

# IX CORPS MEN HEALTHY, SAYS ARMY LEADER

FORT LEWIS, July 22 (AP)—Northwest soldiers of the 9th army corps who recently returned from California war maneuvers made the best health record in army history for such a move over a thousand miles of highway from one climate to another.

Major General Kenyon A. Joyce said today that final statistics for the march south and return showed only 24 men in every thousand on the sick list. He said this was under three per cent and not only bettered army averages but civilian records as well.

"Considering the fact that more than 45 million truck miles were covered by a sizeable proportion of the command," said General Joyce, "casualties through accidents were exceedingly low in number. The average sick rate during the entire time away from Fort Lewis was well below normal for the army and attests the fine physical condition of the 9th army corps and attached troops."

"As is always the case with young soldiers in their first extensive field service under practically war conditions, there was a certain amount of mild intestinal disturbance of short duration. This phase of health danger had practically no effect on the command and was adequately handled by the application of modern methods of sanitation."

The commanding general said that some people were calling the ailment "dysentery" but in reality it was only a mild "summer complaint" brought on by change of climate and change of water. He said the men were hospitalized as soon as they showed symptoms and were not allowed to ride in the trucks or participate in maneuvers until they were cured.

"There were no heat prostrations during maneuvers," he added. "On the return home, some of the boys became ill from the severe heat at Redding, Calif., but that was the only bad spot of the trip."

"Too much praise cannot be given to unit commanders and their medical advisors for the fine physical standard which was maintained throughout these most exacting ceremonies."

Staff officers of the 9th army corps said they did not believe there would be any health problem during the coming northwest war maneuvers, starting August 1, and taking place in the relatively cool climate of western Washington.

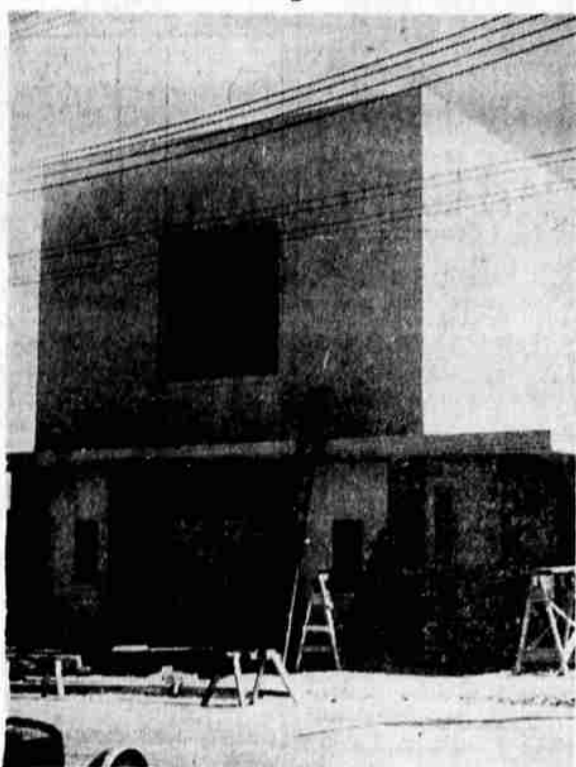
### Welles Says Nazis Planning New Move

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, said Monday that the United States had information that Germany was planning new steps of aggression against remaining independent countries in Europe.

He made the statement at a press conference but did not go into details. His comment aroused speculation, however, on the possibility that he meant that Spain and Portugal might be due for attacks.

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## Moose Building Nears Finish



This picture shows the new home of the Moose lodge, on Pine street near Tenth, now nearing completion.

## Lesson in Prison Kindness Recalled By Warden Lawes

By DON WHITEHEAD  
OSSINING, N. Y., July 22 (The Special News Service)—A friendly word of understanding has changed the lives of many criminals—but this is the story of a young prison guard who heeded the advice of a gray-haired murderer and became a penologist noted for his humanitarianism.

The incident occurred 37 years ago when Lewis E. Lawes, toughened by four years of service with the United States army, began his long prison career as a guard in the Clinton bastille at Dannamora, N. Y.

Those were the days of iron discipline when convicts started calling the keepers "screws" and strong-arm methods kept the prisoners sullenly submissive.

Young Lawes' first assignment was to guard the shop in which the men made shoes, did carpentry work and other prison labor. He stood on a raised platform from which he could watch the prisoners closely. In one hand he clutched a thick cane weighted with metal, a lethal weapon if anyone menaced him. Soon the young guard noticed the convicts glaring at him. The shop became electric with tension. He gripped the cane tighter and glared back.

