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Big 3 Agree on 4-Power Rule of Japan, Trusteeship in Korea, Control of Atom

Bomb Commission Responsible to UNO; Official Text Waited

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Big Three Foreign Ministers' Conference has agreed on four-power rule of Japan, a five-year trusteeship for Korea and control of atomic energy, it was reliably reported here today while the world awaited an official communique on the results of the talks that ended in Moscow this morning.

U.S., Britain Approve Talks On Franco Rule

The nine-year-old regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco faced a new crisis today following acceptance by both the U.S. and Britain of a French proposal for a tripartite discussion of the Spanish government.

Although contents of the French note have not been disclosed, the Associated Press said it was generally believed France favored a diplomatic break with Franco and recognition of the Spanish government in exile, with headquarters in Mexico City, as the provisional government.

The British reply was said by Reuters to have made no secret of that government's dislike of the Franco regime or of its desire to see it replaced but it feared a diplomatic break at this stage might rally support behind the Falangist

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24 Navy Officer Wives To Join Mates in Pacific

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Twenty-four Navy wives, first to benefit by a recent Navy regulation allowing families to join their service husbands abroad, left here last night for Hawaii on the Navy transport USS Kendry.

All are wives of officers stationed at Pearl Harbor.

According to a source in a position to know what happened during the 11-day Moscow meeting, the Big Three agreed that Japan should be controlled by Russia, Britain and China in addition to the U.S. It was understood that unanimity would be required for decisions by the four-power council.

However, the source said, it was not clear whether final authority would rest with the council or if Gen. MacArthur would have the power to override its decisions as the head of occupation forces in Japan.

Urge Resolution on Atom

On the question of atomic energy, Russia was understood to have joined the U.S., Britain and Canada in the advocacy of a resolution planned by those countries for presentation to the United Nations General Assembly next month. France and China were said to have been asked to associate themselves with the resolution, too.

(Agreement on atomic energy, a four-power council controlling Japan and a trusteeship for Korea was also reported in a London dispatch to the European edition of The New York Herald Tribune and in a Washington dispatch to The New York Times. In Moscow, as he left for the airport to fly back to Washington, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes confirmed that the powers had agreed on atomic control.

(Byrnes indicated, however, that the accord was limited in scope when he said:

"When you read the atomic agreement you will know that no (Continued on Page 8, Col. 2)

Warsaw Jews March to Death Through Streets of Flaming Ghetto



Jews rounded up by the SS in Warsaw in 1943, when the ghetto was destroyed, march through the streets with their hands in the air, while flames and smoke from their burning homes billow up behind them. They were later lined up against a wall before a firing squad. Other photos on Page 5.

GI Franc Return Begins Today

By Eddie Irwin

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

With their coffers bulging with about 150,000,000 francs turned in for exchange in the Paris area up to 3 PM yesterday, Seine Section Finance officials announced they would start returning the money at the new exchange rate this afternoon.

They predicted a large percentage of the augmented francs would be back in GI hands Saturday afternoon, but they admitted they expected a full week or more to pass before the remainder of the money could be distributed.

When it is returned, the 150,000,000 francs will have grown to about 360,000,000, on the basis of the new exchange rate of roughly 120 francs to the dollar. The sum, which does not include separately tabulated amounts in other base sections in France, represents about \$3,000,000.

Doors Closed at Noon

The Seine Finance Office closed its doors at noon yesterday and MPs were posted, but it took three hours to take care of those in line. Only officers turning in funds for their units were allowed to make the conversion yesterday. Maj. Joseph C. Shea, Seine Section finance officer, said iron-bound rules prevented acceptance of francs from individuals after midnight of the 26th. Units had to certify that all money had been turned into Class A officers by individuals before the deadline.

PXs and post offices reopened yesterday in Paris the former at 7:30 AM and APOs at 1 PM.

Conversion of other currencies into francs was resumed at 1 PM yesterday at 7 Avenue Kleber for pass personnel. Those GIs or officers on pass from outside of (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

Walkouts Involving 500,000 Threaten Two More Industries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Threats of two huge strikes which could involve nearly 500,000 electrical and telephone company workers developed today following an announcement that the General Motors strike will have to be referred again to a fact-finding board before a solution is possible.

TrumantoTalk On Legislation

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27 (ANS).—President Truman will deliver a "State of the Union" address by radio shortly after the first of the year, and before he appears in person on Capitol Hill to deliver an annual Presidential message to Congress.

The President told an informal press conference here at his Federal building offices that his radio talk would cover his "overall legislative program" and not just labor matters. The speech has been "in the works" for some time, with the idea being for the President to get his ideas directly to the voters while Congressmen are back home for the holidays.

A walkout of 200,000 CIO workers in the plants of the electrical industry's "big three"—Westinghouse, General Electric and General Motors—was termed "inevitable" by union leaders in New York and may be called at a meeting on Jan. 5.

At the same time a nation-wide stoppage by telephone employees was seen by an independent union spokesman as the possible aftermath of a strike scheduled next Thursday by Western Electric Co. workers in New York and New Jersey. Approximately 300,000 workers would be affected.

Demands of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (UERMW) center about a \$2 daily wage boost which would approximate the 30 percent increase asked by the United Auto Workers of General Motors. The UERMW members cast a strike vote Dec. 13, and the union executive committee set a Jan. 5 date for forming a plan of operation.

Picket lines would be spread to all Bell System companies which use Western Electric equipment if the strike were of long duration, according to Henry Mayer, counsel for the Western Electric Employees' Association. The union spokesman added that picket lines would be placed around the telephone operating companies in the two states on the day the WE strike begins.

Meanwhile in Detroit, an announcement was expected from GM as to whether company officials would be in Washington tomorrow for a resumption of hearings by the government's fact-finding board on the Auto Workers strike.

China OKs Moscow Decisions

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (AP).—China has signified its concurrence to an agreement on the procedure for peace treaties reached at Moscow.

30 GIs Injured as Hurricane Strikes Liner in Mid-Atlantic

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Lloyds reported today that 30 U.S. servicemen were severely injured aboard the former French liner Athos II when the vessel was damaged by a hurricane in mid-Atlantic last Sunday.

A radio message to Lloyds from the battered 15,000-ton ship indicated the liner was heading for the Azores at reduced speed because of engine trouble. Aboard the vessel are 3,000 redeploying troops scheduled to debark at New York.

(The Athos II departed from Le Havre on Dec. 14 with troops of the

118th Inf. Rgt., which formerly served in Com Z. Transportation Corps officials in Paris said yesterday.)

At least four returning veterans have been killed and scores injured aboard ships making the North Atlantic crossing in heavy seas during the last two weeks.

Worst casualties were reported Dec. 24 from the cruiser Portland, which put into the Azores after three of its passengers were killed and 52 injured. Twenty-two of those most seriously hurt were (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

Going Home—in the Wake of the Wars



These two Japanese children tramp along the street in a Korean town, en route to a port to join thousands of repatriates. One boy carries the "duffle" for his crippled companion.

Will the Netherlands Head Lose the Body?



Their Versions Clash

The 42nd Div. has a drive on to enforce uniform and military courtesy regulations. The CG has OK'd the use of 20 officers to roam the streets and pick up GIs who fail to salute.

The penalty for breaking the rules is not the customary 104th, company punishment, but a summary court martial with fines running from \$50 to \$100! Has it ever occurred to those on top that many a GI with a clean record and the best of intentions may have a momentary slip-up of a button? You, MPs, I feel for you; you get the blame for having to enforce orders. But remember, you don't have to lurk in those darkened alley-ways. —Won't Re-enlist, 1347 Engr. Contr. Sr. Gp.

Editor's note: This letter with name deleted was referred to CG, 42nd Div., who replied that in November there were four summary courts-martial. In three cases the fine was \$5 each. In the fourth only a reprimand was given. Officers within the city of Salzburg when on courtesy patrol wear MP brassards. This headquarters has no record of \$50 to \$100 fines.

Too Much Too Soon?

The situation created by demobilizing too quickly is a disgrace to American intelligence. Instances of Nazis still governing Germany are numerous. Why? Because there is not sufficient American personnel to do the job. Any German who knows something about government must be utilized, whether he is a Nazi or not. There is an important job to be done.

When will we stop letting the other guy do it?—Pfc J. J. Short, 814 OBD Co.

'Green Project' Men Blue

Seven months ago the 92d Bombardment Group was sent to Istres, France, to take part in the "Green Project," which involved flying high-pointers to Africa. In September the project ceased; the group has had no work to do since, except for a brief span in which it was flying Greeks from Germany to Athens. If there is any purpose in our being here, no one has informed us. Being unemployed is no grounds for protest, but living conditions at Istres are miserable.

Food is so bad even PWs are complaining. Mistral winds sweep down from the Alps and make this rock-strewn wasteland a veritable polar region. We are living in barracks made for tropical climate. There being nothing worthwhile to do in the vicinity, it is practically imperative to remain in camp evenings.

Were we not fortunate enough to have the opportunity of flying to Paris and Nice occasionally, the Surgeon General could turn this whole camp into a mental hospital. Men with 26 months overseas have not been given even a promise of going home.—A Lost Sheep, 92nd Bombardment Group.

British Ask Java Aid In Move for Peace

BATAVIA, Dec. 27 (UP).—British forces will take more active measures to restore order in Java, Lt. Gen. Philip Christison, Allied Commander in the East Indies, informed Indonesian leaders today. Christison asked the Indonesian Peace Preservation Corps, the T.K.R., to co-operate with him in the move.

