

SWAHILI SPEECH MAY BE LEARNED BY U. S. TROOPS

World War I Captain Offers
To Teach Language To
African-Bound Soldiers.

New York—(U.P.)—George W. Sutton, Jr., the man who kept the state department informed of Japanese activity in this country a few years ago, has made an offer to teach the Swahili language to U. S. troops destined for African service.

Sutton, who learned Swahili many years ago during a two year stay in Zanzibar, says that the army is considering his offer seriously. He points out that the language is spoken by some 180,000,000 persons in Africa and rates seventh as the most widely used language in the world.

A captain in the tank corps in the last war who has applied for service again, Sutton already has gotten up a complete course of 10 lessons containing some 500 words—or about enough "to get a man from one end of the continent to the other, if he has any ingenuity." He thinks that a 700-800 word Swahili vocabulary is all that a white man needs.

Went to Washington
One of the better known public relations counselors in New York, Sutton was retained by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce for three months in 1937-38 to advise them on how to improve American-Japanese relations.

Although not required to do so at the time, he went to Washington, consulted the State Department and kept it informed constantly of his relations with the Jap C. of C. No quibbler with words, Sutton also bluntly informed the Japanese that their methods in Asia had none of his sympathy and he hoped the Chinese would drive them into the sea.

"There were rumblings of

Ah, "Beauty Queens"



In a mock beauty contest using war bonds and stamps as votes, shipyard workers in Portland, Ore., crowned Curley Goguen (left), queen. Then an election dispute arose, so Goguen stripped off the queen's robes and awarded them to runner-up Pigstaff Moore (right).

coming events even then," Sutton said. "In particular the Japs seemed to be shocked by a private poll I made of editorial opinion showing that 98 per cent of the American public was against them."

Getting back to Swahili, he explained it is a completely phonetic language and words

are spelled exactly as they are spoken with "i" pronounced as "ee," "a" as "ah."

Here are some samples from one of Sutton's lessons headed: "War Stuff."
Gun—Bunduki.
Cannon—Mzingu.
Battle—Vita.
Soldier—Askari.
General—Jemadari.
Bayonet—Upanga Wa Bunduki.

"Funny thing," Sutton said. "I've learned and forgotten French three times but I know all the Swahili I knew 35 years ago. And by the way the word for coconut in Swahili is 'Nazi!'"

THREE PAY FINES FOR BEER PARTY

Ralph H. Musselman, Donald Musselman, and Gordon McCartney, cantonment workers, assigned to defense work in Utah, charged with violation of the Oregon liquor commission regulations, were each fined \$10 and costs in justice court yesterday.

The trio showed up at a Pacific Highway resort with a case of beer and placed it on a table, after the management had refused to serve them. When one o'clock in the morning came they refused to move. A deputy sheriff was called and the beer and men were removed.

John H. Culpepper was fined \$1 and costs for an overloaded truck.

The Dominican republic occupies two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola. Haiti occupies the other third.

DEFENSE CLASSES MAKING PROGRESS AT MEDFORD HIGH

Classes in national defense work at senior high school are progressing well, E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, in charge of the classes said today. However he stated there is a call for more welding students and the ship carpentry class is open to more enrollees.

Representatives from various shipyards on the Pacific coast have been in Medford during the past week and this vicinity has been assigned a quota of 400 welders between now and November 1. Women are being accepted on same terms as men and those interested in securing training in welding may call at the employment office or register at the city school superintendent's office in the city hall.

Students in the ship carpentry class are making good progress in their classes and about eight are expected to leave in the near future for work in shipyards upon release from their cantonment projects. Anyone interested in inspecting the class activities may call at the senior high school shop on South Oakdale avenue any evening. Applications are being received at the city school superintendent's office in the city hall for registration in the classes. Carpenters especially are urged to take the opportunity to further their training.

PARACHUTES SEEN NEAR HYDE PARK

Rhinecliff, N. Y., July 17.—(P)—Search for six "parachutes" reported seen descending in an area near President's Roosevelt's Hyde Park estate was renewed at dawn today, but the belief was expressed they may have been festival balloons.

A farm superintendent's unconfirmed report of sighting parachutes late yesterday afternoon brought a small army of military, FBI and state police officials to the scene but they postponed their search until daybreak today after townfolk advanced a theory the reported aerial objects probably were balloons sent aloft by a group celebrating a religious holiday.

Inspector William Schatzman of the Connecticut state police said investigators were trying to determine whether any fireworks celebrations were held in the area, as first reported, but added "so far we have not found that any such celebrations were held."

30 DAYS IN JAIL FOR SLEEPING VAG

John Charlie Blandt, 30, self-admitted conscientious objector, charged with vagrancy, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail yesterday by Justice of the Peace W. R. Coleman.

Blandt also waits the arrival of papers from California, and will be inducted into the army by the local draft board. He admits he has never reported to his draft board since he registered after being taken off a freight train for that purpose. He was arrested near Talent, sleeping alongside the road. He had \$55 in his pockets.

Blandt told the court he never sought work, but would work if employers asked him.

J. F. SLAGLE, 81,
TAKEN BY DEATH

Jefferson Davis Slagle, 81, of the Talent, Wagner Creek district, passed away July 15 in Medford where he had been under medical care. Mr. Slagle had been ill for three years. His wife preceded him in death in 1933.

He was born in Belfountain, Ore., June 12, 1861, and is survived by a son, H. T. Slagle of Talent, and a daughter, Mrs. L. G. Richardson of Salem. Funeral services will be held at the Litwiler Funeral home in Ashland, Saturday at 10 a. m. with interment in the Stearns cemetery on Wagner Creek.

MILLION LEPROS
Portland, July 17.—(P)—India has an estimated 1,000,000 leprosy, Dr. P. A. Penner, missionary founder of a leper colony there, said in an interview today. He predicted that a positive cure for the disease would be found, but that meanwhile chaulmoogra oil was being used with good results.

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Survivors Wait Rescue



Two sailors who survived the torpedoing of three ships in the St. Lawrence river by enemy submarines are adrift on a life raft as they await rescue.

HOG PRODUCTION HIGH IN COUNTY

Hog production in Jackson county will be 33 per cent heavier this year than in any previous year, County Agent Robert G. Fowler reports. The increase is due to the higher price for pork and pork products as set by the government and a bountiful nature.

The war is increasing the demand, both at home and abroad.

In recent years there has been a drop in hog-raising due to low prices.

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