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# Fifty Sailors Go on Trial As Mutineers

Fifty Negro enlisted men went on trial on charges of mutiny in court-martial proceedings that opened on Yerba Buena island yesterday in the largest mass trial in Navy court-martial history.

The charge grew out of the refusal of the men to load a ship with ammunition at the Mare Island ammunition depot three weeks after the fatal Port Chicago disaster in which 300 persons were killed, most of them Negroes.

The men, who were stationed at Port Chicago previous to the July 17 explosion, face a possible penalty of death for mutiny during war-time if convicted. However, Navy spokesmen said they didn't think the maximum penalty would be invoked.

The first witness was Commander Joseph R. Tobin, USN (retired), commanding officer naval barracks on Mare Island. He testified that he had received word on August 9 that the enlisted men refused to work.

### ORDER SPURNED

"I personally ordered the men to go to work," the Commander said "and when they refused, I advised them that no one is able, myself as an officer, my superior, or any enlisted man, to refuse to obey a lawful order."

The 50 men who then didn't go to work were placed under guard, Commander Tobin said. Those that went back to work were not held.

According to Lieutenant Commander Feltham Watson, U. S. N. R., this is the first time in naval court history that 50 men have been tried at one time. Watson is Senior Judge Advocate of Twelfth Naval District Staff Headquarters.

Some refused to go to work, Watson said, and others said: "I don't refuse to work, but I'm afraid of ammunition."

### ADMIRAL PRESIDES

Rear Admiral Hugo W. Osterhaus, U. S. N. (retired), is president of the military court. The prosecution officer is Lieutenant Commander James F. Coakley, trial Judge Advocate, and his assistant is Lieutenant (J. G.) John T. Keenan.

Other members of the court are Captain Edward S. Jackson, USN (ret.); Captain Lloyd S. Shapley, USN (ret.); Captain Cornelius W. Flynn, USN; Commander Alexander B. Hayward (MC), USN (ret.); Commander Thomas E. Flaherty, USN (ret.); and Lieutenant Green...

# Lapham Refers Critics of V-Day Drinks to Reilly

Mayor Lapham in a letter sent yesterday to a citizen who had urged that all liquor-selling places be closed in San Francisco on V-day said that all communications on this subject should be addressed to George R. Reilly, member of the State Board of Equalization.

The Mayor added that he was not personally convinced that closing all bars would be advisable. He said that restrictions sometimes induced excesses and that he was sure citizens would celebrate on the great day and would in one way or another get hold of liquor.

Representatives of the armed forces have urged a complete shutting down of bars on V-day.

morning at 10 a. m. is expected to take at least a week due to the number of defendants. Every 10 defendants have been assigned counsel. They are: Lieutenant Gerald E. Veltmann, USNR; Lieutenant Harley Carswell, USNR; Lieutenant (JG) Daniel P. Handley, USNR; Lieutenant (JG) Irving J. Havutin, USNR, and Lieutenant (JG) Phillip J. Hermann, USNR. All are from the Judge Advocate's office.

# Navy Delivers 7 Million V-Mail Letters a Month

WASHINGTON (UP)—The navy V-mail system, which is almost two years old, has expanded approximately 560 per cent in the last nine months and is delivering more than 7,000,000 pieces of mail each month.

Despite the tremendous volume of mail going overseas by the system—the army and navy together have delivered a total of 514,000,000 letters since June, 1942—not a single V-mail letter has been lost irretrievably in the transit. The reason for this fact is that the original letter is held at a port of embarkation until safe delivery of the letter is reported by its destination. If a plane carrying the mail is lost or shot down, the original letters are rephotographed and sent out again, thus insuring the safe arrival of every letter.

The navy's V-mail stations are mobile units, which move into strategic areas close behind the combat troops. Equipment to reproduce letters went into Tarawa with the second wave of assault troops. At

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# Cantaloupes

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## Miscellaneous Needs

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- Corn Highway Golden Cream Style (5) No. 2 12¢
- Tomatoes Gardenside (7)—No. 2 1/2 2 for 25¢
- Wheaties Breakfast of Champions—8-oz. 11¢
- Macaroni & Spaghetti Gold Grain, 16-oz. 15¢
- Karo Syrup Blue Label—1 1/2-lb. Glass 15¢

## AIRWAY COFFEE

Whole Roast—1 lb. package

20¢

- Hills Brgs. Coffee Blue Package—1-lb. 27¢
- Sparkling Water Crag or Merry Mix 2 for 15¢
- Babo Cleanser 14-oz. Can 2 for 21¢

## Banana Nut Layer Cake Each 33¢

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a 90-day quarantine and all stray dogs are being picked up by health inspectors, who keep a continuous vigil for further outbreaks of the disease.

Dr. Geiger reported the death of Glenda was particularly unusual because in 1800 cases he has treated of rabid bite victims, only one-half of 1 per cent of the victims have contracted the disease of rabies.

"No case of human rabies has ever been known to live," Dr. Geiger explained. "Once they contract the disease, there is no hope. And the death from hydrophobia is a particularly distressing one."

### NONE HERE

The Health Director said there was no rabies in San Francisco or on the Peninsula at the present time. He said there have been no deaths in this city, other than the man who was bitten by the cat, since 1912 and 1913 when an epidemic of rabid animals caused nine deaths in the two-year period.

He disclosed that in his past research work he had taken the Pasteur treatment three times himself without ill effects, after being bitten by rabid animals.

"Infected cat bites are worse than dog bites, and coyote bites are worst of all," he explained.

He said an infected animal does not usually go about biting people, but when going through the customary "excitement stage" bites anything with which it comes in contact, whether it be a fence post or a person. They do not hunt people out to bite them, and bite only if they happen to contact them, he said.

# Edmundson Is Denied Seat By the UMW

CINCINNATI, Sept. 16 (AP)—The machinery that may eventually expel Ray Edmundson from membership in the United Mine Workers and therefore keep him off the ballot as a candidate for John L. Lewis' job was in operation today.

The UMW convention, before adjourning yesterday until Monday, denied a seat to Edmundson, leader of the autonomy movement, and three others from a local union in Springfield, Ill., Lewis' home local. At the same time, President Lewis appointed a committee of three to "digest the evidence and make a report and recommendations to the international executive board on the question whether the autonomy organization is a dual movement in violation of our constitution."

The constitution says any member "who accepts office in any dual organization shall be permanently expelled from the United Mine Workers of America, unless reinstated by the international executive board."

The board will meet in Cincinnati next week after the convention adjourns to consider the report of the three-man committee.

Edmundson, back at his Springfield home, declared last night that denial of the convention seat was a "scheming device to keep me off the ballot."

"Mr. Lewis," he said, "not only was afraid to face me at the convention on the self-Government issue, but he also is afraid to submit an account of his stewardship to a vote of the membership on December 12 in the rank and file election."

# Girl, 14, Will Not Be Accused in Mother Slaying

PLACERVILLE, Sept. 16 (UP)—"Absolutely no charges" will be filed against Winifred May Cox, 14, in the fatal shooting yesterday of her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Cox, 55, El Dorado County Sheriff Lowell West said tonight in closing his investigation.

The girl told county officials her mother attacked her with a rifle and a camp ax and said she shot her mother at the mother's request after agreeing to take part in a suicide pact.

Winifred had 125 stitches taken in her scalp, West said she still was in a dazed condition and added "it doesn't seem possible she is alive."