(Certain units of the T.K.R., which are loyal to the Indonesian Republican government, will be armed by the British for use as auxiliary military police, Allied headquarters announced today. The Associated Press said the action marked a new stage of British-Indonesian co-operation to restore order in Java.)

In a prepared statement issued just before a meeting with Indonesian Premier Sutan Sjahrir, and Information Minister Amir Sjarifuddin, Christison said British troops are in Java only to disarm and repatriate Japanese prisoners and rescue European and Eurasian prisoners and internees.

"These objects are only achievable if law and order are preserved," he said. "Meanwhile, my troops, who have adopted the principle of never firing unless attacked, are suffering daily casualties at the hands of terrorist extremist organizations. These people have committed the most horrible outrages, not only against Allied

troops, but also against their own kin. I had hoped that conditions might improve, but they haven't.

"While the Indonesian future is a matter for the Dutch and Indonesians, I am compelled to take more active measures to ensure law and order."

The more co-operation Indonesian leaders give, Christison said, "the less my troops will come into the picture."

"I therefore call on the Indonesian leaders," he added, "to co-operate and make available if possible such units from their Peace Preservation Corps—T.K.R.—as I shall deem it necessary."

The statement does not make clear whether or not Dutch troops will serve under Christison's overall command.

It has been established that the Dutch native troops who yesterday stopped the motorcar in which Sjahrir was traveling and shot at him, did not know who was in the car.

Holland Minus Indies? Incredible, Say Dutch

By William F. Boni
Associated Press Feature Writer

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—"Holland without the East Indies? It wouldn't be anything" is the invariable reaction—after a moment of startled disbelief—if an outsider suggests to a Dutchman that one day this country might be without the colonies on whose riches it established its position as a world power.

Holland has for so long accepted the Indies and all the good that comes from the Indies as her just and originally hard-won due that the national state of mind cannot change overnight. To the vast majority of the people, the fact that in the faraway islands another people are seeking to assert their right to govern themselves is still only dimly realized.

No Welcome

The first realization that there was something afoot and that Dutch administrators returning to the East Indies after the war weren't going to be welcomed with open arms came as a considerable shock. That was due principally to a two-sided isolation— isolation of Holland under German rule and isolation of the islands under Japanese occupation.

Over and above that, however, even in circles which were aware that the Japanese had waged a propaganda campaign in the islands, there was a general tendency to feel that Dutch rule had been such a model of colonial administration that the Indonesians would be ready and eager to accept its resumption, particularly in view of the promise of self government within the framework of Queen Wilhelmina in a radio speech from London, Dec. 7, 1942.

Still The Empire

The Dutch in general still have the feeling that, in spite of changed circumstances and thousands of intervening miles, Indonesia remains an integral part of the empire. Re-establishment of air connections with Java recently by Skymasters purchased from the United States was a great national event and the progress of the first C54 on its way to the Orient was worth daily front-page bulletins in the newspapers. Even now that the novelty has worn off, the papers carry the whereabouts of the planes which have inaugurated regular service and the names of their pilots are again becoming household words, as familiar to the man in the street as that of Joe Louis back home.

Only the leftist portion of the Dutch daily and weekly press, led by the Communist newspaper "De Waarheid," has been strident in its demands for recognition of Indonesian rights. But these demands would in any event be opposed by such concerns as Royal Dutch Shell and others which have built up tidy fortunes on the natural resources of Java, Borneo, Sumatra, and other islands in the archipelago which is an area 60 times that of the mother country.

Bound By Oil

The ties which bind Holland with the Indies are golden streams of oil, tin, rubber and quinine which

even in such a depression year as 1930 represented an export value of more than \$460,000,000 and of which generally nearly 25 percent went to the Netherlands. Along with that have come sentimental ties for the innumerable families whose members have been in government or private industry employ in the islands.

It's easy to bring forth columns of figures to show value in dollars and cents of products of the Dutch overseas empire. But even that wouldn't show entirely how dependent the economy of the Netherlands is on the Netherland East Indies.

Probably the best way to express it is to say that if it weren't for the Indies, this article probably wouldn't be written. Because no one would be interested in such an insignificant country.

Lord Keyes Dies; British Navy Hero

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Adm. of the Fleet Lord Keyes, 73, one of Britain's naval heroes and leader of the Zeebrugge Raid of World War I, died in his sleep yesterday.

Keyes was credited with a large part of the success in combating German submarines in the first World War as commander of the Dover Patrol. He organized and led the famous St. George's Day attack on Zeebrugge, which sealed the Bruges Canal in 1918.

Retired in 1935, he returned to active service in 1940.

As director of combined operations from 1940 to 1941, he was one of the sponsors of the Commandos. His son, Lt. Col. Geoffrey C. Keyes, was killed leading the Commando raid on Rommel's headquarters in North Africa.

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

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Willie and Joe

By Mauldin

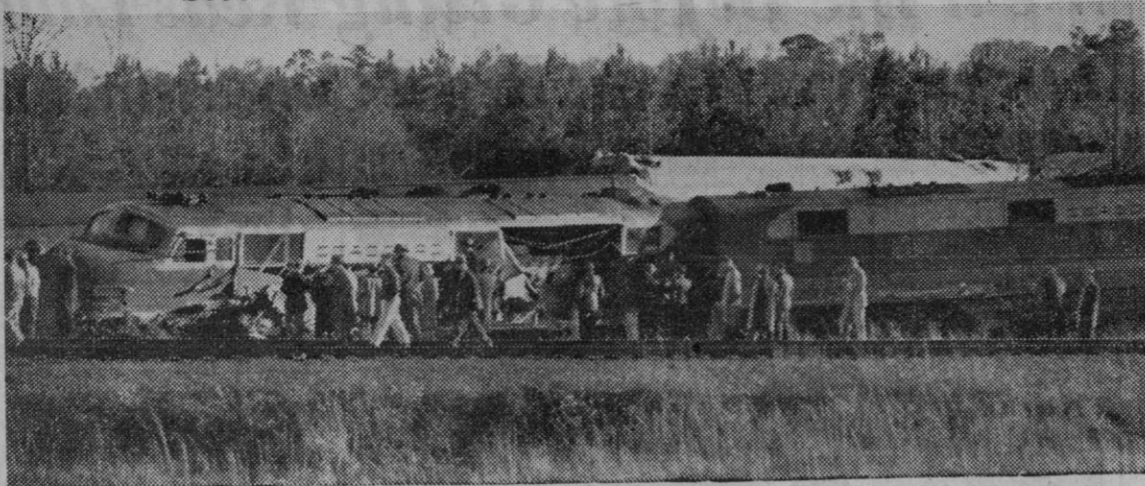


December 25, 1945
China

Dear Suzy,
Hope you're enjoying your first peacetime Christmas. Looks like daddy will be delayed.



Seven Die in Wreck of Florida Streamliners



Wreckage of the Silver Meteor and Sun Queen, two crack Florida trains, is strewn along the tracks near Kollock, S.C., where they crashed while one was pulling into a siding from the main line. Seven persons were killed and at least 60 injured.

New Year to Bring Tax Reduction For 50 Million on U.S. Income Rolls

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Fifty million Federal taxpayers in the U.S. can greet the New Year with rejoicing. Their tax burdens will be lightened for the first time in 16 years and the cut will amount to almost \$6,000,000,000 for 1946. Next Monday some 12,000,000 citizens in the lower income groups will go off the tax rolls completely. Others making up to 50,000 dollars a year will get tax cuts of ten percent or more.

Military Strategy Group Slated As Vital Part of UNO Setup

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).—A military group which will plan world strategy will be one of the most important United Nations Organization committees when UNO begins to function regularly, according to diplomats here. The group will decide what bases UNO wants, and how the armed forces of the United Nations will be organized. It was explained that the group is to consist of representatives and the Chiefs of Staff of the Big Five nations.

Wife 'Sticks By' Sergeant Accused As German Spy

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Dec. 27 (ANS).—As Army investigators prepared records for the court martial of Sgt. Frank Hirt, 30, accused of spying against his country and dealing with German agents, his wife declared yesterday that she would "stick by him." An Army announcement said the trial was expected to be held within a month at near-by Hamilton Field. Hirt's 22-year-old wife, Jean, mother of two, said she had not been officially told of the charges against her husband. Hirt was arrested in March and held in solitary confinement at Hamilton Field until the Army's announcement last Saturday that he would face charges of conspiring with German agents to obtain and to send to Germany information about U.S. military airplanes.

Bing Crosby Tops At '45 Box-Office; Van Johnson 2nd

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP).—Bing Crosby was named the movie box-office leader again in 1945 in a poll of exhibitors conducted by the Motion Picture Herald. Banked in the top ten in six of 14 annual polls, Crosby scored heavily in "Going My Way" which the Herald said has grossed \$8,000,000. Van Johnson was ranked as No. 2 drawing card, followed in order by Greer Garson, Betty Grable and Spencer Tracy, with Humphrey Bogart and Gary Cooper tied for sixth, Bob Hope, Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and Roy Rogers. From 10th place to 20th, here's how they finished: Abbott and Costello, Betty Hutton, Ingrid Bergman, Bette Davis, Alan Ladd, Dane Clark, Joseph Cotton, Claudette Colbert, Walter Pidgeon, Fred MacMurray, Danny Kaye, Gregory Peck, Ginger Rogers, John Wayne and Mickey Rooney.

James Gleason's Son Dies in 4-Story Fall

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP).—Sgt. Russell Gleason, 36, son of actor James Gleason, fell to his death from the fourth floor of the Hotel Sutton, about 10:30 PM last night, police reported.

