

By HAL BOYLE

MANILA—(AP)—“Fat-cattling” by senior officers is stirring widespread animosity among enlisted men and junior officers in the American forces overseas.

“Fat-cattling” is a term applied to the lower ranks by higher leaders who try to guide their personal military careers back into the easy pre-war days of Colonel Blimp by padding themselves with special privileges and comforts.

This practice is doubtless common enough in peacetime, when social grace is something more important than courage and character in winning promotion. At any rate, it is well accepted in professional Army circles, even by enlisted men. After all, in peacetime even sergeants are provided with good Government quarters and have a pretty nice deal.

In wartime, however, sergeants sleep with privates in foxholes or tents, and many a junior officer finds his billet at the front is a cold hole in the ground.

Waiting now to return to civilian life, many of these junior officers and enlisted men resent the speed with which high-ranking officers have surrounded themselves with expensive luxuries. These strikes particularly sour notes with men who are on a pinch-penny level and who feel themselves to be victims of the tangled demobilization program.

These are some things to which the men especially object:

Quality items for post-exchanges, such as good cigars, watches, cigarette lighters and all the cheaper luxuries that are in such ready supply in the general direction of colonies and upland. Privates are not allowed to buy them, but quantities are limited, so the privates don't get the opportunity very often.

22 HOUSEBOYS

One young officer assured me that his gold-branded commander was living in a magnificent home staffed by 22 Philippine houseboys.

“We have gotten over being indignant about it,” he said. “Now we just try to figure out what in the hell has to be done that requires 22 houseboys.”

The decorated and painted before the guy moved in.

“That is only one of several things cited in which wearers of stars and gold lace are living on Government accommodations at a scale beyond their private means and which seem out of place in this war-damaged city.

Another officer, a lieutenant colonel who, he said, managed to wrangle two houseboys, said he had to have space “to entertain distinguished visitors.”

“His distinguished visitors have consisted of Red Cross men, S. G. girls, the young officer said.

Another officer, in the Navy, said men in his unit were scandalized when an impatient captain sent an 80-foot launch on a tour of the harbor in which the ship which was doing his laundry for him.

“It cost the taxpayers better than a hundred bucks just so that bird could wear a clean shirt,” said the young officer.

Another officer, who caused comment was the assignment of some 1,000 Japanese war prisoners to clean up a golf course for higher-ups. Many persons expressed the opinion that the Japanese were clean up a golf course for higher-ups. Many persons expressed the opinion that the Japanese were clean up a golf course for higher-ups.

GI STRIKE

Strike Ties Up Western Union In New York



GIS IN MANILA PROTEST SLOW DEMOBILIZATION—A portion of more than 20,000 soldiers who gathered near the City Hall in Manila are shown here. The GIs massed in protest to the slow-down demobilization. Acme Photo via Signal Corps Radioteletype (NEA).

Men Needed Overseas

Demobilization Schedule Defended By President

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today attributed the slowdown in the Army's rate of demobilization to “the critical need for troops overseas.” The President declared in a statement that he was convinced that both the Army and the Navy are demobilizing “with commendable efficiency and with justice to all concerned.”

Taking cognizance of complaints in Congress about delays in the return of troops and of demonstrations among members of the armed forces themselves, the President asserted: “The armed forces have been reduced as fast as possible. For many reasons it is impossible for every member of the armed forces to be discharged promptly.”

He mentioned both the “enormous size” of the task involved and the fact that the United States must assume its full share of responsibility for keeping the peace and destroying the war-making potential of the hostile nations that were bent on keeping the world in a state of warfare.

The slowdown in the Army's rate of demobilization, he declared, is not an arbitrary action but an inevitable need of the nation in carrying out its obligation in this difficult and critical postwar period.

Asserting “the future of our country now is as much at stake as it was in days of the war,” the President said: “We must devote all necessary strength to building a safe foundation for the future peace of the world.”

CHECKS THE RECORD

To satisfy himself that demobilization is proceeding with all possible speed, the President said he had made a new review of Army and Navy procedures.

