

Nationalists Trying To Form New Defense Line U. S. Gloom COMRADE

NO MARIA, NO GERMAN

That's where Maria Dobbleslein is. Little Van Nichols is pointing out the place in Germany where he left his nurse behind. They conversed so much together, he and Frau Dobbleslein, that now he would as soon talk to you in German as English. (Photo by Jean Hunter of Tom Franklin Studio.)

Van Was Willing To Continue Boy, Three, Shows Up Reporter

By MAC BELL
Charlotte News Staff Writer
"Was ist deine Name?"
"Van."
"Bist du ein kleines amerikanisches Kind?"
"Ja," answered Van.
"Wo bist du gewesen?"
"Deutschland."
"Und wie alt bist du?"
"Drei Jahre," said Van without blinking.
The reporter was ready to stop the German conversation at this point, but three-year-old Van, who had been brought back from Germany by his parents, Maj. and Mrs. William Van Nichols, visiting his father's cousin, Mrs. Clifford A. Campbell,

Madame Chiang Reaches Capital

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, first lady of China, arrived today to seek new American backing for China's hardpressed Nationalist Government.
The Chinese first lady was met at the airport by Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the Secretary of State.
Madame Chiang arrived at 10:00 A. M. (BST) from San Francisco aboard President Truman's former personal plane, The Sacred Cow.
The American administration officials were missing. The State Department sent Walter Butler, chief of its office of Far Eastern Affairs.
Madame Chiang left immediately for the Marshall home at nearby Leesylvania, Va., without a word to reporters on her unofficial mission or for any other subject.
She will be Mrs. Marshall's guest there for the time being.
As she stepped from the plane, Madame Chiang was greeted first by Stanley Woodward, chief of protocol for the White House and State Department.

Then she was welcomed by Mrs. Marshall. They exchanged greetings and almost immediately drove away, accompanied by Stanley Woodward, chief of protocol for the White House and State Department.

Communists Advancing On Nanking Diplomats Expect To Leave Capital

By HAROLD K. MILKS
NANKING—(AP)—Two Nationalist army groups were reported today desperately trying to establish a new defense line to save this jittery capital from advancing Chinese Communists.
Diplomats expect to hear from the Government—perhaps within 24 hours—that Nanking is no longer safe for them. Despite Government denials, it was learned reliably today that a warning is being prepared.
These developments came to the Government abruptly cut its air link with isolated Suichow some 200 miles northwest of Nanking, and deployed its forces for a battle to save the nation's capital.

A new defense line was reported under construction on the southern bank of the Hsue River, athwart the approaches to the lower Yangtze Valley and 100 miles north of Nanking.
The line is anchored to Pengpu on the rail line midway between Nanking and Suichow, and is being named by the Chinese as the "Jing-Jing Line" and "White Christmas."
Mrs. Nichols explained that when someone speaks to Van in German he'll answer in German and keep going. But if he hears English in the same conversation he gets suspicious and starts speaking English. Van spent a lot of time with Frau Dobbleslein's family and spoke only German with them.
A favorite conversation of Van's was the German, telephone operator.
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Government Requests Food Output Boost

By OYD A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Government stated more chips on continued prosperity today, asking farmers to produce extra poultry, milk, vegetables, beef and lamb.
Anticipating "continued high consumer demands," the Agriculture Department announced these 1949 goals:
Poultry—35,100,000 turkeys and 700,000,000 young chickens—a 10 per cent increase. It requested, however, that this year's estimated total of 62,000,000 laying hens be cut by 200,000. That would give each person an average of 370 eggs—up from 360—during the year, and about four pounds of turkey and 15 pounds of chicken.
Milk—A three per cent boost to 120,000,000 gallons. The department didn't say whether it wanted more per person, but it did give a figure of 360—better than this year's record 350—during the year, and about four pounds of turkey and 15 pounds of chicken.
Vegetables—The department requested to 717,500, the department suggested five more per person, but it did give a figure of 360—better than this year's record 350—during the year, and about four pounds of turkey and 15 pounds of chicken.

Rita Hayworth Gets Final Decree From Orson Welles

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Movie actress Rita Hayworth today obtained her final decree of divorce from Orson Welles. The divorce was issued by Superior Judge Elmer D. Doyle after Judge Hayworth signed an affidavit stating that she and Welles had not been reconciled since the interlocutory decree Nov. 10, 1947.
Rita and Welles were married Sept. 14, 1943, after a whirlwind courtship. Four years later the sued for divorce and remarried to re- with a genius. There had been several separations.