A gray-haired old man sidled up. He was a convict named Chappelleau, the first man to be sentenced to death in the electric chair in the state of New York. He had slain a neighbor during a fight, bashing him over the head with a whippletree. The death sentence later had been commuted to life imprisonment.

Chappelleau had taken a liking to young Lawes and was his runner, or messenger boy. "Son, if I were you I'd hang that cane on the wall," the old fellow said.

Lawes looked at the truculent convict and then at the thick cane which gave him a reassuring sense of safety.

"The cane won't help if anyone wants to kill you," Chappelleau said quietly. "See the

weapons those men have in their hands?"

They had knives, hammers and other tools with which they were working — tools which made Lawes realize the cane was absurdly inadequate as a weapon.

"Use the cane as a mace of authority and not as a weapon with which to threaten these men," Chappelleau advised.

And Lawes admits he never got better advice. He hung his cane on the wall. Never again did he carry a club or cane nor would he permit his guards to carry clubs in all the years he handled convicts at Dannamora, at Auburn prison, at the New York state reformatory and during 21 years warden of Sing Sing prison.

Sing Sing was a graveyard for wardens when Al Smith, then governor of New York, appointed Lawes as warden in 1920, for in 10 years, 12 men

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had held the position briefly and been replaced. But Lawes became known as the warden with the human touch — a man who handled convicts with kindness instead of brutality, who instilled hope in men who had touched the depths.

A few days ago he was retired as warden of Sing Sing although he isn't giving up his career in prison work. Instead, he will write and lecture on prison reforms and help formulate a college course which he hopes will induce intelligent young men to make a career of prison work. Three universities have tendered him offers to join their faculties.

Lawes sees the problem of crime as one to be solved outside prison walls through education of the public to the causes of crime.

The greatest reforms needed in handling criminals, he believes, are public education; elimination of politics from appointment of prison officials and substitution of the merit system; abolition of capital punishment; greater prison facilities to reduce overcrowding and give men employment in trades which will be useful when they leave prison; and coordination of civic agencies for crime prevention.

During his years at Sing Sing, Lawes found that broken homes were a contributing factor in 70 per cent of the crime cases he studied. Divorces, separations, deaths of one of the parents, and

drunkenness were high on the list.

"We should talk of problem parents instead of problem children," he says, "for the germs of crime are bred in broken homes."

## Stalin's Oldest Son Said Captured

BERLIN, Tuesday, July 22 (UP)—Josef Stalin's oldest son, Jakob, 33, was taken prisoner by German panzer forces at Ljosno, southeast of Vitebsk on the central front, on July 16, authorized quarters said early today.

Jakob, identified as the son of the Russian premier's first wife, Ekaterina Swanidze, surrendered to forces commanded by General Schmidt and proved his identity "without doubt," a spokesman said.

He surrendered "with many other bolshevist officers and soldiers," the spokesman said, and was quoted as considering continued resistance against the Germans to be futile.

The Germans said Jakob was a first lieutenant of the 14th howitzer artillery regiment of the 14th soviet armored division.

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The South Pole is on a plateau 10,000 feet high, but the North Pole is at sea level.

## PERMITS PLANNED FOR EXCESS WHEAT

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The agriculture department has announced provisions whereby farmers who have wheat in excess of their 1941 marketing quotas may seed below their 1942 AAA acreage allotments and obtain permission to sell the over-quota grain without paying the 49-cent-a-bushel penalty.

This permission will be granted by local AAA farmer committees as soon as the 1942 crop is planted. Winter wheat crop seeding usually starts about September 1. Thus producers of excess winter wheat could market such grain this fall.

The amount of excess-quota wheat which a farmer would be permitted to sell would be equivalent to the normal production of that portion of his 1942 allotment not planted to wheat.

For example, a farmer who has a 100-acre wheat allotment and a 10-bushel-per-acre normal yield would be permitted to sell 200 bushels of excess wheat if he reduced his 1942 crop planting to 80 acres. The 200 bushels would be the normal yield on 20 acres.

AAA officials expressed hope this regulation would soften protests of many wheat growers over the marketing quota system under which grain produced in excess of a farmer's quota is sub-

ject to a penalty tax of 49 cents a bushel.

### RAILROAD BRIEFS

Resigns—Harold Spowart, secretary to C. H. Reeves, district

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