

Nazi Prisoners Cause Headaches To Frenchmen

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Paris (UP) — Once docile and subservient, the 625,000 German prisoners of war held in France are starting to campaign for their freedom.

Pierre Roland-Levy, director of the labor ministry, told the United Press the French reconstruction program is being severely hampered by strikes, slowdowns and sabotage by thousands of PWs.

When the war ended, the prisoners of war taken by the French and put to work on reconstructing this ravaged country, as well as those turned over to the French for the same purpose by the United States army, were willing and anxious to work, Roland-Levy said.

"They were afraid of reprisals against them for their crimes, or for the crimes of the nazis. All they wanted was food and security."

"But now they are no longer afraid. They believe that Germany, aided by dissension among the victorious nations, is once more on the road to power. They want to go home."

Many Escaped
Since the end of the war, approximately 60,000 former German soldiers have tried to escape from the French labor camps, and half of that number have succeeded, according to the ministry of war.

Those who remain have begun what appears to be organized resistance, in the opinion of Roland-Levy, an alumnus of several German concentration camps who knows what he is talking about. His refusal to work, they count on making the PW system so expensive to France that it will be given up as impractical.

Sensitive to a world opinion which has heard condemnations of this system as "slavery," the French government has taken no action to suppress the rising resistance, Roland-Levy said, other than to attempt to mollify the prisoners by making their living conditions as livable as possible.

Prisoners Needed
France has a dire man-power shortage. Because of the falling birth rate, a shortage already existed before the war, and during the war 600,000 Frenchmen were killed and 300,000 more died from causes directly or indirectly at-

Youngster Celebrates Birthday—Maybe His Last



Three-year-old Donald Revels (third from left) of Tampa, Fla., gathers with his playmates to open presents and blow out the candles on his cake at what doctors say will be his last birthday. Donald is suffering from what is believed to be an incurable malignant tumor. Party guests are (left to right) Collie Sandra Waddie, Rose Marie Collins, Donald, Gwendolyn Howerton, Clifford McPhee, Dennis Howerton, and Jerry, Donald's six-year-old brother.

tributable to the German occupation. The total shortage is estimated roughly at 1,000,000 men.

The French five-year plan for reconstruction calls for obtaining this manpower by 1950 through immigration and a program of training whereby French unskilled laborers are to become skilled.

"But until this program becomes effective," Roland-Levy emphasized, "France has dire need of the PWs."

There is a possibility that some of the prisoners, possibly 200,000, may be freed to remain in France as civilian workers. A mixed commission of representatives of the ministries of population, labor and war has been set up to study this project and report back to the government.

Although represented on this commission, Roland-Levy said the labor ministry, the principal agency in control of PWs, is diametrically opposed to the program.

Fifth Column Feared
He insisted the Germans would always constitute a fifth column threat, even though the project contemplates the exclusion of all former SS men and nazis and would see that they were widely dispersed over France to prevent them from forming into groups.

Furthermore, he said, the freed Germans would not be tolerated by French workers. "The scars of the occupation are too recent. If you put German workers into a factory with French workers now, the Germans would all be dead within a month."

"Only when these men have been thoroughly de-nazified would they be acceptable as free men living in France," Roland-Levy stated driving tests.

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added. "This is far from being the case at the present time."

He pointed to the fact that on the day of the Nuremberg executions, when the remaining nazis chiefs met their fate on the end of a rope, thousands of prisoners went into mourning, showing up for work wearing black armbands and black lapel streamers.

PATIENTS DRIVE
Framingham, Mass. (UP) — In four months, patients paralyzed from the waist down have driven more than 20,000 miles in special automobiles at the Cushing veterans administration hospital. Daily driving lessons have resulted in 42 patients successfully passing state driving tests.

Britain Training Chinese To Man Their New Navy

Hongkong (UP) — More than 1,000 Chinese naval officers and men are receiving training in the United Kingdom to man 13 British warships which are being turned over to China as the core of its new navy, according to officers of the corvette Fu Fo (formerly HMS Petunia) which arrived here from Plymouth.

The ship, which served as a convoy escort vessel during the war, was on its way to Nanking, where it will serve as a training ship for the Chinese navy. The 1,400-ton craft is fully equipped with the latest guns, radar and anti-submarine devices.

Jungle Indians Take Gifts, Renew War On White Man

Rio De Janeiro (UP) — The savage Chavanti Indians of the Matto Grosso jungle of interior Brazil, who for 150 years carried on a relentless warfare against white men, have refused to bury the hatchet.

In August of this year an expedition organized by the national Indian protection service went into the sweltering Matto Grosso jungle to try to make peace with the Indians.

Their purpose was to placate the natives for the poisoning of 500 braves by Portuguese explorers back in 1796. Ever since that date, the Indians have waged perpetual war against all white men.

The expedition proceeded cautiously, fearing a surprise attack. Instead, they found headless arrows stuck in the ground — the symbolic peace offer.

Soon afterward they encountered an unarmed group of Indians, which showered the party with leaves and bark to cleanse them of evil spirits. Tokens were exchanged and the expedition came to an understanding with the "cacique" (chief).

More Gifts Arranged
The peace appeared assured. It was arranged that the expedition would retire and come again for another meeting, bringing more gifts for a final peace settlement.

The second mission set out in October, laden with gifts to seal the pact of peace. The mission, however, found the Indians in a different attitude. Something had happened in the meantime.

The expedition struck camp on the spot indicated as the "peace rendezvous" and waited the Chavante delegation. None came. The gifts were placed in strategic position so that they could be seen from some distance, in hope of enticing the Indians.

Concealed by the darkness of tropical nights, the savages picked up their presents. The members of the expedition let them have a free hand, hoping that a peace delegation would follow.

The one morning the members of the expedition saw a huge

bonfire about half a mile from their camp. Scouts were sent to investigate. They saw the grotesquely painted "cacique" performing the rites of a ceremony of their war gods.

The chief threw the effigy of a white man into the flames. Then 400 braves gave loud war-whoops and sent a shower of arrows toward the expedition. None reached its mark because of the distance.

The hope for peace had ended. The expedition made its way back to the nearest jungle outpost.

'Teen Agers Challenge Wrong Man To Race
Fort Wayne, Ind. (UP) — Two youngsters have decided not to challenge fellow automobile drivers to a race again; they might turn out to be cops.

Plainclothes officer Alvin Lerch said two "teen-agers" drove up beside his car and challenged him to a race.

After a brief chase, Lerch caught them and found a "sizeable" amount of full and empty beer bottles in the car.

THEORY PUT INTO PRACTICE
Pittsburgh (UP) — The public schools here have supplemented their courses in driving theory with behind-the-wheel practice. The system of giving youngsters actual driving training was started with the arrival of the first post-war "dual control" automobile.

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| Seasoned flour | 8 peeled onions |
| 1/4 cup parsley | 6 peeled potatoes |
| 1 chopped onion | |

Dredge pieces of meat in seasoned flour, brown in drippings. Add parsley, chopped onion—then Hunt's Tomato Sauce and water. Cover closely, simmer gently 2 1/2 hours. Add other vegetables, placing meat on top. Add more water if needed. Continue cooking until vegetables are tender. Remove meat and vegetables, thicken gravy with flour and water paste (1 tbsp. flour to 1 cup gravy). Season to taste.

