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RURAL HOSPITALS TO GET SURPLUS

WASHINGTON — Rural hospitals and health centers can look for a major share of the hundreds of millions of dollars of medical equipment to be released by the army and the navy. A policy has finally been worked out at the surplus property board to assure release of this material for public health use, first in areas that have no existing facilities, second in areas which have insufficient facilities. So great is the need of rural and small-town hospitals and clinics that there will be little equipment left for replacement.

This policy was achieved only after a long and bitter dispute between the surplus property board and Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Fishbein, in whose journal advertise the largest makers of medical equipment, had urged that this vast volume of surplus material not be released at once.

Instead, he wanted it stored and released gradually in small quantities in order not to upset the market for manufacturers of medical goods. In addition, Fishbein insisted that huge quantities of certain supplies, such as bandages, could not be used because they differed somewhat from accepted standard sizes.

However, in a lengthy session at the office of U. S. Surgeon General Thomas Parran, Dr. Fishbein finally was won over and even agreed to serve on the overall board which will recommend on the disposal of medical supplies.

Three types of equipment will be distributed—public health supplies, surgical and therapeutic instruments, and pharmaceuticals. A board of public officials and physicians headed by Dr. Parran will recommend their allocation to Federal Security Chairman Paul McNutt, who will work through the surplus property board. Actual allocation of the supplies within the states will rest with state boards to be composed of various federal government and state medical officials.

Note — Federal officials are worried lest the state boards become a weak link in the setup. They fear that, in areas of greatest need, state groups will not be anxious to aid in the equipping of Negro clinics and hospitals. Therefore, an effort will be made to work out rigid requirements in Washington. No building program is yet arranged to go along with the disposal of medical supplies, though every effort will be made to convert army buildings into hospitals and clinics.

CHURCHILL'S NEEDLING

Backstage fact about the Joe Davies pilgrimage to London is that originally he was picked to go to Moscow for an intimate talk with Stalin, but his doctor forbade it.

Davies was slated for the Moscow trip because he is the only U. S. ambassador since the United States recognized Russia who has been welcome at the Kremlin. This was primarily due to Joe's book, "Mission to Moscow" and the film by the same name, which gave a sympathetic portrayal of Soviet progress. Therefore, it was planned to have him impress on Stalin that recent diplomatic snarls had alienated American public opinion.

When Davies was unable to go to Moscow, it was decided that Harry Hopkins should do the job instead; while Davies would go to London and urge Churchill to stop needling Russia.

This latter job is considered almost as important as the Hopkins trip to Moscow. For several White House advisers are convinced that Churchill, always critical of the Russians, delights in anything which keeps the United States and the Soviet in a state of mutual suspicion. The British diplomatic game for a hundred years has been to balance two powers off against each other. Therefore U.S.-U.S.S.R. rivalry is right down Churchill's alley.

That is why Joe Davies is empowered to pull no punches in telling Churchill that balance-of-power needling is not appreciated in Washington.