It is likely that the chief delegates will meet at regular intervals, and will be represented permanently by deputies. This would mean that the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington would be absorbed by the Military Committee of the United Nations. However, some kind of liaison is likely to be maintained between the armed forces of the U.S. and Britain, but on a much smaller scale than the war-time Combined Chiefs of Staff. It is expected that Russia will have an equal say with the U.S. and Britain in overall world strategy in the Military Committee.

Gas Truck Blast Kills 3, Injures 5, Destroys Building

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 27 (ANS).—Three persons were killed, a fourth is missing and five others were injured, none seriously, when an explosion of a butane gas truck destroyed a warehouse-apartment building here yesterday. The dead were tentatively identified as Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and Caroline Sue Stovall, 10, residents of apartments on the upper floor of the two-story building. Frances Watson, another resident, was unaccounted for, but friends said they believed she was out of the city on a holiday visit. The injured included Anthony Berta, the truck driver, who explained the explosion: "I stepped on the starter and the butane just took off." The apartment building collapsed and it was feared "a number of persons" had been trapped.

Fire Destroys Grain Elevator

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27 (AP).—A fire starting from an explosion yesterday destroyed the Atlantic grain elevator here.

Vet Chief a Night Owl; His Wife Gets Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Jack W. Hardy, attorney and national commander of the American Veterans of World War II, was divorced here yesterday by Mrs. Fay Helen Hardy, who testified veterans' affairs frequently kept him out all night, and that he refused to explain his absences. The couple married four years ago and separated last March.

The American Scene: Raider Carlson Boom For U.S. Senate Grows

By Bob Crandall
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A segment of California's political liberals are reported anxious to run Col. Evans Fordyce Carlson of the Marines as a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Col. Carlson is the man who led Carlson's Raiders in the Marine Corps. He is known widely for his beliefs concerning officer and enlisted man relationships. He opposes the traditional military caste system in so far as it gives officers special privileges. He thinks the system should be one of share and share alike for all ranks, and he invoked that system in his famous battalion.

Marines are citing the gratitude of Sgt. J. F. McClocky who is with the Marine Corps in China. Janis Paige, film actress, graciously sang a few numbers especially requested by McClocky when he was a visitor in a Hollywood canteen. Now the sergeant has sent Janis six pairs of nylon hose from Shanghai. In New York the women line up for a block to buy a single pair of nylons and six pairs all at once is a major windfall for even a Hollywood gal.

New York Seeks to Retain Title of Fashion Capital

NEW YORK is doing all it can to keep the world fashion leadership which it captured from Paris during the war years. One of its arsenals in the fashion fight is the Fashion Institute of Technology and Design. It claims to be the first establishment in the U.S. to train creative and management leaders for the garment industry. It is the first of a dozen technological institutions authorized by the Empire State's 1944 legislature.

George Raft, the film tough guy, wants California to kick back more than 30 grand in state income tax which he paid under protest in the three years beginning in 1938.

THE day after Christmas Evangeline Booth, retired international commander of the Salvation Army, celebrated her 60th birthday at Hartsdale, N.Y. Though retired from the commandship she is anything but inactive. One of the things she has planned for her 81st year is a February trip to Los Angeles where she will take part in a series of meetings and broadcasts.

Landing at Denver where he will be a patient in Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Cpl. Walter H. Hargrave completed an 11,000-mile air trip in an iron lung. Hargrave, whose home is at Topeka, Kan., was felled by infantile paralysis in Calcutta, India.

Air Force Forming Its Own Vet Organization

AT Washington, veterans of the air force are forming their own veterans organization. It will be known as the Air Force Association and about three million veterans of the two world wars will be eligible. Col. Willis Fitch is executive secretary.

Burglars at Oklahoma City did about everything but turn the door handle in their efforts to open a safe which they had carted to a park. When police found the safe, officer Lee Mullinix casually turned the handle and the door opened. Inside was \$2,500.

IN an effort to make post-war flying as safe as possible, the Civil Aeronautics Administration will appoint 2,000 new inspectors. They will be selected from the aircraft industry and will be responsible for the safety inspection of the 100,000 planes that are expected to be in the hands of private owners by 1950.

40,000 Vets to Be Treated In Service, Civilian Hospitals

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (ANS).—The Veterans' Administration announced yesterday that because of a shortage of beds and doctors in veterans hospitals, it would put 20,000 ex-servicemen in civilian hospitals and as many more in Army and Navy hospitals.

Association. A few will be made available on a priority basis in each of 3,400 private hospitals. Usual hospital fees will be paid, Hawley said, and local doctors will be hired on a fee basis.

Forty thousand extra beds are expected to be available by next fall, with some already on hand. The Veterans' Administration is now caring for a record number of 87,000 patients.

Mary Astor Weds Ex-GI; Her 4th Trip to Altar

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP).—Screen actress Mary Astor notified her studio yesterday that she and Thomas Wheelock, Chicago broker, had been married here Monday. It was the fourth marriage for the 39-year-old actress. Wheelock recently was discharged from the Army Air Forces where he served as a meteorologist.

Storms Stop Coast Guard, Alias Santa

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Storms prevented the Coast Guard from carrying out a scheduled "Santa Claus" mission to the tiny, isolated Farrelon Islands, 25 miles west of the Golden Gate, where inhabitants have been marooned more than a week because of heavy seas. Airmen of the South San Francisco Coast Guard Air Station, volunteered to double for St. Nick Christmas Day. They flew a consolidated Catalina into a heavy storm near the islands and were unable to parachute Christmas presents, mail and essentials. They said they would try again.

SPARTANBURG, S.C., Dec. 27 (ANS).—Emergency crews began restoring order in the Piedmont section of South Carolina yesterday following the worst blizzard in 25 years which isolated many towns from the world on Christmas Day.

The storm, which began Monday as a torrential rain and wound up in snow and sleet, snapped electric, telephone and telegraph lines in and around Spartanburg, Greenville, Union and Anderson.



A heavy snow storm which swept through northeastern states blanketed Buffalo, N.Y., with a heavy mantle of white. Automobiles, streets and trees were covered, and traffic was halted.

First U.S. Newsmen Tour Russian Zone

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Nearly eight months after the war's end, the Russians finally opened their occupation zone in Germany to American correspondents last week. Following are excerpts from the dispatches of three correspondents who went on the first newsmen's tour of the zone.)

By Charles Arnot
United Press Correspondent

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The same Red Army which won the war appears today to be winning the peace in Russo-occupied Germany according to the principles laid down at Potsdam.

In close liaison with a handpicked cast of carefully tutored German civilians—many of them Communists—top military minds of the Red Army have tackled the occupation with realistic, businesslike efficiency.

Less than eight months after the fall of the Reich, they have converted Northeastern Germany from a broken war-machine into a going peace-time concern. They are now settling down for a long stay—at least 10 years.

That is the general impression of this correspondent—one of the first permitted to visit the Russian zone—after having made the closely supervised eight-day tour, covering 750 miles in two of six states and provinces occupied by the Soviets.

Why the Russians waited this long to show the results of their occupation policy is a mystery. For months the German population has been encouraging rumors that the Russian zone was floundering in hopeless chaos. But instead of rumored looting and general confusion, this is what our party of five newsmen saw and heard in the Russo-occupied province of Saxony and all adjoining states:

In five cities selected by the correspondents for firsthand information, it appeared that the Russians had skeletonized most industrial plants but put them back in production on a peace-time basis.

Twenty-six hundred or 83 percent of all non-war plants in the Saxony province are already producing consumer goods, according to German provincial officials who scoffed at rumors that the Russian zone had been "stripped."

Active Nazis have been purged and nominal party-ers are slowly being replaced but the general Russian attitude seems more lenient than that of the Americans in cases of those who were not active Nazis. While the Americans are ousting all ex-Nazis, the Russians are more or less leaving the matter of nominal Nazis to the German civilian government, which decided no former Nazi could "boss anyone else or hold a position of responsibility."

Eighty-five percent of all schools are operating, and Russian authorities say there is complete religious freedom. The Russian general explained sufficiently, "You don't make guns in churches."

Communists Found in Key Spots In Sovietization of German Living

By Richard Kasischke
Associated Press Correspondent

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—A program of socialization, and Sovietization to a degree is being carried out in the Russian occupation zone of Germany, according to my observations on an eight-day tour from Berlin south to Dresden.

Industry, farming and mining have been placed largely under tight control of German provincial governments, with veteran Communists in key posts and with the aid and support of the Russian Military Government.

That was my principal finding on a 125-mile trip through Saxony with four other American correspondents, four Russians and three American soldier chauffeurs.

The first western correspondents admitted into the Russian occupation zone heard complaints from the Germans in the streets of this provincial capital that other things besides dismantled war plants were being hauled East in automobiles. But despite these alleged removals, the cities appeared lively and German government spokesmen claimed industrial production in many respects was ahead of that in Western Germany.

Reporter Wonders at Red Secrecy After Seeing Standard in Zone

By Russell Hill
New York Herald-Tribune Correspondent

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—We were so favorably impressed with Soviet administration of its territory that we could only wonder what the secrecy has been about.

The trip should serve to end many of the rumors that are bound to issue from any country or region from which no impartially reported news has come. For instance, those stories that Russians were removing all machinery and livestock from their zone or the report that the Red Army was "massing" in central Germany.

Everything we saw indicated that Soviet removals for reparations have left the Germans with enough to support a reduced but tolerable standard of living, once the dislocations caused by war have been adjusted.

