

German Troops in Sweden Commit Mass Suicide



Many German soldiers committed suicide and others wounded themselves in protest against evacuation from Sweden to the Russian zone. At the top, the Germans are laid out on cots at Camp de Raneratt, near E'Esjo, Sweden. Bottom, a German soldier receives aid from a Red Cross worker.

UAW Rejects GM Rise Offer; Talks Continue

DETROIT, Dec. 7 (UP).—The United Automobile Workers (CIO) flatly rejected last night an offer from General Motors to raise wages 13 1/2 cents an hour, but negotiations to settle the 16-day-old strike continued today.

Walter Reuther, vice-president of the UAW and leader of the 175,000 striking GM workers, said, "The strike is still on and will be until the company comes to its senses on realistic wage increases." He added he felt, however, that progress was being made in the conversations.

3-Month Deadline

Reuther and other UAW leaders have expressed the opinion that any concessions gained from General Motors—largest of the automobile industry's "Big Three"—are virtually won for the entire industry.

For this reason a union spokesman said some 450 presidents and stewards of Chrysler Corp. locals voted here last night to continue work "for three months if necessary," despite a breakdown in contract negotiations.

The union is seeking a 30 percent increase above present wage levels and within the present price structure.

Decline Comment

GM officials have declined to comment on President Truman's proposed appointment of a fact-finding board to study the corporation strike, but both they and union officials were reported anxious to reach a settlement before the board begins operation.

The board would study issues involved in labor controversies when the Secretary of Labor certifies that a strike of serious magnitude is threatened and cannot be settled voluntarily.

Attlee Upheld By 381 to 197

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP).—Britain's House of Commons rejected last night by 381 to 197 a Winston Churchill-sponsored censure motion against the Labor government.

Culminating a two-day debate, climaxed in a bitter clash between Churchill and his Laborite successor, Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee, the vote reflected the overwhelming Labor majority in the House.

Earlier Churchill and Attlee had traded first blows in a political struggle which Churchill termed a fundamental quarrel between free enterprise and British Socialism.

Attlee rejected Churchill's criticism of demobilization, and declared that more than 1,500,000 men would have been discharged by Jan. 1.

Nazi War Chiefs Linked to Reich Political Plotting

By Stoddard White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NUREMBERG, Dec. 7.—The four Nazi military leaders who are among the defendants at the War Crimes trials today were shown to have been inextricably enmeshed in the political plotting for war and the breaking of their nation's treaties for peace.

"What kind of honor have these men?" a British prosecutor asked as he introduced document after document which showed how Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl and Adms. Karl Donitz and Erich Raeder were active instigators of the plots against Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

By implication he answered charges made by the Army and Navy Journal that the military profession is being maligned at the trial. He showed how the four far exceeded the requirements and duties of a soldier.

Reads Assurances to Belgium

Reading the German assurances to Belgium, made repeatedly in the months preceding the invasion of the little country, G. D. Roberts, assistant British prosecutor, said:

"Every one of these accused must have known of this solemn treaty. Every one of these were parties, some more than others. It presumably will be contended by Jodl and Keitel that they were honorable soldiers. The tribunal will no doubt ask what code of honor they have that permits them to violate the solemn pledge of their country.

"These military men assumed that any treaty could be violated any time it was desired," he said after reading from a German Air Force document which recommended in 1937 the occupation of Belgium for air bases against Britain.

Urged Attack on Norway

Maj. Elwyn Jones, of the British staff, showed how Raeder and Alfred Rosenberg, the Nazi ideologist, persuaded Hitler to undertake the attack on Norway.

Raeder was implicated by a secret memorandum bearing his signature. Jones said the attack was being planned even while, on Sept. 2 and Oct. 6, 1939, the Norwegian Govern-

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Ex-CO Denies All Charges At Lichfield

By Ed Rosenthal

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Col. James A. Kilian, former commanding officer of the Tenth Reinforcement Depot at Lichfield, England, appeared today as a witness in the trial of a depot guard accused of prison brutality, and denied all charges concerning mistreatment of prisoners at the depot last winter.

Returned two weeks ago from the U.S. as a defense witness, Kilian spoke in glowing terms of the defendant, Sgt. Judson H. Smith, one of nine former prisoner guards who are facing separate trials on charges of brutality. Smiling under the torrid cross-examination of the trial judge advocate, the Regular Army colonel declared: "Sgt. Smith is one of the best non-commissioned officers I've ever seen in my entire career in the Army. I prefer him to 75 percent of the second lieutenants who passed through the depot."

Kilian went on to say that he looked upon the Lichfield prisoners as soldiers to be rehabilitated and sent back to the front as soon as possible. In some cases, he testified, prisoners received preference over garrison soldiers at the depot, especially in feeding facilities.

Never Saw Anything Wrong

Appearing unruffled by prosecution questions, the florid complexioned colonel told the court that he had neither seen nor heard of any cases of mistreatment, and that at times he had assigned chaplains and medical officers to inspect the three guardhouses. In addition, he testified, prisoners could obtain

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2 Ships Carrying 1,000 GIs Flounder in Bermuda Storms

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Two ships carrying more than 1,000 U.S. soldiers home from Europe were in distress yesterday in a storm-tossed sea off Bermuda while a third troop ship was under tow in the same waters and a merchant vessel was aground off the Virginia coast.

Surplus Housing To Go to Vets Via Federal Agencies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Surplus Property Administrator W Stuart Symington signed an order yesterday authorizing Federal agencies to turn over surplus housing to state or local governments for rental to veterans.

Effective immediately, the order makes property available without charge to local and state governments and also covers any surplus property adaptable to housing.

It applies to both permanent and demountable housing as well as to any building which can be converted to housing use. Such property may be turned over on a simple permit which would be issued without any negotiations.

Rescue craft were en route to the two stricken transports, the Liberty ship Henry Ward Beecher and the merchantman George W. McCrary. The Navy said neither vessel was in immediate danger.

The Beecher, its propeller sheared off while en route from Marseille to Norfolk, Va., rolled helplessly in a heavy sea some 500 miles north-northeast of Bermuda, her meat supplies running low.

The Navy tug Restorer was ploughing along at ten knots in an effort to reach the ship, carrying 541 homeward-bound war veterans.

The McCrary, with 586 troops aboard, radioed she had boiler trouble about 900 miles from Bermuda. A patrol craft was dispatched from the Naval operating base.

Yamashita Sentenced to Hang; Convicted Pearl Harbor Day

MANILA, Dec. 7 (AP).—Lt. General Tomoyuki Yamashita, Japanese commander in the Philippines, has been convicted of condoning atrocities committed by his troops and sentenced to death by hanging.

(Reuter reported that the verdict of the five-man General Military Court would be reviewed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur before the sentence is carried out, and added that an appeal had been sent by airmail to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

Almost 200 prosecution witnesses related many stories of mass horrors, including rape and cremation, committed by Yamashita's troops, during three weeks' testimony.

While Yamashita was not personally accused of the atrocities, witnesses close to him testified that he had never attempted to prevent them.

Yamashita, known throughout the Far East as "The Tiger," denied knowledge of the atrocities, saying he was too busy defending the Philippines.

The general's counsel had held the U.S. Military Commission was without legal right to try him, and argued that if he was tried at all, it should be by Philippine civilian courts.

(Reuter's correspondent in Manila reported that Yamashita "was not too optimistic" that his appeal



Gen. Yamashita

would be successful, adding that he had distributed his personal effects among U.S. officers who had defended him.)

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

On His Way Now

In The Stars and Stripes, Nov. 28, appeared a complaint by Cpl. G. F. Faffe in connection with an emergency furlough. I sympathize with him because I have been given the same run-around for over two months. My furlough was approved by the Adjutant General's Office on Nov. 9 and I received confirmation through the Red Cross. Yet I was shipped from my outfit in England to Camp San Francisco in France.

I've been to the Chaplain, Red Cross and my commanding officer—they all tell me to wait. Are they bigger than the AGO? Do they want a wreath from the coffin?—Sgt. John J. Redmon, Camp San Francisco, France, Nov. 29.

Editor's note: This letter was referred to USFET (Rear), GI, where the case was investigated. Delay was occasioned because Sgt. Redmon had been transferred three times. Authority by VOCC was obtained from USFET (Main) to transfer Sgt. Redmon to Orly Field, Paris, for immediate transportation home by air.

What, No Finger Bowls?

Recently, we EMs were issued God's gift to GI-insomnia—a real honest-to-goodness mattress. Wishing to better our living conditions, some of us borrowed a few extra sheets and pillow-cases from our hospital supply. At the next inspection of the EM area, these sheets and pillow cases were discovered. A



flood of bulletins was posted on our bulletin board ordering all such linen to be turned into supply immediately. Being honest, upright GIs we did so without hesitancy. Today, the hospital tailor shop was ordered to make three hundred napkins to be used in the officers' mess.

I'll give you just three guesses where the starched, white material came from to make those napkins. It seems that they found a surplus of white bed sheets lying in supply. When any of us walk by the officers' mess, we can't help but wonder which officers are wiping off their faces with our respective sheets—(196 Signatures, Ed.), 166th Gen. Hosp.

Insolence Annoys Him

I recommend a campaign to stop German police from trying to enforce their German methods on U.S. soldiers.

On the corner of Bokenhimer Landstra and Manzer Landstra, near the APO in Frankfurt, there is a German policeman who will approach a soldier when he is alone and say "raus." The same thing happens on street cars, much to the amusement of the German people.

If we are keeping an army of occupation to enforce American law and principles, a very poor job is being done. While we could easily handle the above-mentioned policeman, he is only one of many.

We should round up all such people in the American zone, subject them to a fine and immediate dismissal.—Pfc Clinton Blevins, Frankfurt.

A Sporting Question

I play tennis and ping pong. My buddy is terrific on the baseball diamond. His buddy is damn good in football, golf, and poker. Are we eligible for immediate discharge along with the recent wave of discharges for athletes?

Is the nation more concerned in wanting these athletes home before their loved-ones return? I know that my family would prefer seeing me anywhere around the house, in preference to going to the ballpark to see "Recently Discharged Joe Blow Hit a Ball."

How about a thorough investigation on all these fellows and make the investigating crew some fellows sweating out shipment to assure an honest report.

Where does Billy Conn get prior-

ity to wing it home when some fellows are denied the privilege?

If athletes can give an honest reason why they should be given the first chance at discharges, then we'd like to hear it.—Pfc Henry Cohen.

Picks Bone With Beef

In The Stars and Stripes, Nov. 20, a letter by Pfc Wall, 776th AAA AW Bn has, by implication, created the impression that he, an 86-pointer and over 35, was held in the battalion while men with fewer points were redeployed.