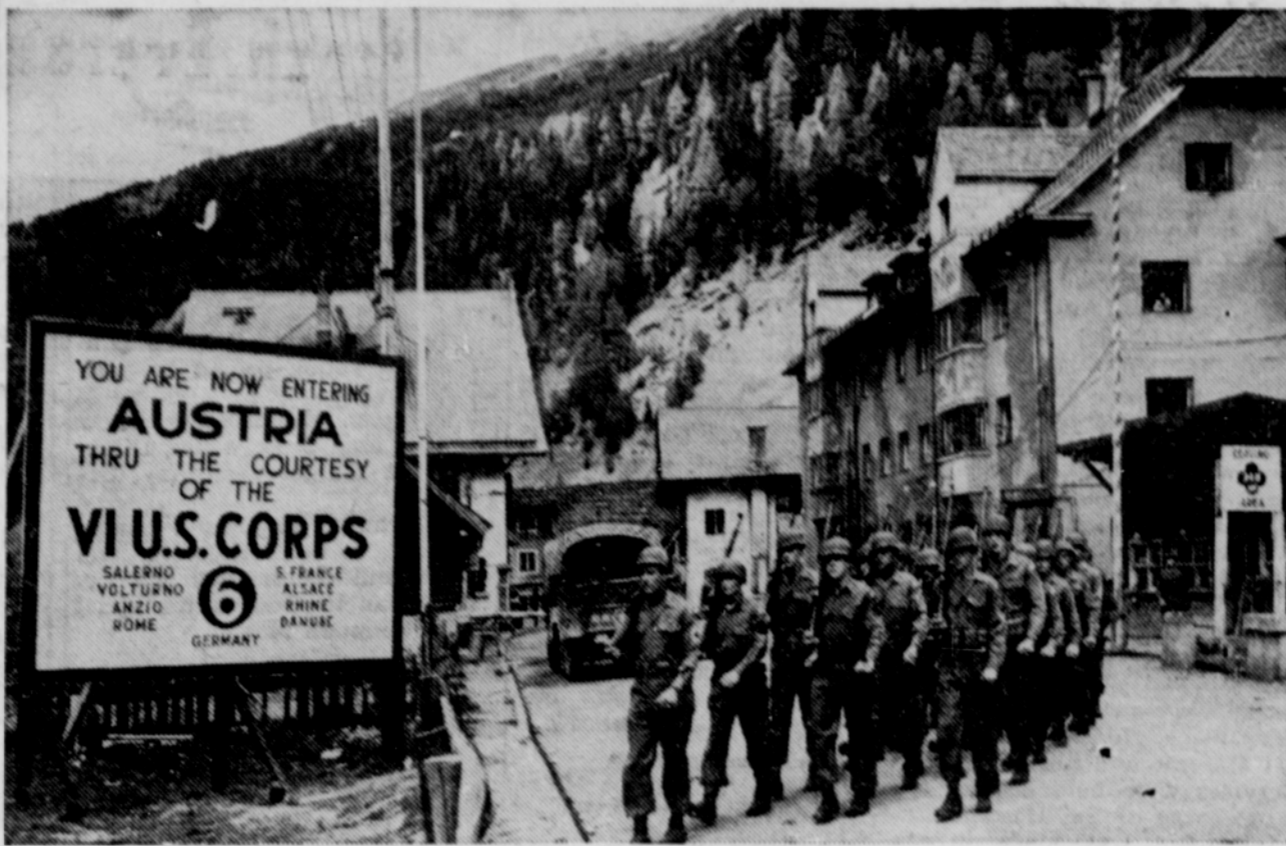
CAPITAL CHAFF

When French statesmen Bonnet and Bidault appeared at the White House, President Truman and staff were so confident the discussion would be friendly that Truman's statement was prepared before the conference. Mimeographed copies, with the ink already dry, were handed out by White House Press Aid Eben Ayres the minute Bonnet and Bidault left.

When New York Congressman Gus Bennett presented President Truman with a special pocket Bible recently, Truman pulled a magnifying glass from his pocket and told Bennett, "You see, I'm all prepared to read this gift, which I'm very happy to receive."

Democratic members of congress were amazed to see Senator Pappy O'Daniel of Texas turn up for the recent testimonial dinner to Ed Pauley and Bob Hannegan. The bitterly anti-Roosevelt and anti-administration O'Daniel led the applause during most speeches.

Austria Now Under United States Army Control



Infantry company of the 103rd infantry division, U. S. 7th army, marches through town of Brennero, Austria, during one of the daily formal guard mount ceremonies. The 103rd division has been guarding Brennero in conjunction with the 88th infantry division, U. S. 5th army in Italy. Unlike most German cities, Brennero does not show the effect of the war, having been left with few war scars.

Chinese Army Speeds Up All-Out War Effort



Lower photo shows one of the newly equipped and trained fighting units, as pep talk is given by Gen. Chen Ming Yun. Circle shows Chinese infantryman, veteran of the Burma campaign, prepare to board American air transports for flight over the "hump" to China. Using jungle bamboo to box off stalls inside a U. S. air transport, Chinese troops accompany their pack animals on a flight from Burma into China.

Baldies Hold First Convention



This dazzling assemblage consists of men whose shining virtues are apparent to all. The slick domed members of the United Baldheads of America, shown at their first annual convention held at Port Arthur, Texas, before the reviewing stand, where Mayor Walter Bailey presented the key to the city to the billiard tops.

Ideal Four Poster Tank Bed



A discarded gasoline tank serves as a four poster, for Marine S/Sgt. Albert J. Magley of Maplewood, N. J., who is attached to the "Death Battalion" on Okinawa. This bed has decided advantages over "fox hole" for sleeping comfort, but still does not come up to the bed that Sergeant Magley left behind when he joined the marine corps. He is still thinking of sending new bed home as souvenir.

Dismantle Germany



R. J. Wysor, who has been named to supervise metallurgical operations in Germany and to see that the steel mills are controlled, dismantled or moved out of Germany. Details of the handling of Germany's industries, have not been announced.

No Coal Shortage



Jimmy Hayhurst, 8, of Fairmont, W. Va., has found a means of beating the coal shortage. With aid of sister and girl friend, he helps himself to coal without cost.

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Boil a cracked dish for about three-quarters of an hour in enough sweet milk to cover it. The crack in the dish will become almost invisible.

Place a small hand brush, bristle side up, in the soap dish. Keep the soap on top of the brush and when you need to use the brush it will already be full of soap.

Two spools nailed to the wall about two inches apart makes a good place to hang the broom (upside down).

To keep slip-covers new looking, iron them on the wrong side.

Flat stones pressed beneath a porch that rests directly upon the earth will retard wood decay.

If brown sugar becomes lumpy, place a damp cloth in the jar with the sugar and cover it tightly.

Do not allow your vacuum cleaner bag to become filled with dirt before you empty it. It should be emptied frequently so as not to interfere with the flow of air.

An old turkish towel is good for removing dust from upholstered furniture. Wet the towel, wring it dry, and spread over piece to be cleaned. Beat with a broomstick. Escaping dust clings to the towel.

That old piano stool in the attic can be painted to match the kitchen and used there as an adjustable chair. It's handy.

Stretch your meat balls by adding oatmeal to the hamburger.

If your furnace has a tendency to rust in a damp cellar choose a dozen or more cool days during the summer to burn papers in the fire box. This will help prevent replacing pipes and other metal appliances every few years. A better precaution, of course, is to remove the cause of the dampness, but this is often costly since it means extensive resealing of cellar walls.

When boiling potatoes for mashing, cut them as for french fries. Much time and fuel will be saved.



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about RUBBER

Rubber contracts and ripples into an unstretched state in much the same way as an earthworm moves across the surface of the ground.
From April 1, 1942, to August 31, 1944, the total amount of natural rubber imported into the United States was 214,145 long tons. India and Africa supplied 35.3%; 31.9% came from Latin America, and 15.3% from Liberia. The remaining 17.5% came from shipments in transit when sources were lost to Japan.
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