

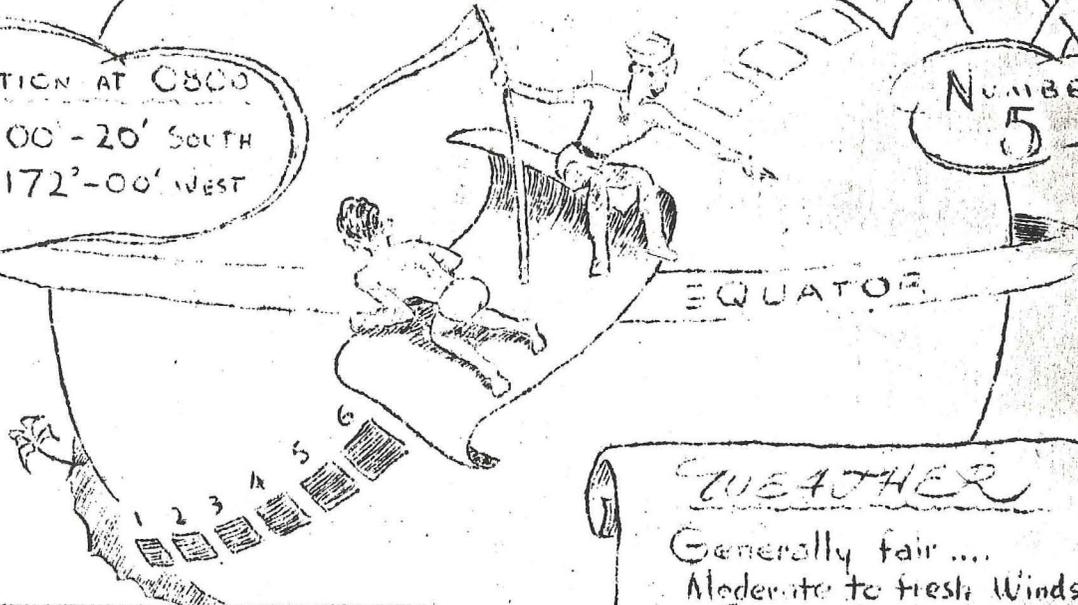
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U.S.S. PRESIDENT POLK

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EQUATOR

Saturday Oct. 27, 1945

1839 MILES OUT -
3610 MILES TO GO...

WEATHER
Generally fair ...
Moderate to fresh winds
Slight sea
Good visibility

NAVY DAY

Observance of Navy Day—the first peacetime celebration of the occasion in four years—comes at an especially appropriate time for passengers and crew of the U.S.S. President Polk.

Passengers will remember Saturday, Oct. 27, 1945, as a significant event. For most of them, it will be their last Navy Day in uniform. That so many are able to return to civilian life at this time is due in large measure to the fighting spirit, tactical ability and strategic genius of our fleet.

The achievements of the Navy in this war are too well-known to need repeating. What strikes us most at this time is the friendly cooperation between the Army and the Navy in the last four years. This attitude must make us all feel that it is not THE Navy—but OUR Navy which we honor today.

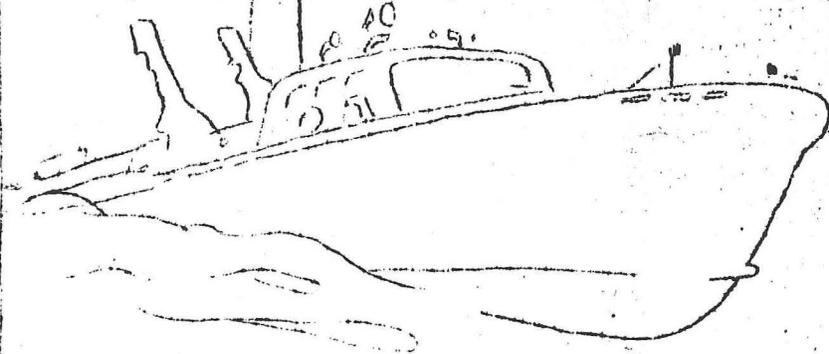


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NEW YORK READY FOR CELEBRATION

NEW YORK - The Big Town and its thousands of honored Navy guests are ready for Saturday's Navy Day salute to the good gray fleet of the Pacific—500,000 tons of it anchored in the shadow of Manhattan's spires.

