

WORLD NEWS INTERESTS U. S. MEN IN PRISON

SALEM — News concerning the world situation, insofar as German censorship permits its dissemination, is the subject of keen interest to American prisoners of war in German prison camps, according to information received by Charles A. Sprague, president of the Oregon war chest, from war prisoners aid of the YMCA, through the national war fund of which war prisoners aid is a member agency.

Contributions made by residents of Klamath county to the local war chest help the national war fund finance the work of war prisoners aid, Sprague explained.

A wireless message received by war prisoners aid from its Geneva headquarters states that "so-called newsrooms" made available at various prison camps are greatly appreciated and are visited daily by hundreds of prisoners eager to learn whatever news is released concerning world affairs, said the report to Sprague.

About 50 per cent of the prisoners at the largest German prison camp are engaged in studies and preparing for examinations, the report stated. In the language classes, German, French, Russian, Spanish and even Norwegian and Japanese are being studied, and the camp reference library, stocked with books provided by war prisoners aid, is usually crowded with young officers engaged in study.

Most of the men at Stalag Luft III are "very young, cultured and feel most keenly the influence of captivity, with the first two or three months the most trying, owing to the sudden change from free living to boredom and confinement," said the report. Among the articles supplied by war prisoners aid, those most appreciated are electric light bulbs for theatre and study rooms, books and phonographs.

DESERTERS' RETURN REFUSED BY SERVICE

SEATTLE, Aug. 17 (AP)—The U. S. immigration service has refused to surrender to Russian authorities two Russian merchant marine officers and two seamen being held for desertion of their ship, the Post-Intelligencer reported today.

The paper said Russian Consul General Andrei E. Vassiliev and his vice consul came here from San Francisco to attempt to get the men early this month. The soviet officials appealed to the men to return to their ship after learning they were in custody, but failed.

Raphael P. Bonham of the immigration service, explained it is customary to allow deserting seamen, regardless of nationality to ship out on vessels of their own choice.

Bonham, the paper said, denied any demand for return of the deserters had been made and said the case was before the immigration headquarters in Washington, D. C., for routine treatment.

The case involved the disappearance of a political commissar from a Russian ship and the feeling of the deserters they were unjustly under suspicion, the paper reported.

In Washington, Thomas G. Finucane, chairman of the immigration board of appeals, said today two Russian seamen were in custody of immigration authorities on charges of failing to return to their ship docked in Seattle.

Finucane said his information was that the two men had been refused permission by their ship's master to go ashore, but went anyway, and then were afraid to return. Subsequently, he reported, they were picked up as deserters.

He said the board has not reached a decision in the case but probably will do so within a week.

Told that the Seattle Post-Intelligencer mentioned two Russian officers as well as the seamen, Finucane said he had heard only of the two seamen but that additional reports might be received.

He added that "to date" his board has received no request from the Russian government for return of the men.

VOCATIONAL AILMENT
Most elephant trainers are partially deaf. The shrill trumpeting of the animals during the training period is injurious to the human ear.

7:15 P.M.
DON LEE-MUTUAL
LOWELL THOMAS NEWS TIME
Standard of California

Monday Comes Every Day



Although the calendar may say otherwise, everyday is Monday and washday at the WAVE barracks on the naval air station. Shown above performing "housewife duties" are Mary Bracken, SC3c, and Emma Deal, S1c. It is noted that even with government priorities, the WAVES must use synthetic clothes pins.

Kaiser Predicts Permanent Program

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (AP)—Portland's Tinnahners were encouraged today by a hint from Edgar F. Kaiser that shipbuilding is at Swan island to stay.

The general manager of this area's Kaiser yards said at yesterday's launching of the Tanker Swan Island that the yard "never again will be an airport. It will stay what it is."

INVESTIGATION OF TREATMENT OF VETS EYED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Full investigation of reports of inconsiderate treatment of war veterans returned from overseas was promised, Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) by the war and navy departments in letters the senator made public today.

Cordon asked for the investigation when he received reports that service men upon return to this country had been assigned menial tasks at camps and had not been granted leave or treatment their war records warranted.

Acting Secretary of War Patterson said investigation of the charges had failed to substantiate them and only one instance was found where soldiers were asked to assist in menial tasks. This, he said, was in a port where a shortage of personnel caused the returned veterans to be asked to assist with the work for a short time to expedite their assignments to reception stations.

