

# Against Serving Others

By HAL BOYLE  
MANILA—(AP)—Behind mass rallies staged here by soldiers protesting the slowing of the demobilization rate lies suspicion among some troops that they may be used for new American "adventures" in the Far East. This feeling was heightened with a disclosure last week that the 8th Infantry Division would be given renewed combat training.

Although this measure would appear necessary from purely a military standpoint—trained troops are needed to quell any disorder that might arise in troubled areas—by American troops—many soldiers voiced concern. They fear they may be sent to intervene in the post-war Pacific squabbles in which they have no personal interest—such as the Chinese civil strife. Many feel that should violence break out among factional elements in the Philippines, the American Army should be used to put down rebellions.

"Of course, they tell us officially that we will be used to pacify the American people," said one soldier who has one point less than the number required to send him home to his wife and two children. "But I feel that it isn't worth one of our boy's lives to save anything we have here."

The position of Army commanders, however, is clear. They must be ready to intervene in order to take any assignment America's foreign policy requires. Unfortunately, the military leaders of such assignments isn't clear because foreign policies are expressed through the cabinet and the military in their tasks, speak vaguely rather than directly.

**SOME DON'T CARE**  
"This doesn't make much difference to me," said another soldier. "I'm glad to go home. Otherwise, you would go home a beggar and they would fall patriotically."

Their demonstrations against the War Department's contradictory replacement program is the result chiefly of lack of information. Many of the higher leaders in Washington, who raised their hopes too high last year, are disappointed over the new policy of retaining the demobilization rate in a mass hysteria of homesickness.

The troop demonstrations have been remarkably orderly because the men realize that any violence or insubordination on their part would lower their standing in the eyes of their superiors.

Many soldiers have joined them in a spirit of skylarking because the truth is that these men aren't being sent home. They are being sent to other parts of the world. Most are well equipped, well fed and well contented.

Only a comparative handful of combat veterans remains and a large proportion of the men who are sent home are admitted to be low pointers.

"But we all know that the sooner we get home the better off we are," said one young soldier who added, "I don't want to go home."

The sympathy of junior officers has diminished with the enlisted men because of their own interests at stake. They want to become officers. Many older officers, who are being sent home, are disappointed.

The situation calls for fast handling of the demobilization rate in high quarters. Otherwise, everybody might be sorry.

# Air Mail Rate Slash Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Transport industry today recommended reduction of the air mail rate to 6 cents per pound.

The present rate is 8 cents but under existing law this is scheduled to drop to 6 cents when the war is formally declared ended.

The 8-cent recommendation was made by Robert E. H. Jones, Representative from Georgia and now executive vice-president of the Air Transport Association, at a meeting of Post Office Department and industry representatives on air mail.

Rampack expressed hope that "eventually the difference between air mail and first class mail rates would be eliminated entirely. The seasons involved discussions of the possibility of reducing the first class mail and parcel post rate."

Rampack favored establishment of a 6-cent rate for first class mail and parcel post. He specified there are questions to be settled about the priority of such mail and the rate for it.

# President Of Atlanta Journal Co. Dead At 69

ATLANTA—(AP)—John A. Beale, 69, president of the Atlanta Journal Co. and a member of the journal organization for 49 years, died today at Emory University Hospital.

Beale suffered a heart attack early last week and was taken to the hospital. He showed improvement but died after suffering another attack this morning.

# U. S. Delegation Rift Is Closed

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
LONDON—(AP)—A breach in the United States delegation over safeguards for atomic energy secrets was sealed today at a conference on the eve of the opening of the United Nations Organization assembly.

Secretary of State Byrnes conferred two hours with the American delegates this morning and said later that, so far as he knew, his plan had been completely reworked and was entirely acceptable to all.

Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, a leader of the critics, said that adequate security arrangements would precede discussions concerning atomic matters and that "any plan recommended by the Atomic Commission must receive Congressional approval in the United States."

The Secretary said the United States, Britain, Russia and Canada were agreed on safeguards for atomic energy secrets and that a "broad control plan" was devised by the UNO.

Byrnes issued a statement on the atomic energy controversy within the American delegation shortly after holding a two-hour session with the delegates and said the proposal, as he knew, his view on the safeguards was entirely acceptable.

Immediately afterward Senator Vandenberg issued a statement saying he now was "completely reassured."

The controversy over atomic energy revolved around a proposal by the Big Three Powers and Canada, which also had French and Chinese support, that the United Nations should create a commission to work out atomic energy controls.

Vandenberg had assailed what he privately called the vague language of the proposal as endangering American atom secrets. Byrnes had confided all along that the United States would never have to give out any information it did not want to.

# Truman Plan Stirs Clash

By J. W. DAVIS  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Murray, Democrat, Montana, today promoted "a very earnest study" of the fact-finding board to investigate Truman's proposals for halting labor strike and spending outgo on public works.

The study is due to get off to an explosive start next Monday. Leaders of both the General Motors Corp. and the strike, CIO United Auto Workers are slated as witnesses.

