

Writers Get Rare View Of Reds In Trek Behind Lines

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With the Russian Army South of Potsdam, Germany, May 2—(U.P.)—Four Americans, "lost" in the middle of the Red army, drove 30 miles behind the Russian lines today.

We proceeded through crowds of cheering, saluting soviet troops after the U. S. 9th army's junction with Marshal Ivan S. Konev's men southwest of Berlin.

Those with me are Holdbrook Bradley of the Baltimore Sun,

Martin Harris of Stars and Stripes, and John Raymond.

We got a view of the Russian army rarely accorded foreign correspondents. We rode in a jeep up the road toward Berlin, and got within 26 miles of Potsdam.

Germans Halt Ride
Our ride toward Berlin was halted by the presence of Germans astride the main road to the capital.

From the time we entered the Russian lines we were shaking hands, grinning till our faces

hurt, and sharing vodka with the Russians.

We saw soviet tankers moving toward the Germans on what they seemed to consider a mere frolic.

As a matter of fact the Russians we met—and they included Russians from Siberia to Poland—treated the whole subject of the war as if it were over already.

Prussians Fraternize
In the dozen towns and hamlets through which we passed the soldiers were fraternizing freely with liberated girl slave laborers, to say nothing of some highly attractive Russian WACS.

The Russians were not very tall. And most of them appeared to be quite young. All insisted on shaking hands with the Americans. They were cheerful but dirty, and were dressed in a variety of uniforms.

Yanks Good "Tovarichs"
Their attitude toward the Americans seemed to be based on the idea all Americans were good "Tovarichs" who have been a great deal of help, but that it was really the Russians who have won the war.

The half dozen grinning Red army men at one point stood around almost shyly until one, more emotional than the others, stepped up, threw his arms around me as if I were his sweetheart, and planted a long moist kiss on my left cheek.

We drove into Wittenberg past startled Russians who at first did not recognize the strange uniforms and jeep markings.

Populace Saddened
The German civilians recognized us immediately and our appearance was the bright spot on their day. They mistakenly believed the Americans were going to take over the town.

One civilian stepped up, asked "will your Americans occupy Wittenberg?" and became sad when we said no.

EXCESS WATER USED TO FULL ADVANTAGE
The spring run-off is now in full swing in the streams of the county and valley and irrigation ditches of the Talent and Medford districts are using the excess water for irrigating orchards, pastures and alfalfa fields, J. M. Spencer, manager of the Medford district reports. It is planned to use every available drop now and soak the ground as much as possible to delay the need of storage water.

At Four-Mile Lake, one of the water sources of the Medford district, 48 inches of snow, melting slowly, was reported yesterday.

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Paratrooper Film At Craterian



With an all-male cast of performers including Errol Flynn who is starred and William Prince, Henry Hull, George Tobias, Dick Erdman, Warner Anderson and many others "Objective Burma" opens today at the Craterian theatre. It is the action-packed saga of parachute shock troops dropped into the dank Burma jungles long before allied fighters cracked back at the Japs.

"Hangover Square" Showing



"Hangover Square", crime's most shocking story, the dramatic revelation of a man's fury unleashed by a woman's scorn, opens a four day engagement at the Rialto theatre today.

Starring Laird Cregar, Linda Darnell and George Sanders, "Hangover Square" is acclaimed as more terrifying than "Gaslight" and "The Lodger".

Boris Karloff in "The Walking Dead" is the companion feature on this exceptional all-ystery program.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE GIVEN NAVAL APPROVAL

Washington, May 2.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Navy James Forrestal today approved 25 additional colleges and universities for naval reserve officer training corps units, the navy announced today.

Courses will begin around Nov. 1, 1945, the navy secretary said. These courses will be in addition to 27 units now in operation. The new units include Oregon State college.

In Holly Role



Merle Oberon as she appears in the role of the beguiling George Sand, French authoress, in the all-technicolor film classic "A Song to Remember", currently co-starring Paul Muni and featuring Cornel Wilde at the Holly theatre. The film will be featured on the Holly screen for the remainder of the week.

SCOTTISH RITE TO STAGE REUNIONS

Medford Scottish Rite bodies are preparing for their Spring Reunion which will be held Saturdays and Sundays, May 5 and 6, and May 12 and 13. Dinners will be served on both Sundays at 6:30 p. m.

A large class of Master Masons will be given all the degrees 4th to 32nd.

All Scottish Rite Masons in this vicinity are expected to be present.

These reunions are held twice each year for the convenience of Master Masons who desire to receive more degrees in Masonry.

DIVORCEE SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS TERM

Dorothy Jeanne Reese, 27, divorcee, who entered a plea of guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a 16-year-old boy, was yesterday sentenced to serve six months in the county jail. She is a former resident of Grants Pass where her husband now resides. Authorities claim she lived with the youth as his wife in Klamath and this county.



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LOCAL MEAT MEN HEAR PROVISIONS OF NEW OPA ACT

Provisions of the new OPA act which it is believed will bring about stricter control of meat, stamp out the black market and result in better distribution were explained by OPA district officials at a meeting last night at the Chamber of Commerce. Attending were stock raisers, slaughterers and meat retailers.

Frederic Janney, OPA district rationing executive, Portland, explained the new order, pointing out that Oregon had been fortunate in the matter of fresh meat supplies in the past. Janney stated that the meat problem is due largely to the demand from armed forces and from people living in congested work areas where the supply must be federally inspected. To meet the problem, the government must either increase the volume handled by government inspected plants or induce non-federal plants to undertake federal inspection, the speaker said. Even this will have little effect on the consumer supply here, he declared.

Under the new act, non-federal inspected plants handling more than 6000 pounds of dressed meat per year must register with OPA in Portland, before May 14, Janney said. Farm slaughterers, or those who slaughter less than 6000 pounds per year, must register with the local board, and slaughter for home use is not affected. Slaughterers will be mailed applications and instructions.

The speaker said that meat is the only rationed commodity which cannot be controlled at the inception of the product, as is gas, sugar and other products. This has resulted in extensive black market operations, he declared. It was brought out during the talk that a person without a farm cannot legally buy an animal, have it raised or fattened and slaughtered for him.

Following the speaker there was discussion of OPA practices affecting the stock industry, with Vern Brophy and C. C. Hoover raising questions. Also here for the meeting was John Ferris of the district OPA at Portland.

THE GRANGE

Central Point Grange
Due to a conflict in schedules, Dr. James Millar will not be able to speak at the meeting of the Central Point Grange Friday evening, it was announced today



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Members of the drill and degree team are asked to meet at the hall Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for practice.

As result of recent explorations, the State of North Carolina has authorized funds for construction of a mineral laboratory in western North Carolina.

Roxy Anne Grange
Roxy Anne Grange will hold the regular meeting Friday, May 4 at 8:15 p.m. Men of the group will serve a Mother's Day lunch following the meeting.

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Drastic Coal Supply Cuts Affect All Consumers
The cut in coal supplies for the year beginning April 1 will apply to schools and churches as well as homes and apartments.
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