

Wire Strike Spreads to 44 States; Capital Phones Hit

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One Year Ago Today
Over 100,000 men pour ashore on four Luzon beachheads. Nazis pull armor out of western end of Bulge. U-boat activity increases Allied shipping losses.

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Ike Orders 'Surplus' GIs Sent Home, Points or Not

Reims GIs Lay It on the Line to Get Cables Home



GIs representing 37 units in the Reims area produced more than \$700 at the Western Union office to send cables to the U.S. protesting the redeployment slowdown.

Attlee Warns First Session of U'NO Assembly The Atomic Age Faces 'Life or Death' Choice

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP).—British Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee opened the General Assembly of the United Nations today with a plain warning to the delegates that they must "make their choice between life or death" for the peoples of the world.

"The coming of the atomic bomb was only the last of a series of warnings to mankind that, unless the powers of destruction could be controlled, immense ruin and almost anni-

hilation would be the lot of the most highly civilized portions of mankind," Attlee declared.

"I welcome, therefore, the decision to remit the whole problem of the control of atomic energy to a commission of the United Nations Organization."

This decision was made at the Christmas conference of the Big Three foreign ministers in Moscow, who agreed on the setting up of an 11-man commission.

"In the discovery (of atomic energy) we can see, set clearly before us in tangible form, the question that faces the modern world," Attlee asserted.

Warning that atomic energy was (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

Seine and Oise Sections Merge

In major reorganization moves the Army announced yesterday the merger of Seine Base Section and Oise Intermediate Section into a new command—the Western Base Section—and the dissolution of Theater Service Forces, European Theater (Rear). The changes will become effective at midnight Monday.

Maj. Gen. John T. Lewis was named to head the new command with headquarters in Paris. The general will retain his present post as head of the USFET Mission to France.

The official announcement was made at TSFET (Main) headquarters in Frankfurt.

Eventually, plans call for the further merger of Delta and Chanor Base Sections into the new WBS.

It was learned that TSFET as a whole would be deactivated in March, and would become a part of USFET.

As yet, future assignments for the commanding officers of the three sections—Brig. Gens. Thomas F. Bresnahan, Oise CG; Frank A. Allen, Seine CG, and J. J. O'Hare, deputy chief of staff for TSFET (Rear)—were not made public.

Army public-relations officials estimated the merger of Seine and Oise would halve personnel needs.

Spaak Edges Norwegian To Head UNO Assembly

LONDON, Jan. 10 (UP).—Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak today defeated Norwegian Foreign Minister Trygve Lie for the first United Nations Organization Assembly presidency, 28 to 23.

Spaak's election was considered a defeat for the Soviet Union and the Eastern European bloc, which earlier sought to elect Lie by acclamation and avoid a secret ballot. (See earlier story on Spaak page 4.)

3 MG Officers' Bodies Found After Mystery Fire at Passau

PASSAU, Jan. 10.—The charred bodies of three Military Government officers were discovered in the ruins of a mysterious fire which destroyed their three-story stucco billet in an isolated section here last Monday night, it was disclosed today.

Soldier witnesses said there were indications that the officers may have been beaten to death in their rooms and the house afterwards fired by gasoline. One other officer in the billet at the time was reported to have escaped.

CID and CIC officials from Munich and Frankfurt swore key witnesses to secrecy and refused to reveal identity of the victims until notification of next of kin.

It was learned, however, that one of the officers, a major, was a member of the Passau MG detachment and that the other two, a captain and a lieutenant, were MG officers from Regensburg on a visit here.

The bodies were brought to the 250th Gen. Hosp., where an autopsy was to be performed to determine the cause of death.

Whole Demob Plan Now Being Revised

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—The War Department undertook today to recast its entire demobilization program as pressure mounted from disgruntled soldiers demonstrating overseas.

Pending this revision, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of staff, has authorized theater commanders to waive point-score requirements in getting home all "surplus" men not needed for occupation duties.

The announcement that the Army was redrafting its demobilization program came less than a week after the War Department ordered a demobilization slowdown that touched off a series of GI demonstrations in the Pacific and Europe.

Plan Promised Soon

There was no hint of what lines the new demobilization program would follow, but the Army promised a revised plan would be forthcoming "shortly."

Eisenhower's message to overseas commanders read:

"A detailed future program of the War Department will be forthcoming shortly. In the meantime, you are authorized to continue to return to the U.S. without delay any men for whom there is no military need, continuing to observe the principle of returning men in the order of highest scores and longest service."

Meanwhile, a warning that public clamor for the immediate return of troops was "jeopardizing the morale of men needed to maintain the peace" came today from Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, in a message from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Congressmen Protest

Devers said the job of occupation was handed the Army by "the President, Congress and the people, and required a large number of men." He added: "It's up to the people to decide whether they want the Army rapidly disbanded or given a requisite occupational force to help win the peace."

Despite Eisenhower's order, increasing dissatisfaction with the demobilization situation was voiced on Capitol Hill by lawmakers returning for the opening session of Congress next week.

Sen. George R. Wilson (R-Iowa) was of the opinion that both the Army and Navy release programs were so snarled that only Congressional action could get them untangled. He told reporters he would propose that Congress order the release by April 1 of all enlisted personnel except volunteers or draftees with less than one year of service.

"We've got to save the Army from itself," Wilson said.

Urging a more democratic setup within the armed forces, Rep. Charles R. Savage (D-Wash.) declared: "Enlisted men in the Army and Navy resent the favors and benefits received by officers in comparison with their own lot. There is no excuse for discrimination against enlisted men in favor of officers."

Savage also urged that the Re- (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

Major Says More Work Will Keep GIs Happy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—Demonstrations by GIs overseas are due in part to the fact that they have too much time to think about home, according to an Army psychiatrist, who recommends more work to keep 'em happy.

Maj. Vladimir G. Urse, chief of the Neuropsychiatric Section, Walter Reed Hospital, declared: "It's a well-known fact that in prisons, Sundays or days of rest are the most difficult for inmates—and miles of ocean separating soldiers in the Philippines from home may be likened to a prison wall."

Wire Strike Hits 44 States

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP).—Strike paralysis spread to 44 states today as idle Western Electric workers halted telephone installation jobs throughout the nation.

In Washington, switchboard operators started leaving their posts at 10 AM, and the capital's telephone service was curtailed immediately.

The walkout interrupted White House communications, but Eben Ayers, Assistant Press Secretary, said no action by President Truman was in sight.

The operators left their posts to attend a union protest meeting, and it was not known immediately whether they would return when the meeting ended.

Official calls, meanwhile, were routed through Army and Navy lines to principal cities.

Meanwhile, it was indicated that picket lines would be thrown around telephone exchanges throughout the country. If telephone operators refuse to pass the lines of maintenance pickets, an almost complete blackout of major phone communications may result.

However, in Denver, the Mountain States Federation of Telephone Workers declined to honor picket lines of WE installation workers (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Far Eastern Commission Arrives at Yokohama

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Forty-eight members of the Far Eastern Commission arrived here yesterday aboard the liner Mount McKinley. All of the commission delegates, except the Russians, were aboard the ship.

Leaders of the delegation went to Tokyo immediately for a preliminary conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who will meet with the full delegation today.

The vessel, which moved to Tokyo today, will serve as headquarters for the commission because of the housing shortage.

Boston Strikes at Marijuana

BOSTON, Jan. 10 (INS).—Local and Federal police have launched a drive to wipe out the use of marijuana in Boston. The first haul netted five "jive" musicians from a Beacon Hill apartment.



Draft 'Surplus,' He Says

I am one of the thousands of overseas GIs who feel let down at the latest news that redeployment on the basis of points has ended. Here are a few of what I consider "bugs" in the redeployment machinery:

Men over 26 years are not drafted, but thousands of overseas GIs from 26 to 35 years can't get out. Men in the States with 36 points have too many points to come overseas. Yet no one with less than 50 can go home on points from overseas. And in the light of the recent news, no one at all is going home in a hurry. We need replacements; but nobody does anything about sending over the 36-to-50-pointers or drafting the 27-to-34-year-olds.

Are the American people going to throw the future military burdens on one class of Americans? We would like to have others share with us the honors of American military service.

How can any man have been discharged in the States as "surplus" in the past few months, and there were thousands, when we are faced with an imminent shortage? If they are not "surplus" now, then draft them again and send them over here to relieve the men who are doing their jobs. What have the draft boards been doing in the five months since VJ-Day? Men have been trained for combat in 90 days and occupation duties should take less time.

Low-point men have gone home on many pretexts, including marching in a parade.

We are sick of words, promises, and turkeys at the inadequate planning on high levels. Send us home! —GI Prof. BAU, APO 772.

A Black Christmas

We are a former ack-ack outfit now assigned as train guards. When holidays came along in the past we didn't gripe much. The trains had to go through so we took it in good grace. This Christmas, we were told, everything would be different, as every GI would get four days off for the holiday season. We didn't even get Christmas off. Of course, we had been misled. Is it standard policy to build up men's morale with such statements, only to dash their hopes to the ground at the last moment? —(25 signatures, Ed.) 379th AAA AW.

Misplaced Person on Way

My application for an emergency furlough was approved by Washington the first week in November, according to a letter I received from home.

As yet I have received no official communication on the matter. It is true that I have been transferred twice, but I am sure if I walked the route of the transfers, I could cover it in less than a week. I have visited three Red Cross field directors, the commanding officers of the 200th Gen. Hosp., and the 546 AAA Bn. No one has been able to help me and I wonder if there is anyone in the ETO who can? —T/3 Woodrow Monroe, 546 AAA Bn.

Editor's Note: This letter was referred to AG (Main) who replied: T/3 Monroe's furlough had been approved by the WD per their cable dated Nov. 8, but they listed his unit as 62F Hq. Unit 3 of which there was none in this theater. Monroe was finally located and ordered to the States by Hq. OISE Section par 58, SO 351, dated Dec. 17. OISE is checking to make sure Monroe is on his way this date.

