

May Have to Keep Draft, Truman Warns



Zoot Suit

A Kansas City haberdashery displays single and double-breasted barrels to point out the plight of discharged servicemen who can't buy civilian clothing.

De Gaulle Quits for Good Over Political Quarrels

The young Fourth French Republic was plunged into its gravest political crisis yesterday following the "irrevocable" resignation of Gen. de Gaulle as head of the three-party coalition government.

UNO Unit OKs Pact on Atom

LONDON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The United Nations Assembly's Political and Security Committee today unanimously adopted the Moscow resolution to set up an atomic energy commission.

The vote was 46 to 0 in favor of the resolution as drafted by the Big Three. The Philippine Commonwealth abstained from voting after her delegate previously raised objection to the composition of the proposed atomic commission.

The vote came unexpectedly after the Big Three appealed for quick action. Sen. Tom Connally, one of the American delegates, said the Moscow resolution "provided necessary safeguards for atomic bomb secrets 'at every stage' and emphasized that the commission would be authorized to 'make recommendations, but not compel action.'"

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3th Army to Ship EM With 2 1/2 Yrs.

*YOKOHAMA, Jan. 21 (AP).—Eighth Army Headquarters said today that enlisted men with 30 months' service by April 30 or officers with 45 months' service by that date probably would be en route home by mid-February.

The announcement was released by Col. L. B. Shaw, Eighth Army personnel officer, to clarify an announcement that enlisted men with 45 points or 30 months' service and officers with 67 points or 45 months' service now are being shipped to the U.S. for discharge.

The months of service requirements are based on the April 30 date, the announcement emphasized.

Tentative Shipping Schedule For British Brides Announced

FRANKFURT, Jan. 21.—A tentative schedule for 10 ships to transport approximately 10,000 war brides from England to the U.S. was announced today by Brig. Gen. George S. Eyster, USFET Redeployment Chief.

Gen. Eyster explained that arrangements for French war brides were nearing completion. USFET officials estimated that there were 50,000 to 60,000 war brides and dependents to be transported to the U.S.

Following is the tentative sched-

ule with the name of ship, approximate passenger capacity, and date of arrival or departure from Southampton:

SHIP	LOAD	DATE
Argentina.....	625	Depart Jan. 26
Vulcania.....	1,200	Arrive Feb. 1
Santa Paula.....	585	Arrive Feb. 2
Queen Mary.....	2,400	Depart Feb. 3
Zebulon Vance.....	490	Arrive Feb. 7
Larkspur.....	536	Arrive Feb. 9
Mount Vernon.....	1,200	Arrive Feb. 12
Cristobal.....	215	Arrive Feb. 16
James Parker.....	215	Arrive Feb. 16
Argentina.....	625	Arrive Feb. 17
James Huddleston.....	490	Arrive Feb. 20
Queen Mary.....	2,400	Arrive Feb. 21

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750,000 Steel Workers Out in Greatest U.S. Strike

Trial Told Guard Sang To Muffle Beating Cries

By Art White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The cries of a Negro prisoner being beaten in the Lichfield guardhouse and the noise of the blows were drowned out by a guard singing the "Indian Love Call," the guard, T/5 Ellis D. Adcock, testified today.

Adcock, one of the defendants in the Lichfield trial, said other guards brought Pvt. Joseph Mallory to his office for the beating. While the other guards beat Mallory, Adcock, who was duty sergeant, sang the "Indian Love Call" and two other songs to cover up the sound.

Volunteered Evidence

One of three accused enlisted men who volunteered to give "further evidence" under a grant of immunity from a charge of perjury, Adcock told the court he returned to the stand to "tell the truth."

Questioned by Capt. Earl J. Carroll, assistant prosecutor, Adcock admitted that he lied to Lt. Col. Lawrence W. Varner, an IG investigator, who went to Lichfield to probe charges of mistreatment to prisoners.

Adcock declared he was instructed by Maj. Richard E. LoBuono, former Lichfield provost marshal, and 1/Lt. Granville Cubage, former prison officer, now awaiting trial, to tell Varner that no one was beaten up or mistreated at the guardhouse.

'Rough Them Up'

Adcock said that Cubage had told jailers that the guardhouse was not tough enough and ordered them to be rougher on the men, stand them up against the wall, double-time them, and "rough them up."

When 1/Lt. Leonard W. Ennis took over as prison officer, he told the jailers: "Don't use your hands on the prisoners," and demonstrated how they were to control them with the butt of a rifle, Adcock said.

Adcock told the court that a "Sgt. Nunes," who is not among the accused, informed two Negro prisoners: "You are going to dig your own graves," and made them dig for about 20 minutes.

"When I spoke to him about it," Adcock said, "Nunes replied: 'Oh, Hell! I'm just having a little fun.'"

Congress to Get Leave Pay Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP).—Congressional action on a bill providing lump-sum terminal leave payments for Army and Navy enlisted men and women will be sought next week.

Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes (D-Fla.), chairman of a House subcommittee which has held hearings on eight similar bills, said the full military committee would be asked to approve a draft Tuesday entitling all enlisted men to a maximum of 120 days' pay.

The subcommittee's measure would grant all enlisted personnel two and a half days' furlough for every month in service since Sept. 8, 1939. Sikes told a reporter the payments would depend upon the amount of unused furlough time accumulated by individual soldiers.

Reich Civilian Setup Planned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP).—Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson declared today that a great effort was being made to prepare a civilian organization for taking over the Army's administrative job in the American zone of Germany.

Congress Gets Truman Views

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—President Truman asked Congress today for a budget of \$35,860,000,000 in a combination budget and State of the Union message.

The President said it would be necessary to extend the Selective Service law beyond its expiration date of May 15 if the campaign for volunteers does not produce enough men to maintain an armed force—including Army, Navy and Air Force—of 2,000,000 men.

Concerning the touchy subject of demobilization, he asserted that nine out of every ten men who were in the armed forces on VJ-Day would be out by the end of June, 1946.

Other Proposals

The President warned against any increases in taxes, terming such proposals "ill advised." He also proposed:

- 1—Rent and price controls through June, 1947.
- 2—Food subsidies to prevent price increases.
- 3—Extension of the War Powers Act to continue priorities and equitable distribution of scarce materials.
- 4—Admission of Hawaii and Alaska to statehood.

The President renewed his proposal for settlement of labor disputes by setting up fact-finding boards to prevent strikes when collective bargaining, conciliation and voluntary arbitration fail.

Discussing the requirements of the armed forces, the President said: "Our national safety and security of the world will require substantial armed forces, particularly in overseas service." He said the governing factor now has become "requirements for troops in sufficient strength to carry out their missions."

'Must Clinch Victory'

"We have the task of clinching the victories we have won—of making certain that Germany and Japan can never again wage aggressive warfare."

"That task requires that, together with our Allies, we occupy hostile areas, complete the disarmament of our enemies, and take the necessary steps to see to it that they do not rearm."

The President predicted that con-

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1,292 Plants Hit In 30-State Walkout

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21 (UP).—The greatest single-industry strike in American history, involving 750,000 steel and aluminum workers in 1,292 plants in 30 states, began early today, following refusal of the U.S. Steel Corp. to agree to President Truman's compromise offer of an 18 1/2-cent hourly wage boost.

Thousands of pickets in the freezing East and Middle West, in the South and on the Pacific Coast formed at the gates of mills and marched with placards vowing to fight to the last to win the 18 1/2-cent pay raise.

Murray Takes Charge

The steel strike brings to 1,425,000 the number of workers made idle throughout the country by walkouts, according to latest unofficial estimation.

Philip Murray, president of the CIO, hurried to Pittsburgh today from Washington to take charge of negotiations with U.S. Steel in an effort to bridge the gap between the 15-cent offer of the management and the 18 1/2-cent proposal. Murray will make a radio broadcast to the nation tonight to present the steel workers' case.

Benjamin Fairless, president of U.S. Steel, addressed an open letter to President Truman by means of full-page advertisements that appeared in major U.S. daily newspapers. "In our opinion, there is no just basis from any point of view for such an increase in wages," Fairless emphasized.

Biggest Strike

Never before has a strike in the U.S. involved so many workers and had such likely far-reaching effects. The biggest strike previously was the mass walkout of 450,000 coal miners in 1919.

(In Washington, Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach has invited the presidents of General Electric and Westinghouse Electric Cos. to meet him tomorrow to discuss the dispute, which last Tuesday had sent 175,000 electrical workers off their jobs.)

(The walkout of 263,000 meat in-

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Base Sections to Join; Three Ports Stay Open

Western Base Section will absorb Delta Base Feb. 1, Chanor Base and the London Area Office on March 1; and the port of Marseille will be returned completely to the French on March 15, it was announced yesterday.

The port of Le Havre will be retained until June 30, the same announcement stated. After Feb. 15, Le Havre, Antwerp and Bremen will remain as the only three continental ports through which American troops will be shipped.

Legislator Would Slash Funds Of Services to Speed Up Demob

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—A move is under way in Congress to force the Army into speeding up demobilization by slashing funds for feeding and housing troops. Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) said today that he would offer the proposal as an amendment to a bill coming before Congress next month to return approximately \$6,500,000,000 to the Treasury.

Most of the funds, he said, are

from previous appropriations to the Army and Navy. Dirksen's theory is that if the services do not have the money to feed and house their personnel they will have to bring them home.

Instead of giving the Army and Navy a lump subsistence fund, he stated, appropriations should be allotted in monthly quotas based on the number of men scheduled to be released each month.



Calls GIs Tolerant

It's astonishing to know how broad the views of the U.S. soldier really are. He is forgiving and considerate. He realizes that mistakes may be made in redeployment and can at least vaguely realize the tremendous task of the War Department. There is, however, an end to his tolerance.

I can only consider a man non-essential when he has served through hell in a combat zone, or is not physically able to drive a truck push a pencil, carry a bedpan or perform any of the other thousands of tasks left for the occupation army and the "close-out force." The same ships which carry discharges home can return to Europe with this kind of replacement.

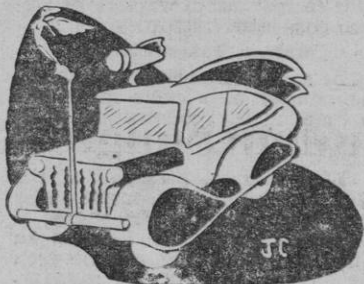
I am the father of two pre-Pearl Harbor kids, have more than a year overseas, was in Germany during the struggle and have 54 points. I'm eligible, but the pipeline is so clogged with 55ers that it looks hopeless for me. My wife is getting gray and I am going nuts. Has anyone a solution?—Cpl. Roy Toler, 235 General Hospital (Jan. 10, 1946.)

