

Two Navy Planes In Daring Rescue From Corregidor

They still can't smile about it; General Wainwright and Capt. Lewis Beebe scan a map of the Philippines, where they were forced to surrender to the Japs during Wainwright's recent holiday at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

(This is the seventeenth article of a series by Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright on the fall of the Philippines. Today he tells about the evacuation of some American nurses, officers and civilians from Corregidor.)

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IN THE midst of tremendous shelling on April 22—stepped up in honor of Hirohito's birthday, the Jap radio said—I got word that the Navy rescue planes had reached Lake Lano and would fly up to Corregidor that night.

I got in touch immediately with Capt. Kenneth Hoefel, U. S. N., the senior naval officer on Corregidor, and with him, chose the water between Corregidor and Fort Hughes, on Cabalo Island, as the most sheltered landing place for the rescue planes.

At dark, Captain Hoefel directed the minesweepers Quail and Tangier to sweep the mines from the water strip, and sank and lighted two buoys to guide the approaching aircraft.

Just after dark they came, like the messengers from another world which they were. They came in low to make difficult targets of themselves.

Working as fast as possible we put 50 men and women in the two planes. 30 men—17 of the chosen of them went to Col. Cooper's surgeon—and 17 to Mrs. Bewley and her daughter, Virginia, two fine American women.

Mrs. Bewley's husband was a Manila doctor who chose to remain behind his native Corregidor rather than desert when the Japs moved into the city.

There was also a naval officer who had somehow had remained behind despite the ruling of the Japs to evacuate all military personnel.

Especially asked for by MacArthur was Col. Stewart Wood, a well-trained staff officer who was my assistant Chief of Staff for intelligence and who had a fine knowledge of Japanese. MacArthur also asked for, and got, several cryptanalysts. With them I sent half a dozen officers ranging from brigadier generals to lieutenants who were in no physical condition to take rapidly.

They helped many of them into the little boats that carried them to the Corregidor dock and bade each of them good-by. It was hard on all of us who helped with the landing, for we all knew instinctively that if the planes got away it would be the last we saw of ourselves.

One of the last to get in was Lt. James Redmond, a fine and beautiful girl from South Carolina. She did a nice thing. She hid her arms around me and kissed me.

"Oh, thank you, General," she cried.

WATCHED PLANES GET AWAY SAFELY. We stood there and watched the two seaplanes roar and take off and prayed that they would not be hit. They were not. They would fly off the water beautifully, pulled out over to the side of Cavite beyond the range of the anti-aircraft guns, and were enveloped in the night.

Then we turned and walked back to our quarters in the "living room" for Col. Johnny Pugh, one of my aides.

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My day, during most of the Battle of Corregidor, was a day of A. M., when I would get up, dress, walk out either the east or west end of the island, and get a view of the damage wrought since the Japs and terror of our captivity.

After breakfast I would go to my headquarters, also in the "living room," usually a staff of four, and review the night's reports and the expectations for the coming day. In the morning I would join MacArthur on the island either by foot or in his light car, inspecting our ever-changing batteries.

Bevin Warns Hunger Stalking Europe

Great Loss of Life Is Threatened May Be Worse Than Warfare

LONDON — (AP) — Foreign Secretary Bevin declared today that hunger and privation in Europe may bring "a further prolific human loss more devastating than the gun or the atomic bomb."

Warning of the danger of a "terrible epidemic" this winter in Europe, Bevin commented that if the United States Congress failed to grant the additional \$1,600,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration "UNRRA" will be broke and the situation will have to face in a few weeks' time will be disastrous.

He said, however, he could not disclose UNRRA figures because the appropriation was the subject of debate in Congress.

Bevin said conditions in devastated Europe resulted from a policy Hitler imposed. When the Nazis discovered they could not win the war, Bevin said they decided to leave Europe in a state of chaos.

FLANS CHANGED "We had studied the situation for months and when we saw what had happened we had to alter our plans and revise the system," Bevin continued.