Sides With Labor

Current stories appearing in The Stars and Stripes and other newspapers with respect to strikes and labor difficulties in the U.S. may be causing confusion in the minds of some soldiers. News articles are sometimes written in a fashion which makes workers' demands appear excessive.

The simple truth is that thousands of workers now on strike, or now deciding to go on strike, take such drastic action for the following reasons:

Retail prices for essential items such as food and clothing remain high while wages are going down.

Large companies are waging a campaign to destroy unions by provoking strikes with their refusal to present a living wage formula.

The government is appointing a fact-finding committee to study wages, prices and profits. There is a close connection between all three, yet the large companies want this committee to limit itself to a study of wages. —Pfc Harold Levy, 414 Med. Coll. Co.

Waiting Graves Wait On

Berlin Is Winning Its Desperate Battle Against Mass Death Threat

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (CP-AP).—The fact that mass graves yawning just outside Berlin's limits are still open to the sky is one of the most heartening and indicative sights of the German capital.

These graves, dug in anticipation of a heavy death toll through epidemics and starvation, are slowly filling in because Germany's winter battle has been won so far.

The country now stands a good chance of getting through the winter without experiencing the horrors foretold last autumn.

The next six weeks are crucial so far as epidemics are concerned.

German rations have improved slightly. The "death" ration card which gave its holders only 900

calories a day has been abolished. From mid-February, however, there is expected to be a shortage of potatoes, which form a large part of the German diet.

Surprisingly few cases of influenza have been reported, and the British zone of Berlin had only 22 new cases in December along with 23 of pneumonia. Cases of typhus, typhoid and diphtheria, also few, tended to decrease even further in the last two months.

The weather has been a big factor, there being little snow in the mildest winter since before the war.

This reporter had just traveled across the British zone from the Rhine to Berlin, and it was obvious the Germans there were saved from desperate privations by the efficient work of the Brit-

ish Army of the Rhine and long-range planning for the winter by the British Control Commission and Military Government authorities.

The Army worked from the first days of the occupation on the reconstruction of roads, railways and communications. Food can be distributed with some regularity and the economic structure of the zone is being pieced together.

The British program is directed not toward making the Germans comfortable but toward preventing a calamity which would rock the rest of Europe. As it is, Germans shiver in unheated houses in hundreds of ruined towns and live on rations near the margin of existence, but they are not likely to die by thousands.

Frisians Plead For Heligoland

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10 (AP).—Prominent Frisian delegates here decided last night to protest against the scheduled British bombing of Heligoland because they believe atomic bombs might be used, wiping out the island, a Berlinkse Tidende correspondent learned today.

The newspaper said a protest would be sent to the British government through the British Legation here. At the same time, an appeal to the Netherlands government to use its good offices to spare the island was to be sent through the Dutch Minister here.

The Frisians consider the island a sanctuary, Heligoland meaning "holy land."

Another protest against the proposed bombardment was to be issued today by the Frisian Council, representing 15 Frisian societies in south Schleswig, western Germany and northern Holland, the Danish newspaper said.

Ship That Hauled Explosives Across 2 Oceans Is Home

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 10 (ANS).—The SS William Phips, which hauled 6,000 tons of high explosives across two oceans, finally found a haven yesterday in the naval ammunition depot at Theodore, Ala.

The touchy cargo was consigned to Ghent, Belgium, but the war in Europe ended as stevedores were unloading the gunpowder. The Phips then turned back to Philadelphia with its original cargo still aboard.

Ordered to the Pacific theater, the merchant ship arrived in the Philippines nine days before VJ-Day. This time the skipper decided not to unload. Orders to return to the U.S. arrived Nov. 15.

The two ocean crossings and the two trips through the Panama Canal totaled some 28,500 miles.

Rome to Home—and Out



Toshio Shiratori, former Japanese Ambassador to Rome, arrives at Sugamo prison in Tokyo, where he will be tried as a war criminal. Sgt. W. Cline of Gary, Ind., keeps an eye on his prisoner.

'Guinea Pig Squadron' Seeks Live Mines in Japan Waters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—Specially-equipped naval vessels, manned by volunteers, are cruising Japanese bays and channels deliberately seeking any "live" pressure mines hidden beneath the water, the U.S. Navy has reported.

The ships have been fitted with remote controls so that engines and boilers can be operated from the main deck and flying bridge. Thus no crew members need remain below in compartments which would become steam-filled death traps in the event of a mine explosion.

To cushion the shock of possible explosions, crew members stand on mattresses or raised wooden gratings, and wear tank helmets for head protection. Overheads also are padded with mattresses.

During the war, Japanese inland waters were sown with new-type pressure mines which played havoc with Japanese shipping because of the difficulty of sweeping them. The mine is detonated by a change in pressure of the water surrounding it, which ordinarily is caused

only by passage of a large ship over the mine.

Anticipating the invasion of Japan, the mines were set to neutralize themselves after a specific time interval, but the only way to make certain that none remains dangerous is to run large ships over them.

The "Guinea Pig Squadron," as the outfit is called, is doing that job, with small crews using battered ships unfit for any other service. So far no mines have exploded under them.

Police Chief and Wife Found Slain in Home

SELBYVILLE, Del., Jan. 10 (AP).—The deaths of Police Chief Charles McCabe, 58, and his 46-year-old wife, Ella, were murder and suicide, Sussex County Coroner William Conaway said today, but he admitted he was not sure who had fired the two fatal shots.

Soviets Seen Bargaining on Monetary Pact

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—Russia's failure to sign the Bretton Woods agreement has aroused speculation among diplomatic officials that the Soviet Union is trying to use her power of acceptance as a bargaining weapon.

While no responsible American official has expressed these views openly, there are those who, seeking the reasons for Russia's delay in signing the agreement, are discussing this possibility with increasing frequency.

Requested Fund Increase

Informed government officials said they had no previous information that Russia would abstain.

On the contrary, they acknowledged they had been confident that she would sign, especially since Russia voluntarily asked that her contributions be increased to \$2,400,000,000 on the last day of the Bretton Woods Conference in the spring of 1944.

Officials believe that if Russia is holding out to get Britain or the U.S. to yield on some point in international relations which she desires, her position is not very strong.

They pointed out that while Russia's signature to the Bretton Woods agreement is desirable for Allied unity, it is not essential, since the organization is well on the road to success.

Russia's aversion to making public the amount of her gold reserve has been given as another possible reason for her refusal to sign, as each nation on joining the organization must state the amount of gold she has on reserve.

Other Reasons Outlined

Other reasons given for her failure to join the organization are:

1—Russia is hesitant to abandon her long-time policy of playing a lone hand in international economic and trade matters.

2—Before joining she wishes to survey her financial needs and chart her post-war trade and economic program, especially to determine how much funds she will need to rehabilitate the areas devastated by the Germans.

Churchill and Wife Sail for U.S. Vacation

SOUTHAMPTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—Winston Churchill and Mrs. Churchill departed for the U.S. yesterday afternoon aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth.

Before he sailed, Churchill told reporters he was going to America solely for a vacation until he meets with President Truman, March 5.

Officer Board to Study War's Joint Operations

The group is headed by Vice-Adm. Harry W. Hill, commander of the Fifth Amphibious Forces at Okinawa, and Maj. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, for 39 months chief of staff of the 15th Army Group in the Mediterranean Theater.

Mister Breger

R. Dave Breger



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Paris Area MOVIES TODAY MARGNAN—"Love, Honor and Good-bye," Virginia Bruce continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf. ENSA PARIS—"Diamond Horseshoe," Betty Grable "Dick Haymes," Metro Marbeuf. OLYMPIA—Midnight show same as Margnans Metro Madeleine. STAGE SHOWS ENSA - MARGNAN—"French Ballet," Ballet International French Folk Dances, Bohemian Feast, France 1900. MISCELLANEOUS PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer. PX BARBER SHOPS—12 Rue de Sese (opposite Rainbow Corner), weekdays 0900-2000, Sunday 0900-1700, with beauty parlor, 146 Champs-Elysees 0900-1900 weekdays only, with beauty parlor, 48 Avenue Kléber, 0900-1900 weekdays only, no beauty parlor. COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers. LE PRADO CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Ternes or Etoile. ARMORIAL CLUB—Officers and guests only, 14 Rue Magellan. Metro George V. OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RIC 64-41. Hotel Louvois-Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse. Metz SCALA—"She Went To The Races," ROYAL—"Voice of the Whistler."

Le Havre STEERING WHEEL—"Two O'Clock Tea," SELECT—"Sing Your Way Home," PHILIP MORRIS—"Magic and Music," (GI Revue) Nancy SHOWTIME—"Pursuit to Algiers," Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce. Marseille CAPITOLE—"Love, Honor and Good-bye," Virginia Bruce.

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GI Weds GI—Checks, Not Love

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (ANS).—A corporal languished in jail today while he thought over his unique married life with another man.

Cpl. Reuben Anderson, 34, was charged with defrauding the government of \$1,000 by FBI agents after he had married another soldier who masqueraded as a woman—and thereby defrauded the government of dependency allotments.

E. E. Conroy, agent in charge of the New York FBI office, said Anderson enlisted in the Army in 1942 and went through a marriage ceremony in June, 1944, with "Lucy Hicks" in Oxnard, Calif.

"Anderson knew 'Lucy' was a man at the time of the so-called marriage," Conroy said, adding that Anderson had been a partner of "Lucy" in the operation of a disorderly house.

A police raid on Hicks' house last October revealed the deception, Conroy said, and "Lucy" now is in a California jail serving a term for perjury in connection with the irregular application.

Amvets to Buy \$11,000,000 Homes Project

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (INS).—Members of American Veterans (Amvets), a fledgling veterans' organization, are attempting to solve their own housing problem by buying McLean Gardens, \$11,000,000 government housing project, from the Defense Homes Corporation.

