

PLANES WITH TOP SPEED 700 MP TO SEE ACTION SOON

New Type Navy Craft to Also Have Fast Climb and Dive.

Washington, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Fighter planes with top speeds of more than 700 miles an hour—almost the speed of sound—will be in service in the near future, Rear Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey, chief of the navy's bureau of aeronautics, reported to the house naval affairs committee today.

The highest operational speed on navy fighter planes now in use is around 400 miles an hour, although some have approached the speed of sound in dives.

"It is anticipated that in the near future the top speeds of fighter aircraft in service will approach the sonic range, and be accompanied by further marked increases in rates of climb and service ceilings," Ramsey

said in a report on naval aviation from July, 1940, to October, 1944.

The report said new types of planes are either in production or in the experimental stage.

Reporting that the Hell Diver bomber delivers twice the bomb load at much greater range and higher speed than the veteran Dauntless dive bombers, the report added:

"A vigorous experimental program is underway to produce dive bombers which will carry still greater loads of bombs for increased distances at even higher speeds."

BRITISH UNIONS FAVOR PENALTIES FOR AXIS PEOPLE

London, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—The British labor party in annual conference today adopted a resolution demanding "full reparation and restitution for the victims of German and Japanese aggression."

Opponents argued that the sense of the resolution was to clear the way for importation into Britain of "German slave labor" for post-war reconstruction. The trade unions represented at the convention appeared unimpressed with this alleged danger.

After bitter debate the delegates adopted by an overwhelming majority the resolution, which declared that "neither the German nor Japanese people can be acquitted of all responsibility for the crimes committed in their names."

The bloc of trade union votes crushed all proposed amendments attempting to condemn suggestions for the partition of Germany or attempts to convert Germany into a wholly agricultural country.

The chief speakers were Deputy Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee, who denounced the "sentimentalism" for all attempts to differentiate between the Nazis and the German people, and Will Lawther, head of the Mine Workers federation.

PRIVATE HAROLD BRAY IS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Washington, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—The war department announced today that Pvt. Harold D. Bray—wife, Mrs. Genevieve E. Bray, 618 Victory street, Medford, Ore.—had been wounded in action in the European area.

The city directory listed no Harold D. Bray and relatives could not immediately be contacted.

Celebrate Trial Dismissal



Smiles speak louder than words for Allan Smiley, Pat Dane Dorsey and Tommy Dorsey (left to right) as Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Arthur Crum announced decision to dismiss their trial on charges of assaulting Actor Jon Hall.

BROTHER LOCAL MAN DESCRIBES PRISON ESCAPE

Ernest Lind, route 3, box 42, recently received a newspaper article describing the miraculous escape of his brother, Pfc. Leon Lind, from a German prison camp. Pfc. Lind is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Lind of Iowa City, Ia.

The article stated Lind was drafted in April, 1941, and a year later arrived in Belfast, Ireland. After spending the summer on maneuvers there, he joined the British Commandos and was sent to Africa for action.

He was taken prisoner by the Germans at Bizerte on Dec. 1, 1942. With 14 other prisoners, he was flown to Sicily and then taken to an Italian prison camp 20 miles from Naples. Life in the camp was pretty bad, Lind said. The beds were full of lice, fleas and bedbugs—in fact, all Italy seemed to be that way.

There were 1,300 men in the group and they shared four showers. Each man got a shower every two months. The Germans treated them well, Lind said.

Food at the camp consisted mostly of bread and macaroni and coffee was made from chestnuts or something equally as bad. Toilet facilities were holes in the floor.

Mall was months behind but most of it did get through. Red Cross packages, when they finally were received, were exceptionally welcome.

When the allies started to bomb Naples, men in the camp were transferred to another camp on the Adriatic coast. At the new site were a few means of recreation and the men formed a small orchestra among the prisoners and played each Sunday afternoon.

Details of Lind's escape from this camp are of necessity a military secret. About the middle of the night of Sept. 13, 1943, about 1,300 escaped. Lind learned later that many were recaptured.

Lind said he and his buddies hid for a week in a cave some 10 or 15 miles from the camp. Later they made their way south and were housed by Italian peasants about a mile from the German lines. They spent most of the winter there and moved further south when the Germans retreated from the Italian patriot advance.

They finally made their way to Foggia, a 12th air force base. From there they were flown to Oran, where they caught a boat for home. "When we landed at Boston," Lind said, "it just didn't seem real." They were taken to Fort Miles Standish, where Lind was given a 21-day furlough, after which he reported to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for reassignment.

