

Laval Executed After Poison Fails Him

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One Year Ago Today
Patton's troops retreat from Fort Driant after 10-day battle. First Army encircles Aachen's remaining defenders.

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Redeployment Set Back Month by Lack of Ships

The Penalty Paid, Laval Is Carried to a Traitor's Grave



The hearse containing the body of Pierre Laval enters Thiais Cemetery southwest of Paris after the former Vichy Premier was executed by a firing squad shortly after noon yesterday.

Traitor of Vichy Dies Crying 'Vive la France'

By Fred W. Peckham Jr.
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Traitor Pierre Laval died before a firing squad yesterday four hours after he had attempted to foil French justice by swallowing a vial of poison.

The arch-collaborator of Vichy died as flamboyantly and as incredibly as he had conducted his trial for life.

Dutch Offer Javanese Talks

By the Associated Press

Dutch authorities in Java have offered publicly to negotiate with Indonesian nationalist leaders who declared war on the Netherlands three days ago, an All-India radio broadcast said yesterday.

Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor of the Netherlands East Indies, told a press conference in Batavia that he was ready to confer with "leaders of all groups in Indonesia," including Dr. R. I. Sukarno, self-proclaimed President of the Indonesian Republic, with whom the Dutch previously had refused to deal.

Discussions could begin as soon as excitement in Indonesia had abated and a "certain amount of safety" had been restored, Van Mook was quoted as saying.

Despite the declaration of war, which the Dutch news agency AMP said was issued by the headquarters of the Indonesian People's Army, not Sukarno's government, things generally were quieter in Batavia than in the last several days. Bands of armed revolutionists still encircled the capital city of Batavia.

The Dutch Cabinet was in almost constant session at The Hague yesterday and last night, and steps were taken to speed the transport of troops to the East Indies.

(The United Press reported that about 4,000 Dutch troops trained in Great Britain had sailed for Indonesia in the last week.)

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 15 (AP).—The Dutch Minister of Overseas Territories, Dr. J. H. A. Logeman asserted today that the Dutch were not "fond of intervention in our internal affairs, and we feel ourselves completely capable of handling our internal difficulties ourselves."

Dock Strike In N.Y. Wanes

CHICAGO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—The total of workers made idle by strikes shrank slightly below 400,000 today, lowest in several weeks, as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seized strikebound street railways and New York longshoremen trooped back to work.

The major unsettled labor difficulties involved some 200,000 miners in six states and 61,000 Northwest lumber workers, although there were prospects of settlement there, and 3,000 to 7,000 movie workers in Hollywood. The balance of the 400,000 were spread over 32 states.

In New York, John A. Burke, U.S. Conciliation Commissioner, said the longshoremen's 14-day-old strike was "definitely over," but H. R. Colwell, regional director of the service, modified this to a hope that the men would return today.

Fleet's In, Civilians Out

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (ANS).—The Hotel Association of New York said yesterday that not a New York hotel room would be available to civilians between tomorrow and Nov. 6 while the fleet is in port, except for reservations already made.

Jap 'Einstein' Was Hot on Trail of the Atom; Reds Reported After It, Using Reich Experts

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (AP).—The Japanese maintained an elaborately equipped atom research laboratory in a branch of the Imperial University at Kyoto, Larry Tighe, American Broadcasting Co. correspondent, reported from Tokyo yesterday.

Tighe quoted the director of the laboratory, Prof. Bunsaku Arakatsu, head of the nuclear physics department of the university, as saying it was capable of developing independently an atom bomb "within five to ten years."

The commentator described Arakatsu as a "graying little man 56 years old and almost a replica of Einstein," and said the professor was the co-author of papers on atom smashing and nuclear research as long ago as 1941.

Tighe said the professor told him: "Up to nine months ago he was not working on the atom bomb. When Hiroshima disappeared under the first of the atom bombs he immediately went there and gathered

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Atom Bomb Defense Impossible—Hutchins

CHICAGO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, said yesterday that there would be no defense against atomic bombs in the next war because foreign agents would plant them in advance in strategic locations for detonation when hostilities began.

"There is no method of detecting (atom bomb) storehouses, or bombs, or factories which are making them.

"The conventional reliances of the past—large Army, Navy and Air Force—are obsolete. They find favor only in the nostalgic dreams of obsolescent generals and admirals."

100,000 Backlog Clogs Pipeline

By Robert J. Donovan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The shipping shortage and other factors will set redeployment a month behind schedule, USFET announced yesterday.

The statement said that redeployment, originally planned to have been completed by the end of December, would not be completed until late in January.

Pvt. Smacks Ike—But Ike Can Take It

By Richard Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Oct. 15 — Gen. Eisenhower got a kiss yesterday—a birthday kiss from one of the prettiest Wacs in these parts.

She was Pvt. Betty Rissing, 22-year-old brunette from Middleton Conn., who kissed the U.S. occupation-zone commander on a dare.

Boy, did he blush! It happened between halves of the Doughtnut Bowl football classic at Frankfurt in which the 506th Parachute Inf. Regt. "Red Devils" overran the USFET "Invaders," 22 to 14.

The USFET band had just finished playing "Happy Birthday" with 20,000 GIs singing "Happy birthday, dear general, happy birthday to you," when Betty, clad in a sweater and short skirt, climbed to the general's box.

She by-passed Gen. George S. Patton, who was also in the box, and made a beeline for the gent with five stars. First she shook his hand. Then, suddenly, she leaned over and planted a kiss on Ike's cheek—a kiss that was heard practically all over Germany.

Gen. Ike, who had just turned 55, dabbed at the lipstick on his cheek and, grinning, replied: "Thank you."

Officials of USFET G3 acknowledged that in staging and assembly areas the shipping shortage had caused a backlog of about 100,000 men in the so-called pipeline. To keep this backlog from getting worse steps are being taken to halt the flow of men to these areas. This, in turn, will be reflected in a slowdown in shipping quotas for individual units.

The original policy on future troop strength for the ETO was to

Backlog of 100,000

Officers' Discharge Eased

Provisions for discharge of officers based on being surplus, on "undue hardship" and special contribution to "national health, safety or interest," were announced yesterday by USFET headquarters.

At the same time, USFET announced that the age at which women officers—Wacs and nurses—may be discharged had been fixed at 40. The critical score for WAC officers will be reduced from 39 to 37 points Nov. 1.

reduce the number of troops here to 707,000 by Jan. 1. The 707,000 were to have included an Army of Occupation of 370,000 and a close-out force of 337,000. All others were to have left for the U.S. by Jan. 1, thereby completing the so-called redeployment program.

USFET disclosed yesterday, however, that by Jan. 1 the Theater strength would be cut only to about 928,900 instead of 708,000, which will leave 221,900, excluding close-out and occupation troops, still left to be redeployed. What the point scores of this group would be could not be learned yesterday.

Two Factors in Delay

There are two reasons, according to USFET, why the Theater will be down to only 928,900 instead of 707,000 on Jan. 1. One is that the shipping shortage, intensified by loss of the British liners Queen Elizabeth and Aquitania, has reduced the number of troops that can be shipped out by Dec. 31.

The other reason is that there are many more troops and other persons to be sent home in the ships assigned to the ETO than ever had been announced before yesterday.

USFET, for one thing, had estimated the Sept. 1 troop strength in the ETO at 2,015,000. A later and more accurate survey, it was disclosed yesterday, revealed that the total Sept. 1 strength was 2,084,000. That added 69,000 to the number

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Reward Decent Germans
I have participated in several group discussions as to what should be done with the German people, and since I speak the language have also talked with some German citizens and have come to some definite conclusions.

In my opinion it is not just to treat all German people the same. We can show them how a democracy runs and that it is not necessary for them to be classified as slaves and bow every time somebody clicks his heels without dealing out the same dose to all.

I have learned of a woman who ran out of her house and saved an Allied aviator who had been shot down on a bombing mission in Germany. The woman hid the man despite the fact that her action imperiled her own life. I have learned of a number of other similar incidents.

It is our duty to find these people who have shown the trait of humanity and reward them with extra food and clothing—the greatest reward that can be given those people at the present time. In this way we can show our appreciation of those who did not go over body and soul to the Nazi regime.—Pvt. Morris Levine, 73rd Light P. Engr. Co.

Efficiency
For the past two and a half years the European Division Air Transport Command has had a Statistical Control Section. All their reports were done manually. Now the war is over the division supposedly is going to be cut to the bone in the next few months and bang—they haul in a load of IBM machinery. To utilize this equipment they also need about twice the number of personnel. Anyone familiar with these machines knows that the government pays hundreds of dollars monthly for rental fees. Moreover, the size of the division does not justify this equipment.—Irked, ATC.

Facts on Battle Star
We are an ack-ack outfit and a disgusted bunch of GIs regarding the point system, particularly the method of awarding campaign stars. An order came down from headquarters and 114 men out of the battalion were awarded a certain campaign star—32 of these were officers and we know that some of the recipients did not deserve it. If a few men can get this star, then certainly the whole battalion is eligible for it.

How come it just goes to the favored few?—Two 36-Pointers, 794th AAA (A. W.) Bn.
(Your letter, with names deleted, was sent to the battalion commander, who commented:
Order referred to was rescinded because of several errors it contained. A new order was issued after the rules and regulations governing the award of battle stars was explained to the men in open forum by the battery commanders. No individual was awarded the star who could not prove his right to it and he certified by his battery commander. No award was made to any individual who did not deserve it.

Idle Doctors
There has been a good deal of publicity about getting doctors home. Meanwhile, we still sit idle in Europe. There is almost nothing for us physicians to do. As a battalion surgeon I have only a few minutes work a day, and nothing is neglected. I have tried participating in the routine and extracurricular activities of the battalion to fill in the wasted hour. I have read everything in sight: the Armed Forces Editions, all the old AR's, and the fine print on tomato-juice cans.

The division with which I came overseas is going home. I and other under-85 medics have been transferred out to Army of Occupation units, where we will continue to have no professional purpose.

What happened to the promises that combat medics would be transferred to hospitals? Why must we continue to neglect our skill, dull our diagnostic senses, forget even the vocabulary of medicine?

Anyone who has been on pass must have been struck by the number of medical department officers on leave. I have talked to medical officers in other divisions and they have nothing to do. There are too many doctors in the ETO.

Are we kept here to fill T/Os? T/Os that may have been necessary in battle serve only to hoard doctors now. Why can't divisions be left in occupation under-strength in medical officers? The GI won't suffer.