# Woman Charges Attack by Two in Golden Gate Park

The police started a search yesterday for two men, one of them believed to be an employe at the Bethlehem Shipyards, who a few hours earlier attacked a 23-year-old housewife in Golden Gate Park.

She told the police she was awaiting for her husband in a tavern at Twenty-second and Valencia streets Friday night and when, at midnight, he failed to appear, she agreed to permit two young men to drive her home.

She said they stopped for something to eat at a restaurant at Eighth and Fulton and then the men drove her into Golden Gate Park. Later, she added, they drove her home.

When the police arrived in answer to her summons, she said she had grabbed the shipyard identification badge from the coat of one of her assailants.

# Sailors' Fear Of Munitions Told at Trial

One of their officers testified against 50 Negro sailors at their court-martial yesterday. They are charged with mutiny following their refusal to load ammunition at the Mare Island ammunition depot early last month.

The officer, Lieutenant Commander C. L. Bridges, executive officer of the naval barracks at the depot, testified that he ordered the men back to work after their initial refusal to handle the ammunition.

Their answer, he said, was that they were afraid to handle it and that they would obey any other orders than those to handle ammunition.

Commander Bridges was barely cross-examined by Defense Counsel Lieutenant Gerald E. Veltmann. Veltmann instead, attempted to get the testimony stricken from the records on the ground that the witnesses could not identify any of the 50 defendants as those to whom he spoke personally.

Rear Admiral Hugo W. Osterhaus, president of the military court, denied the defense motion with the proviso that such objections could be admitted at the end of the proceedings.

The mass trial will be continued tomorrow morning and is expected to last the entire week.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed by Lieut. Commander Frank Coakley, trial Judge Advocate, that 207 other Negro sailors who originally refused to load ammunition and then went back to work on a third order given by Admiral C. H. Wright, Twelfth Naval District commandant, were tried in a summary court-martial. It was revealed that they had been disciplined, although not their manner of discipline.

Admiral Wright addressed the entire group of 257 men, who refused to obey navy commands, according to the disclosure, and the number of mutineers dwindled to 44 but later rose to 50.

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# Some States Deny Soldiers Their Vote, UAW Charges

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. Sept. 16 (AP)—The International United Automobile Workers (CIO) convention today was on record against the handling of soldier vote arrangements in some States, "especially in New York," and condemning Governor Thomas E. Dewey and Representative John E. Rankin (D., Miss.) "and all who sided with them in their fight for the denial to servicemen of their right to vote."

Other resolutions adopted favored lowering of the voting age to 18 years; called for placing of the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee on a permanent basis; reiterated the union's stand against the poll tax and authorized the appointment of a committee whose sole function will be to work for eradication of the tax, and expressed opposition to the importation of laborers into this country for work in foundries.

The convention tonight elected R. J. Thomas to his sixth successive term as president.

Thomas' only opponent for the presidency, Robert Carter of Flint Local 651, conceded defeat midway through the roll call vote.

George F. Ades was re-elected secretary treasurer. He had no opposition.

In a three-way contest for two vice presidential offices, Richard T. Frankenstein was re-elected to one of the jobs, defeating Walter P. Reuther, who was second in the balloting, and Richard T. Leonard, UAW Ford director.

Reuther, the incumbent, and Leonard will run on the second ballot for the other post.

The convention, scheduled to wind up Sunday night, defeated earlier today a proposal to add a third international vice president to the union.

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campaigner for eight years, told a Contra Costa county audience at Martinez that a fourth term "can lead only to moral and financial bankruptcy for the Nation," because Democrats are attempting to perpetuate an administration which "means a combined communistic-fascistic government."

Mrs. Paul Ellet of this city, former

## Chaplain Tells Defiance of Ship Loaders

The 50 Negro U. S. sailors charged with refusing to load ammunition after the Port Chicago disaster that claimed more than 300 lives were courteous but firm in defiance of orders to proceed with the work, witnesses yesterday told the court-martial board trying the on charges of mutiny.

Lieutenant Commander J. M. Flowers, chaplain at the Vallejo Naval Barracks and Ammunition Depot where the asserted mutiny occurred, said he told the men he was afraid of the ammunition but offered to work with them if they would return to their tasks.

He warned them, he said, they would be disciplined—the maximum sentence is death for the wartime military crime of mutiny—but they merely thanked him and refused to obey.

The men are charged specifically with refusing to obey the lawful order to load and unload ammunition from ships at the depot. The specifications state they "willfully, concertedly and persistently" refused to carry out orders. The detailed charges call attention to the fact the mutiny occurred while the Nation was engaged in a war.

During the day's session the defendants, each 10 represented by an attorney, listened stolidly to the proceedings conducted under the direction of Rear Admiral Hugo W. Osterhaus, president of the court-martial board. The defendants were wearing dress blue.

The incident occurred after the Port Chicago ammunition depot explosion, one of the greatest home front disasters since the war began. Originally 257 men refused to load ammunition but 207 returned to work. They were disciplined on orders of a summary court-martial.

## Original Copy of the Bill of Rights Found

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (UP)—An original copy of the Bill of Rights has been unearthed by Miss Mary T. Quinn, State archivist.

The copy, which had been filed with a miscellaneous collection of maps, is in perfect condition. Miss Quinn says that only seven of the 14 originals are known to be in existence. Five are held by States; one is in the Federal archives and the seventh is on exhibition in New York.

Roosevelt and the election of Senator Truman as Vice President. The action has been reported to headquarters of the International at Cleveland.

Dan Sweeney, official of the AFL Teamsters' Union, will head a labor group of men and women in the Central Mission district who are working for the re-election of Superior Judge Alfred J. Fritz. A DuBoce Avenue-Haught-Fillmore club for Fritz has been organized under Bernard Naughton, chairman, and Miss Agnes Supple, secretary.

Service Star League, Inc., an organization of parents, relatives and members of the families of service men, has given unanimous indorsement to Proposition No. 1 on the November ballot, the \$30,000,000 farm and home bond measure for World War II veterans. The indorsement brought to 5,000,000 the number of Californians in organizations which have taken similar action, according to an American Legion computation.

Eighth District Representative Jack Z. Anderson, candidate for re-election, has urged upon John B. Blanford, director of the National Housing Agency, a modification of regulations which would make units of Federal Housing Projects available to returning service men unable to find other homes.

Ohio, Democratic and Republican vice presidential candidates, assured delegates that the rights of returning veterans must be protected.

"We have reached a crucial stage of the war," Marshall said. "The pressure on the enemy must not be eased for a single moment until his last squad is hurled into a state of helplessness."

He added that Allied soldiers going on into Germany "so that any doubts the enemy may have had regarding our military competence or willingness to fight will be dispelled in an unmistakable and final manner."

Marshall said more than 60 divisions of the ground army now have reached fighting fronts throughout the world, supported by "an even greater strength" in corps and army combat troops and service units totaling more than 2,150,000 officers and men. He said eight divisions sailed this month.

Warren Atherton, national commander of the Legion, presented the Legion's distinguished service award to Gen. Henry H. Arnold and a memorial service was held for the late Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, who died in France shortly after the invasion of Normandy.

President Roosevelt in a message to the Legion, which was read by Warren Atherton, "in the years of peace for showing that

data on a group of individuals "includes the returns of a large number of generally well-known persons, none of whom would normally be regarded as at all apt to be engaged in the type of activity usually thought of as subversive or un-American."

