

RED MANCHURIA INFLUX CHARGED

Government Says Russians
Are Aiding Move.

CHUNGKING, April 11 (U. P.).—Government quarters charged today that "tens of thousands" of Communist troops are streaming into Manchuria and efforts to break the National-Communist deadlock over Manchuria again failed.

Government reports from Chang-chun charged that despite Soviet promises to turn over Manchurian cities to the Nationalists the Russians at many points were giving aid to Communist forces.

A strong protest was made to the Russian command, it was reported, against the action of Russian tanks in destroying barbed-wire barricades which the Nationalists had erected as protection against Communist attacks.

Chinese Nationalist forces were ordered not to fire at the Soviet tanks but government commanders reported increasing concern at the influx of Communist forces which were said to be preparing for a large-scale offensive against the Peiping-Mukden railroad.

Gen. Tung Yen-Ping, the Nationalist commander, said that negotiations for use of the railroads to transport Nationalist troops were continuing with the Russians at Harbin.

HUMAN NATURE BLAMED FOR THEFT

COEUR D'ALENE, Ida., April 11 (U. P.).—Plumber C. M. Weller today attributed the theft of his houseboat to "human nature."

He told sheriff's deputies his neighbors stood by idly and watched while a group of men took the houseboat apart and carted it away in Weller's absence.

Eiffel Tower, Once Prize of Conquering Armies, Is Brushed Up for Tourist Trade

By ROSETTE HARGROVE

NEA Staff Writer

PARIS, April 11.—Paris workmen may soon start coating famed Eiffel tower with 4735 pounds of paint to brighten it up for the tourist rush France hopes will come in the near future.

The U. S. army, has just relinquished its radio transmitting station on the third platform of the tower, 897 feet up, which it used to maintain contact with occupation forces in Germany. The signal corps took over from Gen. Jacques Leclerc's 2d armored division, which in turn grabbed it from German occupying forces August 24, 1944.

Eiffel Tower Corp. officials resumed operating control of the building when the army moved out. The company director was indignant at rumors that the tower was unsafe.

"It's good for many years to come and furthermore, I defy anyone to do anything better today," he said. "It still represents an engineering feat which has no counterpart in any other country of the world. Until the Empire State and Chrysler buildings were completed, it was the tallest structure in the world."

Made entirely of steel, the Eiffel tower is 977 feet tall and weighs 16,400,000 pounds. There are three platforms, the first 185 feet up, the second at 374 feet, and the third at 897 feet. All can be reached by either a stairway or elevators.

Restaurants once flourished on the first and second platforms, but their business ended when the war swept into Paris. Late last summer, a night-club for allied enlisted men was opened on the first platform, and more than 665,000 G. I.'s and their dates came to enjoy the view, and dance and drink. The club closed Nov. 12, 1945.

Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel built the tower for the Paris Exposition of 1889. Parisians in those days thought it a blot on the landscape—until it became a mecca for tourists.



Eiffel tower, military prize of armies and playground of G. Is, gets ready for tourist trade it hopes will come soon.

During world war I it was taken over by the French military and held until 1920. In world war II, the French military again took control, but managed to smash all

mechanical equipment, from radios to elevators, just before the Germans arrived on June 14, 1940. The Germans had to climb the hundreds of steps to the third platform to install their own transmitters before the elevators were repaired.

The city of Paris owns the tower, and its operators pay the city an annual ground rental.

ARSON SUSPECT HELD IN BOSTON

Writer of Mystery Stories
Pleads Innocence.

BOSTON, April 11 (U. P.).—Wilfred Henry Baetz, 35, of Boston, a self-styled radio script writer, pleaded innocent today to an arson charge when arraigned in municipal court in connection with one of three incendiary fires that took eight lives in the back bay district. Baetz was ordered held in \$10,000 bail for a hearing April 20.

The arson charge was based on a blaze which drove 200 occupants from an Irvington street apartment house early yesterday. At about the same time, two similar fires occurred in the same back bay neighborhood, one of which killed eight persons.

State detectives said Baetz would be questioned further concerning the latter blaze.

