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One Year Ago Today  
Nazis seize St. Vith, Stavelot.  
Allied planes bag 178 of Luft-  
waffe. Germans admit Soviet  
break on their Hungarian front.  
B29s blast Nagoya.

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**The Weather Today**  
PARIS: Cloudy, showers—47  
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DOVER: Cloudy, showers—45  
GERMANY: Cloudy, rain—44

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**Merry Xmas from The Bosses**

President Truman and Army Chief of Staff Eisenhower have sent Christmas greetings to men and women in the armed forces in every part of the world.

The President's message said:

"On this Christmas Day I send a sincere and heartfelt greeting to you men and women of the United States armed forces who



President Truman

have brought us victory. I speak in behalf of a nation grateful for your service, your devotion and your sacrifice. We shall not forget the price you have paid. "There are many of you who must spend this day far from home. To you especially I want to express my hope for an early return to your homes and loved ones. We are doing our utmost to insure that the occupational duties that are so vital to the solidification of the peace may be successfully performed even as we strive to transform your dreams of return into reality.

"Christmas Day is celebrated in honor of the Prince of Peace. He brought peace to the souls of men; you have helped bring peace to the nations of the world. Our prayer this day is that our world now may find a true and lasting fellowship of peace."

Gen. Eisenhower's message said:

"After nearly four years of bitter fighting the American Army comes at last to a Christmas of peace. In the battle areas strung across the world the Americans and their Allies have battered their implacable enemies into unconditional surrender. Because of this magnificent accomplishment the nation will give thanks for victory in its Christmas prayers.

"Our task continues as (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

**U.S. Opens Door to Refugees; 39,000 To Be Accepted Yearly**

**We'll Fight, Turk Chief Warns Reds**

ANKARA (Delayed) (UP).—Both Russia and Turkey would "suffer fearful losses" if the Red and Turkish Armies clashed over Soviet territorial claims, Gen. Kiazim Karabekir told the National Assembly. Karabekir commanded Turkish troops who occupied Armenian territory in the early 1920s.

(The Ankara correspondent of The Times of London quoted Karabekir as saying Turkey would have no alternative but to fight if Russia persisted in her territorial demands.

**Date Not Given**

(Ankara dispatches did not give the date of Karabekir's address, and there was no explanation of the delay in release of his remarks.)

Cession of the Turkish Armenian territory to the Russian Armenian republic would lead to Soviet domination of the Mediterranean and Basra at the head of the Persian-Gulf, Karabekir asserted, and would mean the destruction of Turkey.

Foreign Minister Hassan Saka thanked the general for his remarks but said he was unable to make any statement on the question since it was still in the discussion stage.

**Armenian Group Reported**

(Associated Press reported that a Tass dispatch to Moscow on Sunday declared a group of Armenians in Egypt had formed the "Armenian National Council," and sought to have Turkey cede certain frontier regions to Soviet Armenia.

(The Soviet press on Dec. 20 published a 4,000-word letter from two Soviet Georgia Academy of Science members demanding that Turkey turn over areas along the Armenian frontier and the Black Sea coast.)

**12 Yanks Die In Fire in Japan**

SIXTH ARMY HQS., Kyoto, Japan, Dec. 23 (AP).—Twelve American officers and men were killed and 22 others hospitalized by a fire which destroyed a two-story frame barracks housing the 24th Medical Bn. of the 24th Div. on Shikoku, the southernmost of the Japanese home islands.

The origin of the fire was undetermined. Names of the victims were not announced immediately.

Women, Children Evacuated in Java



Under the direction of the Holland Red Cross, women and children are evacuated from Semarang on the Island of Java. They are shown arriving in Batavia on the British ship Egar after having suffered Japanese oppression for three and a half years.

**Yank Zone, Balkans To Send Most**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—President Truman yesterday directed entry of European refugees into the U.S. at a rate of 39,000 a year, within established immigration quotas.

Most of them will come from Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans where approximately 2,000,000 persons are said to be homeless.

"This is an opportunity for America to set an example for the rest of the world in co-operation towards alleviating human misery," the President said. Along with Truman's statement, the White House made public an official directive to six Federal agencies to put the plan into effect.

**Called 'Common Decency'**

The President said the war brought an "appalling dislocation of populations" and added that it was "common decency" to provide homes for thousands of these displaced persons.

He added that while he had no intention of excluding issuance of immigration visas in other parts of the world, the decision had been made to concentrate the early quotas in the program in the American zones of occupation in Europe.

In these zones, he said, are citizens of every major European country. Visas issued to these persons will be charged to the countries of their origin, the President continued, and will be distributed fairly among all faiths, creeds and nationalities.

Mr. Truman said he hoped the program would be under way by early spring "so that immigration can begin immediately upon availability of ships." However, he emphasized, "nothing in this directive will deprive a single American soldier or his wife or children of a berth on a vessel homeward bound or delay their return."

The President specified also that (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

**U.S. and Allied Armies Give Gen. Patton His Final Salute**

By Robert M. Sontag  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 23.—Officers and men of the United States Armed Forces and those of Allied nations today paid tribute to Gen. George S. Patton at funeral services in Christ Church here.

Before an altar decorated with red and pink roses, carnations, camellias and white lilies were assembled representatives of nearly every major command and division in the ETO.

At 3 PM, Mrs. Patton, wearing a dark brown coat and a black hat, entered the church on the arm of her brother, Frederick Ayer. She was seated beside Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, Seventh Army commander, who had entered the church earlier with many of his staff and the

staffs of the 15th and Third Armies. Behind Mrs. Patton were seated Gen. Joseph T. McNarney USFET commander, and Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, outgoing USFET chief of staff. Behind them sat five rows of officers from Allied nations.

The service was conducted by Col. Edwin R. Carter, deputy Theater chaplain. He was assisted by Col. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

**U.S. Gripped by Worst Travel Jam**

**Thousands of GIs Rush to Reach Home for Christmas**

By the Army News Service

The worst traffic jam in history spread throughout the nation over the weekend as servicemen surged into trains, buses and planes in a gigantic Home-for-Christmas movement.

Determined to celebrate the gayest Christmas in five years with their families at home, tens of thousands waited in endless lines at ticket windows, pushed into buses, stood for hours jammed in aisles of trains and some even slept overnight at airports in hope that someone might cancel a reservation.

No longer were they obligated to ask themselves "is this trip necessary?"

Holiday travelers ignored warnings by railroads that space was at a premium and that military travel was the greatest in history despite the end of the war.

Travel reached such volume that the New York Central System suspended ticket sales at a number of points "until further notice" and in Washington, D.C., all lines shut off ticket sales to civilians for 30 to 90 minutes at a time.

**40 ATC Planes to Fly GIs Tied Up at West Coast Ports**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (ANS).—The Army Transport Command prepared today to press 40 giant C54s into ferrying service from the West Coast to points inland to help relieve the congestion of 130,000 redeployed Pacific veterans caused by a shortage of rail transportation.

The four-motored planes were to start their operations near the harbor of Long Beach, Calif., ac-

cording to the ATC Sixth Ferrying Group. It was not indicated how long the shuttle flights would be continued.

Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Director of Defense Transportation, told a Senate Committee in Washington Friday, that everything possible was being done to expedite the movement of GIs arriving in port, but added that 90 per cent of east- (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

**Le Havre Mine Sinks U.S. Ship**

LE HAVRE, Dec. 23.—The 10,500-ton cargo ship, Duncan L. Clinch, struck a mine and sank this afternoon in what had been considered safe waters only a few hundred yards from the Havre harbor entrance. There were no casualties.

The ship, lightened for a voyage up the Seine River, had been scheduled to discharge 6,200 tons of general cargo at Rouen, including food, oil and wool destined for French consumption.

She had left her berth at noon and was proceeding into the Seine when her bow struck the mine and she sank slowly, with the after third of the ship remaining above water. The blast was heard for several miles.

Capt. B. B. Backston, chief War Administration representative here, said most of the cargo probably would be lost.

**Ex-Premier of Romania Faces Sabotage Trial**

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP).—Romania's one-time Premier, General Nicola Radescu, is to be tried for sabotage, Radio Moscow said today. The broadcast, heard here, said Radescu is accused of having sold his real estate without having paid taxes, sabotaging rent laws.



Major Repercussions

We are wondering if that Maj. DeLong, who had so much to say in his B-Bag letter about EM bitching, knows what is going on in his own back yard. On Dec. 12, court martial proceedings were held to try a certain private in our regiment because he refused to make a jump. The private was sentenced to one month and forfeited two-thirds of his pay for six months. So we can "quit any time we want," huh, Major?—Three Jumpers, Hq. 508 PIR.

Major DeLong's letter was printed in B-Bag, so he certainly proves his point that they print some very poor notices. His satire was probably very funny—to him.

We EMs are fortunate that most of our officers take us and our varied troubles more seriously than the major does. The major's statement that he was a private a helluva lot longer than he was a major is understandable. I have something to brag about, too I am an enlisted man—but I was a civilian a helluva lot longer.—Another Jumper, 508 PARA. Inf.

'Freeze' Gets 'Em to U.S.

Our CO just gave us an order over the public-address system to the effect that all men in our company were "frozen." No other explanation was given. Our morale has hit a new low as we expected to be put on orders soon. We have 65-69 points. What do they mean by "frozen"?—(6 Signatures, Ed.) 1071 Engr. P.R.S.

Editor's note: This letter, with names deleted, was referred to USFET (Rear) G3, who replied that this unit is a Port Repair Ship scheduled to sail shortly. Personnel were frozen to take the ship to the States, where high-point men will be transferred to separation centers and low-pointers will be reassigned.

The Overflowing Cup

The Army's policy of issuing liquor rations is causing an enormous amount of drunkenness. It is glorifying drunkenness and ruining the life of many a mother's son. Many cases of cirrhosis of the liver have been brought to my attention. On Thanksgiving we asked God to bless our endeavor, then carried wine to the men in water cans, so they could drink it like hogs drinking slop. There were free-for-all fights and a drunken dance to top it off. In comparison, the Greek celebration of Bacchus looked like a kindergarten picnic.

Millions are spent on preserving the Army's health, and we turn right around and kill ourselves off with alcohol. Liquor-ration money could be spent on an educational program with posters to bring to the attention of the men the evils of alcohol. Why not adopt a program similar to that used in fighting VD, where doctor and chaplain are brought in for a series of lectures?

The American soldier should realize that God will send a man to hell just as quick for getting drunk as he will for robbing a bank or raping a woman.—Army Chaplain, Czechoslovakia.

