

MACKENZIE'S Colonnade

BY DEWITT MACKENZIE

FRANCE IS TRULY FREE IN POST-WAR FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 10.—One of the cardinal policies of the De Gaulle government is absolute freedom of the press, not only for publication in France but for collection of news in this country to be printed abroad.

There has been no censorship of any kind since V-J Day. You can write anything you wish, always assuming, of course, that you keep within the laws of libel and similar statutes.

These are days when the world at large is engaging in a good deal of double talk—saying one thing and meaning another—but there is plenty of evidence to indicate that the French government means business when it talks of freedom of the press. Despite the shortage of news print, which has to be imported, any legitimate newspaper can be published.

So far as is known the government hasn't refused a single license for the starting of a newspaper. The result is that the capital now has three dozen newspapers, which is twice as many as it had before the war.

Naturally Paris can't support so many papers, and they are one-page affairs. Also a goodly number are political party organs and don't pay their way. However, the government is giving every one equal opportunity of publication.

The government itself, by the way is said to have no newspaper representation. In order to prevent abuses of freedom of the press, the government is preparing a new press law—something France never had before. This will make it obligatory to disclose to the public the names of all those who are backing a newspaper, so that the complexion of the paper may be quite clear.

As predicted, also will prevent the subsidizing of a newspaper by a foreign government. Heavy punishment will be provided for accepting bribes to publish news, or for any similar skulduggery. Conviction for these offenses will carry penalties running up to twelve years in prison.

The inspiration for this drive for freedom of the press isn't hard to find. It begins, of course, with the Frenchman's inborn desire for freedom. But his innate desire had a German occupant.

Then, too, towards the end of this terrible occupation, a French newspaper got hold of a statement by Kent Cooper, executive director of The Associated Press, advocating freedom of the press as an essential of world peace. He maintained that peace depends on real acquaintance among the peoples of the earth, and that this acquaintance can come only through a free exchange of all the news—not only the news of great events but the story of the every day life of the various nations.

That wasn't the first time Mr. Cooper had put forward this thesis by a long way. As a matter of fact, it was part of a crusade he has been waging since the last war, when he tried to get the idea incorporated in the peace treaty, just as he now is trying to secure recognition in the peace treaties which are to be signed.

However, France was ripe for freedom of the press after the fierce German censorship. And so today we see her consolidating that freedom which she came so close to losing forever.

Separation Program To Be Revised (Continued from Page One) The possibility of uprisings, due to food shortages, make this winter a critical time in both Europe and the Pacific, he contended.

Romania's Red



Hollywood is reported gaga over Lisette Vere, above, Romanian redhead whose lavish display of jewelry—mostly huge emeralds—and exotic wardrobe are some film capital. A former European stage and screen star, she will make her bow in American films in the Marx Brothers' new "Night in Casablanca"

Become Civilians At Three Points

I's no more KP, no more guard duty, and goodbye to olive drab and khaki for these Indiana area men. They were discharged from the Army yesterday at the Indiantown Gap Separation Center. They are:

- T/S George Ehenger, Elderton. Sgt. Merle D. Booterbaugh, Patton. Sgt. Robert G. Cribbs, Black Lick. Cpl. Ralph M. Shaw, 1420 Penn St., Nanty Glo. S/Sgt. Leslie A. Shoop, Rural Valley. T/S Thomas A. Sackie, Barnesboro. T/4 Charles F. Emer, Seward. T/5 Charles E. Wagner, Cherry Tree. T/5 Harry J. Orr, 427 Water St., Indiana.