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You Can't Miss It

Some low-living person stole my jeep from Schweinfurt the other night. Now they tell me that if it's not found I won't go home this month and that I might have to pay for it. If anybody sees it, will he please notify the MPs or, if possible the 28th Tow Target Sq. at R-25 Schweinfurt, Germany.

It is an Air Corps jeep, winterized with plywood, and has a canvas



top. It also has a civilian steering wheel, a civilian red leather seat on the right hand side, and a pipe bumper with a wire cutter. Its fenders extend down to the bumper, which has a spotlight, and is marked 9 A.D.C., 28 T.T.Sq.

Thank you very much, and I am hoping to hear something.—Cpl. Joe, 28th T.T.Sq.

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He's Hit Where It Hurts

Recently I received a compassionate furlough to visit my wife in England. It was my first leave in 16 months, and being authorized travel by air I flew from Wiesbaden to Paris. At the EATS booking office I expected to book a plane ride to London. I was told they were not allowed to fly any leave personnel to London and was advised to go to the RTO and travel by boat train. The RTO told me that travel for U.S. leave personnel was no longer free, and the fare to London was about \$20 one way.

I had only \$40 balance in my currency control book, the price of a round trip, leaving me only a few shillings for my furlough.

The personnel at EATS were sympathetic and polite but said that their hands were tied. I tried my luck to hitch a ride at the airfield. I saw planes take off with empty seats. But the officer in charge watched each plane like a Gestapo officer as they loaded up.

After three and a half years in the Army, almost two years of it in combat, I have a Purple Heart with cluster and a Bronze Star. But I wonder if anyone is interested any more.—Disappointed Ex-Combat Joe, APO 744.

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SOP Clouds Bright Spot

On a recent pre-check up for Saturday's inspection, we found the only bright thing in this 239th General Hospital taken away from our shelves, namely the pictures of our wives. We reported this to the 1st Sgt. and were told that according to SOP nothing was allowed on top of our clothes lockers.

After being overseas for 28 months and no chance of going home in sight, we at least want the privilege, after looking at our loved ones occasionally.

It's about time we were sent home so we can have more pictures taken and hang them where we damn please.—(7 Signatures—Ed.), 239th Gen. Hosp. France.

Martial Law Declared in Greece; Outlaw Band Frees 32 Prisoners

Country Swept By Wave Of Violence

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (AP).—Athens radio said today that martial law had been declared in the Kalamata area of the Southern Peloponnese after a band led by outlaw leader Mangalis attacked a police station and freed 32 prisoners.

Reuter reported martial law proclaimed in Messenia and Laconia in the Peloponnese, with fighting in Kalamata between thousands of members of "Khi," extreme right organization, and the national guard assisted by police. Masters of the town were seized by armed and uniformed Khi men during the afternoon and police were ordered to fall back toward the prisons to safeguard the lives of left-wing prisoners.

(The 32 prisoners, K's sympathizers, were freed this morning by more than 100 Khi men in uniform with a special armlet bearing the letter "X," Reuter said.)

Moscow radio carried Tass agency reports from Athens alleging Greece is being swept by a wave of right-wing-inspired violence from the "X-ist" bands.

Tass, the radio said, blamed "Monarcho-Fascist" organizations for the disturbances, accused the government of tolerating them, and alleged the "terror" represents an attempt to discredit the left-wing EAM group and hasten a "fake" election.

Tass was quoted as reporting that Fascists in the last two days murdered ten EAM supporters in the Peloponnese. Premier Themistokles Sophoulis was cited as admitting existence of "terror," attributing it to the right wing, and agreeing it reached its greatest intensity in the last few days.

Army, Navy Race Sick Baby to U.S.

HONOLULU, Jan. 21 (AP).—Army and Navy airmen raced with death late today in an effort to save an Australian-born infant daughter of an American sailor.

Officers at Hickam Field said that Mrs. Robert J. Robison and eight-week-old Cherylene were due here by plane this afternoon en route to San Francisco. They left Brisbane Friday.

Doctors say the infant daughter of Robert J. Robison, MM1/C of Virgil, Kan., could not live without a delicate brain operation.

Since the baby is an American the Army arranged to fly her from Australia to Oahu. Here mother and baby will transfer to a Navy plane for the trip to San Francisco.

Greece and Albania Seen Nearing Clash

By L. S. Chakales

Associated Press Staff Writer

ATHENS, Jan. 21.—Two rugged little Balkan nations—Greece and Albania—are squared off in a bitter test of nerves and diplomacy that is loaded with potential armed conflict over the "Northern Epirus" question.

Officially the Albanian government has announced that it will not "yield an inch of territory" to any nation without fighting. This announcement by Premier Enver Hoxha was made in a direct reference to claims by Greece on portions of Albania which Greeks call "Northern Epirus" and which the Albanians describe as "Southern Albania."

Ethnic Claim Filed

The only official Greek action has been to file a claim based on ethnic, historical and cultural grounds with the big powers. The Greeks assert they only want "justice" in the disposition of their claim. Recently more than 100,000 Greeks, assembling in Constitution Square to protest the recognition of the Hoxha regime by the Allies, shouted in unison "We will fight" over the Epirus issue.

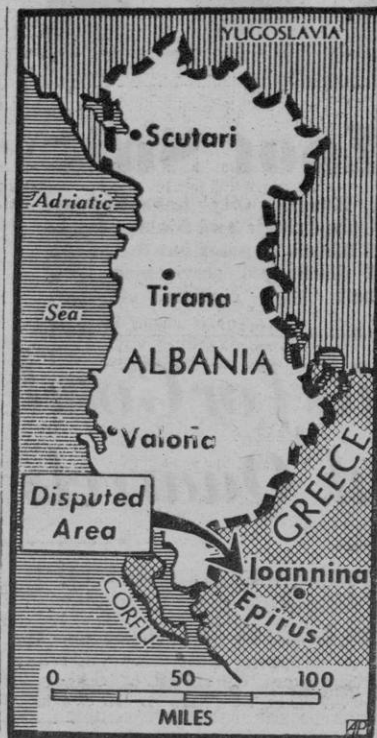
Two divisions of the Albanian Army of 60,000 are stationed in southern Albania near the Greek border, while two more Albanian divisions are in Yugoslavia near the Greek Macedonian border. The presence of Albanian forces in Yugoslavia was disclosed during the recent Albanian elections when the question arose of how they were to vote. An Albanian Army captain told the Associated Press recently in Albania his unit there was "practicing."

Opposite these forces, near Salonika, are units of Indian and Gurkha forces of the British Army. A sizable force of Greek soldiers also is in the vicinity of the Yugoslav and Bulgarian borders. Another portion of the 60,000-man Greek Army is posted near the Albanian border.

Scattered through Greece are two full divisions of British soldiers who are well equipped.

Albania Largely Moslem

Albania's million population is 70 percent Moslem. The country is spending more than half its national budget for military purposes. At a recent parade celebrating liberation from the Germans, a wide variety of weapons, including mechanized equipment, mobile anti-aircraft guns, light artillery and tanks and infantrymen equipped with automatic rifles and machine-guns were displayed. The well-uniformed soldiers were in sharp contrast with the ragged and poorly equipped guerrillas who entered Tirana a year before. An Allied



military observer said he recognized the equipment as mostly Yugoslavian, with several British pieces included.

Albania has no airplanes, while Greece has a few outmoded bombers and fighters.

Charges of Persecution

Charges and counter-charges of persecution of minority nationals in both countries have been flung from the Athens and Tirana radios and newspapers. Hoxha asserted recently that "Greece was worse than the Italian Fascists" in the persecution of Albanians in Greece. Numerous border "incidents" have been reported, a number of which have been authenticated by Allied investigators.

The dispute over the territory has intensified nationalistic feelings in both countries. Hardly a day passes without reference being made in the Greek and Albanian press to each nation's claim.

Spain and Denmark Fix Rate

MADRID, Jan. 21 (AP).—The exchange rate of the peseta and the Danish crown was fixed Wednesday for the first time since April, 1940, when the Germans invaded Denmark. The new rate is 2.77 pesetas for each crown purchased privately and 2.33 pesetas for each crown sold to the government.

Europe Claims On Looted Gold 700 Millions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP).—Government officials, it was disclosed today, estimate European Allied claims against Germany for restitution of looted gold at some \$700,000,000, of which something less than \$300,000,000 has been recovered.

These facts became known here in connection with the Allied agreements recently concluded at an 18-nation conference in Paris on German reparations.

Officials said "every effort" was being made to recover the remaining gold, but that investigation and acquisition of the stolen wealth has been "extremely difficult."

Neutrals' Refusals

One of the main reasons, they said, lay in the refusal of neutral countries like Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal to permit Allied entry and seizure of these "hidden" German-looted assets.

Such action is now being sought under a title-vesting decree passed by the Allied Control Council in Germany, Oct. 30, 1945, authorizing seizure of German government and private property alike—a move being resisted by the neutrals on grounds that it impugns their national sovereignty.

Tracing Difficult

Another difficulty, it was said, lies in tracing present ownership of the stolen gold in former enemy nations.

Based on current unofficial records, Belgium's losses in gold bullion are estimated at about \$200,000,000; the Netherlands at about \$175,000,000; Italy, \$60,000,000; France, \$50,000,000; Austria, \$50,000,000; Denmark, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, \$30,000,000 each.

Officials said a decision was taken in Paris to pool all bullion assets found so far and to distribute proportionate shares among all claimant Allied nations. This would continue as future gold is uncovered.

UK Ports Sought To Handle German PWs Leaving U.S.

The Stars and Stripes Bureau

FRANKFURT, Jan. 21.—Negotiations are under way between the U.S. and Great Britain for the British to handle through their ports the return of 175,000 of the 314,000 German war prisoners to be returned from the U.S. to Europe, it was announced here today.

Prisoners the British will ship and handle are those captured by British Empire troops and for whom, under terms of the Geneva Convention, the British retain initial responsibility. They have been held in the U.S. through an arrangement developed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

War Department policy calls for the removal of all German prisoners from the U.S. by spring.

New Swiss Minister Named

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—The new Swiss minister in Sofia will be K. Von Jenner, who was attached to the Swiss Legation in London from 1931 to 1943, the Swiss radio announced today.

Willie and Joe

By Mauldin



"Car 29, mixed soldiers and poultry; car 30, frozen fruit; car 31, soldiers; car 32, mixed soldiers and farm machinery."



