

One Year Ago Today  
First Army fights German counter-offensive in Luxembourg and Belgium. Fraulein soldiers captured on Seventh Army front.

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The Weather Today  
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# Short Big 3 Conference Byrnes Aim

MOSCOW, Dec. 17.—The second session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the U.S., Britain and Soviet Russia was scheduled for mid-afternoon today following yesterday's preliminary conference of two hours and 25 minutes.

The first session was reportedly chiefly concerned with matters of procedure and technical arrangements for the rest of the conference. Following the first session, Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Minister, and James F. Byrnes, U.S. Secretary of State, returned to their embassies for further discussions with their staffs.

It was believed that the first item up for discussion would be the atomic question as mentioned in the original announcement of plans for the conference.

### Won't Deviate

Thus far the only public mention on the atom from any of the three ministers came Saturday night when Bevin said at a press conference that the British expected to take up the matter from a "policy approach." He added that he did not expect to deviate from the attitude taken in the recent Truman-Attlee talks in Washington.

An informed source told the Associated Press that it was Byrnes' hope that the coming Moscow sessions would not be as protracted as were those of the Council of Foreign Ministers in London some months ago.

U.S. circles here believed that those extended sessions had some bearing on the breakdown, and added, hopefully, that the Moscow meetings might be much shorter, since it would not be necessary to carry out the discussions also in French and Chinese, as at London.

### Bevin Sees Envoys

Sometime yesterday Bevin saw the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, and the British Ambassador in Teheran, Sir Reader Bullard, who had flown from Iran.

Reuter reported that Byrnes also received reports on the situation in Iran. Both Byrnes and Bevin are acquainting themselves with all available details of events in Iran, Reuter said.

The ministers' attention was drawn to an article in Friday's Pravda by David Zaslavsky, who questioned the concern over Russian troops in Iran while apparently little stir had been created by the presence of American and British troops in Egypt, Palestine, China, Indonesia, Greece, the Levant, France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Belgium.

# End of German Submarine Fleet

A group of German submarines, which preyed on Allied shipping during the war, is being taken through Loch Ryan, Scotland, to the open sea northeast of Ireland, where the subs will be destroyed. The sinking of the submarines is in keeping with an Allied plan calling for dismemberment of the German Navy and Marine fleet.

## Army Veteran Returns 'Home'



Mrs. Martha Krantz pours a cup of coffee for her husband, Max, an Army veteran of four years' service, as they sit on their divan in 17th Ave., Brooklyn, after being evicted from their apartment. Because of certain technicalities in the lease, the landlord maintained that the couple was "trespassing."

# Murder of Allied Airmen Okayed by Nazis, Trial Hears

By Stoddard White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NUREMBERG, Dec. 17.—German leaders officially condoned the slaying of Allied pilots shot down over enemy lines and gave orders that they be given no protection, Col. Robert G. Storey, of Dallas, Tex., Assistant U.S. Prosecutor, told the International Military Tribunal today.

With a series of statements from German documents, Storey showed how the Leadership Corps of the Nazi party was implicated in specific violations of the Geneva Convention.

He quoted statements by Heinrich Himmler and Josef Goebbels condoning civilian slaying of pilots.

### Nazis Would Grab Own Allies

NUREMBERG, Dec. 17 (AP).—The Nazis planned to gobble up their allies, such as Finland, as "federated states" if they had won the war, secret minutes of a meeting of Hitler, Goering, Rosenberg, Keitel and Bormann disclosed today.

The meeting was held less than a month after the invasion of Russia and the report, written by Bormann, has been submitted in part as evidence in the war crimes trial.

Shot down and read a report from Reichsleiter Martin Bormann which said "no police means or criminal procedure were invoked against German civilians who were parties in these incidents."

"Fighter and bomber pilots who are shot down are not to be protected against the fury of the people," a directive by Gauleiter Albert Hoffman, another in the Leadership hierarchy, said. "I expect from all police officers that they will refuse to lend men for the protection of these gangsters."

Nearly a half million of what Storey called "the little fuhrers"—the block leaders who ruled about 60 houses apiece throughout Ger-

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# Mrs. Carlan Gets Mental Test; Mate To 'Stick by Her'

CHelsea, Mass., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Rose Carlan today underwent a mental test to determine whether she was sane when she hid the body of her six-month-old son beneath a china closet and then told police that the infant had been kidnapped.

Mrs. Carlan has told police that she returned from a party to find the child, Ronald, dead in his crib. She screamed "That's not true!" in Chelsea District Court, where she was arraigned on a murder charge Saturday.

Mrs. Carlan has been committed to a Boston psychopathic hospital for 10 days' observation and mental tests.

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# All Licensed Paris Bordellos Will Be Closed in 3 Months

All licensed houses of prostitution in the Paris area will be closed within three months and the city's registered prostitutes will be subjected to strict control, Police Prefect Charles Luizet announced

at a Paris Municipal Council meeting this afternoon.

Licensed houses number 178. Luizet, in whose hands final decision on the matter lies, announced his plans after the council had spent the entire afternoon debating the question, the Associated Press said.

The police official gave way before a campaign headed by council member Marthe Richard, who earlier today charged she had been offered one million (\$20,000) francs if she would drop the project.

She said the offer was made through a friend during the weekend by "persons with an interest in the operation of the houses." She declined to name names.

"They put the money down in cash before him (her friend), and he said I was not to be bought," Mme. Richard, a council member thrice decorated by her government for espionage work in World War I, said. She added it only reaffirmed her determination "to carry on my fight to close these houses of prostitution."

# Lichfield Murder Suspected; Probe Opens in GI Death

By Ed Rosenthal  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 17.—An investigation into the possible murder of a GI prisoner through brutal beatings at the Tenth Reinforcement Depot last February was reopened today by Capt. Earl J. Carroll, assistant prosecutor in the Lichfield trials, who submitted to the court two unpublished IG reports of the dead.

Pvt. Eril L. Bolton, a Negro of the 3433 Trucking Co., died March 15 from a "massive intra-cerebral hemorrhage," possibly caused by having his head rammed against a cement wall, according to the IG report.

Although the cause of Bolton's death was diagnosed March 19 as a malignant brain tumor, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower ordered an investigation three days later, and the subsequent autopsy report declared that external blows could have caused the death. Microscopic examination of the brain tumor revealed that "there was no evidence of 'malignancy'."

### Wasn't on Sick Book

In the IG report of April 17, Lt. Col. Lawrence W. Varner stated Bolton's name was not entered on the stockade sick book and that the incident of the alleged beating could not be "isolated or substantiated," because of vague testimony from four Negro witnesses. Varner's report, which apparently concluded the investigation of Bolton's death until the present trial, ended with the recommendation that the Lichfield Depot be inspected periodically by an appropriate IG to insure against reversion to the unsatisfactory conditions existing prior to Mar. 14, 1945.

As the case reopened today, Mike Kobliski, a general prisoner, testified that the guard referred to in the prison as "Unice" was probably Sgt. Joe M. Nunes. In the IG probe of Bolton's death, Pvt. Albert J. Rose referred to "Unice" as the guard who had struck Bolton in the chest and had pushed his head against the wall.

Carroll declared he would seek the return of four Negro witnesses referred to in the IG report in order to determine the facts surrounding Bolton's death.

### Nunes Not Up to Trial

Nunes, who left Lichfield on Feb. 23 on a new assignment, according to the IG report, was not one of the ten guards charged with mistreating prisoners. His present whereabouts were not known to the court, which is trying Sgt. Judson H. Smith, first of the ten guards

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# 'Magic Carpet' To Fold Early Next Month

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP).—Navy warships now engaged in transportation home of European Theater veterans will be withdrawn from that service early in January and placed on fleet duty or in reserve, the Navy disclosed today.

The announcement named one battleship, six cruisers and six carriers which would be affected. It added that within the next month or two there would be an "excess of transportation" for the return of discharge-eligible veterans from the Pacific.

Members of ship crews who are eligible for discharge will be demobilized on completion of the ships' redeployment runs, the Navy added.

### G3 Not Surprised

G3 of USFET Rear had not been officially informed of withdrawal of Magic Carpet Navy ships from redeployment service, but officials said they were not surprised at the Associated Press announcement. Redeployment from this theater has reached a point where

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# Train Wreck Kills 9; 4 GIs

KOLLOCK, S.C., Dec. 17 (AP).—Two soldiers and two sailors were among nine persons killed when two passenger trains on the New York to Florida run collided near here. Fifty other passengers were injured.

The four men were described as war veterans returning home for the holidays. Names were withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

The southbound "Silver Meteor" struck the northbound "Sun Queen" as the latter was pulling into a siding. Both trains were filled to capacity, with approximately 400 passengers on each.

# 10 Hurt as 2 Locomotives Smash Into Troop Train

CHICAGO, Dec. 17, (ANS).—At least ten soldiers were injured and 30 to 40 others bruised or shaken up last night when two Diesel locomotives crashed into the rear of an 11-car troop train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. Seventeen officers and 284 enlisted men were en route from Camp Stoneman, Calif. to Fort Sheridan, Ill. north of Chicago.

# Patton's Spine Placed In a Plaster Cast

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 17.—A plaster cast was applied to Gen. George S. Patton's spine today at the 130th Station Hospital, and X-rays taken after the cast was in place revealed "a perfect alignment to cervical vertebrae," it was announced here late today.

Removal of the traction apparatus in which he was placed eight days ago was described by attending surgeons as a step to recovery.







Major. How You Do Go On

Why don't the morons who edit B-Bag print some good bitches? If they would just look over the ends of their big noses they could see some very simple explanations.

I have 142 points and am still here but I must admit that I volunteered and don't want to go home. The food is terrible. We had steaks



again today; I hate steak. My quarters are rotten. The lights went out last night and the GIs across the way have a nicer rug than I have.

We have to risk our lives parachute-jumping. Of course, we are volunteers, get extra pay, and can quit any time except in combat. I don't have a Bronze Star, but I did get a Silver Star. PX won't sell me a camera, Zippo or Chanel 5; I don't need 'em. I am not eligible for mustering-out pay. I am a major, but I was in private a helluva lot longer than I was a major.

Generals have sedans and I don't. My sedan is back in Battle Creek, Mich., and if I were a general I would probably need a sedan. PX sells only ten packs of cigarets a week. I smoke all these cigarets, so now can I make any money in the black market or get a fraulein interested in me if I don't have any extra cigarets? I have \$23,000.000 in marks which I can't send home. It's in million-mark notes, not to mention the change I picked up robbing old women and selling my boots and blouse.