- T/4 Phillip J. Baker, 383 N. Liberty St., Blairsville. T/4 Otis E. Hill, Penn Run. Pfc. John J. Kostick, Barnesboro R. D. 1. T/5 Joseph E. Wisnesky, Ernest. T/4 Charles J. Suenkonis, Barnesboro. Cpl. Eugene J. Miller, 1063 Heasley St., Nanty Glo. Pfc. Albert L. Breakiron, 407 Water St., Indiana. T/5 George Kalanovich, Indiana R. D. 4. Pvt. Walter J. Sulkosky, Blairsville. 1st Lt. Edgar T. Miller, Clymer. A. Sampson, N. Y. (Navy). S/SMB 3/C Mike C. Nastasi, 905 Hubert Ave., Barnesboro. S/1/C Andrew S. Sasala, 245 Sample Run, Clymer. S/2/C Robert C. Davison, 71 Adam, Clymer. AOM 1/C Arnold J. Krug, 7618 Ammeh 3/C Orin R. Huey, Glen Campbell, Pa. Sp (G) 2/C Earl E. Buchanan, 186 Ridge Ave., Homer City. Sp (I) 1/C Carl J. Stadtmiller, 315 S. 5th St., Indiana. PHM 3/C Carl W. Zehner, 1251 Church St., Indiana. S/1/C Carl R. Cribbs, 852 Wayne Ave., Indiana. SF 3/C William A. Gauntner, 115 Mellon Ave., Patton. S/1/C 3/C Marion Lazarowicz, Seward.

- At Fort Knox, Ky. Pfc. James C. Poole, Indiana R. D. 4. T/5 Leonard B. Pearson, Dixonville. S-Sgt. Edwin D. George, Blairsville R. D. 2.

Phone Halt Threatens In 44 States

(Continued from Page 1) Mountain States Federation of Telephone Workers declined yesterday to observe the picket lines. The federation represents virtually all of the employees of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, operating in Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and El Paso, Tex.

In the event the picket lines are honored by the National Federation of Telephone Workers, with its 263,000 members, and other telephone unions, switchboard positions would be left unmanned and other vital telephone functions impaired, union leaders said, leading to a disruption of most of the country's telephone service.

The strike was the second within the Western Electric Company in a week, some 17,000 manufacturing employees having walked out last Thursday in a wage dispute. Both the communication workers and the manufacturing employees are affiliated with the telephone federation.

Safety Ass'n To Meet Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Switchboard operators of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company started leaving their posts at 10 a. m. today to attend a union protest meeting. Washington phone service was immediately curtailed. Efforts to reach operators brought either no answer or a recorded announcement saying that "operators are on strike."

Truckers Aid Sick Man In Visiting Dad

BRIE, Jan. 10. (AP)—Carried to Erie station in a moving van, bedridden William Manross left here—bed and all—in a Pennsylvania Railroad baggage car today to visit his aged father, ill in Kane. Manross, 24, confined to bed by arthritis for the past three years, was taken to the station by William Ziegler and Joseph Flolek, a couple of general truckers who read of his plight.

Notified that his dad, Theodore Manross, was seriously ill, Manross became determined to see him. But he was beset with several problems. On relief, he hadn't the money for the trip. Then, unable to be moved frequently because of the pain, how was he to get himself and bed on a train?

The Erie Dispatch-Herald, learning of the case, offered to transport him in a one-ton news delivery truck. But last night the truckers volunteered to do the job. So, full of smiles, Manross was trundled to the station at Williamsport, Pa., four years ago, he became seriously ill, and grew increasingly helpless ever since. He made the trip in a specially-constructed bed, loaned him by Hamot Hospital, Erie, which wouldn't fit into an ambulance.

British Loan Is Insurance Against War

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—(AP)—"International economic anarchy" would result if the United States did not loan England \$3,750,000,000, says secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson.

The treasury chief, opening the Truman administration's campaign for approval of the loan by the American people, told the American Academy of Political and Social Science here last night that the loan "is sound business for America."

"Three and three-quarter billion dollars is a lot of do-re-mi in anybody's book," he asserted, "but war, including the aftermath, is costly business."

Vinson declared there can be no lasting peace "without sound economic conditions throughout the world" and warned that "unless steps are taken to prevent it, there is a real danger that countries will turn again to economic isolation and that the world will again be divided into conflicting economic blocs."

