Powers At Paris

Upon Secretary of State Byrnes and Commissar Molotov rests the burden of peace or no peace in this atomic age. Read John Hightower's story of their maneuverings at the Paris Peace Conference on Page 3-A.

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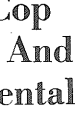
Hal Boyle

Germany's Chief Cop Tough And Sentimental

(This is the second of two columns on Maj. Gen. Ernie Harmon).

By HAL BOYLE

BAMBERG, Germany — (AP) — Maj. Gen Ernie Harmon, America's No. 1 policeman overseas, is an unorthodox fighting man.



MR. BOYLE

Ordinary tank commanders still shudder at his dictum that the armor, not the infantry, should spearhead assaults against enemy fortified lines.

Yet Harmon proved his point in the Anzio beachhead breakout when he slashed 5,000 yards through four German defense lines.

"It cost me 116 tanks that day," he recalled, "but we lost only ten doughboys killed and less than 100 wounded. It was worth the tanks to save hundreds of infantry lives, and within a week I had 70 of the tanks back in action again.

"It is easier to repair a tank than it is to bring half a hundred doughboys back to life."

Harmon foresees a lessening importance for tank warfare in any future war.

"I saw only 5 tanks in my 39 months with Patton and I said then, I think the last war was the only one in which tanks will have played with a major role."

WEARS CAVALRY BOOTS

Only Brigadier Gen. Luke Mark A. Lucas, Army Statesman from Fort Worth, wears more cavalry boots than he. Lucas, a lean, hard-bitten man who wants to fight a war with only mounted weapons.

His favorite vehicle now is a German train loaded down with Gen. McNarney, who shuttles about the American zone for inspection of the troopers of the new American constabulary.

"I like my own train better," he said, "so I were the rims off the wheels and had to borrow one from the boys till mine gets fixed."

Harmon labors in Trojan fashion to spread his own boundless energy and zest through the tanks. He wants his constabulary troopers to be tough, confident and proud.

I watched him in our inspection, as he passed down the lines, chatting with every other man, bawling out a sloppily dressed soldier, praising another for his erect posture. Troopers' knees shook as the General approached.

About 70 per cent of the constabulary are veterans with the Regular Army and Ernie is as sentimental as a schoolgirl about the old combat men. He always has a soldier's knowledge and pride in them.

He came to one man wearing a faded 36th Division patch on his shoulder.

"Were you at the Rapido River in Italy?" he asked.

Yes, sir," said the soldier and his eyes held the memory of dead buddies.

"Tough show that one," said Harmon.

"Yes, sir," said the soldier and tears began rolling down his cheeks. The deep wounds knit after battle, the heart wounds never do.

GENERALS DO CRY

Ernie patted him silently on the back and turned away to keep from crying himself. Combat generals do cry. We know. Then Harmon spoke with pride of a soldier with battle ribbons, and submitted his findings in a whisper.

"Did you sleep in those pants, soldier?

Farther on he halted before a rookie whose shield face bore the indefinable look of previous military service.

"Where you soldier before?" asked the General.

"In the Navy, sir."

"What are you doing here?"

"Beats the hell out of me, sir," said the rookie.

"You'll do all right soldier," said Ernie, walking on with a chuckle. He likes a ready man in large

PEACE TALKS THROWN IN TURMOIL

Truman Signs GI Pay Appropriations Measure

Mid-Eastern Troubles

Arab Leaders Spurn Bid To Talks On Holy Land

JERUSALEM — (AP) — Lt. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner, said today that Palestine Arab leaders had turned down an invitation to round-table talks in London on the future of the Holy Land.

Cunningham's statement said the Arabs had also raised the questions of reported Government plans to halt unauthorized Jewish immigration into Palestine and of the release of Arab political prisoners. The statement gave no details on these questions.

London dispatches said a dramatic Government statement on Palestine might be forthcoming within 48 hours. British Government sources said yesterday the Cabinet was considering far-reaching military plans which might include a tight blockade of the Palestine coast to halt the flow of uncertified Jewish immigrants and stricter control of displaced persons camps and frontiers in Austria, Germany and Italy to choke the underground pipeline feeding the immigrants into Italian ports.)

The High Commissioner's statement was issued after a 40-minute conference with Jamal Bey Husseini, acting chairman of the Arab Executive who returned from Egypt last night after conferences with Arab League leaders.

The Arab rejection of the invitation to the London conferences said the Arab Executive could not agree to take part in any discussion based on the partition of Palestine.