See what I mean! You are invited to come down and get nose-whipped with my special B-Bag horsewhip.—Maj. W. C. DeLong, 568th Prent. Inf.

N. 'Jim Crow' Foxholes

We read in today's paper that Negro troops cannot sail home on the same Naval vessels as white soldiers. Not long ago, Negro and white riflemen were firing at a common enemy from the same foxhole. Separate lines of battle weren't arranged for Americans with dark complexions during the war.

White and colored came over in the same ships, ate in the same galleys and lived together in the same reinforcement depots. Does anybody, even the admiral of the fleet, have the legal right to distinguish between American citizens now? I have lived among white soldiers long enough to know that they disapprove these distinctions just as much as the Negro does.

Thousands of us who have shed blood, sweat and tears know that something must be done to stop this attempt to spread race hatred and unrest.—(3 Signatures, Ed.) 4202 QM Sv Co.

Face Chilly Prospect

Why isn't every American soldier in winter quarters now? We frequently hear statesmen sobbing over the hard and merciless winter facing the French, the pitiful state of displaced persons in Germany and many are forward enough to pity our former enemy—the populace of Germany.

Amid all this, many of our own troops are living under field conditions and in buildings without adequate heating facilities.

Our battalion is quartered in a series of apartment buildings, with one boiler for the entire area. The rooms away from the boiler are not sufficiently heated. The engineer has assured us that he can remedy this, but nothing has been done.

After guard duty, reveille, retreat, close-order drill and calisthenics, cold quarters are anything but inviting.—(18 Signatures—Ed.) 29th Inf.

Berlin Gets Mass Typhoid Immunization

By T. Norman Palmer Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The greatest mass immunization in medical history, in which 2,378,310 Berlin residents received the first of three inoculations against typhoid fever, is nearing completion. The Public Health Section of the Berlin Office, Military Government, revealed today.

Statistics covering the first two months of the program's operation show that 70 percent of the city's population of 3,069,512 started the series of shots, and of that number almost 2,000,000 completed the series.

"Never before in history has such a mass inoculation program been attempted among a civilian population and such great numbers immunized against a disease in such a short period of time," said Lt. Col. Paul S. Fox, Chief of the Public Health Section.

Results of the program are apparent in the decline of typhoid and paratyphoid among the population. Col. Fox said. During the last seven days, only 356 new cases were reported against 518 four weeks ago.

At the same time, the Public Health Section released the latest figures on diphtheria among German civilians. Records for the last week show a fractional drop in the number of cases, with 510 reported against 520 in the preceding seven days.

The number of deaths due to diphtheria, however, increased 50 percent.

5,000 Paris Kids Get U.S. Yule Toys

Nearly 5,000 youngsters from the Paris region, whose fathers were killed during the war, were the guests of the U.S. Army and the American Red Cross Saturday at a Christmas party. Each child received a toy as a Christmas present from his GI hosts.

The party, in a theater, was presided over by Gerald Drew, second secretary of the American Embassy, and Justin Godard, president of the French Social Aid Organization.

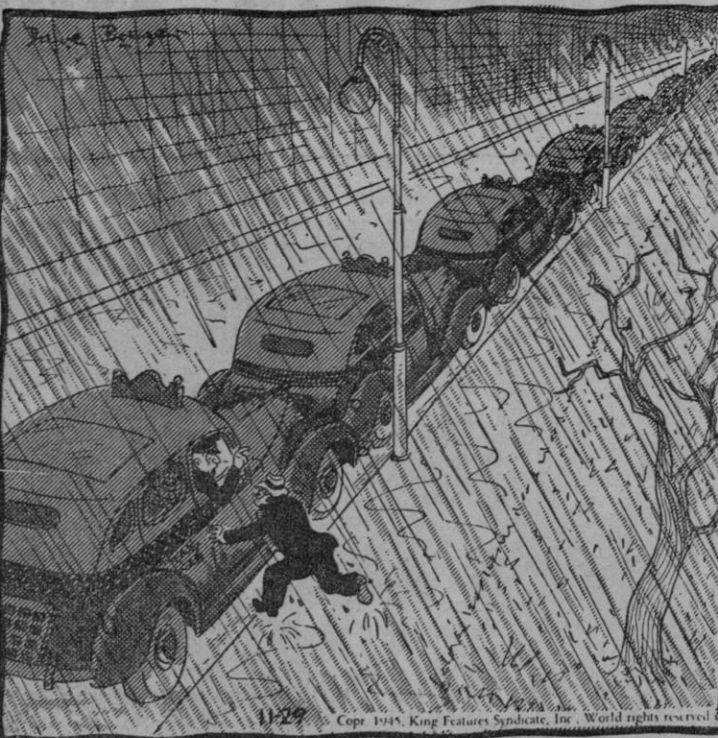
Approximately 10,000 more toys, shipped from the U.S. by the ARC, remain to be distributed at later Christmas parties.

Hungary Dooms Count

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—Budapest radio, heard here today, said a People's Court had passed a sentence of death and confiscation of property upon Count Fidel Palfy, former minister of agriculture in the nation's Arrow Cross government. Palfy was accused of war crimes.

Mister Breger

By Dave Breger



\$63,500,000 Loans Granted To War II Vets Under GI Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (ANS).—A Veterans Administration spokesman disclosed yesterday that \$63,500,000 in loans to World War II veterans had been guaranteed by the administration to date.

The amount included \$59,361,000 for homes, \$970,000 for farms and \$3,196,000 for new businesses.

More than 100,000 GIs have applied for loans under the Bill of Rights, a spokesman said, and 46,442 completed the necessary requirements for guarantees.

Loans have been guaranteed for 39,002, and nearly 2,000 applications are still to be acted upon. Rejected or withdrawn were 5,512 applications.

"By far the greatest number of rejections," the spokesman said, "have not been the fault of the applicant but of inflated real estate values."

Loans cannot be guaranteed under the GI bill unless property involved can be purchased at "reasonable normal value," he explained.

In view of inflated real estate prices, this provision has hampered guarantees, and Senate and House conferees have voted to remove the requirement from the act.

Mussolini Aide Seized

MILAN, Dec. 17 (UP).—The arrest here today of Carlo Scorza, former secretary of the Fascist party and second in command to Mussolini, scotched earlier reports that he had been killed at the same time a mob executed the Duce and other Fascists.

Robot Bombers, Explosive-Filled, Hit U-Boat Pens

WRIGHT FIELD, Ohio, Dec. 17 (ANS).—Details of sensational raids on U-boat pens by dynamite-loaded, remotely-controlled Flying Fortresses have been released by the Air Technical Service Command Hq. here.

Fifteen worn B17s, whose combat usefulness was outlived, were used. Each Fort was packed with 11 tons of torpex—a high explosive many times more powerful than TNT. The bombers were taken into the air by two-man pilot crews which bailed out over Britain after the planes had reached 10,000 feet.

Control of the robot bombers then was taken over by a "mother" Flying Fort, which used radio, radar and television to guide "operation Castor," as the project was known. This system replaced ordinary vertical aerial bombing, which proved to have inflicted little damage on the 40-foot-thick sub pens at Heligoland.

Nobel Prize Winners Feted in Stockholm



Winners of the 1945 Nobel prizes received the awards at a banquet in Stockholm recently, after which they were presented to King Gustav and other members of the royal family. They are, left to right, Artturi Virtanen, for chemistry; Alexander Fleming, medicine; Ernest B. Chain, medicine; Gabriela Mistral, literature, and Howard Florey, medicine. Fleming, Chain and Florey won recognition for their work with penicillin.

GI BILLBOARD

Paris Area MOVIES TODAY

MARIGNAN—"Mildred Pierce," continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf. ENSA PARIS—"Bathing Beauty," Red Skelton, Esther Williams, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf. OLYMPIA—Same as Marignan, 2330 only. Metro Madeleine. EMPIRE—"Along Came Jones."

STAGE SHOWS ENSA MARGNY—"Lover's Leap," comedy.

MISCELLANEOUS

OLYMPIA—"This Is It," variety show. PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer. COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers. LE PRADO CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Ternes or Etoile. ARMORIAL CLUB—Officers and guests only. 14 Rue Magenta. Metro George V. OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RIC 64-41. Hotel Louvois, Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse. COLUMBIA ARG CLUB—Dance, 2000.

Marseille

ALCAZAR—"Son of Lassie."

Nice

FORUM—"Col. Effingham's Raid."

Verdun

VOX—"Shady Lady," Ginny Simms, Charles Coburn.

Nancy

SHOWTIME—"You Came Along."

Mets

SCALA—"And Then There Were None," ROYAL—"Nob Hill."

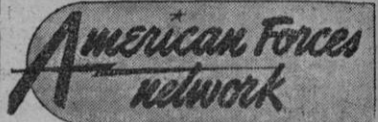


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GIs Who Joined Abroad Can Get Out in U.S.

FRANKFURT, Dec. 17.—Men who enlisted in the U.S. Army from a foreign country now may be returned to any address they choose within the U.S., USFET announced today. A recently-enacted War Department policy allows such individuals to select a place of residence in the U.S. providing they sign a statement saying they do not wish to return to the country from which they enlisted and waive all rights of government transportation to that country.

35 Hurt in Train Crash

LISBON, Dec. 17 (AP).—Thirty-five persons were injured, eight critically, yesterday when a Lisbon train in which they were riding collided near here with a switching locomotive. The train carried about 300 passengers. Four coaches were derailed and two virtually demolished.

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# The American Scene

## Mother Saves 3 Children, 3 Others Perish as Train Rams Stalled Car

CHARLOTTE, Mich., Dec. 17 (ANS).—Three children were killed and three others were saved by their mother last night when a Grand Trunk Railroad mail express ploughed into their auto, which had stalled on a grade crossing four miles south of here.

State police said the six children and their mother, Mrs. Harold Root of Carmel Township, were en route home from a Christmas shopping trip. Christmas packages were scattered throughout the wreckage of the auto.

The three victims were identified as Betty, 14, Shirley, 6, and Robert, 2.

Police said the mother aided the other three children—Ronnie, 13, James, 9, and Phillip, 4, to safety just as the train smashed into the car. The scene of the accident was less than a mile from the Root home.

When the children's ailing 60-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Lulu Root, was informed of the tragedy, she fainted and died without regaining consciousness.

