

Slash Ordered In Lend-Lease To Britain, Russia

WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP)—More big lend-lease cuts, including a slash of nearly 50 per cent in U. S. war aid to Britain, were in prospect today following curtailment of the bulk of this country's \$300,000,000 a month shipments to Russia.

At the same time some top U. S. officials were said on good authority to believe the drastic cut in lend-lease to the Soviet Union might figure in relaxing the stalemate in the Polish situation.

Though the Russian curtailment assertedly was based solely on the fact that Russia is no longer a fighting ally, it was said to demonstrate a willingness on this country's part to be "tough." This, it was felt might further convince Soviet Marshal Josef Stalin that the U. S. will not yield to Russian wishes in regard to Poland.

Russia is eager to win recognition for the Soviet-sponsored Polish government now installed in Warsaw, while British and the U. S. are insisting that the government must first be recognized in line with the Yalta agreement.

President Truman is expected to make an announcement on Russian lend-lease shortly.

Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley said "new shipments to Europe" have been halted except those destined for countries still fighting Japan or those where lend-lease would aid redeployment of American armed forces.

Scholarships Are Offered Physical Therapy Candidates

Mrs. George Hutchison today announced scholarships will be made available to qualified persons who desire to go into training to become physical therapists to treat infantile paralysis victims.

The national foundation for infantile paralysis has appropriated \$1,287,000 for training these specialists, whose tuition, maintenance and incidental expenses will be paid by the foundation while they attend approved schools of physical therapy.

To qualify applicants must be graduate nurses, graduates of a school of physical education or have completed two years of college training including courses in biology and other basic sciences. Complete information may be obtained from Eugene W. Hall, 608 Park Building, Portland, 5.



LABOR'S CHOICE—The American Federation of Labor's Teamsters' union has indicated their President Daniel Tobin, above, as their choice to succeed Secretary of Labor Perkins should she resign.

Imbler Graduates To Get Diplomas Tomorrow Night

Ray F. Hawk of Portland, director of research and field service for the Oregon State Teachers' association, will be the principal speaker at commencement exercises of the Imbler high school at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow in Wade hall. His subject will be "There Will Always be an America."

The exercises will open with invocation by J. S. Lloyd, and will include a vocal solo by Shirley Hibberd, accompanied by Mrs. Andrew Paroz, who also will play the processional and recessional.

Student speakers are Elva McKinnis, salutatorian, and Shirley Wilson, valedictorian. Awards will be presented by Superintendent Albert Hopkins and diplomas by Claude Hale, chairman of the school board, John Couzens, president of the graduating class will make the response.

Benediction will be by Leonard Billings.

FAMED ACES FREED

LONDON, May 14 (UP)—Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski of Oil City, Pa., and Col. Hubert Zemke of Missoula, Mont., two of America's most famous aces of the European war, have been liberated from a German prison camp, it was announced today.

GIs Find it Hard to Obey Ban On Fraternizing with Enemy

By TOM WOLF WITH THE NINTH ARMY, Germany (NEA) — From a purely military point of view the most difficult aspect of the occupation of Germany is the non-fraternization policy. The longer we stay in Germany, the more difficult it's going to become.

Strictly speaking, the non-fraternization rule prohibits any and all dealings with civilians—from smiling at youngsters on the street or a "Guten Morgen" to the local burgoemeister to more romantic relationships.

To make sure that every soldier knows about this rule and has no opportunity to forget it, the army has put on its most elaborate educational campaign of the war to date. Dozens of times daily the armed forces network sandwiches a couple of plugs in between regular radio programs: "Jerry's home folks—his father, mother, sister and cute baby brother—are just as German as he. Don't be a sucker. Don't fraternize."

Hourly Reminders

Hourly time signals are decorated with such reminders as "The time is noon. Time to remember that Germans think kindness to an enemy is weakness. Do not let them think we are weak. Don't fraternize."

The GIs are read lectures on keeping away from Germans almost as often as they're read the articles of war—which is very often. One division has vied with the next to think up striking trick ways of reminding men not to slip. The 84th Division, for example, begins and ends all non-official notices: "Be wise—don't fraternize."

