

U. S. Non-Battle Casualties Total Nearly 2 Million

Washington — (U.P.) — American servicemen suffered 1,853,910 non-battle casualties throughout the world from the Korean outbreak to last December 31, according to Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett.

The figure includes all military personnel treated for diseases and non-battle injuries. Of the total, Lovett said, 94.7 per cent returned to active duty.

Disclosed in Letter
Lovett disclosed the figure in a letter to Sen. William F. Knowland (R., Cal.), who protested recently on the Senate floor that the defense secretary had refused to divulge non-battle casualties to him.

Lovett warned that the term "non-battle casualties" was "misleading." It includes, he said, everything from a simple headache to a major surgical operation, from a minor bruise to a serious injury caused by an automobile accident.

"In thousands of cases," he said, "these figures include the repeated admission of the same individual."

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De Gaulle Patiently Awaiting Summons As Savior of France

By HOMER JENES
Gen. Charles De Gaulle is waiting patiently in the wings of the French political stage for the cue he is sure will come to resume his favorite role—savior of France.

Vincent Auriol, president of France, hopes he won't have to give the cue. So do the U. S. and Britain.

For De Gaulle's return to power not only would result in a drastic revision of French domestic and foreign policy, but also might upset the delicately balanced European defense plan worked out by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Lisbon last month with France as the keystone.

May Have No Choice
However, Auriol may have no other choice than to entrust the formation of a new government to the 61-year-old World War II hero who quit the presidency in a huff Jan. 20, 1946, because the new constitution stripped the office of almost all executive power.

The situation is desperate. France is facing its worst crisis since it was overrun by the Germans. It is near bankruptcy, with no government, no budget,

and an almost empty treasury. It borrowed another \$71,000,000 just the other day to pay salaries and day-to-day administrative expenses.

Delaying Fateful Call
Auriol is delaying the fateful call to De Gaulle as long as possible. He is trying desperately to find some middle-of-the-road political leader who can rally enough support in the assembly to patch together a new government, beholden neither to the Communists nor to De Gaulle's extreme right-wing rally of the French people.

Antoine Pinay, an independent, is the latest to attempt it. But he faces an almost impossible task. There are a dozen parties in the assembly divided roughly into six main groups, and none has a majority.

Largest Party
De Gaulle's RPF is the largest party with 114 of the 624 seats in the chamber. Then come the Socialists with 106, the Communists with 102, the Independent Republicans and the Peasants with 102, the Radical Socialists and their allies with 95 to 100, and the Popular Republicans with 81.

The last middle-of-the-road coalition under Radical Socialist Premier Edgar Faure lasted only five weeks. It resigned Friday after the Assembly defeated a proposed 15 per cent tax hike in its record-high budget.

There is no reason to believe any other government, excluding the De Gaulles, would be any more successful.

Workshop Slated On Conservation

Ashland—A two-day program devoted to conservation methods and accomplishments will be held at Southern Oregon college on April 8 and 9, it was announced today by Dr. John D. E. McAuley, associate professor of education. Conservation exhibits, motion pictures, field trips and panel discussions will highlight the program.

Purpose of the workshop is to integrate the work of the biology, natural history, physical science and elementary education departments at the college, Dr. McAuley explained. Student teachers will be introduced to conservation methods and learn how such material can be used in elementary teaching.

Workshop Members
The workshop will be directed by Dr. McAuley, Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of the college; Dr. Wayne W. Wells, professor of science; Dr. H. S. Fowler, assistant professor of physical science; Elliott B. MacCracken, assistant professor of mathematics; Harold Thomas, Ashland district forest ranger; C. H. Ault, U. S. Soil Conservation service director, and Fair Griffin, educational consultant of the northwest district conservation service.

The public will be invited to attend the several phases of the program.

Prisoners Escape; Jailer Suspended

Portland — (U.P.) — The jailer who was on duty at the county courthouse when two federal prisoners escaped Tuesday night has been suspended, Sheriff Terry D. Schunk said Friday.

