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 Russians 70 miles from Berlin.
 Hitler asks fight to death. Third
 Army reinforces Oure River
 bridgehead. MacArthur makes
 new landings on Luzon.

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 DOVER: Cloudy, light rain—43
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**Price Boost
 May Solve
 Steel Strike**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Reports that the OPA had recommended a \$2.50-a-ton increase in the price of steel led to optimism in the nation's capital tonight over the possibility of settling the steel strike involving 750,000 workers.

OPA made a survey of the industry on request of President Truman after steel managements said they could not afford wage increases unless they could get more for their product.

In New York, Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board of the U.S. Steel Corp., said that an increase of "very much" more than \$4 a ton would be necessary before the industry could raise wages 15 cents an hour. Management has held out for almost two months for an increase of \$7 a ton.

Earlier reports said OPA had set \$4 as the maximum it would allow.

Meanwhile, indications that the ten-week-old General Motors strike might be settled soon were seen in renewed negotiations between the company and the CIO, set for tomorrow.

In New York, 3,500 tugboat workers have called a strike for Monday in a wage-hour dispute. Union spokesmen said a walkout by pilots, mates and deckhands would stop everything transported by boat in the world's busiest harbor.

**New Strike Bill Gains
 Support in Congress**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—A new strike-control bill gained widespread support in Congress today.

The bill, which calls for a national labor-management mediation board, contains several restrictive provisions. Proposed in the House as a substitute for President Truman's fact-finding boards, the new bill is supported by influential Republicans and Democrats, but is opposed by Congressmen considered close friends of organized labor.

The bill provides for civil liability for unions or employers violating contracts, and denies collective bargaining or re-employment rights to individuals or unions using violence in picketing or organized boycotts.

In addition, it would repeal many of the country's anti-injunction laws.

**Valentine Offered Job
 As Japan Police Chief**

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP).—Lewis J. Valentine, former New York City Police Commissioner, said he had been requested by Gen. Douglas MacArthur to go to reorganize that nation's civilian police force.

Valentine, "If Gen. MacArthur really needs me badly in Tokyo, I will go."

**America Is 'Starving' Germany,
 Wherry Charges, Asking Probe**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (INS).—Kenneth S. Wherry (R-Neb.) demanded today a Congressional investigation of German living conditions, charging that the American people had become "accomplices in the crime of mass starvation."

Wherry declared that "an earthquake of public opinion" was necessary to avert "additional tragedies" resulting from what he termed President Truman's "stubborn refusal to change the cruel absurdities of the U.S. German policy."

Wherry, with Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind.) and Albert W. Hawkes (R-N. J.), sponsored a resolution calling for the appointment of six Senators and six Representatives to investigate living conditions in Germany and make recommendations for Presidential action.

Marooned by Flood Waters



After being trapped on a small island in the center of the flooded Chattahoochee River, in Georgia, James Autry is shown being brought to safety via a breeches buoy.

**Swift PW Killings Violated
 Geneva Convention, Trial Told**

NUREMBERG, Jan. 30 (AP).—The German military was ordered by its High Command to ignore Geneva Convention commitments and speed the execution of prisoners as a gesture of "mercy," the French prosecution charged before the International Military Tribunal today.

**Leftists Face
 Jail in Chile**

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 30 (UP).—A group of Socialist and Communist Senators and Representatives and the entire leadership of the powerful Chile Labor Federation was ordered arrested by the government today under state-of-siege powers.

(At the same time, Reuter reported that the 24-hour general strike called by the federation for today might be prolonged in protest unless the Cabinet was reorganized in a way to satisfy the Leftist parties.)

(Unless demands for a general wage increase are met the unions may paralyze activities throughout the country, Reuter said.)

(The government has begun investigations to determine the responsibilities of both sides in Sunday's bloody disturbances in Santiago in which 11 persons were killed, according to the British news service.)

Leftist legislators issued a manifesto inviting people to the funerals of civilian victims of the riot.

**Leftists Face
 Jail in Chile**

Wherry said: "The President told me that UNRRA is doing the job of feeding and clothing Germans, but I am convinced that UNRRA is taking care only of displaced persons."

"The Administration says that transportation is lacking for food and coal, but ships are lying idle in ports and GIS in Europe are sentenced apparently to enforced idleness for want of work to do, while idle trucks and jeeps are falling apart in their garages."

The Nebraska Senator declared that the U.S. had agreed not to move food or coal without consent of her Allies, but continued: "If Germany is being deliberately starved just to keep her standard of living below that of other European countries, the whole European situation must have now become a frightful nightmare."

Prosecutor Charles Dubost introduced a German high command directive instructing commanders to disregard a convention provision that executions could not be carried out until three months after the protecting power had been notified.

"For war prisoners themselves, it is more humane not to have to wait three months for their execution," the directive said.

Also submitted was a secret document of the Luftwaffe command, dated Aug. 18, 1943, suggesting to the Wehrmacht that 8,000 Allied airmen be placed in camps within residential sections of Germany's most-bombed cities to curtail the growing ferocity of Allied aerial attacks.

The document said: "Residential sections of cities can never be considered 'zones of combat' in the sense of the Geneva Convention." German prisoners were considered safe from reprisals since they were kept for the most part in Canada or other distant areas.

PW 'Cave' Workers Asked

Meanwhile, Arthur Seyss-Inquart today became the third defendant to be absent from the trial due to illness. He was reported to be suffering from a cold. Julius Streicher and Fritz Kaltenbrunner are also ill.

Dubost introduced a letter from Hermann Goering to Heinrich Himmler asking that the greatest possible number of prisoners be put to work in factories making aviation equipment. The factories were frequently in subterranean caves where prisoners were forced to stand long hours in mud and slime.

In a survey of the violations of the Geneva Convention, the prosecution alleged that hundreds of British war prisoners were forced to trek by foot from ten to 15 miles daily for a week, early in February, with virtually no food, water or medicines.

**Hess' Request Denied
 To Be Own Lawyer**

NUREMBERG, Jan. 30 (AP).—Rudolf Hess' application to be his own defense attorney was denied today by the International Tribunal as "not in his interest."

The court removed Gunther von Rohrscheidt, now hospitalized with a broken ankle, as counsel for the former deputy Fuehrer and appointed Doctor Otto Stahmer, Hermann Goering's counsel, to handle Hess' case.

**Kilian Testimony
 Branded False by
 Lichfield Guard**

By Ed Rosenthal

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Sgt. Judson H. Smith, former 10th Reinf. Depot guard, placed himself today in the unique position of refusing testimony given previously by seven of his defense witnesses, including Col. James A. Kilian, former Lichfield CO.

On the stand for the third straight day, Smith labeled

as "untrue" the testimony of Kilian and six other Lichfield officers who had denied that prisoners had been mistreated at the depot last winter. Smith, who today continued his description of prison abuses, has been granted immunity from perjury charges arising from his original testimony which agreed with the Lichfield officers' denials of prison beatings.

Names Officers

Asserting that the seven officers had knowledge of various ways in which prisoners had been mistreated, Smith identified them as Kilian, Maj. Richard E. LoBuono, post provost marshal; Maj. Herbert W. Bluhm, post inspector; Capt. Joseph Robertson, prison-company CO; Capt. Roy E. King, post sanitation officer; Capt. Rudolf E. Warnecke, post medical officer, and 1/Lt. Leonard W. Ennis, prison officer. Kilian, Bluhm and Ennis were recalled from the U.S. to testify on Smith's behalf.

Smith stated repeatedly that the beatings had been ordered by Ennis and 1/Lt. Granville Cubage, another prison officer, both of whom had acted, the witness said, with the full knowledge of Kilian and his subordinate officers.

Refutes Kilian's Testimony

Capt. Earl J. Carroll, assistant prosecutor, went over Kilian's testimony point by point, frequently asking Smith whether his former CO's statements to the court were correct. In most cases, Smith shook his head and declared that the statements were "untrue."

Although Kilian had testified that no guard had had the authority to strike a prisoner, Smith said he had been informed that Kilian approved of the beatings.

When Carroll pointed out Kilian's statements concerning almost daily visits to the guardhouse, Smith replied that he had seen the colonel in the guardhouse only twice, even though, as provost sergeant, Smith had spent virtually all of his duty hours there.

In answer to Kilian's testimony that no man had been placed in solitary confinement for more than 12 days, Smith said that he could

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**End of 'Blue' Discharges
 Asked by House Group**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—The House Military Affairs Committee declared today that the Army's "blue" discharges presented too many "opportunities for injustice" and should be abolished.

At the same time the Army took steps to overhaul its court-martial system. Under-Secretary of War Kenneth A. Royal announced that Silas Smits, president of the American Bar Association, had agreed to name a committee of civilians to advise the War Department on trial procedures.

**Russia Rejects
 Iran's Plea in
 UNO Dispute**

LONDON, Jan. 30 (UP).—The Soviet Union today flatly rejected Iran's offer to negotiate their dispute under the jurisdiction of the United Nations Security Council.

Soviet Vice-Commissioner of Foreign Affairs Andrei I. Vyshinsky answered with a curt "no" Iran's appeal to the Council to keep its hands on the Iranian-Soviet dispute.

His statement was a rebuttal to Iranian delegate Seyed Hassan Taqizadeh's offer to begin direct negotiations with Russia on condition that the Council retain jurisdiction over the dispute.

**Iran Willing to Try
 Direct Negotiation**

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Iran announced today she would be prepared to try direct negotiation of her dispute with Russia if the UNO Security Council recommended such action, but insisted that the Council should retain jurisdiction over the case.

Ambassador S. H. Taqizadeh, speaking before the Council for the government at Teheran, declared: "Now that the dispute has come before the Council, it cannot be dismissed. It must be pursued. Under no circumstances must it go out of the hands of the Council."

However, he added: "We will be prepared to go to direct negotiations if the Security Council recommends that this way be taken. This can be done provided, as in

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**Lie in London,
 Waits UNO OK**

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Trygve Lie arrived in London this afternoon to await Assembly action on his nomination as Secretary General of the United Nations Organization.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister told the Associated Press that he had received the news of his nomination in Oslo and that he had accepted the offer.

Lie was chosen in a compromise between the U.S. and Britain, which had backed Canadian Ambassador Lester Pearson for the job, and Russia, which had proposed an appointee from Eastern Europe.

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Paris Phone Calls Via Moon

Use of Lunar Reflector Is Planned

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (UP).—The International Telephone and Telegraph Co. has announced that it expects at some future date to devise telegraph and telephone service to Paris by way of the moon.