The possibility of Russia being projected into the situation was seen today in a statement of the Arab office that "there was no reason why America should be a party to the Palestine case and not Russia."

Ahmed Shukairy, Arab office director, explained at a news conference that the Arab office is a "propaganda office supported by Palestine Arabs and responsible to the Arab world," but not necessarily reflecting the views of the Palestine Arab Executive or of the Arab League in the present case.

The statement said "the question of sending an Arab delegation to Moscow has been talked of often, but never decided" and added:

"We regard Zionism as the acid test of the policies of the Soviet regime. The Zionist movement is a racial, capitalist movement to which Russian ideology is categorically opposed. The Arab world is looking eagerly for the stand Moscow will take on this issue."

Payments Not Yet Authorized

Funds Provided In Measure

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today signed into law an appropriation bill carrying $2,431,708,000 for enlisted men's terminal leave pay.

The President has not yet signed the terminal leave pay legislation itself. This is on his desk for action.

The bill signed today also carries $30,000,000 for the purchase of especially-fitted automobiles for veterans who have lost their legs.

It also provides $26,000,000 for OPA, in addition to $75,000,000 appropriated earlier.

The terminal pay bill awaiting action would make an estimated 15,000,000 past and present enlisted men eligible to be paid for furlough time they didn't receive.

As it went to Mr. Truman the legislation contained the controversial "bonds" provision which House members have authorized their party to knock out early next year.

Estimated to cost as much as $2,700,000,000 most of which now has been appropriated the law requires payment to enlisted personnel who have served at any time since September 8, 1939, for accrued furlough time up to 120 days. The time accrues at the rate of two and one-half days for each month of service, minus any furlough time actually received.

Payments will be at the rate of base and longevity pay received at the time of discharge, plus a minimum of 70 cents a day for subsistence.

Payments will be in cash if they are less than $50, or if the recipient was discharged prior to January 1, 1943. Cash payments will be made also to estates of discharged men who have died.

All other payments will be in bonds exchable five years after the date of discharge of the individual receiving them.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the President will sign the terminal leave pay bill itself at a special White House ceremony, possibly tomorrow. This is the measure which authorizes the Government to make the payments.

Today's signing was witnessed by Representative Edith Nourse Rogers (Republican, Massachusetts). Ross said, because of her interest in the provision to provide cars for amputees.

ESCAPED FROM GRAVE, SAYS WIFE — Nineteen-year-old Mrs. Janie Venable Gantt, kneels inside a crude grave in a forest on the edge of Atlanta, Ga., after testifying to Judge J. Wilson Parker of Fulton County Civil Court that her estranged husband, William Lee Gantt Jr., forced her into the pit and gave her the choice of death "by stabbing or shooting." She said she escaped when he left temporarily, thinking she could not get out of the grave. Mrs. Gantt declared he threatened to tie her up with the rope she holds. (AP Photo).

Molotov Refuses To Accept Vote Rule

Australian Hits Soviet Stand

By LYNN HEINZERLING

PARIS —(AP)— Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov told the Peace Conference today that Soviet Russia could not agree to committee-adopted rules on voting—and ran into a charge by Australia's Herbert V. Evatt that the Russian leader was attempting to dictate to the conference.

Molotov threw the plenary session into confusion by reopening the once-settled question on voting procedure. Molotov said the United States and Britain had repudiated decisions in the Foreign Ministers Council. He then accused Evatt of "acting to create opinion against Soviet interests."

Evatt, Australian Minister of External Affairs, has been active in promoting the cause of the small nations before the conference. In a fiery reply to Molotov, he said the Soviet leader was trying to enforce before the peace conference the same veto he enjoyed in the Foreign Ministers Council.

Evatt said Molotov's effort to reopen the voting question smacked of filibustering and "has the suggestion of an intimidation."

"What we have got to face is whether we will give in to demands of that sort," Evatt declared.

Edward Kardelj of Yugoslavia, who had lined up with the Soviet bloc in the rules committee, followed Evatt. "The commission on procedure has taken a very dangerous step and the Yugoslav delegation cannot agree with this decision," Kardelj said. "We can only repeat that if the decision of the commission on procedure is passed the Yugoslav delegation will continue to take part in this conference but with strong reservations."

The Soviet statesman renewed his attack on the press, asserting he had read in Paris papers an interpretation of the rules committee decision which had said "the Western powers have won the upper hand over the USSR."

