

Captives Trade Diamond Rings With Japanese for Cocoanuts

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MANILA, Feb. 26 (By Air Mail)
— Bits and pieces—

Today I solemnly signed as witness a \$100 bet between a U. P. man and an A. P. man for and against the Pacific war being over by next Christmas.

A Norwegian Free Press man, Kristen Petersen, was delighted to find today that an army finance officer hoped three-year-old travel checks. He has been in Manila since before the Japs took it.

I paid 2½ pesos (\$1.25) for a bar of cheap soap to send out with my laundry.

Many Filipinos, fooled by the early fall of Manila, are stuck with bales of Jap pesos which might serve for wallpaper. You can pick up plenty of this "Mickey Mouse money," as it's called, in the streets—including shiplap denominations as low as one centavo. Smarter Filipinos spent their Jap pesos for commodities useful in barter.

SOLDIERS and correspondents keep asking me whether Ernie Pyle will come to Luzon. I can only tell them that Ernie expects to go ashore with the army "somewhere out here" after do-

Sees Nazi Party Planning Elaborate Underground

By HELEN KIRKPATRICK
Times Foreign Correspondent

PARIS, March 13.—The sur- render of the already badly mauled and disorganized Germany army should not be expected.

There is every indication that the German army leaders are fully aware of the disintegration of Germany's armed might.

Despite the situation the German army chiefs are not in a position to withdraw, re-group or order surrenders.

There is every reason to believe that Hitler and Himmler have taken complete charge and prevented senior Wehrmacht officers from having any contact with one another—so much do they fear the army's capitulation.

Corps commanders have no idea where their divisions are, and have no contact with army or army-group headquarters. They fight on with pistols at their backs.

PART and parcel of this suicidal political control is the Nazi party plan for defending the "German citadel," which is located somewhere in Bavaria and Austria. There are complete underground headquarters, arsenals and factories.

Protecting the citadel on the eastern flank, Germany's best S. S. (elite guard) divisions are now fighting the Russians, in a position where they can fall back into the citadel.

Elaborate plans have been made and are now in process of being executed. French, maquis and Yugoslav Chetnik experiences have been fully utilized.

COMPLETE resistance cells have been reorganized throughout Germany and Austria. Only the chiefs of each know who the members are.

A carefully checked list of high-

ranking party members has been drawn up and only those known to be 100 per cent trustworthy are to be allowed to enter the citadel.

A list of other high Nazis, suspected of being disloyal or capable of treachery, will be allowed to fall into allied hands.

MEANWHILE, lesser known but trusted Nazis and S. S. leaders are already trying to assume the names and paper of foreign workers, who died in Germany. Or of German civilians, killed in air raids.

They, thus, hope to escape allied justice and, if necessary, to flee the country.

The citadel's western flank is on the Swiss border, thus giving the Nazi leaders an escape route if the citadel finally falls.

ORDERS to resistance cells cover three main headings:

ONE: "Disguised and highly trained Nazis are to sabotage the allies in every possible way. The Hitler youth have been especially trained for this job."

TWO: "Others, disguised as civilians, are to do everything to stir up trouble between the British, Americans, Russians and French."

THREE: "Others in allied uniforms, of which the Germans have a good supply, are to commit atrocities against the civilian population, thereby stirring up hatred and trouble between the occupiers and the civilians."

THESE PLANS have been worked out with a detail and precision of which the Germans are more capable than any other people.

For the Nazis are determined to hold out in their citadel long enough to tire out the allies and, beyond that, by underground methods.

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INDIANAPOLIS ELKS WILL ELECT FRIDAY

Election of officers of Indianapolis Lodge No. 13, B. P. O. E., will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, with officers to be installed April 6. Nominees for lodge offices are:

John DeMasi and William E. Dietrich, exalted ruler; James C. Gribben, esteemed knight; Charles M. Mays, treasurer; D. D. Dwell, esteemed loyal knight; Theodore Young and Dr. J. J. Soland, esteemed lecturer; Dr. Frank J. Frazee, secretary; Heber L. Clevering, treasurer; Fred L. Bodenmiller, usher; Warren P. Todd, treasurer; DeMasi, representative to Grand Lodge and Mr. Gribben, alternate representative.

A class of candidates will be initiated into the order and honored with a reception March 23.

