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PATTERSON ON OCCUPATION FORCES

Secretary of War Robert Patterson, speaking to the American Press Club stated that the overseas army would need one and a half million men for occupational forces and other auxiliary troops.

Any reduction in this figure would be justified by stabilization of the situations in various occupied countries and the relinquishing of bases in unimportant theatres.

Patterson then emphasized the unanimous opinion that a volunteer army is much more effective than a drafted one. Unfortunately the number of voluntary enlistments was not high enough to fulfill the occupational tasks in spite of the current campaign to get men to enlist.

He then went on to express his appreciation to General MacArthur for his excellent statesmanship. He compared the occupational problems of Germany to those in Japan and stressed the fact that the Japanese situation was far more favorable.

The conditions which were the most difficult in his mind as far as the European Theatre is concerned were "Uniform High command of Allied Troops, displaced persons, and treatment of war criminals."

EZRA POUND OF UNSOUND MIND

A USA lawcourt decided on Thursday that the poet Ezra Pound under indictment because of propaganda disseminated over the Italian radio was mentally deranged. The alienists call the 60 year old poet an oversensitive, excentric and cynic person that could not be held responsible on account of his psychopathic disposition.

SECRETARY ICKES RESIGNS

After tending his resignation Secretary of the Interior Ickes set forth a letter addressed to President Truman. As reason for his decision he gave lack of confidence on the part of President Truman. This became especially clear, he said, at the press conference last Thursday when President Truman opposed his critique of the nomination of Edwin W. Pauley for the post of assistant secretary of the Navy.

Ickes declared, however, that his resignation by no means that he was opposed to the president's policy.

"I am firmly convinced," the letter says, "that President Truman is doing his best to conduct the business of the Government in an honest and straightforward manner in the spirit of the tradition of President Roosevelt." Secretary of the Interior Ickes also expressed his desire to remain in office till the 31st of March in order to be able to take part in the introduction of the Anglo-American Oil Pact in Congress, since he had a prominent share in its promotion.

HALF MILLION RE-ENLIST

According to figures revealed by the Recruiting Office, voluntary enlistments for the army have exceeded the number of half a million. A large part of the volunteers will be employed to replace occupation forces in Europe and Asia.

ITALY REQUEST REPRESENTATION

On Thursday it was announced that Italy had approached the Allies with a request that an Italian observer might accompany the Four Powers Commission which is about to visit the disputed area of Venezia Giulia. The Italian government backs its request by the charge that Yugoslavia was trying to influence the disputed area.

U. S. SURPLUS TO BE EXPORTED

The production of railway and transportation material, power plants, cotton and artificial manure will be in excess of actual requirements this year. This becomes clear from a report which is being drafted by the U. S. Department of Commerce for the sake of U. S. exportation in connection with the British loan. Should this loan not eventuate, Arthur Paul, head of the World Trade Office, assures us, the economic program of the USA would suffer a serious setback. The U. S. home trade would feel the pressure of excess production all the more.

TUG-BOAT STRIKE TERMINATED

The tug-boat strike has been terminated temporarily as the specially appointed committee met today to discuss final settlement of the wage and working-hour demands.

New York's major O'Dwyer announced that 3500 tug-boat people would return to work.

THUNDERBOLTS OPPOSE U. S. F. A. HQ. FIVE FOR AUSTRIAN TITLE

The 83rd Thunderbolts and the USFA Headquarters fives, each with a victory to its credit on its home court, will battle tonight at the Linz Gymnasium for the unofficial championship of the American Occupational Forces in Austria.

The contest gets underway at 2015 and will be preceded by the final round play which will decide the champions of the Company Level Tournament. The latter fray starts at 1830 and will bring together 83rd Div. Hq. Co. and the 11th Engineers.

The feature will be the next-to-last game for the Thunderbolt squad which will soon be disbanded. With a season record of 10 wins and seven losses, the home team will be out to avenge the 42-38 defeat suffered in Vienna last month. When the clubs met for the first time, the 83rd team won out 41-35 at Linz.

The visitors will use their all-star
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combine of little Mickey Rottner, former All-America, lanky Ed. Mills, ex-Wisconsin flash, Herky Baltimore, Penn Sate All-America, and Bob Lundsteat, and Curt Davis. For the home team, Coach Carey will probably start Billy Reed, Lenny Alterman, Gene Gillait, and Arden McKillop.

The game gets underway at 2015 tonight at the gym. Come down and cheer the Bolts on to victory.

HQ. Co. — 11th. Eng. Meet at 1830 for Company Level Championship

The high scoring 11th. Engineers and the fast stepping 83rd. Div. Hq. Co., winners of the second half of the Linz League, will meet tonite at 1830 in the Linz gym. for the company level tournament championship.

