

## MIAMI CENSORS ARE CRITICIZED

U. S. Residents in Puerto Rico Charge Staff Violates Privacy.

By S. BURTON HEATH  
Times Special Writer

SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 18.—A woman from the continental United States, employed here, wrote home that white potatoes were selling for 25 cents a pound on the market.

Her letter was returned by the censors at Miami, who scrutinize every communication to and from this outpost of the United States, with a notation that it contained an "exaggerated rumor."

The day that she got the letter back, potatoes were selling for 40 cents a pound—

if you could find any.

An army officer stationed here received word that his mother had died. By long distance telephone he tried to tell relatives that he would go to the states for the funeral.

A monitor at Miami cut him off, on the ground that he was giving advance information, concerning travel plans.

Those are two out of dozens of similar stories told me by reputable residents of San Juan in support of their charge that the Miami censorship is arbitrary, capricious, unintelligent—and undemocratic.

Scan Tugwell's Mail

I happen to know that for some time excerpts from every letter to and from Governor Tugwell were sent by the Miami censorship to at least one other governmental agency, which eventually convinced the censors that it was completely uninterested in the governor's correspondence.

On the other hand, I have well attested tales of mail which contained matter of interest to Governor Tugwell, whose contents found their way to his office, though it is denied on his behalf that he knew anything about it.

The secretary of the Puerto Rican chamber of commerce sent daily reports, memoranda and suggestions to the organization's president, then testifying against the Tugwell regime before a senatorial committee in Washington.

He says that on every occasion when the chamber president sought to use such information on the stand, by coincidence or otherwise the interior department was prepared with rebuttal material specifically bearing upon his arguments.

Object to Caprice

The people here, so far as I could learn, do not resent the fact that their letters are censored to prevent the transmission of anything that might prove helpful to the axis. They do not even raise the question whether such censorship is legal.

They do object to the caprice with which petty employees 1000 miles away, on the mainland, kick back provable statements about local conditions with the label "exaggerated rumors."

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## U. S. CASUALTIES MAY RISE FAST

Holman Asserts Million Yanks May Be Toll Of War This Year.

By JOHN F. CRAMER  
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Rufus C. Holman (R. Ore.) predicted today that American casualties in 1943, army and navy combined, would be "several hundred thousand, perhaps even a million."

He emphasized that his figures were not official ones, and added: "I certainly hope they're wrong."

However, his statement was regarded as significant, because he is a member of several committees, including the senate military affairs committee, which are investigating military manpower requirements.

Senator Holman, an outspoken critic of the administration, said he doubted whether certain military and naval experts who appeared before the committees had expressed their own opinions.

He said he had reason to believe that they had merely echoed and defended the estimates of their superiors.

Asked Questions of McNutt

"It is difficult," he said, "to get the independent judgments of the department representatives who appear before our committees. They seem to be bound by some obligation, to support the determination already arrived at by the commander in chief."

"They temper their testimony accordingly."

Senator Holman said that on Feb. 2 he wrote War Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt, asking the following questions:

"1. How many more men than those already transported overseas can our nation, with the facilities available to us, transport, supply and maintain during 1943?"

"2. What is the present progress of equipment production in terms of men?"

"3. How many men can our government today equip with rifles, machine guns, uniforms, etc.?"

No Answer Yet

"4. How many men can our government now equip with light artillery, heavy artillery, tanks, trucks, etc.?"

"5. Do you contemplate any difficulty arising during 1943, or thereafter, in the production of foods, fibers and minerals, or in the processing of them in sufficient quantities to maintain our combat forces wherever they may be, and to meet our lend-lease obligations as well as to support the productive (as distinguished from combat) forces and the civil population of our country?"

He said he had not yet received an answer.

However, he said the best information he had been able to obtain indicated that it took at least 10 tons of food, clothing and equipment to accompany one soldier overseas, and an additional one and one-half tons a month to maintain him.

URSULA SUES 4TH MATE FOR DIVORCE

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Ursula Parrott, the novelist awaiting trial in federal court on charges of aiding a soldier to desert, has filed suit for divorce from her fourth husband, it was learned today.

The suit was filed several days ago in circuit court here in the name of Katherine U. Schermerhorn. The writer had married A. Coster Schermerhorn, former Wall Street broker, March 29, 1939.

Miss Parrott is at liberty on bond pending her trial in federal court for allegedly aiding and enticing Pvt. Michael Neely Bryan, Germantown, Tenn., to escape from a Miami Beach guardhouse.

## ROSE POLYTECHNIC CLUB MEETS TONIGHT

Dr. Donald B. Prentice, Rose Polytechnic Institute, president, will be a guest of the local Rose Polytechnic club at a 6:30 p. m. dinner tonight in the Hotel Washington.

S. C. Hadden, state highway commission chairman, will discuss "The Future of Indiana Highways."

Officers of the local club are Edwin Read, Chesleigh Gray and Ray Biller.

## Red Cells, Waste By-Product of Blood Plasma, Salvaged for Transfusions

By Science Service

DETROIT, Feb. 18.—Red blood cells, formerly a waste by-product in the preparation of blood plasma, are now being salvaged here.

A saline solution of the red cells from blood collected by the Red Cross for the armed forces in being distributed in Detroit to eight Wayne county hospitals, to supplement direct transfusions or use of blood stored in "banks."

Detrol, among the 31 blood donor centers of the Red Cross in the United States, is the first to use the red blood cells, according to Dr. Warren B. Cooksey, technical supervisor of the Detroit center.

While the 31 Red Cross blood donor centers have provided more than 1,500,000 pints of blood plasma

for the treatment of armed forces and others, a paradox in the situation has been that, except on a very small scale, the red cells have been separated from the plasma and thrown away, although it is these cells, traveling in millions in the blood, which distribute to all tissues the oxygen they require.

The function of blood plasma, administered to patients, is to restore volume to the circulatory system. Without this volume the remaining blood cells and those being manufactured in the bone marrow cannot circulate.

Blood plasma is prepared for preservation over long periods. No means have been discovered for preserving and shipping red cells in the same manner, but when these cells are put in some favorable

solution they can be used within one week after the blood has been drawn from a donor.

Three months ago the Detroit center undertook the preparation of this solution, saving all red cells instead of treating them as waste.

"This means that the blood banks in these hospitals may be tremendously supplemented," Dr. Cooksey said.

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