"The Soviet Union believes that it is not the purpose of the peace conference that one or another power or blocs of power should win the upper hand over the USSR or any other power," he said.

"GRAVE MISTAKE"

The action of the rules committee, he said, had "nullified" the proposal of the Council of Foreign Ministers and was a "grave mistake."

Molotov declared anyone who expected a recommendation backed by only a simple majority to have any importance would be "greatly disappointed" and emphasized that the decisions of the peace conference were not of an "obligatory nature" to the Foreign Ministers Council.

"The attempt to set off the ma-

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Efficiency Measure

Steelman Reveals New Appointments

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Reconversion Director John R. Steelman announced today a reorganization on the reconversion-stabilization front with Federal Judge John Caskie Collet playing a key role.

Steelman said in a statement that Judge Collet "will serve in an over-all capacity as an associate in my office, helping me to carry the responsibilities of both the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion and the Office of Economic Stabilization."

President Truman brought Judge Collet back with him from Kansas City Tuesday to take over the new job which Steelman said will continue "as long as he can remain away from his judicial post."

A White House statement said Judge Collet will occupy an office adjoining Steelman's in the east wing of the White House but will have no formal title or specific duties.

CHANGING NEEDS

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said Steelman would make public soon a long statement outlining the reorganization of the Reconversion Office to bring in the functions of the Office of Economic Stabilization and to meet changing needs of reconversion.

Steelman also announced the following major assignments in his dual capacity as Reconversion Director and Economic Stabilization Director:

Harold Stein, deputy for production stabilization and war liquidation.

Donald Kingsley, deputy for fiscal, employment and social security.

Anthony Hale, deputy director for information and reports.

Commander Joseph L. Miller, USNR, special assistant.

Edward J. Hayes, general counsel.

Steelman's statement said that the responsibilities of OWMR reconversion and the coordination of production and stabilization remain unchanged by "this re-assignment of functions."

He said the reorganization was simply to increase efficiency.

Cotton Crop Is Forecast

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Agriculture Department reported today that a cotton crop of 9,290,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight is indicated by conditions prevailing Aug. 1.

This estimate compared with 9,015,000 bales produced last year and with a ten-year (1935-44) average of 12,553,000 bales.

The department said the final outturn of the crop will depend upon whether the various influences affecting the crop during the remainder of the growing season are more or less favorable than usual.

The indicated yield per acre of cotton per acre for harvest was reported at 247.9 pounds compared with 251 pounds last year and with a ten-year average of 243.2.

CONDITION REPORTED

The condition of the crop on Aug. 1 was reported as 72 per cent of normal compared with 74 per cent a year ago and with a ten-year average of 76.

The acreage of cotton from the crop from which ginning was expected when the Census Bureau at 10 a.m. was reported as 18,723,000 acres, the same date last year and with 18,183,000 in the same date in 1944.

The condition of the crop Aug. 1 in principal states and the indicated production, respectively, by states were reported as follows:

Missouri 82 per cent of normal 486 pounds per acre and indicated production, 310,000 bales.

Virginia 82, 384 and 16,000. North Carolina 76, 406 and 485,000. South Carolina 78, 342 and 670,000. Georgia 75, 251 and 640,000. Florida 69, 161 and 7,000. Alabama 79, 288 and 350,000. Mississippi 64, 231 and 1,250,000. Arkansas 56, 374 and 1,220,000. Louisiana 68, 249 and 290,000. California 68, 139 and 310,000. Texas 67, 147 and 1,900,000. New Mexico 91, 488 and 116,000. Arizona 95, 437 and 351,000. California 97, 579 and 431,000, all other 79, 288 and 900,000. Mississippi 64, 231 and 1,250,000. Arkansas 56, 374 and 1,220,000. Louisiana 68, 249 and 290,000. California 68, 139 and 310,000. Texas 67, 147 and 1,900,000. New Mexico 91, 488 and 116,000. Arizona 95, 437 and 351,000. California 97, 579 and 431,000, all other 79, 288 and 900,000.

The indicated production of American-Egyptian type cotton was reported as 7,000 bales compared with 4,100 last year and with a ten-year average of 33,000. The indicated yield of American-Egyptian cotton per acre was reported at 349 pounds compared with 299 last year and with a ten-year average of 243.

The Aug. 1 condition of this cotton was reported at 91 per cent of normal compared with 88 a year ago and 90 for the ten-year average.