The setup would be similar to that used by the Army in its experiments with radar contact with the moon.

Signals would be sent from New York using the moon as a reflector and would provide "new and more dependable systems of international communication," the company said. The hours of use would be limited to those when the moon was visible from both communicating spots, it was explained, and the chief advantage of such a system would be freedom from interference by sun spots and atmospheric disturbances.



Sees Future 5th Column

I have associated, in line of duty, with persons maintaining American citizenship but who have resided in the Third Reich for periods of ten to 13 years.

An investigation of reasons for this indicates that many of them are German-born and left the U.S. during the depression. They observed the instability of our nation's position at the time, and deduced the ascendancy of the Hitler regime, which welcomed them and gave them limited political membership in the Nazi party.

Now, by virtue of their citizenship, they are given preference by troops and officers in the American zone for employment with MG. billets, etc. Their applications for repatriation are being expedited through channels by sympathizing MG officials.

These honest citizens of the U.S. are going home with their expressed opinion of German Aryan superiority and a decade of Nazi indoctrination. They are the advance agents of the Third Great Attempt.—**Observing Officer**

(Editor's note: The above letter was referred to the Office of Military Government, U.S. zone, Frankfurt, which replied:

"The writer of the attached letter gives no specific facts or places, only opinions, broad observations and conjectures. Consequently no appropriate comment on his letter can be given.")

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Muffling the Mail

I am mail clerk for my battalion and feel that I speak for every unit mail clerk in this outfit.

Every day I get more mail for our Second Bn., APO 757, than I do for this battalion, APO 755. The Second Bn. gets our mail, thus delaying both units' mail and making the men madder by the day.

The men that sort the mail at the APO just don't give a damn, I guess. I think they must send all the mail for this regiment to one APO.

Can't something be done about this? When you have a battalion of men bitching at you every day about the mail, something has to be done.—**Pfc A. D. Amerson, 1st Bn., 332 Engr. GS Regt**

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Scores Furlough Foulup

Having been granted an emergency furlough to the States under the category "Special" as listed in War Department Cir 277, 1945, I was authorized air transportation from my unit to Le Havre or Paris.

I was given passage by the booking agency in Nuremberg on a plane that was to leave for Paris from R-28 in Fuerth, Germany. Upon my arrival at the airport I learned that due to a directive from higher headquarters, they could carry no one on furlough orders, emergency or not—only people on orders marked TDY.

Among the people they did carry were a French civilian, a GI going to visit relatives in Italy and a GI on regular furlough to the Riviera. Contrary to all administrative regulations their orders were marked TDY, and I was denied because my orders read "Emergency Furlough."

As a result, my arrival at Le Havre will be delayed for three days. It just doesn't make sense. Doesn't WD authorization mean anything?—**T/4 Irwin Shapiro, 787 FA Bn.**

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Urges UNO Draft 'Ike'

It is a well established fact that world government is more important than national government. As a derivative of this axiom we can say that the best national leaders, who would probably make the best world leaders, should be subject to assignment to any job in the administrative departments of the UNO.

Unfortunately we find that a nation which has done so much to augment the establishment of a world government is reluctant to release a man of proven capabilities for the position of Secretary General of the UNO. To quote an AP report of Jan. 13, "American government advised that Ike could not be released from his present post as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, and revealed that Gen. Eisenhower had declared he was not interested in the job."

In view of the fact that the UNO is supposed to be trying to avert future wars, there should be a way to draft men for vital positions in the organization.

The best of personnel is no less important in the prevention of a rocket-atomic war of the future than it was in the fighting of the late war, in which men were drafted for the task in hand then.—**Pfc. John Ellison, Jr.—14th Maj. Port.**

New UNO Chief a Labor Lawyer Who Has a Flair for Negotiating

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Trygve Lie, who has announced that he would accept appointment as Secretary General of the United Nations Organization, is a stocky, 50-year-old Norwegian labor lawyer with a dislike for handling details and a recognized talent for negotiating.

Lie, son of a carpenter, had no background in international diplomacy when he became Norwegian Foreign Minister in 1941, but throughout his career he has shown what he calls an "impassioned" interest in Norwegian politics and labor law, and Norway knows him as a good hand in bringing disputing parties to agreement.

Sports Enthusiast
Florid-faced and intensely energetic, his curly hair still coal black, Lie still devotes many leisure hours to skiing and playing tennis, and has a love for good food, good wine, good conversation and a good joke. He works long and hard, but his friends say he seems never to tire of to lose his knack of inspiring colleagues and co-workers.

Lie was born in Oslo in 1896. He entered the University of Oslo in 1914 and completed his legal training in 1919. That year he got his first job as secretary general—it was for the Norwegian Labor party. He kept the office until 1922, when he was appointed legal advisor to the Norwegian Trades Union Federation.

Through his long experience as legal advisor to the Norwegian Trades Union Federation, Lie was hailed for his talents as arbitrator.

He first attained political prominence in 1935 when he entered Johan Nygaardsvold's Labor government as Minister of Justice. He held that position for four years and won reputation as a capable administrator.

Lie took over the leadership of the newly established Ministry of Supply in 1939 and laid a solid foundation for Norway's wartime supplies. These were built up so efficiently that when Germany at-



Lie

tacked Norway in April, 1940, Norway was better off during the occupation than she might have been otherwise.

It was Lie who made the decision to requisition the Norwegian merchant fleet, totaling 4,000,000 tons, and place it at the disposal of the Allies.

When Germany occupied Norway Lie escaped by plane with the government and followed King Haakon to London with the cabinet. Halvdan Høht left the post of Foreign Minister early in 1941 and Lie took over the position, soon establishing himself in Allied diplomatic circles as a clever negotiator and amiable co-belligerent.

As Foreign Minister Lie avoided

bloc politics. During the closing phases of the war, he participated in the San Francisco Conference and visited Moscow in connection with Russian liberation of Norway's northernmost province.

Lie's daughter, Sidsel, married Captain Gunnar Fosse, a young Norwegian aviator who was shot down and killed immediately after their marriage. The statesman's other two daughters, Guri and Mette, are still in their teens. Lie's wife is known as a charming hostess and clever worker.

Phony Discharge Racket Is Bared

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 30 (INS).—Charged with operating a phony Army discharge racket in which both carried false discharge papers, Pvt. Harold Lee, of Portland, Ore., and pretty Miss Audrey Saltao, of Denver, were being questioned by Federal agents here yesterday.

Lee, based at Lowry Field, Denver, admitted, authorities said, making out a discharge paper for Miss Saltao, using the name of a Wac whose government check Miss Saltao had cashed.

Lee also had a false discharge made out to himself, and wore the discharge emblem when dressed in civilian clothes, the officials added.

The girl led Denver police to a cache of 28 blank discharge papers, and Lee had in his possession 50 Army identification tags and a number of blank passes.

UNO Will Get All Assets as League Folds

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP).—All the old League of Nations material assets, including the headquarters buildings in Geneva, soon will be turned over to the United Nations.

A joint United Nations and League of Nations committee agreed last night that shares in the League's assets would be distributed among member governments at the next and final session of the League Assembly, tentatively scheduled for next month.

It has not yet been decided whether the League buildings, which are situated on land held on a long-term lease from Switzerland, will be sold or kept, but delegates who attended the committee meeting said there was a tendency to favor using them as a branch United Nations office in Europe.

The Soviet delegation, which fought hard to establish the United Nations seat in the United States, is expected to oppose establishment of regional UNO offices.

Reds Agree to Talks On Easing Press Ban

BERLIN, Jan. 30 (AP).—The Russians have agreed to a four-power discussion of proposals for unrestricted circulation of licensed newspapers through the Allied zones of occupation in Germany.

American information control officials said information directors of the four powers were scheduled to meet Feb. 7 for informal talks on the issue.

The Russians were also expected at the same meeting to answer charges of discrimination against American and British-sponsored German-language newspapers in the Soviet Government sector of Berlin.

World Union Group Wins Place in UNO After Wrangle

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP).—The World Federation of Trade Unions moved closer toward realization of its demand for association with the United Nations today when the UNO general committee recommended that the labor organization participate in an advisory capacity in the work of the Social and Economic Council.

The action was taken after four hours of night-time wrangling and debate which at one point saw Russian delegate Andrei Gromyko voting against his own proposal that the WFTU be allowed to attend the General Assembly in a consultative capacity.

Gromyko also proposed associating the federation with the Economic and Social Council. This proposal was approved, seven to six, when South African delegate H. T. Andrews abstained from voting.

Charges Discrimination
American representative Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.) thereupon noted that the U.S. delegation had proposed associating the American Federation of Labor with UNO also.



Connally

Connally called the committee action a "glaring discrimination against the AFL." "This com-

mittee has practically slapped us in the face," he said. "Well, we can and will do a little slapping ourselves in the General Assembly."

Connally then proposed a sub-amendment to Gromyko's second proposal for associating the WFTU with the General Assembly, which would also seat the AFL in the Assembly. Connally's sub-amendment was approved, eight to four.

Russia Reverses Decision
Gromyko unsuccessfully tried to withdraw his motion, and when the vote was taken, voted against it. The Soviet second proposal was voted down, six to five, thus linking the WFTU to the Economic and Social Council but not to the General Assembly.

Nearly all members of the committee reserved the right to disregard their votes at this session when the measure goes to the floor of an Assembly plenary session.

Assembly president Paul Henri Spaak, who presided over the night committee session which finally adjourned at 1:30 AM (GMT), said the Assembly probably would finish the first part of the first session by Feb. 10.



Gromyko

Mister Breger By Dave Breger



"He said it's the only way he'll get a new car—by assembling it himself!"

G.I. BILLBOARD

Paris Area
MOVIES TODAY
MARGINAN—"Pardon My Past," Fred Mac Murray, continuous 1400-2300. Métro Marbeuf.
ENSA PARIS—"Dark of Night," continuous 1400-2300. Métro Marbeuf.
MISCELLANEOUS
PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer.
PX BARBER SHOPS—12 Rue de Seze (opposite Rainbow Corner), weekdays 0800-2000. Sunday 0900-1700, with beauty parlor, 146 Champs-Elysées, 0900-1900 weekdays only, with beauty parlor, 48 Avenue Kléber, 0900-1900 weekdays only, no beauty parlor.
COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Métro Anvers.
OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RIC 64-21, Hotel Louvois, Louvois Sq. Métro Bourse.
COLUMBIA ARC CLUB—Movie 2000: "Kiss and Tell," Shirley Temple, Dance 2000. Bridge 2000.
COLUMBIA CLUB TOURS—Paris, 0930, 1330, 1515 daily. Versailles 1330 daily. Pontainebleau 0930 Sunday and Thursday (Book in advance), Malmaison 1330 Tuesday. Special Paris tour to Louvre, Pantheon and Conciergerie, 1330 daily.
MAYFLOWER CLUB TOURS—Officers. Pontainebleau: Sundays, Thursdays, 0900.