Forty-seven ships were waiting along seven miles of waterfront awaiting review by President Truman.



BRITISH LEADER SEES DISASTER IF U.S. FAILS TO AID EUROPE

LONDON - Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin declared Friday that Europe had been brought to near-chaos by a deliberate Nazi plan and was facing disaster soon unless the United States Congress voted \$1,800,000,000 to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Dutch, Indonesians May Talk Peace

BATAVIA, Java - Prodded by both U.S. and British diplomats, Dutch and Indonesian leaders moved closer toward negotiating on their differences in the Netherlands East Indies.

H. J. Van Mook, acting governor of the islands, is reported to have asked Dr. Soekarno, head of the Indonesian republic, to meet with him at the home of Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, the British military commander.

A reliable source said Van Mook was ready to begin exploratory talks toward a settlement.

NAZI JEW-BAITER COMMITS SUICIDE

NURNBERG - Robert Ley, Nazi Jewbaiter, hanged himself in his cell Thursday at the Nurnberg jail, where he was awaiting trial as a war criminal.

Ley left a statement calling for a complete reconciliation of Germany's anti-Semites and Jews.

Ley's statement declared that the Nazis "have forsaken God and therefore were forsaken by God."

He asserted that the Nazis themselves must tell the youth of Germany that anti-Semitism was a mistake, because "the youth will not believe our opponents."

The one-time German labor minister set forth a three-point plan by which "Jews and Germans can live together" and Germany can "solve the Jewish problem."

Hunger and privation in Europe may bring more human loss and on more devastating a scale than an atomic bomb attack, he told the House of Commons.

Bevin said UNRRA will be broke without U.S. help.

Truman moves fast To Aid Filipinos

WASHINGTON - President Truman moved Friday toward a big speed-up in the pace of the Philippines rehabilitation program.

He instructed many government agencies to take prompt action in improving the economic situation in the Philippines.

Truman instructed the new high commissioner, Paul V. McNutt, to start a swift investigation of agrarian unrest, in cooperation with the Philippines government.

ANOTHER NAZI IN COOLER

PARIS - Otto Abetz, director of fifth column activity in pre-war France and ambassador to Vichy, has been arrested.

Handsome, youthful Abetz was credited with a large part in France's fall.

News Briefs

TOKYO - Jap aircraft designers said they had perfected a reconnaissance plane capable of more than 10,000 miles of non-stop flight. They had hoped to fly it over the U.S., then to South America, where the photos could be developed.

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PARIS - The Argentine delegation tried to take its place at the International Labor Conference Friday but was unseated pending a decision. Other delegates had threatened to walk out.

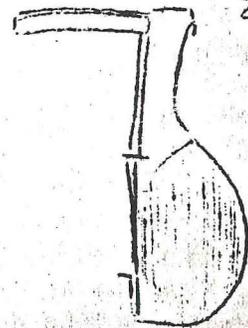
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SOFIA - A riot broke out here Thursday night in front of the residence of Mark Ethridge, here on a special mission to the Balkans for President Truman.

Navy #1 TRADITIONS

RUDDER

This word is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "Rother," that which guides.



Allies Find More Jap Treasure

TOKYO - American authorities have seized new caches of precious metals and other treasures of doubtful title, and in addition, they have begun a campaign to confiscate all arms held by Japanese individuals.

Disarming of the citizenry is expected to take until Dec. 1. Military stores have in large part already been handed over.

The Jap government asked permission to import over 4,000,000 tons of foodstuffs next year to relieve the critical food shortage.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur told the press he had heard nothing of the prospective arrival of British and other troops to help in the occupation of Japan.

Labor: U.S. SEES BIG DROP IN STRIKES SOON

WASHINGTON - The government viewed the labor situation with greater optimism Friday as the United States Conciliation service predicted strikes would drop to near normal numbers within three weeks.

Contributing to the new mood of hopefulness were these developments:

1. A report that settlements were accomplished in strikes involving 103,000 workers in the week ended Wednesday, while new walk-outs in that period took fewer than half that number off the job.

