

Germans Use Psychology in Selection of Key Officers

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE

CHICAGO, May 5 (The Special News Service)—The German army has a special way of picking men for particularly dangerous assignments.

The information comes from American psychologists. Here is an example:

Place, a training camp in Poland—

"Attention," barks an officer to a group of youth recruits. "We have a new parachute. It is a superior parachute, we think. But it has not been tested yet."

"We don't want to waste any trained men trying it. This is a call for volunteers from you men to try the parachute."

"Will 10 men who are willing now step forward?"

A group volunteers. But they are tried one at a time when there is no crowd around. The volunteer and an officer go to a remote field. In it stands a tall tower. Far back from observation.

The boy has his parachute in position, and understands its use. The pair ascend to the top of the tower. There a plank extends rigidly out into space.

At command, the volunteer jumper walks out this plank. At the last pace before the jump the officer says sharply:

"Halt."

"Now," he adds, "before you jump, are you still willing? You

can change your mind if you want."

"Willing," says the boy. "Good," replies the officer. "Come on back."

The recruit has passed the test, which is not for parachute jumping—in fact, it is not a new parachute. The idea is to decide whether he qualifies to train for military exploits requiring special daring.

There are voluminous records about the German army's psychological training, but those available, except by secret channels, end with the start of the war.

The parachute story is one of bits of information seeping through since hostilities opened.

This psychological work began in 1926. Unofficially it is reported that now the German army is spending around \$40,000,000 a year on the psychological side of selecting officers and men.

Each division is said to have 15 or more psychologists, all officers. But they are not called psychologists, and are regular military men. Even the name psychology has been dropped, and this group now is designated as inspection for aptitude testing in the high command of the army.

The principles appear to be sound. Personal character is the key to choice.

Just before the war started, the psychological tests of an officer candidate lasted two full days. The tests covered intelligence, will power, facility in making decisions while in action. The candidate also instructed a company of men how to perform a chosen task.

His facial expressions were recorded by a motion picture camera as an aid to get a better insight into his character. The sort of impression he made on others was studied. Powers of observation, manner of speech, life history, his ideas about his past and future, and cultural ideals were examined.

For the soldiers in the ranks, the psychologists built up soldierdom as a serious culture, as something with a central location in the German soul.

Traveling Scale Unit To Weigh 4-H Livestock

A new trailer scale unit for use with 4-H clubs in the central Willamette valley is now under construction in the agricultural engineering department at Oregon State college, and will be ready for use in the early summer. This unit, expected to cost about \$200, is being financed by the Willamette Valley Production Credit association.

The idea of building a set of livestock scales into a trailer to be taken from farm to farm to weigh 4-club livestock was originated here in Oregon about seven years ago. The first such trailer was financed by the Congress hotel at Portland and is still in use after covering some 50,000 miles of road in Malheur, Baker, Union and Wallowa counties.

Since that time units have been built in Harney, Klamath, Jackson, Lane, and Sherman counties, and one unit which serves both Gilliam and Wheeler counties. Trailer scales are also under construction at present in Wasco and Umatilla counties.

These portable scales provide frequent opportunity for livestock club members to weigh their animals and keep records of gains and compare them with the others, says L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader. This in turn has greatly improved the quality of the club work in livestock production. The idea has been adopted in other states and frequent requests for plans are received at the college.

State Junior Chamber Leadership Changes Hands Here



The upper picture shows the new officers of the state junior chamber of commerce, elected at the convention which closed here Sunday. Left to right: Dr. Sanford Wollin, Portland national director; Hale Thompson, Eugene, first vice president; Joe Bally, Klamath Falls, second vice president; Paul Lee, Salem, secretary-treasurer; C. F. Stranahan, Tillamook, third vice president; Don Black, Salem, president. Below, Black receives the charter from Don Eggen, Portland, retiring president.

National Defense Note Struck As JCC Convention Ends Here

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as those of the selective service. Matthew declared:

"No one has a better right than you who fall within these age limits to question the methods of those who, by misleading propaganda, stir up antagonism between workers and employer and even between workers themselves."

"We must do all in our power to extinguish the flames of prejudice and to develop a patriotism that will defy any attempts to divide our nation," said Matthews.

Social highlight of the convention came on Saturday night,

with a banquet served at the Willard followed by a dance.

Banquet speaker was Walter Holman, Portland, past national junior chamber president, who outlined the projects carried to successful conclusions by junior chambers in all parts of the United States. Charles Redding, retiring national director, presented to Tillamook chapter the trophy as outstanding junior chamber in the state in the last year. Malcolm Epley of Klamath Falls presided as toastmaster at the banquet.

New state officers, introduced

at the banquet, are: Don Black, Salem, president; Hale Thompson, Eugene, first vice president; Joe Bally, Klamath Falls, second vice president; C. F. Stranahan, Tillamook, third vice president; Paul Lee, Salem, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Sanford Wollin, Portland director.

Doctor Studies Orientals for Cause of Cancer

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5 (AP)

A clue to the nature of cancer may be found in different forms of the disease affecting various oriental races, Dr. Max Cutler, Chicago tumor institute director, said here Friday.

