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HELLDORADO

Each year for the past ten years a group of Las Vegas "live wires" have exerted themselves to put on a series of community events to drive dull care away.

Not that "Dull Care" has ever been able to get us Las Vegas old timers down, but once a year we welcome an excuse to cut loose and have an informal good time such as we enjoyed when Vegas was a little, hopeful, ambitious city, with no inhibitions on our social amenities.

The Elks Lodge, ambitious to perform another community service really started the Helledorado. Members spent their time and money and energy and assumed the burden of work, worry and financing to establish an annual festival of fun and those efforts down through the years have established Las Vegas' annual Helledorado as probably the most distinctive and outstanding community hurrah in all the wild and woolly west.

Sure, it's silly for us old fellows to let our whiskers grow, wear our five-gallon hats and red shirts, but this is the silly time of the year and we just want to be silly.

Of course if some of you folks who are so wedded to the austerities of life that you are afraid to unbend for a moment lest you lower your "social" standing, prefer to sit on the sidelines and sniff at us old fools, it's perfectly all right with us. You never know what a return snuff you will get from those of us who enjoy cutting loose and being our elemental selves once in a while.

Anyhow, I am sure that the relaxation of being your silly selves will serve to give you a view of human nature you need to complete a liberal education in the ways of life.

Come on in! Everything's fine, including the water for our bathing beauties! (In which they won't dip for fear of washing off their lip stick and straightening that Veronica Lake hair wave.)

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RUSS SINK 8 NAZI SHIPS

Black Sea Fleet Second Triumph In Three Days

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LONDON, Sunday, May 7 (UP)—Soviet warplanes and torpedo boats sank eight more enemy evacuation ships, including four troop transports totalling 10,000 tons, in day and night attacks Thursday off besieged Sevastopol, Moscow announced last night.

The Moscow announcement said two troop transports trying to run the soviet blockade of Sevastopol waters were seriously damaged, raising to 120 the number of vessels sunk or damaged in 23 days off the lower Crimea. It was the second successive triumph for the soviet Black Sea fleet and air arms. They sank eleven ships in similar attacks Wednesday.

The soviet midnight supplementary communique reported minor fighting south-east of Stanislawow in old Poland and south of Tiraspol on the lower Dnepr river. It also reported that on Friday a soviet torpedo plane sank a 3,000 ton German transport in the Gulf of Finland.

A supplement to the daily German high command war bulletin, broadcast late Saturday night by the Berlin radio, said the Russians were using "extraordinary amounts of men and material" in the new drive toward Sevastopol, which has been under siege 19 days.

The German supplement also reported that a Russian attack in the Iasi (Jassy) area of Romania, which Berlin said opened last Tuesday, was carried out by 15 infantry divisions of approximately 25,000 men.

Moscow listed the Sevastopol sinkings as the only major action, saying that navy planes sank a 3,000-ton transport and two patrol boats and seriously damaged two other transports on Sevastopol Thursday.

In the 23 day period between April 12 and May 4 soviet communique have listed a total of 103 German ships sunk off the southern Crimea, including 39 troop transports totalling approximately 95,000 tons, and 17 other vessels damaged.

The Moscow operation bulletin said that over all fronts on Friday soviet forces shot down 62 enemy planes.



Center of bitter \$500,000 lawsuit against a Los Angeles hospital is little Patricia Lynn Hardwig, 10 months old. Mr. and Mrs. James Hardwig contend they were given the little girl to take home from hospital last June when, they claim, they were parents of a baby boy whom they had named Richard Allen Hardwig.

Jap Columns Battering At Loyang Gates

CHUNGKING, May 6. (UP)—Two mechanized Japanese columns were reported battering at the gates of Loyang in west-central Honan province tonight and front dispatches indicated that the city, headquarters of the Chinese army in that province, may already have fallen to the invaders.