## Scissors Man Kept Nose to Grindstone

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17 (ANS).—They opened the safe deposit box of "Old Bill," the scissors grinder, yesterday and found \$175,000 in cash and bonds.

The man who always seemed to have just enough money for coffee and doughnuts was a stockholder in the best corporations and owned bonds of Brazil and

the Republic of Chile. He also had \$60,000 in 16 bank accounts.

"Old Bill" was really Frederick Goldsmith who lived the life of a recluse after the death of his wife half a century ago. He died last Tuesday.

He willed \$5,000 to charity and \$40,000 to a daughter, Blanche. The remainder went to relatives.

## 'Brass Hat' Foe Out, Eyes Congress

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17 (AP).—George L. Mark Cleveland, who criticized Army "brass hats" in two Congressional hearings while a buck private, was discharged yesterday at Camp Atterbury and announced he would enter Ohio's May primaries for either Senator or Congressman-at-large.

Mark said his discharge papers stated he was entitled to good conduct and World War II victory medals, but a clerk at the camp told him "there isn't any for you."

"I don't care about ribbons or photographs in themselves, but I don't like the principle of denying these to anybody," he said.

Mark told a Senate committee last September about "hardship" cases of soldier fathers who had not been discharged. Last Thursday he criticized the Army's high command at a Congressional hearing on universal military training.

## Campaign Nets Bonds, GIs Give Bronx Cheer Dog for Blind Vet

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 17 (ANS).—Cpl. William M. Schwenk of St. Louis, blinded and wounded by a land mine near Aachen, Germany, will receive \$13,175 in Victory Bonds and a Seeing-Eye dog for a Christmas present, the Spokesman-Review said yesterday.

A "Bonds for Bill" campaign, conducted by the newspaper and Dr. David C. Cohen, Spokane dentist, ended with a goal of \$10,000 surpassed.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17 (AP).—Some 5,398 soldiers back from the Pacific held their noses and booed yesterday as they were forced to remain aboard ships because the staging area was not equipped to receive them.

The Gen. Howse, with final elements of the 37th (Buckeye) Div. from Ohio, was docked at Los Angeles harbor as was the USS Olmstead. The ships got in Saturday, but the staging camps were already bulging with 17,000.

## Ex-Con Admits Kidnaping, Killing Girl

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 (ANS).—The FBI announced yesterday that Thomas Henry McMonigle, 35-year-old ex-convict and former San Mateo bus driver, has confessed to kidnaping and murdering Thora Chamberlain, 14, San Jose High School girl, who disappeared 43 days ago.

McMonigle admitted shooting the child to death on a lonely road and dumping the body over a 350-foot cliff into the Pacific Ocean. The body has not been recovered.

The FBI did not disclose whether McMonigle had confessed raping Thora, but he had been arrested last May on a charge of attempted rape of another high school girl.

## Olga Stars in Xmas 'Play'



Olga San Juan of the movies is all "set" in her holly wreath swing for a Merry Christmas. A neat bit of "decoration."

## Reconversion Note—Co-eds Wear 'Sloppy Joe Discards'



Discarded Army, Navy and Marine Corps uniforms are finding a place among campus fashions this winter in the U.S. Co-eds at Elmira College, N.Y., displaying their "sloppy Joe" wardrobe, are, left, to right: Loretta McCafferty, Springfield, Pa.; Virginia Deems, New Brunswick, N.J.; Margaret Blake, Madison, N.J.; Karlin Hilderbrand and Virginia Edgar, both of Nutley, N.J.

## Navy 'Squared' Deal Burns 12 Vets

### Cockeyed Hats Put Sailors Back in Boot Training

FARRAGUT, Idaho, Dec. 17 (ANS).—Twelve overseas war veterans went back to boot training at Farragut Naval Center yesterday as punishment for failing to have their hats "squared."

Picked up by a security patrol, the veteran sailors were taken to the brig, given boot haircuts and immediately started on repeat training, according to the Camp Gilmore Work Sheet.

The disciplined men said they were refused the customary Captain's Mast, that they were overseas veterans awaiting discharge, that they had been restricted for the Christmas holiday, and that they were being humiliated by being forced to wear boot uniforms and march in formation wherever they went.

Lt. Cmdr. M. M. Nelson, assistant commander at the center, admitted the punishment was "radical." It is a Navy regulation that the hat shall be "squared," fitting straight across the head with no hair showing.

## Boston to Close For Debarkation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP).—Rep. Edith N. Rogers (R.-Mass.) said today the War Department has assured her that discontinuance of Boston as a troop debarkation port on Feb. 12 and the closing of Camp Myles Standish, at Taunton, would not delay discharge of New England servicemen.

"The number of men coming back after Feb. 12 will be much less," Mrs. Rogers said.

"Myles Standish was established in January, 1942, as a temporary disposition center and its need is now over. Boston will continue to be used by the War Department for cargo purposes and for a sub-port of New York when necessary."

## Polygamists Swear Off, 11 Free in Time for Yule

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 17 (ANS).—Eleven polygamy-practising Fundamentalists prepared today to spend Christmas as free men after seven months in Utah State Prison.

The jubilant men were part of a group of 15 cult members, having 55 wives and 287 children among them, who were imprisoned for unlawful cohabitation. The freed eleven renounced their religious beliefs in exchange for parole. Four who refused to do so were left in prison.

## Truman Visits Wounded, Calls Their High Morale 'Terrific'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP).—President Truman paid a pre-Christmas visit to more than 600 wounded veterans at Army and Navy medical centers yesterday and said afterward he found their morale so high that "they make you ashamed of yourself if you do any beefing."

The President first visited the Navy hospital at Bethesda, Md. He spent an hour there going from ward to ward, visiting bed and wheelchair patients. Then he motored to the Walter Reed Army hospital and toured several buildings for an hour and a half.

Talking with newsmen later, he said he asked each wounded sailor and soldier what had happened to him.

"One sailor," he said with a smile, "told me he got a broken nose in a fight and he thought a Republican did it."

"The morale of these fellows is terrific," the President added.

## N.Y. Housing Needs Told to O'Dwyer

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP).—Approximately 170,000 permanent and emergency dwelling units will be needed in New York City in the immediate future to house 617,000 persons, Mayor-Elect William O'Dwyer was informed today by his emergency committee on housing.

Saying that New York City veterans were returning at the rate of about 61,000 monthly, the report called O'Dwyer's attention to estimates that the city's population would rise one to two percent in the next year.

The committee, headed by Park Commissioner Robert Moses, recommended the use of armories to house single veterans.

## Cruiser Chief Offers Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (ANS).—The defense in Capt. Charles B. McVay's court martial presented testimony yesterday that the accused officer was heard to order the doomed cruiser Indianapolis abandoned ten minutes after it was shaken by explosions. McVay, skipper of the ship, is on trial on charges of negligence and inefficiency in the loss of the Indianapolis while en route from Guam to Leyte.

The ship was sunk shortly after midnight, July 30, by enemy torpedoes.

The charge of inefficiency is based on the contention that he failed to issue "timely" orders to abandon ship which resulted in the loss of many lives.

## \$500,000 Fire Razes Building in Akron

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 17 (AP).—A spectacular fire of undetermined origin razed the three-story block-long Wilcox building in downtown Akron yesterday, destroying five business establishments and damaging five others.

Fire Chief Frank Vernotzy estimated the damage at \$500,000.

## She's Loved Right Out of Love

### Harried Wife Says He Once Was Mild

By The Stars and Stripes Bureau

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Daily Mirror's U.S. correspondent reported that Mrs. Constance Wallace sued for separation at Salem, Mass., yesterday—because her husband was too loving.

She testified that Wallace's transformation from a quiet, mildly affectionate husband into an impetuous lover occurred after he was drafted and sent to England. She told the judge "he was there less than a year, but when he returned he was a changed man."

She said he wanted to stay home too much, and complained that once he was so anxious "to make up for lost loving" that he whisked her away from a game of cards with neighbors whom they had invited to their home.

"I told him it was very impolite to leave our guests like that," she said, "but he insisted that his time in the Army gave him special privileges."



# Konoye Suicide a Blow To Hirohito's Prestige, May Force Him Out

By Russell Brines  
Associated Press Staff Correspondent

TOKYO, Dec. 17.—The suicide of Prince Fumimaro Konoye, former Japanese Premier, yesterday, was a new and powerful blow to the prestige and position of Emperor Hirohito and may have profound repercussions in the Imperial Household as well as in political circles.

## Rebels in Iran Seize Estates, Moscow Says

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—Formation of a "people's militia" and confiscation of many big estates has been proclaimed by the "democrats" in Azerbaijan, according to a Moscow radio report heard here today.

Agreement between the new government and Gen. Darakhshani, commander of the Tabriz garrison, brought about the surrender of that town to the "democrats."

Calling for a government "based on truly democratic principles," the new "National Government of Iranian Azerbaijan" proposes local elections, freedom of conscience and religion, equal rights for the country's mixed population and agrarian banks to finance peasants who wish to buy land from landowners willing to sell at fixed prices.

State lands and those of "reactionary landowners who have fled from Azerbaijan and are carrying on propaganda against Azerbaijan autonomy" are to be handed over to the peasants.

## Negrin Confers With U.S. Official

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (UP).—The New York Times reported from Washington today that Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson had received Spanish republican leader Juan Negrin Saturday.

According to the Times, it is the first time since the Spanish civil war that a high State Department official has talked with a Spanish republican leader, although Negrin has tried for some time to obtain an appointment with Acheson.

In connection with the meeting, the Times mentioned the French note to the U.S. and Britain suggesting a three-power policy toward Franco's government, but said that no U.S. decision could be expected before Secretary of State James F. Byrnes returns from the foreign ministers' meeting in Moscow.

## Foe of Loan Shifts Strategy

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—Lord Beaverbrook, opponent of the \$4,400,000,000 American loan to Britain and of the Bretton Woods plan for a world bank, abruptly withdrew his amendment against both measures in the House of Lords today, but indicated he would still fight for their rejection.

Beaverbrook's action came scarcely 30 minutes after the House of Lords began its fateful debate on the measures.

The amendment was to the government motion inviting the Lords to approve the Anglo-American settlement. It asked for the rejection of the agreement because it would involve return to the gold standard and other disadvantages to Britain.

Making the withdrawal, Beaverbrook said that it did not imply that his opposition or that of his supporters in the House of Lords would be any less keen, but merely would enable a straight vote to be taken for or against the government's motion.