Ration Cards for Gifts

We get our PX rations regularly every week. We are not kicking about that, but there is one other thing. To purchase a gift in the Munich PX it is necessary to show your ration card. Our cards are held by the battery. We are allowed one gift a month, but we can't get our cards to get the gift.—Frustrated, J Btry, 135 AAA Gun Bn.

Editor's note: Above letter was referred to Bn CO, who replied that any man who so desires is given his PX card to purchase a gift at the Munich PX. The card must be returned the following day. All cards are retained at the battery to avoid issue of double rations.

Gentlemen, Please!

We are a group of privates who have been simply in a tizzy for a week now. The other morning at reveille our acting First Sergeant declared as follows:

"In regard to this Non-Coms' Club, it is for T/5s and up. They may bring a guest—a woman or a man, but I don't want to see no damn privates."

Does this mean privates, grades 6 and 7, are thus held in a somewhat lower category than a Kraut trollop?

When we start to buck for a higher grade must we emasculate and otherwise mangle the language?

And are such naughty, naughty words?—Pvt., Hqs, 1st Inf. Div.



150 Patients Receive Gift: Yule at Home

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (ANS).—About 150 litter patients at Haloran General Hospital, who thought they'd spend their first Christmas since the war looking at a hospital wall, are going home by train and plane for a 12-day vacation.

Contribution of \$15,000 by Retail Associates Group of Retail and Allied Industries through the Chaplain Corps fund made it possible for soldiers to go by Pullman or airliner to join their families.

In cases where attendants are necessary, parents will come to New York, with their expenses paid.

The first group of bedridden soldiers left for Boston, Springfield and Worcester, Mass. and Hartford, Conn.

Some were put aboard a train today for upstate New York points and destinations as far as Chicago. Others are headed for southern cities, including Atlanta, Ga. and towns in Texas.

The American Red Cross has arranged for local chapters to meet the men on arrival and transport them to their homes.

Furloughs Reinstated For GIs Processing PWs

FT. CUSTER, Mich., Dec. 23 (AP).—Christmas furloughs previously canceled for soldiers at the prisoner-of-war camp here in order to process prisoners for return to Germany have been reinstated, Army officials announced.

Maj. Charles E. Gilbert, Camp Executive Officer, said the reinstatement was possible because of a War Department move yesterday, extending from Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 the date when 5,000 German prisoners were to be ready for shipment.

10,000 Poles in Belgium Wish to Return Home

WARSAW, Dec. 23 (AP).—Ten thousand Poles in Belgium have signified their intention to return to their homeland.

Repatriation, however, probably will be delayed until the return of all former prisoners of war, since those Poles residing in Belgium wish to return with all their personal property and there is shortage of transport.

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

Willie and Joe

By Mauldin



"There ya go—interferin' with free enterprise ag'in."

The Yule Bells Peal Throughout World

'Oh, Come All Ye Faithful...'



The 102nd Div. Chorus will help Paris GIs celebrate Christmas by appearing on the program at the Olympia Theater Christmas week—Dec. 25 to Jan. 1. In the midst of a carol are Pfc. Richard F. Leach, Denvers, Mass., and T/Sgt. Byron Riggan, Birmingham, Ala. (front, left to right); Pfc. Gordon Powell, Rockmart, Ga. (center), and Pfc. George Belk, McKeesport, Pa., and Pfc. Dan Christensen, Las Vegas, Nev., (rear, left to right).

Vienna's Famed Boys' Choir Will Sing for Allied Troops

VIENNA, Dec. 23 (AP).—Sixty little boys who can sing like angels are back in Vienna sharing a wing at the Hofburg with Russian troops and polishing up the Yuletide hymns and other songs they have sung all over the world as the Vienna Boys' Choir.

The Allied authorities have closed one eye to the fact that the choir went right on singing while the Nazis were in town, sang for them and even went on tours to France, Belgium, Holland, Poland and Germany while Austria was considered a part of that big unhappy country. Most of their singing now is for Allied troops, but they all have an eye on the concert circuit, especially America.

Father Joseph Schmitt, the priest who handles the administration of the choir, spent three weeks in the custody of the Gestapo in 1938 and was forbidden to take any part in the organization during the Nazi regime in Austria, but he is back now.

None of the boys, who sang in America every year from 1930 to 1936, is around any more. A good many of them died fighting in Hitler's armies, others are prisoners of war. Three of those who sang in America now are prisoners in American camps and Father Schmitt hears from them occasionally.

Shortly before the Russians approached Vienna early this year 30 of the boy singers were taken to the Tyrol. They have been brought back now and 30 other boys have joined the choir.

Santa Brings Attlee a Pack Loaded With International Woe

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP).—Britain will celebrate its first peace-time Christmas in seven years, but for Prime Minister Attlee and his government, Santa's pack holds only troublesome problems.

Outstanding is the continued undeclared warfare in Java, where mounting British casualties have attracted sharp criticism. Military leaders want increased forces, but Attlee's government is reluctant to approve unless the Dutch show they are willing to settle their dispute with Indonesian leaders.

Half a dozen other headaches also are plaguing Britain.

The matter of Spain is pressing. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told Commons, Dec. 5, that Franco's regime was "detested" by His Majesty's Government, but the Foreign Office has withheld comment on a Paris note sounding out Britain and America on possible severance of relations with Madrid.

The situation in Greece also is



Mother-to-Be To Leave Jail On Xmas Eve

The Stars and Stripes Bureau

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 23.—A Christmas Eve commutation of prison sentences will permit a German child to be born outside jail and send seven minor youths home to their families for the holiday. Col. James R. Newman, Greater Hesse MG director, announced yesterday.

The commutations, to become effective Monday night, will release a pregnant woman serving six months for unlawful possession of American property.

The minors were arrested Oct. 21 when an American officer charged they had erected roadblocks in Landkreis Freidberg. Four of the accused under 17 years were given sentences of four and a half months and the three over 17 received six-month terms.

Pleas for clemency from their parents brought a new investigation disclosing that the youths had put twigs and branches across the road as a joke on farmer friends.

Pope's Christmas Message To Go on Air in 9 Languages

ROME, Dec. 23 (AP).—The Vatican City announced yesterday that the Pope's Christmas Eve address to cardinals would be rebroadcast in eight languages after the Pope concludes his half-hour Italian speech. The speech will commence at 10:00 (GMT).

The English translation will follow. Other translations will be broadcast as follows:

German at 11:30, French 12:15, Polish 13:00, Spanish 13:45, Dutch 14:30, Portuguese 15:15 and Croatian 16:15 (all GMT).

A Second Star Shines On Chief of Chaplains

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—Chaplain Luther D. Miller, Army Chief of Chaplains, has received a Christmas present from President Truman and Congress—a second star with the temporary rank of Major General.

Toyland Joyland For Alice, Back On Santa's List

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23 (AP).—Little girls like Alice Strong, 6, are back on the calling list of Santa Claus this year.

On Christmas Day, 1941, the Japs caught Alice and her family in Manila. Soon after the city had been bombed Japanese soldiers came to the Strong home and took her father off to prison. Alice, her mother, and brother were taken to another prison. The next three Christmases were spent apart.

Reunited with her family in Birmingham, Alice visited toyland for the first time and her face beamed with childish pleasure as slowly she walked through the big Christmas storehouse of things she had dreamed about in prison.

critical. With increasing inflationary threats, economic chaos is certain unless financial bulwarks are obtained.

Discussions of troubled Iranian affairs are going on in Moscow, but there is no indication of Soviet withdrawal from Azerbaijan.

Meanwhile, the House of Commons is demanding debate early in January on the Palestine issue, and Bevin tentatively has agreed. The issue of Indian independence also is engaging parliamentary attention.

At home, Attlee's five-month-old regime successfully rode out its first political storms. Opposition censure was defeated, 381 to 197, and critics were soundly whipped last week on the American loan and Bretton Woods, as well as on nationalization of the Bank of England.

Nationalization of Britain's coal mines and airlines will be considered in the House of Commons late next month.

# The American Scene

## Major Guilty of Improper Transfers; Sentenced to 3 Years at Hard Labor

MITCHEL FIELD, N.Y., Dec. 23 (AP).—Maj. Alphonse J. Fabbriatore, 27, former Army Medical Administration officer, has been convicted by a general court martial on charges of improperly bringing about transfer and discharge of soldiers. He was sentenced to three years' hard labor and dismissal from the service.

Fabbriatore had admitted arranging the transfer of some enlisted men to a hospital detachment here, but denied charges he had taken money from them. Pvt. Daniel J. Patrissy of New York testified he left \$500 on the seat of Fabbriatore's automobile after the officer arranged for his discharge, but none of the 74 other witnesses at the trial attempted to link Fabbriatore's activities with payment of money.

Fabbriatore told the presiding officer of the court, "Sir, I feel absolutely no consciousness of guilt."

## Blind Hero Opens House to Those Who Gave It

BREMERTON, Wash., Dec. 23. —Cpl. Robert L. McDonald, Bremerton's blind Marine hero of Iwo Jima, moved into a new five-room home with his wife and five-year-old son today and announced open house to all his friends who made the home possible.

McDonald bought the house with \$6,800 of the \$10,400 given him by thankful citizens of his

home town after he returned from Iwo Jima blinded by a Japanese grenade.

The McDonalds had no moving problem because the house is completely furnished. The first addition to the living room was a Christmas tree which the blind corporal's pretty wife immediately started decorating.

"Now we have plenty of room for all of us, including Hope, my seeing-eye dog," McDonald said.

## Hauptmann Child Willed \$500 by Stranger

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 23 (ANS).—Manfried Hauptmann, 12-year-old son of the man who died for the kidnap-killing of the Lindbergh baby, was willed \$500 by a stranger to help him "in his struggle for existence."

Miss Emile Kurtz of Orange, N. J., who died at 85, left the boy a savings account of about \$500.

"While I do not know him or any member of his family," the woman's will said, "I have for some time been of the opinion that this lad is and will continue to be handicapped for life, and I should like to extend to him some aid in his unequal struggle for existence."

## 5 Cobs and a \$275 Taxi

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 23 (AP).—Four Atlanta sailors and one from Chattanooga licked the transportation problem and came home for Christmas by making a shuttle taxicab trip from the West Coast.

S 1/C Richard Harris of Chattanooga said he and his buddies flagged a cab in San Pedro, Calif., after they found plane and train accommodations unobtainable.

In Dallas they transferred to another cab which took them to Atlanta. Harris made the hop from Atlanta to Chattanooga on a bus.

The trip was made in three days and cost the sailors \$55 each.

## Vets Doff Civvies for ODS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—Discovering there are disadvantages in being a civilian after all, two lately-discharged veterans doffed their new civilian clothes right in the middle of a crowd of hundreds at Union Station today and re-dressed in soldiers' togs.

