



**PARIS REMEMBERS ITS LIBERATION**—Tanks pass the reviewing stand during ceremonies in which the former Place de la Porte d'Orleans, Paris, was renamed Place du 25 Aout in commemoration of the liberation of the city, in World War II, August 25, 1944.

**Light Bills Show Slight Rise But Still Below 1939**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The average home-owner's light bill increased slightly last year but it's still lower than 10 years ago, the federal power commission said today.

The commission's annual survey of typical residential bills for cities of 2,500 or more showed an average reduction of about 10 per cent for 25,100 and 250 kilowatt-hour monthly bills.

The average bill for 250 kilowatt-hours was \$7.01 Jan. 1, 1949, compared with \$7.46 Jan. 1, 1939, and \$6.92 Jan. 1, 1948.

During 1948, the commission said, electricity bills increased in 17 1/2 per cent of the 3,814 communities surveyed, and decreased in 6.7 per cent, in the residential bill most subject to change.

For 100-kilowatt-hours of electricity, the amount characteristically used by a household for lighting, small appliances and refrigeration, the lowest typical monthly bills included:

Cities of 50,000 population and more—Tacoma, Wash., \$1.70; Lansing, Mich., and Madison, Wis., \$2.40.

10,000 to 50,000 population—Eugene, Ore., \$1.80; Decatur and Florence, Ala., Columbus, Miss., and Clarksville, Tenn., \$2.

A privately-owned company serves Madison. The other low typical bills were for services by publicly-owned utilities.

The highest typical bills for 100 kilowatt-hours included:

Cities of 50,000 and more—Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Yonkers, N. Y., \$3.10.

The average monthly bill for 250 kilowatt-hours, by states included: Washington, \$4.85; Tennessee, \$4.98; Oregon, \$5.29; California, \$5.49; Massachusetts, \$8.67; and Rhode Island, \$8.73.



**GOP DIRECTOR**—Albert B. Hermann (above), of Milltown, N. J., has been appointed executive director of the Republican National Committee by chairman Guy Gabrielson.

**Ousted Attendant From Hospital Appeals His Case**

SALEM—(AP)—A dismissed state hospital attendant, Earl R. Shelton, 31, has applied to the State Civil Service commission for a hearing on his case.

Shelton said he was fired from the hospital patients, but he declared he was innocent. He said his only notice of dismissal was a note which arrived with his pay check on Sept. 6.

Shelton, who said he worked for the hospital 14 months, also said that his superior, Joe McShea, who was in charge of the ward on which Shelton worked, was fired at the same time. He said McShea has gone to California and is not going to appeal.

Dr. C. E. Bates, superintendent of the hospital, was not available for comment. Officials of the State Board of Control said they knew nothing of Shelton's case.

Shelton, in a prepared statement, said he wants the hearing in order to help "make the atmosphere which exists at the Oregon State hospital."

He also charged that the hospital is a place where "bales against one's co-workers takes the means to promotion."

Shelton is the second hospital employee to appeal. The other was Dr. Horace G. Miller, psychiatrist, who was fired for insubordination. The Civil Service commission is expected to announce next Thursday its decision on Dr. Miller's appeal.

**Recruit Russell Jones Convicted Of Slayings**

STUTTGART, Germany—(AP)—Recruit Russell Jones, of Fall River, Mass., was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing three Germans in a drunken frolic last May 1.

The U. S. Military court spared Jones from death by finding he committed the killings without premeditation.

At the same time the court rejected a defense plea that the 22-year-old soldier was insane when he shot a German girl and two German men while careening around Stuttgart in a jeep.

**Miss Washington Almost Appears In Slippers**

ATLANTIC CITY—(AP)—Miss Washington almost got into the Miss America whirl in her bedroom slippers.

Libby Aldrich of Keiso, Washington's beauty crown bearer, related it this way:

"Before dinner I got all dressed up in my formal and started out with Mrs. Max Moore, my chaperone and fellow Kelsorian. When we got to the elevator I said to her:

"This dress is so long I can't figure it out."

"Then I pulled it up and discovered I still had on my bedroom slippers. Back we went to the suite and I put on my gold slippers."

**DIVER KILLED**  
SHEERNESS, Eng.—(AP)—Robert Fray dived off the high board at the local swimming pool just as John Gage dived off the low board. They collided in the air. Fray, 17, was thrown off balance, hit the bottom of the pool and died of a broken neck. Gage, 16, is in a hospital with concussion.

**Rheumatism Is Gone But So Is Bill Fold**

PASADENA, Calif.—(AP)—Harvey Miller, 90, told police that his only complaint about his new rheumatism treatment is the bill. Miller said he was getting out

of his car when an attractive gypsy beckoned. "You have rheumatism, haven't you?" she asked. "Let me fix you up."

He said a quick massage made him feel so well he slapped his hip for joy. That was when he felt his wallet missing with \$300.

**Dollar Accord May Prevent British Election**

LONDON—(AP)—Informed British political sources said they believe the three-nation Washington dollar accord has averted an autumn general election in Britain.

These informants said failure of the conference in the American capital would have compelled the labor government to seek a new electoral mandate for pressing its own long-term cure for Britain's economic ills.

Government officials were silent on the election issue. They said only that the 10-point program laid down Monday by U. S. British and Canadian economic experts has staved off immediate widespread unemployment and short-time work in England.

The political sources, ranging from labor ministers of parliament to party officials, said Prime Minister Attlee and most members of his cabinet are opposed to capitalizing politically on the results of the conference. They want to avoid possible charges of opportunism, the informants said.

The labor government's five-year term of office is due to expire at the end of next July. However, the government can, if it wishes, go to the country any time before that if it wants to test popular confidence in its policies.

**Polio Patients Show Only Slight Makeup Changes**

DENVER—(AP)—Children who recover from polio, even if crippled, show no mental damage and only slight personality changes.

This result of several years' study of Minnesota child polio victims was reported to the American Psychological association by Dr. Dale B. Harris, Institute of Child Welfare, University of Minnesota.

He said that after these children had returned from hospitals, the mothers of two-thirds of them said the youngsters were more restless, irritable, impulsive and given to early fatigue.

But two years later, these same children when studied at school appeared to have recovered from all these distressing signs.

Harris said there was no difference in after-effects, except for crippling, no matter what type of polio a child had. Nor any difference due to prolonged stays in hospitals.

The slight personality changes seen after two years were caught by careful psychological tests. They were tendencies to be less self-disciplined, more likely to yield to whims and more erratic. But there was not a great deal more of these personality traits in the polio children than among others.

Dr. Harris said strength and endurance of polio victims was on the average a little under that of their companions.

**Clergyman Who Married Duke Returns To England**

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—The clergyman who married the Duke and Duchess of Windsor is returning to England after a 12-year absence.

The Rev. Robert A. Jardine will leave Friday for New York. He was named a year ago as a bishop of the South African Episcopal church, not directly related to the Church of England, in which he was active when he married the Windsors.

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**LIGHTNING STRIKES**

ALBANY, Ore.—(AP)—Lightning exploded a box of caps and burned 25 pounds of dynamite, destroying a tool shed at the Alvin Johnson home in the process here. A nearby clothesline was hit and the two trees from which it was suspended both split.

Baby foods—strained or chopped—that come in convenient small-size containers, may be used for delicious soups for grownups. Combine with a mixture of milk and bouillon and season to taste.

**Circus Elephant Comes To Motorists' Rescue**

SEATTLE—(AP)—Babe, a circus elephant, gave an extra performance after the evening show here.

Several automobiles became stuck in soft sand near the parking lot where Sandling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus is operating. Babe pulled them out.



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