We observed no indication whatsoever of any greater military strength than would be needed to maintain order and carry out the functions of military government.

It is clear that industrial production has revived more quickly than in the American zone. In every town smoke poured from factory chimneys. In the mine we visited, coal output for October was up to 84 percent of the same month in 1938. In some hard-coal mines in Saxony it already exceeds pre-war figures by as much as 30 percent, according to German officials.

Bombed Farben Synthetic Oil Plant Restored to Production by Reds

MERSEBURG, Germany, Dec. 27 (AP).—The giant I. G. Farben-built Leuna Synthetic Oil Plant here has been restored to 20 percent operation under Russian occupation, after being bombed to a standstill by the Allies during the war.

The Leuna plant was bombed 22 times from May, 1944, to April, 1945, in the Allied campaign to knock out Germany's fuel sources.

Its German production manager disclosed to American correspondents touring the Russian zone that Leuna was knocked out of production in October, 1944. But Flying Fortresses and other bombers continued to come.

17 Former Chetniks Condemned to Death

BELGRADE, Dec. 24 (Delayed) (AP).—Seventeen former Chetniks and members of prewar political parties were condemned to death today at Ljubljana on charges of collaboration with the Germans.

Thirteen others convicted of treason received sentences ranging from eight to 20 years imprisonment. One defendant was freed.

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We'll Die Before Giving Reds Land, Turks Say; Await Big 3 Communique



Anti-Communist demonstrators, composed principally of students, mill about the streets of Istanbul after entering the offices of the newspaper Tan and smashing equipment. Papers and supplies litter the street.

'Robin Hood' Bands Loot Towns On Polish Border, Give to Poor

By Larry Allen
Associated Press Staff Correspondent

KUZNICA, Poland, Dec. 27.—Armed bands are frequently making raids on towns along the Soviet-Polish frontier and are taking with them whatever they want, out in Robin Hood style, for they give part of the loot to the poor.

Officials of this town say they are helpless, because there are not sufficient militiamen to offer resistance against the bandits.

This correspondent, traveling with American officers on a tour of investigation into the fate of American soldiers missing from prisoner-of-war camps, arrived in the town of Sokolka shortly after

a band of raiders had departed. The 20-year-old mayor, who said he held the post because of ability rather than age, frankly admitted he could not stop mass holdups in the market place.

Town officials declared that after the bands gather up their booty they pause long enough on their flight, back into the woods, to drop some foodstuffs and clothing for poor children, schools and hospitals.

The bands were described as composed of members of former armed forces, including men of General Bon-Komorowski's army, who staged the Warsaw uprising against the Germans, and army deserters.

550 GIs Begin Study Jan. 21 At Six Swiss Universities

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 27 (AP).—Six Swiss universities are preparing to receive 550 American soldier-students Jan. 21. Col. Lester A. Webb, in charge of the Army's education program in Switzerland, announced today.

Designed for men and women who either are about to return home or are members of the occupation forces, there will be two two-month courses, the second term ending June 15. After July the educational program will be planned for the occupation forces, Webb said.

The program is similar to those to be launched in England and France.

The first contingent of 550 students will be distributed among the universities of Bern, Basle, Freiburg, Geneva, Lausanne and Neuchatel.

The cost to the government, Webb said, would be less than \$140 per month per student for room, board and tuition. Each student will be allowed \$100 of his own spending money per month. Students must have at least a high school education.

Enrollment in a Swiss university will be without prejudice to the

soldiers' educational privileges under the GI Bill of Rights.

Students will live in private homes and will be under Swiss university administration, but there will be a dean of American students, an Army officer, at each university.

Marseille Sailing Resumes; 1,500 Go

By a Staff Correspondent

MARSEILLE, Dec. 27.—The re-deployment lull of the last two days was broken here today when more than 1,500 men boarded the Victory Ship Rollins. The Rollins, however, was the only troop-carrying vessel on today's sailing list, and only the Woodbridge Victory was scheduled to arrive.

There were unconfirmed reports that several troop carriers which had been expected here in the next few days had been diverted. The situation was to be reviewed in Frankfurt today and a clarification was anticipated here by tomorrow.

Shipping News

Le Havre Departures		Ships	Load
USAT Mount Vernon	6,046		
USAT Gen Anderson	5,233		
Alken Victory (UK Shuttle)	2,322		
Expected Arrivals		Ships	Date
Vassar Victory	Dec. 28		
Moutclair Victory	Dec. 28		
Vulcania	Dec. 29		
Coby Victory	Dec. 30		

3 Hurt in Gas Bombing Of Rome Communist Hq.

ROME, Dec. 27 (AP).—A phosphorous gas time bomb which was thrown against a door in National Headquarters of the Italian Communist Party during a meeting of directors Monday night sent three to the hospital but failed to injure Palmiro Togliatti, party leader.

GBS Appeals for Fonetic Alfabet

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—George Bernard Shaw appealed today to the British government to appoint a committee to draft a new alphabet "with which every sound in our speech can be written with one graphic and easily written symbol, without even crosses or dots."

Such an alphabet, the dramatist wrote in a letter to the London Times, would soon pay the cost of the war in time saved.

"I can scribble the word 'bomb' barely legibly 18 times in one minute, and 'bom' 24 times, a saving of 25 percent," the dramatist declared.

He urged that "cranks" such as universal language advocates and shorthand experts, be disqualified from his proposed alphabet drafting committee.

Georgian Demands Draw Vigorous Protests

ISTANBUL, Dec. 27 (AP).—Demonstrations against Georgian proposals that a large strip of Turkish Black Sea territory go to Russia and a declaration that the Turks would perish before yielding, were reported today from the vital port of Trabzon.

The intensity grew as Turkey waited for the Moscow communique from the Foreign Ministers' conference relative to this problem.

The semi-official Anatolia agency said claims sent to Moscow by Georgian professors last week created "great nervousness" in Trabzon and that the residents rejected them in a series of demonstrations as "an injustice."

Turks Ready to Fight

Turkey is affected deeply by proposals of Georgians that 20,000 square kilometers along the Black Sea and eastern frontier, be ceded to Russia.

This was announced almost simultaneously with a statement by Gen. Kazim Karabekir, in which he told the National Assembly Turkey would fight before yielding an inch of her land and Foreign Minister Hasa Saka added that Turkey wanted nothing from anyone and would give up nothing.

The Turkish Army still is almost fully mobilized and martial law is being renewed in Istanbul for another six months.

Requests Law Extension

Prime Minister Shukru Sarajoglu today requested an extension for another year of the law under which the eastern border province of Tuncali, homestead of nomadic Kurdish trouble, has been administered since the Kurds were suppressed by the army.

Russo-Turkish relations have been deteriorating gradually since Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov announced last March that Russia was denouncing the 20-year-old treaty of friendship and non-aggression and suggested that a new basis must be found on which to renew the pact.

Russia was unofficially reported to have demanded bases on the Straits and the return of Kars and Ardahan as part of the basis of agreement. Turkey replied negatively and insisted that she would refuse to yield any territory.

Greeks Plan 24-Hour Strike

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Maritpress, authoritative Leftist Greek news agency, reported today a 24-hour general strike in Greece would begin at noon tomorrow.

The work stoppage, the agency declared, would protest deterioration of Greek living standards resulting from the collapse of the drachma, which today was quoted on the black market at 160,000 to the gold sovereign, compared with the legal rate of 4,000.

Greek Mob Storms Jail

ATHENS, Dec. 27 (AP).—A large band of Communists stormed the police station in Kokkilia, Piraeus suburb, today in an attempt to free two comrades, but the demonstrators were dispersed after fighting their way to the cells where the men were held. The prisoners, members of the Communist KKE, had been arrested after allegedly disarming a police officer.

MG Starts Return Of Hungarian DPs

FRANKFURT, Dec. 27.—Repatriation of Hungarian displaced persons from the Seventh Army area is under way today, according to a Military Government announcement, and will continue at the rate of 1,000 a day until a total of 14,000 have been returned.

The first trainload of the Hungarians, former prisoners who were later classified as displaced persons, left yesterday. At the same time, it was reported that repatriation of 75,000 Hungarian DPs in the Third Army area would begin shortly.

U.S. Iran Forces on Move

BAGDAD, Dec. 27 (ANS).—The entire American military force in Iran will pass through Iraq within the next few days en route to Mediterranean ports. All personnel will be removed from Iran by Jan. 1.

France OKs U.S. Loan, Bretton Woods Treaty

The French Constituent Assembly last night in Paris unanimously approved the Bretton Woods Agreement and the American Export-Import Bank loan of \$550,000,000.

Following the ratification of the agreement and the loan the Assembly in effect approved the Government's devaluation of the franc by voting 506 to 44 to give the Government authority to revalue the gold stock of the Bank of France on the basis of the new gold content of the paper franc.

Socialist Move Breaks Bloc In French Rule

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP).—France's powerful Socialist Party announced its withdrawal today from the "Left-wing delegation," breaking up a political bloc with the Communists that has existed since 1936.

The Left-wing delegation, more than once in disagreement with Gen De Gaulle, consisted of pre-war groups that signed the victorious 1936 Popular Front electoral platform—The Socialists, Communists, Radical Socialists, General Confederation of Labor and League of the Rights of Man.

Publication of a Left-wing delegation program early last month had the effect of committing the Socialists to a joint platform with the Communists that excluded the new, more moderate M.R.P. (Popular Republicans), not in the delegation.