“The Army has now released well over half the 8,200,000 men in an engineering battalion fighting abroad,” Mr. Truman's formal statement continued. “More than four and three-quarter million men and women have passed through the separation centers.”

Out of a peak strength of 3,500,000, the President said, the Army has returned close to 1,800,000 of nearly 485,000 men, fired along the Coast Guard with 100,000, has demobilized over 74,000.

“These numbers are staggering,” the President said.

THE TALK GOT STRONGER

It was decided that a nine-hole course was not a good idea. The talk got stronger when the other half of the great stadium was forced to move off the grounds. A medical officer described as “a buffalo wallow.”

Flood Chases Valley Dwellers

HARLEM, Ky.—Flood waters led by scores of southeastern Kentucky streams descended upon the crest of 1929's climber blood today, sending thousands of valley dwellers into the hills.

Long-time residents of Pineville said the water there is five to five feet above the 1929 level.

“More Dangerous” Than Hitler

Goering's Bloody Deeds Listed By U. S. Prosecutor At Trial

By DANIEL DE LUCE

NUERNBERG, Germany—(AP)—United States completed a four-hour accusation today against Hermann Goering, who was branded as “more dangerous in some respects” than Hitler, and the British charged into the prosecution of ghost-faced Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Hour after hour, Ralph H. Abner gave a careful tabulation of ruthless deeds of Goering, as verified by captured German papers, earlier to the International Military Tribunal, trying the 22 ranking Nazis as war criminals.

Goering was shown to have negotiated prominently for the absorption of Austria to have given false assurances of friendship to Poland, to have ordered the first million slave workers brought to Germany from Poland and to have

sponsored the art looting programs of most of occupied Europe. His major role in the impoverishment and persecution of the Jews was retold and his plan for exploiting Soviet Russian resources was mentioned.

GOERING SQUIRMES

The fat, former Reichsmarschall squirmed wearily when Abner called him “the father of the Gestapo and the concentration camp.”

Then a former British attorney general, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, started presenting the case against Ribbentrop, former German Foreign Minister, who was branded as “an extraordinary meddler” in virtually every phase of Nazi aggression.

In a sarcastic voice, Sir David reiterated the diplomatic career of the former chamberlain salesman from the German state papers.

The despatched, onetime ambassador to the court of St. James, started fixated at Sir David as the Briton read dramatic excerpts from the diary of Count Ciano of Italy, who later had him shot in Poland would be attacked in 1939.

“It was at his residence at Fusch that Ribbentrop informed me, while we were waiting to go to eat, of the decision to start the fireworks just as he might have told me about the most unimportant and commonplace administrative matter.”

“Well Ribbentrop, I asked him, while we were waiting in the garden, ‘What do you want, the Corridor or Danzig?’

“Not any longer,” and he lived on in those cold eyes of his, ‘we want war.’”

Ciano was Italian Foreign Minister then. His diary—in-law, Mussolini, later had him shot in the back for helping overthrow him.

World Trade Is Hampered By Waukout

Unionists Move Ahead Of Time

By ALLAN FISHER

NEW YORK—(AP)—Telegraphic isolation from the rest of the nation and partial cab isolation from the world hit this international business capital today when 7,000 Western Union Employees struck at 7:10 A. M. (EST)—four hours earlier than scheduled.

Almost immediately the heart of the company's great network came to a near-standstill. And union members in eight international and radio message firms refused to accept traffic emanating from Western Union by whom a union-estimated 40 per cent of international communications normally are handled.

1,600 POINTS AFFECTED

Business transactions all over the world were impeded and snarled by the tieup. A union spokesman, describing the strike as “100 per cent effective,” said 1,600 points in New York and New Jersey were affected.

A spokesman for the CIO American Communications Association, which called the strike, told reporters at the company's Hudson street headquarters—hub of the Western Union network—that the strike time was advanced because the company was “shipping in four carloads of strike breakers.”

DENIED BY COMPANY

A company spokesman denied that Western Union was bringing in strike breakers, saying “there was nothing to” such reports.

Twelve hundred pickets surrounded the Hudson Street building. Cries of “scab” and “strike-breaker” filled the air as persons approached the building.

Sixty policemen were on the scene. One entrance was kept open.