Versailles, Daily 1330; City Circle, Daily 1000, 1400.
Versailles
ARC TOWN CLUB—Located adjacent to the Palace. Tour of the Trianon Palaces. English-speaking guide, 1430.
Mets
SCALA—"This Love of Ours," Merle Oberon, Charles Korvin.
ROYAL—"Dakota," John Payne, Vera Hrubá Ralston.

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Probers Fail to Find Proof of Jap War Signal

The American Scene

U.S. Prepares to Give Back Land So Sioux Indians Can Earn Living

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 30 (UP).—The U.S. is still trying to do right by the American Indian. The House Indian Affairs Committee approved yesterday a bill designed to allow the Department of the Interior to acquire sufficient land to permit Sioux Indians on the Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota to earn a living.

Walter V. Woehlke, chief of the research branch of the Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Affairs, told the committee that of an original 308,000 acres set aside for the Sioux tribe by a treaty in the last century, all but 118,000 acres had been sold to outsiders or homesteaded by white settlers.

Woehlke said that the remainder was so divided up among the heirs of the original Sioux that 70 percent of the farms were too small to permit the present owners to make a living.

Crews Recruited in 1898 May Get Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Crew members of the cutters Algonquin and Onondaga saw new hope today for naval service benefits dating back to the Spanish-American War.

Crews—only about two score are left of the original hundred—were all recruited in the Cleveland area in 1898.

They thought they were enlisting in the Navy to fight, but it turned out the cutters were declared revenue cutters.

The vessels never got out of the Great Lakes, but the House Naval Affairs Committee approved yesterday a bill declaring the men had served in the Navy and were entitled to honorable naval discharges and veteran benefits.

Sen. Wagner Joins Catholic Church

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP).—Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-N. Y.), 66-year-old veteran legislator and author of the Social Security Act, has been received into the Roman Catholic Church, Francis J. Quillinan, his law partner, said.

Quillinan, son-in-law of the late former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, said Wagner was baptized last Thursday at Lenox Hill Hospital, where he is recovering from influenza.

Wagner, a native of Germany, was reared in a Lutheran family but later became a Methodist. He was married in a Catholic rectory, and his son was brought up a Catholic.



Sen. Wagner.

Rail Man Finds Son's Body on Track

BOSTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Elliott Gallagher, elevated-railroad starter, turned over an all-night search for his missing six-year-old son to the police to answer a call from his company to investigate a mangled body found on the tracks. It was that of his son.

The boy apparently had taken a short cut to his Dorchester home Saturday night in returning from a movie and was electrocuted when he touched the power rail. At least one train ran over his body.

Poll Names FDR As U.S. Greatest, With Lincoln Next

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 30 (INS).—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington are the greatest men in American history, according to a cross-section poll of the general public conducted by the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Denver.

Answers found 61 percent favoring the late President Roosevelt, 57 percent for Lincoln and 46 percent for Washington.

Trailing in fourth place was Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, mentioned by 11 percent.

John Roosevelt to Work For Retail Store Chain

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30 (AP).—John Roosevelt, who managed a Boston department store before the war, has gone into the ladies' ready-to-wear business.

Lee Good, district manager of a chain of women's clothing stores, said the youngest son of the late President had joined his organization in an executive capacity.

Roosevelt, 29, recently was released from the Navy, which he joined in 1944.

American Express To Change Money Of French Brides

The American Express Company yesterday came to the aid of French brides of GIs who were faced with the problem of how to convert their dowries into American dollars.

John L. Dowrick, general manager of American Express, announced that the French brides might receive traveler checks up to \$300 on presentation of a passport and exit permit—things they do not need under present Army regulations, which require only that they show a marriage certificate to leave the country.

American Express officials thus feel that many of the brides ready to go to the U.S. will seek visas to take advantage of the traveler-check plan. Dowrick said the brides must present the passport and exit permit at the American Express building, 11 Rue Scribe.

Finns to Name N.Y. Consul

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Appointment of a Finnish Consul to reopen the New York office is expected daily, a Finnish source said yesterday. The consulate was closed during the war, and the post of Consul has been unfilled since the U.S. and Finland resumed diplomatic relations late last year.

Father Who Helped Saboteur Attempts Suicide in U.S. Jail

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (INS).—Hans Max Haupt, serving a life sentence for treason, attempted suicide today in Cook County jail by slashing his body a dozen times with the barber shears he used daily to trim fellow prisoners' hair.

Father of the saboteur, Herbert Haupt, who was sent to the U.S. by the Germans to sabotage war plants, the elder Haupt wounded himself in the abdomen and on the left wrist in apparent despair over denial of his appeal for a rehearing

of his treason charge. His condition was described as "fair."

Haupt, who bit his wrists in a previous suicide attempt in 1942, was found guilty in that year of treason for harboring and aiding his Chicago-born son. He was subsequently retried and again convicted.

His wife, Mrs. Erna Haupt, was convicted in the first trial along with her husband and several others and is now at Ellis Island awaiting deportation as an undesirable alien. The son was hanged after being convicted as a saboteur.

First Peace-Time Raw-Silk Shipment Arrives



On the day that the OPA lifted the price ceiling on silk, 640 bales from the Orient arrived at Hoboken, N. J., for processing.

Chicago, Detroit Sex Cases Linked as 2 Youths Confess

Blood on Fingernails, Grocer Questioned In Both Crimes

DETROIT, Jan. 30 (INS).—Frank Lobaido, a grocer identified by 7-year-old Rosalie Giganti as her attacker, was still under questioning today after police discovered human blood under his fingernails and on his clothes.

Lobaido, who according to police records was once convicted of a sex charge, denied any connection with the brutal assault on Rosalie, who was found Sunday hanging on a fence with her throat slashed after having been criminally assaulted. "If any blood was found on my clothes," Lobaido said, "the police put it there."

At the same time, authorities saw a possible link between the Detroit attack and the murder and dismemberment of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan in Chicago. Charles Searle, Detroit homicide inspector, said Lobaido was in Chicago last month "about the time" of the Degnan slaying and was being questioned regarding both cases.

Police said Rosalie had been thrown into an empty oil drum in the belief that she was dead. They stated that she recovered sufficiently to climb out of the drum and stagger to the areaway where she was found.

Rosalie identified him as her assailant from her bed by pointing. She is unable to talk because of her slashed throat, in which physicians placed a glass tube so she could breathe.

Physicians at the hospital said the child's vocal-cords may be permanently impaired. An emergency operation was performed, and her condition was reported as satisfactory, although still serious.

Police said the child left home Sunday to go to Lobaido's store two blocks away. Blood found in the rear room of the store on a table led to the belief that she had been attacked there and then taken out by the rear door.

Norwegian Children To Get Chocolate Milk

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Some 15,000 children of Norway soon will get a taste of a typical American drink called chocolate milk.

G. R. More, Deputy Director for Foreign Civilian Relief of the American Red Cross, said the Red Cross will ship 30 tons of dried chocolate milk within the next few weeks for distribution by the Norwegian Red Cross.

'Vision' Brought Health, Now She's Back in Bed

BUCYRUS, Ohio, Jan. 30 (UP).—Miss Ninabelle Cross, 38, who attracted nationwide attention last year when she got up and walked from an invalid bed after seeing a "vision," was back in bed today.

She fell down the basement stairs of her home and was admitted to City Hospital for two weeks.

2 Admit Ransom Move, Deny Part in Killing Of Degnan Child

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (INS).—Investigators of the Suzanne Degnan kidnap-murder case finally had something to go on today when two youths confessed to the police that they had attempted to collect \$20,000 ransom from the 6-year-old child's parents.

Chief Detective Walter G. Storms said that those who made this admission were Theodore Campbell, 22, of Chicago, and Vincent Costello, 18, the roommate of Campbell and known as a sex offender.

Storms said that both youths admitted making three telephone calls to the slain girl's father, James E. Degnan, an OPA official, in an effort to collect the ransom.

Deny Murder

The detective said that Campbell denied complicity in the actual kidnaping and murder, but named two other youths as the perpetrators of the crime which shocked the nation.

According to the detective, Campbell at first said he had known of the plans to kidnap the pretty blue-eyed Degnan child but had been left out of the raid on the Degnan home at the last moment.

Storms announced that Campbell named Costello as one of the conspirators. The detective did not reveal the name of the second man, as he is still at large.

Police Commissioner John Pendergast said Campbell's story had yet to be checked. During the case, police picked up 64 suspects and were forced to release all of them.

Little golden-haired Suzanne was stolen from her bed the morning of Jan. 7 by a kidnaper who left a greasy note on the bedroom floor, demanding \$20,000 ransom.

Later on the same day, parts of her dismembered body were found in four sewers less than two blocks from the Degnan home. Her arms still are missing.

U.S. Appoints Atom Experts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Industrial experts have been named by the State Department as consultants to the department's committee which is studying controls and safeguards for atomic energy.

'Ghost Marine' of Arkansas Is a Hoax, Ex-Wife Believes

NEWPORT, Ark., Jan. 30 (UP).—Mrs. Linda Langston Ossignac was on her way back to St. Joseph, Mich., today, confident that her first husband is really dead and buried on Iwo Jima, and that his ghost is not walking in Arkansas.

The first husband, a Marine private, was reported killed last March 7. Later a legend began to spread through this section of Arkansas, of which Langston was a native.

Residents said they had seen a

FCC Records Also Barren On Dec. 7 Raid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—The Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee yesterday received a report that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's investigators could find no evidence of a Japanese broadcast of the "Wirds" message to signal the war with the U.S.

The report to the Senate-House inquiry group said that pertinent records had been burned since Aug. 14, 1945. It added that no Japanese had been found who would testify that a prearranged signal indicating hostilities had been radioed prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The investigation followed statements that Tokyo had arranged to insert the words, "East wind—rain," in a news broadcast to warn diplomatic representatives the war with this country was at hand.

Federal Communications Commission records, also placed before the committee, showed no interception of such a message.

However, the records showed that on Dec. 8, 1941, FCC stations had picked up a Tokyo broadcast which contained the words, "West wind—clear," which under the code meant war with Great Britain.