The letter added that before the department would act on the request the committee should indicate "in each case the basis for the apparent belief that inspection of the returns is necessary."

Strickland said that heretofore the Treasury had co-operated with the committee, which has been operating under a Presidential order permitting it to examine all returns including those of "prominent people."

the country's welfare was of first concern. This purpose has been more manifest since another war has come upon us."

He added that the Legion "with foresight and fervent patriotism intensified by war experience" had rendered a very service in advocating a well-integrated program of readjustment for returning veterans.

"Your plan to assist in making this program effective at points of demobilization and in every community in the United States is a true service of democracy," the message concluded.

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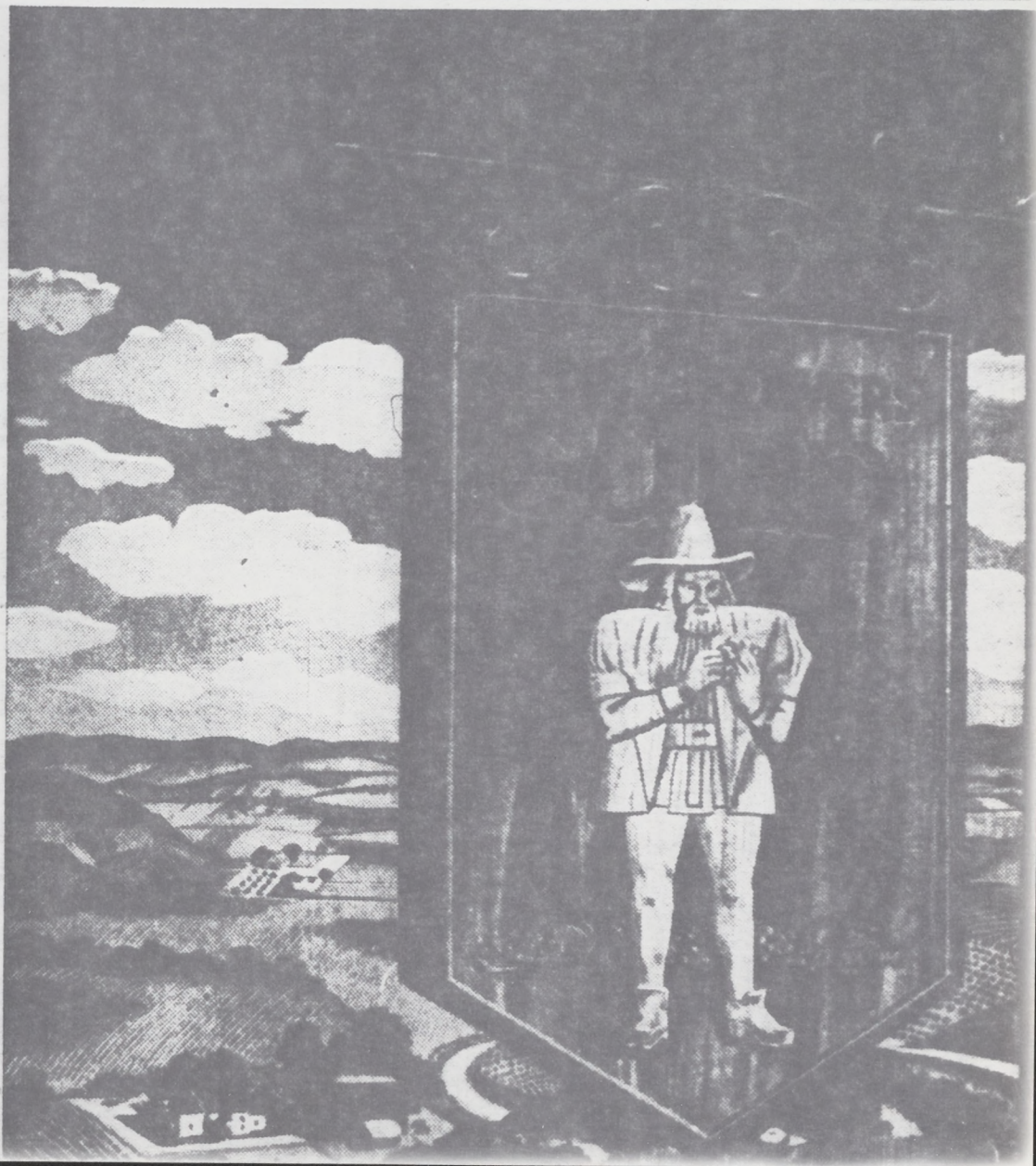
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Judge Lazarus was hearing the  
action brought by the Municipal  
Carmen's Union against the Mayor's  
proclamation suspending civil serv-  
ice requirements for employes of the  
consolidated street car systems. At  
the same time he was considering  
the protest of ten members of the  
Muni union against granting sen-  
iority rights to Market Street  
workers on the "date of hiring  
basis."

James C. Purcell, attorney for the  
Muni carmen, and Walter Doid, As-  
sistant City Attorney, were the or-  
iginal lawyers in the case. But  
Walter McGovern got permission to

## Mutiny Trial Prosecution Over Today

The last two witnesses for the  
prosecution took the stand yesterday  
as the navy court-martial of 50  
Negro U. S. Navy seamen, accused  
of mutiny, met for its eighth day  
on Yerba Buena Island.

The two, Seaman 1/C. John Smith  
and Seaman 2/C. Eddie Brazel,  
stated that they heard discussions  
of refusal to load ammunition at  
Mare Island, following the Port Chi-  
cago disaster and that they had  
signed lists of agreement to refuse;  
in reiteration of the testimony of a  
score of other witnesses who have  
appeared for the prosecution.

Lieutenant Commander James F.  
Coakley, prosecuting officer, will  
wind up his case this morning and  
the defense is expected to call its  
first witness next Tuesday.

Lieutenant Gerald E. Veltman,  
officer for the defense, stated yes-  
terday that he expects to call the  
majority of the accused seamen to  
the stand in an attempt to disprove  
the prosecution's contention that  
"organized conspiracy" existed  
among the Negro seamen who re-  
fused to handle ammunition in de-  
fiance of navy orders on August 9,  
10 and 11.

Over 270 men in three divisions,  
assigned to load and unload the ex-  
plosives at the Mare Island ammu-  
nition depot, Vallejo, refused to obey  
the orders at first, but all except  
the 50 men on trial returned to  
work after August 11.

## Butter Supplies Continue to Be Tight

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (UP)—  
The War Food Administration an-  
nounced today that the Government  
set-aside on butter will be suspend-  
ed from September 30 until next  
spring, but cautioned that supplies  
for civilians will continue to be  
"tight."

Although the entire butter output  
will be available for civilians dur-  
ing winter months, WFA said, the  
market will be "at least as tight  
during the remaining months of this  
year as it was during the same  
period of 1943."

## The Ration Calendar

Meats, Fats and Oils  
Book Four: Red stamps A-8  
through Z-8, and A-5 through G-5.

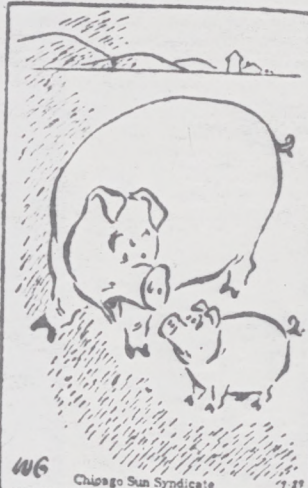
their rights are seriously involved  
in the case.