The veterans decided to swap clothes after discovering that men in uniform were being let through train gates ahead of civilians and seats or even standing room were mighty scarce on the 400 trains that pulled out during the day.

A circle of buddies shielded the two during their change.



Turkeys are plentiful in the U.S. this year, and these fowls are being "dressed" in a market place for the holiday season.

## Hitch-Hiker Sought in Slaying of Ford's Neighbor

HOLLAND, Mich., Dec. 23 (ANS).—Authorities today sought a mackinaw-clad hitch-hiker who, they believe, shot and killed Ray Gordon Beh, 34-year-old salesman and Henry Ford's neighbor, and drove through a swirling snowstorm with the body by his side.

A truck driver stranded along the highway north of here told William Boebe, Sheriff of Ottawa

County, that he saw Beh's gray coach go off the road Thursday night at about 40 miles-per-hour and stall in the snow.

A few minutes later a man of about 24 approached the trucker, Delbert Dempsey, of Fremont, Mich., made a casual remark to him and flagged a ride in a car headed north. Beh's body was found on the right of his car's front seat about 9 AM Friday.

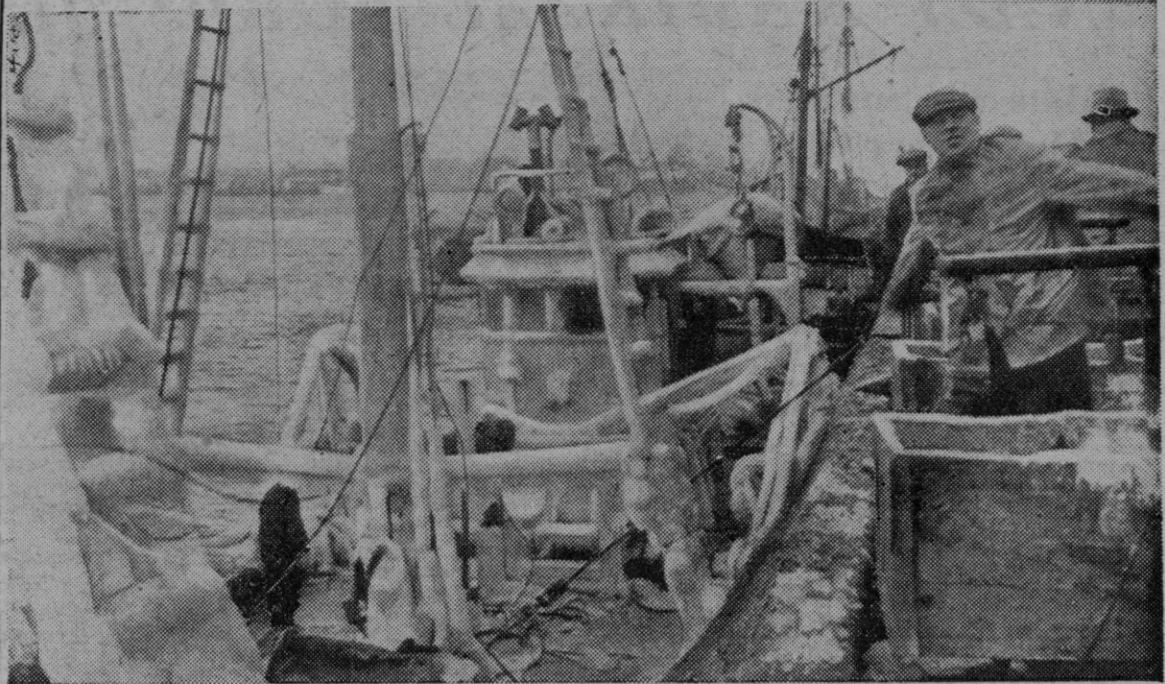
## Joe E. Brown Killed 2 Japs, General Reveals

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23 (AP).—Joe E. Brown, the actor, took time out from entertaining troops on northern Luzon last summer to kill two Japs, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler said today.

"Joe was in there firing with a carbine," said Beightler, who commanded the 37th Div. "Two Japs went down and Joe got credit."

The comedian, here with the show "Harvey," was reluctant to discuss the incident, but Beightler explained Brown was in a lead tank in the engagement preceding the capture of the town of Bambang. As Japs began breaking, he popped out and began firing.

## Ice-Shrouded Fishing Trawler Makes Port



The fishing trawler Theresa R. docks at Boston with a load of fish and a coat of ice. Workmen had to hack away tons of ice from the decks before the fish could be removed. The trawler was caught in a heavy storm and freezing weather.

## Gift of Billion In Food Urged For Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—The National Planning Association has recommended a \$1,000,000,000 gift of food for Western Europe, including former enemy countries, it was disclosed today.

The report said the contribution would be in addition to funds provided for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, which does not operate in former enemy territory.

The Association, a non-profit and non-political organization, estimated that \$1,000,000,000 of goods would be needed in addition to UNRRA funds to save from hunger Western Europe, the UK, and countries cared for by UNRRA.

The organization declared: "We should regard this gift not as charity but as a demonstration of our concern for the lives of Europeans and the welfare of Europe and as part of the war's unfinished business."

The Association said it would not be sound policy to ask liberated countries to finance their emergency food imports through long-term loans when "their slender dollar resources are sorely needed to buy from us equipment for rehabilitation of their countries."

## Probers to Study U.S. Bases in ETO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—A three-man Senate War Investigating subcommittee will visit U.S. bases in Europe and the Pacific to study disposal of surplus military equipment by the armed forces, it was announced today.

The committee, which will leave Washington Thursday, will investigate reports that usable supplies are being destroyed, and that shipping is not being utilized properly to return servicemen home.

The group also will study the location and character of surplus property programs for supplying Allied nations, salvage operations, establishment of permanent military bases and activities of U.S. civilian agencies.

## Parents Who Picketed School Win Their Point

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (ANS).—Parents who picketed the Kimball elementary school and kept its 544 pupils away from classes Tuesday have won a promise that construction of additional classrooms will be completed by mid-April.

The picketing was done by 17 mothers and one father in protest against a delay in constructing an addition to the building.

## Cancer Toll Was Double U.S. Casualties in War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (ANS).—The Census Bureau said today nearly twice as many persons died of cancer in the U.S. from 1942 through 1944 as the armed services lost through enemy action in World War II.

Cancer deaths in that period totaled 501,419, the bureau said, while recent Army and Navy figures placed combat losses at 273,000.

## Probe Firebug's Mind; He 'Couldn't Stop'

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23 (ANS).—A mental examination has been ordered for a 12-year-old boy, who told police he started 20 fires, including a \$200,000 stockyard blaze in which two firemen were killed, because he "just couldn't stop" after the first one.

The boy confessed starting the Cleveland Union Stockyard fire of March 11, 1944, which injured two other firemen, two civilians and killed 150 animals. He said he also started a \$35,000 fire at the Pilsener Brewing Co. Oct. 3, 1944.

The boy said he usually started fires and then ran home to ask his parents to take him to the scene when fire-engine sirens began to sound.

## AAF Sergeant Held As Spy Who Sent Nazi Plane Data

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Dec. 23 (AP).—Close-mouthed Army investigators probed the past of an Army Air Forces sergeant held in solitary confinement at nearby Hamilton Field as an accused German spy.

A press release authorized by the War Department named the sergeant as 30-year-old Frank Hirt, formerly of North Babylon, L.I., and Petaluma, Calif., and stated the charge as espionage.

Hirt, who enlisted in the Air Forces soon after he returned late in 1941 from living in Germany, was said to have been given mail addresses in South America which were to have served as relay points for information he allegedly was assigned to obtain.

Hirt denied he had ever sent any military information to Germany. He added that he had sent several post cards via South American mail routes, but that they contained no information other than his whereabouts.

The case already has involved FBI investigations in Holland, Spain, Switzerland, Germany and Brazil.

Army authorities accused Hirt of sending to Germany information about American military planes.

## U.S. Gives Vets First Crack At New Homes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (ANS).—The Government announced yesterday a building priorities program that gives veterans first chance to buy or rent new homes built for \$10,000 or less.

Priorities, effective Jan. 15, will reserve 50 percent of ten scarce materials for such housing and only vets who wish to build for themselves or builders who agree to sell or rent for veterans will be eligible for such priorities.

The remaining 50 percent of scarce materials will be available for industrial construction, veterans' hospitals, repairs and other housing.

Each house built from priority materials must sell for not more than \$10,000, including land and improvements, or must rent for not more than \$80 a month. The builder must give veterans preference in buying or renting during the period of construction and for 30 days thereafter.

Veterans will be required to certify that the dwelling they buy is for their own use to prevent speculative re-sales. The regulations will prohibit a transfer at more than original price during the period when the rules are in force.

No attempt is being made under the program, however, to regulate the sale of old houses or to establish priorities for them.

## Gen. Collins Appointed Army Information Head

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—Appointment of Lt. Gen. Joseph Lawton Collins to be Director of Information for the War Department was announced by the Army yesterday.

Collins, former commander of the Seventh Corps in the European campaign, succeeds Maj. Gen. Alexander D. Surles, who has directed the Bureau of Public Relations since Aug. 6, 1941. Surles has been assigned to special duty at the office of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Crawford and Milland Cited

### Renoir Called 'Best Director'

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (UP).—Joan Crawford and Ray Milland were chosen the best actress and actor of the year yesterday by the U.S. National Board of Review, Miss Crawford for her portrayal of "Mildred Pierce" and Milland for his performance in "The Lost Weekend."



Joan Crawford

Jean Renoir was named the best director for "The Southerner," and the best picture of the year, according to the Board, was "The True Glory," a compilation of Allied newsreel shots from D-Day to VE-Day by Carol Reed and Garson Kanin.

Other pictures named were the British-made "The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp" and "The Way Ahead," the Swiss film, "The Last Chance," and the following American movies: "The Southerner," "The Lost Weekend," "The Story of GI Joe," "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," "The Fighting Lady" (a documentary about an aircraft carrier), and "The Clock."

