

## NAZI PRISONERS STUDY GERMAN AS RELAXATION

Provides Practical Outlet for Energy, Officers Assure Correspondents.

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A PRISON CAMP OUTSIDE LUCKENWALDE, Germany, Dec. 9 (U.P.)—There are 1,410,000 war prisoners in Germany and most of them, for lack of anything else to do for recreation, are studying German, their German guards say.

An officer at this huge camp 30 miles south of Berlin said that studying German provided "one of the most favorable and most practical outlets for energy."

There are more than 6000 prisoners, all French, at this camp and today they were preparing to put on a Christmas show—in German. Have you ever heard a Frenchman sing "Noel" in German? There is a certain charm about it.

### Preview Is Given

The Propaganda Ministry brought a group of foreign correspondents here to show them conditions in what was said to be a typical German prison camp. When we arrived the prisoners were permitted to give us a "preview" of their Christmas pageant. An all-prisoner orchestra directed by the former director of the Lille Radio Station Orchestra, was tuning up and a group of several hundred prisoners were practicing their songs in German.

The program included several selections by the orchestra, a chorus singing "Cantique de Noel"—first in German, then in French—a recitation (in German) and sketch based on the birth of Christ.

The prisoners seemed enthusiastic. Their appearance was anything but natty, a far cry from dress parade neatness.

The German officers explained that this was common to all war prisoners. They said it was not so much because of a lack of facilities to keep neat, but because "they lack incentive."

### 40,000 In Sub-Camps

The prisoners the foreign correspondents saw were only a small portion of those registered in the camp. Almost 40,000 more were assigned to sub-camps in the vicinity, most of them working as hired hands in the fields. The prisoners in this vicinity were only a small fraction of those in Germany. Among the 1,410,000 now in camps are French and English prisoners, a few Poles and others distributed among 120 camps throughout the Reich. There are as many as 70,000 in one camp. Officials said that 1,189,000, or 70 per cent, are now "gainfully employed under the conditions of the Geneva war prisoners' agreement."

### Barracks Warm

The layout here was neat. There were well constructed and warm barracks, a modern kitchen, adequate infirmary and—most important of all for prisoners—large post office. Prisoners like to receive mail even though it is censored.

Hard work has helped keep the prisoners healthy, according to some officials, but the chief problem is to provide adequate recreation. Bad weather has kept most prisoners indoors so officers said, they have taken to studying German—on a voluntary basis. Plenty of instructors are provided.

The prisoners this correspondent talked with had two chief interests:

They wanted to go home. They wanted to know what the United States will do.

## ARAB PATROL TO BUY CHILDREN CLOTHES

Twenty-five Indianapolis children are going to get warm clothes for Christmas, thanks to the Arab Patrol of the Muslim Temple.

Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey, Sheriff Al Feeney and patrol members will select the children and the patrol committee, composed of Clarence Flick, Louis Johnston and Russell Holler, will personally conduct the children on a shopping tour.

### Photography—

## Wins 3d Prize at Camera Club Salon



Third prize winner "Two Pioneers," a bromide print, taken by Walter W. Bonns with a Rolleiflex.

## 'Life Along the Bayou' by Beck Captures First Award

By DAVID MARSHALL

A major event of the local photographic year is the current hanging of the Indianapolis Camera Club's annual fall salon in Block's Auditorium.

The show, which will remain there until Dec. 21 is international in the pattern of its prints and in the method by which they were chosen.

Entries were limited to four prints from each person and at least one of these was accepted. The 70 prints submitted by 36 of the club's members, include landscapes, portraits, abstracts, and industrial and architectural shots.

### Three Men on Jury

The three-man jury, George Tomlinson, club president; Earl Robertson of the L. S. Ayres & Co. photographic department, and Howard Gradiuk of the Indiana University Medical Center photographic staff, chose three winning prints and three honorable mentions.

