

# Private Explains Why He Refused To Obey Orders

By Elliot Curry  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Camp Roberts, Cal., Feb. 9 (UP)—Pvt. Henry Weber, of Vancouver, Wash., sentenced by an army court-martial board to life imprisonment for his refusal to drill, today termed himself a political objector to war and said he would welcome a congressional investigation of his case.

Pvt. Weber said in an interview that "The little people of the world are being kicked around too much, and I think that greed and hate are behind this war as they are behind all wars."

"I have no objection to serving in the army," he said. "I just don't want to kill, but I would be satisfied with noncombatant duty."

Weber had been sentenced to be hanged but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the court-martial.

Called Severe

But even that, Weber said, was an unduly severe penalty.

Weber added that he chose to defend himself in court martial proceedings although he was given the opportunity to ask for counsel and ample chance to present his case.

The soldier was pleased when told that a congressman had called for an investigation of his case by the house military affairs committee.

"I would certainly welcome such an investigation," he said.

(Rep. Charles R. Savage, D., Wash., urged that an investigation be undertaken before "this matter becomes a blot on the record of the armed forces.")

There was no violence in connection with his arrest, Pvt. Weber said.

Refuses Drill

"I simply declined to drill and invited the officers to take me in custody."

Weber, a native of Eau Claire, Wis., said he was "as patriotic as anybody could be" but that his membership in the socialist labor party compelled him to object to bearing arms.

His wife and three-year-old son live at Vancouver, Wash.

Camp Roberts issued a formal announcement that the review of Pvt. Weber's case had been ordered by the commanding general in charge of courts martial. The second court-martial verdict directed that Weber also be dishonorably discharged from the service.

# Not Expended



(NEA Telephoto)  
Lieutenant Beulah Greenwalt (above), an Army nurse on Corregidor and identified as the "Peggy" of William Allen White's "They Were Expended" fame, has been rescued from Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila.

# Rules Governing Card Games Given

Regulations under which rummy and pinochle may be played in men's recreation centers in Bend were made public today at the city hall. City Manager C. G. Reiter pointed out that an existing ordinance provides for the revocation of the license of any operator found violating the regulations. The regulations, subject to amendment, and as agreed upon at the regular city commission meeting Wednesday night, are:

**Rules Outlined**

"Each owner shall be responsible for the operation and conduct of his establishment and employees.

"No minors or persons under the influence of liquors shall be permitted to engage in any card games.

"All employees in charge of card games shall be of good moral character and experienced in the knowledge of games to be played and shall at all times protect the interests of those playing from unethical acts of any players.

"No liquids or foods shall be served to any person engaged in cards games, at or near card tables.

"No owner or employee shall participate in any unlicensed or illegal game on the premises of any licensee.

**Must Have License**

"All card rooms must have a license before card games may be played and the same must be displayed.

"Approval must be obtained from the chief of police by any owner of a card room wishing to make any interior changes.

"When a card room is conducted in conjunction with any other business, violators of ordinances in any other business shall be construed a violation for the purpose of these regulations and any or all licenses may be suspended or revoked.

"Games at this time are rummy and pinochle. No house men allowed in the game.

"The city may change these regulations from time to time that a more effective control may be had in promoting a decent pastime in men's recreation resorts."

# Kobe Again Hit By Lone Bomber

Washington, Feb. 9 (UP)—A lone B-29 Superfortress bombed Japan's main seaport of Kobe early today, the sixth straight day that one or more of the big bombers has attacked the city, radio Tokyo said.

Tokyo also reported that another B-29 made an hour-long reconnaissance flight over the Kanto district, which includes Tokyo and Yokohama, without dropping bombs. The broadcasts were recorded by the FCC.

From advanced Pacific headquarters came an announcement that army Liberators had bombed two, 570 miles south of Tokyo, for the 62nd and 63rd consecutive days Tuesday and Wednesday. Results of the raid were not disclosed.