2 Reich Parties Plan Merger

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (AP).—The central committees of the Social Democratic and Communist parties of Germany today announced the appointment of a joint commission to prepare plans for a merger of their parties into a single workers' party.

This action, regarded as one of the most significant in postwar German politics, was taken at a meeting of the two central committees here.

Thirty district leaders of the two parties from the Russian occupation zone were present.

The Social Democratic party is generally recognized as the numerically strongest in Germany.

Surplus Plasma Will Go to Public

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Blood plasma—the substance that saved thousands of lives on the battlefield—soon will be available without cost to civilians who need it.

The Red Cross, announcing this last night, said it would distribute 1,250,000 units of plasma which has been declared surplus by the Army and Navy. This was estimated to be enough to meet civilian needs for two years.

A three-month supply will make up the initial shipments to health departments in each state. The departments, in turn, will distribute the plasma to hospitals, health agencies and physicians.

Prosecutor Jackson Passes Yule in Palestine

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27 (AP).—Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief American prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trial of the leading Nazis, arrived in Jerusalem Christmas Eve.

He was one of a party of eight, which included his son, Jackson spent Christmas with High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham at Government House.

Italian Press Speculative On Probable 'Foreign Pope'

ROME, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Italian press, commenting on the new College of Cardinals whose membership will include 42 non-Italians, began to speculate today on the possibility of a "foreign Pope."

Such an event has not occurred in about 400 years. Only 52 of 266 of the Catholic Church's supreme rulers have been non-Italian.

Under an editorial entitled "End Tradition," Rome's Libera Stampa today declared, "In all probability we will have a 'foreign Pope.'"

Meanwhile, an anonymous book devoted to the increasing importance of the American Catholic Church's affairs was being circula-

ted throughout Italy. Its title is "Will we have an American Pope?" and the cover shows an American flag with Archbishop Francis J. Spellman greeting American soldiers.

The Libera Stampa said the Pope's Christmas message "fell like a bomb that pulverized tradition centuries old." The newspaper then said the reason the past majority were Italians in the College of Cardinals was due to the difficulty of transportation and slowness of communications, "wherefore it was necessary to select a Pope on the spot."

China Reds Present Request for Truce At Formal Meeting

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Chinese Communists today said they had presented official written proposals to the Central Chinese government for unconditional cease fire on all fronts.

They said the proposals were delivered at a two-hour meeting with three representatives of the government.

The meeting was the first formal one between Government and Communist representatives since Nov. 17. The Communists said their proposals included an unconditional cease fire order by each side, settling peacefully of all problems relating to "civil war" and the sending of inter-party and non-partisan groups to the various fronts to observe the situation.

René Pléven, finance minister, vigorously denied that devaluation meant a consequent rise of prices in France and declared: "We will destroy all unjustified increases. We will strangle all inflation. The Assembly must understand that we cannot ask aid abroad without first putting our house in order ourselves."

McNarney Awards Medals to Belgians

BRUSSELS, Dec. 27 (AP).—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, USFET commander, arrived here this morning to decorate high-ranking Belgian military and civilian officials with the Legion of Merit and the Medal of Freedom for the part they played in the war.

Among those to receive the Legion of Merit (commander degree) was Commandant Achille Van Acker, the Belgian Prime Minister, "for his performance as an officer in the Belgian resistance movement."

After laying a wreath on the tomb of the Belgian Unknown Soldier, McNarney paid a courtesy visit to the Prince Regent at the Royal Palace.

France's principal need, however, "is to produce. We must get the maximum from our factories, our fields and our brains," De Gaulle concluded.

New Walkouts Hit Singapore

SINGAPORE, Dec. 27 (AP).—Singapore's strike situation took a grave turn today when new walkouts paralyzed the city's public transport system.

Armed police patrolled the town maintaining order and one party of demonstrators was taken into custody. Patrols were instructed to disperse processions and assemblies held without official permission.

The estimated 20,000 strikers include transport, gas and electric workers, newsboys and laborers employed by the armed forces.

Strikers predicted a general strike would be called at the year's end.

Fire That Killed 17 Blamed on Nurse

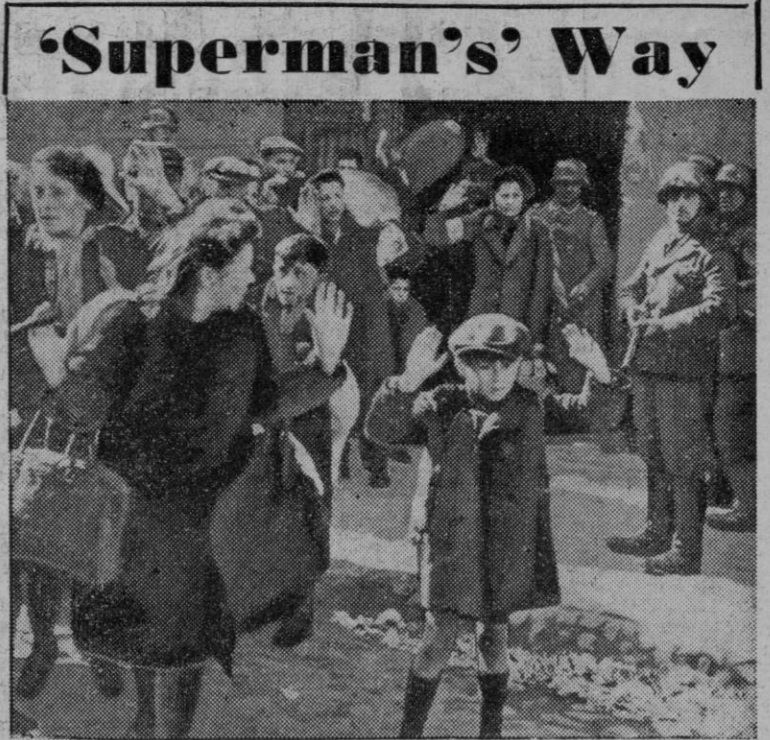
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 27 (ANS).—A nurse, who discovered a Christmas tree ablaze in a local hospital for the aged, "lost her head" and fled with one of four available fire extinguishers, leaving the outside door open. State Fire Marshal Edward J. Hickey charged yesterday at a closed hearing to determine cause of the blaze which took the lives of 17 patients.

The open door admitted a blast of Christmas Eve's wintery storm which fanned the flames to disastrous proportions. Hickey said, intimating that had she fought the flames, or at least refrained from "ventilating" them, the fire might not have been serious.

Clerical Ghost Cyclist Haunts Irish County

SMITHBORO, Northern Ireland, Dec. 27 (AP).—A ghost in clerical garb who rides his bicycle through closed gates is said to be haunting the County of Monaghan.

A civilian guard on late patrol fainted after reporting that a cyclist with no lights ignored his order to halt and then rode his machine through a closed gate into the field and disappeared.



The destruction of the Warsaw ghetto in 1943 by the Nazis is portrayed in these pictures, presented as evidence at the Nuremberg war guilt trial. They are part of a report on Gen. Stroos, who commanded the SS, which set fire to the entire Jewish section of the city. At the top, a man leaps from the window of his burning home. In the other scenes, the Elite Guard rounds up Jewish men, women and children, who are then marched off with hands in the air.

'Pied Piper' to Die As Jap Collaborator

MANILA, Dec. 27 (AP).—Clark Castillo was sentenced to death by a People's Court here as the "Modern Pied Piper" who led almost 1,000 Filipinos to mass execution by the Japanese.

He was the first collaborator to receive a death sentence, in a decision which established the important precedent that membership in the Japanese-sponsored Makapili Army constitutes treason.

The prosecution said that last March Castillo, on the pretense that the Japanese were according them safe conduct, cajoled the population of the village of Lumband to congregate for slaughter by the Japs, who killed all except members of the Makapili organization.

Cash Flying to Frankfurt

MADRID Dec. 27 (AP).—A U.S. Army C47 plane carrying one million dollars in British and U.S. gold coins formerly owned by the Germans, left Madrid airport at 1030 this morning bound for Frankfurt. There the money will be turned over to the Allied Control Council.

Love Conquers All, Army Explains About a Nice Girl

NICE, Dec. 27 (AP).—The presence here of an American-looking girl in American-cut civilian clothes caused so much comment that the Army has issued a special explanation about it.

The Army and Madame Jacques Ferreyrolles, once Miss Kathleen Henry of Sheepshead Bay, N.Y., would like everybody to know once and for all that she is not a Wac who has gone AWOL.

U.S. Rail Goods Sold to Italy

ROME, Dec. 27 (AP).—Purchase by the Italian government of surplus American Army stocks valued at \$7,773,500 was announced today by the U.S. Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission.

Most of the material was equipment for the rehabilitation of Italy's railways, Col. Daniel P. Caulkins, acting field commissioner, said. This was the largest sale yet made in the Mediterranean Theater. The main item sold was 133 locomotives.

Italy's railways are slowly recovering, with reconstruction of bridges and road-beds which were methodically destroyed by the retreating Germans.

Because the Germans destroyed power lines, American Army steam locomotives are being used instead of electric locomotives which formerly provided Italy with fast train service.

5 Hundred Million Surplus Sold to India by U.S. Army

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (AP).—U.S. property surpluses in India, estimated in excess of 600,000 long tons with a book value probably exceeding \$500,000,000 will be sold to the Indian Government under an agreement reached Dec. 24, it was announced today.

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Lions Threaten Court Clash With AA Loop

Top Impost In Anita 'Cap To Thumbs Up

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 27 (AP).—Thumbs Up, which won the 1945 Santa Anita Handicap carrying 130 pounds, was handed that same weight yesterday for the ninth running of the \$100,000 Handicap on March 9.