Men with less than 80 points were sent to units with lower priorities. Our 776th was filled up with over-age men and 80-pointers as Priority I unit. It would have been almost impossible for any man in the outfit to be ignorant of what was going on, not only because of the talk going on, but also because I saw to it that all members of the command knew the official poop at all times.

Anyone could see me at any time and that was true of the battery commanders as well. About Nov. 1 the IG from USFET visited the battalion and gave audience to the men in headquarters Battery.

The movement orders to the staging area were received the day Pfc Wall's letter was written, and the 776th left its home station on Nov. 10.

There may have been snafus in the redeployment program but Pfc Wall's case was not one of them.—Lt. Col. J. S. Mayer, CO, 776th AAA AW Bn., Nov. 20.

Unmentionables Too?

When we received our discharges from the WAC we decided to stay over here working as civilian technicians. Now we find discrimination between the civilians that came from the States and ourselves.

These fresh-from-the-States civilian dames may wear officer uniforms off duty, but we are told that we cannot purchase them. Now don't get us wrong. We still think the EW uniform is swell on duty. But when we want to dress up in the evening, we realize that we'd be better looking in a pink skirt and green blouse.—Glamour Pusses. (Paris).

Editor's note: This letter was referred to Theater Chief Quartermaster who replied that G-4, USFET, is publishing a directive on the authorized uniform for civilians. WD Cir 282 prescribes the civilian uniform and the wearing of pink skirts and trousers is not authorized.

Came Out in the Wash

I had 81 points and was waiting in a transit area ready to get on the boat when I asked to re-enlist. I was transferred to the 207th QM Laundry Det. where I expected my papers would be taken care of. What happened? Right away, I was sent on DS as a stockade guard for two weeks.

When I finished that and came back the first sergeant said I could start to work in the laundry in the morning. I thought you could get a fast job done when you wanted to re-enlist.—Volunteer, 207th QM Laundry Det.

Mister Breger

By Dave Breger



"I used to think when I get outta the Army I'd tell off every officer I see—but it's funny how I don't feel like that no more!"

Peggy's Plastered



Just returned from a USO Camp Show tour of the European and Mediterranean Theaters of Operation, Peggy "Have You Got Mine On" Conway of New York City receives another patch from Frank Wilbanks of Canon City, Colo., discharged veteran, for her well-plastered jacket.

Hungry, Dirty U.S. Rail Ride Draws Fire of 46 Army Nurses

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 7 (ANS).—Forty-six Army nurses who served overseas have filed formal protests against the manner in which they were brought by rail from the West Coast to the separation center at San Antonio.

Lt. Amy Armstrong Cushing, of Fort Worth, said in an interview that a written protest was filed at the separation center and that a similar protest was mailed to Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.).

The group shared with enlisted men two dirty chair cars on the trip.

Lt. Cushing said that for one day their meals consisted of a small portion of stew in a paper plate and a piece of bread and jelly. The next day they had a spoonful of scrambled eggs, the nurse said, and the following day two crackers with a thin slice of cheese.

"The washroom simply stank," she said. "We had no porter and would have cleaned it ourselves if we could have gotten water."

Namur Tots Are GI Guests

NAMUR, Dec. 7.—The NCO Club of the Second Reinf. Depot treated 700 Namur orphans to ice-cream, candy, cake and entertainment at a St. Nicholas Day party here yesterday.

Heads Pan American Union

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Dr. Carlos Martins Pereira de Souza, Ambassador of Brazil, was elected last night as chairman of the governing board of the Pan American Union.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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CHRISTMAS TOYS

1—In accordance with the policy of fostering good will between Allied and liberated people and personnel of USFET, a Christmas toy distribution project is announced.

2—It is encouraged that Christmas parties be arranged for children of Allied nationals and liberated countries within appropriate commands, adjacent to zones of occupation, or in which any unit is interested.

3—It is further suggested that maximum effort be made to obtain and distribute, either in connection with parties suggested above or as a separate project, toys and playthings. Commanders may arrange for toy repair or manufacture by soldier volunteers and available non-military personnel. Where possible, a Christmas toy-making project will be co-ordinated with existing Special Service handicraft programs.

4—Personnel are encouraged to inscribe their names and addresses (military and civilian) on toys to enhance the sentimental value of the toys to the recipients.

5—Excess toys above those required for parties in liberated countries or those available in occupied countries will be reported to the chief of Special Services, TSPET Main, to assure timely distribution to liberated areas where most needed. Worthy orphanages, nurseries, community schools or playgrounds within Allied or liberated territories should be given preference of toys suitable for group use.

6—Wherever the supply of toys is inadequate, commanders are requested to advise the chief of Special Services, TSPET Main, who will attempt to fill such requirements from any excess stocks existing. Such requests must be made in time to permit proper distribution. Letter USFET AG 005-AGO, Dec. 1, 1945

French Get Back Theater as Havre Moviegoing Sags

By Eddie Irwin

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LE HAVRE, Dec. 7.—The placing of the city of Le Havre on an "off limits" basis has brought about such a sharp decrease in motion-picture attendance that the Normandy Theater will be returned to French use Monday, leaving only one theater under Army control.

While troops may enter the city in supervised groups for the purpose of attending shows or Army clubs, most prefer to go to unit movies or recently-constructed theaters in the staging areas as long as bars and cabarets are not open to military personnel.

Return of the Normandy, one of only five theaters left intact in Le Havre after the war, will leave the Select for GI audiences. In addition the Steering Wheel, a theater built by U.S. engineers as part of the Gangplank Club, will continue to operate in the city.

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Paris Area

MOVIES TODAY

MARIGNAN—"Dangerous Partners," James Cagney.
ENSA PARIS—"Blood on the Sun," James Cagney, Sylvia Sydney, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf.
OLYMPIA—Same as Marignan, 2330 only.
EMPIRE—"Out of this World," Eddie Bracken, Diana Lynn.

STAGE SHOWS

ENSA MARIGNY—"Tin Hats," Canadian Army show, 2000.
OLYMPIA—"Point Parisiana," revue, 1430, 2000.

MISCELLANEOUS

PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence, and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer.
COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers.
LE PRADO CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Ternes or Etoile.
ARMORIAL CLUB—Officers and guests only. 14 Rue Magellan. Metro George V.
OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RIC 64-41. Hotel Louvois, Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse.

Compiègne

NOUVEAU—"Captain Kidd," Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott.

Le Havre

STEERING WHEEL—"Captain Eddie."
NORMANDY—"On Stage Everybody."
SELECT—"Story of GI Joe."
HERBERT TAREYTON—"Grunts and Groans," and "Alles in Revue."
PALL MALL—"Stars on Parade."
BOLBEC—"Happy Go Lucky."

Verdun

VOX—"Sing Your Way Home," Jack Haley, Lynn Jeffries

Metz

ROYAL—"Uncle Harry."
SCALA—"I Love a Bandleader."

Reims

PARAMOUNT—"Those Endearing Young Charms."

Nancy

SHOWTIME—"Radio Stars on Parade."

Nice

FORUM—"Swinging on a Rainbow."

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The American Scene:

Flight of 5 Bombers Lost; Navy Starts Hunt

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 7 (UP).—More than 200 Navy planes roared out over the Atlantic today searching for five Navy torpedo bombers which mysteriously disappeared on a routine training flight Wednesday.

The planes joined fleet surface craft, including carriers, destroyers and coast guard cutters, in scouring the sea off the Florida coast for signs of the missing bombers and another plane which reportedly crashed during an earlier search.

The bombers carried 14 men. It is the first time in U.S. naval history that an entire flight of planes has disappeared without a trace. No distress signals were heard from any of the five missing pilots, although each plane carried regulation military radio equipment.

Another 13 men were listed as missing after it was reported that a huge Mariner patrol bomber crashed in flames during an earlier phase of the search.

L. T. GEN. JAMES H. DOOLITTLE, former commander of the U.S. Eighth Air Force and leader of the first raid on Tokyo, will leave the Army to become a vice-president of the Shell Oil Corp. on Jan. 1, the company announced today.

Doolittle will have "general corporate responsibilities," the company said, including the co-ordination of Shell's aviation interests in the U.S. and assisting its world aviation activities.

Vet Rescued from Sealed Boxcar

ERNEST PARTON, 40-year-old Memphis war veteran, was rescued at Chattanooga, Tenn., yesterday from a sealed all-steel boxcar loaded almost to the top with iron shucks after 60 hours of near-suffocation without food or water.

Tram crewmen, who heard Parton's frantic pounding on the roof of the car, removed him. He was admitted to a hospital where his condition was reported good.

Parton told police he had been drugged and robbed of \$34 and then apparently thrown into the car. He said the last thing he remembered was being with two companions in a Memphis Tavern.

IN Indianapolis, E. B. Newton, director of the technical service of the B. F. Goodrich Research Laboratories predicted a day when even cows would get a good night's sleep on sponge rubber mattresses. Newton thinks the pleasure of sleeping on the mattresses would result in increased milk production.

Detroit had the best safety record of any large city in the nation with 500,000 or more population, says the National Safety Council. While traffic deaths rose 14 percent in the nation for the first ten months of the year, deaths in Detroit were 3.5 per 10,000 registered cars. Buffalo was second with 3.8.

Seasoned Traveler



Michael S. Collins, 14 months old, whose mother died, has been sent to New York from England by his father, an Army Air Forces sergeant. The child already has completed a 3,500-mile flight, and will go to the home of his grandparents in Minnesota by plane.

Parents Mark Birthday of Bus Victim

CHELAN, Wash., Dec. 7 (ANS).—On the cold shore of Lake Chelan, two grief-stricken parents last night held a birthday party with cake and candles for one of their two sons, killed with 12 other children when a school bus hurtled over a cliff into the lake Nov. 26.

The few who lingered after memorial services for the young victims saw Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hale kneel beside a birthday cake on which seven flickering candles illuminated the message written in icing, "Stewart—seven."

Stewart Hale would have been seven today. Both he and his brother Douglas, eight, were killed in the tragedy and their bodies are still unrecovered in the lake with seven others.

The parents attempted to sing "Happy Birthday to You," but their voices broke part way through the tune, and when they could sing no longer, they arose and walked slowly from the little circle of light.

In the town of Chelan, mass funeral services were held for the children whose bodies were retrieved. Trucks filled with flowers pulled up to the red brick Masonic Hall where five little silver coffins lay just inside the main entrance.

Missouri River Control Sped

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS).—"Substantial progress" on initial phases of the \$1,500,000,000 development program for the Missouri River basin was reported yesterday by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Reclamation Bureau field crews are rushing to completion engineering and economic surveys of 29 initial projects authorized for construction under a program to harness the Missouri for irrigation, power generation and flood control, Ickes said in a statement. He added that surveys on 11 of the projects would be completed so work could start next year.

