

Eisenhower Was My Boss

Ike Really Blows Top As 'Com Z' Hits Paris

General Angry at Move Without OK When His Own HQ Stayed Away

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By Kay Summersby

IKE'S MOST VIOLENT gripe in this period was over the way in which Paris had been invaded by Communications Zone ("Com Z") supply headquarters.

Hours after the liberation, sections of this headquarters began a sudden movement to the capital.

The emigration from Valognes, in Normandy, was so complete that virtually every Com Z office was already set up in Paris by the time Gen. Ike heard about the unauthorized.

Knowing that combat troops would burn with resentment at Paris, mecca of the war and Europe's ideal leave-towns, being occupied by rear-area supply troops, he really howled with anger over this violation of his hard-fast rule that no Army headquarters should locate in a large city.

Gen. Ike was particularly put out at Com Z because his own headquarters was avoiding Paris, moving into Versailles.

WE TOOK our Advance CP up there in late September, joined by the main staff from Widewing in England. For the first time in months we had a complete headquarters—near the same spot where the Allies had signed a treaty with Germany a little more than 25 years before. None of our forces moved into the

mann, still rankling from 1918-19 indignities had not violated Versailles Palace.

Supreme Headquarters occupied the famous Trianon Hotel. The Commander's office was separate, in an annex apparently used previously for special entertainment. The office was so huge and cavernous that he ordered a special partition, which since it didn't reach the high-altitude ceiling, gave me shameless opportunity to hear as much as a whisper in his sanctum.

Thus, the official side of my job was made easier, for I could tell immediately when the General was available for interruption. I could write down the day's business in the diary without asking him what had transpired. And, as a normal female, I thoroughly enjoyed the luxury of eavesdropping on conversations in the Throne Room.

THIS TIME Gen. Ike's British military assistant found him a house lately occupied by enemy Brass. He and Jimmy Gault moved into the large, comfortable house which had belonged to none other than Gen. von Rundstedt, who apparently insisted upon making the building still more homely by the addition of a giant air raid shelter, which, as far as

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and other measures were so inadequate that, by the time the Ardennes was past, more drastic steps had to be taken.

Perhaps that was the reason for his impatience with Army criminals. He was especially irate one day when, inspecting a Normandy hospital, he realized some of the men were there for self-inflicted wounds. And he was stern, as only a West Pointer and a dedicated war commander can be, with the hundreds of court-martial cases brought to his attention for final review every week.

THE EISENHOWER IRE really began to grow inflamed at the avalanche of reports, from every type of source, on the increasing lack of discipline by Allied troops. Americans, unfortunately, were the principal offenders. Every week brought in more stories of rape, or murder, or calloused looting.

One day, for example, the General noted in our office diary his reactions to that particular visit by the Judge Advocate General: Betts, 10:30. Reports that disciplinary conditions are becoming bad. Many cases of rape, murder, and pillage are causing complaints by the French, Dutch, etc. Am

headquarters' routine: we're

in the Gieux country club. Life here was a pleasant cross between that in the Normandy apple orchard and that in quiet Granville.

Whether in Versailles or Gieux, Eisenhower's time, energy and abilities were concentrated upon duties which fell into three distinct categories: (1) command problems, (2) trips, and (3) VIP's.

Sometimes, he was faced by public

regulations. Venereal disease is an issue known to all generals. But Gen. Eisenhower had to answer a political question: The French and the Belgians wanted him to close all brothels.

With admirable tact, he replied that it might be better if the respective governments take appropriate action: he would issue parallel orders within his own province, i.e., to Allied troops under his command.

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Peace Building Tops War Period

Runs at \$16 Billion Rate During 1948

By JAMES M. HASWELL
Times Special Writer
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—

America's peacetime construction activity has outstripped the amazing war building record of 1941 and 1942, according to the Federal Works Agency.

Construction this year is running at a \$16 billion rate, compared to the top \$13,500,000,000 rate achieved in 1942. Figures released today by the FWA tell the story.

