

One Year Ago Today

First snow falls as British and Canadians fight to open Antwerp. Yanks in Philippines throw back first Japanese counter-attacks.

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Armed Jap Guards Watch Saigon Scrap From Seats on the Aisle



Two Japanese guards, posted to maintain order in their camp area, sit in a Saigon street holding rifles with fixed bayonets while smoke of battle rises in the distance where Annamite nationalists and French forces are fighting. Japanese troops were permitted to keep their weapons after surrender, pending arrival of French reinforcements. Nationalists, allegedly armed by the Japs, demand freedom from France.

One-Year Draft Law For Youths 17 to 20 Asked by President

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP).—President Truman today recommended a year of military training for young men in the U.S. between the ages of 17 and 20 and asked early legislation to carry out the program.

The determination of the U.S. to remain powerful, Truman told a joint session of Congress, "denotes no lack of faith in the United Nations Organization."

On the contrary, he said, it shows the intention "to back our obligations and commitments under the United Nations Charter."

He recommended that a small professional army be maintained, supplemented with a reserve of trained young men. The alternative, he said, is "a large standing Army, Navy and Air Force."

"The atomic bomb is of little value without an adequate Army, Air and Naval force," the President said, "for that kind of force is necessary to protect our shores, to overcome any attack and to enable us to move forward and direct the bomb against the enemy's own territory."

"I urge that Congress pass this legislation promptly—while danger is still fresh in our minds—while we still remember how close we came to destruction ourselves. "It is only by strength that we can impress the fact upon possible future aggressors that we will tolerate no threat to peace or liberty."

GM Workers Voting Today On Strike Call

DETROIT, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Auto workers in the vast General Motors plants prepared for a strike vote tomorrow, and the corporation advised its salaried and hourly-rated workers that the vote "undoubtedly will be in favor of the strike."

The corporation's statement followed a charge by Vice-President Walter P. Reuther of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) that GM had "given notice of a sitdown strike" against a government wage-raising policy.

Reuther telegraphed Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.), asking him to inform the Senate that "President Charles E. Wilson, of General Motors, the largest corporation in the country, has formally given notice of a sitdown strike against the announced government policy of raising wage rates to maintain take-home pay wherever such increases do not require price increases."

The UAW leader accused Wilson of giving the government an "either-or" alternative of raising prices, letting labor take what he described as a "23 percent cut in take-home pay," or amending the Wage-Hour Law.

He said GM was "baiting" both labor and the government. In revealing the contents of his telegram, Reuther also attacked Wilson's proposal for a 5-to-8 percent wage increase on the basis of a 45-hour week as a "surrender of basic labor standards." The UAW is asking a 30 percent wage increase.

Tomorrow's strike vote will be supervised by the National Labor Relations board.

U.S. Flotilla Hailed By Singapore British

SINGAPORE, Oct. 23 (AP).—An American naval squadron headed by the battleships Tennessee and California arrived here today for a three-day visit and received a rousing welcome.

All branches of the British fighting services joined in playing host to the visitors.

Bottle Party

OMAHA, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Police booked a man on a charge of drunkenness while driving a vehicle. The vehicle was a baby carriage with a month-old passenger.

Stalin Not Ill. Only Resting On Doctors' Orders, Reds Say

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Premier Josef Stalin is in excellent health, the Soviet Embassy said today, officially denying rumors that the Soviet leader was ill, but he is on a prolonged vacation in the country on orders of his doctors.

The press attache of the London Embassy explained that Stalin had been under great strain for the last two years, and his doctors advised him to take a rest. Stalin is now vacationing in southern Russia with his daughter, Svetlana, the attache said.

The spokesman said he had been authorized by Moscow to make the announcement, and added that if Stalin died, the Soviet government would be the first to announce the news.

Stalin will resume his duties as chairman of the council of the

People's Commissars when he returns to Moscow, he said.

The attache indicated that Stalin has already designated his successor, but the appointment would be made by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Reuter reported that a high source in the U.S. said there was no doubt that Stalin was ill. Denial from the Russian Embassy has not stemmed speculation, Reuter added.

Reuter said there was a strong impression in London that events of great importance are going on in Moscow.

(Associated Press reported from Washington, meanwhile, that speculation was increasing that Stalin would step out of some of his wartime jobs, and might place more authority in the hands of Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov.)

Air Mail Snarl Is Untangled

By Lester Bernstein Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Theater postal authorities yesterday explained recent delays in the dispatch of U.S.-bound air mail and assured GIs that letters now were flying home without delay for the first time this month.

A recent New York dispatch recorded the complaint of re-deployed troops that they were beating their own letters to the U.S. and reported anxious inquiries from letterless correspondents of men still in Europe.

Yesterday's announcement disclosed that high priority cargo and passengers had been "bumping" air mail on ATC planes to the U.S. As a result the planes were unable to carry the 22,500 pounds of mail allocated daily by the Theater Air Priorities Board—an allocation large enough to cover all westbound air mail.

104,300 Pounds by Boat

The situation grew so bad early in the month that on Oct. 8 and 9 it became necessary to dispatch a total of 104,300 pounds of air mail by fast ships. This represented about 4,700,000 letters, or 37 percent of all the air mail originating in the theater in the first 15 days of October.

Those letters it was announced, will be delayed in delivery from ten days to two weeks over the time it would have taken them to reach their destination if they had been flown.

But the backlog has now been cleared up, officials said, and the mail situation is "current"—which is postal nomenclature meaning that the letters aren't staying in any one place more than 24 hours.

Back Home Now

GI Brides From Down Under Can't Stand the Land Up on Top

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct. 23 (ANS).—The U.S., a group of returned Australian brides agreed today, is full of dreadful people who let their teen-aged children smoke and drink while they run around like crazy trying to get ahead of their next-door neighbors.

In all, the girls agreed as they returned to the Land Down Under, they found by visiting America that there's no place like home. The girls were married to American servicemen. They have returned home by sea after varying periods in the U.S. and this is what they said:

"Everyone in America rushed about like lightning, all trying to get on top of something. After the quiet, easy life in Australia, America is an absolute bedlam."

Mrs. Margaret MacDonald of Sydney, who lived in the U.S. for

Stealing of Lord's Car Brings Crackdown on Wave of Lhefts

By Robert J. Donovan Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A wave of thefts of Army and civilian vehicles in Paris, climaxed Monday night by the stealing of a black Cadillac sedan belonging to Maj. Gen. Royal B. Lord, of the 15th Army, has resulted in an order to military police to spot-check drivers of Army vehicles in and around Paris. Col. E. C. Buhrmaster, Seine Section Provost Marshal, announced yesterday.

Roving patrols of MPs and MPs at roadblocks at unidentified points are halting drivers at random to check trip tickets and credentials. "Illegally driven American cars are thus being impounded and the drivers and passengers arrested," Buhrmaster's announcement said.

In cases where it appears that the occupants of a vehicle have taken it with no intent to return it, they will be tried by a general court martial and will be liable, upon conviction, to a maximum of five years imprisonment according to the statement. Presumably, although the statement did not say so, those found driving an Army vehicle without permission but without intent to steal it would receive company punishment. This was the case during the campaign last July against the use of Army cars for toy riding.

Lord's sedan was stolen between 8PM and 10:30 Monday from the south side of the George V Hotel, Avenue George V and Avenue Pierre I de Serbie, which is reserved for general and field-grade officers. MPs are nearly always on duty at the main entrance to the hotel on the Avenue George V. Lord's car when it was stolen however, was parked around the corner on the Avenue Pierre I de Serbie. The doors and the ignition (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

Army Pledges Warm Shelter

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Oct. 23.—Almost all American troops in the ETO will be in winter quarters within a week, and all men will have winterized accommodations by Nov. 15, reports of field commanders to USFET headquarters indicated today.

The end of the month will find only 6,800 troops out in the cold. Officials said construction work was being rushed to care for them.

One official explained: "We have had to winterize tents, erect prefabricated houses, repair buildings and in some cases disperse men over wide areas to find suitable quarters."

Tirpitz Hulk May Stay To Attract Tourists

TROMSOE, Oct. 23 (AP).—The battleship Tirpitz, one-time pride of the German Navy, which has been lying wrecked in a fjord near Tromsoe for a year, probably will remain there as a tourist attraction. Commodore Peter Bredsdorf said the hulk had been inspected by British divers and all salvageable material had been removed by them or the Germans.

British GI Wives Given Grade Z Ship Priority

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP).—British wives of American servicemen and their children have the last priority in the program of the Army Transportation Corps for returning personnel to the U.S., War Department officials said today.

Vote: 483,291 to 0

MOSCOW, Oct. 23 (AP).—Almost complete returns from all of the Mongolian peoples republics' 18 administrative districts today showed 483,291 votes for complete independence from China. There still was not a single vote against independence.

Meat Ration End in Sight

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (UP).—A Department of Agriculture spokesman said today that rationing of meat, butter, fats and oils in the U.S. should end by January, 1946.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Long Wait

This is just an honest statement of facts to whoever may be responsible for handing out quotas to Detachment 225, 132nd AAC Sqn., 64th Group.

Our group is 2,500 strong and has a quota of 90 men a month to send home. Hence the last man is to be sent aboard ship 28 months from now. In the meantime we can take advantage of the "grand opportunities" in I. & E. Detachment strength—560 officers and EM. Quota—two students at one time. Assuming each course is only one month, our last man enters school in about 20 years.

Of course we could sweat it all out in Switzerland. Quota—two men at one time. Not too favorable, so let's send men to Paris on 12-hour passes. Quota—three men per month. O.K., you suggest we get drunk and forget the whole thing. Fine, but when we ask about the scotch, gin, champagne etc., which other EM get we find our quota to date is—none. Our CO here at the field says an EM's club will be opened "soon." Undoubtedly they are delaying the project until Hitler can be brought in to turn the first spadeful of soil at the proposed site. (Seven signatures... Ed.) Det. 225, 132 AAC Sqn.

Select Clientele

In this outfit, GFRG headquarters, the PX has received a number of German field glasses which were to have sold for about 500 francs. They also received some 35-mm. cameras and a lot of wristwatches. I know of this because I saw them.

So far ten wristwatches have been sold to EM, but some officers have purchased up to five and six. The cameras and field glasses have gone without a word about them to any enlisted man.—Pfc.

Taxi!

We are running a 24-hour taxi service for the officers. An officer calls up any hour, day or night, and requests a vehicle either to take him to his frau's house or his Army nurse. Well, then the driver has to wait outside in the cold until all hours in the morning for his return and then the driver is expected to make roll call at 6:30 AM.

