

COMPOSER DIES

Paris, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Gabriel Grovlez, French composer who conducted symphony orchestras in Boston and Chicago, died yesterday, it was announced today.

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The Japs no longer say "Pooh!"

The Japs thought it impossible. "Pooh!" they said—in Japanese, of course—"Nimitz and MacArthur can never push us back across the Pacific!" But for ships from West Coast yards, the Nips would have been right.

So we'd like to sing a few praises of West Coast shipyards—of those who man and manage them. Yet the subject is too big to handle completely. Instead, we propose to consider one tremendous little angle.

In this war, the admirals and generals have had to relearn their trade. Outmoded, Napoleon would crawl back on his bronze horse and resume his peacetime job as an equestrian statue. Every big operation has been a lesson. And each lesson has meant stress, strain, and cyclonic change in the shipyards.

It was a miracle when the shipyards got set to build production-line Liberty ships—with people who scarcely knew keel from scupper. But did that mean they had everything licked? Not by a long shot.

Came convoys. Came Midway. Came new knowledge about airpower. Zingo!—and various yards found themselves turning half-finished cargo ships into the first auxiliary carriers. But did the situation jell? Hardly.

The ships went down in the Solomons. Came the order: "Switch to tankers—but quick!" Tarawa and Saipan—well, you get the idea. It's one thing today and everything different tomorrow.

In addition to all else, the shipyard people have shown a talent for elasticity that's tops. Few things have done more damage to the Japs. Nothing has done more to make them forget the Japanese word for "Pooh!"



STANDARD OF CALIFORNIA

GERMAN PARTY QUEEN HELD IN DUTCH PRISON

Toast of Orgies Awaits Possible Death Sentence for Betrayal of Underground

By Edward V. Roberts
United Press Correspondent
Maastricht, Holland, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Peeping through a peephole into a solitary confinement cell of an ancient Dutch prison today, I got a glimpse of Madame Aldegonda Zegers, the comely, full-figured blonde traitor who used to be the toast at nude orgies put on for Nazi SS leaders.

She probably will be sentenced to death, my guide on the prison tour informed me.

She was huddled in a chair, her coat collar turned up and a ragged blanket wrapped around her feet. Once she glanced toward the door and her face seemed strikingly pretty against the gloomy background. The blonde curls were neatly in place despite the fact that she had been confined 14 days with no respite except when she was taken out for questioning. She was stitching red flowers on a brown handbag.

Betrayal Charged
The principle charge against the 33-year-old woman is that she betrayed two Dutch underground leaders to the Gestapo. Her conduct throughout the Nazi occupation, however, was said to have been deplorable. Her wild parties shocked this staid community for four years.

In 1943, after her husband, a notorious black market dealer, was sent suddenly to a Nazi concentration camp, she became the sweetheart of Maj. Strobel, head of the SS in Maastricht. In company with Strobel and Capt. Nitsch, second in command of the SS—the man who supervised the torturing and execution of Maastricht patriots—Madame Zegers made frequent trips to Liege, then the pleasure capital of the occupied country.

Parties Reported
The Dutch underground received reports of gambling and drinking bouts in Liege night clubs, at which Madame Zegers appeared beautifully gowned and spent money lavishly. There were reports of other parties at her home in Maastricht at which all the guests—mostly SS leaders—were nude.

After her husband was jailed and her income was cut off, she contacted the Dutch underground, my informant said, and claimed that despite her conduct she was a loyal Hollander. She promised to obtain the release of some underground workers captured by the Germans in return for money. Although she actually did obtain some releases, she demanded more and more money from the underground. Finally underground leaders became suspicious of her, but before they could act, two of them were betrayed and sent to a German concentration camp.

"We know they were betrayed by Madame Zegers," my informant said.

