

One Year Ago Today
 Jap fleet opposing landings at Leyte suffers its most crushing defeat of the war. Tokyo reports 100 Superforts raid Kyushu.

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The Enterprise Leads the Pacific Fleet's Parade to New York



Topside on the ship's flight deck, crewmen of the USS Enterprise line the rails for a glimpse of New York's skyline as the 20,000-ton carrier ploughs up the Hudson River. The Enterprise was the first Pacific Fleet unit to dock for the Navy Day celebration Saturday.

Annamites Battle Joint Allied Push

SAIGON, Oct. 24 (AP).—British and Indian troops have joined French forces in full-fledged military operations against Annamite nationalists in Indo-China. Combined operations began yesterday against an Annamite strongpoint northeast of Saigon, with British artillery and mortars and Indian infantry joining with units of the French Second Armd. Div. in the assault. The British units were using Japanese sappers to clear roadblocks. British spokesmen justified the

Misuse of Lend-Lease Charged
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP).—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said late today that the U.S. objected to the use of lend-lease arms for political purposes by British and Dutch forces in the Far East. Byrnes told a news conference that the British and Dutch had been asked to remove the U.S. emblem from military equipment they were using against nationalists in Indo-China and Java.

joint operations on the grounds that Imperial troops had been fired on while operating separately.

A late Anglo-French communique said that Thu do Mot, 25 miles north of Saigon, had been occupied without opposition. An Annamite attack against a gasoline dump at Saigon's north airfield was repulsed by Japanese guards. (From New York, Sirdar J. J. Singh, Indian delegate to the U.S., cabled a protest to Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee against the use of Indian troops "to squelch independence movements" in Indo-China.)

A French liaison group flew to Hanoi, in the Chinese-occupied zone of Indo-China, and learned that the 25,000 French in the city were safe, although short of supplies.

The committee said the Chinese had provided protection for French residents, and added that the 4,500 French troops of the Hanoi garrison were being re-equipped. (In Saigon, the United Press reported, nearly 400 Annamites were sentenced to 15 to 20 years at hard labor by a French court for carrying knives and "associating with criminals.")

Shoe Rationing to End; Butter Points to Drop

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Shoe rationing in the U.S. is scheduled to end by Nov. 1, it was learned today. The OPA also has decided tentatively to cut butter ration points from 12 to eight, and to take truck tires off the ration list by late November and passenger tires in late December.

Strike Vote Held at GM

DETROIT, Oct. 24 (ANS).—General Motors' 300,000 auto workers cast ballots today on the issue of a strike to enforce a demand for a 30 percent wage increase, as Chrysler Corp. workers prepared to vote on a similar issue tomorrow. A third ballot on the question will be taken in the Ford Motor Co. Nov. 7, the three disputes involving more than 500,000 workers.

Even GM officials considered it certain that employees of the corporation would favor a strike. As their wage conference with the United Auto Workers (CIO) continued today, Walter Reuther, UAW vice-president, described GM officials as "completely indifferent" at yesterday's sessions.

Read Newspapers
 Over his protests, he said, they read newspapers and magazines during negotiations. "This is more interesting than anything you have to say," Harry Coen, in charge of GM labor relations, declared, according to Reuther. Coen has not denied the charge. A 90 percent vote in favor of a
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15,500 Higher-Priority Troops May Keep 66th From Sailing

By Dean Pohlenz
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
 MARSEILLE, Oct. 24.—Redeployment of the 66th Inf. Div., already marked by an 11th-hour scratching of its 70-pointers, suffered a blow today with an announcement by Sixth Port Headquarters that more than 15,500 troops were en route to the staging area with a higher shipping priority than the Black Panther Div. If these units, all of whom had been assigned earlier readiness dates than the 66th, finish processing in time, ships previously allotted to the Black Panther Div. will go to them instead, Sixth Port revealed. The units were not identified except that they were "coming down from the theater."

Port redeployment officials asserted that the announcement in no way confirmed yesterday's rumor that the division was frozen in the staging area until Nov. 15.

"These units may not arrive here and finish processing in time to affect 66th Div. shipments at all," one port officer said.

Next shipment of 66th personnel is tentatively set for Friday, when the three light artillery battalions, MP platoons and reconnaissance troops are scheduled to sail aboard the Chapel Hill Victory.

Meanwhile, transfer of the divi-
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11 PM Curfew For Reims GIs

REIMS, Oct. 24.—Curfew for U.S. soldiers here will be advanced from midnight to 11 PM, effective Friday, it was learned today. Civilian cafes will close at 10 PM. Sale of hard liquor at any time to American personnel will cease, though champagne will be sold by the glass.

(The New York Herald Tribune's European edition said the decision to advance the curfew followed a conference Tuesday between Reims' Mayor Marcel Sicre and Brig. Gen. C. O. Thrasher, commanding general of Oise Intermediate Section. The newspaper said Sicre had demanded a sundown curfew to diminish alleged acts of violence between American troops and civilians. Thrasher, the newspaper said, suggested that the mayor enforce liquor regulations on which American and French authorities had agreed. French sources quoted by the Herald Tribune said French police would patrol the city with U.S. military police after 11 PM.)

Hotels Do Too Good A Job—Rooms to Spare

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Martin Sweeney, president of the Hotel Association of New York representing nearly 200 of the largest hotels, disclosed last night that the effort to keep the traveling public out of New York this week while the fleet was here had succeeded too well. Rooms have been available in practically every hotel since Wednesday and the number is increasing.

Quisling Executed

OSLO, Oct. 24 (UP).—Vidkun Quisling, Norwegian arch-collaborator whose name became synonymous the world over for persons who sold out to the Axis, died before a firing squad in the medieval Akershus fortress at 2:40 AM today.

Execution followed an extraordinary session of the Cabinet yesterday, at which King Haakon rejected the appeal of the traitor's wife, Maria, for mercy.

The ten-man firing squad was comprised of youths who during the war had fled the country to escape possible death at the hands of Quisling forces.

Confirming the execution, the Norwegian Ministry of Justice issued a statement revealing that Quisling sent the King a letter in which he insisted that he was innocent but did not ask for a reprieve.

(The Associated Press reported that Quisling was awakened in his cell about 2 AM and taken immediately before the firing squad. The only witnesses were an unidentified member of the state prosecution and a clergyman.)

Quisling's body was cremated a few hours after he was executed.

Food, Water and Heat Scarce For 135 Wacs on Train 3 Days

By Na Deane Walker
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
 LE HAVRE, Oct. 24.—Gripes about transportation provided redeployees en route to Camp Philip Morris are common here, but Capt. Alma Wright of Milton, Mass., casual officer who shepherded 135 enlisted Wacs from Frankfurt, Germany, thinks her case is the worst on record. Due, the captain said, to neglect on the part of those handling preparations for transportation, a trip scheduled to take 32 hours stretched to 72, while the Wacs dined on K rations, handled their own duffle bags, shared a single latrine, had water and heat only sometimes, and spent hours in various rail yards along the way waiting for an engine to pull their three cars. The series of snafus began, according to Capt. Wright, when she reported to the train and found that the records given her included no travel orders. "I scrounged one on the way up," she explained. "But that was only the beginning." Leaving Frankfurt early Friday morning, the Wacs found themselves sandwiched between freight cars and five cars of troops. At Thionville, France, at 4 AM Saturday, some of the girls got their first hot meal by handing mess kits out the window, but they also lost their engine. While the troops were hitched to a passenger train, the Wacs were told an engine would be sent for them in two hours. When it failed to appear, arrangements were made to hitch them on to a mail train at 9. But the mail train left at 8:30; then an engine sent out from Metz to pick up the Wac cars was hitched to a Frankfurt-bound troop train by
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Dodgers' Farm Club Signs Up Organized Baseball's 1st Negro

MONTREAL, Oct. 24 (ANS).—The first Negro player ever to be admitted to organized baseball was signed yesterday by the Brooklyn Dodgers for their International League farm club, the Montreal Royals.

Jackie Robinson six-foot, 190-pound one-time UCLA halfback ace and recent shortstop of the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League, signed a contract calling for a regular player's salary and also received a bonus for signing.

Product of a three-year \$25,000 hunt for Negro diamond talent by Dodger President Branch Rickey, Robinson signed up with Hector Racine and Lt. Col. Romeo Gauvreau, Royals' president and vice-president, respectively, and Branch Rickey Jr., who heads the Brooklyn farm system. "Mr. Racine and my father," said young Rickey in making the announcement, "will undoubtedly be severely criticized in some sections of the United States where racial prejudice is rampant. They are not inviting trouble, but they won't avoid it if it comes. Jack Robinson is a fine type of young man, intelligent and college-bred, and I think he can take it, too." "It may cost the Brooklyn organization a number of ball players," Rickey Jr. said. "Some of them, particularly if they come from certain sections of the South, will steer away from a club with colored players on its roster. Some players now with us may even quit, but they'll be back in baseball after they work a year or two in the cotton mill." Robinson entered the Army as a private in 1942 and via OCS became a second lieutenant. He reverted to inactive status last year.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Directives Ignored

Many men from our organization, which is at the Calas Staging Area, wish to fill out Form 57s, applications for jobs as civilian personnel in the European Theater. When we first requested these forms, we were told by the I & E officer of this area that he had been instructed not to issue them to staging troops. The next day there appeared in The S and S the official notice that Form 57 was available to all troops. This was accompanied by a column explaining that henceforth all such official notices had the same force as if they had come through channels.

We went back to the I & E officer and were told that he was still bound by the verbal orders which he had received from DBS—not to issue any applications to staging troops. Our major then proceeded to DBS in Marseille—they too refused to rescind this order.

It is too late to do anything about this in the European Theater for our outfit, but other outfits ought to get a break. Furthermore, between now and the time we get to the States, this much can be done by cable: Applications for these jobs should be had at the separation centers. These applications should be made retroactive to move our soldiers up on the priority list.—T/S, 451 AAA A/W Bn.

Can't Get In or Out

I went down to rejoin the Army and was refused because no man in Class D can re-enlist. Well, if we can't re-enlist—we are not fit for further service and should be sent home.—Pfc R. L. Jones, Hq. Comd. DBS.

SS Getting Cocky

For the past eight weeks we have been stationed at Dachau guarding SS prisoners and taking charge of wood-shopping details.

Each detail is given a quota each day and the guards are conscientious enough to try to see that that quota is met. Sometimes it is necessary to be a little forceful with the former supermen to make them work, but we are not allowed to, and have not, used physical violence.

The trouble is that we do not have enough authority, for all we can offer in the way of punishment is to turn in the name of any man who won't work properly to headquarters, and that group simply overlooks the matter.

Now, under the guidance of an SS major, the prisoners are becoming more arrogant daily. They are surly to the point of being insulting to the guards and there isn't one single thing we can do about it.

Isn't it about time we let the prisoners know that we are giving the orders and that we expect them to be obeyed? Those failing to comply should be punished to the full extent under the Geneva Convention. Removal of the obnoxious major might be another decided help in straightening out the situation.—Dachau Guard, 135th AAA Gn. Bn.

Modern Dungeon

Yesterday I drove past the 47th Inf. Reg. Stockade and immediately was filled with disgust. This stockade is a series of pup tents and enclosed by a wire fence and a look-out tower. You've seen many such camps in Germany. Every concentration camp has the same type enclosure, but the "Master Race" at least put up wooden shacks for housing.