The impost given Thumbs Up, Louis B. Mayer's seven-year-old stakes veteran was two pounds over the Calumet Farm's Armed at 128. First Fiddle of the Ed Mulrenan stable, was weighted next, at 126 pounds, among a record field of 134 nominations.

Other top weights assigned by Racing Secretary Wess A. Everett: Pot O'Luck, also of Calumet Farm, and Maine Chance Farm's War Jeep, 123; Miss Carlotta Jelm's Bull Reigh and W. E. Boeings Slide Rule, 122; Tribal, Mayer's Australian horse and Adroque and Olhaverly, A. E. Silver's Chilean imports, 121, War Again, Mafosta, Tonto and Bazooka, 120.

Also highly regarded were High Resolve and Bric-a-Brac, 119; Texas Sandman and Challenge Me, 118; Paperboy Jeep and Sirde, 117, Georgie Drum, Quick Reward, Bye-meabond and Sir Bim, 116.

63 Racers Nominated For Widener Stakes

MIAMI, Dec. 27 (AP).—Sixty-three thoroughbreds, including such champions as Murloug Stables' Fighting Step and Calumet Farm's Armed and Pot-O-Luck, have been nominated for the ninth running of the \$50,000 added Widener Stakes at Hialeah March 2.

The list, announced by Racing Secretary Charles J. McLennon, boasted ten more entries than were named last year before Hialeah's meeting was canceled by war-time restrictions, but was still below the all-time high of 81 for the 1941 Widener.

Nominations for the 1946 renewal of the nine-and-a-quarter event also included Happy Hour's Devalue, winner over Thumbs Up in the \$50,000 Stars and Stripes; Sunshine Stables' Buzfuz, victor in Jerome, Scarsdale and Vosborough; Mrs. Louis Raoinowitz's Reply Paid; and Mrs. Vera S. Bragg's Proof Coil. Cinderella horse which has won five of its last six starts.

For the first time in the history of the event, no three-year-olds were named. All nominees were four years or older and of the total of 63 only three were mares.

Hal Newhouser Player of Year

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27 (AP).—Selection of pitcher Hal Newhouser, of the champion Detroit Tigers, as the outstanding baseball player of 1945 was announced today by The Sporting News National Sports Weekly.

The others named as No. 1, baseball men of the year were Philip K. Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs; Ossie Bluege, manager of the Washington Senators, and Joe Mathes, head of the St. Louis Cardinals' farm system.

Named in the minors were Bruce Dudley, president of the Louisville American Association Colonels; "Lefty" O'Doul, manager of the San Francisco Pacific Coast League Seals, and Gil Coan, outfielder of the Chattanooga Southern Association Lookouts who will get a try-out with the Washington Senators next spring.

Coaches Put 4 Cadets On Their All-America

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (ANS).—For the first time in its history, the Football Coaches Association yesterday came up with an All-America football team—one on which the West Point gridgers filled more than one-third of all the positions.

The squad includes four Army players—tackle DeWitt Coulter, guard John Green and backs Felix Blanchard and Glenn Davis. The rest of the team is: ends, Dick Duden, Navy, and Max Morris, Northwestern; tackle, George Savitsky, Penn.; guard, Warren Amling, Ohio State; center, Dick Scott, Navy, and backs, Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma Aggies, and Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's.

Wings Rap Rangers, Take 3rd



THAT OLD SQUEEZE PLAY—Montreal Canadian Forward Toe Blake (left) and Canadian defenseman Glenn Harmon (right) give New York Ranger Forward Tony Leswick the business as he tries to reach the puck.

Max Bentley Retains Lead In NHL's Scoring Race

MONTREAL, Dec. 27 (AP).—Max Bentley of the Chicago Black Hawks continued to lead the way in the individual scoring records released today by the National Hockey League with 19 goals and 15 assists for 34 points. The statistics cover games up to and including last Sunday night.

Bentley had a four-point edge over team-mate Bill Mosienko who has posted 11 goals and 19 assists, while third and fourth place also went to Chicago members. Doug Bentley was third with 13 goals and 12 assists for 25 points, while Clint Smith ranked fourth with 12 and 10 for 22 points.

The Canadiens placed players in a two-day tie for the fifth place with 21 points each. Toe Blake has 13 goals and eight assists, while Elmer Lach has six goals and 15 assists. Seventh place went to Alex Kaleta of Chicago with seven and 13 for 20 points.

Harry Lumley, of Detroit, continued to lead the goalkeeper's race with 49 goals against in 18 games, while Bill Durman, of Montreal, is second with 52 against in 20 starts. Durman leads in shutouts with two.

Emile Bouchard of the Canadiens, with 36 minutes in penalties, leads the league in this department, while Murph Chamberlain, also of Montreal, is second with 34 minutes.

Navy Pre-Flighters Stay In Collegiate Athletics

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Navy announced yesterday that it planned to carry out peacetime intercollegiate athletic programs at the pre-flight schools at Ottumwa, Ia., and St. Mary's, Calif.

Cmdr. J. E. Dougherty, who succeeds Cmdr. William R. Kane as head of the Navy's pre-flight physical training, will be in charge of the programs. Kane recently was named assistant director of athletics at the U.S. Naval Academy.

To Make Pro Hoop Debut

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Ralph Kaplowitz, pre-war basketball ace for New York University, today signed with the Philadelphia Sphas of the American Basketball League and will make his pro debut against Trenton on Saturday.

Purse Joe Baksi Hasn't Received Grabbed by Court

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Heavyweight boxer Joe Baksi's anticipated purse from his fight tomorrow night with Freddie Schott was impounded yesterday by the State Supreme Court on a motion from a court attorney against Baksi and his manager, Nathan Wolfson.

Attorney Isidor Silverman had been assigned ten percent of the purse for serving as the intermediary in a contract dispute between Wolfson and Baksi's former manager, Herman Wallman.

Contending that the fighter and Wolfson had failed to guarantee him ten percent, Silverman obtained a show cause motion from Justice Denis Cohan who adjourned the case until Jan. 3. Cohan set aside \$1,500 of Baksi's purse for the attorney's expenses for all parties and ordered the rest impounded.

Phelan Renews Contract As Gaels' Grid Mentor

EDGEWATER PARK, Miss., Dec. 27 (AP).—Coach Jimmy Phelan, of St. Mary's, yesterday said he and assistant football coach Marty Kordick had signed new five-year contracts to coach the Gaels.

Phelan said his new contract also made him athletic director and that the school would add track to its athletic program.

Named Trophy Chief

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Edgar William Garbisch, All-America center at West Point in 1924, today was named chairman of the trustees of the August V. Lambert Memorial Trophy, awarded annually to the leading Eastern College football team.

Horse Quits, Re-Enters 'Chase—and Wins

WINDSOR, Dec. 27 (AP).—At Windsor today they were calling it the strangest steeplechase ever, the race that Never Mind the Second re-entered and won.

Usual time for a two-mile steeplechase is about four minutes. After six minutes and several unsuccessful tries at the fourth jump, Never Mind gave up and cantered back to the paddock.

There the jockey learned that of the two other horses in the race one had failed at the first fence, injuring its rider. The third entry balked at the same obstacle that stopped Never Mind.

Police cleared the unruly crowd from the track so Never Mind could complete the jumps. He did, in the record slow time of 11.28 minutes.

Montreal Ups Margin With 4-2 Victory

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Montreal Canadiens had another breathing spell today in their struggle to remain the National Hockey League's top team, but if the Detroit Red Wings keep on going the lull will be only temporary.

That became apparent last night as Detroit defeated the New York Rangers, 3-2, to move into undisputed possession of third place, two points behind the Chicago Black Hawks.

The Canadiens, meanwhile, thumped the Maple Leafs, 4-2, and stretched their lead over the Hawks to 1 1/2 games. It was the second loss in two nights for the Leafs, who bowed, 6-3, to Detroit Christmas night.

Victories Important to Wings

The two victories for Detroit served a double purpose—they enabled the Wings to stave off Toronto's threat for the fourth-place spot and shoved the Detroit club past Boston into third place.

At Toronto Joe Benoit broke loose for two unassisted goals in the second period to break a 2-2 deadlock. After that the Canadiens retired into a defensive shell which Toronto could not penetrate. Toe Blake and Billy Reat scored the other Montreal goals, with Gus Bodnar and Syl Apps connecting for the Leafs.

The Leafs were without defenseman Babe Pratt and winger Mel Hill, injured in Detroit Tuesday. The Canadiens lost the services of Murph Chamberlain near the end of the first period when he suffered a skate gash in his instep.

Fists Fly in New York

The game at New York was one of the season's roughest and was marked by fights, high-sticking and hot tempers throughout. Twice in the third period the Rangers played with only three men and once Detroit had two men off the ice.

Neil Patrick, Alf Pike and Eddie Bruneteau all drew majors, while a scuffle between Detroit's Adam Brown and New York's Tony Leswick resulted in minors for both and an additional two minutes for high-sticking to Brown.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit 3, New York 2						
Montreal 4, Toronto 2						
Montreal.....	13	6	2	28	72	54
Chicago.....	11	6	3	25	95	77
Detroit.....	10	7	3	23	65	54
Boston.....	8	5	5	21	66	63
Toronto.....	7	14	3	17	67	90
New York.....	4	15	2	10	56	83

Wings, Flyers and Caps In Six-Player Exchange

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27 (ANS).—A six-man hockey player deal, involving Detroit of the National League and the St. Louis Flyers and the Indianapolis Capitols of the American League was announced yesterday by the Flyers' management.