W. H. Beck's "Life Along the Bayou" won first award. It is a diaphanous wintertime scene of a Southern field worker's cabin along a quiet stream. In the center foreground is a horse team with a driver. It is a chloro-bromide print negative.

Second award was given to Allan C. Raup's "Reverie," a bromide print showing a meditative figure seated on a sand dune under a scrawny wind-torn tree.

"Two Pioneers," by Walter W. Bonns, won the third award. This bromide print of the George Rogers Clark memorial at Vincennes was enlarged from a 2 1/4-inch negative taken with a Rolleiflex. It is a splendid example of contrast and composition. The small, white, dark statue fills the left foreground while in the right distance is the dark, spired church thrusting up from the surrounding trees.

### Each Print Is New

Each print is a new one, rules of the salon banning prints which have been hung in any other salon.

The show is the culmination of the Camera Club's 13-year history. About a year after it was formed, the club began holding monthly shows. They continued for four years but interest was so lax these were stopped and a quarterly show policy was begun.

This spring these, too, were abandoned in favor of annual spring and fall salons. It was a good move. These larger and less frequent hangings brought added interest and finer prints. In style to follow the annual invitational salons held in the United States and are second in importance only to the club's annual invitational show at John Herron Art Institute, the finest show in the Middle West.

## WAYNE G. O. P. CLUB PARTY IS ARRANGED

Wayne Township Republican Women's Club will hold its annual Christmas party Wednesday at 2613 W. Washington St., following a luncheon at 12:30 p. m.

President will be Mrs. Cora Flack, vice president, Mrs. Don Branigan, Mrs. Charles Bingman and Mrs. Love Genefiel are in charge of arrangements for the program.

Officers for 1940, who soon will retire, are Mr. Tomlinson, president; Mr. S. Campbell, vice president; Mr. Munk, treasurer; and Warner B. Trembley, secretary.

The newly-appointed 1941 membership committee will act as hostesses. They are Mrs. William Garbrandt, Mrs. Cora McFeeley, Mrs. Nettie Nail, Mrs. Kathryn Watz, Mrs. Earl Martin and Mrs. William Haywood.

## WIFE ASKS SEARCH FOR MISSING MATE

Police have been asked to search for Carlos Kearns, 27, a farmer living near Forest City, Mo., who disappeared here Friday afternoon while carrying more than \$1000.

His wife told police the family, including two small children, came Tuesday to visit Mr. Kearns' brother-in-law, William Renk, 136 N. Belmont Ave., after selling their tobacco crop at Richmond, Ky.

Mr. Kearns, she said left the Renk home about 3 p. m. Friday, saying he was going to take a walk. He failed to return.

## SEES U. S. ARMY OF 4,000,000

### Foreign Policy Group Is Concerned Over 'Gap' in In Plans, Performance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (U.P.)—The Foreign Policy Association saw indications today that the War Department's munitions program and the conscription system envisages eventual creation of an army of 4,000,000 men.

The Association's conclusion was stated in its Dec. 1 report, published today, entitled "The United States Army in Transition." It was written by David H. Popper.

The report traced the quick revision of War Department plans for an initial protective force from

an army of 2,000,000 men for a final force of 450,000, 500,000 or 600,000."

### Need Is Increased

By July, 1940, the army program was based on a protective mobilization plan providing for about 1,200,000 men, while critical items of equipment were being sought to maintain an army of 2,000,000 men.

In August, the report said, the plan for 1,200,000 to 1,400,000 men was said to provide only initial cover for defense of the Northern Hemisphere and the Caribbean.

"To protect the integrity of the entire Western Hemisphere," the report said, "the General Staff believes 'we may require 3,000,000 men, 4,000,000 or more, because our obligations are scattered in so many directions.'

### 'Grounds for Concern'

The report found "grounds for concern" in "the gap which separates proposal and recommendation" by the Army, adding: "In materiel and personnel, it is and must remain deficient for many months to come. For this, responsibility must be divided between Congress, the Bureau of the Budget, and the nation on the one hand, and the War Department on the other."

