

Men More Dominant Than Ever In Germany, Asserts Noted European Correspondent

Relates Inability to Get Train Berth for Wife "as Men Must Get Rest;" Bowl of Pea Soup Costs 40 Cents

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BERLIN, March 12—(AP)—It's a man's world more than ever in Germany now.

This was made plain on our return to Germany from a four-week vacation in the Swiss Alps.

At Basel my wife was unable to obtain a berth because all German sleepers now are reserved for men.

"During these war times men traveling through the night must arrive at their destination fully rested," was the explanation offered us.

We produced two paid sleeper tickets.

"Sorry," said the agent, "but you bought tickets on February 7. New regulations have superseded them."

So we took a tedious day train leaving Basel at 5:50 a. m. and arriving in Berlin at 10 p. m. Asks "How's Food?"

On the train, we noticed the look of surprise on fellow passengers when they saw our tanned faces. Other travelers were for the most part pale and it seemed to us that they, as belligerents, were far more nervous than the neutral Swiss.

One stock question asked by virtually everybody who learned we came from Switzerland was: "How's the food over there?"

One who asked this question immediately added: "I really need not ask, for I see how well and healthy you look."

We reentered Germany on one of those monthly one-dish Sundays—when all Germany eats only a one-course dinner and turns the money thus saved over to the Reich's winter relief fund. Forty Cent Pea Soup

We had one palatable course of thick pea soup with about 2 ounces of beef in it. Some travelers, especially soldiers, asked for a second helping. They were told they could have only one dish for the fixed price of one mark (about 40 cents); if they wished another they must pay for it.

We couldn't help but notice that military uniforms dominated the scene at every station through which we passed, and in the coaches of our abnormally long train.

Not that Switzerland had made us forget uniforms. On the contrary, in the winter resort high above the Rhone valley where we hoped to forget about the war, Swiss soldiers doggedly were training on skis so heavy we often wondered how they could skim over the surface of snow three feet deep.

But in Switzerland the training seemed hypothetical, whereas in Germany the spirit of the spring offensive forecast by Adolf Hitler was in the air.

Harassing Soldiers
Furloughed men appeared to be hastening back to their regiments. Long freight trains carried every conceivable kind of equipment.

One of the most interesting sights along the route was a big flotilla of barrage balloons, like those Britain uses, hovering over one huge industrial plant.

In train compartments, the conversation was restrained for everywhere signs warned: "Be careful when talking—the enemy is listening."

Yet, in our compartment, where there usually were one or two German officers, nobody took offense at our speaking English or reading American magazines.

They Hold Key to UCC Program



F. J. LONERGAN

RONALD E. JONES

Upon whether or not these two prominent legislators, and their conference committee colleagues, can agree today on a compromise employment compensation program will depend the outcome of amendatory legislation on the jobless' insurance law at this session. Rep. Frank J. Lonergan (R-Mult.) (at left) guided the house judiciary committee in formulating its program toward a compromise between labor and employer demands, while Sen. Ronald E. Jones (R-Marion) (at right) presided over the senate industries committee when the Lonergan bills were drastically revised in the upper house. Serving with them are Rep. Orval N. Thompson (D-Linn) and Sen. W. H. Steiwer (R-Wheeler) with Sen. William E. Walsh (R-Coos) as a senate alternate.

Salem Girls Named Managers For Willamette Class Play

Patricia Niemeyer and Loren Hicks, both of Salem, were announced Wednesday as manager and publicity manager for the junior class play for Willamette university May weekend, May 2 and 3. The appointments were made by Oscar Swenson of Spokane, weekend publicity manager.

Other committee assignments, made by David Reinhard of Portland, weekend manager, included Barbara Hollingworth of Portland, Maypole dance; Frances Pickard and Margaret Wright of Portland, dance directors; Helen Dean of Hillsboro, Laura Lee Tate of Stayton, Jessie May Ruhn-dorf and Frances Pickard of Portland, selection of Maypole dancers; June Woldt of Portland, Esther Mae Devore, Margaret Siegmund, Renee Caplan and Lewis Judson, all of Salem, Arnold Hardman of Olympia and Ed Cone of Cottage Grove, flower committee.

Swenson also pointed on a play reading committee Nadine Orcutt, Corydon Blodgett and Mary Barker of Salem and Cliff Stewart of Great Falls, Mont.

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to purchasers and is designed to correct abuses. The senate has yet to consider Rep. H. R. "Farmer" Jones' on-premises consumption natural wine bill.

The sales tax bill, up for house disposition, was re-referred to committee for reinstatement of the clause referring it to a vote of the people. It will be out on the house floor again today.

Jones Steers UCC Bills With Little Opposition

Sen. Jones, chairman of the industries committee, steered the employment compensation bills through the senate with a minimum of opposition despite that lobbies were thronged with interested parties and pressure against some of the senate amendments must have been heavy. The only serious objection voiced on the floor came from Sen. W. E. Burke in connection with the seasonality changes which he feared would penalize fruit canners.

This was denied by Sen. Jones who defended the seasonality formula as harmonious with the intent of the law. The principal senate amendment would deny recognition of an industry as seasonal unless it reduces its payroll 40 per cent for 12 consecutive weeks each year for a period of several years. The committee chairman said this would rule out industries which shut down for economic, rather than actually seasonal, conditions.