O'Donnell explained that both the  
Muni Carmen's Union, No. 518, and  
the Market Street Railway Union,  
No. 1004, belongs to the same inter-  
national and that he wished to in-  
tervene on behalf of the interna-  
tional, to see that its interests are  
protected.

Mayor Lapham sat long periods  
in silence while the attorneys wran-  
gled. But he got his story across.  
He said:

"I acted on the principle of 'first  
man hired, last man fired,' and on  
the assumption that every man  
working on the Market Street line  
should be encouraged to stay with  
us on the consolidated lines after  
September 29."

## Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Not 'ernk'—Oink! Oi like  
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## Howards' Attorneys File Plea on Fee

Attorneys for the executors of the  
\$2,500,000 Herrscher estate yesterday  
appealed to the State Supreme Court  
for restoration of the \$25,000 attor-  
neys' fee which was set aside Thurs-  
day by San Mateo County Superior  
Judge Maxwell McNutt in Redwood  
City.

The appeal followed bitter clashes  
in court between the attorneys and  
Edmond Herrscher, who is trying  
to have Robert and Lindsay Howard  
removed as executors of the estate  
of Herrscher's former wife, Mrs.  
Fannie May Howard Herrscher. The  
Howards are her sons.

The appeal was filed by Attorney  
Orville Vaughn, and the San Fran-  
cisco law firm of Morrison Hohfeld,  
Foerster, Shuman & Clark, repre-  
senting the late Mrs. Herrscher's  
sons, who were left the bulk of the  
estate.

Herrscher is pressing a claim for  
\$800,000 against the estate and is  
seeking the Howards' removal,  
charging they are not competent to  
manage it.

## Chinese Indorse Free World Press

CHUNGKING, Sept. 22 (P)—  
Information Minister Liang Shao-  
Chao said today the Chinese gov-  
ernment indorse the publication of



## 100th 'Aida'

Slim, auburn-haired Stella Ro-  
man, Romanian soprano, arrived  
here yesterday morning to appear  
in her 100th performance of "Aida"  
Friday at the San Francisco Opera  
House.

"I have a horror of developing  
into one of those hefty-voiced  
prima donnas of the old style,"  
Mme. Roman explained as she  
thought of the meals she had not  
been able to eat on the train that  
brought her west.

She has a better understanding  
of the English language since her  
first visit to this city three years  
ago. At that time, she reflected,  
her answers had been limited to a  
single, baffled "Vunderful" in re-  
sponse to all questions.

She will also appear in "Forza  
del Destino" and "The Masked  
Ball."

## S. F. Living Costs Reach All-Time High

The cost of living in San Fran-  
cisco reached its wartime peak in  
the 30-day period ending August 15,  
moving to a point 30.3 per cent  
above the index at the outbreak of  
war in Europe five years ago, and  
26.7 per cent above the mark pegged  
by the "little steel" formula in  
January, 1941.

William A. Bledsoe, regional direc-  
tor for the Bureau of Labor Statis-  
tics, disclosed the figures yesterday,  
saying an advance of one tenth of  
one per cent in the 30 days ending  
August 15 was the same as that in  
the preceding month.

Once before, Bledsoe said, San  
Francisco living costs achieved the  
same peak. That was last May 15.

Principal factors in the latest ad-  
vance were clothing, up .6 per cent,  
and house furnishings, up .3 per  
cent. In the past year, house  
furnishings have moved upward 16.1  
per cent, and clothing, 8.2 per cent.

On the other hand, the cost of  
living in 21 other large cities  
throughout the United States, ad-  
vanced 2 per cent in the month  
ending August 30, Bledsoe said.

## Promotions

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LEUTENANT-COLONEL TO COLONEL  
Giles, Lawrence, QMC, c/o Safeway  
Store, Inc., Box 640, Oakland  
FIRST LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN  
SAN FRANCISCO  
Neeley, Dersie L., WAC, 234 Turk street  
Shean, John P., Sig C., 2338 Ulloa street  
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Acton, Robert B., AC, 754 Twenty-  
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Guiberson, Paul C., Jr., CE, 303 Fifth  
avenue.  
BAY AREA  
Ash, Roger F., Inf., 3114 High street,  
Oakland

from getting ahead of him.

Lee Marshall, director of food dis-  
tribution for the War Food Admin-  
istration, said the WFA now has a  
problem of surplus on its hands and  
he admits that problem isn't get-  
ting any better.

"We are not especially worried  
about the surplus during the first  
year after the war," Marshall ex-  
plained, "but two and three years  
after the peace we may have a  
bad time."

## RIGHT AFTER WAR

He said American farmers were  
turning out about 38 per cent more  
agricultural products this year than  
they were in 1935-39. There will be  
enough hungry people in the world  
right after the war to absorb this  
extra production.

But when the liberated countries  
get back on their feet, agriculturally,  
that's when the trouble will start.

Marshall, at a press conference  
yesterday morning in the Pacific  
building, where the local WFA of-  
fices are located, reported the War  
Food Administration had a present  
inventory of \$600,000,000 worth of  
food in storage, or about 2,000,000  
tons.

"And we have a few more eggs  
than we can use this winter," he  
added.

The working inventory is not  
unusual, Marshall explained, be-  
cause it is completely turned over  
about four times a year. Wheat, he  
said, was plentiful, but this crop is  
not "burdensome," because it  
stores well for use in lean years.

## CROP LIMITATION

Two solutions to the accumula-  
tion of a surplus, suggested the  
food distributor, would be (1) a  
Federal crop limitation program  
and (2) maintenance of high pur-  
chasing power so the people could  
absorb the surplus.

He said he did not think Cali-  
fornia would feel many repercus-  
sions at the end of the war, be-  
cause individual savings in war  
bonds and bank accounts were up  
111 per cent over the prewar level  
in this State, while the general in-  
crease throughout the Nation was  
only 57 per cent.

When Marshall announced he had  
urged sugar beet producers in  
California to expand their plant-  
ings for the 1945 harvest to prewar  
levels, he was reminded that local  
sugar growers were vociferous in  
their criticisms of his agency, claim-  
ing its officials were dilatory and  
did not operate to benefit the in-  
dustry.

"Well, that's what I came out  
here for—to hear the complaints,"  
Marshall replied.

He will hold informal discussions  
with the California Tree Fruit and  
Tokay Grape Marketing Agreement  
groups and with representatives of  
the dairy, poultry and canning in-  
dustries during his visit here.

City of Paris  
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VERON BONNET

... yesterday, but he ex-  
ned that was a coincidence:  
y had just returned from a  
ing trip. Last week Colo-  
Shafer ordered that transpor-

... heavyweights title, is waging a battle  
against an old neck injury from a  
bed in the Army's Fort George  
Wright Hospital here.

