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One Year Ago
Ninth Army drives to Magdeburg and Elbe River, 67 miles from Berlin. Essen falls to 17th AB. President Roosevelt died at Warm Springs.

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North and west—Cloudy with intermittent rain
South and east—Fair
Berlin, Bremen—Cloudy with intermittent rain

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Reds Give Gromyko UNO Post

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP)—Andrei Gromyko, Russian ambassador to the U. S.; was relieved today of his ambassadorial duties to assume the position of full-time delegate to the United Nations Organization.

Nikolai Vassiliévitch Novikov will replace Gromyko.

Novikov was appointed last January as deputy representative under Gromyko on the Far Eastern Commission and was chairman of the commission's committee for strengthening democratic trends there.

The Moscow announcement of his appointment as permanent delegate was viewed here as a complete endorsement from the Kremlin of his walkout in protest against hearing the Iran case. It was also looked upon as a Russian endorsement.

Gromyko is still pressing for dismissal along with helping to prosecute the Polish charge that the Franco regime menaces peace.

MAY ACT ON FRANCO

Although Gromyko has not identified himself with Polish Prof. Oscar Lange's indictment of the Franco regime, he is expected by conference observers to join his colleague in pressing for action against Franco after the council reconvenes next Monday. However, a stiff battle over the Iran question is expected before the Franco issue is brought up.

Gromyko's proposal demanding complete exoneration of the Soviet Union by removal of the Iran question from the agenda is opposed by the U. S., Britain and others.

Lewis Asked For New Pact

WASHINGTON, April 11 (INS)—Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach stepped into the disrupted coal strike picture today with an appeal to John L. Lewis and the bituminous mine operators to conduct some "real negotiations" on the new contract.

Meanwhile in Pittsburgh, steelworkers faced a shorter work week and elimination of overtime as the coal strike went into its 11th day.

With 25,000 steelworkers already idle, Carnegie steel announced its Vandergrift plant was scheduled to shut down its open hearth furnaces and booming mill operations over the week-end.

East Coast Seismograph Records Strong Quake

WESTON, Mass., April 11 (AP)—A year strong earthquake, as severe as that which caused destructive tidal waves in the Pacific recently, was recorded on the Western College seismograph at 3:03 AM today.

Seismologists said it was about 4,745 miles distant, "probably in northern Chile or the tip of the Aleutians."

Chinese Near Agreement

CHUNGKING, April 11 (INS)—Dr. Sun Fo, disclosed an agreement has been reached on the new constitution.

Palestine — Their Promised Land



GLEEFUL JEWISH ORPHANS from DP centers in the U. S. and British zones en route to Palestine dismount from train in Frankfurt for a hot meal provided by the Jewish Welfare Center. Their banner carries the slogan: Forward in Peace. —Staff Photo by Johnny Teague

660 Envied Jewish Orphans End 1st Leg of Palestine Trip

By ROBERT HAEGER

FRANKFURT, April 11 (UP)—Six hundred and sixty Jewish orphans poured through Frankfurt on the first leg of the journey to their own particular promised land—Palestine.

The children came to Frankfurt from DP centers scattered throughout the American and British zones of Germany and Austria. They were accompanied by a few adults including a couple of 60-year-olds who are to join their families in Palestine.

Carrying homemade blue and white flags decorated with the Star of David and the slogan, in Hebrew, "Forward in Peace," children ranging from 5 to 18, piled gleefully off the train and hurried to a hot meal after stacking assorted brief cases, cardboard cartons, paper bundles and conventional suitcases.

This shipment is the largest from Europe since last fall and will take up a large part of the allotment of 1,500 Palestine entry permits.

Sylvia Neulander, of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, said only 1,100 will be admitted since the British government deducts all illegal entries from the immigration quotas. They will be joined by 250 others from France and the Low Countries in Marseille.

Hot soup, served in shifts at the jammed Jewish Welfare Center here, was greeted with cheers by

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McNarney, Clay Meet Hoover at Airfield

BERLIN, April 11—Herbert Hoover, chairman of President Truman's Famine Emergency Committee, arrived here today.

The former U. S. President was met at Tempelhof Airdrome by Gen. Joseph McNarney, commander of American forces in Europe, and Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay, deputy military governor.

MPs, French Seek AWOLs

PARIS, April 11 (INS)—U. S. MPs and French police last night carried out a large scale raid in Paris in an effort to round up suspected Army deserters and GI black market operators.

The raid centered on a beer garden in the north of Paris, an alleged nerve-center for black-market activities sponsored by GIs.

It was officially announced today that 40 GIs were picked up and held for questioning. Several Frenchmen were also caught with black market commodities in their possession.

Publicity-conscious French police had tipped off the French newspapers and a battery of photographers was at hand to record the

Lichfield Witness, Fearing to Testify, Decries Treatment

LONDON, April 11 (UP)—William F. Pond, first prosecution witness, today said he was "afraid" to testify to alleged mistreatment as an inmate of Lichfield prison camp because of the treatment of prisoner-witnesses in the London area guardhouse where he was confined pending the trial.

Pond, a former enlisted combat serviceman under seven-year sentence with a dishonorable discharge for being AWOL said prospective witnesses in confinement at the London guardhouse were being discouraged from giving testimony because of mistreatment and that conditions were so harsh

several prisoner-witnesses broke out of and escaped from the guardhouse.

Objecting to the freedom given to accused EM, Pond said Lichfield witnesses "are the ones being punished—not the accused."

House Committee Votes to Extend Draft 9 Months

WASHINGTON, April 11—The House Military Affairs Committee has voted (15 to 8) to extend the Selective Service Act for nine months.

Administration officials who had been pressing for a one-year extension of the draft law were jubilant at the decision.

The Senate Military Affairs Committee is expected to concur with the House committee's decision.

House leaders prepared to bring the bill to the floor tomorrow where a sharp fight is expected, especially from the Minority members.

LIMITATIONS FIXED

The proposed House extension has several limiting factors:

1—The measure provides for induction of men from 18 through 30. (Present maximum age—44.)

2—No fathers in the proposed age range to be drafted.

3—Maximum term of service—18 months. Further proviso: All persons in the service for 18 months to be discharged.

4—It is to be the function of local boards to decide on the deferment of farmers.

The House bill also takes cognizance of the continuing campaign of the services for a professional armed body and makes this delimitation: Selective Service is to draft only enough men to bring the strength of the various branches to the following quotas as of July 1, 1947: Army—1,070,000; Navy—558,000; Marine Corps—108,000.

Pearl Harbor Probers To See FDR's Report

WASHINGTON, April 11 (INS)—The late President Roosevelt's personal report to Congressional leaders on the night of Dec. 7, 1941, will be laid before the Pearl Harbor Committee today.

The report outlined his fruitless

FAVORITISM ALLEGED

Recalled to the stand, Pond said Sgt. Judson Smith who already has been convicted of mistreating Lichfield prisoners "runs around free in the guardhouse" and gets preferential treatment.

The chief prosecutor, Maj. Leland Smith, said "there is no way of making this man testify if he does not want to. I am not going to threaten him."

Smith told the court he would not ask contempt charges against Pond and that the matter rested with higher headquarters "to see if conspiracy among prisoners exists."

Pond said he would testify if the Senate Military Affairs Committee gave him assurances that he would not be prosecuted.

WITHDRAWS CHALLENGE

Defense Counsel Frank M. Johnson, Jr. announced today he would not "pursue any further" his challenge to court jurisdiction in the Lichfield detention camp case, because Theater Judge Advocate Brig. Gen. Ed Betts, had informed the defendant yesterday that the case would not be reviewed by the London Area Command or Western Base Section.

Johnson, who challenged the

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Conservative Japs Returned to Power

TOKYO, April 11 (INS)—Japanese voters returned an overwhelmingly conservative diet to power, results indicated today. The successful parties turned immediately to wage a knockdown battle to oust Premier Shidehara.

Half the diet seats were filled with Liberals and Progressives—representing Japan's leading conservative parties. Each had 49 diet members in early election results.

Social Democrats and Moderate Leftists, strong in metropolitan areas, gained 42 seats; the Communists and the Co-operatives 4 seats each in the diet. Independent candidates appeared to have captured 43 diet seats.

Chinese Conflict Reported

LONDON, April 11 (INS)—The morning papers report from Chungking that the Chinese Communists began an all-out offensive against the Peiping-Mukden railway in a bid to prevent Central Government forces from taking over in Manchuria.