The House recently approved a supplemental appropriation of more than \$10,000,000 with which to advance the pre-development program and start construction on four projects.

The four projects are the Angostura project in Cheyenne River in southwestern South Dakota. Royden Dam on Big Horn River in Wyoming, Kortess Dam on North Platte River in Wyoming, and the 150-mile Transmillion Line from Williston to Harrison, N.D.

Philippine Damages Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The Senate passed yesterday and sent to the House legislation providing for an estimated \$450,000,000 war damages to the Philippines. The chamber also approved a bill providing for national elections in the islands by April 30, 1946.

Marshall Warned FDR In '41 of British Drain On Men, Probers Told

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP).—President Roosevelt was warned by the then Chief of Staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, apparently in the summer of 1941, that Britain was reaching the limit of her usable manpower, the Pearl Harbor investigating committee was told yesterday.

The document was taken from the late President's secret files.

According to committee counsel Gerhard Gesell, the note was undated but appeared to have been written several months before American entry into war.

The memo said Gen. Marshall wanted to prepare task forces for air and naval bases in the British Isles and Ireland in order to secure, when opportunity offered, additional bases encircling Germany.

Cut Called Disastrous

The note, bearing marginal notes by President Roosevelt, said it would be disastrous to cut the size of the U.S. Army so that more war material could be sent to Britain and Russia.

The Chief of Staff felt that any momentary encouragement it would give the Russian and British governments would be far outweighed by the positive indications it would give the German government that they need not fear an eventual onslaught of ground forces.

The note added that diversion of material from the U.S. forces to those of Britain and Russia might result in fatal delay.

Task Forces Needed

In case Britain collapsed, the note read, task forces must be prepared to hold bases and for prompt employment against the Atlantic islands and the Natal region of Brazil to meet a threat to the security of the Western Hemisphere.

Further, the note said: "Germany cannot be defeated by the supply of munitions to friendly powers and air and naval operations alone. Large ground forces will be required."

"The collapse of Russia and England, offensive tactics by Japan, and a belligerent attitude in Latin America are possibilities. We must prepare to meet these eventualities."

Testifying yesterday before the Congressional committee, Gen. Marshall declared the whole Japanese campaign of aggression would have been ruined if the Pearl Harbor attack had been smashed by vigilant defenders.

'Triumph or Catastrophe'

He told the committee, "A surprise is either a triumph or a catastrophe."

The former Chief of Staff declared that if the Japanese had been detected and hit hard at Pearl Harbor, the advance into Malaya and Indo China would have been halted, the Burma Road would not have been cut, and Singapore would not have fallen.

The general said the Army and Navy had enough strength to break up the Pearl Harbor attack.

Although planes and guns were never profuse there, he added, they had at least the means to break up that attack so that it could have done limited harm.

He explained he meant that the entire garrison on the alert could not have stopped the attack but could have disorganized and shaken it off its targets, thereby greatly lessening the damage that was done.

U.S. Planned Landing On Martinique in '41

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP).—The U.S. had plans for a landing on the French Caribbean island of Martinique in 1941, the Pearl Harbor investigating committee was told yesterday.

The committee received the minutes of the War Department conference held May 19, 1941. The document disclosed 2,800 Marines could have landed fully equipped.

It added that they would be opposed by from 4,000 to 5,000 50-percent effective troops. About 50 officers of the Martinique garrison would fight, including the admiral, it said.

Bobby-Sox Killer Sent To Hospital for Insane

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Lena Theresa Neinstedt, 16-year-old bobby soxer accused of homicide in the Sept. 12 slaying of John Wagner, 71-year old tailor, was committed yesterday to the State Hospital for the Criminally Insane at Matteawan, N.Y.

Queens County Judge Thomas Downs issued the order after the girl's attorney, Robert Goldstein, entered a plea of innocent by reason of insanity.

Dec. 7 Inquiry 'Asinine,' Says GI Who Gave Alarm

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The private who detected and vainly warned that Japanese planes were approaching Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, has termed the Congressional investigation of the Pearl Harbor attack as "asinine."

The soldier, Joseph L. Lockard, recently given an honorable discharge as a first lieutenant, was reached by telephone at his home in Williamsport, Pa., by The New York Herald Tribune, which quoted him as saying:

"I've been wanting to say this for years. Responsibility can't be pinned on any American. We have lost sight of one important fact—the Japanese were responsible for Pearl Harbor."

"I don't think the investigation is doing our country any good, I don't think the investigation is doing our foreign relations any good, either. We're in a very critical period now. The country is far from straightened out, yet they'll take up the time of dozens of Senators investigating something of which the true perspective won't be apparent for at least 50 years."

Fire Damages 2 Navy Vessels

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 7 (ANS).—A raging waterfront fire that damaged two Navy vessels and half-destroyed a \$1,000,000 outfitting dock was being brought under control early yesterday after 1,000 men had fought it for three and a half hours.

The Navy cargo vessel Extavia and the Navy fleet tanker Marias, both laden with fuel oil, were damaged. E. J. Anar, Long Beach port manager, estimated damage might total more than \$1,000,000.

Senate Unit Kills Move To End Draft of Fathers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The Senate Military Affairs Committee has rejected, six to three, a resolution to halt the drafting of fathers and to discharge immediately those who have been inducted into the armed forces.

Sen. Chapman Revercomb (R-W. Va.), author of the proposal, said he would carry his fight to the floor.

Wants to Be Free



After two years of marriage, film star Rita Hayworth announced yesterday in Hollywood that she would divorce her husband, author-producer-actor Orson Welles. The separation was a complete surprise to their friends. The couple have a year-old daughter.



John Deveny arrives at courthouse with his wife.

John Deveny, 34, was granted a \$450 speed camera to start work as a commercial photographer. Another bought sewing machines with CPA assistance to manufacture seat covers.

CPA's priorities assistance program is not limited to veterans. All told, more than 9,500 companies and individuals have received priorities assistance to speed reconversion from Aug. 21 through Nov. 9.

CPA grants priorities assistance only in case of industrial bottlenecks seriously interfering with production. It limits its assistance to applicants who own and operate their own machinery to finish goods.

Legion Members Seek to Bar 'Specialized' Posts

RESOLUTIONS to bar formation of new "specialized" American Legion posts, named after commercial or labor organizations will come before the Legion's national executive committee when it meets in Indianapolis, Dec. 13. Advocates of the ban contend that such post designations tend to restrict membership to persons linked by commercial or craft affiliations, rather than by a bond of comradeship as American vets.

A committee of the American Veterans of World War II, one of the new vet organizations, has forwarded a resolution to Washington demanding compensation under the GI Bill of Rights for World War II veterans now on strike at General Motors. Unemployment pay had been denied to these striking vets, and, says Murray F. Robertson state director of the organization: "We feel the veterans who came back to jobs should not be penalized as against those who haven't sought jobs yet and are drawing \$20 a week."

Xmas - Paris, Berlin

Yule Note in Paris Will Sound Cheer Rather Than Plenty for Average Man

By E. A. McQuaid
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"Joyeux Noel" or "Merry Christmas" in Paris and all of France this year is going to have something of a hollow ring, with not even the spiritual nourishment of the liberation to fill stomachs drawn by the food shortage or to hearten families gathered round a giftless Christmas tree.

The liberation, as France approaches its second Christmas since the Germans left, is an old story, with very little in the once-bright promise of a free France to placate Frenchmen still burdened with a score or more serious shortages and harried by countless irritating minor ones.

Among the serious shortages are food, clothing and shelter—the three prime requisites of life. Beyond these, there is a grave lack of coal, of electricity and transportation.

Most of the minor shortages stem from the more serious ones.

Dark Falls By Day And Night

There are ration tickets to be bothered with, there are none of the simple little luxuries like candy and cigars; wine, the Frenchman's staple, is scarce and expensive, and now, with the current power shortage, no one knows from one minute to the next when his home or place of business will suddenly be plunged into darkness for conservation periods varying from one to two hours.

It might take the edge off a generally bleak Noel if there were gifts to exchange—even trifling, inexpensive gifts. Toys for the children, an ordinary but substantial feast around the family hearth, a glass of brandy and a cigar might put an element of cheer on the otherwise barren holiday. But there are none of these things—not even the toys, except at a fabulous and generally prohibitive price.

A cheaply-made, wooden toy train, which in the U.S. would sell for no more than two or three dollars, is priced in the average Paris department store at 2,300 francs, or \$46. Wooden or plastic dolls sell for the equivalent of \$20 and if the doll's eyes are movable, the price goes up to \$35.

Despite these impossible prices, Paris shops, as Christmas draws near, appear to be filled with merchandise. It is, however, an illusion. Closer examination discloses that what is offered is generally of "ersatz" or inferior grade, and that the things most desired do not exist. Good things made of leather, for example, simply are not to be had at any price. And always, for what there is, the cost is incredible.

Feminine things like lingerie, dresses and gloves, seem particularly dear. An ordinary cotton and rayon slip may sell for between 2,000 and 6,000 francs, and as much as 12,000 to 20,000 francs for one of pure silk or nylon on the black market. Similarly, perfume—good perfume—is priced so high that few can afford it.

In the background, of course, there is always the black market. There is little or nothing that cannot be obtained from this source for those who have the means. But the average Frenchman will spend his Christmas in a cold apartment, with few if any presents to exchange, a poor meal, but with perhaps a bottle of wine scrounged from the neighborhood bar.

There will be church services, though, and always the hope that maybe things will be better next year.

Berlin Stores Sport Yule Gifts, Too; Second-Hands, Made-Overs Must Do

By Na Deane Walker
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—As in most other war-torn European cities this year, Christmas in Berlin will be a costly affair for the few who can afford it. There is still nothing worthwhile to buy.

A Berlin woman can buy a hat, provided she supplies the material, for \$45 to \$65. A dress will cost her \$210 to \$240 on the same basis. Ulwan, the only Berlin department store operating as such, offers a single rack of dresses, nearly all unfashionably contrived of a poor grade of black crepe. But their price tags—400 marks for a jet-trimmed one, 260 for another of stiff gold material—do not indicate the purchase price. They are only models from which a customer may select a style to be copied in her own material. Most of the hats are black, too, and some are trimmed with mourning veil.

Ulwan, which is located near the dividing line between the British and Russian zones, opened for business in October.

It employs 40 persons, about 15 or 20 of them sales clerks, and serves 400 to 500 customers in an average day, including a number of Russian, French, British and U.S. soldiers. Its sales range from 5,000 to 20,000 marks a day, according to the sales manager, who explained that both he and the shop's owner were half-Jewish and were in concentration camps during the war.