... business interests include a brew-  
ery and large scale cattle ranch,  
once raced such as Deep Thoughts,  
one of the greatest mudders in

quart. It was one day when the  
champagne actually flowed like  
water, and the catering staff was  
hard pressed to keep sufficient

... jungles can win on the  
says Kalensky. "In fact, the  
petition in the jungles  
tougher of the two, if anyt

# LYONS DEN

By Leonard Lyons

NEW YORK, Sept. 26—Vice Pres-  
Wallace visited Mayor La-  
dia. Wallace was asked wheth-  
e plans to work within the  
ework of the Democratic Na-  
Committee. "I'll work in close  
eration with them," said Wal-  
"You can't put any liberal  
in the framework of a political  
." He turned to the Mayor and  
d: "Right, Fiorello?" ... "Yes."  
ed the Mayor. "I guess that's  
we're always on the outside."

ay" Krug, head of the War  
motion Board, was a patient at  
Navy Hospital last week ...  
Camp Shows won't send any  
pany of "Voice of the Turtle"  
sons. Although it's been the  
hit play on Broadway for a  
with a cast of only three, the  
ers overseas won't see it be-  
USO thinks it's consensable  
Anna Rosenberg is back from  
war-front survey for the War  
power Commission ... Jo Da-  
an, the sculptor, is doing a head  
Ernie Pyle.

Then Producer Michael Todd was  
Fall Guy at the ride given him  
the Circus Saints and Sinners  
week, all of Todd's best friends  
e placed at a table in a far cor-  
behind the platform. "We de-  
rately placed Mike's friends at  
worst table," explained Jimmy  
lker. "Because when this lunch-  
is over, we want EVERYBODY  
leave here hating Mike Todd."  
More than 100 medals and citi-  
as will be awarded to crew-  
members of the U. S. S. Nevada  
tch miraculously returned from  
invasion of Europe without suf-  
ing any casualties. One medal  
go to a shell-loader who, after  
ding each shell, held up one fin-  
g. The officers thought this was  
signal meaning "O. K." and re-  
rned the signal. He continued  
ding, repeating the signal—until  
neone discovered that he was  
iding up the finger because most  
it had been cut off.

Jerome Kern and Sigmund Rom-  
g visited the home of Ira Gersh-  
n in Hollywood. The composers  
d the lyricist started to discuss  
dern singers, and Gershwin asked  
romberg: "What do you think of  
ank Sinatra?" ... Romberg  
illed up his trousers and pointed  
the garters holding up his socks.  
wear 'em," he said. "Ask Jerry.  
doesn't."

Joseph Cotten, who began his

Theater, is visting N. Y. now. "When  
we did Shakespeare," Welles re-  
minded him, "you used to drink a  
lot." Cotten agreed. "But only in  
Shakespeare," he added, "and never  
when we did the other plays. When  
an actor does Shakespeare, the au-  
dience can't tell whether or not he's  
been drinking" ... When the Ann  
Sheridan-Jackie Miles-Ben Blue  
troupe visited China, General Stil-  
well asked them: "Next to girls,  
what do you think the boys here  
miss most?" The visitors replied:  
"Beer." The General turned to his  
aide and ordered a can of beer for  
every G.I. in China.

In the vote taken by Colonel  
Frank Knox's executors at the Chi-  
cago Daily News, to determine  
whether the paper should support  
Roosevelt or Dewey, the vote was a  
tie—three to three. The deciding  
vote, for Dewey, was cast by Mrs.  
Knox ... Bill Shirer had his bags  
packed to leave for Europe last  
week. At the last minute the army  
officials insisted he needed innocu-  
lations. These overseas shots there-  
fore will delay Shirer's trip for at  
least 21 days ... Raymond Moley  
joined the Dewey train in Seattle.  
His friends are positive that the  
former Roosevelt brain-truster now  
is helping Dewey write campaign  
speeches.

George Holland, the Boston critic  
who has been barred from the Shub-  
ert theaters in Massachusetts for  
many years, will have a Boston leg-  
islator introduce a bill similar to  
the one introduced in my behalf  
in the N. Y. State Legislature. This  
latter bill, passed by both houses  
and signed by the Governor, now is  
having its constitutionality tested  
before the U. S. Supreme Court ...  
Frank Lloyd, the director who just  
returned to civilian life after win-  
ning the Legion of Merit, left the  
army with an excellent movie about  
the 13th AAF. It records the air  
war against the Japs in the same  
manner that "Memphis Belle" re-  
corded the air attacks against the  
Nazis ... Orson Welles will tour  
the country for the Democratic Na-  
tional Committee.

George Seldes and Gilbert Seldes,  
the authors, naturally are mistaken  
for each other quite often. Their  
physical resemblance, coupled with  
the similarity of their names, fre-  
quently results in confusion ...  
Kyle Crichton's favorite Seldes is  
George. "I have the perfect epi-  
thaph for you," Crichton told George. "If

## First of 50 Seamen Charged With Mutiny Takes the Stand

The first of 50 Negro Navy sea-  
men charged with mutiny testified  
yesterday at the court-martial pro-  
ceedings held on Yerba Buena  
island as an aftermath of the Port  
of Chicago explosion.

Edward Lee Longmire, seaman  
second class, who was at Port Chi-  
cago July 17 when the explosion  
occurred, but was uninjured in the  
blast, testified that he had told of-  
ficers he was willing to obey orders  
but was "afraid to load ammuni-  
tion."

He said that he had lined up  
with those unwilling to resume am-  
munition loading at Vallejo, that  
after the penalties of mutiny had  
been explained to him by the com-  
mandant he offered to step out of  
line and resume work, but that  
when he expressed fear to his su-  
perior officer, the officer replied:  
"This is no time for favors. Get  
out of line."

Thereafter, he said, he was taken

### S. F. a Good Place To Sell Watermelons

Farmers of the San Joaquin val-  
ley have long believed that San  
Francisco was a "poor watermelon  
community" because of its cool—and  
often foggy—summer days.

But this is not true, insists John  
G. Brucato, head of the Farmers  
Market. San Franciscans bought  
more than 120,000 melons this sum-  
mer from trucks in the market place  
at Duboce avenue and Market street,  
he said.

Brucato also disclosed that the  
average Saturday crowd at the open  
air market has been from 50,000 to  
60,000 and that about 290 trucks  
unload their complete produce load  
there every week.

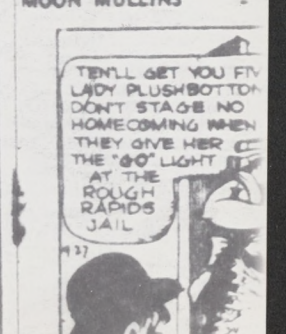
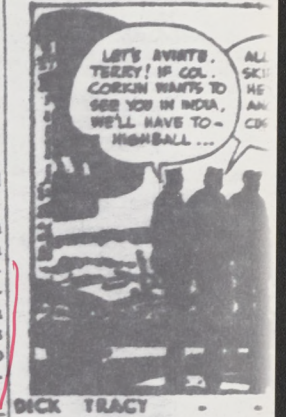
to Camp Shoemaker with other re-  
calcitrants, where he signed a  
statement, but denied that he had  
ever received a direct order to load  
ammunition.

He related that there had been  
much conversation among the men  
following the Port Chicago ex-  
plosion, that many of them ex-  
pressed the fear "it could happen  
again." He said the conversations  
expressed the belief that the group  
would get liberty or leave by re-  
fusing to load ammunition.

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### TERRY AND THE PIRATES



Joe Small

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# THE PORT CHICAGO SEAMEN'S TRIAL

## Organized Resistance to Orders Denied

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Fear of ammunition handling both before and after the Port Chicago explosion that killed some 300 persons, dominated the men who handled it. Seaman First Class Joseph R. Small testified yesterday at the mutiny court-martial held on Yerba Buena Island.

