

Marines Take Final Exams for Korea in 25-Below Temperature

PICKEL MEADOWS, Calif. — (NEA) — "Cold or not, you've got to fight."

That might well be the philosophy behind the new Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Course here — a spot 8800 feet up in the high sierras where the snow is often hip-deep and the mercury plunges to 25 below.

A steady stream of Far East replacements have been learning the deep-frozen art of winter warfare at Pickel Meadows since last September. To many of them, the

Spain, U.S. Visas Eased

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spain agreed Monday night to admit American tourists without visas. The United States in turn eased its visa requirements on visitors from Generalissimo Franco's country.

An agreement covering the swap was initiated by U. S. Ambassador Stanton Griffin, whose resignation was announced Monday and Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Ariza.

It eliminates the visa requirement for American tourists remaining less than six months in Spain.

In return the U. S. waived the \$10 visa fee previously required from Spanish tourists visiting America and extended the life of the visas from one year to two.

Pretzels Pose City Problem

READING, Pa. (AP) — Do pretzels need fresh air to retain their flavor?

The Reading City Council will have to answer that question. Mayor James B. Bamford ordered pretzel vendors Monday to place their wares in bags or lose their licenses.

The vendors replied Pretzels need fresh air to retain their flavor.

The mayor decided to ask the council to enact a pretzel wrapping order. He said his action was prompted by the city health officer who believes the sale of unwrapped pretzels is unsanitary.

Ex-Model Goes For Sheepskin

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Carl Hammer, Hunter College mathematics professor will be glad when Feb. 5 comes this year because he's getting tired of having one of the students around the house doing her homework.

At that commencement day his wife, Jeanette, 35, a former model and fashion illustrator for 10 years, will get her sheepskin. She finished her interrupted collegiate career with Phi Beta Kappa honors. After gathering bits of learning at Salinas Junior College in California and art schools in Chicago and Kansas City, she decided in 1948 to finish the job at Hunter College. She was so impressed that she suggested that her husband get a teaching job there.

Mrs. Hammer's mother, Mrs. Nettie M. George, 57, will receive an M. A. in education in June from the University of Idaho.

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"We will get you just as close to exhaustion as we can," the camp's Executive Officer, Major William J. Stewart, told one group of trainees. He made it clear that Pickel Meadows is not just another obstacle course; it's the "final exam" for Korea or any other frigid spot in which Marines may have to fight.

And the course is ideally located. The sharp high ridges, the altitude, temperature and snow make it a dead ringer for much of North Korea. Located north of Yosemite National Park, the training site was selected last Fall by experts from Brig. Gen. Merrill B. Twining's Training and Replacement Command at Camp Pendleton.

Here's what happens to a trainee while he's there:

He'll get off the chartered bus after a 12-hour ride from Camp Pendleton and right away he'll

start putting on some of the cold weather clothing he'll have been issued. The first two days are fundamentals. Veterans of Korea will tell him how to conserve his energy, to be deliberate in moving about, and that being too hot, not too cold, is his biggest headache in intense cold.

His feet will require extra care if he is to carry his 75 pounds of clothing and equipment through the 15-mile course. He'll start on his problem after he's learned to cook his rations in the snow, build a lean-to or makeshift snow "igloo" and take care of his weapons at sub-zero temperatures.

Then he's ready for the four-day "war" organized into companies and platoons, the trainees head up into the mountains for battle with the "Aggressors"—permanently-stationed, white-clad Marines.

Usually the training doesn't go far before he's deploying after the blank-firing Aggressor machine guns or cooking his frozen chow in a blizzard or standing security watch at night when it's 20 below. The Aggressors pride themselves on the number of trigger housing groups they can take from a bivouac area by infiltration.

Aggressor Lt. R. M. Johnson once told a tired and bearded trainee audience: "It's been our job here to make your lives miserable. If you got good and mad and tried to wipe us out, we've accomplished our mission."