# NAZI KAMIKAZE CORPS JUST DIDN'T

## Pilots So Snafued They Never Got Into the Air

By Robert Marshall  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

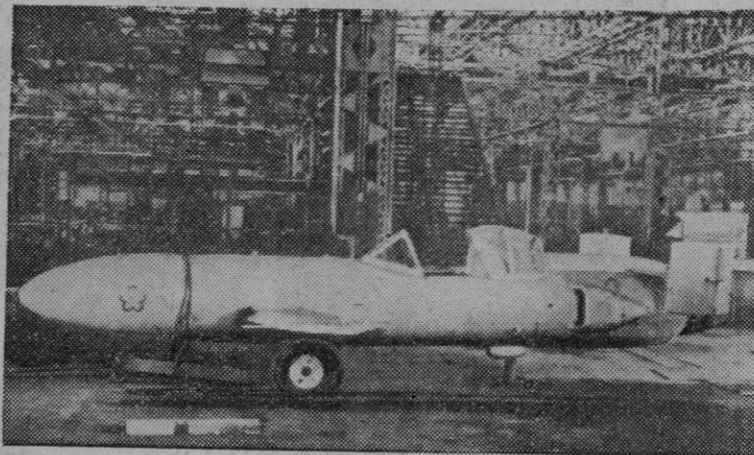
FRANKFURT, Dec. 23.—Germany was developing its own version of the Japanese Kamikaze corps in the last days of the war, but Hitler's suicide pilots were so badly snafued they never got into the air for their flights of death.

Existence of the Nazi plan of suicide weapons was revealed by American intelligence officers, who gained the full story of how the scheme was hatched—and later misfired—from Hanna Reitsch, a leading German aviatrix and test pilot.

The plan began in the fall of 1943 with a little group of aviation enthusiasts, she related. They conceived the idea of a manned flying bomb as a weapon which could halt the impending Allied invasion by knocking out supporting naval vessels.

**Signed a Pledge**

The volunteer suicides all signed a pledge offering to pilot a glider-bomb in a death plunge.



This jet-propelled suicide bomb, the Baka 22, was to be launched by the Japanese from a large bomber and guided to targets by a Kamikaze pilot.

Leaders of the group, herself included, took the plan to Hitler, and to Luftwaffe chiefs but received a run-around. When the invasion came, there were still no suicide planes or pilots ready for action.

Several days after the invasion Goering, who had not given full support to the project earlier, suddenly decided the suicide squadron would be just the thing to stop the Allied advance.

**News Was Surprise**

Members of the group—who knew there was no plane yet available for their missions—were astounded to discover they had been declared available and were to be ready in 14 days to fly Fockewulf 190s carry-

## Aviatrix Reveals A Reich Plan to Meet Invasion

ing 4,000-pounds bombs to be crashed into targets.

This version of the plan was news to them, since most of the volunteers were glider pilots and some had never flown a motored plane.

Reitsch reported that this sudden turn of affairs dimmed what enthusiasm the volunteer suicides had left. Only the personal intervention of Hitler blocked the plan to use the FW 190s

**Signed New Pledge**

The suicide movement was quickly revised and, through a piece of chicanery, the volunteers were hoodwinked into signing a new pledge that they would fly any kind of craft their superiors might select.

Until March, 1945, a frantic effort was still being made to find a workable way to utilize the suicide squadron, even though leaders of the project were convinced that the military situation had deteriorated to such an extent that suicide bombs had lost their tactical usefulness. In March, the scheme was abandoned.

## Sites for UNO Narrow to N.Y., Boston Areas

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP).—It appears likely that Concord, Mass., or some other small city near Boston will be the United Nations' choice as a home for the new world government. An alternate possibility was some small city within two hours of New York, said to be favored by the Russians.

Choices seemed to be narrowed to the two areas, after the Interim Committee, charged with picking six possible sites for UNO, voted 25 to five to limit the choice to the Eastern part of the U.S.

**British Want Boston**

A majority of delegates said they believed a site near Boston would be picked because the British favor it and because of its distance from Washington. The desire to avoid influence of the American capital eliminated cities as far away as Philadelphia.

The Russians, considering New York the most international American city, are understood to favor headquarters nearby, and Newport, R.I., and Hyde Park, N.Y., are still under consideration as UNO sites. No area in the Eastern section has yet been definitely eliminated, however.

## Minister Says France Was Atom Leader

France was ahead of Britain and the U.S. in atomic research in 1940, and though she "lost five years," there is no reason why she should not overtake and pass them again in that field, Raoul Dautry, minister of reconstruction, said.

As minister of armaments in 1940, Dautry's foresight in purchasing virtually the entire world stock of heavy water from Norway shortly before the Nazis invaded that country was said to have deprived the Germans of an opportunity to develop the atom bomb, the United Press reported yesterday.

(Sent to England for safekeeping before France capitulated, the heavy water eventually was shipped to the U.S., where it was utilized in research which culminated in perfection of the bomb.)

In addition to directing the massive program of rehabilitating France's war-torn cities, the 65-year-old cabinet leader is expected to be named head of the proposed French high commission on atomic energy.

In that position, Dautry would co-ordinate the researches of such noted scientists in nuclear physics as Frederic Joliot-Curie and the de Broglie brothers.

His program for the reconstruction of France will include the purchase of \$26,000,000 of pasteboard factories in the U.S. and the importation of several American industrial units, complete with American engineers so French workmen may study recent American manufacturing methods.

### Fortune of War



British Tar Tommy Blight returns from the South Seas after three years in the Navy, toting a stem of bananas for the holidays at his home in Kent.

## Pacific S & S Asks Democracy Replace Service Caste System

HONOLULU, Dec. 23 (ANS).—Charging the Army and Navy foster a "caste system inherited from Frederick the Great of Prussia and the 18th century British navy," the Mid-Pacific edition of The Stars and Stripes suggested today that the armed services initiate studies to democratize their forces.

In a two-column editorial the newspaper listed a series of GI gripes and recommended remedies to change the "aristocracy-peasantry relationship characteristic of our armed forces."

The paper charged the Army and Navy treat enlisted men as "second class citizens" and said they were returning home hating and detesting military life. It pointed out, however, that most GI complaints

concern officer privileges and behavior during off duty hours, not in line of duty.

Enlisted men's complaints were summarized as:

- 1—More plentiful and cheaper supplies of liquor for officers, especially in the forward areas.
- 2—More adequate and attractive recreational facilities for officers.
- 3—Regulations prohibiting enlisted men, but permitting officers, to date nurses and Red Cross girls.
- 4—Permanent all-hour passes granted all officers but few enlisted men.
- 5—Near-monopoly by officers on government vehicles available for recreation.

## French Form Rightist Party

Emergence of a small but well-organized Rightist opposition to France's dominating coalition of Leftist parties is seen in the formation of a Republican Party of Liberty, according to the United Press.

Led by Joseph Laniel, political protege of Paul Reynaud, French Premier at the time of the 1940 armistice, the Rightist coalition unites the forces of the original Republican Party of Liberty, with the Democratic Alliance, the Republican Federation and the Renovation Republicaine parties.

While together they now muster but 30 votes in the present Assembly the Rightist units are pointing toward the important elections next fall to take advantage of public dissatisfaction over internal bickerings among the Left coalition, consisting of Communists and Socialists.

The new party, like all other political groups in France, gives adherence to President de Gaulle, but opposes rapid socialization which is now taking place in France, favoring instead "development of initiative and respect for the individual."

## U.S. to Honor 71 In Belgium, Duchy

The Stars and Stripes Bureau

FRANKFURT, Dec. 23.—Sixty-seven Belgian government officials and military leaders and four members of the Luxembourg government will be decorated soon by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, USFET commander, for their aid to U.S. and Allied forces, it was learned here yesterday.

Gen. McNarney will go to Brussels and Luxembourg City to make the presentations.

The chief decoration, the Legion of Merit in the degree of commander, will be made to Belgian Prime Minister Achille Van Acker for his work as an officer in the Belgian resistance movement.

The principal decoration in the Luxembourg group will go to Prime Minister Pierre DuPong, who will receive the Medal of Freedom with gold palm.

## Services Held For Patton

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Loren T. Jenks, Seventh Army chaplain

At Mrs. Patton's request Col. Carter read Psalms 90 and 63, the latter her husband's favorite. Also at her request the 36-voice choir of the First Armd. Div. sang the two hymns "The Strife Is Over" and "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

At the conclusion of the service, which lasted 22 minutes, the 12 general officers who were honorary pallbearers, filed out of the church. As the choir sang the "Lord's Prayer" the casket was borne out by six enlisted men, including the General's Negro orderly, M/Sgt. William J. Meek, who had attended Patton for eight years. The other pallbearers were: S/Sgt. Ben Heck, R. Day, Frank Huboly, Charles Kadow, and T/Sgt. Vernon Rehberg.

**Band Leads Procession**

The funeral procession to the railroad station was led by the 84th Inf. Div. band.

At the station the casket was placed aboard a special train which left for Luxembourg, where burial services will be held tomorrow in the American military cemetery at Hamm four miles east of Luxembourg City.

Soldiers of the Third Inf. Regt. lined the station platform. As the train began to move, at precisely 4:30 PM Artillery of the 15th Cav. began a 19-gun salute.

**Home Town Mourns Patton; Flags Fly at Half Staff**

HAMILTON, Mass., Dec. 23 (ANS).—Flags flew at half-staff yesterday in tribute to this town's favorite son and World War II hero, Gen. George S. Patton.

**Luxembourg Proud to Be Burial Site, Prince Says**

LUXEMBOURG CITY, Dec. 23 (AP).—"All Luxembourg is proud that our liberator will be resting here," Crown Prince Felix of Luxembourg, speaking from the palace, four miles from the U.S. military cemetery in Hamm where Gen. George Patton will be buried Monday, declared yesterday.

## Rightists Push Compulsory Vote in Italy

ROME, Dec. 23 (UP).—The political affairs committee of Italy's Consultative Assembly today voted in favor of making it mandatory for all eligibles to vote in municipal elections. This action points to the possibility of an obligatory ballot in the national elections promised for next spring.

The committee's approval of the proposal represented a Rightist victory as the Communist, Socialist and Actionist parties formed a Leftist opposition to the plan. This has been interpreted as a Rightist attempt to gain victory at the polls by bringing out the middle-roads—many of whom belong to no party.

This first Rightist move to insure its newly-won power will be tested in the Consultative Assembly, which must approve the committee's proposal before it becomes law.

## Report Axis Envoys Stay as Vatican Guests

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Milan radio reported today that members of the former German embassy at the Vatican are remaining in Vatican City as "distinguished guests who have lost their diplomatic status, since there is no longer a German government." Officials of the closed Japanese embassy at the Vatican also are staying as guests, the report added.

It was reported yesterday that the Allied Control Council in Germany had asked all neutral countries, including the Vatican, to expel all former German officials as "undesirable persons."

### Greeting Sent Frisco

After San Francisco was eliminated by the vote for the East, a telegram of voting and gratitude was sent to the city where the United Nations charter was written, and the committee reaffirmed its decision to hold the tenth annual meeting of the General Council there.

