerk in 1914. During the disruption of relations in 1916 he protected American interests in Mexico City for a period of three months.

Later he was sent to Guatemala and also served in Berne, Costa Rica, London, Brazil, Lisbon, Madrid, Moscow and El Salvador.

Board Threat Ends Students' Walkout

EVANSVILLE, April 12 (AP)—Attendance at four high schools here was near normal today after the school board threatened disciplinary action against pupils who walked out of classes in protest over dismissal of a basketball coach.

The school board earlier had threatened criminal prosecution of striking pupils and any adults who encouraged them.

More than 4,000 pupils were on strike at one time. The strike resulted in the return of the coach and the resignation of one school board member.

Reece Replies To Hannegan On GOP Aims

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—B. Carroll Reece, new Republican national chairman, has told his Democratic opposite, Robert E. Hannegan, how the GOP would handle the country's problems.

Reece replied to a demand from the Democratic chairman and Postmaster General for a statement on "exactly where the Republican Party stands."

Reece based his answer on a declaration adopted by GOP congressmen last December—and sent his letter by special messenger "instead of entrusting it to the mails."

REPLIES ON INFLATION

On specific questions mentioned by Hannegan, Reece gave these replies:

Inflation—The GOP "proposes to avoid inflation by allowing the productive genius of America to provide the commodities which the people need."

Housing—"It would enact legislation designed actually to produce houses. It would put an end to the Administration's attempt to deceive the people into thinking they are getting something for nothing when their Government takes money from them with one hand and gives less back with the other."

He challenged Hannegan to tell the "truth" about what is being done in the foreign and domestic fields.

Congress Acts To Stop Veto

WASHINGTON, April 12 (INS)—A move is under way in Congress to forestall a Presidential veto and assure enactment of the National Minimum Wage Bill.

It centered around a possible compromise under which a separate vote would be taken on the Russell-Pace Parity Bill if its supporters would agree to strike out the minimum wage measure and the parity amendment inserted by the Senate.

The wage bill would boost hourly pay rates nationally from 40 to 60 cents.

'Pappy' Boyington's Ex-Wife Elopes



THE FORMER WIFE of Marine hero Lt. Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington has eloped with news vendor George Gilbert. They are shown as they returned to Seattle from their elopement to Yakima Wash.

U.S. Prepares Athletic Might for Olympics

Ex-GIs Bolster Track Strength

By LEWIS BURTON

NEW YORK, April 12 (INS)—America will begin widespread preparations this spring for development of its full amateur athletic might with the 1948 Olympic Games in London as the objective.

W. N. (Bill) Creim, of Denver, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, is confident that America's track strength, aided by returning servicemen, will be at a higher level than ever before.

Bearing past performances in mind, it is possible to single out some prospective point-winners. Harold Davis, of the San Francisco Olympic Club, called "the world's fastest human" before he went into the Marines, should be able to make the grade again in the sprints. Charles Parker, of San Antonio, 1944 national 200-meter champion, now in the Army, is another.

Also included among the possibilities are Bernie Mayer, New York University giant, an ex-marine, a 53-footer in the 12-pound shot, at which he was 1943 national indoor champion; Leslie MacMitchell, discharged Navy lieutenant, the country's best miler; and Frank Dixon, New York Negro distance star, just out of the Army.

A long range view would also take in Dewitt Coulter, Army's All-America tackle, a rapidly improving shot-putter who is now the country's second best, and Perry Samuels, a San Antonio sprint prospect.

Crystal gazing is less hazardous



Swim Star Ann Curtis, poised, and Brenda Helser

when it deals with the ladies. Ann Curtis, of San Francisco, queen of American mermaids, holder of the national 100, 400 and 800-meter free-style titles, seems sure to become an Olympic champion.

Brenda Helser, an exotic Portland,

Ore., lass, who is Ann's foremost adversary, is another likely contender.