Less than 24 hours after a strong Japanese armored force crossed the Yi river and engaged the Chinese nine miles south of Loyang, a second column was disclosed to have broken across the Yellow river less than 14 miles north of the city in a nutcracker move that threatened to trap the hard-pressed defenders.

Outnumbered Chinese bombers and fighters swarmed in to aid the Loyang garrison and inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers, but reports indicated the Japanese were smashing ahead by sheer weight of numbers and equipment.

"Conditions in Loyang are obscure," a terse report from the battle area said tonight, suggesting that the garrison already had been overwhelmed.

Chungking military spokesmen did not elaborate on the front reports, but acknowledged that the southern Japanese column had reached the outskirts of Loyang Friday.

Meanwhile, a supplementary Chinese communique said Chinese fliers killed 1,000 Japanese troops caught on the Linju-Paisha highway south of Loyang today and destroyed 30 tanks and more than 100 trucks.

Other Chinese planes bombed and strafed enemy road columns on the Hsiangcheng-Kiahsen highway farther to the southeast, destroying more than 30 vehicles, and shot down a Japanese Zero southwest of Hsiangcheng.

Loyang, on the transversal Lung-Hai railroad 65 miles west of Chenghsieh, is of great strategic importance. Located on the Alluvial Loess plain on the south bank of the Yellow river and at the crossroads of three highways, the city long has served as Chinese headquarters in Honan. The grounds of the old imperial palace, built during the Cou Han dynasties, have been converted into an air field.

TWO MOTHERS WITH EIGHT SONS EACH IN SERVICE SALEM, Ore., May 6 (UP)—A late entry in the search for the Oregon mother with the greatest number of children in the armed forces today ended in a two-way tie, both entries having eight children in the services, Douglas Mullarky, secretary to Governor Earl Snell, announced. The two mothers are Mrs. Frank Stout, of Latham, Oregon, who entered the race today, and Mrs. Ella Garner of Oregon City.



Admiral Mimitchi Koga, 58, commander-in-chief of Japanese fleet, killed in action while "directing general operations aboard an airplane." His death followed by 11 months that of his predecessor, Admiral Yamamoto, who planned and executed Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Trunk Corpse Identified As Mrs. Villegas

Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, May 6 (UP)—Lieutenant C. A. King, of the homicide bureau, said the advanced decomposition of the body made identification with the photograph impossible. He said that positive identification of the woman, whose body was stuffed in the trunk and shipped here from Chicago, would probably have to be made through fingerprints. Prints of the dead woman have been sent to Chicago and Washington he said.

CHICAGO, May 6. (UP)—Lieutenant Philip Breitzke of the homicide bureau said tonight that it was the body of Mrs. Louis Villegas, 24, that was shipped in a trunk from the Dearborn street station to the Railway Express Agency in Los Angeles.

Identification was made after a picture of the body was viewed by Sam Handian, a handyman at the Racine hotel, where Mrs. Villegas lived.

Lieutenant Breitzke said he had little information on the background of Mrs. Villegas. She was not a Mexican, he asserted, and it was known that she had worked a brief time in a Chicago war plant.

A man giving his name as John Lopez shipped the trunk from Chicago last Sunday.

Seize Man at Hotel A towel inscribed "Fleetwood Hotel," Chicago, a shoddy build-up (Continued on Page Two)

Enough Men Under 26 Age

By PAUL HARRISON United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP) Major General Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, said today that the armed services will be able to fill their manpower needs for the next four months from the nearly 1,700,000 men under 26.

Although selective service refused to amplify Hershey's statement, it appeared probable that only a few men 26 or older would have to be inducted to meet goals for the remainder of the year.

Hershey will meet with state selective service directors here next week, and it was believed that the status of registrants over 25, in both essential and non-essential occupations, will be clarified further then.

Selective service headquarters said the 1,699,213 men under 26, exclusive of 4-F's, will supply the armed forces' needs at least until fall. In addition to this pool, an estimated 100,000 men will reach the military age of 18 each month, and from this group about 60 per cent, or 60,000 a month, are expected to be physically fit for induction.