Meanwhile, send us who have

over 65 points back to hospitals in the States where we can relearn medicine, because we need to relearn it badly.

Our division adjutant tells me that there is no recomputation of score for medical officers. Our score stands as of May 12, and no extra eight points for us. Worse, we were told that this was a Theater ruling. Doctors in the States apparently can add the extra points. What purpose is served by systematic intellectual stultification and demoralization of medical officers?—Idle Doc., FA Bn.

90 Points—Still Here
TSFET Headquarters recently made a statement that all men with 80 VJ points would leave the theater by the end of this month. Apparently this information hasn't filtered down to Chantor Base Section, for there are men still hanging around here with 92 points or so.

All we know is that our unit is "supposed" to leave this area Oct. 28, which means that we will not get home until some time in December. It is a known fact that Chantor Base is always quite a bit behind other bases as far as sending men home is concerned. When we bitch because we are still here all we are told is that it is because transportation is short. Is it possible that all of the 400,000 men who left last month all have higher points than we do?—Disgusted 91 VJ Pointer.

Impatient Patients
At war's end in Europe priorities were established for return to the States of those in the sick and wounded category. Most of the Z.I. patients in this hospital are to go home for further treatment or operations—many of them major ones. Despite the fact that delay itself is aggravating conditions, mentally and physically, we have been patiently awaiting transportation for months.

To make matters worse, the moment those magic letters Z.I. appear on your chart, all medical attention seems automatically to cease. They are "finished" with you here. Two hospital ships could easily evacuate all the Z.I. patients in the Paris area.

Until recently there was air transportation available but now it is only for "life and death" cases. Sometimes the latter assumes frightful attractions after weeks and months of staring at hospital ceilings. We who have done our part have in the past had a great respect for the might and justice of the United States Army but, through this stark bit of inefficiency, have come to harbor a deep and, I'm afraid, everlasting and soul-stirring hatred towards it.

Why isn't something being done? (180 signatures.—Ed.) 191st Gen. Hosp.

•Oldest GI?



Sgt. John Westervelt, 77, of Long Beach, Cal., is believed to be the oldest soldier in the U.S. This photo was taken while he was at the AAF Regional Hosp. in Santa Ana, awaiting discharge. Westervelt has 47 years of Army service.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

Time	TODAY	TOMORROW
1200-News	1845-Magic Carpet	0600-News
1215-Off the Record	1900-Kenny Baker	0605-Dictation News
1300-At Your Service	1930-Music Depreciation	0615-Morning Report
1305-Sports Review	2000-Showtime	0730-News
1315-Remember	2030-Eddie Cantor	0745-GI Jive
1330-YouAsked For It	2100-News	0800-Fred Waring
1400-Perry Como	2100-News	0830-Repeat Performer
1415-Raymond Scott	2105-ATC Band	0900-News
1430-SurprisePackage	2300-Mail Call	0905-AFN Bandsstand
1500-Beaucoup Music	2300-American Album	0930-Navy Reporter
1600-Symphony Hour	2300-AFN Playhouse	0945-String Serenade
1655-Highlights	2300-Navy Reporter	1000-Across theBoard
1700-Duffie Bag	2315-McNeil at Organ	1015-Downbeat
1800-News	2330-One Night Stand	1030-Merely Music
1815-MelodyMemories	2400-World News	1100-Gene Krupa
1830-Personal Album		1130-At Ease
		1145-Melody Roundup
		1200-News
		1215-Off the Record
		1300-Help Wanted
		1305-Sports Review
		1315-Remember
		1330-YouAsked For It
		1400-Perry Como
		1415-Raymond Scott
		0200-Sign Off

Short Wave 6.080 Meg

The American Scene:

Nothing But the Best For Returned Generals

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

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—One sure sign that the war is over is the number of heroes' receptions around the country. Before VJ-Day there were a few processions, such as when Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower returned from the ETO to spend a few weeks among the home folks.

However, in the last few weeks the parade business really has mounted up, with most of the celebrations staged in honor of homecoming war heroes. In New York alone last week, for example, there were no fewer than three parades within a six-day period, the biggest marking the arrival in town of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

In connection with parades, the Scripps-Howard newspapers pointed out in their Washington Roundup yesterday that each general who had been overseas, upon reaching the country, was asked whether he wanted a home-town shindig tossed in his behalf. If he does, it is arranged with all the trimmings.

The story added that generals and their families were flown free to any place they choose, for a rest. If a general has no specific spot in mind, the army sets him and his family up at a special layout in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., "for star-wearers only"—also gratis.

The same story said the War Department soon would start releasing men on the basis of their time in the Army, instead of solely on points. Gen. George C. Marshall recently told Congress the point system would be scrapped late in the winter.

It is also said by Scripps-Howard's Washington bureau that no man with more than 18 months' service was being sent overseas now by the Army. Last official announcement by the War Department had it that only those with fewer than 36 points would leave the country.

Truman Expected to Urge Peace Draft

IN Washington there are fears that, despite Marshall's pleas for peacetime military training, Congress may throw a monkey wrench into the wishes of both the Administration and the services that all able-bodied youths serve at least one year in uniform. It has been no secret for some time that Congressmen are reluctant to make such a move.

One Capitol source expects President Truman will have to intervene on the military's side with a comprehensive message, in which he would urge quick enactment of a compulsory training law. The President, it is said, would state that the U.S., to fulfill her obligations, must at all times maintain armed strength necessary to support her prestige and influence all over the world and to discourage attack from any quarter.

In Grand Junction, Colo., Philip Massey swears this happened: he and a companion surprised a four-point buck while the animal was eating. The deer ran a short distance, wheezed loudly a few times and collapsed—dead without a shot being fired. Dressing their surprise trophy, the hunters found a large acorn wedged in the buck's windpipe.

IN Linden, N. J., James F. Simon, supervisor at the General Motors plant, advertised that he would be willing to exchange service as a baby tender four nights a week in return for room and meals in a congenial home. Simon says he's tired of commuting from Carversville, Pa.

Down Easter Tries to Strike a Bargain

FINED \$18 on an assault charge in Rockland, Me., Roscoe Fletcher produced a \$20 note and asked the judge whether he would take the whole thing and "let me have another sock at the guy." The judge refused.

AMERICAN AIRLINES, Inc., has applied to the Civil Aeronautics Board to approve non-stop flights between Washington and Texas and Oklahoma, and one-stop service to and from Mexico and the West Coast. The trips would be made in four-engined planes similar to the Army's C54s.

Political bureau: after William O'Dwyer, Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York, posed for a picture with the President, O'Dwyer was quick to declare that his seeing Mr. Truman had "very definitely" no connection with his candidacy. The buildup for Capt. Harold E. Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, for President in 1948 is on. William H. Vanderbilt, former Governor of Rhode Island, has announced that Stassen "has the ability, courage, vision, and leadership which both the Republican party and the nation need."

UNRRA Supplies Received

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (Reuter).—Relief supplies totaling 117,000 tons, including food, clothing, medicines, tractors, trucks, and agricultural and industrial equipment, have been discharged from UNRRA ships in Trieste, the Yugoslav ports of Split and Dubrovnik and Constantza, Rumania.

DSC to Gen. Beightler

MANILA Oct. 15 (ANS).—The nation's second highest award—the Distinguished Service Cross—has been bestowed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur on Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, CG of the 37th "Buckeye" Div., for "heroism in action." The award was for leadership during action on Luzon.

Willie and Joe

By Mauldin



"The country really went to hell while you boys were gone."



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Paris Area

MOVIES TODAY
MARGNAN—"Over Twenty-One," Irene Dunne, Charles Coburn, Metro Marbeuf.
ENSA PARIS—"A Thousand and One Nights," Cornet Wilde, Evelyn Keyes, Metro Marbeuf.
OLYMPIA—"Midnight Movie Only. Same program as Margnain, Metro Madeleine."
EMPIRE—"Johnny Angel," George Raft.

STAGE SHOWS

ENSA MARGNAN—"Gordon Galeties," Variety program from London.
OLYMPIA THEATER—"High Lights of Paris," French Variety. Evening performance only, Marlene Dietrich in person.

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. RIO 64-41. Hotel Louvois, Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse.
COLUMBIA CLUB (ARC)—Dancing lessons 1900. Dance 2000.
Free conducted tours through the Picture Galleries, Sculpture Galleries, Palace Buildings and Galerie d'Apollon of the Louvre Museum. Every day except Monday at 1445 hours. Visits are free to all members of Allied Forces. Report to English-speaking lecturer. COFBA, Franco-

Allied Goodwill Committee, 52 Champs-Elysees.

Le Havre
SELECT—"Woman in Green."
NORMANDIE—"That's the Spirit."
CAMP HERBERT TAREYTON—"Happy Memories" (ARC Show).
CAMP PALL MALL—"Wings Over Jordan," (USO Show).

Verdun

BOX THEATER—"Where Do We Go From Here?"

Brussels

ABC THEATER—All-Star Vaudeville Show, 1930.

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U.S. to Speed Europe Vast Stores of Food

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (UP).—A plan to speed up U.S. food shipments to meet liberated Europe's minimum needs this winter was announced today by U.S. Agriculture Department officials.

It was revealed that between 3,000,000 and 8,350,000 tons of food were expected to be moved to Europe by the end of the year.

Nearly 90 percent of the relief food will be wheat and flour. The other 10 percent will include meat, cheese, dairy products and lard and fats. It was said that, in order to prevent widespread starvation in Europe, more than 18,000,000 tons of food would be needed the next 12 months.

France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Norway will pay in cash or credits for 83 percent of all foods shipped from the U.S. in October, November and December.

In addition, Britain will have received 94,000 tons of American food this year, for which the British will pay for more than half. The rest was shipped under lend-lease.

World Food Leaders Meet to Increase Supply

QUEBEC, Oct. 15 (AP).—Agricultural leaders from more than 30 nations will meet here tomorrow for a charter meeting of the Food and Agriculture Organization which was conceived more than two years ago as part of the United Nations framework for peace.

The broad aim will be to increase the world's food supplies and improve food distribution. The group will not be a relief agency.

Says Patton's Feet Booted Foe When Not in His Mouth

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Gen. George S. Patton Jr., deposed commander of the Third Army, was vigorously defended yesterday by Harry F. Young, Jr., Commander of the American Legion Tank Corps.