Helen Morgan, of San Francisco, demonstrated by her comeback in the three-meter springboard and platform diving championships last

Lady Athletics Hold Their Own

August that she might have an Olympic title at will. However, 16-year-old Jo Ann Olsen, of Oakland, Calif., the indoor champion, is developing rapidly and might take the crown.

In track, one of the best is Nancy Cowparthwaite, a New York society girl, holder of the national indoor 50-yard hurdles title and Alice Coachman, of Tuskegee, national 50 and 100-meter sprint and high jump champion, a sort of female Jesse Owens.

The best bets in men's swimming are Jim McLane, 15, of Akron, holder of the national 800 and 1,500 meter and long distance titles; Alan Ford, world's record holder at 100 yards; and Billy Smith, winner of numerous national titles.

The U.S. should be on top in rowing with the varsity crews from the Universities of Washington or California, in basketball and boxing.

Undoubtedly some of the best Olympic prospects won't make themselves conspicuous for another year. They sometimes bolt to supremacy almost overnight.

John Woodruff, the gangling Pittsburgh Negro who raced away with the 800-meter title at Berlin in 1936, was a virtual "unknown" in 1935. He managed to finish second in the junior national 800 at Lincoln, Neb., but few paid any attention to him, and it was a surprise when he won the final tryout in 1936, with blazing Ben Eastman trailing far behind.

Freak Double Helps Feller Nip Giants, 4-3

RICHMOND, Va., April 12 (UP)—Bob Feller was in trouble in every inning and finally needed help from an electric light wire to beat the Giants, 4-3.

The wire played a freak role when Pat Seerey hit a high fly for the Indians in the eighth inning that looked like a sure out. The ball struck a wire strung between two posts and fell safely for a double.

Seerey scored a minute later on Mickey Rocco's single.

Excited Kids Stop Yanks-Dodger Fray

BALTIMORE, April 12 (UP)—The game was called in the eighth when fans over-ran the playing field. That was the situation at Municipal Stadium when several thousand boys leaped from the stands and rushed on to the field to view the Yankees and Dodgers at close range.

Brooklyn won the game, 11-3, when umpires and police found it impossible to get the kids back into the stands. Hank Berham, Montreal pitcher trying out with the Bums, held the Yanks to seven hits.

Judd Pitches, Hits Phils Past Nats, 9-0

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 12 (UP)—Oscar Judd gave the Phillies the kind of pitching they are hoping to receive during the season and backed it up with hitting to beat Washington, 9-0.

Judd held the Nats to five hits, four of them in the last three innings. Philadelphia got 14 off Sid Hudson and Walt Masterson.

Golf Bid Sent To British Ace

CHATTANOOGA, April 12 (UP)—America's premier golfer, Byron Nelson, said he would be happy to meet British open champion Richard Burton in a match in the U.S. this season and hoped it could be arranged.

Burton was invited yesterday to meet Nelson in a special match in connection with the annual Goodall round robin tournament which will be held in New York, May 30-June 2.

The invitation was cabled to Burton by Elmer Ward, sponsor of the tourney who offered to pay Burton's traveling expenses.

The match was prompted by Burton's recent criticism of low scoring of Americans in the winter tournaments. He challenged Nelson to come to England for a match and offered to bet \$600 of his own money he could beat the American star.

Belloise KOs Altman in 1st

HOUSTON, April 12 (UP)—Steve Belloise, of the Bronx, knocked out Paul Altman, of Houston, in 2:23 of first round before 5,000 fans, the biggest fight crowd in Texas in 10 years, last night.

Belloise parked Altman on the canvas for an eight count before finishing him with a right to the face.

Belloise avenged an earlier meeting with Altman when he was carried from the ring a victim of a kick in the groin that gave him the fight on a foul. The win was Belloise's ninth straight since his Navy release and seventh by a knockout.

Aussies See Great Future For Net Newcomer Pails

NEW YORK, April 12 (INS)—Australian tennis fans are predicting a sensational court career for their new star, Dennis (Dinny) Pails.

