

# The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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## ARMY DISCHARGE CREDITS

Here is how the army will determine what men are to be discharged after the war in Europe is over. Special forms have been quietly sent to commanding officers in all theatres. They are to be distributed to the G.I.s who will fill them out, try to figure out the number of credits they have earned to give them a quick return home.

The one thing still undecided by the army is the number of credits necessary for immediate release. This columnist is able to reveal, however, that:

1. All credits will be determined as of the date the war in Europe is over.
2. Special credits will be given for overseas service, and overseas service will mean any service outside the continental limits of the U. S., including Alaska. Thousands of men who served in Alaska will receive overseas credit. Overseas service will be determined from the day a man leaves a port of embarkation.
3. Combat credit will be given only for those receiving the medal of honor, distinguished service cross, legion of merit, silver star, distinguished flying cross, soldiers' medal, bronze star, air medal, purple heart or bronze service stars for battle participation. No other awards or ribbons will be included.
4. Credit will be given for children who are under 18 years of age on the day the war in Europe ends, but for some mysterious reason the army will not allow credits for more than three children.

## HENRY KAISER CONCILIATES

Few people realize it, and ship-builder Henry Kaiser is too modest to admit it, but he was the guiding genius behind the recently signed pledge for postwar industrial peace just promulgated by Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. chamber of commerce, CIO Pres. Phil Murray and AFL Pres. Bill Green.

Kaiser figured out the scheme last fall after seeing the terrific bitterness of the election campaign. He first approached Bill Green, told him that if Green was sincere about believing in a 60,000,000-job program, management needed assurances of labor peace. Green was agreeable.

Johnston agreed to call the first meeting, invited Kaiser, Murray and Green to a hush-hush dinner in his Mayflower hotel suite, debated the entire proposal up, down and sideways.

Not content with a bare statement of unity and pledge of labor-management peace, Kaiser has now quietly proposed that the U. S. chamber of commerce, the AFL and the CIO set up a new, well-financed organization which can actively go about the business of contacting local labor leaders and local business men, preaching the gospel of cooperation on that level.

## PETRILLO CRACKDOWN

Congress is so steamed up about the rambunctious practices of horn-tooter James Caesar Petrillo, head of the American Federation of Musicians, and bushy-browed John L. Lewis, mine workers' chief, that responsible labor leaders are greatly worried that it may pass the Bailey bill.

This would invalidate the agreement Petrillo won after defying the record manufacturers and the government for two years, and which provides that the manufacturers pay his union a royalty on every record made. It would also rule out the 10-cent-per-ton coal royalty Lewis asked after he saw Petrillo get his.

Even though many of them have little sympathy for the Petrillo-Lewis methods, labor leaders see in the Bailey bill far more danger than appears on the surface. For if the bill becomes law, it will knock out not only Petrillo royalty setups, but also numerous negotiated agreements whereby employers agree to pay a small portion of their payroll into health funds jointly administered by the union and the employer.

These are used to pay sickness and accident benefits, medical costs and death benefits for employees, and more and more employers are agreeing to include contributions to these funds in their contracts with the unions. There have been no complaints about these funds, but they will be illegal if the Bailey bill becomes law.

## CAPITOL CHAFF

The RFC has named the New York firm of Fuller, Smith and Ross to handle advertising of surplus property to be sold through RFC. This firm is also the advertising representative for the Aluminum company of America, which has a major interest in plant facilities to be sold through RFC.

Despite the wide publicity ridiculing him a few months ago, Rep. William Gallagher, former Minneapolis street cleaner, has won the respect of his colleagues in the house.

## Revenge Is Sweet to Some Russian Civilians



The Nazis are taking a beating inside Germany, as well as on the war front. This strip of photos shows a German civilian policeman as he plays the unhappy role of "Wermacht." Two Russians, former slave laborers, take a triumphant role as they beat the Nazi into fear and finally let him get away. The Russians met the Nazi as they were searching for American "Displaced Persons Center."

## Okinawa Invasion Gigantic Military Operation



Some of the ships which comprised the gigantic fleet that participated in the invasion of Okinawa are loaded with thousands of tons of equipment and supplies at an advanced Pacific base. Boldest Allied operation in this theatre, an armada of some 1,400 ships took part in the amphibious attack on this key island in the stepping-stone chain between Formosa and Japan proper.

## Call by Radio for Surrender



Psychological warfare branch of the army broadcasts an offer to the Germans to surrender city. The sergeant wears a tiny microphone clipped to his upper lip. His speech is amplified by a sound truck.

## Bat Boy to Big-Time Baseball



Anything can happen in the major league. A few seasons ago Richie Whittington, right, was selling peanuts and popcorn in the Cleveland park. Last year he was bat boy. Today he is regarded as one of the most likely looking prospects working out with the Indians. He will be farmed out until he secures more experience.

## Flag Over Geruma



Troops of the new 10th army's 77th division are shown as they raise the colors for the first time on tiny Geruma Shima, during the landing that preceded the invasion of the isle of Okinawa. The flag was raised by the division chaplain.

## Murdered by Nazi



Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, brilliant U. S. armored commander of the 1st army, who was murdered by Germans after his surrender. He is the son of Rabbi Rose of Denver.

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