I believe in punishment of crime and the infraction of rules, but isn't there an extreme? Must a man be degraded openly before these "superior" Germans? Dachau was one of the most infamous concentration camps. Must we show these people that we sanction the same treatment for our own soldiers?—Cpl F.P.H., 47th Inf.

Pistol Totin' GIs

A directive has been issued stating that returning servicemen would not be allowed to carry more than one captured pistol home. Officers and men who have captured weapons acquired them during combat and feel that they deserve the right to retain what should rightfully be theirs. These pistols are highly valued as personal souvenirs and since there is extremely little left over here to be purchased on the commercial market, they make desirable and most appreciat-

ed gifts to take back to relatives and friends.

The directive further states that all pistols over one per man will be turned in to Ordnance Collecting Points, and the feeling is that this is so directed in order that these "surplus" pistols can be distributed to members of higher headquarters who did not get one during the war.

There seems to be no consistency in this law, for it is a very common practice to send home, by mail, captured shotguns and rifles. In the eyes of this law it is just as unlawful to take home an old relic or museum piece as it is to take Lugers.

This ruling is of recent date; consequently, previous to its publication about 1,000,000 men were redeployed, taking with them an unlimited number of pistols.

There has never been a reason published for this law and those who find it necessary to remain in the theater have the ever increasing attitude that the longer they remain, the tougher everybody tries to make it for them. We feel that we should share the same privileges as those fortunate enough to retain what they justly feel is their personal property since the retention thereof was authorized in the earlier stages of the war.—Capt., Fourth Arm'd Div.

Indifference

Why can't something be done to expedite EM home to the States upon receipt of emergency messages?

My first cable came Sept. 4. Another from the Red Cross came on Sept. 10. This one recommended my presence at home on account of the serious illness of my mother.

After one month of waiting for action, I have to initiate another request for emergency leave in a new outfit because, to cover a CWO's snafu, I was transferred by him, tagged with an MOS that I had not used in four months, and listed as non-essential.

Five days after being transferred, I discovered my emergency leave papers in my service record folder. The CWO had evened the score for my bringing a Red Cross field director to battalion headquarters to point out the requirements of USFET Cir. 104.—Pfc W. P. Urban, Third Arm'd F. A. Bn.

Sad Note

Are the musical instruments of the Special Service Division intended for the GIs use or for the Jerry PW's?

I drew an accordion through the Special Service with which to participate in a GI cowboy band we are organizing. Today I was given a direct order from our battalion commander to turn the instrument back, as the PWs here wanted it for their use.

Since these instruments are meant for the PWs, when are they going to start sending some overseas for the GIs?—Pfc, 95 Rein. Bn.

My Achin' Back



She Kissed Ike



Acting on "impulse" Wac Pvt. Betty Rising of Middletown, Conn., climbed into Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's box at the Frankfurt Stadium Oct. 14 to give him a birthday kiss. Betty was a cheer leader at the football game which Ike was attending.

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1200-News	1845-Magic Carpet
1205-Off the Record	1900-Harry James
1300-At Your Service	1930-Music Hall
1305-Sports Review	2000-Pays to beignor.
1315-Remember	2030-LennettConducts
1330-You Asked forit	2100-News
1400-Perry Como	2105-ET Hit Parade
1415-Jack Kirkwood	2130-Merry-go-Round
1500-Beaucoup Music	2200-To Romance
1600-Symphony Hour	2230-AFN Playhouse
1655-Highlights	2300-Navy Reporter
1700-Duffie Bag	2315-One Night Stand
1800-News	2345-Worlds Music
1815-Interlude	2400-News
1830-Personal Album	0015-Midnight Paris
	0200-Sign Off

Time	TOMORROW
0600-News	1430-Surprise Pack.
0605-Dictation News	1500-Beaucoup Music
0615-Morning Report	1600-Swingtime
0730-News	1630-America Music
0745-GI Jive	1655-Highlights
0800-Fred Waring	1700-Duffie Bag
0830-RepeatPerform.	1800-News
0900-News	1815-Songs for You
0905-AFN Bandstand	1830-Personal Album
0930-Navy Reporter	1845-Magic Carpet
0945-String Serenade	1900-Melody Hour
1000-Across the Board	1930-Star Shower
1015-Downbeat	2000-Jubilee
1030-Merely Music	2030-Roy Shields
1100-Modern Music	2100-News
1130-At Ease	2105-ATC Band
1145-MelodyRoundup	2130-Paul Whiteman
1200-News	2200-Nat. Barn Dance
1215-Off the Record	2230-AFN Playhouse
1230-Help Wanted	2300-Carroll Songs
1305-Sports Review	2315-One Night Stand
1315-Remember	2345-Worlds Music
1330-You Asked forit	2400-News
1400-Perry Como	0015-Midnight Paris
1415-Spotlight Bands	0200-Sign Off
	Short Wave 6,080 and 3,565 Meg.

Naples Port Area Shared

ROME, Oct. 24 (INS).—Large areas of the port of Naples, formerly under American control, have been turned over to the British and Italian administrations.

Smash Poison Booze Gang

SINGAPORE, Oct. 24 (AP).—British Military Police claimed to have smashed an illicit liquor gang which has been distributing the methyl alcohol which recently caused deaths and blindness among Allied servicemen in Singapore.

By Larry Reynolds

The American Scene:

Report Unemployment Leveling Off in U.S.

From U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Under the heading of "cheerful" news here are reports that unemployment rates have leveled off in several of the larger cities, including Detroit, which was hardest hit after VJ-Day. Not so cheerful, however, is the statement by a Washington official who asserts that returning servicemen stand to lose the most unless the strike situation clears up. The official points out that more than 80 percent of the veterans have no old jobs waiting for them and unless factories are operating and not shut by walkouts the discharges may suffer needlessly.

Veterans bent on landing one of the Army or Navy's surplus autos were told where they stand yesterday by the Surplus Property Board. For each car available there are already 20 applications on file, and the rate is expected to soar tenfold within the next two months as at least 3,000,000 more men flock into civilian garb.

IN Colorado Springs, Col., lie-detector tests have indicated that three men imprisoned since 1937 after being convicted of killing a filling-station operator did not commit the crime. There's been no disclosure yet what will happen to the three prisoners and whether they'll be given a new trial.

Two Soldiers' Desperado Career Ended

TWO former soldiers from Amarillo, Tex., Ben F. Oliver, 22, and Herbert N. Lawrence, 24, who turned desperado and terrorized southern Utah with a swift but short-lived series of highway robberies, were held in a Las Vegas (Nev.) jail after submitting meekly to a posse. Officers said their car yielded a small arsenal and a variety of loot, in addition to more than \$600 stolen from motorists.

In radio, the latest Hooper survey reveals, it's still the Fibber McGee and Molly show which tops all others, with second place going to Bob Hope, who yesterday was awarded the Certificate of Merit of the Disabled American Veterans. Jack Benny, radio's highest-paid entertainer, rates only sixth place in the Hooper poll, a position made more disconcerting for Benny by the fact that he's one notch behind his "pal," Fred Allen.

IN Philadelphia, Harry A. Hayward, who has been feeding pigeons for 58 of his 78 years, was arrested the other day on charges of feeding pigeons. The action now is punishable in the city of brotherly love by a \$5 fine, or ten days in jail, because the pigeons are said to be virus-infected. Hayward, however, was freed when the chief pigeon executioner failed to appear to offer testimony.

PHILADELPHIA SOUTHWEST AIRPORT opened for the first time since Dec. 23, 1943, for domestic and international air travel. It was ordered closed because it was near a vital cargo-loading center.

An amendment to the constitution of the Delaware State Education Association which would have allowed Negro teachers to become members of the organization has been defeated. A two-thirds vote favoring the amendment was required for passage.

In Denver two lawyers, representing the Farmers Equity Co-operative Creamery Association, handed to Wellin A. Young, Office of Price Administration deputy enforcement attorney, a check for \$11,585, explaining that their clients had overcharged that much on approximately 1,000,000 pounds of butter shipped to West Coast points. Their own audit disclosed the excess charges, the attorneys said.

Aviation Surpluses Latest Headache

THE surplus plight of the aviation industry is a source of worry both for its managers and Washington. Most plane factories now have more acres of capacity than they ever could hope to use advantageously even under the most hopped-up normal conditions. It's the same on the machinery and parts side. For example, it is estimated that there are enough plane engines around to last 20 years.

BECAUSE her 15-year-old daughter, Nina, didn't like school, Mrs. James Guiffrida, of York, Pa., arranged to marry the child to a sailor. Besides, Mrs. Guiffrida said at an alderman's hearing the sailor would pick up ten additional points toward discharge. The alderman, however, got Mrs. Guiffrida to reconsider the wedding when he disclosed that unless Nina returned to school she'd be tabbed as a truant and mama would suffer along with the child.



<h4>Paris Area</h4> <p>MOVIES TODAY MARGINAN—Ernie Pyle's "Story of GI Joe," with Burgess Meredith. Metro Marbeuf. ENSA-PARIS—"Son of Lassie," Peter Lawford. Donald Crisp. OLYMPIA—Same program as Marginan, midnight movie only. Metro Madeleine. EMPIRE—"Music for Millions," Margaret O'Brien, Jose Iturbi. Metro Etoile.</p> <p>STAGE SHOWS ENSA MARGINY—"Rope," Guards Division Repertoire Company. OLYMPIA—"Highlights of Paris," French Variety.</p> <p>MISCELLANEOUS TOWER EIFFEL CLUB—Open 2000 to 0200. Bring civilian date. EMS only. Metro Trocadero. LE PRADO CLUB, 41 Ave. de Wagram—Officers and guests only. Metro Etoile. COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers. OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RIC 64-41. Hotel Louvois, Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse.</p> <p>Le Havre SELECT—"Out of This World." NORMANDIE—"Christmas in Connecticut." STEERING WHEEL THEATER—"Blood on the Sand." CAMP PALL MALL—"Wings Over Jordan" (USO Show). ARC CLUB—"Dutch Treat" (Dutch Variety Show).</p> <p>Brussels METROPOLE—"Murder He Says," Marjorie Main, Fred MacMurray.</p> <p>Luxemburg YANK THEATER—"Falcon in San Francisco," Tom Conway, Rita Cordel.</p> <p>Nice FORUM THEATER—"Junior Miss."</p> <p>Cannes OLYMPIA THEATER—"A Thousand and One Nights."</p>	<h4>Marseille</h4> <p>CAPITOLE THEATER—"Falcon in San Francisco." PRADO THEATER—"Guests Wife." ALCAZAR THEATER—"Duffy's Tavern." VARIETES THEATER—"Weekend at the Waldorf."</p> <p>Lyon EMPIRE THEATER—"That's the Spirit."</p> <p>Verdun VOX THEATER—"The Story of GI Joe," Burgess Meredith, Robert Mitchum.</p> <p>Nancy EMPIRE THEATER—"Where Do We Go from Here," Fred MacMurray, Joan Leslie. SHOWTIME THEATER—"Captain Kidd," Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott.</p> <p>Reims PARAMOUNT THEATER—"Falcon in San Francisco," Tom Conway, Edward Brophy, 1430, 1830, 2030, Rue Thillois. MODERNE THEATER—"Eddie Was a Lady," Ann Miller, Joe Besser, 1830, 2015, Rue Barbatre.</p>
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1,200 Planes To Salute N.Y. On Navy Day

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (ANS).—An armada of 1,200 Navy warplanes will roar over New York Saturday afternoon to give America's largest city a sample of the sight that terrorized the people of Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama and other Japanese cities.