Sen. Jones explained that the benefit schedule approved by his committee was devised to spread benefits over a longer period of unemployment, and it was for this reason that the minimum weekly benefit was lowered from the house bill's \$10 to the \$7 provided in the present law, while the total benefits in proportion to earnings were increased.

Analysis of Comparative Effects of Program Shown
An analysis of the comparative effects of the house and senate programs was released Wednesday by the unemployment compensation commission's statistical department. It indicates that in a year, based upon 1940 experience, the senate seasonality formula would cost \$300,000 more, and its benefit duration schedule \$427,000 more. On the other hand the house weekly benefit schedule would cost \$57,000 more than the present law, and its minimum weekly benefit increase would cost \$14,000 more.

Under either plan for experience rating, based upon 1938 experience, the fund would receive \$88,000 less. Reducing the waiting period would cost \$250,000. Thus the entire house program would cost the fund \$409,000 and the senate program would cost \$1,065,000.

Senate seasonality amendments would make non-seasonal 83 per cent of the logging and lumber

operations, 30 per cent of the canning industry and 43 per cent of brick and tile manufacture. It would seriously affect warehousing, summer resorts, mining, clothing manufacture and miscellaneous manufacture, and make all cheese manufacture non-seasonal, but the number of establishments affected is small. Altogether, the number of seasonal firms would be reduced from 794 to 282.

Under the house benefit schedule a claimant may draw total benefits of one-sixth of wages earned in his base year 16 times the weekly amount. The senate schedule changes the one-sixth to one-fifth.

In either case the maximum benefit during any year is \$240, but the senate bill makes it possible for a man earning \$1200 in his base year to collect \$240; under the present law, or under the house bill, the maximum cannot be collected unless the claimant earned \$1440. This issue affects thousands of claimants, whereas the issue of the weekly minimum affects only about 1200.

Arrives Unexpectedly in Austria for Fete; Tells World Plans

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the war) we will work harder and more and more to give the greater reich the character of a nation of endeavor, the character of a strong social community life. . . . We are not obligated to any class or to any group; we bow to no human being, before us is the recognition of the German people . . . before us is the greater Germany.

"A little over a year ago Churchill was not quite clear about the firmness of the people of my home (Austria). I assured him then that I hoped the time soon would come when he could inform himself better. This time arrived.

"England got the lesson, and I do not have the impression that the firmness of the British brigades was greater than that of the Ostmark (former Austria) battalions in Norway and France."

Hood and Clatsop Forests Flare

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Greeks Smash Duce Drive

Six Italian Attacks Ordered by Benito Suffer Big Loss

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to sign on the axis line, but she was understood to have proposed to Germany:

1. First a declaration of friendship, then a transition period to try to modify pro-British sentiment in Yugoslavia and avoid internal trouble.

2. More conferences on German demands for demobilization of Yugoslavia's army, which the Yugoslav high command strongly opposes, and more consideration of German demands for the right to send troops through southeastern Yugoslavia from Bulgaria into Greece.

Spain made haste to follow her reported refusal to allow German planes passage over Spain to Africa with an expression of "unshakable" friendship with Germany, delivered by Foreign Minister Ramon Serrano Suner at the opening of a German press exposition in Madrid. Serrano Suner said the two countries were working toward the common goal of a "more just Europe."

The British said a column invading eastern Ethiopia after the conquest of Italian Somaliland had rushed 120 miles in the last two days and last night was 90 miles south of Jijiga with no real Italian troops between it and Jijiga.

British Announce Bombing Of Nazi Naval Bases
In London, the British air ministry reported another "successful" bombing of shipping yards and docks at the German naval base at Kiel and nearby Bremerhaven.

Last night, London again was raided, and an anti-aircraft barrage which sounded like heavy artillery made it apparent that kind of new defensive tactic was being tried.

Turkey's investigation of the suitcase bomb assassination attempt on George W. Rendel, British minister to Bulgaria, continued, with announcement that British legation employees saw the bomb but thought it a "radio battery."

With a Japanese-sponsored peace treaty safely signed by Thailand and French Indo-China, Japan's Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, left last night for Berlin and Rome to "tighten axis cooperation and explain the real significance of Japan's foreign policy."

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London, and towns in the midlands, east Anglia and southwest and southeast England also were attacked as the Germans took ad-

vantage of clear weather and a full moon.

While comparing the Liverpool raid with the heavy assaults directed against England last fall, the government said damage was nowhere comparable.

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London had three alarms, greeting the first with a thundering anti-aircraft barrage different from anything previously heard and indicating some new development in anti-aircraft defense. The second alarm, after midnight, passed without the sounds of battle, but was quickly followed by a third alert.

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"Justly proud" of the triumphs of national socialism and the arms of the third reich. He added that the Spanish and German press work in the common spirit of "military and revolutionary camaraderie."

The German ambassador, Baron Eberhard von Stohrer, addressed the gathering, declaring that the totalitarian countries had taken their press out of "irresponsible" hands and placed it at the service of the nation.

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