The B Bag

Address all letters to: B Bag Editor, The Stars and Stripes, APO 757, U. S. Army. Limit letters to 200 words and include name and address (names are deleted on request). Articles in this column do not necessarily reflect the attitude of The Stars and Stripes.

Off Limits

During our many months of faithful service we have seen the Army do many odd, fascinating and sometimes spectacular deeds, but when a whole country is placed "off limits" to one company, then the situation is really desperate.

We have two nearby towns to go to on pass: Liege, Belgium, and Maastricht, The Netherlands. Most of the personnel have at one time or another been stationed in the Netherlands, and some are even married to girls there, hence the great desire to visit Maastricht. The Netherlands are now off limits to our company. We don't expect the situation to be remedied but we are writing you as a last resort.

—24 Signatures, QM Co.

Editor's Note: This letter was referred to the organization CO, who replied:

"The mission of the Graves Registration Command is to find the bodies of American dead. To do this we rely for the most part on the information and goodwill of the civilians of the sector. When members of this company conducted themselves in such a way as to bring distrust and resentment on the part of the people in the vicinity of Maastricht nothing would do but to place the vicinity 'off limits' to officers and enlisted men. One man who was married, and two who had made application, were allowed to go there. On March, 29 the 'off limits' was lifted due to the good behavior of the men."

Cameras for Vets

I wonder if something could be done to enable officers and EM with considerable overseas service to purchase a good camera prior to their being returned to the States. I have 31 months overseas, and expect to be returned to the ZI within the next two or three months. I believe that anyone in such a category should be given special authorization to purchase a camera. Perhaps a block of cameras could be set aside for such a purpose. Our chances in the camera lotteries are very slim.

—Major, Sig. C.

Wake Us Up

Everywhere in Germany the Krauts are trying to convince us that they aren't guilty for the past. Moreover, they think we believe them. Some do. What has happened now in the Nazi underground should wake us up and remind us who Nazis are, and why we fought for a better world.

We want the severest penalty for the underground Nazis as an example for the others. Do we have to wait until they start to shoot again?

—21 Signatures—Ed.

Polish and Italian Veterans Show Signs of Unrest



RETURNING TO THEIR HOMELANDS after many months, Italian and Polish soldiers are stirring with discontent. Hopes looked bright for these Italian troops (left) as they sang their battle songs in liberated Florence. Now, in the same city, they have resorted to violence to show



their discontent over the way things are going. Polish soldiers (right) smiled as the liberated key Dutch towns with the British 21st Army Gp. in 1944. At home now, they are a dissatisfied lot. They are showing resentment in robbery and looting.

—PWB-OWI Staff Photos

Fear New Il Duce May Gain Power

ROME (AP)—Italian soldiers, home from a lost war and long years in prison camps abroad to find no jobs awaiting them, are showing signs of unrest.

At Florence, Milan, Naples, Bari and Massa mobs of returned veterans, former inmates of internment camps, resorted to violence to express discontent over the way things are going.

In several instances they turned against Communists and Socialists, who acquired political power in the years since the war began.

Their bitterness against left wing parties sharpened the danger that a new leader might use their

Italian

discontent for a Fascistic adventure.

Nearly a million of Mussolini's 1,245,000 soldiers who wound up in prison camps outside Italy have come home now and shiploads and trainloads of others are arriving almost daily.

Each one swells the ranks of the unemployed, estimated early this year at approximately three million.

The government, recognizing its obligation to former soldiers and the political dynamite their dissatisfaction may become, is striving to make work for them through public projects and through inducing industrial and agricultural employers to spread employment to give them a place.

German Settlers Cause Most Trouble

WARSAW (AP)—Polish soldiers returning to their home country find big changes after their six or seven years' absence, and not all are settling down easily.

If interested in farming they stand a good chance of returning to a normal life in a matter of weeks, because Poland now has three million more acres to be ploughed and harvested—the former German territories in the west. For the adventurous this is the life—already these lands are known as Poland's "Wild West."

The government provides returning soldiers with farms of from 15 to 30 acres, seed and the use of tractors and mechanized equipment. But it is in this part of the country that the Germans, being moved out at the rate of 5,000 a day, indulge in acts of revenge against Poles who replace them, and it is here that the anti-government terrorist groups attempt to discredit the government and harass the authorities by armed raids and sabotage.

Security measures are increas-

Polish

ing, and the Germans will soon all be gone, but for the time being robbery, looting and gang attacks are reminiscent of the bad old days of the American pioneers.

But not all of the 20,000 Poles who have returned after serving in the Polish army in Britain, Italy and Egypt want to farm, and in all there are at least 200,000 Poles in the armed forces abroad.

Some will not return, but for those who do, finding skilled work in towns or villages is often difficult.

At the moment the government still has not organized sufficient rehabilitation centers and transport facilities for its ex-soldiers, and when they land at Gdynia or Gdansk they receive no demobilization pay. There is no restriction on their travel, and if requested they are given letters to the mayors of the towns they wish to visit. But before they find a job in their own trade they may well have exhausted their savings.

Official Bulletin

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TRANSPORTATION OF ALIEN DEPENDENTS TO THE UNITED STATES

1—Present close-out plans make it necessary that all applications for the transportation of alien dependents to the United States submitted by military personnel having dependents residing in the occupied zone and the countries of central Europe, be received by Headquarters Continental Base Section, no later than 1 June 1946. All individuals having dependents eligible under the provisions of War Department Circular 83, 1945, who are desirous of submitting applications are urged to apply without delay.

2—Unless applications are received in time to allow processing of dependents and arrangements of shipping schedules prior to 30 June 1946, it will be necessary for individual dependents to make their own arrangements to travel by commercial shipping. Although reimbursement will be made for such privately arranged travel the assistance and facilities of the Army will not be available.

tions are urged to complete them properly, as failure to furnish complete data is delaying approval in numerous instances. Complete information has been disseminated to all major commands. Application forms and information may be obtained by contacting Headquarters Continental Base Section (AG Personnel, telephone Friedberg 2667) APO 807. If it is not practicable to obtain the forms, applications may be submitted in letter form but must include the following information:

- 1—Date and place of marriage
- 2—Wife's full name (include maiden name), address, date of birth and nationality
- 3—Children
- 4—Whether wife is pregnant (state number of months)
- 5—Destination in the United States
- 6—Name and address of person to be notified in the United States
- 7—Present address of applicant
- 8—Present status of applicant
- 9—Whether applicant is a citizen of the United States by birth or

Women in Business Proud Of Man-Sized Occupations

TROY, N.Y. (INS)—Women in business are not jealous of each other's success—rather they are proud that one of their sex is getting ahead on an equal basis with men. That is the opinion of Miss Muriel E. Reynolds, of New York, one of the two women named officers recently, by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

GI's 'Fruit Salad' Batters Goring

FT. RILEY, Kan. (INS)—When it comes to "fruit salad," the uniform of one Ft. Riley sergeant would make even Hermann Goring's splendor look sick.

Sgt. Nathan Pruitt, 58, who has served 35 years in the Army has 11 three-year stripes, four separate stripes representing six months service in World War I, and six similar stripes for No. 2. Other decorations include the ETO ribbon, the Bronze Star, four battle stars, Mexican Border Campaign and Unit Badge.

Trials to Start in China

PEIPING (AP)—Maj. Gen. Chang Ting-yang, chief of the military court, said the first war crime trials of the Peiping-Tientsin area would begin soon.

Ad Packs Wallop

WALLOWA, Ore. (INS)—Western gals are still tough if this notice in the Wallowa County Chieftain, is any criterion:

"I am shooting anyone bringing guns on my land. Won't miss! Phyllis Williamson."

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Secretary of War OKs Occupation Medal

Theaters Give Same Medal For Occupiers

FRANKFURT, April 11—An Army of Occupation Medal, identical for all theaters, has been approved by the Secretary of War, USFET Hq. announced today.

The medal is of bronze and is suspended by a silk ribbon 1 3/8 inches in length and 1 3/8 inches in width. The ribbon colors are a 3/16 inch stripe of white, a 1/2 inch band of black, a 1/2 inch band of red and a 3/16 inch stripe of white, it was announced.

Maj. E. C. Davies, head of the USFET awards and decorations branch, said that an advance copy of the regulations governing the requirements would be as follows:

"1—Individuals must be assigned, or permanently attached to and present for duty with the Army of Occupation in Germany or Austria for a period of 30 consecutive days after May 8, 1945. Service performed between May and Nov. 8, 1945, will be counted only if the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal has been awarded for service prior to May 9, 1945.