The aerial fleet will dip its wings in a victory salute as President Truman reviews 50 warships anchored in the Hudson River.

Adm. Jonas H. Ingram, commander of the Atlantic Fleet, said the Navy Day display would be made, weather permitting, by the largest number of Naval aircraft ever assembled for a review. It will take an hour for the squadrons to pass. They will fly in columns two miles apart at altitudes of from 2,500 to 4,000 feet.

Before the Navy Day review, aerial squadrons of the fleet will stage demonstrations over cities from Maine to South Carolina.

The cities are Trenton, N. J.; Bethlehem Pa.; Albany, N. Y.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Philadelphia, Bangor Me.; Syracuse, Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y.; Burlington, Vt.; Manchester, N. H.; Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio; Richmond, Danville and Roanoke, Va.; Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C., and Charleston, Columbia and Spartanburg, S. C.

On Saturday the units will form into three basic groups—New England, Middle Eastern and Southern—for the New York review.

The air review here will be directed from a Navy air transport equipped with elaborate radio transmitters.

The battleship Missouri, on which the Japanese surrender was signed, was scheduled to arrive in New York Harbor today.

Adm. King Hits Merger Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King declared yesterday that if Congress merged the War and Navy Departments it would break up the greatest winning team in history.

"We have an organization which we know will protect us and we should not be misled into discarding it because there are details in need of correction," he told the Senate Military Affairs Committee at a hearing on the merger proposal.

King said he thought Congress should give the war-time program for co-ordination and integration of services a permanent legislative basis instead of merging the Army and Navy.

U.S. Frowns on Selling Surplus Arms to Latins

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Top American diplomatic officials probably will oppose any wholesale selling of surplus war equipment to South American nations, it was learned last night, because of the danger of stirring up revolution and international strife.

The issue is developing among the Army, Navy and State Department, but it appeared the weight of State Department influence would be against disposing in that fashion of guns, planes and other armaments.

Insure Peace by Army Of 4,000,000—Devers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Gen. Jacob L. Devers thinks that a 4,000,000-man U.S. Army would insure the peace of the world.

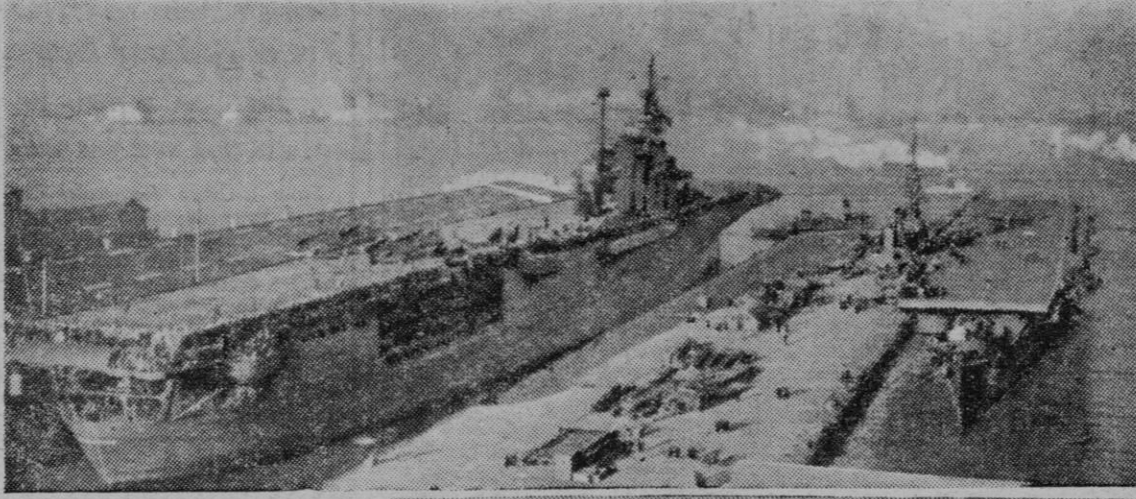
The former Sixth Army Group commander, who is now chief of the Army Ground Forces, foresaw a possibility of World War III in 16 to 17 years, and told a Victory Loan luncheon audience: "You can talk your head off in the interest of peace, but unless you can, when challenged to show your cards, lay them down in a winning combination, all your talk is worthless."

Radio Must Double Musicians If FM Is Used, Too—Petrillo

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (UP).—James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, notified six major broadcasters today that they must employ double the usual number of musicians when transmitting simultaneously by frequency modulation and the old standard method of transmission.

This will mean, for example, that

Gotham Gets Set for a Wild Welcome as the Fleet Comes In



Tied up at Pier 26 in the North River, the carriers Enterprise, left, and the Monterey wait for the rest of the Pacific Fleet vessels to dock at New York for the Navy Day celebration.

Ford Meets Schwollenbach

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Henry Ford II met with Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwollenbach yesterday and expressed belief that "solutions can be found" to problems which might cause work stoppages at the Ford Motor Co.

Ford, company president, said, however, his visit here was not connected with "wages and hours of Ford employees," who will take a strike vote soon on the United Automobile Workers (CIO) demand for a 30 percent wage increase.

R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW, was in Washington also, and he told reporters an agreement with Ford was "possible."

Labor Department officials have been frankly hopeful that Ford would negotiate a settlement. Government people feel, The Associated Press said, that such an agreement, whatever the increase granted, would offer a pattern for settlements in the rest of the auto industry and, in all likelihood, in other industries faced with pay demands.

Navy to Test Atom Bomb On Captured Warships

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (UP).—The U.S. Navy plans to drop an atomic bomb to test the effect of the explosion on warships.

The Navy may even use two bombs in the test, one of them set to explode in the air above 20 to 30 captured enemy warships and obsolete U.S. craft and the other in the form of a depth charge to detonate in very deep water.

Snow Hits Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska

DENVER, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Eastern Colorado, southern Wyoming and southwestern Nebraska were blanketed yesterday by a snowstorm that approached blizzard proportions in parts of Colorado.

The Weather Bureau said the snow extended southward to Pueblo and Alamosa, in Colorado, with rain reported in northern New Mexico, and western Kansas.

Brig. Gen. Royall Named Undersecretary of War

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—President Truman yesterday nominated Brig. Gen. Kenneth C. Royall of Goldsboro, N. C., as Undersecretary of War.

He served in the field artillery of the First Division during World War I and re-entered the Army after Pearl Harbor as a colonel.

President Roosevelt designated him to defend the Nazi saboteurs in their 1942 trial here.



An unofficial welcoming committee of bobby-soxers gives sailors of the Enterprise a taste of the city's welcome at the Pier 26 fence.



Night spots are expecting a celebration rivaling New Year's Eve when gobs tear loose Saturday night on Navy on the East River. At the Zanzibar, girls will wear costumes native to some of a million ports the fleet has visited. Jane Cannon, one of the show girls, gives a preview of her personal greeting to the Third Fleet.

Help Vets Keep GI Insurance, DAV Asks U.S.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24 (ANS).—The 24th annual convention of the Disabled American Veterans passed a resolution yesterday asking the War and Navy Departments to pay premiums for six months on all government insurance policies of discharged veterans.

The resolution said many policies were dropped because veterans were unable to make payments while readjusting to civilian life. In other resolutions the DAV:

1—Asked Congress to establish House and Senate committees on veterans' affairs.

2—Advocated adoption of the Voorhis resolution now in Congress which would permit a veteran to sue in court for benefits.

3—Proposed an amendment to the GI Bill of Rights providing for assurance of "readjustment insurance policies" to all World War II veterans. Proposed policies, on which no premiums would be paid, would be computed at a rate of \$3 a day for service in the U.S. and \$4 a day for overseas duty to a maximum of \$4,500 plus \$500 for disabled veterans.

W. V. Walker of Newport, Ore., a major with the AEP in World War I was elected national commander. He succeeds Milton D. Cohn of Buffalo, N. Y.

Sgt. Harold Dixon of Mount Rainier, Md., who lost both legs in Germany while serving as a medical aid man, was elected first junior vice-commander.

The convention announced plans to spend \$1,300,000 for purchase of the Indent-O-Tag Co. of Chicago, which manufactures miniature automobile license plates that can be attached to key rings.

Through a contract arrangement with the company the DAV netted \$700,000 in the year ended June 30, distributing tags to 20,000,000 motorists.

Human Torch Blames Atom

SEATTLE, Oct. 24 (UP).—A man who says he has been "burning alive" for the last two years from a mysterious chemical used in producing the atomic bomb has demanded a special hearing by the U.S. so that he and his doctors can find out what is happening to him.

James W. Darling, 43-year-old construction worker, in making his demand on the State Labor Department, said that he was drenched with an unnamed white fluid resembling water while working at the Hanford, Wash., atomic bomb plant in November, 1943.

A few hours later his legs and hands began to burn, Darling said, but physicians could make nothing of what was affecting him. Investigating at the plant, they found his work clothing had been consumed except for metal fastenings.

Since then 20 experts have examined him and not one has been able to diagnose the situation. Darling said his left leg had gone numb and probably would have to be amputated. The other oars continuously throughout its length, but does not respond to any known burn treatment, he said.

Darling told the Labor Department that he wants a hearing in the hope that atomic bomb specialists may be able to identify the mysterious chemical.

Dirigible Hailed As Cargo Carrier

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP).—Because of its virtual monopoly on the helium supply, the U.S. can develop the only great fleet of dirigibles in the world plying great trade routes around the globe, Rear Adm. Charles E. Rosendahl declared.

The dirigible expert envisioned the airship in the intermediate field between surface ships and airplanes.

He asserted that the airships would be second only to surface ships in space, comfort and luxuriousness of travel and emphasized the low cost of carrying cargo great distances by airship. He said a dirigible could travel between New York and San Francisco at a cost of ten cents per ton per mile.

Actress Wed to Reporter

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 24 (ANS).—Film Actress Miriam Hopkins, 40, and Raymond B. Brock, 32-year-old war correspondent and lecturer, were married yesterday. It was the third marriage for the actress and the second for Brock.

Martin Seeks World Pact to Abolish Draft

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—An international agreement to "abolish conscription as a policy among nations" was suggested by Rep. Joseph Martin (R-Mass.) in the wake of President Truman's request for universal training legislation.

The House Republican leader issued a statement last night saying:

"I believe such an agreement would be a mighty step toward the goal of permanent peace. It would reduce the incentive to war and would save billions which could be diverted toward making a better world for great masses of people everywhere.

"Our great prestige and influence in the world at this moment would appear to make this a propitious time to try to secure such an international agreement. I still hope such an effort will be made."

Party Lines Broken

Congressional reaction to President Truman's recommendation of a year's military training for young men crossed party lines and ranged from outright disapproval to wholehearted endorsement.

Several legislators said they favored the principle of military training but thought it could be done in schools and colleges without interrupting a young man's normal life.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion pledged support to the Truman recommendation.

Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) said, "in the President's address, I read a prelude to militarism in the United States."

Rep. James L. Wadsworth (R-N.Y.) hailed the speech as "excellent, forthright and sound."

Noncommittal on Adoption

No leader was found who would commit himself as to the Presidential program's chances of adoption.

Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn.), President Pro Tem of the Senate, said, "It is very hard to say."