En route home from Honolulu, Dr. Carter, a Rockefeller foundation worker and consultant in cancer for the US veterans' administration, told interviewers that Japanese in Hawaii were subject to cancer of the stomach but that cancer of the breast was extremely rare.

"We are trying to find out why this is," he said. "If we make the discovery, it may throw a great light on other matters connected with our research."

"The same thing holds true in a lesser degree in Japan. When I visited Tokyo in 1937, I learned that there was very little cancer of the breast while there was a great deal of cancer of the stomach, although the ratio of difference was nothing like as great as in the Hawaiian islands."

Farmers in the vicinity of Peking, China, are subject to cancer of the esophagus, while Peking city dwellers have little of it. Dr. Cutler suggested that the difference might be caused by the farmers' habit of drinking raw alcohol.

He also said he had found no connection between war injuries and cancer.

4-H Clubs To Join Music Week

Four-H clubs throughout the state will cooperate in national music week this year, observance of which begins the first Sunday in May. H. C. Seymour, state club leader, has arranged for all clubs to cooperate with other agencies in the community where possible in music week observance. Where other organizations are not active, however, each club will itself arrange a musical program, he says. National music week this year is emphasizing the inter-American idea, featuring music of North and South American countries. Practically every country in the western hemisphere is cooperating.

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'Airplane View' of Iraq Written By Correspondent

Editor's note: Lloyd Lehrbas, as an Associated Press foreign correspondent, flew over the middle east—including Iraq, with a stopover at Habbaniyah—on his way from covering war in Asia to reporting the war in Europe. In this story he gives you an "airplane view" of the world's newest hot spot.)

By LLOYD LEHRBAS

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—Lake Habbaniyah, around which British and Iraqi troops now are fighting a battle crucial to British interests in the Moslem middle-east, is a big hole in the blistering hot desert about sixty miles west of fabled Baghdad.

On its shores the British have established an airfield as a base for planes to patrol the vital oil pipelines stretching across the desert from Kirkuk, the heart of the rich Mosul fields, to Haifa in Palestine and Tripoli in Syria (not to be confused with the axis base of the same name in Libya.)

The patrols — of seaplanes from the glassy lake created by overflow from the nearby Euphrates, and landplanes from the treeless desert—are necessary because the Arabs have a mischievous habit of destroying sections of the line from time to time, just for fun or from hatred of the "non-believers."

Habbaniyah itself is merely a collection of hangars and mud colored dwellings sufficient to house the plane crews, armored car crews which patrol the nearby caravan routes, and the normally small garrison. The town's official name, Sinn-ad-Dhibban, means "tooth of the fly."

Before the current war, Habbaniyah's only importance was as a desert outpost to protect the British and other foreign owned oil wells and the pipelines, and as a refueling point for British imperial airways flying boats.

Basra, at the head of the Persian gulf, is the kingdom of Iraq's only seaport, the home of Sinbad the Sailor of "Arabian Nights" fame, and overnight stop for commercial planes on the hop over the Persian gulf

between Palestine and Bahrain Island.

American ships ply the Indian ocean to Basra carrying dates, licorice root and other middle eastern products, but the port is chiefly noted among travelers for its airfield with a modern aircooled hotel. Arabs come from miles around just to feel cool for once in their lives.

United States interests in the Kingdom of Iraq are in charge of Paul Knabenshue, the minister-president, of Toledo, Ohio, and his consular staff of two, William S. Farrell of Port Jefferson, N. Y., and Gordon H. Mattison, of Washington, D. C. All are stationed at Baghdad, the capital, where Ali Baba had his fabled adventures with the forty thieves.

UNOFFICIAL UNDERWEAR

DALLAS, (AP) — A striped undershirt showing at the "V" of a sailor suit made officer Bill Williams, a former navy man, suspicious.

"What ship are you from?" he asked the wearer.

"The Tennessee," was the reply.

"That a cruiser?"

"Yep."

"The Tennessee," snapped Williams, "is a battleship. Maybe you'd better take down your hair and tell all."

The man confessed he was a garbage wagon driver who bought the uniform in a pawnshop to impress the girls.

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by JOHN CLINTON

Frankly I've never been a mother, as I am not personally aware of how mothers regard Mother's Day, which is next Sunday. But somehow I feel that the old picture of a mother as a helpless white-haired lady is all wet.

Any time a woman can raise a son or a daughter, bring them through all the childhood perils of mumps, measles and warts—then guide them through the perplexities of adolescence, and finally see them successfully turned loose in the world—isn't that the best mother money can buy?

So, I thought I'd just haul off and direct this week's column to Mother, Clinton-style. Mother who drives the family car expertly to market or to school—who bats out over a thousand miles a year—and who, through it all, manages to be a pretty sweet, sound and sensible person. My hat, mother, is off to you!

In fact, mother, I'm going to suggest to you that you get acquainted with the fellows at your neighborhood Union Oil station. In the first place these men—they call 'em Minute Men 'cause they're fast—will save you time when you have to get gas or oil. In the second place, they're helpful gents if something goes wrong.

And the reason I'm telling it to you, mother, is because you probably have more to do with the family car than anyone else. In the meantime, I hope all your children send you candy, tickets to a good show, and a big hug!

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