

Deployment Nears End; All GIs to Land in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP).—The job of redeploying troops from Europe is almost completed, the New York Port of Embarkation said today, and therefore New York will become the sole port of entry for veterans from the Continent within three weeks.

Port officials said that while New York thus far had received only 50 percent of the troops, with Boston and Hampton Roads, Va., dividing equally the remaining 50 percent, the future arrivals here would be fewer even than at present because the redeployment task was ending.

(The decrease of the number of home-bound troops passing through New York is evidence that the process of redeploying servicemen from Europe is nearing an end, an Army public relations officer at the port said, according to the Army News Service.)

(ANS reported that Boston will close as a troop reception point at the end of this week. Hampton Roads is not expected to continue operations after the middle of January.)

2,459,129 ETO Vets Redeployed

A total of 2,459,129 troops went home during the first 26 days of this month, bringing the grand total of U.S. soldiers redeployed from the ETO to 2,459,129 since VE-Day, USFET officials said yesterday.

No official estimates were available for the total number expected to sail for the U.S. during the remaining five days of December.

Of the grand total since VE-Day 157,904 went to the U.S. by air and 110,435 shipped directly to the Pacific.

The figures, based on Machine Record Unit computations, applied

General Tells GIs Delay 'No Beef'

By Robert Marshall
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Dec. 28.—One hundred Air Force GIs who charged they had been stymied in the redeployment pipeline were assured today that they "had no beef coming" and that they would be shipping home before the end of January.

The protesting soldiers, who came into Frankfurt on trucks yesterday to air their grievances to Maj. Gen. E. S. Hughes, theater inspector general, asserted their orders for home had been cancelled twice and some said there was a "possibility" that they were being held up

because of plans to begin carrying civilian passengers on European Air Transport Service flights.

Brig. Gen. A. C. Kincaid, USAF chief of staff, said today that members of the group, all in the fifty-five to fifty-nine-point range, are already members of a packet ready to move homeward as soon as transportation is available.

USAF plans for carrying civilians had nothing to do with any delays occurring in redeployment of Air Force personnel, Kincaid said.

to redeployed personnel only, and did not include those charged to theater strength or returned to the U.S. on temporary duty.

They showed that during December's first 26 days 35,254 of those who went home were Air Force personnel, 107,615 were members of

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10 Die as Violence Again Tears Palestine

GIs to Receive New Francs Today, Monday

By Eddie Irwin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The halfway point in the conversion of GI francs at the devalued rate will almost be reached this afternoon, and francs for practically all the remaining units in the Paris area will be ready to be picked up by 5 PM Monday, Seine Section Finance officials said yesterday.

Return of the adjusted currency to units began at 1 PM yesterday. Although the money was ready before the 5 PM closing time for 140 units out of 600 which are included in Seine Section, only 70 unit officers picked up the increased bankrolls for their outfits.

Finance to Fix Payrolls

Conversions were made for units in the order in which they turned in the money in and rosters were available stating which units were ready. With 70 unit bankrolls not claimed yesterday, an additional 130 to be prepared today will make a total of 200 that can be picked up today.

Payrolls for the month of December will not have to be made over, officials said, since all changes—consisting of removing the 850-franc "bonus" and adjusting the number of francs each individual is to receive to match the new rate—can be made in the Finance office.

Providing the franc conversion is completed by Monday, payday (Continued on Page 8, Col. 3)

Jackson Visits Egypt, Sees Trial End in April

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (UP).—Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief of the American panel prosecuting the Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg, said today that the trial would probably last until April.

Jackson and his staff spent Christmas at Luzon, Upper Egypt, and returned this morning after a one-day visit to Palestine.

Ship May Be Doomed If Bomb Cargo Shifts

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP).—The Liberty ship Henry D. Thoreau which sailed out of Naples for Cape May, New Jersey, today radioed the Navy that her cargo of 5,000 tons of bombs was breaking loose and said: "If they give way entirely nothing can save us."

The Thoreau reported that she was about 420 miles southwest of the Azores. Navy officials stated the Thoreau was not a troopship and has a normal complement of 40 men.

Colonel Scored For Strike Simile

DETROIT, Dec. 28 (ANS).—An Army colonel's remark to demonstrating soldiers that they were still in the Army and not working for General Motors brought a sharp protest today from a United Automobile Workers (CIO) spokesman who charged the officer was attempting to create resentment against striking workers in the minds of overseas servicemen.

Col. J. C. Campbell, commander of the 21st Replacement Depot in the Philippines, made the remark last Tuesday when 4,000 high-point veterans protested cancellation of a scheduled transport sailing for the States.

AUSSIE 'GUINEA PIGS' LICK MALARIA

Paludrine Makes Disease as Harmless as Common Cold

CANBERRA, Dec. 28 (AP).—A volunteer team of Australian research workers experimenting in the development of the new anti-malarial drug, Paludrine, have proved conclusively that malaria need be no more troublesome than a common cold.

A large group of workers, headed by Brigadier N. Hamilton Fairley which included physicians, pathologists and entomologists, was subjected to a series of tests.

They were repeatedly reinfected with malaria, some being bitten 200 times by mosquitoes carrying the parasite of malignant tertiary malaria.

They went on long marches in hilly country, in tropical climate and endured extreme cold in freezing chambers at the local meat works. Given a daily dose of one tablet equaling one and a half grains, they remained amazingly fit.

Results suggest that the mere taking of one or two Paludrine tablets each weekend would give complete freedom from attacks. In therapeutic doses, Paludrine controls the fever and terminates the attack.

Authorities believe the new drug will have a profound influence on the development of tropical lands to the north of Australia where danger of malaria has checked expansion.

British Patrol Palestine Roads

From their armored cars, troops of the British Sixth Airborne Division check identity cards near the Shefayim settlement in Palestine during a clash in which eight Jewish settlers were killed and several others injured when settlers opposed British entry into Shefayim and the village of Rishpon.



U.S. Still Holds Secret of Atom, Byrnes Reports

U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes announced flatly at the close of the Big Three conference in Moscow that the secret of the atomic bomb has been preserved, International News Service said yesterday.

"When you read the atomic agreement, you will know that no phase other than those set forth has been discussed," Byrnes is reported to have said.

The Associated Press quoted informed sources as believing the great powers evidently intend to "make haste slowly" in dealing with the atom bomb agreement which was seen as the parley's greatest achievement.

Further discussions, scheduled to be held in Washington, will probably add new pieces to the cautious structure of atomic agreements, authoritative sources said.

Fear in the U.S. that Dr. James B. Conant, atomic energy expert

Byrnes Flying to U.S.

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (AP).—The plane carrying U.S. Secretary of State James Byrnes back to Washington from the Foreign Ministers Conference took the Naples-Casablanca-Azores route at the last minute when bad weather over Central Europe was discovered, it was reported here.

and a member of the American delegation to Moscow, might have discussed atomic secrets with the Russians was dispelled by the declaration that Dr. Conant met no scientists and spoke to only a few educators.

Informed circles stressed the informality of the conferences and pointed out that the three statesmen were bound to no limited agenda, but were free to talk about any topic they desired.

Observers saw the conference communique's references to Japan as a fair compromise between the Russian and American positions, but they cautiously indicated the working out of details would be a tremendous problem, even though each side now knows where the other stands.

The Korean decision setting up a Russian-American Commission is looked upon as the first real test

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of the ability of the two countries' representatives to collaborate without other parties present.

An official in Washington revealed that Britain lost a diplomatic skirmish when she sought to entrust the control of the Atomic Energy Commission to the United Nations Assembly. Russia and the U.S. insisted that control be vested in the Security Council in order to retain veto power on atomic policy, according to the informant.

Big 3 Atom Energy Decision Receives Worldwide Accord

By the Associated Press
The world reaction yesterday to the decisions announced by the Moscow foreign minister's conference was largely in accord on the issue of atomic energy, but divergence occurred on other points.

Both the New York Times and the New York Herald Tribune called the communique a major step toward world unity, but they hesitated to speculate on the full implications of the agreement until further scrutiny.

London newspapers also welcomed the communique as a forward step, but some regretted the (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

Governor Files for Senate

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28 (AP).—Gov. Dwight P. Griswold announced yesterday he will seek the 1946 Republican nomination for U.S. Senator from Nebraska. Griswold will oppose Sen. Hugh A. Butler of Omaha, who filed for re-election several months ago.

Secret Jewish Gang Blamed; Curfew Placed on Three Cities

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28 (AP).—At least ten were killed and as many more seriously wounded last night in violent new outbreaks of bombings and shootings here, in Jaffa and in Tel Aviv. The attacks were begun by the Jewish clandestine organization "Hagana," according to British

police. Business sections here and in Tel Aviv were deserted today as armored police cars roamed the streets proclaiming a curfew.

Attacks centered on police headquarters in Jerusalem, where one British assistant police superintendent, two British constables and four Baguto police troops on guard duty were killed by Jewish attackers armed with automatic weapons. Police headquarters on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv road was also bombed. An Arab telephone operator was killed.

Called 'Most Serious'

A curfew was imposed and the three cities placed under heavy guard at 10 PM yesterday as a result of the outbreaks, said to be the most serious ever to take place in Palestine.

Explosions were reported in all three cities, and three heavy blasts in Jerusalem left the city in confusion as military and civil police threw a cordon around the area and started removing bodies on stretchers.

Trucks loaded with civilians picked up for questioning were seen being driven toward British deten-

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U.S. Destroying Mikado Theme

TOKYO, Dec. 28 (AP).—Allied reforms in Japan are progressing to a point where the all-powerful Emperor system that Japan has known in the past is being "wiped out of existence," according to Brig. Gen. Frayne Baker, public relations officer of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

Baker's summary of MacArthur's democratization decrees referred to the reforms which have eliminated the throne's traditional controls that shackled the nation. It did not refer to Hirohito nor did it indicate that the throne would be abolished.

Following publication of the statement a private group of Japanese constitutional experts submitted to the government proposed constitutional revisions stripping Hirohito of all political power and limiting

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

So What? Asks Orchidman

I fully realize that sense of humor is not one of the qualifications that help a man to attain the rank of master sergeant. However, my draft board seems to have accepted my orchids in the same light as they were sent.