"We of the Tank Corps Post," Young said, "are sick and tired of this constant sinning at our man Patton. Besides having been an honored member of this post since its earliest days, he has been one of the fightingest fighting men produced by the armed forces in both world wars. "Maybe, once in a while, he may get his foot in his mouth, but remember, his two good feet booted hell out of the Krauts 27 years ago and again in the past four years. We're fed up with efforts of smaller fry to kick General Patton around with their little boots."

Treasury-White House Tunnel Dismantled

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Eleven workmen are dismantling the tunnel from the White House to the Treasury.

Built during the war as a means of getting the President from the Executive Mansion to relative safety in the event of a bombing, it became unnecessary when a bomb shelter was built subsequently under the new east wing of the White House.

Santa's Secret Weapon



Ready to bombard toy soldiers is this electric cannon developed by the Elec-Toy Co. of Indianapolis. The gun fires wooden "shells" which are propelled by electro-magnetic force. The Nazis were using similar principles in construction of a new type of artillery weapon.

Cop Puts Hobbles On a Boston Pegasus

BOSTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Not many Boston policemen know the speed limit for horses, but Patrolman Robert F. Fitzgibbons did, and it brought Julius Grolnic to Roxbury Crossing Station.

Fitzgibbons, studying law in his spare time, dragged down dusty volumes of city ordinances and showed that horses should not be driven over seven miles an hour through city streets.

Grolnic, a peddler, was doing 15 miles an hour and, according to Fitzgibbons, narrowly missing pedestrians.

Row Over U.S. Pipelines' Use

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—A special Senate committee investigating petroleum resources indicated last night, the United Press reported, that a bitter fight was in prospect over disposition of government pipelines.

A committee poll of interest groups brought out these apparently irreconcilable views:

1—Natural-gas interests want the Big Inch and Little Big Inch pipelines used to carry natural gas from Texas to the East.

2—Railroad and coal-mining interests, including mine labor, want pipelines taken out of use to prevent natural gas from competing with coal as a fuel.

3—Small oil companies want the pipelines used as common carriers of oil to get their petroleum to Eastern markets.

4—Big oil companies probably prefer to revert to using tankers for shipping their oil.

Preliminary poll results which were contained in a committee report to Congress will be used as the basis of hearings planned by Committee Chairman Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.).

Niagara Hotel, Host to Presidents, Destroyed by Fire

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 15 (ANS).—Fire of undetermined origin today destroyed the Cataract House, historic honeymooners' haven, causing an estimated \$700,000 damage.

Cataract House, since its founding in 1826, had housed almost every notable who ever visited Niagara Falls. Among its guests were Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Millard Fillmore, Theodore Roosevelt and William McKinley. Mme. Chiang Kai-shek also stayed there. No one was reported killed or injured, although dozens of guests lost personal belongings when forced to flee.

British Navy to Scrap Its Anti-Sub Frigates

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (AP).—The British Navy is hauling down its White Ensign on submarine-fighting frigates which were mass-produced by the U.S. Navy. The craft are to be scrapped.

The first two have been sailed into New York by British crews. They are the Calder and the Esington, which between them claimed seven submarine kills on the Atlantic, Russian and Mediterranean runs.

Basking in the Nevada Highlights



Jean Leonard models one of the highlights of Nevada's first national fashion exhibits at the Last Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

Mayor Takes It All Back, Embraces the Kiss That Lasts

TULSA, Okla., Oct. 15 (ANS).—Mayor Oleny Flynn, who has been pictured as a man opposed to lengthy kisses in public places, said last night it wasn't necessarily so.

Not so long ago the mayor was plugging for a city ordinance to limit public kisses to one minute because wives and sweethearts lingered too long in the embrace of their returning servicemen at bus and train stations. Now he's decided it was all a mistake.

"What I meant to say was that one minute was long enough for husbands to kiss their wives goodbye while parked in automobiles in heavy traffic areas downtown," the mayor said.

Flynn said there actually was no time limit on kissing in Tulsa, and certainly not for men in uniform.

"All servicemen have my dispensation to kiss as long as they wish," he said.

Police reported no major traffic jams developed during the day.

Ford 2d Tells U.S. Belgium Contracts It Can Be Richer For U.S. Timber

DETROIT, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Henry Ford 2d, president of the Ford Motor Co., said last night that the U.S., despite its high standard of living in comparison with the rest of the world, was still "far from rich when measured by what we could produce and consume."

In a broadcast speech, Ford said that the standards of this country should not be compared to the standards of nations less richly endowed.

"We should judge them by comparison with the vastly higher standards of living now possible to all of our people, if we will only grasp the opportunities that face us," he said.

Giant Camera Aids Alaskan Coast Survey

SEATTLE, Oct. 14 (ANS).—The U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey crews have put the finishing touches on sets of new charts of the Alaskan Aleutian coasts, aided by photographs from a giant \$35,000 camera believed to be the only one of its type in the world.

Aided by photographs taken with this camera from a height of 2,000 feet, technicians from three survey ships worked on charts of the previously unmapped North Pacific coasts.

The camera was salvaged undamaged from a 1943 airplane crash on Adak in the Aleutians, although all crewmen of the plane were killed.

Nimitz Arrives in Frisco To Welcome Third Fleet

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz arrived here yesterday to be on hand for the homecoming today of his most colorful Pacific war commander, Admiral William F. Halsey, and units of the victorious Third Fleet.

In addition to the operating crews, the ships are carrying about 10,000 Navy personnel, who will be sent immediately to separation centers for discharge.

Navy Veteran Of Pacific to Head Amvets

CHICAGO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Jack Hardy, 41-year-old Los Angeles attorney who served with the Navy in the Pacific, was elected national commander of the American Veterans of World War II today as the Texas delegation threatened to bolt the new veterans' organization because of the labor policy it adopted Saturday.

Hardy was elected at the final session of Amvets' first national convention. Elmo W. Keel of

'Clean House,' Amvets Tell Industry, Labor

CHICAGO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—The American Veterans of World War II demanded yesterday that management and labor "clean house," and turned down a convention resolution declaring that veterans should not be forced to join a union to get a job.

Meeting in their first annual convention, Amvets approved of "the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively."

Washington, commander during the organization's formative stages, was a candidate for re-election but withdrew before the balloting.

Dr. Gerald I. Cetrulon of Newark, N.J., was elected first vice-commander and Dr. Clyde M. Longstreth of Atlantic, Ia., was named second vice-commander.

The fourth highest office, that of third vice-commander, went to Mrs. Beatrice S. Wade of Reading, Pa., who was a woman marine.

The Texas delegation threatened to bolt because of Saturday's action in defeating overwhelmingly the resolution which would have placed the group on record as opposed to the closed shop for veterans.

St. Louis was selected as the 1946 convention city.

Job Office to See 6 Million Vets

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—The U.S. Employment Service announced last night that its office expected to handle more than 6,000,000 applications from war veterans by June 1.

The office said that three of every ten men in the peace-time labor force would be veterans. Approximately one-half of the 2,800,000 veterans discharged by Sept. 1 had applied for jobs through the employment service which referred 1,100,000 to job openings, and 750,000 were hired.

Polish Leader to See Truman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (AP).—Polish Foreign Minister Wincenty Rzymowski, first high official of the present Polish government to visit the United States, arrived here yesterday to sign the United Nations Charter for Poland. He will confer with President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Buddies Home First, Says Vet Whose Bride Pines in Britain

NEWARK, N.J., Oct. 15 (ANS).—Former GI Alexander Young of Newark would give anything to see his blonde 25-year-old English bride, but not before his former buddies are returned home first, he says.

Mrs. Young is among the British wives of American servicemen who are demanding transportation to join their husbands in the U.S.

The former Ellen Doris Brown, of Croydon, was quoted in London as saying: "We wouldn't want to

keep any American soldier from going home, but our husbands fought for their families and now they are being deprived of them."

The 28-year-old veteran of six campaigns said today at the supermarket where he is assistant manager: "I can't understand why English brides think that they should be permitted to come to this country before the fighting men are returned home."

Then he added affectionately: "I'd like to wring her neck."

La Guardia's Last 78 Days To See War on 'Dirty Thieves'

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia salted his Sunday radio broadcast yesterday with a clenched-fist attack on gamblers whom he termed "big bums, dirty, chiseling thieves."

The mayor reminded his listeners that he had but 78 more days in office, but warned that in that time he was going to be "just as tough" against gambling as ever.

LaGuardia told "tin horns" to remember that he was still in office and would not "tolerate anything."

"Manufacturers of Chicago and Michigan, in shipping slot machines to New York City," were singled out by the Mayor. He warned: "If the machines get here before I am out of office, I will dump them in the bottom of the bay after cracking them up."

All at Hadamar Equally Guilty --Prosecutor

By Bob Marshall
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WIESBADEN, Oct. 15.—All seven defendants in the Hadamar murder mill case share guilt for the deaths of almost 500 Russian and Polish slave workers killed by poison last winter, Col. Leon Jaworski, war crimes prosecutor, charged today as he concluded presentation of the Army's case against the accused killers.

The trial, which is the first mass atrocity case heard in the U.S. zone, will close after final arguments by defense lawyers.

Whether or not the seven defendants actually administered lethal tablets or inserted fatal hypodermic needles into the victims' bodies, Jaworski argued, they were all cogs in a vast production line of death. He branded the Hadamar crimes "among the worst atrocities to come to light since the arrival of the American Occupation Army."

Throughout the trial, which today entered its second week, the defense has attempted to separate the various defendants from actual responsibility for the deaths because their roles did not involve actual acts of putting the slave workers to death.

Jaworski contended that each of the accused had a key part in the killings and that the system could not have operated successfully without the services of all.

Jaworski asserted that they stayed at their heinous job because they believed Germany would win the war and hoped they would win favors from the Nazi regime for their aid to the cause. "One can even envision a few decorations being passed out to these murderers if Germany had been victorious," he declared.

The defendants include Alfons Klein, ambitious SA member who was administrative head of the murder mill; Dr. Adolph Wohlmann, the "hospital's" only physician who allegedly never examined "patients" until after their death; Friedrich Ruoff, self-confessed murderer who refused to estimate how many hundreds of victims he had put to death; Adolf Merkle, record clerk whose job it was to make receiving lists balance with the death book, and Philip Blum, grave digger who helped undress victims on their arrival at Hadamar because he was "curious" about the people whose corpses he would later inter in mass graves.

Dutch Nazi Leader's Trial Nov. 13 at the Hague

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 15 (AP).—The trial of the Dutch Nazi leader, Anton Mussert, has been set for Nov. 13 before a special tribunal at The Hague which also tried and condemned to death the pro-Nazi propagandist, Max Blokzyl.

Mussert's trial, on voluminous charges, is expected to last only two days, and the number of witnesses to be called against him will be limited to three.

War Crimes Court Delayed

BERLIN, Oct. 15 (AP).—At Russian request, the International War Crimes Tribunal has postponed for three days its first formal session, which was to have been held today to receive the indictment against 24 top Nazis awaiting trial at Nuremberg.

The postponement request was made because of unexpected difficulties in translating the 35,000-word document.

After formal filing of the indictment in Berlin, the tribunal is expected to adjourn to Nuremberg. It is anticipated that hearings will begin within 35 days.

Unmoved Defendants Watch Film on Horrors of Auschwitz

LUNEBURG, Oct. 15 (UP).—Horrors found by Russian troops at the Auschwitz concentration camp

Red Scores Trial Procedure

LONDON, Oct. 15 (AP).—"Both the court and the defense" in the British-conducted hearings at the Lunenburg war-crime trials have attempted to "justify the butchery practised" by the defendants, a Moscow radio commentator charged last night.

He charged that "Fascists everywhere have been encouraged" by the conduct of the trials.

were flashed on 2 courtroom screens today as documentary evidence in the trial of 45 former-Nazi guards

British Marines Round Up Jap 'Gestapo' Chief in Hong Kong



Col. Janazawa (third from right, arms folded), head of the Japanese secret police in Kowloon and Hong Kong, waits to be summoned for questioning. He is guarded by British marines who captured him.

Pearl Harbor Probe Mapped

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—A Senate-House inquiry committee today is studying a set of suggested rules calling for a wide-open investigation of the Pearl Harbor disaster.

A draft of proposed procedure submitted to the committee last week was ordered rewritten, but members said these main points probably would be retained:

1—All evidence will be submitted at public hearings where testimony will be under oath.

2—Any evidence the committee thinks has "probative force"—that is, proves a point—will be heard.

3—No personal attorney for a witness or government representative can object to questions by committee members or counsel or interrupt questioning, but attorneys for witnesses can question them for the record after the committee gets through.

4—The State, War and Navy Departments will be given an opportunity to present any additional evidence they have after the committee completes its general testimony.

Members said the proposal to take all evidence in public hearings should make it certain that there can be no cry of whitewash when they get through.

County Hunting Down Every Case of Syphilis

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 15 (ANS).—Chatham County's campaign to find and treat every case of syphilis and tuberculosis among its 135,000 residents began today.

Five ray machines and 5,000,000 units of penicillin are on hand for free treatment.

The 45-day drive will be conducted by the Savannah-Chatham County Health Center and the U.S. Public Health Service.

Rep. Curley's Son Dies

BOSTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Paul Gerard Curley, 32, eldest son of Rep. James M. Curley (D) died at his home today of heart disease.

Holdup Man Makes Getaway in Plane

FAIRBAULT, Minn., Oct. 15 (ANS).—A man held up the Phoenix Loan Co. yesterday, took about \$485 and made a getaway by airplane.

Rita Flynn, an employee, told Police Chief Fred Heath that she was alone in the office when the man asked for a loan of \$100. She said when she refused the man pulled out what looked like a toy gun and told her he would take \$400 instead.

Heath said the man took about \$485 and had a cab driver take him to Kenyon, 15 miles away, where police said the man hired pilot Robert Boles to fly him to White Bear, near St. Paul.

Propose to Admit Russia to ILO

A proposal to re-admit Russia to the International Labor Organization was outlined by Carter Goodrich, member of the U.S. Department of Labor and chairman of the ILO's governing body, at the 27th conference of the organization, which opened here yesterday.

The Russian membership lapsed after the Soviets were expelled from the League of Nations in 1939, following the Russo-Finnish War. Proposed constitutional changes would extend ILO membership to any member of the United Nations.

Alexandre Parodi, French Minister of Labor, was appointed chairman of the conference, which will last three weeks. Included in the American delegation are Frances Perkins, former Secretary of Labor, Sen. Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) and Rep. Mary T. Norton (D-N.J.), chairman of the House Labor Committee.

Seized Rumanian Ships Returned by Russians

LONDON, Oct. 15 (UP).—Part of the Rumanian navy, seized by the Soviets as war booty, was returned yesterday in ceremonies at the Rumanian port of Galatz, Moscow Radio reported. The transfer, witnessed by members of the Allied Control Commission, was in accordance with an agreement recently reached in Moscow.

Shrivenham Regains That Lost Weekend

SHRIVENHAM, England, Oct. 15.—Weekend reveille has been dropped from the list of military regulations at Shrivenham American University. Henceforth reveille will be held from Monday through Friday only.

Recently, on-post saluting was abolished.

More than 4,100 GI students are enrolled at the second term here, 500 more than in the previous term. At the close of the current term, around Dec. 1, the school will shut down.

Austria Cites Peril of Million Reich 'Locusts'

VIENNA, Oct. 15 (Reuter).—The Austrian provisional government appealed to the Allies today to save its country from a "locust cloud" of 1,000,000 German refugees about to descend on lower Austria.

Pointing out that the normal population of the area was only 800,000, Austrian authorities said 300,000 to 400,000 Germans from all the Balkan countries had been assembled on the Austro-Hungarian frontier, ready to be "dumped" into Austria, while another 500,000 were expected to spill into Austria during final expulsion of Germans from the Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia.

Unless a halt is called to the projected mass transfer of these Germans, Austrian authorities said, it will be impossible to prevent or check epidemics this winter.

Already in Russian-occupied lower Austria, they said, more than 50,000 cases of venereal disease have been officially reported, with one out of every five adult women infected. Owing to a shortage of drugs, only 40 percent can be treated, it was said.

The Austrians further charged that typhus—now under control—would get out of hand with the influx of the refugees, thousands of whom allegedly are already infected.

Revive Two-Term Presidential Limit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts yesterday requested prompt action on legislation for a Constitutional amendment to limit Presidents to two four-year terms.

He made public a letter to Chairman Hatton W. Summers (D-Tex.) of the House Judiciary Committee seeking an early hearing on the bill which Martin introduced in January.

"It has heretofore been stymied because of a belief that it obstructed the ambitions of some one individual," Martin wrote. "That is not the case now. It does not at this time materially affect the political fortunes of any individual, and it would appear that now is the time to submit the question to the American people."

Show Pooch Puts on the Dog



Wearing his old school tie, this pup looks as though he might be enjoying a cricket match. His owners togged him in these duds for a doggy fancy-dress competition at a Hampton, England, dog show.



Influx of Jews Means War, Moslem Says

CAIRO, Oct. 15 (AP).—Asserting that the Jewish-Arab issue in Palestine affected the "whole Moslem and Arab world," Sheik Hassan El Bana, local leader of the Moslem Brotherhood, said yesterday that any attempt to open Palestine to increased Jewish immigration would result in violence.

The Sheik's statement, made at a mass meeting of the Moslem Brotherhood, was the latest move in a propaganda war being carried on by both Jews and Arabs.

Meanwhile, the situation in Palestine itself was quiet.

"When the time comes," the Moslem leader said, "our brothers in Palestine will get all our help. Neither President Truman nor the British government can destroy 4,000,000 Moslems and Arabs.

"Let the Jews establish a national home in Palestine—then the whole Moslem world will show that

Jews Rap British Policy

SHANGHAI, Oct. 15 (AP).—About 5,000 Jewish refugees from Europe met today and condemned the British immigration policy on Palestine and voted to send a message of protest to the British government.

it will be able to sacrifice 16,000,000 Moslems to destroy 16,000,000 Jews in the world."

Emiel Bey Kori, secretary of the Arab party in Palestine, said after the meeting that Palestine Arabs would "remain quiet" pending a meeting of the Arab League in Cairo Oct. 29.

At the meeting Kori had said: "You do not have to worry about your brothers in Palestine because you hear that the Jews are well armed. The Arabs do not lack arms either."

(United Press reported from Jerusalem that at the last minute a scheduled demonstration strike by Arabs in Annam Province had been postponed. U.P. also reported the Jewish "underground" had broadcast a warning to neighboring countries that if shots were fired at Jewish refugees seeking to enter Palestine, the fire would be returned.)

Few in U.S. Know Britain Rules Palestine

DENVER, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Out of every 100 Americans, only 32 are aware that Britain rules Palestine, it was revealed in a survey released today by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver.

Almost half those interviewed stated they did not know whether Palestine was an independent country. Twelve percent believed Palestine ruled herself, while nine percent knew Palestine was ruled by another country. The remainder mentioned Germany, Italy, a Near Eastern country or the U.S.

291 Magyar PWs Escape U.S. Camp

VIENNA, Oct. 15 (AP).—Two hundred and ninety-one Hungarian prisoners of war escaped from an American-guarded camp at Steyr, near Linz, a week ago and have not yet been apprehended, it was learned last night.

The escape was made through a hole in a barbed-wire fence, according to a report which was not made to the higher echelon command for three days after the break on Oct. 7.

It was also learned that 15 SS prisoners had escaped from a camp in the Linz area.

New Plane Will Reduce Atlantic Trip to 9 Hours

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (Reuter).—A new passenger plane with a cruising speed of 400 miles an hour will reduce the New York to London passenger run to nine hours, it was estimated here today.

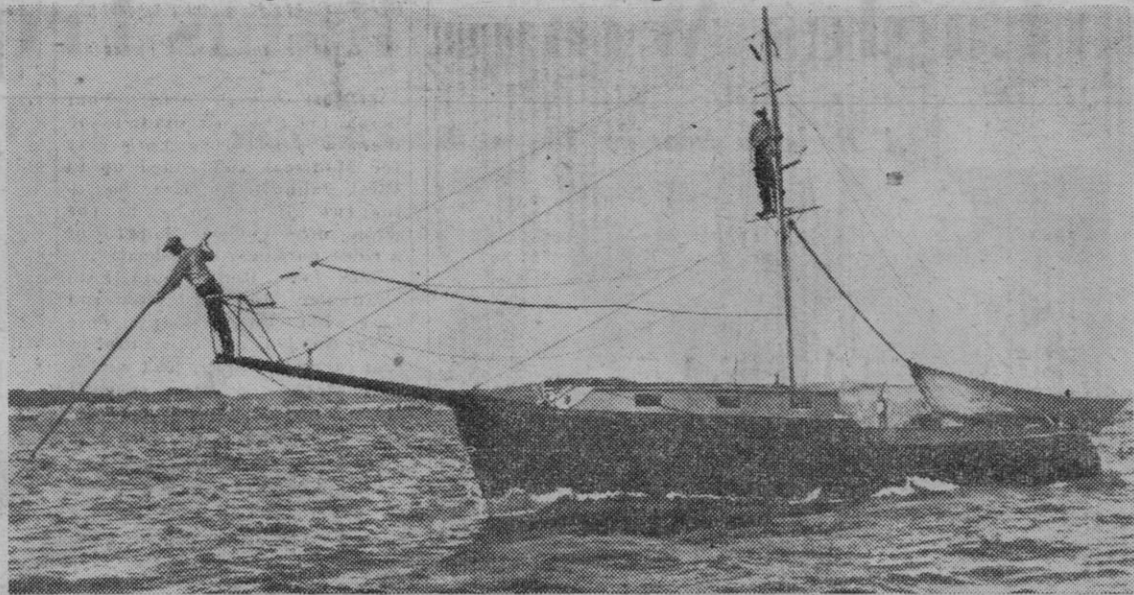
Just ordered by Pan-American Airways, the plane is the Republic Rainbow. It has a capacity of 40 passengers on trans-Atlantic trips and a maximum speed of 450 miles an hour.

Cost of the plane is \$1,250,000, and delivery is scheduled to start in 22 months.

Larkin in N.Y. Command

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Army authorities announced yesterday that Maj. Gen. Thomas B. Larkin, veteran of the European war, would arrive in New York today to assume command of the Second Service Command, which embraces New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

Swordfishing—at \$100 a Head—Is Big Business in Nova Scotia



There's big money in "sticking" swordfish off Louisburg, Nova Scotia, and one boat may bring in as many as ten fish a day—\$1,000 worth of swordfish at average prices. Ed Levy, in the harpoonist's cage at the end of the catwalk, gets set to stick one.

Okinawa Blast Kills 6 Sailors

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Six enlisted men died and 23 were injured in an explosion at the Navy receiving station on Okinawa last Friday, Pacific Fleet Headquarters revealed today. A court of inquiry is investigating the explosion.

The casualties are in addition to the 521 suffered by Navy personnel in the typhoon which hit Okinawa earlier in the week, killing 28, injuring 423 and leaving 70 missing.

Seven Japanese prisoners on Okinawa also were killed in the typhoon, and 184 persons were lost in western Japan.

Navy authorities in Washington said three vessels—the yacht Southern Seas, the LSM 15, and the minesweeper 383—were sunk in the typhoon, and 30 other ships were beached and three damaged.

Northern Okinawa and nearby Ie Island are still out of communication with naval headquarters, and the casualties and amount of damage there are unknown.

Thousands of persons in western Japan were left homeless by the storm, the Japanese Home Ministry has announced. Rice crops were badly damaged.

Auto-Train Crash Kills 6 in Family

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill., Oct. 15 (ANS).—An automobile-train collision yesterday resulted in the deaths of six members of a St. Francisville family and the serious injury of a seventh.

The crash occurred when the automobile in which the family was riding collided with a New York Central train at a private farm crossing near St. Francisville.

The dead are: Mrs. Ersa Stone, 56; Mrs. Frances Moyes, 21; daughter of Mrs. Stone and driver of the car; Mrs. Vivian Stone, 27, a daughter-in-law; Teddy Stone, 7; Mrs. Vivian Stone's son Bobby, 10, and Sandra Moyes, 3, daughter of Mrs. Moyes.

Four-year-old Virgil Moyes was in a serious condition.

Tells of Sinking a Jap Sub An Hour Before Pearl Harbor

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Navy Comdr. O. W. Goepner, credited by the U.S. with ordering first gunfire at 6:40 AM Dec. 7, 1941, and who, Japanese insisted, started the war, relaxed at his home today and recalled the first hours of Pearl Harbor.

The 34-year-old former Chicago sales engineer and deck officer of the USS Ward, told of directing the initial salvo that blasted a Japanese submarine six miles off Pearl Harbor.

Then a junior lieutenant, he was on duty when the conning tower of the submarine was sighted.

"Several weeks before, there had been reports by lookouts who 'thought' they had sighted subs," he related, "but none could be sure enough to make it official. It was peace time and the many blackfish in that area often looked like subs



Cutting off the sword is one of the first tasks after the fish is landed. Tom Trenholm uses a handsaw for the job. Louisburg fishermen often go as far as 50 miles out to sea to hunt their catch.

Nofog Outbarks Army's Fido At Scaring Off Nature's Mist

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Fido, that wondrous method of dispelling fog developed by the Navy, may soon be outmoded even before it is put into ordinary use.

Clellan Ross Pleasants, former WPA worker and laundry maintenance engineer who started his experiments in buckets in his basement here, has demonstrated he can accomplish the same results for only \$1 an hour with his Nofog, now patented in ten countries and soon to be manufactured for commercial use.

Army and Weather Bureau officials 15 days ago saw it clearing away 16 square miles of fog.

Two of his little \$200 machines serviced with his magical concoction have been operating successfully on a small scale for three months at a proving ground furnished by the Army here.

Pleasants expects to see Nofog used not only to keep airports clear but to afford weather control for entire cities. It can be shot from planes for emergency landings, set up to clear harbors or even carried in rocket form on ships for clearing a path ahead.

"People think we're nuts when we tell them what we can do," the inventor said. "I don't wonder. I thought the same thing the first time."

Escape for Women Convicts No Cinch, Sighs 1 Who Tried

CANON CITY, Colo., Oct. 15 (ANS).—A 30-year-old woman convict who clambered over a 16-foot steel fence at the state penitentiary late Friday observed glumly to her captors yesterday that a woman escapee simply "has no chance."

"A man convict can get into civilian clothes, walk down the street alone and attract little attention," Mrs. Anderson told police, "but a woman alone causes people to turn around and look and wonder. She is marked from the minute the word gets out that there is an escaped woman prisoner."

Wearing a red house-dress under her prison apparel, Mrs. Anderson dashed from the porch of the women's ward and scrambled over the fence. Once free, she doffed her prison dress.

She was apprehended later in a private home where she sought lodging.

One on the House Available Saturday

GIs who yearn to learn something of the French art of wine tasting may do so free of charge Saturday at the Paris Chamber of Commerce, 27 Avenue Friedland, at 2:30 PM.

The wine tasting will be preceded by a lecture in English on "French Wines." The affair is for U.S. military personnel only. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply to the French Good Will Committee, 52 Avenue des Champs-Elysees, by Thursday evening.

West Coast Publisher Dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Preston McKinney, publisher of the Los Angeles Commercial Bulletin and vice-president of the California Cannery League, died of a heart attack at his home Saturday.

Offer to Quit Saigon Made By Annamites

SAIGON, Indo-China, Oct. 15 (UP).—Leaders of the Annamite resistance movement offered today to withdraw to the interior their forces besieging this city, if British occupation authorities would guarantee that no more French troops would be landed.

The offer coincided with the arrival of elements of the 2d French Arm. Div. aboard the cruiser Gloire. More French troops are expected soon.

Within the city, French forces, using mortars and armored cars, attacked an Annamite district and set fire to blocks of houses to drive out suspects, a number of whom were arrested. Annamite attempts to cross the Saigon River in strength were beaten off by British naval guards, and large numbers of Annamite troops also unsuccessfully attacked Japanese guards in the Cholon section of Saigon.

Saigon Out of Danger

A British communique reported that Saigon was in no immediate danger from the Annamite attacks, but emphasized the seriousness of the economic blockade produced by the insurgents' encirclement of the city.

Units of an RAF regiment yesterday drove off Annamite forces threatening the Saigon airport, which is the city's principal means of contact with the outside world. The RAF troops were aided by Japanese soldiers.

Prior to the offer to withdraw their forces, the Viet Minh revolutionary party had distributed leaflets announcing that the South Indo-Chinese Army, reinforced by trained Annamite regiments from Siam, was approaching Saigon.

With Japanese troops fighting on both sides, the British occupation authorities, whose principal objective has been to disarm the Japanese Army in Indo-China, have announced that captured Japanese will be treated as war criminals. French authorities have decided to try summarily captured Annamites, but the British said they knew of no executions among the 800 Annamites who have been captured by or turned over to the French in the last few days.

U.S. Confirms Japs Used PWs as Bayonet Targets

TOKYO, Oct. 15 (AP).—Japanese use of live prisoners of war as bayonet practice targets while Allied officers were forced to watch has been established fully, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

The new atrocity record was developed by a secret Allied translation and interpretation section which worked throughout the war interviewing Japanese prisoners and sorting seized documents. Existence of the unit was not disclosed until last week. It included many Japanese Americans and worked in exposed sectors.

One of the worst practices occurred on Guadalcanal, where two Europeans and one Eurasian were used as targets for six and one-half hours while the victims were horribly mutilated and tortured, the announcement said. Enlisted prisoners of war were paraded past to see the death agonies.

The section said Chinese prisoners of war were used similarly but reprisals forced an end to the practice.

Foreign Businessmen See Soong in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Oct. 15 (AP).—Chinese Premier T. V. Soong conferred at length yesterday with representatives of foreign business interests, presumably on the many problems raised in this international port by the abolition of extraterritorial rights by Britain, the U.S. and other countries.

Soong also conferred with Chinese officials on the disposition of seized Japanese property in Shanghai.

End of Butter Rationing By Dec. 1 Held Possible

CHICAGO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Increased butter production and the Army's release of 80,000,000 pounds of butter for civilian use will make possible the end of butter rationing by Dec. 1, Owen M. Richards, manager of the American Dairy Association, said today.

Lions Clip Eagles' Wings; Rams Trip Packers

Boston Takes Lead in East With 13-13 Tie

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The aroused Detroit Lions dampened the Philadelphia Eagles' Eastern Division titular hopes yesterday by ramming across touchdowns in every period and upsetting the Eagles, 28-24.

Meanwhile, the Boston Yankees stole into sole possession of first place by coming off with a 13-13 tie with the Giants and Sammy Baugh pitched the Redskins to their first triumph of the year, a 14-0 decision over the hapless Pitt Steelers.