OTHERS ELIGIBLE

"2—Individuals assigned, or attached to and present for duty with units not physically present within Germany and Austria may be eligible if those units have been designated in War Department general orders as part of the Army of Occupation. The theater commander is compiling for War Department approval a list of designations, locations and inclusive dates of service of units not physically presents for duty in Germany or Austria, but which he nevertheless considers as part of the Army of Occupation.

"3—Individuals who do not qualify under paragraphs 1 and 2 above are eligible provided their combined service in Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan or Korea is 60 days. If any of that service is performed in this theater between May 9, 1945, and Nov. 8, 1945, it will count only if the ETO Ribbon was awarded for service prior to May 9, 1945. There is a comparable provision with respect to the award of the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon for service in Japan and Korea. Service on temporary duty, in a passenger status, or as an observer or visitor will not count. The individual must serve at a normal post of duty.

"4—Naval personnel are eligible under the same requirements as Army personnel."

Davies said that there were no Army of Occupation Medals now in the theater for distribution at this time.

Panda's Priority For Air Travel Disturbs British

LONDON, April 11 (UP)—A nameless baby panda who has air priority over some 11,000 more humans is creating a stir throughout Britain reminiscent of Brig. Gen. Elliot Roosevelt's dog Blaze.

In fact, the little panda seems to be doing considerably better than the dog which only succeeded in getting air priority from England to California, bumping a couple of sailors en route—and he traveled alone.

The panda is due to be high-tailed from the Chinese interior of Chungking and thence to Calcutta and London, accompanied by a Chinese girl attendant carrying an emergency ration of 80 pounds of succulent bamboo shoots.

Last night in the House of Lords, Lord Munster took a dim view of the panda priority, nor did he approve the Chinese feminine escort, whose task he said was "to interpret the wishes of the panda and feed it."

U.S., UK Agree To Spain Talk

PARIS, April 11 (INS)—Britain and the U.S. formally notified France today of their willingness to enter into tripartite discussion on the subject of Spain.

Their attitude came in the form of answers to a French note of March 23 which was the third in a series and which sought British and American agreement on methods to be undertaken in solving the Spanish question.

The American note, delivered by Ambassador Jefferson Caffery to French Foreign Minister George Bidault in Paris, declared U.S. willingness to enter negotiations.

It added that the time and place of such negotiations should be determined later.

RA Officer Boards Cut From 14 to 5

FRANKFURT, April 11—The number of officer interview boards considering applications for commissions in the Regular Army will be reduced to five from the 14 now operating, this reduction to be effective immediately, USFET announced today.

The cut will leave one board operating at Wiesbaden for the Frankfurt Enclave, two operating for the Third Army area, one at Heidelberg, one at Munich. One board will be operated in Paris and one in Berlin.

All boards will cease operation April 20 since that date is the deadline for processing of applications.



Under Discussion in Capital

By MAX GROSSMAN, Staff Correspondent

WIESBADEN, April 11—Future operations of the American Red Cross in Europe and in occupied countries are being determined at ARC-War Department conferences being held in Washington now, officials revealed here today. William A. Stephens, commissioner in charge of all ARC activities in Western Europe, U. K. and occupied countries, is due back from Washington at his Wiesbaden headquarters April 17, to report on decisions reached in the nation's capital.

In the meantime, ARC headquarters has given instructions to its various clubs and branches to continue business as usual or "as unusual." These orders were given to keep up morale in the face of reports that ARC may leave the Continent entirely and that the Army may take over its functions here. Officials in Wiesbaden regard this latter report as only "a remote possibility."

Most interesting new developments in ARC operations are as follows: Staffers, assigned to escort war brides from assembly points to staging areas, report imminent danger of replacing "battle fatigue" with "bottle fatigue."

But one ARC worker, philosophical about the whole business, commented, "There's really not much difference between catering to these children and catering to their fathers."

being placed in all ARC clubs after adaptations to local voltage conditions are made.

The juke boxes are expected to provide a pleasant home-touch to GIs. The only difference between the ETO's jukeboxes and the ZI variety is that they contain no nickel notches. ARC explains that there are no nickels in the ETO and no notches. The music will, therefore, be for free.

Brutal Slayer Hunted By Citizens of Nantes

NANTES, April 11 (UP)—Local citizens today joined police in the manhunt for the brutal murderer of Lucie Bernardou, wife of a local innkeeper whose mutilated body was found tied up in her fur coat in the kitchen of the hotel.

A total of 450,000 (\$3,750) francs is missing from the hotel.

Weather Outlook

U. S. Zone: Weather forecast with maximum and minimum temperatures. North and west—cloudy with intermittent rain, 52, 33; south and east—fair, 55, 32; Berlin—cloudy with intermittent rain, 45, 35; Bremen—cloudy with intermittent rain, 45, 34. Further outlook: Fair and warmer in south; continued cool in north.

ned in Frankfurt



U. S. dependents is shown in this and hardware stores, tailor and —Signal Corps Photo

Clerk Admits Guilt as Spy

OTTAWA, April 11 (INS)—Mrs. Emma Woikin, 25, former cipher clerk in the external affairs department, pleaded guilty today to two charges of transmitting secret information to unauthorized persons for the benefit of Soviet Russia.

She pleaded not guilty to two additional charges under the Official Secrets Act which were withdrawn by the crown.

Copies of cipher messages and translations from cipher divisions of the external affairs department were presented in evidence.

Stanley C. Daley, who identified the cipher material, said that when Mrs. Woikin was employed in the cipher division her duties consisted of coding and decoding messages.

He said the original ciphered messages were kept on record for three months while copies were retained for a year.

Victim of Politics, Says Russian Accused as Spy

PORTLAND, Ore., April 11 (INS)—Lt. Nicolai G. Redin, of the Soviet navy, yesterday declared he was an innocent victim of "political purposes" as Federal authorities ordered his removal to Seattle to answer the indictment charging him with espionage against the U. S.

Unexportable Meat Reported by Dane

COPENHAGEN, April 11 (AP)—While famine threatens great areas of the world, cold storage plants are filled with meat which Denmark is unable to export, alleged Jacob Tvedegaard, chairman of the Danish

Polish DP Gets Death Decree For Murder of 3 Germans

By BOB WILLIAMS, Staff Correspondent

BREMEN, April 11—Death sentence was passed on one Polish DP and life imprisonment given three others by the Bremen Military Government court in the last of a series of trials for crimes committed in the enclave.

Former residents of a Polish DP camp near here, the prisoners, who range in age from 20 to 24, were convicted of the gang robbery of a farmhouse in Brundorf, Feb. 2, which resulted in the murder of three men and the injury of two women.

The man condemned to die was found guilty of the shooting of a farmer and his hired man. The death

of a policeman was attributed to one of the six or seven members of the gang who have not been apprehended.

One of the men sentenced to life for looting the house, injured the two women by beating them on the head with a carbine.

A fifth Pole, who had been forced to drive the gang in his truck, was acquitted of the murders and robbery, but drew a six months' sentence for failing to report the illegal possession of firearms by the gangsters.

The Bremen MG court docket is now clear of its backlog of cases for the first time since its establishment.

Lost Plane Imperils China Unification

CHUNGKING, April 11 (INS)—serious threat to the speedy unification of China was posed today with the apparent loss of four top-ranking Chinese Communist leaders aboard a missing U. S. Army plane.

Hope was virtually abandoned today of finding alive the 14 persons aboard the plane which is overdue in its flight from Chungking to Yen-an. The plane was reported over northern China, 100 miles south of Yen-an.

World's Fair Planned In Brussels May 12-27

BRUSSELS, April 11 (AP)—Brussels' first postwar international commercial fair will be held from May 12 to May 27 in the Centenary Halls.

These halls, which had been built for the world's fair of 1935, were used by German and Allied forces as storehouses.

Two Officers Exonerated in Blond's Death

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11 (INS)—Two young Army officers were exonerated yesterday of any blame in connection with the suicide plunge of a pretty blond girl from a seventh floor room of a San Francisco hotel.

Lts. Henry Blankenship, 24, of Atlanta, and Steven Ondrusek, 23, of Binghamton, N. Y., gave formal statements to police and were released to return to Oakland Army Hospital where they are patients.

The girl was identified as Virginia Hepburn, 21, of Lindsay, Calif. Police records show that she was arrested eight times since 1941 for drunkenness and vagrancy.

The tragedy came to light when her body, clad only in a pair of pink panties, was discovered on the railing of the fourth floor balcony of the hotel.