Paris Area

MOVIES TODAY

MARIGNAN—"Anchors Aweigh." Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf.

ENSA PARIS—"Road to Utopia." Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour, continuous 1400-2300. Metro Marbeuf.

STAGE SHOWS

ENSA MARIGNY—"Fun of the Fair," variety show.

OLYMPIA—"Syncopated Journey," Variety, 1430, 2000, 300. Civilian Tickets Available per Show.

MISCELLANEOUS

PX Fountain SHOP—Adjacent to Main PX at Rue de Provence and Rue du Havre. Open daily except Sunday 1300-2130. Malted milk, ice cream, sundaes, beer.

PX BARBER SHOPS—12 Rue de Seze (opposite Rainbow Corner), weekdays 0800-2000. Sunday 0900-1700, with beauty parlor. 146 Champs-Elysees, 0900-1900 weekdays only, with beauty parlor. 48 Avenue Kleber, 0900-1900 weekdays only, no beauty parlor.

COLISEUM CLUB—Enlisted men and guests only. Metro Anvers.

OFFICER-EM CLUB—Lunch and dinner by appointment RIC 64-41. Hotel Louvois. Louvois Sq. Metro Bourse.

COLUMBIA ARC CLUB—State Night Dance, Ohio, EATS Combo GI Band, Broadcast to the States.

Mets

SCALA—"Spanish Main," Maureen O'Hara, Paul Henreid.

ROYAL—"She Went to the Races," Francis Gifford, James Craig.

Officer Tours

FROM MAYFLOWER CLUB—Fontainebleau—Sundays, Thursdays 0900. Versailles—Daily 1330. City Tour—Daily 1000, 1400.

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Britain Loan Faces Stiff Fight

Poll Indicates Slight Odds Favor Passage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—A sample poll of House members yesterday indicated that the proposed \$4,400,000,000 loan to Britain faced a stiff fight.

A slight majority in favor of the loan was indicated by those Congressmen willing to express an opinion, but enough members were undecided or non-committal to throw the decision either way. The loan has already been approved by the British Parliament.

Economic War Foreseen

(An international trade expert of the State Department said today that rejection of the pending loan to Britain would touch off a worldwide economic war which would cost the U.S. thousands of millions of dollars, the Associated Press reported.)

"If there should be an economic war, we could doubtless win it," Clair Wilcox, director of the State Department's International Trade Policy Office, said in a speech prepared for a Cleveland meeting, but he added, however: "It would be a sorry victory."

"A division of the world into contending economic blocs would be a tragedy not only for Britain but for us and every other nation on earth," Wilcox said. He termed Britain a "good risk" and said: "All she needs is a chance to come back."

Hospital Lack Denied by VA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP).—The Veterans' Administration said today that no Pennsylvania veteran requiring hospitalization for service-connected injuries or disabilities was being denied care for lack of facilities.

A spokesman for the agency made the statement in comment on demands of several Pennsylvania veterans' organizations that the Army's Deshon General Hospital at Butler, Pa., be taken over by the VA to fill immediate needs, but Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chief of the agency, said the Veterans' Administration did not want the hospital, which is to close soon and revert to its original owner.

Army Restricted On Death Penalty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP).—President Truman has restored, except in occupied territory, the peace-time regulation preventing courts martial from imposing death sentences for desertion, aiding or advising another to desert, absence without leave and misbehavior of sentinels.

The action restores the limitations suspended by presidential order on Nov. 9, 1942.

Acting Secretary of War Kenneth G. Royall announced, meanwhile, that instructions had been issued to all overseas commanders requiring that all court-martial cases involving the death sentence, or in the case of officers dismissals from the service, be referred to the War Department for final disposition.

The American Scene

Army Restores 1-Year Ban on Brides For West Point Grads, Class of 1949

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP).—A new War Department regulation suggests that the Army's reconversion to full post-war status will be delayed until July, 1949.

Beginning with that date, no newly commissioned second lieutenant may take a bride for a year upon pain of forfeiting his commission.

The long-standing peace-time rule was suspended in 1942 because during the war most new officers came from civil life rather than from West Point.

The 1949 date makes the additional year of enforced bachelorhood apply to the first West Point class to be admitted to the Academy since VE-Day.

The ancient rule that a Military Academy undergraduate may not possess a wife, a horse or a beard remains unaltered.

GI Who Won Rape Appeal Is Freed

LEWISBURG, Pa., Jan. 21 (AP).—An American soldier sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment for rape by an Army court martial in England, but ordered freed by a Federal judge, was released today from the Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary.

Warden William Hiatt said the soldier, Donald Hicks, 25, Kingston, N.Y., was released when military authorities commuted the unexpired prison term after Judge John Briggs Jr. of the U.S. Third District Court of Appeals ruled the GI was convicted illegally.

The case came before Briggs on a habeas corpus action instituted by Hicks. The jurist ruled that Hicks was not permitted at the court martial to cross-examine witnesses, and that some evidence introduced at the trial was not admissible.

Ho-Hum

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP).—Tommy Manville, 51-year-old asbestos heir, and his eighth wife, the former Georgina Campbell, will seek a divorce after five weeks of married life, Manville's attorney announced.

Holdup Men Get 10 Lashes, Eight Years

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 21 (AP).—Convicted of robbery, two men, stripped to the waist in freezing weather, were lashed ten times at the whipping post here yesterday.

They were convicted of taking \$286 in two holdups. They also must serve eight years in the workhouse.

VFW to Ask Benefits During Strikes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The Veterans of Foreign Wars will ask Congress to amend the GI Bill of Rights to make veterans thrown out of work by strikes eligible for unemployment compensation.

The action was decided upon, Omar Ketchum, VFW legislative director, said today after the Veterans Administration rejected a test appeal of 13,000 Flint, Mich., veterans for the \$20 weekly unemployment benefits provided by the bill. The war veterans are idle because of the General Motors strike.

'Ghost' Planes to Fly In Storms to Get Data

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The Navy plans to fly pilotless "ghost" planes into Florida thunderstorms to obtain weather and aerodynamic data under severe weather conditions. The Navy's aerological research facilities at the Banana River air station, and Army Air Force equipment at Orlando will be used during the tests, which will begin March 1.

2,000 Italian PWs Sail; 4,500 Nazis to Follow

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21 (UP).—More than 2,000 Italian prisoners of war, first of 15,300 scheduled to be returned home within the next few weeks, boarded ships in San Francisco Bay yesterday.

The Italians arrived yesterday by train from Tooele, Utah. Officials said 4,500 German PWs would depart from here tomorrow.

Patton Honored At Memorial Rite In Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP).—A ceremony in homage to Gen. George S. Patton Jr. was held at Washington Cathedral Sunday with military, government and diplomatic figures among the 1,500 attending.

The general's widow and members of the Patton family were present for the tribute sponsored by Tank Corps Post 19, American Legion, of which Patton was a member for 26 years prior to his death in Germany last month.

Col. Harry H. Semmes, who served under Patton, told the throng that coming generations would be enriched by the heritage of valor the general left.

Hungarian Republic Seen

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (INS).—NBC reported last night that the Hungarian National Assembly next week would proclaim Hungary a republic. There was no confirmation of this report.

Chairs Blasted Into the Ceiling



Firemen examine the wreckage after a terrific explosion wrecked a four-story factory building in Buffalo, N.Y. Three floors collapsed and a fourth is sagging. Two pedestrians near by suffered injuries.

Panama Sea Level Cut Urged As Safety Against Atom Bomb

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (UP).—Owen Claybourn, superintendent of the Panama Canal, today advocated "turning back the clock 40 years" by converting the waterways into a lockless, damless, sea level cut across the isthmus as a precaution against atomic bombing.

Speaking at a conference of the American Society of Engineers here, Claybourn said atom bombing could do no more damage than could be repaired promptly by dredging if the canal were streamlined for "maximum safety and unlimited capacity."

He said engineers who studied the problem had recommended a 500-foot sea-level channel which he estimated would cost \$1,310,400,000. Claybourn said available reports from Hiroshima indicated that the channel conditions there were unchanged by the bomb blast which destroyed virtually the entire Japanese city. He added that the locks and dams of the present canal were the vulnerable parts as far as bombings were concerned.

Claybourn pointed to the clearing of sunken ships in the Suez Canal within a period of days during the war as proof of the superiority of a sea-level route, and he advocated that the construction be started now that danger of attack was remote, and when construction would be a valuable aid to employment.

U.S.-Czech Air Pact Assures '5th Freedom'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (INS).—The State Department announced today that Czechoslovakia and the U.S. had signed a reciprocal air pact assuring full "fifth freedom" air rights.

Government officials said eight other countries had signed such pacts with the U.S.: Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Eire, Portugal and Switzerland.

Student Sought In Tot's Killing

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (UP).—A search was ordered today for Sidney Lester Sherman, 21-year-old Northwestern University student wanted for questioning in the kidnap-slaying of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan.

Sherman, a former Marine, cast suspicion on himself by failing to appear voluntarily before police after wide publicity that he was being sought, said John Prendergast, police commissioner.

The commissioner disclosed that articles of the youth's clothing, along with a blood stained handkerchief found attached to a wire noose, where parts of the girl's body were discovered two weeks ago, had been sent to Washington for analysis by the FBI.

In Washington, investigators are seeking to determine the ownership of the handkerchief on the theory that laundry numbers on it might be part of an Army serial number.

Probe Won't Call Winnie

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The Pearl Harbor Committee today rejected by 6 to 2 a motion to invite former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill as a witness. The motion was made by Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) who wanted to ask Churchill about his Atlantic conference with the late President Franklin Roosevelt.

Reds Foment Demob Protests, House Probe Counsel Charges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—Erdie Adamson, counsel for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which has been quietly investigating GI demonstrations against demobilization slowdowns, said today that preliminary results of the inquiry had convinced him that some of the mass protests were the result of a "well-laid Communist plot to stir up soldiers."

"We have evidence to show that Communist agitators actually went into the Army for the sole purpose of causing trouble," he said.

Adamson added that in this connection, the committee was particularly interested in the Frankfurt demonstrations. The committee counsel charged that a New York City organization "closely identified with the Communist Party" printed "a lot of handouts designed to upset our homesick soldiers in Europe and the Far East."

Adamson noted that the Army recently made some arrests in connection with Pacific demonstrations and said: "If the Army decides to court-martial any of these men for inciting mutiny, we will keep our hands off. But we may ask the War Department to let us question these men."