Other comments:

Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.): "The President's plan merits most sympathetic consideration by the Congress."

Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel (D-Tex.): "It was a nice speech, but from the correspondence piling up on my desk it looks like people are more interested in getting the boys out of the last war than getting them into the next one."

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio): "I think the President wholly failed to show that huge reserves of half-trained men are of any real value to national defense. I do not think compulsory military training is either desirable or necessary."

Asks Hearings 'At Once'

Rep. R. Ewing Thomason, of Texas, second-ranking Democrat on the House Military Affairs Committee: "I'm for it. We ought to start hearings at once."

In his speech to Congress yesterday, the President recommended that after the year's military training, youths between 18 and 20 be placed in a general reserve for six years. Mr. Truman told Congress that it alone could send trainees under a universal training program into the Army or Navy, and that if the same came, "these trainees could be inducted only by a selective process as they were inducted for World War I and World War II."

"The difference between universal training and no training," the President said, "is that in time of emergency those who would be selected for actual military service would have already been basically trained."

Specifically, Truman asked that male citizens enter training at the age of 18 or on graduation from high school, whichever is later. In any event, he said, training should begin before the young man is 20. Seventeen-year-olds who have completed high school would be eligible to start training at that age with their parents' consent. Only "total physical disqualification" would exempt a youth from training.

The President said flatly that universal military training "is not conscription," and defined conscription as compulsory service in the Army or Navy in the time of peace or war. Under this proposal trainees would not be enrolled in the armed services but would be civilians in training.

Negro ARC Head in ETO

Jesse O. Thomas, assistant to the vice-chairman of the American National Red Cross, has arrived in Paris for an inspection tour of facilities for Negro troops in the Army of Occupation. Thomas represents the Negro personnel of the ARC.

Forty Winks Between Trains



Pullman space was all sold out so Sgt. Frank Rodgers, heading for New York from the West, and his four-month-old son, Dennis, sat up all night in a coach. They were sound asleep when photographers spied them waiting between trains at LaSalle St. Station in Chicago.

Sen. Thomas Tells Paris GIs A Few Things—and Vice Versa

By Lester Bernstein
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah), chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, indicated yesterday that he had not expected President Truman to ask for a compulsory military training law and reaffirmed his conviction that the objectives of such legislation could still be met by voluntary enlistments.

The Senator, sponsor of a voluntary-enlistment bill, who is in Paris attending the International Labor Office conference, gave his views to 250 GIs of the 311th Sig. Serv Bn. in a battalion orientation period. Asked in open forum whether he thought Congress would assent to Tuesday's request from the President for a law to draft men between 17 and 20 for a year of training, he said:

"That puts me on a spot. I'm the sponsor of the voluntary enlistment bill, on the theory that it will work. I still think it will work if the appeal is properly made. I think that any boy who doesn't take advantage of the benefits of the bill is foolish."

Letter From Truman

Thomas said he had received a letter from the President in which Mr. Truman said he wanted to avoid a draft.

"Now the President apparently feels he can't," Thomas said. "As to the outcome, I don't know, but of this much I'm sure. In the 17-to-20-year age brackets, there ought to be about 4,000,000 men. Nobody contemplates—I hope—an army of 4,000,000 men in the States. If there is a draft, it will have to be highly selective, and, of course, there will be many volunteers."

To half a dozen other questions from his audience—questions on redeployment, shipping, strikes and international co-operation that all sounded like letters to the B-Bag—Thomas either pleaded ignorance or displayed a senatorial flair for parrying.

One GI questioner drew applause when he asked the Senator, "Why hasn't the War Department been truthful with us?" on the subject of redeployment. He cited what he asserted were inconsistencies in official announcements involving shipping shortages, dock strikes and Atlantic weather. "Where," the GI wound up, "do all these stories come from?"

"Certainly not from me," said Thomas. "I don't know anything about what you're talking about. I do know that in Washington they're working as hard as they can to get you all home."

Condemns 'Strike Technique'

In response to another questioner who wanted "some information on the strike of stevedores in New York," Thomas condemned the "strike technique" as being "archaic, bad and useless." The same condemnation applies to war, he said, but wars go on anyway. He added that "anyone who attempts to condemn a given action of a given group of men, without knowing all the circumstances, doesn't understand social processes."

"Why," asked still another soldier, "are empty shirts in New York without any educational carry men?"

States, they ought to be able to carry replacements back here."

"Certainly sounds reasonable," was the answer, "but I don't know."

In the speech that preceded the question period, the Senator deplored the destructiveness of the atomic bomb.

"If the bomb is to be used merely as a war instrumentality and nothing else, then I say it's a poor thing indeed," he said. "We might as well sink the whole way and use poisoned wells, chemical warfare, rays and bacteriological warfare."

Later, a soldier asked how to reconcile the U.S. desire for international good will with the "threatening" policy of using the secrecy of the atomic bomb "as a sort of club."

"You're over my head," sighed the Senator. "I'd better give up."

Loot Polish Train Of 100 Millions

WARSAW, Oct. 24 (AP).—The Polish Government was printing its own currency in Cracow today after the reported robbery of a train carrying eight billion zlotys (about \$100,000,000).

New 1,000-zloty notes were in general circulation in Warsaw and other cities. An informed source said the government previously had the money printed in Moscow.

The robbery was said to have occurred between Siedlice and Lublin.

Trophies of Wacs Leaving It Show Life Was Rough in ETO

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LE HAVRE, Oct. 24.—War trophy collecting isn't restricted to GI Joes by any means, according to S/Sgt. Eva Dendy, of Florence, Ala., personnel sergeant for the only WAC reple depple in the ETO. "Nearly every girl who passes through has a gun, a knife, a sword, German camera or binoculars to declare for customs," she said. "One came in with a carbine slung over her shoulder."

The girls do their share of pet-smuggling, too, cadre members said. A husky German police dog recently accompanied his Wac owner up the gangplank, after she had fed him knockout drops and stuffed him into her barracks bag. Friends who had a little space left in their bags portioned out her clothing among themselves. Not so lucky was the company that came through with a black cat mascot. When the unit went on to England to board ship, the cat was discovered and chloroformed.

Apparently the girls have a preference for cats, for Sgt. Candy, mascot for the permanent cadre, is a black and white feline that failed to make the boat with her redeployed owner. Acting 1/Sgt. Jennie Fea, Spokane, Wash., adopted Candy when she was left behind, and shares bed, board and even rank with her.

Since the first 15 homebound Wacs processed in June, the 490th Re-inforcement Company, at Camp

British Pubs to Offer Art With Your Beer

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP).—Britain's saloon habitués will get art with their mild and bitter soon.

Four brewery companies disclosed yesterday that they had commissioned 34 artists to paint 164 pictures which will be circulated from bar to bar.

"It is the beginning of a plan to bring art and the saloon into closer communion and to revive the beauty that once was everywhere in the old English inns," the sponsors said.

Reds Outvoted, League Plans I Secretariat

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP).—The Executive Committee of the United Nations Preparatory Commission recommended yesterday—over Soviet, Czech and Yugoslav opposition—a single secretariat responsible to the United Nations Organization.

Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko, who is Ambassador to the U.S., approved some recommendations on the secretariat, including an oath of loyalty to the United Nations for each staff official, but said he had to reject the whole document.

The committee recommendation, approved 11 to three, requires final approval by the full preparatory group.

Gromyko had insisted that separate staffs be set up for each principal organ—Security Council, General Assembly, Economic and Social Council and Trusteeship Council.

(The International News Service reported Soviet circles indicated that Russia would ask reconsideration of Argentine membership in the United Nations if the Argentine situation did not change soon. The Russians were said to be seeing a similarity between current actions of the Argentine government and activities of the pre-war Hitler government in Germany.)

Reuter reported that uneasiness about the future of the United Nations organization was thought in well-informed circles to be responsible for a surprise decision of Philip Noel Baker, British Minister of State, to fly from Quebec to Washington yesterday.

(The dispatch said Baker was expected to confer with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and other State Department officials about the Soviet attitude toward international co-operation.)

Belgium May Buy a Navy

BRUSSELS, Oct. 24 (AP).—Belgium soon may acquire a navy. Plans accepted by the Ministries of War and Communications are shortly to be submitted to the Council of Ministers. They comprise the purchase from Great Britain of 23 vessels, ranging from frigates to torpedo boats.

Task Force A Quits Norway; All 60s Home

By Ed Irwin
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

BREMEN, Germany, Oct. 24.—All of Task Force A, with the exception of a small close-out group, has moved out of Norway, the country it was to invade, the Bremen Port Command has announced.

With the disbanding of the force, 60-pointers and above were shipped directly to the U.S., while men below that score have arrived in the Bremen Enclave as replacements.

Originally activated and trained for the task of invading Norway, the outfit was sent there June 1 to round up German troops and ship them through Bremerhaven to PW cages in Germany for screening and demobilization. With that mission accomplished, only 35 to 100 GIs remain. Four months later, of the task-force total of 4,000.

The first U.S. troops in Norway were members of Task Force A headquarters; followed a week later by the 474th Inf. Regt. organized in two battalions. The 99th Special Bn. completed the roster.

The 99th was composed chiefly of GIs of Norwegian descent who spoke that language. The 474th was made up of U.S. veterans of the American-Canadian First Special Service Force which fought in the Aleutians and Italy.

U.S. troops were quartered in and around Oslo. British forces were assigned the job of cleaning out the Germans in the rest of Norway.

Sending GIs Home Assailed

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—The wholesale withdrawal of American troops from conquered areas is weakening America's position in Europe, Richard L. Davies, chairman of the Philadelphia branch of the Foreign Policy Association, said yesterday.

Davies, who returned recently from a European tour, said in a radio address: "This war was fought to secure a vantage point by which we could impose our ideas on evil countries and should hold to that point and not relinquish it by shipping our troops home."

Davies also said that America's "greatest handicap in Germany is the low caliber of officers and soldiers assigned to military government duty" and added that in many localities "only the dregs of Army officers are left."

"Many are not qualified for command duty," he said. "Of the good Army men left most are spending substantial portions of their time and energy in trying to maneuver ways to get home."

Nerve-Controlled Hands For Amputees Devised

BAD KISSINGEN, Germany, Oct. 24.—Artificial hands controlled by nerve impulses of the wearer and a new method of reading for the blind were developed at a German laboratory discovered by an air disarmament team of the Ninth Air Force Service Command.

Complete control of the hands had not been attained, but German scientists had succeeded in the general control of finger movements, even to the picking up of objects, through electrical impulses flowing from the nerves.

Unit Gives Ground Crew Flight Training Program

VENLO, Holland, Oct. 24.—A light aircraft flight training program designed to give selected ground personnel 15 hours of dual pilot training has been instituted here by the 394th Bombardment Group, Ninth Air Force. The program will enable students to log the dual requirements necessary for a CAA private license.

Rumania Gets Soviet Buses

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—One thousand Russian buses have arrived in Rumania from the Soviet Union, Bucharest radio reported today.

Gestapo Agent Sentenced

PRAGUE, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—J. J. Halisch, German Gestapo agent, was sentenced to death by the People's Tribunal here, Prague radio announced. The same court sentenced six other traitors to terms ranging from eight to 15 years.

British Budget Cutting Taxes Hailed in Press

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP).—Britain's Labor government yesterday presented a new tax program, designed to take the strain off small wage earners and stimulate industry, and today it had the approval of Conservative, Labor and Independent newspapers.