Comes 8 AM and again the phone brings calls of officers requesting vehicles immediately to take them to the barber shop or to the Red Cross for coffee and doughnuts. When we tell the officers that most of the drivers worked late last night and that we'll send you a vehicle as soon as possible—the phone starts smoking! They can't understand just why the hell they can't get a vehicle immediately!—A driver, XX Corps Motor Pool.

Visiting German Kin

I am one of many German-Americans in this Army who have done their part toward their adopted country—even to fighting their own relatives. We went through the same hardships as any other man who loved America.

Now the war is over, and apparently because we have relatives in Germany, and it is feared we may be corrupted by them, the Army will not accept us for occupation. We can't even get a furlough to visit our own fathers and mothers. At one time I had a great desire to stay over here until I was certain that Germany had been cleansed of the last vestige of Nazism, but I am getting discouraged and disgusted as all my efforts to get an assignment in Germany have availed nothing.

If American mothers had the say on this problem I know that they would let us have what is likely to be a last visit with our own mothers and fathers: But because the decisions are made by men of steel and iron we are deprived of this small human consideration.—Pfc Arthur R. Wissman, 66th Q.M. Co.

Too Little Help

For the last week the personnel of this base have received little or no mail due to a change of personnel in the APO section. Since the change has been made and the old personnel taken out there has been no replacement except for one officer. One man cannot sell stamps, register letters and packages, fill out money orders, sort and distribute mail, plus all the other duties connected with that section; therefore none of this is being done.

If replacements cannot be obtained immediately, why not use

some of the surplus men on this base under the supervision of this one officer to staff the APO section temporarily and handle the situation until the permanent personnel can be obtained? This could be done without any difficulty and would ease the load when permanent personnel are assigned.—Disgusted GIs, 1402 AAF Base Unit.

Reserved for PW's

A USO show came to camp tonight and was presented to us in one of our largest theaters. The show was scheduled to start at 7 PM, but the place was filled long before that.

While some of the men had to stand in the rear, we discovered that sitting next to us were a few PW's.

We can't see why they have a right to enjoy a show that has come from the U.S. to entertain American soldiers and American soldiers only.—Pfc M. P. Bernard, Camp Baltimore.

Opposes Bomb Secrecy

Capt Spencer, E-Bag, Oct. 6, does not seem to realize that the Superman myth died in Berlin last spring—and more recently in Tokyo. To presume to foist on the world the premise that only Americans should be allowed to know the secrets of the atomic bomb and that all other nations are not to be trusted sounds like Hitlerism.

To assume that we could station qualified experts in all countries is fantastic. Moreover, for America to decide that we should try to do so would be tantamount to telling the world that all others were inferior beings with sub-human concepts of justice, right and morals. All nations feel that they have no ulterior motives in desiring the atomic bomb. A plan to station experts in other countries to prevent their making the bombs is an insult both toward all other nations and also to the intelligence of American people.

Be assured that "it is our duty to mankind to withhold from all nations the right to prepare atomic weapons for 'defense' or war" is a very good paraphrase of the theme of "Mein Kampf".—Pfc D. N. Grotenhouse, 65 Med. Dep. Co.

ZIs Not Getting Home

Some 400 patients in this hospital have been "boarded" and tabbed for the ZI for further treatment but when do we go? Some patients have been here as long as four months awaiting transportation. Supposedly the sick have priority over everything else.

The average soldier here has seen combat, has a goodly amount of service and over 70 points, so it can't be said that we would be leaving ahead of our turn. We feel, too that there is no justification for favorites being played, such as officers leaving for home while EM are required to wait.—Burned Out Soldiers, 179 Gen. Hosp.

My Achin' Back



"Well, personally, I don't find th' cloppity clop of th' horse romantic, not at beaucoup francs per clop!"

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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RE-ENLISTMENTS

The following is a resume of salient features of Circular 310, War Department current series. Previous directives in conflict therewith are rescinded. Distribution of this circular will be made as soon as printing has been completed. In the interim, procedures described below will be placed in force and information disseminated to all elements of your command.

1—Enlistments are authorized for the following periods at the option of the person enlisting: 3 years, 2 years, 18 months. In addition, any qualified and acceptable member of the Army of the United States who has performed active service therein for a period of not less than six months is authorized upon his application to enlist for a period of one year.

2—The soldier on re-enlistment, through will draw five cents per mile travel allowance to and from the reception center in the U.S. to his home.

3—The amount of re-enlistment furlough that can be given on enlistment or re-enlistment will be in accordance with the following table:

A—More than six months and under 18 months service prior to enlistment—30 days.

B—Active service 18 months and under 30 months—60 days.

C—30 months and over—90 days. Soldiers enlisting for one year only are required to take their furloughs at the beginning of such enlistments.

4—Both mustering out pay and re-enlistment allowance may now be paid.

5—20-year retirement is now authorized upon application by soldier, therefor.

6—The benefits of the GI Bill of Rights have been extended to the termination of enlistment for soldiers who enlist or re-enlist in the Regular Army.

7—Soldiers may enlist or re-enlist in the Regular Army in the grade held at time of discharge, permanent or temporary, whichever is the higher. Date of rank to be the same as at time of discharge. Enlistments in grade must be accomplished prior to Feb. 1.

8—Only men who enlist or re-enlist for three years will have the right to choose the arm or service and theater in which they will serve. Enlistments for shorter periods will be for the Regular Army, unassigned, and will follow the normal replacement procedure.

9—The dependents of an enlisted man will continue to receive family allowances during any period of enlistment contracted by such enlisted man prior to July 1, 1946. If a man should enlist for one year, 18 months, or two years, that period would be the limit of family allowances, whereas if he enlists for three years, the family allowance is continued for that full period regardless of whether or not a state of war has been terminated.

10—A man in the first three grades has the option of electing monetary allowance in lieu of quarters for his dependents, or family allowance.

11—Original enlistees shall, upon completion of six months' satisfactory service, be promoted to grade six.

12—Army officers, commissioned officers, warrant officers and flight officers who desire to enlist upon release from active service may be enlisted in Grade One.

Address all future correspondence and cables pertaining to Regular Army recruiting to Headquarters, USFET, Main APO 757, attention AG Military Personnel Procurement. This applies particularly to unit daily reports of enlistment.

Venezuelan Envoy Dies

MADRID Oct. 23 (Reuter).—Cristobal Bemitez, Venezuelan Minister to Spain, died here today.

By Larry Reynolds

The American Scene:

Neither Too Young Nor Too Old NOW at Home

By George J. Maskin
The Stars & Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK Oct. 23.—The lassies on the home front have junked that war-time ditty: "They're either too young or too old."
"Things are marvelous again," the date said as she gazed around the jammed nitery. "Just look at all the fellows our age. Aren't they positively handsome? They sure aren't like those old wolves we used to have to settle for."

The return of millions of "eager-to-do-things-socially" veterans not only has rekindled the spirits of the opposite sex but it has kept business roaring everywhere in entertainment spots. It's a rare nightclub or theater which isn't overpacked these nights—despite checks which attain "out-of-this-world" proportions.

Mostly the clubs start by throwing stiff minimums and covers at you, after which there's the business of a 20 percent Federal tax which is slapped on the entire works. All of which means a ten spot won't get you and your date very far unless she chooses to settle for the shade of the old apple tree.

ACCORDING to columnist Jack Koford of the Knight newspaper chain, the War Department's decision to discharge immediately flying cadets who refuse to join the Regular Army has Air Forces personnel seething. The bulk of the cadets have less than a year's service and, Koford says, are getting the nod over thousands of high-pointers, overaged and limited service men who have been wearing ODs three and four years.

Vets Protest College Driving Restrictions

THERE are gripes, too, out at Michigan State College in East Lansing. Students there have no love for the school ruling which permits only married students, those over 26, those physically handicapped or those who live more than two miles from the campus to drive cars. Protests came from several discharged veterans who told John Hannah, President: "We weren't too young when they drafted us so why are we too young to drive?" Other veterans at the school also, have objected to a move to put them in dormitories, which they say are too much like Army barracks.

Police in Atlanta, Ga., unhappily announce that their city has become a mecca for professional thieves and con men seeking to rob or swindle newly discharged veterans. . . . The stealing situation, incidentally, isn't much better elsewhere. Papers throughout the country constantly are reporting holdups and robberies in which veterans wind up on the losing end.

IN Chicago the cops have nailed Walter Hibbard and his wife who thought they had devised sure-fire equipment to swindle bingo game operators. Hibbard stamped four "winning" numbers on a card but botched the job on making an imprint of the fifth number. Then came the police.

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1130-At Ease
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1200-News
1205-Off the Record
1300-At Your Service
1305-Sports Review
1315-Remember
1330-You Asked for It
1400-Perry Como
1415-Jack Kirkwood
Short Wave 6,080 and 8,565 Meg

G.I. BILLBOARD

Paris Area
MOVIES TODAY
MARGINAL—Ernie Pyle's "Story of GI Joe," with Burgess Meredith. Metro Marbeuf.
ENSA PARIS—"Son of Lassie," Peter Lawford, Donald Crisp
OLYMPIA—Same program as Marginal.
EMPIRE—"Duffy's Tavern" with Ed Gardner and Marjorie Reynolds. Metro Etolie.
MAISON'S LAFFITTE, PALACE THEATER (Versailles)—"Junior Miss," Peggy Ann Garner, Allyn Joslyn, 1930 hours.
STAGE SHOWS
ENSA MARGNY—"Rope," Guards Division Repertoire Company.
OLYMPIA—"Highlights of Paris," French Variety.
MISCELLANEOUS
TOWER EIFFEL CLUB—Open 2000 to 0200. Bring civilian date. EMS only. Metro Trocadero.
LE PRADO CLUB, 41 Ave. de Wagram—Officers and guests only. Metro Etolie.
COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers.
OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RUC 64-41. Hotel Louvois, Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse.
COFBA (Franco-Allied Good Will Committee)—Daily activities free to all members of Allied Forces. Every day except Monday, 1445 hours, at the Louvre Museum. Ask for the "Entree du Musée" and look for the woman lecturer wearing tricolor band. Six-day tour to Lourdes, religious shrine, and to Southern France as far as the Pyrenees offered by French government. Three-day tour to Loire Valley. Apply Information desk, 11 Rue Scribe.

Nice
FORUM THEATER—"Junior Miss."

Cannes
OLYMPIA THEATER—"George White's Scandals."

Reims
PARAMOUNTI THEATER—"Falcon in San Francisco," Tom Conway, Rita Cordel.
MODERN THEATER—"Our Vines Have Tender Grapes," Edward Robinson, Margaret O'Brien, Rue Barbaste.