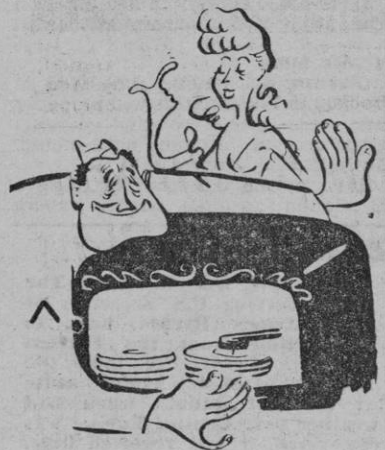
As an American Soldier, I feel it is my right to send flowers to anyone I choose without some character, whose two most eventful days were when he was born and when he came into the Army, commenting on it (B-Bag, Dec. 11).

I personally feel no bitterness toward my draft board either. Why, if I were a master sergeant in a division rear echelon, drawing more money than I could ever draw as a civilian, I think I'd feel obligated to make out an allotment to my draft board for the great favor of helping me learn to live and then re-enlist for 30 years.—Sgt. E. R. Smith, 82nd A B Div.

Editor's Note: Sgt. Smith is now on his way home with the 82nd Airborne Div.

He Misses Juke Boxes

Why not send over some juke boxes to entertain the fellows who must stay here awhile? They are a part of normal American life and we should not be denied any of the comforts of home if



it is possible to provide them. It would make dances possible where orchestras are not available. It would cut down the VD rate to a certain extent. I know a lot of fellows who would be glad to donate money for a juke box if they are not available through other channels.—Cpl. James M. Brown, 15th Inf. Regt.

An Initial in Time

Here's a hint to all men going home who want to save a sore arm. Make sure your immunization register is initiated for all shots you take.

Our arms are getting tired from hitting guys with shots they got only last week; when you take a shot, make sure the medics who hit you also initial your form 81.—Interested Medic.

Zi Box Score 3 to 1

On Dec. 4, the Red Cross notified me that the AGO in Washington had approved an emergency furlough for me. My father is dying but I have been told that I must await orders. Why is it necessary for orders to come down thru channels in the case of emergencies? Why must every officer from here to Frankfurt sign my papers when time is the important thing?—Pfc Charles Conley, Camp Washington.

Editor's note: Above letter was referred to G-1, USFET (Rear) who replied that Pfc Conley had departed for Camp Herbert Tareyton on Dec. 10 for passage home by surface transportation.

An emergency furlough was granted by the AGO for me and I was notified by the ARC in Berlin. I have just been transferred to the 3574th QM Co. My old outfit was the 546th AAA (AW) Bn stationed in Reims, France. I suppose this move had some effect on the delay in orders, but the AGO and ARC have already been informed of my movements.—Cpl. Irving Smith, 3574 Qm (TC).

Editor's note: This letter was sent to G-1, USFET (Rear) who replied that a cable was sent to Use Intermediate Section, directing EM's return by air. On Dec. 14, G-1, Berlin District was notified by G-1, USFET (Main) to return Cpl. Smith to ZI by air for emergency reasons.

On Nov. 28 I received a two weeks' old telegram. It stated my mother was critically ill. I put in papers for an emergency furlough, but they are being held up for a verification by the Red Cross. I had a previous notice on Nov. 1 of my

brother's death and funeral. I would like to see my mother at least once again before she passes away. Why must this verification take 14 days to come through the mail?—T/4 Harry DeLaney, 483rd Ord. MYA.

Editor's note: This letter was sent to G-1, USFET (Rear) who replied that EM was to be returned to ZI and a cable sent to AG, Delta BS, 15 Dec.

Sgt. DeLaney has been transferred to Chanor B.S. and has departed for Camp Herbert Tareyton for movement home by water on 20 Dec.

I had an emergency furlough approved on Nov. 7 by the AGO in Washington because of my mother's illness. My folks were told I would be home in a few days. In the meantime, I received word that my mother had died. I have done all that is possible to get some action through regiment and division channels. Why can't these emergencies be handled speedily?—Sgt. L. J. Mostak Co. C. 47th Inf. Regt.

Editor's note: This letter was referred to G-1, USFET (Rear) who replied that as of 19 Dec. AG, USFET (Main) had received no notice concerning Sgt. Mostak from War Dept. Theater policy requires that no further action be taken where War Dept. is handling a case, until War Dept. gives notice.

Diapering Not His Line

What is a non-com supposed to do, be a wet nurse? Several of us were recommended for promotions but we were turned down by higher headquarters because the VD rate in our company was not low enough. We have been doing the jobs and have expected to be promoted for a long time.

Just how far do our responsibilities go as non-coms? If we have to start changing diapers, we'd like to go home and practice on our own children.—Three Old Guards, 3rd Inf. Regt.

Cutups Get the Gravy

I am an officer in an outfit that is ready to go home. We are allowed 50 percent overstrength. Three EM, part of this overstrength, were just released from the guardhouse. They have 61, 62 and 71 points respectively and among the three of them have six courts martial. Yes, they had served their time and their ASR scores warranted their being placed in a category IV unit.

But what of the fellows with perfect records who have even more than 62 points and who have not yet been taken care of? It will not improve the morale of hard-working EM to know that a preference is given to guardhouses fortunate enough to be located near the boat.—Lieutenant APO 635.

She Has the Points to Win



Eleanor Cahill, "Miss Stardust of 1945," is leading a contest for the selection of a queen, sponsored by the press photographers of New York City. The winner will reign at festivities planned by the cameramen.

Bidault Weds Career Gal—Solves Foreign Office Poser

International diplomatic circles last night hummed with comments on how wily Georges Bidault, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, solved one of the most delicate problems of his office—by marrying her.

Mme. Bidault, 41, the former Suzanne Borel and Bidault's assistant chief secretary, is France's only woman career diplomat. In her new role as wife, assumed Thursday, she has taken leave of absence. This ends, at least temporarily, the long-standing problem of her assignment to a diplomatic post with the rank of ambassador.

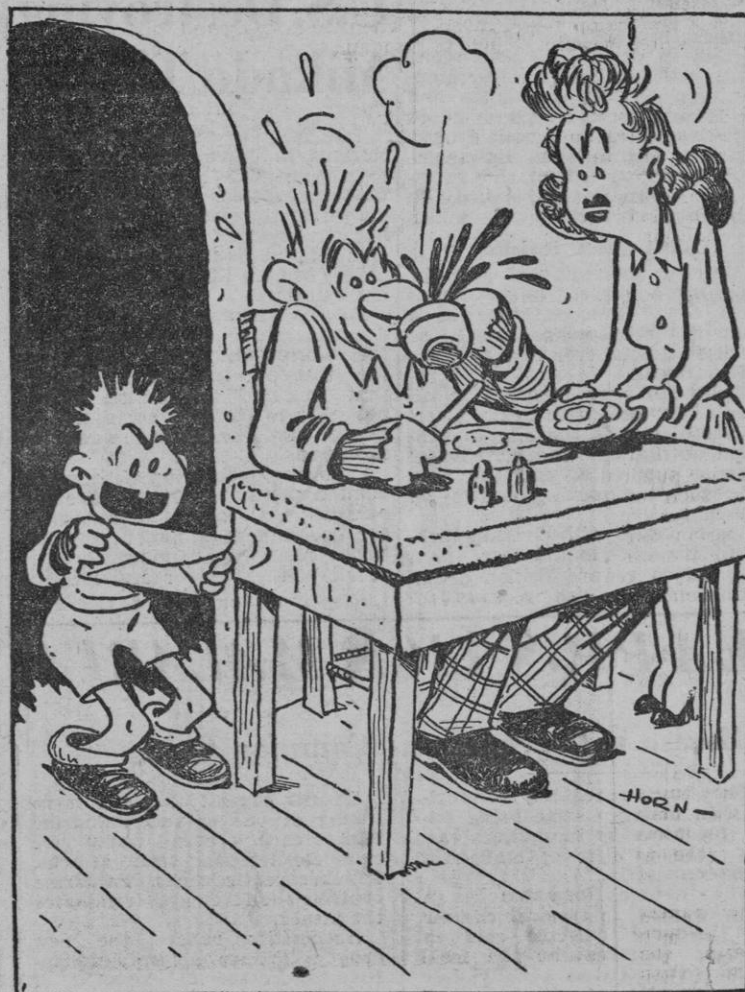
Leaves to Brussels End For U.S. Troops Dec. 31

The Brussels Leave Center is closing its doors to all American troops on Dec. 31, Seine Section AG announced yesterday.

All seven-day furloughs and leaves to Brussels terminated on Dec. 24 while the last three-day passes to the Belgian leave center commence on Dec. 28.

'Post War America'

By Bill Horn



From the Bremen Port Commander "Hey, pop! Do you know a Hilda Muller in Bremen, Germany?"

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

The official Bulletin column is published in conformity with letter AG 000.76 GAP-AGO HQ USFET 22 September 1945, subject: Official Bulletin Column in The Stars and Stripes, to insure rapid and complete dissemination of official announcements to all USFET personnel.

SERVICE STARS

1—It has come to the attention of the War Department that personnel returning from overseas are being instructed that they are authorized to wear service stars on World War II Victory Ribbon. War Department Circular No. 326, dated 25 October 1945 does not authorize the wearing of such stars.

2—Commanders will inform all concerned that the wearing of service stars on World War II Victory Ribbon is not authorized.

(Ref.: War Department Cable No. WCL 30177, dated 29 December 1945).—USFET AG, Awards and Decorations.

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION

1—Effective immediately, amateur-type radio operation is authorized in the U.S.-occupied areas of Germany only, under the control of the Theater Chief Signal Officer, European Theater.

2—Regulations and instructions necessary to effect proper control of amateur-type radio stations and operators within the U.S.-occupied areas of Germany are contained in USFET Signal Operation Instructions 21-1, subject: Regulations and Instructions Governing Amateur Radio in the U.S. occupied areas of Germany, dated 29 Nov. 45.

3—Commanding officers are authorized to permit the use of U.S. Signal property not in use on operational circuits and captured enemy signal equipment by holders of amateur-type radio station permits as issued by the Theater Chief Signal Officer.

4—All personnel of this command are expressly forbidden to operate within the European Theater any radio transmitter of any type for any non-military purpose except as expressly authorized by the Theater Chief Signal Officer.

Operation of amateur radio stations in this Theater under licenses issued by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission, or under permission of any headquarters, office, or individual other than the Theater Chief Signal Officer, is expressly forbidden, and commanding officers of all echelons are directed to take immediate action to see that no such unauthorized operation occurs. (Ref.: USFET Signal SOP Number 56, 29 Nov. 45).—USFET, Office of Chief Signal Officer.