Pails is one of the very best of the new generation of international tennis prospects. It is considered certain that he will be named a member of the Australian Davis Cup team along with John Bromwich and Adrian Quist.

The most fortunate "love" game in which Pails ever participated was the one in which he met the girl who later became his wife. Dinny was looking for a partner in the 1941 mixed doubles championship at Sydney. He picked Mavis Rofe, who was among Australia's top-flight women players.

Pails takes his tennis very seriously, which probably is why he is one of his country's top-ranking players. When he was only 14-years-old Dinny decided that if tennis was worth playing it was worth more than a casual effort.

Dinny first handled a racket at the age of 10. Careful tutoring by his father soon brought results. At the age of 15, young Pails had won the championship of the New South Wales state school for boys.

A year later, Dinny caused the tennis world to sit up and take notice when he extended Harry Hopman, the Davis Cup star, in the

Baseball Results

Exhibition Games

Cleveland 4, Giants 3
Brooklyn 11, Yankees 3
Phillies 9, Washington 0
White Sox 4, Pittsburgh 0
Red Sox 3, Braves 3 (called 5:30 PM by agreement)
Cincinnati 2, Detroit 0
Cardinals 14, Tulsa 0

Pacific Coast League

Sacramento 2, Oakland 1
Portland 6, San Francisco 5
Hollywood 4, Seattle 1
Los Angeles 11, San Diego 4

Chess Champion Dies

LISBON, April 12 (AP)—Alexander Alekhine, world champion chess player who died in Estoril March 24, will be buried in Lisbon Tuesday.

Modest MacPhail Would Like AL's Best Hurlers for Yanks

By DAVIS J. WALSH

NEW YORK, April 12 (INS)—With unaffected modesty which many feel has long been his most loveable trait, popular Larry S. MacPhail made today a list of six pitchers he would consent to take in a trade which has been rumored for the Yankees these numerous weeks. His mood was spacious and his generosity immense.

With certain noteworthy exceptions, said MacPhail, he would give the clubs pretty much the run of the Yankee roster and all he would ask in return was any one of the following:

Cleveland's Bob Feller, baseball's greatest pitcher in the pre-war 40s and quite possibly its greatest today.

Detroit's Hal Newhouser, winner of more than 50 games in the last two years, and Virgil Trucks, who blew the clubs down in the last world series.

Tex Hughson and Dave Ferriss of the Boston Red Sox.

Steve Gromek, who won 19 for Cleveland last year.

But perhaps MacPhail wished only to jest and make sport. Did he mean it? Was he serious? His rejoinder came tartly:

"Well, I am not being frivolous. They are the only guys I'll deal with if, as everybody seems convinced, we need another pitcher. I'll willingly put in with that idea

provided the pitcher is Feller, Newhouser or Hughson. We don't need any of 100 other pitchers in the league. We've got plenty of that kind ourselves."

How about Dutch Leonard, of Washington? No, not interested.

Marchildon, of the Athletics? Ditto.

MacPhail was growing a little fretful:

"Listen, they can't help us any more than Chandler, Russo or Rufing will. The league is full of good pitchers, but in this case good is not enough. Only the men I named are wanted—the type that can carry a club's pitching."

He gloomily conceded that the clubs now owning the men might be just small-minded enough to want them too.

Wembley Lions Win

LONDON, April 12 (UP)—Wembley's Lions outscored a fast-breaking Prague sextet, 6-2, before 10,000 fans last night.

BLONDIE

Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



By Chic Young

Refugee Jews End 65-Hour Hunger Strike

LA SPEZIA, Italy, April 12 (INS)—Eleven hundred Jewish refugees ended a 65-hour hunger strike today on the promise of Harold Laski, chairman of the British Labor Party, to aid them in obtaining permission for them to sail for Palestine.