Books, Chinese wood carving, silver candlesticks and other items from private libraries and collections are sold on a commission basis, part for the store and part for the owner. Soldier shoppers pay from 100 to 300 marks for the Chinese pieces, up to 2,000 marks for an illustrated edition of "Tristan and Isolde" and 1,300 marks for a double candelabra.

The busiest and largest section of Ulwan is devoted to cosmetics. German women flock to buy cold creams, orange nail polish and lotions, haphazardly bottled and labeled, for from three to six marks. Most of the cosmetics are German-made. The perfume clerk apologetically explained: "We have no Lucien Lelong or Bourjois."

Women's handbags are straw (63 marks), linen (150 marks) or cloth sparsely trimmed with leather (150 marks). Belts and lapel decorations are obviously devised from scraps and sell for 25 to 50 marks. Sweaters knitted of wood synthetic cost 600 marks, and a satin comforter, displayed as a backdrop for costume dolls, is priced at 2,000 marks. Left-over swastikas have been made into coffee-pot holders, tagged 92 marks.

ETO Occupation Air Force Cut in Half, May Go Lower

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP).—Maj. Gen. Lauris Norstad, assistant chief of air staff in charge of plans in the Army Air Forces, has disclosed in an interview that the American occupational air force in Europe, as of Dec. 1, comprised five groups of heavy bombers and about 13 groups of fighters.

This represents just half the strength originally planned by high officials, and Norstad said the force might continue to be reduced as the need for it diminished.

Substitution of B29 Super-Fortresses for the present complement of B17 Flying Fortresses is

planned "for the near future," the general said.

"The B17 is an old plane, outdated and considerably less effective than the Superfort," he said. "This change of airplanes does not indicate any change in policy." When the substitution has been completed, a total of between 120 and 240 planes will comprise the entire occupational bomber force, the general said.

He also said that no policy had been adopted to enable the United States to comply with Article 45 of the United Nations Charter, which calls for an international aerial police force.

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Young Indonesians Fight With Primitive Weapons



Young Indonesians fighting in Java are armed with primitive weapons. Here is a group of young soldiers marching with long bamboo lances near Jogjakarta.

Indonesians Shell Airfield; Van Mook Escapes Grenade

BATAVIA, Dec. 7 (UP).—A hand-grenade tossed in Kemajoran airfield blasted a hole through a hangar door today almost immediately after Dutch and British officials, including Gov. Gen. Hubertus Van Mook, returned here by plane from strategy talks in Singapore.

No one was injured in the incident. RAF fliers said that the Indonesians shelled the airfield last night and were evidently closing in for an assault. The violence was indicative of a generally deteriorating situation throughout Java.

Ambarawa Shelling

In Ambarawa Indonesians shelled the town jail but apparently failed to interrupt the evacuation of refugees and caused no casualties. They also shelled the Semarang airfield while women and children were being removed by plane.

Elsewhere throughout the island there were reports of continued fighting. British officials in Batavia said that 140 Europeans and Eurasians have been abducted from Bandung in the last few days.

British Patrol Missing

Meanwhile, at Surabaya, a patrol consisting of a British officer and six West Yorkshiresmen was still missing. The men are believed dead, as are a British officer and a British woman Red Cross worker abducted this week from a swimming beach near Padang, Sumatra.

The Nationalist newspaper Merdeka editorialized that the moment has now come to decide whether Indonesia's fate is to be settled by talks or fighting. The paper threatened that if the Singapore talks concluded that fighting was necessary, a revolution would result.

Latest official information on the Singapore conference was that the talks had been only "exploratory."

8 More German Plants Marked for Destruction

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Eight more German war plants have been ordered destroyed, the U.S. Office of Military Government announced yesterday, bringing the total in the U.S. zone marked for razing to 25.

For the most part, the plants added to the list yesterday were small ones which turned out flares, small-arms ammunition, mine triggers and powder.

Ships Available Can Return GIs 'Effectively'—Adm. Land

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Vice-Adm. Emory S. Land, head of the War Shipping Administration, declared today that Army and Navy figures on the number of overseas veterans eligible for discharge indicate that all can be returned home "effectively" with the ships available.

Land dismissed suggestions for a 48-hour conversion of cargo ships into troop carriers as "an unsafe policy resorted to only in an emergency."

Rep. Jack Z. Anderson (R-Calif.), to whom Land made the statements in a letter, questioned Land's

Rebels Seize Port in Iran; 30 New Deaths

TEHERAN, Dec. 7 (AP).—Insurgents in northern Iran have captured the Caspian Sea port of Bandarshan, according to reports here late last night, and it was evident that the rebel movement was spreading towards the holy city of Meshed.

The reports said that at Bandarshan the insurgents had occupied the government building.

Official radio reports from Tabriz earlier said that 30 persons had been slain in new outbreaks in troubled Azerbaijan Province.

Moscow radio last night quoted Tass dispatches from Tabriz saying that the local Iranian garrison opened fire during the night of Dec. 3 against a crowd taking part in a celebration of the Moslem holy day Mokharan.

Plan UNO Appeal

The capital city of Teheran, meanwhile, is in a permanent state of alarm and is being swept by rumors.

While Iran's diplomatic position remained delicately balanced, a Foreign Ministry spokesman stressed the urgent need for Iran to present her case to the United Nations Organization in London next month.

At the same time the spokesman suggested that a commission from Britain, Russia and the U.S. should visit Azerbaijan as soon as possible to investigate conditions.

House Votes UNRRA Fund

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP).—The House today voted a new appropriation of \$1,350,000,000 for UNRRA, to carry it through the next fiscal year beginning July 1, but with provision that President Truman seek free access for American newsmen in countries receiving aid. The vote was 327 to 39.

A similar rider attached by the House was stricken from a bill passed by the Senate two days ago authorizing \$500,000,000 to UNRRA to carry it through the remainder of this fiscal year.

Rep. Christian Herter (R-Mass.), who introduced the amendment to the new bill today, said he did so because White Russia and the Ukraine soon would be receiving UNRRA aid.

Army Will Sell Camp Surplus

Surplus equipment of 11 abandoned U.S. Army camps in France was offered for sale yesterday by the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner's office.

Of the 11 camps, eight were assembly areas, four near Mailly-le-Camp, three near Reims and one at Château-Thierry. Another is St. Victoret Staging Area, near Marseille.

Listed for disposal were tents, cots, semi-permanent buildings, water and electric systems, bulldozers, tractors and road-rollers.

The French government has shown an interest in some of the equipment for housing displaced persons and workers near cities where reconstruction work is in progress.

Reds Let Germans Go to Other Zones

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7 (AP).—Germans living in the Russian zone in Germany are now permitted to move into the British and American zones in exchange for Germans living in Austria, according to Col. Alexis Chkwarine, a member of the Central Control Commission for Germany (Russian element.)

Chkwarine, who is here for the European Central Inland Transportation Organization, added that Poles now were free to move into the Russian-occupied zone of Germany.

School Will Train Men In Public-Relations Work

WIESBADEN, Dec. 7.—A special course to train Air Forces personnel for public relations assignments with the U.S. Air Forces in Europe has been inaugurated, Col. G. R. Johnston, USAF public relations officer, announced today.

The school, held at headquarters here, will start a second course on Jan. 7. The purpose of the school is to provide a trained nucleus of key officer and enlisted personnel for future public-relations work in the ETO. Those interested in attending the second session should apply through their unit commanders.

Belgian Hits at Collaborators

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7 (AP).—A bill depriving all persons who worked voluntarily in Germany before Sept. 30, 1942 of their right to vote in the 1946 elections was approved by a parliamentary commission of the Belgian Chamber.

reference to an emergency, saying, "I firmly believe that as long as high-point servicemen eligible for discharge are held overseas because of lack of sufficient ships to bring them home, an emergency exists."

Anderson had written to Land and the War Department asking for a statement on transport facilities. He enclosed news photographs of "countless cargo ships swinging idly at anchor in San Francisco Bay" and a clipping quoting an Army colonel as saying Liberty ships could be converted as troop carriers in 48 hours.



U.S. Happier Than Britain Over Loan Plan

By Associated Press

Varied international reaction greeted announcement of the sweeping Anglo-American financial agreement, under which the U.S. would lend \$4,400,000,000 to Britain, repayable in 50 years.

Paradoxically, the agreement—which must be ratified by both Congress and Parliament—received more enthusiastic support from the American press than from the British.

In Britain, editorial reaction was cautious and only a segment of the press gave the plan more than lukewarm support. Fear was expressed that the agreement would tie Britain to the Bretton Woods financial system and force a return to the gold standard.

Both Congress and Parliament are expected to take up the matter in debate early next week. In Washington, it was expected that the Administration would make a determined effort to push through the agreement without major changes.

Two consistent House opponents of British policy, Dewey Short (R-Mo.) and Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) promised a fight against the agreement.

To Resist Changes

One of the principal American negotiators said the government was prepared to offer vigorous opposition to the efforts by Congressmen to add crippling amendments to the proposal that had taken 86 days to complete.

He explained that the proposals were so delicately balanced that any major overhauling, such as changing the interest rate or the amount, would cause the British to reject it.

A key government spokesman in Congress is expected to emphasize that rejection of the loan agreement would imperil the entire post-war trade and financial structure now envisaged.

U.S. Press Approves

Describing the plan as "an effort to establish one world economically," Secretary of State James F. Byrnes commented that the amount of the direct loan, \$3,750,000,000 (the remainder being for payment of lend-lease goods) was what it cost for only two weeks of war.

The New York Times and New York Herald Tribune both called the plan "sound," while the Washington Post, Baltimore Sun and Kansas City Star urged Congressional approval.

The Conservative Daily Express in London demanded that the plan be rejected, and ran an eight-column headline: "We pay until AD 2,000." The Economist leading British economic publication, said that it did not like the plan but that Britain had no option but to accept. The Laborite Daily Herald gave the plan unqualified backing.

Announcing the pact in London, Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee said the loan would make it possible for Britain to relax import and exchange controls and that the agreement should put an end "to fears of an economically-divided world."

Human Guinea Pigs Tested at Dachau

DACHAU, Dec. 7 (AP).—Dr. Klaus Karl Schilling contended at the Dachau atrocities trial yesterday that, as a result of experiments on prisoners, he discovered a vaccine immunizing against malaria. He admitted only nine showed immunity out of 1,000 injected, and those nine would have had to be tested again before certainty could be established, Schilling said.

Schilling said he got orders from SS Chief Heinrich Himmler to start the Dachau researches. He denied knowing prisoners died as a result of his treatment.

AMA for Prepaid Medicine, If Run by Medical Societies

CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The American Medical Association approved yesterday a program designed to establish a nation-wide network of "voluntary" prepayment medical plans to be sponsored by medical societies.