(A group of Army doctors and dentists on Guam, meanwhile, notified the Associated Press by cablegram to San Francisco that at a meeting Friday night they had resolved to ask for permission to send a representative before the Senate demobilization subcommittee. Idleness from professional duties, a spokesman said, was "causing decay physically, mentally and morally.")

(The message said the medical and dental officers were not asking for demobilization but for "a fair rotation policy" to permit surplus doctors overseas to return to the U.S.)

Palestine, Tex., Too, Suffers Its Violence



Palestine, Tex., was swept by a hurricane recently in which 24 persons are known to have died and more than 100 to have been injured, some of them in the surrounding communities. State guardsmen and volunteers are shown searching the ruins of a wrecked building for additional victims.

Social Democrats Sweep German Elections

Size of Vote Is Hailed As 83 Pct. Turn Out

By Bob Marshall

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Jan. 21.—Extremely heavy voting, with 83 percent of the eligible voters casting ballots, marked Germany's first free elections in 13 years yesterday.

Final returns compiled by military government today revealed that 376,794 of an eligible electorate of 461,071 went

to the polls to select 1,200 local township councils in 17 of the 39 kreise of Greater Hesse. Thirty-nine percent of the ballots cast went to the Social Democratic Party. The Communist Party polled slightly more than four percent of the votes.

Election results by party were as follows: Social Democrat, 146,508; Christian Democrat, 99,591 (26 percent); Communist, 16,608; Liberal, 5,662; Non-partisan, 92,383; Invalid votes, 16,042.

No Surprise

The lead taken by the Social Democrats was no surprise to political observers here. They pointed out that the party had been one of the most active on the political scene since organized political activity was sanctioned by the Potsdam Declaration last August.

The Communists also have been among the most active and vociferous political groups in Germany. Their unimpressive showing yesterday, it is believed, may be due in part to the fact that only very small communities were voting. The Communists would ordinarily expect to gain the bulk of their strength among workers in urban areas.

Significance Limited

Military government political affairs officials, however, have counseled against reading any particular conclusion on party strength into yesterday's election results. Party platforms so far are very general and bear marked similarity, they point out. Township elections are usually decided on the basis of personalities or strictly local issues, and therefore have little partisan significance.

The size of yesterday's election turnout exceeded expectations. Small sample polls before the election indicated that about 77 percent of the eligibles intended to vote, and Nazi sympathizers were reported urging the population to abstain.

Only 39,000 out of a population of 880,302 were barred from the polls yesterday because of records of Nazi activity.

Yesterday's election was in the nature of a trial run, with only scattered communities in Greater Hesse voting.

Social Democrats Challenge Elections in Soviet Zone

BERLIN, Jan. 21 (UP).—Reliable sources today reported agitation in Social Democrat ranks to declare trade union elections—supposedly non-political balloting conducted during the last week in and around Berlin in the Russian zone—invalid on grounds that Communist Party elements violated the pre-election agreement by distributing written propaganda in a "smear campaign."

The Russians invalidated elections in three plants in the Russian zone because written propaganda had been distributed, and ordered new balloting before Thursday.

Trans-Atlantic Record Set

LISBON, Jan. 21 (AP).—A new trans-Atlantic air record for the New York-Lisbon crossing was set by the Pan-American Constellation which landed here today, nine hours and 58 minutes after departure from New York.

Canberra Brigadier's Ex-Valet Reinstated in Barkeep's Job

CANBERRA, Jan. 21 (AP).—The Schreiber-Fields incident was officially closed today and the former valet of the Duke of Gloucester's chief of staff is going back to his job as barman in Canberra's Hotel Kingston.

J. E. Cassidy, appearing for the hotel at an official inquiry into the alleged victimization of Ernest Cyril Fields by Brig. Derek Schreiber of the duke's staff, told the Conciliation Commissioner that Fields was being reinstated in his job as of Dec. 1, without loss of pay.

Fields had contended that he lost his job as barman, after Schreiber, his former employer, had brought pressure on the hotel management.

The Canberra Trades and Labor Council accepted the terms of the settlement of the dispute which a union spokesman had said was proving "internationally embarrassing" to Premier Joseph B. Chifley.

Schreiber was not called to give evidence.

Night Patrol in Berlin



Although they can make themselves understood only through sign language, the Russian and U.S. members of this mixed patrol get along very well. Their beat is the Russian-U.S. boundary near Tempelhof Airdrome.

Murderers Strike In Ruins of Berlin

BERLIN, Jan. 21 (AP).—An average of two German civilians are murdered and seven others are injured every day by criminals operating through the ruins of this once great city, according to statistics of the Berlin police.

In addition, two more persons are found dead daily from causes unknown but in most cases attributed to criminals. Of those injured by assault one dies every other day.

Other daily averages are: 230 burglaries, ten holdups and three instances of pillage. There are eight traffic fatalities daily.

These statistics, published in the American-licensed newspaper Tagesspiegel, do not include crimes known to be committed by Allied military personnel, which are handled by military police.

The civil police, now being armed, reported crime declining from 15,241 cases in October to 12,318 in December. Suicides have declined to five daily, which the police considered "encouraging."

15 PW's Flee, Sail to Eire

CORK, Eire, Jan. 21 (AP).—Fifteen Germans who said they escaped from an Allied prisoner of war camp at St. Nazaire, France, entered Kinsale Harbor here in a fishing smack yesterday.

After giving themselves up at the military barracks, they were fed and then interned by Irish authorities.

Among the group were six officers, whose spokesman, Lt. Comdr. Martin Clement, of the German Navy, said the men had been at St. Nazaire for nine months, and that they decided to escape because inmates at the camp were near the starvation point.

Clement said they had taken the fishing smack without any trouble, deciding to make either for Spain or Ireland, and that they decided upon Eire because of the unsettled state of Spanish affairs. They sailed 300 miles westward before turning north, Clement said the trip took them three days.

12 Graf Spee Men Lords to Debate Reported Missing Rhineland, Ruhr

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 21 (UP).—Twelve members of the interned crew of the pocket battleship Graf Spee, which was scuttled after a running battle with the British in South American waters, have supposedly fled from their internment camp, according to reports from Mendoza.

It is believed that they are trying to make their way into Chile to elude repatriation. Patrols have been sent out to search the mountainous region bordering Chile in an effort to intercept the fugitives.

Labor Troubles Mounting in Italy

ROME, Jan. 21.—Industrial strife mounted in northern Italy today when nearly 3,000 laborers demanding re-employment invaded the Caproni works at Ponte San Pietro, the Rome newspaper, Il Globo, reported.

An agreement was reached here, meanwhile, by industrial and labor groups to permit partial layoffs in northern Italy. Under Mussolini's laws layoffs were banned, and the government has been paying thousands to workers even though they were idle.

U.S. Gets Jap Hawaii Data

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—Japanese archives and premises in Hawaii have been turned over to the U.S. by Sweden, which had represented Japanese interests there since Pearl Harbor, the State Department announced today.

Fraser Urges Mandates of War I for UNO

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP).—Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, demanded before the United Nations Organization's trusteeship committee today that France and South Africa immediately turn their mandates over to the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

He declared he was "at a loss" to understand the position of the two countries, which he said had shown hesitancy in declaring their intentions.

France May Be Willing

Last Saturday, French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault said France would consider turning its mandates over to the United Nations providing trusteeship agreements could be worked out with the approval of both France and representatives of the Cameroons and Togoland, the French mandates.

Gaston Monerville, a member of the French delegation from French Guiana, told the committee today that France wanted to include Togoland and the Cameroons in the French Union and said representatives of these two territories were now helping to frame the new constitution for the French Republic.

Demands Clarification

Fraser immediately demanded clarification of the French intention.

South Africa has expressed a desire to incorporate the mandated territory of former German Southwest Africa into its Union.

Declaring that any attempt to annex mandated territory would be making "scraps of paper" out of international obligations, Fraser said the sovereignty belonged to the Allied and Associated Powers of World War I.

Report France Seeks Loan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—France is reported to be seeking a loan, estimated by some sources as in the neighborhood of \$75,000,000, for purchase of machinery and material for reconstruction.

The loan, which will be sought from the U.S. Export-Import Bank, would not permit France to embark on its original \$3,000,000,000 reconstruction program, however, as long-time loans are not likely to be obtained until after the International Bank has been set up.

Some quarters saw current strikes and reconversion problems as cutting down the extent of future credits the U.S. may be able to extend to its Allies.

Super Airliners to Fly Trolley-Car Schedules

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—United States airlines are planning fleets of super airliners to operate between major cities on trolley-car schedules which will require no advance reservations, Robert Ramspeck, executive vice-president of the Air Transport Association, told the Washington Advertising Club. He said the first liners should be available late this year or early in 1947.

Some of the planes will carry up to 200 passengers at 300 miles an hour in altitudes of more than 30,000 feet. Ramspeck said the airlines would operate at least 1,239 planes capable of carrying 49,357 passengers and flying more than 10,000,000,000 miles a year.

Three GIs Get Prison Terms For Tokyo Black Marketing

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (INS).—Three American soldiers, found guilty of diverting hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of Army goods into Tokyo's black market, were handed prison sentences from six months to two years today.

A fourth defendant, 1/Sgt. Robert J. Babcock of Harvey, Ill., was acquitted.

The three convicted were Pvt. Harry F. Bobst of Philadelphia, sentenced to two years' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge; S/Sgt. Alex R. Mintz, sentenced to

six months' imprisonment; and Pvt. Robert Coker of Louisville, Ky., sentenced to one year in prison and dishonorable discharge.

The three GIs were convicted of stealing Army goods and supplying a black market allegedly headed by Marino Bocca, an Italian embassy employee.

Bocca was arrested when the ring was broken up in a raid on Tokyo's Marounuchi Hotel several months ago. The Italian will be tried by an American military commission within the next two weeks.

Terror Sweeps Jerusalem; Bombs Damage Radar Station on Coast

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21 (AP).—Palestine counted at least two dead and 17 wounded today after a weekend of terror swept Jerusalem and spread to the coastal area 60 miles northwest. Power installations, the Jerusalem studios of the Palestine broadcast service and the Olga Givath coast guard station were targets of bomb attacks.

A reliable source reported 15 British soldiers were wounded, two of them seriously, in an explosion which demolished a tower at the coast guard station Sunday. A British constable also was said to have been injured in the blast.

The station, damaged by a bomb in November, 1945, was being rebuilt.

Radar Station Target

Informed sources said the target of the Olga Givath attack was a police radar station believed to have been used to detect ships en route to Palestine with illegal immigrants.

The curfew, clamped down on Jerusalem after Saturday night's outbreak of shots throughout the city, was to be lifted today.