The refugees, mostly survivors of Hitlerite concentration camps, were held in La Spezia Harbor aboard the steamer Fede when they were refused permission by British authorities to proceed to Palestine. They swore to starve themselves to death "rather than renounce our determination to reach the land of Israel."

Laski, in Florence as head of the British delegation attending the congress of the Italian Socialist Party, promised his personal and urgent intervention with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin to do the utmost to find a favorable solution for their problem.

Laski's pledge sufficed to halt the hunger strike which was observed scrupulously by all 1,114 refugees, old and young alike.

Korean Maidens Snub Amazed GIs

SEOUL, April 12 (AP)—Fraternalism is not among the problems of American occupation authorities in Korea. Girls turn their faces or run away at the sight of Yank "giants with big noses."

Koreans, who place a high value on chastity, say the girls are shy because of childhood training. Americans say the maidens are inhibited.

You never see a GI and Korean girl walking arm in arm. You seldom see them together.

One young corporal summed up the American reaction thus:

"It beats me. We burn up Japan and their women are as sweet as they can be to us. We liberate the Koreans and their women won't have anything to do with us."

Monaco Goes Back To Prewar Luxury

MONTE CARLO, April 12 (INS)—While the food situation is worse than ever in all French towns along the Riviera, and black market prices have reached unprecedented levels, the principality of Monaco has suddenly become the land of plenty.

Food queues have disappeared in front of Monaco shops and butchers are selling meat freely twice a week, refusing to take coupons which they say are now useless.

As a result, trains and buses from Cannes and Nice to Monaco are packed with French housewives going there to do their shopping.

Veteran, 17, Sentenced On Manslaughter Count

DETROIT, April 12 (AP)—Walter J. Blattert, 17-year-old former soldier who fought in France was sentenced to 14 to 15 years in prison for manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Gladys Marsden, 43, Army clerk.

Mrs. Marsden, a divorcee was found dead in a schoolyard early on the morning of last Dec. 29. She had been beaten and an autopsy indicated strangulation. She and Blattert met the night before in a tavern.

Dishwasher Gets Five Grand

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—The House voted to pay Miss Vertie Bea Loggins, Los Angeles, Southern Pacific RR dishwasher, \$5,000 for injuries to her arm caused by a shell that overshot its practice target at Camp Cooke, Calif. and exploded beside a moving train.

TERRY AND THE PIRATES

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DICK TRACY

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By Chester Gould



MOON MULLINS

Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Frank Willard



L'L ABNER

Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Bear Facts Revealed In Eastern Food Bill

ALBANY, April 12 (UP)—Be careful what you feed the bear the next time you go to the zoo—it might cause you indigestion. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey signed a bill recently legalizing the sale of bear meat for food. The law applies only to bears "possessed under license" such as those in zoos, so you won't be able to sell to your favorite butcher the one you're going to shoot next fall.

Ex-Jap Officer Gives 'Mercy Death' Alibi

TOKYO, April 12 (INS)—A former Japanese army officer offered a "mercy death" defense in his trial for the decapitation murder of 2-Lt. Darwin T. Emry who was bombardier aboard a B29 which came down during a raid on Japan. The former Japanese officer told the war crimes tribunal hearing his case that "the American was in pain and suffering. We had no medicine to relieve his pain, so I decided to decapitate him."

She Got His Money But He Got No Mail

PLYMOUTH, Ind., April 12 (AP)—Charles W. Patterson alleged in his divorce complaint that, during the two years and four months he was in the Army, his wife received 28 allotment checks but never once wrote to him. Mrs. Patterson did not contest the suit, and Judge Alvin F. Marsh granted the former soldier a divorce.

41 Japanese Surrender On Island Near Manila

MANILA, April 12 (AP)—Sullen and suspicious, 41 Jap soldiers have surrendered to American-led Filipino forces on Lubang Island, the Army announced, ending a seven-week campaign to clear the island off Manila Bay of Jap renegades who had been terrorizing the countryside. The renegades, although ragged and long-haired, seemed well fed. They said they were unaware of Japan's surrender.