France Plans Bread Ration

Bread will go back on the ration list in France Tuesday with a daily allowance of six ounces per person and larger quantities for persons engaged in hard physical labor, the Food Ministry announced yesterday.

The new ration will be an ounce and a half less than the allotment before bread was taken off the ration list last October. The Associated Press said the Food Ministry explained smaller wheat shipments from North and South America made the re-establishment of the bread ration necessary.

In Washington, the French Economic Mission announced the allocation by the U.S. of 54 shiploads (500,000 tons) of coal, ten shiploads (100,000 tons) of wheat and 45 shiploads of machinery, steel, newsprint, cotton, food and raw materials to France for January.

G.I. BILLBOARD

Paris Area MOVIES TODAY

MARIGNAN—"Sunbonnet Sue." Gale Storm, Phil Regan, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Madeleine.

ENSA PARIS—"Kismet." Marlene Dietrich, Ronald Colman, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf.

OLYMPIA—Same as Marignan. 2330 only. Metro Madeleine.

EMPIRE—"Junior Miss." Peggy Ann Garner, Allen Joselyn. Metro Ternes or Etoile.

STAGE SHOWS

ENSA MARIGNY—"RAP Gang Show." variety show. Metro Champs-Elysees-Clemenceau.

OLYMPIA—"Christmas Belles." variety show. 1430, 2000. Metro Madeleine.

MISCELLANEOUS

PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer.

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

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.

Nancy

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

Metz

ROYAL—"Mildred Pierce." Joan Crawford, Jack Carson.

SCALA—"Shady Lady." Charles Coburn, Ginny Simms.

Brussels

ENSA GARRISON—"Meet the Wife." variety show, 1430.

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ETO Coal Held By Ship Lack, Ickes Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP).—Solid Fuels Administrator Harold L. Ickes said today the U.S. government is trying to make up a deficiency in coal shipments to Europe and expressed the hope that European countries would receive more American coal in 1946.

Ickes said at a press conference that a 450,000 gross ton deficiency in shipments was due to lack of maritime transportation rather than a coal shortage in the U.S.

He expressed confidence that the coal mines of the Ruhr and the Balkans would be able to supply a large part of European coal demands by next winter. He said, however, that more efficiency in operation of German mines could be achieved if they were placed under a single administration.

He also declared the Ruhr mines could be placed on a 50 percent of pre-war output basis by increasing their efficiency.

He said U.S. coal production had reached 96 percent of the pre-war output and is now 60 percent of the overall needs of American and foreign consumers.

Nevertheless, Ickes said a "fuel stringency" faces the U.S.



Harold Ickes

Pearl Probers Near Recess End, Seek New Lawyer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (ANS).—The week-long recess of the Congressional investigation into Pearl Harbor neared an end today with the Senate-House Committee apparently as far as ever from finding a new lawyer.

The latest prospect, Weymouth Kirkland of Chicago, sent word to Sen. Scott Lucas (D-Ill.) that he didn't want the committee to consider him for the job because he was too busy. Lucas had suggested Kirkland as an attorney whose "reputation for ability, integrity and success is on the same high plane" as that of William B. Mitchell, retiring counsel. Kirkland is counsel for the Chicago Tribune.

Mitchell, a former Attorney General, and his staff plan to stay with the Committee no longer than through the examination of the next witness, Adm. Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations in 1941.

Committee sessions will be resumed Monday with a wind-up date now set for Feb. 15.

Seasickness Betrays 13-Year-Old Stowaway

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—Seasickness during a rough crossing from Le Havre caused the discovery of a 13-year-old stowaway on the light cruiser Reno.

Immigration authorities are holding the boy, Charles Ralph Dugan, an orphan whose parents were killed in an air raid in 1940.

The American Scene

Sen. Johnson Urges Fewer Colonels, More Bright Young 2nd Lieutenants

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (ANS).—Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) urged the War Department yesterday to "reduce the number of colonels and get more bright young second lieutenants."

"We've got an Army of colonels today," Johnson told a reporter. "Why, we've got more Regular Army colonels than the Governor of Kentucky has honorary colonels."

Johnson, ranking majority member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, said: "I just asked the War Department for its list of regular commissioned officers. It shows we have 3,397 lieutenant colonels and only 2,295 second lieutenants. We've got more colonels and lieutenant colonels than we have first lieutenants."

Just before Congress recessed, it approved a War Department request for adding some 8,000 officers to the Regular Army, bringing the total to 25,000. This bill, awaiting President Truman's approval, authorized regular commissions for temporary officers who served during the war in grades from second lieutenant through major.

"I certainly hope the Army picks up bright young second lieutenants for all those new places," Johnson said. "Young officers can make the Army a career for 20 or 30 more years, and really do it some good."

"We have so many colonels today it's almost a comic opera army."

Men's Choice: AM Sweater Girls, PM Sirens

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP).—Men still prefer sweater girls by day and sirens in long black evening gowns by night. Most of them approve women's slacks for sports and picnic wear, and they're unanimous in support of high heels.

These are some of the facts turned up by a department store's poll of more than 1,000

college men, most of them returned veterans, at 12 universities.

Blue, red and black are the boys' favorite colors, in that order. They voted strapless evening gowns and bathing suits the most stunning costumes they've ever seen. Only a scanty four percent okayed slacks for general wear, and 22 percent turned thumbs down on slacks-clad ladies on any occasion.

The Horse Is Here to Stay

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 28 (ANS).—A horse led the Northern Pacific Railroad's North Coast Limited into the station yesterday.

Engineer Jesse Pruitt was late as he approached Spokane through a thick fog. His headlight picked up a horse on the track. Pruitt halted the train and gave a long pull on his whistle. The horse seemed pleased, and started moving down the track at his own pace. The train trailed behind and the horse led the way into the station.

Army Nurses Get Luxury Ride

FORT DIX, N.J., Dec. 28 (ANS).—Twelve Army nurses from Leyte were at Ft. Dix Separation Center yesterday after traveling most of the way from Los Angeles in the luxury of the private railroad car of President William M. Jeffers of the Union-Pacific.

Jeffers offered his car last Friday when it appeared that the nurses would be among thousands of service men and women stranded on the West Coast over the holidays. The 12 nurses were the lucky ones drawn by the Army to take advantage of his offer.



Far from civilization in the heart of Deschutes National Forest, Oregon, the U.S. Marine Corps has erected a rest camp for its overseas and combat veterans. The recreation center permits complete relaxation.

Triplets Make It 4 in a Year for the Mees

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Dec. 28 (AP).—The premature birth of triplets in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday made Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mee parents of four children within a year.

The boy and two girls were put in incubators, but Dr. Charles Viney, attending physician, said they were in good health.

The boy weighed 3 pounds 11 ounces; one girl weighed 3 pounds 6 ounces and the other girl 2 pounds 14 ounces.

Navy Clarifies Terminal Pay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (ANS).—Reserve officers released from active duty by the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard since Nov. 2 may enter Federal civil employment immediately without surrendering their terminal leave pay.

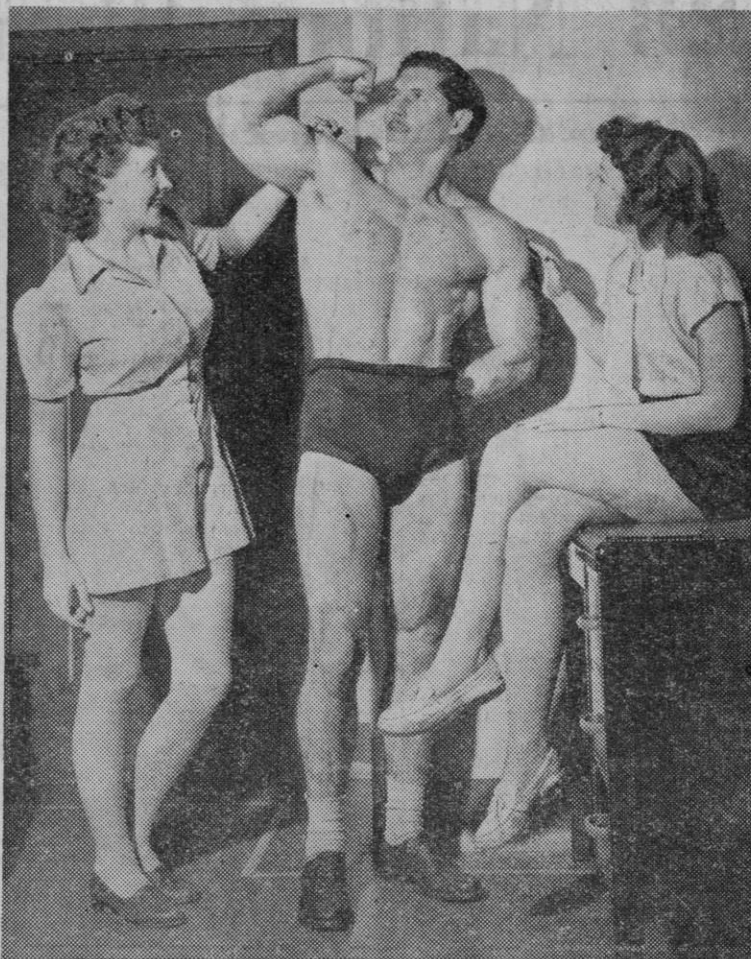
Under the ruling made public yesterday by the Navy, such officers are now entitled to receive the pay of their civil position concurrently with their terminal leave pay from the Navy. The Navy also said officers who waived their terminal leave prior to Nov. 2 in order to accept immediate federal employment may now submit a claim for a lump sum settlement of leave pay.

Yanks Are Churchgoers

DENVER, Dec. 28 (INS).—Sixty-four percent of all Americans go to church at least once a month, according to the latest survey released by the National Opinion Research Center of Denver University.

Seventy percent of the women but only 56 percent of the men are regular churchgoers, the study showed. More farmers than big-city people attend church, but only 16 percent of those questioned said they never attend church.

Pin-Up Boy Admired by Pin-Up Girls



Frazier Ferguson, who won the title of "Mr. Ohio" at the 11th annual state weight lifting meet of the AAU at Akron, O., is admired by Miss Joan Bussard, left, and Miss Jeanne Brooks. His home is in Columbus.

Rescue Hopes Dim for 30 Men Trapped in Coal Mine Blast

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28 (AP).—Rescuers held no hope today of finding any survivors of the 30 to 50 men trapped in a coal mine near here by an unexplained explosion Wednesday.

