

# Parisienne and London Girl Show GIs How Europe Hates

By WAYNE HARBERT

Two American soldiers in Biarritz, France, were out for a glass of wine at a little cafe behind the golf course of the Bay of Biscay resort town.

One American had a date with brown-haired Audrey, an English girl, secretary with the American university. The other American was escorting black-haired Georgette, a Parisienne, also a secretary at the American university. Both Audrey and Georgette were pretty.

As the feminine members of the foursome were introduced before the table set by the door of the cafe rendezvous for the evening, Audrey did not offer her hand to Georgette. Being French, the girl from Paris noted coolness, as everyone in France shakes hands upon meeting.

The four sat down and four white wines were asked of the garçon.

Finally Audrey looked across the table at Georgette, who had taken the stem of her glass in her hand.

"You French! I can't stand you French!" she spat. "Paris! What did we find when we got to Paris? Perfume! Silk stockings! Of course it wouldn't be Paris if there were no perfumes and silk stockings!"

Georgette released her glass while she stared at the girl from London.

The diatribe continued: "And what did we have in England? No perfume or silk stockings! We were fighting a war while you in Paris enjoyed luxuries!"

Georgette knew how senseless it would be to try to soften that hatred from across the channel. She kept her composure in delicate balance, but when she got home and went to her room she cried.

Georgette remembered she had been born in London, though of Swiss and French parents, and had lived there until she was 12. She could have been a British subject, just like Audrey. Yet she realized the hopelessness of trying to explain any of that. She also knew the futility of pointing out to her ally accuser how much better it had been for the French to have sunk everything they could into luxuries to keep the Germans from using the material in the continental war effort against Great Britain.

Georgette didn't know Audrey's husband had gone down on a navy vessel off Newfoundland. She was bitter and that night over the wine she remembered her sorrow anew.

**Audrey Goes On**

"I hope our royal navy will circle round and round our islands," Audrey had said further, "when this war is over, so we can't have anything to do with you French!"

While the Oregonians think a Texan is pretty tolerable and don't have a bit of trouble with a Yankee from down east in Maine or a farmer from Illinois, such is not the case with the European.

Hate hides everywhere. They have been bombing and butchering each other too long. Recurring wars, with switchings in power lineups, even within wars, serve to confuse peoples of different races and languages. Masses without an American standard of living cannot afford to travel from one narrow geographic area to the next to make friends.

When I was on a bus going north across the Firth of Forth from Edinburgh to the ancient capital of Dunfermline a lady by my side addressed me.

"Must be English."

"How do you like Scotland?"

"I told her I had been impressed. 'I don't like it,' she answered. 'You must be English!'"

"Ohhh, no! I'm Irish!"

She then began telling me what a great place southern Ireland was, patting her people on their

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**JAPS DEBARK AT HOMELAND**—Jap servicemen scramble over the side of a barge as it docks at Uruga, Japan, after a voyage home from Borneo, Palau and the Philippines where they saw action. Masks are worn to help prevent disease spread.

backside for having been able to remain neutral.

"Very politely, but very firmly, I told her what I thought of Eamon deValera."

After she got off the bus another lady, Scotch, English or Irish, it didn't matter, moved up with me and complimented me on my handling.

In Paris at one of the gates to Cite Universitaire on Boulevard Jourdan an old English gentleman stopped to talk. She had lived in Caen before the war and the Germans had placed heavy anti-aircraft guns in her Normandy apple orchards. Then they had moved her into the interior and finally she had been placed in prison, to be eventually rescued by "you Americans with those beautiful tanks."

**Where Would She Go?**

I asked her where she would go when she became settled. At that time she was living in one of the university buildings with others just rescued from overrun German camps.

"Oh, I would never go back to England. No!"

I asked if she would like to have gone back with her mother before the nazis took Normandy.

"Oh, no, I could never have done that!"

Yet our lady hated the French. She just liked the country.

One evening of the Paris underground on the way to the etoile station two young women eyed a pair of us.

"Are you having a good time?" one asked me.

Surprised at finding her speaking English I asked if she were French. "No." "English?" "No!"

"We are Irish!"

"You have lived in France all during the occupation?" I continued.

"Always in Paris, yes," they said.

We passed over the Seine and the Eiffel tower loomed blackly in the rain.

"Oh we like Paris! But these French!" She leaned in her seat to whisper:

"The French are terrible! Don't you think so?"

Those are a few hateful Europeans I met, narrow, chauvinistic, isolationist.

Most discouraging attitude on a continent-wide situation like that (and I have not mentioned the vitriolic hate of French for German) is that had somebody back somewhere in my own family not decided there would be more chance for love and tolerance across the Atlantic I am sure I would be there with them—hating someone.