The tallest smokestack in the world—585 feet high—is located at Anaconda, Mont., copper smelting center.

DEPORTATION OF EVERY DISLOYAL JAP IS FAVORED

San Francisco, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—H. J. McClatchy, executive secretary of the California joint immigration committee, told a state senate investigating committee that he favored deportation "of every Japanese who during the course of the emergency has failed to render every available service he possibly could."

McClatchy testified in connection with the committee's inquiry into problems concerning Japanese relocation on the Pacific coast.

He said his committee is opposed to relocating Japanese during the war, and that the members feel military authorities had a right to take Japanese away from the coast. But, he added, if the army decides to send the Japanese back here, the joint immigration committee will stand behind the decision, even though it does not approve.

"The war relocation authority is forcing the military's hand in sending the Japanese back to the coast," McClatchy said. He believed religious groups were doing the same thing.

The joint immigration committee advocates a ban on Japanese language school which promote allegiance to Japan, McClatchy said, and it approved of the Tule Lake tribunal set up to determine loyalty.

He reported the committee also favors a peace treaty provision which will designate a place to which disloyal Japanese-Americans may be deported if Japan will not accept them.

SOLDIER PRAISES RED CROSS UNIT

T/S Helmar C. Johnson, who is serving with the medical corps somewhere in France, recently wrote to his brothers, Glenn E. and Cleo A. Johnson of Route 4, describing some of his feelings incurred while serving with the army.

Cpl. Johnson wrote that the boys "over there" are not playing "cop and robber" as some seem to think but are really going through hell.

He gave high praise for the work of the Red Cross and urged his people not to begrudge them a thing.

The letter mentioned the cold and rain in France and said the men are managing to keep warm and have plenty to eat.

Cpl. Johnson's wife resides in Salinas, Kan., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Johnson, live in Chetek, Wis. Mrs. Johnson expects to arrive here about December 14 for a visit with her sons.

NEW TYPE MONEY ORDER ADDED TO POSTAL SERVICE

Postmaster General Walker has advised the Medford post-office that a contract has been let for 100,000,000 postal notes and efforts are being made to place this new type of money order on sale at first class post-offices about January 1, 1945.

Postal notes will be made available to postoffices other than of the first class as rapidly as stocks come from the presses. However, from the beginning they may be cashed at any post-office in the United States.

Eighteen denominations of stamps will be issued. They are 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c and 90c. There will be eleven denominations of notes: 0, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10.

The United States had postal notes from 1884 to 1894. They were limited, however, to fixed amounts and inasmuch as they were payable to bearer, they lacked the security of the conventional money order.

The new postal note is designed as a safe, convenient and economical way of sending through the mails amounts of money not exceeding \$10. Simplified methods of sale makes it possible to handle the notes at a uniform fee of 5c. The conventional money order is not being displaced by the new note.

A person who wants a postal note for \$2.93 will go to the

money order window. The clerk will affix a 90c and a 3c stamp to a \$2 postal note, and exchange the note for \$2.93 in cash. No written applications are required, no writing by the clerk. The purchaser writes in the name of the payee on the note, detaches his record stub on which he records the payee's name, and mails the postal note.

CENTRAL PT. GI CAPTURES NAZI WITH REVOLVER

With the 5th Army, Italy—Carrying a six-shooter, western style, Pvt. 1/c MacDonald Coleman of Central Point, Ore., went Kraut hunting, killed three Germans and captured 14 in northern Italy recently.

A radio operator in the 88th "Blue Devil" division of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th army, Coleman started on a "souvenir hunt" during an enemy artillery and mortar barrage. He killed three Nazis with as many shots from his six-shooter and dashed into a house to take cover from further shells and bullets.

Inside the building he faced six German machinegunners, who, in their surprise, threw up their hands.

"I had only three rounds left in the revolver," Coleman said, "so I rushed up to the one I thought was in charge and panned the pistol in his back. I told him to call in everyone and he must have understood English because I certainly could not

speak German. "It was a bluff, but it worked. The big Nazi roared a command and Krauts poured in from all over. Four were machinegunners from upstairs and four more manned mortars in the basement." Coleman then calmly marched all 14 outside and turned them over to guards. Returning to the house he found eight machine-guns, two mortars, several machine pistols and other equipment. Coleman previously was credited with wiping out seven Germans in action below Rome. He serves with the 349th "Kraut-killer" regiment, commanded by Col. Joseph B. Crawford of Humboldt, Kan.

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