

Displaced Persons Write Home Of Many Wondrous Things

By JAMES DEVLIN
FRANKFURT, Germany. — (AP) — Displaced persons settling in new homelands write back of many wondrous things—including the American woman.

A DP in Pittsburgh, writing to his old comrades here, skipped such topics as the food situation and the job outlook. His and other letters were made public by the international refugee organization.

"First of all," he said, "I must tell you all women here, both young and old, are beautifully clothed and smartly made up. As to their beauty, simply, they are angels."

"I work with them and see them in the street every day, but am hardly able to believe that such celestial beings can really live among us."

Likes Cars
A young Polish DP in Fulton, Mo., was more impressed by automobiles.

"The beginning of life in America is very difficult," he wrote. "Since the sight of cars, houses and other things owned by other people makes you yearn to have the same. There are more cars here than bicycles in our own country."

But this DP is looking to the day when he, too, can have a car. "I am becoming more and more attracted to a business of my own," he said. "Opportunities are bright here. A good head on your shoulders and knowledge of where you must begin are necessary, but all the possibilities are here. I begin to feel more and more an American, and intend to hook onto the cogwheel and not drag behind."

From the United States, England, France, Canada, South America and Australia the impressions of those who have emigrated are pouring back.

They are printed in the DP camp newspapers and read eagerly by those still waiting to go. One of the thousands of DP's

who went to England wrote that he arrived there on a little ship, the "Beritz," which played a gallant role in the Dunkirk evacuation.

"The old Beritz is once again saving men, this time DP's," he reported.

He devoted most of his letter to

Oregon Flood Losses Told

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — (AP) — Oregon loses an average of nearly \$19,000,000 a year to uncontrolled waters, the Oregon Reclamation Congress was told this week.

Col. O. E. Walsh, district Army engineer, said that was the cost to industry and agriculture in just an average flood. Major floods cause many times that amount of damage, he said.

Walsh, participating in a panel discussion at the congress, recommended soil conservation and similar measures to help control the flood loss. He said 75 to 80 per cent of it could be prevented. Lee McAllister, Salem, Bureau of Reclamation planning engineer, declared that private groups can not develop irrigation to the necessary levels. A subsidy is necessary, McAllister said, to water the million acres of Oregon land which could be efficiently irrigated.

A proposal of small farm reservoirs to save waste water came from state engineer C. E. Stricklin. The water demand upon all major Oregon streams now exceeds the supply, he said.

Von Luckner Wants 'Breeze'

CHICAGO — (AP) — German Count Felix Von Luckner, who calls himself a citizen of the sea, said this week that the German people need "a fresh sea breeze through the brain."

Von Luckner, 68, terrorized allied shipping on the seas during the first world war but was classed as an enemy of the Nazi state during World War II. He said he is visiting this country to "absorb" American democracy.

He said he hoped to return to Germany to teach youth the lessons he learns here. He denied any active part in behalf of Germany during the last war and said the Nazis kept him under constant watch.

knocking down what he described as false rumors that the British were unfriendly to DP's.

"They have been very good to me," he said. "I am very very happy."

A Latvian DP wrote from France:

"I do not know about living conditions in other countries, but here I and my family are able to live very well, buy what clothing we need and still save money."

"And are there no disappointments? Good Lord, who does not experience them in the course of starting a new life? Any DP who expects to find everything perfect in his new country is a fool."

New Job
A Latvian who went to Belgium as a minor writes that he and his family now have an apartment, their own furniture and a radio. And he has a new job—a sports trainer. He added:

"Another man has become the private pilot of a well-known sportsman—he no longer burrows in the mines but flies with a satisfied whistle through the air."

He closed with a note expressed in most of the reports:

"If only all my friends in Germany could have the same rich meals that are awaiting for me in my dining room."

Too Much Food!
Many DP letters emanate from Canada. A Pole working in a gold mine at Starnat-Olsen reported:

"I've been working for three weeks and my biggest worry now is that I can't eat everything served us. The work is not really strenuous and very interesting."

"We literally walk over gold, but nobody would think of stealing it, even though we need money badly—there is so much to buy. But who would rob the country which shelters us and has been so very kind to us."



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Longest Radio System Set

SEATTLE — (AP) — A radio telephone system believed to be the longest in the world, will be started Dec. 1 on Northwest Airlines flights from Seattle to Honolulu equipped with high-power transmitters and receivers with elaborate directional antennae, the airlines said.

"While radio telephone use in overseas operations is not new," W. H. Piper, supervisor of communications operations for Northwest Airlines western region said, "this will be the first operating commercial network in the Pacific area, and to our knowledge the longest in the world."

GOOD SHOT
SALT LAKE CITY — (AP) — Police car 91 replied to the radio patrol dispatcher: "We shot the porcupine right between the house and the fence." "That's a good place to shoot a porcupine, Car 91," radioed the dispatcher.

Fat Ladies

Attention!

SEATTLE — (AP) — Reducing pills which eliminate hunger were introduced this week by a University of Washington scientist.

Dr. Robert H. Williams, professor of medicine, told a meeting of the Washington Dietetic Assn. that the pills are anorexigenic (anti-appetite) compounds. He said they can banish a pound or more of fat a week.

Dr. Williams, who helped develop the reducing pills, said they have no ill effects on the patient. He added that they will be available only through physicians' prescriptions.

"The pills take the place of will power," the scientist said. "The patient doesn't want to linger at the table because the pills eliminate his appetite for excess foods."

Obesity is a result of eating too much, Williams said. He reported that some people eat too much because they are bored. Others calm jangled nerves by eating. He said the new pills help the patient refrain from overeating.

DOG LEADS RESCUERS

RANDOLPH, Vt. — (AP) — Trapped in a gravel pit for six days, Duncan McPhail's cocker spaniel was rescued alive after another dog had led searchers to the scene.

Swiss Prepare Refugee Aid

BERN, Switzerland. — (AP) — The Swiss government, with one eye on the muddled international situation, is making discreet preparations to care for a new wave of refugees.

Under a plan approved by the Federal Council, the federal government would contribute half the cost of caring for refugees, with private welfare organizations paying the rest. There are still 7000 political refugees in Switzerland as a result of the last war.

Couldn't Return
The council pointed out that quite a large number of foreigners had entered Switzerland since the war on legitimate errands and found when they wanted to go home that political events had made return inadvisable or impossible.

"The uncertain political situation in the world could bring almost any day a great increase in the number of refugees seeking asylum in Switzerland," the council said. "There can be no doubt that the Swiss people are ready again to accept refugees as long as the possibilities and the means

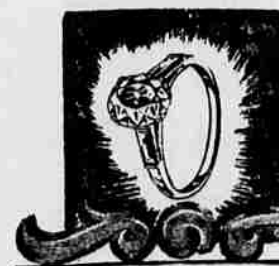
of assistance of our country permit it."

Heavy Burden

However, it was found that individual cantons or towns in Switzerland sometimes are reluctant to accept refugees because of the

heavy financial burden it

For this reason, the council proposed that the federal government assume an important part of the financial burden. This will be submitted to the



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