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Small under examination denied statements attributed to him by earlier witnesses that "if we stuck together nothing could happen to us." He told of having made three statements after expressing his disinclination to work with ammuni-

tion, and declared that "I didn't know I was making statements. They just asked me a lot of questions and then gave me a paper to sign." Asked why he signed it, he said, "I was ordered to do so."

Naval authorities said yesterday that Ollie Green, seaman first class, who had testified on Tuesday, was speaking for himself only and not for others when he described fear of ammunition handling. He was quoted yesterday as saying "We didn't like to load ammunition under some officers at the depot, because we knew how it was han-

dled. They held races to see which group would get done fastest, and we knew it might go off like Port Chicago." The Navy said "I" should be substituted for "we" in this quotation.

Small told of extreme jitters among the men after the Port Chicago explosion. He said that at the Camp Shoemaker barracks, a bit of paper got hooked in the electric fan after lights out, and the noise of it caused a near riot as the men ran for the exits. On another occasion, he said, the noise of a trunk being dragged across the

floor caused another near riot.

The witness said that, following a meeting of petty officers on the evening of August 10 with reference to the conduct of the men, he went down and told the men they would have to obey orders. Small, who is 23 years old and before going into the service was a truck driver in New Jersey, is the first Northern Negro to be called as a witness.

John H. Dunn Jr., 17, who weighs 114 pounds, testified he had made up his own mind not to handle ammunition, because he was too small.

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## Aimee McPherson

### Her Fabulous Evangelistic Career Put Hallelujah in the Headlines

Aimee Semple McPherson, 54-year-old Los Angeles evangelist, who died suddenly in Oakland yesterday, was one of the most fabulous women of her generation.

Tall, handsome, possessed of a voice that cast a hypnotic spell over countless thousands of converts, she was the world's acknowledged mistress of hallelujah revivalism.

A frustrated actress, she emerged from comparative obscurity two decades ago and in the years that followed she came to be regarded as a "saint" by some; as a "sinner" by others. Whether saint or sinner, however, she was blessed with a dynamism that galvanized millions who heard her preach and she had besides an incredible capacity for living.

It was probably this last quality that kept "Sister Aimee" before the public eye as an almost legendary figure.

She made journalistic history back in 1926 when, on May 18, she vanished while surf bathing at Ocean Park, reappearing 36 days later to announce she had hiked in from the Arizona desert after having been abducted. For 83 consecutive days her name made headlines across the country. Although she claimed to have struggled miles over the sands her clothing and shoes bore little signs of travel.

#### SOME DISBELIEVED

Her story was scoffed at in Los Angeles, and it was charged she had "disappeared" to spend the month in a Carmel cottage with Kenneth G. Ormiston, husky, bald-headed radio operator of her Angelus Temple station.

In one of the State's most sensational actions, "Sister Aimee" was formally charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice but ultimately, after countless court hearings, the case was dismissed for lack of evidence.

Mysteriously missing during these hearings was Ormiston and a Nationwide search failed to find him.

only the office girl who opens the door and says "come in."

Her "Four-Square" temple says that she has preached to more millions than any other evangelist of her time and that today there are some 400 of her churches in the United States and 200 missionary stations abroad.

In the two world wars the evangelist gave away more than 1,000,000 Bibles to service men. A temple "prayer tower" is manned day and night by her followers.

Mrs. McPherson loved travel and undertook several world tours. During one of these she was asked by the British administration to leave Jerusalem because it was feared that Moslem troubles then going on might be aggravated by her oratory.

Her vigorous pursuit of life began to tell and in 1931 she suffered her first nervous collapse. Shortly thereafter she was married to David Hutton, a plump, good-natured choir singer many years her junior.

#### MARRIAGE BROKE UP

They went to Central America on their honeymoon and she contracted a tropical fever. Then Hutton was sued for a breach of promise by a nurse, Myrtle St. Pierre, who claimed he jilted her. She won \$5000 in a court action and when the bride heard of the verdict she fainted and fractured her skull.

The marriage ended in divorce in 1934 and then came a week's engagement for the evangelist at a Broadway theater.

She had countless legal battles with members of her organization, the most spectacular with her mother.

In 1936 her name was linked with that of Homer Rodeheaver, former singing master for the late Billy Sunday, but the romance, if one existed, was never climaxed by marriage.

She continued her Nation-wide evangelistic tours and appointed Mrs. Rheba Crawford Splivalo,

LAST CHAPTER — Death has closed the almost legendary career of Aimee Semple McPherson, the Los Angeles evangelist who took revivalism from the gas-lighted tent circuit into a glamorous temple and drew millions of followers to her cause.

## 100 Volunteer More About To Talk Here For Dewey

## Death of Evangelist

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latest fiscal year were \$4,233,000,000. State taxes rose moderately over the previous year, and local taxes declined slightly. c8fo-i.n.s.

tions," he says. His largest bond sale was \$100,000 to a corporation, and he has made many sales of \$5000 and \$10,000 to individuals.

## Mutiny Defendant 'Unaware' He Was Under Orders

One of the mutiny trial defendants at court-martial proceedings at Yerba Buena Island asserted yesterday that he at no time was aware that he was under orders to load ammunition.

He was Douglas G. Anthony, seaman second-class. He said he had been willing to obey all orders, that he was afraid of ammunition, loading, and that on August 11, when he sought to ask his division commander a question, he failed to give his name as one of those willing to work. Because of this, he said, he was put among those refusing to work, and marched onto a barge. He never got to ask the question, which was for permission to work as a cleaner of compartments of the mess hall.

Under cross-examination, Anthony was confronted with a statement he signed, saying he did not want to load ammunition. He denied making the statement, asserting that he had never said he would not load ammunition, but merely that he was afraid of loading ammunition.

W. C. Suber, seaman second-class, said he was sent to the sick bay on August 12, that he had a slip from

a doctor calling for light duty, and signed a list of those expressing willingness to work. He had expected to be assigned to light duty, he said, and when he found the duty was not to be light, he "changed his mind."

Olle Green, who had testified on Tuesday, was recalled to the stand and on cross-examination was asked for his civilian occupation. He replied that he made his money in "games of chance." Further examination brought out that he had paid a \$600 income tax despite lack of jobs, but this was later stricken from the record.