Accumulations of falling rock slowed rescue operations.

Squads which advanced 900 feet in 12 hours were still 2,000 feet from the entombed miners.

At least 13 fires have been extinguished by the rescue workers who first encountered blazing debris more than a mile from the trapped men. Many said it is doubtful that the area could be reached short of two or three more days.

The general consensus of opinion was that the men either were killed by the explosion itself, or later by carbon monoxide fumes.

Not a sob broke the silence as mothers, wives and sisters huddled close to the mine entrance awaiting news of the trapped miners.

The scene near the draft mouth of the mine, not an unfamiliar one in this coal mining country, was a re-enactment of a display of calmness that will be shattered only when the tired and dirty rescue squads reveal the fate of the "men-folk."

There was no advice given to the seemingly slow but methodical rescue crews that relayed in bunches of six men under the direction of the nation's most experienced mine safety leaders.

The only voices that rose above the crackling of bonfires were those of the rescue leaders.

Vet Heroes Seek A Nursemaid, Wives Warned

BOSTON, Dec. 28 (ANS).—Many war veterans will wreck their marriages in the next two years because they want to be treated like babies, Dr. Max Goldman, neurologist at Boston City Hospital, predicted yesterday in an interview.

"Like the old song," he said, "some of the veterans only want a buddy—not a sweetheart. They're looking forward to having their slippers set out by the easy chair, their favorite pipe and a bottle of ale ready on the table and a nursemaid to gratify their every wish. In short, they look for all the things they haven't been able to get in three or four years at war."

"The veteran's wife looks on him as her hero. To her, the veteran is a glorified Achilles who has done all the things she read about in the newspapers, and most wives expect to be swept off their feet."

"The next six months to two years, I am afraid, will see widespread marital crackups for veterans and their wives. It's a tragic condition and one which could be avoided if the wife were patient."

Jinx and Tex Expecting

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28 (AP).—Film actress Jinx Falkenberg made it known yesterday that she and her husband, John R. (Tex) McCrary, are expecting a baby next summer. The actress and McCrary were married last June 10 in New York.

Thief Returns Money—With a Lot of Advice

BOSTON, Dec. 28 (ANS).—Miss Hannah Regal of Roxbury had her wallet, containing \$70, stolen while she was Christmas shopping. Yesterday she received by mail the following note:

"Dear Madam, I took your wallet and am very sorry I did, the Christmas spirit has reached me, and I feel bad about it. I am returning \$50 to you as I spent some of it already. Please forgive me and please take this bit of advice—take care of your things in a better manner."

New Love in Her Life



Susie Gibbon tends her first-born in the Bronx Park Zoo, New York. Joe, the father, was so jealous of his offspring that he fought with its mother, and had to be put in a separate cage.

The Keeper of the Flame



On the farthest northern point of Prince Edward Island, pretty 17-year-old Betty Morrissey tends the Dominion government's marine lighthouse for her father. She is polishing the reflector.

28 Nations Sign Bretton Woods Treaties

Jap Cyclotron Dumped into Sea



American forces, charged with the destruction of Japanese atomic equipment, drop this huge cyclotron into the sea off Yokohama. Two ships were required to transport the cyclotron, which weighed 350 tons.

China Marines' Morale Lack Blamed on Status as 'Pawns'

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (ANS).—The morale of homesick U.S. Marines in North China was described yesterday by The Stars and Stripes as "cracking up" because the Leathernecks "are convinced they are merely pawns in a political chess game."

The China Theater edition of the Army newspaper, in a

Nazi Party Roster Will Unmask All Former Members

By a Stars and Stripes-Staff Writer
BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Positive identification of every person who ever held Nazi party membership soon will be available, Lt. Col. Hans W. Helm, of the Berlin Document Center, revealed yesterday.

The membership roster of the party—which will include not only those in Germany, but members throughout the world—is expected to play an important role in unmasking German civilians now posing as enemies of Nazism as well as American Bundists and South American Fascists.

The membership roster will be backed by the party's own records—some 20,000,000 cards, letters, passes and other documents. The records are the same documents discovered in a Munich wallpaper factory several weeks ago by Maj. William D. Brown, of the Military Government. A hundred tons of records, which the Nazis hoped would be destroyed before discovery, were moved to Berlin early in December.

Navy Vets Delay Train 2 Hrs.

Refuse to Ride Under 'Bad' Conditions

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 28 (ANS).—An eastbound Pennsylvania railroad troop train carrying 573 Navy veterans from the Pacific was delayed here nearly two hours last night when many of the seamen got off during a stop and refused to board it again until what they described as "bad" conditions were remedied.

Chief Petty Officer John C. Hunter, Navy combat correspondent and spokesman for the group, said none of the 11 coaches had any water for sanitary or drinking purposes for more than 25 hours. He said three of the coaches had no lights.

Local officials of the Pennsylvania railroad said the train was being serviced here because it needed service and not because any protest had been filed. Water was put in and broken windows repaired. Two wooden coaches were taken off the train.

Hunter said the 150-mile trip here from Chicago had taken 14 hours. He said the speed of the train had been limited to 40 miles an hour, and it had been sidetracked for both passenger and freight trains.

Russia Absent At D.C. Meeting; Deadline Jan. 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP).—Representatives of 28 nations yesterday signed the Bretton Woods monetary agreements designed to stabilize international currency and help rebuild war-damaged lands. Russia, the only big power absent at the signing ceremonies yesterday in the State Department, and other countries that have not yet signed, have until Monday to sign the agreements and qualify as charter members. After Monday any nation wishing to participate will have to be approved by fund or bank boards.

The agreements, which were originally drafted by 45 nations on July 19, 1944, at Bretton Woods, N. H., establish a \$9,100,000,000 international bank to make loans to help rebuild and rehabilitate war-torn countries and an \$8,800,000,000 fund to keep world currencies stabilized.

Governors for Fund

The next step will be the appointment by signatory countries of governors for the fund and for the world bank. The U.S. will call the first meetings of the two boards of directors, as the power which put up the most capital.

Twenty countries have deposited instruments of acceptance necessary to bring both the international monetary fund and the international bank for reconstruction and development into force, the State Department announced.

Means to An End

At the conclusion of the 26-minute ceremony Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson, who signed for the U.S., said: "Birth of these two great international financial institutions is not an end in itself but only a means to an end of international peace and prosperity. Our task, therefore, has but just commenced."

Representatives of the following nations signed yesterday in alphabetical order: Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iraq, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, the Philippines, Poland, South Africa, United Kingdom, U.S., Uruguay and Yugoslavia. It was announced that Denmark, Mexico, Peru and Czechoslovakia were ready to sign.

Indonesian Cabinet Promises Co-operation With Allied Chief

BATAVIA, Dec. 28 (AP).—Reassured yesterday on Britain's aims in Java by Lt. Gen. Philip Christison's statement, the Indonesian Cabinet today agreed in principle to co-operate with the Allied commander in restoring order on the troubled island.

In requesting that the Indonesian Peace Preservation Corps, T.K.R., be placed at his disposal for use as auxiliary military police, Christison had declared that Allied troops in Java were interested only in disarming and repatriating Japanese prisoners, and rescuing European and Eurasian prisoners and internees.

'Basis of Justice'

The statement was termed by a Cabinet spokesman as "in full agreement with a recent U.S. State Department pronouncement" and brought an Indonesian reply that they "were prepared to co-operate on the basis of justice" to speed up the Allied task.

Premier Sutan Sjahrir said the general's statement cleared up the British position, which was in doubt after the Singapore conference, adding that Indonesian collaboration had always been on the basis that no more Dutch troops be brought into Java.

Work Out Details

Sjahrir said that while co-operation had been agreed on in principle, some details, such as the disarming of Indonesian police in a ratio with other police, still remained to be worked out.

Meanwhile, in an effort to check a wave of kidnappings by both Indonesian and Dutch, which an official estimated now totaled 500 in the Batavia area alone, British military police have thrown a cor-

Smiles in Style



Agnes Ashley, a clerk in Lakeland, Fla., has been elected president of a new "Society for Teaching the Art of Smiling Again," designed to start a campaign of smiles flowing across the sales counters of the nation.

Little Firms Get New Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (ANS).—President Truman has revealed that the Smaller War Plants Corp. will be abolished Jan. 28 and its duties shifted to the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the Commerce Department.

RFC gets the assignment currently handled by Smaller War Plants Corp in the disposal of surpluses and the job of lending money to help small firms reconvert and expand. The Commerce Department will take over the expiring agency's duties of supplying technical and other aid to little business.

Maury Maverick, ex-mayor of San Antonio and former Texas congressman, headed SWPC during most of the war. He has no new assignment but will make a survey of possibilities of developing new markets in the Pacific area for small business.

Russians Open Atrocities Trial Of 4 Germans

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (AP).—A new Russian war criminal trial opened Wednesday in the city of Bryansk with four Germans charged before a district war tribunal with mass torture and murder of noncombatant and combatant war prisoners and with plunder and destruction of villages and cities during the German occupation of the Oryol, Bryansk and Bobruisk regions in 1941.

The Germans are Lt. Gen. Frederick-Gustaf Bernhardt, former commander of the Rear District of the Second Tank Army and later the Ninth Infantry Army; Maj. Gen. Adolf Hamann, former commandant of the Oryol, Bryansk and Bobruisk area and simultaneously commander of the Oryol Administrative District and later commander of the Bobruisk Fortified District; Karl-Theodor Stainn and Martin-Adolf Lemmler, German soldiers.

At the opening session of the trial Stainn and Lemmler pleaded guilty to the charges and Hamann pleaded guilty only to charges that he mobilized the civilian population for work on defensive projects.

Bernhardt pleaded guilty to setting up a tough regime in a concentration camp, to mobilization of civilians to de-mine fields and to driving civilians into Germany as laborers.

The charges state that during the occupation of the Oryol and Bryansk region the Germans shot and tortured 90,000 civilians and killed and tortured 56,000 Russian war prisoners.

Nazi Fleet Quota To UK Nears End

LONDON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The last of three German destroyers turned over to Britain under terms of the Potsdam agreement was scheduled to arrive at the Firth of Forth today under a British naval escort.

Although manned by their German crews, British naval officers were on the bridge of the first two destroyers which arrived at Firth owing to an "acutely hostile" attitude of German officers in handing over the ships at Wilhelmshaven.

