

STARVING NEAR IN GERMAN AREA

Briton Says 10,000,000 in Zone Are Menaced.

BERLIN, March 7 (U. P.)—Lt. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, deputy British military governor, admitted today that 10,000,000 Germans, or about half the non-farming population in the British zone, were on near starvation rations now and warned of widespread starvation threats in the next three months.

Gen. Robertson told a press conference that British occupation authorities had been advised they could expect no food imports for the German population between the end of March and the end of June.

"April, May and June will be critical months," Gen. Robertson said. "Something must be done."

When a correspondent asked if three months was enough time to produce widespread starvation, Gen. Robertson answered:

"Yes, in certain areas."

The British drastically slashed all rations last Monday, reducing normal consumers to 1014 calories a day.

Gen. Robertson admitted there was little prospect for immediate imports and said a further ration cut was a "distinct possibility."

Gen. Robertson, laying the German food plight before the world, said the problem would not be solved this year and predicted that the "battle of the winter of 1946-47" may be even grimmer than this year.

He asked that the situation be viewed from a practical rather than a sentimental standpoint.

HIGHER STANDARDS NEEDED FOR STAFF

An interim hospital at Billings General hospital, to remove veterans from waiting lists, will be staffed by Hoosier doctors if the Veterans' Administration in Washington lowers specifications.

The proposed second hospital for Indiana veterans can have 350 beds, buildings and equipment which will be a portion of the Billings hospital to be abandoned Monday.

Henry E. Siebenmark, state commander, told Legion guests of the new hospital's possibilities last night at a Hotel Ameria's party.

Dr. Mathew Winters, chairman of a dean's committee at the Indiana University Medical Center, told the group:

"Our committee was formed to staff the present veterans' hospital here according to administration's specifications laid down in Washington. However, there are not enough physicians in Indianapolis qualified under VA regulations to staff the Billings project also."

EX-CRONY OF HITLER ENDS HUNGER STRIKE

LONDON, March 7 (U. P.)—Ernst F. (Putz) Hanstaengl's lawyer said yesterday that the one-time crony of Adolf Hitler had ended a hunger strike.

Hanstaengl began his hunger strike Feb. 20 in protest against a British decision to return him to Germany. He is lodged in a prison cottage at Belgrave school at Wimbleton.

"I don't know how authorities managed to get him off the hunger strike," Kenneth Brown, his lawyer, said. "They didn't tell me anything more than that he stopped—not a word about his condition."

CONGRESSMAN IS IRKED BY SMILES

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Finds Not Enough Shirts and Underwear Are Being Made

By DOUGLAS SMITH
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, March 7.—When people can't buy shirts and underwear, they want to know why. They have received a wide variety of answers. Most of them are wrong.

The real reason shirts and underwear are scarce is that not enough of them are being made.

The government is doing something about that. Due any day now is a new ceiling-price system under which cotton mills can start full production of goods from which shirts and underwear are made.

This involves stabilization of the price of raw cotton, presumably at around the present 27 cents a pound, and an added "incentive" of 5 per cent to increase the production of low-cost goods. The mills have not been making much of their goods, because they say they couldn't be at a profit.

They have been making more expensive goods. That's why your clothing store often has \$6 "sports" shirts, but no ordinary \$2 shirts.

It appears doubtful that labor troubles hold up production. Though wages are low and some plants can't get enough workers to operate at capacity, less than a third of the plants are organized.

The Textile Workers Union (C. I. O.) has asked a 65-cent industry-wide minimum wage, which is standard in the New England mills but is slightly higher than the southern average.

Both industry and labor attach considerable significance to the settlement last week of the strike at the big Erwin mills in North Caro-

Builders Elect



Charles E. Wagner



Mr. Morris



Mr. Slagle

WAGNER NAMED TO HEAD GROUP

Association Closes 62d Annual Convention Here.

Charles E. Wagner of the Burnet-Blindford Lumber Co. here will head the Indiana Lumber & Builders Supply association for 1946. He was elected president today, the closing day of the group's 62nd annual convention and exhibition in the Murat temple.

Mr. Wagner succeeds Edward P. Redman of Terre Haute.

Elected vice president was Raymond Morris, a partner and manager in the Crawford-Morris Lumber Co., Mitchell, Ind. Retained as secretary-treasurer was R. W. Slagle, of Indianapolis.

The three-day convention was to end tonight with the annual banquet, floor show and dance at the Claypool hotel.

The Builders' day program yesterday broke all records for attendance and surpassed the predicted 3000. Some 2000 registered for the convention.