The army has placed its induction calls for the next four months on a replacement basis calling for 75,000 to 100,000 men a month. The navy will require 250,000 to 300,000 by September 1.

Share Rides Or No Gas?

WASHINGTON, May 6. (UP) The office of price administration, convinced that share-the-ride programs have produced only mediocre results, dropped a hint tonight that "B" and "C" gasoline card holders who don't share their cars may find their gas rations tightened.

National OPA officials disclosed that they were watching a District of Columbia car-pooling experiment with the idea of adopting it nationally. A spokesman said the local plan appeared to be a good method of getting white-collar workers to make room for others when riding to and from work.

Under the plan applicants for "B" and "C" rations for home-to-work driving will have car pools formed for them by local boards when they claim they are unable to round up riders. Car-sharing has been required for supplemental gas for riding to jobs. Records show, however, that most such drivers have not been sharing the extra rations by sharing automobile seats.



Detectives inspect trunk containing body of unidentified woman discovered at Los Angeles Railway Express office when clerk noted bloody brine seeping from it. The trunk had been shipped April 30 from Chicago by a "Joan Lopez" and addressed to Lopez in care of the express company office.

Italy Rail Yards All Knocked Out

By REYNOLDS PACKARD United Press War Correspondent

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, May 6. (UP)—Implying that an early allied attack may be expected in Italy, Major General John K. Cannon announced today that bombers of his tactical air force have knocked out all Italian rail yards below Florence and "when large scale fighting resumes the enemy's reserves will soon be exhausted."

At the same time, reconnaissance photographs revealed that the big Torre dam, blasted yesterday by allied dive-bombers, had completely emptied its vast store of impounded waters on German positions near the Adriatic. The breaching of the dam also cost the Germans an important source of hydro-electric power.

Cannon said that disruption of the German communications had been completed at the amazingly low cost of .29 of one per cent—less than 63 planes out of the 21,800 sorties flown by the tactical air force last month.

Shut Off German Supplies When major fighting is resumed (Continued on Page Two)

All Out for Dewey There

TACOMA, Wash., May 6 (UP) Washington state republicans today joined ranks of the draft-Dewey-for-president forces by unanimously adopting a resolution supporting the New York governor as republican presidential candidate.

The resolution had the effect of bonding Washington's 16 national convention delegates to vote for Governor Thomas E. Dewey on the first ballot but was not in the nature of a specific instruction.

The action came shortly after Harold Paulson, Spokane, was elected national committeeman, succeeding Frederick M. Baker, a staunch supporter of Wendell Willkie. Paulson defeated Kenneth Klepper, Seattle for the post by a vote of 550 to 33 but his election later was made unanimous. Mrs. Paul Henry of Seattle was elected national committeewoman without opposition.

Approval of Dewey's candidacy came after adoption of a 24-point state platform pledging Washington republicans to "the forceful and efficient prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion by our military men, without political interference."

Fiji Island Natives Honor Gen. Griswold

By CHARLES P. ARNOT United Press Staff Correspondent

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES, Bougainville, May 3. Delayed (UP)—Muscular, bronze Fiji jungle fighters gave Japanese forces a two-hour rest today to hold native tribal ceremonies honoring Major General Oscar W. Griswold, of Elko, Nevada, allied commander on this island.

Wearing their traditional native costumes, with black paint on their faces, the Fijians presented Griswold with two whole teeth—the highest honor Fiji island natives bestow on distinguished personages.

A Fiji infantry battalion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Thomas Upton, of Auckland, New Zealand, paid tribute to Griswold for his leadership in action which resulted in the virtual annihilation of the crack Japanese imperial sixth infantry division during March and April.

The Fijian troops themselves were credited with killing an estimated 8,000 enemy troops during recent fighting.

Presentation of the whole teeth was made by Sergeant Sake Kikai, spokesman for the battalion and also for Fijian chiefs. Following the presentation, yagona, a non-intoxicating drink made from kava roots, was served to General Griswold and his staff.