**PRINCESS**—Princess Margaret Rose (above) is the younger daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England. Her older sister is Princess Elizabeth.

**15 May Have Been Lost Off Steamer**

ENSENADA, Baja, Cfa., Mex., Feb. 6—(AP)—Survivors of the sinking of a Mexican coastal steamer described today how waves pounded the ship apart while radio operators called vainly for help and passengers jumped overboard in panic.

The storm-battered craft foundered on a rocky reef nine miles offshore 20 miles south of here Monday in a howling gale. It broke in two and sank within an hour.

Nine unidentified bodies, including those of two Americans, were washed ashore along with pieces of wreckage. Reports placed the death toll at 15 or more.

Survivors still were straggling in here today from the coast, where they had been brought ashore by rescuing fishermen. Others scattered to their homes, however, and there was no accurate estimate of the fatalities.

**Gale Punishes—**

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storm was accompanied by sub-zero temperatures throughout a wide area. The mercury dipped to 15 below in northeastern Montana.

The same storm brought rain and thunderstorms in Illinois and southward, where it began to overlap another storm center in the southeast. Unusually heavy local rains deluged parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Light rains fell in the Middle Atlantic states.

**FAMED MARSHAL DIES**

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Feb. 6—(AP)—Edward Nix, the United States marshal who was the nemesis of Oklahoma's Dalton gang, died last night at the age of 84.

**Dow-Jones**

NEW YORK, Feb. 6—(AP)—Dow Jones closing bond averages: 40 bonds, 108.50, up 0.13. 10 higher grade rails, 118.83, up 0.26. 10 second grade rails, 102.69, up 0.14. 10 public utilities, 110.19, up 0.08. 10 industrials, 106.48, up 0.04.

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## No Costumes—

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and there was no word as to when it would, by far the greatest part of the crowd was still there to hear him say he didn't think "it would be fair to ask you to wait any longer."

**Audience Entertained**

But in the meantime listeners were treated to a variety of orchestral and operatic music, sparked and directed by the conductor, Victor Trucco, who conducted with his right while playing the piano with his left hand.

The Carmen of the evening, Marie Powers, sang Saint-Saens "Mon Coeur S'ouvre a ta Voix," from Samson and Delilah, which, she told the audience, she had sung in France before the widow of the composer.

Barbara Patton, who was to have sung Mercedes, one of Carmen's gypsy friends, gave lovely voice to the solo "Vo! lo Sapete" and to the duet between Lola and Turido, both from Cavalleria Rusticana. She sang the duet with baritone Carlo Morelli, and later, with the chorus, sang the "Prayer" from that opera.

The audience was audibly pleased when Ernie Lawrence, who was programmed as Carmen's Don Jose, announced he would sing "Vesti la Giubba" from Leoncavallo's Pagliacci. Later he appeared with the chorus in the "Drinking Song" from Cavalleria Rusticana.

Mina Cravi displayed a beautiful voice as she sang the La Boheme aria, "Si, Mi Chiamano Mimì," and again in the famous third act duet from that piece with the baritone, Carlo Morelli. Morelli's nerve and strong, resonant voice would have made him an excellent Escamillo, the role for which he had been listed.

Virginia Blair, who was to have sung Frasquita, another of Carmen's gypsy friends, sang "Musetta's Waltz Song" from La Boheme.

Trucco directed the orchestra with its borrowed (from the university's school of music) instruments in selections from Rossini, Puccini, Bizet and others.

**Students Get Books**

Industrious university students, hearing of the delay in certain time, returned to their living organizations for their books, and sat in the halls of McArthur court studying while waiting for the opera to start.

The educational activities office offered to refund ticket price to anyone who felt he did not get his money's worth, and a few of the approximately 2500 people had applied for refund Wednesday.

Robinson asked that holders of ticket stubs bring or mail them to the educational activities office in McArthur court, for refunds, explaining that the university is not the loser by the mixup.

The truck finally did arrive at 10:53 p. m., Robinson said. The opera could have been under way at 11:23 p. m. The performance lasts three hours and 14 minutes.

Robinson as master of ceremonies handled a difficult situation superbly. Members of the company proved themselves to be true trouper in every sense of the word.

## Wage-Price—

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electrical and auto workers representatives.

2. The meat fact-finding panel was reported to have decided on a 16-cent an hour pay hike for the nation's packing house workers.

3. The government took over strikebound New York harbor tugboats to avert a critical fuel shortage in the New York City area. 450 AFL tugboat workers, however, voted not to man the vessels.

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