2. Officials saw in the naming of John R. Steelman as a presidential assistant a sign that the White

Washington SPOTLIGHT

WASHINGTON - President Truman will deliver his most important speech on foreign policy at New York today. This is the way the White House described his address, thus setting off speculation that he may make a bid for American leadership in carrying the peace organization even beyond the stage of international cooperation provided for in the United Nations.

Whether it will deal directly with the subject of possible international attempts to prevent a future atomic bomb war was one of the first points raised by reporters, but on this the White House was silent.

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WASHINGTON - All AAF pilots, navigators and bombardiers who are in the U. S. and have 44 points and two years service, or who have two years and are declared surplus, are eligible for discharge.

ANNAMENSE ACTING UP

SAIGON - Annamese forces in Saigon started several fires and threw some grenades Thursday night, said the British and French.

House was arming itself to step in directly in work stoppages.

At the same time, however, Walter Reuther, vice president of the CIO United Automobile Workers union, said the union would not compromise its demand for a

30 per cent wage raise from General Motors, unless the management can show it is unable to pay the increase.

Reuther made the statement after another conference with G.M. representatives. The corporation's employees voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike in a ballot taken Thursday, but UAW and G.M. delegates are trying to reach an agreement before action is taken.

Meanwhile, the National Labor Relations board was finishing the tabulation of a strike vote taken on the wage issue among workers of 22 Chrysler plants.

In New York, air service was resumed Friday by the American air lines, despite a strike of maintenance employees.

BRITISH STORM IN 4TH DAY

LONDON - Fourteen seamen were lost as four small vessels were wrecked by gales lashing the English coast. The liner Queen Mary, with 1000 aboard, was rolling at anchor off the Isle of Wight in mine-strewn seas.

N.Y. Supreme Court Cumps Style of Union Leader

NEW YORK - Joseph P. Ryan, president of the AFL International Longshoremen's association, was under supreme court orders Friday not to sign a contract with the New York Shipping association pending a trial to determine whether it should be submitted to the union membership.

The injunction was given to rank and file leader John Berg. The membership has voted overwhelmingly to reject the recent offer by the firm.

WANTA REENLIST, BUD? PLENTY OF COMPANY

WASHINGTON - Voluntary enlistments in the new peacetime Regular Army reached 44,799 on Oct. 10. Of this number 48.92 per cent are former regulars, 43.15 per cent are selectees and 7.93 per cent are men with no previous service.

Truman Would Keep Wartime Powers

WASHINGTON - Congress was informed Friday that President Truman wants to retain for an indefinite period his power to continue rationing priorities, the draft and other wartime controls.

The President's principal troubleshooter, John Snyder, told the House judiciary committee that revocation of war powers would be a serious threat to reconversion. Snyder, war mobilization and reconversion director, was the main witness at the opening of hearings on bills to declare the war legally at an end. When that date is fixed, much of the President's emergency powers are void.

Speaking for the Administration, Snyder assured the lawmakers that no wartime control will be exercised a day longer than is absolutely need.

He pointed out that there is grave danger that the machinery for returning to peacetime ways would be thrown out of gear by a sudden abandonment of controls which have been in effect since 1942.

AGONY COLUMN

LOST—1 key ring, lock attached; 1 wallet, 2 Ronson lighters. Finder please return to Troop Office.

LOST—Wallet containing \$40-\$50, driver's license and photos. M/Sgt. R. C. Calvert.

FOUND—Key, small brass, No. 1066, on Hatch No. 1; 1 fountain pen; 1 pair glasses and case. Identify at Troop Office.

WANTED—One steady girl friend to replace one lost to sailor. Beauty not essential but knowledge of cooking desirable. Chance for non-adventurous but secure future for qualified applicant. Address Editor, MAGIC CARPET.

Cadets, Middies Face Crucial Tests

NEW YORK - Unbeaten Army and Navy, each seeking its fifth straight win of the year, face important tests against Duke and Pennsylvania today in the two top games of a busy grid Saturday.

The Cadets, ranked No. 1 nationally, tangle with the Blue Devils of the Southern conference before a capacity crowd at the Polo Grounds here.

Down at Franklin field, Philadelphia, a sellout of 73,000 is assured for the collision of the Middies and the unbeaten Quakers.