Sparked by Chuck Fennebock and Bob Westfall, the underdog Lions struck through the air for three touchdowns to drop the Eagles at the 500 mark.

Van Buren Goes 63 Yards

Fennebock got Detroit on the way with a 31-yard flip to Westfall but snake-hipped Steve Van Buren tied the score just before the end of the first quarter with a 63-yard sweep. The Eagles moved to the fore as the second period opened when Roy Zimmerman kicked a 52-yard field goal. Midway in the quarter, however, Bill Callihan broke through to block a Zimmerman punt which Matheson carried over the goal line.

Zimmerman's 41-yard pitch to Jack Ferrante paved the way for Van Buren's 26-yard scoring jaunt that gave the Eagles a 17-14 bulge in the early moments of the third period. But the Lions retaliated with a 50-yard Fennebock pass to Westfall and then iced the game on Cotton Price's heave to Greene in the last quarter. Zimmerman's arm tacked up the closing Eagle score, Ferrante going over.

The rising Yankees were deprived of their third straight victory when ancient Ken Strong booted a 19-yard field goal in the last 60 seconds to give the Giants a deadlock. Earlier Strong kicked a field goal from the 20 that tied the score at 10-10. But Augie Lio snapped that in the fourth period with a placement from 27 yards out.

Baugh Clicks on 18 Pegs

Al Grigas sent the Yanks off in front with a three-yard plunge in the first quarter but Arnie Herber struck back with a 13-yard pass to Frank Liebel before the half.

Baugh was his old deadly, sharp-shooting self in the Redskin victory as he completed 18 of 20 passes during the afternoon. Baugh pitched the Redskins to their first score in the second quarter, firing a strike to Tippy Dye that sealed Pittsburgh's 14th straight defeat. His passing set the stage for Rosie Rosato's two-yard buck in the last period.

Rams Sign Veteran, Sell Rieth to Steelers

CLEVELAND, Oct. 15.—The Cleveland Rams of the National Football League announced today the signing of tackle Graham Armstrong, who played with them in 1941 before entering the Navy, and the sale of Bill Rieth, veteran guard, to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Armstrong, a six-foot four-inch 240-pounder who starred at John Carroll University from 1938-1940, was discharged recently.

Koslowski Leads Holy Cross To Victory Over Villanova

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 15.—The Holy Cross Crusaders paced by brilliant Stan Koslowski, defeated Villanova, 26-7, yesterday before 26,000 fans at Pitton Field.

The power-packed Crusaders snapped up a pair of Villanova fumbles in the opening period and converted both into tallies, with Koslowski the scorer. The tow-headed Rhode Islander crossed the goal first on a three-yard smash, then caught Joe Byers' 26-yard aerial in the end zone.

Van Tone Quits Eagles; Too Much Work, He Says

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 15.—Art Van Tone, newly acquired halfback of the Pittsburgh Steelers, quit the squad at the Hershey, Pa., training camp yesterday. Bert Bell, co-owner of the Steelers, said Van Tone complained that training was hard work and there was too much of it. Van Tone, a graduate of

A Redskin Scoring Threat Bites the Dust



A Washington scoring bid is thwarted at the last second as Akins (19) fumbles on the Detroit Lions goal line. Tom Green (10) of the Lions recovered the loose ball to momentarily stave off a Redskin tally in a game won, 21-14, by Washington. Sammy Baugh (33) stands behind the goalpost.

Parker Takes Segura's Title

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 15.—Smooth-stroking Frankie Parker yesterday defeated defending champion Francisco "Pancho" Segura for the Pan-American singles tennis crown, 9-7, 2-6, 6-2, 8-6. Parker and Segura then teamed to beat the Vega brothers, Armando and Rolando, for the doubles championship, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Parker's steady game smothered the excitable Segura, who won one set with a machine-gun flow of spectacular two-handed cross-court drives. Segura was faster than Parker at the net, but the U.S. champion played a more consistent game on returns.

Dorothy Head and Mary Arnold of Los Angeles beat Patricia Todd of Berkeley, Calif., and Mary Teran de Weiss of Buenos Aires, 6-1, 6-0, to win the women's doubles championship.

Miss Arnold, who won the women's singles title Saturday, wore a "lucky" pair of red, rope-soled shoes which she bought for tournament play when her regular tennis shoes failed to arrive.

Cubs Gain Pair of Runs

The Chicago Cubs registered a total of seven runs in the seventh inning of the recently completed seven-game World Series. A typographical error in the composite box score in S & S previously listed the number of seventh-inning tallies as five.

Mangrum Takes Inter-Theater Golf Title

BIARRITZ, Oct. 15.—Posting a 73 for a 269 total in the 72-hole tournament which featured the cream of the crop of ETO and MTO golfers, Cpl. Lloyd Mangrum added the Inter-Theater Championship to his ETO crown yesterday.

In the team competition the ETO combine of Mangrum, Kowal, Mundy and Jimmy McHale defeated the MTO team of Bill Robinson, Tom Bolt, J. Weitzell and Jimmy Durante by a 78 stroke margin.

Mangrum, who annexed the ETO title two months ago, carded a 41 on the first nine and lopped off nine strokes coming back.

He was closely followed by Lt. Matt Kowal, who hung up a 71 score for an aggregate of 280. Sgt. Rod Mundy with a 76 for a tally of 286 was third, and Cpl. Everett Dann and Sgt. Bill Robinson tied for fourth and fifth places with final counts of 72 for 288.

Other scores:

Sgt. Bill Robinson, 72-288 Lt. Blum, 70-290; Lt. Ralph Bond, 75-291; Pvt. Tom Bolt, 73-291; Lt. Joe Moore, 73-292; Pfc. William Pranisip, 74-296, Cpl. Jimmy Cunningham, 76-297; Storekeeper 1/c Bill Chambers, 77-299; Pfc. Jack Munger, 74-299.

Pro Grid Standings

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
 Cleveland 27, Green Bay 14
 Detroit 28, Philadelphia 24
 Boston 13, New York 13
 Washington 14, Pittsburgh 0
 Chicago Cardinals 16, Chicago Bears 7

WESTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	P	OP
Cleveland	3	0	0	65	14
Green Bay	2	1	0	102	69
Chicago Cardinals	1	3	0	22	59
Detroit	2	1	0	59	81
Chicago Bears	0	3	0	28	64

EASTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	P	OP
Boston	2	0	1	69	40
New York	1	0	1	47	19
Philadelphia	1	1	0	45	34
Washington	1	1	0	34	28
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	13	76

Next Sunday's Schedule
 Boston vs. Green Bay, Milwaukee
 Cleveland vs. Bears, Chicago
 Pittsburgh at New York
 Chicago Cardinals at Detroit
 Philadelphia at Washington

Pacific Coast Pro Results
 Oakland Giants 7, San Francisco Clippers 6
 San Diego Bombers 46, Santa Fe Mustangs 26

Denies Bucs to Be Sold

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 15.—President William Benswanger of the Pittsburgh Pirates today denied reports that he had been negotiating with Bill Terry and Bing Crosby for sale of the Pittsburgh baseball club.

Rally Defeats Bays, 27-14; Bears Downed

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The Cleveland Rams came from behind for three touchdowns in the final quarter yesterday to gain a 27-14 upset victory over the vaunted Green Bay Packers and the Western Division lead in the National Football League race.

The tattered Chicago Cardinals added to the afternoon's eye-opening developments by handing the Chicago Bears their third straight defeat of the infant campaign and thereby achieve their first league triumph in three years.

But it was the Rams who captured the fancy of the pro pigskin world as they humbled the champions with an explosive rally.

Trail in Fourth Period

The Rams were trailing 14-6 going into the final 15 minutes when Waterfield started them on their way to their third consecutive victory. Three straight passes by Bob Waterfield, the last to Tom Colella for the score, and Waterfield's conversion brought Cleveland to within a point of a tie. Then Colella lugged Rod McKay's fumble for the five, from which point Don Greenwood smashed over for the tally that put the Rams in front. Colella added the final marker in the closing seconds after Albie Reisz intercepted a Packer pass.

Waterfield capped a 46-yard drive to the first Cleveland touchdown in the opening quarter when he passed to Jim Benton. Green Bay retaliated with its two scores in the second and third sessions. First Irv Comp banged over from the one and then Ted Fritsch culminated a 54-yard push inches from the goal line.

Cards End Victory Famine

The Cardinals broke a losing streak that had extended through 29 games with an amazing 16-7 conquest of the once terrifying Bears. And they did it in brilliant style as the Bruin running attack was checked without a single first down while the Cards were posting a dozen.

The Cardinals took command in the third quarter after Sid Luckman's pass to Ken Kavanaugh fashioned the lone Bear marker. Leo Cantor racked up both touchdowns on plunges that capped aerial drives. The other two Card points were compiled on an automatic safety in the final quarter when Luckman's pass hit a goalpost and rolled into the end zone.

Determined to Quit, Tigers' Zeller Says

DETROIT, Oct. 15.—Jack Zeller, general manager of the Detroit Tigers, 1945 world baseball champions, said today he would retire by the end of the year.

"Yes, I'm through," declared Zeller, who has been in baseball for 42 years as pitcher, manager, club owner, scout and general manager. "I definitely will resign by the end of the year. Then I'm going back to Texas and just loaf."

The 61-year-old general manager had offered his resignation before, but each time it was turned down and he was asked to remain on the job.

Nelson Fires 29-Under-Par 259 For PGA Competitive Record

SEATTLE, Oct. 15.—A world mark for a 72-hole competitive golf tournament was fired into the PGA records yesterday by Byron Nelson, who battered Broadmoor's par for a 259 in the \$10,000 Seattle Open. His 29 strokes under regulation figures earned Nelson \$2,000 in war bonds. Harry Givan, Seattle amateur, and Harold "Jug" McSpaden finished in a deadlock for the runner-up spot at 272.

Nelson's great golf—he never wavered from the fairways yesterday and missed only one green—chopped two strokes off the record set only two weeks ago by Ben Hogan in the Portland Open. Hogan was ninth here, winding up with a 279 total.

Jimmy Hines and Ed Furgol, who started the day two strokes back of Givan and one in front of McSpaden, skidded to fourth with a pair of 71s for a 275 total. Ray Mangrum, with 67, jumped from eighth to sixth at 276. Sgt. Jim Ferrier followed at 277, and Art Doering was eighth at 278.



Byron Nelson

Grid's Big Five Still Boast Perfect Marks

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Most of the nation's top collegiate football teams rolled on impressively in Saturday's games, and the few upsets did not greatly change the national picture from a week ago.