Exact division of the German fleet is still officially a secret which will be announced simultaneously in Washington, London and Moscow when the handing over is completed, but it is known that the heavy cruiser Nuremberg has been turned over to Russia and is en route to a Soviet Baltic port.

Baruch's Son Divorced in Reno

RENO, Nev., Dec. 28 (ANS).—The 13-year-old marriage of Mrs. Winifred M. Baruch and Bernard M. Baruch Jr., son of the famed financier and government expert, ended in divorce court here yesterday. Baruch was charged with extreme cruelty by his wife.

Bodies of Javanese Victims Sought



Members of the crew and passengers of a British transport, the Dakota, which crashed near Batavia, were reported to have been captured by natives and slain. Indian troops dig for the bodies.

Plan to Deploy Brides Remain In Fluid Stage

By Norman Jacoby
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Just like redeployment of GIs, deployment of GI brides and their children to the U.S. from the European theater will depend on the number and types of ships available. USFET officials said yesterday.

A headquarters spokesman said that no definite figures as to quotas could be released now because plans for shipments of brides were still in the formative stage.

Questionnaires have been distributed to subordinate commands by USFET headquarters requesting information on the names of brides, number of children and their sex, and their destination in the U.S., plus the totals of brides and children.

The War Department has announced that shipments of brides would begin next month, and officials at the U.S. Embassy in Paris have already begun work on the issuance of visas for French wives of American service men.

USFET officials said no word had been received from the War Department as to what ships would be furnished for brides, so no estimates could be made on how many would leave in January.

The question of priorities will be decided by the State Department, according to information received at USFET headquarters. A bill now is awaiting President Truman's signature which after passage by Congress would allow the brides to enter the U.S. without regard to immigration quota regulations.

French, Rebels In New Clash

SAIGON, Dec. 28 (AP).—Viet Minh forces, reinforced by irregulars retreating from southern Cochinchina, were engaged in fierce fighting with French forces north of Saigon today.

It was admitted that re-establishment of civil administration in the area is for the time being, impossible.

In south Cochinchina, however, where French armor and infantry have uprooted Viet Minh strongholds, civil administration is returning and attempting to work under adverse conditions.

French military authorities announced today that military police patrols have been strengthened and officer patrols are being used in an effort to check discipline among French troops.

Mannerheim Plans To See Finn Trials

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Finland's ailing, 78-year-old president, Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustav Mannerheim, arrived here today by plane from Paris en route to Helsinki where, an aide said, he would attend the war-crimes trials now in progress.

Col. Ragnar Gronvall, the marshal's aide-de-camp, declared: "The marshal is a soldier. If his friends have to stand trial he wants to be with them."

Mannerheim had been resting for two months in Portugal following a heart attack.

Turkey Quake Reported

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP).—An earthquake in the western Anatolia region of Turkey, on Dec. 24, destroyed hundreds of houses, Moscow radio reported today. There were no casualties.

Spectator With Sword Upsets French Body

The French Constituent Assembly was thrown into consternation Thursday, according to the U.P., when a spectator leaped 20 feet to the floor of the chamber brandishing a saber and making a loud clamor for the restoration of the monarchy.

Deliberations were resumed after the spectator was disarmed and turned over to medical authorities for mental examination. Police said the young man was "obviously insane."

Navy Amphibious Craft Jam Former San Francisco Race Track



Amphibious craft are lined up row on row at the U.S. Navy's amphibious depot at the Albany race track on the East shore of San Francisco, Cal., bay. The war material was assembled for use against the Japanese, but was not used when the war came to a sudden end. The race track was known as the Golden Gate Turf Club.

France Balks at Big 3 Peace Pacts; No Final Agreement on Iran—Bevin

Seeks Position As Signatory

By the Associated Press

France decided today to ask Washington, London and Moscow for clarification of certain points in the communique of their Foreign Ministers before announcing her adherence to the projected peace treaty procedures.

A Foreign Office spokesman, meanwhile, said France was frankly dissatisfied at being left out as a signatory of peace pacts with Balkan powers.

The decision to reserve its acceptance of the Foreign Ministers' Conference proposals was taken at today's Cabinet meeting, which heard Foreign Minister Georges Bidault's commentary on the communique.

Byrnes 'Backed Down'

A Foreign Office commentator described U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes as "backing down" from his position at the London Foreign Ministers' Conference at which he insisted, in the face of Russian opposition, that France be allowed to play a role in the Balkans.

The spokesman also said France was disappointed in the role allotted her on the Far Eastern Commission, leaving her without the power of veto that she was given on the United Nations Security Council.

Called 'Anti-Democratic'

The over-all procedure for concluding peace treaties was described as "anti-democratic," in that, in French eyes, the Soviet Union, the U.S. and Britain would in reality establish the peace terms and "the satellite countries of each power will merely ratify their decisions."

Also, it seems to us that once again non-European governments are in error in making the peace for Europe," the spokesman observed, referring to the Foreign Ministers' Conference decision to cut France in as a signatory of only the peace treaty with Italy.

The fact that no mention was made in the communique of Turkey or Iran was regarded by the Quai D'Orsay as a marked victory for Russian diplomacy, and a setback for the English "who have prime interests in that area."

Danes Will Ratify Bretton Woods Pact

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28 (AP).—The Danish Foreign Office yesterday officially announced that Denmark would participate in the Bretton Woods agreement, following a promise from Parliament that the agreement will be ratified.

Stalin Takes in Opera

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (AP).—Generalissimo Stalin, in one of his rare theater visits in recent years, last night attended a performance of the opera "Iva Sasanin" at the Bolshoi Theater.



Ernest Bevin

Reds Balk U.S. On Iran Entry

TEHERAN, Dec. 28 (AP).—Harold Minor, head of the U.S. State Department's Near East Division, yesterday declared he had given up a 16-day attempt to get Russian permission to visit Azerbaijan.

Minor declared he intended to leave immediately for Washington where he hoped his experience would "result in demands for a Soviet statement of policy on freedom of the press and the distribution of information among friendly nations."

Minor, former Embassy secretary here, said daily inquiries at the Russian embassy had been met with "polite evasions" and "procrastination."

Sixteen days of such procedure, he said, could be considered "a definite refusal by the Soviets to allow Americans to judge for themselves if their friends and allies are being allowed freedom in solving their own internal affairs."

'Secret Service Jimmie' Dies of Heart Disease

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 28 (AP).—James Sloan Jr., who was known to thousands of White House callers for 32 years as "Jimmie of the Secret Service," died here of heart disease yesterday. He was 69.

As a secret service man Sloan served Presidents from Theodore Roosevelt to Truman before retiring last July.

He built a reputation for his ability to screen "psychopathic visitors" out of the regular run of those who arrived at the White House to try to talk to the President. He estimated at least 500 were committed to mental hospitals after being held for observation on his recommendation.

China Leaders Continue Talks On Reds' Offer

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Formal negotiations between Communists and Nationalists continued today following the submission to the Nationalist government last night of a new three-point Communist plan for peace in China's civil war.

Although the text of the plan was not revealed, Communist officials said that it proposed an immediate and unconditional armistice, setting up machinery for peaceful arbitration of all problems relating to the internal strife, and sending impartial investigation groups to the scene of hostilities to report upon the situation.

'Spokesman' Quoted

(At the same time a Nationalist spokesman told the Associated Press that the suggested truce was in reality a second reply to the Nationalist proposal of Nov. 3 which required the Communists to withdraw six miles from either side of the Manchurian railroad before peace talks could begin.

(The spokesman added that the Communists rejected the government offer and were now proposing a truce to gain face and impress Gen. George C. Marshall, special American ambassador to China.

(The official attributed the changed attitude of the Communists to defeats he said they had suffered since Nov. 8, citing as examples their failure to take the cities of Paotow, Kweisui and Lincheng, which, he added, made them realize their weakness.)

Greeks Reject Payment Plan

ATHENS, Dec. 28 (AP).—Foreign Minister John Sophianopoulos announced today that the Greek government had refused to accept the plan worked out at the Reparations Commission meeting in Paris, because the sum allotted to Greece was "much smaller than the modest sum she claimed and to which she is entitled."

Telegrams have been sent to the Allied governments urging an increase in the allotment and also urging that the \$64,000,000 Greece was forced to pay the Germans for defense works and provisions and \$73,000,000 extorted from her for the German African campaign be treated as separate obligations.

"Some countries whose economy is relatively good, received quotas considerably higher than Greece's. While others who contributed nothing to the Allied cause have been awarded quotas, even though such quotas may be small. The Greek government is determined to bring the question before international bodies and international public opinion," Sophianopoulos said.

Troop Withdrawal Set for March 2

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (AP).—Britain's Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin said after the Foreign Ministers' Conference that the problem of Iran had been discussed at length but no final agreement had been reached.

"The treaty date of March 2 for withdrawal of troops still stands," Bevin told a press conference.

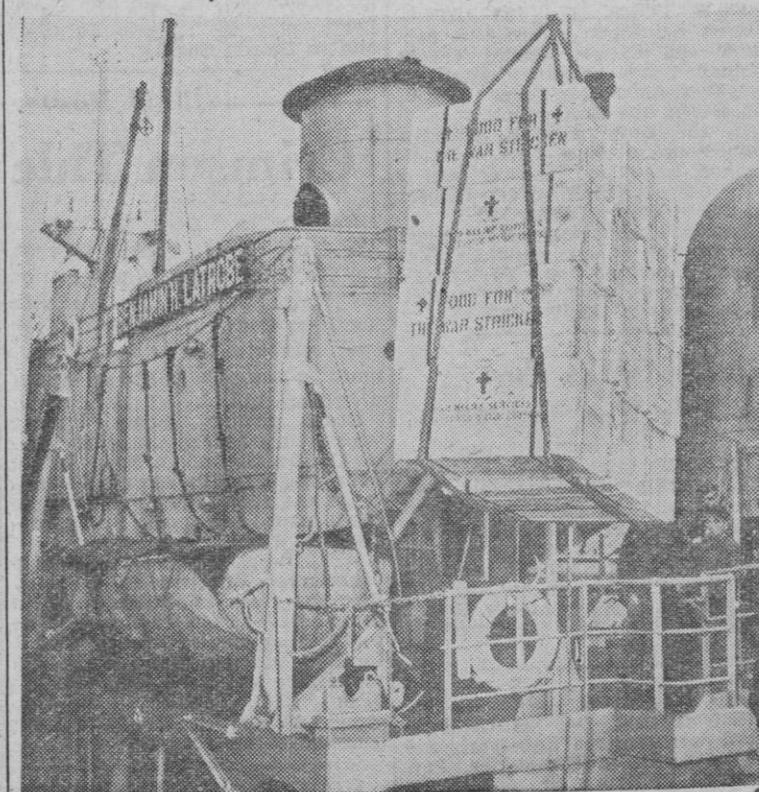
Italy Bitter on Big 3

ROME, Dec. 28 (AP).—The Big Three decision on a peace treaty for Italy drew bitter press criticism today that Italy's 18 months of co-belligerency had been given no weight and that she had, in effect, "been placed on an equal footing with other enemy states." The morning newspaper Il Tempo said it was logical to presume Premier Alcide De Gasperi told the U.S., British and Russian Ambassadors, whom he saw yesterday, of the nation's "deep and underserved disillusionment."

yesterday and added: "We have repeated assurances this will be carried out."