TUBES SHUT OFF

At the main Western Union office the power tubes which carry messages were shut off. A number of branch offices were not open for business, including some in nearby New Jersey.

In the cavernous Pennsylvania Station where a branch Western Union office is maintained, an assistant manager for the company said heads of the company had been pulled from the machines.

Many servicemen in the station, unable to send telegraph messages, formed lines before telephone booths.

At La Guardia Field the United Airlines, dependent upon Western Union equipment and maintenance for its teletype communications, said it had been assured by the union that its service would be continued.

At 10:15 A. M. 25 Western Union operators at the New York Curb Exchange walked out, halting the sending of quotations of securities.

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Truman Comments

Increase In Price Of Steel Likely

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman said today that some increase in the price of steel probably would be granted as the result of discussions now under way.

Asked whether the increase would be around 12, the President said he did not have the figures and that he would not say whether or it would head off a threatened Big Steel strike.

FOR FACT-FINDING

The President at the same time asked for his industry a fact-finding procedure, coupled with a 30-day cooling off period, as the way to prevent strikes.

Asked for his reaction to a possible compromise eliminating the cooling off period, he said he thought such legislation wouldn't accomplish anything.

He said his proposal to Congress was founded on railroad legislation, which he said had been satisfactory in that industry.

The President said he was not in position to talk now about the possible increase in steel prices since the matter is still under discussion.

He was asked how an increase might fit into his anti-inflation program. He said that there would be a statement at the proper time, until then, he was not in a position to make comment.

Top Government wage-price administrator said:

Phone Union Backs Strike

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Western Electric Employees Association, whose strike at New York City and New Jersey offices of Western Electric Corp. is in its sixth day, today had received confidential promises of support from telephone unions across the country.

Frank J. Pizzimommi, president of the Independent WEEA, said Henry Mayer, counsel for the union, had asked him by telephone that the support was promised by the National Federation of Telephone Workers, with which WEEA is affiliated, authorized its president, Joseph Burns, to make a sympathetic strike.

A poll has been conducted among WEEA members, and an announcement of its results is expected in a few days.

Pizzimommi said groups promoting the support were the telephone traffic employees organization, a California-S Nevada affiliate of Bell's union, and the American Communications Association, whose members went on strike today against Western Union Telegraph Co. in New York City.

NATION-WIDE TIE-UP

A nation-wide telephone tie-up could result if the communications equipment workers, an independent union and national federation affiliate, called a strike. The communications workers are negotiating for a new contract.

Andrew J. Anderson, president of the Telephone Laboratories Employees Union, another National Federation affiliate, said that organization, which represents Bell Laboratories researchers in New York City and New Jersey, would not cross any picket lines established around telephone buildings in case of the other three strikes.

Fiendish Ideas

Jap Forms Of Torture Disclosed

SYDNEY—(AP)—Forms of Japanese torture, each more ghastly than the last, were disclosed today by the disclosure of the trial of 93 Japanese before a war crimes court at Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

One witness, a Dutch sergeant named Waldeck, demonstrated the “locked and Stone” method, in which a prisoner was taken to a room and locked in a room. He said the prisoner was taken to a room and locked in a room. He said the prisoner was taken to a room and locked in a room.

He said the Japanese often beat hospitalized men out of their beds and forced them to work and one occasion beheaded a corpse.

An affidavit from an Australian Army chaplain charged that the Japanese built a 200,000-pound bomb dump in the middle of an Australian town.

When it was exploded by Allied bombing, ten Australians and 77 Dutch women and children were killed and 90 Australians were wounded.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday, with high Wednesday. Not much rain. Slightly cooler Wednesday.

Temperature at 3:30 today: 72
High and low last 24 hours: 68-78
Sunset today: 5:28
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:32

Kidnaping Scenes

CHILD SLAIN—Chicago police are staging a widespread manhunt today for the kidnaper-slayer of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan, right, whose dismembered body was found yesterday after she was snatched from her bed early Monday morning. Center—Detective Frank Cronin inspects the ladder found leaning against the window sill at the Degnan home, presumably used by the kidnaper. Bottom—James Degnan, the father (in shirt-sleeves) stands beside Suzanne's bed and talks with unidentified police and reporters. The baby girl's body was butchered, parts of it being left in four different canisters near the Degnan home. (AP Photos).



