

Soldier's Children Will Get Presents

By FRECK SPOLES Charlotte News Staff Writer I would be no exaggeration to say that the jobs of Joe Smith and his wife have been the happiest father in Charlotte today.

Joe, who was released from military service in Fayetteville recently after a serious case of pneumonia, is still too weak to work. He has three small children in an orphanage, and his condition is being treated by thoughts of not being able to send them anything for Christmas.

He finally sent word to the Salvation Army that he would like to talk with some boys for whom he had Christmas gifts, that he knew the orphanage would see that the children would be thinking on Christmas morning but that he wanted them to have a gift from their Daddy.

Major Adams knew just what he meant. And she knew just what to do. She promised the sick soldier that the three would get gifts with cards signed "Daddy." She went no further. She asked if he had any suggestions.

The man couldn't say a word for a long time. Major Adams waited patiently. He finally managed to say that the two other children were in school, and he knew that they would like fountain pens.

The five-year-old boy was another matter. He couldn't remember back that far, couldn't say the words "fountain pen." Major Adams suggested an eraser set or something to write with. The boy nodded enthusiastically.

So three gently wrapped Christmas presents will be ready to go to three little boys and inside will be cards, all signed Daddy.

The veteran was grateful because Major Adams felt good about the whole thing. And such things are made possible by the Empty Stocking Fund. Contributors should feel good too.

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SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS
HUMPTY DUMPTY
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty started to fall;
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
And couldn't find what he wanted then.

Marshall Says Army Over Hawaii Had Warning

Defense in Protest
Iap Submarine Commander Testifies Against Army

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Hashimoto, a Japanese submarine commander, told a Navy court yesterday that his ship fired three torpedoes into a "dark object" which it sighted 200 miles from Palau on the night of July 29-30.

His submarine had been trailing its target for 27 minutes, witnesses related. He said he fired torpedoes in salvo of three at three-second intervals and saw three hits through his periscope. Hashimoto was admitted as a witness despite vigorous objection by defense counsel for Capt. Charles B. McVay III, being tried on charges of negligence in the loss of the heavy cruiser, the Indianapolis, that night en route from Guam to Leyte.

The court admitted the Japanese officer as a witness after ruling it was proper to subject him to a double oath. He was given both the standard oath prescribed by U. S. Naval procedure, as well as that used in Japanese court-martial.

Hashimoto, who was flown here from Tokyo, testified he first sighted the "dark object" when he surfaced his submarine to investigate visibility after the moon was risen. He said he crash dived immediately and put the submarine on a course toward the object he had sighted, but continued the range at 10,000 meters.

He computed the estimated course and speed of the target and prepared torpedoes for firing. He estimated the target was traveling at a speed of about twelve knots, while his submerged speed was about thirteen knots.

When he got within 1,500 meters of the target, he reported he lost his torpedoes. Raising his periscope after firing, he reported he saw three hits forward of the target object between the bridge and the bow area. He knew three hits forward of the target because he saw three separate and distinct columns of water.

Five of the torpedoes fired, he said, were equipped with gyroscopes and homing devices. Before Hashimoto was sworn, he was subjected to a preliminary examination by defense counsel to test his credibility. He said he was a Shintoist, fully aware of the meaning of truth and falsehood, and that his religion taught he would never lie.

Capt. McVay's counsel fought Hashimoto's appearance on the witness stand as a "grotesque proceeding." The former Army Chief of Staff flared up under persistent questioning about information given to overseas commanders in the last few days before the Pearl Harbor attack plunged this nation into war.

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Marshall testified before the Senate-House Committee investigating the attack. Previously, the investigators had learned that Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Hawaiian commander, established only an anti-sabotage alert in response to a warning message Nov. 27 from Washington.

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His testimony at that time came in response to a question from Rep. Keefe, Republican, Wisconsin, chief of the Senate subcommittee on the Pacific.

Keefe, should not have investigated upon receiving Short's reply about the one powerful Navy observation that it was "opportunity to intervene."

"Opportunity? It was your responsibility, was it not?" Keefe asked. "You can put it that way," Marshall replied. "I am responsible for the actions of the General Staff throughout. I am responsible for the actions of the General Staff throughout. I am responsible for the actions of the General Staff throughout."

Rep. Gearhart, Republican, California, tried to know why Marshall had been passed on to the Pearl Harbor commanders, Short and Adm. Husband E. Kimmel.

Marshall replied he did not think the Japanese intercepts showed anything significant about Japanese interest in ship movements was a long-time, continuing thing.

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Joint Withdrawal Britain & France Will Move Troops And Guards Out Of The Levant

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin told Commons today that Britain and France have agreed to joint withdrawal of their troops from Syria and Lebanon.

Signed in London today, the British-French agreement provides for close alignment of policy in the Near East with the object of settling unrest marked seven months ago by armed clashes in Syria during a period of independence from France.

The two Governments, said the official announcement, "have recognized that it was in their joint interest to encourage, within the framework of international collaboration, the economic well being and security of the peoples of the Middle East."