Marseille
CAPITOLE THEATER—"Falcon in San Francisco"
PRADO THEATER—"Guest Wife."
ALCAZAR THEATER—"Hidden Eye."
VARIETES THEATER—"Blonde Random."
ROYAL THEATER—"Week-end at the Waldorf."

Lyon
EMPIRE THEATER—"Woman in Green."

Verdun
VOX THEATER—"The Story of GI Joe," Burgess Meredith, Robert Mitchum.

Nancy
EMPIRE THEATER—"Over 21," Irene Dunne, Alexander Knox.
SHOWTIME THEATER—"Captain Kidd," Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott.

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Forrestal Rips Service Union As 'Unsound'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal declared yesterday that the proposed merger of the War and Navy Departments was "revolutionary" and "unsound."

Bluntly opposing the war Department, Forrestal offered the Senate Military Affairs Committee a substitute plan calling for continuation of the present War and Navy Departments and creation of a national security council. The council would be composed of the present Secretaries of State, War and Navy, with the chairman of a proposed national security resources board as fourth member. The President would preside as commander-in-chief.

Forrestal said the bill currently before the committee was unsound because it would concentrate power in the hands of one secretary "beyond the capacity of any one man to use that power and certainly beyond his capacity to obtain and digest the knowledge upon which its use could be based."

Seek to Shave British Loan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—U. S. economic officials are considering the proposed loan to Great Britain with a view to scaling it down to a size which Congress may be expected to approve without too great opposition.

At the moment, it was learned, Americans negotiating with British representatives here are considering a loan of between \$4,000,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000. Previously they had been talking in terms of \$5,000,000,000, but discovered this was not very popular with some Congressmen, since it would provide a margin of money the British might never have to use.

The effort now is to cut the loan down to the amount for which the Britons can show an unquestionable need.

No one on the American side and few Britons, if any, appeared to share the pessimism of Lord Halifax, who told reporters at the White House yesterday it was possible loan negotiations might not succeed.

Mauldin Asks Divorce And Custody of Son

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 23 (AP).—Bill Mauldin, cartoonist, has filed suit for divorce, charging his wife, Norma Jean Mauldin with being unfaithful. He asked for custody of their two-year-old son.

Named a co-respondent is a former friend, Elmer Gaines.

Ban Ends on Study Abroad

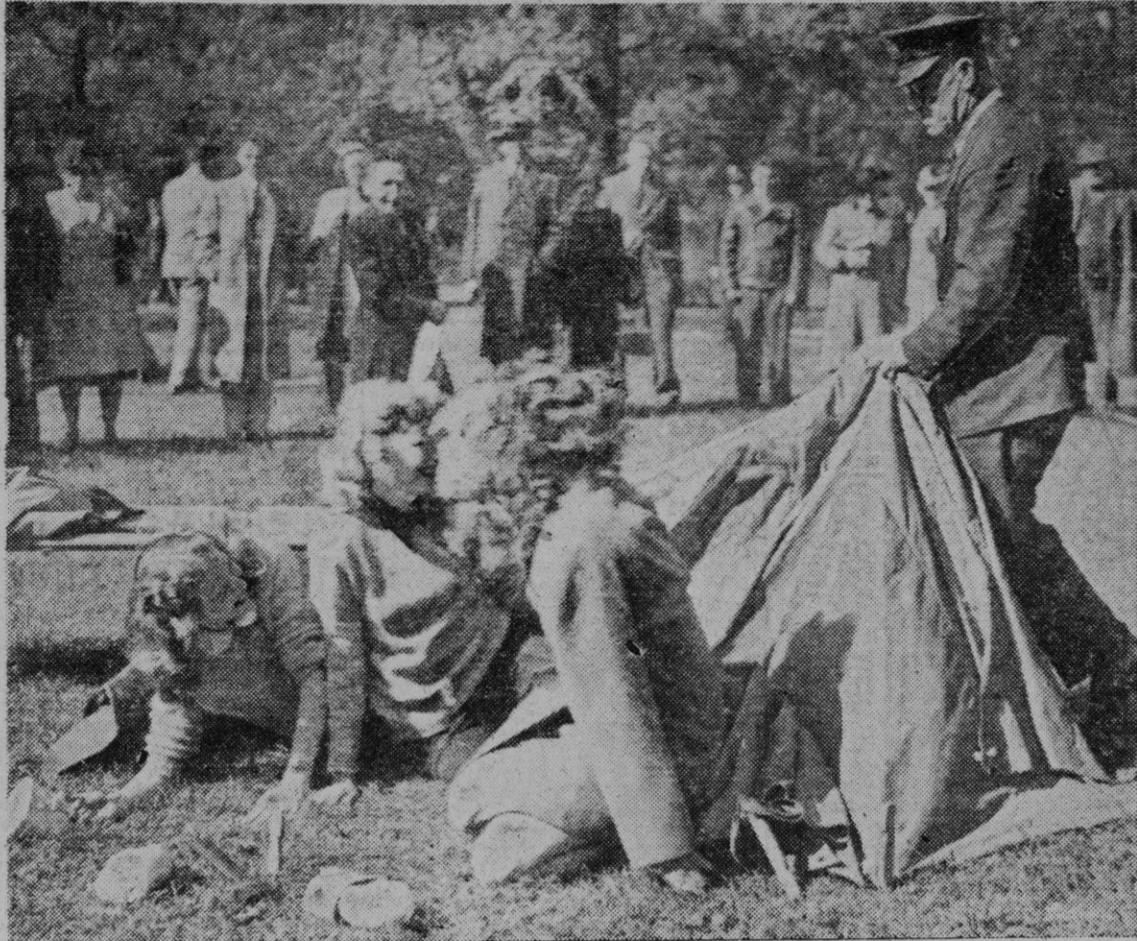
WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—The State Department yesterday withdrew its wartime ban on study abroad by U.S. citizens. This regulation had been in effect, even for U.S. students desiring to study in other American republics, since Dec. 28, 1942.

Motherless Boy Ships With Soldier Dad



Eight-month-old Alan Joseph Hricki is all set to take in the sights of New York as he lands with his dad, S/Sgt. Joseph Hricki of Sturges, Pa., from Oran, North Africa. Born in Oran, Alan was brought to the U.S. by his father after the mother's death. Red Cross Nurse Mary McLaughlin accompanied them on the crossing aboard the Vulcania.

There'll Be No Tenting Tonight on This Camp Ground



Boston coppers were ungentlemanly and unsympathetic when chorus girls of the "Spring in Brazil" show playing in the city pitched a tent on historic Boston Common, saying they'd camp there until someone found a hotel room for them. The showgirls staked out their squatter's home after being moved out of three hotels under the only-five-days-to-a-customer limit, but they no sooner got settled when a Back Bay bobby shooed them off. Left to right: Mary Bingham, Atlanta, and Lillian Wells and Candy Montgomery, both of New York.

Navy Staggers Hitch Periods

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Volunteers for the regular Navy now have the option of signing up for two, three, four or six years. The regular Navy term of service heretofore has been four years.

Announcing this yesterday, the Navy added that the new options also applied to re-enlistments. Applicants 17 years old now may be enlisted for two years, three years or for a period not to exceed their minority. Men enlisting for the duration of their minority will be discharged automatically when they reach 21.

Enlistment is restricted to the 17-30 age group, inclusive, except that men over 30 will be eligible for enlistment in the regular Navy if their total previous military or naval service or active service in the Navy Reserve, deducted from their present age, places them in the 17-30 group.

'Opening Night' His Last

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 23 (AP).—Henry Armetta, 57-year-old, Italian-born stage and screen actor, died of a heart attack Sunday night after collapsing on the stage while playing in the show "Opening Night."

Matter Now Made From Energy

Science Reverses Atom Blast In One of Greatest Discoveries

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Oct. 23 (UP).—Matter can now be made from energy, reversing the process of the atom bomb, it was revealed today with the unveiling here of a fantastic machine known as the Betatron.

Officials of the General Electric laboratories, where the unveiling took place, said the machine duplicates on a small scale the cosmic creation of all matter.

The Betatron, which weighs 300 tons and is 15 feet long, nine feet high and six feet thick, speeds up electrons almost to the velocity of light, causing tremendous increase in their weight.

Completed two years ago, but hidden by wartime censorship, the Betatron, declared to be one of science's greatest discoveries, is so dangerous it must be housed in a

building with masonry walls three feet thick and operated from another building.

The machine shoots tremendous electrical charges through two electrical coils and a vacuum tube, smashing the electron structure of tungsten atoms.

From this atomic explosion comes a beam of 100,000-volt X-rays. Scientists discovered that the beam would penetrate up to a certain thickness of steel, then appeared to be "lost" in the steel.

They discovered that the rays gave up their energy and became transformed into twin electrons, one positive and one negative. In other words, they became two freshly-created particles of matter. The bombarded steel actually became heavier after the beam had entered it.

Truman Names Labor Mediator

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—President Truman yesterday named a veteran mediator as chairman of the forthcoming labor-management conference and held another exploratory meeting with cabinet members and top advisers on the wage-price problem.

He postponed indefinitely a statement on the reconversion wage-price policy originally promised after last Friday's cabinet meeting.

The President disclosed that Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of the North Carolina State Supreme Court would be public chairman of the labor management conference opening here Nov. 5. Stacy served as a labor mediator under Presidents Coolidge, Hoover and Roosevelt. He is a former member of the National Defense Mediation Board and also served as associate member of the War Labor Board and the National Railway Labor Panel.

Mr. Truman discussed the wage-price problem today with Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal, Agriculture Secretary Clinton P. Anderson, Treasury Secretary Fred M. Vinson, Second Assistant Secretary of Labor Carl Moran, Economic Stabilization Director John C. Collet, and Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

Many labor unions, including those in the auto industry, are demanding a 30 percent increase in basic wage rates to compensate for loss of over-time pay received during the war. Industry intends resisting the demands unless assured of price increases, which it says will be necessary to cover higher labor costs.

ASoldierReturns From the Wars to Wed Foster Sister

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Four years ago, Raymond McGinty went to war, leaving behind a 13 year-old sister, Martha, still in pigtails.

Yesterday, ex-Lt. McGinty and tall comely Martha, with the aid of Orphan's Court, took the first step toward becoming husband and wife.

Raymond and Martha are foster brother and sister Orphan's Court judges ruled a marriage license may be granted because there were no blood ties.