After making an open bid for the project, the veterans were advised that specific price or terms must be supplied to complete the bid. The project would be open for all World War II veterans. Amvets says it has a backing of \$1,500,000 from ex-soldiers interested in the project, and a capital bank is accepting \$25 deposits from vets applying for membership in the co-operative venture.

The project, near the center of Washington, has paved streets, a streetcar line and red-brick two and three-family units and "dormitory" space for 1,100. The Amvets plan would give one share in the corporation to each stockholder, entitling him to an apartment and an income from the "dormitory," which may be turned into a veterans' hotel.

Vinson for U.S. Loan to Britain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—Fred Vinson, Secretary of the Treasury, asserted last night that the multi-billion-dollar loan to Britain by the U.S. was "a pre-requisite to peace, prosperity and a stable world economy."

Speaking to the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Vinson declared that "international economic anarchy" would be the price of failure of the U.S. to provide Britain with funds for re-establishment of her industry.

"We cannot have lasting peace," the Secretary added, "without good economic conditions throughout the world. Neither can we have enduring prosperity without peace."

Vinson said American prosperity was dependent on world prosperity.

U.S. May Free Assets Of Holland, Denmark

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—Netherlands and Danish assets in the U.S. probably will be released soon from war-time controls, a government official said today. Negotiations under way will provide that foreign governments must investigate ownership of properties to be released and certify that they are free of enemy interests.

Dewey Opens Door to Bonus For Vets, But Warns of Taxes

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 10 (INS).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey opened the door for a veterans' bonus in a message to the State Legislature today, but warned that veterans and their families "will be paying for whatever benefits are voted."

In the annual message to the Legislature Dewey also warned against making the veterans' benefits a "political football."

"Before long 1,500,000 veterans with wives, parents, children, brothers, sisters and other relatives will constitute eight out of every ten people in New York."

Dewey pointed out that any bonus must be voted by two succeeding Legislatures and then submitted to the people in 1947.

Unofficial sources said the bonus probably would be from \$200 to \$300. After World War I the maximum state bonus was \$150.

Reich Atom Savant In British Custody, Washington Hears

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—Otto Hahn, the German atom scientist who disappeared mysteriously some months ago, is in British custody according to reports in Washington today.

The reports say Hahn was captured by a British-American combat team in Germany last spring and was taken to England, where he, with ten other German scientists, lived on a farm 40 miles outside London.

Hahn was treated as a guest and was even permitted to visit London under close guard, said the reports. Intelligence officers kept constant watch on him.

Last November when Sweden announced the award of the 1944 Nobel prize for physics to Professor Hahn for work on splitting the heavy atom nuclei, it was stated that no date could be set for the scientist to receive the award. Hahn now will be returned to Germany—if in fact, he is not already back—according to the Washington report.

Macfadden Divorced; Wife Lost Her Figure

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 10 (AP).—Bernarr Macfadden, 74-year-old physical culturist, received a final divorce decree yesterday from former British beauty contest winner Mrs. Mary Williamson Macfadden.

Macfadden accused her of humiliating him by losing her trim figure during their 33 years of married life, during which seven children were born.

International Trade Parley Off for June

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—The International Trade Organization conference originally planned for June is unlikely to be held until near the end of this year, it was learned today.

Preliminary talks of the Dumbarton Oaks type which were originally planned for March, and to which 14 of the world's most important trading nations have been invited by the U.S., have been postponed until June. This was done partly at the request of the governments taking part and partly due to the delay in American legal processes.

So far ten nations, including Britain, have signified their intention of attending preliminary talks which will probably be held in either Bermuda or Europe. Russia is among the nations which have not yet replied to the American note.

U.S. Wine Mart Remains Stable

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—American wine and perfume manufacturers have voiced confidence that France's recent devaluation of her currency would not seriously affect their position on the U.S. domestic market for at least another year.

Representatives of both industries, which figure largely in potential French exports, cited a number of reasons for allaying fears of major French competition as a result of the franc being pegged at 119.10 to the dollar instead of 50. They were:

- 1—French shortages of bottles, boxes and other materials for overseas shipment.
- 2—Expected increases in France's production costs.
- 3—Fixed tariff, transportation, insurance and other export costs.

Harry Lourie, executive vice-president of the National Association of Alcoholic Beverage Importers, said devaluation of the franc "cannot be immediately translated into price terms with respect to French brands of champagnes, wines and cordials."

Boom Is On in Boston



With a roar, the side of an apartment building caved-in in Boston. Occupants of the building had been warned in advance and there were no casualties.

Holdup Man Takes Encore But Victims Turn Tables on 2d Trip

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP).—Twice within three hours the same holdup man ordered the night manager and an elevator operator at a midtown hotel to lie on the floor of the lobby so that he could rob the desk cash register.

On his first visit, just after midnight, the holdup man, identified by police as Thomas Curtin, 28, walked off with \$79 after telling his victims he didn't want the money in their pockets because it was Christmas.

Henry Walker, manager, and Charles Paul, elevator operator, notified police and resumed their work. Shortly before 4 AM, the front door opened.

"It's him again," Paul whispered to Walker.

"On the floor again," the holdup man said.

A guest, Glen Roberts, approached the desk and was ordered to join the others on the floor. Then the holdup man turned to his business. Up from the floor came Walker, Paul and Roberts.

"Hello, police," Walker phoned West 68th Street station detectives. "He's back, but this time he's on the floor."

Detectives found Walker, Paul and Roberts sitting on the man. He had been floored by Roberts in a flying tackle.

Pappy Weds Again, Leaving Lucy Flat To Food Ceilings

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Jan. 10 (AP).—Lt. Col. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington and Miss Frances Baker, Los Angeles, were married here Tuesday. It was the second marriage for both of them.

The day preceding his marriage Boyington had denied any intention of marrying Mrs. Lucy Malcolmson, wife of an Australian motors executive, who went to Reno to obtain a divorce.

Mrs. Malcolmson's lawyer has made public a series of endearing telegrams which he said his client received from Boyington while she was en route to Reno.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Proposals for higher butter and meat prices collided yesterday with government efforts to "hold the line" on food costs.

A butter increase of 18 cents a pound by May 1 was reported to have been recommended by Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, in a move to encourage production. Previously he had spoken in favor of higher ceilings on meat in an attempt to forestall the scheduled meat-packing strike.

One result of these pressures on the government "hold the line" policy may be to force the Administration to continue its \$1,000,785,000-a-year food-subsidy program beyond June 30, the date on which it had planned to stop.

Mannerheim in Hospital

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP).—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Helsinki tonight said Field Marshal Carl Gustav Mannerheim is ill with an open duodenal ulcer which may keep him hospitalized six weeks.

Natural Hands for Amputees Complete With Hair, Callouses

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (INS).—An artificial hand, natural in appearance even to fine hairs and faint callouses, is among the improved artificial limbs in prospect for World War II amputees.

A spokesman for the Surgeon General's office revealed today that a hand for dress occasions was being developed which would be difficult to distinguish from the ones lost in battle, and he expressed hope that the cosmetic features of the dress hand could be combined with a mechanical hand to afford the wearer the benefits of both.

Another stride made in the War Department's program for the de-

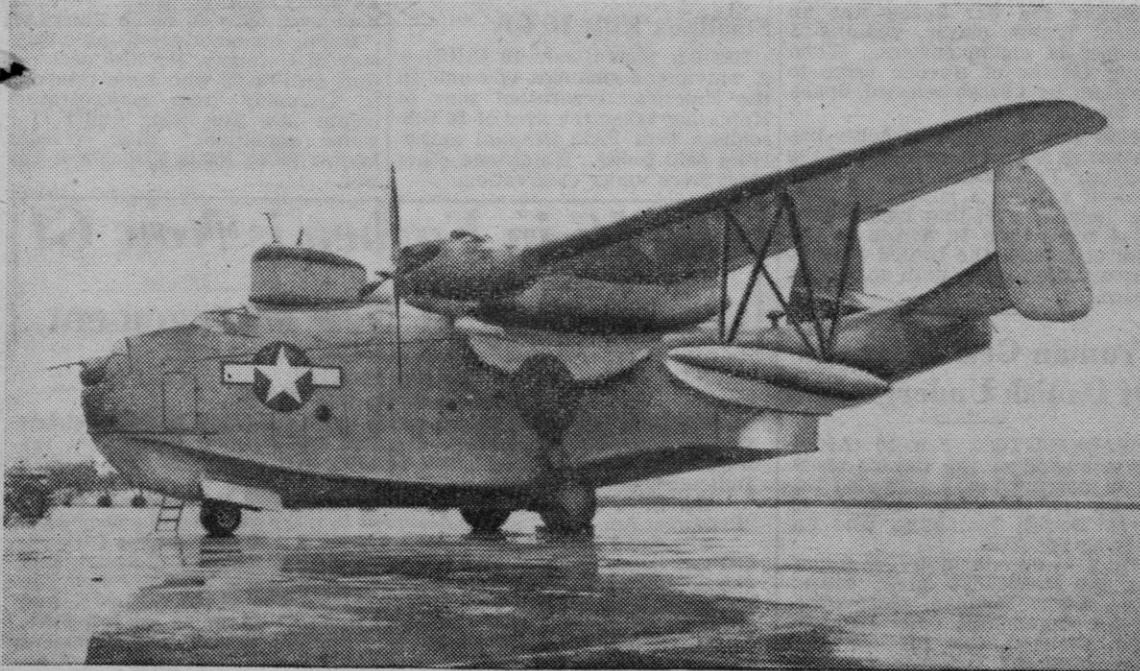
velopment of prosthesis is a strengthened ankle joint stout enough to withstand the additional strain brought upon it by vigorous young ex-GIs.