Psychiatric Exam Set

CHICAGO —(AP)—A psychiatric examination of William Heirens was ordered by the criminal court today when the confessed killer of two women and a little girl was arraigned on the third murder charge against him.

After the appointment of two alienists arraignment on the charge of murdering Mrs. Josephine Ross 43-year-old widow, on June 5, 1945, and on two other murder charges was continued to Sept. 4.

The 17-year-old defendant entered no plea in the Ross charge. At a previous court appearance he offered no plea to charges of murdering Suzanne Degnan, 6, and Frances Brown, 33, a former Wave. He has signed statements detailing how he slew all three.

Chief Justice Harold G. Ward of the criminal court appointed Dr. William Haines of the Cook County (Chicago) behavior clinic and Dr. Harry Hoffman, court psychiatrist, to examine the young possessor of the dual personality who said he burglarized to obtain sexual gratification.

The mental tests were requested by Roland Towle of defense counsel. State's Attorney William J. Tuohy, who was in court for the first public appearance of the university student since he re-enacted the brutal killings Tuesday, said he would approve appointment of additional alienists for the examination if more were requested.

In addition to the murder indictments, the court also continued 29 other charges of burglary, assault and robbery to Sept. 4. At an arraignment last week on the Degnan and Brown killings, the court fixed Aug. 14 for the next hearing. This assignment was suggested by today's proceedings. Heirens was indicted only yesterday for the Ross murder.

Mrs. Ross was the first of the brawny, dark-complexioned youth's slaying victims. Miss Brown, slain in her apartment on Dec. 10, 1945, was his second and the Degnan kidnaping, strangling and dismemberment, which shocked the nation the third.

Branding Story Related By Bride

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—(AP)—Police today had the report of an attractive 21-year-old recent bride of a Fort Sam Houston soldier that she had been beaten, choked, attacked, robbed and burned on the breast with a cigarette by a stranger with whom she made a midnight date.

The police had this account:

Following an argument after the couple had gone for a drive, the man, who when asked his name said "just call me Charles" beat her, tore her clothing and attacked her, then threatened to kill her and throw her body in a creek.

The man took a lighted cigarette and burned her several times on the breast beat her again and finally choked her into unconsciousness. After regaining consciousness she sought help from a passing taxicab and was taken to police headquarters.

Continued Tremors

New Earthquakes Hit West Indies

NEW YORK — (AP) — A new earthquake in the Caribbean area "almost as bad as the original shock on Sunday" was recorded on the Fordham University seismograph at 9:33:21 (EDT) A. M. today.

The time of the recording coincides with reports of Dominican residents in New York who said friends and relatives told them in long distance telephone conversations that a new and intense earthquake was hitting that Caribbean Island.

One informant said he was speaking at 10:30 A. M. (EDT) with a friend in San Pedro Macoris who said a new tremor "perhaps more intense than the last one" had begun there this morning.

Inhabitants of the town, hard hit by last Sunday's quake, were fleeing to nearby hills, he said.

A few seconds later the communication was suspended.

At Chicago, Loyola University's seismograph recorded another "big earthquake" at 9:34:14 A. M. (EDT). The Rev. Alphonse Schmitt said. It recorded very well over about an hour and a half and was really a big quake.

Weston (Mass.) College seismograph station recorded the shock at approximately the same time, 9:33:33 A. M. (EDT) and St. Louis University's seismograph registered it at 9:34:07 A. M. (EDT).

The Rev. James B. MacElwane at St. Louis said the shock probably was centered near the West Indies.

Report May Needs Rest

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By ALEX H. SINGLETON

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Two Kentucky physicians formally advised the Senate War Investigating Committee that Rep. May, Democrat, Kentucky, must "have an indefinite period of rest, quiet and careful attention."

The report was signed by Dr. John G. Archer, medical director, and Dr. George P. Archer, surgical director of the Prestonsburg, Ky., General Hospital.

It eliminated all possibility that May, chairman of the House Military Committee, would be able to appear tomorrow before the committee to explain under oath his wartime intervention on behalf of the Garsson munitions combine. The report, dated Aug. 6, declared:

"To whom it may concern—

"This is to certify that we have examined Congressman A. J. May, and have visited him daily since his return to Prestonsburg, Ky. We find him to be as follows:

"1. As to his physical condition:

"A. Chronic myocarditis, with angina pectoris and mild decompensation.

"B. General physical exhaustion with associated hypotension and bradycardia.