Strikegoons' Blamed For Raid

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—(AP)—A commando-like raid, about 300 invaders broke into two strike-bound factories of the Shakers, wrecked equipment and parked cars, and seized several workmen and then fled.
Police Chief Howard Hoyt termed the raiders "union goons." Some 60 non-striking workers refused to leave the plants after the raid, protesting a claim at milling pickets outside the gates.
Gov. Clegg Sigler and his State Police Commissioner, Donald S. Leonard, immediately flew to the scene for a conference with Kalamazoo officials.
"We don't want any recurrence of this situation and we want to take steps to see that none occurs," Sigler told newsmen.
CALLED FOR AID
Chief Hoyt, at the height of the raid, asked Sigler for National Guard aid. He withdrew the appeal, however, when the invaders departed from the scene as rapidly as they had arrived.
Several workers were taken to hospitals with injuries, but police said none was seriously hurt.
Glenn E. Sigler, a CIO United Steel Workers' representative in charge of the strike at the two Shakers plants, charged the company with "importing outside strike breakers."
He did not explain the connection between his charge and today's disturbance.
The CIO-USW called a strike at the plants Sept. 7 in a demand for contract changes. Wages were not an issue. About 700 employees originally were involved. The company claimed, however, that 500 returned to their jobs in a recent back-to-work movement.
Chief Hoyt said about 90 or 40 cars roared into Kalamazoo about dawn and barricaded streets around the plants. The raiding squad overturned about a dozen cars, and then broke through doors and windows, smashing windows and into parked cars, the officer added.
The raiders began throwing bricks through glass windows and into parked cars, the officer added.
Invaders alleged non-striking workers attempting to pass through picket lines, according to Hoyt, and then broke through doors and windows, smashing windows and into parked cars, the officer added.
President Curtis W. Davis of the Shakers Products Co. said damage inside his plant appeared to be "considerable." He did not estimate its extent, however.
The Shakers companies operate the Shakers Products Co. and the Shakers Products Co., producers of fishing tackle and auto parts.

AP Pioneer Noyes Dies At Age Of 85

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Frank B. Noyes, 85, one of America's pioneer newspaper leaders, died today.
Noyes, who helped organize the Associated Press, was 85 years old at his first death, had been in failing health for some time. He died at his home in Washington, D. C., at 1200 K Street, N. W., after a long illness.
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Berlin's Reds Take City Hall

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
BERLIN—(AP)—Communists took over the city government of Berlin today, ending a long period of Western control.
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Remains Of New Giant Man Found In South Africa

BERKELEY, Calif.—(AP)—South Africa has yielded the bones of an ancient ape, larger than modern man, which may have stood nine feet tall.
The University of California announced that fossil remains of the new type of ape were found in a limestone cave near Swartkrans, Africa. The remains were found by Dr. Robert Broom, South African paleontologist, and Dr. D. Broom said:

"On the evidence to date, we can say that a new type of ape man has been discovered, larger than any previously known. Already, conclusive evidence has been obtained that these ape men were able to walk upright, to use tools, and to be closely related to living apes."
The new find would be called Swartkrans man, whose exact size was not given.

Solution Called Near Impossible

Red Government Blow To Hopes
WASHINGTON—(AP)—A top State Department official said today that Russia's formation of a separate government in eastern Berlin makes an East-West solution of the Berlin crisis more difficult, if not impossible.
This official would not allow direct quotation.
Loret, Undersecretary of State, said that "the Soviet side is not in a position to make a solution, that if the Soviets feel that they can best serve their determination not to be driven out of Berlin by force, they are determined to do so."

Western Powers Hint At Counter Action

By JOSEPH E. DYMAN
PARIS—(AP)—The three Western powers have warned they may act to counter Russian attacks on the city of Berlin.
The warning was expressed in a statement by the U. S. Secretary of State, who said that the Western powers were "determined to maintain the status quo in Berlin."
The statement was made public today. France, Britain and the United States declared they could not stand idly by while the Russians increased their blockade and attempts to drive the Western allies out of the city.
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Weather

Fair tonight and Thursday, clouded cool tonight, mild Thursday.
Temperature at 5 P. M. today: 54
Sunny today and tomorrow: 51
Sunny tomorrow: 51
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