

# Travel By Train to Remain Problem Into Coming Year

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(P)—Don't look for an easing of train travel conditions until at least January. The association of American railroads expects about 2,000,000 service men to return from abroad during the remainder of October and November. It says the monthly volume may be even greater in December.

In addition to handling incoming troops and taking care of ordinary troop movements within the country, the railroads will have approximately 400,000 German and Italian prisoners of war to move to Atlantic ports for shipment home within the next six months.

Also there will be about 50,000 British soldiers, former prisoners of the Japanese, who will have to be moved from west coast ports to east coast ports for transportation to England.

Army-Navy Team: Lt. Col. Timothy McNerny is slated to become public relations director for the justice department, filling a vacancy which has existed since early summer, when Charlie Malcolmson resigned.

McNerny, veteran Boston newspaperman, served with General MacArthur. Recently he has been on special assignment at the Pentagon.

One of McNerny's assistants will be Lt. Cmdr. Sam Reddick of the navy. Reddick, a native of Smithfield, Va., will go on the justice department payroll sometime after Nov. 28, when his terminal leave expires.

Hostilities' End: Congress is moving closer to setting an official date for the end of hostilities.

A house judiciary subcommittee will begin consideration next

Friday of a number of resolutions on the subject.

Although pretty academic to the GI who has stopped shooting, the date is important because of the wartime legislation which hinges upon it.

Home by Christmas?: Rumors persist on Capitol Hill that Secretary of the Navy Forrestal wants to return to private life—possibly before Christmas. John L. Sullivan, assistant secretary of the navy for air, is considered a good bet as a successor.

Surplus primer: Many veterans are running into frustrating tanglers when they try to buy surplus. It's worth it: Robert D. Coghill of the agriculture department figures that the \$20,000,000 worth of penicillin plants in the United States and Canada produce only nine pounds of pure penicillin a day. But it's enough to treat approximately 250,000 serious cases a month.

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