The Army officer making these disclosures demonstrated the superiority of the new ankle joint over the old. He said:

"Stronger artificial ankles are needed by the young war veterans who have years ahead of them for jitterbugging, tennis and baseball."

At the same time, disclosure was made that a commission of surgeons, scientists and engineers was scheduled to leave the U.S. in February to study possible improvements of limbs made by other nations.

World's Largest Amphibian Plane Unveiled



The largest amphibian plane ever built, the XPBM-5A, is shown at the Glenn L. Martin plant at Middle River, Md. The giant 39-ton ship is a modification of the Martin PBM Mariner.

Red Lights Go Out March 15

Cops Plan 'Ruthless War' on Evaders

The 178 licensed "maisons de tolérance" (brothels) in the Paris area are to be closed on March 15, Charles Luizet, Prefect of the Paris Police has told the committee of inquiry into prostitution recently appointed by the Paris Municipal Council.

Warning that "ruthless warfare" would be waged against those evading the order, Luizet announced in December that police had decided to close the brothels after speakers in the City Council had denounced police toleration of houses of prostitution as a menace to public health and morals.

Clandestine prostitution will be repressed simultaneously with the closing of the registered brothels, Luizet said.

The police war on prostitution will be aided by a group of police-women organized for the first time in Paris history. They will work under the supervision of 20 women inspectors attached to the police unit charged with the protection of public morals.

Closing of the brothels will not completely outlaw prostitution, however, and the committee of inquiry adopted a resolution approving the licensing of individual prostitutes, but stipulated that as a health safeguard the prostitutes' cards be issued by the city's public-health authorities instead of by the police.

U.S. Seeks Aid in Prying Loose Nazi Assets in Neutral Nations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—The U.S. is seeking British and French concurrence to exert diplomatic and economic pressure on European neutral nations to ferret out hidden Nazi assets in those countries, according to a note disclosed by American diplomatic officials today.

The note, addressed and replied to favorably by Britain and France, suggested a tripartite conference in Washington this month to form a common policy of action. Hope was expressed that a three-power agreement would be reached in time to invite representatives of neutral countries for individual discussion in February on the basis of whatever policy was formulated.

They said action would be designed to put teeth in the United Nations' aim to seize all German assets in Switzerland, Sweden, Spain and Portugal. Similar action would be discussed at a later date with regard to the "specialized case" of Ireland.

Force Considered

Punitive measures are contemplated as the final step in the process of persuading neutrals that it is to their own interest as well as that of the United Nations to relinquish German assets in their domain.

Moscow was not asked for its approval of the plan, since the Soviet Union, under terms of the Potsdam agreement, renounced claims to German external assets outside eastern Europe.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the U.S. had asked Britain and

France to exclude Latin-American countries from the Allied reparations system with the idea of letting them settle their war claims by pooling some \$500,000,000 in German external assets frozen in the 20 countries.

Under the plan, any Latin-American country suffering a deficit could draw on another nation's surplus. Such payment probably would be made in the form of trade in surplus goods.

Duke of Windsor May Get New Post

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP).—Speculation mounted today that the Duke of Windsor's current visit to England might involve a new job, possibly another colonial governorship, for the former Governor General of the Bahamas.

The duke saw both his brother, King George VI, and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. Rumors about his future are more numerous now than at any time since last March, when the Colonial Office announced his resignation from the Bahamas post.

Sun Maid in Florida



Ardis Sheffer of St. Petersburg, Fla., collects sea shells—or have you noticed them?

Sailors See Something Besides the Sea



U.S. sailors from the cruisers Denver and Cleveland are taken for a ride through the port of Wakanoura, Japan.

Spaak, 'Belgium's Churchill,' Likely To Be 1st Head of UNO Assembly

BRUSSELS, Jan. 10 (AP).—Paul Henri Spaak, the man who is reported from London as being the most likely first president of the United Nations Assembly, is known as the "Churchill of Belgium" because of his brilliant oratory.

A former Belgian Prime Minister, Spaak entered politics in his late twenties after forsaking a barrister's career.

A grandson of Paul Janson, famous Belgian lawyer, Spaak was born in the Brussels suburb of Schaerbeek in 1899. At the age of 17, when the Kaiser's hordes were occupying Belgium, he tried to cross the German lines to join the Belgian Army fighting in France, but was caught and interned by the Germans until the end of the war.

Started in 1932

His political career started in 1932, when he was elected Socialist Deputy for Brussels. Three years later Paul Van Zeeland appointed him Minister of Transport in his Cabinet. In 1936 Spaak found himself at the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in 1938 he became Prime Minister.

When the Nazis invaded Belgium in May, 1940, Spaak was back at the Foreign Office in the Pierlot Cabinet.

Leaving his wife and two daughters in Belgium, he escaped to Spain with his only son, Fernand, accompanied by Hubert Pierlot, then Belgian Prime Minister. All three narrowly escaped internment by the Spaniards.

They were forced to hide in the chateau of a friend just outside Madrid while Foreign Minister Serrano Suner's Spanish Gestapo, working under German pressure, scoured Spain for them.

Escaped to England

Escaping by night into Portugal, they finally reached England, where Spaak and Pierlot led the Belgian government-in-exile which, over the short waves of the BBC, directed Belgian resistance against the Nazis.

Before the war Spaak was an ardent tennis player, winning a number of championships. When King Gustav of Sweden came to Belgium he always selected Spaak as his opponent.

Now that Achille Van Acker has chosen to ask for dissolution of the Belgian Parliament, Spaak finds himself without a ministerial post, but Belgians feel that he will now have more time to devote to the task of leading the United Nations Organization on a path to lasting peace.

Truman Gets Armband Of Danish Underground

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—An armband of the Danish resistance movement was presented yesterday to President Truman by eight Danish journalists who are touring the U.S.

In a 15-minute interview following the President's press conference, Borge Houman, chief editor of the Communist daily Land og Folf, thanked the President for everything the U.S. had done for Denmark and presented him with the armband.

AMG Will Help Polish Jews Who Fled to Berlin's U.S. Zone

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (AP).—The American Military Government announced yesterday that it was taking "immediate temporary measures" to provide food and shelter for 500 Polish Jewish refugees who moved into the American sector of Berlin.

They left their former quarters in the Russian sector of the city to escape evacuation elsewhere in the Soviet Zone of Occupation.

Other refugees joined the original 500 in a steady stream. Some of the newcomers told reporters they had just arrived from Lodz and like most others said they fled "persecution" in Poland. They said they wanted to travel westward, many seeking eventual entry to America.

They had lodged themselves in a big, barren, unsanitary, old pavilion, in the borough of Wannsee, where they have been sleeping on tables and floors and living on dark bread, sausage, margarine and powdered milk.

The Americans are rushing facilities for the opening of a new temporary camp for this group, said Col. Frank Howley, director of the Office of Military Government.

"In the meantime," Howley added, "one or two hot meals per day will be provided at their present site. But it is pointed out this provision of food, shelter, beds and sanitation facilities is temporary and that nothing further will be done pending instructions from higher authorities."

Smallpox Kills 16 GIs

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 10 (ANS).—A widespread smallpox epidemic in the American occupation zone of Korea has taken the lives of 16 U.S. soldiers, 86th Field Hospital authorities said today. Thirty-one other cases were under observation.

Jewish Influx Laid to Fear

Zionist and other organizations in Poland, rather than outside pressure groups, are responsible for Jewish emigration from Poland and other European countries, Dr. Charles R. Joy, UNRRA observer and executive director of the Unitarian Service Committee, told a news conference in Paris Wednesday.

Joy said he thought it would be a "terrible mistake" to relieve British Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan of his post as UNRRA chief in Germany for his recent assertion that Jews were fleeing from Poland as part of an organized movement.

In Paris after a month's tour to survey the relief needs of displaced persons and refugees in Czechoslovakia, Poland and Germany, Joy declared that the Jews were emigrating for two reasons—fear, and the hope of a new life outside Europe. Most of them, he said, hope eventually to reach Palestine.

Basing his observations on a brief stay in Germany, Joy also declared that anti-Nazis who have returned to Germany from concentration camps now are living under "far worse conditions" than persons known to be Nazis throughout the war.

The IG in Farben is Now GI

German Told of New Management

By Joe Harvey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Jan. 10.—It was a tough fight, but USFET officials finally convinced a stubborn German businessman today that the huge I.G. Farben industry office building here is now the "G.I. Farben Building" and under new management.

On three occasions, the German telephoned long-distance to the "Pentagon Am Main" and endeavored to place an order for chemicals.

The third time, the call reached USFET Public Relations Division. Officers there, in the best approved G.I. phrasebook German, told the merchant that he was submitting his requisition through the wrong channels; that Mr. Farben didn't live there anymore, and wouldn't be please forget about the whole thing, or go see ordnance.

A German-speaking telephone operator clinched the argument by explaining to the merchant: "This is now the office of Gen. McNarney, commanding general of the American Forces in Europe." The German hung up.

Dutch Reported Using Japanese in Sumatra

Prosecution Moves Swiftly to Pin Guilt on Schacht, Streicher, Frank

Declares Financier Knew Fully of Aggression

NUREMBERG, Jan. 10.—Dr. Hjalmar Horace Greeley Schacht, the magic man of Nazi finance, geared German economy directly for war "with full knowledge of the aggressive purposes he was serving," the U.S. prosecution charged today at the war crimes trial of Nazi bigwigs.

Lt. Brady P. Bryson, USNR, of Baltimore, opened the case against the international financier as the four major powers moved speedily to place blanket responsibility for war crimes.

Earlier, the British prosecution demanded conviction of Jew-baiter Julius Streicher for inciting murder through poisonous propaganda, and of Hans Frank, former Nazi Governor General of Poland, for attempted enslavement of the Poles.

In Concentration Camp

Schacht wound up in a concentration camp just before Germany's surrender, but Bryson argued that this did not absolve him from responsibility in Germany's war crimes.