Nazi on Trial Says 'Insults' Tossed at Him

NURNBERG, April 12 (AP)—Flushed and shaking, one-time Nazi Security Police Chief Ernst Kaltenbrunner today broke into a dramatic outburst on the witness stand against what he called the "constant insults" leveled at him.

The outburst came as American Prosecutor John H. Amen suggested that Kaltenbrunner was lying in denying the genuineness of his signature on a letter to the mayor of Vienna in which the prosecution says Kaltenbrunner ordered the evacuation of Jews to labor and death camps.

"Is it not a fact you are simply lying about your signature," asked Amen, "just as you are lying about everything else?"

Kaltenbrunner bridled and reported: "These insults you are tossing at me, Mr. Prosecutor, are insults of a kind I have become accustomed to in interrogation."

Earlier, affidavits were introduced in which former inmates of concentration camps swore that Kaltenbrunner made inspection trips to the camps and witnessed executions, in refutation of his testimony that he had no knowledge of concentration camp horrors.

UNO to Hear Soviet, Poland

NEW YORK, April 12 (INS)—The United Nations Security Council agenda for the 3 PM meeting Monday at Hunter College today was officially listed for hearing of the Russian demand that the Iranian case be closed, and of the Polish

UNO Office Selected

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP)—Flushing Meadow Park, site of the 1939-40 World's Fair, as interim meeting place of the United Nations was agreed upon yesterday by UNO and New York City officials.

move against Franco Spain.

Although President Truman told newspapermen last night that he regarded the Polish charges against Spain to be political in nature, Council delegates went ahead with plans to tackle Gromyko's Iranian demand at Monday's session, and hear Dr. Oscar Lange, of Poland.

Diplomatic members of UNO were careful to emphasize that the decision to place the Polish request on the agenda in no way implied that anything was intended but the hearing of what Lange had to say.

Lost Plane Found; Crashed in Shensi

CHUNGKING, April 12 (INS)—The bodies of four Chinese Communist leaders, 10 other passengers and four crew members were found today in the burned wreckage of a U. S. Army plane which crashed in Shensi Province en route from Chungking to Yenan.

The discovery was made by Communist troops four days after the plane disappeared on its northward route.

The Communist leaders were scheduled to go from Yenan to Mukden to take part in truce team activities which seek to bring peace between the warring Chinese factions in Manchuria.

Army Completes Case Against SS Elite Guards

DACHAU, April 12 (AP)—The American prosecution completed its case today against 61 Germans whom dozens of witnesses accused of torturing and killing thousands of prisoners in the infamous Mauthausen Concentration Camp.

Stamp to Honor Vets



VETERANS of World War II will be honored in the issuance May 9 of a special U. S. 3-cent stamp. The central design is a facsimile of the honorable discharge emblem.

Last GI Wives Leave in June

PARIS, April 12 (INS)—It was announced yesterday that the U. S. Army program transporting GI brides from European liberated countries will close June 30.

So far, 6,400 applications have been received, 2,600 of which have already sailed.

It was estimated that 600 husbands have not yet filed transportation requests for their brides.

It was also announced that 1,900 claims for monetary awards against the U. S. Government have been settled since Jan. 15.

In the two-month period from Jan. 15 through March 15 the U. S. Foreign Claims Commission allowed \$109,127 on claims resulting from traffic accidents, looting, depredation, aircraft operation, occupation and other Army operations.

Hoover Hears Need For Germany Food

BERLIN, April 12 (UP)—Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, German minister-president of Bavaria, told former President Herbert Hoover today that more than four million persons in his area of occupied Germany will face acute hunger and probable starvation during the next 12 months unless substantial quantities of food are imported.

On the second day of his fact-finding visit here, the former President heard first-hand reports of the serious food situation from Hoegner and Dr. Reinhold Meyer, minister-president of Wuerttemberg-Baden. The minister-president of Greater Hessen, the third American-occupied state, was unable to confer with Hoover because of illness.