To do his job, Johnson calls on his own experience in setting up tactical situations. On one occasion the trainees are fired on from three directions at a river crossing. The terrain and situation are almost exactly the same as the Winter day in 1950 when Johnson's platoon was hit by the Communists at Yudam-Ni in North Korea.

Occasionally, when weather and terrain combine to make life almost unbearable for the replacement groups, Johnson's men will find trainees failing to respond when the Aggressors attack. After one hard blizzard, the Aggressors finally resorted to throwing snowballs at the trainees' scouting elements. In a matter of minutes the worn-out but infuriated troops were attacking vigorously.

When their four-day war is over, the trainee groups return to the point where they began. They're given a critique on their performance, they get their first A-ration hog chow in four days, and then they go back to Camp Pendleton.

Every man in every group will tell you he's never been so tired in his life. But he's also gained the knowledge that he can take care of himself when the bottom drops out of the thermometer and he'll know how to handle himself when a real enemy starts squeezing off live rounds from some foreign picture-postcard hillside.

Gotham Still Big Champion

By The Associated Press

It's official now: New York is the nation's biggest city. Seattle is 19th and Portland is 25th.

The 1950 official census rankings were announced in Washington, D. C.

The rankings of the top five were: New York 7,891,557; Chicago 3,620,962; Philadelphia 2,070,605; Los Angeles 1,970,358; Detroit 1,849,568.

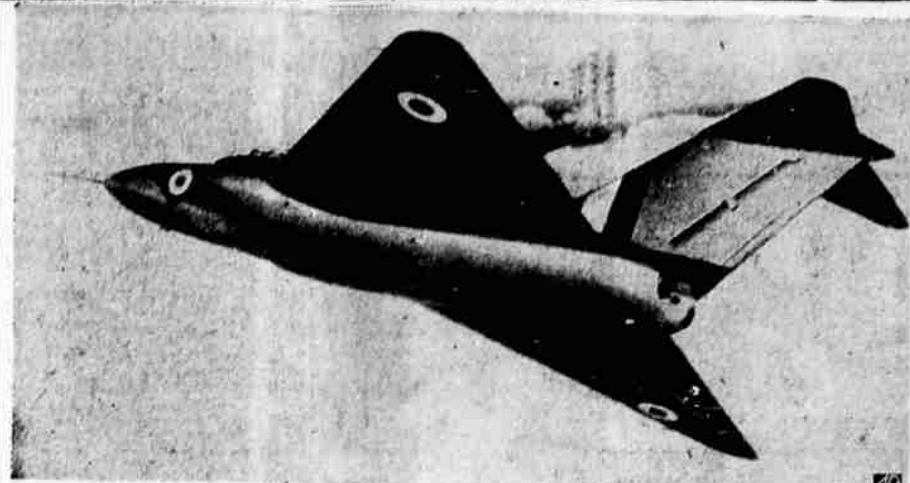
The next six in order are Baltimore, Cleveland, St. Louis, Washington, Boston and San Francisco.

Seattle is listed at 467,591, a notch ahead of Kansas City, Mo. Portland, with 373,628 is just ahead of Columbus, O.

Three Schools Burglarized

NEWPORT (AP) — Three coastal area schools were burglarized of \$160 over the weekend, police reported Monday.

Safecrackers blew a hole in the vault at Newport high school to get \$150. They broke into a safe at Siletz high school for \$4.80. At Eddyville \$4.50 was stolen.



REVOLUTIONARY BRITISH JET — This plane, of revolutionary design, is the new British Hawker-Siddeley Gloster GA-5 jet. It is powered by twin Sapphire engines, each of which has a thrust of over 7,000 pounds. It is a long range fighter heavy with radar gear and armament, details of which are secret.

Bennett Eyes Mayor's Job

PORTLAND (AP) — City Commissioner J. E. Bennett may become a candidate for mayor of Portland.

Bennett, who opposes taverns and gambling, announced his possible candidacy in reply to a new recall move.