On paper, neither Duke nor Penn figure to win, but Ohio State's humiliation of last Saturday by the Purdue eleven means that anything can happen.

Purdue, now indisputed leader in the Western conference, seeks to tighten its grip on first by beating Northwestern, and Ohio State is after the scalp of Minnesota, now unbeaten and untied.

Unbeaten, untied Tulsa meets Indiana, also unbeaten but tied once.

DOINGS ON BOARD SHIP

All men planning to enter the boxing matches scheduled for Sunday afternoon are requested to register at the Troop Office (starboard of promenade deck) between 100 and 1200 today. Applicant should give name, branch of service, weight and home town. Winners in each category will receive prizes, the nature of which will be announced later.

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Lt. Howard Oakland, local adviser to men seeking civilian status, will lead another discussion at 1000 today at Hatch 4. He'll answer questions on National Service life insurance or what have you.

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SICK CALL HOURS

- 0900—Women and children.
- 0930—Troops.
- 1400—Dental sick call for troops.

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TONIGHT'S MOVIE: "Mystery Broadcast," starring Frank Albertson and Ruth Terry. First show at 1900.

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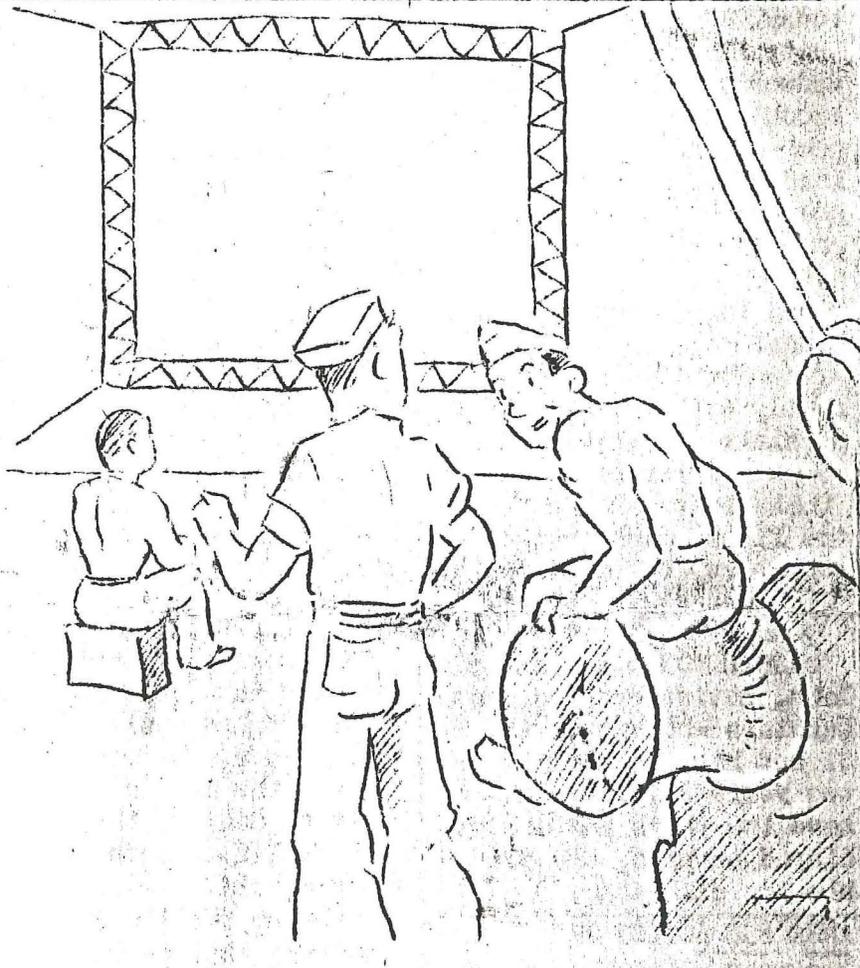
Latest information from the ship's navigator indicates the U.S.S. Polk will cross the equator at about 0940 today. Business as usual will be the rule aboard as King Neptune is believed to be tied up in a crap game with Davy Jones.