Nine Good Men Go Out on a Limb

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The U.S. District Court here

Senate Forms Group to Study Atomic Control

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—The Senate today voted to create a committee of six Democrats and five Republicans to investigate use and control of atomic energy amid assertions that the U.S. would "fail mankind" if it attempted to keep atomic secrets as an advantage over the rest of the world.

Rep. Chet Holtfield (D-Calif.), meanwhile, demanded in the House that President Truman call a world conference to establish an "international control group to prevent a mad race in atomic armament."

Creation of the special Senate committee ended a jurisdictional fight between the Military Affairs and Foreign Relations committees over which should consider proposed legislation to establish a Federal commission to supervise domestic development and control of atomic energy.

Senator Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore.) described the bill as the "most important Congress will handle in the next century" and said speedy action was essential to dispel worldwide suspicion of this nation's plans because of statements that we would keep the bomb secret.

"Secrets of the atomic bomb do not belong to the U.S.," he said. "They belong to mankind."

Rankin Blocks Aid, DAV Told

CHICAGO, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Milton D. Cohn, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, yesterday told the DAV's 24th national convention that Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss.), chairman of the House World War Veterans Committee, "is blocking legislation for disabled veterans" by keeping such problems before a minor committee.

Cohn urged adoption of a resolution demanding that "veterans' affairs in our national legislature be handled by a major committee in both the Senate and House."

"The situation as it now stands, especially in so far as the House is concerned, is that most of the legislation for disabled veterans is routed through the so-called World War Veterans Committee, which is headed by Chairman Rankin," Cohn said.

"This is a minor committee. The chairman consistently refused to agree on veterans' affairs being in the hands of a major committee because he would then be obliged to relinquish his place on other committees."

"Major" and "minor" committees are arbitrarily defined in Congress, he said and no member of a major committee may serve on any other committee. Cohn said Rankin now served on approximately five minor committees.

Senate OKs Braden After Month's Delay

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—The Senate yesterday confirmed President Truman's nomination of Spruille Braden as Assistant Secretary of State, after more than a month delay. Braden, former ambassador to Buenos Aires, was named to head the Latin-American division of the State Department.

Action on his nomination reportedly was held up by the Foreign Relations Committee, the Associated Press said, as notice to the department that some senators were displeased by the single-handed move by this country in postponing the Inter-American conference which had been scheduled at Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 2.

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The U.S. District Court here upheld the order but it was overruled by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, which remanded the Postoffice Department to concentrate on carrying mail and stop trying "to compel acceptance of its literary or moral standards."

The Supreme Court agreed to review the case after the Justice Department appealed from the Appellate Court's decision.

Esquire contends the Postoffice order violates freedom of the press. It said it would be forced to spend an additional \$624,000 yearly if it had to ship by parcel post.

Churchill Slap Stings Labor to Defend Demob

LONDON, Oct. 23 (UP).—Labor Minister George Isaacs yesterday attacked former Prime Minister Winston Churchill's criticism of Britain's demobilization as "irresponsible and mischievous," and promised that "the government will not keep anyone in the forces if it is possible to get them out."

Isaacs denied Churchill's estimate that only 1,000,000 United Kingdom troops would be necessary for occupation and garrison duty overseas by quoting a figure of 2,250,000 drawn up by military leaders. He admitted, however, that the figure might be reduced.

The Labor Minister disclosed that between June 18 and Sept. 30, 421,000 members of the armed forces had been demobilized.

Churchill had excoriated the Labor government for slowness in demobilization which, he said, was hampering Britain's industrial recovery.

OPA Called Behind Times

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—The Office of Price Administration was accused in Congress yesterday of being behind the times and hence a block in the path of reconversion. The complaint was made in the eighth report of a House committee assigned to investigate whether Federal agencies stay within their legal authority.

The group, headed by Rep. Howard Smith (D-Va.), called for rewritten price controls taking into account manufacturing costs. Unless this is done, the report said, industry will not convert to low price items now in scarcity.

Controls set up before V-J Day are now outmoded, the committee said, adding that since then "no new standard" had been enunciated by the Price Administrator and, "instead, every effort is being made to gear the productive force of the nation to the necessities of the war program."

The seven-member group recommended a new policy permitting prices that "reflect current production plus a normal pre-war margin of profit."

It also asked suspension of controls on commodities where supply and demand are in balance.

Reich's Spuds 60 Pct. Out

FRANKFURT, Oct. 23.—The German potato harvest in the U.S. zone is now 60 to 70 percent completed, and promises to provide slightly more than the ration requirements for the year. Military Government officials reported today.

Secondary agricultural schools will begin to reopen Nov. 1 in the U.S. zone. Officials hope they will stimulate food production.

Navy Officer Shot; Show Girl Held

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Helen Joyce Cook, 27, night club hostess and show girl, was held in \$300 bond yesterday pending investigation of the shooting of Comdr. Charles S. Osborne, 27, of Fort Worth, Tex.

Detective George Anderson said that the Naval officer was shot accidentally last night when the .38-caliber pistol he was handling was discharged. He was taken to the Naval hospital, where his condition was described as "serious."

Miss Cook was found in an apartment with the officer, Anderson said.

"It looked like there had been a drinking party in the place," he added, disclosing that six empty whisky bottles were found.

The girl was quoted by the detective as saying she was married to Osborne seven weeks ago. The officer denied he was married.

Two New Drugs for Malaria

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct. 23 (UP).—Two drugs, which Australian Army authorities said tests proved were as effective as atabrine in the treatment of malaria, have been developed at the malaria research station at Cairns, Queensland. Unlike atabrine, they do not discolor the skin. Details are being kept secret.

Anyway, It Was a 'Good' Landing



In aviator's parlance, any landing that the flier walks away from is a "good" one. Lt. O. W. Duistermars (right) and his brother, Robert, climbed down from this one when their small plane nestled on a rooftop in Los Angeles. They are looking over the situation while the unfortunate householder is trying to figure out the damage.

Reds, MRP Make Overtures For Coalition With Socialists

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

With final returns from the French national election still trickling in, the Communist party—backed by a slight plurality in the new Constitution-forming Assembly—yesterday had already begun overtures for a coalition with the pivotal Socialist party.

From the other side, too, the Socialists were being approached by the powerful new Popular Republican Movement (MRP), the left-of-center Catholic party which has been sharply opposed by the Communists.

Early indications were that, despite the expressed disappointment of its leader, Leon Blum, at election results, the Socialist party will be the key factor in moderating Communist-Popular Republican clashes when the new Assembly holds its first meeting, Nov. 6.

In an editorial in yesterday's *Le Populaire*, Socialist paper, Blum said that "it was generally expected that we would head the government," but that Socialists "had not made the predicted gains." He saw difficulty, too, in the creation of a "big three" in French politics—the first time that there have been three parties, roughly equal in strength, controlling the country—and expressed hope only that the three parties could agree on a previously settled "program for immediate action."

From the left, however, the Communist paper *L'Humanite* asserted that a Socialist-Communist coalition for the election would have meant control over 350 of the 522 seats for metropolitan France in the Assembly, cutting down the Popular Republican by 80 seats.

The Communist resistance daily, *Franc-Tireur*, added, moreover, that in the new Assembly there would be two forces—the capitalist order,

embodied in the Popular Republicans (who favor a moderate degree of socialism, retention of considerable private enterprise and religious schools), on the one hand, against the new order, represented by the Socialists and Communists.

L'Aube, Popular Republican paper, cited the Socialist-Popular Republican referendum victory over the Communists and hinted at a "fundamental difference" between the Socialists and Communists. In the past, they have stressed the agreement on foreign policy between Socialists and Popular Republicans—an agreement which looks for principal friendship to Western Europe and the U.S.

As the three parties sparred for position in the coming Assembly, practically complete returns indicated that the Communists had won 148 seats of 522 from metropolitan France, the Socialists 143 and the Popular Republicans 140.

Congress OK Due On Truman Power

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP).—Congress probably will deliver to President Truman before Thanksgiving the authority to streamline the government organization, but with strings attached to his request that it be broad and flexible.

The Senate is geared to pass the legislation soon. The House approved it early this month.

British List Naval Loss

LONDON, Oct. 23 (Reuter).—British naval losses during the war amounted to 730 ships and more than 50,000 officers and men, First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander disclosed today.

Niemoeller Returns to Pulpit In Berlin He Last Saw in '37

By Joseph B. Fleming
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—Pastor Martin Niemoeller yesterday returned to the pulpit in which he last spoke in 1937, shortly before he entered a concentration camp.

No special greeting marked his return to little Annen Church in the Berlin suburb of Dahlem. His arrival the night before had been unpublicized. But by word of mouth, news of Niemoeller's return had been circulated, and long before the Lutheran services began, every seat was occupied.

The gathering was composed of regular parishioners and a sprinkling of young people who knew the pastor only by reputation.

Theme of the sermon was "Love of God and love of fellow man."

Allaying their fears that "nothing remained," Niemoeller told them that the word of Christ "will see us through the coming winter and through whatever may come afterward." He asked his congregation not to lose faith during the days "of misery and suffering" and he gave them this prayer: "God, we thank you for everything."

Taking his text from the gospel of St. Peter, "Men are like grass," the pastor asserted that Germany could prove its confidence in God and obedience to his commandments by "love, love that can be nothing else and does not want to be anything else but love for your brother."

Organist at the service was Niemoeller's 22-year-old son, Heinz Herman, who was wounded three times on the Eastern Front.

Poles Wed to Germans May Get Divorces

WARSAW, Oct. 23 (AP).—The Polish government has decreed that any Pole married to a German may, for that reason alone, obtain a divorce.

A new marriage law just published also provides divorces wherein one of the parties suffered from venereal disease at the time of the ceremony. Health officials estimated there are 1,000,000 venereal disease cases in Poland.

Open Meetings, Press Access Urged for UNO

LONDON, Oct. 23 (AP).—Open meetings to which the press would have full access should be the general rule for the United Nations Organization, the executive committee of the organization's preparatory commission recommended today.

The rule would also apply to the Security Council, but the committee's report left room for secret meetings when necessary. It recommended, however, that the fullest possible information be given on the organization's work.

The eleven-member Security Council, the committee recommended, should hold public discussions, but when closed sessions are held, a communique should be issued after each meeting.

Secret Nomination

Only on discussions for the nomination for secretary general of UNO did the report recommend secrecy.

In Washington, meanwhile, Edward R. Stettinius Jr., the U.S. representative on the executive committee, said after a White House visit yesterday that "splendid progress" was being made toward development of UNO. Stettinius told reporters that he had made a progress report to President Truman.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent reported that Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the commission, had raised objections to several proposals, including the creation of a co-ordination commission and a finance commission by the Economic and Social Council. The questions were referred to the Economic Social Council itself.