In his statement to police, Blankenship said he and Ondrusek met the girl in the cocktail lounge and started on a round of bars which culminated in the hotel tragedy.

Judge Halts Sailor's Loves

MILWAUKEE, April 11 (AP)—Merchant Seaman Joseph Varga, 34, who told detective Lt. John Niederkorn he had married seven women since 1939 was sentenced to one to two years in the state prison for abandonment of six children and the mother whom he never wed.

Judge Herbert J. Steffes imposed the maximum sentence, expressing regret that Varga could not be prosecuted in Wisconsin on bigamy charges since the marriages Varga listed all took place in other states.

"I am going to terminate these amatory peregrinations and send you some place where there won't be women," the judge told Varga.

Civilian Adviser Named For Navy Committee

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—Dr. James L. McConaughy of Cornwall, Conn., has been named chairman of the Navy's civilian advisory committee, Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal announced.

The committee is composed of about 60 civilians who will advise on such non-military subjects as welfare, recreation, education, morale, and community relations, the Navy said.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The war ended last year in Germany and Japan, but whether it's officially over here is up to Hennepin County District Judge E. A. Montgomery. George A. Johnson won a divorce from his

Divorce Was Not Finished

wife, Dorothy on Nov. 10, 1944. One of the stipulations were that Mrs. Johnson should vacate the house owned six months "after the signing of the European armistice."

Mrs. Johnson is still living in the house contending that the end of the shooting last May 8 did not constitute a formal armistice. Her husband argued to the contrary.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—CIO pickets paraded before the courthouse here, urging everyone to walk through the line. The picket line was an attempt to induce voters to register. Banners carried by pickets included one which read "20 Beautiful Girls Waiting to Help You Register."

BEND, Ore. (INS)—Woodsmen found evidence of a forest fire which they could not blame on careless smokers—the fire occurred about 360 years ago in about the year 1586. A burned tree was found inside a

CLAIRTON, Pa. (UP)—"Candlelight" ceremonies accompanied looting of the pantry at Pine Run Methodist Church. Police said thieves lit candles in the small church before stalking off with fruit juices, sugar and canned goods from the pastor's larder.

MATTOON, Ill. (INS)—All the world loves a lover except Judge Jacob Berkowitz. The judge hasn't anything personally against young

VANCOUVER, Wash. (INS)—Eric Granlund, a "chick sexer," can separate 500 to 700 cockerels and pullets when she is just "taking it easy"—and that is a lot of chicks

LONGVIEW, Wash. (INS)—While friends claim title for him, George Gilles, of Kelso, Wash., is trying to estimate how many houses could be built with the lumber he has cut in the last 38 years. Gilles has sent us through more than 2,436,000,000 board feet of lumber since he began working at his trade. He has averaged 375,000 feet each working day for the 16 years he has run a big saw at the Weyerhaeuser mill in Longview.

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (INS)—Imperial, Kan., a thriving community near Garden City more than 60 years old, faded into history recently with the sale of the old homestead late Dan Carl, a pioneer of the

EUGENE, Ore. (INS)—Smoky, the University of Oregon campus' outstanding women-hater, was the Phi Delta fraternity's dog. Then all the Phi-Deltas went off to war three years ago and Smoky became the campus orphan until he was adopted by his enemies, the coeds. Now the Phi Deltas have come back and reopened their house but gadabout Smoky can't get used to the boys.

Las Vegas, Nev., April 11 (AP)—An uncontested divorce has been granted to Boris Karloff, grim-faced horror-specialist, who charged his wife, Dorothy, was cruel to him.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The war ended last year in Germany and Japan, but whether it's officially over here is up to Hennepin County District Judge E. A. Montgomery. George A. Johnson won a divorce from his

Divorce Was Not Finished

wife, Dorothy on Nov. 10, 1944. One of the stipulations were that Mrs. Johnson should vacate the house owned six months "after the signing of the European armistice."

Mrs. Johnson is still living in the house contending that the end of the shooting last May 8 did not constitute a formal armistice. Her husband argued to the contrary.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—CIO pickets paraded before the courthouse here, urging everyone to walk through the line. The picket line was an attempt to induce voters to register. Banners carried by pickets included one which read "20 Beautiful Girls Waiting to Help You Register."

BEND, Ore. (INS)—Woodsmen found evidence of a forest fire which they could not blame on careless smokers—the fire occurred about 360 years ago in about the year 1586. A burned tree was found inside a

CLAIRTON, Pa. (UP)—"Candlelight" ceremonies accompanied looting of the pantry at Pine Run Methodist Church. Police said thieves lit candles in the small church before stalking off with fruit juices, sugar and canned goods from the pastor's larder.

MATTOON, Ill. (INS)—All the world loves a lover except Judge Jacob Berkowitz. The judge hasn't anything personally against young

VANCOUVER, Wash. (INS)—Eric Granlund, a "chick sexer," can separate 500 to 700 cockerels and pullets when she is just "taking it easy"—and that is a lot of chicks

LONGVIEW, Wash. (INS)—While friends claim title for him, George Gilles, of Kelso, Wash., is trying to estimate how many houses could be built with the lumber he has cut in the last 38 years. Gilles has sent us through more than 2,436,000,000 board feet of lumber since he began working at his trade. He has averaged 375,000 feet each working day for the 16 years he has run a big saw at the Weyerhaeuser mill in Longview.

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FOR THE FIRST time in the history of Norway, a woman faces death penalty on a charge of espionage. She is Maggie Anderson, accused of giving information to the Nazis which caused the execution of seven youths.

GOP to Probe Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, April 11 (INS)—A Republican senator said today there will be another Pearl Harbor investigation when the Republicans gain control in Congress.

Sen. Owen Brewster, of Maine, declared that "it now becomes clear that the American people cannot hope to get the whole story of Pearl Harbor until we have a Republican Congress. I have given up trying to beat my head against a wall."

Brewster is one of four minority members of the present joint committee investigating the disaster.

Sewing Bee Sisters Convicted by Court

LOS ANGELES, April 11 (AP)—Two married sisters, convicted on charges of luring teen-age youths to their home for immoral purposes were each sentenced to a year in jail by Judge Clement D. Nye.

The women, Mrs. Audrey Rightmeyer, 29, and Mrs. Goldier Lowell, 27, announced they would appeal after the court denied a motion for a new trial.

Testimony was presented that the women lured boys into bedrooms after dancing with them in the nude. The ladies were former members of the Bell Flower Sewing Bee, and lured the boys by dancing the can-can to the radio, it was reported.

Jury Finds Film Worker Killed by Drunken Fall

LOS ANGELES, April 11 (AP)—A coroner's jury found that Edward Gray, 31, studio employe found dying after a party on a movie set last Wednesday night was killed by an accidental fall while intoxicated.

Paul Muni and Anne Baxter, two inquest witnesses, testified that the party was a dull affair and they could throw no light on how Gray received his fatal injuries.

Military Wedding or Funeral: Vet Says He Chose to Wed

BALTIMORE, April 11 (AP)—Charging he was forced to marry a divorcee at the point of her policeman-brother's pistol, William V. Steppe, former soldier, filed suit in the State Circuit Court for annulment.

Steppe said he met his wife, the former Mrs. Katherine Martin, of Augusta, Ga., while stationed at an Army camp near there, and she had proposed to him two months after her divorce. When he refused

Ex-Vice Boss Finally Jailed After 5 Years

CHICAGO, April 11 (INS)—William R. Johnson, former Chicago gambling boss, is in the Federal prison at Terre Haute, Ind., following a futile five-year fight to stay out of jail for income tax evasion.

Johnson was sentenced Oct. 11, 1940, to five years in prison and was fined \$10,000. The sentence marked the beginning of one of the most tenacious legal battles on record. During the course of the fight the case three times found its way to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Four co-defendants, William P. Kelly, Jack Somers, James A. Hartigan and Stuart Solomon Brown, were accused of conspiring to help him evade payment of income taxes.

Johnson was accused of reporting net income totalling \$764,213 for the four years from 1936 to 1939, inclusive, whereas the Government contended his actual income was \$3,377,613.

In denying pleas, for probation for Johnson and his co-defendants, Federal Judge John P. Barnes lashed out at a segment of the population which "believes that the rich and powerful are not required to serve punishment for their crimes."

GIs Sentenced For Camp Riot

MILWAUKEE, April 11 (AP)—Col. Clarence P. Evers, commandant of the U. S. disciplinary barracks here, said an Army general court martial had sentenced three Negro prisoners to serve a total of 85 years in prison and be dishonorably discharged after they were found guilty of mutiny, rioting and assault.

