

Germans Don't Realize Price They Must Pay For Defeat, Writer Finds

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BERLIN, July 18.—The 45 self-sacrificing German women of Zehlendorf illustrate the state of mind here in Berlin, which underlines one of the problems before the Potsdam conference.

These women—simple, middle-class housewives of the suburban Zehlendorf district—decided that they had had enough of American

officers taking over their homes as billets.

It was about time—after a fortnight of occupancy—that officers, attached to Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay's United States group control council, got out and gave them back their homes, they decided.

So they held a mass meeting of protest. That is not important in itself,

nor is the housewives' subsequent roundup by the military authorities for a good scolding and pointed explanation about the meaning of the occupation.

All, 45 hausfrauen reported humbly and meekly back to their former homes the next morning to make the beds and sweep the floors, and they complained no more—at least not publicly—about the lot of the vanquished.

But what is important is this: Berliners do not realize the price they must pay for losing the war.

By and large they talk as if the Big Three powers—and eventually France—planned to spend only a few months in Berlin and then retire.

An undercurrent of arrogance and suppressed hatred lies close to their ingratiating surface meekness. They fawn and they apologize and they proclaim their unbroken distaste for the Nazis.

But never do they say one word about the misery the Germans have brought upon the world.

Never do they feel that the stinking, horrible wreckage of Berlin has any aspect of retribution.

At least I haven't heard any such indications of repentance or appreciation of the real cost of

war. Typical of Berliners' warped perspective on defeat is the attitude of the former Luftwaffe pilot, who asked an American officer:

"How soon after you hold your joint victory parade are all of you going to leave?"

It had not occurred to him, apparently, that we were here for a long time. He was startled when told that we might occupy Ger-

many for 20 or more years.

Many times in the fortnight since I arrived in Berlin, have I recalled what a hard-faced wehrmacht deserter once told me in Sweden last year:

"Unless you allies, and especially you Americans, enforce firm peace terms upon the Germans, they'll laugh at you behind your backs and you'll pay a real price for victory."

Undermined by long years of clever Goebbels propaganda—and trained to think that all Russians are barbarians and all Americans soft sentimentalists—the distorted German mind en masse provides not the least of the complications in the handling of the future of this broken, tottering but still arrogant country.

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LOOK INTO CASE OF CHENNAULT

Senators Want to Know Why General Quit.

WASHINGTON, July 18 (U. P.)—The senate military affairs committee wants to find out what is behind the resignation of Maj. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault as commander of the U. S. 14th air force in China.

The committee decided in a closed session yesterday to look into the question. It will start with a closed meeting tomorrow with Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

It was reliably reported that the committee devoted most of yesterday's closed session to discussion of the Chennault resignation and many members expressed dissatisfaction and a feeling that Chennault may have been the victim of an injustice.

Seek Speedy Inquiry

One member said he believed that Chennault "has been shoved around by some of the army brass."

Chennault, founder of the famed American volunteer group which fought in China as the "Flying Tigers" before the 14th air force was organized, announced his resignation last Saturday. He said the action was dictated by reasons of health.

The general said he would return to this country as soon as possible. There have been reports that he will retire from the army.

Committee members were not sure what effect their investigation could have on Chennault's status since his resignation already has been accepted. They intended to get the inquiry under way, however, before his actual retirement from the army could become effective.

Cpl. Jim, Victim Of Japs, Sinking

PT. WORTH, Tex., July 18 (U. P.)—Cpl. Jim Newman, whose valiant fight against death despite overwhelming odds has endeared him to the hearts of the nation, was reported sinking today.

His mother said the 25-year-old soldier spent a restless night and had been unable to eat all day yesterday. His only nourishment came from a glass of milk at the evening meal.

Jim was brought home from an army hospital in New Mexico more than two weeks ago when military doctors said he had only two days to live.

His physician, Dr. Jack Daly, said last night that the young hero now was suffering from an intestinal infection in addition to the beriberi, tuberculosis and acute malnutrition he developed after three years in a Jap prison camp.

JAPS LEAP CLIFFS TO AVOID CAPTURE

CALCUTTA, July 18 (U. P.)—Twenty-six Japanese soldiers were killed outright, and many other died of their injuries, when entire units leaped over a cliff rather than be captured by British troops attacking their position, the Southeast Asia command's communiqué announced today.