(Palestine police detained several hundred youths and men after a search of the slum quarter of Jerusalem's Jewish district, Reuter reported. While British troops formed a ring around the men, police conducted interrogations and transported hundreds to a football field on the outskirts of the city for searching.

(Reuter said British troops were patrolling the deserted streets of the Jewish districts. British Army engineers have erected barbed-wire barricades around the general post office and other government buildings and military installations.)

Truman Opens U.S. Records To Committee on Palestine

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—President Truman has ordered all departments and agencies of the Federal government to furnish the Anglo-American committee on Palestine with records and documents needed for study.

Confidential documents, disclosure of which would prejudice U.S. interests, would be withheld under the President's order. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes has been authorized to assign State Department employees, including foreign service officers, to assist U.S. members of the committee and to request similar loans from other departments.

Spanish Group Defies British

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP).—Bitter criticism of Britain's policy towards Spain was expressed by Spanish Republican leaders at a dinner on Sunday night given in honor of Jose Giral, last Republican Premier of Spain.

Socialist Deputy Luis Araquistain, voicing criticism, said: "The main interest of the British, without party distinctions, seems to be not to aid the Spanish Republic."

He added that the British have such an attitude because "they believe that the perfect form of government for Spain would be a monarchy."

He expressed satisfaction at France's "strong stand against Franco," insisting that, "Spain will have a Republic despite the British."

DBS Group Sails With 2nd Arm'd.

MARSEILLE, Jan. 21.—A group of Delta Base Section high-pointers sailed from this port for home today with another 1,600 or more men of the Second Arm'd. Div.

The Second Arm'd. left on the MIT Victory, with one unit on the Liberty Ship John Hathorn. The Hathorn and the George Handley, also a Liberty, carried DBS men.

Marseille Departures

Ship	Load	Date
MIT Victory.....	1,565	Jan. 21
George Handley Lib.	575	Jan. 21
John Hathorn Lib...	560	Jan. 21

In Port

Ship	Load	Expected Sailing
Rushville Victory....	1,500	Jan. 22
St. Albans Victory...	1,500	Jan. 22
Ezra Cornell Liberty	550	Jan. 22

16 Stalin Volumes Planned

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP).—A Moscow broadcast heard here today said 16 volumes of Stalin's writings since 1901 would be published in the next two years by the Control Committee of the All-Union Communist Party.

Raises and New Suits End Newspaper Strike

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (AP).—Athens newspapers resumed publication Sunday following a strike settlement in which employers granted reporters and linotype operators a wage increase of 66 percent plus a bonus of a woollen suit and a pair of shoes for each. The strikers stopped work Thursday, demanding a 100-percent increase.

400 Jap Plants Seized for Use As Reparations

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (INS).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today seized more than 400 Japanese war plants for eventual use as reparations to victims of Japanese aggression.

Included in the seizure list were 265 aircraft plants, 33 naval arsenals, 36 Army arsenals and 30 research laboratories. Two-fifths of the expropriated installations were owned by the five major war-manufacturing companies, Mitsubishi, Hatachi, Nakajima, Michi and Kawasaki.

Plants Under Guard

MacArthur's order was intended to prevent deterioration of equipment and removal of machinery by Japanese for reconversion to peacetime industry.

American officers, instructed to carry out the directive, were ordered to have the Japanese place the seized plants under guard to prevent theft, sabotage or unauthorized removal of equipment.

The Japanese were also ordered to provide the personnel necessary for maintenance.

Reconversion Banned

Japanese authorities were directed to return machinery already removed from plants and to cancel any permits for peacetime reconversion unless such reconversion was "immediately and absolutely necessary for civil economy."

The final disposition of the seized installations was not specified.

It was believed that the Reparations Commission which has been investigating Japan's industrial and economic structure will recommend that the buildings be turned over to the Chinese and Philippine Governments.

Requests Refused

Two requests for release of impounded funds in Japan were refused today by Allied headquarters.

MacArthur's headquarters announced that the request for release of personal funds of Col. Omero Principini, Italian Embassy Attaché, was turned down.

A spokesman said that Principini had been very active in Fascist circles and "had engaged in considerable collaboration with the Japanese."

The second request came from the Japanese government, which asked for Allied permission to send 1,700,000 yen to Korea for relief of Japanese refugees.

Iran Premier Quits Post in Surprise Move

TEHERAN, Jan. 21 (AP).—Ibrahim Hakimi told the Associated Press today he had resigned as Iranian Prime Minister.

Hakimi, whose fall had been predicted for the last three weeks, said he had presented his resignation to the Shah last night.

Hakimi said he had "succeeded in placing Iran's case before the United Nations Organization and I am now ready to step down."

His action came as a surprise to friends and supporters who only yesterday pointed out that recent political moves had assured him of at least 30 days' continued power.

Hakimi said he was unable to predict who would succeed him. The names of Ghassem Us Saltaneh, Ali Mansour, Governor Khorassan and former Premier Pirnia have been discussed during the last few weeks.

Many observers have expressed the opinion that the Shah will ask Hakimi to form a new government.

Saltaneh, a former premier, is a large landowner in Russian-occupied North Persia and many deputies predict he will be able to gain Russian favor for the government.

Hakimi's assistant said the new premier probably would be named by the Shah after a poll of the Majlis (Parliament).

Iran May Negotiate Directly With Russia, Delegate Says

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP).—Nasrullah Entezam, Iranian delegate to the United Nations Assembly, told the Associated Press today that the resignation of Prime Minister Hakimi in Teheran "may mean the institution of direct negotiations with Russia" to settle Iran's dispute with the Soviet Union.

Thus the possibility arose that the Iranian-Soviet dispute might be taken out of the hands of the world peace agency's Security Council.

The Iranian delegation Saturday night filed an appeal with the Security Council asking it to investigate alleged Russian interference in Iran's internal affairs.

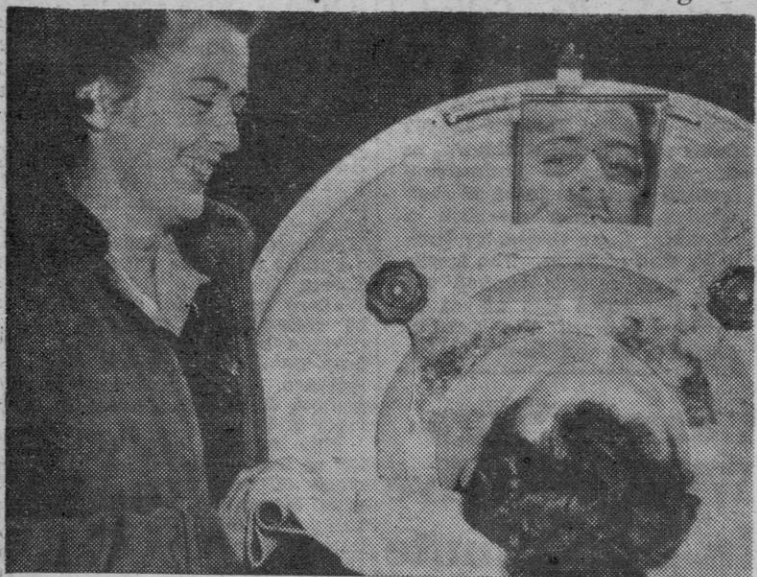
The Iranian appeal would not stand if the new Iranian government backed down from the position taken by the Hakimi cabinet.

Moscow Radio Charges Iran Repressed Azerbaijan Regime

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP).—A Moscow radio broadcast heard here today charged that the Iranian government had carried out measures of economic and financial repression toward the self-proclaimed autonomous government of provincial Azerbaijan.

The Russian broadcast, heard here by the Associated Press, declared that normal trade with other Iranian provinces and with foreign markets had been disrupted as a consequence, and said the national government of the Soviet-occupied province had named a commission to establish independent trade relations with foreign countries.

Calcutta to California in an Iron Lung



After a 11,000-mile trip from Calcutta, India, in an iron lung aboard an ATC transport, Cpl. Walter Hargrave, attended by Lt. Peggy O'Neal, arrives at Hamilton Field, Calif. This was the longest known flight in an iron lung.

ETO Air Force, Cut to 39,000, Couldn't Meet a Hurry Call

WIESBADEN, Jan. 21 (AP).—The American Air Force which once ruled the skies of Europe has been so damaged by redeployment of personnel that it would take at least three days to bring one squadron of 16 fighters into action and a week to get one squadron of medium bombers into effective operation.

This statement was made yesterday by officers at the U.S. Air Force in Europe headquarters.

The trouble is not lack of planes but of men to fly and service them, it was said. On VE-Day the U.S. European Air Force numbered 450,000 men, now there are only 39,000 "effectives."

The size of the occupational Air Force has been set at 70,000.

"We are urgently in need of replacements to build up to our authorized strength," said Lt. Gen. John Cannon, USAF commander. He added that incoming replacements "for the most part require several months of job training before they can step into the ever-widening gaps left by trained personnel."

There are plenty of American

planes in Europe, some 9,000, but most of these planes were said to be "pickled," parked in open fields or stored in hangars where they were subject to deterioration from lack of use and care.

Officers say there are scarcely enough men to guard them.

One bright spot, it was said, is that most of the men left are low-pointers who are likely to remain for some time.

Under current plans, the permanent occupational air force will consist of 2,700 planes, including some 200 B29s scheduled to arrive soon. These long-range giants will be backed up by 750 fighter-bombers, about 100 medium bombers, 650 transports and many specialized planes.

Atlanta Editor Plugs For U.S. Info Service

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP).—Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, today urged President Truman to retain the State Department's information program.

McGill, in a telegram, said he differed with Dean Carl Ackerman, who asserted the program was one of propaganda. McGill asserted "it is an information program."

McGill was an unpaid consultant to the State Department in establishment of the information plan.

Relief Clothing Awaits Shipment to Norway

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UP).—The Norwegian Embassy reported today that \$250,000 worth of relief clothing was in New York awaiting shipment to Norway. The spokesman also said that American relief organizations planned to purchase 100,000 pairs of U.S. Army shoes and \$100,000 worth of kitchen equipment for Norwegian relief, and added that American labor planned to send Norway 13 fully equipped U.S. Army ambulances.

ATC Stops Passenger Service, Stranding U.S. Civilians in Italy

ROME, Jan. 21 (UP).—A blanket order from Air Transport Command stopping all further traffic by "revenue passengers" on ATC planes and failure of TWA to "come through" with its announced regular U.S.-Rome passenger service left American civilians, including correspondents and government officials, virtually stranded in Italy today.