The former Kentucky congressman and jurist said the United Nations have given "ample evidence" of their desire to eliminate the economic causes of war "but they cannot pursue this course until they have reasonable assurance that their war-strained economies will function."

And that, he said, is where the United States, with its ability to loan monies enters the picture.

Report Activities Of Kiwanis Club

Monday evening, the new president of Kiwanis, Russell Guard, gave the Kiwanians a report on last year's activities and outlined the work for 1946. He stressed particularly the work of the Boys and Girls Committee. Kiwanis expects to help materially in the Boy Scout movement in the county this coming year.

Friday evening Jan. 11, the Kiwanis Club will meet in a body at the Church Street entrance of the Lutheran Church to attend the week of prayer service.

Kaiser-Frazer Breaks Labor Deadlock



Beaming over their success in reaching first agreement in current labor-auto industry logjam, Henry J. Kaiser, chairman of board of Kaiser-Frazer Corp., R. J. Thomas, UAW-CIO international president, and Joseph W. Frazer, president of Kaiser-Frazer Corp., pose after settlement of contract which provides too wage rate for industry, plus year-end bonus based on number of autos completed.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 10.—(AP)—District Attorney General William Gerber and Sheriff Oliver Perry jointly announced early today that a 16-year-old negro school boy had confessed the slaying of one-year-old Sammie Goss. The sheriff said that Fred Jackson admitted after lengthy questioning that he killed the infant who was found lying in the rain with his brutally beaten mother and brother near the smoking ruins of their frame dwelling on the outskirts of Memphis.

A murder charge was filed against Jackson yesterday after the 37-year-old mother, Mrs. I. T. Goss, identified the youth from her hospital bed as her assailant, Perry said. The attack on the family occurred Tuesday shortly after the father, an employe of an army depot here, had left for work and four other children had gone to school. Sheriff Perry made no comment as to the motive of the attack or the origin of the fire.

Agreement

(Continued from Page 1) "understanding" included company officials, president of Local 2064 of the union and an international representative of the union. C. B. Newell, District 9 director of the steelworkers union, said: "My only comment is that it is obvious that an understanding is not an agreement. The dispute remains unsettled and negotiations continue."

Comment from plant employes at work was: Henry Ferrante, 39-year-old president of Local 2064, said "the management came out with something good. It keeps men working at more money. The men are giving it a pretty good try. It might help settle national wage problems."

Shumann said "major steel producers would have a hard time making such an interim agreement work." "But it is mandatory that our wage be proportionate to the wage paid in the steel industry," he said. "We can't reach any settlement until the national picture is settled."

Frank Shumann and his brother, Al, purchased the Lehigh Foundries plant about 10 years ago and during the war produced 53 different types of ammunition. "We were the largest producers in the nation of 60 mm mortar shells," said the brothers. They recently built a \$2,000,000 addition to their plant and intend to improve it further, making way for a total working personnel of 1,000. The president of the firm, the elder of the brothers, lost a son, Frank, Jr., in the war. He was killed while serving with the Marines on Okinawa.

An air-conditioned trackless trolley coach is being tested in the transit system of Atlanta, Ga.

Kidnaped Child Murdered

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Civil War Veteran Dies At 103 Years



STATE COLLEGE, Jan. 10. (AP)—Cyrus M. Walker, Centre county's last veteran of the war between the states, died yesterday. He was 103. Walker served with the 7th Pennsylvania cavalry, which participated in three battles during the war. He attended the Blue and Gray Reunion at Gettysburg in 1928, marking the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

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Cory Leather Plant Burns, \$250,000 Loss

CORY, Pa., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Fire today destroyed "the large plant of the J. W. and A. P. Howard Co., an-ally known leather manufacturers, with a loss estimated unofficially at about \$250,000. Approximately 7,000 sides of leather being processed in the plant structure were destroyed, but finished materials in a concrete warehouse were not touched by the flames.

