

U. S. 'DE-NAZIFYING' 7000 GERMAN BOYS

Mass Re-Education of Youthful Prisoners of War
In Democracy Includes Banning of All
Militaristic Habits.

(First of a Series)

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ATTICHY, France, Aug. 13.—The world's first mass attempt to educate Nazi youth in principles of democracy is going forward behind barbed wire in the U. S. army's huge prisoner-of-war camp near this village.

The pupils of this unique school are 7000 German boys, not one of whom was more than 5 years old when Hitler came to power.

Their teachers, like themselves, are prisoners of war, carefully selected by the Americans in charge to make sure that their sympathies and political beliefs are anti-Nazi.

Most of the boys are 16 or 17 years old. But there are hundreds of younger ones, ranging down to two tiny, homesick chaps of 12.

THE SCHOOL was started last April. It has grown, partly by accident, but largely through the sympathetic interest and efforts of two American officers—Maj. William H. McGrath of Baltimore and Capt. A. C. Johnson of Moscow, Idaho—who have commanded the prison camp since January.

For many months, while the fighting was on, captured German soldiers, young and older, had to be herded in this camp—Prisoner of War Enclosure No. 15—and in others. For various reasons the close association of boys and men was undesirable.

SO, AS soon as he could, Maj. McGrath, then in command here, set aside two sections of the 66-acre camp—the "baby cages," as the G. I.s call them—for youths of 17 or younger. There were then 66,000 prisoners in the camp, of whom 3000 were youngsters. Since that time the total number of prisoners here has fallen to 40,700, but boys transferred from other camps have raised the population of the "baby cages" to 7000.

As a first step toward unlearning the stern lessons ground into them in the Hitler Youth organization and the German army, the boys were freed from all military duties and formalities.

Saluting was abolished. Instead these young Germans now doff their caps and bow politely when they see American officers. But this gesture is voluntary. They are not rebuked if they omit it.

THEY ARE not required to stand at attention when talking with Americans, or to march in step when they move from class to class or go on weekly walks—in groups of 200—through the surrounding countryside.

They wear salvaged U. S. army uniforms, with the letters "P. W."—for "prisoner of war"—painted in white on coat backs and trouser seats. But they are encouraged to dress up these uniforms with individual touches: a flower in the cap; a scrap of colored cloth on coat lapel or at shirt collar.

Even their bugle calls are non-militaristic—snatches of old German folksongs. The call that sends them to bed at night is a tender strain from the Brahms "Lullaby."

THEY GET three meals a day of standard prisoners' rations. It is mostly dehydrated food; powdered milk and eggs, a little canned meat, potatoes, canned fruit salad, white bread from the camp bakery, sometimes lemonade. They are thriving on this diet.

At first, all but a handful of the

Helps Veterans



Levi C. Noakes, former veterans representative in the U. S. employment service office at Richmond, Ind., has been appointed veterans representative at the Indianapolis USES office. He succeeds Harvey C. Stout who has joined the state bureau of veterans affairs.

REPORT AGREEMENT ON RUSS-JAP BORDER

LONDON, Aug. 13 (U. P.)—A dispatch in the Sunday Observer said yesterday that it was understood that the late President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin before the Yalta conference last February had agreed on a five-point program regarding Japanese-occupied territory bordering Far Eastern Russia.

The dispatch listed the following conditions:

1. Russia was to re-acquire the Chinese eastern railway, sold to the puppet Manchurian government in 1935.

2. Outer and inner Mongolia were to be united into a republic under Russian sphere of influence.

3. Manchuria was to become an independent republic, but also would be under the Russian sphere.

4. The Portsmouth treaty of 1904 was to be annulled, voiding Japan's annexation of Korea.

5. Southern Sakhalin was to be returned to Russia and part of the north Kuriles isle would be leased to Moscow to give direct access to the ice-free port of Petropavlovsk.

WANT A YACHT?

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (U. P.)—The war shipping administration today invited the public to bid on 16 surplus Cris-Craft pleasure yachts built originally for the coast guard. Bids will be opened publicly at WSA headquarters here Aug. 31.

Othman Explains Radar So Even He Can Understand It

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13—Spell "radar" backward and what do you get? Confusion.

