



POW'S OLD HANDS AT PROPAGANDA—Group of Communist prisoners of war stand back after posting this sign in compound 602 on Koje Island, Korea. The banner, "Mourning of Comrade Wang Hwa I, Unreasonably Killed by American MP," was apparently displayed by the Reds for propaganda purposes.

Oriental Won't Find Guam Easy Pushover in War

Agana, Guam — (U.P.) — America's enemies in the Orient will never again find Guam the pushover that the Japanese did 10 years ago when they captured this strategically-situated island with scarcely a struggle on Dec. 10, 1941.

The United States has spent many millions of dollars to make Guam a permanent, forward-area fighting base, and Rear Admiral Ernest W. Litch, commander of the Marianas-Bonins defense command with headquarters here, said: "We're ready for them if they ever come again."

Guam — westernmost Pacific base erected on territory of the United States — is a key point in the "MacArthur secondary line of defense" against Communist Asia. It's 217 square miles of palm-fringed coastline, volcanic mountains and tropical jungle are bristling with defense establishments.

Plenty of Room
Apra Harbor, site of the naval operating base, can accommodate a giant fleet of deep-draft fighting ships, including the largest vessels now sailed by the United States Navy. Ship repair facilities are here to do major repair voyages to Pearl Harbor or San Diego.

Here, the Navy also has an ammunition storage depot, a giant communications station, a hospital and a naval air station in active commission. A second naval air station is out of commission on a standby basis.

Near the northern end of the 30-mile long island is Anderson Air Force base, headquarters for the 19th bombardment wing, now fighting in Korea from forward bases in Okinawa. Two other air force bases, Northwest Field and Harmon Field, are kept on Guam on a standby basis.

Support to Fleet
Guam's peace-time mission is to maintain a naval base in a forward area to support the operating units of the Pacific fleet.

In case of war, it could serve adequately, and logically, as headquarters for the U. S. Pacific fleet, now located at Pearl Harbor. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz set the precedent for such a move when he transferred his headquarters here from Pearl Harbor in August, 1944, to direct the Navy in the final phases of the Pacific war.

When Admiral Nimitz set up operations here, the sound had hardly quieted in the battle by which the United States regained control of Guam from the Japanese.

In case of war, Guam also could serve, as it did in the last 12 months of World War II, as a staging area for thousands of troops moving forward to engage the enemy.

American Samoa consists of a group of islands just east of the International Date Line, 800 miles south of the equator, and about 2,275 miles south of Hawaii.

ports of its value it will not be long before we have bulletwood desks and no more splinters to make runs in the steno's hosier.

Brazil Communists Start Movement Against Russia

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Rio De Janeiro — (U.P.) — Dissident Brazilian Communists, rebellious toward constant servility to Russia, have started a national Communist movement similar to the Titoist attitude in Yugoslavia.

The new movement was launched on the 30th anniversary of the regular Brazilian Communist party by the rebel Jose Maria Crispim, who denounced the Russian line and announced the formation of a national Communist party to be called the Brazilian Revolutionary party.

What success the movement will have is a matter of conjecture but it has been apparent for the last year there was a rift in the old line Communist party which was outlawed in 1947.

There have been several purges, in one of which Crispim was expelled from the party. Formerly Top Man

Crispim, about 40 years old, was a militant leader of the regular Communist party and one of its top men for many years.

He was an army sergeant and took part in the Communist uprising in 1935, after which he went into hiding. He did not show up again until in the 1945 elections, when the Brazilian Communist party elected him to the federal legislature from Sao Paulo.

At the same election, his then leader, Luis Carlos Prestes, head of the Communist party in Brazil, and against whom Crispim now has declared war, won a seat in the national senate.

Both lost their seats when the party was outlawed and both

went into hiding when their arrests were ordered to answer to charges of subversive activities.

Between Two Fires
Secret service men believe that Crispim is in a tight spot, caught between two fires, after launching his proclamation of a new party and open denunciation of the Cominform group.

They have no doubt that he has been, or will be, ordered liquidated by his former Communist associates. He cannot seek police refuge because there are two orders for his preventive arrest, one in Rio de Janeiro and one in Sao Paulo.

A few days after Crispim announced his new party, an announcement made from hiding, Sao Paulo police claimed to have found evidence of its activity.

In a routine raid they said they discovered a group of Crispim followers already at work for the new party. No names were revealed but police said all of them were formerly militant members of the regular Communist party.

THAT'S GOSPEL TRUTH

Penney Farms, Fla. — (U.P.) — A local minister reported that one of his New Hampshire Reds laid an egg 10 inches in length and seven inches in circumference. The egg weighed half a pound and contained two perfectly formed eggs of average size.