## Humanitarian Award to FDR

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17 (AP).—Declaring he was a "friend of all peoples and never thought of people as having labels," Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt yesterday accepted the 1945 Humanitarian Award of Brith Shalom bestowed posthumously upon the late President Roosevelt.

The prince himself, in his final hours, expressed concern for the future of the Imperial House as discussions of possible abdication were revived.

Some Japanese said the suicide might be the final factor in precipitating the Emperor's resignation.

Doubtless Hirohito felt the blow deeply. Konoye was long his close confidant and it was generally believed the Emperor placed great authority in the prince.

It was considered possible that there was design in the fact that newspapers suddenly blossomed anew a few days ago with stories about Crown Prince Akihito, whose 12th birthday is Dec. 23.

### Allied Leniency

Just after the surrender, all Tokyo papers printed stories about the prince and it is now known that the Emperor's abdication before the occupation was discussed and that Akihito was being groomed as ruler under a regency.

The plans were abandoned when the Allied attitude indicated relative leniency towards the Emperor.

Hirohito could resign either because of illness, which should precipitate the regency, or by ordering swift writing of special household laws to remedy the present lack of any suitable method of abdication.

The newspaper Asahi said today that Konoye resigned the Japanese Premiership Oct. 16, 1941, because he was opposed to War Minister Hideki Tojo's demands for a specific date on which to attack the U.S.

### Aide to Hirohito Jailed

TOKYO, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Marquis Koichi Kido, right-hand man of Emperor Hirohito and Japanese "cabinet maker," entered Sugamo Prison today as a suspected war criminal.

## More Nazi Victims Found by Russians

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (AP).—Soviet authorities have announced the discovery of a mass grave at Woltersdorf, southeast of Berlin, containing the bodies of 13 French, Russian and Polish slave laborers slain by the Germans.

The hands were bound behind the backs of the victims who were shot or beaten to death apparently with gun butts, the Russians said.

The Russians ordered the bodies exhumed and re-interred with ceremonies in the Woltersdorf town square.

## Doomed GI Wins Mercy

By Robert Marshall  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Dec. 17.—The death sentence imposed on former Pfc Robert A. Colby, Seventh Army combat engineer convicted of murdering his company commander and another officer, was commuted to life imprisonment at hard labor today by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney.

The crime was committed last June 10 near Eisleben. Colby shot the two officers with his rifle after completing the first day of a four-day company punishment given him for breaking a five-minute alert restriction.

He was tried by a XXI Corps general court martial and the death sentence was approved by all reviewing authorities until it reached the Theater Commander.

Colby served in Africa and England and landed in France on D-Day. He fought as an infantryman in Normandy and earned five battle stars.

## Pipeline to Be Dismantled

MARSEILLE, Dec. 17.—The Delta Base Section part of the Rhone Valley pipeline will be dismantled about Jan. 10, according to the DBS Engineers Office. The portion includes approximately 225 miles of four and six-inch pipeline between Berre and Macon and 35 pumping stations.

## Home Life in Germany Today



This is typical of how German families are living today. Many of them "double up" in the houses that are still intact, and improvise bunks such as these. They receive assistance from the Red Cross. "Have you got something Christmasy in a cure for trench foot?"

## Doolittle Keeps a Promise He Gave His Raiders in China

MIAMI BEACH, Dec. 17 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle gave his boys their party yesterday. "It's their party," Doolittle said, beaming at the 40 men who accompanied him on the first raid on Tokyo. "They can do what they want to do."

What the boys wanted to do apparently was forget all about the Tokyo raid of April 18, 1942, and their prison camp years thereafter, and concentrate on having themselves a good time in the Macfadden Deauville Hotel which was theirs for the day with all expenses paid by the general.

### Talking and Yelling

They did lots of talking and a lot of yelling. There was also a good bit of telling the bartender and cabana boys to make it another of the same.

This was the party the general had promised to give them in Chungking in 1942 but after hitting the Japanese homeland their planes were scattered and some fell into enemy hands.

Two-score fliers, in rank from colonel to sergeant and including a dozen who have been reconverted into civilians, dropped all formality

### First Reunion

Most were seeing one another for the first time since their planes took off from the aircraft carrier Hornet.

First, Doolittle gave them a banquet. Yesterday morning they went fishing. In the afternoon there was a water show for them with ballet and exhibitions and later a stag party with entertainers from Miami Beach night clubs.

Today they will break up and maybe meet again some time when the general gets lonely for what he described as "the best bunch of boys in the world."

## Japs' Switzerland Offices To Be Closed Today

BERN, Dec. 17 (AP).—Japanese government agencies in Switzerland will cease operations tomorrow, members of the Japanese colony here said.

To be closed are the Japanese Legation in Bern, the Consulate General in Zurich and the consular office in Geneva.

The closures follow the orders of Gen. MacArthur to Japan on Oct. 25 to liquidate her foreign legations, and the recent action of the Swiss Government in declining to protect Japanese interests in various countries.

## Yugoslavia Seizes 3 Priests

BELGRADE, Dec. 17 (UP).—Zagreb police yesterday arrested three Catholic priests who recently came to Yugoslavia to organize the "Crusaders"—an anti-Tito group. Croatian Premier Bakarich said today.



... Gen. Doolittle.

## Palestine Homes For Orphan Jews

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (UP).—A nation-wide drive to raise funds for building homes in Palestine for several hundred European Jewish orphans has been launched by The Washington Colony in the Holy Land, Inc.

Rep. Sol Bloom (D-N.Y.), House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, and Edmund Kaufman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, are honorary chairmen for the campaign. The organization said it had been assured priority to move "orphan children, who are Europe's most pathetic survivors," to Palestine, where they will be trained as farmers or craftsmen. The first remittance of \$50,000 will be sent to Jerusalem next week to begin building operations.

## Kills Babies, Leaps to Death

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17 (AP).—Christmas shoppers in a crowded street at Buysinghen, near Brussels, today saw a woman leap to her death from a first floor apartment, her clothes covered with blood.

The woman, 35-year-old Jeanne Rohs, apparently was insane. Before throwing herself from the window of her flat, the police discovered, she had cut the throat of her 21-month-old daughter, drowned her four-month-old baby and then cut her own throat.

The only member of the family to escape was her 13-year-old daughter who ran screaming into the street for help just as the body of her mother crashed to the pavement.

## Off the Global Wire

# Nazis Slew 2 of Own Top War Heroes

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (UP).—The Nazis "liquidated" two of their own greatest war heroes, Walter Moelders and Guenter Prien, top-secret Nazi documents found in three railcars at Seddin, in the Russian Zone near Berlin, have disclosed.

The Liberal Democratic party newspaper Der Morgen, in reporting the find, said the Nazis attempted to move the files to the west in the last days of the war, but the train was bombed and the three cars abandoned.

Moelders was the top-ranking Luftwaffe ace credited with 125 planes. According to Hitler's headquarters, he was shot down in 1943 by a Canadian flier. Prien was the daring U-boat commander who made a spectacular foray into Scapa Flow early in the war and sank the British battleship Royal Oak. Radio broadcasts in Germany said he failed to return from a later mission.

The abandoned files are now in the hands of Allied authorities and will be published later. According to Der Morgen, the files contain proof that thousands of Germans fought desperately against the Hitler system and more than 1,200 were killed in the last six months of 1945 alone in resistance to the Nazis.

## Goering Arms Factory Is Now Scrapping Them

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The great Hermann Goering arms factory near Brunswick is working again.

But now its huge cranes are carrying big guns on their way to the scrap heap. The German laborers are under the direction of a small British unit charged with destruction of the Wehrmacht's heavy weapons.

According to German news service in the British zone, the Goering plant was partly demolished by Nazis during their retreat, but was repaired by the British.

## Egyptian Cabinet OKs Bretton Woods Plan

CAIRO, Dec. 17 (AP).—The Egyptian Cabinet yesterday approved the Bretton Woods monetary agreements and Egypt's scheduled contribution of \$85,000 to the proposed international stabilization fund.

The Cabinet's approval now will go to Parliament for final ratification.

## Bavaria Election Day Scheduled for Jan. 27

NUREMBERG, Dec. 17.—Election day throughout Bavaria will be on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1946, according to a Military Government announcement today.

Municipal elections have been authorized by the Office of Military Government for Bavaria on that date in all communities of 20,000 inhabitants or less.

## Mannerheim to Leave For Finland Thursday

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—President Marshal Carl Gustav Mannerheim has informed Premier Juho Paasikivi that he will leave Portugal on Thursday to return to Finland, according to a Helsinki dispatch received here.

Mannerheim left Finland several weeks ago, reportedly to recuperate from an illness, shortly before a number of prominent Finns were placed on trial, charged with responsibility for leading the nation into war.

## Polish DP Gets 20 Yrs.

IN REICH Farmer's Slaying  
ANSBACH, Dec. 17.—Peter Walko, 21, a Polish DP, has been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by a Military Government court for his part in the murder of Leonard Angerer, a German farmer.

Walko was a member of a gang of six Poles who raided the farmhouse in which the farmer was shot and killed.



## Legislator Calls GI Bill Unfair To Poorer Vets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (ANS).—Rep. Bernard W. Kearney (R-N.Y.) said yesterday he intends to offer legislation soon to keep the GI Bill of Rights from becoming "a rich man's bill."

"At present there is no equitable balance between the benefits of loan provisions and those of educational provision," he said. "The fellow going to school gets liberal out-and-out grants from the government. The poor veteran obtaining a loan must pay back his loan with interest. That's not fair."

"Right now all he gets is a government guarantee," Kearney said. "On all other counts he might just as well forget the GI Bill and obtain his loan in the usual business way. I'd like to give him some kind of an advantage."

The final drafts of several amendments to the GI Bill is expected to go before both houses of Congress this week.

The amendments would:

- 1—Raise the maximum GI loan which can be guaranteed by the government from \$2,000 to \$4,000.
- 2—Eliminate a requirement that the loan must be approved by the Veterans' Administration. The bill would stipulate merely that a Federal appraiser must be present during the negotiations between veteran and lending agency.
- 3—Eliminate the certificate of eligibility which the veteran must obtain from the Veterans' Administration before obtaining his loan. The new measure would make the veteran's honorable discharge certificate sufficient.
- 4—Increase the subsistence allowance for veterans going to school from \$50 to \$65 a month for single men and from \$75 to \$90 a month for men with families.

## Restees Fall Off, Riviera Personnel Will Be Halved

By The Stars and Stripes Bureau

NICE, Dec. 17.—The staff of 132 officers and 532 enlisted men now on the Riviera soon will be cut by more than half because of the decrease in the number of restees, according to Col. Richard D. Gordon, director of USRAA area.