WORD FROM GERMANY AWAITS ERNA SCHUTZ

Erna Schutz, formerly of 1331 Central Ave., is being sought by the Indianapolis chapter of the Red Cross which has received a reply to the message she sent to relatives in Germany in November, 1943.

RATION CALENDAR

MEAT—Red stamps Q5 through S5 good through March 31; T5 through X5 good through April 28; Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2. E2 through J2 are valid through June 30. Meat dealers will pay two red points and 4 cents for each pound of waste fat.

CANNED GOODS—Blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 good through March 31; C2 through G2 good through April 28; H2 through M2 are good through June 2. N2 through S2 are valid through June 30.

SUGAR—Stamp 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Another stamp will become valid May 1.

GANOLINE—A-14 coupons good for four gallons each and are valid through March 21. B5 and C5 and

BRIDGE ESCAPES 'SUICIDE' DIVES

By ROBERT W. RICHARDS
United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH U. S. 3D ARMY IN GERMANY, March 13.—Remnants of a fleeing German convoy were half way across a Rhine bridge when Nazi storm troops blasted the structure.

Horses screamed and German soldiers shouted in panic as they were hurried into the air and fell screaming into the swiftly flowing river.

The men who lived attempted to swim toward the east bank but SS

riflemen, crouching in shelters, coldly picked them off one by one.

This story was told to officers of the 4th armored division by a captured German captain, three Luftwaffe pilots and 22 Ukrainians who had been members of the Wehrmacht.

Each man talked independently of the other and all recited virtually the same facts.

The convoy of at least 200 horse-drawn and motor vehicles began withdrawing toward the Kron Prince bridge, midway between Andernach

and Coblenz, at 6 a. m. March 9.

Fourth division tanks and artillery intercepted it only 200 yards from the bridge. Their fire destroyed the lead vehicles and threw the entire column into confusion.

Several vehicles reached the span and were half way across when Germans on the east bank set off prepared charges to demolish the bridge.

The prisoners said no Americans were within crossing distance, and there was no immediate necessity for the destruction.

They charged the S. S. blew the bridge quicker than necessary because the force attempting to cross had been ordered to hold west of the Rhine.

"The S. S. saved their own skins and murdered our comrades for attempting to do the same," one prisoner said.

So much German equipment was left destroyed along the narrow approach to the shattered span that Americans have named it the "Little Falaise."

They first from German sources of sabotage by a member of the German army. He was among 33 engineers assigned to the bridge who were captured today while fighting as infantrymen in Luebendorf, one mile south of Linz.

The Ludendorff bridge across the Rhine fell intact to the 1st army because a German soldier, "tired of fighting," deliberately cut demolition charge wires, a German prisoner said last night.

The prisoner, a German engineer sergeant in a demolition company, told his captors that he had been informed the German captain in charge of blowing up the bridge had committed suicide after its capture.

The sergeant's story was among

the first from German sources of

sabotage already in American hands, the prisoner said.

Fleeing into bushes, the engineers hid out until nightfall, then returned to their outfit.

As for the soldier who cut the demolition charges wires, a German

prisoner said:

"Like the rest of us, he was tired of fighting. Only the S. S. (elite storm troopers) want to continue the war."

LODGES MEET TONIGHT

The Marion county association, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet with Ironwood Camp 2430 in a called meeting tonight at the hall.

WALTER H. O'NEALL, BUSINESSMAN, DIES

Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, March 13.—Rites will be held here Thursday for Walter H. O'Neal, Crawfordsville businessman and president of the W. Q. O'Neal Co. He died yesterday.

Active in Crawfordsville industry since his graduation from Wabash college in 1906, Mr. O'Neal was 60. He was vice president of the Armclo Draining and Metal Products, Inc., secretary-treasurer of the Post-war Public Works Council of Indiana and a secretary of the Highway Equipment and Materials association.

Bernie is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Mrs. Norman Perry Jr.; two sons, Samuel, with the army in France, and Thomas, at home. A third son, Lt. William Q. O'Neal, B-17 pilot, was killed in France, Dec. 31, 1943.

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NEW YORK, March 13 (U. P.)—A cigarette counter in the lobby of the Central Court building, Brooklyn, "No ifs—, No ands—, No buts," displayed this sign today:

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