Eyes on Sweden

According to the United Press, government officials in Washington were enthusiastic today over a report that Sweden was seeking membership in UNO.

(It was expected that either Norway or Denmark would nominate their sister Scandinavian kingdom for membership in the UNO.)

(Twenty-four nations now have ratified the United Nations Charter, just five short of the necessary number to put the Charter into effect, the commission's executive committee announced.)

7 Dead From Gas In Steel Plant Pit

BEIHLHEM, Pa., Oct. 23 (ANS).—The death toll in the Bethlehem Steel, Cos. gas tragedy stood at seven today as Northampton County Coroner Dr. D. F. Bachman ordered an inquest.

Thirty-seven men were overcome by escaping gas in a furnace pit of the company's Lehigh plant here Thursday. Five of these were killed, and two more died yesterday. They were identified as Charles Conka, former football star at Moravian College, and Paul Klevkner, both of Bethlehem. A third man was in a critical condition.

The deaths resulted when workers entered the furnace pit to repair a gas leak. Other employees were gassed in attempting to rescue the trapped workmen.

Miss Perkins, Thomas To Talk to GIs Today

Former Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah) will address GI audiences in Paris today.

Thomas will talk on "Congress and the President's Program" at the 3111 Signal Serv. Bn., 92 Blvd. Bessieres (Metro: Porte de Clichy) at 10 AM. Free tickets are available at Rainbow Corner and in Room 501, Hq. Seine section.

Miss Perkins will speak on the "International Labor Situation" at the Columbia Club at 8 PM.

100,782 Nazis Purged, Denied Jobs by U.S.

By Robert Marshall
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Oct. 23.—Since VE-Day 100,782 Nazis have been thrown out of jobs or denied employment in public office and private enterprise in American-occupied Germany, but 5,304 questionable persons have yet to be purged.

These figures were revealed today in a report of Military Government's internal affairs and communications branch. They do not include statistics on land (state) Wurtemberg-Baden, recently transferred from French to American control. The report covers activities completed up to ten days ago.

Of the questionable persons still remaining in employment, 22,241 fall in the mandatory-dismissal classification because of their close Nazi party relationships. The rest, totaling 3,074 may be described as "not so active" in Nazism and are included in the discretionary removal category. Since their ouster is recommended, they may be retained in positions only until replacements can be found.

The fact that more than 2,000 mandatory-removal persons remain in their jobs is explained officially by the time lag occurring between notification of Military Government detachments of persons' status and the return of the removal report to Military Government headquarters.

On Sept. 15, 10,225 had been branded as "must" dismissal cases.

Reich Election Codes Delayed

FRANKFURT, Oct. 23.—Preparation of municipal election codes providing machinery for local elections in the U.S. zone of Germany next January has fallen behind schedule.

None of the codes, which were to have been submitted by Oct. 15, has been approved. Military Government spokesmen said today.

The delay was explained by pointing out that the government for Greater Hessen was not installed until Oct. 18, and the new Minister President of Bavaria, Wilhelm Hoegner, has been in office less than two weeks.

The municipal laws were to have been proposed by the state governments to the U.S. zone and to the Military Government of Germany for approval.

DP Camps Visited by Ike

HEIDELBERG, Oct. 23.—Gen. Eisenhower visited camps for displaced persons at Karlsruhe, Nellingen and Ettlingen on an inspection tour of Seventh Army installations yesterday.

Inmates cheered Eisenhower and gave him flowers.

Eisenhower later inspected the enlisted men's quarters at the Seventh Army headquarters, checking on mess and recreation facilities.

At Seventh Army headquarters, he presented Distinguished Service Medals to Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Allen, Maj. Gen. Arthur R. Bolling, Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, Brig. Gen. John S. Guthrie and Brig. Gen. John F. Uncles. Lt. Col. Willard White received the Silver Star.

Reich War Goods To Be Destroyed

By a Staff Correspondent

FRANKFURT, Oct. 23.—German war equipment—except for swords which can be beaten back into plowshares—is going to go up in smoke.

A directive now being distributed to USFET commands authorizes the destruction of enemy guns, ammunition, and similar materials with no peacetime uses.

Excepted from the order are medical supplies, equipment destined to be war trophies or memorials, and items earmarked for technological study. Equipment once belonging to liberated nations will be returned, where possible. Chemical warfare equipment will not be destroyed until military needs are determined.

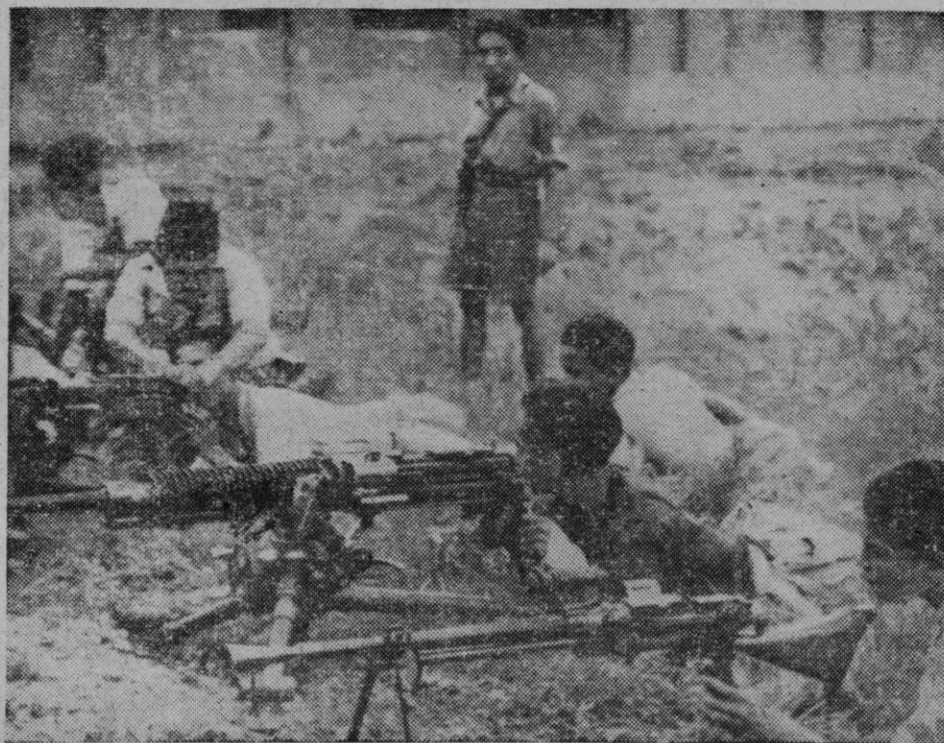
Some equipment also will be retained for the use of U.S. forces or the Military Government.



East Meets West in Bloody Battle as 'Post-War Wars' Flare in Indies



A French civilian and a French ex-PW, fighting against armed Annamites who revolted against French domination of Indo-China, set up a machine-gun as a road block on a highway leading to a bridge in the Annamite district of Saigon.



On Java, Indonesian youths learn how to use captured Japanese machine-guns for guerrilla warfare against Dutch forces on the island. British troops have been sent to maintain order in Java, where native factions have revolted against Dutch control.



Leader of native groups seeking to end Dutch domination of Java is Dr. R.I. Sukarno, president of the Indonesian Republic.



An armed French guard keeps watch over a truckload of Annamite nationalists arrested during fighting against French forces in Saigon. Nationalists have been appealing by radio for Big Three intervention while British units have expressed fear that the disorders will delay their job of disarming Japs in French Indo-China.



An Indonesian student, fighting with Nationalist forces seeking complete independence of Indonesia, poses with a Jap sword.

Indonesians Appeal to U.S.

BATAVIA, Oct. 23 (AP).—Indonesian Nationalists published photographs of President Truman and "President" R. I. Sukarno in this week's issue of their newspaper "Merdeka" (Freedom). "Our President Appeals to President Truman," said an eight-column headline.

This was followed by an article in bold type giving the text of the radiogram which Sukarno dispatched to Washington last Saturday charging that the Dutch were using American equipment to "terrorize" the population of Java. The offer of American mediation was prominently displayed but there was no indication the Sukarnists would accept.

(The United Press reported that Sukarno returned to Batavia after an 18-day trip to western Java, where the rebel chief said he had "succeeded in calming extremists' elements.")

(Arrival of two RAF squadrons at Batavia to assist in the disarming of Japs and maintaining law and order was reported.)

Egyptian Troops Quell Student Riot at Cairo

CAIRO, Oct. 23 (Reuter).—Egyptian Army units helped restore order today at Fuad University, where political factions of students clashed. Soldiers intervened when students opposed to the present government stormed classrooms in an effort to carry out a general strike call.

India Moslem Chief Backs Indonesians

KARACHI, Oct. 23 (Reuter).—Mohamed Ali Jinnah, president of the All-India Moslem League, today extended his support and sympathy to Indonesians "who are struggling for their freedom." He said it would be a tragedy if Holland "set up imperialism" there again.

Jinnah asserted that the league was in "full sympathy with all those countries who are fighting and struggling for freedom and to put an end to domination, exploitation and imperialism of any other country or nation."

U.S. Ousts UK On India Mart

NEW DELHI, Oct. 23 (AP).—In the final year of the war the U.S. for the first time displaced the United Kingdom as the principal export supplier for the Indian market.

Exclusive of Lend-Lease shipments, private American exports into India for 1944-1945 aggregated \$168,000,000. The United Kingdom's exports to India for the same period were \$134,000,000.

The official trade figures, made public by the India Commerce Department, also showed that India's own exports shifted sharply during the war years from raw materials to manufactured products.

Saigon Threat: Guerrilla War

SAIGON, Oct. 23 (UP).—Leaders of the Viet Minh, Indo-Chinese Nationalist movement, disclosed today the existence of a training school for guerrilla fighting.

With the British Army based at Saigon and the French Army preparing a cleaning up movement in the interior, they disclosed that the Viet Minh was preparing to organize guerrilla warfare in case French authority is re-established in Indo-China by force.

Should the French forces achieve "momentary success," Annamites said, guerrilla bands are prepared to withdraw to the interior to fight "for years, if necessary."

An Anglo-French communique, meanwhile, reported "some sniping at our troops on bridges over the River Cho yesterday and last night, but it has been silenced."

Dirty Linen Aired, He Sails to Wash It

HONG KONG, Oct. 23 (AP).—Maj. Charles Baxter, British prisoner of war who remarked that authoress Emily Hahn wrote about their "romance and child in most embarrassing detail," sailed today for the U.S. to marry her.