The committee also received copies of the cablegrams to the Secretary of State from Canberra and London, in which Australian and British investigators reported that they had been unable to find any trace of the message.

The reports were put into the record as the committee resumed the questioning of Capt. Ellis M. Zacharias, Naval intelligence expert.

County Turns Out To See Conviction Of Three Killers

VIENNA, Mo., Jan. 30 (AP).—This Ozark hamlet of 438 persons and the rest of Maries County turned out en masse for the conviction of a mother and her son and neighbor in the rifle death of the woman's husband.

Fifteen-year-old Gene Westerman, who said he "shot Pa down just like I would a hog," was sentenced to 12 years in the state penitentiary. His mother, Mrs. Henry Westerman, and Ben French, a neighboring farmer, received life terms for the slaying of Henry Westerman, 45. All three had pleaded guilty.

Mrs. Westerman told officers that after the slaying, she and French planned to wed "when this blows over."

Schools were let out so youngsters could worm their way into the stuffy little courtroom. Mothers brought babies and basket lunches, and hawkers dispensed sandwiches and coffee to the buzzing crowd in the courthouse.

Mormon Church to Send Relief Units to Europe

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 30 (AP).—A former grocer and a onetime barber will sail for Europe soon as presidents of missions of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church.

A. R. Peterson, the erstwhile grocer, will head the Norwegian mission, while Eben R. T. Blomquist will preside over the Swedish mission. They will supervise distribution of food and clothing contributed by members of the Church.

175,000 Return to Singapore Jobs As Communists End General Strike

MacDonald Named New Governor General

SINGAPORE, Jan. 30 (AP).—An estimated 175,000 laborers returned to work today after a two-day general strike called by the Malayan Communist party had paralyzed public transport and other essential services.

From London it was announced that Malcolm MacDonald, High Commissioner to Canada and son of former Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, had been selected as Governor General of Malaya and Singapore under a new administrative setup.

The Singapore General Labor Union requested its members to return to work, asserting the walk-out had served its purpose of showing the British government the "actual strength" of the workers.

The strike appeared to be purely political with demands for the release of Communist labor-union leaders and the imprisoned secretary general of the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army, who has been jailed on charges of extortion.

Police clashed yesterday with demonstrators. Two persons were arrested after the crowd threw stones at the police.

Some Japanese prisoners were put to work during the strike to replace laborers. British troops maintained water, electricity, sewage and other essential services.

Wavell Gives Pledge to India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Viscount Wavell, Viceroy of India, in one of the briefest vice-regal addresses ever made to an Indian Central Assembly, said yesterday that the British government had "the determination to establish a new executive council formed of political leaders and to bring about a constitution-making body or convention as soon as possible."

"I cannot enter into any details at the moment of methods whereby these bodies will be formed and how difficulties of which we are fully conscious will be surmounted," Wavell added, "nor do I think it wise to try to set a date or dates for steps to India's freedom."

(From Karachi, the Associated Press reported that Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Indian Congress leader, received a rousing reception after her return from a 12-month stay in the U.S.)

(More than 10,000 persons, mostly women, heard her speak at a public meeting, at which she said: "The American people will stand by us in our fight for freedom.")

UNRRA Seeking Allied Kids Now In German Homes

FRANKFURT, Jan. 30.—A campaign to locate and repatriate United Nations children who have been absorbed into German families was begun today by the UNRRA and Allied liaison officers.

UNRRA has reported that 6,500 United Nations children, either orphans or separated from parents or relatives, have been found in German orphanages or other institutions in the three western occupation zones.

MPs Leading Thieves in Race To Snatch Unlocked Vehicles

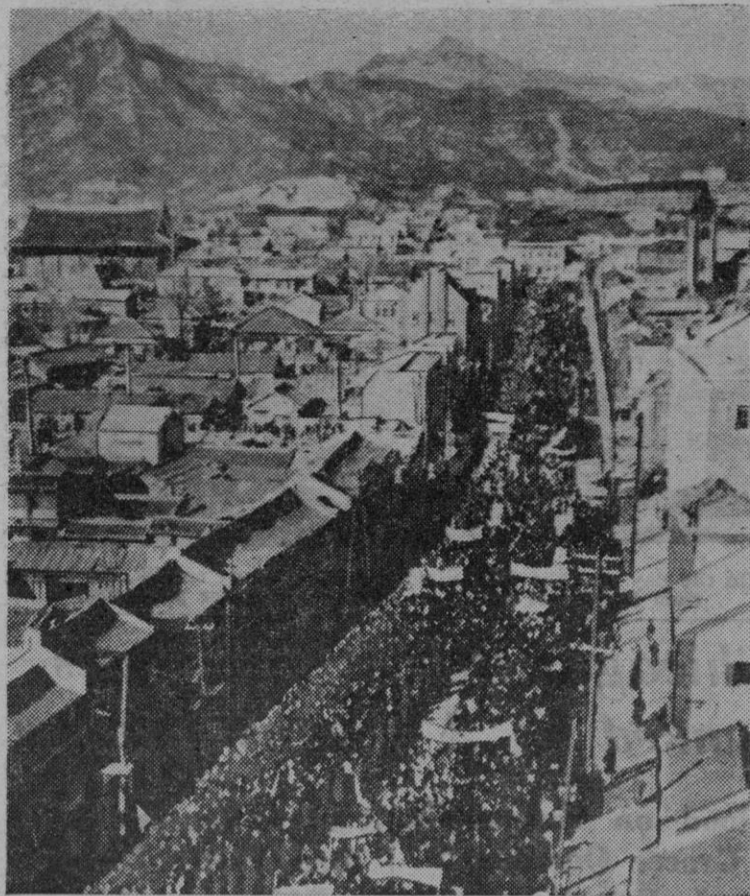
By A. J. De Mio
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Military police officials disclosed yesterday about 35 unlocked Army vehicles were picked up daily in Paris. The MPs snare 25, but the other ten are stolen.

Vehicles seized by military police can be claimed the next day at their impounding lot near the Invalides, but provost, marshal officials assert "you're hurting" if the unattended two-and-one-half-ton truck, command car or jeep is stolen.

In many cases, stolen vehicles are recovered in wooded areas on the outskirts of the French capital, drained of gasoline and stripped of wheels, batteries and anything else of value.

Koreans Protest Moscow Decision



An estimated 650,000 Koreans staged mass protests against the decision of the Moscow conference of foreign ministers to establish an Allied administration in Korea for five years. The people want self-rule more quickly. Here a crowd is shown marching down the streets of Seoul.

Indonesian Troops Using Human Shields, British Say

BATAVIA, Jan. 30 (AP).—British forces today charged that black-uniformed, Japanese-helmeted Indonesians were using a shield of women and children to cover an advance south of Semarang.

British authorities reported that after a short artillery engagement the Indonesians had fled. The nationality of the women and children was not disclosed.

Skirmishes were reported at several points, with three Indian soldiers killed in patrol operations near Surabaya and two wounded when a lorry was mined on a bridge in the same sector. Some sniping was reported in Bandung.

In a radio address, Hubertus Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor General, said that the Netherlands government had agreed on a plan of reconstruction to create a "European Asiatic community" through Indonesian-Dutch "partnership."

He appealed to the Dutch and Indonesians to "think and act with constructive spirit" in the forthcoming negotiations.

Earlier, he told newspapermen that details of the Government's proposals for Indonesia would not be published until negotiations began. The opening of negotiations is awaiting the arrival of Sir Archibald John Kerr Clark Kerr, British special envoy, who is due within the next few days.

30 'Rebels' Slain by Dutch In Reoccupation of Borneo

BATAVIA, Jan. 30 (AP).—Dutch forces killed 30 "rebels" in the reoccupation of Kotawaringin in Southeast Borneo, the Indies Information Service announced today.

The announcement said that the "rebels" had been slain while resisting the installation of the Netherlands Indies civil administration. The administration has now returned to most of Borneo and outlying areas of the Netherlands East Indies.

COFBA Offers Lecture, Cognac Buffet Saturday

COFBA, through the Franco-Allied Goodwill Committee, will sponsor a lecture on brandy, Saturday, at the Chamber of Commerce, 27 Avenue Friedland, to be followed by a cognac and champagne buffet. Maurice Hennessey, brandy expert, will deliver the lecture, starting at 4:30 PM.

GIS and officers are invited to attend the party. There will be no admission and tickets should be picked up at COFBA headquarters, 9 Rue de la Paix.

U.S. Won't Finance Women Vets' Babies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Because "pregnancy is not a disease or a disability but a natural phenomenon," women veterans cannot have babies in Veterans' Administration hospitals at government expense, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Veterans' Administrator, has ruled.

The only case where a former servicewoman could receive government treatment as the result of pregnancy is where medical complications would create "legally valid disability," Bradley said.

Gouin Gets Vote Of Confidence In Party Clash

Félix Gouin, President of the Provisional French government, received a vote of confidence of 514 to 51, Tuesday, after Jacques Duclos, Communist party secretary, threw the Assembly into an uproar by denouncing Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Duclos accused de Gaulle of "retreating before his responsibilities," said he had not given the real reasons for his resignation and questioned De Gaulle's statement that the country was in no further danger.