Discussing the results of the meeting, Bevin said: "The task of building peace is very difficult, especially after a world war such as the nations have been through."

Food for War Stricken in Europe



The first shipment of foodstuffs received from the Food for the War Stricken campaign in the U.S. is en route to Europe. Here the crates are being loaded aboard ship in New York harbor.

Winn Boosts Value of Derby to \$100,000

Stephens Annexes AL Homer Crown, 72nd Running of Event RBI Championship Goes to Etten Scheduled for May 4

111 Runs Knocked In by Nick, Vern Hits 24 for 4

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP).—Husky Nick Etten of the New York Yankees yielded his home-run crown to Vern Stephens of the St. Louis Browns but evened things up by wresting the runs-batted-in title from Stephens in the 1945 American League slugging race.

The Yankee first sacker grabbed the highly-prized "clutch hitting" championship by belting across 111 runs, two more than Stephens' total of 109 last year, according to officials statistics released today.

However, the dangerous Brownie shortstop, who had only 89 RBIs, slammed 24 home runs to dethrone Etten in that department.

Lone Player With 100 RBI

The 31-year-old Etten was the only American Leaguer to drive across more than 100 base occupants, further emphasizing that it was a woefully weak offensive season for the junior circuit. Etten's team-mate, second baseman Snuffy Stirnweiss, won the hitting crown with a feeble .309 average, the poorest league mark in 40 years.

The runner-up in runs-batted-in was outfielder Roy Cullenbine of Detroit, with 93. Cullenbine also drew the most bases on balls, 112, for the second straight year. Cleveland's Pat Seerey was the No. 1 strikeout victim, whiffing 97 times, two fewer than in 1944.

York a Real Cousin

Rudy York, Detroit first baseman, grounded into the most double-plays, 23, while shortstop Frank Crossetti of the Yankees was plunked most by pitched balls—10 times.

Outfielder Tom McBride of Boston tied the major league record for runs batted across in one inning, with six, on Aug. 4.

In all, the nip-and-tuck American League pennant race tumbled or tied 27 records, compared with 22 in 1944.

Catcher Frank Hayes of Cleveland-Philadelphia ran his string of consecutive games to 308 and participated in the most double plays by a catcher—29, for two major league records.

Seerey tied a pair of major league marks with three home runs in one game and four extra base hits in another tit. Among the unusual record feats were Detroit winning the pennant with the lowest championship percentage, .505; the fewest league errors in the season, 1,302; and the fewest league .300 batters, three.

Brooklynite Tops Netters

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP).—Sidney Schwartz of Brooklyn captured the Eastern Junior Tennis Championship yesterday when he defeated Alex Hetzeck of Detroit, 7-5, 6-3, in the final round.

In the Boys' division, Richard Mouldous of New Orleans, top-ranked, swept to the title with a 6-2, 6-3, triumph over Gilbert Bogley of Chevy Chase, Md.

Schwartz and Hetzeck combined to take the junior doubles championship, beating John Taylor, III, of Princeton, and Fred Scribner of Forest Hills, 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.

Howell Seeks Post As 'Ole Miss Mentor

OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 28 (ANS).—Dixie Howell, former Alabama passing star who teamed with Don Hutson during his collegiate career, today admitted he was an aspirant for the Mississippi head coaching job recently left vacant by the resignation of Harry Mehre. Howell also has a bid in for the University of Florida post.

Hugh Fullerton Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (ANS).—Word was received here yesterday of the death in Clearwater, Fla., of Hugh Fullerton, Sr., one of the great baseball writers of all time and an organizer of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Tigers Uphold Baseball Axiom

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Down-the-Middle Defensive Strength AL's Best



Paul Richards



Hal Newhouser

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP).—The Detroit Tigers had Hal Newhouser and Hank Greenberg as aces in the hole, but their 1945 title performance also was helped by the American League's best defensive line down the middle.

It's an old baseball axiom that the team with the best fielders on the line from plate to center-field is always a pennant contender.

Future baseball generations may wonder about it, but the American League's most efficient outfielder in 1945 was 41-year-old (that much he admits) Doc Cramer, Detroit center fielder who committed only three muffs in 324 chances for a .991 average.

The best second baseman was the consistent Eddie Mayo of the Bengals with .980 as he fumbled only 15 times in 734 chances. Paul Richards, Detroit's stringbean receiver, topped the league catchers with .995, muffing only twice in 407 chances.

Newhouser, the season's best pitcher, led his mound colleagues in fielding, as he handled 82 chances without a mishap.



Doc Cramer



Eddie Mayo

Hawks Get Golden Chance To Become NHL Pace-setters

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP).—The Chicago Black Hawks, tagging along doggedly behind the Montreal Canadiens and threatening occasionally to overhaul the National Hockey League leaders, face another opportunity to strengthen their runner-up position in a four-game weekend program.

The high-scoring Hawks, with one game in hand over the Canadiens, pick up the slack with two games in successive nights while Montreal has only one scheduled contest.

But that one game means much to both teams because it's a straight showdown between them. If the Canadiens defeat Chicago in that contest at Montreal Saturday, the NHL championship would be almost certain to return to Montreal.

In Position to Grab Lead

On the other hand, a victory for Chicago, followed by a triumph for the Hawks against the Rangers in New York Sunday, would lift Coach Johnny Gottselig's club into first place, one point ahead of the Canadiens.

The only other club with two weekend dates is Boston, which now holds fourth place, two points behind the Detroit Red Wings. The Bruins, seeking to retain their four-point edge over the Toronto Maple Leafs, play in Toronto Saturday and in Detroit Sunday.

Bowl Banter

Crimson Tide Rolls Through Pair of Drills

PASADENA, Dec. 28 (AP).—Alabama's fleet footballers, unwinding the travel kinks in preparation for their Rose Bowl battle with Southern California, zipped through two workouts yesterday, a heavy morning scrimmage and a lighter afternoon drill.

Coach Frank Thomas quietly whisked his 34-man squad to near-by Occidental College Field for an hour and a half's morning scrimmage and the 'Bamans returned to pass, punt and pose for photographers later.

With the exception of right half-back Lowell Tew, who has a broken jaw, the team appeared to be in fine shape. Coach Thomas said he was having special headgear built for Tew and hoped the 18-year-old sophomore would be able to start against USC. Tew led all the Tide ground gainers with 715 yards from scrimmage this season.

MIAMI, Dec. 28 (AP).—Penicillin injections today were given Stan Koslowski, star tailback of the Holy Cross football team, in an effort to

Basketball

- East**
 - Brigham Young 53, Manhattan 43
 - North Carolina 43, New York U 41
 - Morgan St. College (Md.) 52, Yeshiva 37
 - Bainbridge 35, Olden's All-Amer. 32
- Midwest**
 - Ohio State 62, Michigan State 42
 - Bradley Tech 72, Ripon (Wis.) 49
- Southwest**
 - Kelly Field 37, Texas Aggies 36
- Far West**
 - Farragut Naval 45, Portland U. 38
- Midwest College Tournament (first round)**
 - Loyola (Chicago) 53, Central Normal 39
 - Indiana State 58, Indiana Central 42
- All-College Tourney (second round)**
 - Oklahoma Aggies 46, Kansas 28
 - Baylor 43, Oklahoma 42
 - Pepperdine 57, Texas Christian 45 (first round consolation)
 - Rice 55, Texas 52 (first round consolat.)

Bookie's-Eye View Of Jan. 1 Contests

- NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (ANS).—The following "line" was being quoted today by local bookmakers on the major post-season football classics on New Year's Day:
 - Rose Bowl—Alabama 13 1/2 points over Southern Cal.
 - Sugar Bowl—Oklahoma A & M 13 1/2 points over St. Mary's.
 - Orange Bowl—Miami 7 points over Holy Cross.
 - Oil Bowl—Georgia 6 points over Tulsa.
 - Gator Bowl—Wake Forest 13 points over South Carolina.
 - Sun Bowl—New Mexico 7 points over Denver.
 - Shrine Game—West 1 1/2 points over East.

knock out a case of flu before the Orange Bowl game here New Year's

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 28 (AP).—Col. Matt J. Winn, president of Churchill Downs, announced yesterday that the 72nd running of the Kentucky Derby would be held here next May 4 and that the added money would be increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The nomination fee for the Derby will be increased from \$25 to \$50 with a \$1,000 additional starting gross. The money will include awards to second, third and fourth horses of \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500, respectively.

The trainer of the winning horse will receive \$3,000, with \$2,000 and \$1,000 going to trainers of the second and third horses, respectively.

The \$100,000 added money will make the 1946 Derby the richest in history. The Derby, which has been run without interruption since 1875, has offered \$75,000 in added money since 1940.

Winn also announced that added money for other stakes on the spring program would be increased and announced later.

Burgoo Maid Scores Again At Gulfstream

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP).—Burgoo Maid, consistent mare owned by Ruth Sidell, earned her second straight feature win at Gulfstream Park yesterday, scoring in the \$3,000 DeSota Purse by two lengths over Royal Flush. Mahmoudouss was third.

The five-year-old Burgoo Maid, which had won one half of the Broward Handicap on opening day, flashed over the six furlongs in 1:11 2/5.

Joe Licausi, little Brooklyn apprentice rider who has made a fine impression with Florida turfmen, broke the \$4.30 favorite with the leaders, rated her in second position until the top of the stretch and then took command.

Jessop Fails to Score

Jockey Job Dean Jessop, leading winner of the season, failed to pick up a victory. He has 287 triumphs.