Samuel Jones, 22, Lake City, Fla., and Leroy Byrd, 21, Jackson, Miss., were convicted of all three charges, while Darryl Coleman, 24, Birmingham was found guilty of rioting and assault, Evers said.

Jones was sentenced to 40 years at hard labor, Byrd was given 30 years, and Coleman 15 years.

Two other prisoners charged with participating in a riot at the barracks on Feb. 9, during which one Negro prisoner was killed and several guards and officers injured, were acquitted.

Police Hold AWOL For Murder Query

HAGERSTOWN, Md., April 11 (INS)—Police are checking the alibi of a soldier stationed at Walter Reed Hospital who was questioned with the murder of 19-year-old Betty Jane Kennedy.

Detective Carl Hartman, of the Pennsylvania state police, said the soldier admitted being in the Hagerstown area the night of the slaying, but denied knowing the girl and professed complete innocence.

Army authorities withheld the name of the soldier who is being held in the hospital guard house for being AWOL.

Board Borer Bored

War Bride, 16, Leaves 'Shack' And Husband

NEW YORK, April 11 (UP)—Mrs. Evelyn Caroline Poston, disillusioned 16-year-old British war bride of a Salisbury, N. C., veteran, reported missing since last Wednesday, received a warm welcome from an uncle, aunt and cousins she had never seen before.

Mrs. Poston left her husband, former AAF Cpl. Warren Harding Poston, after spending only one night at his home.

She told New York police: "My husband's place was just a shack eight miles outside Salisbury. There was no electricity and no running water, there was only a stove for heating.

"There were five tiny little rooms. I didn't know until I got there that his sister, who is just 3 years old and a nice little girl and his brother, 11, were going to live with us and that I was supposed to take care of them.

"I spent one day and night there and then I knew I just couldn't stick it."

"We had a modern flat in a modern building. I never did live in a place like the one my husband had in Salisbury," she added.

Police turned Evelyn's case over to the immigration authorities who termed it a family squabble and took no action. The British consulate stepped in and arranged to send Evelyn to her aunt, Mrs. Emoline Shisler at Bliss, N.Y.

Evelyn said she planned to divorce her husband and stay in the U. S.

GI Pay Raises Pared in House

WASHINGTON, April 11 (INS)—The House Military Affairs Committee yesterday rejected a proposed flat \$400-a-year increase in the pay of all military personnel and instead tentatively agreed on a 10 to 50 per cent pay increase.

The flat \$400 increase—\$33.33 a month—was recommended by a subcommittee but was directed by the full committee to substitute the sliding scale applying to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, proposed by Rep. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.).

The committee proposal would give privates and privates first class a 50 per cent increase, raising them to \$75 and \$80.

Red Cross Prices Ordered by Army

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said that the Red Cross charged Army personnel for food and lodging overseas because the Army requested it to do so.

Gen. Eisenhower said that the current Red Cross campaign for funds has been retarded in some communities by "mistaken criticism" on this score by returning servicemen.

He explained that charges at fixed Red Cross installations overseas were made at the Army's request "so as to insure equitable distribution among all service personnel of Red Cross resources."

Army to Start Work On Four Vet Hospitals

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—The War Department reported that Army engineers have been authorized to start work on preliminary surveys and foundation tests for four new Veterans Administration hospitals.

They will be at Newark, Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, and Louisville. Congress has approved a total of \$36,238,262 for their construction.

Sow Out-Foxes Fox, Then Gets the Bird

MCLEANSBORO, Ill., April 11 (INS)—A fox, a sow and a stork were in a three-way race for time. The fox, as farmer John T. Erkmann describes it, came out third best. The fox tried to get into a pen inhabited by an expectant sow. The sow grabbed the fox by the throat and throttled it to death.

A minute later the stork arrived with a litter of nine pigs for "battling momma."

Freak Rescue Saves Worker

CHICAGO, April 11 (INS)—One of the most amazing rescues ever made, last night saved the life of James Anderson, 29, a building maintenance man, when he fell from a scaffold at the 15th floor of a Chicago Loop hotel.

Anderson fell unchecked for seven floors before his partner, Phil Walsh, flipped a rope that wrapped a loop around Anderson's body and slowed his descent.

Anderson slid slowly from the eighth down to the third floor. Then his body fell free of the rope and plummeted to the sidewalk.

Anderson told his physicians that his "chest and back" hurt, but the doctors said that one of his chest injuries may have been caused by rope burns.

6-Inch Rain Gutter Saves Steeplejack

TOPEKA, Kans., April 11 (INS)—Steeplejack George Chamney doesn't believe in letting one fall and a head gash or two interfere with the show he puts on for poor earthbound souls.

As he worked on a high gable of a five-story Topeka building, a ladder broke under him and he hurtled down the sloping roof. He grabbed for a safety rope and missed, struck his head against a concrete cawling, and finally slid to safety in a six-inch gutter.

He walked calmly to a doctor, had several stitches taken to close two head gashes, and was back at work a few minutes later.

Senator Proposes New Draft System

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—An army of 1,550,000 in active service on July 1, 1946, to be reduced at the rate of 40,000 a month for 12 months, is proposed by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col.).

He offered this as an amendment to a bill to continue veterans' re-employment rights.

The amendment would give the Navy 558,000 men and the Marines 108,000 on July 1, 1947. It would limit Selective Service inductions until May 15, 1947, to the monthly requirements of the services, less the number of volunteers during the period.

Reds Ask Permission To Use Captured Yen

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—Russia has asked the U. S. if about \$4,000,000 in captured Japanese yen could be used to defray expenses of the Soviet mission in Tokyo.

The currency was seized by the Red Army in Sakhalin Island. State Department officials indicated that it would be a routine matter to transfer the yen to the Soviet mission's account in Tokyo.

Bonus Bill Offered

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—Several hundred former soldiers who were released to return to essential industries would receive a mustering out bonus of \$200 under a bill introduced by Sen. E. P. Cawville (D-Nev.).

Filmland's Sweater Girl of 1946



LOOK AGAIN if you dispute actress Janis Carter's right to the title of Hollywood's Sweater Girl of 1946. The reason she was chosen seems obvious. —International News Photos

Veteran Fails to Get Truck In Five-Scene Run-Around

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 11 (INS)—Do not mention the surplus property plan for GIs to Edward F. James, of South Bend.

He might sound off with a few choice Polynesian words he learned while a Marine Corps gunner in the South Pacific. James' tale begins with

Plane Crash Fatal to Four

CHICAGO, April 11 (INS)—Two Navy pilots and two aviation cadets were killed last night in a mid-air collision between two primary training planes near Glenview Naval Station, north of Chicago.

The crash occurred during night-flying maneuvers from the air base. One cadet occupied each plane with a pilot. The names of the men killed have been withheld pending notification of their next of kin.

Jury Passes Buck To Freed Woman

PRINCESS ANNE, Md., April 11 (AP)—Mrs. Ronnie Kelly, who was accused of manslaughter in the shotgun slaying last December of her former soldier husband, Harry, 25, is free.

She received a double gift when the Somerset County grand jury failed to indict her, and set her free with a cash collection of \$24.

Each of the 23 jurors and State Attorney Prentiss W. Evans contributed a dollar to Mrs. Kelly, admitted she shot her husband.

Cabbie Gets Two Kisses Pays for Them in Court

ROCKFORD, Ill., April 10 (INS)—Leo Mangiaracina stole two kisses from a woman—

—but they cost him \$34.20. Mangiaracina, a cab driver, was arrested after Bernadine K... he refused to let her from... until he kissed her. To make matters worse, she added, he... her 45 cents fare.

Vet Home Bill Sent to House By Senators

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—A veterans' housing bill designed to speed the construction of 2,700,000 new dwellings by the end of next year passed the Senate and went back to the House for consideration of numerous amendments.

The Senate provided for \$600,000,000 in subsidies on scarce building materials, an item denied by the House, but neither body gave approval for the establishment of price ceilings on existing homes and building lands. Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt had laid great stress on the necessity for both of those provisions.

While the veterans' housing measure headed toward a conference in the House for adjustment of differences, the Senate made the long-range housing measure unfinished business and will get down to work on the matter tomorrow.

AMENDMENTS LOSE

Although the Administration lost, 33 to 41, an attempt to apply price ceilings on existing houses, it triumphed 50 to 25, in beating down an amendment by Sen. C. Douglass Buck (R-Del.) which would have reduced the subsidy fund to \$400,000,000.