St. Louis sent forward Doug McCaig, who was on loan from the Red Wings, back to Detroit and leftwinger George Blake to Indianapolis. In exchange for Blake and an estimated \$10,000, St. Louis received four Indianapolis players—forwards Jud and Norman McAtee and Roy Sawyer, and defenseman George Ritchie.

Wade to Resume Duke Post

DURHAM, N.C., Dec. 27 (AP).—Wallace Wade, who as football coach at Alabama and Duke Universities led five teams into the Rose Bowl football classics, will return to his coaching duties next season at Duke. He has been on leave since early in 1942 while in Army service.

New Circuit Reported After Fireball Frank

DETROIT, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Detroit Lions of the National Football League said yesterday they "would go into court" if the newly-formed All-American Conference attempted to sign the Lions' backfield ace Frank Sinkwich to a 1946 contract.

Sinkwich, recently discharged from the Army, reportedly has been contacted by representatives of the new league. A Lions' spokesman said today he had heard such rumors but added that Sinkwich's contract has another year to run.

The Lions also announced the signing of Elmer "Tippy" Madarik for 1946. Madarik, former halfback star of the University of Detroit and who played with Army Air Force teams in 1944 and 1945, performed for the Lions in the latter part of the 1945 season.

Filchock May Join Giants In Three-Player Swap

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—A three-player deal which will send Frankie Filchock, Washington Redskins passer, to the New York Giants of the NFL is in the making.

Filchock will be traded for two New York players still in the armed forces. They are Tommy Mont, quarterback, and Paul Stenn, tackle.

(Mont, former University of Maryland star, has been prominent in ETO football this last season. Quarterback and head coach of the Seventh Army All-Stars, he has led them to a victory and tie with the TSFET All-Stars. These two teams will play in the finale of a three-game series in Paris on New Year's Day.)

Rams Sign Quartet From 1945 Eleven

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27 (AP).—Halfbacks Fred Gehrkre and Jim Gillette, end Steve Pritko and fullback Pat West have signed 1946 contracts with the Cleveland Rams, 1945 champions of the NFL. General Manager Charles F. Walsh announced the signing of the quartet, all of whom played with the Rams this season.

Ex-Skipper of PT Boat Signs Bear Contract

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (ANS).—The Chicago Bears announced today they had signed Bill Hempel, former tackle at Carroll College in Wisconsin, for the 1946 season. Hempel, who skipped a Navy PT boat in seven Pacific amphibious operations, played briefly for the Bears in 1942 before joining the service.

Oklahoma Five Scores in Meet

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 27 (AP).—A bunch of sharpshooters from the University of Oklahoma romped over Texas Christian, 44-30, last night in the first round of the All-College Basketball Tournament.

In the first-round afternoon games, the Kansas Jayhawkers raced through to a 42-34 victory over Rice, while scrappy Baylor University put on a last-half sprint to knock over the highly-rated Pepperdine College of Los Angeles, 40-36, in the second first-round encounter.

Proposed Bonus in AHL Brings Warning of Fine

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27 (AP).—President Maurice Podoloff of the American Hockey League yesterday notified the Buffalo team that he would fine the management "not less than \$10,000 if it paid \$1,500 bonuses to players as a reward for attaining first place in the circuit's Eastern Division."

Podoloff said he had seen newspaper accounts that such a bonus payment was planned, and he asserted that "league rules unequivocally prohibit team bonuses."

Chanor Five Wins, 89-74

NAMUR, Belgium, Dec. 27.—The unbeaten Chanor Base All-Stars blasted the Second Reinf. Depot Five, 89-74, for their sixth consecutive court victory here last night. Ed Klinger, former Kalamazoo luminary, led the winners' offensive with 30 points.

Okinawa Five Wins Olympic Championship

MANILA, P.I., Dec. 27 (AP).—The Okinawa Base team won the U.S. Army's Philippine Olympics basketball title here today, defeating Leyte, 48-38, in what was practically a reunion for the class of '42 of Long Island University.

Hank Benders, LIU '42, playing with Okinawa, was high scorer with 17. Dick Holub, LIU '42, kept Leyte in the game with 16 points to top the losers' honor list. Lenny and Howard Rader, of the same LIU ball club also played for Okinawa.

Floyd Bates, former star with the Harlem Globe Trotters professional basketball club, and Bob Faas, West Point '44 basketball captain, tied for second scoring honors with nine each. Both are on the Okinawa quintet.

Okinawa will represent the Philippines in the Army's Pacific Olympics finals here in January. The Manila Dodgers, featuring a roster of former big leaguers, shut out the Leyte Base all-stars in the first of a three-game series to determine the baseball champs.

Big Jim Kearn would have made his St. Louis Cardinal owners happy. He fanned 18 and yielded four scattered hits to rack up his 7-0 shutout.

The Manila Dodgers are managed by Kirby Higbe, former Brooklyn chucker. Its roster includes Zig Emery, Phillies and Giants outfielder; Joe Janet, Milwaukee Brewers; Frank Lamanna, Braves fly-chaser; Minor Scott of Chattanooga; Max Macon, former Brave pitcher who plays first base; Earl Wynn, former Washington Senator who is now shortstop; and Joe Garagiola, catcher who is the property of the Cardinals.

The Philippines badminton title went to Stan Cierich of Portland, Ore.

Miami Line-Up Set For Jan. 1 Game

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 27 (AP).—The University of Miami announced yesterday its line-up for the New Year's Day Orange Bowl football game with Holy Cross.

The only position not definitely filled was left end, and this lay between Eddie Del Grande, frosh from Pittsburgh, and Ed Moyer, another Pennsylvanian from DuBoistown.

Harry Ghaul, the Hurricane's star fullback, will be in the expected role. William Frantz will be at left tackle, Ed Cameron at left guard, Bill Levitt at center, Mario De Marco at right guard, Philip Corrigan at right tackle and John Mell at right end.

Joe Krull will be at right halfback, Robert Bowman at left half and Ernest Mazejka at quarter.

Diamond Veteran Dies

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27 (AP).—Hughie Miller, 58, former first baseman of the Philadelphia Phillies and St. Louis Federal League baseball clubs, died Christmas Eve at the Veterans' Hospital at Jefferson Barracks.

American Forces Network

Time	TODAY	TODAY
1200-News	1900-Danny Kaye	1200-News
1205-Off the Record	1930-Kate Smith	1205-Off the Record
1300-Help Wanted	2000-Jubilee	1300-Help Wanted
1305-Sports in Review	2030-Duffy's Tavern	1305-Sports in Review
1315-Remember	2100-News	1315-Remember
1330-Asked for it	2105-Music We Love	1330-Asked for it
1400-Your Love Song	2130-AFN Playhouse	1400-Your Love Song
1430-The Story	2200-Shower of Stars	1430-The Story
1500-News	2230-Harry James	1500-News
1505-Beaucoup Music	2300-World Diary	1505-Beaucoup Music
1600-Symphony Hour	2315-Spotlight Bands	1600-Symphony Hour
1700-Duffie Bag	2330-Merely Music	1700-Duffie Bag
1800-News	2400-News	1800-News
1815-Personal Album	0015-Midnight Paris	1815-Personal Album
1830-Supper Club	0200-Sign Off	1830-Supper Club
1845-Magic Carpet		1845-Magic Carpet
TOMORROW		
0600-News	1430-Foreign Policy	
0615-Morning Report	1500-News	
0715-Village Barn	1505-Beaucoup Music	
0730-Intermezzo	1600-Opera	
0800-GI Jive	1700-Duffie Bag	
0815-News	1800-News	
0830-Repeat Perform.	1815-Swingtime	
0900-News	1830-Supper Club	
0905-Modern Music	1845-Magic Carpet	
0930-World Diary	1900-Here's to Music	
0945-String Serenade	1930-Alan Young	
1000-Ranch House	2000-Barn Dance	
1030-Interlude	2030-GI Journal	
1045-Easy Does It	2100-News	
1100-Carroll Sings	2105-Serenade	
1115-Across the Board	2130-Hit Parade	
1130-Miss Parade	2200-Command Perf.	
1200-News	2300-World Week	
1205-Off the Record	2315-AFN Bandstand	
1300-At Your Service	2330-Merely Music	
1305-Sports Parade	2400-News	
1315-Remember	0015-Midnight Paris	
1330-Asked for it	0200-Sign Off	
1400-Love Song		

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Democrats Rap Housing Plan, Urge \$5,000 Homes for Vets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (ANS). Administration handling of the nation's housing shortages, particularly with reference to veterans, drew criticism on Capitol Hill yesterday from the ranks of President Truman's own party.

Representatives George Outland (D-Calif.) and Chase G. Woodhouse (D-Conn.) usually staunch administration supporters, told newspapermen they believed housing conditions might be made worse rather than helped by the program intended to channel scarce materials into houses costing \$10,000 and less.

Both were commenting on a statement last week by John D.

Small, Civilian Production Administrator, that the government would see to it that a "fair share" of homes built next year would sell for less than \$10,000.

Outland and Woodhouse voiced the opinion that the administration program announced last week, to become effective Jan. 15, would mean that virtually all new housing would sell close to the \$10,000 limit.

"Veterans can't pay anywhere near that," Outland said. "I would like to see \$5,000 houses."

Beginning Jan. 15, according to the plan announced by Small, critically scarce building materials will be restored to the priority system,

★ ★ GI ★ ★ 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 Josselyn. Metro Ternes or Etolle.