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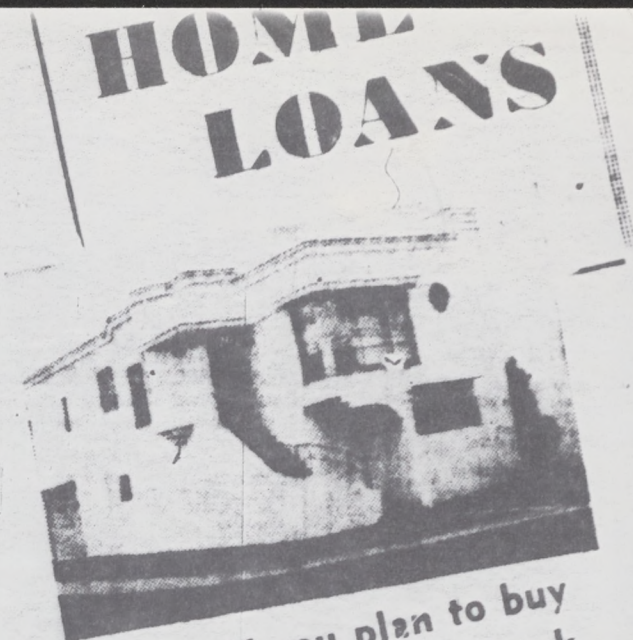
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## Business Trends---Comment

By **SIDNEY P. ALLEN**, Financial Editor

When war production falls off, and indications continue to accumulate that that time is not far distant, American industry and labor will be at the crossroads. Question before us then will be whether to strive for low prices and big volume of production, with accompanying high ac-

## NEW YORK STOCK EXC

MARKET COMPARED		DOW JONES AVERAGES			
September		THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28			
	28	27	Open	High	Low
No. of advances	312	308	146.17	146.49	145.6
No. of declines	290	222	40.42	40.55	40.2
Stocks unchanged	223	232	24.88	24.95	24.4
Total issues traded	612	762	40 BONDS		
New 1944 highs	20	23	Day's Sales		
New 1944 lows	3	2	636,710	Prev. Day	484,020
			Week Ago	560,920	Year Ago
					570,734

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# Two Negro Sailors Deny Disobedience

men from one out of the hundreds of merchant ships that came into this three-month period—found concealed explosives from crew members, or seized from ship's personnel left

explosives seized and September 4: 62,750 ROUNDS; 100 20-MM. MAGNETIC TANK BOMB NOSE FUSES, 8 MORTAR TRAPS, 4 CANS OF 50-CALIBER PRACTICE BOMB DETONATORS, 25 FIREARMS STICKS, 25 FIREARMS SEIZED BEHIND AUGUST 31:

ONE GUNS, 20; 8 MACHINE GUNS, 112; 23 JAPANESE REVOLVERS, 45 REVOLVERS. Figures by three, give the quantity of firearms that the didn't find or seize didn't have the permit to search the other ships that came in three months.

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## Sailor Sure Island

23-year-old sailor land, was run over Oakland yesterday r driven by I. C. alnut Creek. The led with workers ay shipyards. sailor darted to

Two more Negro Navy sailors accused of mutiny for refusal to load ammunition at Mare Island last month took the stand in their own defense yesterday to testify that they had never had direct orders to load explosives, as the court-martial of the 50 men went into its 14th day on Yerba Buena island.

Jack Crittenden, seaman 2/c, testified on direct examination by Lieutenant Gerald Veltmann officer for the defense, that he had signed his name to a list of men willing to go to work after hearing a speech by Admiral Wright on August 11.

He testified further that he was called to muster for work the following day while he was in the Navy canteen at Vallejo, and that he returned to the barge where he had been held to change to working dungarees. At that point, he stated, his division commander appeared, asked him why he was still on the barge and took him to the brig.

On cross-examination Crittenden admitted that no one had told him that he could leave the barge for the canteen, but added that as there were no guards around he had thought it was allowed.

When asked on cross-examination, if he saw any other men from his division in the canteen, Crittenden said he had, but could not name any of the men.

Crittenden testified that he had heard men saying that they would be willing to load ammunition anywhere but at Port Chicago or Mare Island and that he knew some had applied for transfers to other duty.

The second witness, Herbert Havis, seaman 1/c, testified that he had worked with ammunition at Port Chicago for 22 months prior to the explosion and that he had always feared it.

He reiterated the testimony of other defense witnesses that he had never had a direct order to load ammunition and although he feared explosives, he would have handled them if he had been told to do so.

## Coast Guard Saves Two Navy Men's Lives

A Coast Guard crew saved the lives of two navy men shortly before noon yesterday when their plane, a torpedo bomber, crashed in Bodego bay, 10 miles southwest of Santa Rosa.

The rescue boat picked up the plane's pilot, Ensign Clarence Teige of Palermo, N. D., and Luther Johnson, aviation ordnanceman, third class, of Portland, Maine, from the wreckage just before it sank.

Navy officials said the plane was on a routine training flight from the Naval Air Station, Santa Rosa.

## St. Patrick's Seminary Has New Rector

Archbishop Mitty yesterday announced the appointment of Rev. Thomas C. Mulligan, S.S., as new rector of St. Patrick's Seminary at Menlo Park.

Father Mulligan served as rector of St. Edward's Seminary, Seattle, for 12 years. He will succeed Rev. Joseph V. Nevens, S.S., who has been

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## GRIN AND BEAR IT — — — — — By Lichty



"I'm not worrying about his being spoiled. Auntie. Now that his father's a sergeant, he'll know how to handle him when he comes home!"

## Four From Bay Area Hurt In Rail Crash

Four Bay Area residents have been identified among the 83 persons injured Thursday night when two Chicago and Northwestern Railroad trains collided on the outskirts of Missouri Valley, Iowa, resulting in at least nine deaths, including a 16-month-old baby.

Victims hospitalized at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs included Mrs. Mabel Weniger, 717 Twenty-first ave. ne, who was traveling West with her husband, the Rev. Arno Q. Weniger, pastor of the Hamilton Square Baptist Church, and their son, Arno Jr. Neither of the latter were injured.

Others treated for injuries were Private William F. Souza, son of Mrs. Arvid Souza, 1283 Pierce avenue, San Leandro; Mrs. Floyd King, Richmond; and Mrs. Elinor Feeny of Oakland.

## Donoghue Reelected

Mott J. Donoghue, regional press officer for the Office of Price Administration, has been elected for the second time Commander of the Ired G. Bunch Post No. 116, American Legion. It was announced yes-

# War Chest Parade Starts At 2:30 Today

San Franciscans will signal the opening of the War Chest appeal this afternoon with an hour-long military parade beginning at 2:30.

Some 3000 volunteers will get down to the more serious business of pounding pavements and ringing doorbells on Monday to raise \$3,792,742 to be allocated to support of war relief and local health and welfare organizations.

Today's parade will feature units drawn from branches of the armed forces, together with motorized equipment, spectacular floats, color guards and bands. Others parading will include fraternal groups, youth organizations, organized labor and representatives of the United Nations.

Here is the line of march: From the foot of Market street, west to Larkin, north on Larkin to McAllister, west on McAllister to Polk, south on Polk, passing the reviewing stand in front of City Hall.

Among military officials who will occupy the reviewing stand will be Major General C. H. Bonesteel of the Western Defense Command; Rear Admiral C. H. Wright, commandant of the Twelfth Naval District; Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital; Brigadier General C. H. Kelis, Commanding General of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation; Brigadier General Emil Keil, Chief of Staff of the Fourth Air Force, and Commodore Phillip F. Roach of the Coast Guard.

## Nazi Ace Missing

LONDON, Sept. 29 (AP)—London radio reported today that much-decorated Major Horst Ademeit, who was credited with 166 "air victories," had failed to return from an operational flight.

# Today's Ration Calendar

### Meats, Fats and Oils

Book Four: Red stamps A-8 through Z-8, and A-5 through G-5, valid for 10 points each, indefinitely. (Two red points given for each pound of fat turned in.)

### Gasoline

A-13 coupons, each good for four gallons, valid through December 21. B-3 and C-3 coupons, each good for five gallons, valid through tonight. B-4, B-5, C-4 and C-5 coupons, good for five gallons each, are valid indefinitely.

### Tires

Periodic passenger tire inspection discontinued, but tires must be inspected prior to replacement. (Save inspection record for tire and gasoline applications.)