Hermann Goering's secret investigation of Streicher in 1939 revealed that the Jew baiter was a sadist, pervert and thief, a document introduced earlier today before the International Military Tribunal showed.

"Gauleiter Streicher likes to beat people with a riding whip, but only if he is in the company of several persons assisting him," the report said. "Usually the beatings are carried out with sadistic brutality."

Pornographic pictures and articles appearing in Streicher's newspaper denouncing Jews and demanding their extermination were offered as evidence by the young assistant British prosecutor, who charged that they served as "incitement to murder."

'Poison Blood Forever'

"One single cohabitation of a Jew with an Aryan woman is sufficient to poison her blood forever," wrote Streicher in a 1935 issue of a German medical journal. "Never again will she be able to bear purely Aryan children even when married to an Aryan. They will all be bastards with dual souls and the body of mixed breed."

Earlier, the story of how the Nazis hoped to make the Poles "slaves of the greater German empire" was related before the tribunal in the diary of Frank, who boasted in 1943 that he had the "honor" of heading President Roosevelt's list of war criminals.

Frank, who was cheated out of an attempt to take his own life upon his arrest, sat ramrod stiff in the dock as U.S. Assistant Prosecutor Lt. Col. William H. Baldwin of Detroit listed brutalities reminiscent of the dark ages.

"Once we have won the war, then, for all I care, mincemeat can be made of the Poles," read an entry in Frank's diary dated Jan. 14, 1944.

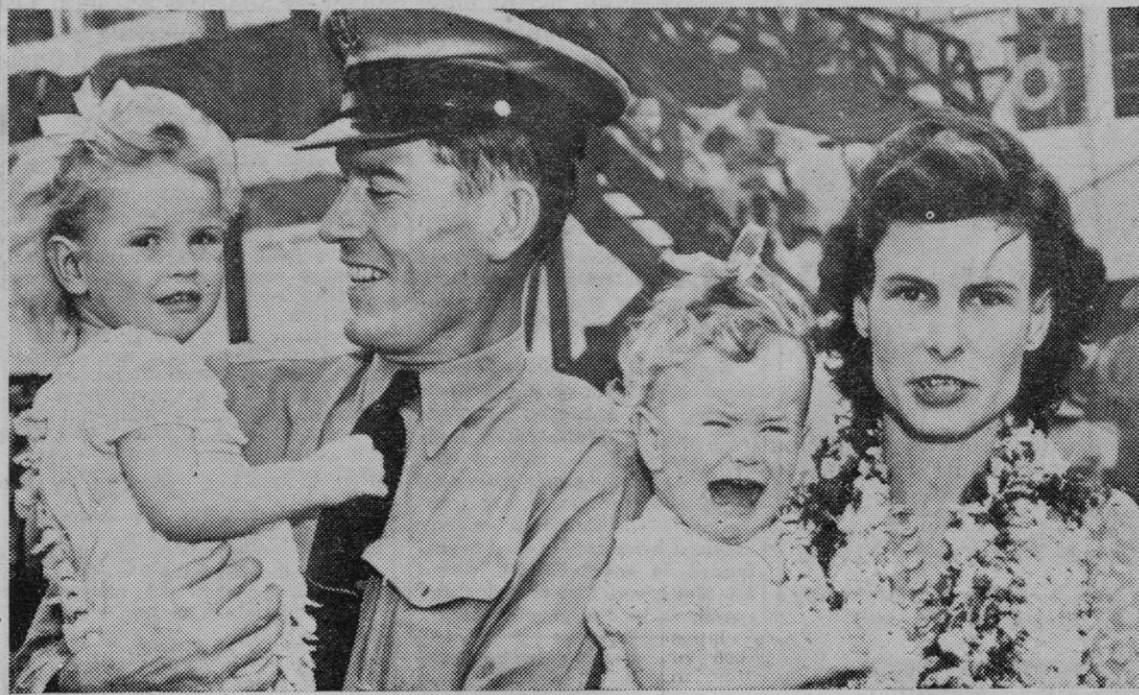
"We must not be squeamish when we learn that a total of 17,000 people have been shot," Frank told district leaders in Warsaw in January, 1943. "These persons who have been shot are nothing more than war victims."

Bandits in Russian Uniforms Hold Up, Loot Bremen Train

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (AP).—Bandits dressed in Russian uniforms held up the Bremen train last night in the province of Brandenburg and looted 15 freight cars of large stocks of provisions, the supply division of American Military Government announced.

This interzonal train, which traverses the British zone, is manned by German crews. At Helmstedt, on the border of the British-Russian zones, it takes on American guards and travels the rest of the way into Berlin through the Soviet zone. There are only three American guards on this run due to the manpower shortage, it was explained.

According to the guards' report to MG officials, armed bandits



Nuremberg GI Guards Ex-Jailer

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NUREMBERG, Jan. 10.—If the look which Pvt. Wladyslaw Zarembo, of Bridgeport, Pa., is required to take every 30 seconds through the narrow peep-hole of Hans Frank's cell in the Nuremberg jail could kill, the former Governor General of Occupied Poland would have been long since listed as "the late defendant."

Zarembo, a white-helmeted First Div. guard, knows the defendant Frank not merely through documents or testimony but through heartrending personal experience.

When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, Zarembo was living with his mother, father, two brothers and a sister on a farm near Star-

ogard, in the Polish Corridor. Born in the U.S. to naturalized parents, he had returned to "the old country" with them in 1922.

Against desperate odds, poorly-armed Poles attempted to stand off the might of the Nazi troops in September, 1939. "We all did our best," he recalls, "but it's hard trying to beat a tank with a wooden club or an old sword. Hundreds of my friends were killed in these battles and the rest perished in concentration camps."

Rounded up by SS men, the family was assigned to a slave-labor project in the fields, but the 19-year-old boy escaped and hid for weeks. Finally caught, he was placed in the prison block of a concentration camp for eight weeks. "They treated us pretty rough," the 26-year-old private said. "One of the jailers' best ideas for fun was beating us with a heavy cell key

which was about a foot and a half long."

Upon establishment of the family's American status, the boy and his family were sent to an internment camp at Laffen, Germany, where they remained for two years. Later, they were moved to an internment camp at Vittel, France, where they spent 15 months before returning to the U.S.

Shortly after his arrival in America, Zarembo was inducted into the Army and came overseas in November. With only nine points, the guard of Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, Joachim Von Ribbentrop and Frank figures he'll be in the Army for some time to come. "I don't care much how long it takes for me to be able to walk around in civilian clothes again," he says, "as long as I'm sure that Frank and the rest never get that chance again."

British Friends Of Nazis Listed

NUREMBERG, Jan. 10 (AP).—An amazing report by the Foreign Policy Office of the Nazi party in 1939, boasting of strongly pro-German activities by anti-Communist British Air Force leaders was disclosed today by the American prosecution in the presentation of its case against Alfred Rosenberg.

The following quotations were contained in the full text of the report distributed to foreign correspondents.

"Attempts to find persons in England who had a desire to understand the German movement date back to 1929. Above all was Group Leader W, a member of the general staff, who was firmly of the belief that Germany and England must stand together in defense against the Bolshevik danger."

French Builder Gets 2 Yrs.; Made Fortune Off Nazis

Jean-Pierre Gosselin, founder of a French construction company which built part of the Wehrmacht's Atlantic Wall along France's northern and western coasts with a profit of approximately 40,000,000 francs to himself, was sentenced Wednesday to two years in prison and the confiscation of one-half of his property.

The French press yesterday morning was critical of the sentence. Le Populaire asked why Gosselin was permitted to keep "one-half of his goods, the half of the fortune which he admitted was the fruit of his treason."

Melchior Will Sing In ETO Concert Tour

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP).—Lauritz Melchior said yesterday that he had agreed to an American Army request to make a month-long concert tour of the American zone of occupation in Europe this spring.

The Danish tenor said the tour would start with a performance in Nuremberg at Easter. He said he also planned to sing in Copenhagen and Oslo.

Curbed by Pope, Priest Quits Hungary Council

LONDON, Jan. 10 (UP).—Varga Bela, Roman Catholic clergyman, has resigned as a member of the Hungarian Supreme National Council because he could not sign a death sentence without the Pope's permission, Radio Moscow reported today.

Bela represented the Smallholders party. His post has been filled by Feder Ferencz, Social Democrat.

Former Reich Envoy Dies

BERN, Jan. 10 (AP).—Dr. Otto Koecher, German Minister to Switzerland during the war, died Dec. 27 in American imprisonment in Ludwigsberg, near Stuttgart, the newspaper Der Bund said today. Koecher was expelled from Switzerland in July, two months after closing of the German Legation.

Transport Returns to Le Havre For Repair After 2 Days at Sea

By Phil Jacobs
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

LE HAVRE, Jan. 10.—With 1,516 troops aboard, the Zanesville Victory which left here for the U.S. two days ago, returned to port today for repairs to her boilers.

Members of the 84th Div. Artillery, the 334th Reg., 3rd Bn. of the 84th and the 42nd Field Hosp. will be transferred to the Costa Rica Victory, which is due to arrive tomorrow and to sail within 24 hours. Information as to when the Zanesville would be ready to load troops again was not immediately available.

The Army transport George Washington, with 6,338 returnees aboard, including some members of the Radio City Rockettes ballet, was the only troopship to sail from here today.

Now in port is the USAT Exchequer, which arrived today with 668 replacements. It is expected to sail Saturday with a load of 1,500 re-deployees.

Besides the Costa Rica, three other Victories, the Lincoln, Waterbury and Williams and the Justin S. Morrow Liberty are expected to arrive tomorrow.

Shipping Slow at Marseille Pending Transfer of Boats

MARSEILLE, Jan. 10.—Pending the arrival of troop ships to be diverted to this port from the

British Retreat In Heavy Rain Near Surabaya

BATAVIA, Jan. 10 (UP).—Japanese troops have been landed by the Dutch on the coast of Sumatra since Dec. 24 for use against the Indonesians, it was charged yesterday by the Indonesian Republic Information Ministry.

