

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 6,000 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 a 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 camp 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 was doing.

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 Murat Temple.

Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey, Sheriff Al Peeney and patrol members will select the children and the patrol committee, composed of Clarence Flick, Louis Johnston and Russell Heller, 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 Roliflex.

'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. photography department, and Howard Cradick 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 paper 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 Roliflex. It is a splendid example of contrast and composition. The great, white Clark 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 they follow any of the international 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.

and one of the most excellent in the country.

Six times the clubs of New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Boston, Toronto, Atlanta, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle have sent prints for this exhibit. Each organization submits 16 prints which are hung and judged as a group for the Warren H. Munk Trophy. Because of decorating at the Institute, this year's invitational show had to be postponed.

Nearly 100 Members

Oldest and largest of the local photography groups, the club has between 90 and 100 members, most of whom are quite active. They meet each Thursday night at their excellently equipped rooms at 110 E. 9th St. The library, darkrooms, lounge and 100-print gallery are open to all members' use.

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

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.

Presiding will be Mrs. Cora Flack, vice president. Mrs. Don Branigan, Mrs. Charles Bingman and Mrs. Lové Genefel are in charge of arrangements for the program. In charge of the dinner are Mrs. Robert Carmichael, Mrs. George Wheeler and Mrs. Olive Toole. The newly-appointed 1941 membership committee will act as hostesses. They are Mrs. William Garabrandt, Mrs. Cora McFeeley, Mrs. Nettie Nall, 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 here 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.

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.

Left High and Dry
New Caledonia, lying between the Fiji Islands and the northeast coast of Australia, and on the Pan-American Airways route between the United States and New Zealand, is in a difficult economic position resulting from its sudden political severance from totalitarian Europe. Sautot, named by De Gaulle as High Commissioner for all French oceanic possessions, including Tahiti, pointed out that New Caledonia was left high and dry by the surrender of the Vichy Government to Germany.

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.

Foreign Policy Group Is Concerned Over 'Gap' 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 envisaged 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 traces the quick revision of War Department plans for an initial protective force from December, 1939, when former Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring told a Congressional committee of plans for an initial 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 performance" by the Army, adding: "In material 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 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. Boetcher 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 by telephone with members of the family at Wilmington last night. He was informed that 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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Lodges Sponsor Party—Brightwood Lodge 855, I. O. O. F., and the Neola Rebekah 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.

Priest 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."

Past Presidents Meet—Past presidents of the Major Robert Anderson Women's Relief Corps, No. 44, will meet at noon today at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Helm, 116 N. Colorado Ave.

Parrott Transferred—Charles Louis Parrott, 1701 W. McCarty St., who enlisted in the U. S. Navy last week, has been transferred to the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

Cub Pack 43 to Meet—Cub Pack No. 43 of the Boy Scouts of St. Joan of Arc School will hold its meeting at 7:30 p. m. today in the school. Toys repaired by the pack as a handicraft will be presented to Indianapolis Catholic Charities.

Miss Marian Griffin will receive the toys for the charities.

Giffen to Visit Armory—Capt. Robert C. Giffen, U. S. Navy, director and co-ordinator of Naval Reserve Policies, will come to Indianapolis from Washington tomorrow to inspect the facilities of the radio and yeoman schools at the Naval Armory here. Commander C. A. Griffiths is director of the two schools which have a combined enrollment of 300 men.

"Peptic Ulcer" Is Topic—Members of the Indianapolis Medical Society will hear a panel discussion on "The Surgical Treatment of Peptic Ulcer" at their meeting at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow in the Indianapolis Athletic Club. The discussants will include Dr. Thomas B. Noble Jr., Dr. Cleon A. Nafe, Dr. J. K. Bertram and Dr. W. D. Little.

Officers to Be Nominated—Townsend Club 14 will meet at 7:30 p. m. today at 302 Holliday Bldg. Officers for 1941 will be nominated.

Democrat Women to Hear Reports—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.

NAZIS DROP A BOMB OF WORDS

Englishman Knows His Life Not Worth a Penny, Press Snarls.

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (U. P.).—The newspaper Lokal Anzeiger asked and answered a question.

The question: "How can the people of London withstand it? Is their capacity for suffering unlimited or are the dwellers of English cities mass heroes?"

The answer: "That which appears to the world as English power is nothing more than the nature of the English masses. The average Englishman, from the proletariat to the limits of the lower middle class, is fundamentally a fatalist. He takes the world as it offers itself to him and is not troubled by any wish to alter it. . . . The English have become native serfs, a herd of will-less creatures who have but one interest—to eat, sleep and marry. . . . for his own life an Englishman would not give a penny for he knows it is not worth that much."

Voelckicher Beobachter said: "War mongering bears golden fruit. Thus British plutocracy profits by its war. There were huge profits in the armaments industry in the first year of the war. The (German) air attacks on their commerce now collide with their reckoning."

GAUSE HEADS G. O. P. CLUB

Harry L. Gause, Indianapolis attorney, has been elected president of the Washington Township Republican Club. Other officers named were: Vice presidents, Davis Harrison, Mrs. Fred W. Myers and W. A. Huston; secretary, Mrs. Hollie A. Shideler; treasurer, John M. Miller, and club attorney, Wilbur A. Royse, who was re-elected.

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