The association took action after branding as "socialized medicine" a proposal by President Truman for a Federal system of sickness insurance.

The association's board of trustees and its council on medical service and public relations were instructed

Mayerling Debunked—A Lovers' Brawl

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 7 (AP).—One of history's dramatic stories, the romantic suicide of an Austrian nobleman and his beloved in 1889 in Mayerling Castle was robbed of its romance when a businessman from Bergen disclosed a different version of the tale.

Ferdinand Rolfsvaag, the businessman, is married to a daughter of a humble lithographer who died last May in Norway. Rolfsvaag revealed the old craftsman was really Archduke Johann Salvator von Toscana, cousin of Emperor Franz Josef of Austria. The archduke disappeared from Vienna in 1891 and

was long thought to have been drowned at sea. Notes which Archduke Johann left when he died, according to Rolfsvaag, revealed the true story of what happened in Mayerling Castle in Austria 56 years ago. It differs from the long-accepted account of a romantic double suicide, which has been dramatized and filmed several times.

According to Archduke Johann's memoirs, the principals in the drama, Archduke Rudolph of Austria and his beloved, Maria Vetsera, were present at a grand party at Mayerling Castle Jan. 30, 1889. Maria was in high spirits, and carelessly talked about

court intrigues and delicate political questions. When Rudolph attempted to quiet her indiscreet talk, she became enraged, according to this version, and hit him on the head with a champagne bottle, killing him. It was also a fatal move for Maria, according to Archduke Johann, for Rudolph's servant avenged his master by shooting her.

Archduke Johann became the heir-apparent, but departed on an ocean voyage, on which he was supposed to have been drowned.

Rolfsvaag says his son, Franz, is now the heir-apparent of the Habsburg dynasty, being a grandson of Archduke Johann.

Awaiting Loan, Britain to OK Bretton Woods

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP).—Britain moved swiftly toward ratification of the Bretton Woods agreement today less than 24 hours after completing negotiations with the U.S. for a \$4,400,000,000 loan.

A ratification bill had its first reading in Commons, and a Labor Government spokesman expressed confidence that the bill would pass through committee and all other necessary stages by the end of next week.

British participation in the Bretton Woods plan would put into action at once a large part of the funds which will be forthcoming from the U.S. if Congress approves the loan.

The ratification bill provides that Britain subscribe \$1,300,000,000 to the Bretton Woods International Monetary Fund and the same amount to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Another provision authorizes payment of additional funds in certain contingencies, such as a decline in the value of sterling held by the fund or the bank.

If Britain is to take part in the plan, it must sign two agreements by Dec. 3. British participation would affect overseas possessions as well as the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India may join the plan in their own right.

Cairo Leader Escapes Bomb

CAIRO, Dec. 7 (AP).—Nahas Pasha, leader of the powerful Watdist party and former Prime Minister of Egypt, escaped uninjured when a bomb exploded near his car yesterday.

The bomb, apparently of the grenade type, was thrown by assailants who escaped. The incident occurred as Nahas drove up to party headquarters where he was to make a speech on the occasion of the Arabic New Year.

Four Bystanders Hurt

The auto was slightly damaged, and four women bystanders were injured.

Police, wielding clubs, broke up a crowd of demonstrators cheering the former Prime Minister soon after the bomb explosion. Nahas' home was guarded last night.

In a statement on the attack, he said he "despised" these attempts on his life. (A previous attempt to assassinate him was made in 1937.) "I am living under the protection of God," he said.

Sky Chief Hops for Eire On U.S. Return Trip

The Sky Chief, TWO's Constellation which broke two commercial transatlantic records on its flight from Washington to Paris, took off from Orly Field yesterday on its return trip.

It will land at Shannon, Eire, for a day-and-one-half layover and then proceed to Washington with a stop at Newfoundland.

"to proceed as promptly as possible with development of a specific national health program with emphasis upon nationwide organization of locally administered prepayment medical plans, sponsored by medical societies."

Dr. Edward J. McCormick, council chairman, said: "We now have enough experience from our studies of pre-payment plans that we are certain that this type of medical and surgical coverage can be given at less than half the cost that any government plan would entail."

Frog Men Show How



Two Navy "frog men," Ensigns Dave Mead and Bruce McLeod, show Actress Mimi Berry equipment used in pre-invasion underwater demolitions. Demonstration took place at Los Angeles.

Siegfried Line Gets Priority On Allied 'Weaken Reich' List

BERLIN, Dec. 7 (AP).—The Allies today announced a program for destruction of the Siegfried Line and all fortifications and other military installations, so as to strip Germany of every defense, above and below ground.

A directive to smash such war structures "beyond use for

Chiang Closes On Mukden

CHUNGKING, Dec. 7 (AP).—Nationalist vanguards reached the outskirts of Mukden today and were expected to enter the city before Monday, Chinese dispatches reported.

In a sweep along the Peiping-Mukden railroad from the Great Wall, the Nationalists encountered only negligible Communist opposition, suffering less than 100 killed, the dispatches said.

In China proper, Nationalists and Communists were reported clashing south of Kupeikow, one of the main passes leading to Jehol.

The Chinese press predicted that civil administration of Manchuria would be taken over from the Russians next week, and said that Gen. Hsiung Shih-hui, director of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters in Manchuria, would return to Changchun after the first airborne Nationalist troops had been landed there.

From Peiping, it was reported that Soviet and Chinese government spokesmen were discussing air transport of Chinese government troops to Changchun.

That's Too Bad Dept.

BERN, Dec. 7 (AP).—Swiss citizens who collaborated with Nazis during the German occupation of France "unfortunately" cannot be deprived of their Swiss citizenship, Swiss President Eduard von Steiger told Parliament yesterday.

ever" was signed by the four-power co-ordinating committee, acting on behalf of the Allied Control Council.

The Council also approved the first list of German factories earmarked for advance delivery on reparations. Details of this will be published on Dec. 10.

The military installations were divided into two priorities for destruction: The first group, which must be wiped out within eighteen months, included minefields, permanent fortifications, underground airfield facilities and all submarine pens.

The second, which is to be destroyed within five and one half years, includes V-weapon installations, coastal defenses and anti-aircraft sites.

Debate Continues On Reparations

With certain issues still dividing delegates, it appeared today that adjournment of the Inter-Allied Reparations Conference, scheduled for today, might be postponed.

The Paris conference, which includes delegates of 17 Allied nations deciding allocation of the non-Russian share of reparations from western Germany, is still debating powers to be assigned the projected Inter-Allied Reparations Agency at Brussels.

The conference has agreed that all recovered German gold should be pooled and distributed among the countries on a proportional basis, and that all countries should liquidate all German assets within their territory.

Issues still under debate are how to evaluate different claims and how to make restitution for merchant-marine losses.

Stripping Japs Of Industrial Surplus Urged

TOKYO, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Removal from Japan of all surplus industrial equipment to complete demilitarization was recommended today by Edwin W. Pauley, American member of the Japanese reparations commission.

In a statement, Pauley called for removal of installations in the iron, steel, chemical, shipping and aluminum industries as a part of Japan's reparations. He recently completed an inspection tour of Japan and former occupied areas of Asia.

Under the recommendation, all gold and other precious metals seized in Japan and now under Allied custody would be shipped to the U.S. mint in San Francisco and held in custody pending a decision as to its disposal. Shipment of the treasure should not prejudice a later decision regarding its use for payment of occupation costs, imports, reparations or restitutions, it was stated.

Pauley said: "When this job has been completed, it will contribute materially to the rehabilitation and stabilization of east Asia as a whole. The program also opens to the Japanese people an honorable, industrious and peaceful future."

DP Germans Can't Go Home

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Repatriation of 650,000 Germans now living in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria will not be completed until July, according to a program adopted by the Allied Control Council and announced yesterday.

Weather and shortage of transport are partly responsible for the delay, while French refusal to accept German refugees in their zone before April 15 also retards return of Germans.

The entire German population of 3,500,000 to be moved from Poland will be admitted to the Soviet and British zones, while 3,150,000 Germans in Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia will be admitted to the American, French and Soviet zones. The American zone is to get 2,250,000.

Indian Protests U.S. Student Ban

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP).—The State Department's suspension Tuesday of transportation for Indian students to the U.S. was characterized as "highly deplorable" by Prof. M. S. Sundaram, educational attache to the Indian agent general.

About 400 students will be affected by the decision, which Sundaram said "will be a sad story in India."

'Bring Back Daddys' Threaten Sitdown

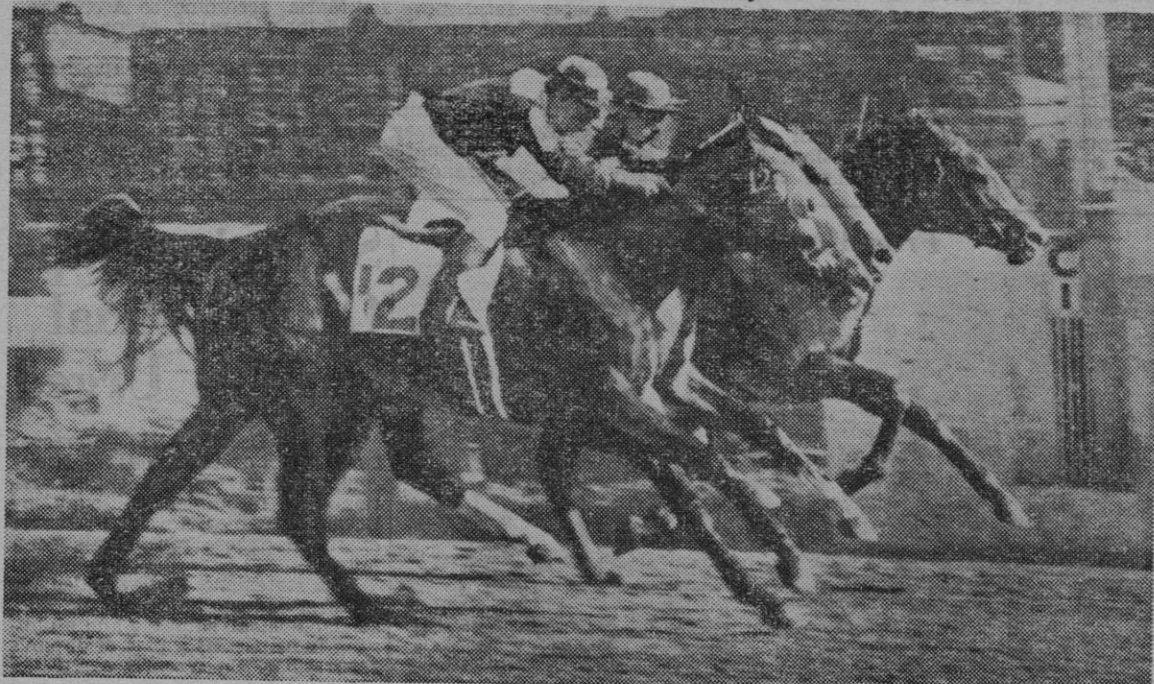
TOLEDO, Dec. 7 (ANS).—A sitdown strike on the steps of the National Capitol was threatened yesterday at a meeting here of the "Bring Back Daddy Club," composed of mothers whose husbands are in military service.