The troops were landed against heavy Indonesian resistance, mainly in the Sigli area, the statement said. It further was alleged that there were no prisoners of war or civil internees in the area, making it obvious that the Japanese troops were sent into action against Indonesians.

Heavy fighting is going on in several other areas of Sumatra between the Indonesians and infiltrating Japanese, the newspaper Independent claimed. It said the Republicans were protesting to Allied authorities at Medan and had asked them to prevent further bloodshed.

Although official British reports in Batavia made no mention of disturbances in Sumatra, more British troops were landed at Surabaya, on Java.

Heavy rains, flooding some of the British positions in the Surabaya area, have forced the troops to withdraw at some points, according to reports reaching Batavia.

Meanwhile, more clashes were reported today from the mid-Java trouble center of Semarang. Casualties were said to be light on both sides, but a number of Indonesian prisoners were taken, including men who said they were trained for only five days before being sent into action.

Coalition Seeks Greek Upset

ATHENS, Jan. 10 (AP).—Formation of a center and right-wing coalition, collaborating with minor conservative groups, was announced here last night, aiming at a government without the participation of the EAM and KKE.

The agreement provides for full co-operation in dealing with major national problems and for securing internal order and collaboration in the general election, which is to be held without further delay.

Premier Themistocles Sophoulis expressed "stupefaction" at news that dissident leaders of his Liberal party had formed a coalition with the right-wing Populists, and conceded that the surprise agreement "may cause a government overthrow."

Leaving each party to maintain its political convictions, the Liberal-Populist coalition agreement provided that a plebiscite be held to determine whether Greece should revert to a monarchical regime.

Shipping News

north, shipping operations continued to be slow here today, with only one vessel tentatively scheduled to sail with a few hundred American soldiers.

The population at Calas staging area was increased to 13,693 today by the arrival of 1,550 Delta Base personnel who have moved into the redeployment pipeline.

Marseille Departures			
Ship	Load	Date	
Seatrain Lakehurst	384	Jan. 10	
In Port			
Lyman Abbott Lib...	520	To Sail Jan. 11	
W. Wilkins (cargo)	120	Jan. 11	
Le Havre Departures			
Ship	Load	Date	
USAT G. Washington	6,338	Jan. 10	
In Port			
USAT Exchequer....	1,500	To Sail Jan. 12	
Zanesville Victory....	1,500	Unknown	
Expected Arrivals			
Ship	Load	Date	
Lincoln Victory.....	1,506	Jan. 11	
Waterbury Victory....	1,500	Jan. 11	
Williams Victory.....	1,500	Jan. 11	
Costa Rica Victory....	1,500	Jan. 11	
J. S. Morrow Liberty	550	Jan. 11	

Scattered Sports Shots



Rapid Robert Feller, Cleveland fireball artist, looks proudly and fondly at his infant son, born in Waukegan Hospital, Ill., recently.

Halas Promises NFL Action Over All-America Grid Raids

By Charles Einstein
INS Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—The All-America Football Conference can expect some interesting action by the older, longer-established National League when the latter's Professional Football Conference opens its annual meeting in New York today.

Assurances of this were given by none other than "Uncle George" Halas, owner and coach of the Chicago Bears whose team has been subjected to repeated player raids by

Annapolis Accepts Kelly's Resignation

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 10. (AP).—The Naval Academy has accepted the resignation of Bob Kelly, former Notre Dame football star, a Navy spokesman said yesterday.

Kelly said he expected to return to his Chicago home upon leaving the Academy. Reserve back on the Midshipman football team, Kelly entered the Academy last summer after two years at Notre Dame. He submitted his resignation shortly before Christmas, saying he intended to enter Cornell where Ed McKeever, former Irish line coach, is in charge of football.

the All-America Conference. Noting that the "Los Angeles and San Francisco clubs of the proposed league have been particularly haughty," Halas went on to assure fans that "we are going to give them a bit of our attention." Halas continued: "There is no truth to the rumor that I am about to become a Communist because a few rich men are raiding the Bears for players to form a new league. The All-America Conference has been in operation for about 16 months. During that period it has attempted to sign many National football stars but so far has made small progress."

If "Uncle George" was at all piqued by the loss of such stand-out players as Lee Artoe and Norm Standlee, he did his best to cloak it. Halas declared, however, that the National League will take some "definite action" at its New York meeting.

Basketball Results

By Associated Press

- East**
- Delaware 41, Haverford 27
 - LaSalle 58, Lakehurst NAS 51
 - Muhlenberg 56, Franklin & Marshall 46
 - Penn State 46, Temple 34
 - Villanova 54, Bucknell 52
 - Ursinus 57, PMC 28
 - Princeton 50, Rutgers 37
 - Lafayette 57, Scranton 22
 - Army 70, Swarthmore 38
 - Valley Forge Gen. Hosp. 61, Penn 30
 - West Virginia 59, Long Island 51
 - Washington Jefferson 45, Grove City 34
 - Allegheny 54, Alliance 33
 - St. Johns 75, CCNY 50
 - Dartmouth 58, Quonset Naval 42
 - Harvard 65, Boston 48
 - Cornell 77, Rochester 49
 - Williams 54, Trinity 49
 - Virginia 63, Washington & Lee 28
 - Westeyan 50, Amherst 46
 - Yale 44, Columbia 32
 - Pittsburgh 56, Carnegie Tech 45
- South**
- Gettysburg 78, Western Maryland 20
 - Duke 51, North Carolina 46
 - Camp Blanding 49, Florida 44
- Midwest**
- Iowa Wesleyan 65, Parsons 45
 - Akron 58, Wayne 56
 - Valparaiso 62, Puerto Rico 50
 - Kansas 39, Kansas State 26
- Far West**
- Nevada 51, Mather Field 42
 - Colorado 65, Denver 30
 - Williamette 59, Portland 49

Seven Grid Rules Listed For Revision

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10 (AP).—Seven minor football rule changes designed to speed up play were selected yesterday by the advisory committee on rules of the American Football Coaches Association from a record list of more than 100 suggestions.

No recommendations for major rule revisions were made. The selected changes will be considered for NCAA adoption by the committee in a four-day session starting today.

The recommendations were: More liberal use of hands or forearms on the offense; Penalize team for an illegal forward pass at the spot from which the pass was thrown; Penalize a team 15 yards for a kicked ball instead of the loss of ball; One additional charged time out period for each half; Permit the backfield players to line up immediately behind the center instead of one yard back; Permit an official to acknowledge a sub by a wave of the hand instead of requiring the player to report formally; Stop the clock only for the actual period required for making a substitution, not for a full two minutes.

Quinn Announces Braves' Purchase Of AA Stock

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10 (ANS).—John Quinn, general manager of the Boston Braves, announced the acquisition of 40 percent of the stock in the Indianapolis club of the American Association.

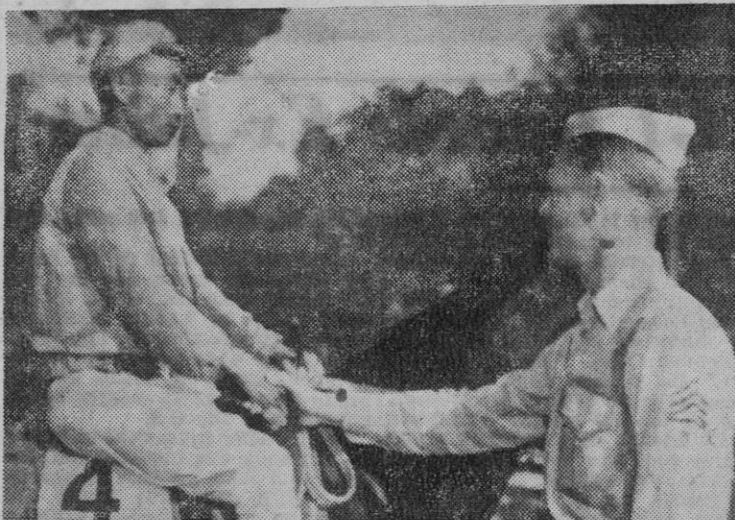
The purchase of the stock by Boston terminates the "friendly agreement" under which the two teams had operated since last season. Quinn said that under the new set-up, Indianapolis will be given first call on all players cast off by the Braves.

Owen J. Bush and Frankie McKinney of Indianapolis retained their controlling interest of 51 percent of the Indianapolis franchise and the remaining nine percent stayed in the hands of local citizens.

Hubbell Signs to Head Giants' Farms 5 Years

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP).—Carl Hubbell, who pitched 16 seasons for the New York Giants and has served as the director of the club's farm system for the past two years, has signed a new five-year contract as farm director, Secretary Eddie Brannick said yesterday.

The Giants' farm chain, built up largely under Hubbell's direction, now includes three clubs owned outright by the Giants and eight which operated under working agreements



Marine Sgt. Willie H. Mitchem congratulates jockey C. Y. Shih, who piloted his mount to a win in a race card at Peiping, China. Mitchem dragged down 600 Chinese dollars for the winner's share. (20 cents to you, bud.)

10 Auto Racing Dates Listed

WILLIAMS GROVE, Pa., Jan. 10 (AP).—Owner Roy Richwine announced yesterday that ten auto racing programs have been scheduled on the Williams Grove Speedway for the 1946 season, with the first sanctioned AAA program since Pearl Harbor listed for April 14.

Besides the \$100,000 in prizes to be given by the contest board of the American Automobile Association at Williams Grove and four other tracks, an additional \$30,000 will be contributed by automotive manufacturers and oil concerns at the close of the 1946 season on the basis of point standings, Richwine said. Other dates listed for the speedway are April 28, May 19, June 16, July 7 and 28, Aug. 18, Sept. 15 and Oct. 6 and 27.

Koslowski Denies Marriage

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 10 (ANS).—Stan Koslowski, star Holy Cross back, today denied reports that he had married or intended to marry Patricia Mann, 21-year-old Miami model. The romance rumors became current when Koslowski stayed here rather than return with the football team to Worcester.



The swank Koganei golf links at Tachikaw, Japan, where before the war only top-flight Jap noblemen and plutocrats swung driver, mashie and niblick, are in use again—this time for GI golfers. Adding an exotic note to this teeing-off shot are native caddies... girls as well as boys.

Black Hawks' Prexy Blasts Gloating Of N.Y. Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 (ANS).—President Bill Tobin of the Chicago Black Hawks, criticizing the "gloating of the New York press," today asked President Merv Dutton of the National Hockey League to launch a "detailed investigation" into the recent injury of Bill Mosienko, the Black Hawk's scoring star.

Mosienko was put out of action by Bill Moe, New York defenseman, on Dec. 30.

"I have delayed wiring you pending an investigation into Moe's deliberate charge on Mosienko," Tobin telegraphed Dutton. "As this has disabled him from four to six weeks I now request your personal and detailed investigation into Moe's deliberate charge on Mosienko. I refer you to the New York World-Telegram's report of this game. I cannot see any justification or pride in the Ranger players and New York press in gloating over the fact they have crippled a player awarded the Lady Byng Trophy last year. (The Lady Byng Trophy is awarded annually to the player voted the most gentlemanly in his conduct on the ice during the season.)"

Conn. Commissioner Turns Over Purses

BRIDGEPORT, Jan. 10 (AP).—Connecticut Commissioner William J. Prince of the State Athletic Department, taking unprecedented action yesterday, turned into the State General Fund a total of \$1,150, 40 withheld from boxers since July 1, when he took office.

The boxers "failed to give their best efforts," explained Prince. His action follows a recent decision by Attorney General William L. Hadden which gave the commissioner the right to turn the confiscated moneys into the general fund.

Intercollegiate Sports at Crossroads

Chancellor Lashes Out At Financial Pressure

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Dr. Arthur Holly Compton, Washington University Chancellor, told the delegates to the National Collegiate Athletic Association convention last night that intercollegiate sports were at the crossroads in the most critical period of their history because of "financial pressure to win games."

Compton, a leader of those forces opposing recruiting and employment of athletes by colleges, said: "This financial pressure to win games has many a coach and college executive straining his conscience in employing athletes and urging students to devote their time to the game while their primary interest should have been reserved for their studies. If the heavy demand for intercollegiate games as a sports spectacle interferes with a program of education, athletic in-

stitutions that are in earnest about education will be compelled to stop intercollegiate games."

Compton said he felt such a move would be in the wrong direction even if the circumstances compelled it.

He paid tribute to the pioneer action of the Eastern Intercollegiate colleges which recently banded together to place football under stricter control.

In sessions yesterday, NCAA baseball coaches took steps to prevent the big leagues from "grabbing" players before they finish school. They asked in a resolution that the leader of the coaches' committee, Eppy Barnes of Colgate, arrange a meeting with Baseball Commissioner Happy Chandler, National League President Ford Frick and American League President Will Harridge to discuss the matter.



Catholics Lash Van Acker for Chamber Coup

BRUSSELS, Jan. 10 (AP).—While Socialists, Liberals and Communists express their satisfaction at the prospect of speeded-up elections, now scheduled to take place Feb. 17, the Catholics are openly condemning the methods employed by the Achille Van Acker government to bring about yesterday's dissolution of Parliament.

In a statement late last night to the press, Count Henry Carton de Wiart, veteran leader of the Catholic party, said Prime Minister Van Acker had not respected the traditions of democracy and the Belgian Parliament, by making an electioneering speech in the Chamber of Deputies and immediately afterward reading the dissolution decree.

By proceeding in this manner, said Carton de Wiart, the Prime Minister prevented the opposition from replying. The count said he felt that the present regime was a political dictatorship camouflaged under the name of democracy.

The Catholic leader also pointed out that the government had shirked facing some important problems, such as reparation of war damages, the statute of the political prisoners, the voting right for women and the royal question.

Allies to Try 4 Slav Puppets

BELGRADE, Jan. 10 (AP).—Gen. Milan Nedic, former puppet Premier of Yugoslavia, and three of his top aides have been turned over by Allied authorities for trial on war-crimes charges, the Tito government announced today.

A fifth leader in the puppet regime, Ilija Paranos, chief of the Gestapo-dominated Belgrade special police, committed suicide en route from Bari to Trieste.

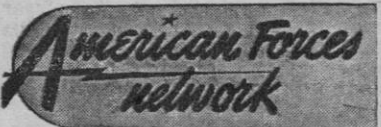
Belgrade newspapers predicted that Nedic, 72-year-old chief of staff of the Yugoslav Army, and his aides would be placed on trial soon on charges of collaboration.

The three others brought here for trial were Gen. Djura Dokic, Minister of Communications; Gen. Leo Rupnik, who commanded pro-German Yugoslavs in battles against partisans in Slovenia, and retired Col. Tanasije Dinic, former Minister of Interior.

GI Tours Double Copenhagen Stay

BREMEN, Jan. 10.—GI tourists in Denmark will spend a full six days in Copenhagen, and their tour of the country henceforth will be made in special trains instead of buses, the Bremen Port Command announced today.

The six-day stop-over at Copenhagen is double the time previously allotted soldier tourists in the capital. The trains, provided by the Danish state railway system, are modern and heated.



Tim	TODAY	TOMORROW
1200	News	0600-News
1205	Off the Record	0615-Morning Report
1300	Help Wanted	0715-Village Barn
1305	Sports Review	0730-Intermezzo
1315	Remember	0800-GI Jive
1330	You Asked for it	0815-News
1400	Your Love Song	0830-Repeat Perform
1430	Inform. Hour	0900-News
1500	News	0905-Modern Music
1505	Beaucoup Music	0930-World Diary
1600	Symphony Hour	0945-String Serenade
1700	Duffie Bag	1000-S to the Bar
1800	News	1030-Morn. Interlude
1815	Personals Album	1045-Easy Does It
1830	Supper Club	1100-Carroll Sing
1845	Magic Carpet	1115-Across the Board
		1130-Miss Patsy
		1200-News
		1205-Off the Record
		1200-At Your Service
		1205-Passing Parade
		1315-Remember
		1330-Asked for it
		1400-Love Song
		1430-Viva America
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FDR Sought to Meet Hitler in 1938, Prince Says

By Wes Peyton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BAD KISSINGEN Jan. 10.—The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt as early as 1938 feared the imminence of global war and would have met with Adolf Hitler in an attempt to forestall it, he told Louis Ferdinand, Prince of Prussia and grandson of Kaiser Wilhelm II. The prince who works as an unofficial interpreter for Military Government detachment H-250 here, said such a meeting would have been held prior to the Munich conference and "might have greatly changed the course of history."

"When I returned from a world tour late in 1938, I sent a note to Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop saying I had information of the highest importance for him I never received an answer," explained Louis Ferdinand.

Well known to Mr. Roosevelt, Louis Ferdinand was many times a guest at Hyde Park and the White House. On his last visit in 1938, he and the late President held their discussion on the possibility of war.

Fraternalization between occupation troops and German civilians is described by the prince as one of the most hopeful signs for the recovery and development of Germany into a democratic state. Before the war few middle-class Germans had ever seen an American, and the 12 years of Dr. Paul Josef Goebbels' propaganda output were

directed primarily at showing the American as a man "who fought war for the money in it," said the prince.

"Your soldiers are showing our people that Americans have a culture and a way of life that embraces more than a desire for money."

A few democratic leaders who were able to withstand 12 years of Nazism will come to the fore now, the prince believes, and will aid in the reconstruction of Germany. German "private initiative" has not been completely stifled, he feels.

(James W. Gerard, U.S. Ambassador to Germany from 1913 to 1917, proposed last June that the prince be considered as a possible head for a German state when the time comes for Germany to take

over her internal affairs from AMG.)

During the war, life for the entire Hohenzollern family under the Nazis was virtually one long house arrest, the prince revealed. No member was allowed to participate in the government or the army.

Nothing about them was allowed in the press, and they were restricted to their estates in East Prussia, while telephone lines were tapped and Gestapo agents kept constant watch on the limited movement allowed them.

When Russian troops neared his estate near Elbing last winter, the prince fled to Potsdam, where he joined his wife, Kira, a former Romanoff grand duchess, and their five children. In January they left Potsdam for Bad Kissingen.

'Cease Fire' Order Issued in China Civil War

Reaction Mixed In Washington To GI Protests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—Congressmen reacted with mixed sentiments today to news of demonstrations and mass protests by soldiers urging the War Department to rescind its recent directive ordering a slowdown in demobilization and redeployment.

Many Congressmen came out in open support of the GIs' actions, and some urged a speedy investigation of the entire demobilization process, even as Army officials announced here today that they were revising release policy.

From Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Wash.), a member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, however, came a statement deploring the world-wide protests. He said the GI demonstrations overseas were "near mutiny and distressing and humiliating to all Americans."

'Sees Outrageous Display'

In a letter to Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah), chairman of the committee, Johnson said: "No American Army must ever be permitted by Congress to degenerate into a mob. What will neighboring nations think of such an outrageous display of irresponsibility?"

In a demobilization report to President Truman, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said the soldiers who demonstrated in Manila were "good men and in no way guilty of breaches of discipline."

Eisenhower said the Army must not be permitted to demobilize at a rate reducing it below minimum requirements, despite protests from troops.

Bridges Sympathetic

From San Francisco, Harry Bridges, leader of the International Longshoremen's Association (CIO), sent a message to protesting troops in Manila, saying: "We are with you... We didn't declare war against the Chinese and East Indians."