The flames started in the half dryer department in the center of the works after 6 A. M., when only two employes, Carl Nielson, watchman, and Carl Dahlstrom, were in the plant. The fire spread so rapidly that plant fire equipment in the department was cut off from the men. A general alarm was turned in, but the flames leveled the main plant and spread to the office building adjacent to highway.

Telephone cables were burned out, disrupting telephone service for a time in the Kane-Warren-Corry area. The property was owned by the J. J. Desmond estate and New York interests.

Missing Dischargee Was Mental Patient

(Continued from Page 1) "The case is getting hotter and hotter all the time," Hanrahan told Judge Ward. "In 24 hours we will know the answer." The immediate release of the two janitors, Hector Verburgh, 63, and Joseph Smet, 35, and Verburgh's wife, 64, had been asked by their attorney, James Ricker. Meanwhile, as police pressed for a break in solution of the crime which has been described by officials as "shocking to the nation," an additional \$10,000 reward for arrest and conviction of the killer was posted.

The Chicago Tribune announced it would pay \$10,000 for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the slayer. This brought to \$210 the total rewards offered. Verburgh has been in custody since late Tuesday after police said they found bits of human flesh, internal organs and blood in a laundry tub drain in the basement of an apartment building he tends. His wife also was removed to detective headquarters while a few hours later police picked up Smet, who was described by police as Verburgh's close friend.

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Chicago Detective Chief Walter Storms is pictured looking into sewers where the severed head of six-year-old Suzanne Degan, ducted from her bedroom early Monday, was found Monday night. All facilities of Chicago police force are concentrated on hunt for killer, and mayor has taken charge of case. (Read the Gazette Classified)

Here Are the Answers To Vets' Income Questions

(Continued from Page 1) ernment by January 15. We request here a word of warning and advice on filling out these forms from County Agent J. W. Warner, which appeared in the Gazette Saturday, Jan. 5. Reminding farmers of Indiana County of the law requiring the filing of income tax forms by January 15, County Agent J. W. Warner urges the assembling of information to ease the transfer to the required forms.

Those who have maintained farm account books can easily summarize the figures according to the headings on form 1040-F. Those without such records kept throughout the year should make an effort to recall all receipts and expenses and summarize by the same headings. Special effort should be made to get all expense items, such as the mission of each dollar of deductible expense means paying extra taxes that should not be necessary, he points out. This, he says, is a splendid argument to take an annual inventory of the farm and keep a farm account book during 1946.

Form 1040-F is not the income tax return, but is used only for summarizing to reach the net income. This income is then reported on Form 1040 which is filed along with Form 1040-F. He explains. The county agent urges farmers to watch local newspapers for dates when representatives of the Internal Revenue Department will sit in Indiana County to assist in filling out properly the required forms.

When the Army discontinues use of the hospital, the property will revert to the state. No date had been forecast for such a transfer.

She was a daughter of B. F. and Lillian (Bennett) Oldham and was born July 25th, 1914 in Nanty Glo. Surviving are her mother mentioned above; her paternal grandfather, Herbert Oldham, Nanty Glo and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ann Oldham, Nanty Glo. The deceased had lived her early life in Nanty Glo and was graduated from the Nanty Glo High School in 1934. She had resided in Indiana for the past five and one half years.

Friends will be received in the Robinson Funeral Home after 7:00 o'clock this evening where services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Doctor David R. Graham, pastor of the Methodist Church in Indiana, will officiate. Interment in Oakland Cemetery.

VANCE M. HELLMAN, Funeral services for Mr. Helman, 54, who died Tuesday morning in his home on Indiana R. D. 3, will be conducted at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Nanty Glo Methodist Church by Rev. D. Bookner. Interment in the Greenwood Cemetery, Indiana. Friends will be received in the late home until 11 a. m. tomorrow, after which hour the remains will be removed to the Clymer church.