Bevin described the Germany left by Hitler as a "country with no organization at all."

He said Great Britain alone could do "very little" to relieve conditions in Europe.

Although everything was being done to feed the people in the British occupation zone, Bevin said it had to be "balanced against the lack of oil and that it would be common sense to send oil to Argentina and to the United States."

Bevin said that the "most important" thing to be done was to get the "living room" for Col. Johnny Pugh, one of my aides.

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Public Opinion Shaping Up

Auditorium Holds Slim Lead As News Readers Cast Votes On City Projects

Ballot For City Projects

CHARLOTTE'S amateur parks and recreation, and a new library in that order. In tabulating the ballots, 14 persons have written in the project listed first four points, the one listed second three points, the one listed third two points, and the one listed fourth one point.

And finally, assuming that everything cannot be done at once, in what order would you like to see the following undertaken: War Memorial auditorium; new library; purchase of Morris Field facilities for recreation; and the Municipal Airport; a bigger and better park and recreation program.

We'd like a lot more letters. You can say more in a letter than you can in the ballot, and we'd like to hear your ideas. We'll print all we possibly can, depending on course, in this number.

Already, in the first 35 ballots received, a definite pattern is shaping up. There is a wide difference of opinion on the order in which the projects should be undertaken, but the War Memorial Auditorium is leading, followed by the acquisition of Morris Field facilities, an expanded program of

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Roberts To Appear At Planning Board Session

Civic Center Main Topic

Coleman W. Roberts, who was chairman of the planning committee of the Chamber of Commerce when a comprehensive list of projects, including a downtown auditorium, has been invited to attend this afternoon's session of the Charlotte Planning Board.

The discussion of the type of civic center and auditorium is expected to be renewed at this afternoon's meeting and C. W. Gilchrist, chairman of the board said that Mr. Roberts has been invited to sit in on the meeting and give his advice and counsel.

Two different schools of thought have developed within the Planning Board since the text to which the board should refer in its report on the War Memorial Civic Center with auditorium. Everett Biesem, vice-chairman, is advocating the allocation of \$1,250,000 of the contemplated bond funds to the purchase of the site and for the erection of an imposing and adequate building with facilities for 4,000-seat auditorium and for conventions, athletic events, and other uses.

He will make a concession by agreeing to construction of the building in two stages. He will favor an initial cost of \$750,000 and approve another \$500,000 bond for the second stage of the building.

Mr. Gilchrist contends that no final decision on the matter may be reached so that the other recommendations for water and sewer expansion, construction of a library, and extension of facilities for the Municipal Airport and recreational facilities in the city may be completed and forwarded to the City Council.

Air Force Officers' Discharge Is Eased

WASHINGTON — All AAF pilots, navigators and bombardiers who are in the United States now have 44 points and two years of service now are eligible for discharge.

The same is true of other AAF officers with less than 44 points who have two years of active service. If their service is longer are needed.

The exception is Army Air Forces announced award, are personnel in the Air Transport Command, Army Air Materiel Command, Army Air Communications System and the Weather Service assigned to duty

Walkout Of Mail Order Workers Is In Offing

Nation's Idle Total At 223,000

Further labor trouble for Montgomery Ward & Co. was threatened today.

A nationwide strike by some 75,000 employees of the huge mail order house, which in the last few years has been involved in numerous labor disputes, was authorized yesterday by the General Executive Board of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees.

The time for calling the strike, the board said, is a meeting in New York will be decided by President Samuel Wolchok. He announced he would call it at the "most opportune time."

First, however, Wolchok said the union, acting in the public interest, would "exhaust the processes of negotiation and mediation."

We are willing and able to submit all issues to arbitration," he said.

Elsewhere about the country's labor front, major disputes concerned the prolonged strike of movie workers in Hollywood, which the CIO United Workers' Guild is fighting to gain a 30 per cent wage rate and other demands.