Still to be decided was the delicate question of just where the boundary between the Eastern and Western U.S. lies. The Interim Committee must also decide on members to visit the U.S. and when the trip is to be made.

## 'Big 3' Talks In 2nd Week

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AP).—The "Big Three" Foreign Ministers' conference entered its second week today with still no official statement on the extent of the talks.

Informed sources, however, believed the conferees, U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov had regained the track of co-operation, and that discussions were being conducted in an atmosphere reminiscent of the war-time co-operation of the three Allied nations.

(The United Press said that the problem of atomic energy had been brought up by Byrnes and Bevin, and some quarters felt that much of the success of the present talks depended on reaching a satisfactory solution on atomic control.)

(UP reported that Molotov had a two-hour conversation yesterday with Gen. Georges Catroux and Hervé Alphand, Presence of Alphand, head of the French Political-Economic Mission to Russia, suggested the main discussion centered around internationalization of the Ruhr and Rhineland, which France is advocating.)

## Private Re-Enlists, Draws \$278 a Month



Pvt. Ralph T. Lineback, 44, Norfolk, Va., tacks a photo of his wife and nine children on the inside of his locker lid at Fort Meade, Md., after quitting a \$45-a-week job to re-enlist. He has already served three hitches in the Army, and with his wife's and children's allowances draws \$278 a month as a private—more than he made as a civilian.

# Yule Brings No Peace To Holy Land as Jews Battle Curbs of British

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (UP).—As Christmas approaches in the Holy Land, "Hagana" (Defense), the secret army of the Jewish resistance movement, has pledged itself again to fight the British Government's restrictions upon Jewish immigration and land settlement in Palestine.

## UNRRA to Ship Million Tons In December

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—UNRRA has reached its "full stride of action" as a result of recent American contributions and will ship nearly 1,000,000 tons of relief supplies in December, according to Herbert H. Lehman, director general.

However, demands for UNRRA aid by United Nations members are still "far beyond the resources of the administration," and because of limitation of its financial resources and supplies of commodities, UNRRA "will be unable to provide all the assistance which is so clearly needed in the world today," Lehman declared.

Its expanded program for next year will include the taking over by UNRRA of the entire relief load for Italy, formerly a joint American-British-Canadian responsibility. Spurgeon M. Keeny, chief of UNRRA's mission to Italy, will fly to Rome next week to sign an agreement formally admitting Italy into the world relief program.

In addition, UNRRA will continue its programs begun this year for full-scale aid to Albania, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Poland, Yugoslavia and the Dodecanese Islands.

China's relief needs are stupendous, and China's relief program will be the largest in UNRRA's project, probably costing \$675,000,000. Agreements signed with the White Russian and Ukrainian republics provide for aid of \$189,000,000 to the Ukraine and \$61,000,000 to White Russia.

Austria has requested assistance, and a contemplated program will probably be in the amount of \$100,000,000. In Finland UNRRA will undertake "limited emergency" relief in the northern districts, costing \$2,500,000, and in Korea the delegation will examine and consult on relief needs.

The Jewish Agency, an open political organization which the joint Anglo-American Committee studying the immigration situation seeks to have testify in forthcoming hearings, says it is helpless to influence the resistance movement which has carried out most of the recent sabotage in the country.

The agency, which so far has not declared its stand on appearing before the committee, points out that the underground army is independent. On its own, "Hagana" has repeatedly affirmed in illegal publications and broadcasts that it "has no hope of obtaining justice to Jews through commissions or memoranda."

Thus it appears that any international body must arrive at a basic solution of the Palestine immigration problem which is suitable to the Jews before it can hope to prevent the Jewish rebels from committing further violence.

Hagana consists of two subdivisions—the field units known as "Heil Sadeh" and the striking units, or "Palmakh." The latter force, the most potent of all underground elements, is composed of youths who first prepared for guerrilla fighting when they expected the Germans to occupy Palestine.

Palmakh was intensively trained when the British invaded Vichy-occupied Syria and Lebanon in 1941. Later it was given instruction in commando tactics by the British Army to meet a possible German attack.

### Heil Sadeh Formed in '37

The less important Heil Sadeh was organized by Capt. Ord E. Wingate in 1937 to resist Arab raids on Jewish settlements. The special squads he formed were officially disbanded in 1939, when Heil Sadeh became the nucleus of the new secret field units of Hagana.

Hagana forces recently raided the Athlit camp where Jewish illegal immigrants were taken away, and have sunk coastal patrol vessels as well as sabotaging railways and blowing up coast guard stations.

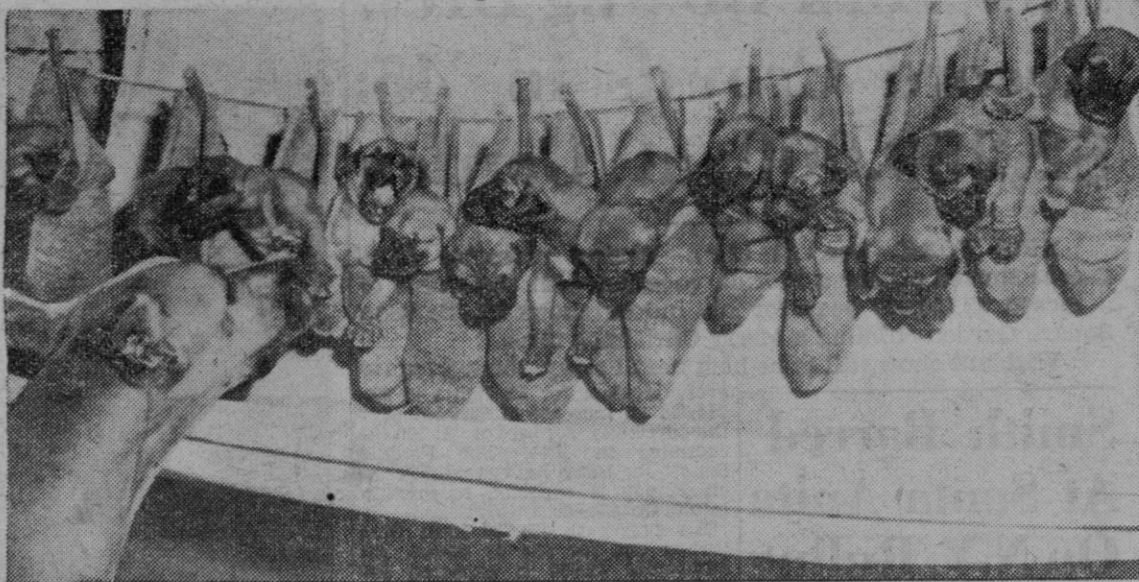
Hagana had a membership during the war of 60,000, but it is not known how many have transferred to the new resistance movement. The rebels repeat almost daily on their secret radio that "we are fighting the policy that halts immigration—not the British people."

## Emir Learns About Crime at Scotland Yard



The Emir of Fayal, who visited London's famed Scotland Yard recently, was told of the latest methods of crime detection—and at the same time shown some of the ancient weapons at the detective headquarters. Here, officers of Scotland Yard show the Emir a couple of truncheons more than 200 years old.

## Great Dane Hangs Up a Record—13 Puppies



Fauna, champion Great Dane, looks over her 13 puppies in McKeesport, Pa. There were 14 puppies, but one died. The litter is believed to be a record for Great Danes. This will be Fauna's last litter, however, for operations for peritonitis and gangrene have ended her puppy-bearing career.

# Super State, Merging Sovereignty Of All Nations, Planned by Britain

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP).—The British Government has developed definite ideas towards establishment of a World Government which would merge the sovereignty of present-day nations, it was learned yesterday.

Plans begin with a proposal for a regional United Nations Organization in Europe which would move along economic and political lines toward the objective of a super state.

This is what Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and Minister of State Philip Noel-Baker had in mind in recent public statements about a "Parliament of the World," an authoritative source said.

British Cabinet members who worked out these far-reaching ideas have decided on two lines of advance, along which they intend to move slowly but with certainty and persistence.

They have concrete plans for real international control of transport, communications, aviation and health, although it was stated it would be premature to disclose them in detail. They are likely to be along lines similar to the British program of domestic nationalization of key services.

The British are planning international organizations on refugees, pest control and other questions. They want these bodies to have greater authority and resources than any international groups created before the United Nations.

### Politics and Justice

The other side of the campaign deals with politics and justice.

The British plan to reach the objective of world government through steady strengthening of the United Nations Organization itself.

One authority said that as armaments are regulated the United Nations should come to have sole and direct control of the police force of the world, and everyone else should be disarmed to the point that none would dare challenge that force.

The high British officials who are working on these far-reaching ideas admit readily it will take a long time to accomplish them.

### Charter a Foundation

The United Nations Charter, they say, provides foundation for a system of world-wide law and justice. Law, they point out, is not only a question of legislation but of tradition and custom, and it takes time to plant and nourish these customs on an international scale.

They contemplate taking each step as the opportunity arises, and say their plans are in no way directed against Russia. On the contrary, Russia would be invited and urged to take an active role.

### French Get Air Bases

TANANARIVE, Madagascar, Dec. 23 (AP).—British authorities on Friday turned over to the French the aviation bases constructed here after May, 1942, when the British took the island from its Vichy French defenders, it was revealed today.

## Panama Ex-President Seized As Instigator of Revolt

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 23 (AP).—Former President Arnulfo Arias, who returned from exile in Argentina two months ago, was arrested yesterday and charged with instigating the short-lived revolution which cost seven lives on Friday.

It was reported that U.S. Army personnel stationed in the area was banned from the cities of Panama and Colon because of the disturbances, but authorities had no comment.

### Roundup Ordered

Arias was arrested after a cabinet meeting called by President Enrique Jimenez. Previously, the government asserted that the brief but violent midnight skirmish at Colon police station and the attempt to seize the telephone central had been carried out by "partisans of Arias," and ordered a wide roundup of followers of the former president.

Enrique Linares Jr. and Francisco Linares, Arias' brothers-in-law, were among the hundreds seized.

The dead included five followers of Arias and two Panamanian policemen. There were at least eight wounded.

### Gunfire Near Jimenez Home

Although quiet prevailed generally throughout Panama City, brief gunfire took place outside President Jimenez' home. No casualties were reported as a result of this incident.

It was recalled here that police last week arrested four men, two of them known supporters of Arias, charging them with smuggling arms purchased from U.S. soldiers in the Canal Zone. A search is being conducted for other illegal weapons.

Arias headed the national revolutionary coalition which forced President Florencio Hermodio Arosemena to resign in 1931. Arias himself was elected president in 1940 but was ousted in a bloodless coup in 1941.