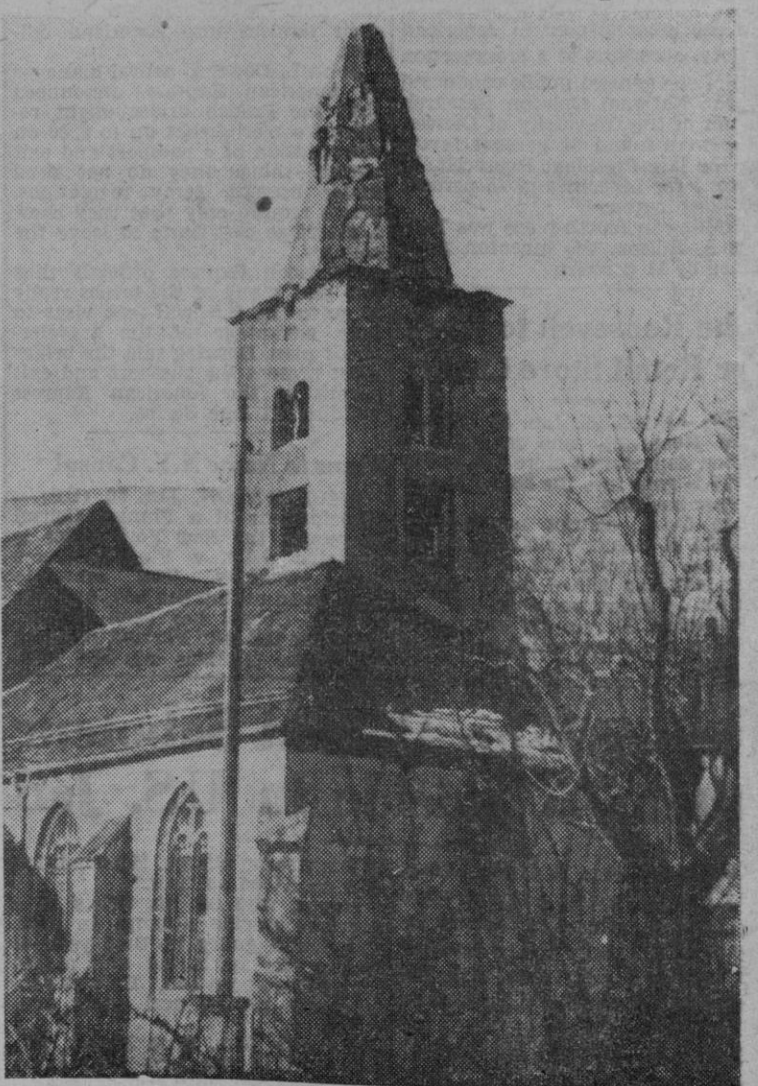
Gouin and Maurice Schumann, secretary of the Popular Republican Movement (MRP), defended De Gaulle, with Gouin drawing scattered applause from his own Socialist ranks and none from the Communists. Rightists and members of the MRP applauded loudly.

Reviewing France's financial and food situation, Gouin asserted that it would be impossible to reduce the 1946 deficit below 180,000,000 francs despite all economies planned by the new government.

Nobel Prize Asked For Soviet Woman

HELSINKI, Jan. 30 (AP).—Peacetime leaders in Finland are proposing to award this year's Nobel Prize to a woman diplomat from Russia. The Premier and other prominent Finns are proposing to the Nobel Committee of Norway's Parliament that the prize go to Alexandra Kollontay, former Soviet Minister at Stockholm, for "her efforts during the war to bring about peace between Finland and the Soviet Union."

Swiss Church Damaged in Earthquake



An earthquake in Switzerland the morning of Jan. 27 seriously damaged the steeple of this church, Notre Dame of Siders, and weakened the superstructure. The Swiss fear the building may collapse. Considerable damage was suffered throughout the Wallis region.



New Penalties Unjust, Warns Palestine Post

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30 (AP).—The Palestine Post today attacked the new regulations directed against terrorist uprisings, and warned the government to prepare prisons for 600,000 persons (equal to the estimated Jewish population of Palestine) if the regulations regarding illegal immigration are enforced.

The Post's legal correspondent wrote that the penalty for harboring an illegal Jewish entrant might be eight years' imprisonment or \$4,000 fine, and described the enactments as "naked anarchy" rather than civil or military law.

Criticizing the powers granted to the military authorities, the newspaper stated that a citizen might be deported or detained without a charge, trial or conviction, by any person specifically or generally authorized by a military commander.

Membership in any group, "innocent though the purpose of the group might be," rendered any or all members of the group liable to death or imprisonment for any offense committed by any other member of the group, the Post asserted.

The newspaper argued that although a government armed against terror was necessary, under certain critical provisions of the new enactments, many Jews could die, be imprisoned or suffer exile very unjustly.

"Such is the prospect held out to us by those who are charged with the government of Palestine," the Post declared. "It is a forbidding picture and a fearful responsibility."

Meanwhile, the southern section of Tel Aviv was cordoned off today while a large-scale search was made for persons suspected of connection with recent disorders.

Military planes circled overhead, and all traffic entering the city was searched. A number of persons were detained.

In Jerusalem, Barclay's Bank looked like the center of a military operation as troops armed with tommyguns surrounded the building while government departments drew payrolls.

Meanwhile, an order prohibiting Jamal Husseini, the Palestine Arab leader, from re-entering Palestine has been rescinded by the British High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham.

Similar orders affecting three members of the family of the former Grand Mufti, who escaped from Iraq to Germany in 1941 after the collapse of Rashid Ali's regime, have also been rescinded.

French, Irak Diplomats Meet

BAGDAD, Jan. 30 (UP).—The Irak government has decided to resume diplomatic relations with France, severed since 1941. Negotiations are in progress in Cairo between Irak Minister Tahsin Elaskeri and French Minister Jean Lescuyer.

A New Angle on Hollywood



Photographers have praised the geometric beauty of the lines and angles in this shot of Ramsay Ames. We like the curves, too.

Bataan Nurse Asks 'One-Man Army' For Annulment; He Denies Marriage

MANILA, Jan. 30 (AP).—A Bataan civilian nurse today asked annulment of a marriage she said she had contracted on Dec. 7, 1941, with Maj. Arthur Wermuth, famed "One-man Army," in ignorance of the fact that he had been married in the U.S.

(In Traverse City, Mich., Wermuth said that the alleged marriage "is news to me. I don't know a thing about it," he declared. "I want to flatly deny it right now.")

The annulment petition was signed "Mrs. Olivia Josephine Oswald Wermuth."

Wermuth, who recently announced that he probably would seek a Senate seat when he left the Army, said he didn't even

know her. Wermuth married Jean Wilkins, of Chicago, on June 1, 1935.

Miss Oswald, who has been using her maiden name since she learned of Wermuth's marriage, said that she had married him, after a whirlwind courtship, on the roof garden of the Great Eastern Hotel in a twilight ceremony the day before the Japanese bombed Manila.

An Army chaplain named H. Stainbeck performed the ceremony, she said, and the honeymoon was spent in the tragic setting of Bataan, where Wermuth earned world renown as the slayer of at least 116 Japanese before he was captured.

Wermuth had been ordered back to his regiment within 24 hours after the wedding, the petition continued, and the tall,



Maj. Wermuth

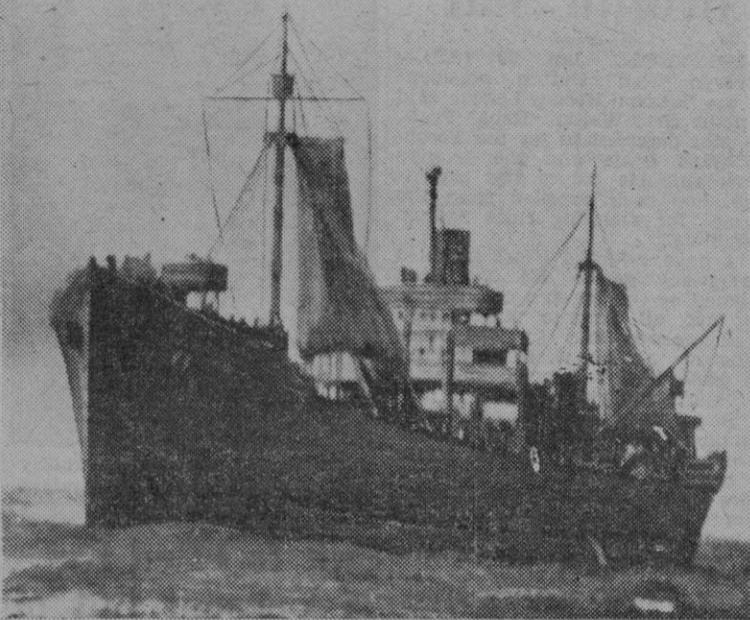
attractive brunette, now 25, joined him on Bataan, acting as a civilian nurse. After the surrender she followed the Death March to Camp O'Donnel, hoping to aid him, it was said.

Miss Oswald said she had learned of Wermuth's wife in the U.S., when she had seen pictures of the hero's return home in the Manila papers. The late October Manila papers carried Mrs. Wermuth's picture, taken on Sept. 11.

When the major was liberated, the petition asserted, he came to Manila and lived with Miss Oswald until his repatriation. She expected him to return after a visit to America, it was stated.

Miss Oswald is employed by the Army here as a receptionist.

Navy Ship Comes In Under Makeshift Sail



Under sail, the Navy supply ship Arctic makes for San Diego Bay, where she arrived Jan. 15. The ship was put under sail when her turbine broke down outside Tokyo Bay. The vessel made the trip from Tokyo to San Diego in 31 days.

Don Juan Expected in London On Way to Restoration Talks

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Don Juan, pretender to the long-abandoned throne of Spain, was expected in Spanish circles here to arrive in London tomorrow or Friday before going to Lisbon.

The Spaniards assumed that Don Juan would talk of terms for a "council of the kingdom," presumably to be set up to rule Spain until he could get back on the throne.

They said he probably would meet with royalist leaders and emissaries of Generalissimo Francisco Franco in Lisbon and submit plans for taking up where his father, Alphonso XIII, left off when republican elections unseated him in 1931.

Franco's Brother Flies To Madrid for Instructions

LISBON, Jan. 30 (AP).—The Spanish Ambassador to Lisbon, Nicholas Franco, left Lisbon by air for Madrid today.

It is understood that he will discuss with his brother, Generalissimo Franco, the procedure to be followed in talks in Lisbon with the pretender to the Spanish throne, Don Juan, who is expected to arrive in Lisbon Saturday.

March of Dimes Balls Tomorrow

President Felix Gouin of France and four international screen stars will be guests at two dances tomorrow night sponsored by officers and enlisted men, with proceeds going to the March of Dimes drive for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

Screen stars who will be present include Marlene Dietrich, Jean Gabin, Eric von Stroheim and Denise Darnau. President Gouin accepted the invitation of Maj. Gen. Robert M. Webster, commander of the European division of the ATC.

Enlisted men and their guests will dance at the Salle Wagram, Avenue Wagram, and officers will hold their dance at the Hotel George V. Both dances will begin at 8:30 PM.

Allied Leaders Knew of Plot To Kill Hitler, Papers Show

NUREMBERG, Jan. 30 (AP).—Hitherto unpublished documents indicated today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Roosevelt, Pope Pius XII and other persons knew of the bomb plot against Adolf Hitler months before it had taken place.

Various affidavits and authoritative Allied sources revealed that the German plotters had kept in touch with the Allies throughout the period preceding the attempt to take Hitler's life, in an effort to gain terms for Germany.

Churchill is reported to have told them through an agent that the Germans would receive no concessions from the Western Allies whether the bomb plot failed or succeeded. The plotters hoped, according to these documents, that German forces would be permitted to retire to the frontiers of the Reich, and that a new government would be permitted to open negotiations with Britain, the U.S. and Russia through Sweden.