Offered as a part of the government's five-year program to rebuild Britain, the tax program re-establishes pre-war exemptions for about 2,000,000 persons, reduces the levies on others in the low-wage brackets, increases the surtaxes on high incomes, and makes a 40 percent cut in excess-profits taxes on industries.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton presented the budget to Parliament, saying that even with the many reductions in taxes included, he had "gone slow," owing to the dangers of inflation.

In addition to slashing the wartime 100 percent excess-profits tax, the government offered a further stimulus to industry by removing purchase taxes from articles like coal stoves, refrigerators and household appliances.

Newspapers commented with satisfaction on the budget, and City and stock-market reaction was favorable.

Opposition leader Winston Churchill, however, criticized the government's continued rate of spending as a paralyzing factor in the nation's recovery.

AFL Asks Reds To Join ILO

The AFL's delegate to the International Labor Organization conference in Paris, Robert Watt, asked Russia yesterday to join the ILO.

Russian membership, he said, would help the millions of workers in the Soviet Union as well as those in the capitalist and socialist nations.

Addressing a conference plenary session, Watt also said the American people were becoming restless at "discord among the Allies."

"We are having difficulty understanding the motives of those who seem to demand that others accept high-sounding pronouncements and ignore high-handed pressure politics," he said.

"The people of the United States are still inclined to call a spade a spade no matter who is shuffling the deck and doing the talking."

British Heed Plea Of International Brigade

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—The British War Office yesterday said it had canceled the order for 600 Spanish Republicans and 60 Austrians who fought in an international brigade to be taken back to North Africa for demobilization.

The original order was issued in conformance with the policy of demobilizing members of the British forces where they were recruited. The men had protested that they might be arrested by French authorities in North Africa as deserters from the Foreign Legion, which they left to join the British.

French Brides, Too, Try to Get To U.S., But Sans Hue and Cry

Fifty to 75 French wives and fiancées of GIs are flocking daily to the American Embassy to apply for entry into the U.S., but though they're anxious to join their men and their prospects are dim, none of them is raising the cry for priority being heard from their counterparts in the UK.

Yesterday's line-up of applicants at the embassy was probably being duplicated at the three American consulates authorized to grant visas elsewhere in France, according to Consul Robert Taylor, chief of the visa division of the embassy's consular section. He said no central statistics existed to show the total number of such applicants or the number of French-American marriages since D-Day.

At present the vast majority of French wives and fiancées can't even get a visa, Taylor explained. Since a visa is valid for only four months, the embassy will not issue one unless the applicant shows she can obtain transportation within a four-month period. Except for a few influential applicants who can find space on the limited number of French vessels going to the

Jap Trio Awaits Trial for Atrocities Against American PW's



A doctor, a camp guard and an interpreter, all accused of mistreating American PWs in Jap camps, sit glumly in Omori prison near Tokyo while awaiting trial. Left to right: Dr. Kisakichi Tokuda, accused of using PWs for medical experiments; Sgt. Tokio Tobeta, guard, and James W. Sakazi, interpreter.

Reveal How Japs Tortured B29 Flier, Burned Him Alive

HANKOW, China, Oct. 24 (ANS).—American intelligence officers related a story yesterday of Japanese torture of three B29 crewmen who were submitted to such humiliations that their names never may be revealed, for the sake of their relatives.

One of the fliers, almost naked, was forced to walk through Hankow's wintry streets. One eye was gouged out and he was showered with icy water at the end of his long ordeal. Then he was sprayed with gasoline and burned alive on orders of a Japanese military schoolmaster.

Two fellow B29 crewmen also were cremated, but whether they were alive when the fires were lighted has not been determined. They, too, were forced to make the same tortuous walk through Hankow. Bodies of all three have been recovered.

A fourth flier, who survived the crash of a Chengtu-based B29 50 miles north of Hankow, was injured so seriously he was taken to a hospital and thus escaped the fate of his buddies. He was transferred to Shanghai and is believed to have been liberated.

The incident was well remembered by scores of Chinese in Hankow because the city received its worst raid of the war only two days after public torture of the Americans. Many believed the heavy bombing was a reprisal.

Those who saw the death march said the superintendent of the Japanese-sponsored "Model Youth Corps" ordered the tortures because he wanted to make an impression on his charges as a strong taskmaster.

The American fliers began their cold walk early in the afternoon. The streets of the former Chinese capital were lined with crowds which were exhorted by gendarmes

to strike and throw icy water on the men as they passed. The Americans were clad only in their shorts. Witnesses said one Japanese dressed as a Chinese ran out of the crowd and poked out the eye of one of the airmen with a sharp stick.

French Honor 25 U.S. Officers

FRANKFURT, Oct. 24.—Twenty-five high American officers were awarded the French Legion of Honor today by Gen. Pierre Koenig, French occupation zone commander, for their participation in the liberation of France.

Honor guards of French and U.S. troops passed in review before the French commander and Gen. Richard de Lavilleon, commander of the Sixth Combat Command of the French Fifth Armored Div., Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith, Eisenhower's chief of staff. The ceremony was held on the parade ground near USFET headquarters.

Eight general officers received the Legion of Honor in the degree of officers. They were: Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull, USFET deputy chief of staff; Maj. Gen. Albert W. Kenner, theater chief surgeon; Brig. Gen. Raymond G. Moses, theater general board; Brig. Gen. Stanley R. Michelson, Office of Military Government; Brig. Gen. A. Franklin Kibler, theater general board; Brig. Gen. Edwin L. Siberg, USFET G2; Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Davis, USFET assistant deputy chief of staff, and Brig. Gen. Cornelius E. Ryan, theater general board.

Jap Code Forgotten; PWs to Be Welcomed

TOKYO, Oct. 24 (ANS).—There will be no shunning of former Japanese prisoners of war when they return home—and consequently no suicides because of it, questioning of many Japanese indicates.

Under the old Japanese military code, soldiers who were captured or surrendered were disgraced forever and fear of that led many to their deaths during the war in the face of hopeless odds. Now many families are planning celebrations of welcome.

German Mail Service Restored in U.S. Zone

DARMSTADT, Germany, Oct. 24.—Mail service has been re-established throughout the U.S. Occupation Zone in Germany, and GIs having relatives in the area may send letters through the German post-office, Seventh Army headquarters announced yesterday. Parcel post facilities are expected to be set up soon.

Czech-Red Link Forged

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—Normal postal and telegraph connections between the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia have been re-established.

Knees Testify At Belsen Trial

LUNEBURG, Oct. 24 (UP).—Denying that he was the same guard accused of Belsen concentration camp brutalities by a girl internee, 22-year-old Heinrich Schneider yesterday paraded through the war-crime trial courtroom to prove he was not knock-kneed.

Turning his fire on his accuser, internee Frieda Kopper, Schneider said: "She says she is a professor of music. From what I have heard from the other prisoners, she can't read music. She also says I am abnormal. I rather think she's abnormal."

Schneider said he was never in the SS nor in a concentration camp until sent to Belsen with a German medical team. Explaining his SS uniform, he said that during a drunken spree he had changed clothes with a friend in order to have his pictures taken in the uniform.

Russian Writer Demands Immediate End to Trial

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (UP).—The Berlin correspondent of the newspaper Izvestia has demanded an immediate end to the Lüneburg trial. In a lengthy article prominently displayed by the newspaper, the writer reiterated bitter Soviet criticism of alleged protracted British justice and indulgence to defendants.

Equal Right to Borrow Asked for Indian GIs

BROWNING, Mont., Oct. 24 (ANS).—A soldier member of the council of the National Congress of American Indians in session here said yesterday that he would ask for an amendment to the GI Bill of Rights giving Indian veterans "equal opportunity to borrow money."

Pvt. Stephen Demers, Salish Indian and chairman of the Flathead tribal council in western Montana, said the question of whether trust-land offered by Indians could be accepted as collateral for loans under the GI Bill of Rights had arisen, and that he would ask the council to take steps to clarify the matter.

186 Bodies Found

BERLIN, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—The bodies of 186 concentration camp prisoners who died of hunger on a train at Steglitz, 50 miles from Berlin, have been found in a mass grave, it was disclosed here yesterday.

New Mistress Holds Slain Ex While Playboy Saws Her Up

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 24 (UP).—Police were trying today to determine whether the demands of another woman or a threat by the pretty victim herself to expose him as a Nazi spy led wealthy playboy Antonio Bento to bash in his mistress's head and saw her body into little pieces.

Twenty-five-year-old Bento, son of a millionaire merchant, confessed he had murdered Irene Romero,

Zionists Blast Byrnes Plan to Consult Arabs

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (UP).—American Zionist leaders yesterday entered a vigorous protest against Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' decision to consult the Arab states on the Palestine issue.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver conferred for 40 minutes with Byrnes, and Silver later told newsmen: "The Arab states in this matter are without legal standing of any kind. We submit that their attitude in recent years is certainly far from giving them a moral voice in this issue."

Administration Rapped

In New York, the New Zionist organization published a full-page advertisement in The New York Post accusing the Administration of repudiating its pre-election pledges of support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Protests also came from Chicago Jewish organizations.

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America, representing 68 Protestant denominations, issued a 5,000-word statement declaring world peace might depend on a just settlement of the Palestine conflict.

The statement called for a separation of the immediate problem of rescuing Europe's surviving Jews from the political issue of Palestine.

Split with Russia Seen

American support of Jewish nationalism, in contrast to the Russian policy of complete equality for Jews, might, the statement warned, put the Soviet Union and the U.S. on "opposite sides of a dangerous international issue."

(The Associated Press reported from Cairo that U.S. correspondent Constantine Poulos of the Overseas News Agency had been ordered to leave Palestine by the British commanding officer. Poulos had been in Palestine less than a week. In New York, Herbert Bayard Swope, ONA board chairman, protested to the War Department, calling the British action "a serious blow to the freedom of the press.")

Oust Reds, Ask London Poles

LONDON, Oct. 24 (UP).—A demand that the Red Army, political police and militia and Soviet office-holders be removed from Poland was voiced yesterday by 30 members of the pre-war Polish Parliament, including leaders of the former Polish government in exile in London.

The former parliamentarians, who oppose the Warsaw government of President Boleslaw Beirut, called for the removal of Russian influence before the elections, to be held under the Yalta agreement.

They also demanded repatriation of Poles deported to Russia, restoration of freedom of speech, press and assembly and the right to vote for all citizens.

(In Quebec, according to a Reuter report, Polish Vice-Premier Stanislas Mikolajczyk told the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization that the Russians had turned back to the Poles 5,000,000 acres which they had been cultivating, and that Soviet occupation forces had moved out of this land.)

Reds Deny Maneuvers On Bulgarian Frontier

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (AP).—A flat denial that the Red Army has been conducting maneuvers along the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier was issued today by the official Tass News Agency.

A Sofia dispatch dated Oct. 20 from William King, Associated Press Correspondent, said Russian forces had taken positions near the border behind Bulgarian troops who were stationed along the actual border area.

New Mistress Holds Slain Ex While Playboy Saws Her Up

26, last Feb. 7 after he had spent the night with her in her silken, perfumed bed.

He told police that his new love, Maria Lourdes Nebauer, 32, was so overjoyed when he promptly confessed the crime to her that she returned with him two days later to the slain woman's boudoir and held the body while he sawed it into portions small enough to fit into two trunks.