The attack occurred 44 miles east of Yamethin, which is 115 miles south of Mandalay, on the main Mandalay-Rangoon road and railway.

Japanese units attempted to ambush British troops 17 miles east of Toungoo, but met no success.

URGE RUSSIAN ACTION

SYDNEY, Australia, July 18 (U. P.)—The Sydney Telegraph urged editorially today that Russia throw all the force of her eastern army against the Japanese in Manchuria, to help speed the final defeat of Japan.

HEADS FAR EAST A. A. F.—MANILA, July 18 (U. P.)—Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, 5th air force commander, now is in command of Far East air force operations in the Ryukus, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Bicycle Tourists



BOY, 8, IS INJURED IN SWIMMING POOL

THE BIG CITY, especially Indianapolis' "mail boxes," was just too much for 17-year-old Eugene Head of Tompkinsville, Ky.

Thomas Payne, 15, of 1211 Herbert st., fell from a scaffold while hanging a sign at the ball park and scraped his leg on a nail.

Gilbert Long, 8, of 2005 E. Maryland st., was cut on his chin when he hit the side of the swimming pool while diving.

Both were treated at City hospital and released.

Big City Battles Kentucky Youth

ave, yesterday. A passerby pointed to the mail box at Blake and New York sts. but wasn't too specific.

Beside the mail box was a new style no-glass-to-break alarm firebox.

The youth chose the wrong box for his letters and brought fire engines screaming to the scene. Not until then did he learn the correct place to drop his letters.

LOCAL BOY HELD IN CHICAGO HOLDUP CASE

CHICAGO, July 18 (U. P.)—A 17-year-old Indianapolis boy, who police said bragged about 6 years of crime, was held today after his arrest for trying to rob three federal reserve bank employees.

Police said that James Mescal confessed yesterday that he and two other youths tried to hold up the bank workers. Mescal was caught but the other boys lost their nerve and ran.

Mescal admitted serving jail sentences in Indianapolis and Arizona.

Father of 15 Says He's Navy Champ

LOS ANGELES, July 18 (U. P.)—Navy Chief Steward Gregorio Zagala, 47-year-old father of 15 children, today claimed the U. S. naval parternity championship.

The Filipino veteran of 27 years in service listed his eight sons and seven daughters and said he expected to clinch the title when Mrs. Zagala gives birth to another baby in November.