The Engineers rolled over the 4th Cavalry Group last night 66-20 after defeating the 117th Evac. and the 25th Regulating Sation in earlier games. The Hq. Co. five eked out a slim 34-30 win over M Co. of the 329th after winning from the 3614 Qm trucking outfit in an earlier game.

The Eng. led throughout, holding a 30-9 lead at half-time. Peralla was second with 21 points while Wilson followed with 16. Montgomery led the losers with 9 points.

In the opening game of the evening, Hq. Company overcame a 19-17 half-time deficit to win over M Company. Wilson starred for the winners with 18 points. For the losers, Gunard was tops with 10.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Army's once invincible cage team tasted defeat again at the hands of Conn. this time bowing to the tune of 51-50 . . . Montreal and Boston went into the co-leadership of the National Hockey League with wins over Chicago and Detroit 3-0 respectively. Chicago fell into third place. Detroit is four games behind Chicago and Toronto follows, two games behind . . . Max Bentley of Chicago clinched the individual scoring title with 52 points. Bentley leads in goals over Stuart of Toronto, 30-27 . . . Louis by KO or Gonn by decision according to the man who knows, the Brown Bomber himself . . . Steve O'neil, Detroit's manager, says that despite the contention of the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox, his team is the one to beat.

TO ARC PERSONNEL

The Thunderbolt staff takes this opportunity to apologize for any article published which might have displeased several members of the Red Cross Club staff. We reiterate we are sorry.

BEVIN COMMENTS ON RUHR

British foreign minister Ernest Bevin said in the House of Commons that the Government was not yet prepared to define its position with regard to the Ruhr area. He pointed out, however, that the decision did not depend on Great Britain alone.

US GETS MALAYAN RUBBER

The parliamentary secretary of the Ministry of Commerce announced in the House of Commons that the production of rubber of Malaya was 175,000 tons for 1946. The corresponding figure for Burma was 3000 tons. 30,000 tons of Malayan rubber were slated for delivery to the United States before 31st March.

RESULTS OF CALCUTTA RIOTS

In the Calcutta riots 32 persons were killed and nearly 300 wounded in the last three days according to Reuter.

CHURCHILL'S EX-SON-IN-LAW DEAD

Reuter reports the decease of Sir John Miener Bailey, son of the late South African mine king Sir Abe Bailey. Sir John Miener Bailey was the husband of Diana Churchill, eldest daughter of Winston Churchill. They were divorced in 1945.

RETURN OF FAR EAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The members of the Far East advisory committee returned from their Far East circular tour on Wednesday. The committee been away on a six week tour. It will hold its first session on the 10th of February. The Soviet Russian Ambassador Gromyko or his deputy will also take part; on the tour of inspection Soviet Russia had not been represented.

In a communique' issued after its return the committee says it may safely claim to have successfully accomplished its mission.

It was also announced that some time would elapse before the bulk of the material collected there could be reviewed and suitable proposals be made. The committee stressed that it had been deeply impressed by the diplomatic skill of General MacArthur and his collaborators.

CARRIBEAN COMMISSION COMMENCES WORK

The Anglo-American Carribean Commission communicated on Wednesday that the second round of the West Indian conference is to commence in St. Thomas on the Virgin Isles and will continue for three weeks. The first round of sessions took place in March 1944 in Barbados (British West Indies). At this conference, representatives of France and of the Netherland will also attend. The conference will deal with questions of the agricultural and industrial promotion of the Carribean territory as well as with questions of transportation and exploitation. Among other things a project for attracting foreign visitors and tourists will come up for discussion.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

Central — Last time today — 1310, 1815 and 2015 — "Paris Underground," with Const. Bennett and Gracie Fields. Sat., Sun., and Mon., "Anchors Away."

— — All Shows Playing Friday and Saturday — —

Cleveland — 1315 and 1845 — "Dolly Sisters," with Betty Grable and June Haver.

Volks — "Confidential Agent," with Lauren (the Look) Bacall and Chas. Boyer.

Hollywood — "Love, Horror, and Goodbye," with Virginia Bruce

Chattanooga — "Captain Eddie," with Fred McMurray and Lynn Bari.

Muic Hall — "Carribean Mystery," with James Dunn and noboby else in particular.

Varga — "Radio Stars on Parade," with Wally Brown and Francis Langford.

Linz Red Cross — Ski Trip at 0715 . . . At 1330 KOFA's "Coffee and Chatter"

— broadcast with Charlie Schroll and Nancy . . . Nic Nacs in the Lounge

at 1500 with Maxine . . . Bridge Party at 1930 with Nancy again

. . . Finals in Pino Pong Tournament at 2000 with Sophie.