His opponents said Monday they will begin circulation of petitions Wednesday to recall him from his present job. To get the recall measure on the May primary ballot, 25,770 signatures must be filed.

A previous recall attempt collapsed 1 1/2 months ago.

Oldtimers Got There Quicker

NEW YORK (AP) — In horse and buggy days New Yorkers travelled 11.5 miles an hour. In their modern autos they go only six miles.

The cause is congestion. E. E. Keans, of Erie, Pa., told the American Institute of Electrical Engineers Tuesday.

As one remedy he proposed putting high speed electric trains in the center malls of fast highways.

The malls are the separators of dual highways.

Court Makes Widow Richer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Al Johnson's widow has won more than a million dollars in a court-approved settlement of her community property claims against his four million dollar estate.

Mrs. Erle Johnson Krassa—she married Movie Producer Norman Krassa last month—was already the beneficiary of a million dollar trust fund set up for her by the manly singer.

Under the pact approved Monday, the 27-year old brunette will receive a community property share of \$400,000 in life insurance, \$131,156 in cash, \$175,910 in government bonds, \$128,948 in recording royalties and an interest in past and future earnings of two movies.

Johnson died Oct. 23, 1950.

Kentucky Slots Rounded Up

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation expected to have its roundup of slot machines in Kentucky just about complete Tuesday.

A total of 4,570 machines, valued at \$1,256,750, have been seized by the FBI.

Meanwhile the U. S. district attorney's office here commented that a suit filed at Covington Monday to suppress evidence and recover seized machines would be useless.

VA Home Loan Losses Slight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Administration reported Tuesday that the government has lost only \$13,591,000 as a result of defaults on the \$16,403,000 worth of veterans home loan mortgages it has guaranteed.

Since the program got underway in 1944-45, the VA said, 2,642,000 loans had been approved up to Dec. 25, 1951, and claims had been paid against the VA guaranty on 12,586.

Officials told a reporter the number of new defaults per month has been decreasing steadily since July 1951, with the December total of 4,947 being the lowest for any month since December, 1948.

The number of claims paid as a result of defaults since the program was started amount to slightly less than one-half of one per cent, the officials said. They added that the net amount paid on the total initial principal of \$16,403,000 amounts to less than \$1 on each \$1,000 of principal.

NEW EDITOR

NEW YORK (AP) — William Shawn, 44, has been named editor of the New Yorker magazine to succeed Harold W. Ross, the founder, who died Dec. 6.

Sacred Heart Notebook

By JEAN OWENS

Today began the first week of the semester activity schedule, and many meetings have been called and new projects are being scheduled.

All club pictures for the El Rodeo were taken today by the staff members and photographers. The book sales began again yesterday, with the price to be raised from \$3.25 to \$3.50 when 500 copies of the book have been sold.

Already the staff has sold 400, so it is more than advisable to get yours right away at the reduced price.

Also on sale for the next several weeks are student body cards which will sell for \$2.50.

If you haven't already purchased your card, see Marvin Nerse, student body business manager, in the main office during the first ten minutes of the activity period.

A slightly different room recreation set-up has been put into effect so that now chess and checkers are played in the cafeteria-annex, ping-pong in the girls' gym, sport dancing in the girls' gym and study hall in room 206.

Perhaps, in order to save any confusion, it should be mentioned that the new split noon hour schedule.

Tender Aground, Two Rescued

ASTORIA (AP) — Two crewmen who ran a disabled cannery tender aground on Peacock Spit were brought to safety by the Coast Guard Monday.

The two—Thomas R. Delahunt, Sitka, Alaska, and Jack Sheridan, Bodega Bay, Calif.—were marooned on the spit for six hours before the Coast Guard could bulldoze a trail to the beach.

It will not be in effect all this week due to the tests which are being taken by all members of the junior class.

These tests are the Iowa Educational tests and are merely achievement tests. They were previously scheduled for yesterday, but because of the many absences caused by the snow storms, they had to be postponed.

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