The army published 200 pages yesterday explaining the atomic bomb, but it read like double-talk to me. Now the army comes along and says it will issue the inside dope day after tomorrow on radar, which is a widget that can see through fog and the black of night without even squinting.

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I have no confidence in the army's ability to explain radar to my satisfaction and I have consulted the old professor for the truth about radar in words that make sense. Pardon me, army, for scooping you; here's the straight stuff on radar:

Power By Air

A few years before the war the men in the back room of a couple of universities and three big electric manufacturing plants were kicking the gong around on the subject of sending electric power without wires. This would save a lot of wire, not to mention poles.

The trick was to make their power go in a straight line, to the beam with those electric autos, while the copper wire stringing the

stead of all over the lot. They finally figured out a deal whereby I could hold an electric light bulb in my hand at the top of the Washington monument (which already has got a light) and you could turn on your dynamo in Alexandria, Va., 20 miles away. My bulb would glow, without wires, black capes, mirrors, anything.

Bouncing Electricity?

That current was traveling through the air from your generator to my bulb. The inventors were excited about this, as you can imagine, and they were talking over their coffee about the happy day when every house had its aerial to take in electricity from the air.

They even mentioned the possibility some day of electric automobiles, with meters on 'em, to run with juice from the air.

You're wondering what this has got to do with radar? Haw? There was an odd thing about squirting a stream of electricity through space, like water from a hose. When the stream bumped into something at the other end, like me on top of Washington monument, some of

the electricity bounced back to

the beam with those electric autos, while the copper wire stringing the

country will be melted down for pennies. Honest, that's what he says.

Okay, army. Take it away. Let's see you explain it better.

NEWSPAPERMAN OF MICHIGAN CITY DIES

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Aug. 13 (U. P.)—Herbert Roy Misner, 68, pioneer Michigan City newspaperman and Florida hotel owner, died

of a heart ailment at his home last night.

Mr. Misner was a native of Michigan City. He joined the Michigan City News as city editor after graduation from high school and later became a junior partner in the firm of Robt. and Misner, publishers of the paper. Mr. Misner sold his interests to the Michigan City Dispatch association and the Inland Press association.

His wife, Zeola Hershey Misner, former chautauque lecturer; a son, Richard H. Misner, St. Joseph, Mich., and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Jurney, Washington, D. C., newspaperwoman, survive.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Public Budget Hearings To Be Held Soon.

Taxpayers today were urged to attend public hearings on governmental budget and to insist upon economies wherever possible.

Walter T. Horn, executive secretary of the Indiana Taxpayers' association, declared that many budget items can be pruned if taxpayers will take an interest and will attend public hearings.

He called attention to a "definite trend toward much higher property taxes next year."

County councils will meet Sept. 4 for the adoption of county budgets; city councils and town boards Aug. 27, and city and town school boards Aug. 30, Mr. Horn reminded.

Welfare Budgets Up

"Public welfare budgets for 1946 ask for a total of \$28,110,782," the taxpayers' official asserted. "Final appropriations for this year amounted to \$27,452,629."

Mr. Horn said the welfare estimate for next year would require an average property tax rate of 20 cents.

At least 65 counties, he added, will ask for increased welfare tax rates over rates in effect this year.

Reductions Possible

"We are confident that county councils and adjustment boards can make substantial reductions, if they scrutinize these budgets carefully and reduce budget estimates that are not needed to finance their programs," Mr. Horn said.

He asserted that proposed spending for direct poor relief is higher in many townships than circumstances justify.

"Direct poor relief costs are much higher than they were in 1929, when there was no such thing as public welfare in Indiana," the taxpayers' secretary concluded.

CENSORSHIP TO EASE

HONOLULU, Aug. 13 (U. P.)—Censorship of civilian mail, cables, radiograms and radio-telephone calls originating from Hawaii will be discontinued when President Truman officially announces victory over Japan, the army said today.

boys were in bad condition. Most of them were undernourished. Many had trench-foot and other ailments. Now 95 per cent of them are said to be physically fit.