The seven-month-old controversy over Syria and Lebanon started last May when Syrian demands for complete independence from France developed into armed clashes. The French shelled Damascus and more than 400 were reported killed and several hundred injured.

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Nuernberg Evidence Grisly Atrocities Revealed In Court

By NOLAN NORGAARD NURNBERG (AP)—A preserved human head and lamp shades made available as evidence of atrocities in Nazi concentration camps at the war crimes trial of 21 top German war leaders today.

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Nazi Camp Officials And Guards Will Hang One Gets Life, 3 Others 10 Years

DACHAU (AP)—A U. S. military court today sentenced 36 officials and guards at the notorious Dachau concentration camp to death by hanging for the murder, torture and starvation of thousands of the camp's inmates.

Another defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment and three others were sentenced to terms of ten years each.

DOCTOR CONVICTED The 40 defendants were convicted yesterday by the Military Tribunal, which sat only 30 minutes before bringing in its verdict. Among those convicted were five camp doctors and three prisoners who had collaborated with the S. S.

Witnesses at the trial said that 4,000 Jews were killed at Dachau. That is, inmates were brutally beaten, that naked men were immersed in ice water, experiments were done, some men were sent to the crematory while still alive.

The camp was the most notorious and most feared of the Nazis' political prisons. The men who operated the horror camp received their sentences mainly for the most part, only a few were given life terms.

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Patton Has Good Night

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP)—The commanding officer of the U. S. Army Hospital where Gen. George S. Patton Jr. is under treatment for paralysis said tonight there was good news about the American commander might be on his feet again.

Doctors in attendance said the general's general condition might and that his general condition might be satisfactory, with no complications.

Hopeful Note In Automobile Talks

DETROIT (AP)—While some union leaders resumed limited negotiations with General Motors Corp., others more hopefully went back into huddle today to map out strategies for speeding their fight with the Ford Motor Co.

Neotestifiers for both Ford and the CIO United Automobile Workers appeared still conciliatory despite the company's rejection of union policy and a union reply that the attack was "provocative."

Richard T. Leonard, UAW-CIO Ford director, admitted he was "not very happy" over the outcome of yesterday's wage parley, but said he would press the unions' demands for a 30 per cent wage increase at the next session with the company Friday.

Union officials have expressed the belief a settlement with any of the "Big Three" auto producers would not be a matter which would help solve disputes with the others.

TODAY'S SESSION ON PICKETING The GM-UAW session today (2 P. M. EST) was to be confined largely to a discussion of General Motors' offer to picket the plants, some of the 70-odd strike-bound plants, where 213,000 workers have been on strike since Jan. 1.

The union bitterly opposed General Motors' intervention in the strike when Mr. Truman set forth his plan Dec. 3, and UAW President Walter P. Reuther promptly agreed to sign all the fact-finding boards in time for the first in Washington next Wednesday.

General Motors was lukewarm to the President's proposal which would move the board to deliver into its hands, and withheld comment when the panel headed by Chief Justice Walter J. Stacey of the North Carolina Supreme Court was named yesterday.

The union's latest conference with the union the Ford Co. issued a statement detailing the troubles which it said labor troubles involved in car production before Dec. 1.

Three or four months ago, the statement said, "the Ford Co. had in full production by this time. We thought we would have produced 60,000 automobiles. Actually we are not much farther ahead than we were then—we made about 10,000 automobiles. In the last two months the figure is 25,000."

Asked conditions would not improve for 60 or 90 days, and "probably get worse if we were to strike," the company told the union that labor troubles involved in car production before Dec. 1 to 25 essential items.

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Electrical Vote Taken

NEW YORK (AP)—A strike vote among an union-estimated 200,000 workers in plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and Westinghouse will be taken today throughout the nation.

The workers, members of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, will decide whether they will go out on strike sometime after Jan. 1.

The union, third largest CIO affiliate, is seeking a wage boost of 22.5 per cent—approximately 20 per cent for Massachusetts, and a boost of a 13 1/2-cent-an-hour pay increase.

The voting is being conducted by the National Labor Relations Board in 75 industrial centers in 16 states from California to Massachusetts.

The large number of workers and polling places makes the strike vote one of the most complicated in the country's history.

Starting early in the morning, the balloting is not expected to be completed before 5 P. M. in some places.

The General Executive Board of the United Electrical Workers said there would be no walkout before the first of the year. Both union and company have said negotiations would continue after the strike vote.

The union said 100,000 General Electric workers, 75,000 Westinghouse and 25,000 in the electrical division of General Motors would take part in balloting.

Other plants involved are in Cincinnati, N. Y.; Lynn and Springfield, Mass.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Philadelphia and East Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio; Fort Wayne, Ind.; and other plants in Rochester, N. Y.; New York City; Bloomington, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Mansfield and Warren, Ohio; Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif.; Newport, W. Va.; and Louisville.

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Terrible Tragedy

Planes Are Destroyed
MTCO Japan—The two white twin-engine planes which carried Japanese surrender emissaries to Manila have been destroyed, according to reports of the 837th Airfield Destroyer Battalion today.

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