# Yank Fliers Released From Nazi Prison Camp



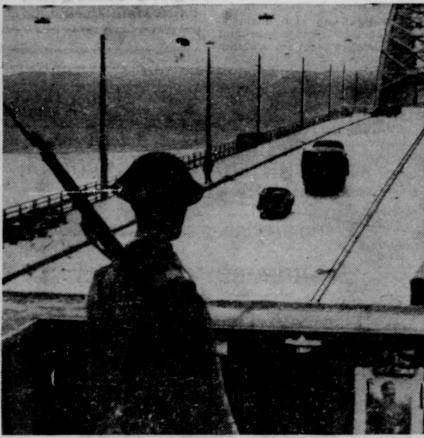
Left, shows Yanks released from Romanian prison camps lining up for hot showers and new clothing while their old outfits are deloused. Lower right, another group, former prisoners of Bulgaria, line up for ice cream sodas in Egypt. Upper left, Sergt. Eddy Lauary, Lancaster, Ohio, was postmaster in Romanian prison. Right, Corp. George Cale, Columbus, Ohio, enjoys his first American meal.

# Almost Everything Went Underground in France



Brest's wounded went underground and remained for 32 days during artillery bombings (right). Wounded were not all that went underground. American army discovered vast stores of Swiss cheese (left) the Germans were forced to leave behind. Now the GIs will have something special to put on their K-ration crackers, and the Nazis will be without their prize cheese.

# Newest Watch on the Rhine | Saddle and Boots



The 1944 version of the "Watch on the Rhine," shows a British soldier in command post as he guards the bridge across wall, the Rhine's main outlet to the sea. This is the first time during the present war that Allied troops have taken command of any large section of the Rhine, a fallen stronghold of the Germans.

# Yank Bombers Hit Philippines



An oil storage dump at Cedu in the Philippines burns fiercely after direct bomb hits which were delivered from bombers on carrier base from the Third Fleet. As the result of this raid, more than 200 enemy planes were destroyed, and the softening up of the Philippines continued in anticipation of MacArthur landings in near future.



Todd Watley, riding a bucking broncho, shows the boys and girls, and the GIs, how a Rodeo's bull-dogger acts. From the West's wide open spaces, he has gone east to entertain the members of the armed forces and kids of New York. Rodeos continue to operate during war as a morale builder.

# Collie Does Watch



The lady watching the sleeping sailor, happens to be one of twin golden haired collie pups, who recently became part of the complement of Twin U. S. Naval Vessels. She has two weather eyes peeled for anyone disturbing her master.

Washington, D. C.

CLOTHES RATIONING AVERTED Few people know how close the country was to clothes rationing a few months ago, at the peak of the war. The key figure who helped prevent it was shrewd Pittsburgh department store wizard Irwin Wolf. Wolf and WPB boss Donald Nelson held several conferences on the problem, at which Wolf pointed out that retailers, worried about shortages, were buying all the clothes in sight, and hoarding huge amounts of one item while having no stocks of other goods.

Finally, Nelson asked Wolf to sit down with Joseph Weiner, head of the civilian supply section of WPB, John Davidson, representing the wholesalers, and Earl Reed, another key WPB official. After going over several involved proposals, they retired from the conference room and drafted a simple order which limited all retailers to the same amount of stock they had during the previous year. The proposal was immediately adopted by Nelson, and clothes rationing was avoided.

Nelson now calls Wolf's plan "one of the saviours of the civilian supply situation in the U.S."

NOTE-One effect of Wolf's program is that merchants will carry over only small amounts of "ersatz" merchandise in the postwar period, will not be stuck with poor-quality merchandise to unload on the money-flushed public.

#### AFTERMATH OF V-DAY

The White House has just received a confidential report showing that 66.4 per cent of American families have saved only 11.6 per cent of the money put aside by the nation during war time. In other words, the upper one-third bracket of the people tucked away 88.4 per cent.

The same report points out that, immediately after V-day in Europe, most plants which continue operating will cut overtime, thus dropping wages from 15 to 25 per cent. One of the problems officials face is a wild rush to cash war bonds, not for lush spending, but for bare necessities of workers in middle and lower-income brackets.

All these figures now have President Roosevelt concerned about what will happen in the first weeks immediately after the war. The president's economic advisers are telling him that continued prosperity in the postwar period will require his greater personal attention to domestic problems.

They figure that, if the nation can successfully come through the first few weeks after the armistice, then the demand for peacetime goods, long denied the public, will pick up national prosperity. However, the first weeks of readjustment are going to be tough.

# DOLLAR-A-YEAR MEN

The full effect hasn't yet percolated down from the top but, before he left for China, Donald Nelson signed a new set of rules governing the appointment of - and the continued employment of-WPB dollar-a-year men. It has been felt first in the textile, clothing and leather divisions but gradually is beginning to result in changes elsewhere in the agency.

Dollar-a-year appointments for the war emergency period were okayed by the White House four years ago, the appointments to be made at the discretion of the agency chiefs without regard to existing law. Criticism of the early dollar-a-year appointments gradually resulted in a tightening of the policy, but Nelson never really put his foot down until last month.

Major dynamite in the order is Nelson's pronouncement that "No person may be employed on a dollar-a-year basis who would be required by his position on the War Production board to make decisions directly affecting his own company or its competitors." The same section bans dollar-a-year employment of all lawyers, all trade association officials, members of WPB industry advisory committees, or any individuals convicted of anti-trust violations.

Dozens of dollar-a-year men within WPB are daily called upon to formulate policy affecting their own industries, and consequently their own companies and competitors. At the same time, Nelson's order does not reach the even more serious problem of salaried employees in a position to make decisions affecting the companies from which they came to the government - or to which they will go when they leave Washington.

# MERRY-GO-ROUND

1 Jesse Jones, at the age of 70, has just come through a major operation, now appears to be in better

Maury Maverick, who had spent a lot of time in France during World War I but saw little of its culture, can be given credit for the army's plan to supply competent guides to conduct servicemen on tours of historic monuments not only in France but in Egypt, Greece and every part of the world immediately after the armistice.

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