As soon as possible, Gordon said, the number of officers would be reduced to 60, and the enlisted men to 200, to operate the Nice and Cannes installations.

The 300,000th Riviera restee, Sgt. Stanley H. Milton of Evanston, Ill., who served with the 87th Inf. Div., was awarded special treatment. Besides a room in the luxurious Hotel Negresco, breakfast in bed and a visit to the private yacht of a colonel, he was furnished a date for his entire stay. She is Miss Emmy Detweiler of Lancaster, Pa., civilian actress-technician, who appeared in the Riviera production of "Room Service."

## British Teach Reich Police to Shoot

British troops in the German zone of occupation are instructing German policemen in the use of firearms. Here six law enforcement officers are engaging in target practice on a rifle range, while a British officer supervises their technique. Other policemen await their turns on the "firing line." Most of the law enforcement officers in Germany still wear the uniforms of the Hitler regime, although many of them are still unarmed. They are generally selected for the police posts after screening by Military Government officials.



## UAW Chiefs at GM Call Security Offer to Ford Treacherous to Labor

DETROIT, Dec. 17 (AP).—An internal dispute within the United Auto Workers (CIO) developed yesterday when the union's General Motors Strike Strategy Committee in Flint, Mich., demanded the withdrawal of the UAW "company security" offer to the Ford Motor Co.

The committee, which says it represents 42,000 strikers at four GM plants in Flint, termed the offer "a treacherous blow to the entire labor movement, and a direct back-hand attack against the strike at GM."

The Ford Co. lauded the union last week for its "constructive" approach in preparing and presenting a plan calling for the discharge of ringleaders of wildcat strikes and fines for the participants.

### Canadian UAW to Vote

Meanwhile, Ford's difficulties with the Canadian UAW in Windsor, Ont., showed promise of clearing up shortly as the union decided to vote on a modified Canadian Government plan to end its strike, which began Oct. 12.

The vote will be held tomorrow and Wednesday, a mass meeting of strikers decided. The plan calls for a return to work and a limited negotiation period to be followed by arbitration. About 100,000 Ford workers are involved in the strike, which is over wages and union security.

On the U.S. side of the Detroit River, where Ford plants have so far escaped a wage strike similar to GM's, Henry Ford II explained yesterday that Ford car production since the war has been "limping instead of galloping along" because of parts shortages.

In an appeal to suppliers to speed parts to his Detroit factories, Ford stressed that the lag in output was no fault of his employees. The company, he added, was "completely cut off by 14 major suppliers, while from many others we are getting a mere trickle of parts and materials."

### Less Than Half of Quota

Only 30,000 of a promised 60,000 cars will have been made by Christmas, he indicated. Under the present production rate, Ford said, it would be impossible to meet the scheduled output of 120,000 cars and trucks monthly in 1946. He said suppliers had canceled Ford contracts because price ceilings on their products resulted in losses or because they were losing employees through inability to raise wages.

General Motors and the Ford Co. have both refused to meet a UAW demand for a 30 percent wage increase to meet living costs. GM has been paralyzed for 26 days by a nation-wide strike, but Ford is still negotiating.

Into the picture of labor strife in the auto industry have come the Kaiser-Frazer interests, which began negotiations with the UAW today preparatory to producing a new car in the Willow Run plant. It is understood that the new firm will make liberal wage offers, but first will insist upon a union assurance against unauthorized strikes.

## Berlin Kids Get First Taste Of Democracy at Youth Homes

By Na Deane Walker

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—At least 20 Jugendheims, or community youth homes, have been set up in Berlin and are getting good attendance from teen-age Germans, according to Maj. Mary Bell, director of youth activities for the Education and Religious Affairs Section of Military Government.

The Jugendheims open after school hours under supervision of teacher and parent volunteers, offer craft shops and game-room recreation. They also offer warmth, which may be the secret of their successful attendance records in shivering Berlin. For the 10-18 age group, it is their first experience in democracy.

In addition to the youth homes, both Catholic and Protestant churches have started organizations for young people. The German YMCA, which never lost its world membership during the war, has submitted plans for resuming activities.

Through these media and others the Education and Religious Affairs Section hopes to eventually reach all German youth Maj. Bell declared.

The two major points stressed by the MG program are participation on a purely voluntary basis and German initiative in starting the youth programs. Nationalization of any organization is discouraged.

"As important as any other factor," Maj. Bell said, "is the help we're getting from occupation troops."

Before she came overseas last July, Maj. Bell was the first woman on the staff of the Army's Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

## Expert Says Nazis Quit Atom Hunt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (ANS).—A leading Army investigator said recently that German scientists despaired of developing the atomic bomb in a century and had shelved the idea of using it in the recent war.

Yet, the Nazis arrogantly assumed their nuclear research to be far ahead of the Allies, declared S. A. Goudsmit, head of a Military Intelligence mission sent to Germany to learn the enemy's work on atomic energy.

## Find Jap Balloon in Nevada

EUREKA, Nev., Dec. 17 (ANS).—A Japanese balloon found by a rancher 45 miles southwest of here in desolate central Nevada has been taken to Fort Douglas, Utah.

## U.S. Plan Ready For a Super G2 To Blanket World

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (ANS).—The State Department has about completed its master plan to blanket the world with a super intelligence system, it was disclosed last night.

The U.S. never has had such a system in peace-time. The lack of one permitted Japan to plot world conquest virtually undetected, and President Truman moved soon after he took office to correct the situation.

The plan is intended to strengthen this country's foreign policy and to provide sources of information for policy makers. It will be presented for Presidential approval within a week or ten days.

The plan calls for creation of a "national intelligence authority." The top layer would be made up of the Secretaries of State, War and Navy, with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes as chairman. Security matters they would be joined by the heads of the Treasury and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## Reich Schools Ordered To Give DPs Courses

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (AP).—German universities and technical and vocational schools operating in the American zone are required to allot ten percent of their enrollment to displaced persons. Lt. Col. John Taylor, chief of the education section, disclosed today.

## Marseille to Carry On Awhile As GI Port of Embarkation

By Joe Mackey  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARSEILLE, Dec. 17.—The Second Armd. Div. was supposed to arrive here and be redeployed through the Marseille POE by the end of the year, Sixth Port officials announced today. It also was reported unofficially today that Sixth Port probably would stay open at least two months after the closing of Calas Staging Area and the formal shutdown of Marseille as a redeployment center on Jan. 1.

Until today's announcement about the Second Armd., the 56 to 64-point 100th Inf. Div. had been scheduled as the last to redeploy through here. It was thought that the main elements of the Second Armd. would start joining the 100th at Calas about Dec. 23. The point range of its men was not revealed.

USFET G3 announced in Paris that an advance party of the Second Armd. (Category II) Div. would arrive at Calas Staging Area on Dec. 20.

(The division, originally scheduled to ship from Le Havre, was switched to Marseille, where its movement to the U.S. will not af-

fect shipment of 60-64 pointers in December, USFET said. The announcement added that to ship the division out of Le Havre would have meant replacement of... with more than 60 points by the Second's lower-pointers on December shipping schedules. It was the War Department's desire that the armored division go home in December.)

After the formal end of redeployment here, at least two months will be needed for the shipment of cargo to the U.S., including ammunition, locomotives and equipment not declared surplus, unofficial sources reported today. Most of the ships that will leave then will be Liberties, and it was believed that Delta Base Section personnel who became eligible for redeployment during that period, might go in small groups on the cargo-carrying Liberties.

These men would use the berths formally occupied by gun crews. After this transition period, possibly in March, the port may be turned back to civilians, and the Army will contract for certain piers for the final clearance of cargo.

## Bing Cuts a Rug With Nanette



Bing Crosby, who went to New York from Hollywood to assist in the Sister Kenny drive on infantile paralysis, takes time out for a night club fling with Nanette Fabray, star of a Broadway musical show. They're doing a rumba at the Stork Club.

## Shipping News

Marseille Departures		
Ships	Load	Date
Lewiston Victory.....	1,543	Dec. 17
Bardstown Victory.....	1,550	Dec. 17
USAT Cristobal.....	2,328	Dec. 17
Arrivals		
Mahoney City Vict.....	1,501	Dec. 18
Hampton Sidney Vic.....	1,515	Dec. 18
John Plisk Liberty.....	586	Dec. 18
George Dern Liberty.....	586	Dec. 18
Elbridge Gerry Lib.....	567	Dec. 18
In Port		
W. McLennon Lib.....	550	Dec. 18
J. M. Forbes Liberty.....	550	Dec. 18
James Hoban Lib.....	550	Dec. 18
Expected Arrivals		
Ships	Load	Date
Elgin Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 18
Mexico Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 18
G. M. Bibb Liberty.....	571	Dec. 18
Le Havre Departures		
Ships	Load	Date
Kokomo Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 17
Lincoln Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 17
T. Ferry (UK).....	1,183	Dec. 17
George Leonard Lib.....	550	Dec. 17
W. Cushing Liberty.....	550	Dec. 17
John Stevens Lib.....	567	Dec. 17
W. D. Tender Lib.....	550	Dec. 17
USS Boise.....	1,150	Dec. 17
C. Goodyear Liberty.....	550	Dec. 17
Hood Victory.....	1,500	Dec. 17
Sheepshead Bay V.....	1,500	Dec. 17



# Rams Beat 'Skins, 15-14, on 2 Freak Plays

## By's 11-Under-Par 273 Wins Fort Worth Open

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 17 (AP).—Byron Nelson closed out the year in golf with his 19th tournament victory yesterday as he swept over the icy Glen Garden Country Club course with 66-70-136 for the final 36 holes to give him a total of 273—11 under par—and first money in the Fort Worth \$10,000 Open.

Nelson, resuming his PGA tour after a two-month vacation, was as sharp as ever.

The runner-up spot fell to another Texan—Jimmie Demaret of Houston—who closed with 281, one stroke better than Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Sanford, Maine.

McSpaden finished with a rush to edge into third place. He scored 65 on the last 18 to tie the competitive course record set by Nelson Saturday.

By his victory, Nelson boosted his earnings to \$66,600, and McSpaden, who has yet to win a major tournament this year, ran his year's haul to \$34,200 as a result of his \$1,000 booty for third place.

### 16 of Nation's Top Golfers Invited to Miami Meet

MIAMI, Dec. 17 (AP).—Sixteen of the nation's top-ranking professional par-busters, headed by Byron Nelson and "Jug" McSpaden, received invitations to play in the International Four-Ball Golf matches at Miami, March 7-10.