Affecting an undisclosed number of Americans awaiting transport to the U.S., the ATC order came from the North African division and informed ATC in Italy to discontinue the service through Casablanca for paying passengers.

TWA headquarters in Washington last month announced that 18-hour Rome-Washington flights would begin in the middle of January, using Lockheed Constellations. But in Rome, TWA officials said that the service was not expected before

the end of February because the air line had been unable to surmount unspecified difficulties.

ATC fare for the Rome-New York flight was \$725, almost \$400 more than Pan-American's London-to-New York fare.

Flights to Berlin, Scandinavia To Start From 2 UK Fields

BERLIN, Jan. 21 (AP).—The American Overseas Air Lines will begin continental commercial service with two flights—one into Scandinavia and the other into Berlin, it was announced today.

The Scandinavian route, which is scheduled to begin Feb. 2, will be from Shannon field, Ireland, to Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm. The flight to Berlin, which is due to start Feb. 15, will begin in London or Hurn to Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Berlin.

What's Wrong With This Picture



No—naturally we don't mean with Ava Gardner. If you look closely at the background you'll see it is just a studio prop. But who is going to look at the background?

Maple Leafs Win Over Rangers



The puck is safe in the cage after Ranger Goalie Chuck Rayner (lying on ice) was lured away from it during a game at the Garden between Toronto and New York. Others shown are Bill Moe (No. 21), Rangers; Neil Colville (No. 3), Rangers; Sylvanus Apps (N. 10), Leafs.

Record Crowd Watches Chicago Blast Rangers

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP).—The Chicago Blackhawks treated the largest crowd in history of organized hockey to one of the highest scoring displays of the season as they defeated the New York Rangers, 9-1, in the Chicago Stadium last night. Coupled with Montreal's loss to Boston, the victory enabled the Hawks to tie the Canadiens for the lead of the National Hockey League.

In the third game, Toronto's Maple Leafs whipped the Detroit Red Wings, 3-1, on Gaye Stewart's two goals, to record their fourth straight league win.

A crowd of 19,749, an all-time record, watched the Black Hawks run up a 7-0 lead before New York broke through for its first goal. Max Bentley, the lithe Hawk who leads the league in points scored, added three more goals to his total. The game failed to produce the fireworks the crowd had anticipated from the feud between the two clubs, a feud that brought nume-

NHL Standings				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal.....	16	11	3	35
Chicago.....	16	10	3	35
Boston.....	14	9	6	34
Detroit.....	13	10	5	31
Toronto.....	11	17	3	25
New York.....	7	20	4	18

rous injuries and penalties to players on both sides in their last two meetings, both won by New York by 3-2 scores.

A packed crowd saw the Boston Bruins even their week-end home-and-home series with Montreal by shutting out the Canadiens, 3-0.

It was the second time that the Canadiens have been held scoreless in Boston this season, for Bibeault, who manned the Boston net before Brimsek was available, turned back his current teammates by the same margin.

In Detroit, the Toronto Maple Leafs moved to within three games of the fourth-place Red Wings by virtue of their 3-1 win, although playing without four of their forwards and one defenseman.

Stewart, running his goal output to 23 for the season, scored twice within eight minutes of the first period and easily was the fastest man on the ice, twice getting away for solo sprints in the final period, only to have his shots stopped by goalie Harry Lumley.

Kentucky Cagers Not Favored-Rupp

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 21 (UP).—Adolph Rupp, one of the nation's top-ranking basketball coaches, tonight denied that he dominates athletics and suppresses football at the University of Kentucky.

Rupp, who has turned out some of the best basketball teams in the country during the past several years and who usually has the South's best five, said: "There is no one who would rather see Kentucky have a good football team than I. I made one trip last year and contacted 22 prospective football players and talked with only two prospective basketball players."

Coach Rupp said "certain southern sports writers" have been unfair to him in reporting that Kentucky couldn't obtain good football players because he used most of the school's 25 athletic scholarships to obtain basketball players.

DeGroot Signs As Grid Coach At Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21 (AP).—Edward "Slip" Madigan, general manager of the Los Angeles club of the All-America professional football conference, announced today that Dudley DeGroot had been signed as coach.

DeGroot resigned Friday as coach of the Washington Redskins of the national pro football league.

Madigan described the contract also as "long term" but declined to say how long it would run or disclose DeGroot's salary. He said DeGroot's contract with the Redskins had three years to go.

Twenty-two players, 16 of whom have pro experience, Madigan said, have been contacted by letter. Their names will not be announced, however, until they have signed conference contracts.

In the last two years DeGroot's Redskins chalked up 27 wins in 34 games.

Slocum Award To Al Schacht

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP).—Al Schacht, clown prince of baseball, has been voted the Bill Slocum Memorial Award for high contribution to baseball by the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association.

The comedian, who pitched for Washington 1919-21, coached with Washington and the Boston Red Sox, made three overseas trips to North Africa, Sicily, New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, Philippines and Japan. He staged almost 500 overseas performances, appearing before almost 2,000,000 troops in addition to appearances at service hospitals and camps in this country during the war.

The award is named for the late Bill Slocum, widely known baseball writer and one of the originators of the award.

Philly Would Save Jacobs \$300,000

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21 (INS).—Pennsylvania State Boxing Commissioner Leon L. Rains asserted that promoter Mike Jacobs was "throwing \$300,000 out of the window" by staging a heavyweight championship bout between Joe Louis and Billy Conn in New York. "I know that the Mayor (Bernard Samuel) would have saved him at least \$150,000 in rent alone with Philadelphia's city-owned municipal stadium," he declared.

Other royalties to be paid to New York State in movie, radio and television rights would not have to be considered in Pennsylvania, Rains added.

Collegiate Basketball Trims Unbeaten List to Five Teams

Penna Nabs Richmond Golf Title

RICHMOND, Calif., Jan. 21 (AP).—Tony Penna won the Richmond Open golf tournament with a 72-hole score of 280 to collect \$2,000 in victory bonds yesterday.

Three players tied for second—Ben Hogan, Sam Byrd and Mark Fry at 281.

More than 3,000 spectators watched the 39-year-old links vet sink a six-foot putt on the final green to win his first major tourney since the 1938 Kansas City Open.

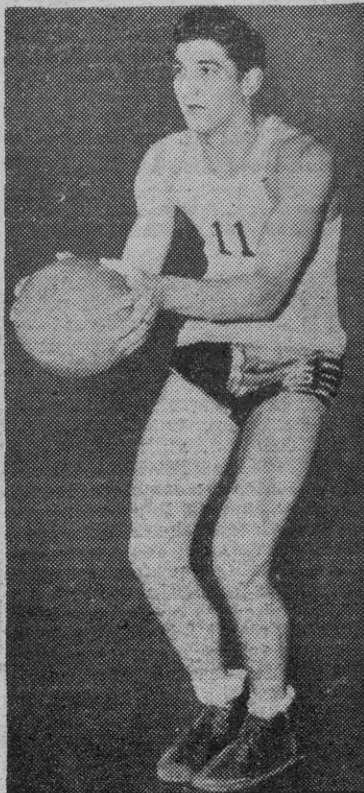
When he walked down the eighteenth fairway he needed a birdie four on the 487-yard hole to win. His second shot stopped 75 yards from the green. His niblick put a backspin on the ball that stopped it after a six-foot roll over the hole.

Byrd and Fry, finishing earlier in the day, already had tied for the lead at 281. One of Penna's playing partners, Hogan, came out of a trap and knocked in an eight-footer for a 68 that also deadlocked him at 281.

It was a crucial moment for Penna, who had scrambled through the round making good recoveries, to cling to a chance for top prize. Without hesitating he tapped the ball into the cup. Had he missed the putt it would have thrown him into a four-way tie.

Charles Congdon followed the bunched Byrd, Fry, and Hogan with a 282, while Jimmy Hines and Jim Ferrier, tied with a 283.

Dead-Eyed Mike



Mike Medish, 6-5 Ohio school basketball star, recently set a new Ohio record for both high school and college competition when he scored 59 points in a single game.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP).—Seven more quintets were chopped off the select list last week of college basketball's undefeated teams, leaving only five major outfits with a clean slate. They are West Virginia, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Gettysburg and Navy.

Latrobe, Pa., Called Pro Football's Home

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (ANS).—The National Football League today recognized Latrobe, Pa., as the birthplace of professional football and appointed a commission to help establish a memorial there similar to baseball's Hall of Fame. The league said that records showed the first pro game was played at Latrobe between the Latrobe YMCA team and Jeannette, Pa.

Chanor Stars Whip Oise Five In Last Minute

BRUSSELS, Jan. 21.—The undefeated Chanor Base All-Stars made a bid for the mythical ETO championship by subduing Oise, 51-49, in a game which saw the score knotted eight times.

Chanor's Paul Shields, former Indiana star, with a minute to go broke a 48-48 deadlock and choked off a rally by the Oise Five. A charity toss for each side, as the result of a double foul, ended the scoring.

While the victory was the 15th consecutive win for Chanor, it also marked the first loss for Oise in 23 tilts. Since being defeated by Orly Field in its first game of the year, Oise had defeated all opponents.

Jack Denttinger, former Marquette passer, grabbed scoring honors with 27 points. Ed Klinker, Kalamazoo, paced the winners with 20 counters. John McGowan, diminutive guard from Chicago's Mt. Carmel High School, put on an outstanding exhibition of floor play and ball stealing for the home club, and held Charlie Edwards, Oise star, to six points while scoring eight himself.

Azores Defeat 359th Engineers

The fast-moving Azores' All Stars walked off with the first of three scheduled games to be played in Paris Saturday night when they topped the 359th Engineers from Brussels, 32 to 27, at the Magasins Dufayel.

Glen Bloom paced the invaders from the islands with 13 points while Pohlman added six. Popolo led the losers with eight.

Burtonwood Trounces Bremen Bears, 63-40

BURTONWOOD, Eng., Jan. 21.—Burtonwood's Bears' added emphasis to their 43-42 Thursday night basketball victory over the Bremen Port Command last night by trouncing the Bears again, 63-40. Center George Bishop, St. Louis, Mo., gathered the night's scoring glory with 24 points, ringing in 20 of them in the second half.

The bearcats, last year's UK champs, will not play in the ETO basketball tourney this season. Most of the men, now eligible for discharge, will leave the theater within the next month.

Question for the UNO:

Can Sports Prevent Wars?

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (ANS).—Can a soccer ball stop a war? You'd have your pros and cons on that one, but a fellow who saw 28 months of Army service, mostly in Europe's war-torn areas, thinks a bit of athletic equipment here and there might go a long way toward the prevention of another world war.