Many Expected to Visit U.S. Graves in Belgium

BRUSSELS, April 12 (AP)—About 50,000 Americans are expected in Belgium this summer to visit the U. S. cemetery "Henry Chapelle" near Verriers, where 18,000 American soldiers are buried, according to the Belgo-American Society.

The mayor of Liege is heading a movement to have every grave in "Henry Chapelle" adopted by some family who will take care of it and place flowers in the urns on birthdays and other times the parents might request.

Pole's Slayer to Be Tried

PRAGUE, April 11 (Delayed) (AP)—Colonel Walter Pashley, U. S. military attaché, said Pvt. Melvin Richard Best of Butte, Mont. probably would appear before an American military court on charges of killing John Kowalski, Polish militiaman.

Soviet Lauds Roosevelt as Fascists' Foe

MOSCOW, April 12 (AP)—In a special Pravda editorial today the Soviet Union paid tribute to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking of him on the first anniversary of his death as "one of those few" who had properly appraised the dangers of Fascist aggression.

In their special tribute to a foreign statesman, rare in official practice of the Soviet Union, Pravda said, "the Soviet people honor the memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt, honor his merits before humanity in the cause of the struggle against Fascism."

The late President, said the editorial, "was an irreconcilable opponent of old isolationism," and also an opponent "of those non-isolationists who supposed and suppose now that the politics of the U. S. must consist of the politics of force, striving for rule of American interests in the whole world."

Greeks Dedicate Cenotaph To FDR On Anniversary

ATHENS, April 12 (AP)—Athenians, in whose port city the U. S. battleship Missouri lies at anchor, today paid tribute to the memory of the late President Roosevelt.

In ceremonies at the Greek cathedral here the first anniversary of the American President's death was marked by the unveiling of a cenotaph to his memory.

Business Keeps Dewey From Ceremony

HYDE PARK, N. Y., April 12 (INS)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey sent his "regrets" today in response to an invitation to attend the ceremony dedicating the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt as a national historic site.

The governor, who was defeated by the late President in the 1942 Presidential race, said the press of other business prevented his attendance.

French Call Late President World's Greatest Leader

PARIS, April 12—Franklin Delano Roosevelt was called the "greatest leader the world has ever known" in the first of four radio tributes here marking the anniversary of his death. The eulogy was mentioned in a broadcast to the French nation tonight by President Felix Gouin and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

Attlee's Message to Truman Salutes Memory of FDR

LONDON, April 12 (AP)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee sent a message to President Truman today saluting the memory of President Franklin Roosevelt on the first anniversary of his death.

Girl Burned, Beaten; Police Question Vet

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 12 (INS)—A 31-year-old veteran is being questioned on charges of seriously burning and beating 4-year-old Beverly Rose Shay.

Police said Harvey M. Huber admitted standing the child on a hot oil stove and beating her.

The child's 23-year-old mother, Mrs. Evelyn Shay, is being sought by detectives.

One Year Ago

Elbe River crossed by Second Armd. Reds reach Danube in 1st Armd. Reds reach Danube in Vienna. Eighth AF attacks Nazi North Sea ports.

Half-Strike Stops Michigan Board

JACKSON, Mich., April 12 (AP)—A new type of "half-strike" has the Michigan Labor Mediation Board buffaloed.

About 100 employes of the Hinkley Myers Manufacturing Co., engaged in a wage dispute with the firm since last November, have never called a strike.

Instead, for the past three days they reported for work every morning but quit cold in mid-afternoon.

"It's a new one on us," a board spokesman admitted. "It's a sort of a half-and-half strike."

Coal Contract Still Not Seen

By the Associated Press

Renewal of contract negotiations next week between John L. Lewis and soft coal miners was forecast by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach, who said, however, he had "found very few points of agreement" in separate conferences with both sides.