UK Booters To Ballot on Strike Nov. 5

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP).—Britain's angry soccer players will meet in Manchester Nov. 5 to make one of the most momentous decisions in English sports history—whether to strike for more money.

If they decide on an immediate strike in the middle of the season of this most popular winter sport, they may invite disaster to themselves and to the game, in the opinion of British sports writers.

The players asked for a pay increase to \$48 a week and year-round contracts and were refused by the club owners. Gamblers who make an estimated \$2,000,000 annually in "commission" on all winning bets, offered the owners \$400,000 yearly as a subsidy. But the leagues, backed by religious bodies turned down the offer.

Both the Daily Express and the Daily Mail approved turning down the betting interests, but warned the owners that they would get a "rude awakening" if they continued to believe the players would not strike.

Apache Wins 'Cap On Stretch Run

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—William Woodward's Apache staged a rousing stretch run yesterday to win the 33rd running of the six-furlong New Rochelle Handicap before 20,225 turf fans at Jamaica.

Ridden by Jockey Jimmy Stout, six-year-old Apache finished a half length ahead of Gertrude Donovan's Fighting Don. William Helis' favored Greek Warrior showed, with Mrs. A. J. Abel's Gramp's Image fourth and last. Apache paid \$7 and picked up a purse of \$7,475.

Hershey Buys 6 Players From Boston Bruins

HERSHEY, Pa., Oct. 24.—Manager John Sollenberger of the American Hockey League's Hershey Bears today announced the purchase of six players from the Boston Bruins.

Football Fodder

Sugar Bowl Has 10 Sweet Teams In Running for Annual Classic

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24.—The Sugar Bowl, now in the "window shopping stage," finds well stocked with prospective opponents for the 1946 game.

Of the top 20 teams in the Associated Press poll, ten are eligible, disregarding Army, Navy, Notre Dame and Big Ten aggregations which oppose post-season games. Here's what the Sugar Bowl Committee has to choose from at this stage of the season:

Alabama Penn. St. Mary's, Columbia, LSU, Tulsa, Holy Cross, Oklahoma A & M, Mississippi State and Duke.

Gophers in Title Picture

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Minnesota loomed big across the Western Conference championship horizon today as nine circuit clubs settled down to the last five weeks of competition.

The Gophers have played only one game, which they won, while Purdue and Indiana have won three each, nevertheless there were few conference partisans who wouldn't concede the Gophers almost a clear run to the crown. Most everyone agreed with Coach Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern, crushed, 30-7, by the Bierman eleven. He said:

"That team looks more like a pre-war club than anything I've seen."

Sees Navy Sailing Along

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Despite a schedule that calls for games with unbeaten Penn and Notre Dame and once-beaten Michigan, veteran line coach Edgar E. "Rip" Miller predicted yesterday to New York football writers that Navy will face Army, Dec. 1, as an unbeaten eleven.

Vet Rejoins Princeton

PRINCETON, N.J., Oct. 24.—Princeton's football hopes leaped today with the return of Richard "Dixie" Walker, 225-pound tackle. He will be available for the Penn game on Nov. 3. Walker was recently discharged from the Army after three years of service.

Miami U. Sure Bet In This Grid Tussle

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 24.—One way or another, Miami University is bound to win the football game here Friday night. For Miami of Florida tangles with Miami of Ohio in the Orange Bowl.

Radio announcers have already begun feeling sorry for themselves when they think of saying "Joe Blow of Miami is away for a touchdown" or "a Miami lineman charged in and made the tackle," etc.

Eagles Eager To Meet Rams

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—The Philadelphia Eagles, dumped twice in a row after a tremendous pre-season buildup are anxious for a crack at the undefeated Cleveland Rams Sunday.

"A team like our's just won't lose three in a row," commented Coach Earl J. "Greasy" Neale after he saw Sammy Baugh and Company engineer a 24-14 victory for Washington last Sunday.

"Our halfbacks just haven't been covering the ends going down for passes. That's going to take a lot of work this week," Neale had nothing but praise for the running displayed by Steve Van Buren and Mel Bleeker.

"It wasn't our attack," he said. "It was the defense."

The Rams will be tossing a lot of aerials, with Bob Waterfield, former UCLA star doing the flipping, and Neale knows his pass defense will have to be a lot tighter if the Eagles are going to win.

Mexican Turf Ace Dies

INGLEWOOD, Calif., Oct. 24.—Gay Dalton, five-year-old champion of the Mexican turf, died of colic at Hollywood Park yesterday. Gay Dalton, which won the Handicap de las Americas in 1944 and 1945 at Mexico City, had been ailing for two weeks and had not raced since last June at Santa Anita where he finished third in the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

Up He Goes



Yale back Arthur Dakos (26) leaps into the air to intercept a pass intended for Emil Lado (87) of Columbia. The Elis triumphed, 27-13.

20-Game Cage Slate Set Up for NYU Five

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—New York University's NCAA basketball champions will have a 20-game schedule this season, it was announced today by the athletic office.

The season, which gets under way, Dec. 6, with Wagner College, includes Madison Square Garden games with Notre Dame, Colgate, Arkansas, Rochester, North Carolina, Connecticut, Brooklyn College, Cornell, St. John's, Baylor and City College.

Big Ten Reported Eying Rose Bowl Tilt

CLEVELAND, Oct. 24.—The Cleveland Press reported today that Big Ten and Pacific Coast Conference champions would meet annually in the Rose Bowl game after this season. The Big Ten will take formal action permitting its champion to play in the Pasadena, classic either this winter or at its spring meeting. Press sportswriter Jack Clowser said.

Pro Grid War Looms Anew

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Owner Frank Ciraolo of the San Francisco Clippers today demanded a "full explanation" of reports that Edgar "Special Delivery" Jones, his star halfback, had played Sunday for the Chicago Bears.

Jones, under contract to the Clippers, Pacific Coast professional league eleven, left by plane last Thursday ostensibly to visit his mother in a Scranton, Pa. hospital. Ciraolo said he would telephone Elmer Layden, National League commissioner, asking for confirmation that Jones was in the Bear lineup against Cleveland. He said he would file suit against both Jones and the Bears if the contract-jumping report proves correct.

New U.S. Hockey Loop To Open Play Saturday

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 24.—The United States Hockey League, successor to the old American Hockey Association whose operations were halted by war, will open its schedule Saturday with Tulsa playing at Dallas and Kansas City facing off at Fort Worth.

The St. Paul team, sponsored by a civic group, is a farm for the New York Rangers. Other teams and their big league affiliations are Kansas City with the Chicago Blackhawks, Omaha with the Detroit Red Wings, and Tulsa with the Toronto Maple Leafs. So far Minneapolis is more or less independent, with Dallas having an agreement with Buffalo and Fort Worth an agreement with New Haven of the American League.

Diamond Dust

Giants and Indians to Resume Training Exhibition Series

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Another step back toward the pre-war status of baseball was completed yesterday when the New York Giants and Cleveland Indians announced the resumption of their spring exhibition series after a three-year interval of northern training.

Secretary Eddie Brannick of the New York club said the two former rivals would hook up in Jacksonville April 6 and 7 and play nine games, winding up a two-day stand in Cleveland April 13 and 14.

Brannick estimated the Giants would leave for their Miami spring base Feb. 10 or 12 and would play a full chart of exhibitions at Miami before breaking camp. The customary visit to West Point to play Army will be made April 15.

President Horace Stoneham and manager Mel Ott will attend the annual draft meeting in Chicago Nov. 1.

Oise to Risk TSFET Lead In Delta Tilt

Undefeated Oise will put its lead in the TSFET football circuit at stake Saturday when the Red Devil eleven takes on the Delta Base Bisons at Marseille. With only one more game to be played, Oise can assure itself of a tie for the league championship by taking Saturday's encounter. A victory for the Bisons on the other hand, would carry them back into contention for the title, giving them three triumphs and one loss for a tie for the lead with the Red Devils.

The Oise invaders will rule as favorites on the strength of an almost impenetrable defense and a good offense. In three games, opponents of the Red Devils gave manager to score only one touchdown while Oise has rolled up 22.

Offensively Oise will rely on its passing combination of tosser John Caputo quarterback from Utah U., and Robert McKenzie, the shifty end from Neosho, Miss.

League Standings						
Teams	G	W	L	TIE	PTS	OPP
Oise.....	3	3	0	0	22	6
Seine.....	3	2	1	0	26	10
Delta.....	3	2	1	0	39	36
Chanor.....	4	2	2	0	39	26
Bremen.....	2	0	2	0	6	26
Normandy..	3	0	3	0	14	33

Week's League Games

Delta Base vs. Oise at Marseille Saturday.

Normandy vs Bremen at Le Havre Sunday.

Exhibition Game
Chanor vs Ninth Inf. Div. at Brussels Saturday.

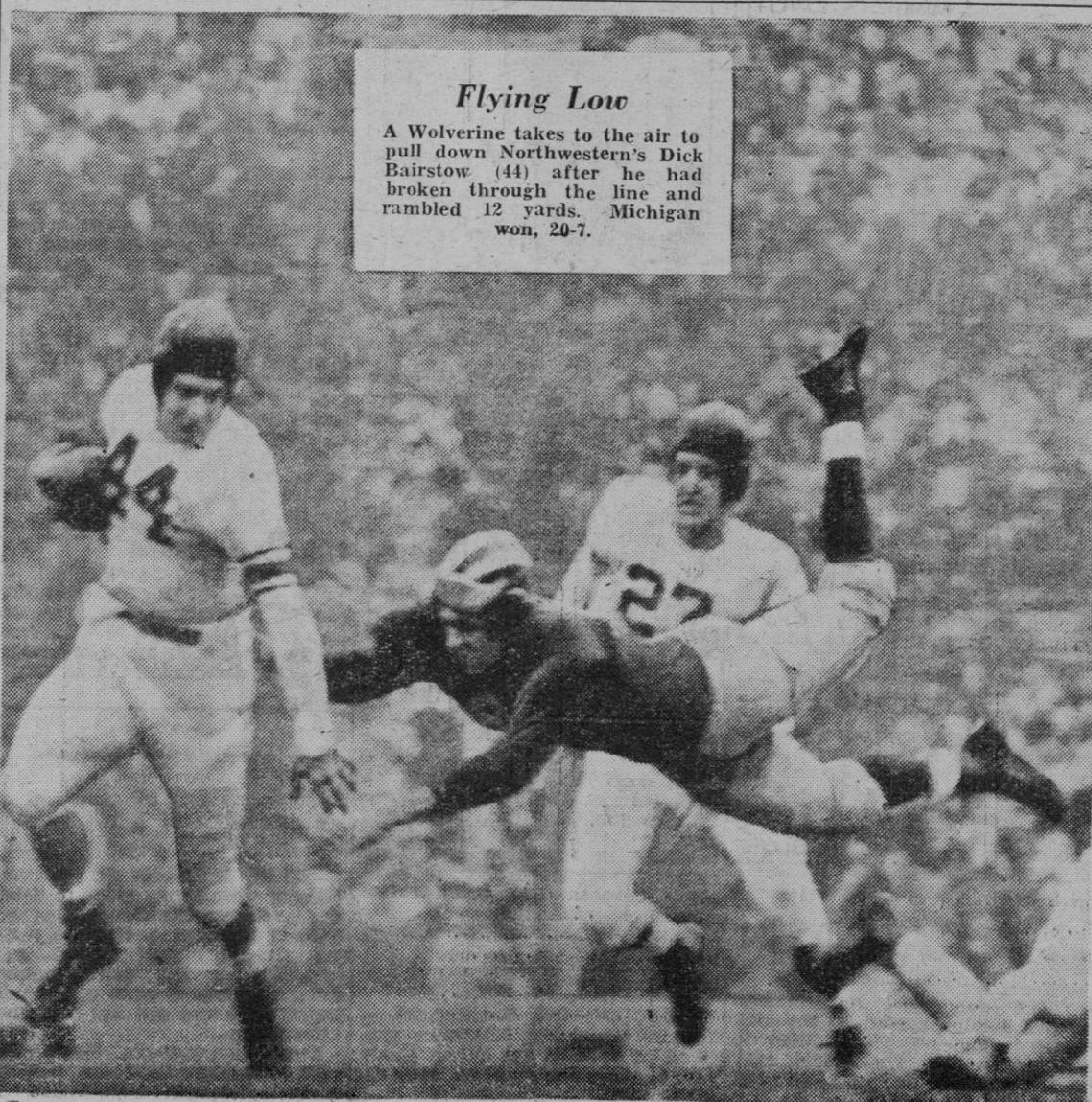
Leading Scorers						
Name	G	T	DE	PT	G	P
Nate Boyd (Chanor).....	4	5	0	0	18	
Fred Molkenbain (Delta).....	3	2	0	0	12	
Joe Andriotti (Delta).....	3	2	0	0	12	
Tim Linehan (Chanor).....	4	1	2	0	9	
Peter Lanzi (Delta).....	3	1	0	0	6	
James Morrison (Delta).....	3	1	0	0	6	

