

Black Market Throttles Paris

PARIS — (U.P.) — Postwar Paris has become the black-marketers' paradise. The economy of this great city, where bomb and shell damage was relatively slight, is now largely—and openly—geared to extra-legal transactions.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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One Dinner Costs \$5

A good black market dinner costs a minimum equivalent of \$5, but hundreds of those restaurants are crowded.

Black market gasoline costs \$2.50 per gallon and black market tires cost \$125 each—but who cares? The streets are jammed with scurrying motorists whose official ration is scarcely more than a gallon per week.

American cigarettes sell for 150 francs per package. At the legal rate of exchange that is about \$1.30. French cigarettes cost 60 to 80 francs—four or five times the legal price. And sales are wide because a month's legal ration is exhausted after eight packages.

Cigarettes have, in fact, become a most valuable currency. You can buy things with them that the owner would not part with for francs. A taxi driver who will refuse to take you to distant points will readily change his mind for a bribe of one or two cigarettes.

There is a spirited demand in the black market for American money or American travelers' checks. One can't walk a block in any direction from the Cafe de la Paix without being openly approached by black market agents offering 250 francs for an American dollar. The legal rate of exchange is 120 francs.

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He came here in 1928, brought a knitting mill and a plant making electronic devices, and merged them with his electronic clock business.

His firm now turns out about 4,000 electric clocks a day, and in the knitted goods department, banks of machines knit sweaters like linked frankfurters. One is knit into another following until there are hundreds of sweaters in a single long string, later snipped apart. The output is forty dozen a day.

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Simpler Jap Script Ahead

TOKYO — (U.P.) — The complicated Japanese written language with its many thousands of characters is headed for "simplification"—says the Japanese government.

The first move will be to reduce the number of characters (or ideographs)—to 1850.

Newspapers regularly use some 4000 ideographs daily, despite the efforts to avoid the difficult Chinese characters.

Ultimately the Japanese committee in charge of lopping off characters hopes to reduce the number by 500 to 700.

It was recalled the American Education Mission in Japan last spring recommended the adoption of Romanji—the Roman characters—because school-children devoted too much time to learning characters and not enough to studying what they conveyed.

The first recorded abdication of a sovereign was Sylla's, the Roman dictator, in 79 B.C.

of settling our labor disputes without the disastrous strikes which bring about world starvation in a broader sense than the mere withholding of food."

Pearl Harbor, Hopkins Inquiries Seen Upcoming In Washington

By JOHN L. CUTTER

NEW YORK — (U.P.) — The Republican victory in the Congressional elections raised the possibility Thursday of another Pearl Harbor investigation and a search into the White House influence of the late Harry L. Hopkins during the Roosevelt regime.

Both House and Senate, under Republican control when the 80th Congress meets in January, are expected to launch special investigations into virtually every phase of Democratic administration for the last 14 years.

Pearl Harbor Issue

High on the agenda may be reopening of the Pearl Harbor investigation, conducted by a 10-man joint committee under Democratic control through late 1945 and early 1946, and a look into the influence of Hopkins on both the domestic and international scene.

Two Republican members of the Pearl Harbor committee—Sens. Homer Ferguson, Michigan, and Owen Brewster, Maine—disented from the majority report which exonerated the late President Roosevelt and his top military and political advisers in the

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Glowing Hand Trips Up False Alarm Sender

CLEVELAND — (U.P.) — The Cleveland fire department, keeping abreast of the times, had little trouble catching up with the latest person to turn in a false alarm from a fire box.

John Marks turned in an alarm at a corner box. A passerby detained him until the firemen arrived. Marks protested his innocence.

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