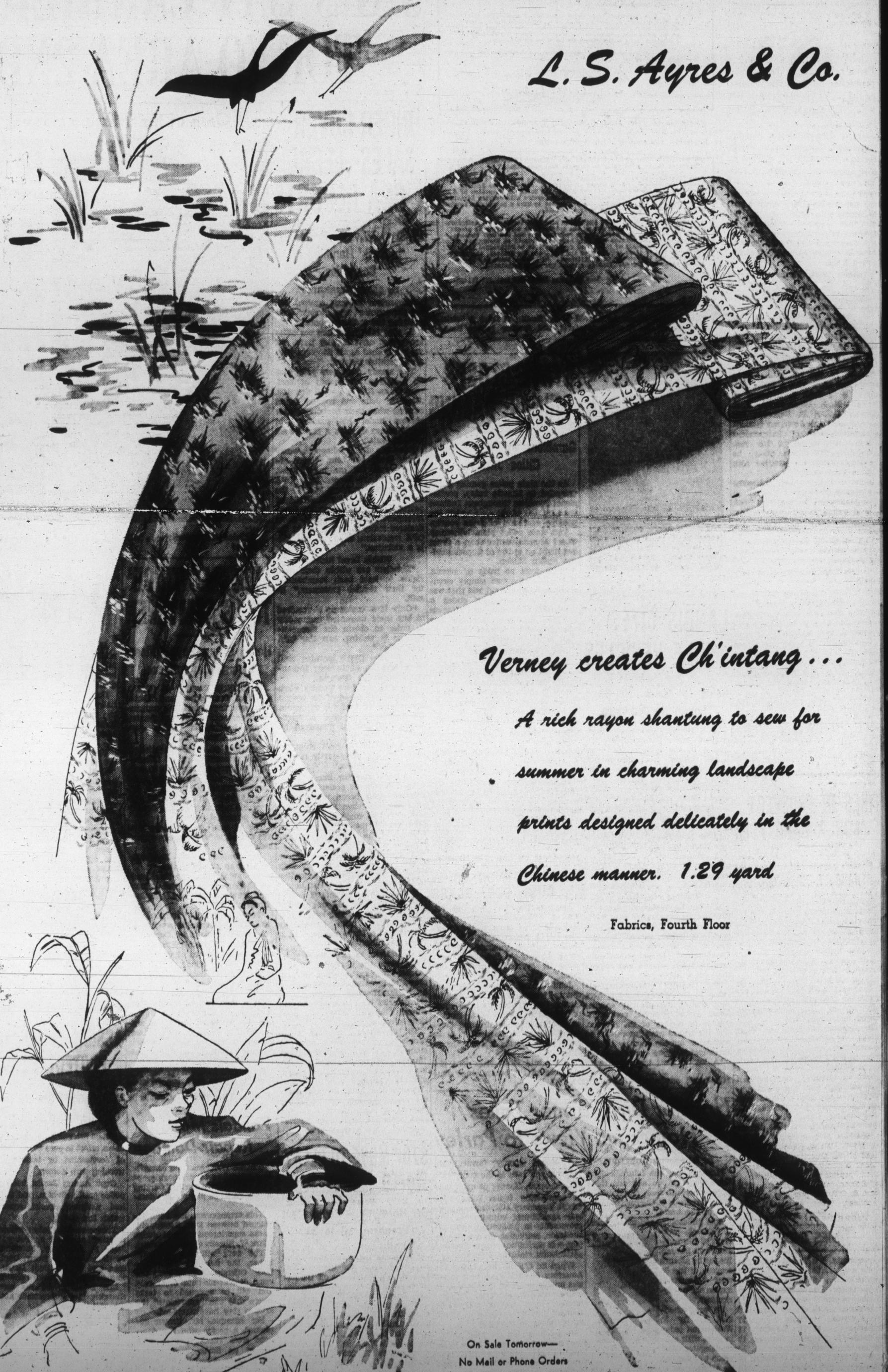
Zagala's record ruled out the championship bid of S. I. c Roman

L Springer of Winona, Minn., father of 14 children.

The Zagala brood ranges in age from Dolores, 25, to James, 4. Two of the girls are married while three of the sons have followed their father into the navy and are now overseas.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION

Council 350, Degree of Pocahontas, will install officers in a public ceremony at 8 p.m. tonight. Mrs. Bertha Doyle will be in charge.



IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Waste paper collection, northeast of 16th and Meridian. State golf championship tournament, Broadmoor Country club. Junior Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Hotel Washington. Plainfield Boys' band, concert, 8 p.m., Broadmoor park. Fanner House country fair, 25th st. and Ralston ave.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Waste paper collection, southeast of 16th and Meridian. State golf championship tournament, Broadmoor Country club. Indiana State Typists, dinner, 6 p.m., Hotel Washington. Fanner House country fair, 25th st. and Ralston ave.

BIRTHS

At Coleman—James, Flora, Welsh, girl.

At Coleman—Herbert, Edna Boone; James, Edith Jerritt.

At Edwards—William, Rosemary, Brian.

Nicholas, Steve, George, Vicki, Mark.

At E. House—Gerald, Margaret, Reese.

At St. Vincent's—George, Elvanda, Burdette.

At Home—Harry, Mary, Campbell, Tibor.

Patricia, Joseph, Edith, Hender.

At Summer Ave.—John, Wilma, Ruth.

1732 Lambert st.; Orval, Lena Stevens, 612 E. Georgia st.

Boys

At St. Francis—Robert, Bettie Rose Dickson.

At City—Home, Rosene McClung.

At City—Henry, Zula Carbonell.

Maurice, Lola Green, Joseph, Ruth.

Schreiber.

At St. Francis—Roy, Laverne, Barbara.

James, Alberta, Goodwin, John.

Betty Hall, Robert, Lovell, Thomas.

Roy, Daisy Thompson, William, Virginia.

Vance, Harry, Amelia Wieden.

At St. Francis—Franklin, Florence Shellen.

At City—June, Sowden.

At Home—Benjamin, Eliza Cunningham.

2303½ Guilford st.; Carson, Mae Mai.

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