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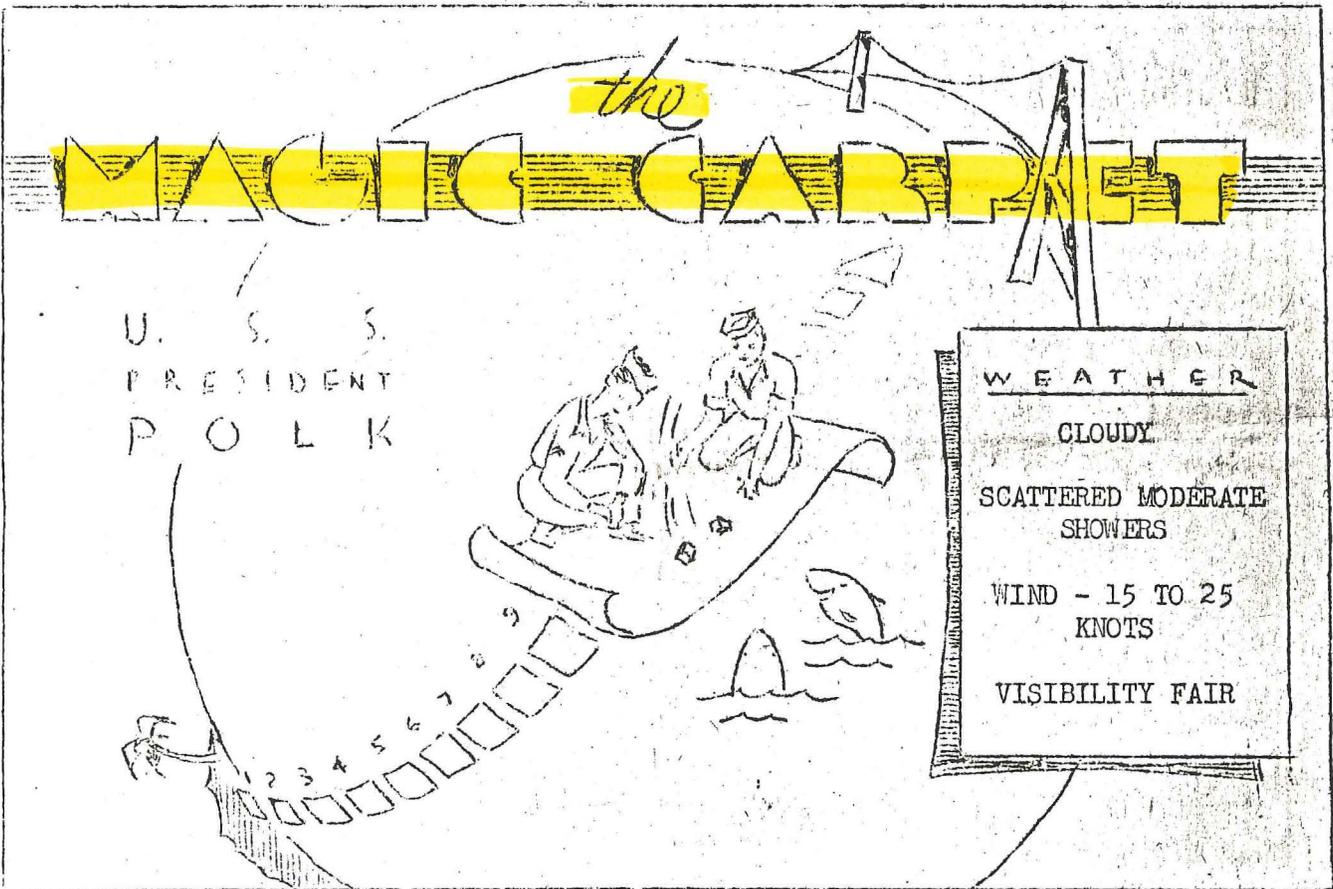
As of midnight last night, our good ship is moving as swiftly as can be expected—in fact even more so. We're about two hours ahead of schedule.

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To make Navy Day unanimous, the MAGIC CARPET salutes the men of the Fleet and wishes all a happy life and plenty of liberty.



"Oh, he's been there ever since 0800. That way, he's sure to get a seat at tonight's movie."