JOHN E. WALBACK, 41, of Robinson, Indiana County, died at 5 p. m. yesterday in Leo Hospital where he was admitted Monday for surgical treatment. He was a son of Mrs. Gertrude (Rutter) Walback of Robinson and the late Charles Walback. In addition to his mother he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence (Hysong) Walback, and three children—Freda, Janet and Dorothy—at home. He was a brother of Forest Walback also of Robinson. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Nanty Glo Methodist Church by Rev. John Clawson, Interment in the Lutheran Cemetery. He will be directed by the John A. Featherston Funeral Home.

HARRY CLIFFORD KAHNY, of Saltsburg, passed away in his late home, Wednesday night at 8:45 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks. He was son of Seraphin and Hannah (Jackson) Kahny and was born October 25, 1885 in Tarentum, Pa. He had made his home in Saltsburg for 70 years. Surviving are his widow, Catherine Mansfield Kahny; two daughters: Mrs. H. R. Robinson, Latrobe and Mrs. Carl L. Arnold of Saltsburg and four grandchildren. Friends will be received in the Robinson Funeral Home, Saltsburg, after 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. Services will be conducted in the funeral home Saturday afternoon, January 12th, at 3:00 o'clock. Interment in the Saltsburg Cemetery.

LEONARD REZZOLLA, who passed away in the Indiana Hospital, Tuesday night, will be buried tomorrow morning. Services will be conducted in St. Bernard Catholic Church, Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Reverend Father James Brady will officiate. Interment in St. Bernard cemetery. Friends are being received in the Bell Funeral Home, Wayne Ave.

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Obituaries

MYRTLE BLANCHE DUNCAN BAKER, passed away in her late home near Saltsburg, following an illness of several years, Tuesday, January 8th, at 7:45 p. m. She was a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Rucor) Duncan and was born January 21st, 1898 in Leysburg township, Westmoreland County. Her entire life was lived in the community in which she died. She was a member of the Saltsburg Lutheran church. Surviving are her husband, Chalmers Baker, three step-sons: Ira, Evans City; Joseph C., Saltsburg and William of Callery. One daughter, Helen Jane, at home and two step-daughters, Mrs. Lester Marberger, and Mrs. Earl Zinkmar of Evans City. One brother, Samuel Duncan of Saltsburg, and one half-brother, Albert Duncan, at home and two sisters, Mrs. Hiram Shank of Saltsburg, and Miss Mabel Duncan, at home. Friends are being received at her late home. Services will be conducted from the home Friday, January 11th, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. George C. Vetter will officiate. Interment in the Saltsburg cemetery.

MRS. ANNA DEITMERS, widow of Theodore Deitmers, died Tuesday night in the home her sister-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seibert in Commodore where she had made her home for six years. Mrs. Deitmers had been a resident of Clymer for 23 years and prior to that resided in Punxsutawney for 42 years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shayers, and was born in Germany, Sept. 11, 1866, where she spent her early life. Surviving are 10 children—Theodore D. Deitmers, Johnstown; John, Cookport; Otto, Punxsutawney; Mrs. Anna Specht, Pittsburgh; M. T. E. Seibert, Commodore; Mrs. Agnes Phillips, Frankfort, Pa.; and Mrs. Grant Huffman, Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. Frank Barr and Mrs. George Sosman, all of Pittsburgh. There are 43 grand-children and a number of great-grandchildren. Friends will be received in the Seibert home in Commodore after noon today. A requiem mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a. m. Saturday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Starford, by Rev. Father Albert H. Turlik. Interment will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Indiana, under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home.