Both sides have opposed Mr. Truman's basic plan, which calls for fact-finding boards to report to the public on the merits of major labor-management disputes.

Murray told a reporter he agrees with the President's new conference on the merits of major labor-management disputes. "I don't think the compromise suggestion would accomplish nothing."

This compromise, said to have originated in the House, would have done away with requirements for a compulsory cooling off period during which a strike could not be held. It also would limit in some manner the power Mr. Truman would have to subpoena company books.

Labor is opposed to the proposed plan because it strikes a blow against the bare-the-books idea.

"That compromise would take all the truth out both ways," Murray said. "It is a compromise which is a compromise."

Senator La Follette, Progressive, Wisconsin, a member of the Labor Committee, told reporters, "I don't think the thing, as the President proposed it, would work."

# Marital Upset 'Pappy' Boyington Weds Another Girl

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—(AP)—Col. Gregory ("Pappy") Boyington and Miss Frances Baker of Los Angeles were married here yesterday by a justice of the peace.

Boyington, Marine Corps ace whom Mrs. Lucy Malcolm saw when Mrs. Lucy Malcolm was an Australian Motors executive, was waiting in line to marry as she was the obtained a divorce, gave his age as 35. His bride said she is 32.

Boyington stated he was divorced in 1941 in Seattle, and Miss Baker said she was divorced in San Francisco.

The couple arrived here yesterday unannounced and were married by a justice of the peace. Employees of his office acted as witnesses, and they left soon after the ceremony.

# Divorce Won By MacFadden

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Bernard MacFadden, 77-year-old physical culturist, was granted a final divorce decree today from the former Mrs. Mary MacFadden, who had been his wife for 32 years.

The divorce was granted after a three-year court fight during which sensational charges frequently were made and refuted.

A separation at Paris in 1930 marked the beginning of the end for the romance which had been tagged "a perfect union" when the couple was married in London.

They had seven children. Much of the sensational publicity centered around the children—Mrs. MacFadden, the former Mrs. William Williamson, accusing her husband of endangering their health by ordering one of them to drink cold water daily and all of them to dance in the open sun on Wintry days clad in filmy gowns.

Boyington announced in San Diego two days ago that he did not intend to marry Mrs. Malcolm, who said she was "annoyed" by his statement. Mrs. Malcolm, 34, said she met the former Flying Tiger and Congressional Medal holder in Australia.

# Nation-Wide Shutdown Threatened

Picketing Will  
Signal Stoppage

NEW YORK—(AP)—A strike of installation workers that may shut down the nation's telephone system by Friday spread throughout the country today.

My mid-afternoon most of the 8,000 members of the Association of Communication Workers (and) in 42 states were off their jobs in a walkout that began this morning over a wage dispute.

**LATEST TO JOIN**  
The latest workers to join the strike were those in Minnesota, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, El Paso, Tex., Iowa, manufacturing branch there, Nebraska, Arkansas, Utah, Idaho and Memphis, Tenn. The workers install Western Electric Company equipment for the Bell Telephone System.

In Washington Mrs. Mary Gannon, a telephone operator, said a meeting of all members had been called for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Asked whether this meant that no union operators would be at work, Mrs. Gannon replied: "I hope so."

It was the second strike against Western Electric, 17,000 employees who have been operating since they quit last Thursday in a controversy.

The walkout did not start at once, but union leaders said it would begin Friday and that once pickets were thrown around the exchange, the other telephone workers would not cross the lines. Such action would virtually shut down the American Telephone system.

The walkout was scheduled to start at 11 A. M. but some workers jumped the gun and quit several hours earlier.

Workers in the Nation's capital have indicated their dial service was scheduled to quit late today.

For the present, the strike will not interfere with telephone service within the American delegation district. The installation workers picket lines, most long distance service, will be cut off in a week or 10 days after the picket lines are set.

**DIAL SERVICE**  
Dial telephone service will not be affected until breaks occur. There will be no one to repair the breaks and union spokesmen have said that dial service will go down in a week or 10 days after the picket lines are set.

The strike became a certainty when an early morning coalition of union breaks occurred. The strike was called by the National Labor Board decision regarding a regional board, also slowed down international cable communications.

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# Price Considered Steel May Go Up About \$4 A Ton

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH  
WASHINGTON (AP)—A steel price increase of about \$4 a ton—\$1.50 more than the limit previously set by OPA—was reported under consideration by the Government today.

Officials in a position to know but who could not be identified by name said they understood Reconstruction Director John W. Snyder and Stabilization Administrator John C. Collet had decided the higher price should be allowed, despite sharp protest by Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

The steel industry, facing a strike next Monday, has been holding out for an increase of \$7 a ton as a condition to resuming collective bargaining on the demand of the CIO Steel Workers' union for a \$2 a day wage boost.

Officials said that while no firm decision had been reached on the amount of the increase, they expected one "at almost any time now."