### Reds Return Airfields

WARSAW, Dec. 23 (AP).—The Red Army has returned 15 airfields to Polish air lines, it was announced yesterday. The Russians previously had handed control of railways back to Polish civilian authorities.

## Ickes Urges Hawaii as State

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (ANS).—Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, yesterday urged that Hawaii be admitted to statehood "in the immediate future."

"The record of the people of Hawaii during the war clearly indicates further postponement will be unnecessary," he declared in a statement.

The Secretary's stand came as a surprise in view of his remark at his last press conference three weeks ago that he doubted "very much" he would make such a recommendation before 1946.

He asserted then that he was disturbed by the "economic control that five families exert over there" and would be better pleased "if it really were a democratic institution instead of an oligarchy."

Today Ickes said the Interior Department believed "concentration of economic control of which some people have complained, can better be handled by the people themselves under statehood with the assistance that they will have from the Federal Government."

## Cutie Peeks at IQ Test



Jimmie Lane, lovely "cover girl," wears eyeglasses during an IQ test at Columbia University, devised to determine whether beauty and brains are correlated. (We haven't heard the results).

## 9-Yr-Old Directs Symphony

### While Maestro Plays the Cuckoo

TORONTO, Dec. 23 (AP).—With an assurance belying his years, nine-year-old Michael Spivak Friday night conducted the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in a performance of two movements of Haydn's Toy Symphony.

Dressed in a dark suit with short pants, the dark-haired, serious-faced youth dropped his baton between movements but recovered it without losing any of the aplomb that marked his conducting.

The regular conductor, Sir Ernest MacMillan, sat with the orchestra and played the cuckoo's part in the symphony.

## New York Boxing Drew Record Crowds in '45; \$2,250,000 at Garden

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP).—Boxing promoter Mike Jacobs shoved off for a Florida vacation with the tinkle of a record \$2,250,000 year for his indoor shows at Madison Square Garden chiming a Merry Christmas tune.

With one show still to be held next Friday, the aggregate

## Smith Barred At Santa Anita On N.Y. Ruling

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP).—The California Horse Racing Board barred Trainer Tom Smith, of the Maine Chance Farms, from visiting his stable at the Santa Anita race track because of his one-year suspension by the New York Board on the charge of stimulating Magnific Duel.

Action was automatic under the reciprocal agreement between the two state boards prohibiting a trainer suspended in one state from training in the other.

## Ephedrine Test Out, Says Veteran Trainer

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 23 (ANS).—Veteran horse-trainer Tom Smith, charged with stimulating a horse named Magnific Duel, declared today that no ephedrine test would be made on the animal at Santa Anita as requested by the New York Racing Commission.

Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, owner of the fabulous Maine Chance Farms, vetoed plans to conduct the test, Smith revealed upon arriving from New York where the officials of the Jockey Club and the Racing Commission last week heard testimony on charges that Magnific Duel had been stimulated last November 8.

Smith declared that although it was decided at last Saturday's hearing to spray Magnific Duel with ephedrine, Mrs. Graham refused to go through with the plan. He said he often sprayed his horses with ephedrine to relieve congestion in the nasal passage. He claims it is not a stimulant and chemists for the defense so testified at the New York hearing.

## Racing Boosts Charity Till

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (ANS).—New York horse racing raised \$1,577,040.01 for charity in 1945, it was disclosed yesterday in an announcement that receipts would be distributed to 12 charitable organizations on December 27.

The bulk of the money was raised at the charity meeting with which New York tracks concluded their season. Added to nation-wide contributions of racing, the New York amount this year raises the total of wartime contributions by racing close to the \$25,000,000 mark. The major recipients in 1945 again will be the Red Cross and the National War Fund.

## Record Entry for Anita 'Cap

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 23 (ANS).—An all-time record high of 134 thoroughbreds were nominated for the ninth running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap next March 9.

Virtually all the eligible mounts already are on the grounds awaiting the opening on Dec. 29 of the 55-day meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Arden) Graham's Maine Chance Farm was the leading subscriber with 11 entries while movieman Louis B. Mayer ran second with seven entries.

## Three Wildcat Coaches Return to Their Posts

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 23 (ANS).—Three members of Northwestern University's coaching staff have returned to their duties after serving three years each in the armed forces.

They are Rut Walter, assistant track and basketball coach; Wes Brown, wrestling coach, and Chester Gargas assistant to the athletic director.

## Jayhawk Mentor Resigns

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 23 (AP).—Henry Shenk, head football coach at the University of Kansas for three years, has submitted his resignation.

gross receipts for 42 fights is \$2,214,968 an increase of \$818,501 over the previous record of \$1,396,467 compiled in 1944. The Freddie Schott-Joe Baksi heavyweight scrap on Friday is expected to draw a minimum \$35,000.

An aggregate 534,736 fight fans turned out for the 42 shows. An additional 10,000 is expected for the Schott-Baksi shindig.

Rocky Graziano, Brooklyn clouter who leaped into prominence with five straight Garden knockouts, drew the largest house, on Sept. 28 when he flattened Harold Green in the third round. That night a standing-room-only crowd of 18,593 paid \$103,970.

Tami Mauriello and Lee Oma drew \$101,918 on March 23 and Graziano and Freddie Cochrane \$100,469 on August 24.

Three other matches were in the \$90,000 or more category with Johnny Greco figuring in two of them. His bout with Robby Ruffin on Feb. 2 grossed \$96,273 and his rubber affair with Tony Janiro on Nov. 9, \$94,433. Ray Sugar Robinson and Jake La Motta drew \$93,185 on Feb. 23.

## Boom in Gates at L.A.; Boxing Drew Million

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP).—Boxing was a million-dollar business here this year.

The Olympic Auditorium grossed \$638,522.38, while the Hollywood Legion Arena, with one more fight night in 1945, has topped \$400,000.

Among the boxers, the leading money maker was Enrique Bolanos, the former Mexico City bellhop, who drew about \$30,000 in a half-dozen bouts.

The biggest gate was \$31,927.91 for the Arturo Godoy-Johnny Haynes heavyweight tiff.

## Dean Jessop's Chances Of Setting Mark Fade

HALLENDALE, Fla., Dec. 23 (ANS).—The hope that he might establish a modern record for the number of horse races won in a single year faded Friday for jockey Job Dean Jessop as he failed to score in six attempts at the Gulfstream Park track.

With only eight racing days remaining, Jessop, who has driven home 284 winners this year, needs 18 more victories to break Jackie Westrope's mark of 301.

## Robello Gets Minors Post

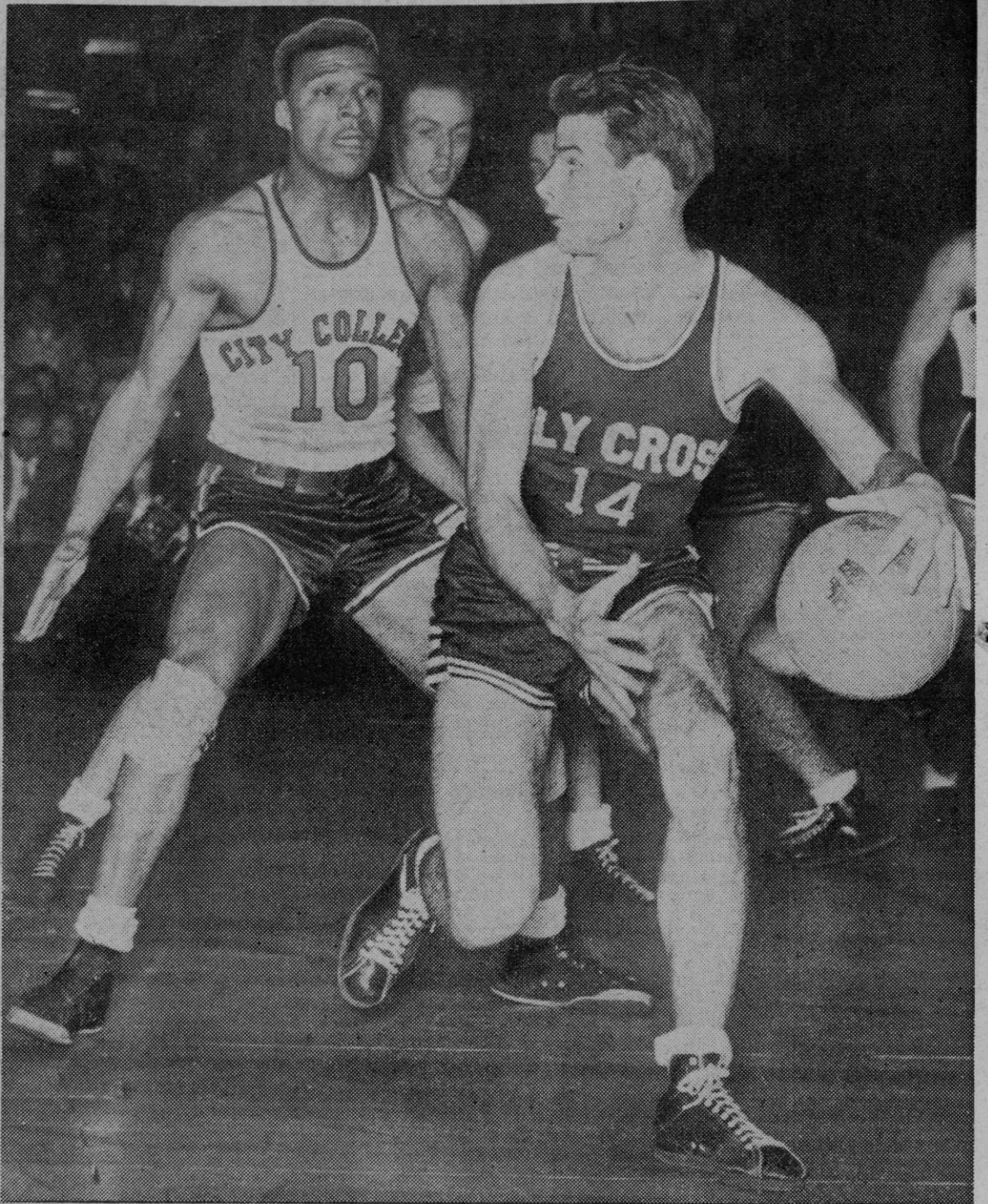
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23 (AP).—Tony Robello of Oakland, Calif., was signed today to manage the Springfield club of the revived Three-I-League. Robello, 34, has had 11 years' experience in the minor leagues. He formerly managed Jacksonville in the East Texas League, and teams in Twin Falls, Pocatello and Salt Lake City.

