

### A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—A wounded veteran has a problem about how to get back into private life.



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Walter Reed hospital has something of a solution. The guy with a leg or arm off or who is suffering from frost bite from the cold of Korea, has a chance to find himself.

The fellow who is destined for retirement because of miseries committed by the enemy receives the counseling of specially-trained workers. These people look into the background of the hurt boy.

What they look for are hobbies, what the kid used to do before he answered the call, his family background.

Way Out Important  
If the GI used to be a bank clerk, maybe he likes a game of billiards or a game of table tennis.

So here is where he is steered in the recreation rooms of Walter Reed.

But the way out is what is important. When a boy comes back from over there, he feels like the world has lost or forgotten him. But a popular part of the program which prepares him for the difficult life ahead is education. At Walter Reed there are 400 different subjects on both high school and college studies. The U.S. armed forces information program provides most of that.

The Veterans Administration, the U.S. Employment Service, and the American Red Cross also play important parts in the counseling.

A man will come in and wonder how he can get along after he is mustered out with only one leg. The Red Cross will come through. He may worry about pension, educational and vocational rehabilitational benefits. The vets administration has the answer.

How about some spending

### Girls Aid Police To Rout Raiders Of College Dorm

New York—(U.P.)—Police and the girls of Barnard college routed a bra-and-pantie raid by 1,000 Columbia University students early Friday.

The men of Columbia, facing final exams starting Monday, began to gather shortly after midnight on the campus quadrangle. As the crowd grew, so did its courage.

#### Girls Give Come-On

When their numbers reached 1,000, they swept across Broadway towards the fenced-in Barnard campus, a part of Columbia University, where their feminine counterparts crowded to the windows of the three dormitories waving flimsies for encouragement.

Quickly gathered forces of police set up lines in front of the campus gates, and only 30 more venturesome Columbians made the dormitories. The girls who minutes before had shouted encouragement, changed quickly and threw out the boys by weight of numbers.

Police reinforcements were augmented by water, garbage and junk thrown by the girls on those who got too close.

Police Capt. John Drake agreed with the Des Moines psychiatrist who described the college rage for bra-and-pantie raids as "impish pranks with a sex flavor" which please the girls as much as the boys.

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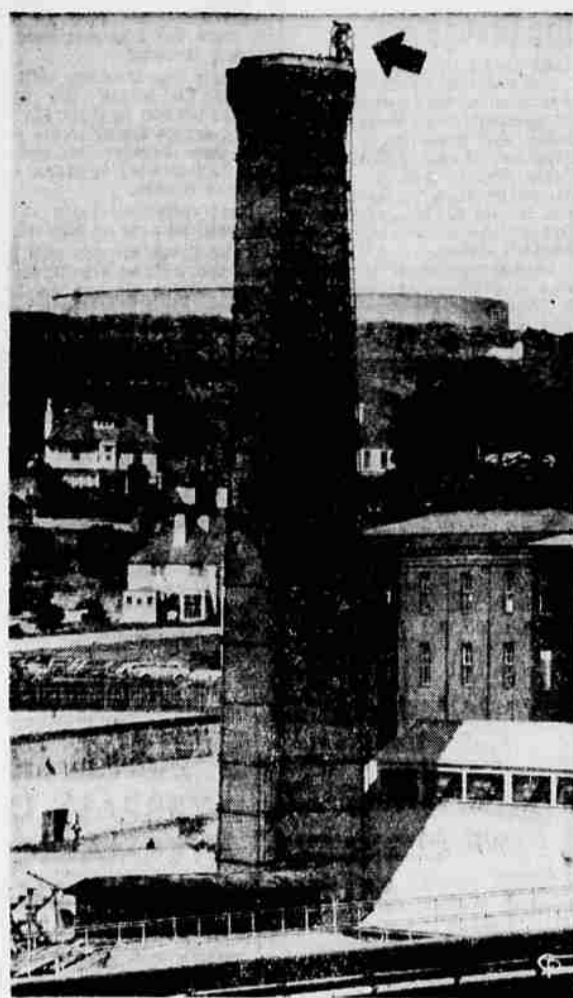
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TRYING TO FORCE WARDEN to transfer him to Folsom Prison, Frederick Zelene, 31, Merced rapist, stands on 135-foot smokestack at San Quentin Prison where he remained nearly seven hours before hunger convinced him he'd better return to cell. (International)