He's Johnny Hinkle, newly-appointed head of the publicity office at Notre Dame, who stopped off in Chicago yesterday on his way back to watch the undefeated Irish basketball team at work.

Said Hinkle: "You've no idea what it's like over there. Take one of those little towns in Italy. The people just have nothing to do. Their newspapers are one page in size. Places of entertainment are small and far between."

"As a result, they sit around and mull over things, and pretty soon you've got dissension and then here we go again."

But give them a soccer ball, or a softball or football and, according to Hinkle, the change is little short of amazing.

He explained: "Nothing fascinated those people in Italy and Austria like a bunch of GIs playing a game of softball. They'd just stand around with their mouths open and watch."

West Virginia ran its string to eleven by nipping Penn State and Carnegie Tech, while the Irish made it ten straight by taking St. Louis and Great Lakes. Notre Dame chose to do it the hard way both times, by coming from behind. Holy Cross and Gettysburg each won two more games to make their record seven straight, while Navy knocked over Maryland and George Washington for the four-zero mark.

Falling from the unbeaten ranks during the week were: Baldwin Wallace by Toledo, 47-33; Cornell by New York University, 62-46; Georgia by Vanderbilt, 44-38; Tulane by Alabama, 39-28; Yale by Harvard, 39-37; Northwestern by Illinois, 45-38, and Capital by Ashland, 47-41.

This leaves a long and imposing list of once beaten clubs. They include (figures denote number of wins) Kansas 13, Wyoming 12, Kentucky 12, New York U. 11, Oklahoma Aggies 10, Akron 10, Toledo 10, Cornell 9, Iowa 9, Colgate 8, Detroit 8, Louisiana State 8, Yale 8, Harvard 7, Wesleyan 6, Pitt 5, and St. Michael's of Vermont 4.

The record is due for another shakeup during the week with Wyoming and the Oklahoma Aggies clashing twice, Kentucky playing Notre Dame and Rhode Island tackling Holy Cross.

The various conferences shape up as follows:

Ivy League			
	W	L	Pct.
Cornell.....	5	0	1.000
Dartmouth.....	3	1	.750
Pennsylvania.....	3	2	.600
Columbia.....	2	4	.333
Princeton.....	0	6	.000

Big Ten			
	W	L	Pct.
Minnesota.....	3	0	1.000
Ohio State.....	4	1	.800
Iowa.....	3	1	.750
Indiana.....	4	2	.667
Northwestern.....	2	2	.500
Michigan.....	3	3	.500
Illinois.....	3	4	.429
Purdue.....	2	3	.400
Chicago.....	0	4	.000
Wisconsin.....	0	4	.000

Big Six			
	W	L	Pct.
Kansas.....	4	0	1.000
Oklahoma.....	2	1	.667
Iowa State.....	2	1	.667
Nebraska.....	2	3	.400
Missouri.....	1	3	.250
Kansas State.....	1	4	.200

Pacific Coast			
South			
	W	L	Pct.
USC.....	5	1	.833
California.....	5	1	.833
UCLA.....	2	4	.333
Stanford.....	0	6	.000
North			
	W	L	Pct.
Oregon State.....	4	1	.800
Washington.....	4	2	.667
Idaho.....	3	4	.429
Oregon.....	2	3	.400
Washington State.....	1	4	.200

How the other loops stack up: Southwest: Baylor moved into a tie for first with Arkansas by trimming Southern Methodist and Rice. Both Baylor and Arkansas have won three of four conference tilts.

Missouri Valley: St. Louis tied the Oklahoma Aggies for first by whipping Wichita after the Aggies had beaten the Shockers.

Southeastern: Kentucky trounced Tennessee for its successful league debut.

Southern: Duke still at the top unbeaten in eight league games while North Carolina has won six of seven, losing only to Duke.

Big Seven: The Colorado Aggies took over first by surprising Colorado, which is second, followed by Wyoming and Brigham Young.

Ohio: Toledo went into first by beating Baldwin Wallace and was aided by Capital's loss to Ashland.

Middle Atlantic: Muhlenberg and Gettysburg still undefeated in league competition.

Lehigh Grid Post Offered to Kostka

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 21 (AP).—Stan Kostka, star back of the 1934 Minnesota football team, said Saturday night he had been offered the post of head football coach at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. Kostka, head football coach at North Dakota Agricultural College before entering the Navy about four years ago, said he had not made up his mind. The offer included the right to name his two assistants.

Detroit Mails Contracts to 42 On Active List

DETROIT, Jan. 21 (AP).—With only four members of the Detroit Tigers, world series baseball champions, already signed for 1946, along with three former servicemen, General Manager George M. Trautman announced that contracts were mailed to 42 other men on the club's active player list.

Outfielder Roy Cullenbine, catcher Bob Swift and Pitchers Virgil "Fire" Trucks and George Caster from the 1945 American League pennant winners already are in the fold, Trautman said.

Others under contract are Dick Wakefield, Navy dischargee, who batted .355 for Detroit in 1944, and Walter "Hoot" Evers, who starred on the outfielders for Beaumont before the war.

Altogether 49 players constitute the group of Tiger candidates scheduled to report to Manager Steve O'Neil for training at Lakeland, Florida, beginning Feb. 20.

Still in the service are such former Tiger notables as catcher George "Birdie" Tebbets, infielders Pinky Higgins and Jimmy Bloodworth and outfielders Ned Harris and Pat Mullin.

In addition, Ruffus Gentry, 12-game winner of 1944, who was a holdout all last season, is expected to come to terms for 1946 to bolster the Tiger hurling staff headed by Hal Newhouser, Paul "Dizzy" Trout, Al Benton and Frank "Stubby" Overmire who rotated regularly as starters last year.

Florida Net Title To Billy Talbert

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 21 (AP).—Billy Talbert, Wilmington, Del., defeated Gardner Mulloy, Miami, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, to win the Florida West Coast amateur tennis title.

At the top of his game, Talbert had little difficulty in downing the rangy Miamian. His forcing tactics prevented Mulloy's coming to the net, where he is a masterful player.

Talbert and Mulloy, National Doubles title holders, captured the doubles finals from the Pacific Coast champions, Morey Lewis and Jack Cushingham of Los Angeles, 6-4, 8-6, 2-6, 6-3.

Navy Schedules Four Indoor Track Meets

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 21 (ANS).—Navy's indoor track schedule for the 1946 winter season calls for four meets, all of them in Madison Square Garden.

The Middies will open their winter season in the Millrose Athletic Association games on Feb. 2. The remainder of the Tar schedule in the Garden lists the New York Athletic Club indoor track meet on Feb. 16; the Amateur Athletic Union indoor track meet on Feb. 23 and the ICAA indoor track championships on March 2.

Time	TODAY	TOMORROW
1200-News	1900-Showtime	0600-News
1205-Off the Record	1930-Fibber McGee	0615-Morning Report
1300-At Your Service	2000-Barry Wood	0715-Hymns Home
1305-Sports Review	2030-Bob Hope	0730-Fred Waring
1315-Remember	2100-Nuremberg Trials	0800-GI Jive
1330-Asked for it	2115-Music	0815-News
1400-Love Song	2130-AFN Playhouse	0830-Repeat Perform.
1430-Information	2200-Mail Call	0900-Modern Music
1500-News	2230-Fred Allen	0930-Take Ten
1505-Beaucoup Music	2300-Music	0940-Listening
1600-Symphony	2315-AFN Bandstand	1000-Barn Dance
1700-Duffie Bag	2330-Merely Music	1030-Here's Horace
1800-News	2400-News	1045-Easy Does It
1815-Personal Album	0015-Midnight Paris	1100-Jack Kirkwood
1830-Supper Club	0200-Sign Off	1115-Across the Board
1845-Magic Carpet		1130-At Ease
		1145-Melody Roundup
		1200-News
		1205-Off the Record
		1300-Help Wanted
		1305-Sports Review
		1315-Remember
		1330-Asked for it
		1400-Love Song

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ETO Schedules Heavy Sports Program for GIs

By Ernie Reed
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

An ambitious athletic program for the winter-spring season has been set up for the European Theater. One of the principal events—the 1946 WAC Theater cage championships—already has been staged with the 6888th Cen. Post. Dir. Wacs of Paris marching off with the laurels by downing Co. B, TSFET of Frankfurt in the final round at Schwetzingen, Germany.

With this titular affair out of the way, the spotlight swings to the TSFET skiing and skating tournament at Chamonix Leave Center in the French Alps Jan. 25-27. Lt. Robert Smith, veteran Army ski instructor, will be in charge. Representatives from Delta, Bremen

Port, Chanor, London Area Office and Western Base will compete in the event.

On Feb. 1-2, the TSF amateur wrestling tourney at Bremen Port will hold sway. Wrestlers in the immediate Paris Area who are interested are asked to contact Athletic Officer Frank Bowers of the Western Base Section by calling BAL 5200, Ext. 3141.

Bremen Port will also be the site for the TSFET amateur and professional boxing championships on Feb. 7, 8 and 9.

Starting Feb. 7 and running through to Feb. 10, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany scene of the 1936 Winter Olympics, will play host to the ETO skiing and skating championships. WAC skiing and

skating honors will be decided there on Feb. 13-15.

Here in the Paris Area, on Feb. 20-22, the Class B TSFET cage tourney will be staged to determine the entries for the ETO finals at Frankfurt-on-Main. The winner and runner-up will qualify for the ETO play-offs. On the same dates, the TSFET Class A hardwood event will be held at Bremen Port.

The wrestlers will have their ETO championships in the American Red Cross "Eagle Club" at Wiesbaden, Germany, Feb. 15-16.

March will be another big month in the elaborate ETO sports program. Boxing championships for both professionals and amateurs will go on the block, March 1-2, at the Bremerhaven staging area,

near Bremen; the ice-hockey play-offs will follow at Garmisch-Partenkirchen on March 7-10; the ETO basketball play-offs—one for company level teams (Class B) at Victory Park gymnasium, Frankfurt-on-Main, and the other for division level outfits (Class A) at Jubilee Hall in Munich—are both slated for March 13-17.