John M. Carlisle, chairman of the invitation and pairings committee, said 16 additional pros would be tapped later to round out a field of 32 who will compete in a 144-hole match play tournament.

Other veterans who received bids were Ben Hogan, Henry Picard, Sam Snead, Craig Wood, Denny Shute, Ed Oliver, Jimmy Demeret, Dutch Harrison, Toney Penna, Bob Hamilton, Sam Byrd, Vic Ghezzi, Johnny Revolta and Ed Dudley.

## Ban Robinson In California

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 (ANS).—The California State Boxing Commission voted to bar "Ray" Sugar Robinson, New York welterweight, from fighting in California and to ask the National Boxing Association to bar him in all states under its control.

The Commission took action because Robinson refused to come to San Francisco for a fight last Monday against Chester Flider of Fresno after having agreed to the bout. Robinson said he was ill but the Commission remained unconvinced.

## Myers to Return To BC Grid Post

BOSTON, Dec. 17 (ANS).—Lt. Cmdr. Dennis E. Myers will return to Boston College as head football coach upon his discharge from the Navy some time this month, John P. Curley, athletic manager announced.

Myers will replace Moody Sarno, his assistant who took over the head coaching job when Myers went into the service following the 1942 season.

Myers succeeded Frank Leahy, now at Notre Dame, as head coach at BC and directed his teams to 15 victories against four defeats during his two seasons at the helm—1941 and 1942.

## Santa Anita Speedster Is Sold for \$100,000

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17 (ANS).—Bric-a-bac, winner of the San Juan Capistrano \$50,000 handicap at Santa Anita last summer, has been sold to Walter E. Wilkes and Tom Taylor for \$100,000.

The horse was sold by George Church and the price is the highest on record in California—twice the amount Louis B. Mayer paid for the celebrated Busher, recently named the horse of the year. Bric-a-bac is the son of War Admiral and Blood Root.

### Bosox Set 33 Warmups

BOSTON, Dec. 17 (ANS).—A 33-game spring exhibition schedule, including two contests in Havana against Washington, was announced today by the Boston Red Sox. The Sox will open training at Sarasota, Fla., Feb. 25.

### First Lady of Tennis



Sarah Palfrey Cooke

## Sarah Cooke, Parker Top Netters

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP).—Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke, who made a sensational comeback this year to win the National Women's Tennis Championship, has been awarded the No. 1 position in the women's rankings for 1945, the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced.

Pauline Betz, who earned National Championships in 1942, 1943 and 1944 and the resultant No. 1 ratings, is ranked behind Mrs. Cooke for 1945.

Frank Parker, the Army Air Force's ace from Los Angeles, again is rated the top male competitor.

William Talbert gained the No. 2 spot, followed by Francisco (Pancho) Segura of Ecuador. They held the same position in 1944.

**Returns to First Ten**  
Elwood T. Cooke, Mrs. Cooke's husband, who won several tournaments early in the campaign and was beaten by Parker in the National semifinals, came back into the ranking ten for the first time since 1940, rating the fourth spot. He had been in the Navy for several years.

Other veterans returned to the tennis blue book after absences of one or more years included Sidney B. Wood Jr. of New York, No. 5; Gardner Mulloy of Miami, No. 6; Frank X. Shields of New York, No. 7; and Harold Surface, Jr. of Kansas City, No. 8. Seymour Greenberg of Chicago, who ranked fifth last year, was dropped to ninth. Jack McManis of New York held on to his 10th rating.

### Links Sharpshooter Gets 2 Birdies on Hole

FRESNO, Calif., Dec. 17 (ANS).—A local golfer, C. S. Swanson, proved yesterday it was possible to score two birdies on a single green.

He slammed his third fairway shot at the No. 1 green just as a blackbird came flying through the air. The ball hit the bird on the head and it dropped dead. The ball itself landed four feet from the hole, from which point Swanson sank the putt for a birdie four.

## Soldiers Bow To Fleet City

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 (AP).—Charley O'Rourke, former Boston College star, heaved four touchdowns passes as the Fleet City Bluejackets wound up their season today with a 27-0 victory over the Fort Warren Broncos before 40,000 at Kezar Stadium.

### Fourth AF Eleven Trips AAF League Co-Champions

MEMPHIS, Dec. 17 (AP).—The Fourth Air Force Flyers of Ontario, Calif., upset the Army Air Forces Training Command of Fort Worth, Texas, yesterday in the first Legion Bowl football game, 27-0. More than 6,000 fans turned out in freezing weather to watch the Air Forces League co-champions bow in a contest that had no bearing on the standings.

## Falcon Sub Arrested After Fists Fly on Ice

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17 (AP).—The Baltimore Clippers defeated the Philadelphia Falcons last night, 8-4, in a roughly-played Eastern Amateur Hockey League tilt, in which fists flew frequently.

A melee around the penalty box at one point in the proceedings resulted in the arrest of Joe Desson, Philadelphia spare, on an assault charge preferred by John J. Carlin Sr., owner of the Clippers. Carlin said he suffered a bloody nose.

## Canadiens Beat Rangers to Retain Lead

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP).—Montreal's Canadiens retained a grip on the National Hockey League's top berth last night by defeating the last-place New York Rangers, 4-2, before a capacity crowd of 15,187 at Madison Square Garden.

The Canadiens set a rapid pace by registering three goals in the first period before the Rangers

could get warmed up. Billy Reay, the Canadiens' promising freshman, tallied two of the goals with Glenn Harmon setting up both plays. Veteran Elmer Lach connected for the third Montreal tally. The Rangers got back in the game when Lynn Patrick converted an Alfie Pike pass in the middle stanza. The Rangers drew within one goal of a tie in the final period



Max Bentley Bill Mosenko Doug Bentley Hawks' No. 1 weapon in battle for National Hockey League crown.

## Pass, Kick Hit Goal Post To Yield Victory Margin

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17 (ANS).—Two goalpost "breaks" accounted for three points and provided the margin of victory in the Cleveland Rams' 15-14 triumph over the Washington Redskins for the National Football League championship yesterday. The contest was played before 32,148 fans in zero weather on a field partially ice-coated.

### Ram-Redskin Gate Breaks NFL Mark

CLEVELAND, Nov. 17 (ANS).—The gross gate of \$164,542.80 for the Cleveland-Washington National Football League playoff set a new high as it topped the previous record of \$146,204.15 set in last year's playoff between Green Bay and the N. Y. Giants. The player pool portion amounted to \$51,440.98, with each Cleveland player getting \$1,469.74. The Redskins' share of \$34,293.99 paid each player \$902.47.

## Bo McMillin 'Coach of Year'

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP).—Alvin Nugent "Bo" McMillin, who guided Indiana University to its first Big Ten football championship in the season just closed, was voted Coach of the Year by 155 of his fellow mentors in a poll conducted by New York World-Telegram.

Carroll Widdoes, of Ohio State, whose team annexed the 1944 Big Ten crown, was winner of the award last year.

### Football Writers Name Bo 'Man of the Year'

DES MOINES, Dec. 17 (AP).—Bo McMillin, white-haired coach who guided Indiana through an undefeated season, was named football's "Man of the Year" today by the Football Writers Association of America.

McMillin, who kept Indiana among the top wartime teams through four seasons of depleted material, polled 101 of a total of 142 votes cast by the writers, Bert McGrane, Association secretary, announced.

Other leaders among the original 23 nominees were Felix Blanchard, Army fullback; Col. Earl Blaik, Army coach; Jimmie Phelan, St. Mary's coach; and Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's halfback.

## Indians Get Texas Loop Club

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 17 (ANS).—The Oklahoma City Indians of the Texas League will be the farm club of the Cleveland Indians of the American League next year.

### Black Hawks Stage Rally To Defeat Red Wings, 6-4

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP).—The Chicago Black Hawks came from behind in the last period last night to defeat the Detroit Red Wings, 6-4, and retain second place in the National League Hockey standings.

Detroit swept into a 4-2 lead in the second period. But in the final stanza the Hawk defense tightened while Detroit weakened perceptibly near the net to let Doug Bentley, Pete Horeck, George Allen and Bill Mosenko score to give Chicago its tenth victory of the year.

### Bruins, Leafs Play To 3-3 Deadlock

BOSTON, Dec. 17 (AP).—For the third time in five nights, the Boston Bruins had to share a National Hockey League encounter by playing a 3-3 tie with the Toronto Maple Leafs last night before a crowd of 13,900 at the Boston Garden.

In the first period, Washington's Sammy Baugh tried to pass from his end zone and the ball hit the goal post, bouncing back into his arms for an automatic safety which gave Cleveland two points. Then in the second quarter, Bob Waterfield's placekick for the extra point after the Rams' first touchdown was partially blocked. But it landed on the cross bar, teetered a second and dropped over for what proved to be the winning marker.

The heralded passing duel between Waterfield and Baugh failed to develop, for Slingin' Sammy was injured shortly after his ill-fated pass and played little thereafter. Waterfield passed for two touchdowns and completed 14 of 27 pitches for 172 yards, while Baugh connected on a single pass in six tries for a one-yard gain. Frankie Filchock completed eight of 14 for 178 yards for Washington.

One of Waterfield's touchdown tosses to Jim Benton, former Arkansas star, was good for 38 yards. The other went to Virginia's Jim Gillette for 45 yards. Gillette easily was the outstanding ground gainer of the game. He carried the ball 17 times and picked up 101 yards. This was the second classiest display of balloting in pro playoff

Statistics table comparing Rams and Redskins stats: First Downs, Yards rushing, Yards passing, Passes attempted, Passes completed, Passes intercepted, Yards inter. returned, Punting average, Yards kicks returned, Fumbles recovered, Yards penalized.

NHL Standings table with columns for TEAM, W, L, T, P, GF, GA. Lists Montreal, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Toronto, and New York.

history and more than three times the total gain of the Redskins.

Midway in the second period the Redskins took the lead when Kl Aldrich, Washington Center and outstanding lineman of the day, set the stage by intercepting a Waterfield pass on the Redskins' 48. A roughing penalty against the Rams and two line bucks moved the ball to the Cleveland 40.

On the next play Steve Baragus took Frankie Filchock's long pitch on the Ram 12 and hit pay dirt. Joe Aguirre place-kicked the extra point and Washington led 7-2.