Princeton's 14-6 victory over previously unbeaten Cornell was perhaps most surprising and was a feather in the cap of Coach Charlie Caldwell who only last week saw his Tigers held to a 7-7 deadlock by Lafayette.

Southern California's 33-6 trouncing by San Diego Navy was a bolt from the blue. It was the first defeat of the season for the Trojans and came from a team that earlier had lost to UCLA, which in turn had bowed to Southern California.

Big Five Keep Going

Baylor's 23-13 triumph over Arkansas, Rice's 13-7 defeat of Tulane, Vanderbilt's 7-0 win over Florida, Michigan State's 12-7 conquest of Pitt, and Oregon State's 19-6 beating of Oregon also left most of the experts gasping. Iowa State, pre-season favorite, was knocked out of the running for the Big Six title by losing to Missouri, 13-7.

In contrast, the first five teams in the Associated Press national poll last week had comparatively little trouble in taking another step toward an unbeaten and untied season.

Army, No. 1, brushed aside Michigan, No. 9, before 70,000 at Yankee Stadium in the top game of the day. The Wolverines made it close for a time, but Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis put the Cadets on the long end of a 28-7 count for their 12th straight win over a two-year span.

Navy, No. 2, likewise sputtered some against Penn State and was "held" to 28-0, while Notre Dame, No. 3, used 50 players in squashing Dartmouth, 34-0. Ohio State, No. 4, was hard put to beat Wisconsin, 12-0, but like Army registered its 12th in a row since the start of the 1944 campaign. Minnesota, No. 5, dumped Fort Warren by two touchdowns, 14-0.

Southern California, No. 6, was beaten; Alabama, No. 7, buried South Carolina, 55-0; Indiana, No. 8, did the same to Nebraska, 55-14; while Texas, No. 10, edged Oklahoma, 12-7.

Penn Breaks Loose

Penn, remembering its upset defeats at the hands of North Carolina in 1939 and 1943, poured it on against the Tarheels at Philadelphia, 49-0. This third win in a row for the unbeaten Quakers probably will move them from 11th place into the top this week.

In other leading games, Duke squeezed by Wake Forest, 26-19, in a close Southern Conference fray. Purdue walloped Iowa, 54-0. Tulsa kept its slate clean by defeating Texas Tech, 18-7. Louisiana State bounced back from the Alabama defeat to whip the Texas Aggies, 31-12. Washington nipped Washington State, 6-0. Colorado thumped the Colorado Aggies, 21-6. Columbia came from behind a 13-0 halftime deficit to beat Yale, 27-13. Colgate buried Lafayette, 47-0. St. Mary's ran the College of the Pacific dizzy, 61-0. Tennessee took Chattanooga, 30-0; Mississippi State crushed Detroit, 41-6; UCLA beat California, 13-0; and Georgia swamped Kentucky, 48-6.

Stolz Whips Firpo; Cisneros Victor

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Allie Stolz, former featherweight contender now on the comeback trail, outpointed Pedro Firpo of Camden, N.J., in the ten-round feature here last night.

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 15.—Larry Cisneros, Phoenix lightweight, defeated Matt Oglesby, local product, in ten rounds here last night.

Strike by Prep Eleven Leads to Ouster of 4

OLNEY, Ill., Oct. 15.—Hazing of a fellow player during a strike by the football team of Olney High School yesterday brought an ouster of four members of the squad. The boys suspended from school will be allowed to return to classes, the Olney School Board announced, but they will not be permitted to participate in football this season.

Leon Williams, the hazed player, received minor burns when he was doused with iodine and citronella after reporting for practice despite an agreement to strike. Coach Frank Newton said discord existed among the players.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

By Chester Gould



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Blondie

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



Blackhawk Squad Cut to 17 Players

REGINA, Sas., Oct. 15.—Manager Johnny Gottselig of the Chicago Blackhawks today cut his 50-man squad to 17 players, from which he will select his 15-man varsity squad for the National Hockey League season.

Sixteen of the players are tried major leaguers, while the 17th is 21-year-old Tommy Fowler, Winnipeg amateur center. One of the outstanding additions is Max Bentley, returning to the Hawks after a two-year absence. An outstanding passer, he will operate on the No. 1 line with brother Doug Bentley and Bill Mosienko.

Other veterans on the list are Cling Smith, Pete Horeck, Don Grosso, Reg Hamilton, Mike Karakas, Doug Stevenson, Red Hammill, George Allen, Alex Galeta, Johnny Mariucci, Joe Cooper, Eddie Wares, Bill Benson and Wingy Johnson.

Barons Nose Out Wings, 7-6

CLEVELAND, Oct. 15.—Earl Bartholome scored three goals yesterday to pace the Cleveland Barons, defending American Hockey League titlists, to a 7-6 exhibition triumph over the Detroit Red Wings of the National League before 6,000 fans. The Barons, who open defense of their championship tomorrow night against Hershey, broke a string of five consecutive exhibition losses to the Wings. Walt Atanas, recently acquired from the Chicago Blackhawks, notched a pair of goals for the

Barons, while Tom Forget and Lou Trudel netted other Cleveland points. Adam Brown whipped in two goals within one minute of the second period to pace Detroit. Seven goals were made in the free-scoring frame, the Barons setting the pace with four. Each team used three goalies in an attempt to stem the scoring tide. Cleveland's netminders were Al Tomori, Harvey Teno and John Kiskan, while Harry Lumley, Lloyd Storie and Ross Wilson toiled for the Wings.

Robbins Wins Marathon

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 15.—Charley Robbins fought off stern challenges by Johnny Kelly and Tarzan Brown to retain his national New England titles in a 20-kilometer road race. Robbins' time was 66:27 minutes, 39 seconds slower than his time in winning over the same course last year. However, he was slowed by a heavy downpour at the start of the race.

Links Boom on Way

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The executive committee of the U.S. Golf Association met yesterday to determine dates and sites of the 1946 National Open, National Amateur and Women's National, all of which were suspended during the war. President Morton Brogue said no announcement would be made until next week.

GI Shot to Death; Hurlled for Chisox

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Pvt. Walter Nawiesniak, 29, overseas veteran found shot to death in a Laredo, Texas, hotel room Sunday, was a former pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, Harry Grabiner, the club's general manager, said today.

The soldier was shot through the head, and Justice of the Peace Charles Windberg Jr., of Laredo, said he was holding an Army pistol in his left hand.

Nawiesniak was with the Sox for a short while before entering the White Sox. Harry Grabiner, the hurler formerly played with Waterloo in the Three Eye League and with Shreveport, and showed major league ability.

Women Bowlers to Compete

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 15.—The Women's International Bowling Congress announced today that its annual tournament would be resumed in 1946 after a lapse of five years.

Politicians In Japan Step Into Spotlight

TOKYO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Japanese political leaders, enjoying new freedom under Allied liberation policies, prepared today to move on to the national stage which the defeated and discredited warlords were vacating.

Imperial general staff headquarters, incubator of Japan's imperialistic schemes since 1878, was dissolved formally yesterday and the general staff was to follow into oblivion today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced there was every indication Japanese demobilization would be completed by mid-October, according to schedule. The Allied Supreme Commander will broadcast to the U.S. tomorrow on "military phases of the occupation."

While Premier Kijuro Shidehara's Cabinet tussled with the problem of drafting social-reform decrees in line with MacArthur's directives, political leaders proceeded with plans for party organizations.

Sprouting political faiths varied from old-line conservatives to Communist anti-imperialists, and Japanese observers predicted the mid-winter general election campaign might be marked by violence.

Rightist members of the Diet have set up a research committee to lay the foundation of a new party.

Ichiro Hatoyama veteran politician, has announced a "new Japan Liberal party" which opposes the planned economy program of the Japan Social party, headed by Toyohiko Hagawa, Christian liberal, and another Socialist party is in the offing.

Communist leader Yoshio Shiga, recently released under MacArthur's orders freeing Japanese political prisoners, was reported to be urging establishment of "democracy in the American way."

A riot of 380 Chinese workers at Muroan on Hokkaido Island in northern Japan was quelled by 250 American troops, the Tokyo newspaper Mainichi reported.

Giles Succeeds Gen. Spaatz

TOKYO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—General Barney M. Giles has assumed command of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in the Pacific, succeeding General Carl A. Spaatz, it was announced today, and Giles told a press conference that he hoped U.S. forces would be in Japan for 100 years.

Appealing for development of a strong future air force for the U.S., Giles revealed that B29 bombers would be based at a still undisclosed site in Japan and groups would train there. He said that the B29 was the best possible plane at present for dropping the atomic bomb, and that "I don't know any better one for the future."

Atom . . .

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all possible data, including samples of all matter in the area. As a result of studies since then, he said it would be simple to develop atom bombs in five to ten years.

Igane related that when Arakatsu was told the U.S. was attempting to preserve the secret of the atom bomb, he laughed merrily and said science ignored legislation, and unless some international organization snared the secret of the atom, most certainly he expected any and all countries which could afford it to discover it soon.

He pointed out that the theories which were proved by the Hiroshima explosion cut a minimum of 40 years from his own research.

CIO Raps 'Railroading'

Gj Atom-Control Bill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—CIO President Philip Murray charged last night that the House Military Affairs Committee was attempting to "railroad through" legislation to create an atomic-energy control commission.

He disclosed in a telegram to Speaker Sam Rayburn that the CIO was petitioning President Truman to instruct his Congressional leaders to arrange for full public hearings.

Paris-Vienna Express

VIENNA, Oct. 15.—The Arlberg Express, famous Austrian train of pre-war days, has resumed operation. The express, offering both sleeper and coach accommodations, will run three times a week between Paris and Vienna.

Sailor Husband Welcomes Army Nurse



Other Army nurses look on enviously as Lt. Alice Schmid of Reading, Mass., is greeted by her husband, Chief Boatswain's Mate John S. Schmid, at Pier 90 in New York. Lt. Schmid arrived on the Aquanua, which carried 7,662 returnees on its last voyage as a U.S. troopship.

Laval Executed as Attempt At Suicide by Poison Fails

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through the ear, which ended the wily politician's long career. He died at 12:32 P.M.

Four hours and two minutes earlier, when Andre Mornet, the tiny, bearded old prosecutor who had convicted him, entered the Fresnes prison cell to tell Laval the firing squad was waiting, the swartzy collaborator made his last attempt to evade the verdict of the French High Court of Justice.

