

Ex-Nazi Prisoner Finds U. S. Treatment Of Germans Good

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ATLANTA, Ga.—(AP)—Just out of a German concentration camp after 13 months' imprisonment, I visited here in the south a camp of German prisoners of war, to judge the contrast, and, readily enough reached the conclusion that their lot is far, far better than mine was.

The difference between an American prisoner-of-war camp and a German concentration camp is the difference between a summer resort and a barnyard. Both

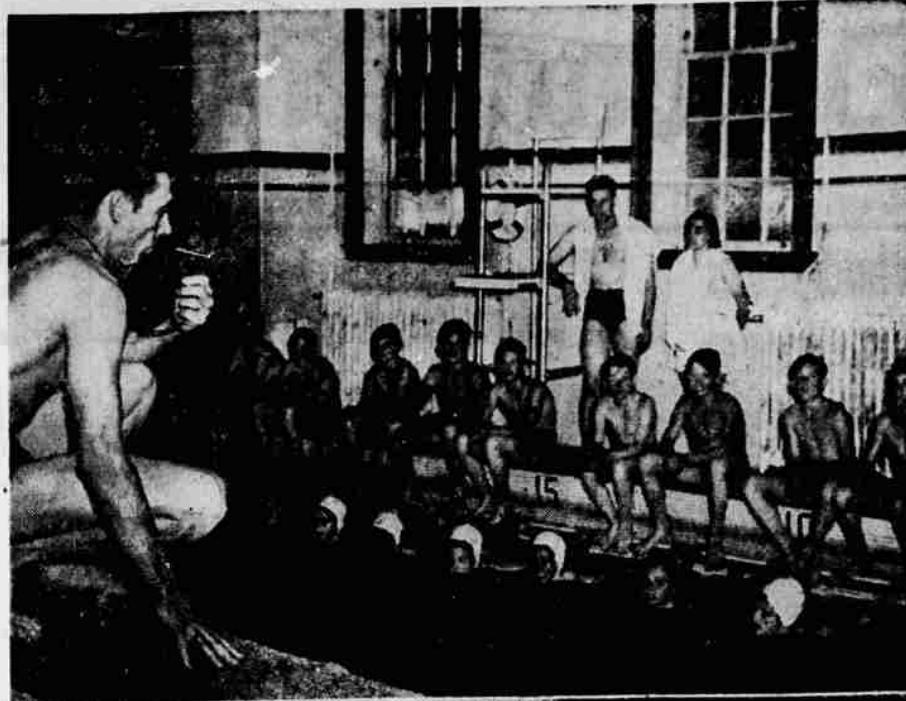
sides live up to the letter of the Geneva convention, but the living is so much better on this side.

If ever again I am to be taken prisoner and interned in a prison camp, I hope I am taken prisoner by the American army and sent into a camp in this country—Camp Croft, at Spartanburg, S.C., for example.

Nazis Not Pampered
German prisoners in American camps are no pampered pets; they do live, however, in a luxury which very few Germans share today and their meals are better than anything Hitler, Himmler, Goering or the other Nazi leaders can eat in Germany these days. In one meal at Camp Croft the prisoner gets more vitamins and calories than we American prisoners, interned in Baden Baden under the guard of Himmler's gестаapo, got in a week.

"We respect the Geneva convention to the letter, no more, no less," Col. Charles Fox, commander of the stockade at Camp Croft, told me.

To a veteran of German prison camps, however, the difference of conditions is tremendous. In Germany we often went hungry; here every prisoner shares exactly the ration of any American soldier. We were given no clothing or chance to buy new things in Germany when ours wore out; here the German prisoner is refitted from head to foot as often as his things become shabby. We were isolated by the gестаapo, forbidden to read American war communiques or listen to them over the radio; here the camp com-



EVIDENCE that Eugene youngsters want to learn to swim and have a place in which to swim was the turnout for the Red Cross "learn to swim" week. More than 300 came to register. The course ends June 23. In the upper picture is a scene at the pool (women's pool in Gerlinger hall, university campus), Sgt. David Lloyd Ringland, U.S. marine corps, instructor, shown at the edge of the pool giving instructions. Below, a "shot" from the group of many youngsters hurrying to register. On Friday evening of this week the classes will give demonstrations of the Red Cross teaching methods. All parents are invited especially. (Willshire photo and engraving)

mander distributes gratis to German soldiers American newspapers which print the German communiques.
Meat Ration Large
The daily meat ration is the equivalent in content of one whole week's meat ration in my German prison. In fact there is too much meat for the Germans' taste and

they asked Colonel Fox for permission to trade it back to the commissary for more starchy vegetables, chiefly potatoes. Fox consents so long as the total falls within the cash value of the complete rations established by the war department.

Occasionally, a prisoner tries to run away, but seldom. In the only recent case the German was picked up by the FBI within an hour in Spartanburg.

In Camp Croft there has been no trouble between the Nazi element and the non-Nazis among the prisoners, although army officers

told me that in many other camps there has been trouble. In those cases, the younger prisoners were inevitably militant Nazis and the older prisoners were non-political or openly anti-Nazi.

Wherever possible, within the stockades, the militant Nazis attempt to rule over the other Germans. Always, however, they respect American authority. Army officers call them model prisoners but doubt that capture and imprisonment has changed their political mentality.

Belleve Cities Bombed
I was told that some of the younger, more militant Nazis actually believe that New York, Washington and other eastern cities have been badly damaged by German bombers. While I was in Germany, until two months ago, I never heard that rumor which appears, however, to have been prevalent among the troops in the

field.

Recently when a special train arrived in a southern camp from Canada, via Buffalo and Cleveland, bringing new prisoners of war, an officer questioned them on their belief.

"You have seen much of this country and you have seen no damage, so how can you believe that New York and Washington have been bombed?" the officer asked a German.

"I am convinced it is true, else why did you route us a longer way instead of bringing us directly through New York and Washington where we might have seen the destruction?" the German replied.

Slaying Case Stay Of Execution Granted

SALEM June 21. — (AP) — The state supreme court Tuesday agreed to a stay of execution to allow a United States supreme court appeal by Richard H. Layton, former Monmouth police officer, who is under death sentence for the slaying of Martha Beck brand, 17, Dallas, whose body was found in the Willamette river year ago.

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