By an even heavier majority, 54 to 19, it crushed an effort by Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R-Neb.) to give the veterans direct subsidies of 5 per cent on the purchase of old or new homes, with no veteran to get more than \$500.

In a final flurry before the bill passed, Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore.) tried unsuccessfully to change the title of the bill, cutting out all reference to "veterans'" emergency legislation. Cordon contended that the bill offered no special aid to veterans other than priority to buy new homes, but the Senate could not see it his way. The vote was 45 to 31.

State to Quiz White Slavers

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., April 11 (INS)—District Attorney John S. March announced today he will launch an immediate investigation into white-slave traffic in Niagara Falls, the scene of a virtually completed Federal inquiry.

The Federal phase of the case involved border traffic in Canadian girls which shocked Federal authorities and brought a sharp rebuke from Presiding Judge John Knight who commented he was amazed that "conditions such as these should exist in any civilized community."

The district attorney said that the Canadian girls, used by the government as material witnesses, will be made available to his office for further questioning to determine whether their activities involved violation of state laws.

Minesweeper Bids Low

PORTLAND, Ore., April 11 (INS)—At a Portland shipyard auction, 185-foot minesweepers were bid at 2 cents on the dollar. They cost the Government \$2,000,000 to build.

Mesl Scores Mild Upset in Bowie Feature

BOWIE, Md., April 11 (AP)—Jouett Shouse's Mesl, two-year-old daughter of Head Play and Arden Lass, scored a mild upset in the 18th running of the \$5,000 Bowie Kindergarten Stakes, to hand favored Buck C his first defeat in the juvenile division during the Bowie meeting.

Mesl, first away, permitted Regained to take a head lead at the home lane before Jockey Bobby Root urged his mount to the wire with a three-fourths-length victory over C. E. Buckley's Buck C. Today's winner paid \$10.40, \$9.30, and \$2.10.

With only four horses contesting in the featured \$5,500 added Locust Manor Handicap at Jamaica, Cencerro, from the Havahome Stable, nosed out Heliopic in a photo-finish. The victor piloted by Hedley Woodhouse, paid \$7.60 and was timed in 1.41 4/5 for the mile and one-sixteenth.

At San Mateo, Calif., Adroque put on a smashing drive that carried him from fifth in a six-horse race to a photo-finish victory at Bay Meadows.

Smith Gets License Stay From Supreme Court

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP)—Tom Smith, veteran racing trainer, won from the state supreme court's appellate division a stay of revocation of his training license in connection with a horse doping case at Jamaica last November, but must now apply to the Jockey Club for a new license since his yearly permit expired last Sunday.

Court Upholds Pari-Mutuels

LANSING, Mich., April 11 (AP)—The Michigan Supreme Court, upholding the constitutionality of the State's horse-racing law, ruled that pari-mutuel betting is not a lottery.

The speed and endurance of the horse and the skill and management of the jockey, the court said, take betting out of the category of a lottery.

Moreover, the court decided that a race track is not in itself a public nuisance to persons living in the vicinity.

The decision, reversing the findings of a lower Michigan court, gave the green light to the Detroit Racing Association which immediately scheduled a 49-day spring meeting to open on May 25 at the Detroit Fairgrounds.

Cooper Still With Braves

NEW YORK, April 11 (INS)—Pitcher Mort Cooper never received any offer to play this year in the Mexican League—and you can take that from the Boston Braves right-hander himself.

Actor Challenges Truman in Ringers

HOLLYWOOD, April 11 (UP)—Comedian Joe E. Brown, former champion horseshoe pitcher, waited today for an answer from President Truman on a challenge to a match. Brown, who said he once held the horseshoe title of Colgate, wired Mr. Truman:

"As one who always mourned the passing of a great American sport—horseshoe pitching—I heartily congratulate you in bringing the art back to popularity and respectfully challenge you to a match to be arranged at your pleasure as a native-born Ohioan against Missouri's leading citizen. May the best state win."

Conn Injured, Paper Reports

PITTSBURGH, April 11 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Post Gazette said it had received a report from an apparently reliable source in Billy Conn's training camp at Greenwood Lake, N. J., that the heavyweight challenger had suffered a cut on one hand which will force him to lay off training for at least a week.

Montgomery to Defend Title Against Allie Stolz in May

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP)—Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, will defend the New York-Pennsylvania version of the world lightweight championship against Allie Stolz, of Newark, in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden on May 17.

Ex-Middleweight Champion, Vince Dundee, Critically Ill

GLENDALE, Calif., April 11 (AP)—Vince Dundee, former world's middleweight champion, was reported by his wife to be critically ill from progressive paralysis in a sanitarium here.

Louis Named Honorary Chief Of New Negro Organization

CHICAGO, April 11 (AP)—The United Negro and Allied Veterans of America have announced that heavyweight champion Joe Louis has been named national honorary commander of the newly-formed Negro Veterans' Organization.

3 Civilians Added To Sports School

FRANKFURT, April 11—Three more outstanding civilian sports authorities have arrived in the ETO to conduct classes at the Athletic Staff School in Stuttgart, April 15, Theater Special Services announced. The three instructors are Mercer Beasley, tennis coach; Leo Mallory, golf pro; and Fred Kuhn, baseball authority.

Beasley is considered one of the all-time tennis greats and has developed such stars as Ellsworth Vines, one-time national singles champion, and Frankie Parker, second-seeded player in the U. S.

Champion Meets Champion



CAPT. LOU ZAMPERINI, former great miler and a prisoner of the Japs for 28 months, congratulates Leslie MacMitchell after the NYU ace had won the second annual Louis S. Zamperini Invitation Mile at Madison Square Garden. Zamperini, who was officially listed as dead by the War Department, fired the starter's pistol for the run named in his honor.

—INS Photo

Rattler Hunters Warm Up To Aid Farmers' Daughters

KEEN, Okla., April 11 (UP)—Rattlesnake hunters sharpen their forked sticks and try a few practice strokes as they prepare for the first rattler roundup since 1941.

Earl Records, president of the newly organized International Association of Rattlesnake Hunters, hoped for hot dry weather which is best for bringing venomous reptiles back alive.

Anyone who has sufficient nerve, a pair of boots and leather gloves is eligible to participate in the hunts. Records said he expected several hundred men to turn out for what Keen advertises as the "nation's most unusual sporting event." Several local physicians equipped with snake-bite remedies will accompany foraging parties into Rolly Gyp hills.

The rattlesnake population has multiplied during the war until some farmers' daughters live in terror, Record said.

The new "international association" named Orville von Gulker, another junior chamber official, as its "snake charmer" in a recent organization session. The group voted to submit a bill to the 1947 Oklahoma legislature seeking to make it illegal to kill rattlers with firearms.

"Rattlesnakes, which are desperately needed by laboratories to make lifesaving serums from the venom, are going to be hard to obtain if we let every big bully with a shotgun at them," von Gulker explained.

White House Loop President Bows At Horseshoes

WASHINGTON, April 11 (INS)—President Truman is the nation's No. One citizen but he takes the backseat when it comes to pitching horseshoes with his Secretary of Agriculture.

Clinton Anderson, who has some experience with the barnyard game, bested the President yesterday afternoon, 11-4, on the back lawn of the White House.

When Anderson left the White House he was asked by a reporter: "How did you come out?"

He replied smilingly: "Modesty forbids me to say—ask the President."

The President gave the information that he had taken a licking.

Equipment Ready For GI Anglers

FRANKFURT, April 11—All GI fishing enthusiasts can now obtain equipment in limited amounts from their local special services officer.

Theater Special Services said, in making the announcement, that the following equipment is now available: handline tackle, four-ounce fly lines, fresh water casting tackle, handline fishing kits and other types of fishing tackle.

Pre-war Germany was noted for its many well-stocked rivers and streams, but the past few war years have somewhat diminished the quantity of fish in these waters.

Garmisch to Charge Admission to Events

GARMISCH, April 11—A two mark admission will be charged all American and allied military and civilian personnel attending events at Garmisch Recreation Center's Winterland Ice Stadium, it was announced here.

Lack of an established fund or process for handling accrued expenses was given as the reason for the admission charge. "Without some source of revenue," officials said, "we cannot continue to present the same high-caliber entertainment that we have currently sponsored."

ETO Sextet to Face Davos

GARMISCH, April 11—The ETO All-Star hockey team back from a series of matches against Canadian and English teams at Wembley, will play host to the Davos Club, of Switzerland, April 13, here.