MULE DRAFTED

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — During a labor shortage, the Labor Temple here bought a mule to keep the grass on their lawn "eaten down."

Jacksonville High Slates Exercises

Jacksonville — Jacksonville high school baccalaureate and commencement exercises have been scheduled for the coming week, school representatives said today.

Sunday, May 25, baccalaureate exercises will be held at the Jacksonville Presbyterian church with the Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the church, as guest speaker. The Jacksonville girls chorus will sing "Watch and Pray" as a special musical number.

The annual commencement program is planned for May 29 at 8 p. m. in the Jacksonville high school gymnasium. The graduating class of 16 seniors has invited Dr. Donald McDougall, Southern Oregon college, as guest speaker.

Superintendent Dick Boyd will present honors and Mrs. Otto Heckert, chairman of the school board, will award diplomas. The public is invited to both exercises.

Valedictorian of the class of 1952 is Susan Sandell and Salutatorian is Norma Huffman. Both girls have been active in school affairs and are outstanding scholars, school authorities state. Special music for commencement exercises will be provided by the high school band and chorus.

Child Safety Film Due At YMCA Family Night

A film, "Child Safety in the Home," will be shown at the regular family night at the Medford YMCA on Friday, May 23 and Dr. Earl Lawson, Medford radiologist, will give a brief talk.

The film will be in recognition of National Safety Week. Other entertainment is also planned.

Each family is to bring a picnic lunch for itself and coffee will be served for adults. The group will eat at 8:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alberts will head the committee in charge of the kitchen.

One-fifth of the U. S. population, some 30,500,000 persons between the ages of 5 and 29, are in school.



BURNING THEM OUT — Three members of a United Nations reconnaissance company fire on huts housing Communist guerrillas and civilian sympathizers. The center hut is burning from explosion of hidden ammunition ignited by the firing from the mop-up team. Twenty-five suspected guerrillas were captured in the Korean village.

Science at Work

By PAUL F. ELLIS
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New York — (U.P.) — A new wood is on the way to this country and it may be a boon to the stenographer.

The wood, according to Yale University scientists, may save the girls from runs in their stockings. The wood is known technically as manilkara bidentata. It seems just the thing for the manufacture of legs or posts of office furniture.

'Dr. Frederick F. Wangaard of the Yale forestry research department said the wood is of extreme durability and almost immune to abrasions, scars or splinters.

Trees Being Studied
The new wood comes from a tropical tree which is one of 75 species of tropical hardwoods that the Yale scientists are testing for the U. S. Navy. The Yale group is particularly pleased with studies on the manilkara bidentata. Said Wangaard:

"The use of resin-impregnated densified wood in the legs of office furniture led to an im-

provement over the performance of natural wood with respect to marring or splintering."

However, the studies show that the new wood—bulletwood as it is known commonly—is superior even in its natural state.

"It is so durable," the Yale scientist said, "that buildings using bulletwood timbers erected in Puerto Rico around 1500 have stood up to tropical weather for over 400 years."

Wood Much Stronger
The scientists said the bulletwood is more than twice as strong as white oak, the most widely used North American hardwood. It is dark red but is plain, not highly figured like mahogany, and it can be machined to an extremely smooth finish.

Wangaard believes bulletwood also may be used for ice-sheathing of ships, for boat frames and marine keel shoes.

The wood still is under investigation but according to first re-

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Female Monkey Makes Monkey of Male Monkey

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — It takes a female monkey to make a monkey out of a male monkey.

Freda, the male, escaped from his owner, T. J. Bell. After a three-day chase, Bell found Freda in a tree but two hours of coaxing left Freda unmoved and still in the tree.

Finally Bell returned in his car with Cheta, a female monkey, tied to the steering wheel. Minutes later Freda leaped into the car and began chattering happily with his mate.

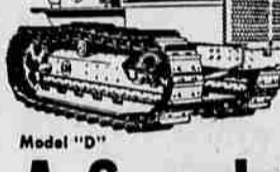
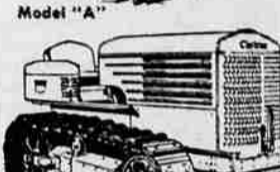
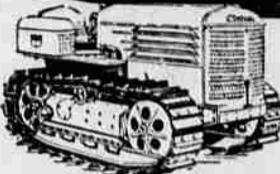
Girl Couldn't Pay Fine Because Permit Lacking

Battle Creek, Mich. — (U.P.) — Susan Ellis, 19, tried for a year to pay a \$3 traffic fine but the violations bureau wouldn't accept her money because she didn't have a driver's license.

Miss Ellis, who was fined for driving without an operator's license in the first place, kept explaining that she had no intention of ever driving again.

Justice of the Peace Hel Hasel broke the deadlock by accepting her money and closing the case.

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