In Frankfurt, more than 1,150 members of the 318th Signal Service Group have joined thousands of soldiers in Germany protesting the redeployment slowdown. In a letter to the War Department, the signalmen ask why low-point men—those not scheduled immediately for demobilization—are being discharged instead of being sent overseas to replace men with long foreign service.

GIs in Japan Warned

Meanwhile, in Yokohama, GIs planning a mass demonstration on demobilization were sharply reminded today that the vanquished Japanese were watching them, and that "subversive forces will take their cue" from any evidence of dissension and "a general breakdown of morale" of occupation troops.

Lt. Gen. Charles P. Hall, acting commander of the Eighth Army, sent the message to his men through the Eighth Army newspaper.

At Honolulu, 1,500 soldiers at the second mass protest meeting in 12 hours demanded that the Army publish a definite demobilization program, and asked that occupation forces be limited to formerly hostile territories.

Another protest meeting was scheduled tonight in Manila, and one was planned in Calcutta.

Wire Strike...

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which have just been established, and indicated there would be no immediate shutdown of the phone system in that area, including Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and part of Texas.

Latest information indicated that 775 telephone installations throughout the country had been directly hit by the strike of maintenance workers.

(Reuter reported from Washington that drastic cuts in diplomatic traffic from Washington during the UNO meetings in London might result if the telecommunications strike, threatened to be totally effective on Saturday, continues.)

DBS Returns More Property

MARSEILLE, Jan. 10.—The Army returned 575 pieces of property in Delta Base Section to French owners last month, according to Maj. Philip Kruger, DBS real-estate officer. He said that 1,622 buildings and parcels of land had been derequisitioned in DBS since Oct. 1.

Union Chiefs Join Pickets



R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW (CIO), and George F. Addes, secretary of the union, walk with pickets in front of the General Motors building in Detroit.

General Curbs Pacific S & S In Criticism of Army Leaders

HONOLULU, Jan. 10 (AP).—The Pacific edition of The Stars and Stripes drew a stern warning today from Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., U.S. commander in the Mid-Pacific, who previously has upheld the newspaper's outspoken policy.

Richardson cautioned The Stars and Stripes not to make any discourteous reference to the President, Secretary of War, Chief of Staff or others in authority in the Army.

Although this immediately was termed military censorship by some here, it was pointed out that Richardson was only calling attention to the Articles of War, which provide severe penalties for such criticism.

The paper is not to publish soldiers' letters which could be construed as discourteous or derogatory to authority, Richardson said. His order exempted news received by The Stars and Stripes from news services.

In an editorial Tuesday, the newspaper had pointed out discrepancies emanating from the War Department, and asserted that the Pacific GIs, as a result, "were confused"

and did not know whom to believe. The editorial added that if two-year men were not released on March 20, as promised informally by Gen. George C. Marshall, former chief of staff, the Army would have broken faith with the troops.

26 Editors Call Pacific S & S 'House Organ for War Dept.'

TOKYO, Jan. 10 (AP).—The Pacific Stars and Stripes has been usurped in the present "demobilization crisis" and converted into "a house organ for the War Department," 26 members of the Army newspaper's staff asserted today. In a public statement, they said the officer in charge of the paper, Lt. Col. James Parks, "broke faith with them."

"From the moment of its inception, the Pacific Stars and Stripes has never enjoyed the privilege of a free press, even by Army standards. It has, through open and implied pressure on it, been forced to delete, distort and play down news to serve personal and professional interests of the Army hierarchy," the staff said.

Haw Haw No. 1 Gets 5 Years Some GI Brides Refuse to Sail

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP).—Norman Baillie-Stewart was sentenced today to five years in prison for helping Germany in the war by broadcasting Nazi propaganda and serving the German Foreign Office.

Tentative plans to exile the former British Army officer to Germany were abandoned because, the judge said, "it would be a matter of embarrassment and possibly international embarrassment" to have him in Germany at present. However, the judge said: "I hope the prison commissioners will take note that, as soon as matters are sufficiently settled in Germany, in my view you ought to be sent from this country on license not to return."

The 36-year-old "original Lord Haw Haw" accepted the sentence with a stiff military bow.

McNarney Will Receive Legion of Honor Today

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (AP).—Gen. Pierre Koenig of France will decorate Gen. Joseph T. McNarney with the Legion of Honor at ceremonies tomorrow at Quartier Napoleon in the French sector of the city.

American and French occupation troops will parade, and high officers of French and American Military Government and occupation staffs will attend.

London, Shy of Hotels, 'Apologizes' to UNO

LONDON, Jan. 10 (Reuter).—A folder containing a "warning explanation and apology" of the shortage of accommodations in England is being given to the United Nations visitors in London, the Evening Standard said.

Issued by the Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland, it says that bombs have damaged 23,990 hotels and licensed houses, of which 7,803 are in London. In addition, 2,699 hotels are requisitioned, and London's population has increased by nearly 2,000,000 in the last year.

UNO Assembly In First Session

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fraught with immense possibilities of either danger or advantage to the human race, the prime minister asserted that the world must work together, not just for the negotiation of war, but for the creation of a world "governed by justice and the moral law."

All Concerned

"Every individual must be brought to realize that the things discussed in the conference here are the concern of all, and affect the home life of every man, woman and child," Attlee said.

Unless such economic security and "social justice" are delivered to the individual people of the world, "there is no real foundation for peace," he asserted, "for it is among the socially disinherited and those who have nothing to love that the gangster and the aggressor recruit their supporters."

"I believe, therefore, that important as is the work of the Security Council, no less vital is it to make the Economic and Social Council an effective international instrument," he added.

Poverty Called Specter

"To the individual citizen, the specter of economic insecurity is more constant, more imminent than the shadow of war," he stated.

The United Nations Organization was born at 4 PM today when its first Assembly was called to order by Dr. Eduardo Zuleta Angel of Colombia in the blue and gold auditorium of Central Hall in Westminster.

Last night, England's King George VI told the chief delegates at a banquet at St. James's Palace: "It is in your hands to make or mar the happiness of millions of your fellow men, and of millions yet unborn."

Egypt Reported in Line For Inclusion on Council

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP).—The nomination of Egypt as a member of both the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations Organization seemed certain today as the 51 nations attending the General Assembly met for the opening session.

21 Die in South As Floods Rage

Flood waters raging at the highest levels ever recorded in some sections of the South have brought death to at least 21 persons, caused multi-million-dollar property damage and left thousands homeless.

Torrential rains pounding Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas and Georgia continued early Wednesday, but the U.S. Weather Bureau said the worst was over.

Widows Leading Single Girls In Post-War U.S. Altar Race

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (INS).—War widows are finding it easier to get husbands than single girls—that is the latest word from the New York office of the Veterans Administration.

John W. Green, contact man at the New York office, said many veterans' widows were attempting to rebuild their lives in new marriages.

Green said his outstanding case was a girl who had married five times. Her first husband was killed soon before Pearl Harbor.

She remarried four times, and each of the husbands subsequently was killed in action.

Green said: "It seems easier for a war widow to get a husband than for a vet to get a job. Judging by statistics, it seems easier for a war widow to get a husband than for a single girl."

Green explained that when the widows remarried, their pensions stopped but not the insurance payment. Children of the first husband, if any, continue to receive pension benefits.

Chiang Reveals Legalization Of All Parties

CHUNGKING, Jan. 10 (AP).—Immediate cessation of hostilities in China was ordered today by both the Central Government and the Chinese Communists, bringing to a halt movements of all forces except Nationalist troops moving into or within Manchuria for the purpose of restoring Chinese sovereignty.

News of the decision for which all China was waiting was given after a two-hour meeting of negotiators and ten minutes after the People's Consultative Council had opened its conference to bring about Chinese unity.

Restoration of political freedom was announced by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who revealed that the government had decided to legalize all political parties.

The announcement also revealed that:

- 1—Freedom of person, conscience, speech, publication and association would be granted to the Chinese people, who will be safeguarded from illegal arrest and trial.
- 2—All political parties would be equal before the law and might operate openly.
- 3—Local self-government would be actively promoted in all places and elections held.
- 4—Political prisoners, except traitors and those found to have committed acts injurious to the republic, would be released.

The "cease fire" order followed four meetings between Gen. Chang Chun, Nationalist representative, and Gen. Chou En-lai, chief Communist delegate, with Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Ambassador to China, acting as "referee."

Surplus Men Ordered Home

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gular Army be built up through recruitment, with increased pay and other incentives offered for men who enlist. He asked immediate discharge of fathers.

Asks Definite Statement On 2-Yr. Men's Discharge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (INS).—Rep. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), asked the War Department today to state definitely whether it intended to abide by its promise to begin discharging men with two years of service on March 20.

In a letter to Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul, assistant chief of staff for personnel, Sparkman said he was concerned over news stories from the Pacific that Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson did not know "of any plans to make men with two years of service eligible for discharge in March."

Sparkman pointed out that Gen. George C. Marshall, then chief of staff, advised Congress last fall that "it was planned to start discharging men with two years of service in the late winter."

Sparkman added: "Later, War Department officials appeared before the House Military Affairs Committee and stated definitely that, no later than March 20, men with two years of service would become eligible for discharge."

UK GIs Add Support To Demob Protests

By Art White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Eighteen hundred officers and men of the Eighth Fighter Command stationed at Honnington, Suffolk, England, sent a two-man delegation to The Stars & Stripes London Office today "to add our support to redeployment complaints of GIs on the Continent and in the Pacific."

The men have raised 164 pounds to send 30 protest cables to U.S. news agencies, Senators and Representatives.

S/Sgts. John J. Lacey of New York City and Robert K. Moak of Baytown, Tex., declared that the Honnington men—whom they said are all in the 55-59-point bracket—were sitting around doing "precisely nothing."

They complained that they had been eligible for shipment since Dec. 1 and that a Dec. 22 scheduled shipping date had passed without any word on their prospects.