

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

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

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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, Ida.—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 300-acre camp—the "baby cages," as the G. I. 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

CITIZENS URGED TO STUDY TAXES

Public Budget Hearings To Be Held Soon.

Taxpayers today were urged to attend public hearings on governmental budgets 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.

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.

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.

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 Kurile island would be leased to Moscow to give direct access to the ice-free port of Petropavolsk.

Othman Explains Radar So Even He Can Understand It

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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.

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 boys 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, in-

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 where it came from.

Don't ask me why. The army will go into that Wednesday. Anyhow, we're still in Alexandria, lighting up my bulb on top of the monument. You've got a small screen on top of your dynamo and, for better or worse, you can see me, my bulb and the tip of the monument in it. That, friends, is radar.

When the war came, the scientists forgot about wireless power transmission as such and took up the sideline business of picture-making, which seemed to be more important. So it is that an admiral on a battleship can peek at his screen and see through the night in all directions.

Television Simple

If there's a Jap bomber anywhere around he can tune in on it, sharply, and see it, too. And so on. Our boats carry radar. So do our airplanes and the lads who sail 'em can see as well by night as by day, like owls, only better.

My professor says that radar some day will become television, without scanning discs, synchronous motors, and all the other complicated innards now in use. Some day also the radar fellows will get back on 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 Robb 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 chautauqua 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.

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Boy's leather cap - 2.00

All wool tan sport coat, sizes 33 to 38 - 19.95
Contrasting brown wool flannel slacks - 8.95
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Stitched hat - 3.75
Boy's Herringbone tweed suit, sizes 12 to 18 - 25.00
Young Man's gray chalk stripe flannel suit, sizes 33 to 38 - 26.50
Extra slacks in plain blue all wool flannel - 10.50

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY
Secured Fire and Marine Insurance Co. luncheon, noon, Hotel Washington.
Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, national conference, Claypool hotel.
Indiana Cannery association, luncheon, noon, Claypool hotel.
Scientech club, luncheon, noon, Claypool hotel.
University of Michigan club, luncheon, noon, Athenaeum.
Indiana University club, luncheon, noon, Columbia club.
Indianapolis Women's Bowling association, meeting, 8 p. m., Hotel Lincoln.

EVENTS TOMORROW
Indianapolis Y Men's club, International, noon, Central Y. M. C. A.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Robert Arrin, 1218 Sterling; Marilyn Meior, 1818 E. 12th.
Lou Frymouth, 1850 N. Pennsylvania; Becky Passio, 1137 S. Illinois.
George Laughner, 2345 Durham; Marjorie Balcorn, 2723 E. Michigan.
Howard Norris, Fort Harrison; Stella Merrill, 1103 Raleigh.
George Woods, Vincennes; Aldeth Space, Monroe City.
Ernest Gardner, 617 Buchanan; Bertha Fields, 617 Buchanan.
Calvin Pool, 2825 Forest; Maude Bernadine Edwards, 1116 N. New Jersey.
William Robin, 423 Bancroft; Ellen Horne, 2240 N. Pennsylvania.
Joseph King, 2411 E. Washington; Oscar Gert, 406 S. Warner; Martha Coffey, 1154 Concord.
Bill Anderson, 124 N. New Jersey; Ruby Stearns, City.
James Kellers, 824 E. Michigan; Virginia Stagg, 728 Fulton.
Don Rugs, U. S. army; Loreta Simpson, 516 W. Morris.
Joseph Budd, 905 W. Michigan; Rosin Anderson, 408 Agnes.
Morris Franklin, 1233 Spang; Betty White, 810 N. Tuxedo.
John Rovnak, 2840 Washington Blvd.; Ruth Bibbs, 2840 Washington Blvd.
Ira McClain, 850 Division; N. A. Culp, Indianapolis.
Robert Wurtz, U. S. navy; Alice Murphy, 5250 Lowell.
Leland Clark, 2816 Martindale; Elora Hubbard, 1721 Bellefontaine.
Joe Bowman, 1508 Comer; Betty Johnson, 518 Leeds.
John Lee, 1701 N. Illinois; Jean Barnes, 3038 College.
Alva Sholly Jr., Indianapolis; Claragene Bittle, 4133 Matthews.
Robert Webster, 1719 N. Lynhurst; Doris Brown, S. E. 17, Box 322.
Frederick Quinn Jr., 6389 Broadway; Margaret Anderson, Gladstone, N. C.
Stanley Norman, 5425 College; Owendine Phillips, 5425 College.
Edwin Rose, U. S. army; Lillian Klesmer, 4530 Washington Blvd.
Lael Rome, 1229 Olive; Mildred Woodruff, 5138 Olive.
Andrew Smerek, Lakewood, O.; Hildegard Winkemeyer, 2428 E. 10th.
Albert Gillingham, 1316 Pleasant; Mary Ballen, 1818 N. Pennsylvania.