Others Share Fate
Many other Dutch traitors share her fate. Dutch secret po-

lice conducted me through an old barracks where 1,300 men and 200 women members of the Dutch Nazi party are confined in a barnlike old barracks. The woman had crude bunks and straw mattresses and most of the men slept on straw piles. There were no sanitary facilities and conditions were shocking.

MACARTHUR ASKS FILIPINOS TO KEEP PRESSURE ON JAPS

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines, Oct. 25 (U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur called on the people of the Philippines to give the Japanese "no rest or relaxation" in harassing tactics, but asked that resistance tactics be such as not to expose the people to needless sacrifice.

A partial text of MacArthur's proclamation:
"Seldom has a military commander penetrated enemy-occupied shores with a greater potential of interior support than that which I today rely upon from the people of the Philippines. It is a support whose strength is measured largely in values of the spirit, an unconquerable spirit which despite the ordeal of war still remains unbroken and defiant.

"Such a spirit, born of a desire and nurtured upon a determination to be free inevitably overwhelms material force, however ruthlessly applied and rises to its heights when the hour for liberation strikes. That hour has struck but it remains to guide this great interior force to maximum utilization without exposing the people to undue and needless sacrifice.

"I shall from time to time promulgate specific instructions to guide your effort, relying fully, however, upon your innate common sense to gauge the limitation of your local action."

Farm Prosperity Dependent Upon Industry's Health

Chicago, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Full employment in non-agricultural industry will bring more prosperity to farmers after the war than could any manipulations of farm production and prices, the committee on post-war agricultural policy of the association of land-grant colleges and universities reported today at the association's annual meeting.

To encourage investment in new undertakings that would provide post-war employment, the committee recommended repeal of excess profits taxes, modification of corporate taxes, and an emphasis on personal income taxes rather than on business taxes.

"The main sources of federal revenue in the postwar period should be inheritance and estate taxes," the report said. "No general sales taxes should be imposed because they cut heavily into consumers' spending power."

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OREGON SAID TO BE FOCAL POINT FOR RAILROADS

Portland, Ore., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Post-war air transportation will be a stimulus and tonic to rail transportation but isn't scaring the railroads, President A. T. Mercier of the Southern Pacific declared here today.

"We can't compete in the time factor with air but we can compete in comfort if we furnish enough 'soffice' appeal to receive the approval of the people," Mercier said.

The rail executive said three immediate objectives of the railroads are to improve their financial structure, improve the physical plant (tracks, signals, etc.) and, come out of the war with these strengthened, to offer the public what it wants and will patronize.

Mercier praised women for helping the railroads over the manpower shortage, saying the line now employs 4000 women in the shops and yards, out of 90,000 employees.

Passenger and freight transportation on the Pacific slope is destined for great growth after the war, Mercier said. He said Oregon will be the focal point because of the westward flow of population, the increasing industrialization as evidenced by the wood alcohol and plywood plants in the Willamette valley, the necessity of sending supplies to rehabilitate China, and the movement of western lumber eastward.

CITE BARKEEP IN SKY ROOM CRIME

Portland, Ore., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Sam Smiley, bartender, today was charged with first degree murder in the shooting of Frank J. (Nippy) Constantino of San Francisco, whose body was found in a night club here Monday morning.

Smiley surrendered to the police a few hours after discovery of the body, contending at first that he fired at Constantino after three men forced him at gunpoint to go to The Sky Room night club in an attempt to rob the safe. Later, he stated that he had been drunk at the time of his first statement and that he shot Constantino during a quarrel in which the San Franciscan kept nagging him as to the best time to crack the club safe.

MANY CORRESPONDENTS COVER WESTERN FRONT

London, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Sir James Grigg, secretary of state for war told commons today that 301 British empire and American correspondents are covering the western front in Europe, including 177 from the United States, 88 from the United Kingdom, and 36 from the dominions.

Another 110 correspondents are attached to allied headquarters in Rome, among them 63 from the United States, 35 from the United Kingdom and 12 from the dominions.