### Hillbilly Music Bringing Christianity to Marshalls

Likiep Atoll, Marshall Islands (U.P.)—A New York City-born former military policeman is bringing Christianity to natives of this tiny atoll in the Central Pacific. He is doing it with the help of a violin and the lively rhythms of American hillbilly music.

Michael Murray, Jesuit lay brother missionary, uses a simple formula: "You win their confidence with music," he said, "and by winning their confidence you win their conversion and faith."

Two or three nights a week Brother Murray gathers a chorus of Marshalese musicians in the palm-sheltered native village and leads them with his violin while they chord guitars and sing in English "You Are My Sunshine" and "Red River Valley."

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### Vitamin B-12 Found In Solids of Sewage

Chicago—(U.P.)—Dr. Bernard Wolnak of the Milner Laboratories, Chicago, reports that a high grade fertilizer made from the solids of sewage may have other uses.

Milwaukee was a pioneer in developing the activated sludge process which changes sewage into fertilizer.

Milwaukee sells 65,000 tons of fertilizer each year made by the process. It is shipped to all parts of the United States, Mexico and the Hawaiian Islands.

Wolnak said recent experiments showed that large quantities of vitamin B-12 were present in the dried sludge and a process has been developed to isolate it from the rest of the sludge.

He said that experiments have been made with portions of the sludge to step up the fermentation of yeast. In some cases, the fermentation time has been reduced from 10 to 20 per cent.

"It is intriguing to speculate on the future of the sludge," Wolnak said. "We've found that it contains one unknown vitamin-like material and one known but scarce vitamin in large amounts, in addition to smaller amounts of many known vitamins. Perhaps the sludge will turn out to be the coal tar of the vitamins."

### Reform Inmates Now Permitted To Smoke

Frankfort, Ky.—(U.P.)—The Kentucky general assembly has voted to permit youthful inmates at state house of reform to smoke, regardless of age.

The legislature repealed an old law which outlawed all smoking at the state institution at the request of welfare officials. The officials explained that the inmates have been "slipping around" and smoking in hideouts throughout the reformatory, creating fire hazards.

They said they preferred to let the boys smoke in supervised recreation rooms rather than run the risk of fire.

The Pick-Sloan plan of Missouri basin development calls for 105 multi-purpose dams.



CATER TO COTTON—With this week being celebrated as National Cotton Week, designer Stephanie Koret of San Francisco comes up with this denim playsuit and sleeveless coat.

#### FATHERS-TO-BE STUDY UP

Indianapolis—(U.P.)—The Indianapolis chapter of the American Red Cross said five men have completed mother and baby care classes. The men considered themselves eligible for the classes because they are expectant fathers.

### Americans Using Less Meat and Milk

Cincinnati, O.—(U.P.)—A Cornell university nutrition expert says Americans are eating less meat and drinking less milk than they were five years ago.

Dr. Herrell DeGraff of Cornell's school of nutrition estimated meat consumption averaged 17 pounds less per person in 1951 than in 1947. Milk consumption, he said, was down 70 pounds last year from the post-war high in 1946.

He told the annual conference of the Distiller's Feed Research council here that the nation's meat and milk supply are not keeping up with the population increase.

"Meat prices in the butcher shops are reflecting not only the general inflation of our price level and the high purchasing power of consumers, but also the declining per capita supply," he said.

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Besides the violin, Brother Murray plays the mandolin, accordion and Scottish bagpipes. He has ordered a set of bagpipes on "probation." He thinks the natives will take quickly to the spirited fortissimo of Highland music.

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