The report suggested the need for a national defense commission composed of both civilians and representatives of the armed services to formulate the military program in relation to our foreign policy.

## MACHINE RECOUNT TO RESUME TODAY

Recount of the machine vote in 21 of the 22 contested county political races was to resume today at the county warehouse at 2001 Northwestern Ave.

The paper ballot recount for all races was completed last week and resulted in the treasurer's race being certified to Walter C. Boettcher over the Republican contestant, Paul E. Tegarden.

The Recount commissioners will now check the machine vote for candidates to the Legislature and the county offices of prosecutor, surveyor, coroner and commissioners.

It was reported Friday that Democrats had agreed the machine recount would probably show no change and had decided to drop the recount, but some of the contesting candidates refused to go through with the reported agreement.

## BISHOP'S CONDITION REMAINS CRITICAL

The condition of Bishop Edgar Blake, retired, former head of the Indianapolis Methodist area, who is in a Wilmington, N. C., hospital, remains "critical," it was learned here today. Bishop Blake and his wife were injured in an automobile accident near Wilmington about a week ago.

It was the bishop's 71st birthday yesterday.

Dr. John G. Benson, superintendent of Methodist Hospital, said he talked with telephone with members of the family at Wilmington last night. He was informed that the Bishop Blake had regained consciousness, but that his condition was still serious. Mrs. Blake, however, was reported to be improving rapidly.

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## NEW CALEDONIA HOPES AMERICA REVIVES TRADE

### Nation Which Broke With Vichy Needs Market for Nickel and Chrome.

NOUMEA, New Caledonia, Dec. 9 (U.P.)—Economically starved since it broke with the French Vichy Government to join the "Free French" movement, the Government of New Caledonia today looked to the United States as a market for its vital nickel and chrome, its coffee and copra.

Governor Henri Saout has asked Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the "Free French" forces, to prevail upon Washington to send a consul or a commercial attaché to Noumea at the earliest possible moment to pave the way for trade between the countries.

### Left High and Dry

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### Depended on France

Before the war New Caledonia was an exploited colony, operated by Paris capital on behalf of European shareholders. The white colonists here were dependent on the French colonial trade which now has ended.

Thus Gov. Saout is particularly anxious to develop a market in the United States for the colony's products. In exchange he seeks gasoline and agricultural and mining machinery.

Such a move would give tremendous satisfaction and confidence to the colony and would tend to cement pacific relations, as well as to develop the air traffic with America which already is ending the isolation of New Caledonia, he said.

## CHEMISTRY FORUM TO HEAR OF RESINS

Dr. Merritt M. Otto, director of resin research for the Reilly Tar & Chemical Co., will speak on the Butler University Chemistry Forum at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Arthur Jordan Memorial Hall.

Dr. Karl S. Means of the Butler chemistry department is faculty sponsor of the forum, which is being sponsored this year by the chemistry department in co-operation with the student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Otto's subject will be "Phenol Formaldehyde Resins."

### Officers to Be Nominated

Officers for 1941 will meet at 7:30 p. m. today at 302 Holliday Bldg.

Officers for 1941 will be nominated.

### Democrat Women to Hear Report

The Marion County Democratic Women's Club will meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Claypool Hotel to elect new officers and hear reports from retiring officers.

## CIRCLING THE CITY



Lodges Sponsor Party—Brightwood Lodge 655, I. O. O. F., and the Neola Rebecca Lodge 362 will sponsor a card party at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 2345 Station St.

Townsend Club to Elect—Election of officers will be held at a meeting of Townsend Club 9 at 8 p. m. today.

Friest to Lecture On France—The Rev. Raymond Bosler, S. T. L., will give the last in a series of lectures by guest speakers at the Catholic Information Bureau and Reading Room this week and next. Father Bosler, who studied at the North American College in Rome and has traveled in Europe, will lecture on "Conditions in France," tomorrow night at 8 p. m. and at the same time Dec. 17 on "Conditions in Germany."

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