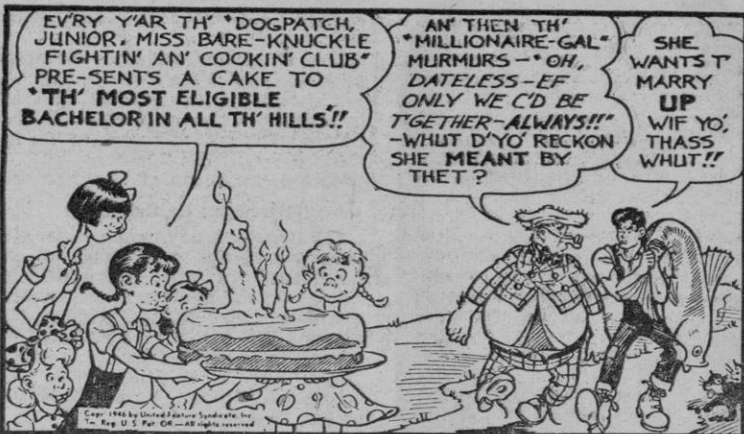
The Wacs have another Theater event on the spring slate for April 15-19, when the 1946 volleyball crown will be at stake. As yet, a definite site has not been selected for this tournament.

From all indications, the sports-minded ETO GIs have plenty of interesting athletic events in the offing to keep them busy during the winter-spring season.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

By Chester Gould



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



'Smokey'—Who Loves Opera And the Girls—Goes AWOL

By Joe Mackey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MARSEILLE, Jan. 21.—If anybody finds a black and brown terrier-type mongrel that likes opera, especially "La Tosca," Pfc Robert Beal, switchboard operator at the 227th Gen. Hosp. here, would like to hear about it.

The dog went for a walk Saturday night and hopped on the pass-truck to Marseille. One of Beal's buddies said that he was last seen in the Marseille Opera House attentively listening to the last act of "La Tosca."

Beal, a 49-pointer from Louisville, Ky., picked him up as a pup at Camp Philadelphia, Mourmelon, some months ago, christened him "Smokey" and has saved \$40 to send him to the U.S. On Saturday, for the first time in weeks, he removed Smokey's identification collar, so the only way he can be identified now is by two brown spots over his eyes, a white chest, and a liking for GIs, French girls, movies, dances and high-class music. Beal said that at musicales Smokey always showed interest in the classical numbers.

He thinks that a dog of that caliber is worth 2,000 francs reward. Phone: 4-1944.

Out

And Maybe In



Gen. Charles De Gaulle.



Edouard Herriot.



Maurice Thorez.

De Gaulle Quits Over Political Fights

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however, that party squabbling has broken out again more than ever. I have no intention of getting involved in this and consequently it is impossible for me to continue as head of the government."

Meanwhile, speculation on a successor to De Gaulle was running high as leaders of the three major parties conferred throughout the day.

The Communist party, taking the lead, issued a communiqué demanding the Premiership of the new government for Maurice Thorez, the party's secretary-general. The Communist move, seen as an at-

tempt to form a purely left-wing government with the Socialists, would result in a virtual revival of the old 1936 Popular Front.

It was uncertain, however, whether the Socialists would accept a coalition under Communist leadership. Two Socialist candidates frequently mentioned for the post are Vincent Auriol and Edouard Herriot.

Many astute observers were willing to bet that after next June's elections De Gaulle might permit himself to be swept back into politics by a wave of popular demand, and some believe that the general's advisers told him to withdraw

for the time being and let political parties fight among themselves until the nation is freed of party squabbling.

After the General Assembly is informed of De Gaulle's resignation tomorrow it will be up to it to accept it or to request him to form a new government, as it did in the November crisis. If the resignation is accepted, it will then be up to the various political parties to seek formation of a new government. After Felix Gouin, assembly president, reads the message, heads of the political parties are expected to give the recommendations of their groups.

U.S. May Need To Keep Draft, Truman Says

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trol of the atomic bomb would be achieved through the United Nations Organization. "I have the greatest hope for the development of mutually effective safeguards which will permit the fullest international control of this new atomic power," he said. "I believe it is possible that effective means can be developed through the UNO to prohibit, outlaw and prevent the use of atomic power for destructive purposes."

He told Congress that the foreign economic policy of the United States is designed to promote our own prosperity and at the same time to aid in the restoration and expansion of world markets and to contribute thereby to world peace and security.

The President added: "We shall continue our efforts to provide relief from the devastation of war, to alleviate the suffering of displaced persons, to assist in reconstruction and development, and to promote expansion of world trade."

Discusses British Loan

He said that payments under the proposed credit to Britain, net expenditures of the Export-Import Bank and the Bretton Woods agreements will cost \$2,614,000,000 in the current 1946 fiscal year and \$2,754,000,000 in the 1947 fiscal year which begins July 1, 1946. UNRRA payments will amount to \$1,200,000,000 in the 1947 fiscal year.

The message said the withdrawals against the Treasury for the proposed British credit of \$3,750,000,000—which still must get Congressional approval—will be heaviest during the first two years of the loan.

In asking for approval of the loan, the message said "it would contribute to the easing of the transition problem of one of our major partners in the war. . . It will enable the whole sterling area and other countries affiliated with it to resume trade on a multilateral basis. Extension of this credit will enable the United Kingdom to avoid discriminatory trade arrangements of the type which destroyed freedom of trade during the 1930s."

He asserted that small nations must have a voice in peace-making as well as larger nations, adding: "The United States intends to preserve this principle when treaties with Germany and Japan are drawn up." He also declared that the U.S. is determined that effective controls shall be maintained over Germany "until we are satisfied the German people have regained their right to a place of honor and respect." He added the same principle would apply to Japan.

Mercury Drops to 8 In England Cold Wave

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Britons are shivering from their coldest weather of the winter, with temperatures dropping as low as 8 degrees Fahrenheit, and no sign of a break in the cold wave is seen.

Snow fell in many places throughout the UK and this, combined with a hard frost, made many country roads dangerous. Fog added to the hazards.

Demob Ships Soon to Have Surplus Space

By Robert Marshall and Joe Harvey
Stars and Stripes Staff Writers

FRANKFURT, Jan. 21.—Redeployment shipping capacity now exceeds requirements, and ships will soon be leaving with less than full passenger loads, Brig. Gen. George S. Eyster, USFET redeployment chief, announced today.

This surplus space, he explained, will give elasticity to redeployment shipping. If operating delays cause changes in ship schedules the extra space will be used to take up the slack and move homeward-bound troops according to schedule.

"Under-berthing some ships will not make much difference to the individuals aboard," Eyster commented. "When fewer than a normal complement is put aboard any ship, the only difference to the individual will be, for example, a reduction in the length and number of mess lines, or letting some of the less comfortable accommodations go unused."

Libertys Out Soon

Troops will not be able to count on being returned to the U.S. on under-berthed ships within the next few weeks, according to the redeployment chief.

Eyster also announced that Liberty ships soon would be dropped from redeployment runs, principally because they are very slow. Libertys will be used in the future only when absolutely necessary, he said.

Two categories of shipping will remain in the redeployment picture—Victory ships converted into troop carriers and troop transports, either built for the purpose or converted passenger liners.

Weeding Out Started

Eyster reported that the Manpower Liquidation Board to weed out surplus personnel in the ETO has begun its work.

Commenting on recent reports that 45-pointers are being shipped from the Mediterranean Theater, Eyster said redeployment there, as in the Pacific, was ahead of ETO redeployment because there were fewer troops in that area.

He also pointed out that neither the Mediterranean or the Pacific theaters face large-scale close-out programs in the liberated countries, as does the ETO. The need for rapidly liquidating installations in friendly countries, he said, is a limiting factor on the speed with which troops can be released in Europe.

Patterson Reaches Frankfurt by Air

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FRANKFURT, Jan. 21.—Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson arrived in Frankfurt this afternoon by air from Cairo and Rome for an official visit at USFET headquarters.

He was met at the airport by Maj. Gen. Harold S. Bull, USFET chief of staff, and Maj. Gen. Miller White, USFET deputy chief of staff. They represented Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, who is now in Berlin.

Cool Reception To Clark Quiz

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP).—Senate and House Military Affairs Committee chairmen showed little enthusiasm today for a requested investigation into the bloody Rapido River engagement in Italy.

The demand came from members of the 36th Div. Association, meeting in Brownwood, Tex., Saturday on the eve of the second anniversary of their costly crossing of the heavily defended stream.

Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, told a reporter he could not see what good could be accomplished by an investigation now.

"It wouldn't bring back the lives of any of the men who were lost there," May declared.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah) of the Senate military group, said in an interview that there was no precedent for a Congressional investigation of a strictly military activity "unless Pearl Harbor so qualifies."

Both Thomas and May, however, emphasized that if they received the 36th Div. resolution they would refer it to the full membership of the respective committees for a decision.

2 Escaped Prisoners Recaptured by Army

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21 (UP).—Two of the five Pacific theater military prisoners who overpowered their guards at the Presidio of San Francisco and escaped last week while being taken to U.S. penitentiaries, were recaptured in Ventura yesterday.

Military police identified the men as Sam Pate, 23, of Media, Tex., and Pvt. LeRoy W. Christ, 22, of Bayonne, N.J.

Pate is under seven years' sentence on charges of theft, escape and being AWOL. Christ was awaiting court martial on an AWOL charge.

Passau Case Faces Impasse

PASSAU, Jan. 21 (AP).—Baffled U.S. Army agents, after an extensive search and questioning of scores of persons for evidence in the murder of three American Military Government officers, tonight faced prospects that the case would be marked "unsolved."

American service men, Germans and foreign displaced persons were interrogated. Investigators, however, seemed as far from a "break" in the case as when they first started.

Maj. Everett S. Cofran, American military government commander here, and two of his staff officers were slain by unknown assailants on Jan. 2.

Army red tape, in the opinion of some observers, was a big obstacle to rapid solution of the triple crime. Although the slayer started a fire to cremate the bodies of his victims at 4:30 AM on Jan. 7, and German firemen were on the scene a few minutes later, no qualified Army criminal investigator arrived until after 5 PM that afternoon.

750,000 Steel Workers Out in Greatest Strike

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dustrial workers were still deadlocked, with no developments expected until a government fact-finding board opens public hearings in Chicago tomorrow, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington.

(With the nation's meat supplies dwindling fast, a Federal official said yesterday that the government saw little hope of avoiding seizure and government operation of the struck meat-packing industry.)

Sailors in Picket Lines To Be Seized, Navy Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP).—The Third Naval District said today that Navy personnel on active duty would not be allowed on picket lines, and that any member of the Navy found picketing should "be taken out of the picket line and returned to his duty station."

Earlier, Jay Lewis, executive director of the Independent Citizens League of New York, had protested the action of the shore patrol in Newark, N. J., in taking a man wearing part of a Navy uniform out of a picket line at the Westinghouse Electric Company plant Saturday.



Pickets are shown massing before the main gate of a GM plant at Flint.