U. S. S.
P R E S I D E N T
P O L K

WEATHER
CLOUDY
SCATTERED MODERATE
SHOWERS
WIND - 15 TO 25
KNOTS
VISIBILITY FAIR

POSITION	Lat. 12° 41' N	MILES OUT	2964
AT 0500	Long. 158° 24' W	MILES TO GO	2483

EVIL WAR RAGES IN CHINA

JAVANESE HALT BLOODY FIGHT WITH BRITISH

BYAVIA, Java - Bloody fighting at the Soerabaja naval base, lasting more than 24 hours, was halted by an Indonesian truce Monday after 25 British Indian troops were killed.

The Indonesians, employing armored cars, light tanks, machine guns and mortars, were said to number over 10,000. They declared the truce after a personal appeal by President Soekarno of the Indonesian republic.

CLAMP DOWN, SAYS ARMY

FRANKFURT - The War department has warned Army headquarters here either to control participation of American soldiers in the German black market or be prepared to send officers to explain the laxity.

Communists Cut 100-Mile Gap In Peiping-Hankow Railway

CHUNGKING - A violent undeclared war is raging between the central government forces and troops of the north China Communist regime.

The Communists appear to have gained a temporary advantage, striking swiftly to cut a 100-mile gap in the great Peiping-Hankow railway, lifeline of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's forces, which are hastening northward to meet the threat.

Official dispatches reported the Communists struck south of Peiping, cutting rails, blowing up bridges, destroying stations and burning railway stock on the road northward from the Red-held town of Zehsien-Tzehsien.

Furious fighting was reported in the northern seaboard province of Shantung and westward through Shansi and on into Suiyuan province of Inner Mongolia.

U.S. officials feared American troops in north China may be involved.

BRAZILIAN REVOLT OUSTS VARGAS

RIO DE JANEIRO - A bloodless revolution has resulted in the fall of President Getulio Vargas, iron-handed ruler of Brazil for the last 15 years.

Vargas resigned following tumultuous demonstrations by two opposing political parties. Succeeding him was the president of the supreme court.

The new president promised an election.

YAMASHITA: 'Tiger' Goes To Trial For War Crimes

MANILA - Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, one-time "Tiger of Malaya," went on trial Monday as a war criminal, amid anguished recitals of an orgy of blood lust and horror in the Philippines when he was commander.

The bullet-headed defendant was heavily bemedalled in his dress uniform with polished knee boots and a freshly starched white shirt. He listened grimly as witnesses told how Japanese troops butchered women and children. He lost a plea for postponement.

JAP CONTROL BODY MEETS TODAY

WASHINGTON - Plans were completed Monday for the first meeting of the Allied Far Eastern advisory commission Tuesday, but the hoped-for last-minute notice that Russia would participate had not been received.

The major function of the commission is to advise on future policies for control of Japan.

There was still time for the Soviet Union to declare itself in and designate its Washington charge d'affaires as Russian representative. American officials assumed, however, that Moscow was standing on its contention that a four-power U. S.- Britain-Russia-China control council with actual administrative powers should be established in Tokyo prior to creation of the advisory commission in Washington.

Hence representatives of only 10 governments are expected to answer the first roll call. They are the U. S., Britain, China, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, France, the Netherlands, the Philippines and India.

WAR CRIMES JUDGE NAMED

NURNBERG - Lord Justice Sir Geoffrey Lawrence, British judge for the war crimes trials, was selected permanent chairman of the court.

Nearly 2½ Million Leave Army Since V-E Day

WASHINGTON - A total of 2,225,000 Army personnel were returned to civilian life from V-E Day through Oct. 26, the War department disclosed Monday.

Of this number, 1,633,000 were discharged after V-J Day (Sept. 2), the department said.

GERMAN REDS DEFY EISENHOWER BAN

BERLIN - German Communist leaders, in defiance of Gen. Eisenhower's ban on political blocs in the U. S. occupation zone, said they intend to extend their four-party united front in Berlin to all four Allied zones.

Eisenhower recently described such blocs as running counter to traditional American concepts of political activity.

GOERING, STREICHER HAPPY AT DEATH OF ROBERT LEY

NURNBERG - Hermann Goering, informed in his prison cell of the suicide of Robert Ley, Nazi Jew-baiter, laughed loudly and expressed satisfaction at the demise of the former labor minister.

