

## FAMED 82D PLANS BIG VICTORY PARADE

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (U.P.) — Troops of the famous all-American 82d airborne division which will stage the official victory parade of this war here on Jan. 12, came home yesterday aboard the Queen Mary for a tumultuous harbor welcome.

Maj. Gen. James Maurice Gavin, commander of the division, boarded the vessel down the bay and led the 8800 veterans down the gangplank when the British liner docked. Gavin, 38, youngest division commander in American history, returned to the United States by plane last month and has been arranging for the triumphant march up 5th ave. next week.

### TEST HEAT ABSORPTION

WASHINGTON — Using test panels of different colors exposed to the sun, government investigations show a daily mean rise in temperature in the panels ranging from 8.9 degrees Fahrenheit for glossy white to 20.9 degrees for black.

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### Still Like 19th Century

If the United Nations organization selects Hyde Park as its permanent home, as now seems probable, the delegates will find here an unspoiled bit of Hudson river valley beauty, static, restful and quiet.

It is pretty much unchanged in

## Peaceful Hyde Park, With 19th Century Airs, Offers Restful Setting for World Capitol

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HYDE PARK, N. Y., Jan. 3.—About 25 years ago, in the old Life magazine, there was a humorous commentary about a summer place in the country, the last two lines of which went like this:

"Here the drive of life relaxes  
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Now a few more years have passed, and the White House special and the official cars don't go there any more.

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half a mile from the east bank of the Hudson, on a shelf of rocky land. The four-track main line of the New York Central runs along the river's edge at the bottom of the slope. The speeding trains, with one or two exceptions a day, loftily ignore Hyde Park.

Estate Public Property Now  
And there is the pleasant little James Roosevelt memorial library, a field stone structure donated by Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, the President's mother, in memory of her husband.

For several generations past, the village economic life was rooted in the vast estates that spread above and below Hyde Park on the banks of the Hudson. These estates close to Hyde Park employed many craftsmen, farm hands and domestic servants.

The center of the town, if such is to be called, is where Market st. crosses the Albany road. At this intersection is a drug store, a grocery, a barber shop, an auto service, an Odd Fellows' hall and the post office.

On the next lane that crosses the Albany road, Main st., are the prime

fishing in the Hudson every spring, but this is a short term business. Many of the villagers now work in Poughkeepsie, 10 miles south on the river.

Nothing for Young Person

Others work on the old estates, but on state and federal payrolls. Others are retired and spinning out their final days in the ancient town.

There is nothing here for a young person, as more than one parent told the writer.

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt estate of 211 acres, the Archibald Rogers estate of 741 acres, and 53 acres of the late President's estate are now in federal ownership. The national park service of the department of interior operates the Vanderbilt estate as a national museum.

A RFC subsidiary owns the Rogers

estate, which was used to house the site sub-committee for the UNO preparatory commission in a few days.

Villagers Not Enthusiastic  
Twenty acres of the Roosevelt property are dedicated to the library housing the late President's private papers, and 33 acres, including the Roosevelt mansion, and the garden where the late President is buried, are being prepared as a national museum to be opened by the park service some time in the next few months.

The villagers of Hyde Park are impressed, but not wildly enthusiastic, over the likely prospect that their little community will become the world capital.

Most of the energy for the drive to bring UNO here originates in Poughkeepsie, where the local committee is preparing to receive a

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