

Germans Can't Read American Papers

WASHINGTON, (AP)—(AP)—OWI Director Walter Davis said today Allied newspapers and magazines will be barred from circulating in Germany for an indefinite period during military occupation and that a similar ban will be placed on all foreign business enterprises. A few German newspapers will be published under Allied military control, the head of the Office of War Information told reporters.

"The reason is very simple—Germany is a 'kief' man," he said. "The only man who has only the doctors' prescribe."

"After he will have a more ample diet."

Davis asserted the policy he announced was necessary to insure maintenance of order in the potentially chaotic conditions.

tending restoration of German life. When a reporter asked "Why are Allied officials afraid of giving entry to American newspapers?" Davis replied: "The reason is very simple—Germany is a 'kief' man."

"Those who adopted this policy all believe in a free press and in democracy, but the Germans are a peculiar case—a type of case unknown in world history—and they have got to undergo peculiar treatment."

The policy, Davis said, was arranged by the psychological warfare division of General Dwight Eisenhower's Allied Headquarters. When the unified command dissolved and separate American, British, French and Russian zones were set up, the occupying nation set control information and propaganda matters. Their efforts are to be co-ordinated by the top control council to be set up in Berlin.

Allied Army officials are starting the German press to function, using OWI staffs for the most part.

Davis said soldiers of the American occupying forces may subscribe to American newspapers and periodicals, since they are United States citizens and entitled to read the newspapers of their own country.

Glee Club Concert Set

The Mint Museum of Art will present the Central High School Glee Club in concert Sunday, which marks the beginning of the second week of the Museum's Spring exhibition. William C. Reynolds, director of the Central and Queen College music departments will direct the program, which will begin at 7:30 P. M.

The glee club will sing a group of three songs as the program opens. The first song will be "Lower Come Back to Me" by Bombardier. The second is to be "Just a Cottage Small" by Hanley. The third will be "Katchers When Day is Done."

Miss Mary Roberts will sing two solos, "Who? By My Lavender, Cakes" and "The Star." Begun following the two solos by Miss Roberts, the glee club will sing "April Showers" by Silvers, "Just a Memory," Henderson, "Down by the Sally Gardens," arrangement by Donovan and "May Day Carol" by Taylor.

Miss Susanne Schorer, glee club accompanist at the piano, will then play "Clair de Lune" by Debussy.

The glee club will close the program with Fortner's "Ole Fashioned Garden," Bombardier's "Softly, as in a Morning Breeze" and "To for Two" by Youmans.

Painting selected by a jury of three well-known artists to be hung in the Mint Museum's Spring exhibition, a national affair, are on display in the east and west wings of the main floor of the Mint Museum and in the auditorium and the entry to the auditorium. The Spring exhibition will remain open until May 31, except on Mondays when the Museum is closed.

Censorship Row

Kennedy Replies To General Allen

PARIS, (AP)—Associated Press Correspondent Edward Kennedy said today that he had been asked to hold up release of the Reims surrender story last Monday because of the political and military security was involved.

Kennedy expressed the fact he had been asked to hold up the official Allied announcement by a day after the facts had been disclosed by the German Government.

He explained his stand in a statement last night replying to Brig. Gen. Frank A. Allen Jr., director of SHAEF Public Relations Division, who previously had issued a 600-word statement detailing the reasons why Kennedy's accreditation as a war correspondent had been suspended for filing the dispatch.

EISENHOWER'S HANDS TIED

"Gen. Allen and other responsible officers of SHAEF Public Relations made it clear to me at Reims," Kennedy said, "that no question of military security was involved in release of this news. Gen. Allen told me, in fact, that Gen. Eisenhower was desirous of seeing the news published as soon as possible so that fighting might end as early as possible."

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Allen, in his public statement, asserted that "to save Allied lives and to save the lives of American lives." He said Kennedy's story was "not one obtained by press representatives in the ordinary course of their activities with this theater but by the courtesy of SHAEF and through Allen's promise of secrecy."

Allen added that as a result of the story Gen. Eisenhower had feared "the entire chain of negotiations involving an agreed-upon meeting between the German, Russian and Allied High Command might break down and therefore prolong the war."

Kennedy, commenting upon this latter statement, said: "That negotiations might break down is not borne out by the Supreme Command's action, in that hours before my story was sent out Gen. Eisenhower officially notified all troops that the surrender was signed and that the war was over at 12:01 A. M. May 8."