Since enforcement of the non-fraternization rule is a command, responsibility and penalties for infringements vary widely between the divisions. Some soldiers have been fined as little as \$65. Some, of a different division, who were found guilty of the same violation have been sentenced to dishonorable discharge and two years at hard labor.

One of the difficulties in enforcing the rule at first was the belief that many German girls were purposely encouraging romantic GIs in order to cry rape and get the soldier court-martialed and perhaps sentenced to death. Even if the rape charge was disproved the soldier was heavily penalized for violating the non-fraternization rule. Cases took the time of investi-



The strictly-business attitude of this American sergeant giving directions in a battle-wrecked German city is typical of our army's dealings with enemy civilians. Friendlier association brings penalties ranging from fines to discharge and prison.

gators in the court-martial and soldiers involved. And if the soldier was found guilty he was out of combat for some time—just as much of a casualty as if he had been machine-gunned.

At first, too, there was some confusion as to whether the German who fraternizes is guilty of breaking a rule and therefore liable to punishment. SHAEF recently cleared up this question by pointing out that the whole idea of the non-fraternization rule is to show the Germans that we scorn them and have no desire to associate with them.

Therefore, the rule has nothing to do with the Germans and they cannot be punished for their natural desire to associate with us—their conquerors.

The Germans, used to the Nazi practice of forcing prostitution on women of occupied countries, as yet don't get the idea of non-fraternization at all. It's not uncommon for mothers to attempt to hide their daughters in the belief that otherwise the girls would be taken for army brothels — of which the American army has none.

Loose body bolts in an automobile often develop a poise that may be mistaken for an engine knock.



Award of the air medal to Lt. Richard W. Moore, pilot of a carrier based naval fighting plane, is announced by the headquarters of the 13th naval district in Seattle.

He is the son of the late Dr. C. S. Moore and Mrs. Mabel Moore of La Grande and the husband of Mrs. Betty Lou Moore of Chula Vista, Calif.

The medal was awarded for his part in battling Japanese forces on Attu in the Aleutians.

The citation accompanying his award says in part: "Lieutenant Moore courageously and with aggressive determination pressed home repeated accurate, effective strafing and glide bombing attacks on hostile positions, contributing materially to the successful capture and occupation of Attu."

Assignment of P. Maxine Peterson of La Grande to duty as a flight control clerk at Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass., is announced in a communication from that base, where she was transferred from Mitchell Field, N. Y.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peterson of La Grande, she was employed by the army signal corps in Anchorage, Alaska, prior to enlisting in the WAC in March, 1943.

Harry G. Mason, who fought through the battle of Germany with the 12th armored division of Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th army, has been promoted to sergeant in the 23rd tank battalion in Germany.

He is the son of Samuel Mason of 1902 Second street.

Wayne A. Williamson of La Grande has been promoted to lieutenant (junior grade), USNR, aboard a destroyer escort of the Atlantic fleet. He received his

midshipman training at Northwestern university, and later attended the tactical radar school at Hollywood, Fla. He also saw service at Miami, Fla.

Lt. Williamson wears the American and European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbons. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Williamson of 1912 Oak street. He was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1943.

Tech. Sgt. Isaac Shafer, jr., is here on furlough from Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Shafer of Island City and his sisters, Mrs. Charles Goodwin, Mrs. Ned Jones and Mrs. George Courtney.

Staff Sgt. Virgil Sanderson has written his wife in La Grande, that he is now in England. Sgt. Sanderson was evacuated by hospital plane from Germany to Paris and then to England, and he states that all the men are receiving excellent medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Conner have received a telegram from their son, Lt. David Conner, who has been held in a German prison camp, stating that he is well, had not been ill while confined and hopes to be home soon.

The camp Lt. Conner was in was liberated April 29, and this is the first direct word his family has had from him since then.

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Lawrence Shaffer, 20, navy seaman first class, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaffer of Island City.

He now is in the Pacific area and also served in Asia, Middle East, Europe and North Africa.

Before entering the navy May 25, 1943, he was employed by the railroad here. His wife, the former Beatrice Hayes, and their son, Larry Lee, live on rural route No. 1, La Grande.

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