## One Hand for Pros

It's Pat Conlin cutting an athletic figure on seagoing barrel staves as she preps for the intercollegiate water skiing championship at Lakeland, Fla.



## Crusader Takes Quick Peek for Possible Opening



Dermott O'Connell, Holy Cross, warily looks over his shoulder at City College's Sonny Jameson, who appears to have him bottled. Action took place at Madison Square Garden as one part of a double-header.

## Staves Off Shutout With Lone Basket

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (ANS).—Forward Gerald White, with one point, was high scorer for Englewood High School's junior basketball team in a game last night again: the Lake View juniors.

White's free throw in the third period was Englewood's only score and saved his team from a shutout as Lake View rolled up 43 points.

## Wildcat Five Loses Its 6-Foot-7 Center

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 23 (AP).—Leroy King, six-foot-seven-inch Northwestern University basketball center, was ruled ineligible by the school's faculty committee on grounds that the Biblical student was not a full-time enrollee.

King is enrolled at the Garrett Biblical Institute on the Northwestern campus which interchanges classroom courses with the university. Previously, the Big Ten had sanctioned King's eligibility.

## Indiana Tops U. of M., 67-58

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 23 (ANS).—Indiana's unbeaten basketball team last night trimmed previously-undefeated University of Michigan, 67-58, in an overtime period in the first Western Conference tilt for both teams. The victory extended the Hoosiers' winning streak to six and broke Michigan's at five.

### Saturday Night Results

Marshall 50, Maryland 45  
Lehigh 57, Franklin and Marshall 38  
Pittsburgh 67, Bethany 36  
Navy 74, Bainbridge Naval 67  
Chicago 55, Depauw 54  
Iowa Seahawks 51, Iowa State 34  
Creighton 41, Morningside 32  
Drake 53, Bradley Tech 43  
Beloit 82, Carroll 40  
Miami of Ohio 52, Ball St. Teachers 36  
Illinois 62, Nebraska 51  
Georgia Tech 52, Clemson 38  
Colorado Aggies 52, Kansas State 43  
Camp Carson 41, Colorado State 40  
New Mexico 42, Arizona 37  
British Columbia U. 65, Wash. State 51  
Southern Calif. 41, Carroll Shamrocks 34  
Eastern Washington 53, Montana U. 47  
South Dakota Wesleyan 55, Montana U. 44  
UCLA 33, California Institute Tech. 9  
Kearns AAF O.R.C. 54, Brigham Y. 42  
Hamilton Field 55, San Jose St. Coll. 41  
San Diego State 46, Whittier College 30

## Swedish Pro-Track Investigation Drags On

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23 (ANS).—The investigation into charges of professionalism against Gunder Haegg, Arne Andersson and other Swedish track stars is continuing and is not expected to be concluded before February, President L. Lindman of the Swedish Athletic Association said today.

Lindman described as "quite incorrect" reports that the Swedish runners would be allowed to keep their amateur status without further action, because of the lack of proof that they accepted money.

## Conn No. 1 Contender

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (ANS).—The New York Boxing Writers' Association named Billy Conn the number one heavyweight contender in its annual ranking of boxers released yesterday.

## Man Mountain Out, Minus Beard, Blubber

ATLANTA, Dec. 22 (ANS).—Man Mountain Dean, his face supporting only a token force of the beard he once wore in the wrestling ring, arrived here today, discharged from the Army.

The 54-year-old 260-pounder, only a shadow of his former self (he weighed around 330 in his wrestling days), was with an armored unit in Europe. He plans to return to his farm at Norcross, Ga.

## Oklahoma Rated 12-Point Favorite

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23 (ANS).—The experienced Oklahoma Aggies today were installed a two touchdown favorite over the young St. Mary's Gaels—a bigger margin than actually has decided any of the 11 Sugar Bowl games.

Local bookies offered 12 points against St. Mary's or took 14 against the Aggies because of Oklahoma's overwhelming weight, maturity, experience and reserve strength advantage.

The biggest edge in any Sugar Bowl contest was Texas Christian's 15-7 drubbing of Carnegie Tech on January 1, 1939.

## Senators Send Kimble To Toledo Club RF AA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—The Washington Senators returned Dick Kimble, shortstop, to Toledo of the American Association.

Kimble joined the Senators in mid-season last year and played well until an injury benched him. Kimble bats left-handed and club officials pointed out that the Senators will be overloaded with south-paw hitters next spring.

## Browns Buy Elmira

ELMIRA, N.Y., Dec. 23 (AP).—Sale of Elmira's franchise and players in the Eastern Baseball League to the St. Louis Browns for \$7,500 was approved by the directors of the Elmira Area Baseball Club, Inc.



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## Paris Area MOVIES TODAY

MARIGNAN—"And Then There Were None." Barry Fitzgerald, Walter Huston, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Madeleine.  
 ENSA PARIS—"Kismet." Marlene Dietrich, Ronald Colman, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf.  
 OLYMPIA—Same as Marignan. 2330 only. Metro Madeleine.  
 EMPERE—"Thousand and One Nights."

## STAGE SHOWS

ENSA MARIGNY—"RAF Gang Show." Variety Show.  
 OLYMPIA—"This Is It." Variety Show.

## 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.  
 PX BARBER SHOP—12 Rue de Seze (opposite Rainbow Corner), weekdays 0800-2000. Sundays 0900-1700. avec beauty parlor. 146 Champs-Elysees. 0900-1900 weekdays only, avec beauty parlor. 48 Avenue Kleber. 0900-1900 weekdays only, no beauty parlor.

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

## Nancy

SHOWTIME—"Love Letters." Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten.

## Marseille

ALCAZAR—"Abbott and Costello in Hollywood."

## Metz

SCALA—"You Came Along." ROYAL—"Too Young to Know."

## Le Havre

STEERING WHEEL—"The Cheaters." SELECT—"Caribbean Mystery." HERBERT TAREYTON—"Personal Appearance." PHILIP MORRIS—"Rhapsody in Blue Serge." WINGS—"Stars on Parade."

## Verdun

VOX—"Man Alive." Pat O'Brien, Ellen Drew.

## Brussels

ENSA MUSIC HALL—"Magie and Music." GI Show, 1930.

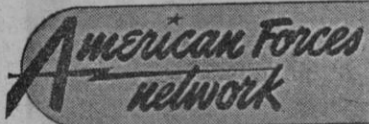
## Madrid's Gift: Water 24 Hrs.

MADRID, Dec. 23 (AP).—This city's authorities on Saturday gave Madrilenos a Christmas present. Water will be available from now on for 24 hours a day with all restrictions removed.

Water supplies cut by drought resulted in water rationing in October. Madrid residents could use it only eight hours a day.

In addition, the government announced the lifting of restrictions on the industrial use of electricity. Power was formerly available only four hours a day. Its use is now forbidden only between 5 and 11 PM.

A Cabinet communique said an undisclosed number of acres of land were to be taken over by the government in the province of Badajoz in Estremadura. It was described only as land from estates. The communique did not disclose the use to which the lands would be put.



Time	TODAY
1200-News	1900-James Melton
1205-Off the Record	1930-Gildersleeve
1300-Help Wanted	2000-Hour of Charm
1305-Sports Review	2030-Ch. McCarthy
1315-Remember	2100-News
1330-Asked for It	2105-Caisson Choir
1400-Love Song	2130-Night bef. Xmas
1430-Pass in Review	2200-Jack Benny
1500-News	2230-Kate Smith
1505-Beaucoup Music	2300-Xmas Album
1600-Symphony Hour	2315-Spotlight Band
1700-Duffie Bag	2330-Merely Music
1755-Meditation	2400-News
1800-News	0015-Midnight Paris
1815-Personal Album	0200-Sign Off
1830-Music	

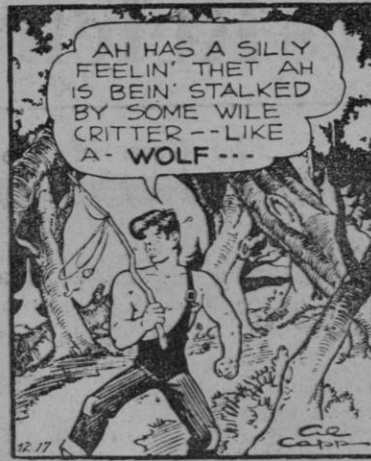
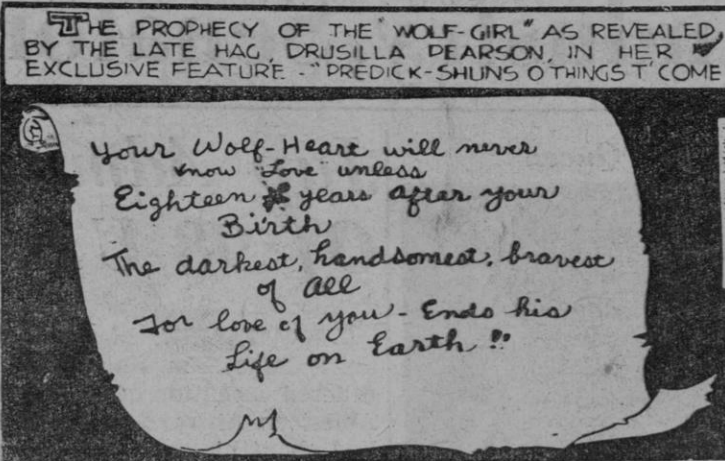
Time	TOMORROW
0600-News	1600-Symphony Hour
0615-Morning Report	1700-Duffie Bag
0715-Village Barn	1800-News
0730-Fred Waring	1815-Personal Album
0800-GI Jive	1830-Internat. Xmas
0815-News	1900-Jubilee
0830-Repeat Perform	1930-American Music
0900-Juke Box	2000-Comedy Caravan
0930-Dinah Shore	2030-Bob Hope
0945-String Serenade	2100-News
1000-John Thomas	2105-102nd Div. Chorus
1030-Christmas Chapel	2130-AFN Playhouse
1100-Moments Music	2200-Mall Call
1130-Xmas Stocking	2230-Tommy Dorsey
1200-News	2300-Xmas Melodies
1205-Off the Record	2315-AFN Bandstand
1300-Xmas Music	2330-Merely Music
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### L'il Abner

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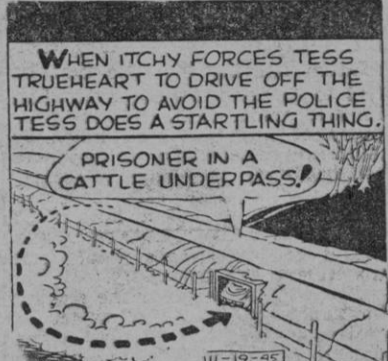
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### By Chester Gould



### Ferry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

### By Milton Caniff



### Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

### By Ham Fisher



### Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

### By Ham Fisher



## 26th Clears Marseille, 100th Starts Shipment

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARSEILLE, Dec. 23.—The final elements of the 26th Div. cleared the Marseille POE yesterday aboard the Chapel Hill Victory.