The various labor troubles in industry and business have cost workers away from their jobs, 2,500 less than reported last yesterday.

While thousands of jobs are lost, 125,000 Chrysler Corp. employees are on strike. CIO United Automobile Workers officials announced CIO United Workers' Guild is fighting to gain a 30 per cent wage rate and other demands.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wallas, 1204 Myrtle Avenue, want the auditorium to provide for concerts, lectures, athletic activities, radio meetings, expositions, dances. Their estimate of the cost: \$150,000 to \$200,000 on the part of the city.

Agree To Vet Tax Relief

WASHINGTON — Senate and House conferees on the \$1,250,000 tax reduction bill agreed today to forgive enlisted men all Federal income taxes and their service pay during the war years.

The provision affects pay received from Dec. 31, 1940 to the official expiration of the war.

The House conferees also agreed to a 10 per cent bonus provision for veterans. These were:

1. A three-year extension of time for commissioned officers to pay accumulated taxes on their service pay, without interest, if the taxes are paid in 12 quarterly installments before 1947.

2. A similar extension of time for payment of taxes attributable to pre-service earned income for 1940 or 1941, which became due during the war.

Meanwhile, Chairman George, of the Senate Finance Committee, said that tax reductions which go into effect next year will be the last until 1947.

"Whatever is done in this bill regarding individual income taxes will be the last until 1947," George told reporters. "Any further change that might be made in the long-range revenue bill we propose to write next year will not be applicable before 1947."

The Senate bill cuts individual income taxes \$2,944,000,000, all taxes \$4,788,000,000. The House bill \$3,227,000,000 of the \$5,350,000,000 total reduction is in individuals.

Points Disputed. The conferees also agreed on four major points are in controversy:

1. Excess profits tax on corporations of the 52 other leading industries. The rate from 85 to 60 per cent next year, repeal the law in 1947.

2. Individual income taxes. Both Houses agreed to extend to the 3 per cent normal tax the more liberal exemptions allowed for 1945.

3. A 10 per cent bonus on the new-duty recently took a taxi trip through the Great Smoky Mountains.

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One Case Is Settled

Ley Hangs Self In Nuernberg Jail

By GEORGE TUCKER

NUERNBERG — (AP) — Bull-necked, lugubrious Dr. Robert Ley, one-time luxury loving chief of Hitler's labor front, hanged himself in his cell last night at the Nuernberg jail, where he was awaiting trial as a war criminal.

Ley was pronounced dead at 8 P. M. (2:10 P. M. EST) last night, after efforts to revive him failed. The official announcement, issued by prison commandant C. B. Anderson of Denver, Colo., said the body was discovered by a sentinel who became suspicious when Ley remained seclusion in his cell for more than two minutes.

"The sentinel called the prisoner by name and received no answer," the announcement said. "They the guard and the corporal of the guard entered the cell and discovered Ley was on the toilet seat. His mouth was stuffed with rags torn from his underwear. Around his neck was the hemmed edge of a towel, fastened to the top of the floor pipe of the toilet. The guard called the prisoner officer, Lt. Paul

WILL LEFT Ley also left two other documents, prepared in his cell. One was a will, addressed to his children; the other a long discourse directed to his three wives.

His suicide may mean major changes in preparations for the trial of the 22 other leading Nazis incarcerated there. With the opening of the trial 24 days away, Ley's death was believed to exclude the use of certain documents with high value as evidence, pertaining only to the ex-labor boss.

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Sets Him Back \$750

Marine And Bride Take Taxi From Georgia To California

LAFAYETTE, Ga. — (AP) — Minutes are precious, especially if you married the girl the day after you met her, and your leave is running short.

That's the way Marine Captain H. L. Kipp felt about it. And that's why he and his bride left in a taxicab from San Diego yesterday at a cost of \$750.

Captain Kipp explained he hired the taxicab for the transcontinental trip after he had

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