Other bombers attacked Haha Island in the Bonins Wednesday and left three large fires burning. Tokyo said both Iwo and Haha also were hit again yesterday.

**PUP PUTS ON AIRS**

Indianapolis (UP)—City dog pound attendants picked up a stray mongrel wearing a 1925 dog license tag. The tag wasn't any help in identification—the dog was just a pup.

# Floor Show Due For Polio Dance

Final arrangements have been completed for the polio aid dance to be held tomorrow night in the Bend Roller rink, it was announced today by Clair Fuller, hall manager, who worked out plans for the benefit with Mrs. J. F. Arnold, Deschutes county chairman of the infantile paralysis relief projects.

Featuring the dance will be a floor show, Fuller revealed, and a huge cake will be cut by Mrs. C. G. Reiter, wife of Bend's city manager. B. A. Stover will be master of ceremonies.

All proceeds from the dance will go into the relief fund.

# Saddle Show to Display Relics

Relics of the olden days in Central Oregon when horse thieves stalked the range and ultimately dangled from the uppermost branch of a juniper, will be on display at the cavalry barn here on Sunday when the Rim Rock Riders stage their first annual saddle show.

The show will be saddles that were the "dandy" of the times, antique spurs, lass ropes and gay, fringed chaps, looking shabby now among the modern equipment used by the riding club.

Among the old riding equipment will be a saddle, known to be more than 50 years old, and used by the late Frank Bogue of Lapine when he was a wild horse runner through the wastelands of the midstate.

Glenn Gregg, president of the Rim Rock Riders, today asked that all members of the organization bring the paraphernalia they intend to display to the barn by 10 a.m., Sunday, and assist in arranging the exhibit. Others than members of the group were also invited to display their antique or modern driving or riding equipment.

The show, to which the public is invited, begins at 2 p. m., and will continue until 8 o'clock, according to Gregg. The afternoon will be featured by appropriate entertainment, furnished by Mrs. and Mrs. Roy Allingham, Mrs. Fred Hollenbeck, Miss Betty Davis, Tom Fair and Mrs. Anton Dahl.

# Cowboy 'Parks' Steed

Cheyenne, Wyo. (UP)—A cowboy rode his horse up to a parking meter in Cheyenne recently, dismounted, tossed his reins over the post, dripped five cents in the slot and strode away on high-heeled boots.

# Flames Disfigure Ancient City of Manila on Luzon

By Ralph Teatorth  
(United Press War Correspondent)

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# New Surge

The American Third Army explodes a new offensive across the Luxembourg border into Germany and battles into the Siegfried Line along a 22-mile front north of Echternach. Gains were scored in Prum and Schleidern areas as other forces continued to push Nazis to Rhine in Colmar sector.

The Japanese had emplaced artillery here was wrecked.

Many Japanese bodies and smashed vehicles still litter Quezon boulevard, and many more are being piled up in the Panadacin district, where the oil companies were located before the war. Bitter fighting is going on there today.

# Prisoner of War Policy Altered

Washington, Feb. 9 (UP)—Japan's stubborn refusal to play ball on questions involving prisoners of war and civilian internees appeared to be giving way today as a result of American successes in the Pacific.

Contrary to her earlier refusal to negotiate regarding such matters, Japan has now taken the initiative in a move to arrange Red Cross visits to certain American prison and internment camps in return for similar inspections of three enemy camps holding U. S. civilians and fighting men.

In announcing the Japanese offer, the state department criticized Japan's "arbitrary and sporadic" approach to prisoner and internee matters. It hinted that this country henceforth would stiffen its attitude toward world-

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# City Center Viewed

I viewed the center of the city yesterday from the top of Billbidy prison and the Malacanang palace. Both were still under artillery and mortar fire, but had suffered only slight damage.

The greatest visible damage appears to have occurred in the main business district on the north bank of the Pasig river. Fires have leveled most of that area including the Philippines national bank, the National City bank, the Japanese bazaars and the big department stores.