EVELYN NAOMI OLDMAN, passed away in her late home 334 Locust Street, Indiana, Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. She was a daughter of B. F. and Lillian (Bennett) Oldham and was born July 25th, 1914 in Nanty Glo. Surviving are her mother mentioned above; her paternal grandfather, Herbert Oldham, Nanty Glo and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ann Oldham, Nanty Glo. The deceased had lived her early life in Nanty Glo and was graduated from the Nanty Glo High School in 1934. She had resided in Indiana for the past five and one half years. Friends will be received in the Robinson Funeral Home after 7:00 o'clock this evening where services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Doctor David R. Graham, pastor of the Methodist Church in Indiana, will officiate. Interment in Oakland Cemetery.

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Weather Report Today

Western Penna.: Cloudy and cooler today with some drizzle this morning. Mostly cloudy and somewhat colder tonight. Rain or snow Friday.

51 Nations Assemble In Westminster

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—With a degree of harmony that has seldom marked such international gatherings, delegates of 51 nations assembled at ancient Westminster today for a historic meeting to bring the United Nations Organization to active life. The general assembly—scheduled to begin its first session at 4 P. M. (11 A. M., EST)—was expected to plunge immediately into the task of organizing peace machinery; designed to prevent, by force if necessary, an atom-powered world war III. Until the assembly is organized, committees are created and the security council and economic and social council are formed, vital world problems such as control of atomic energy will necessarily have to be put aside.

As the delegates gathered in the blue and gold auditorium of the central hall, they expected to hear a speech by Winston Churchill. Clement Attlee outlined some of the general problems of the new organization in a speech formally opening the meeting. "It is in your hands," he said, "to make or mar the happiness of millions of your fellow men, and of millions yet unborn."

"It is for you to lay the foundations of a new world, where such a conflict as that which lately brought our world to the verge of annihilation, must never be repeated; where men and women can find an opportunity to realize to the full the good that lies in each of them."

Many officials, including U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, expected the delegates would move smoothly through the job of organizing the assembly. Preliminary estimates were that the task might be completed in from three to four weeks. The assembly would then set about to re-assemble later this year at a permanent UNO headquarters in the United States.

Byrnes said he expected to remain in London until the organization was well on its way. His principal concern is with the creation of a special commission to work out atomic energy controls.

Ask Warship Pennsylvania Be Preserved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The U. S. S. Pennsylvania may come home to Pennsylvania to stay. The gallant old battleship, a powerful weapon for victory in the Pacific naval and amphibious warfare but not sleek or modern enough for the postwar fleet, may be preserved in her home state as a monument to the courage of Pennsylvania's fighting sailors of two wars.

The office of Senator Myers (D-Pa) said today he has asked Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, to give the ship to Pennsylvania inasmuch as the Pennsylvania is to be decommissioned as a ship of the line and perhaps scrapped or scuttled. The State of Pennsylvania, it was learned here, has also made representations to the Navy about having the ship berthed permanently in Philadelphia but the status of the negotiations could not immediately be determined.

Long before the time of Pearl Harbor, the Pennsylvania was an "old lady," as battleships go. But the one-time flag ship of the fleet, although damaged and burned in the Pearl Harbor attack, went on to win the only Navy unit commendation awarded a battleship during the war. She participated in one after another of the Pacific amphibious invasions and threw so much steel at the enemy her entire battery of big guns had to be replaced. Then after being unsunked for nearly four years the Pennsylvania was hit by Japanese torpedoes at Okinawa on the last day of fighting in the Pacific. She now is at the Bremerton, Wash., Navy Yard, and according to the Navy, has severe structural and mechanical damage. Navy officials told a reporter there is no present plan to scrap the ship. Otherwise, however, they said, no decision has been reached on what should be done with the Pennsylvania.

Auto Toll Prompts Martin To Act

HARRISBURG, Jan. 10.—The automobile death toll that began a rapid rise last June prompted Governor Martin today to order state agencies to "crack down hard" on law violators. Coincidentally, a state report showed 1,208 persons were killed in vehicular traffic accidents in the first 11 months of 1945—101 more than the corresponding period in 1944.

S.C. STREMS FUNERAL DIRECTOR