

**German Refugees
Jam Berlin Roads;
Peace Talk Rife**

London, Jan. 26—(U.P.)—Tens of thousands of German refugees from the east were reported jamming the roads to Berlin today and Stockholm dispatches said signs of panic were appearing in the Nazi capital for the first time since the start of the red army invasion.

The great exodus from the east was accompanied by a sudden revival of peace rumors, all

completely unconfirmed and perhaps inspired by the Nazis themselves for devious propaganda purposes.

One rumor, broadcast by the clandestine Radio Atlantic, said Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler had tried without success to put out peace feelers to the free German committee in Moscow, suggesting that he replace Adolf Hitler at the head of the reich and make a separate peace with Russia.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

The Mail Tribune suggests you clip and mail this news roundup to a relative or friend in service.

Date.....

Dear.....

One of the week's most interesting stories is that of Sgt. Bill J. Lorton who is home after having been a prisoner of the Japanese on the Philippines for about two and one-half years. Sgt. Lorton, then a corporal, was one of 83 men who escaped when a Japanese freighter, taking prisoners between islands, was sunk by an American submarine last September. Returning home via New Guinea and Australia, Sgt. Lorton spent several days in Washington with military intelligence offices, visited his brother, G. A. Lorton, AMM1c in Corpus Christi and later came on to Medford to visit his father and brothers.

Sgt. Lorton stood guard duty at Del Monte field the night Gen. Mac Arthur was evacuated and heard his famous promise to return to the Philippines. Forbidden to give many details of his life as a prisoner, the sergeant described the routine life and restricted diet. He has gained 63 pounds since escaping.

Word came this week from two other Japanese prisoners. A card was received from Jack M. Hancock, civilian prisoner since the fall of Wake Island in December of 1941, this being the first direct word from him since he was taken prisoner. The card came from the prison camp on the Island of Honshu. The Hancock family has had

a full share of war responsibility. Jack's brother, Fred, is a seaman in the navy; his sister, Betty M. Garrels, is a recent WAC enlistee; Betty's husband, Sgt. William Garrels, was killed in action with the Fifth army in Italy and the husband of Georgia Hancock Murray is in Italy with the 91st Division.

Second Japanese prisoner to be heard from is Pvt. Willis C. Vincent, who wrote to friends from the Philippines.

Pfc. Clarence P. Nelson, reported missing in the European theater three months ago, is now said to be a prisoner of the Germans. Sgt. John Eads has been awarded a bronze oak leaf cluster to his purple heart medal for wounds received at Red Beach, Palo, Leyte, in October. He was first wounded during the battle of Finschaven on New Guinea and has been overseas since January of 1943.

Sgt. Thayer U. Carlton of Prospect has been posthumously awarded the bronze star medal. Sgt. Thayer, a parachute trooper, was killed in action during the invasion of France in June. Cpl. Roy Swindler, wounded near St. Vith December 16, has been awarded the purple heart and T. Sgt. Russell R. Graham, Flying Fortress gunner, has won an air medal. He is with the Eighth AAF in England. A distinguished flying cross has been awarded to Thomas A. Robinson, also with the Eighth. Robinson is tall gunner on the Fortress, "Kisses of Dolores". T. Sgt. Delbert L. Crowl, now in Belgium, has been awarded the bronze star for action during the North African campaign.

Cpl. Jack E. Young and Cpl. Warren Holbrook recently arrived in England for duty with the AAF and word from France is to the effect that Capt. Walter D. Woodcock is now with a "Tiger Stripe Marauder" bomber group of the Ninth AAF.

A letter from Lt. Col. Stephen Nye states that he and Major Edwin R. Durno are stationed in the same Belgium city, the colonel with a transportation unit and the major with a medical unit. Gene R. Blackford, with the AAF in England and recently promoted to staff sergeant, is recovering from a slight arm wound. Sgt. Thomas R. Ponder is serving with the Fifth army in Italy.

A combat infantryman's badge has been awarded to Pfc. Frederick E. Kruggal, Jr., also serving with the Fifth army. Cpl. Rudy Frohreich, with the first troops to land in North Africa and now in Italy, recently wrote to say that while he missed his Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, he made up for it with a fine feast on New Years.

Completing 34 months in the southwest Pacific war area, Capt. Robert C. Minear recently returned home. He participated in four major campaigns in the New Guinea area and in the Leyte landing. At present he is at Smith River visiting his wife and small son, the latter born since his father went overseas. Capt. Ernest J. Lathrop, who served 38 months in the southwest Pacific and participated in three campaigns, is also home. He plans to return to active duty with his unit.

Also here is Major William



1 1/2-oz. egg, 8 1/2 inches in circumference

SOMETHING X-TRA IN EGG PRODUCTION

PORTLAND, OREGON—Wartime hens are responding to government appeals for increased production according to S. A. Cowan, 4450 N.E. Killingsworth Avenue. As proof he displays an egg weighing well over a quarter pound and measuring eight and one-half inches in circumference from end to end. This oversized egg was laid by a White Leghorn hen only eight and one-half months old—fed on Triangle X-tra Egg Producer and scratch.