Schwellenbach and his aides will continue over the week-end their efforts to clear up differences blocking joint negotiations in the 11-day-old strike, the secretary said, before bringing together the operators and the AFL-UMW.

Continuing labor disputes kept idle more than 800,000 workers and the U. S. Conciliation Service in Washington disclosed that 962 strike notices were pending in its files.

Lichfield . . .

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Jones was based on "intent to do bodily harm."

Moore refused to accept Johnson's objection whereupon Johnson asked Moore, "how can the extent of the blow be shown?"

Moore replied: "That's an improper question."

Smith, who previously testified he was "sore for three hours afterward" from Jones' alleged blow, arose from the witness stand, took the club from Johnson and drew back to swing.

Prosecutor Maj. Leland Smith then jumped to his feet and, objected to the demonstration.

Johnson then arbitrarily ended the demonstration.

Earlier Smith testified he did not report the incident when Jones allegedly hit him because prison officers also struck prisoners and one officer "hit a man in the groin with his knee."

Seaman Shot in China

TIENTSIN, China, April 12 (AP)—An American merchant seaman was shot and killed and his body mutilated Monday by unidentified persons near Chinwangtao, the Marine Third Amphibious Corps reported.

Newsmen Stop at Frankfurt On Two-Week Theater Visit

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nothing to report. Besides, the opinion was offered, none had yet looked into the field operations of OMGUS.

The following were in the group: Julius Ochs Adler, New York Times; Alan Barth, Washington Post; Paul Bellamy, Cleveland Plain Dealer, and Gardner Cowles, Des Moines Register.

Robert Fuoss, Saturday Evening Post; Frank Gannett, the Gannett papers; Charles Gratke, Christian Science Monitor; Tom Hawkins, World Reports; Edward T. Leech,

WBS Denies 65 Deserters Taken in Raid

PARIS, April 12 (UP)—Paris authorities of the Army's Western Base Section today termed "highly exaggerated" published reports which said 65 U. S. Army deserters were rounded up in the recent Paris raid.

Officials confirmed that the raid did take place Wednesday night at the request of French police authorities, who claimed the target area in the northern part of the city was the "center of American black market activity."

American MPs accompanied French police and arrested 40 soldiers in raids on cafes and hotels in the neighborhood of the military depot. All 40 were picked up on minor charges, such as improper uniform, faulty passes and lack of dog tags. All have since been released to their units for company punishment.

French police reported the arrest of 22 women on prostitution charges and of 51 Algerians in connection with the raid.

Truman OKs Housing Bill

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—President Truman signed into law a bill providing \$253,727,000 for veterans' housing.

The funds will be used to provide approximately 100,000 temporary dwellings for veterans. Most of the homes will be converted service barracks.

A similar number of temporary homes was authorized by previous legislation.

Truman Raps Navy For Merger Lobby

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terested in facts instead. President Truman's sharp words took the Navy Department completely by surprise. But lights burned long into the evening in the topside offices of the Navy headquarters building. Forrestal, who had been ill at his home for several days, had no immediate comment. The same went for the uniformed high command.

Damaskinos Agrees To Stay Greek Head

ATHENS, April 12 (INS)—Following continued representations of the British and American ambassadors and the appeal by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, Greek Regent Archbishop Damaskinos conferred with Premier-Minister Poulittas and officially confirmed his decision to remain regent for the time being.

Pittsburgh Press, and Henry R. Luce, Time, Inc.

Malcolm Muir, Newsweek; Glenn Neville, N. Y. Mirror; Hamilton Owens, Baltimore Sun, and Robert Reed, Kansas City Star.

The group was accompanied by five officers of the War Department's Civil Affairs Division, headed by Col. Charles J. Barrett. The editors tour is expected to take them to Berlin, Munich, Nurnberg, Stuttgart, Wiesbaden, Marburg and Vienna.

The party will be back in the U. S. by Easter Sunday, April 21.