Ernie Cutshall, who Schunk said was responsible for failure to check cell block doors when shifts changed, was suspended for 10 days. The prisoners who broke out of the jail were adjudged juvenile delinquents by U. S. District Judge Gus J. Solomon.

Dock Bosses Order Strikers To Return

Jersey City, N.J. — (U.P.) — Dock bosses ordered striking AFL longshoremen back to work Friday after reaching an "agreement" with city officials on hiring labor for city piers.

Following a two-hour conference Thursday night, Mayor John V. Kenny reiterated his intention of keeping "undesirable elements" from the waterfront here even if the piers had to "stay closed for 10 minutes or 10 years."

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Redfield, Victim of Safe Theft, May Quit Gambling

Reno — (U.P.) — Multimillionaire La Vere Redfield, long known as Reno's most fabulous gambler, said Friday he was thinking about quitting the gambling tables for good.

Redfield, from whose mansion burglars stole a green safe last week-end containing \$2,500,000 in jewelry, currency and negotiable securities, said he hadn't made up his mind yet whether he would abandon the roulette wheels.

"There is a likelihood I may quit my gambling," he said. At the same time, he disclosed he has decided not to post a public reward for the return of the safe's contents but will "pay liberally" anyone who returns the loot.

This offer, he said, applies to the "robbers" as well as to the police or anyone else who can solve the crime.

"I'm not one to expect something for nothing," he said. He explained the reason he was thinking about giving up his daily sessions at the roulette tables—he never plays anything else—was simply because "everyone knows who I am now."

Once Practically Unknown
Before the burglary—biggest in U. S. and maybe even world history—Redfield explained, "I could come and go as I wished and not many people knew who I was."

"Now," he said, "everyone will know my identity. They will follow me when I gamble. I don't want to be the goat leading the sheep."

Lakeview Gets New Draft Board

Lakeview, Ore. — (U.P.) — Lake county had a new draft board Friday although the new members have not been confirmed. The former board resigned in protest to a regulation that allows Irish nationals to be exempt from military service in this country.

In Portland, Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy state selective service director, said that the necessary number of citizens told draft officials they "will be willing to serve."

"The names of the new board members will not be announced until the individuals have been processed," Col. Mason said. He explained that Gov. Douglas McKay must first recommend the new members and then the commissions have to be approved by the President. He said this will take time, but he expected the new board to be functioning soon.

Skiers Interfere With Cattle Hauling

Portland — (U.P.) — Members of the state highway commission said Friday they will view at first hand Sunday the controversy between skiers and cattle haulers over use of Highway 26 at Government Camp.

Truckers hauling cattle to Portland markets complain that the thousands of skiers who swarm to the snow slopes on week-ends create such a traffic jam they have trouble getting their trucks through.

Commissioners Milo K. McIver, Portland, and Charles Reynolds, La Grande, have been invited by the Cascade Ski club to view the situation Sunday when the Northwest ski jumping championship tournament is held at Government Camp.

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Group Participation Sought in Jubilee

Jacksonville — A meeting of leaders of various Jacksonville organizations was held last night at the US hotel. It was called by Scotty Matheny, general manager for the Lions club 1952 Jacksonville jubilee, to invite the organizations to participate in the annual event with committee members to serve with the Lions. The jubilee is set for August 2 and 3.

Represented at the meeting were the Odd Fellows and Ruth Rebekah lodges, the Parent-Teacher association, Royal Neighbors of America lodge, Mayor Albert Hackert's office and the volunteer fire department.

Matheny outlined various phases of the jubilee production,

and committees are to report back to the Lions at another meeting scheduled in mid-April, Markwith said.

Entertainment at the meeting included a trumpet solo and vocal selections.

Washington — (U.P.) — Bonneville Power Administration officials have told a house appropriations subcommittee they need an extra \$2,200,000 for a 230-kilovolt transmission line from McNary dam to Walla Walla, Wash.

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