Julius Streicher, himself a top anti-Semite, also was happy over the occurrence. He called Ley "a pig, inside and out."

Most of the accused war criminals imprisoned here seem resigned to receiving death sentences.

News Briefs

FRANKFURT - France has put in a bid for some captured German war equipment, but the U.S. Army is standing firm on its decision that all such material must be destroyed. "Our first principle," declared a spokesman, "is to break up German war industry." He explained that if German guns and tanks were turned over to the French or anyone else, it would lead to pressure to preserve the factories to provide spare parts.

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LONDON - Informed sources said Monday that Prime Minister Attlee is planning a visit to Washington in a few weeks to confer with President Truman on the atomic bomb and other matters.

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BERLIN - The American military government has announced restoration of social insurance, after abolition of Nazi party free lists. The order reestablished health insurance, workmen's compensation and pensions for widows, orphans and aged, as far as German funds are available.

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SAIGON, Indo-China - Cocong, port city south of Saigon, has been occupied by French sailors.

U.S. MORALE ALARMS MARSHALL

NEW YORK - General of the Army George Marshall declared Monday that demobilization in the U. S. has become "disintegration not only of the armed forces but apparently of all conception of world responsibility."

In an address here, Marshall said "it is certain that the military establishment cannot hope to insure the safety of the United States very much longer at the present rate of demobilization, unless some permanent peacetime program is established at an early date."

Midwest Leads Way In Victory Loan

CHICAGO - Two Midwestern urban areas are leading in the drive to put the final bond drive of the war—the Victory loan—over the top in a hurry.

Ripon, Wis., required 31 minutes to go over its quota and lay claim to being the first city in the nation to meet its individual and corporation goals.

In Des Moines, Holger Linksolm, Victory loan chairman for Audubon county, boarded a plane and hied away to Chicago with \$330,000 cash and a sheaf of bond stubs, hoping to be the first in the nation to report a county on top of its goal.

7000 RELATIVES PAY CALL ON USS MISSOURI CREW

NEW YORK - USS Missouri crewmen dressed in their best blues were hosts to 7000 relatives who came from all over the United States to visit the super-battleship.

REAL WAGE RATES NOW LOWER THAN BEFORE WAR, SAYS C.I.O.

WASHINGTON - Real wage rates are at least 10 per cent below pre-war levels, the CIO monthly publication Economic Outlook declared Monday.

Pointing out that as overtime ends, workers are substantially worse off than in 1940, the journal declared that strikes will continue on an ever-growing scale until some fundamental changes are made to remedy injustice and to overcome insecurity and suffering.

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SAN FRANCISCO - Pickets began Monday to take their stations in front of 108 industrial plants in the bay area, now closed by a huge strike.

Bothlehem Steel reported that 33 Navy and private ships were tied up by the strike in that company's yard here and in Alameda.

The strike was set off by dissatisfaction among machinists.

WAINWRIGHT BACKS MERGER

PHILADELPHIA - Gen. Jonathan Wainwright said he favored the Army-Navy merger. He backed the Truman peacetime military program.

Washington SPOTLIGHT

WASHINGTON - Autos soon to go on sale will not be rationed. The OPA and the WPB said that with 20,000,000 cars now on the road and new production under way, there is no longer any danger of a general breakdown of the automotive system.

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President Truman wants Congress to make sure that any scientific discoveries coming from federally financed research become public property, according to Reconversion Director John Snyder, in a letter to a Senate committee.

News FROM HOME

SAN FRANCISCO - Several days ago James Flington was held up in front of his tavern, but he told police they missed a lot of money in the safe. Yesterday three men tied up the janitor and absconded with \$3000 from the strongbox.

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HOLLYWOOD - Leif Erikson, now a chief photographer's mate in the Navy, has returned to Hollywood and expects to be discharged to resume his film career. Erikson saw four years service in the Pacific and shot more than 200,000 feet of film for the Navy.