"2. From our examinations and observation as noted above we have

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Greeks Hurt By Grenade

LONDON —(AP)— Exchange Telegraph reported today in an Athens dispatch that eleven civilians were injured when a grenade exploded last night in a suburb of the Greek capital.

Chanting, Shrieking Affair

'Peace, It's Wonderful' Murmurs Mrs. Divine At Wedding Banquet

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Father Divine, self-styled "God" and Negro evangelist who assumed the mantle of immortality in 1932 as the leader of a religious cult, married a beautiful, blonde 21-year-old white girl from Montreal last April 29 but he tells shrieking followers it's "in name only."

The marriage to Miss Edna Rose Ritchings in the Washington home of the Rev. Albert L. Shadd, Negro Baptist minister, was revealed yesterday.

FOLLOWERS FETED

Divine entertained members of his cult at a wedding banquet here last night and told the chanting, shrieking guests that his late first wife—Mother Divine—had approved the marriage.

License records show that Divine gave his age as 41, his status as widower, his address as Philadelphia. He told his followers his first wife and he were married "on June 6, 1882."

Divine insisted that he placed the spirit of his first wife—described as "an Aunt Jemimah-like woman" in the person of his second wife and then shouted that the new marriage, like the old one, was "in name only."

"God is not married," he sermonized.

"It's beautiful," "Thank you, Father," "It's true," screamed his followers, chanting and singing and clapping their hands.

Divine, whose various properties are known as "heavens" and whose followers take such names as "Prodigal Son," "Tree of Life," "Miss Charity," etc., said he was "not bereaved" over the death of his first wife.

"When Mother Divine seemingly deceased about three or four years ago, her spirit was about me all the time—holy virtue untouched by mortality," he asserted.

'SWEET ANGEL'

The new wife, better known among followers of the cult in Mon-

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Damaged Vessel Docked

Seamen Dispute Tiny British Ship's Ability To Tow Freighter

By RICHARD TOMPKINS

FALMOUTH, Eng.—(AP)—The damaged U. S. Lines freighter American Farmer and her rejected rescuer, the little British ship Elizabete, docked 125 miles apart today and their officers disputed whether the Elizabete could have brought the larger craft to shore.

Possibly $1,000,000 or more was at stake as a salvage prize.

Capt. Oscar Johnson of the Farmer's twin sister, the American Ranger, which put a skeleton crew aboard the collision-battered Farmer, declared here that in my judgment the Elizabete could never have brought the ship to port and that is why I boarded her."

Capt. Jan Millers, master of the 2,039-ton Elizabete, a fourth the size of the Farmer to which she first tried towline lines, waggled his grey beard at Barry, Wales, and said: "I don't say nothing. His son and first mate insisted "we could have brought her in."

ABANDONED BY CREW

The American Farmer reached port under her own power. Her original crew abandoned ship soon after the foggy, midnight collision last Wednesday with the Moore-McCormack Lines William J. Riddle, 700 miles at sea.

Captain Johnson replied to a question that "I agree" in principle that the Elizabete had salvage rights in the Farmer because of her short-lived effort to tow the drifting vessel. He said the British ship had tow lines on the Farmer when the Ranger hove to.

Millers, Latvian captain of the Elizabete, said at Barry he was terribly angry—but I don't want to say too much until I have seen my firm's solicitors." He said the Ranger, in displacing the Elizabete, was "acting on instructions wirelessed from America."

A member of his crew said that when the Ranger's seamen took over the Farmer, "they were very decent about it." Millers said two of the Elizabete's towlines were "hacked away and lost completely."

Divers explored the damaged holds of the Farmer within two hours after she made port. One diver said the gash was twenty feet deep and 38 feet wide under the waterline and that cargo in the two forward holds was washed away. Bulkheads separating the flooded compartments from the rest of the cargo appeared to be holding.

Some 5,000 tons of urgently needed wheat was reported safe.

Bulletin

TEHRAN, Iran —(AP)— The Iranian Foreign Office protested to the British Embassy today against the presence of Indian troops in nearby Basra, Iraq, and requested their withdrawal.

The Iranian Government also protested that broadcasts by the British Broadcasting Company and the Delhi Radio were not in accord with friendly relations between the British and Iranian Governments and asked that steps be taken to smooth that situation.

WEATHER

Clear to partly cloudy skies and moderate temperatures this afternoon, tonight and Friday.

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High and low last 24 hours ... 85-65
Sunset today ... 7:41
Sunrise tomorrow ... 5:16

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