The sworn affidavits said that information had passed to Allied leaders through members of a world-wide anti-Hitler organization of which Marshals Carl Gustav Mannerheim of Finland and Pietro Badoglio of Italy were members. The organization was said to have been master-minded by Adm. Wilhelm Canaris, eccentric chief of the German counter-intelligence service.

The bomb plot, unsuccessfully carried out in the summer of 1944, was known by the code name of Valkyrie, the affidavits said. President Roosevelt was said to have been kept informed of the plot by Office of Strategic Services operatives.

U. of Frankfurt To Reopen Today

FRANKFURT, Jan. 30.—The University of Frankfurt, founded in 1914 and noted for its courses in sociology and political economy, will reopen tomorrow with permission of the U.S. Military Government, USFET announced today.

Seventy-five professors who have passed de-nazification tests comprise the faculty. About 3,000 students, also screened to eliminate Nazis, have been enrolled.

German universities which have reopened include Heidelberg, Marburg, Erlangen, Wuerzburg and Goettingen.

Egyptians Battle Smugglers

CAIRO, Jan. 30 (UP).—Armored reinforcements are being rushed from Fayoum to aid Egyptian frontiersmen in their search for a band of camel-riding smugglers who put up a running battle with the frontiersmen between the Bahariya Oasis and Fayoum this week.

Press Control Rule Revoked

FRANKFURT, Jan. 30 (UP).—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney rescinded today two orders which forbade members of the USFET staff to communicate with the press except through public relations officers.

The order ended a 78-day policy announced by Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay last summer which channelled all occupation news through Army public relations.

Correspondents felt that the policy was unworkable, and protested a week ago to Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War.

Today's order carried only two restrictions, on news relating to security requirements of occupation, and news that would materially injure good relations with the Allies.

Anti-Fascist Post Seen for Burmese

RANGOON, Jan. 30 (AP).—U. Saw, former Burmese Prime Minister whom the British sent to a detention camp in Uganda, will accept the presidency of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, a reliable source reported yesterday.

Saw, Prime Minister at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, who was detained after he had been alleged to have been in contact with the Japanese, returned to Rangoon from Uganda Sunday.

U. Aung San league president, has announced his willingness to step down in favor of Saw, the report said.

London Police to Fight Crime With Helicopters

LONDON, Jan. 30 (INS).—Scotland Yard is preparing to buy helicopters to assist in the fight against London's crime wave, it was announced today.

Several helicopters have been used in controlling political rallies in Hyde Park. Observers in the planes directed police activity on the ground.

As planned, the machines will hover above London streets at the scene of crimes, possibly floodlighting the area to prevent escape of criminals.

Big Hotel in Bremen Readied For Staging of GI Dependents

BREMEN, Jan. 30.—The tentative date for the completion of a staging area for incoming dependents of U.S. occupation troops in Germany has been set for April 1, Bremen Port Command G4 announced today.

Port officials expect that this installation will be the only one of its kind in operation in the theater. Just when the GI dependents—wives and families of officers and first three graders—are to arrive

has yet to be announced in Washington.

One five-story building and a section of an adjoining annex have been taken over to house the incoming dependents while they are being processed and waiting for transportation to the place within the U.S. zone where their soldiers are stationed.

The buildings are being converted into a 500-room hotel. A dining room capable of accommodating 350 persons, a recreation center, and a PX have also been set up.

37 Colleges Change Head Grid Coaches

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP).—The expected return to San Francisco today of Brig. Gen. Robert R. Neyland, peacetime coach at the University of Tennessee, from the CBI Theater and the signing of Frank Wickhorst by the University of California virtually completes the lineup of college football mentors for the 1946 season.

Only Maryland, Fordham, New Hampshire and St. Louis Universities still are without coaches as the spring training season approaches.

Neyland who piloted Tennessee to greatness before the war, is expected to head for Washington for a routine report soon after he lands on the West Coast and then go on inactive duty before arriving in Knoxville.

John Barnhill, who coached the Volunteers while Neyland was in the service, has signed as head



Bernie Masterson

coach at Arkansas, one of 37 changes among mentors since the close of the last grid campaign.

Twelve of those changes were made in the Midwest, five of them in the Big Six where Don Faurot and Hobbs Adams returned from naval duties to resume grid posts at Missouri and Kansas State respectively. George Sauer, former Nebraska back and pre-war mentor at New Hampshire, and Jim Tatum, once at North Carolina, have moved to Kansas and Oklahoma respectively.

Bernie Masterson, one-time Chicago Bear back, took over the Nebraska job when Col. Lawrence "Biff" Jones, now graduate manager at West Point, announced he would not return. That leaves only Mike Michalske at Iowa State from last season's Big Six lineup.

Maryland has 150 applicants for the job Paul Bryant vacated by moving to Kentucky. Keith Molesworth, backfield coach at Navy for eight years, is regarded as a top candidate for the post.

Hugh Devore, who handled Notre Dame in 1945 while Coach Frank Leahy was busy in the Navy, is believed number one choice if Fordham alumni get their request for bigtime football.

Ski Meet Preliminaries Begin at Garmisch, Feb. 7

FRANKFURT, Jan. 30.—Preliminary championships in preparation for the ETO ski meet at Garmisch, Feb. 7-10, began this week as the TSFET team from Chamonix and Third Army and U.S. Air Forces, Europe, teams moved into Garmisch to choose squads.

All commands will be present in the championships, although some have chosen skiers on the basis of individual performance rather than stage elimination tournaments.

U.S. Forces, Austria, wound up command finals yesterday at Zell-Am-See. Seven ski teams composed of 100 GI's will take part in the meet.

After 55 Years Basketball Becomes Popular in Boston

BOSTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—The 55-year-old game of basketball, which has thrived almost everywhere except in its Massachusetts birthplace, finally appears to have gained a foothold as a major Boston sport.

Originated 100 miles from here in Springfield in 1891 by Dr. James A. Naismith, whose aim was to create a game that would have all the gymnastic muscle-building elements without its tedious exercises, basketball remained in its nursery stage thereabouts until a year ago.

Then the Boston Garden after investing \$10,000 in a portable court, arranged a schedule of seven intercollegiate doubleheaders for outstanding Eastern and Midwestern teams.

Just as the Garden's ambitious hoop plans appeared to be flourishing, they were blighted overnight by the Brooklyn College scandal and the season ended with an attendance total of only 29,000.

But this year the Garden promoters are making rapid headway, for only last week a 13,000 sellout, which shattered all New England basketball attendance records, saw the colorful Rhode Island State Rams top previously unbeaten Holy Cross, 65-58.

Conn to Take Crown By Out-Boxing Louis

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 30 (AP).—"Last time I made the mistake of trying to knock him out. This time I'll take his title by out-boxing him," declared Billy Conn, commenting here tonight on his June 19 championship fight with Joe Louis in New York.

Contender for the heavy-weight boxing crown, Conn came here as the guest of Roger Lacy, East Texas oil man and sportsman. The challenger now weighs 192 but plans to trim down to 183, which will be eight pounds more than he weighed when Louis knocked him out in the 13th round of their only previous meeting in New York, June 18, 1941.

NHL Expels Toronto Star

MONTREAL, Jan. 30 (AP).—Mervyn "Red" Dutton, president of the National Hockey League, said tonight that Walter "Babe" Pratt, 30, star defenseman for the Toronto Maple Leafs and the league's most valuable player two seasons ago, had been expelled from the game "for violating rules against gambling."

"I have evidence Pratt gambled on hockey games. He had been warned by the Toronto club before. In fact, all Toronto players had been warned and so had other clubs of the league. Hockey can't be jeopardized to protect one player," spoke the president.

"But I want to emphasize," Dutton declared, "there is no scandal in connection with this case. Pratt is being disciplined for violating rules against gambling but in fairness to the Toronto player it should be kept in mind there is no evidence he was betting against his own team."

Pratt, a native of Stoney Mountain, Manitoba, joined the Leafs during 1941 after a seven-year record with the New York Rangers. Ranger officials said they knew of no similar activities by Pratt when he was with New York.

Columbia Clippers Drop Engineers

Columbia Club bounced back on the basketball victory road with a 43 to 37 triumph over the 35th Engineers, Tuesday night, at the Magasins Dufayel.

Paced by Jack Wimberly, tall Clipper forward, with 18 points, the winners turned on the heat in the second half after leading by a scant point, 17-16, at the intermission. Wimberly tossed in 13 of his 18 tallies in the final stanza to lead the assault.

Jim Nelson and Andy Batina turned in stellar floor games for the Clippers to help hold Williams, high-scoring Engineer forward, to 9 points. Popolo and Dunning led the losers with 10 points apiece.

2nd Replacement Depot Bests GFRC Five, 49-39

The 2nd Replacement Depot basketball team of Brussels, Belgium, completed a successful French tour last night at the Magasins Dufayel gym where they handed the GFRC cagers of Paris a 49-39 setback.

Paced by several ex-college luminaries, including LaMarr Davis, an All-American football star from Georgia, the Deplers broke a first half 21-21 stalemate to register their fourth win in five starts on their current road trip. Trombatore, Rooley and Holten shared scoring honors for the winners with 12 points apiece, while Kreuter, with 13, was tops for the losers.

Bovington AAB Cagers Turn Back Orly Field

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The fast Bovington Air Base cagers of England, playing on their own home court, turned back the strong Orly Field passers last night 47 to 37.

The victors are seeking games with rival teams in this section. Interested managers are asked to contact the Bovington Air Base Special Service office by calling 2296, Ext. 219.

Negro Boxer Suspended

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30 (AP).—Jimmy Fields, Chicago Negro heavyweight, has been suspended indefinitely by the Missouri Athletic Commission for failure to appear last night for a scheduled fight against Hank Postaway, of Scott Field and Detroit.

Elmer Ripley Calls Irish His Greatest Cage Team

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 30 (AP).—Elmer Ripley, forgetting scares of half a dozen eyelash victories, today conceded Notre Dame represented his greatest team in 16 years of scattered collegiate basketball coaching.

The Irish—and this crew really is Irish—have piled up

12 straight victories to remain one of the nation's three unbeaten major quintets. Navy and West Virginia also are undefeated.

On coaching leave from Georgetown University, Ripley has had plenty of uneasy moments as no fewer than six Notre Dame victories were by three or less points. But he thinks that reason alone is why the Irish are out of this world.