The frankness with which Miss Hahn in her book "China to Me" discussed her relationship with Baxter and their child has been a choice topic of Hong Kong conversation since the city's liberation.

Miss Hahn was repatriated from Honk Kong with Americans in 1942. The child—a daughter—is four years old.

PW's 27 Mos. Labor Pays Off With a BA

PRINCETON, N.J., Oct. 23 (ANS).—A former Army Air Forces lieutenant who spent 27 months as a prisoner of war in Italy and Germany reading 223 books to catch up on his abandoned university studies was one of 20 students upon whom degrees were conferred yesterday in special commencement exercises at Princeton University.

Nicholas D. Katzenbach, 23, left Princeton in his junior year to enlist in the Air Forces, where he became a B25 navigator.

Shot down in May, 1942, in the Tunisian campaign and taken prisoner, Katzenbach picked up his studies again and returned to Princeton last month in time to pass final examinations with honors. University officials said he now was enrolled in the Yale Law School.

British Lift Restriction On Machine-Tool Export

LONDON, Oct. 23 (UP).—The British Government has lifted the ban on the export of machine tools effective Nov. 1. Government owned surplus used and unused machine tools, which have been offered to British industry for four months without being sold, are now available for export.

The restriction on the export of American machine tools acquired under lend-lease remains.

Says China Japs Provoke Strife

CHUNGKING, Oct. 23 (AP).—The Japanese are attempting to maintain supremacy in Shantung Province by promoting civil strife, Gov. Ho Tsu-yan declared today in appealing for aid from both the Chungking Central Government and the Communists.

He charged that the Japanese were supplying ammunition to both Central Government and Communist forces, and said Jap troops were "protecting" cities against the Communists.

Movement of Central Government troops northward along the Tientsin-Peiping railroad from Nanking has been challenged by Communists, the governor said.

Orders Switched, Ship Dumps Japs for GIs

MANILA, Oct. 23 (ANS).—The U.S. hospital ship Mercy got hastily-changed orders yesterday to proceed homeward with American patients after Army medical men protested the original directive to repatriate Japanese prisoners of war.

Japanese prisoners were at the dockside awaiting loading when orders for the Mercy to go to the U.S. were received. Almost all medical personnel aboard the ship are eligible for discharge.

In Tokyo, it was announced that the Japanese hospital ship Takasago Maru would be sent to Manila to take home Japanese prisoner patients.

'New Louis' Expects Same Old Story

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—Declaring that the Army "gave me a self-confidence that I never had before," Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion of the world, predicted today that he would again defeat Billy Conn when they meet next June.



Uncle Mike now gives Joe Louis, shown signing the contract which called for him to put his heavyweight championship on the line, advice since the Brown Bomber is without a manager.

"I'm a new Joe Louis," the Brown Bomber said upon his arrival here. "This Army did a marvelous thing for me.

"I can beat Conn in June. Bill will lose his head again and blow up. He was beating me in our other fight, but he lost his head and I had him then. He's too cocky, too erratic."

Louis came to Los Angeles to "relax and enjoy a vacation" before he starts training for the defense of his crown. The date and site have not yet been disclosed.

His big ambition now is to be a radio comedian.

"That's right a radio comedian," he repeated, "and I'm gonna start on Nov. 11 with Jack Benny."

The Bomber said he weighed 219 pounds now but expects to train down to 205 for his bout with Conn. He will open serious training March 1 at his old camp at Pompton Lake, N. Y.

Mike Jacobs to Advise Managerless Louis

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Boxing fans who wondered why Joe Louis signed a contract to defend his heavyweight title without the guiding counsel of a manager have the answer now.

Although Louis evaded questioning about the absence of a manager, it was learned today that his contract with Julian Black expired last April and that the Brown Bomber has no intention of adopting a successor. However, he will have the advice of Uncle Mike Jacobs on the sidelines and promotions incidental to holding the title.

New Moon Sets Pimlico Mark In Winning Ritchie Division

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 23.—H. L. Straus' New Moon set a record for the stake when he won the first division of the \$10,000-added Ritchie Handicap with a 1:11 effort at Pimlico yesterday. The son of Discovery led the favored Polynesian,

Blackout Still On At Wrigley Field

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—The Chicago Cubs had a boldout today; it was Owner Phil Wrigley, and he was holding out against night games at Wrigley Field.

"There won't be any lights in Wrigley Field next season," he said, adding that it might turn out that the Cubs eventually will be the only major league club without a lighting plant.

"We believe that baseball is a daytime sport," Wrigley said. "We will continue to play it in the sunshine as long as we can." The Cubs last season had a paid home attendance of 1,037,026.

Perkins, Out of Navy, Signs to Coach Phils

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—Cy Perkins, catcher for the Philadelphia Athletics from 1917 to 1930, has been signed to coach the Phils next year, the Phil management announced today.

Perkins, who served 27 months in the Navy, has managed the Lancaster Red Roses of the Inter-State League and Burlington of the Carolina League. He was a New York Yankee coach for three seasons and was a Detroit Tiger coach in 1940.

Vet, Leading Jockey, A-Cropper in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 23.—Billy Pearson, who came out of the Okinawa campaign without a mark, is a casualty at Hipodromo de las Americas where he is the leading jockey.

Pearson received a fractured right hand in a fall while riding Tormenor in the second race Sunday. The day before he had brought in five winners.

Only Needed a Team

ATHENS, Ga., Oct. 23.—Charley Trippi, stellar Georgia halfback, played a good game of football Saturday against Louisiana State, Coach Wallace Butts said yesterday, but Georgia was simply outplayed. Trippi gained 64 yards rushing and lost 35. Several of his passes were intercepted.

Brooklynite Top Pacific Hitter With 363 Mark

GUAM, Oct. 23.—Shortstop Stan Rojek, property of the Brooklyn Dodgers, led all the regulars in batting during the 27-game exhibition series on Iwo Jima, Saipan, Tinian and Guam, with a .363 average.

Following Rojek in the hit parade were Enos Slaughter, former St. Louis Cardinal, with a .342 mark and Joe Gordon, ex-New York Yankee, with a .328 average. Lew Riggs, one-time Dodger third baseman, drove in 19 runs to lead in that department.

Among the pitchers, the Cleveland Indians' Chubby Dean was the big noise, winning three while losing none. Carl Derose, Yankee property, won two with one defeat chalked up against him. The strikeout leader was Tex Hughson, former Soxer, with 41 whiffs in 64 1/3 innings. Hughson won two games and lost one during the series.

Bonnie Beryl Captures Empire's Opening Feature

NEWARK, Oct. 23.—Carrying topweight of 119 pounds and running the most sparkling race of her career, William Woodward's Bonnie Beryl defeated half a dozen other juvenile fillies in the 22nd running of the Autumn Day Stakes as Empire City's 12-day meeting was ushered in before 26,572 turf fans yesterday.

MacPhail Awaits Grand-Jury Action

BEL AIR, Md., Oct. 23.—President Larry MacPhail of the New York Yankees waived preliminary hearing yesterday on two assault charges and one of disorderly conduct and was ordered bound over to the November grand jury by Trial Magistrate Stanley S. Spencer.

MacPhail, whose arrest on three warrants followed an Oct. 5 disturbance in the Bel Air Telephone Exchange over his inability to place a long distance call from his stow-place stock farm near here, furnished bond of \$550 pending grand jury action Nov. 12. A four-hour work stoppage of telephone employees occurred that afternoon.

Warrants were served on MacPhail on Oct. 8 after they were sworn out by Mrs. Anna Towner, chief operator of the telephone exchange; Thomas Dwyer, manager of the telephone office; and Police Chief Raymond Fulker. Mrs. Towner and Dwyer charged assault and battery, while Fulker accused MacPhail of disorderly conduct.

Chicago U. Resumes Big Ten Hoop Play

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—University of Chicago will play a full Big Ten basketball schedule again this winter after a one-year layoff, Coach Nelson Norgren announced today.

Cadets Still Rate No. 1; Notre Dame Passes Navy

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Army and Notre Dame galloped to added strength in yesterday's compilation of the Associated Press weekly poll to determine the country's top collegiate football team, while Navy and Ohio State skidded to lower berths.

The Cadets, who have reigned since last November without interruption, grabbed 101 of 112 first-place votes and were not placed lower than third on any ticket.

Notre Dame, which defeated Pitt Saturday by a 39-9 margin after a rugged first quarter, moved into second place ahead of Navy, which lumbered to a 20-6 conquest of Georgia Tech.

Biggest change in the standings, however, was brought about by Purdue's 35-13 victory over Ohio State, last year's Big Ten champion. The Boilermakers bounded from ninth to fourth ranking, while the Buckeyes dropped from fourth to 12th.

Leading college football teams, determined on a basis of ten points for each first place, nine for second, etc., are: Army, 108; Notre Dame, 86; Navy, 83; Purdue, 70; Minnesota, 66; Alabama, 68; Penn., 33; Indiana, 26; Texas, 19; St. Mary's, 11.

Second ten: Columbia, 94; Ohio State, 59; Louisiana State, 55; Tulsa, 41; Holy Cross, 35; Michigan, 33; Oklahoma A. & M., 21; Mississippi State, 27; Duke, 19; Southern California, 18.

Honorable mention: Virginia, Georgia Tech, Washington, Illinois, Missouri and Oregon.

Oise, Only 5s To Meet Here

The Oise All-Stars will open their basketball campaign at 7:30 Friday night at the St. Didier court in Paris when they face the strong Orly Field Fliers.

The All-Stars have been working out for several weeks in Reims, and Lt. Sam Nahen, former National League hurler, will bring a potent outfit to face the Fliers who have gone through eight straight practice games without defeat and number among their conquests the two best quintets of France.

Oise playing coach Ben Newman, former Long Island University performer, heads a squad of former collegiate basketballers. Expected to form the starting five with Newman are Howard Hoher of New Mexico University, Cliff Weitzen of Rutgers, Charles Edwards of Toledo University and Edwin Keim of Niagara.

Other Oise performers are Davage Minor of Toledo, Ed Lavin of Georgetown, Richard Pink of Ohio University, Jim Roach of Connecticut and Gene Czaplacki of the New London, Conn., Diesels, a pro outfit. Nahen himself played ball at Brooklyn College.

Purdue Soars To Lead on Aerial Attack

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Purdue's Boilermakers, sparked by sharp-shooting Bob DeMoss, are giving Big Ten rivals the air, so to speak, which accounts for the surprising surge of Coach Cecil Isoell's eleven to the top of the conference heap.

Official Big Ten statistics released today show the Boilermakers have completed an average of more than six passes in 11 attempts per game in sweeping to three conference victories.