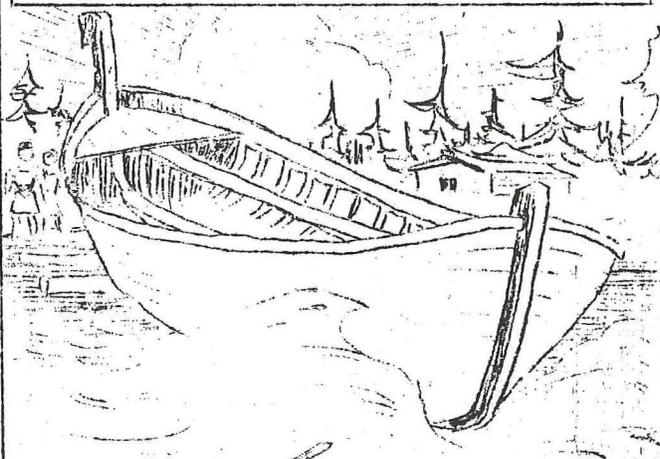
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LOS ANGELES - Janitors started removing the late President Roosevelt's picture from the city council chamber just before the council met. One councilman squawked, launching a full-dress debate that ended only when he won his point.

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SEATTLE - The famed aircraft carrier Bunker Hill sailed for Bremerton to be converted into a troop transport.

NAVY Traditions



Launching Stern-First...

Originally, ships were launched stern-first, for superstitious... to keep sea witches and other evil spirits from clambering over the vessel's bow and doing her harm while she was still incomplete and unable to ward them off. The custom is carried on even today in the Navy.

RUSSIA MAY BE OLYMPIC DARK HORSE

NEW YORK - Russia might surprise the world with its showing in the 1948 Olympics if it accepts an invitation to compete, declared Irving Jaffe, former world speed skating champ, who has been in a position to study Soviet athletics for

the past several years.

Jaffe is just out of the Coast Guard, after a three-year hitch during which he gave physical training to about 500 Russian transport pilots. He says they were A-1 athletes even before the war.

Hoss Race Likely In Pro Football

CHICAGO - Unless the shape of things to come changes radically, nothing definite will be known on the race in the National football league until the season's last whistle is sounded.

This week three teams in the western end of the loop and two in the east are tied for leadership. All 10 teams have been beaten and the five leaders each list one defeat.

The Cleveland Rams, previously unbeaten, dropped a 23-14 decision to Philadelphia's Eagles this past Sunday, while Green Bay, beaten by Cleveland previously, defeated the Chicago Cardinals, 33-14.

The Washington Redskins scored a mild upset in defeating New York, 24-14, while Boston beat Pittsburgh, 10-6, in the day's best defensive battle.

The Chicago Bears added to their growing record of defeats by losing to Detroit, 16-10.

DON'T THROW YOUR LIGHTED CIGARETS OVERBOARD

Things On Board Ship

A certain amount of squawking has been registered about the scarcity of books, games and stuff. Well, now that this is in print, there should be no beefs at all on this point. Any passenger is allowed to get his own recreational equipment from the lower troop office every day. That's the official word.

There are also plenty of games of various kinds, as well as Red Cross ditty bags. Those ditty bags, by the way are a modern, improved version—model M-4 or something like that.

It seems that the idea of having the compartment representatives pick up stuff like this didn't work out so well. They just didn't go after it. And you know how boring it is to have nothing to read in the chowline.

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The movie for tonight is "Tomorrow the World," with Fredric March and Betty Field. MAGIC CARPET is informed by serious moviegoers that this is one of the top movies of the year, but don't blame us if it's too deep or arty to suit you. Show time is 1830 and 2030. We hope this review frightens the crowd away.

Lt. Howard Oakland will give another chapter in his Guide to Civilian Life at 1000 today on Hatch No. 4. The lieutenant will hand out dope on how to handle the income tax man. An unpleasant subject, true, but after all, civilian life is something more than breakfast in bed.

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We notice the hours for fresh water have been revised. Today's schedule is 0530 to 0800, 1045 to 1230 and 1600 to 1900.

TODAY'S AGONY COLUMN

LOST—Black Ronson lighter (at movie Friday PM), black Sheaffer fountain pen, pair sun glasses, two wallets—each containing valuable papers but no money. Also one red fountain pen and one pair reading glasses—by Army nurse.

FOUND—Key clip with two keys and knife, one green fountain pen.

