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SOME PROFIT—Dr. Hanns R. Teichert, of Chicago, Ill., admires the "Madonna and Child" painting he purchased last spring from a New York antique dealer for \$450. An art collector claims the painting is an original by Leonardo da Vinci and is worth about one million dollars.

'Mighty Mo' Due For Retirement In Mothball Fleet

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The mighty battleship Missouri prepared to leave Norfolk Monday on a leisurely voyage that will end in her retirement to the mothball fleet.

Both the Navy and civilians at Norfolk, for eight years the home port of the 45,000-ton dreadnaught, planned a rousing sendoff for the historic vessel on whose decks the Japanese formally surrendered in 1945.

Taking her time on a trip that ordinarily would require only 10 days for a ship of her capabilities, the Missouri will spend three weeks on the journey to Bremerton, Wash. She is due there Sept. 13.

After reaching Bremerton, the graceful battlewagon, commissioned in 1944, will be prepared for the idle fleet in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Her tremendous 16-inch guns and all the rest of her formidable armament will be coated with preservatives and plastics to keep the Missouri ready for reactivation on short notice.

The actual decommissioning ceremonies are not expected to be carried out until January.

The mothballing of the Missouri will leave only three of this country's battleship fleet still in commission—the Iowa, the New Jersey and the Wisconsin. At one time, only the "Mighty Mo" was in commission.

Once trapped in Mud

The Missouri and her crew of 1,400 reached the height of their glory Sept. 2, 1945, when the Japanese signed terms of surrender on her front starboard deck. Later the mammoth ship was humiliated when, on Jan. 17, 1950, she ran aground in Chesapeake Bay off Ft. Monroe and stayed stuck in the mud for two weeks and a day before she could be hauled free.

Built at the New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, the Missouri was commissioned June 11, 1944, and has been in continuous service ever since. She took part in the concluding naval operations against Japan and later in the Korean War.



UNIVERSAL APPEAL—Even wearing blue jeans, Miriam Stevenson, of Winstboro, S. C., is appealing. She has already been named Miss South Carolina, Miss U. S. A. and Miss Universe. The 21-year-old beauty is in New York City for a television appearance.

Army Colonel On Trial On Collaboration Charge

PT. SHERIDAN, Ill. (AP) — An Army lieutenant colonel goes on trial today before a general court-martial on charges he collaborated with the Communists in a North Korean prison camp.

Lt. Col. Harry Fleming, 46, of Racine, Wis., is the first American officer to face a court-martial for behavior as a prisoner of war in Korea.

The 5th Army said he is charged with violating the 95th and 96th Articles of War and the 133rd and 134th articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice — in essence, that he wrongfully collaborated with the enemy and committed acts detrimental to fellow prisoners of war.

A prisoner for three years, Fleming was released in the exchange of prisoners last September. He was captured in October 1950 while serving with the military advisory group attached to the South Korean 6th Infantry Division near the Yalu River.



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