HOW MUCH their mental attitude has changed is impossible to judge. But Capt. Johnson who has been at the camp from the outset, and who became its commander when Maj. McGrath moved on to become deputy provost marshal of this Oise section, is optimistic.

"Remember that we're trying to teach democracy to boys in cages," he says. "Considering that, I think we're making real progress."

NEXT: What the young German prisoners study.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Secured Fire and Marine Insurance Co., luncheon, noon, Hotel Washington.

Democratic Great Knights of Khorasan, national conference, Claypool hotel.

Indiana Canneries association, luncheon, noon, Claypool hotel.

Saints club, luncheon, noon, Claypool hotel.

University of Michigan club, luncheon, noon, American, Indianapolis.

Indiana University club, luncheon, noon, Columbia club.

Indiana Women's Bowling association, meeting, 8 p. m., Hotel Lincoln.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indiana Y. Men's club, International, noon, Central, Y. M. C. A.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Arvin, 1218, Sterling; Marilyn Melor, 617 Buchanan; Bertha Fields, 617 Buchanan.

Calvin Pool, 2825 Forest; Madeline Berndt, 1100 W. 11th; Roberta Charles Egan, 725 W. 11th.

William Robins, 433 Broadway; Eileen Hogue, 2240 N. Pennsylvania.

Elaine Ralph, 2240 N. Pennsylvania.

George Laughner, 2345 Durham; Marjorie Halcomb, 3723 E. Michigan.

John Johnson, 2017 E. Washington; Ruth Harrison, 2017 E. Washington; Stelio Merrill, 1033 Harrison; Stelio Merrill, 1033 Harrison; Ruth Harrison, 2017 E. Washington.

George Woods, 1333 Franklin; Betty Morris, 1333 Franklin; Jean Barnes, 2129 Olive; Mildred Wood, 2129 Olive; Ruth Barnes, 2129 Olive; Ruth Barnes, 2129 Olive; Mildred Wood, 2129 Olive.

Robert Wurtz, U. S. navy; Alice Murphy, 5320 Lowell.

Leiland Clark, 1115 Marquette; Eileen Johnson, 1221 Belhaven.

Joe Bowman, 1508 Comer; Betty Johnson, 318 Leeds.

John Lee, 1501 N. Illinois; Jean Barnes, 2129 Olive; Mildred Wood, 2129 Olive.

Alvin Shultz Jr., Indianapolis; Clarence Smith, 4133 Mathews.

Robert Wurtz, U. S. navy; Lorraine L. Lyle, 1725 Box 228.

Frederick Quinn, Jr., 1238 Broadway; Linda Thompson, 1238 Broadway; G. C. Stanley Norman, 3428 College; Gwendolyn Phillips, 3428 College.

Edwin Ross, 1315军; army; Lillian Klein, 1315军; army; Lillian Klein, 1315军; army.

John W. Washington, 1229 Olive; Mildred Wood, 2129 Olive.

Wickemeyer, 2429 E. 15th.

Albert Gilligan, 1315 Pleasant; Mary Nations, 1315 N. Pennsylvania.

DEATHS

Jesse Wampler, 66, at Veterans, arteriosclerosis.

William E. Cronin, 50, at 2716 N. Delaware, pulmonary tuberculosis.

George L. Lunder, 78, at 1628 N. Illinois, arteriosclerosis.

Robert Wasson, 49, at City, hepatitis.

Robert Wasson, 49, at 619 N. North, cerebral hemorrhage.

Dalton J. Martin, 65, at City, carcinoma.

John W. Washington, 62, at 18 B. Temple, chronic myocarditis.

Thomas Brower, 44, at St. Vincent's, coronary occlusion.

Eita Fink, 60, at Long, myocarditis.

Loren L. Venis, 50, at 4445 Marcy Lane, coronary occlusion.

William W. Donald, 81, at 974 W. 32d, acute cardiac dilatation.

Charles E. Dunn, 75, at Methodist, coronary.

Ruby Summers, 44, at Methodist, myocarditis.

Albert E. Taylor, 77, at Methodist, carcinoma.

Lilburn N. Drennan, 57, at St. Vincent's, coronary occlusion.

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and a sigh or several from your
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looking, swell wearing back-to-school
clothes from
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