Avoiding guards, he rose from his cot, swallowed the poison, writhed and fell unconscious to the floor.

Doctors were called in hurriedly and used emetics and a stomach pump frantically for two hours, uncertain whether they could save Laval's life.

Half-Carried to Courtyard

Finally he was pronounced out of danger, but remained so sick it was doubtful whether the execution could be conducted yesterday. However, further emergency measures revived him sufficiently so that authorities were able to half-drag, half-carry him to the courtyard.

Original plans were for Laval to be executed at the Fort de Chatillon, two miles away, where in the last few days Joseph Darnand, chief of the ill-famed Vichy Militia, and Jean Paquis, Paris' Lord Haw-Haw, were shot.

However, medical officials apparently felt Laval was too weak after the poison attempt to survive the trip and he was ordered shot in the Fresnes courtyard instead.

Strapped to a black-velvet-draped execution post, Laval asked if he himself might give the "fire!" order to riflemen. Told this was impossible, he proudly refused to be blindfolded and raised his head as he faced his executioners.

Kissed by Lawyer

As a final gesture, defense lawyer Albert Naud went up to Laval and kissed him on both cheeks.

Laval's last words, as the firing squad took aim, were: "It is not the soldiers' fault—they know not what they do. Vive la France!"

How Laval had managed to obtain the poison—rumored to be a very weak dose of cyanide—was a mystery last night, and officials launched an inquiry into its source.

However, yesterday afternoon the traitor's attorneys said he had left a note in his cell addressed "to my counsel to inform them and to my executioners to answer them."

In the note, Laval said he did not want to die by French bullets and that he was the victim of a "veritable murder."

"To save French soldiers from the dishonor of carrying this out," he wrote, "I prefer to die as a Roman—by taking poison." He ad-

ded that he had kept the poison hidden for "a very long time."

Notified by Mornet

First notification that Laval had of the time of his execution was when Mornet entered his cell yesterday morning. (French law forbids advance notification to condemned men of the time of their death.) He had learned Sunday night that his last appeal for a retrial had been denied.

Told this by Naud, he said calmly but bitterly: "This really will be the height of all political crimes. I knew I couldn't expect mercy and that they wanted to get it done with quickly."

"But history will judge. I expected this. I will be courageous to the end."

The suddenness of the execution came as a surprise and before Gen. Charles de Gaulle had made any public, formal reply to Laval's lawyers' request Friday night for a new trial.

Except in the area near the Fort de Chatillon, where early yesterday sentries lined up at 50-yard intervals, few knew in advance that the execution was slated for yesterday.

Body Removed to Cemetery

After the execution a horse-drawn hearse took Laval's body to nearby Thiais cemetery where the bodies of Darnand and Paquis were buried.

There the traitor's body was lowered into a prepared grave, alongside another marked: "Here lies an unknown collaborator." Gravediggers began covering Laval's plain wooden coffin immediately as about 25 spectators watched silently.

The grave was left unmarked, but it is believed Laval's family will be given the right to move the body later or to erect a tombstone.

At Laval's Paris home, his American-educated daughter, the Countess José de Chambrun, reportedly collapsed at the news. However, Mme. Laval, dry-eyed, heard of her husband's last words and exclaimed: "What a beautiful way to die!"

Strike Perils Tulip Bulbs

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (AP).—The Netherlands Government said yesterday that 35,000 cases of tulip bulbs recently shipped to the U.S. were threatened with spoilage because of the 'New York dockers' strike.

McNutt Successor OK'd

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Watson B. Millers, of Maryland, has been confirmed by the Senate as Federal Security Administrator. He succeeds Paul V. McNutt, who has been appointed High Commissioner to the Philippines.

4 Canuck Corrigans Wind Up in Florida

MIAMI, Oct. 15 (ANS).—Four perspiring French Canadian soldiers who left New York City for Montreal and ended up in West Palm Beach after boarding two planes going in the wrong direction were hopeful of a ride—northward—yesterday.

The four, René Gouin, Paul Trapanier, Morris Chainey and Guy Plamambon, still wore heavy woollen Canadian uniforms and carried sweaters and winter underwear. It was snowing when they left New York.

Strong Navy To Control Two Oceans Urged

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (ANS).—The fall of Japan without a land army invasion was cited today by the House Naval Affairs Committee as a major argument for the retention of a powerful fleet by this country.

What happened to Japan, the committee said in a report favoring a post-war Navy of 1,082 fighting ships, is a "most impressive proof of the vulnerability of a nation that does not control its surrounding waters."

"This was unprecedented in martial history and more than ever before proved the importance of sea power," the report said, "a new type of sea power that means control over the air above the sea as well as on and under the sea."

The committee asserted that the U.S. could be secure and can discharge its international obligations only if it controls certain strategic ocean areas. This control is the mission of the Navy.

Ocean areas over which the committee said the U.S. must retain and keep "undisputed control" are the western part of the North and South Atlantic and the entire Pacific.

An estimated annual maintenance and operating cost of \$3,325,000 for the projected post-war Navy "is very substantial," the committee commented, "but when judged in terms of the price of victory, it is a very cheap insurance of national security."

"The noble intentions of international charters and treaties must be constantly vitalized by the realistic maintenance of a Navy of sufficient strength to keep inviolate the national security," it said. "Peace is not only a matter of desire, it is a challenging problem of enforcement."

Legislation which the committee will ask the House to vote on, probably next week, calls for a post-war fleet of 18 battleships, three large cruisers, 31 heavy cruisers, 48 light cruisers, three large aircraft carriers, 24 medium carriers, ten light carriers, 79 escort carriers, 367 destroyers, 300 destroyer escorts and 199 submarines.

Japanese Census Shows 77,997,042

TOKYO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—The newspaper Mainichi said that the population of Japan was placed by the Home Ministry today at 77,997,042.

The ministry based its figure on last year's census. Tokyo, which once approached 8,000,000, now has a population of 3,276,547. Osaka, once the second largest city, has 3,092,198 and Yokohama 2,652,988.

Kobe moved above Osaka and Tokyo, with an estimated population of 3,334,244 while Aichi, capital of Nagoya Prefecture, had an estimated 3,287,045.

American Aid Unit Named

The American Aid Society for France, 67 Avenue Raymond-Poincare, has been designated as a distribution center for food and clothing for needy Americans living in the Paris area, the U.S. Embassy announced.

2 New Bosses Bringing Order To Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 15 (A.P.).—With Gen. Eduardo Avalos and Vice-Admiral Vernengo Lima firmly in control of the government, Argentina's armed forces moved swiftly yesterday to bring order out of the nation's political chaos.

The two new "strong men" who Saturday night took over six of the most important of Argentina's 11 Cabinet posts gave an immediate demonstration of their control over the military establishment by ordering a drastic shake-up in the army high command. Gen. Francisco Saenz was appointed head of the Camp de Mayo garrison, a big factor in Argentine politics.

At the same time, it was reported Avalos had asked all 14 provincial governors to submit their resignations immediately. These posts were all filled by Col. Juan Peron when he was in power.

Seeking to resolve the crisis, the two ministers worked through Sunday with President Edelmir Farrell, whose resignation they are holding for use at "any moment." There was growing confidence that they might succeed in restoring order. That belief was supported by the lifting of censorship and the absence of clashes between police and civilians in the last 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the executive decrees which closed the Universities of La Plata, Buenos Aires and Litoral two weeks ago were withdrawn.

Redeployment Late a Month

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that it was presumed originally would have to be shipped out by Dec. 31.

Another 75,000 must be shipped out to offset replacements. By the end of January, it has been announced, 135,000 replacements will be sent to the ETO from the U.S. Of these, 75,000 are expected to arrive before Dec. 31.

As the 75,000 new men arrive, another 75,000 must be shipped out in order eventually to reduce theater strength to 707,000.

Still another factor involves troops of the Mediterranean Theater. On Dec. 1, the MTO will be absorbed by the ETO, and, as of Jan. 1 (sic), the MTO will add 50,000 to the ETO strength.

In the task, therefore, of scaling the ETO down to 707,000 troops, another 50,000 must be added to the redeployment "stockpile." USFET officials said they had no expectation of extra shipping from the Mediterranean to handle anything like 50,000 men.

Another group that must be carried in ETO ships, it developed yesterday, is one comprising 31,500 Navy, Red Cross and State Department personnel and soldiers going home on temporary duty or reenlistment furloughs. Navy personnel are believed to number about 6,000. Navy ships will not be sent over for them specially, USFET said.

Allowing 10 percent for losses through operating difficulties and discounting the loss of the Queen Elizabeth and Aquitania, the shipping estimates for the last three months of 1945 were given by USFET yesterday as follows:

October	356,000
November	351,000
December	347,000
Total	1,054,000

In a teletype conversation with Washington today USFET will renew its request for an increased shipping allotment.

Shipping Shortage Delays Departure of Wac Groups

By Na Deane Walker
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A shipment of 600 Wacs, scheduled to report to Camp Philip Morris on Oct. 30, has been removed from the sailing lists because of shipping shortages, TSFET Hq. said yesterday. For another group of around 600 women, the date for reporting to the redeployment depot has been delayed five days.

As in the case of male personnel, "the whole program is subject to change now," WAC officials said.

Wacs in a group which was alerted to leave for Philip Morris today are being held until Sunday by their organizations, although the late change of instructions failed to reach some in time.

Jap Admits Emperor Is Just a Human

TOKYO, Oct. 15 (ANS).—One of Japan's foremost constitutional authorities said today that Emperor Hirohito did not believe he was descended from the sun goddess and that the Japanese constitution did not surround him with such divinity.

Tatsuhichi Minobe, former professor of Tokyo Imperial University, whose interpretations of the constitution angered the militarists and forced his resignation, said the Em-

peror was "a very democratic person."

"There is no scientific basis for the statement that Hirohito is a descendant from heaven, but in the past we were not allowed to deny or discuss the Emperor's origin if it conflicted with the militarists' teachings," Minobe said.

Minobe, who has been in virtual hiding and whose son was imprisoned for months because he was "too liberal," contended that the

present Japanese constitution was similar to England's and "can be democratic, if properly handled or interpreted. There is no serious obstruction to democracy under the present wording" he said.

"The constitution also can be interpreted as giving the Emperor the same status as the King of England," he contended, adding that the wording, "the Emperor is sacred and inviolable," did not mean he was divine.