STRESS EVANGELISM AT CHURCH MEETING

COLUMBUS, O., March 7 (U. P.)—Evangelism was stressed as the primary task of the church which must be met with a sense of immediacy and urgency in a report adopted today by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The 15-page report of the council's section on evangelism was approved in its entirety by the federal council, which met in plenary session on the third and final day of its special meeting.

A 12-point program for action in evangelism was included in the report.

Reports of sections on world order and foreign relief were also scheduled for consideration by the council in plenary session today.

ANTI-TYPHUS DRIVE PLANNED IN JAPAN

YOKOHAMA, March 7 (U. P.)—A nation-wide anti-typhus campaign will be launched by the eighth army in Japan in the near future, it was announced by military authorities.

Using a mixture of crude tallow and American-made DDT, the army plans to dust all public places including stations, docks, prisons, railroad trains and ferries.

The eighth army surgeon quartermaster and military government sections will collaborate in the program.

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PIKE TOWNSHIP HOTEL PROJECT IS OPPOSED

An attempt to open a 22-room hotel for traveling men at 52d st. and state road 52 was being resisted today by nearby residents.

A number of them have protested to the Pike township planning board against a proposal by Ben Graesch, 1662 Fisher st., to remodel the old Snacks school building into a small hotel. About four families occupy apartment in the building now. They would be vacated, Mr. Graesch said.

Meeting informally Feb. 21, the township board denied Mr. Graesch's petition; however, he plans to file a formal petition with the county zoning board, which meets Tuesday.

LOSES \$2000 BROOCH

NEW YORK, March 7 (U. P.)—Joyce Blaffer, 19, Houston, Tex., was very unhappy today. The city sewer department was unable to find a \$2000 diamond brooch she thought she accidentally dropped into a catch basin.

FAMILY OF SOLDIER FINALLY REACHES U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7 (U. P.)—Pfc. Delmar Dustmann, Detroit, Mich., was en route in the United States today with the wife and family that cost him a month's army pay and two trips to India.

The 27-year-old soldier was sent to Karachi, India, during the early months of the war where he met and married (without army consent) an attractive British refugee from Rangoon.

For the breach of discipline he was court-martialed and fined half pay for two months.

Returned to the United States, Pfc. Dustmann persuaded an army reassignment board at Santa Barbara, Cal., to send him back to Karachi to join his wife and family in February, 1945.

Yesterday, Pfc. Dustmann, his wife, Veronica, May and two children, Delmar Pete, age 15 months, and Donna Lee, 2 months, arrived aboard the U. S. S. General Patton.

Aviation Centers Research On High-Altitude Heating

NEW YORK, March 7.—Heating and ventilating passenger airliners, particularly those designed for operation at 15,000 feet and over, is a problem on which aviation engineers are now concentrating because of anticipated increased travel by air and the use of high-altitude airplanes.

Development has already reached a point astonishing to the land engineer, B. M. Brod, of American Airlines, told a meeting here of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, but, he said, "the end is not yet, for pressurizing of cabins has raised many problems, some of which are not even as yet recognized."

Heating systems for air transports flying at 15,000-foot altitude television tubes is increased about 50 per cent by coating the back of the luminous surface of the picture tube with a layer of metal less than eight millions of an inch thick.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

(All Data in Central Standard Time)

Total precipitation since Jan. 1..... 76

Deficiency—since Jan. 1..... 1.54

The following table shows the temperatures and precipitation in other cities:

City	High	Low
Atlanta	45	38
Boston	62	31
Chicago	58	34
Cincinnati	58	40
Cleveland	50	28
Denver	60	43
Des Moines	54	34
Fl. Wayne	64	46
Fort Wayne	67	40
Kansas City	64	47
Los Angeles	50	71
Miami	80	21
Minneapolis	43	34
New Orleans	60	42
New York	53	34
Omaha	74	54
Pittsburgh	68	36
St. Louis	74	54
San Antonio	74	36

INCREASES EFFICIENCY

WASHINGTON—The light efficiency of low-voltage cathode-ray television tubes is increased about 50 per cent by coating the back of the luminous surface of the picture tube with a layer of metal less than eight millions of an inch thick.

FILE RECEIVERSHIP REPORT OF FIRM

A final receivership report of Welsh Lumber & Co-operative Homes Co., firm that allegedly was used to fleece scores of prospective home-owners, was approved today by Judge Judson L. Stark of Superior Court I.

A report listing assets of \$199.10 and liabilities of approximately \$6000 was filed by Edwin Haerie, receiver. Among creditors were many persons whose savings had been entrusted to the firm for purchase of property.

John Welsh, former head of the firm, is serving a term at state prison. He was returned there as a parole violator after an investigation was made last fall into affairs of the company.

Forrest L. Hackley, Indianapolis attorney, also was involved. He is awaiting trial on an embezzlement charge.

THURSDAY

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