Bunny Stable's Hy-Gato and F. W. Ellin's Airpan took the two divisions of the split Jefferson Purse at New Orleans' Fair Grounds.

Hy-Gato paid a fancy \$15.80 ticket and ran the six furlongs in 1:19. Airpan returned \$6.60 and turned the sprint distance in 1:8 3/5.

New York Tracks Boost Charity Coeffers by \$890,479

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP).—The New York Racing Commission today distributed to 12 charities a total of \$890,479.60, the proceeds from the week-long charity meet which closed the New York season last fall.

The amount donated to each charity ranged from the \$267.14 for the Police Athletic League to the \$222,619.98 donated to the Red Cross and \$179,095.98 for the National War Fund.

The total distributed today brings to more than a million and a half dollars the aggregate turned over to charity by New York tracks this year. During the regular season \$686,560.05 was raised on special days set aside by each track during its regular meeting.

Oise Five Sweeps 3-Game UK Tour

REIMS, Dec. 28.—The all-conquering Oise basketball team returned from a triumphant tour of England yesterday with three more victories to increase their consecutive win string to 20.

Paced by Davage Minor, outstanding courtman for Toledo University before his induction, the Oise dribblers topped the Burton Woods Bearcats twice, 42-35 and 50-37. It was this same Burton Woods club that went to the finals in last year's UK tourney. In their final start, Oise doubled the score on Bovington Air Base, 54-27.

Minor tossed 39 points through the basket in the three games to average 13 per contest. Teammate Jack Dettinger, former center for Marquette University, accounted for 22 counters on the tour.

Kelleher Quits Court

BOSTON, Dec. 28 (ANS).—Ed Kelleher, outstanding New England collegiate basketball official for the last 30 years, decided yesterday to call it quits.

Gulfstream Stewards Clear Jockey for Poor Showings

MIAMI, Dec. 28 (AP).—Larney Hansman, star apprentice jockey whom racing stewards at Gulfstream Park grounded Wednesday and yesterday while they investigated the poor showing of two of his mounts, was exonerated today.

One of his mounts, Gallant Bull, was found to be sulky and not dependable and was barred for the remainder of the meet for inconsistent performance. The other horse, Silver Plate, was found to have been idle from Sept. 26 until his race here and Hansman was not held responsible for the resultant disappointing outcome.

Redskins Sign 29 for 1946

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (ANS).—The Washington Redskins announced today that 29 players, including Sammy Baugh and Steve Bagarus, had signed 1946 National Football League contracts and that options had been exercised on nine others.

The announcement dispelled fears that some of the club's top performers might "jump" to the new All-America Conference which has admitted it will try to raid the NFL in an effort to field the best pro circuit next season.

Heading the group of players on whom the Redskins took an option was quarterback Frank Filchok, Baugh's No. 1 passing replacement. Filchok is reported on his way to the New York Giants in a deal that would bring halfback Tommy Mont and tackle Paul Stenn to Washington. The latter pair are still in the service.

Higbe Hurls Manila Into Army Olympics

MANILA, Dec. 28 (AP).—Lirby Higbe, former rubber-armed Brooklyn hurling star, pitched the Manila Dodgers into the baseball finals of the Philippine Olympics yesterday shutting out the Leyte Base team, 8-0.

The victory makes the Manila team eligible to represent the Philippines in the All-Pacific U.S. Army Olympics to be held here in January.

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Shipping Now 'Day-to-Day,' 6th Port Says

By Joe Mackey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
MARSEILLE, Dec. 28.—Tentative shipping schedules call for the arrival here of six Victory ships to be used for redeployment between now and Jan. 15, it was learned today.

At the same time Sixth Port officials intimated that the shipping picture is a day-to-day affair now and that diversion of ships and other factors makes definite pronouncements impossible.

Combined with expected vessels, the six Victories should be sufficient to clear troops now at Calas staging area before the first group of more than 7,500 Delta Base Section men are ready to sail, it was said. These DBS men, including all the 55 to 59 pointers, have Jan. 18 and 28 readiness dates.

Meanwhile, the shipping drought was still on, with no troops sailing today and only one troop ship arriving in port.

1,388,000 Shipped By Chanor Base

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28.—More than 1,388,000 veterans of the ETO have been shipped to the U.S. through the ports of Le Havre and Antwerp from VE-Day to Christmas by Chanor Base Section, Brig Gen Stuart Cutler has announced.

Operations started at Le Havre under Normandy Base Section, which merged with Channel Section to form Chanor Base Section on July 1. Cutler succeeded Brig Gen E. F. Koenig as Chanor commander on Dec. 14. Le Havre and the cigaret camps shipped 1,182,668 men, and Antwerp cleared 205,336 via Camp Top Hat.

Channel Storm Blocks Shipping from Le Havre

LE HAVRE, Dec. 28.—The raging storm in the English Channel today blocked all redeployment shipping from this port of embarkation.

No vessels attempted to sail for the U.S., and the Twickenham Ferry, which put out with 1,190 troops being shuttled to England for shipment to the States was forced to turn back.

While the water has been rough for two days, today was the first day on which the storm interfered with operations here.

14,700 EM Re-Enlist From TSFET Outfits

A total of 14,700 enlisted men have re-enlisted in the Army from TSFET units, and by December's end it is expected the figure would reach 15,000, TSFET recruiting officials said yesterday.

Capt. Alexander Burz said most of the re-enlistees had signed up for three-year "hitches," and pointed out that under WD Cir. 310, men re-enlisting after Feb. 1 would not be entitled to retain their present ratings.

American Forces Network

Time	TODAY
1200-News	1045-Magic Carpet
1205-Off the Record	1050-Here's to Music
1300-At Your Service	1055-Alan Young
1305-Sports Parade	1100-Barn Dance
1315-Remember	1105-G.I. Journal
1320-Asked for it	1110-News
1330-Love Song	1115-Serenade
1335-Foreign Policy	1120-Hit Parade
1340-News	1125-Command Perf.
1345-Beaucoup Music	1130-World Week
1350-Opera	1135-AFN Bandstand
1355-Duffle Bag	1140-Merely Music
1358-News	1145-News
1400-Swingtime	1150-Midnight Paris
1405-Supper Club	1155-Sign Off

Time	TOMORROW
0600-News	1500-News
0615-Morning Report	1505-Singing Country
0715-Village Barn	1530-Family Hour
0730-Juke Box	1600-Symphony Hour
0800-Hymns	1700-Duffle Bag
0815-News	1800-World News
0830-Repeat Perform.	1815-Yank Bandstand
0900-Morning Melodies	1830-AFN Quiz Time
0930-World Week	1900-Pass in Review
0945-Wings Over Jordan	1930-Jack Benny
1000-John Thomas	2000-Nelson Eddy
1030-Radio Chapel	2030-C. McCarthy
1100-Jack Smith	2100-World News
1115-World in Music	2105-Hour of Charm
1130-Sunday Music	2130-Command Perf.
1200-News	2150-Radio Theater
1205-Sunday Serenade	2200-State Dept.
1230-Concert Hall	2315-Bandstand
1300-Calif. Melodies	2330-Merely Music
1330-Asked for it	2400-News
1400-Dick Haymes	0015-Midnight Paris
1430-A. Kotelanetz	0200-Sign Off

Short Wave 6.080 and 3.665 Meg.
Paris 610 Kc. Normandy 1.204 Kc.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



Only 600 Japs Left With Arms in Siam

SINGAPORE, Dec. 28 (AP).—Only 600 Japanese remain to be disarmed in the whole of Siam, Allied Land Forces of the Southeast Asia Headquarters announced today.

Troops of the Seventh Indian Div. already have received 112,000 weapons from the surrendered enemy.

Assembly Boosts Its Pay

The French Constituent Assembly has given itself a raise. The members voted an annual salary increase from 240,000 francs to 350,000 francs.

War Turned Up New Findings On Ancient Lands for Science

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Although the war cramped the work of scientific expeditions, it also turned up a lot of unexpected discoveries in airfield excavations, bomb craters, etc., according to the National Geographic Society.

An ancient Celtic wood temple, probably dating to 500 or 300 BC, was uncovered during excavations for airfields in England. The extending of Gibraltar's underground defense system opened up a cave where fossils were found, and the Russians this year reported

finding ancient settlements between 500 and 1,000 years old off Northern Siberia.

Soviet scientists also dug up the skeleton of a giant whose skull measured 33 inches in circumference and whose shin bone was 33 inches long. The University of Chicago reported the discovery of a town built on 16 different levels 250 miles from Bagdad. An ancient city of eight large mounds, indicating the migration of Olmec culture, antedating Mayan civilization, was found by expeditions to Southern Mexico.

2 British Officers Murdered in Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Two British officers who went duck shooting on Lake Edku, a few miles east of Alexandria, were murdered by Egyptian fishermen, and a RAF corporal was wounded in a shooting incident at Heliopolis last night.

Streeter Hits Navy Maria

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (AP).—A street car crashed into a Navy shore patrol wagon on a busy downtown street. Dozens of sailors on the sidewalks lined the curb and lustily cheered the street-car operator.

France Called Bar to German Economy

Views Prevent Reich Revival, McNarney Says

By The Stars and Stripes Bureau

FRANKFURT, Dec. 28.—Major responsibility for the failure to revive economic activity in Germany was placed on the French today by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney in his first report as Military Governor of the U.S. Zone of Germany.

Four months after the Potsdam Conference, the general pointed out, common policies are not being followed with respect to economic activities, largely because of continued French opposition to regarding Germany as a single economic unit.

The French attitude, consistently maintained in the quadri-partite Allied Control Council for Germany, has prevented establishment of certain central administrative agencies for Germany as a whole which were envisioned in the Potsdam declaration.

The revival of a true minimum level of economic activity in Germany requires much more in terms of broad co-ordination, Gen. McNarney declared.

"The establishment of central administrative agencies in certain economic fields would provide a focal point for this co-ordination, which to date has not been possible because of lack of agreement on the part of the French to such a program," the report said.

The delay in setting up economic co-ordination on a four-power level has obliged American authorities to take co-ordinating steps among the three states of the U.S. zone, the observed.

"The longer quadri-partite decisions are delayed on these matters," his report warned, "the more barter and other abnormal economic relationships and practices will develop and the more difficult it will be to follow the Potsdam declaration of treating Germany as a single economic unit."

Division of Germany into four zones has resulted in relative isolation of the areas from each other, the general said. Although some exceptions have been made by inter-governmental agreements for such critical commodities as fuel, normal commercial channels are little used. In addition, all the economic activities formerly centered in Berlin have been de-centralized under the present occupation policy.