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HAWAII INQUIRY EYED FOR PRESS

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Findings of the navy's Pearl Harbor court of inquiry are being reviewed by Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the U. S. fleet, to determine what part, if any, of the report can be made public, according to Rear Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, navy judge advocate general.

Gatch issued his statement last night after Charles B. Rugg, Boston attorney, demanded immediate release of the court's findings "as to innocence or guilt" of his client, Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, who was navy commander at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese fleet attacked.

POSTAGE STAMP HONORS CINEMA

Postmaster Frank DeSouza of the Medford postoffice announced today that a new three-cent postage stamp commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of motion pictures, will be first placed on sale Oct. 31 at Los Angeles, Calif. (Hollywood Station), and New York.

The stamp, arranged horizontally, is printed in purple and issued in sheets of 50. The central subject depicts the showing of a motion picture in a native setting in the South Pacific before an audience comprised of members of the armed forces. Across the top is the wording "United States of America" in white gothic and at the base of the stamp, in similar lettering, is the inscription "50th Anniversary of Motion Pictures," at the left of which is the denomination "3c" over the word "Postage."

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations may send not more than 10 addressed envelopes to postmasters at Los Angeles, 52, Calif., for cancellation at the Hollywood Station, or New York, 1, N. Y. with cash or money order to cover the cost of stamps for affixing. Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment. Requests for uncanceled stamps must not be included with orders for first-day cancellations.

IT WAS THE MAYOR

New York, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Mrs. R. G. Hanson had a taste of old-school chivalry and big city efficiency as she struggled with two heavy handbags thru LaGuardia field air terminal. A plump man swooped down on her, grabbed the bags, kicked open the door, helped her thru it was Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia.

RECONVERSION IN POSTWAR ERA TO BE SPEECH TOPIC

Who will get the first frigidaires after the war? How much will television sets cost? What plans are being considered to keep America the "land of opportunity" for 11,000,000 returning service men? These and numerous other questions will be answered in detail Thursday night, when McDannell Brown, district head of the OPA, speaks at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Chris Steers, district information specialist from Portland, is now in Medford and states that "Mr. Brown will have vital facts for every business man." Housewives are encouraged to come, also, for the reconversion period, which will be the main topic of Mr. Brown's address, will have far-reaching effects that will influence family budgets. Mrs. Steers explained that it "costs to reconvert," and a knowledge of post-war economic problems by the public is necessary to prevent inflation.

Mr. Brown will hold an informal radio discussion over KMED Thursday at 5:45, just prior to the meeting.

HERMIT CHARGED IN VET'S SLAYING

Nevada City, Cal., Oct. 2.—(U.P.)—A formal complaint charging William Ebaugh, 37-year-old bearded hermit, with the murder of Henry Lewis, 24, a veteran of World War II, was sworn to today by Sheriff Carl J. Tobiasen. Ebaugh is still at large.

Lewis was shot Oct. 1 while deer hunting in the vicinity of a mine tunnel believed to have been Ebaugh's hideout while he evaded arrest on charges of killing cattle.

Tobiasen said that a watch was being maintained at key points where Ebaugh might appear, although no organized search was underway because of the rough terrain in which Ebaugh is believed to be hiding.

Evangelist Gives Address At Noon Kiwanis Meeting

Dr. Russell M. Brougner, evangelist at the Baptist church, spoke before the Kiwanis luncheon-meeting in the Blue Room of the Holland Hotel Wednesday. Dr. Brougner's subject, which was heartily enjoyed, was entitled "The Road to Happiness."

Paul Selby, president of the

newly-formed Junior Chamber of Commerce, was introduced and Kiwanian President Ernie Rafoed extended club congratulations and pledged support on all projects.

Guests included, besides Dr. Brougner, Lynn Cramm and Mr. and Mrs. George Maddox. Mrs. Maddox played the piano for group singing, as well as rendering a piano solo, and George Maddox sang a song, accompanied by his wife at the piano.

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