Members of the organization marched to a Western Union office to send telegrams to members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, urging Congress to speed release of fathers from the armed forces.

If no action is taken by Congress before Christmas, a committee will be sent to Washington for a sitdown demonstration, said Mrs. James Munch, club president.

Minors in Move to Slash Chandler's Powers

Pimlico Comes Up With a Three-Way Photo Finish



Jockey Doug Dodson kept the filly Sweetena (on race) going long enough to win in a three-way photo finish in the feature event at Pimlico. Uncle Doc (12) on the outside was second and Azure Wings, center, was third. The winner paid \$6.20 for \$2.

Hap Says He's Boss, Then the Blow Falls

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The minor baseball leagues refused to heed a dramatic plea by Baseball Commissioner Happy Chandler yesterday and voted to strip his office of many of the powers which had made his predecessor, the late Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, the virtual "czar" of the national pastime.

Ten minutes after hearing Chandler denounce the proposed legislation as "personally offensive and obnoxious to me," the minors passed an amendment to the major-minor league baseball agreement which would prevent the Commissioner from exercising his veto power.

Majors' OK Expected

The amendment must be approved at the major league meeting at Chicago next week before it becomes effective, but that was expected to be automatic inasmuch as the National and American League club owners suggested the change.

The amendment involves the clause on conduct detrimental to baseball, one which Landis used frequently to punish both the major and minor league clubs which he thought had taken undue liberties in player dealings. The old clause stipulated that the Commissioner shall have jurisdiction to investigate and determine the facts and, upon such determination, impose punitive, preventive or remedial action.

Bramham Supports Happy

The amendment stated simply that "no major-minor league rule and no act or procedure taken in compliance with any such rule shall be considered or construed detrimental to baseball."

Chandler had the support in his opposition to the amendment by President William G. Bramham of the Minor League Association, who said he thought the amendment "ill advised."

Chandler in his appeal said he did not seek the position of Commissioner but made it plain that he did not intend to be bossed by anyone. "I have a contract for seven years and for seven years I intend to make decisions which you are not able to make for yourselves," he said.

Triple-A Rating Granted

The delegates took quick action on the 51 amendments to the major-minor agreement. One of the most important granted permission to the American Association, International League and Pacific Coast League to step up their classification to Triple-A status, enabling them to increase prices in the annual player draft and raise salary limits and player rosters. The Southern Association and Texas League were elevated from A to AA status.

The protection of minor league territory against the establishment of a major league franchise in the member cities was passed an action which would prevent the transfer of American or National League teams to such cities as Los Angeles or San Francisco in the event that the Pacific Coast application for major league status is denied.

Mako U'pset In Pro Net Tournament

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 (ANS).—All the favorites but one were among the survivors as the \$5,000 National Professional hard court tennis championships entered the second round today.

Gene Mako of Los Angeles, former American Davis Cup doubles player, was toppled unexpectedly in yesterday's opening round by young Jack Marsh. Mako, showing a lack of practice and hampered by an infected wrist bone, lost, 11-9, 6-4.

Don Budge, seeded number one, had little difficulty disposing of Bert Brown of Los Angeles, 6-1, 6-0. Veteran Fred Perry outplayed Jeff Millman of Beverly Hills, 6-2, 6-1, and Bill Tilden won, 6-1, 8-6 over Jerry Hover of Los Angeles.

Hoy Heads ETO Sports

Special to The Stars and Stripes

FRANKFURT, Dec. 7.—Col. Charles E. Hoy, former West Point athlete, has been named chief of the Athletic Division, Special Service, and will head the soldier sports program in Europe, it was announced here today. He succeeds Col. Kenneth E. Fields, backfield star of West Point and the University of Illinois in the 1920s, who recently returned to the United States for a new assignment. Hoy attended West Point from 1927 through 1931 and won letters in football, baseball and basketball.

He came overseas with the 1st Inf. (Railshooter) Div., in which he commanded the 334th Inf. Regt.

U-M Club Honors Stricken Grid Aces

DETROIT, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The University of Michigan Club paid tribute today to two members of the school's 1942 eleven who now are on the road to recovery after being stricken with tuberculosis three years ago.

The honored men were All-American guard Julius Franks and half-back Tom Kuzma both of whom contracted TB shortly after the '42 season and have spent most of the time since in the Michigan University hospital.

They were assured of being able to continue their education through a trust fund set up by the club.

Yanks to Travel by Air For Spring Exhibitions

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The New York Yankees announced today that their spring exhibition baseball game schedule includes a flying trip through Texas—and they meant just that.

The Yanks will fly from St. Petersburg to New Orleans and thence to Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Ft. Worth for contests before joining the Brooklyn Dodgers for a ten-day swing leading to New York.

3 Penn Stars Added To East's Grid Squad

HAMILTON, N.Y., Dec. 7 (ANS).—Andy Kerr, Colgate football mentor who is coaching the East team for the annual shrine game at San Francisco on New Year's Day, announced today that three Pennsylvania stars had accepted invitations to join his squad. They are Bob Bob Evans, Guard Joe Dickerson and Tackle George Savitsky.

Unknown Sets Hot Links Pace

MIAMI, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Chick Rutan, of Grosse Point Woods, Mich., who is in Miami primarily for a honeymoon, took the opening-round lead yesterday in the \$10,000 Miami Open golf tournament with a two-under-par 68.

Rutan, who has never won a major tournament, paced the record field of 220 entries chiefly through the outstanding handling of his putter.

Close behind him with 69s were seven veteran linksmen—Jug McSpaden, Henry Picard, Toney Penna, George Payton, Fred Annon, Ben Yasko and Dutch Harrison, winner of last year's Miami Open. Favorites Ben Hogan and Sammy Snead carded 70 and 71, respectively.

New Football League Seen

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The New York Daily News said today in a copyrighted story that athletic directors of at least a dozen eastern universities would meet in New York next week to organize a companion football conference to the recently formed Ivy League.

Possible members of the new conference total 22 and include every major school except eight in the Ivy League and Army and Navy, the story said. The 22 possible members named were: Pitt, West Virginia, Carnegie Tech, Duquesne, Penn State, Colgate, Syracuse, Bucknell, Georgetown, Fordham, Temple, Villanova, Holy Cross, Boston College, Boston University, NYU, Manhattan, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Lafayette, Lehigh and Rutgers.

Drake to Meet Fresno In Raisin Bowl Game

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Acceptance of a bid to play Fresno State College in the first annual Raisin Bowl game at Fresno, Calif., on New Year's Day was announced last night by Drake University.

During the 1945 season, Drake won four and lost four games while holding Denver University, Big Seven Conference champions and the Sun Bowl entry, to a 19-19 tie.

Brownies to Play In 34 Exhibitions

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7 (ANS).—A 34-game spring exhibition schedule, including 19 contests with the National League champion Chicago Cubs, was announced today for the Browns.

Braves Sign Jurges

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Billy Jurges, one-time Chicago Cub and New York Giant shortstop, today signed a contract with the Boston Braves as a coach and utility infielder.

Basketball

Western Michigan 60, St. John's 57
Long Island 69, Valparaiso 40
Allegheny 56, St. Francis 13
Great Lakes 57, Michigan State 40
Illinois 56, St. Louis 46
Muhlenberg 51, LaSalle 33
Penn State 68, Susquehanna 33
Princeton 47, Villanova 40

Big Ten May Name Champs

CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The Big Ten, which for 50 years has allowed the press to name the western Conference's major sports champions, today moved toward an official recognition of titlists in football, basketball and baseball.

The Conference athletic directors, opening a three-day meeting, recommended the formal designation of champions in those three sports and also proposed that tie games be computed in the percentage column on the basis of one-half a victory and one-half a defeat.

The athletic directors emphasized that the proposal was not intended to determine a conference representative for post-season competition, but pointed out that the past system of rating often had resulted in obviously unfair team comparisons.

Davidson Coach Quits

DAVIDSON, N.C., Dec. 7 (ANS).—Little Davidson College was left without a head football coach today when Gene McEver resigned.

Columbia Five Bows to Oise

The Oise All-Star Quintet downed a hard-fighting Columbia Red Cross basketball team at the Magasins Dufayel gym Thursday night, 36-33, to chalk up its 17th straight victory. The setback was the second for Columbia, bowing, 53-31, to Oise at Reims last Sunday.

Sparked by rangy Jack Dettinger, former center for Marquette University who tallied 14 points, the Oise five led at half time, 19-10.

Led by Arthur Campa, who accounted for 10 points, the ARC five fought back to even the count at 28-28 in the third quarter, but the more experienced Oise hoopers put the game on the ice in the closing minutes.

Ike Says No To Army Tilt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Sen. Homer E. Capehart of Indiana is determined to bring the Army and Indiana elevens face to face on the gridiron even if he has to wait until next year.

Informed today by Gen. Eisenhower that the post-season Army-Indiana tilt suggested by Capehart for this year could not be arranged, the Senator declared he would seek to schedule such a contest for next fall at Soldiers Field in Chicago.

Capehart said that Eisenhower had explained the game between the current Army and Indiana teams was impossible because of December examinations at West Point and the fact that the Cadet team already had disbanded.

Muscles Don't Mean Thing

Pacific Veteran Says Service Hurts Athlete

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP).—John T. Hanley, Dartmouth track captain back from the Pacific fleet, jogged around the field to prevent his sea legs from stiffening. The Chicago-born speedster had just won the coveted IC4A cross-country crown in 28:21.3.

"I should've done better," he panted.

It was the first time the stocky 22-year-old hill-and-daler had ever run five miles. Veteran track observers were impressed by his stellar performance. They were even more amazed that he started his track career only last year.

Hanley spent three years in the Navy and is presently completing his V12 training.

"The Army and Navy athletic programs, with the exception of Annapolis and West Point, are old fashioned," he said. "They have probably hurt good track stars more than they have helped them."

"Their idea of training is that if a serviceman has big muscles he is in condition. However, I



John T. Hanley

realize that the armed forces aren't interested in making track stars," continued Hanley.