Although George Taliaferro of Indiana tops the conference passing column with seven completions in 11 attempts for a .636 average, the real aerial leader is DeMoss, who has hit the mark 19 times in 32 tries for a 59.4 record in conference competition. It was the unerring marksmanship of 18-year-old DeMoss that demoralized Ohio State last Saturday.

Against the Buckeyes, DeMoss completed six straight passes and nine out of 13 for 136 yards. In all of Purdue's five games to date DeMoss has connected 31 times in 56 tries for 571.

Halfback Bill Canfield, DeMoss' favorite target, leads the circuit with ten completions good for 183 yards and also tops the scorers with 36 points on six touchdowns.

The league rushing leader is Dick Conners of Northwestern with a net gain of 301 yards in 38 tries for an eight-yard average. Jack Weisenberger of Michigan has averaged 47 yards on two tries to lead the punters, followed by Canfield with 43.2 yards on eight boots.

Minnesota's Gophers took the lead in total yards gained in their debut against Northwestern, turning in the best single game performance of the season by picking up 277 yards on the ground and 182 through the air.

Purdue grabbed the defensive lead in halting Ohio State. The Boilermakers have allowed an average of 219 yards in three games.

Trotters Vic in Austria

SALZBURG, Austria, Oct. 23.—The last three days of harness racing here are scheduled for Oct. '8, Nov. 4 and 11 at the USFA Athletic Field.

The End of Another Successful Hunt



Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff (left) and Gen. H. H. Arnold, Air Forces chief, come in with their limit of pheasants after a weekend of hunting near Bismark, N. D.

Pond to Resume Job As Coach at Bates

TORRINGTON, Conn., Oct. 23.—Lt. Cmdr. Raymond W. "Ducky" Pond, now on terminal leave from the Navy, will return Dec. 1 to Bates College, where he will resume his duties as head football and baseball coach, he said here today.

Pond, former Yale athlete and football coach, is scheduled to be discharged Nov. 20 after serving since 1942.

British Booters May Strike

MANCHESTER, England, Oct. 23.—British soccer players, limited by rules to no more than \$32 a week pay, decided today to take a strike vote while their employers adamantly refused to accept subsidy from gambling interests that would transform the game to big business.

It Ain't the Team You Play, It's When

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—Members of the Monday Quarterbacks Club asked Monk Simons, Tulane football coach, yesterday how badly Notre Dame would defeat the Green Wave. "Well," quipped Simons, "we played Florida Oct. 6 and the Gators scored six points. We played Rice on the 13th and the Owls got 13 points. Then we played Auburn Oct. 20 and the Plainsmen counted 20 points. Unfortunately, we play Notre Dame Nov. 24."

Then Simons' face brightened. "Remember that we take on Louisiana State Dec. 1."



Hutson Retains Grip on NFL Scoring Lead

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Don Hutson, Green Bay's veteran end, increased his National Football League scoring total to 54 by his showing against the Boston Yanks Sunday and widened his margin over his nearest competitor to 18 points.

Steve Van Buren of the Philadelphia Eagles accounted for his daily double—two touchdowns—and roared into a second-place tie with 36. Ted Fritsch of the Packers has the same number, but he has played in four games to Van Buren's three. Van Buren and Hutson have scored six touchdowns each, but Hutson's right foot has brought him 18 added markers.

Trailing these three are: Bob Waterfield of Cleveland, 28; Tommy Colella of Cleveland, Pug Manders of Boston, and Bob Westfall of Detroit, 24; Ken Strong of New York, Don Greenwood of Cleveland, Johnny Greene of Detroit, and Frank Akins of Washington, 18.

Lavoie Paces AHL Scorers

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 23.—The high-scoring undefeated Rhode Island Reds dominated the individual standings in the American Hockey League today.

Jack Lavoie, the Reds' brilliant rookie, led with seven points on two goals and five assists. He was followed by teammates Jerry Belamare and Roger Gange, who shared runnerup honors with five others at six points each.

Les Cunningham of the defending champion Cleveland Barons—who have not won a game yet—leads the loop in goals scored with five. He also has an assist on the credit side of the scoring ledger.

11 Horses Invited To Pimlico Special

BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—The Maryland Jockey Club today extended invitations to 11 thoroughbreds representing the cream of the American turf for the Nov. 17 running of the \$25,000 Pimlico Special.

Among those invited were Warren Wright's Pot O' Luck and Armed, Mrs. P. A. B. Widener's Polynesian, W. L. Brann's Gallorette, Maine Chance Farm's War Date, Louis B. Mayer's Busher and Thumbs Up, F. W. Hooper's Hoop Junior, and Greentree Stable's Devil Diver.

This year's mile and three-sixteenths classic is being operated strictly on an invitational basis.

Wife of Cub Player Killed in Auto Crash

NASHVILLE, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Betty Wray McCullough, 30 wife of Clide McCullough, Chicago Cub catcher, was killed yesterday in an automobile collision. The ball player's brother, Noian McCullough, suffered serious injuries.

Highway police said the McCullough car and one driven by an unidentified serviceman crashed on a hill four miles from Nashville.

Net Aces on Tour

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Margaret Osborne of San Francisco and Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Calif., who rank second and third in the U.S. women's tennis listings, will leave Miami, Fla., by plane tomorrow to give net exhibitions at naval and military installations in the Caribbean and Panama areas. USO Camp Shows announced today.

New Track Note—Horses Sent by Air

SAN MATEO, Calif., Oct. 23.—Four horses arrived at Bay Meadows by airplane today from Hollywood Park—the first thoroughbreds ever to be transported by plane from one race track to another.

The four steeds are from the Stuart Hamblin Stable and include Ellobo, one of the recent stars of the Hollywood meeting. The plane, especially constructed for race-horse transportation, took off from Los Angeles this morning. The 47-day fall season gets under way here today.

Li'l Abner

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By Al Capp



Dick Tracy

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By Chester Gould



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Blondie

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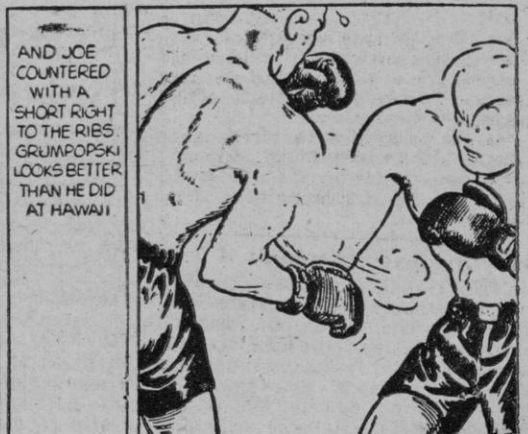
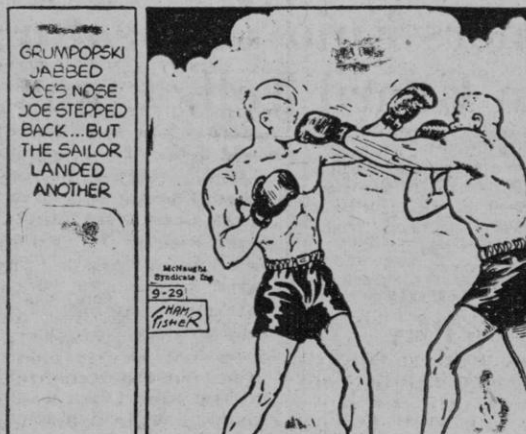
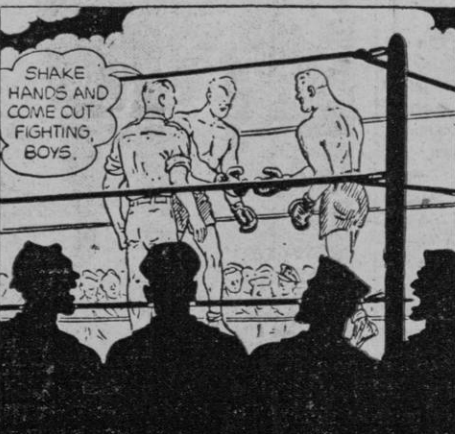
By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

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By Ham Fisher



Venezuela's New Regime Gets to Work

CARACAS, Oct. 23 (UP).—With its military triumph completely consolidated, Venezuela's revolutionary junta was working today to give the country a promised new deal in democracy both politically and economically.

The junta, headed by Romulo Betancourt, completed its cabinet list last night and all ministries were functioning today under new officials.

It was disclosed that the government also was hastening reform of the police force which completely disappeared after a futile defense of the ousted Medina government. Armed infantrymen have assumed police functions throughout the city.

Meanwhile the powerful Venezuelan Industrialist Chamber of Commerce and Caracas Archbishop Lucas Guillermo Castillo pledged support of the revolutionary government. The Communist party said it had not yet determined its position.

In Washington the State Department said it would not recognize the new government until consulting with other American republics.

70 MPH Gale Pounds Dover

LONDON, Oct. 23 (AP).—A gale ripped through the Straits of Dover today, reaching velocities of 70 miles per hour, and threatening shipping in the English Channel.

Le Havre port officials said no loading of ships carrying troops to the U.S. had been canceled.

Shipping in the Channel was further endangered by a huge mine, which was sighted rolling in high seas near the town of Bognor Regis. Ships and hotels along the sea wall were evacuated. Hundreds of persons gathered at a safe distance.

The mine believed to have been one of thousands planted by the Germans during the war, was last reported floating away from shore.

Northwest Lashed By Storm; 2 Die

SEATTLE, Oct. 23 (ANS).—A storm swept the Pacific Northwest last night with a 50-mile wind on the coast and heavy snow in the Cascades, causing at least two deaths and extensive damage to waterfront property and utility wires.

The Coast Guard reported that a boatwain's mate was swept from the 65-foot cruiser in Puget Sound. The body of the Coast Guardsman, whose name was withheld, had not been recovered today.

At Victoria, B.C., S. S. Phillips, field crop supervisor of the British Columbia Agriculture Department, was electrocuted when he stepped from his automobile to investigate a tree which had fallen across a power line.

Belgians, Dutch Get Power as Reparations

LONDON, Oct. 23 (INS).—Belgium and Holland started to receive electric current from Germany yesterday, the costs being credited to German reparations, the BBC reported. The electricity comes through one of the largest power stations in the world, a station built by the Germans during the war at Bauweiler, near Cologne, for utilization of Belgian and Dutch electrical power.

Full Recognition Hinges On Renner Acts—U.S.