The rise in prices accounts for much of the dollar difference, but even so privately financed building is going ahead at a rate of \$1,250,000,000 a month, up 12 per cent from a year ago.

Contrasts with the type of construction of the war years are notable. In 1941 the government spent \$1,620,000,000 on military establishments, in 1942 it spent \$5,016,000,000, and in 1943 it spent \$2,550,000,000.

3-Year Period Cited

In 1941 the government spent \$1,280,000,000 on industrial structures, in 1942 it spent \$3,437,000,000, and in 1943 it spent

\$1,668,000,000. Since the war the emphasis has shifted to private construction. Residential building amounted to \$3,346,000,000 in 1946, \$3,131,000,000 in 1947, and is running at the rate of \$3,500,000,000 this year. Private industrial construction was \$1,689,000,000 in 1946, \$1,702,000,000

in 1947, and \$1,700,000,000 this year.

Privately financed construction today accounts for two-thirds of the construction activity, while state-local construction has increased five-fold since the low period of 1944 and accounts for more than half the current expenditure for public construction.

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Professor to Speak

At AVC Meeting

Prof. Hubert H. Hawkins will speak before a meeting of the Butler University Chapter, American Veterans Committee, at 7:30 p. m. today in the YMCA Room at Butler.

His subject will be "The Presidential Campaign and Election."

The speech will be followed by a discussion period and a report on the third annual convention by Fred Sondermann, state vice chairman, who was the chapter delegate.

Seabees to Meet

The Seabee Veterans of America will meet at 7 p. m. tomorrow at the Sheffield Inn. Wayne Guthrie, of the Indianapolis News, will talk on the "Atom Bomb at Bikini."

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PTA Mothers to Sing

The PTA Mothersingers of the

Garden City School, 4800 Rockville Road, will give a program

of Christmas songs and old

hymns tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. in

the Thompson Memorial Chapel

of the Goodwill Industries. Mrs.

Earl Lapp will direct the chorus

and Mrs. Harold Sharp will play

the piano accompaniments.

Plan Bazaar-Supper

The Ebenezer Lutheran Church

will hold a bazaar and chili sup-

per Friday beginning at 5 p. m.

in the building, Millersville Road

will talk on the "Atom Bomb at

Bikini."

Sighted by Naval Gun Device

Science Study . . . One of 18 striking photographs of scientific phenomena prepared by the editors of Life magazine and now on display in the Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave. This picture was taken through a naval optical gun-sighting device.

Inflation Note—Even Money Costs More Today**Treasury Officials Report Bills Stay Out Longer Despite Poor Quality of Paper**

By ANDREW TULLY, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—Things have come to a pretty pass,

it actually costs more to make a buck these days. To be exact,

inventories are cost more—

good as it used to be.

Over at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing they admitted all this today and had the usual excuse—higher labor and materials costs and scarcities.

Before the war, the bureau could turn out currency at a cost of only seven-tenths of a cent per bill. Today it costs a whole penny, and the boys are not cheered by the fact that \$100,000 bill costs no more than a \$1 bill.

We are also getting less money for our money. The paper in the prewar dollar, contained a fat 75 per cent linen and only 25 per cent cotton. Today's note, because of shortages, is half and half and therefore not so tough.

It Circulates Longer

Strangely enough, though, a dollar bill lasts two to four months longer in circulation than it used to. This is not so much a tribute to its durability as to the increased tempo of the average banker. He's handling so much dough these days he doesn't have time to sort it and send all the ragged stuff back to the Treasury, says the bureau.

Even so, things seem to be getting better on the inflation front. The bureau printed only \$4,911,000,000 worth of money in the last fiscal year, which ended last June, in

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As always, the \$1 bill is in heaviest demand—more than a billion were printed in the last fiscal year. Next most popular is the \$10 bill, of which more than 165 million were in the last press run, followed by the \$5 bill with 126 million. Nobody seems to want the \$2 bill and only a little more than 13 million were printed in the last fiscal year.

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