BIRTHS
Girls
At St. Francis—William, Nancy Bell, Thomas, Doris Ford; Martin, Margaret; Krug, Harry; Ruth Rockford; Charles, Helen; Taylor, Willard, Lucille; Willoughby.
At City—Joe, Dorothy Adair; Angelo, Susan; Harper, Carl; Bernice Stewart.
At Coleman—Robert, Betty Brown; John, Nancy Carpenter; Garland, Teresa; Edwards, Ralph; Ruth Hines; Arnold, Betty; Horstman, Billy; Joanne Robbins; Robert, Doris Saige.
At Methodist—John, Kathleen Fogarty; Clyde, Evelyn Plantgreb; Charles, Alma; Fugate, Nile; Emily Harper; Emmett, Norma McCray; Henry, Imelda Ostrom; Charles, Joana; Gerald, William; Mildred Sparks; Robert, Martha Warriner.
At St. Vincent—Walter, Marie Blankenship; Charles, Roberta Lindemeyer; Donald, Ruth Manning; Howard, Mary Westbrook; Delmar, Emma Wilson; James, Audrey Wood.
At Home—Shedrick Marion Madison, 2846 Hughes place; Thomas, Carrie Shuck, 444 E. Market.

BOYS
At St. Francis—Fred, Laura Graber; Earnest, Maxine Maupin; Harry, Dorothy Miller; George, Cecelia Neidhardt; Glenn, Rind Swisher.
At City—Charles, Guirther Evans; Eddie, Martha McLemore; Rufus, Mary K. Walker.
At Coleman—Ocie Edward, Edwin Greenwood; Harold, Lillie Mae; Peirce, Irvin, Ruth Talestic.
At Methodist—Thomas, Mabel Austin; Harry, Nina Dealine; Bruce, Donna; Fowler, Willie; Dora Hartley; John, Bernice McChesley; Robert, Brian McCracken; May, Violet Shanklin; Lewis, Helen Smith; Emmett, Helen Whitehouse.
At St. Vincent—Harold, Alice Commons; Charles, Onai McClain; Harry, Irene McEligh; Richard, Juanita Smith.

DEATHS
Jesse Wampier, 68, at Veterans, arterio-sclerosis.
William S. Cronin, 50, at 3716 N. Delaware, pulmonary tuberculosis.
Grace Lenderback, 78, at 1228 N. Illinois, arterio-sclerosis.
Viola Reed, 86, at 615 N. Noble, cerebral hemorrhage.
Della J. Martin, 65, at City, carcinoma.
John E. McEaffery, 62, at 18 S. Temple, chronic myocarditis.
Thomas Brower, 54, at St. Vincent's, coronary occlusion.
Eula Pinton, 62, at Long myocarditis.
Loren L. Venis, 50, at 4440 Marcy Lane, normal occlusion.
Thomas William McDonald, 81, at 974 W. 32d, acute cardiac dilatation.
Charles R. Dunn, 78, at Methodist, carcinoma.
Ruby Summer, 44, at Methodist, myocarditis.
Arthur H. Taylor, 77, at Methodist, carcinoma.
Liburn N. Davis, 57, at St. Vincent's, coronary occlusion.

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