Suspect Has Record

A writer of mystery stories, the suspect was seized at his Newbury street bachelor quarters yesterday a few hours after an incendiary fire wrecked the nearby Colonial Chambers, killing an entire family of five, two other tenants and a policeman. Two other incendiary blazes broke out in the same neighborhood almost simultaneously, but involved no fatalities.

Although the dapper suspect ridiculed the idea that he had any part in the Colonial Chambers fire, detectives said he acknowledged having been at the scene "as a spectator."

Investigation showed he had been arrested three times for arson in Roxbury, Brookline and Boston between Nov. 11, 1938 and June 26, 1945; that twice he was sentenced to long terms in state prison but ac-

Women Live Longer Than Men, but 112 Believed Limit

By ROBERT MUSEL

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LONDON, April 11.—After some 40 years of study and research on the subject Dr. Maurice Ernest said today that he is convinced that no one has even lived longer than 112 years.

This considered opinion is based on hundreds of inquiries into claims of greater age, ranging from a savage in Bechuanaland to Zoro Aga, the toothless Turk who toured the United States about a decade ago.

A small, plump man, Dr. Ernest bounced into the lobby of the Savoy hotel with a spring step which has fooled other medical men into guessing his age at 51 or 52. Actually, he's 75 and so firmly convinced he will top 100 himself that he has founded "centenarians club" dedicated to helping people live that long or longer.

"Zoro Aga is a good case in point," said the doctor. "He was palmed off as 150 years old and had quite a profitable time in your country. I hate to be a kill-joy but all evidence indicates he was be-

tween 70 and 80 and probably closer to the former than the latter.

"You probably don't remember the Bechuanaland Savage case, but officials there wrote 'the Times' here that he was guaranteed 140. I challenged them and instituted my own inquiries which showed he was the village magician and he thought up the age to confound credulous white administrators. He was fairly old, though—about 90."

Dr. Ernest said women live longer than men and that all four cases of 110 and one of 112 authenticated by him have been women.

Dr. Ernest said his club includes people of all ages as active members with all persons reaching an authentic hundred becoming honorary members.

Recently he made 90-year-old George Bernard Shaw an honorary member because he's sure the Irish dramatist will reach a century. He received a shavian letter stating, "you ought to call your club the tercentenarian club because we both know people would live to be at least 300 if they lived properly."

RECOMMEND WAYS OF REDUCING CRIME

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 11 (U. P.).—Closer parental supervision of children and the co-operation of the motion picture industry in the elimination of pictures that may stimulate crime was advocated today by mid-west firemen and police officials.

They concluded a three-day school at Purdue yesterday. The school, conducted by the university's Public Safety Institute, was for the purpose of training officials in arson detection and investigation. Representatives attended from 21 states and one Canadian province.

NAZI ASSUMES DEATH BLAME

Kaltenbrunner Says He's
Responsible for Atrocities.

NUERNBERG, April 11 (U. P.).—Ernst Kaltenbrunner accepted full responsibility today for mass atrocities of the Nazi security police under him, then plunged into a glib attempt to convince the war crimes court that he never had any executive power whatever.

The scar-faced Kaltenbrunner opened his testimony in his own defense with a pretense of shouldering the blame.

However, soon his testimony assumed the now familiar pattern of that by other war crimes defendants—that somebody else, the dead Heinrich Himmler, the missing Adolf Hitler, or others among their sycophants actually issued the orders which appeared over the name of the accused.

Kaltenbrunner characterized Himmler as a power-mad police chief who coerced him into accepting the hatchet-man job and then issuing sadistic orders in the name of the new appointee.

"Orders for killing people," Kaltenbrunner said, were issued before he took office.

Kaltenbrunner said he did not know of the "misuse of concentration camps and internets."

GETS HARVARD JOB, ALSO PASTURE RIGHTS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 11 (U. P.).—Dr. Theodore Spencer can pasture his cow in the yard of historic Harvard university if he wants.

Dr. Spencer was named Boylston professor of rhetoric and oratory at Harvard, a post once held by President John Quincy Adams, and the office includes pasture rights.



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