"I have had bigger and faster teams and I have had teams far more predictable," declared Ripley, who also coached at Yale and Columbia, "but never have I had so spirited a team as this one."

Irish Have Something

Coach Ray Meyer, whose DePaul University powerhouse lost to Notre Dame in the final five seconds after leading all the way, says the Irish "have that certain something, and champions must have the ability to keep their heads when 'hey're behind.'"

Great Lakes knows what Meyer means as the Bluejackets led Notre Dame 28-13 in a recent contest, yet lost 56-54. That game, incidentally, again proved the magic of the Irish at the box office as a crowd of 19,000 packed the Chicago Stadium to see Notre Dame.

Ripley, who resembles a retired banker more than a former member of the famed New York Celtics, has more or less converted the Irish from typical Western firewagon basketball to his eastern style of play.

Hassett Heads Attack

His success on that score rests mainly with Captain Billy Hassett, metronome of the Irish attack, who played for Ripley's NCAA championship Georgetown team in 1941-42. Hassett, brother of New York Yankee first sacker Buddy Hassett, is chubby and plays with a heavily-banded knee but his passing is uncanny and his long shooting unerring.

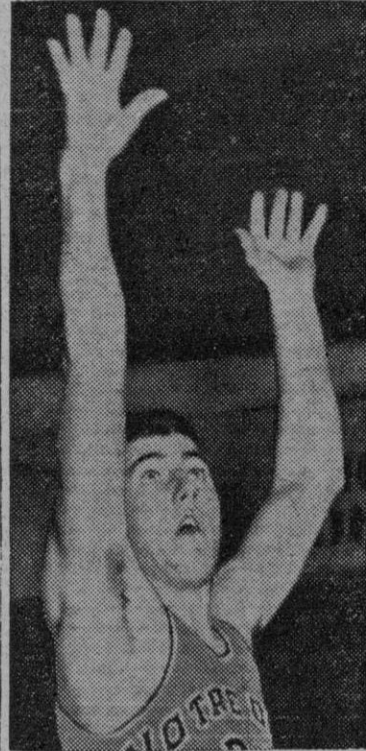
Vince "Bullets" Boryla and Leo "Crystal" Klier, with 180 and 196 points respectively in 12 games, carry the scoring brunt while Johnny Gilhooley and George Ratterman aid Hassett in the smooth Irish floor game.

Notre Dame's slick ball handling offsets the lack of skyscraping talent although on the Irish bench sits George Riley, 6-8 freshman. The only non-Irish regular is 6-4 Boryla, a Polish lad.

Graves Returns to Eagles

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 30 (AP).—Ray Graves, University of Tennessee line coach the past two years, is returning to the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Pro League. Graves, who played with the Eagles in 1942-43, said his year-round contract would become effective some time next month and he probably would be placed on the active player roster next fall.

Irish Sparkplug



Billy Hassett—his offensive ability has sparked Irish to 12 straight victories.

Suit Is Filed for 25 Percent Cut of Cochrane's Purses

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP).—Chick Wergeles, manager of boxer Fritz Zivic, said action to recover 25 percent of Welterweight Champion Fred Cochrane's ring earnings since he took the title from Zivic has been filed with the New York Supreme Court. The suit was filed in the name of Bobby Quinn, a relative of Zivic and sometimes business manager.

Wergeles said that in July, 1941, Cochrane agreed to give Quinn 25 percent of future earnings over a period of years in return for persuading Zivic to meet Cochrane. Cochrane defeated the Pittsburgh boxer at Newark, July 29, 1941.

Cochrane Orders Purse In Escrow Before Fight

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J., Jan. 30 (AP).—Welterweight Champion Freddie Cochrane today notified Promoter Mike Jacobs that as the result of action filed in New York by Bobby Quinn, he would demand Jacobs place his purse for Friday's bout with Servo in escrow before the fight.

Oregon Cagers Trim L.I.U.



Bob Hamilton of Oregon University dribbles the ball down the court at Madison Square Garden as Ralph Greenberg of Long Island University tries to cut in. The West Coast five dominated the play throughout and won a 60 to 50 decision.

Iran Land of Plenty Even Without Azerbaijan

TEHERAN, Jan. 30 (AP).—Even if Azerbaijan, Iran's "horn of plenty," remains shut off from the rest of the country, Iranians would face no shortages for at least nine months, Iranian economists and foreign observers agree.

Iranian staples, experts say, are on hand or assured for that period. These include rice, wheat, tea, sugar and rogan, and edible oil

extracted from the local fat-tail sheep.

Stalls in the Iranian capital are full of dairy products, meat, fruit and vegetables. Even fish from the Caspian Sea and citrus fruits from its shores reach dealers in Teheran. The government tobacco monopoly has its factory here, and the sweet red and white wines of Shiraz are flowing in.

Shops offer clothing, watches,

jewelry, cameras, perfumes and silk hose in quantities not seen in most of the world since the war began. A thick steak costs \$2, and an American hat costs about \$8 to \$10. The nearby mountains supply enough coal to meet the capital's needs.

The nation's monetary position continues strong despite a flourishing black market in dollars and pounds needed for foreign trade.

Despite the optimistic economic picture, however, experts say Iran is not self-sufficient without Azerbaijan. The Minister of Agriculture declared recently: "The rich north provinces furnish about 60 percent of our food and feed. If Azerbaijan were lost permanently, our rainy-day surplus would be depleted in less than 12 months. After that, a bad crop year might destroy us."

Reuter Head Sees Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter). Christopher Chancellor, general manager of the Reuter news agency, yesterday discussed freedom in the international exchange of news with President Truman.

Bremen GIs Can Phone U.S. Starting Today

BREMEN, Jan. 30.—The first telephone calls to the United States from troops in the Bremen area will be made tomorrow.

A call booking office to serve the area has been set up at the Red Cross At Ease Club. On the first day 96 calls will be made, and the quota thereafter will be 24 daily.

Author Rights Parley Topic

BRUSSELS, Jan. 30 (R.A.P.).—Authors' rights will be the subject of an international conference which the Belgian government may convene in Belgium this year. Brussels radio reported yesterday.

On the Vet Front Equal Rights Proposed for Striking Vets

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Revision of the GI Bill of Rights to permit striking veterans to receive unemployment benefits was proposed today by Sen. Francis J. Myers (D-Pa.).

He declared present provisions of the act were depriving some veterans of benefits which other civilians receive. "Under state laws," he said, "striking workers may receive unemployment compensation after five weeks, but the veteran must wait until he has exhausted his allowances under the GI bill."

One section of the act disqualifies a veteran from receiving readjustment allowances if it is found his unemployment is due to a strike in which he may benefit by the settlement.

Myers said the change would permit striking veterans in Pennsylvania to receive benefits which non-veteran strikers now enjoy under that state's law.

Would Boost Vets' Priority On Surplus U.S. Property

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass.) has introduced a bill that would give veterans priority on purchases of vehicles and surplus government equipment, second only to the Federal Government. The proposed legislation would grant this priority regardless of whether the veteran was going to enter business.

At present, priorities are granted to veterans after Federal, state and municipal governments, provided the veteran needs equipment for farming or business.

FHA Will Limit Rentals On New Housing Units

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—The OPA and the Federal Housing Administration have announced authority has been delegated to the FHA to fix ceiling rents on new rental housing units.

The change was made, the agencies said, in connection with a preference rating system set up for veterans' housing. Under that system the FHA, acting for the Civilian Production Administration, will issue priorities for scarce building materials.

Bill Allots More Housing For Veterans at Schools

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Sen. James M. Mead (D-N.Y.) introduced a bill yesterday to provide more housing for veterans attending educational institutions under the GI Bill of Rights.

He pointed out that recently approved legislation, providing for construction of 100,000 housing units allotted only 30,000 units to educational institutions to house veteran students and their families.

"This is not nearly enough," he said.

U.S. Municipalities Plan Program for Vet Housing

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (AP).—A joint Federal-local program to break housing bottlenecks and provide accommodations for veterans as promptly as possible was outlined yesterday by the American Municipal Association.

Mayors have been asked to appoint emergency housing committees to expedite construction at local levels, and legislation will be sought for direct Federal aid to municipalities for conversion.

Other action suggested included release of skilled construction workers in the Army and Navy.

Surplus Army Air Bases Urged for Vet Schools

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.) suggested today in a letter to Lt. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory that colleges and universities establish branches for veterans at surplus Army air bases.

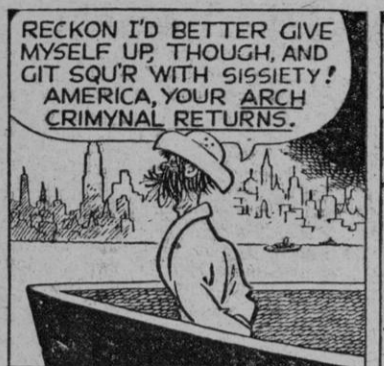
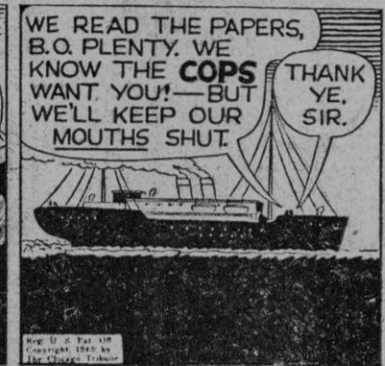
Gregory is head of the newly created War Assets Corp. Extensive facilities have been acquired for hundreds of airfields, Flood wrote, and veteran students and their families as well as the faculty could utilize the housing.

Bill Would Permit EM To Buy Army Equipment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Protesting discrimination between officers and enlisted men, Rep. Emmert Brumbaugh (R-Pa.) introduced today a bill to give EM equal opportunities with officers in purchasing government equipment.

Dick Tracy

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Terry and The Pirates

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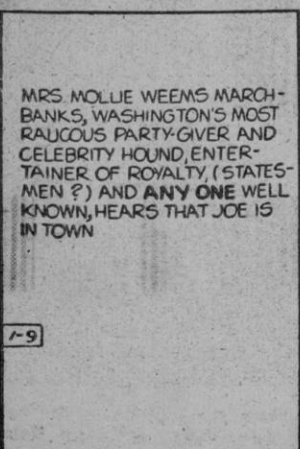
Blondie

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Joe Palooka

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By Ham Fisher

Byrnes Denies U.S. Ships Carried Arms to Spain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at a press conference today denied charges that American ships sailing from Italy had carried arms to Spain recently.

After an investigation, Byrnes said that during hostilities no merchant vessels of the War Shipping Administration had visited Spain from Italy and that since the end of the war no American ship had carried arms to Spain from Italy or anywhere else. From 1939 to date, Byrnes said, the U.S. exported to Spain exactly one rifle and 200 cartridges, and this "shipment of munitions" was for a private individual.

VA Hospitals May Take Only Service Cases

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Because Veterans Administration hospitals are swamped with non-service cases, the VA is considering admitting only men disabled in service, it was revealed today.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Veterans Administrator, and his aides, meanwhile, are buttonholing Congressmen, urging clarification of the present policy which may lead to the opening of hospital doors—free—to 20,000,000 veterans.

Currently the VA is caring for more than twice as many veterans whose disabilities have no service connection as it is for veterans disabled by military duty.

More Beds Planned

One high official said plans were being made for addition of 40,000 hospital beds in the next two years. It was pointed out that the present law provided hospitalization for veterans with non-service-connected illness only if beds were available.

Now caring for more than 90,000 patients, the VA figures its peak hospital capacity at 251,000. It estimates that 70 to 80 percent will be cases not connected with service, unless steps are taken to prevent this from happening.

Officials said there was a growing tendency among veterans to expect free hospitalization. It was said that the "pauper's oath" required of non-service connected patients had become a joke. It was estimated that the peak load might jump to 400,000 or even more if the present liberal interpretation of the law continues.

Russia Denies Iran's Request

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the (United Nations) Charter, it take place according to the recommendations of the Security Council, under its aegis, and the results are reported to it from time to time and the conclusion is in a reasonable time.

The Iranian spoke a short time after dispatches from Teheran reported that the Soviet Union had turned back to the Iranian state railways a vital line in the northern Iran zone of Russian occupation. Iranian delegates said privately that this should improve relations between the two countries.

UNO Site-Pickers to Make Recommendations Saturday

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (UP).—Goyan Gavrilovitch, Chairman of the UNO Site Selection Committee, announced today that the committee was returning to London by plane to make recommendations to the General Assembly Saturday.

He said Mrs. Whitelaw Reid had offered her New York home at Madison Av. and 50th St. as an interim building for UNO, and that the home seemed satisfactory.

Morgan to Retain UNRRA Post; 'Not Prejudiced,' Lehman Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Herbert Lehman, chief of UNRRA, said last night that Lieut. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan would go back to duty as chief of UNRRA operations in Germany.

Announcing his decision after several days of conferences with Morgan, Lehman said: "In view of all circumstances, I have concluded that I am justified in continuing to place confidence in him."

UNRRA had called for Morgan's resignation after the general told newsmen that a secret Jewish organization was promoting an ex-

odus of thousands of Jews from Poland into the American zone in Germany.

Lehman said he believed that Morgan "did not intend to impute sinister motives to individuals or organizations seeking to improve the sorry plight" of displaced persons, and that Morgan did not hold racial prejudices.

In a letter to Lehman, Morgan said he could only reiterate his deepest regret that he "should be guilty of uttering such words," and added, "I reject utterly any suggestion that I am anti-Semitic in outlook."

Kilian's Story Branded False

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hardly recall any prisoner who had spent less than 14 days in solitary confinement.

Concerning Kilian's trainee program, which replaced the parolee plan, Smith agreed with the prosecution that the new plan had been essentially a method to evade rules on the employment of prisoners in heavy jobs away from the stockade.

Smith said that 400 trainees had been used at various forms of labor which, Carroll asserted, were not permitted according to rules on prisoners.

After testifying that Ennis would walk through the ranks during calisthenics and strike men in the stomach and ribs with his fists, Smith told the court, "I wouldn't want him to hit me." He agreed with the prosecution's charge that more than 100 wounded men had been given strenuous calisthenics.

Earlier, Carroll questioned the witness about the issuance of soap, towels and other toilet articles to the prisoners, and pointed out that general prisoners as well as unpaid prisoners were permitted \$1 a month for toilet articles and 42 cents a month for tobacco. Smith testified that no tobacco or toilet articles had been requisitioned for any of the prisoners.

If prisoners complained about their lack of toilet articles, Smith said, they were made to stand with their nose and toes against the wall and double-time.

Asked whether he had discussed his change of testimony with any witness at the trial, Smith replied that he had talked with Cubage, who also has admitted prison abuses, and that Cubage had told him, "Let the chips fall where they may."

Ex-Wac and 15-Yr.-Old Lover Jailed in Toy Pistol Holdup

BOSTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Mrs. Margaret Bridges, 23, widowed former Wac, discovered today that the adventurous air ace with whom she had intended eloping to Maine was a precocious high-school boy of 15, but nevertheless she sighed: "He's wonderful."

"He's all I could ask of a man," was her rapturous estimation of Bobby Mauinn, the latest in the Sonny Wisecarver school of lovers. They were arrested on the complaint of a taxi driver, who said that they had tried to hold him up with a toy pistol. "I'll take the rap," Bobby said manfully when they appeared in court.

Mauinn pleaded guilty to delinquency and was sent to a psychopathic hospital for observation. The shapely young widow pleaded guilty of assault with intent to rob and was sent to jail to await grand-jury action.

"After we got acquainted," Mrs. Bridges related, "I thought I was probably the first girl friend he ever had. He seemed to know so much I never thought he was younger than 23. It doesn't make any difference now."

"I'll marry him if possible. We'll go to Maine to start life together after this trouble is over. I guess his family didn't like me very much, but it won't matter if Bobby will have me."

Bobby said that he had told Mrs. Bridges he had a legacy of \$2,000 from a grandmother waiting for him in Maine. "I just told her about the money to get her to go along with me," he said. "When we got to Maine, I was going to tell her I was only 15. Then if she didn't want me, I was going to let her do as she wanted."

Mrs. Bridges said that she had served in the WAC for five months as a cook at Camp Oglethorpe, Ga. Her husband, who was 51, has been dead for three months.

She met Bobby only two weeks ago, but it was love at first sight, Mrs. Bridges said. Although he is only five feet four inches tall, she asserted that she hadn't questioned his story that he was 23 and a veteran fighter pilot. He wore an olive-drab uniform which he said he had obtained while serving as a civilian air-raid spotter.

New 10-Cent Coin Will Honor FDR



These are the two sides of the new 10-cent coin that will be put in circulation soon in honor of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. The coin was designed by the chief engraver at the Philadelphia Mint.

House Group Asks War Dept. For Report on Rapido Assault

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—The House Military Affairs Committee asked the War Department today for a report on the Rapido River crossing in Italy, in which American troops suffered heavy casualties.

Demands for an investigation were made recently at a reunion in Brownwood, Tex., of the 36th Inf. Div., the unit involved in the operation.

Demob Views Of WD Asked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—

The Senate Military Affairs Committee asked the War Department today to comment on a list of demobilization suggestions, including one that all GI fathers be released by July 1. The suggestions were prepared by a subcommittee headed by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.).

Johnson's committee is reported also to have urged an enlistment campaign for WACs and greater use of civilian personnel. The committee's report called for maintenance of the present rate of demobilization "until the approximately 2,000,000 surplus men now in the Army are discharged."

Johnson announced, however, that his subcommittee would not ask for legislation on his demobilization program unless the War Department failed to act, despite pressure "from some of my colleagues" to do so.

EM May Re-enlist In Grade Till July

FRANKFURT, Jan. 30.—Extension by the War Department to June 30 of the period during which non-commissioned personnel may re-enlist in grade in the Regular Army was announced by USFET today. The dead-line had been set for Feb. 1.

The department also clarified the effect of re-enlistment in the Regular Army on length of overseas time. Time served overseas before enlistment will be counted towards the limit of two and a half years overseas time for one tour of duty. On completion of this tour a man becomes eligible for return to the U.S.

Jackson on Air Tonight

FRANKFURT, Jan. 30.—Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief U.S. prosecutor at the Nuremberg war-crimes trial, will discuss the trials in a 15-minute broadcast over stations of the American Forces Network at 9:15 PM tomorrow, it was announced today.

Nearly All GIs Beef at Demob, Knowland Says

Almost universal criticism of the War Department's policies on demobilization and complaints that a large number of soldiers have nothing to do were encountered by Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Cal.) in his talks with GIs all over the world, he said yesterday in Paris.

Knowland left the ETO last year as a major to accept an appointment as Senator from California. He returned to Paris yesterday as a member of the Senate subcommittee on surplus war goods.

Knowland said the War Department had made a "major mistake" in not allowing points to accumulate after Sept. 2. GIs he has spoken to in his travels are in almost solid agreement on this point, he said.

"It would have given a break to the men overseas, and they're the ones who need the breaks," he commented.

The Senator entered the Army as a private in June, 1942. He went to OCS and then wound up in the G5 section of the 15th Army. He also served with the historical section of USFET.

U.S. Furlough Rules Stiffer

By Joe Harvey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Jan. 30.—Officers with less than 15 months in the ETO and EM with less than 12 months are not eligible for recovery, rehabilitation and recuperation temporary-duty furloughs in the U.S., USFET announced today. Neither officers nor EM are eligible if they have more than 24 months of overseas time.

However, in the latter case, personnel who volunteer to do at least six months' duty in the theater after their return from furlough become eligible because of their expected future service.

USFET officials explained that returns to the U.S. could not be given to personnel with less than 12 and 15 months of overseas service without adding to the already critical manpower shortage. They added that furloughs for personnel who have more than 24 months of overseas service cannot be granted unless they volunteer for a sufficient length of time to make their return to the ETO worth while.

UK Has New Atom Bureau

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP).—Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee told the House of Commons yesterday that a department in the Ministry of Supply had been set up to gather materials for atom-splitting research.

Hopkins' Death Called Blow By Churchill, Bevin, Mrs. FDR

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (UP).—The death of Harry Hopkins was called the loss of a great American, today, by leaders throughout the world as preparations were made for funeral services at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church on Park Avenue.

The adviser to the late President Roosevelt died yesterday at Memorial Hospital after a long illness. "I am profoundly grieved at the death of Harry Hopkins; a great American that has gone from us," Winston Churchill said at Miami Beach, where he is vacationing. "A

strong and fierce fight burnt out a frail body," he added.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "I am deeply sorry to hear of the death of Harry Hopkins. He really served the country and my husband very well."

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin cabled Mrs. Hopkins that the "death of Harry is a great blow." He added: "We feel that a dear friend has passed from us. He cheered us in our darkest days."

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada called Hopkins "one of the world's great benefactors."