The 100th Div.'s MP platoon, numbering 110 men, left today on the William Avery, a Liberty, and the first large shipment of the 100th is scheduled to sail Friday on the USAT Vulcania.

The main body of the Second Armd. Div. is supposed to be in Calais staging area tomorrow.

Meanwhile, at Calais, 50 dogs, the first contingent to leave from here, are completing their processing preparatory to boarding the Richard Lykes, a Liberty ship which is scheduled to sail on Christmas Day.

## MG Bars German Police From Control Over Politics

FRANKFURT, Dec. 23.—German police forces have been ordered to exercise no restrictive supervision over political activities in a new military government directive aimed at preventing development of a new Gestapo, it was revealed here today.

At the same time, the civil police were instructed to make prompt reports on any political activities which might be subversive in nature and continue surveillance of such groups when so directed by competent Military Government authority.

The directive which has been communicated to the minister pre-

sidents who head civil administrations in the three states comprising the American zone of Germany, prohibits any German political police agencies or bureaus either within or outside legally organized police forces from supervising or controlling political activities.

"Surveillance over the political activities of the people by means of a political police bureau has been a traditional German practice," the directive stated. "During the Nazi regime, the political police expanded into the Gestapo, whose operations were designed to suppress all political opposition." The directive pointed out that

any restrictive police activity would be contrary to the spirit of the Tripartite Agreement of Berlin and repugnant to public opinion in the U.S. and other democracies.

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# U.S. Fosters Reich Industry, Senator Charges

## State Dept., MG Accused By Kilgore

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-W.Va.) charged yesterday that U.S. military control officers had failed to destroy German industries as directed, and accused the State Department of supporting a rebirth of Germany's industrial war machine.

He specifically charged that 80 percent of the war-time capacity of I.G. Farben, huge German chemical trust, remains intact although officers were directed last July to destroy it. He ascribed the alleged failure of officers to "their connections with industrial and financial enterprises which had close pre-war ties with the Nazis."

### Still Sympathetic

"They are still sympathetic to their old cartel partners and they look forward to resuming commercial relationships with a rehabilitated German industry whose leading figures are well known to them, rather than to striking out on new paths of economic enterprise," he said in a statement as chairman of a Senate Military Subcommittee on War Mobilization.

Kilgore said the officers were receiving support from the State Department, which he accused of paying "lip service" to the industrial demobilization of the Potsdam Agreement, while actually aiding in the rebirth of Germany's industrial war machine. He said he thought this aid was "without the concurrence of the President."

### Cites Opposition

The Senator said the men Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy military governor for Germany, "has appointed to positions of control—William H. Draper, of Dillon Read; Rufus W. Wyser, President of Republic Steel; Laird Bell, Frederick Devereux, J. Boyd and others—are apparently fundamentally opposed to the deindustrialization program."

Kilgore said: "These administrators have blinded themselves to the role played by German industry in aiding Nazi aggressions, and to the fact that German economy as now constituted is a powerful menace to the peace of the world—more powerful in many respects than in 1939."

### Central Council Wipes Out Huge German Arms Plant

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The American news service in Germany reported that Bayrische Motoren Werke, one of the largest German armament concerns, has virtually ceased to exist under an Allied Control Council decision.

Originally, the U.S. Third Army gave the company permission to produce cars, cycles and agricultural and timber-working machinery. The council's new order confines the Milbertshofen works to a repair shop for garrison vehicles, while all remaining plants and machinery are being dismantled and removed.

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bound passenger traffic was already devoted to military personnel.

On Friday, more than 4,700 soldiers and sailors left San Francisco, but twice that number arrived by ship, creating a total backlog of 53,000 in this city area alone. Transports are expected to arrive in increasing numbers until Christmas.

Railroads have been hard-put to meet the swelling military traffic throughout the country in addition to handling necessary civilian transportation. During December more than 1,000,000 veterans returning from overseas will use internal travel facilities, in addition to 500,000 other moves. Forty thousand PWs are scheduled for repatriation and 25,000 Mexican laborers must be taken back to the border, but there have been indications that these operations will be postponed until after the first of the year.

Railroads expect the peak of the redeployment rush to be over early in January, but in the meantime the pile-up is so great, men are required to stay aboard ships. Information sheets distributed among GIs "living" aboard four vessels in the harbor explained the delay and also listed entertainment and sight-seeing possibilities in San Francisco.

### The General Kisses the Queen



Heeding the shouts of the student-soldiers, Brig. Gen. Claude M. Thiele, commandant of Shrivvenham American University, kisses Miss Lily Gardner of Oxford at a "Farewell England" celebration during closing ceremonies of the school, Miss Gardner had just been crowned as "Miss Britain" in a beauty contest.

## Personnel Shortage Ties Up 114 Vessels; 12 Are Troopships

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP).—Capt. Hewlett R. Bishop, Atlantic coast director of the War Shipping Administration, said there were 114 ships tied up in East Coast ports because of personnel shortages.

Twelve of the ships were troop carriers, Bishop said.

## Marshall Sees Chinese Reds

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23 (AP).—Gen. George C. Marshall today held a one-hour conference for "a friendly exchange of views" with three Communist leaders, after arriving from Nanking where he talked with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Marshall's aide de camp said the general, in China as a special envoy, did more listening than talking during the first presentation of the Communist point of view. His three callers were Chou En Lai, deputy chief of the Communist Party, General Yeh Chien Ying, chief of staff of the Communist Armies, and Tung Pi Qu, Communist member of the Chinese delegation to the San Francisco Conference.

Gen. Marshall also received Premier Attlee's personal representative, Carton de Wiart, this morning. His first talks with Chiang Kai-shek were said to be "extremely cordial," and are to be continued in Chungking.

The Chinese press is speculating that the peace meeting between the government and the Chinese Communist delegations will begin shortly after Jan. 1. New outbreaks

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## Ex-GI Nearly Drowns to See Family

### Icy Tide and Immigration Men Block Bid to Reach English Wife and Baby

By Art White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH, England, Dec. 23.—An ex-GI, Herbert Lamoureux, of Fitchburg, Mass., nearly drowned early yesterday when he dived from a ship off Plymouth harbor and made a desperate attempt to swim ashore to see his English wife and baby daughter.

Lamoureux, who is 22 years old, was pulled from the cold water an hour after he plunged fully-clothed

from the Lushville Victory on which he had worked as a mess man to get across the Atlantic.

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## Jap Admits Slaughter Of 98 U.S. Civilians

KWAJALEIN, Marshall Islands, Dec. 23 (AP).—Japanese Rear-Adm. Shigemitsu Sakaibara today admitted he ordered execution of 98 American civilian employees of Pan American Airways on Wake Island, Oct. 7, 1943, and later lied about his act.

On trial with his executive officer on charges of murder in connection with the mass slaughter, Sakaibara told the military commission hearing his case that he lied to American investigators when he said, under oath, that the prisoners of war had been killed by American bombs and by Japanese sentries when they tried to escape.

"It was a bitter experience for me to have to tell a falsehood," the officer said. "However, I was afraid the Americans would not understand the true story."

The admiral asserted the slaying by firing squads was a matter of "military necessity" because of the danger of prisoners giving aid to the attacking force which the Japanese expected to invade the island.

### Art of Slapping Told At Jap Crimes Trial

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 23 (ANS).—The Japanese Army custom of slapping its men became a part of the defense yesterday in the war crimes trial of Tatsu Tsuchiya, known as "Little Glass Eye."

Yokichi Nishino, former guard at Mitsushima prison camp, where Tsuchiya was alleged to have committed "brutal atrocities," said he had seen the defendant slap a prisoner with his open palm, but this was a "customary Japanese Army way" of punishing its men. "When in the Army, I was struck many times for little errors," he went on. "In the field I saw a battalion commander struck with a whip by a regimental commander."

Four of Tsuchiya's fellow guards at the camp testified for the suspect, who is charged with the fatal beating of Pfc Robert Gordon Teas of Streator, Ill., in March, 1943.

## ETO Refugees To Enter U.S.

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transportation provisions be made which will insure the movement of immigrants across the Atlantic without cost to the American public.

He also directed the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to make it possible for 1,000 displaced persons now in a war relocation camp near Oswego, N.Y., to stay in the country as immigrants.

These persons, he said, had been brought to the U.S. from refugee camps in Italy under a program initiated by President Roosevelt and it was understood they would return to their native lands after the war.

However, the President asserted, most of these persons would be admissible under immigration laws. He added, therefore, "it would be inhumane and wasteful to require these people to go all the way back to Europe merely for the purpose of applying there for immigration visas and returning to the U.S."

Under the President's directive, a maximum of 23,400 refugees and displaced persons will be admitted during the first six months of 1946, and no more than 39,000 a year thereafter.

## Iran Says Reds Mass Troops Near Teheran

TEHERAN, Dec. 23 (AP).—Iranian Army intelligence has reported the presence of armed civilians and an unusual concentration of Russian tanks and troops at Garmsar, about 75 miles southeast of Teheran, an Iranian general staff officer said today. A member of the Iranian parliament yesterday said that he expected "an outbreak of insurgency in the Mazandaran province within two weeks."

The officer added he was still not advised of the fate of the Rezaiah garrison, but other Iranian Army posts in the Azerbaijan province have fallen to the insurgents.

### Parliament meets

Meanwhile, the Iranian parliament met to discuss the national budget, but no action was taken on Thursday's cabinet appointment which gave the country two ministers of interior. Parliamentarians agree that Kahlil Fahimi, replaced by Premier Hakimi, could not be deprived of his post unless he resigns or the entire Hakimi cabinet is dissolved. Fahimi said he would not relinquish his ministry.

In a conference with the U.S. Ambassador in Teheran, Hakimi was reported to have told the ambassador that he was ready to make concessions to the partisans.

## Merry Xmas...

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we make secure the peace, and this Christmas finds many of you far from home—at lonely bases, at island stations and on occupation duties in the lands of our conquered enemies. Through your continued devotion to duty you are



Gen. Eisenhower

helping to insure that victory won at such great cost will truly bring God's peace to a weary world and some solace to the nation's bereaved.

"I send my warmest greetings both to the men and women still in uniform and those who have laid aside their arms and returned to well-deserved reunion with their families. My gratitude to all of you is immeasurable. You have preserved the spirit of Christmas for our once more peaceful land."