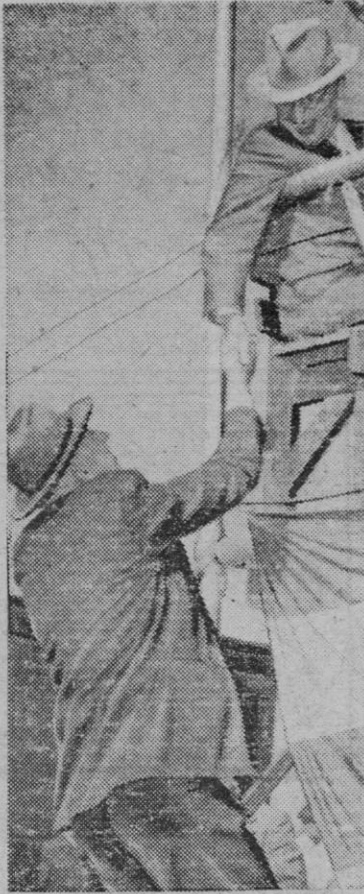
WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (UP).—The State Department tonight announced that full recognition by the U.S. of the Renner Government in Austria with an exchange of envoys depends on the fulfillment of recommendations of the Allied Control Council.

It was disclosed that recommendations have been made calling for elections not later than December and the establishment of a democratic press.

Lanny Ross Discharged

FORT DIX, N. J., Oct. 23 (ANS).—Maj. Lanny Ross, former radio, stage and screen tenor, was discharged yesterday at Fort Dix Separation Center. Ross went to the South Pacific 27 months ago as a staff officer at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters. He was in charge of all USO shows in that area.

Howdy, Neighbor



George Gray, manager of the Caruthersville (Mo.) fair, stretches to shake hands with President Harry S. Truman in the judges' stand.

Poland Pledges Election in 1946

WARSAW, Oct. 23 (UP).—President Boleslaw Beirut declared in an interview today that Polish elections would take place next year, "during the month of June at the very latest."

At the moment, he said, Poland finds herself in the same position as France at the beginning of 1945, when a great number of her soldiers and laborers were still in Germany. At the time of the German collapse, an estimated 6,000,000 Poles were abroad, of whom 2,000,000 have returned home. Of the remaining 4,000,000, half are in Russia, and the other half in western Europe.

Insisting that it will be impossible for Poland to hold elections before most of the Poles have returned, Beirut said his country "never will agree to election control by an international commission."

France, Argentina Sign Three-Year Trade Pact

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 23 (UP).—A French-Argentine financial agreement was signed today by Foreign Minister Juan Cooke and France's Ambassador Vladimir d'Ormesson marking the restoration of direct economic and financial relations between the two countries. The agreement, lasting three years, stipulates that Argentina will not demand reimbursements of its exports to France until the total amount reaches 150,000,000 Argentine pesos.

Supporters of Tito Sweep Local Elections

LONDON, Oct. 23 (Reuter).—The Belgrade radio has reported that supporters of Marshal Tito were elected unanimously in all of Sunday's elections for local administrators. The report did not indicate whether the opposition, which has announced that it will boycott the national elections on Nov. 11, took part in the local contests.

Prisoners Enjoyed Beatings, Belsen Guard Tells Court

LUNEBURG, Oct. 23 (UP).—Belsen prisoners who were smacked with a broom for failure to sweep under beds "laughed and apparently thoroughly enjoyed it," Otto Kelessa, one of the accused guards, told the War Crimes trial here today.

Denying charges of brutality, Kelessa said: "It is never my habit to shoot unarmed prisoners. I would not dream of hitting anyone with an iron bar. I call it a beating only if the punishment results in injuries or bruises."

Staging Area Calls In 75th To Speed Exit

By Dean Pohlentz
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARSEILLE, Oct. 23. — Sixth Port headquarters announced today the 75th Inf. Div. had been ordered to move into the staging area near here before the end of the month in an attempt to speed its processing.

Port officials said the division would be en route home in the first 10 days of November, clearing the staging areas for 30 Delta Base units totaling 7,800 troops with point scores in the 70s. The units were not named.

It was learned from the public relations office at Le Havre that the 75th Div originally had been scheduled to leave through the northern France port.

Meanwhile as an aftermath of yesterday's order by USFET that the 66th Div. remove its 70-pointers from its shipping list, rumors circulated in the staging areas that units of the division which had not yet sailed had been frozen in the staging areas until Nov. 15. These were denied by Capt. C. M. Smith, Division Adjutant General, who said the units would sail on schedule.

The rumors also were denied by Sixth Port officials, who said that some units, not in the 66th, had been frozen because their 80-pointers had been used to fill gaps in earlier shipping lists, leaving only 70-pointers. These men will not sail before November, it was announced.

Divers late this afternoon were still probing for damage to the U.S. Army transport Sea Cat, which ran aground at the entrance to Marseille harbor yesterday. She was pulled off last night and berthed today. Ship's officers said damage was slight and would not delay sailing.

Senators Seek Bigger Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (ANS).—A Senate battle to lower taxes even more shaped up today as the Senate Finance Committee put the finishing touches on legislation cutting next year's tax bills by \$5,629,000,000.

Senators said they expected efforts from the floor to tack on these proposals which the committee rejected:

1—An increase from \$500 to \$600 in exemptions allowed individual taxpayers for themselves and each dependent. Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) estimated it would cost more than \$1,000,000,000 in revenue.

2—Retroactive application to last Jan. 1 of a \$25,000 exemption on excess profits. Several Senators have indicated this will extend greatly necessary aid to small business.

3—Some cuts in so-called luxury taxes on jewelry, furs, luggage, telephone charges, light bulbs and alcoholic beverages. The House voted to drop next July 1 increases tacked on in 1943.

Col. Lewis, Army-Navy Radio Chief, to Retire

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Col. Thomas H. A. Lewis, under whose supervision the International Network of Overseas Army and Navy radio stations was established, is being relieved of active duty, the Armed Forces Radio Service, of which he was commandant, announced yesterday.

Lewis, husband of actress Loretta Young, was a radio advertising executive before he was commissioned a major in 1942 and began laying the foundation for combined Army and Navy radio operations.

Christmas Tree Lights Hide Death's Shadow



Two-year-old Walter "Pinky" Dyer, who doctors say will not be able to live until Christmas because of a cancerous infection of bloodstream and bones, sits on his mother's lap to inspect the toys Santa brought in an October visit to the Dyer home in Constantine, Mich.

More British Reach Haifa

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (UP).—Several thousand more British reinforcements arrived at Haifa yesterday, while the ruler of neighboring Trans-Jordan was warned that the situation in Palestine was bad and becoming worse.

Soldiers from South Wales and units of the Sixth Airborne Div. were aboard two liners which put into Haifa. Tanks and military vehicles rolled through Haifa's streets in a scene reminiscent of the period preceding the Syrian campaign.

Emir Abdullah, ruler of the Trans-Jordan, predicted that the Palestinian situation would "deteriorate if Zionists insist on their present aspirations." He blamed the situation on the unwillingness of Europe and America to accommodate the Zionists, and declared that Palestine "belongs not only to its Arab citizens but to the whole Arab world."

(From Tel Aviv, the Associated Press reported that the Jewish Socialist Party conference had urged the United Nations, particularly the U.S. and Russia, to help achieve a lasting agreement between the Arabs and Jews in Palestine.)

USFET Adviser Biddle Is Divorced in Paris

Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Jr., diplomatic adviser to USFET, was divorced in Paris Monday by Margaret Thompson Schultz Biddle, pre-war ambassador to Poland.

Biddle was ambassador to nine exiled governments in England during the war.

The daughter of William Boyce Thompson, copper magnate, Mrs. Biddle directed a nurses' club in London during the war.

Gen. Gross, TC Chief, Will Head NYC Transit

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia announced yesterday that Maj. Gen. Charles Gross, chief of the Army Transportation Corps, would become head of New York's complex transportation system, Nov. 15. Gross will succeed John Delaney, who is resigning.

LaGuardia said the municipally-owned system, which is in debt and in bad repair, "needs an engineer to run it."

Gen. Clark in Paris

Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of U.S. Forces in Austria, arrived in Paris yesterday by plane from the States, where he had spent 12 days. He will take part in ceremonies here Saturday at which he will be decorated by Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Byrd Eyes Antarctic Again

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd returned yesterday from Japan and said he would like to resume his Antarctic explorations. Byrd made a study of the effects of strategic precision bombing for Adm. Ernest J. King.

Crack Down On Car Thefts

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were locked, and the Seine Section Provost Marshal's office believed yesterday that the 1942 sedan was towed away by the thieves.

In the first two weeks of October, Buhrmaster said, 112 Army vehicles, half of them jeeps, were stolen in Paris. Only 25 have been recovered. In September, 204 were stolen and 50 recovered.

"The locking of vehicles has not proven wholly effective, because light cars like jeeps, which constitute 50 percent of the stolen number, can be towed away," the statement said. "In some cases it has been discovered that wreckers were used to facilitate the theft of cars."

Officials of the Provost Marshal's office said that most of the stolen cars seemed to be taken out of Paris. Often they are found in fields and woods, stripped of removable parts and tires. Officials said Paris police had reported a sharp increase in thefts of civilian vehicles also.

MPs are impounding unattended and unlocked Army vehicles. Buhrmaster's statement said. In the first two weeks of October, 191 were picked up by MPs in Paris.

No information was available yesterday as to the results of the new drive to spot-check vehicles.

Divorcee Bears Child She Pledged to In-Laws

LINTON, Ind., Oct. 23 (AP).—Mrs. Norma E. Stafford, 21-year-old divorcee gave birth yesterday to a baby which she agreed a month ago to surrender to the parents of her former husband within ten days after its birth.

When Mrs. Stafford was granted her divorce on Sept. 26, she agreed to hand over the child to the parents of her estranged husband, explaining that she could not afford to keep it. She was granted an alimony settlement of \$500 and permission to visit the child periodically.

Air Raids Cost Reich 780,000 Casualties

LONDON, Oct. 23 (Reuter).—About 250,000 German civilians were killed or reported missing in air raids between October, 1940, and the end of January, 1945, according to German sources, Prime Minister Clement Attlee reported in Parliament yesterday.

In addition, 100,000 are believed to have been killed between Feb. 1 and May 8, 1945. The number of German civilians injured in air raids between October, 1940, and January, 1945, is tentatively estimated at about 430,000, he said.

Miss Farmer Leaves Hospital

SEATTLE, Oct. 23 (ANS).—Frances Farmer, Seattle girl whose movie career was blasted by mental illness, left the Western State Hospital yesterday, her mother, Mrs. Lillian V. Farmer said.