

U.S. Occupation Restores Casablanca To Thriving City

By DONALD COE
CASABLANCA, Morocco.—(AP)—Six months of American occupation has brought about an amazing transformation in this white-walled African city.

Six months ago the Axis armistice commission was bleeding it dry. Its commerce was choked, food scarce, clothing almost unobtainable. Today markets are thriving, shops reopening in increasing numbers with replenished stocks, and although rationing of food and clothing continues, it has been relaxed.

French residents, while greeting the Americans as allies, still welcome individual soldiers less completely than do the residents of Tunisia who have seen the full fury of war close at hand.

Hotels and bars are doing an increasingly good business, particularly sidewalk cafes where a soldier may pay four cents for a 7-ounce glass of beer and perhaps as much as 20 cents for wine. The beer is weak, and although occasional soldiers show signs of a little too much, there is little intoxication.

Soldiers must be off the streets by 9:30 p. m., about an hour after dark, and they may not enter the native quarter at any time. Although civilians must depend on transport available without gasoline, military vehicles are numerous in the sunny, tree-lined streets. Staff Sgt. Cecil Rhoads, Dallas, Tex., in charge of crews maintaining military cars, noted how the city had changed since

Irate 'Canary' Pulls Panzer

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—A pair of marauding mules were captured in western style by radio officers John J. Nash and Howard J. Russell, who wound up \$1.15 short on the venture.

One of the mules charged officer Nash and chased him around a house. Confronted by the more docile of the animals, officer Russell borrowed a clothesline from a neighbor and lassoed both animals.

When the officers returned the clothesline they were informed by its owner that it was damaged beyond repair and they had to fork over \$1.15 for a new one.

Nazi General Arnim Paid \$64 Per Month

LONDON, May 20.—(AP)—Col. Gen. Jürgen Von Arnim, captured commander of axis troops in Tunisia, will get his regular German army pay amounting to about \$64 a month while he is a prisoner in England, a war officer spokesman said in comments today. Von Arnim's pay as a high-ranking Nazi officer is about equal to that of a U. S. corporal.

BIRTHDAYS HONORED

ALMA—A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jeffers, Sunday, honoring the birthdays of Alma May Jeffers, Vernon L. Lynch, and M. Michaels. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jeffers and children, Mary, Jimmie and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jeffers and Miss Doris Jeffers all of Veneta, M. Michaels of Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lynch and Bill Rossman of Linslaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jeffers and children Betty, Alta, Henry, Donald, Lorraine and Evelyn. The hostesses were Mrs. Bertha Jeffers and Doris Jeffers. The guests were entertained with music by Miss Doris Jeffers, Mrs. Vernon Lynch and Ben Jeffers.

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Graduation Events Listed At Monroe

MONROE—Senior class night at Monroe Union high school is to be the evening of May 28, in the school gymnasium. An exhibition of the arts and crafts department under the supervision of Mrs. F. C. Fitzpatrick, will be given in connection with the regular activities of the evening.

The baccalaureate is scheduled for the evening of May 30. Father Walsh of St. Rose Catholic church will deliver the sermon.

Commencement exercises are to be held on the evening of June 3. Dr. Pierre Van Rysselberghe of the University of Oregon, will address the class.

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On the morning of May 13, shouts of laughter rang through the high school building, as the senior class celebrated its annual "dress-up" day. Among those present were "superman" a cavalier, a finely dressed gentleman, a negress, cowboys and cowgirls, bathing beauties, hoboes, an exhibit of a "union" goat suit, a red-haired woman and a child with her doll.

The student body sponsored a party Friday evening at the school. Entertainment consisted of playing games which required the performance of various stunts.

Home on Furlough
Monroe Union high school is proud of the record of Lieut. Dar-

win Carpenter, now home on furlough. He is an alumnus of the school. Lieutenant Carpenter saw action in the Solomon, at Pearl Harbor, and in the Midway sea and air battle. He was awarded the silver star.

A group of Monroe women is planning to establish a child care center at Monroe grade school, for children from four to twelve years of age, belonging to working mothers, and living at Monroe or outlying districts. The charge will be fifty cents a day per child, with mothers furnishing lunches. The center will only be opened if at least 20 children are registered. Mothers wishing their children cared for during work days from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m., for all or part of

the summer should contact either Mrs. Helen P. Baker, Mrs. Louise McFarland, or Mrs. Louise Bowen. All have telephones.

To Sponsor Sale

The Christian Youth group of Monroe Methodist church will hold a food sale Saturday, May 22, at Hoagland's grocery. The object is to raise money for expenses of members attending the Epworth League Institute.

Mrs. D. D. Foreman entertained at dinner recently for Miss Bertha Wodoege, Mrs. Ila Venator, and Miss Mildred Floyd, all of the high school faculty.

Herbert Halstead of the U. S. army, stationed at a Florida camp, is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Halstead.

The two went to visit Hilton Halstead, Herbert's brother, who lives near Salem.

Mrs. Dick Howard and wee son are visiting Mrs. Howard's grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Taggart at Myrtle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hubbard and baby are in California, in connection with Mr. Hubbard's participation in the ram sale at Fresno.

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