STAGE SHOWS

ENSA MARIGNY—"RAF Gang Show," variety show.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-

2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer.

PX BARBER SHOP—12 Rue de Seze (opposite Rainbow Corner), weekdays 0800-2000, Sundays 0900-1700, with beauty parlor, 148 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 Etolle.

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.

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

Mets

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

Verdun

VOX—"Love Letters," Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten. Metro Ternes.

Patterson Calls Redeployment Speedy Job

Says Shipping Jap PWs Won't Hold Up Yanks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (ANS).—The War Department is transporting Japanese prisoners from the Philippines to Japan only in vessels unsuitable for the return of American veterans to the U.S., Secretary of War Robert Patterson said last night.

In a letter replying to recent criticism that the Japanese had transportation home while U.S. servicemen did not, Patterson staunchly defended the Army's entire demobilization program. Original schedules, he said, "have been far outstripped by our accomplishment."

The letter sent to and released by Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D-Ill.) revealed that a special mission has been sent to the Pacific to canvass possibilities for speeding up discharges there.

Questioned by Senator

Lucas, in a prior letter to Patterson, had asked if vessels had been diverted to handle Jap prisoners. Patterson replied such movements were in the interests of speedier demobilization, since American troops assigned to guard duty could not be discharged until prisoners were returned.

Emphasizing that ships used to carry Japs home sailed to the theater carrying cargo and are not equipped to carry troops for long distances, Patterson said they had only crude sanitation facilities and life-saving equipment and "are not suitable for returning American personnel to the U.S." His letter added that:

1. Well over 4,000,000 soldiers have been returned home since VE-Day, the preponderance from overseas.
2. Men arriving home are separated an average of 48 hours after arrival at discharge centers.
3. Bombers are being used to the maximum in returning veterans from overseas. The bulk of available planes, however, require extensive overhauling and cannot be used.
4. In October, 158,000 men were returned from the Pacific, in November about 260,000, and approximately 387,000 should be returned in December. By the end of February, the only troops left in the Pacific will be those required for occupation and for surplus property disposal.

"Until now," Patterson wrote, "the bottleneck in demobilization was shipping. It is now felt that shipping will not impose any further serious problems in return of our troops."

Soldiers Who Demonstrated in Philippines to Sail Soon

MANILA, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Col. G. H. Krieger, personnel officer in the Army Forces of the Western Pacific, said yesterday that all 15,000 men in the 21st and 29th Replacement Depots in the Philippines would be on their way home before Tuesday.

Krieger's assurance followed a demonstration by 4,000 soldiers Christmas Day. The men marched to the 21st Replacement Depot headquarters in protest against cancellation of a scheduled transport sailing according to the Army newspaper *The Daily Pacifican*.

Butch to Go to Brazil

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (ANS).—President Truman yesterday designated New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia as special ambassador to represent the U.S. at the inauguration of President-Elect Eurico Gaspar Dutra of Brazil late in January.

Dog Shares His Purple Heart, GI Refuses to Ship Without Him

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Pvt. Raymond J. "Rocky" Doolittle of Detroit, Michigan, who did not get home for Christmas, had a cable from his mother today saying: "What, the dog again?"

The 28-year-old private, a former dancer, has refused transportation "three or four times" because he was unable to take along his German shepherd dog "Buck" which he bought two years ago in Sicily and which has been with him constantly since.

It's a Long, Long Road—But There Is a Journey's End



The giant liner Queen Mary is easing into the dock at New York, bringing thousands of soldiers from the ETO. In the foreground,

other GI's, toting their duffel bags, are going aboard a ferry route to Camp Kilmer, N.J., where they will be discharged.

Big 3 Agree on Japan Rule, Korea Trusteeship and Atom

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phase other than that set forth was discussed."

(He stressed that no "secret" agreements had been reached and that the forthcoming communique would tell the whole story.)

The London informant said Byrnes had suggested that the United Nations Security Council should comprise the proposed atomic control commission, but it was not known if the Big Three had agreed on this procedure. They did agree, however, it was said, that the commission should be responsible to the

Byrnes Asks to Be Host

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes has invited his colleagues of the Big Three Foreign Ministers Conference to come to Washington for the next meeting, probably about March 15, *United Press* reported today. Byrnes will return here for conferences with other U.S. officials before going to London for the first meeting of the United Nations Organization Jan. 10.

Security Council—an agreement said to conform to the expressed wish of the Russians.

(The *Times*' Washington dispatch said the Big Three had voted to put the atomic problem in the laps of the Security Council plus Canada. It added that the council would then have the task of eliminating atomic weapons from the arsenals of the nations, safeguarding the United Nations from violation and evasions of international atomic agreements, controlling atomic energy to assure its use only for peaceful ends and of making recommendations for the exchange of scientific information for peaceful purposes.)

According to the London source, the five-year trusteeship agreed upon for Korea would rest in the hands of a council composed of the U.S., Russia, Britain and China and that the Koreans presumably would receive their independence at the end of the five years.

It was understood that the Big Three agreed further that the American military command in Southern Korea and the Russian command in the northern part of that country would confer and coordinate its entire military administration.

The Iranian problem was said to have played a "lesser role" in the discussions than had been anticipated, and there was no report as to whether an accord had been reached.

(On the question of the extent to which the proposed Japanese Control Council would supersede MacArthur's authority the *Times*' Washington dispatch quoted American officials as saying he would retain "reserve power" to act in carrying out American policy in case of a stalemate in the council.)

(The final meeting of the conference lasted 12 hours from 2:30 PM Wednesday, Moscow time, until 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning, Byrnes, in his last meeting with the press before leaving the Soviet capital said:

"The important thing is that closer relations have been established so that the possibility of agreeing has been greatly increased.")

Spain...

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leader, and lessen chances of his overthrow.

The U.S. government was "ready and willing" to explore the whole problem together with France and Britain, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson declared at a press conference yesterday.

The recent departure from Madrid of Norman Armour, American Ambassador to Spain, and the U.S. government's lifting of restrictions on the broadcasting abroad of any American editorial or public comment critical to Franco were seen by the AP as indicative of a more aggressive stand by the U.S. against the Franco regime.

Informed Spanish republican sources in the British capital, believing that some action on the proposed tri-power meeting had been reached at the Moscow conference of the Big Three, were reported to have urged speedy transfer of the exiled government from Mexico City to France.

Read It and Reap—A New Ribbon for You

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (ANS).—Another new decoration, the Army Commendation Ribbon, has been authorized by the War Department.

It may be worn by members of the Army on recommendation of senior officers for meritorious service or specific accomplishment since Dec. 7, 1941.

The new ribbon is one and three-eighths inches wide with white stripes and a myrtle green band.

GIs Injured...

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taken ashore to be flown to the U.S.

On Christmas Day, the light cruiser Philadelphia arrived in New York with 1,268 troops after its gun-shields and fittings had been twisted and broken in a storm which whipped up 80-foot waves.

Three U.S. aircraft carriers and one super-battleship have been reported badly damaged in the last two weeks. The Essex Class carrier Randolph arrived in New York Tuesday with 6,761 high-pointers after being delayed by turbulent seas which carried away flight deck railings, ladders and some life rafts, and flooded staterooms.

The Augusta, the cruiser used by President Roosevelt on several sea trips, was forced to turn into Portsmouth on Dec. 19 after four days at sea with 1,600 redeploying troops.

Franc Return Begins Today

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France who did not turn in their money may convert their francs at the old rate when they return to their unit if their control books show no exchange transaction.

Treasury Department officials at the U.S. Embassy here said that the conversion program was running smoothly as far as relations with the French were concerned. It was pointed out that the French agreement to protect Army personnel was an unprecedented move on the part of a government which was under no compulsion to do so.

Lt. Col. M. P. Patterson, head of the central disbursing office of the Theater, said that it was the "only gentlemanly thing to do" for the Army to stick to the rules set by the French, one of which was that all francs had to be turned in during the stated 24-hour period.

Officials pointed out that the dropping of the 850-franc adjustment "bonus" to Army personnel also meant that persons who had not been paid for a month or more would lose out on the sum, even though they would have received it if they had been paid on time.

Redeployment Office To Move to Frankfurt

USFET redeployment offices in Paris will move to Frankfurt next week, making that city the center of all redeployment activities, USFET officials announced here yesterday.

Boy Who Left Home With Cat, \$1,500, Forgiven by Grand-dad

PEKIN, Ill., Dec. 27 (AP).—A grandfather set out belated Christmas presents and a saucer of fresh milk today, and said his 14-year-old grandson who left home on Dec. 21 with \$1,500 and a pet cat, could come back and be forgiven.

The grandfather, Henry Gleich, said Richard Mason, 14, was expected home today from Chicago where police picked him up for questioning after the manager of a Loop hotel, where he and the cat had taken a room, reported he had an "awful lot" of money for one so young.

Richard told police he had taken the money from a baking powder can, where it had been stored by his grandfather. He said he went

to Chicago because of Cookie, his cat, which he described as "part Angora."

"The family were always stepping on her tail and saying it was accidental," he told the officers. "They would also let her milk get sour. That was no way to bring up a cat."

Police said Richard had tacked instructions inside his hotel room door for the maid which read:

- 1—Don't let the cat out.
- 2—Don't leave the door open.
- 3—Stay out from under the bed (where the money was hidden).
- 4—Give the cat some fresh milk and put it in her red saucer at the foot of the bed.
- 5—Don't tell the manager.
- 6—Turn out the lights.
- 7—Don't let the cat out.