Navy Secretary Forrestal said the only specific place where reports of harsh treatment of returned naval men could be traced by the complainants was at the naval construction battalion replacement depot, Camp Paris, Shoemaker, Calif. He added that the commandant of the twelfth naval district had been directed to conduct an investigation.

Patterson said returned soldiers were given 21 days' leave upon arrival at reception stations in this country, exclusive of travel time, after which they return to a personnel reassignment center for a thorough physical examination, reconditioning and assignment to new stations.

Ickes Proposes Surplus Property Disposal Law

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Calling upon congress to enact a surplus property disposal law that would prevent a repetition of "the speculators' paradise that followed World War I," Interior Secretary Ickes proposed today that his own department be given the job of handling government land disposition.

Ickes endorsed the pending Murray-Taft-Stewart bill in testimony before the senate military affairs committee, saying he thought it set up the necessary safeguards for thwarting "the cheats and chiselers" in sales of billions of dollars worth of unneeded war goods.

The interior department, with long experience in administering 13,000,000 acres of publicly-owned lands, should be designated to handle the task of disposing of additional thousands of acres that were acquired for war purposes, Ickes said.

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army for an airport, could be converted to small farms under the reclamation laws. The Muroc bombing range, 137,000 acres in Kern, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, California, contains lands "eminently suited for administration as part of California grazing district No. 1."

Similarly, he said, 14,000 acres of the Wendover bombing range in Utah could be incorporated in grazing lands for lease at a profit to the government.

EXTINCT VOLCANO
A great volcano once belched forth steam and lava where now stands the Devil's Tower in Wyoming. The tower is the column of lava that cooled and hardened in the volcano's throat.

Cover Girl Bride Likes United States

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (AP)—A bride whose marriage to an American sergeant in Sydney was photographed in Sydney's Australian picture magazine as "typical international wedding," thinks the United States "grand."

The cover-girl bride, a former stenographer for the U. S. army in Sydney, is here with her sister-in-law awaiting the final laugh of husband Jack Elam. "Some people threw water on the idea of Australian girls coming to the United States," she said. "But I found they were wrong. Jack was right—it's grand."

Box Office Opens **ESQUIRE** 1:30 * 6:45

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JUDY CANOVA

LOUISIANA HAYRIDE

in COLUMBIA'S

★ On The Same Hit Program ★
PRELUDE TO INVASION!
James MASON • Carlo LEHMANN
Candlelight in ALGERIA
with Raymond Lovell

★ On The Same Hit Program ★
ROSS HUNTER
RICHARD LANE
LLOYD BRIDGES
HOBART CAVANAUGH

LATEST NEWS

RAINBOW
Box Office Opens 6:45

TODAY —AND— FRIDAY

IT'S GOT Everything AND Everything!
★ Alice FAYE
★ Constance MIRANDA in

THE GANGS ALL HERE
★ BENNY GOODMAN

★ Second Hit ★

He Hired a KILLER... in a terrifying deal with DEATH!
THE WHISLER!
★ RICHARD DIX
★ J. Carrol MAISH
★ Gloria STUART

PINE TREE
Continuous Show Daily
Box Office Opens 12:30

ENDS TODAY
"The Ghost Goes West"
★ SECOND HIT ★
"Scarlet Pimpernel"

Friday - Saturday

The Immortal Story of America's Pioneer!

The Deerslayer
★ Second Ace Hit ★

VILLAINS... UNBIDDEN LUST FOR POWER!
DRUMS OF FU MANCHU
★ HENRY BRANDON
★ GLORIA FRANKLIN

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BOX OFFICE OPENS 6:45 P. M.

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Three of a Kind
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SHEMP HOWARD
MAXIE ROSENBLUM
HELEN GILBERT
JUNE LANG
BUZZY HENRY

★ Second Hit ★
THE SAINT Meets THE TIGER
★ RICH SINCLAIR

BOX OFFICE OPENS **PELICAN** 1:30 * 6:45

Today - Friday - Saturday

gay musical joyous lovable colorful funny happy new smart hilarious bright merry

You'll welcome its love and life... its laughter and lift! It's your wit parade with the hit parade tunes!

M-G-M's MEET THE PEOPLE

LUCILLE BALL • POWELL (starring) **DICK VIRGINIA O'BRIEN • LAHR**
with **BERT "RAGS" RAGLAND • ALLYSON VAUGHN MONROE**
AND HIS ORCHESTRA
SPIKE JONES and his CITY SLICKERS

ADDED ★ Home Maid (Pete Smith) Eagle vs. Dragon (Special)