The text of Kennedy's statement:

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"General Allen's statement now that it was necessary to hold up news until Russia was satisfied that the surrender was genuine is astonishing to me, as the Soviet Union was signatory to the Reims agreement and I assume the General representing the Soviet Union accepted it as a surrender or else he would not have signed Russia's acceptance of it."

"As regards General Allen's statement that the surrender story was not obtained by the press in the ordinary course of their activities, certainly General Allen must know that the purpose of correspondence in this theater is to report news and certainly as head of public relations he should realize that the signing of the end of the war was news and, since he himself conceded there was no question of military security involved, was legitimate news."

"It is true that General Allen at one point during the visit to Reims said the story could not be published until the respective heads of the Allied Governments announced it. It is also true that at another point he said announcement was expected to be made by SHAEF even before we could reach Paris. Plans were changed a number of times and General Allen made many conflicting statements

concerning how the news would be released.

"I am sure that Gen. Eisenhower's hands were tied by a decision coming from high political circles."

"I have enough confidence in the censor to believe that if any military security has been involved they would not have marked my dispatch 'passed' and affixed their signature to that statement."

"After my return to Paris the German Government announced officially that it had surrendered and I was informed that BBO likewise had announced the capitulation. I therefore went to Lt. Col. Richard Merrick, chief American press censor, and told him that since it was conceded that no military security was involved, and that I regarded the suppression as purely political censorship, that I could not see how I intended to send the news. I based this statement on the fact that I had seen President Roosevelt and other responsible American officials that the sole purpose of censorship was military security in Europe, except insofar as it might affect the war in the Pacific. I also telephoned to General Allen to tell him of my intention of passing this dispatch but was told by his secretary that he was too busy to speak to me."

"General Allen's next point is that breaking of the story before the Russians had their own formal signing might break down negotiations.

"If this were true then it must be assumed that the Reims agreement was an empty gesture, although it was signed by the Russians and agreed to by the Germans."

TROOPS NOTIFIED

"The contention that negotiations might break down is not borne out by the Supreme Command's action, in that hours before my story was sent out General Eisenhower officially notified all troops that the surrender was signed and that the war was over at 12:01 A. M. May 8. This showed that he had no doubts that the Reims agreement officially ended the war."

"I have been reporting this war since its start and I have found that despite assurances given that the sole purpose of military censorship was military security, in many instances censorship has gone far beyond this point. I have always made it perfectly clear to General Allen and to public relations officials generally both here and in the Mediterranean theaters that I look for the guarantee that censorship was confined to military security very seriously, and at its face value, and would not voluntarily submit to political censorship as this would mean the end of a free press and of all freedom in the world."

During Kennedy's suspension, and without prejudice to him, Wgo Colougher has been appointed chief of the Associated Press field correspondents on the Western Front.

Epes Trial Postponed

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—The trial of Lt. S. C. Epes of Richmond was on a charge of murdering his wife with an overdose of sedative and by suffocation has been postponed until September.

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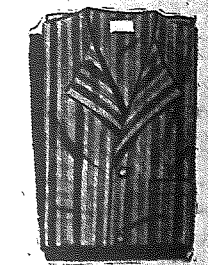
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End Of March Pvt. Hearn Liberated In Germany

Pvt. James B. Hearn has been liberated from a German prison of war camp after having been a captive since Jan. 21, 1944, according to information just received by his mother, Mrs. J. M. Hearn of Charlotte.

In a letter to his mother Pvt. Hearn said that he was a free man again and that he was in the group of prisoners which made the "prisoners' march" across Germany. "We made it pretty good," he said. "We had been on the road since February."

Pvt. Hearn has been in the Army for two years. A brother, Herbert Hearn, is also in service and is stationed at San Diego, Calif., after having served overseas for four years.

Two brothers, Lewis and Bennie Hearn, and three sisters, Minnie and Ruth Hearn and Mrs. J. S. Huffman all live in Charlotte. His grandmother lives at Paw Creek.

Theft Charge Jails Pitts

Theodore Pitts of Charlotte was arrested before U. S. Commissioner Nat C. White this morning on a charge of stealing four cases of cigarettes from the Piedmont Transportation Co. of Charlotte. He was committed to jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

The cigarettes were part of an interstate shipment.

Louis C. Green, also of Charlotte, is charged with having been an accomplice of Pitts in the alleged cigarette theft, according to White said. "Green is being tried in County Recorder's Court this morning on a charge of house-breaking and criminal assault and the warrant on the cigarette charge has not yet been served on him."

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