Maniac Who Kidnaped & Killed Little Girl Sought

Body Hacked Into Pieces

CHICAGO—(AP)—Coroner A. L. Brodie said today that Suzanne Degnan, 6, probably was raped and was strangled to death by a kidnaper who dismembered her body in a manner indicating the fiend had a butcher's skill.

Examination of the parts of the body—all except the arms have been found—taken from sewer catchbasins near the little girl's North Side home, Brodie said, indicated the maniac used an instrument like a hunting knife and hacked the body into gruesome pieces at the joints, without damaging the bones. It evidently was the ghoulish work of an expert carver, he said.

“I think it was an on-the-spot dismemberment, carried out on the spur of the moment, rather than a premeditated plan,” Brodie added.

Fragments of charred bones were found by police investigators in an ash heap and may be human bones, supervising Police Capt. Joseph Goldberg disclosed. They were sent to a University of Chicago laboratory for examination.

CART FOUND

The bones were found near the basement of an apartment building at 5800 Kenmore Ave., 200 feet from the Degnan home. In the basement a refuse cart, stained apparently with blood, was located. Experts were trying to determine whether the cart stains were human blood and if it might have figured in the dismemberment.

Capt. Goldberg ordered a city-wide roundup of sex degenerates, as one phase of the city's greatest manhunt.

Sixty or 70 garbage-collection crews from wards around and near the Degnan home were directed to go through all refuse, open every garbage and every receptacle, and wrap every package, if necessary, in the search for the missing arms.

Early morning workers of transportation lines, milk companies and restaurants were being questioned in the hope they might turn up some clue, some bit of information that would lead to the killer.

Brodie, reporting to Capt. Goldberg, said a coroner's physician, Dr. Thomas Carter, in the examination found no fingerprints on the throat that indicated she had been strangled to death, presumably after sex misadventure.

The coroner also said Dr. Carter decided the dismemberment occurred after death.

In St. Louis FBI Agent B. Norris said a man arrested in the St. Louis Union Station and booked on charges of kidnapping, had had a \$500 in three telephone calls to Suzanne's father, James Degnan.

However, Norris said: “So far it looks like nothing more than an attempt to chisel in on the folks up there, but we are investigating every possible angle.”

One hundred picked policemen were on a house-to-house, store-to-store search for the maniac killer in the North Side neighborhood where Suzanne lived.

Orbit. Interviewed officers said to have interviewed everyone in the neighborhood, every tailor and storekeeper, under direction of Capt. Goldberg, who said:

“When the officers are on trial, nothing must be left up to solve this case.”

Anyone who called the County Morgue, asking to see the child's killer, was being barred.

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Shocked Parents Get Tragic News Of Child

CHICAGO—(AP)—A parish priest accepting a plea by police officials, related today the news of the slaying of little Suzanne Degnan to her grief-stricken parents last night.

The Rev. George G. Kearney, of St. Gertrude's Church, accompanied by Detective Edwin C. Daly, went to the Degnan home shortly after the finding of the severed head of the child.

Helen Degnan, 36, mother of the six-year-old child, was lying on the floor, sobbing, softly hoping, praying for the safety of her child. Alongside her sat her husband, James E. 36, who sought to comfort her.

Father Kearney looked at the distraught couple for a minute, then quietly asked: “Do you have strong faith?”

Reward Offers Total \$11,000

CHICAGO—(AP)—Rewards totaling \$11,000 were offered today for evidence resulting in the arrest and conviction of the maniac killer of Suzanne Degnan, 6, who was strangled to death and dismembered.

Mayor Edward J. Kelly who called the crime “the most horrible thing anyone can imagine,” offered \$5,000 to anyone supplying evidence leading to arrest and conviction. The mayor said he would grant payment personally, if necessary.

The Chicago Herald-American announced a reward of \$5,000 for exclusive information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer while two citizens each offered \$500 for any information leading to arrest and conviction.