"Marching might help the novice because it strengthens the legs. But a man who is already in condition loses all his spring and gets stiff."

"Take the case of Dwight Eddelman, the Illinois State champ. Before he went into the Army he cleared the high jump bar at 6 feet 7 inches. Last year at the Penn Relays, he strained to do 6 feet 3."

Hanley became interested in cross-country while attending high school in Kansas City and romping over the hills and woods.

When he entered Dartmouth last year, John wanted to wrestle but the Indians didn't have a catch-as-catch-can team so the shy youth tried out for track. Harry Hillman, Big Green track mentor, took the smooth strider under his tutelage and soon he was sparking the squad.

Last August, Harry Hillman died and to young Hanley, who joined the squad "because I liked Harry," fell the mantle of unofficial coach.

Hanley hopes to compete in the 1948 Olympics, running in the 5,000 or 10,000 meters.



Small Powers Urge Vote for Trustee Lands

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP) — The small powers launched a campaign today for quick realization of the pledges of freedom for dependent peoples given in the Charter of the United Nations.

Dr. Pedro Lopez of the Philippines introduced a proposal in a Preparatory Commission committee on trusteeship empowering the peace agency's trusteeship council to hold elections at least once every three years in trust territory.

Would Aid Independence

The proposal, as explained by the Philippine delegate is aimed at discovering the desires and wishes of dependent peoples, giving them full independence and aiding them in succeeding to self-government.

"The voice of these dependent peoples should be heard if we are to carry out the United Nations Charter, which specifies that the basic objective of the trusteeship system is to promote political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the trust territories," Lopez said.

One of the most significant and far-reaching proposals yet submitted to the trusteeship committee, the plan drew opposition from Great Britain and South Africa on the grounds that elections would be impracticable.

Plan Gets Support

But Russia, the Ukraine, Syria and Yugoslavia immediately supported the proposal, insisting that under the world charter dependent peoples must be given a chance to attain independence and self-government.

Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko proposed that a subcommittee be established to consider the Philippine plan. The delegates agreed to a subcommittee composed of the Philippines, South Africa, the Ukraine, Britain and China.

It was understood that China would propose in the subcommittee a possible compromise that might satisfy Britain.

1-Hour Strike Set by French

A one-hour token strike by 1,800,000 public service workers throughout France, chiefly railroad and utility employees has been set for Wednesday afternoon in protest against low wage scales.

The walkout will affect all utilities, including the Metro except those necessary for national security, such as important trains and those involved in police movements.

Railroad employees will stop work from 4 to 5 o'clock. Members of other public service unions will quit from 2 to 3 o'clock and school teachers also will strike for three hours on the same afternoon.

(The Associated Press said plans called for the staggering of the strike period during the afternoon so there would not be a complete halt of necessary service.)

The public service and utility workers' unions, which called the strike demand a monthly provisional indemnity of 1,000 francs for each public service worker, most of whom now average 4,000 francs, or \$80, a month.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



Only 1 More Whole Division Expected to Stage at Calas

By Joe Mackey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARSEILLE, Dec. 7.—Probably only one whole division will stage through Calas Staging Area after the departure of the 26th Inf. Div., which is now completing its movement into the staging area, Delta Base Section G-3 announced today. This does not necessarily mean that Calas will be closed as a processing center, it was added.

Sixth Port officials did not issue any denial today to remarks made in Paris by Sen. E. V. Robertson (R-Wyo.) that redeployment ships sailing from here were not carrying as many troops as possible. They promised a statement soon.

In connection with another criticism brought up during the Senator's "beef" session with 25 GIs on Wednesday in Paris about inadequate latrine and shower facilities at Calas Staging Area, post engineers said there were latrine facilities for 3,860 men and shower facilities for 800 at one time. There are 273 twelve-man concrete-lined latrines, 44 ten-man concrete-lined latrines a dozen 12-man latrines not lined with concrete, and 25 shower buildings, each with 32 individual showers; the engineers said. They added that the number of men at Calas Staging Area today was 43,928.

Meanwhile, with the high winds of the last few days somewhat abated, four ships with a troop load of more than 3,100 left today. Men of the 36th Inf. Div. were on most of the vessels, which included a Victory ship and three Libertys.

Among today's arrivals was the USAT Excelsior, which was expected to sail Sunday with the last elements of the 36th Div. and the first of the 90th Div.

Shipping News

Marseille Departures		
Ships	Load	Date
Cape Slattery, Vict.	—	Dec. 7
USAT Excelsior.....	—	Dec. 7
Alexander Bell, Lib.	582	Dec. 7
J. Trumbull, Liberty	—	Dec. 7
Pentotoc, Victory....	1,524	Dec. 7
G. Bancroft, Lib....	550	Dec. 7
John Jay, Liberty....	514	Dec. 7
USAT F. Lykes.....	2,759	Dec. 7
Francis Lee, Liberty	546	Dec. 7
Louis McLane, Lib..	—	Dec. 8
W. McLennon, Lib..	—	Dec. 23
Expected		
USAT Sea Camp.....	2,763	Dec. 7
Woster, Victory....	1,500	Dec. 7
USAT W. M. Everts...	1,362	Dec. 7
USAT G. Goethals...	1,955	Dec. 7
USAT Sommesdick...	1,508	Dec. 7
Le Havre Departures		
Laird's Isle (UK)...	671	Dec. 5
T. Johnson, Liberty.	631	Dec. 5
J. Worth, Liberty...	631	Dec. 5
Ben Goodhue, Lib....	534	Dec. 5
J. W. Riley, Lib....	581	Dec. 5
Marshall Elliott, Lib.	566	Dec. 5
Ward Hunt, Liberty.	578	Dec. 5
R. Rush, Liberty...	581	Dec. 6
In Port		
USAT T. Barry.....	3,609	Dec. 6
T. W. Hyde, Liberty	550	Dec. 6

Ship	Load	Arrival
J. Sergeant, Liberty	550	Dec. 6
T. Perry (UK).....	1,100	Dec. 6
Montclair, V. (UK)	1,500	Dec. 6
Colby, Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 6
R. Stockton, Liberty	550	Dec. 7
D. H. Hill, Liberty.	550	Dec. 7

Troop Shifts Dim Vacationists' Hope

MIAMI BEACH, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Heavy troop movements will last until the end of 1946 and will continue to cause curtailment of civilian railroad travel J. Monroe Johnson, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, said yesterday.

Johnson spiked hopes of would-be vacationers, saying no extra cars would be available for tourist travel to Florida or other resort areas until there was no need of equipment to transport servicemen.

He said that 17,000 troops were arriving daily from the Pacific and that 1,000,000 troops would be moved by railroad this month—more than were hauled in any month of the war.

Lisbon Grants Airline Bases

LISBON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Agreements providing bases in Lisbon for three British airlines were signed here today by Ivor Thomas, parliamentary secretary of the British Ministry of Civil Aviation, and Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, Portuguese Prime Minister. The British lines are Continental, Commonwealth and South American.

A Sailor Pleads For Kidnaped Son He Never Saw

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 7.—Pleading for the return of his kidnaped six-month-old son whom he has never seen, sailor James J. Carlan promised: "I will even ask police not to arrest the person, if the child is restored in good health.

"We just want our baby back," the grief-stricken father declared as search for the missing infant, snatched from its baby carriage by an "elderly woman in black" neared the end of the first week without a clew.

The child was taken while Carlan was en route home from the Pacific. The child's mother, after broadcasting an appeal to the kidnapers to give the baby cough medicine for a cold, was in a state of collapse today and confined to bed.

Victory Ship Skipper Redeploying His Son

MARSEILLE, Dec. 7.—Father and son sailed for home together today when the Pontotoc Victory left this port with 1,524 redeploying troops.

The father is the skipper of the ship, and his son Sgt. Victor Valenoff, 79-point GI.

The sergeant was scheduled to sail on another ship, but port officials transferred him to a different unit so that he could return with his dad. Both hail from New York.

AFN PARIS 610 Kc	
NORMANDY 1204 Kc	
TODAY	
1200-News	1845-Magic Carpet
1205-Off the Record	1900-Sat. Serenade
1300-At Your Service	1930-Alex. Young
1305-Sports Parade	2000-Bara Dance
1315-Remember	2030-GI Journal
1330-You Asked For It	2100-News
1400-Your Love Song	2105-Hildegard
1430-Viva America	2130-Hit Parade
1445-Downbeat	2200-Swing Time
1500-News	2230-Great Music
1505-Beaumont Music	2300-World Week
1600-Symphony Hour	2315-AFN Bandstand
1700-Duffie Bag	2330-Merely Music
1800-News	2400-News
1815-Yank Bandstand	0015-Midnight Paris
1830-Supper Club	0200-Sign Off
TOMORROW	
0600-News	1430-Roy Shields
0615-Morning Report	1500-News
0715-Hill Billies	1505-Family Hour
0730-News	1530-Kostelanetz
0745-Hymns	1600-Symphony Hour
0800-Melodies	1700-Duffie Bag
0830-Repeat Perform	1800-World News
0900-News	1815-Swingtime
0905-Juke Box	1830-Nelson Eddy
0930-World Week	1900-Pass in Review
0945-Over Jordan	1930-Jack Benny
1000-John Thomas	2000-Caravan
1030-Radio Chapel	2030-C. McCarthy
1100-Jack Smith	2100-News
1115-World Music	2105-Hour of Charm
1130-Sunday Music	2130-Command Perf.
1200-News	2200-Radio Theater
1205-Sunday Serenade	2300-Report
1300-Concert Hall	2315-AFN Bandstand
1300-Melodies	2330-Merely Music
1330-You Asked For It	2400-News
1400-Dick Haymes	0015-Midnight Paris
1415-Downbeat	0200-Sign Off

Short Wave 6,080 and 3,565 Meg.

Acheson Upset Policy in Iran, Hurley Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP).—Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley shouted in yesterday's stormy session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Dean Acheson, Undersecretary of State, had "destroyed" and "defeated" the American policy in Iran.

Asked by Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.) to explain what Acheson had done, Hurley replied: "I would prefer to submit the documents."

When Connally observed that Hurley's testimony would be as good as a document, Hurley said: "I don't want to do this," but added: "I'm not bluffing. I can do it, all right. Here she goes, Square yourself."

The former Ambassador to China then related how, at President Roosevelt's request, he had helped frame the American-British-Russian declaration at Teheran regarding Iran. Hurley said that document made clear the three powers were "at one with the government of Iran in desire for maintenance of independent sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran in accordance with terms of the Atlantic Charter."

Vague About Acheson

However, during this testimony Hurley did not explain the connection of the document mentioned with his complaint against Acheson.