Mr. Cowan not only reports production of larger eggs by his flock, but points to a remarkable laying record as well. One pen of 90 Leghorns have been laying from 80 to 225 eggs per day. Another pen of 225 eggs are laying an average of about 220 eggs per day.

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H. Prentice who has served with the quartermaster's corps since the start of the war and for some time past has been in the Pacific area. He expects to return to overseas duty. His brother, First Lt. John Prentice and pilot of a C-47, recently left for overseas duty.

Capt. Robert von der Hellen, who completed 35 missions with the Eighth AAF, is now home for three weeks and Roland Wicker, FC2c, is home after six months in the European theater. He participated in the invasion of southern France last summer. Marine Sgt. George H. Wilkinson, who last saw action in the Saipan-Tinian campaign, is home after 29 months overseas.

First Lt. Frank Rogers left last Saturday after three weeks here. His return to this country followed completion of 30 bombing attacks over Germany. Expected home soon is Al Piche, Jr., athletic specialist first class, who has been serving in England. A recent letter from Piche told of his basketball team which had won 25 out of 26 games played.

Two new paratroopers are Pvt. Ernest Reed Cox and Cpl. John H. Neel, both having graduated from Ft. Benning, Ga. Neel was home for a short time. Pfc. Ted G. Marshall has just graduated from radio school at Scott Field and Verle Durrel Edwards has completed training at the naval air station at Norman, Okla.

Lyle White has reported at Keesler Field, Miss., for air corps training. His brother, Carroll White, Sic, is on sea duty and another brother, Cpl. Arvid White, is in the Netherlands East Indies. Pvt. Virginia L. Larimer has reported for duty at Reno, Nev., with the WAC and T. Sgt. William D. Davis has returned to Biggs Field in Texas after a long furlough. Sgt. Davis returned to this country last February after several months' duty in England.

Pvt. Guy Bishop, Jr., has returned to his station at Ft. Ord after a furlough and Cpl. Dale Frohlich is home on furlough from Camp Bowie, Tex.

Figures just released by the county show that 939 babies were born during 1944. This is almost as many as the all-time record of 1009 born in 1943. And to continue the stark news, a daughter was born Jan. 11 to T. Sgt. and Mrs. Royce N. Finley at Los Angeles. Sgt. Finley is in San Antonio, Tex.

Among last week's weddings was that of Margrette Hickman to Eugene Dunagan, MOM3c. After a brief wedding trip the groom reported back to New York for duty.

A big event last week was the formal charter banquet of the new Junior Chamber of Commerce and announcement of Arthur M. Cannon as junior first citizen of the year. Cannon recently resigned as manager of the Fluhrer bakeries to begin naval duty as a junior grade lieutenant. In Portland this week Jack Matlack was honored at a luncheon and formal announcement made of his selection as junior first citizen of that city for the last year.

Medford's undefeated Black Tornado took a firmer grip on first place in the southern Oregon conference last week-end when they took a two-game

series from Klamath Falls on the Pelican court. Al Simpson's gang won the first tilt 44 to 28 and took the Saturday night affair 42 to 26. Ashland took definite command of the second place spot when they beat Grants Pass 40 to 34 at Grants Pass. Klamath Falls is now in third place and Grants Pass in the cellar.

Games this week pit Medford at Ashland and Klamath Falls at Grants Pass. If the Cavemen can win both games the Pelicans will be lowered to the bottom spot. Medford will be playing without the services of high-

scoring Jerry Ross who is suffering a slight foot infection. His place will be taken by Earl Stelle.

The old European custom of rubbing wax on stocking heels and toes is being revived in wartime America. It makes stockings last longer.

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SEE VERONICA LAKE

IN PARAMOUNT'S "BRING ON THE GIRLS"

Veronica Lake may give you a break!

You've got to be on your toes to merit a break from tantalizing Veronica! Especially when it comes to knowing about coffee. But this M. J. B Coffee Quiz game brings your chance to have fun in good company. Look over the quiz questions and pick answers you like best. Then check Veronica's score and the correct answers below. Hope you do fine!

- Q. Americans consume how many pounds of coffee a year for each person in U.S.?
 5 lbs. 12 lbs. 16 lbs.
- Q. Ripe coffee berries appear on the coffee tree about how long after blossoming?
 7 months 3 weeks 17 weeks
- Q. Buying the world's finest coffees, M. J. B obtains these coffees from...
 Central America only South America only
 any and all areas where finest coffees are in harvest
- Q. Good crops of coffee have been obtained from trees as old as...
 99 years 20-30 years
 48 years



(Veronica Lake answered 2 out of 4 questions correctly in the above Coffee Quiz. Correct answers, in order, are: 16 lbs.; 7 months; any and all areas where finest coffees are in harvest; 20-30 years.)

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