

Battlefront Jive for Marines



(Acme Radio-Telephone)
While other Leathernecks await their turn, this Marine cuts a mean rug with pretty Patty Thomas, dancing star with Bob Hope's unit on entertainment tour of South Pacific bases. Winner of contest was rewarded with big kiss, much to envy of thousands of service men who formed audience. Marine Corps photo.

GEN. SMITH, BOSS MARY PETTY LEFT AT SAIPAN, FIRES POLYGAMOUS LIFE OTHER GEN. SMITH TO BE A WITNESS

Washington, Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—A war mystery with all the earmarks of something congress might want to look into developed tonight with the disclosure that the marine corps general who bossed the conquest of Saipan had fired his army colleague during the operation for reasons which no official source would reveal.

Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith of the marines, commanding general during the costly battle for the Marianas outpost, told reporters at news conference here that "circumstances forced" him to relieve army Maj. Gen. Ralph Smith from his post as commander of army ground forces on Saipan.

That was as far as the marine general would go. For details, he said, "I must refer you to the war department." The war department, however, referred inquiries right back to the navy.

"Since the decision of the change in the command was properly his (Holland Smith's)," a war department spokesman said, "the reasons for that change should be properly given by him."

Meanwhile the office of war information executed a sidestep. Director Elmer Davis' office indicated it was an army-navy affair and that the OWI wouldn't butt into it. Congressional sources indicated curiosity but professed to have no knowledge of the matter.

There had been rumors of a falling out between the two Smiths, but there had been no official announcement about it until today's press conference.

ALL SEATS SOLD ARMY-IRISH TILT

West Point, N. Y., Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—Col. Lawrence (Biff) Jones, graduate manager of athletics, announced today that all seats had been sold for the annual Army-Notre Dame football game at Yankee stadium on Nov. 11.

Although the game annually is a sell-out, this is the first time that the tickets have been sold out as early as nine weeks before the game.

Jones said the ticket office here could handle no more applications.

Closing time for Classified ads 3 p. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

Salt Lake City, Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Mary Fory Petty took her two children and left a polygamous life to become star witness in the prosecution of 32 fundamentalists because, while women members believe in it as a religion, "with the men I think it's just plain lust," she told the United Press in an exclusive interview today.

Seated at her sewing machine in a battered shack, the crippled, prematurely gray woman, explained why she at last would speak to the press on the eve of the sensational trials that begin here in district court next week.

"They tried to threaten me with eternal hellfire, and bribe me with money, but I will talk to save hundreds of young girls from ruining their lives like I did."

"The sect is actually growing stronger, attracting the women with all this publicity. And it's the young girls they're after. Many's the time I've heard them preach how they had to get the young girls, so they could raise families."

Mrs. Petty related how, as a young Sunday school teacher in Pocatello, Ida., in 1933, she met Follis and Ivy Petty, then respected community and church leaders.

She said her new acquaintances worked around to fundamentalist teachings gradually with "Ivy finally telling me that Follis had had a vision that I must marry into their family; they kept after me 'till I gave in."

At first, she said, she would spend only evenings at the Petties' home, while Ivy and her 19-year-old daughter went to the movies. Mary maintained her residence at her mother's home until she became pregnant and had to leave.

"I began to figure there was something wrong when, instead of taking me into his own house, Follis sent me to Salt Lake City to live a life of poverty. He only came to see me about twice a month," even after her first daughter was born.

Mrs. Mary Ford complained to the FBI in 1937 but no action was taken.

LT. MAX HENDON GRANTED AWARD

According to a press report, 2nd Lt. Max H. Hendon of Medford was decorated with the Dis-

tinguished Service Cross for heroism in Italy on November 11, 1943.

The citation explained that Lt. Hendon, facing an enemy counter-attack, passed through heavy fire to within 20 yards of a hostile machine gun position, then

killed three of the enemy and forced the others to flee. Later, he used hand grenades and a carbine to dispose of nine Germans after rallying his men against an attack in the midst of deadly fire.

CRANK ELUSIVE

Mattoon, Ill., Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—Mattoon's crank chemist increased his list of victims to 31 tonight, as police still scurried in vain after the elusive figure, who prowls the night in a skull-

cap, armed with vials of a weird concoction to which he apparently is immune.

The Nile river is the longest river in Africa, with a length of 4,000 miles.

Sunday, Sept. 10, 1944

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