He did tell Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) that "in the defeat of the foreign policy of President Roosevelt and former Secretary of State Stettinius, I believe Mr. Acheson took a leading part." He added he did not know many career men assisted in the defeat of the policy, "but I do know it was defeated."

Hurley clashed several times with Connally and other committee members. Once he asked whether he was on trial, and Connally replied: "If you are, you put yourself there."

Later, Bridges declared that Hurley's opening testimony yesterday had convinced him that the former Ambassador had been "sabotaged" by his subordinates at Chungking and Washington, and demanded answers to these questions:

- "1—Why did subordinates try to undermine his work?"
- "2—Why are they still holding responsible posts in the diplomatic service?"
- "3—Why did the President (Truman) and State Department refuse publicly to support Gen. Hurley?"

Hurley had testified earlier that at one time there were about 13 separate American agencies providing foreign service in China, each operating independently of and at times "in complete conflict" with the State Department. He had charged also that an American career diplomat assigned to Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell in China had proposed that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government be allowed to collapse.

Dutch Built Cyclotron Under Noses of Nazis

EINDHOVEN, Holland, Dec. 7 (INS).—Under the noses of the Wehrmacht during the German occupation of the Netherlands, Dutch scientists worked secretly on a 250-ton cyclotron which could have produced atom bombs within a year, it was revealed today. Said to be the second-largest atom smasher in the world, the instrument was shown to 38 American scientists touring Holland.

Ships for 83,000 More GIs To Aid Pacific Redeployment

ETO to Transfer 150,000 Rushed For Xmas at Home

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7 (ANS).—The Army announced yesterday plans to add 83,000 spaces in ships returning service men from the Pacific in January.

San Francisco POE officials said transfer of 32 troop transports from the Atlantic to the Pacific would furnish the additional space. Continuing attempts to reduce its backlog of men awaiting transportation homeward from West Coast Ports, the Navy announced a schedule for 327 Navy separates to fly eastward daily by commercial air lines.

Line Forms on Right



Missie Van Meter of the University of Kentucky wistfully waits for a possible "date" to come along and take her to the dance. It seems there's a manpower shortage down that way.

Hundreds of AWOLs Enjoy Shady Life in Paris Underworld

By Lester Bernstein
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Undermanned MP forces seize hundreds of AWOLs in Paris every month, but hundreds more pursue a shadowy existence beyond the MPs' grasp. They live on their wits, sponging skillfully on Red Cross and Army recreational and mess facilities, trafficking with French sharpsters and prostitutes and contributing heavily to GI crime.

Swallowed up in the breadth of Paris, most of them barely scrape by from day to day. They forge and steal passes and orders that enable them to eat at transient messes and Red Cross clubs. They get their pocket money in the sale of GI clothing, equipment and rations—some of it stolen—to French "fences" who can dispose of anything from a pack of cigarets to a jeep.

Luxurious Apartments

A smaller number, with well developed rackets for their support, spend their profits with a lavish hand. They live in luxurious apartments in fashionable Parisian districts, frequent night clubs and restaurants and keep mistresses.

Virtually all the long-term AWOLs are linked in one way or another with a woman. Except for a minority that would belong in a criminal element in civilian life, they are usually men who, because of the distraction of a woman, overstay their passes in Paris. Many of them are fed up with the Army in general and with their outfits in particular. Having missed the deadline to return, they work on the theory that they might as well be "hanged for a lion as for a lamb."

They stay on, tempted by the blandishments of a Paris which, despite its post-war doldrums, still manages to furnish the gayest night life in the ETO. They are out for a good time, and apparently few stop to think beyond it to the prospect of return to the U.S.

Handout-Happy

New AWOLs quickly make connections with more experienced hands who know the ropes. They learn, for example, that they can still exploit the esprit de corps among GIs by approaching a soldier with his frank plea: "Look, bud, I'm over the hill and I need some dough. Can you help me out?"

This almost invariably brings results, and the AWOL can count on picking up several hundred francs with this approach whenever he gets in a tight spot.

The experienced AWOL will warn the tyro that women can be bad business. He can cite several cases, not uncommon, in which AWOLs are kept by Paris prostitutes who let them occupy their apartments by day and turn them out at night. Sometimes the AWOL meets another girl on his nocturnal wanderings, and his first will turn him over to the MPs out of jealousy.

Stay in Uniform

Because civilian clothes are hard to get in Paris, the advice of the hardened AWOL is to stay in uniform, but to remove all insignia to suggest the appearance of a locally discharged GI or of a Frenchman who has picked up GI clothing.

Contacts with the Paris underworld—another frequent resort of the chronic AWOLs—are risky, too, for the French police, who work in close harmony with the Army's CID, are quick to spot the association and report them.

The AWOL's best bet is to get along as inconspicuously as possible, and, if he is in uniform, to keep his appearance irreproachably neat, says the oldtimer. It's a good idea, he adds, to keep on the lookout for spot checks by MP patrols.

One of the most intriguing cases in MP records is the well-educated soldier who spoke French well enough to pass himself off as a Frenchman. He deserted and got a job with a publishing firm as a translator. The masquerade worked smoothly until his landlady became suspicious of the many visits he was receiving from GIs. She called in the MPs, and the AWOL evaded apprehension by diving out of the window to his death.

From the letters investigators found in his rooms, MPs came to the conclusion that he was a conscientious objector who had quit the Army on principle.

Generals Blame UNRRA, Jews For Dirty, Overcrowded Camp

LANDSBERG, Germany, Dec. 7 (AP).—High-ranking American generals investigating charges that there was likely to be a disastrous epidemic at a displaced-persons camp here found 6,200 homeless Jews jammed into living space designed for 4,200, with many living in filthy conditions.

Nazi Leaders' 'Honor' Hit

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ment was assured by Berlin that its territory would be respected.

Keitel was brought into the Norwegian conspiracy by a document signed by him which said "The Fuehrer wishes that the study 'of the Norwegian attack' should be further worked on under my direction and personal guidance."

On Oct. 9, 1939 Hitler signed a directive to his armed forces to prepare for an early invasion of Belgium and the Netherlands in a blow to knock England and France out of the war. Attached to this order was a memorandum signed by Keitel asserting that "the more Dutch territory we occupy, the more effective can the defense of the Ruhr area be made."

An item from Jodl's diary for Feb. 1, 1940, headed "Behavior of Parachute Units," said, "In front of The Hague they have to be strong enough to break in, if necessary by sheer force."

Greece Seizes Butt Factories

ATHENS, Dec. 7 (AP).—The government decided today to requisition cigaret factories in Athens and Piraeus whose owners discontinued work, demanding a higher margin of profit. Cigaret workers called on the Minister of Labor and gave assurance they would do their best to increase the output.

After a day-long tour of the camp, however, the generals asserted that there was no imminent danger of an epidemic. They placed much of the blame for the conditions on the Jews and on UNRRA officials operating the camp.

The inspection group was headed by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, USFET chief of staff. The visit was made following complaints by the camp UNRRA welfare officer.

Smith told the displaced-persons committee: "You folks are not doing your part to keep the place sanitary."

He also blamed much of the overcrowding on Jews who are slipping unauthorized into the American zone from the Russian and British zones at the rate of nearly 3,000 a week.

Attempts to obtain houses for the Jews have been meeting with opposition from German civilians.

Food at the camp was described as adequate, though monotonous. There was no evidence of malnutrition.

Lichfield Trial Hears Ex-CO

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permission to see him at any time, and he said that during one period last winter he interviewed 15 to 20 prisoners a day. He denied that he had delegated authority to place a man in solitary confinement without his permission, and said that, to the best of his belief, no man had served longer than 12 days' solitary confinement.

Previously, general prisoner Aubrey L. Richey had told the court that after he had been struck with a club by the defendant he had spent 16 days in solitary confinement without receiving medical attention.

Before Kilian appeared, two former Lichfield chaplains took the stand as defense witnesses. They started to describe private interviews held with prisoners, but were stopped by the court on prosecution objections that such interviews are considered privileged matters.

Lt. Col. Stephen F. Barron, former post chaplain, testified that in his official observation he did not notice "anything unusual" at the guardhouse last winter. Capt. William Comfort, who served as the prison chaplain, said he had visited the guardhouse six days a week without observing any evidence of mistreatment.

The charge of enforced castor-oil treatment was denied by Pfc John Crosscope, former prison detail clerk. Crosscope testified that the medicine was given to check an outbreak of dysentery.

Peace Efforts By Japs Told By Missionary

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (ANS).—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Methodist missionary who described himself as a go-between for Japanese envoys and the U.S. Government in the days before Pearl Harbor, said "today the envoys made 'desperate attempts' to avert war."

In an article in the magazine Asia and the Americas, Dr. Jones said the envoys asked him to "urge the President to send a cable to the Emperor as a final attempt to preserve peace."

Saw FDR Dec. 3

Dr. Jones said he delivered the request in a personal interview with Mr. Roosevelt Dec. 3, 1941.

Jones said: "The Japanese representatives insisted that if the Emperor would act in behalf of peace, then the war party would have to submit. Their face would be saved for they could say, 'We did not do it, the Emperor ordered it.'"

"I explained to Mr. Roosevelt that the request to send a cable to the Emperor originated with the Japanese. The President said he had already thought of sending a cable to the Emperor, but hesitated to do so because it might offend the Japanese envoys if he went over their heads to the Emperor."

Dr. Jones said that the cable apparently was dispatched Dec. 5, but that records of Joseph Grew, former Ambassador to Japan, show it "did not get to the Emperor until after the attack upon Pearl Harbor."

Belgians Nab Germans Suspected of Massacre

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7 (UP).—Nine Wehrmacht soldiers believed responsible for the massacre of 19 Belgian civilians in the Ardennes breakthrough last winter are being held in a Brussels prison after a year-long hunt which sometimes was carried out only a few hundred yards behind advancing Allied troops.

The search is being continued for others who are supposed to have taken part in the barnyard machine-gunning of 17 men and two women in the hamlet of Renardmont-les-Stavelot on Dec. 19, 1944.

20 Officers to Patrol Paris Today, Checking GI Uniforms

By Brooks McClure
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

An auxiliary MP patrol of 20 officers will be assigned to help police Paris on the week-end and to report violators of uniform regulations, the Seine Section Provost Marshal's office said yesterday.

The patrol, consisting of company-grade officers, will be divided into two shifts and work from noon today until 3 AM tomorrow. Most will ride but some will tour on foot.

This supplementary force was created under orders of Brig. Gen. J. J. O'Hare, Deputy chief of staff of TSFET (Rear), who ordered in a directive which cited the low standard of behavior and appearance of soldiers here that men stationed in the Paris area who commit "minor infractions of discipline or uniform regulations" be transferred immediately to "less desirable stations," including Germany.