Following a series of native dances, the Fijians took off their native costumes, donned their jungle suits and steel helmets and headed for the jungle—looking for Japanese.

VEGAN LONG PRISONER OF JAPS IN SHANGHAI Word has reached the Red Cross from Leo R. Gilmore, a former Las Vegas resident, that he is a Japanese war prisoner in a camp at Shanghai, and has been held there 19 months. According to the letter Gilmore is in good health. He spent Christmas, 1941, on Wake Island.

Friends or relatives are requested by Red Cross officials to contact the local office, 16 Fremont street, so the information about Gilmore may be passed along to others mentioned in his message, which failed to give addresses.

Notable Tribute Paid Bataan Men

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 6 (UP)

The American flag dipped to half-mast this afternoon on its staff in the civic center park here while a military detail from Rosecrans field fired a series of volleys in tribute to the thousands of American fighting men who lost their lives or their freedom two years ago when Corregidor fell.

It was the memorial service of the delegates to the first annual convention of the federated organizations of Bataan relief, winding up their three days of work here. There were few dry eyes among the hundred or so delegates, all of whom lost loved ones in the Philippine fighting, as they marked Corregidor day.

Two years ago today the flag was hauled down from its staff on the rock of Manila harbor, signaling the end of organized resistance in the Philippines.

Dr. D. M. Yap, editor of "Bataan" and the organization's contact man in Washington, delivered a short address at the memorial service. He spoke in place of Major Samuel Grashio, one of the men who escaped a year ago from a Japanese prison camp in the islands. Major Grashio's orders were changed suddenly by the war department and he was unable to appear.

"I can assure the people of the United States," Dr. Yap, a Filipino, said, "that my people are now doing, and will continue to do, everything within their power to speed the day of victory."

Dr. V. H. Spensley of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was elected president. Others elected: A. C. McArthur, Maywood, Illinois, first vice president; Mrs. Katherine Adams, La Jolla, California, second vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, Pontiac, Michigan, third vice president; Paul W. McCahon, Albuquerque, secretary, and Austin E. Anson, Weslaco, Texas, treasurer.

Call on Jews For Support NEW YORK, May 6 (UP)—Dr. Mordecai Soltes, assuming recently the post of executive director of Yeshiva College, called upon all Jews to support "the only college of arts and science in the United States that is conducted under Jewish auspices" and to preserve it as a "citadel of traditional Judaism" to which disenfranchised European Jews may turn for "spiritual guidance and influence."

"The inescapable responsibility to enhance the effectiveness of Yeshiva College and extend its influence to ever-widening circles transcends the confines of Orthodox Jewry," Dr. Soltes said. "The Nazi beast have systematically destroyed the Jewish religious centers in every land that has come under their barbaric domination. It is therefore incumbent upon American Jewry to strengthen the Yeshiva and make this center of Torah flourish as the universally recognized depository of traditional Jewish learning and inspiration."

JAPS IN PICKLE ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, May 6 (AP)—Relentless extermination raids by land and sea today were forcing more and more of some 140,000 Japanese troops in New Guinea, New Britain and New Ireland toward surrender or death-inviting barge flight.

Large Estate For Relatives PORTLAND, Ore., May 6. (UP) The will of Mrs. Lester Brooks, 94, one of the last survivors of a nationally prominent lumbering family was filed for probate today, making extensive bequests of property and her personal fortune.

The major part of her estate went equally to four cousins of her son, Philip Brooks, as follows: Edward Brooks, St. Paul, Minn.; Harry Brooks, Bend, Ore.; Samuel Brooks, Vancouver, B. C., and the family of the late Paul Brooks, Minneapolis, Minn.



A. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's Chinese and American troops have captured Inkangataung, only 18 miles from Kamaing in north central Burma, while British open general counter-offensive in Kohima-Imphal area of India.