The result in the U.S. zone, according to Gen. McNarney, has been the development of new agencies and procedures through the state governments, forcing a slow and difficult re-orientation of economic affairs.

U.S. Destroying Mikado Theme

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his activities to ceremonial functions of state.

The proposed constitutional revisions would transfer prerogatives to the Diet and specify that final responsibility for state administration rests with the Cabinet. The draft stated that the rights and duties of the people are to be clearly defined in the constitution to ensure freedom of the people.

"The last evil roots of the Tenno (Emperor) system were pulled out and destroyed with the abolition of State Shinto," Baker asserted.

Japanese State Shintoism was abolished by Gen. MacArthur on Dec. 15. At that time MacArthur stated that the then compulsory religious ideology was "manufactured" by ultra-nationalists and war lords. Under MacArthur's ruling Shinto became a purely religious movement on an equal legal basis with other religions.

Baker's report stated that the first step in Allied reforms came "when the Japanese War and Navy departments were blacked out and all armament was gathered in by occupation forces."

This first step was really the main one because that took away the sword which was the key control.

Removal of the sword, the report said, afforded freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly, and petition. These foundations for a new government quickly won favorable reaction.

The nation early became conscious of MacArthur's aims, the statement said, and this has "grown so that the mass of people want to get along in the new life."

Former Nazi Mayor Awaits Trial Decision



Wilhelm Wohlmut, former mayor of Aschaffenburg, Germany, who is accused of executing five German soldiers during the battle of Aschaffenburg in March, 1945, awaits a decision by the Military Government as to whether he will be tried by the local tribunal. Meanwhile, he chops wood in the prison yard under the surveillance of a German guard.

Major Denies Playing Sick To Avoid Lichfield Testimony

By Art White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A prosecution allegation that he entered Vaughn Gen. Hosp. at Hines, Ill., last month to avoid testifying at the Lichfield trial was hotly denied today by Maj. Herbert W. Bluhm, former inspecting officer at the Tenth Reinforcement Depot.

Bluhm, a key defense witness at the trial of Sgt. Judson H. Smith, who is charged with ill-treating prisoners at Lichfield guardhouse, arrived in London three days ago. When he took the stand for the first time yesterday, he was warned by the court not to discuss his testimony with other witnesses. The warning was given after he had revealed that he already had talked about the case with Col. James A. Kilian, former Lichfield CO. Today he admitted he had again talked to Kilian about the case in spite of the express warning.

Bluhm shouted: "That's not true," when Assistant Prosecutor Capt. Earl J. Carroll suggested he entered the hospital to avoid coming back to England. He agreed that on Nov. 20, the day he went into Vaughn for treatment of migraine headaches, he received a letter from an English friend telling him he was to be recalled to testify in the case.

Says It Was Coincidence

Bluhm maintained he was under orders to enter the hospital on Nov. 20 and said it was pure coincidence that he received the letter on that date.

It was during cross-examination that Bluhm admitted he again had talked about the case to Col. Kilian after yesterday's session. Bluhm denied he met Kilian, but said the latter telephoned him to ask how he had fared on the witness stand.

"I told him what the court instructed me," Bluhm said, "but didn't talk about my testimony." Bluhm said Kilian was "a little surprised."

Further questioned about his conversation on Wednesday with Kilian, Bluhm denied that his former CO told him "just hang onto your story."

During yesterday's proceedings, Bluhm denied that Kilian warned him "you want to watch out for that son-of-a-bitch" during a conversation concerning Carroll.

When Bluhm was being hotly cross-examined today by Carroll, 1st Lt. Frank M. Johnson Jr., chief defense counsel, declared: "The prosecution is using brow-beating tactics and making a pretty good job of intimidating this witness."

Maj. Walter E. Hopper, the law member of the court, said: "This

officer is of field grade and a capable witness, and I don't think he is being intimidated."

Questioned by the defense about the type of prisoner confined at Lichfield, Bluhm said: "They were the type which were shipped from the U.S. under gun." He added that some attempted to break out of the guardhouse and that many had been behind bars "time and again."

Asked, "Were there not many confined there who were accused of attacking British civilians?" Bluhm replied: "Any number."

Asked by the defense: "Was there not a case of raping a 75-year-old blind woman and a 5-year-old girl?" Bluhm replied "yes."

New Francs ...

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should not be delayed more than two or three days after New Year's, Maj. Joseph C. Shea, Seine Section finance officer said.

Meanwhile, the Army Post Office ran into difficulties because its money was tied up at Finance. Usually more money is taken in than is paid out, but yesterday most GIs had no money to buy postal money orders, while many wanted to cash orders.

Working on a shoestring, the APO had to cash orders with the little currency it had and then rush these money orders to Finance to fill the till again. Finance officials said the APO had turned in its working cash along with francs from officers and EM, which delayed the process for the entire unit.

N.Y. to Be Sole Entry Port

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combat units, 86,415 were in service units, and 28,504 shipped under non-unit status.

A breakdown of December shipment figures by ports showed that 86,983 left Le Havre in the first 26 days, 104,383 sailed from Marseille, 32,164 from Antwerp, 584 from Cherbourg, 31,537 from the UK and 631 from miscellaneous ports, and 1,146 went by air.

Since VE-Day, 1,031,476 sailed from Le Havre, 672,900 left from Marseille, 185,524 from Antwerp, 27,413 from Cherbourg, 382,627 from the UK and 1,285 from other ports.

Those leaving the ETO since May 12 in Category II units totaled 766,548, the Category IV figure was 928,879, and 763,702 shipped as casualties, of which 68,087 were repatriated prisoners-of-war, 103,038 were patients, and 418,796 were high-score men.

GM Bolts Facts Board Over Profit Publication

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP).—General Motors Corp. withdrew today from President Truman's fact-finding board investigating the strike at General Motors.

Meanwhile, the board announced that it would continue its hearings into the wage dispute between the corporation and the union.

"We have withdrawn permanently and I am going back to New York," Walter Merritt, General Motors attorney, told reporters.

Declaring that the union, in demanding that the company's profit figures be made public, was attempting to enter into management of the corporation, General Motors said Congressional action would be required before the company would "blaze a trail in this direction."

Previously, corporation representatives had promised to indicate how far it would go along with the government board investigating the wage dispute. President Charles E. Wilson had announced in Detroit that GM would be represented at the resumption of the hearings, and would make a formal statement "regarding our position with respect to further proceedings of the board."

Inability to Pay Cited

The board had said that GM's ability to pay the 30 percent wage boost demanded by the strikers was one of the factors it planned to consider. The corporation had stated previously that it considered its ability to pay was solely a management matter.

Lloyd K. Garrison, chairman of the fact-finding board, said prior to today's meeting that he would make at least one definite request of the parties—exact and detailed information "to enable it to pass on the factors of reduced take-home pay, cost of living increase, and any other grounds which may be urged as equitable reasons for an increase in wages."

While the board was recessed over the Christmas holidays, union and corporation representatives conferred in Detroit on minor issues, but left the wage problem in abeyance pending further hearings by the government body.

New Rioting In Palestine

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tion barracks today, while ambulances were much in evidence. Airborne troops were posted on rooftops in Tel Aviv. No Jewish newspapers appeared following imposition of the curfew.

One Jewish constable was said to have been killed in Tel Aviv, and a British lance corporal was dead after an attempted Jewish raid on a Royal Engineer arms depot. Among the wounded was Denis Flanagan, assistant superintendent of police, who was machine-gunned while inspecting a teller mine near the scene of the main bombing.

Alarm sirens were sounded, windows in the center of Jerusalem were smashed, and the fire brigade and steel-helmeted military forces were called following the explosions and shootings. Fire barricades of burning oil were laid across the main Jerusalem-Jaffa road.

Storms Halt Air Mail Shipments to States

As a result of storm conditions over the North American Continent and the Atlantic Ocean, air mail to the U.S. has been at a standstill for a week, Col. F. D. Schwartz, Theater postal officer, said yesterday.

Hurricane Hits Southern UK, Closes Channel

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP).—A violent hurricane swept the south and southeast coasts of England today, causing considerable damage, washing mines ashore and making the Channel impassable.

Naval mine disposal squads were standing by along the coast following reports of mines being washed ashore. The rough sea made "spotting" of the bombs almost impossible, increasing the danger of exploding mines.

Leave boats on both sides of the Channel were canceled, and life boats went out in raging seas to aid three Admiralty vessels in distress.

The three craft tossed for three hours among free-floating mines. Several mines exploded near the vessels but no injuries were reported. Two of the vessels reached harbor and the other ran ashore, but the dozen men aboard were able to reach land safely.

Folkestone reported the worst gale since September and Brighton experienced a rainstorm that caused widespread flooding and a gale that at times reached 80 miles an hour.

London had its first snow flurries of the year, accompanied by sleet and a driving rain.

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absence of agreement on questions affecting Iran and Turkey. The Times of London called the conference a "striking success," but said it "left much undone."

In Moscow, Pravda, the Communist party organ, called the creation of an Allied council for Japan "the answer to necessity" and the foiling of "the attempt of Japanese imperialists to preserve part of their power."

Japanese circles, however, viewed the decision with alarm, most observers regarding the step as a Russian victory in international bargaining. Apprehension increased over the fate of the emperor, since Russia and China have previously proposed plans to depose him.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of occupation forces in Japan, has offered no comment on the Moscow communique although his headquarters reported he had studied it.

Concerning Korea, Chinese officials were cautious about expressing their pleasure. They said they did not favor the division of Korea during the five-year trusteeship into separate Russian and American zones, but they had always been in favor of an independent Korea.

Traitor's Death For Legless Hero

Lt. Jean Giot, who lost both legs as a hero of the French Liberation Army, yesterday was sentenced to lose his life on charges of having previously helped crush anti-Nazi resistance in France while a policeman.

Not asked by the prosecution, which recommended clemency, the death sentence was decided in 12 minutes by a purge court jury that found the 25-year-old defendant guilty of intelligence with the enemy and brutality when he was in the "Special Brigade" of anti-Resistance police.

The defense said Giot, who was brought in on a stretcher, had lost his legs fighting in Gen. Jacques Leclerc's army at Strasbourg. His attorneys claimed he had saved the famous glass-cutting town of Baccarat from being blown up by the Germans and that the citizens had prepared a special crystal bowl to be presented to Giot.