Hawaii Shares Boxing Honors With Marines

BOSTON, April 11 (AP)—Hawaii's well-schooled little boxers and hard-slugging U. S. Marines from Cherry Point, N. C., shared top team honors as the 58th National AAU Boxing Championship tournament closed its triple program schedule before a packed 13,106 crowd at the Boston Garden.

Battlers from far-off Hawaii collected three of the eight championships at stake and the doughty Marines two, as the only defending champion, Charlie Lester, of Cleveland, beat back one of the best heavyweight fields in many years to retain his laurels.

For the first time in almost 20 years the national competition—which attracted a hand-picked field of 172 men from all parts of the country as well as the Pacific isles—produced a triple winner. He was Bob Foxworth, of Chicago, hard-punching negro light-heavyweight who also led his division in 1942 and 1943 before joining the Navy.

The final round opened with Dave Buna edging Yoshi Miyamura in the all-Hawaiian 112-pound final. His teammate, Tsuneshi Naruoa, member of the 442nd Nisei Regiment of Italian campaign fame, prevailed over Wallace Smith, of Cincinnati, in the 118-pound title battling.

Bob Takeshita gave Hawaii its third title by overwhelming Roscoe Hinson, New York negro, in the most decisive fashion in the 147-pound championship bout.

Ruffing Siege Laid to Mix-Up

COLUMBUS, O., April 11 (UP)—Charley (Red) Ruffing, after a two-month holdout, reported to the New York Yankees 10 pounds overweight today and said that his deadlock with club President Larry MacPhail had been "just a misunderstanding."

Ruffing, who refused to fly to Panama with the Yanks early in February, said he had written to MacPhail offering to join the early squad at St. Petersburg, Fla. When MacPhail called him the other day, Ruffing said the Yankee president told him he never had received the letter.

Mullin Hits 2 Homers As Tigers Nip Reds, 2-1

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 11 (UP)—Pat Mullins hit two home runs off pitcher Johnny Vander Meer to help Detroit beat Cincinnati, 2-1.

Manager Bill McKechnie, of the Reds, announced that outfielder Ted Kluszewski, pitcher Harold Erickson, and catcher Jack Warren had been optioned to Columbia, S. C., of the South Atlantic League.

Pete Coscarart Ends Holdout With Pirates

TULSA, Okla., April 11 (UP)—Second baseman Pete Coscarart, Pittsburgh's last remaining holdout, signed a contract for an undisclosed sum of money today.

Coscarart probably will be used as a utility infielder since Jimmy Brown, purchased from the Cardinals, has taken over the keystone job.

Eileen Stubb Holds Lead In Augusta Golf Meet

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 11 (AP)—Eileen Stubb, of Augusta, posted her second 78 card to retain a one stroke lead at the end of the second round of the women's titleholders golf tournament. She had a score of 156 for 36 holes.

Net Aces Debate U.S. Davis Cup Chances

By LES CONKLIN

NEW YORK, April 11 (INS)—

with McNeill to win the American for a long campaign they will be off both mentally and physically by the time the Davis Cup comes along.

Harry Hopman, former Davis Cup star, sends word from Australia that Bromwich is playing tennis, as is Pails, but that third Australian star, Adrian Panatta, is far below his best form. Panatta got into condition rather rapidly after his discharge from the service last year. He went through a series of matches against the Australian team in New Guinea and came away with nothing worse than a bullet wound on his hand and a mild case of malaria.

Kansas, Aided By Irrigation, Thrives Again

LIBERAL, Kan., April 11 (INS)—The garden spot of Kansas is rising out of the dust bowl of 10 years back—thanks to irrigation. Potato fields in this much-publicized drouth region of southwestern Kansas yielded more than 300 bushels to the acre last year. Onion yields reached 700 to 800 bushels an acre.

There are acres of the area which now produce a \$1,000 gross annually. They did that in 1945 when a late spring and cold August weather arrested proper growth of some plants.

Cantaloupes and melons—124 carloads of them—were shipped out last year, along with large crops of pinto beans. An experimental patch of carrots was of exceptional quality and quantity.

PRODUCTION ENCOURAGED

Tomatoes, peas and lettuce have not been tried commercially in the region, but production of these vegetables in gardens encourages thought of profitable commercial production.

And the surprising thing about the development is that it had not been done before.

A map of the area made years ago by the Government geological service showed an extensive strata of water-bearing gravel under about 115,000 of the formerly barren acres. The map indicated also that the depth and number of such strata made this supply almost inexhaustible.

The depth of the productive surface soils is as great as in the river basins, and only water was needed to make the dust bowl as productive as the valley of the Nile.

The first well for irrigation in the area was drilled near Big Bow in Stanton County in 1940. Its water irrigated a garden and some feed crops—and so successfully that other farmers sank similar wells.

23 WELLS IN REGION

Drilling was pushed until there were 23 wells in the region and further development was halted by war-made shortages of materials and labor. Now work is being resumed and the number of wells will probably reach 50 by next summer if materials are available.

Most of the wells are pumped with engines driven by natural gas from the underlying Hugoton gas field, largest known natural gas potential in the world.

Farmers who saw the possibilities of gas as a cheap pumping fuel formed a co-operative and built a pipeline from the nearest gas well to engines in the irrigated area.

DRILLING COSTS \$5,000

Newer wells, which reach to the middle layer of water bearing gravel, cost about \$5,000 for drilling. Pumps and engines cost about \$2,500. The cost of operation is about 10 cents an hour.

These wells are 32 inches in diameter when drilled, with a casing of 28 inches. A nine-inch water line pumps out about 1,200 to 1,800 gallons of water a minute.

No wells have yet been sunk into the lowest known stratum.

A recent extended drouth in western Kansas did little harm in the extreme southern block of counties where irrigational measures had abolished—hopefully, for all time—the much-feared water shortage.

Japs Released by British

HONG KONG, April 11 (AP)—A British military tribunal has dismissed a war crimes charge against one of the 15 Japanese accused of atrocities on Lantau Island because witnesses were unable to identify him as one of those who participated in the cruelties.

TERRY AND THE PIRATES

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L'I'L ABNER

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By Al Capp



VMI Museum Gets Shiny Patton Helmet

LEXINGTON, Va., April 11 (UP)—The shiny combat helmet that GIs in the European Theater followed through some of the most famous campaigns of World War II today found its last resting place in the Virginia Military Institute museum. The familiar battle bonnet originally belonged to one of VMI's favorite alumni, the late Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. The helmet was presented to the school by Mrs. Patton.

Turkish Press Salutes Truman's Chicago Talk

ISTANBUL, April 11 (AP)—President Truman's Army Day speech in Chicago was hailed with great satisfaction by the Turkish press. The newspaper Cumhuriyet asserted the speech was made at a moment when U. S. power was symbolized by the presence of warships in the Bosphorus. The President's words are "reassuring" to the Middle East in general and Turkey in particular, it added.

'One-Armed Bandit' Helps Jail Woman

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 11 (UP)—Mrs. May Moon, Mishawaka, Ind., was charged with putting \$17,000 of her employer's money into a slot machine and getting \$0.00 out. Mrs. Moon allegedly put the money into a machine in the Veterans of Foreign Wars clubhouse at Mishawaka a dime at a time over a two-year period. She allegedly lost an average of 1,500 dimes weekly.

Truman Debating Trip To Philippine Ceremony

WASHINGTON, April 11 (INS)—The White House disclosed that President Truman is definitely considering a trip to the Philippines for July 4 to observe the ceremonies granting complete freedom to the Philippine commonwealth. At the same time, the White House emphatically denied the published stories that the President was considering attending the atomic bomb tests in Bikini Atoll.

Military Construction Prohibited in Germany

BERLIN, April 11 (UP)—The four-power Allied Control Council, assuming that some Germans still may be planning a new war, today enacted far-reaching laws prohibiting all types of military construction throughout the zones and imposing severe penalties, including death, against violators. American military spokesmen, explaining the council's new move to eliminate German war potential forever, said Allies "assumed" that warmongering still was a secret ambition of German groups who are planning a revival of the German general staff.

The law goes as far as prohibiting "anything" that may conceal a war potential, including extrathick concrete walls or heavily reinforced buildings.

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Specifically, the law prohibits construction of fortifications, arsenals, air raid shelters, airfields, underground factories, minefields and all types of military installations, including military ports and radio stations not authorized for civilian use.

Plans or models for such installations are also prohibited.

Violators are subject to imprisonment from one to five years at hard labor. Property may also be confiscated.

The council also enacted a new law establishing a German "works council" to co-operate with recognized trade unions by representing professional, economic and social interests of workers and employees in individual German enterprises.