Bowles is reported to have taken the stand in steel conversations with President Truman that \$2.50 a ton is the maximum increase that could be allowed within the framework of the Administration's war-price policy.

OPA was reported unwilling to make any announcement involving steel lands until after January 15. For this reason, it was said, the announcement may be made by the White House.

The White House declined comment today on reports of the contemplated \$4 increase.

Press Secretary Charles C. Ross said he doubted whether there would be any announcement today in response to news conference questions. Ross said he had no idea whether any announcement concerning steel would be diverted to the Western Union strikers.

# N. Y. Strike May Spread

NEW YORK—(AP)—CIO officials threatened today to throw the full weight of 600,000 metropolitan New York members behind striking Western Union employees whose walkout has severed the telegraphic nerve center of the world's greatest city.

New York—international business capital and heart of Western Union's long-distance communication system—suddenly was plunged into telegraphic isolation from the rest of the nation when 7,000 company workers struck at 7:10 A. M. (EST) yesterday—four hours earlier than scheduled.

**CABLE SLOWDOWN**  
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# Prosecutor Closing With Fierce Indictments Evidence Shows Von Ribbentrop Wanted To Lynch Bomber Fliers

NURNBERG, Germany—(AP)—Evidence was presented to the international military tribunal today to show that Joachim Von Ribbentrop, former Nazi Foreign Minister, advocated the lynching of all captured Allied fliers taking part in the bombing of German cities.

British Prosecutor Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, closing his case against the one-time champagne salesman on trial for his life with other high-ranking Nazis, introduced documents showing that the German High Command turned down Ribbentrop's proposal to execute Allied fliers.

Instead, the Army and Air Force define "terror" action justifying the "lynch law" only low-level attacks on civilians, shooting of parachuting German airmen in the air, strafing of civilian trains and attacks on

civilian trains which were marked with a red cross.

Sir David also introduced documents showing: OTHER EVIDENCE: That Von Ribbentrop urged Japan, through Ambassador Hiroshi Oshima, to declare war on the United States.

That he informed Mussolini in 1940 that Spain had agreed to enter the war as soon as preparations were completed and indicated that Germany planned to send troops, planes and weapons to assist Spain in an attack on Gibraltar.

That Von Ribbentrop promised the Japanese Ambassador, Germany would liquidate the British Empire and completely wipe out Soviet Russia.

# No Charges Placed As Two Men Questioned

48-Hour Chicago  
Search Pressed

CHICAGO (AP)—Two apartment building janitors were held by the police for questioning today as investigators pressed their 48-hour hunt for the kidnaper of Suzanne Degnan, 6.

The janitors, arrested whom no charge or formal booking has been made, are:

Victor Verburgh, 65, who lives in three apartment buildings within a block of the Degnan home in one of which the police said he has a basement laundry room in which the flendish killer of Suzanne Degnan's body was hidden from the last week Monday.

Desere Smet, 35, who tends three other buildings in the neighborhood and is a close friend of Verburgh.

**LIE TEST FAILED**  
The police planned to give Verburgh a lie detector test, while he protested steadfastly his innocence and Charles DeWolfe, Police Supt. Storm said the police did not have sufficient evidence to place a charge against anyone.

Conceded for Verburgh and his wife, Dorothy, also held for questioning, applied to Chicago Superior Court for a writ of Habeas Corpus for their release on writ of habeas corpus.

An incident into the death of the Degnan child was continued to Jan. 26 after a brief recess.

Verburgh lives at 1022 Thorndale Ave., across that street from the Degnan home at 666 More Ave. The "murder room," so named by police—was in the basement of a 300-year-old brick building Verburgh tends but a block and a half from where he lives.

A detective detail led by Sgt. Jack Hanrahan found the "murder room" and Hanrahan said bits of flesh, viscera and blood were found in a laundry tub.

Verburgh, who had freely given police Monday night, when police searched the apartment building Verburgh lives at, had been arrested for four sewer catch basins in the basement, which were sealed with concrete.

Since yesterday he has denied any connection with the vicious crime, stating in broken English that he had never had broken into and used the laundry room for the garbage.

Tenants who have known Verburgh for years indignantly came to his defense, one saying "he's as harmless as a fly." Friends and relatives also said they were where he formerly lived. There was "no way he could have been" the police said.

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# British Claim Trucks Looted

BRUNSWICK, Germany—(AP)—British headquarters ordered all British trucks in the area to be daylight hours today following reports that supply trucks on roads in the area had been looted.

British border patrols said that while some trucks were stopped and searched, no looting was reported. It was usually set upon vehicles which had been forced to stop along the Autobahn at night due to road conditions. There also were reports that few staff or road-side buildings had been fired upon in the daylight hours.

The order also prohibited carrying out any military operations in the area and declared all passengers must be armed for the journey through the area.

# Weather

Considerable cloudiness today and tonight, with light rain and drizzle. Tomorrow, mostly clear and mild.

Temperatures at 8:30 today: High and low 58 and 40 respectively. Wind light and variable. Sea calm.

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