Cleveland drove 70 yards for a touchdown and a 9-7 margin at the half. Taking a punt on their 30 the Rams went all the way with Gillette gaining 24 yards in two plays to set up the touchdown.

Then Waterfield flipped an aerial to Benton on the Redskins' 38 and hit Jim with another pitch a moment later. Jim snaring the ball on the 13 and racing over the goal line. Waterfield's extra point try was partially blocked and caromed into the air, landing on the cross bar and dropping over.

Taking the second-half kickoff the Rams went 80 yards for their second touchdown. Line plays moved them to the 32 and a Waterfield-to-Benton pass advanced them to the 40. Waterfield then passed to Gillette. He snatched the ball out from three Washington defenders and scored. The desperate Redskins retaliated before the third quarter ended, Filchock passing to Bob Seymour, who was waiting alone in the end zone. Aguirre added the extra point.

The victory brought Cleveland's first title since the Rams entered the NFL in 1937. The Rams' best previous season was in 1939, when they won five and lost five. Washington had won two championships.

### Wins Mexican Golf Title

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17 (AP).—Al Espinosa, former Akron (Ohio) professional, shot a final-round par 71 yesterday, to win the 72-hole Mexican Open Golf championship with a score of 290.



# DePaul Leads In Race for U.S. Cage Crown

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP).—The DePaul Blue Demons of Chicago are out in front of the field for the mythical national college basketball championship. Sparked again by big George Mikan, DePaul is undefeated in six games and favored to make it eight straight by bowing over Arkansas State and Oregon State this week. Included in the DePaul streak is a 46-42 triumph over the Oklahoma Aggies team that upset the Blue Demons in the battle for the mythical title last March.

A long list of other teams are in the undefeated ranks, including Cornell, Columbia, St. Joseph's of Philadelphia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, New York University, Notre Dame, Ohio University, Purdue, Syracuse, Tennessee, Georgia, Holy Cross, Texas Christian, West Virginia, Yale and Kansas.

Quintets with only one defeat chalked against them include the Oklahoma Aggies, Valparaiso, Arkansas, St. John's of Brooklyn, Temple, Long Island, Oklahoma, Rhode Island State, Wisconsin and Bradley Tech. Bowling Green and Louisville, both off to good starts in their early contests, faltered in their last two.

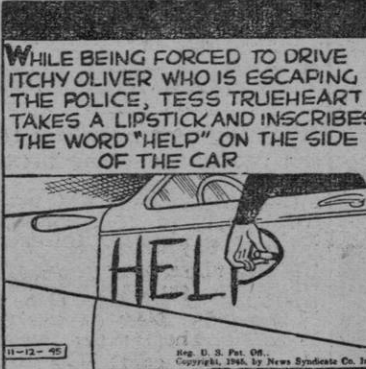
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  - California (Pa.) State 58, Indiana St. 52
  - St. Vincent 46, Wayneburg 29
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  - Western Union 43, Buena Vista 24
  - Grinnell (Ia.) 61, Cornell (Ia.) 35
  - Dubuque 64, Iowa Wesleyan 44
  - Southern Illinois 57, Loyola 38
  - Huntington 40, Indiana Central 34
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  - Bergstrom Field 42, Texas A&M 41
  - Texas Christian 55, Texas Tech 43
  - West Texas Techs 71, Amarillo AAF 48
  - Baylor 75, Randolph 26
  - Wichita (K.) U. 39, Phillips U. (Okla.) 32
  - Texas 54, Southeastern (Okla.) 31
- Far West**
- G. Adolphus 51, South Dakota St 45
  - North Dakota 37, Jamestown 32
  - Colorado 52, Buckley Field 37
  - Arizona 45, Williams Field 32
  - Montana 46, Montana State 41
  - Colorado State 25, Colorado A&M 46
  - Southern Calif. 44, San Diego Navy 11
  - Pepperdine 47, San Diego State 40
  - Farragut Navy 58, Ft. Missoula 49
  - San Diego Dons 38, UCLA 34
  - California 44, Treasure Island Guard 29

## Li'l Abner



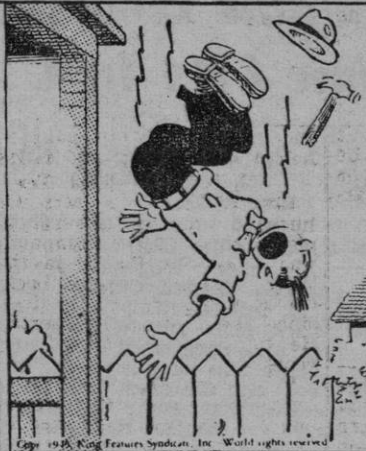
## Dick Tracy



## Terry and The Pirates



## Blondie



## Joe Palooka



## Little Rock Gets Pair Of White Sox Hurlers

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (ANS).—The White Sox announced a working agreement with the Little Rock (Ark.) club in the Southern Association and the outright release of two pitchers to Little Rock.

The pitchers were Clay Touchstone and Bob Mistele, both right-handers. The Sox also released Buck Ross, another right-handed hurler, to the Philadelphia Nationals.

## ARC Five Plays Tonight

The Columbia Red Cross quintet will meet the strong 3187th Signal Service Battalion five in a basketball game tonight at the Japy Gym (Métro Voltaire) at 8 P.M.

## Cruiser Is Plagued By Mystery Malady

VALLEJO, Calif., Dec. 17 (ANS).—Naval and civil medical authorities are trying to determine the cause of an epidemic aboard the heavy cruiser Tuscaloosa, which has sent 74 crewmen to the hospital in the last week. The ailment has been diagnosed as albumenuria kidney. It is not dangerous, but extremely painful.

Naval authorities said the Tuscaloosa, on duty transporting soldiers home from the Pacific, would not sail from Mare Island Navy Yard until the cause of the ailment had been determined. At one time 51 per cent of the crew of 1,000 were ill.

## Britain's \$5,200,000 Movie Leaves London Critics Cold

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—Caesar and Cleopatra, Britain's lavish effort to outdazzle Hollywood in the world film market, left London's movie critics unexcited.

The film, which had its world premiere last night, is the costliest of all time, reviewers said. Producer Gabriel Pascal reportedly spent \$5,200,000 on the color version of the play written by George Bernard Shaw in 1907. It took two years to make.

Stars Vivien Leigh and Claude Rains are supported by 108 name players and thousands of extras. Sets and costumes are elaborate, beyond anything ever attempted in Britain.

The London Times said the production "lacked intellectual excitement and visual loveliness" and was "hollow at the heart."

The Daily Mail critic said the picture might be summed up in Miss Leigh's line as Cleopatra, "What is this hocus pocus?"

The kindest critics were those of The Daily Mirror, who termed the picture "an outstanding piece of filmcraft of which Britain may be proud," and of The Daily Express, who called it a "film full of Ahs."

Other papers said it was a "dismal ordeal" and did not "justify anything like its fantastic cost."

## Herring Price Smells, Fishermen on Strike

OSTEND, Dec. 17 (AP).—Fishermen of this Belgian seaport, as well as Nieupoort and Zeebrugge, have gone on strike because the price of herring has dropped from 27 francs to less than one franc a kilo.

Buyers explain an overabundance of herring has been caused by inability to export the fish to England and France.

## Quakes at Genoa, Turin

ROME, Dec. 17 (AP).—The Italian Ansa agency has reported that a light earthquake shook Genoa between 6:20 and 6:30 AM yesterday without causing damage. A second quake of medium intensity was felt at Turin.



# Ship's Captain Killed in Mutiny, WSA Tells Wife; 5 of Crew Held

## N.Y. Skipper Slain In Pacific, She Discloses

LUNDBROOK, N.Y., Dec. 17 (ANS).—The shooting and killing of Capt. Austin Fithian, 31, aboard his Liberty ship, at Manus, in the Admiralty Islands and the arrest of five of his crew was disclosed yesterday by his wife, Mrs. Jane Thompson Fithian.

Mrs. Fithian said she was advised of her husband's death Tuesday in a cablegram from the War Shipping Administration in Washington.

The message read, "Through naval channels from Manus, advised Captain Austin Fithian, of steamship Arthur L. Lewis, shot and killed aboard ship. Five crew members, including first and second mates, under naval custody at Manus."

Mrs. Fithian said she had been unable to learn any further details. She said she last saw her husband Oct. 16, nine days before his ship sailed for the Philippines area from Norfolk, Va., with supplies for American occupation troops.

Fithian, father of an infant girl, enrolled in the New York Merchant Marine Academy when he was 17. He became captain two years ago and took command of the Lewis last July.

## 'Magic Carpet' Ends January

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warships will be no longer needed, the officials said.

First warship to be taken from the redeployment run will be the cruiser Savannah, which was due in New York today with a load of troops from Le Havre. She was not scheduled to return to Europe, according to the announcement.

The battleship Washington and the carrier Enterprise will dock in New York on Dec. 20, while the cruisers Philadelphia and Portland are expected there Dec. 22. With the arrival of the cruisers Reno and Augusta in New York on Dec. 23, their redeployment service also will have been completed.

On Dec. 24 the cruiser Boise will arrive in New York after completing her final redeployment voyage from Le Havre. The carrier Randolph will dock the same day with troops from Naples. The carriers Langley and Monterey, both returning from Naples, are due at Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 25 and 30 respectively, while the Wasp is expected at the same port on Dec. 26 with troops embarked at Southampton.

The arrival of the carrier Bataan in Norfolk on Jan. 1 will complete the last combatant ships' redeployment run from Naples.

## Fliers' Murder...

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many—made up the Leadership Corps. The corps is one of six organizations named in the war crimes indictment.

Pointing out that the average German probably never set eyes on Heinrich Himmler, Storey said the block leader symbolized German law and order "just as the cop on the beat symbolizes the chief magistrate of the land."

The Leadership Corps, he said, was responsible for planning, directing and supervising in the furtherance of Nazi conspiracy of aggression.

Storey told how the block leaders, of whom in 1939 there were 463,048, were instructed not only to rule but to spy on the inhabitants of their little empires.