Louis to Referee

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 24.—Matchmaker Jimmy Murray announced today that Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will referee the ten-round fight here Oct. 31 between Abel Cestac of Argentina and Harold Blackshear, Monterey, Calif., Negro 220-pounder.

Flying Low

A Wolverine takes to the air to pull down Northwestern's Dick Bairstow (44) after he had broken through the line and rambled 12 yards. Michigan won, 20-7.



Bucky to Discuss Contract

BUFFALO, Oct. 24.—Stanley "Bucky" Harris, whose contract as general manager of the Buffalo club of the International League expired Oct. 15, arrived here today to discuss terms for its renewal.

Harris, who has been mentioned as a possible successor to Jack Zeller as general manager of the Detroit Tigers, reiterated that he has "not been approached by any one in authority from the Detroit club."

'Gee' Seeks Release

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct. 24.—Gerald "Gee" Walker, Cincinnati Red outfielder, said yesterday he has applied for his unconditional release. Walker, a ten-year veteran of the majors, said he is determined to remain in the big time and would seek a connection with another club. He added that the Reds had offered him a post with the Syracuse club of their farm system.

Jimmy Brown Discharged

MEMPHIS, Oct. 24.—Jimmy Brown, former second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, received his discharge from the Army today.



News Briefs

Booze Kills 4 More GIs

TOKYO, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Four additional deaths of U.S. servicemen from poison liquor were reported today in the Tokyo-Yokohama area by Brig. Gen. George W. Rice, Eighth Army surgeon, bringing the total to 12.

C47 Crash Kills 22

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 24 (ANS).—The Army's Alaskan Department announced yesterday that 17 enlisted men from the Aleutian bases and five officers were killed Sunday night when a C47 Transport Command plane crashed in a swamp near Elemen-dorf Field. The soldiers were en route home for redeployment or discharge.

New Zealand Envoy Named

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—President Truman yesterday nominated Avra M. Warren of Maryland to be Minister to New Zealand.

Thousands Homeless in Storm

BEZWADA, Madras, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—Thousands of persons were homeless today after a cyclone had swept the east coast of India. Thousands of thatched sheds and dwellings collapsed. Damage was estimated near \$1,000,000.

Czech-Bulgar Trade Pact

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia have signed a trade agreement under which Bulgaria will receive machinery, telephone and telegraph equipment and other manufactured goods in exchange for farm produce, tin and iron ore, Moscow radio reported today.

Britain Asks Wider Amnesty

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—The Undersecretary of the Foreign Office, Hector McNeil, told Commons today that unless the general amnesty declared by Spain on Oct. 12 were extended to political prisoners, the British government "will not hesitate to renew representations to the Spanish government."

Persian Premier Quits

TEHERAN, Oct. 24 (AP).—Persian Premier Sadr has presented his resignation to the Shah, it was learned yesterday. He will continue in office until the new government is formed.

Channel Line Resumes

FOLKESTONE, England, Oct. 24 (AP).—The Channel steamship service between Folkestone and Ostend operated yesterday for the first time since May, 1940, just before the German invasion of the Low Countries.

Princeton Appoints Marine

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 24 (ANS).—Dr. Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton University, today announced the appointment of Francis B. Godolphin as dean. Godolphin, who served in four Pacific invasions as a Marine captain, succeeds Laurence Fenninger, acting dean.

Academy Named for Rockne

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 24 (ANS).—A boys' school named for the late Knute Rockne, famed football coach of Notre Dame University, will be built on a tract 29 miles from here, the Most Rev. Charles Francis Buddy, Bishop of San Diego, announced. It will be known as the "Knute Rockne Academy, San Diego Foundation for boys."

Stamp to Honor Al Smith

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—The portrait of Alfred E. Smith will appear on a three-cent postage stamp to be issued in honor of the former New York Governor who died last year, the Postoffice Department announced today. The stamp will go on sale Nov. 26 at New York.

Wants State of War Ended

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Sen. Edward V. Robertson (R-Wyo.) called yesterday for Congressional action to end the legal state of war, saying it would be "one of the greatest reconversion steps we could take... as we steer our national life back into peace-time channels."

Chinese Forces in Formosa

SHANGHAI, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Seventh Fleet Headquarters announced yesterday it had landed units of the Chinese 70th National Army at Kirun, Formosa, in the first major Sino-American amphibious operation. The landing was without incident and the surrendered Japanese were co-operative in handing over arms, headquarters said.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.



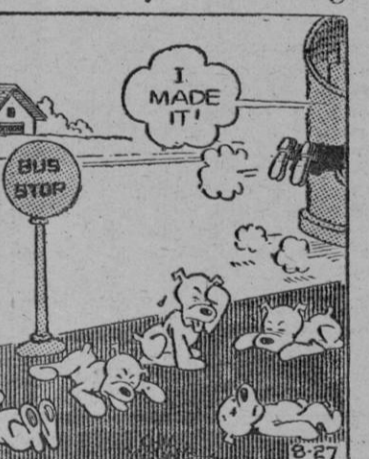
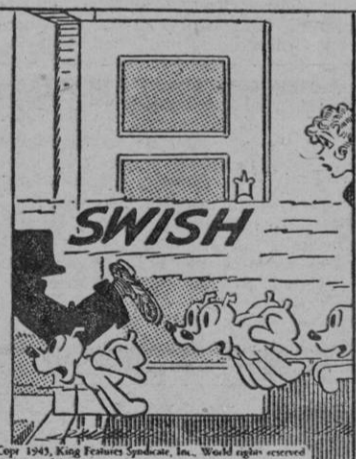
Terry and The Pirates

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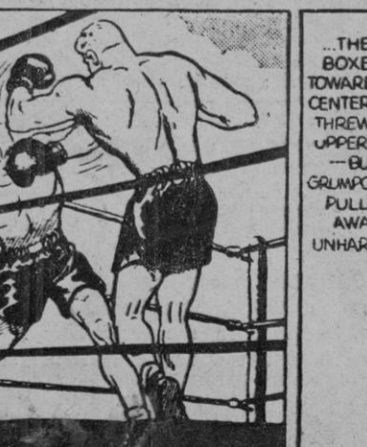
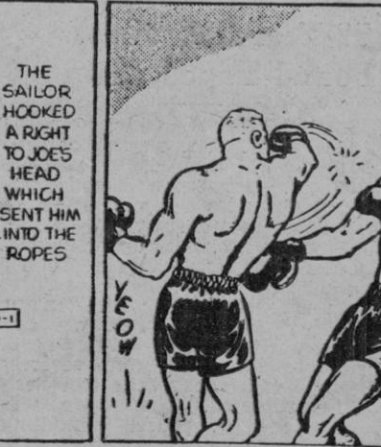
Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.



Contest Seeks 'Pinup GI'

BOSTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Eleven service star clubs for wives, mothers and sweethearts of fighting men announced today that they are having a contest to find Boston's "pinup serviceman." More than 1,000 women who attend the club meetings weekly will submit pictures of their GI hero.

German Banker Arrested

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—Luxembourg Radio reported today that Baron Kurt Schroeder, leading German banker and former chairman of the Reich Association of German Banks, had been arrested and taken to Dusseldorf prison. He was found hiding in a German PW camp in France, the radio said.

Reparations Aide Named

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—President Truman announced yesterday the appointment of James W. Angell as American representative on the Allied Reparations Commission for Germany. Angell, an economics professor at Columbia University before the war, will succeed Edwin Pauley, who will devote his time to Japanese reparations.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:
PFC William Zokosek, Chicago—boy, Oct. 19; Sgt. Samuel Sand, N.Y.—Richard, Oct. 15; Sgt. Robert Fleischer, Bar Harbor, Me.—Hobart Dixon, Oct. 15; Sgt. Charles J. Peiton, N.Y.—girl, Oct. 17; Pfc Ralph Patrick, Ladysmith, Wis.—girl, Oct. 13; Lt. Benjamin Blatt, White Plains, N.Y.—boy, Oct. 15.

Japan to Ask UNRRA for 2 Months' Food

TOKYO, Oct. 24 (AP).—Japan will appeal to UNRRA for aid in feeding its people in November and December, Welfare Minister Hitoshi Ashida revealed today.

The minister said Japan realized its own responsibilities to feed its citizens, but said the next two months would be crucial. Transportation and other difficulties are expected to prevent distribution of the currently-harvested rice crop until after January, when the situation should ease, he explained. (United Press correspondent Miles Vaughn said Japan was threatened with mass starvation this winter as a result of a "whirlwind of inflation and black marketeering.")

(Vaughn explained that during the war the Japanese government exercised inadequate control over prices and supplies. By the end of the war, the cost of living was 20 times as high as on Pearl Harbor Day. Now people are trying to unload their hoarded currency in exchange for goods, chiefly on the black market.)

(Spokesmen at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters emphasized the necessity for establishing a stabilized rate of exchange for the yen to enable the Japanese to buy rice and other foodstuffs from Korea, Indo-China, and Formosa.)

(Rice now sells on the black market for the equivalent of \$4.25 per pound, sugar, when available, at \$40 per pound, and shoes at \$125 a pair. Before the war, rice sold for four cents a pound.)

(Most Japanese, Vaughn said, are not getting enough food to maintain their health.)

Wacs on Train...

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mistake, leaving 100 men breakfasting at the station mess hall.

"We walked the ties until 12:30, looking for an engine," Capt. Wright related. "Then they finally bunched us on to a slow freight." At 8 PM at Charleville they got another hot meal. RTOs along the route had not been notified to expect them, and when the Wac cars reached Paris Sunday morning they were left at the wrong rail yards.

No One to Handle Baggage

"From 8 AM until 5:30 PM, we were not allowed to leave the station," the captain said. "The PWs who were to have loaded our baggage weren't there, and French porters refused to handle it." By that time, in danger of missing their shipment at Le Havre, they telephoned Philip Morris to hold their packet open.

The girls loaded their duffel bags on buses to go to another station, where they unloaded and reloaded them. Before they left Paris at 6:30 PM, on three cars with but one latrine, the bitterest blow of all fell. A train which had left Frankfurt only the night before pulled up beside them.

The group reached Philip Morris Monday morning, just in time to be included in the shipment being made up to sail from Le Havre Thursday and from an English port Nov. 3. They're keeping their fingers crossed.

66th Div. . .

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sion's 70-pointers was virtually complete, Delta Base Section AG redeployment branch said. The 821 enlisted men affected were assigned to the Calas staging area and from there were being sent to Category IV units, scheduled for November shipment.

Sixth Port Troop Division said two QM bakery companies and three ordnance outfits were given the space left vacant by removal of 70-pointers.

Brig. Gen. Francis W. Rollins, of Providence, R. I., commanding general of the 66th Div. since the departure earlier this month of Maj. Gen. Walter E. Lauer, who assumed command of the 80th Div., departed by plane today for Paris on an undisclosed mission.

The Army transport Sea Cat, the Francis Lee Liberty and the Costa Rica Victory were scheduled to sail tonight with 4,605 troops, mostly service units and high-point casualties.

Dr. William C. Judd Dies

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Dr. William C. Judd, 62, whose wife, Winnie Ruth Judd, is in an Arizona mental hospital for the 1931 "frank" murder of two nurses, died last night at the National Military Home in West Los Angeles. A veteran of World War I, he was admitted to the military home less than a week ago.

The Paddy Wagon Helps Out in a Pinch



Chivalrous policemen come to the rescue of Malden (Mass.), women stranded by a bus strike and give them a lift home in the paddy wagon. More than 1,600 employees of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway tied up transportation in 70 cities and towns by their walkout.

GI Whose Blood Saved Tojo Is Home

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Mess Sgt. John A. Archinal, the soldier who gave his blood to save the life of Hideki Tojo, Pearl Harbor premier of Japan, was in San Francisco today with no regrets.

"They took a pint of blood from me," said the Albentown (Pa.) Sergeant, "and they gave me a pint of whisky."

Board Debates Pay-Price Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—The Reconversion Advisory Board was called into special session today to debate a revision of the U.S. wage-price policy and discuss figures on worker income and living costs assembled by the staff of Reconversion Director John W. Snyder. The meeting originally had been scheduled for next week.

President Truman is not expected to issue his promised statement on government wage-price policy until the board has made its recommendations known. The board, created to advise Snyder, is composed of representatives of labor, management, agriculture and the public.

Pressure for Federal action on wages and labor unrest grew with the strike votes in Detroit auto plants and these developments:

1—The government had notice —along with the United Steel Workers (CIO)—that the U.S. Steel Corp. believes itself incapable of granting a wage increase unless it is allowed to increase prices. The union has asked a raise of \$2 a day.

2—The Oil Workers International Union (CIO) was scheduled to meet with Assistant Secretary of the Navy H. S. Hensel, who is striving to bring about resumption of wage negotiations between the union and operators of oil refineries seized by the government in the recent 15-state strike. The companies have indicated a willingness to bargain.

Former U.S. Army Sergeant Now No. 2 Man in Venezuela

CARACAS, Oct. 24 (ANS).—A one-time U.S. Army sergeant is the No. 2 figure in the revolutionary government now ruling Venezuela.

He is Luis Valmore Rodriguez, 45, new Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet of President Romulo Betancourt. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1915, served in the First Inf. Div. in New York and New Jersey, and became a sergeant while on duty in the Panama Canal zone.

Valmore Rodriguez, editor of the Democratic Action party newspaper El Pais, is recognized as an advocate of hemispheric collaboration.

After his service in Panama he was accepted at Fort Dix for training, preparatory to admission to West Point, but was given an honorable discharge when officials learned he was not an American citizen.

50 Hurt in Film Strike Battle

By Army News Service

A fresh outbreak of violence in the Hollywood movie studio strike yesterday resulted in the injury of 50 persons and the arrest of six others after workers crashed through a picket line at the Paramount studio.

At the Republic studio, where 150 pickets barred the way of 600 workers, a studio official directed employees to return home.

In New York, a strike affecting 600 CIO mechanical and maintenance employees of the American Export Airlines was called yesterday following failure of negotiations in a jurisdictional dispute.

Pan American Airways in Miami also was hit by a strike as 400 members of the Transport Workers Union (CIO) went on a sitdown in protest against layoffs "and other conditions." The company said all flights to Central and South America went out on schedule despite the strike.

Seversky Foresees A One-Punch War

KYOTO, Japan, Oct. 24 (ANS).—A future war, if it comes, will be but a single giant stroke thrown at the heart of the enemy nation, Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky said today.

That lone knockout punch, he said in an interview at Sixth Army headquarters, would destroy at once the foe's air power, electric defenses and industrial potential.

Seversky recently viewed atom-bombed Hiroshima on a tour of Japan as a special representative of Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

"Hiroshima's fate will be the classic text for the next war," he said.

Fewer Cradles, Fewer Graves

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Fewer babies were born and fewer people died in the U.S. in 1944 than in 1943, the Bureau of the Census reported last night. Registered births declined by 140,060 to 2,794,800, while deaths dropped 48,206 to 1,411,338.

Chutist Offers to Leap At Chance of House

WOONSOCKET, R.I., Oct. 24 (ANS).—An Army paratrooper, just home with three combat jumps and six battle stars to his credit, yesterday advertised in a Woonsocket newspaper an offer to make a parachute jump from "any altitude" if someone would only help him find a place to live.

'Rebels' Ask Dock Peace

LONDON, Oct. 24 (UP).—Britain's "rebel" dock strike leaders yesterday decided to urge men back to jobs pending final negotiations with employers for a new agreement.

The decision was taken following a meeting in London of the National Strike Committee, during which a resolution was also passed that should negotiations reach a deadlock, the government would be asked to intervene.

Delegates left immediately for their home ports, where they will take measures to get men back to work not later than Friday.

The strike committee pledged full support to steps to insure "non-victimization" of strikers and declared that the employers' proposal for a national wage guarantee of \$65 a month was not satisfactory.

GM Strike Vote...

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strike was predicted by union spokesmen. A walkout will not necessarily follow, however. Reuther emphasized. The workers will not strike "until every human effort has been made to settle this thing across the conference table," he declared.

The strike vote, which was taken in union halls, schools and other buildings after GM officials refused to allow balloting on company property, is costing \$250,000 and is one of the largest ever taken under the Smith-Connally Act. Its results will be announced, possibly tomorrow, by the National Labor Relations Board.

Other issues in the GM, Chrysler and Ford strike votes include seniority protection for displaced workers in certain reconvered plants and establishment of rules for permanent transfer between occupational groups and for filling vacancies and new positions.

C. E. Wilson, GM president, rejected the 30 percent wage increase as "unreasonable." The union, maintaining that GM made "enormous profits" during the war, says GM can afford the increase without boosting auto retail prices.

Let Hitler Youth Help Rebuild Reich, Reds Ask

BERLIN, Oct. 24 (AP).—Declaring that the Communist party had opened its ranks to all German youth, the Soviet-controlled Berlin newspaper has demanded that other occupying powers admit former Hitler Youth members without discrimination to participation in reconstruction of Germany.

The Berliner Zeitung argued that German youth were blameless for the war and had "suffered from the Hitler regime more cruelly than any other section of the nation." The Americans have been pursuing a policy of "moral regeneration."

73-Year-Old Widow Found Raped, Slain

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, Oct. 24 (ANS).—The rape slaying of Mrs. Fanny C. Conrad, 73-year-old widow, whose battered body was found yesterday in a bedroom of her home with a rug tightly drawn around the neck, was under investigation today by Butler County authorities.

An autopsy performed last night revealed that the aged woman's death was due to a fractured skull. The woman had been severely beaten and raped, the coroner's office reported. The house was ransacked but apparently nothing had been taken.

Werewolves Take to Air

PRAGUE, Oct. 24 (AP).—An unidentified airplane has given northern Bohemia a Werewolf scare by dropping on the city of Chomutov pamphlets with a code message apparently instructing German residents to conceal any object of value.

Indonesians, Dutch Launch Peace Moves

BATAVIA, Oct. 24 (AP).—Two new moves toward settlement of the Dutch East Indies disturbance were reported today by Lt. Gov. Hubertus Van Mook and the unrecognized Indonesian government of Java.

Indonesian officials said they would accept an offer of mediation made by the U.S. Saturday, although no official word beyond radio reports has been received.

Meanwhile, Van Mook sent three Indonesian administrative officers of the Dutch colonial regime to the residence of Indonesian Foreign Minister Subardjo to arrange a meeting with President R. I. Sukarno and his Cabinet.

Described by political observers as "a step in the right direction" was a luncheon invitation from British Lt. Gen. A.F.P. Christison, Allied commander of the East Indies, to Subardjo.

In the face of peace overtures, the Dutch War Department announced today that a Dutch Army bivouac near Batavia had been attacked by an armed band. Several members of the band were killed and some of their equipment captured, but there were no Dutch casualties, the announcement said.

A Dutch "horror jail," where there was "maladministration and complete lack of care and thought" on the part of Dutch civil authorities, was described in a press conference Tuesday by Lt. Col. J. A. Melsop, a British Army spokesman.

Comparing the jail to the "Black Hole of Calcutta," Col. Melsop said prisoners, accused of looting and rioting but not tried, were crowded, clothed in rags and given a starvation diet. In one building, "conditions were so indescribably foul" that he became sick, the British officer said. The prisoners are being taken to a British jail, and those held on minor charges will be released, he stated.

Army's Slav Aides Returning Home

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARSEILLE, Oct. 24.—More than a thousand Slovenes, first of a group totaling more than 5,000 who made up Slav labor companies for the Delta Base Section, have begun the trek back to their homeland.

The Slavs are traveling by rail to Udine, Italy, where they will be processed before returning to their homes in Istria.

After joining American service forces in Corsica in January, 1944, the Slovenes were assigned to the Northern Base Section and organized into service companies to repair airstrips, maintain communication lines and to construct and guard military installations.

Nova Scotia Liberals Win 28 of 30 Seats

HALIFAX, Oct. 24 (ANS).—Premier Angus L. MacDonald and his Liberal government gained an overwhelming victory in the Nova Scotia general election yesterday, winning 28 of the legislature's 30 seats. All Conservative opposition was eliminated.

Couple Accused Of Faith Healing In Baby's Death

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 24 (ANS).—The tragic failure of a mother's "Powow" to save her baby's life brought charges of involuntary manslaughter today against Anna Fackler and her husband Daniel, a Mount Joy laborer.

Dr. A. V. Walker, county coroner, testified that the ten-month-old baby, Jane Louise, weighed only nine pounds when she died Sept. 25 of malnutrition and improper care.

Mrs. Fackler testified she relied on "Powow" when the baby failed to gain weight. "Powow," a form of so-called "faith healing," is defined by Webster's dictionary as "to practise healing by magic or incantation."

Mrs. Fackler was released on her own recognizance pending the December term of Criminal Court so that she might care for her eight remaining children, living on the second floor of an abandoned stable. Her husband, who said he didn't see the "Powow" rite but "figured it wouldn't do any harm," was released in \$1,000 bail.