A previous law made "works council" to co-operate with reliable German plant but henceforth the decision will be left to the workers.

Witness Hits Ill-Treatment

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court's jurisdiction because of "biased and prejudiced attitude" of the London command and WBS, told the court Betts promised that the present trial of S-Sgt. James M. Jones, of Muskogee, Okla., would be reviewed by Col. Lester J. staff judge advocate of the Continental command which embraces U. S. military installations in Germany.

Betts said the enlisted defendants were "most happy" over the change of jurisdiction and that special care would be taken not to hinder Jones' rights in the trial continuing here.

Betts said three or more courts would handle cases at Bad Nauheim, adding "our purpose is to speed trials without prejudice to the defense."

Zhukov Replaced As Red Zone Chief

LONDON, April 11 (INS)—The Daily Herald reported from Berlin today that Gen. Vassily Sokolovsky succeeded Marshal Gregor Zhukov as Russian occupation commander in Germany and as member of the Allied Control Council.

Zhukov recently was recalled to Moscow and appointed deputy minister of the Soviet armed forces.

Sokolovsky has been his deputy in the German occupation post.

Ex-King's Home Robbed

STOCKHOLM, April 11 (UP)—Four hundred dollars was stolen from the ex-king's home, while he dined with Princess Juliana and Prince Bernard, of the Netherlands, last night in his castle in the center of Stockholm.

PWs, GI Brides 'Intimate,' Says French Report

PARIS, April 11 (INS)—French GI brides in a redeployment center near Le Havre, awaiting ships to their American husbands, are reported by the newspaper Resistance to have been over-intimate with German PWs working in the camp.

In what is surely the most unfortunate height of fraternization, "many of the GI brides replied to the advances of the German prisoners," reported the newspaper.

The American authorities put German prisoners at the women's disposition for the menial work in the camp. These men were chosen among the best specimens of the German race.

"The inevitable came to pass," continued the newspaper. "Many, in fact too many GI wives, led astray by the solitude of the camp... or influenced by the effects of the German occupation, replied to the advances of the prisoners."

No action will be taken against the women, the newspaper added, although the American authorities are aware of the situation.

Orphans . . .

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kids who ate only cold rations on the trains. They followed the meal with folk dancing in the rubble-cluttered Frankfurt streets.

English is an unknown language to these young evacuees, but they all know how to say "I want to go to Palestine," or some similar phrase, and they realize they are the envy of their elders remaining behind in camps in Germany.

With the exception of numerically small categories, priorities for the next shipment will go to pregnant women. One of the welfare workers said today: "We have such trouble getting certificates, if we ship in pregnant women, two persons can settle in Palestine on one certificate."

Caffery Receives News Executives

PARIS, April 11 (UP)—Ambassador Jefferson Caffery today held a reception for a party of 14 editors and publishers who stopped in Paris en route to Germany, where they will make a two-week tour.

The group arrived at Orly Field early today and was scheduled to leave by plane tomorrow morning for Frankfurt. Other stops on the tour of Military Government installations include, Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Nurnberg and Vienna.

The group includes Malcolm Muir, publisher of Newsweek; Edward T. Leech, editor of the Pittsburgh Press; Frank Gannett, publisher of Gannett newspapers; Julius Ochs Adler, of the New York Times; Paul Bellamy, of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and Henry Luce, of Life, Time and Fortune.

Early Approval Awaited On Canada-British Loan

OTTAWA, April 11 (AP)—Canada's 312,500,000-pound (\$1,250,000,000) loan to Britain is expected to be approved soon after the introduction of covering legislation in the dominion parliament tomorrow.

FDR Died a Year Ago



NATIONAL SHRINE is being made today of President Roosevelt's Hyde Park estate. President Truman will preside at today's dedicatory services. Photo shows Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, placing wreath on FDR's grave in the presence of Mrs. Roosevelt.

Nazi Denies Gestapo Guilt

NURNBERG, April 11 (INS)—Ernst Kaltenbrunner took the witness stand before the International Military Tribunal today and testified he was a blameless figurehead for the Nazis' dread secret police.

Kaltenbrunner said he knew the "hate of the world" was against him and complained that Himmler's death left him burdened with responsibility for another's crimes. He declared he was merely the nominal Reich security chief — through his own request — and he confined his activities to organizing the intelligence service.

In an effort to clear himself of responsibility for the numberless Gestapo crimes, he claimed Himmler maintained the executive control of Gestapo and security police.

Kaltenbrunner claimed he never signed "a single protective custody order" in his whole life.

Delegate Skeptical Of Global Police

GENEVA, April 11 (AP)—The United Nations international police force would be useless unless all the member nations, disarmed to the point where none could challenge the combined power, Joseph Paul-Boncour, French delegate to the dying League of Nations, declared in a press conference here last night.

He said tentative plans call for a force of 2,000,000 men—half from the Big Five and half from the other 46 United Nations.

He assumed that plans would provide that in case of conflict, men of the international force would not have to fight against their homelands.

France to Issue Bids to 4-Power Peace Meeting

PARIS, April 11 (INS)—France will issue formal invitation today and tomorrow to the U. S., Britain and Russia for the Big-Four foreign ministers' meeting in Paris on April 25.

A Quai d'Orsay spokesman revealed that the meeting will be held at the Palais du Luxembourg, the seat of the former French senate which likewise will be the scene of the peace conference starting some time after the foreign ministers' deliberations.

The spokesman estimated that May 25 will be the probable opening date of the peace conference.

Lana Says She May Marry; 'Fiance' Calls It All Publicity

HOLLYWOOD, April 11 (INS)—Screen star Lana Turner, disclosed that she discovered a man who "is just what she wants" and, that maybe she will marry him.

The blond actress identified her most serious romantic interest as Charles P. Jaeger, 38, vice president of the American Broadcasting Co.

Miss Turner said she received a marriage proposal from Jaeger and she has not turned him down. The star added:

"There are no definite plans. At the end of this week I am leaving for New York with my baby and her nurse. I don't know yet what will happen. I can only say Jaeger is a wonderful man and I like him very much indeed. He is tall, he is very handsome, he is just what I want."

INS Protest Brings Reply By McNarney

FRANKFURT, April 11—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, replying to a protest made by an International News Service representative here, said today that his statement yesterday, referring to an April 9 INS dispatch was "designed to clarify the official comment describing controversies within German political parties."

McNarney's reply was issued through the USFET Public Relations Division here. It pointed out that, as published, the article "did not make plain that controversies in respect to political issues were confined, wholly to the political parties themselves and, thus, the story was open to almost certain misinterpretation leading to incorrect conclusions."

McNarney added that his statement, issued in Berlin, was designed to clarify any "erroneous implications."

Witness Tells Of Executions

DACHAU, April 11 (UP)—Two witnesses today told the story of interrogation procedure and the death of British and American members of the Dawes Mission (mission to contact Tito, January, 1945) including Associated Press correspondent Joe Morton.

Dr. Marcel Thost, Nazi journalist and Gestapo interpreter who at present is a prisoner at Dachau, identified under oath photographs of Naval Lt. Gaul and wireless operator Nelson Bernard Paris, both British; a Maj. Sehmer, who was the leader of the British delegation; Joe Morton; Lt. Green, leader of the American delegation; Lt. Barauski, and an American officer named Daniel Pavletitch.

Witness Wilhelm Ornstein, a Slovakian prisoner at Mauthausen who worked in the crematorium, identified all but Sehmer's and Pavletitch's photographs and said he saw their corpses after their execution on Jan. 26, 1945.

McNarney, Koenig Get Supreme Soviet Award

LONDON, April 11 (AP)—Moscow radio, heard here by Associated Press today, said the Order of Suvorov, First Class, has been awarded by the Supreme Soviet to French Gen. Joseph Koenig and Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of U. S. Forces in Europe. Both awards are for operations "against the common enemy," the broadcast said.

NEW YORK, April 11 (UP)—Charles P. Jaeger, 38-year-old vice president of the American Broadcasting Co., admitted yesterday that he thought Lana Turner was a "very wonderful girl," but denied that he had proposed marriage to her.

Jaeger's denial was made after Miss Turner, impetuous "sweater girl," announced that he had proposed to her and that he was "just what I want."

Jaeger said: "That's just a lot of publicity, magnifying a nice friendship. I have seen no such written statement from Miss Turner for reservations at St. Patrick's cathedral. She is a very wonderful girl." Miss Turner, is reported to have described him as "tall and very handsome—just what I want." She made no further comment.