The Binondo, San Nicolas and Santa Cruz areas extending more than a mile inland from the harbor on the north side of the river also have been burned out. The Great Eastern, Marco Polo, and Central hotels and the Santa Cruz church are among the familiar buildings destroyed in those sections.

# Sections Burned

The fire line ran roughly between the river and Azzaraga street as far east as Billbidy prison, but a section of the city between Billbidy and the railroad terminal also was burned to the ground. Wednesday night an entire city block just south of Santo Tomas university caught fire and was destroyed.

The fine San Sebastian cathedral, whose towering steel spire was fabricated in Liege, Belgium, is still undamaged, but a church in the Binondo district, which the Japanese used as an ammunition dump, has been blown sky high.

The Yaunco market district where American tourists used to buy Philippine rugs and the San Nicolas warehouse area both were burned.

# Taps Destroy Buildings

Air force observers report that most of the port area south of the Pasig river has been destroyed by Japanese demolitions which began on Jan. 6, as well as by American shellfire.

Manila's famous Army and Navy club and the High Commissioner's building, both south of the port area, are believed to be intact, but the yacht club in which



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# Agreement Reached

The Japanese offered to allow Red Cross inspections of three camps holding Americans—if this country permits similar visits at U. S. camps on Titan, Saipan, New Caledonia and Guam.

The camps involved in the Japanese offer were the Santo Tomas camp in Manila—since liberated by Gen. Douglas MacArthur—a war prison camp at Singapore and a prisoners hospital in Thailand. There are no known American prisoners at Singapore. The Thailand offer authorizes visits to

# 15 BILLS SIGNED

Salem, Ore., Feb. 9 (UP)—Gov. Earl Snell today signed 15 house bills, including a measure (HB 7) to extend for two years motor vehicles operators' licenses, or until 1947.

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**Cop With Itchy Nose Can Ball Things Up, Othman Discovers**

By Frederick C. Othman  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 9 (UP)—Great investigations from little itches grow, or:

If Mayor Fiorello La Guardia hadn't sent a cop with an itchy nose to watch an auction sale in New York these things, from one to six, probably wouldn't have happened:

1. The cop wouldn't have had to scratch himself.
2. The eagle-eyed auctioneer, Jake Goldberg, wouldn't have thought this scratching of the sniffer was a signal that the officer had bought 200,000 feet of federal surplus sewer pipe.
3. The policeman wouldn't have got into a fight with Goldberg over what did he want with a carload of second-hand pipe?
4. This argument wouldn't have been reported to the mayor.
5. His honor wouldn't have called Goldberg a rogue.
6. The committee of Sen. James Mead of New York wouldn't have hauled the white-haired, black-eyed Goldberg down to Washington to defend himself.

"Senators," he croaked in a voice made hoarse by 25 years of auctions, "I am not a criminal. I am not a rogue."

He went on to identify himself as a long-time dealer in toilet seats, including the mother-of-pearl variety. Eventually he got back to that itchy officer.

"I had an awful time getting the bidders to call their names," he said. "Now about that policeman scratching himself. An auctioneer has got to be on his toes. Some people scratch (Goldberg demonstrated) and some people look down (he looked down) and some jerk their thumbs (he jerked his thumb) to signal their bids.

"You got to be quick as a flash. My making a mistake and selling to a policeman who itches is no discredit to me."

Goldberg had been in the committee room for a week, hearing himself and his auction of surplus plumbing and electrical supplies denounced.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I have been looking at you. I don't think you're here to crucify me."

The senators assured him they weren't. Next thing Goldberg knew he was talking about cocktails for customers and nylons for a lady. The books showed that \$24.50 had been spent for cocktails by the firm, but Goldberg said one of his partners must have bought 'em. He said he hadn't spent that much money for cocktails in his lifetime.

"Nylon stockings are very valuable," interrupted Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan. "Have you

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