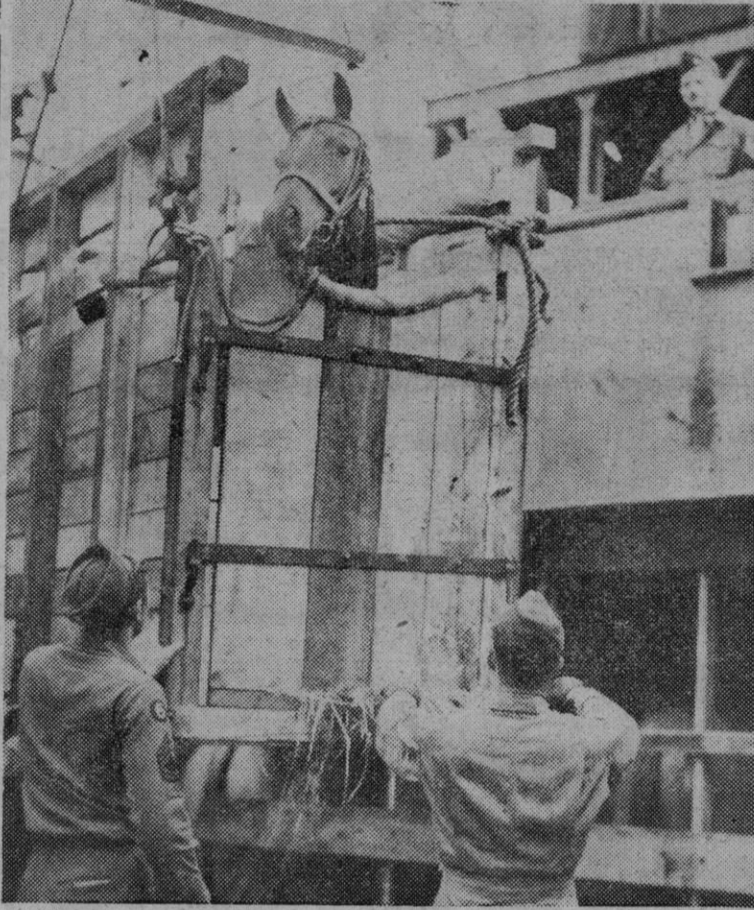
## Army's Record Mixmaster Crashes; 3 Leap to Safety

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP).—The War Department reported early today that the Army's record-breaking plane XB42 (known as the Mixmaster) crashed at nearby Oxen Hill, Md., last night.

The crew of three officers, making a routine flight around Washington, baled out and landed safely. The aircraft was demolished.

The crash occurred about 30 minutes after the bomber had taken off from Bolling field, Wash-

## Horse Shipped From Germany to U.S.



One of 150 thoroughbreds from German stud farms is loaded aboard a ship for transportation from Europe to the U.S. Army Remount Station at Front Royal, Va., to be used for breeding purposes. High-point men of the 6835th QM Remount Co., and the 117th Cavalry went across with the horses.

## UNO Group Begins Hearings To Pick a Home City in U.S.

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—With the U.S. chosen as the site of the new United Nations Organization, a subcommittee today began hearings to determine the exact locale.

Boston and San Francisco were said to have the brightest chances of capturing the international plum. Other cities, which have made strong bids, are Philadelphia, Denver, Chicago, Atlantic City, Salt Lake City, as well as the Black Hills and Wisconsin lakes regions. Spokesmen urging the establishment of the center in St. Louis and Cincinnati will be heard on Thursday. Some American cities have yet to place their bid.

## Navy to Return Sinclair Plants

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP).—The Navy announced today that the Sinclair Oil Co. strike had been settled and that it would release the company's 11 government-seized properties at midnight tonight.

The Sinclair properties were among 53 taken over by the Navy on Oct. 5 under an executive order issued by President Truman, after strikes had crippled production. Four of the plants have already been returned, the Navy said, because of stabilized labor conditions. The Navy is continuing to operate the remaining 38.

H. F. Sinclair, president of the corporation, said the settlement provides an 18 percent pay increase, for a basic 40-hour week to approximately 8,400 employees, and contains a clause barring strikes or work stoppages.

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**Xmas Gift for Spain—53Cents**  
MADRID, Dec. 17 (AP).—Spaniards in Madrid Province will receive a special Christmas week ration of 53 cents worth of coffee, meat and sweets.

**Office in Europe Sought**  
A by-product of the decision to locate the zone in the U.S. has been a movement to set up a major regional office in Europe, possibly at Geneva, where the old League of Nations Buildings could be used.

Attention is also shifting to the question of the nationality of the secretary general of the UNO. It is now fairly certain that the place will not be filled by an American. Among the Europeans informally named for the important position are Netherlands Foreign Minister Van Kleffens, Norwegian Foreign Minister Trygve Lie, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, and Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak.

**30 AAF Wacs Leave China**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (AP).—Thirty Wacs from the China Theater Army Air Force headquarters today left for the U.S. aboard the troopship General Scott. They were the first to leave the China Theater.

## Hess Flight Linked To Failure as Lover

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (AP).—The sexual impotence of Rudolf Hess drove him to undertake his flight to Scotland, another Nazi leader believed.

A Berlin paper has published a letter attributed to Martin Bormann in which he says Hess' flight was prompted by his desire to "prove himself a man to himself, his wife, the Party and the German people."

## New Probe Is Opened in Lichfield Death

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and two officers facing charges of mistreating prisoners.

Ironically, Bolton was not supposed to have been confined to the Lichfield prison. He had been wounded on the Continent, according to IG witnesses, and had been evacuated to the 55th Gen. Hosp. in England. There he was placed in confinement at the request of his company. The CID had no charges against him, however, and a Lichfield officer, who investigated the case 1/Lt. Frank M. Johnson Jr., chief defense counsel in the current trial, recommended he be returned to his company for disciplinary action. Bolton was shipped from the hospital to Lichfield Feb. 13 to be returned to his company on the Continent, but at Lichfield he was put into prison, where he remained until Mar. 9.

When Bolton died at the 85th Evac. Hosp., he was on his way back to his unit through the 19th Reinforcement Depot, commanded by Col. Louis P. Leone, who is the president of the court now hearing the present case.

### 'Possibility of Abuse'

A report cited in Col. Varner's investigation showed that death might have been caused by external blows, and further stated, "There is a possibility the prisoner received abuse and atrocious treatment while confined at Lichfield."

Carroll said the prosecution had obtained the IG reports early today from the London files of the GFRFC command. Previously, Maj. Leland Smith, chief prosecutor, had tried to obtain the reports from the Continent without success, although he had been offered a synopsis of the IG's findings.

Four days ago, the first mention of possible murder at Lichfield was made by Pfc Thomas P. Capello, who testified that while he was a prisoner there had been rumors that inmates had been killed. He said a major had rushed up from London to investigate the incident.

## Guards Beat Prisoners To Bar Awols, Court Told

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Guards brutally mistreated prisoners in order to keep them from going AWOL from combat duty, Mike Kobliski, a general prisoner, testified today at the Lichfield general court martial.

Prisoners were told by the guards, "You won't have to worry about going back to the front if you come back here again," the witness said. Giving the prisoner's viewpoint in contrast, Kobliski declared, "There wasn't any more reason to fight after being beat up—we were fighting to break up concentration camps, and we got one right in our own Army."

In one case, the witness testified, a prisoner was told, "As many times as we have beaten you, you still like this place. Are you afraid of going to the front?"

Kobliski described an interview with 1/Lt. Granville Cubage, prison officer, who allegedly told him, "You fellows don't learn by being here once or twice. The only way to keep you away from here, is to

## Court Bans All Interviews With Prisoners

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NUREMBERG, Dec. 17.—A flat ban on interviews obtained with the war crimes defendants through their attorneys was ordered today by the International Military Tribunal, and the lawyers were warned to "exercise the greatest professional discretion" in making statements on their own behalf.

No names were mentioned, but Soviet radio reports recently have said that Lt. Gen. R. A. Rudenko, the Russian prosecutor, had protested to the tribunal after several of these indirect interviews had appeared in Allied newspapers.

### 'With Greatest Emphasis'

"The tribunal considers it necessary to state with the greatest emphasis that this is a procedure which cannot and will not be countenanced," Sir Geoffrey Lawrence, president of the court, announced. "Counsel should not use the opportunity afforded to them of conferring freely with their clients to act in any way as intermediaries between the defendants and the press."

"The tribunal recognizes that in a trial of this kind, where the public interest is world-wide, it is in the highest degree important that all those who take part in the trial in any capacity whatever should be aware of their responsibility to see that nothing is done to detract from the proper conduct of the proceedings."

"The press of the world is rendering a very great service in giving publicity to the proceedings, and the tribunal feels that it may properly ask for the co-operation of all concerned to avoid anything which might conflict with the impartial administration of justice."

take a club and knock you all over the floor."

The witness added that 1/Lt. Leonard W. Ennis who with Cubage will face trial for mistreating prisoners, declared to the prisoners, "All you guys have Purple Hearts, but you are just a bunch of bums."

The witness quoted Sgt. Judson H. Smith, the defendant, as saying in Cubage's presence, "Anything I do I've got a hell of a lot of backing."

When invoking the Lord's name during a beating one day, the witness testified, a guard shouted at him, "You forget God. I'm your God now."

Kobliski, who was confined three times at Lichfield for AWOL offenses, told the court he was now under a 40-year sentence. In a trembling voice, which nearly broke down, he described his combat experience in a tank outfit from June 20 through Aug. 6, 1944. Approaching Le Mans, the tank on which he was assistant driver burst into flame from a direct hit, and the driver's severed arm suddenly dropped into his lap, according to his testimony. Kobliski, said his hair was burned off, and his hands, arms and shoulder, severely scorched.

Hospitalized later in England, he said he was given a six-hour pass before being ordered back to the front, and that by overstaying his pass two days he was placed in the Lichfield guardhouse.

Special courts martials for AWOLs at Lichfield were conducted in a few minutes, without the accused being able to give details of his case beforehand to the defense counsel, the witness said. Soldiers, usually instructed to plead guilty, would receive six months and a two-thirds pay deduction, he said.

The defendant, who faces a maximum penalty of 37 years, according to his defense counsel, was described by the witness as having struck prisoners on 25 different occasions as the prisoners filed out of the guardhouse. Kobliski added that the defendant instructed the prisoners not to report to the dispensary for injuries suffered from beatings.

## Thanks, Truman Says for U.S., To 12,000,000 Who Fought

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP).—President Truman is saying "Thanks" to 12,000,000 men and women who fought in World War II for the U.S.

The Army and Navy announced jointly that a "testimonial of appreciation," bearing the Presidential seal, would be given to all who served in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard after Sept. 16, 1941, and who have received or will receive honorable discharges.

The testimonial says:

"To you, who have answered the call of your country and served in its armed forces to bring about total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful nation. As one of the nation's finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace."