

# Captives Observe Pathetic Christmas

(In today's touching 32nd anniversary of his dramatic arrest, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright tells more about what went on at the brutal Karamo Prison Camp on Formosa, and leads up to his eventual removal from the place.)

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WE made a point of having the best Christmas we could scrape together at Karamo Prison Camp in 1942. Our spirits were so low at that time of the year we knew we must find some kind of spiritual life or abandon all hope. Christmas of 1942 thus became more than a holiday; it became a hook on which to hang our very lives.

Col. William F. Braley had somehow managed to save his violin from the Japs. He often was a great solace to us in the barracks and, like musician that he was, he formed a band made up of the prisoners.

We had no song books but, happily, some officers remembered the words of some of the more familiar Christmas carols and the choir religiously practiced in the days leading up to Dec. 25.

We all wanted to give the appearance of being carefree on Christmas Eve. I was still rocky from a couple of beatings and I was still in the hospital and joined in the decorating of our barracks and the swapping of gifts. I could not have had our Christmas Eve supper of the rice and the hot water the Japs could pour.

We cut up old cigarette boxes and anything else we could find that was colored and formed the bits into a sign reading "Merry Christmas." Some of the Japs brought in a bit of greenery from the truck garden and we used it to decorate in the manner of holly.

When we had done all there was to do, so giving was a holiday air, we sat down to admire it—pathetic as we knew it was—and tried to talk of the Christmas we had known without choking up.

The choir began to sing as robustly as their conditions permitted. They started in the far end of the barracks singing and two for each squad. I went into my room and sat down on my cot and heard the choir coming closer.

At last they came by my door and, after a pause, they began to sing. I was in the line of mine, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." I could not help putting my arms around the bars so I gaped they could not see me.

JAPS GOT SOFT

FOR A FEW DAYS

Something came over the Japs on Christmas afternoon. To our wonder and surprise they gave us what was more than most than 400 prisoners, and each of us was given an apple. The ducks and the chickens were carefully scientifically, Maj. Gen. George F. Moore saw to it that each man in our squad got the plum of the apple. We ate our Christmas dinner together, were grateful for the plum and the plum was a turning point in our treatment.

But there was no change. We continued to be fed on a diet of rice and we weighed that against a nourishment against the strength of the Japs. The brutality continued, usually at the latrine, where there was always a line of prisoners waiting to be taken to the latrine.

I had been hungry night and day for the last few days. Food became a mania with all of us. We woke up in the morning with a burning paramour in our minds, and we ate rice and hot water and were as hungry as the Japs. We were before, yearned for food through the long day, and went to sleep to dream of food. Every time during the night when we would have to go to the latrine—and risk being beaten—we would have the realization that we were starving; that we must find nourishment.

Our bodies had long since consumed all the human fat stored up by nature to provide for this very contingency. Our muscles were now consuming the very muscular tissues of our bodies. Our weekly baths in the common bathing tank were shocking spectacles, for only the mass nakedness of our men brought home to each of us our terrible state.

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# Britain, U.S. Seek Solution To Jewish Problem

## Lists Due Thursday OPA Chief Deaf To Demands For Car Price Raises

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Bitterly denouncing "Government by pressure," Price Administrator Chester Bowles told Congress today he is rejecting demands of automobile dealers for higher retail prices on new cars.

Appearing before the House Small Business Committee, the OPA chief estimated members of Congress have received more than 500 telegrams protesting OPA's auto price plans, and declared:

"I don't know whether the 'low cost' and one half year in Washington has made me something of an expert on lobbyists and pressure group tactics. I have been alarmed at the tendency on the part of some to feel that Congress and Governmental officials should base their decisions, not on the validity of a particular issue, but on the measure of pressure which could be focused at any given point."

"This kind of 'government by pressure' is a threat to the democratic rights of all the inarticulate, silent, little people of America."

## Washington Conference Atomic Control Steps Approved

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Truman-Attlee conference was reported today to have reached general agreement on steps toward international control of the atomic bomb. An announcement is possible by the week end.

## Indonesians Pick Premier

BATAVIA, Java—(AP)—Butan Sjahrir, described as a moderate with whom the Dutch are likely to deal, became Premier of the newly recognized Indonesian Republic today as British forces blasted at Indonesian Nationalists in the heart of Soerabaja.

Sjahrir's selection as Premier by the Cabinet means that the Nationalists had decided on a new Governmental system under the President Soekarno apparently with the understanding that the Dutch had refused to deal with Soekarno.

A 38-year-old Socialist leader, Sjahrir had headed the Nationalist Party of Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs in the Nationalist Cabinet.

The youthful Sjahrir said his policy would be co-operation with the Dutch in the task allotted them at Potsdam—releasing Indonesians and freeing the Netherlands East Indies from Dutch rule. He said, "I shall encourage our people to fight together."

Sjahrir said the fighting between British and Nationalists at Soerabaja had been a humanitarian cause, and that one of his first acts as Premier would be to send a three-man delegation to investigate the entire affair.

The warfare between the British, charged with the task of occupying the island, and the Nationalists rose in intensity, with the naval and field forces of the British and the troops which hammered through at least half of Soerabaja.

## Today In Europe De Valera Helped Allies In Numerous Ways During War

LONDON—Small countries which wish to remain neutral when all the great powers are at war have a difficult role to play. Ireland, which was brought on them by both sides and which was not to be uneasy in the extreme.

De Valera's neutrality was based on two considerations. One was the pressure intended as a protest against the slaughter, hunger, and death and a shipment of cattle had been sent there to be turned into food for the Irish people.

Early in January, 1943, we received something from our captives which under any circumstances would have been a revolting gift. The Japs maintained a slaughter house near Karamo and a shipment of cattle had been sent there to be turned into food for the Irish people.

We received a quantity of animal manure, intended as a gift. We ate this nauseating variety.

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## Nations Are Pledged To Joint Effort Question Involves World Peace

By JOHN A. PARRIS

LONDON—(AP)—Britain and the United States pledged themselves today to a joint effort to resolve the Jewish problem in Europe and Palestine—a question which Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin described as possibly involving world peace.

Bevin said both Britain and the United States favored an interim settlement of the Jewish question pending the submission of a proposed permanent solution to the United Nations organization.

He asked members of Parliament "in this crisis in the world" not to pursue racial antagonism and said:

"We have had so many wars, so much bloodshed, over racial antagonism that this Jew will help me to keep it under check in order that I may find a solution."

Britain's Labor Government, he said, is satisfied that the course is to be pursued in the Palestine problem in the immediate future is "not only in accordance" with its obligations, but also in the best interests of both Jews and Arabs. Britain governs Palestine under a mandate from the League of Nations.

## Shake-Up At County Jail Lt. Patterson Had Five Tough Years

Charging gross "inefficiency," Sheriff Mack Riley has dismissed W. C. Cuthbertson and his wife as night jailer and matron respectively of the McDowell County Jail and on Thursday they will be replaced by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Long.

The friction between Sheriff Riley and the Cuthbertsons had been quiet and it was not until today that the matter came to public light.

When asked the direct question if the Cuthbertsons were being discharged, Sheriff Riley answered in the affirmative but indicated that he did not care about discussing the matter further.

Although Roy Starnes, in charge of the jail, preferred that any statement concerning the matter come from Sheriff Riley, he did not deny that the Cuthbertsons were being replaced on Nov. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbertson, who were married several days ago that they were being discharged. Sheriff Riley has secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Long. Mr. Long is well-known in the community and for a number of years was employed by one of the city's leading business firms.

Sheriff Riley, under questioning, said "inefficiency" was the reason for the discharge. He did not elaborate.

## Major Bowes Is Taking It Easy

NEW YORK—(AP)—Major Edward G. Bowes, who introduced amateur shows on radio in 1934, is now relaxing and "enjoying himself," his attorney, Alexander Goldstein, said. The Major, 42, is taking a vacation in the Catskills and is planning to visit his friends and family in the Catskills.

From other quarters came reports that "politico" played an important part. Sheriff Riley, it was said, had been "bought."

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## It Ends Well Lives Risked By Boys To Rescue Dog

NAGARA FALLS, Ont.—(AP)—Two boys who lowered themselves 10 feet into the Niagara River gorge to rescue a pet dog were nursing minor injuries at home today.

Monty Catherwood, 12, and Roy Healey, Jr., 10, used a worn clothesline to descend the sheer face of the gorge yesterday after Mr. Catherwood had plunged over the edge while chasing a phrasant.

The boys and dog were brought to the top by several men, police officers and firemen. The boys were taken to the hospital and Mr. Catherwood's brother, Gary, was taken to the hospital.

Monty told his rescuers: "I wasn't going to let my dog die down there. I had to do something to save him, so Roy agreed to go with me. I had a rope tied to a tree and I'm sure glad he wasn't too badly hurt."

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## No Reason For Rivalry Between U.S. And Britain

Congress Hears English Premier

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee told an attentive Congress today there is ample room for British and American trade without "any undue rivalry between us."

The leading leader of Great Britain's Government was applauded vigorously as he spoke at a joint session in the House of Representatives.

BARELY MENTIONS BOMB

Attlee mentioned only briefly the atomic bomb, the announced subject of his conferences here with President Truman.

With Canada's Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Secretary of State Byrnes and other Cabinet members listening, Attlee declared:

"The world for the products of the great industrial nations like our own to raise the general level of living throughout the world. We like to believe in an expansive economy and we see no reason why the need being so great, there should be any undue rivalry between us."

Attlee devoted the major portion of his speech to arguments for increasing co-operation and friendship between the United States and England.

Attlee's mention of the name of Winston Churchill, his predecessor, brought a burst of applause from his listeners.

There was applause from the Democratic side when the Prime Minister spoke of the late President Roosevelt.

Speaking to Senators and Congressmen who must approve any U. S. financial aid for Britain, Attlee frankly sought to remove what he called "some apprehensions" about his Labor Party's program.

## Chiang's Men Take Town

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops have captured the strategic rail town of Shanhaiwan from Chinese Communists, neutral sources reported today.

Shanhaiwan, coastal anchor of the Great Wall, has been the objective of Government troops seeking entry into Manchuria. Fighting in the vicinity began several days ago.

The Chinese Communist spokesmen could not confirm word of Shanhaiwan's fall, but he admitted that the last Communist report said Government troops were only two-thirds of a mile from the town.

American officials meanwhile made sweeping denials of Chinese Communist charges that the United States was assisting the National Government in execution of U. S.-China wartime military commitments.

## What A Man

OROVILLE, Calif.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old Ellsworth "Whiskers" the boy with an apparently irresistible fascination for married women, eluded in his last effort today awaiting the arrival of another woman—his mother.

In the same jail, Mrs. Eleanor Deveny, 25, Los Angeles, mother of two children, declared in an interview that she would divorce her soldier husband now in Japan, and marry Ellsworth if he still wants her.

"I thought I was happy with my husband as a boy could be in jail," Mrs. Deveny, she sighed. "It was love at first sight. He made love to me right from the start—and I couldn't resist him."

"I knew how old he was, but

## Youthful Lothario Awaiting Spanking

It didn't make any difference. He's the kind of a man who girl dreams about but seldom finds. He's more of a man than a lot of men in the city."

Sonny, as he is known to his friends, is not impressed by him. He was an old story. He refused to talk. Deputy Sheriff K. Pearl and Mrs. Lucile Masteller reported.

Last year, when Sonny was fourteen, he eloped with Mrs. Blaine Ludlum, Montford, 22, another mother of two children, who was married at Yuma, Ariz. At the request of Sonny's mother, police interrupted the couple at their honeymoon in Denver. The marriage was annulled.

Last Wednesday, Mrs. Deveny was married at Yuma.

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## Rich Cat Dead

BOSTON—(AP)—Buster, the tom cat which was killed \$40,000 last year to care for him, died today, leaving a problem for lawyers to settle for Buster's estate.

## Feline Worth \$40,000 Fails To Leave Will

The late Woodbury Rand, Boston attorney who died in July, left a will in which he left his estate to his wife, but at the same time bequeathing off several relatives he caused a legal battle. He left his "crusade" to his cat.

His relatives indicated after filing of the will that they would take legal action.

## WEATHER

Partly cloudy, and very warm tonight. Wednesday, partly with occasional rain and cooler.

Temperature at 3:30 today: 71°

At 6:00 today: 68°

At 9:00 today: 65°

At 11:00 today: 62°

At 1:00 tomorrow: 60°

At 3:00 tomorrow: 58°