### Sugar

Book Four: Stamps No. 30, 31, 32 and 33, each valid for five pounds indefinitely. Stamp 40, good for five pounds for canning through February 28, 1945. Extra sugar for canning up to maximum of 20 pounds

for the season may be obtained by application at your ration board.

### Processed Foods

Book Four: Blue stamps A-8 through Z-8 and A-5 through L-5, good for 10 points each, valid indefinitely.

### Shoes

Airplane stamps No. 1 and 2 in Book Three valid if not detached from book.

## 56th 'Witness' Jailed For Draft Evasion

Raymond Clark Tolbert, 18, Watsonville, the first Jehovah's Witness to plead guilty to draft dodging in the San Francisco Federal courts, was sentenced to two years yesterday by Judge St. Sure at the fifty-sixth members of the cult to go to prison for refusing to fight.

Tolbert has two brothers, also Jehovah's Witnesses serving the same sentences for the same offense. Unlike other Witnesses, Tolbert did not claim exemption as a minister.





# Royce Brier

## On What's Doing or Not Doing and Why in the East Mediterranean

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 fell abruptly out of the news. If it is getting anywhere, they are keeping it a secret.

Over the week end British commandos landed on the island of Cerigo, which lies between Peloponnesus and Crete. Commandos, of course, are a 1942 military improvisation, very worthwhile in their time. Their operations were experimental—if it was too tough, get out. The name itself has lost its meaning for the end of a war, where the enemy must get out if the war is to be won. The enemy, in fact, has been reported getting out of some of the Aegean islands.

But he is not getting out by reason of the weight of any allied operations in the southeast, and he hasn't had to since he went in three years ago last spring. He is getting out because the Russians are steadily pushing westward from Rumania, and bid fair, along with Tito, to meet Wilson's troops on the Adriatic beaches. They may, indeed, meet Wilson's troops on Peloponnesus and the waterfront of Salonika if Wilson's troops should happen to get there.

At least there was an Istanbul report only yesterday that Russian troops were about to enter Thrace. We can hardly complain if they do. They aren't fighting a safe war of limited objectives, and they aren't too little and too late at a place. They're fighting a war to lick the Germans wherever they find them and at whatever cost. Seems to be working.

Of course, it doesn't all point to Sir Henry. Some of it is diplomatic, and some is undoubtedly the dishrag feeling of southeastern peoples well out of the war and hoping to stay out. An immense air of inertia broods over the whole eastern basin, excepting Greece, and probably centers in Cairo. It is so profound that virtually every news story originating east of Malta in two years has dealt with rumored action, rather than action. As in all such historical situations, there is plenty of talk, because the people involved are aware of their vacuum.

Back when Rommel was fee-fie-fumming all over the desert, the Allies built a formidable military establishment in the Middle East, and they had to pack most of it around Africa, at that. They talked about their inhuman power in Syria and on Cyprus, 300 miles from Rhodes. But they never used it. Something happened on Rhodes when Mussolini fell last year, but it's nothing the Allies ever wanted to brag about.

In fifteen months the eastern basin has become an Allied lake—except that the bandits are still on the main island, Crete. The Greeks have got some wheat from us, but they've strictly done their own

If all this constitutes harassment of the Germans in their fatal hour, one would like it explained. If it constitutes a modern exhibit of that London foresight and dynamism which built the great Empire, one would like to hear about that, too.  
 October 3, 1944

## Negroes Tell Of Fears in Loading Arms

The naval court martial of 50 Negro seamen charged with refusing to load ammunition after the Port Chicago disaster, resumed yesterday with defendants, who face a maximum penalty of death, continuing to testify in their own defense.

Richard W. Hill, seaman second class, said he decided after the Port Chicago ammunition ship explosion, that claimed more than 300 lives, he was "afraid" to load high explosives. He testified he would obey any other order.

Officers at Camp Shoemaker, where the alleged mutineers were held in custody after they were charged, told him that if he would make a statement, "it will go lighter and easier with you," he testified.

### TRANSFER REFUSED

The second witness of the sixteenth day of the court martial was John L. Gipson, seaman first class, who was at Port Chicago the night of the disaster. He helped handle coffins, he testified.

After the explosion, he testified, he became afraid of the ammunition loading task and was refused a transfer. He denied that he heard the asserted mutineers deride other seamen for going to work at the task.

A Negro seaman who can neither read nor write and did not complete the first grade of school was the day's third witness. He was James Floyd, seaman second class.

### STATEMENT READ

He testified that while he was in custody at Camp Shoemaker he was asked to make a statement. He recited a verbal one to officers and said it was transcribed and read back to him.

"It wasn't exactly what I said," he testified. "There were a few words changed."

Each of the 50 defendants is expected to testify.

## Navy Investigates Sub Fire at Hunters Point

Naval authorities yesterday were investigating the fire which blazed for two and one-half hours Sunday aboard a submarine being overhauled at the Hunters Point Naval Station.

Municipal firemen were called to



**WESTERN FRONT** — The U. S. First Army has opened the biggest offensive since Norman breakthrough just north of Aachen. Already two miles through Siegfried defenses. Arrows show of

# More About Western Front First Army Opens Big A

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 lost for the second time the nearby town of Chateau-Salins. Still farther south the Germans were counterattacking in the mouth

of Aachen. Already two miles through Siegfried defenses. Arrows show of

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# Mutiny Trial Statements

## SEAMAN CITES CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN REFUSING TO ANSWER OFFICER'S QUERIES

Ernest D. Brown, seaman first class, one of the 50 Negro navy seamen accused of mutiny for refusal to load ammunition after the explosion at Port Chicago, told the Navy court-martial board on Yerba Buena Island yesterday that he had stood on his constitutional rights and refused to make a statement with regard to his activities when he was questioned at Camp Shoemaker last August.

Brown, it was revealed through cross-examination, had been in machine assembly work for an Irvington, N. J., company before entering the navy. On the stand for direct examination late Monday he testified that he stored ammunition at Port Chicago, but feared it because of recurrent dizzy spells.

When he was asked if he desired to make a statement regarding his refusal to load ammunition between August 9 and 12, Brown testified that at Camp Shoemaker: "I stood on my constitutional right not to answer questions and mentioned a desire to have a lawyer present if I did."

### Seminar Series on Pacific Islands to Begin on Friday

The first in a series of 12 seminars on the islands of the Pacific, sponsored by the Institute of Pacific Relations, will be held Friday afternoon at the institute's headquarters, 417 Market street, from 4:15 to 5:15 o'clock.

During the course, the geography, history, culture, economy and strategic importance of the Pacific islands, as well as the post-war problems connected with them will be discussed by experts in the respective fields. Among those who will participate are Dr. J. L. Mohr, Raden Mas Darmanto, Mrs. Estela R. Sulit, Mr. Henri C. A. Kuehne, Dr. Margaret Mead, Dean Knowles Ryerson, Professor A. W. Herre, Professor Felix Keesing, Professor Richard Goldschmidt and J. Linsley Gressitt.

### Biology Professor to Speak on 'Journeys'

Dr. George Haley, professor emeritus of biology at the University of San Francisco, will speak at 2 p. m., Saturday, to student members of the California Academy of Sciences.

His subject will be "Journeys of a Naturalist in the Far North." The meeting will be open to the public at Room 214, Simson African Hall, Golden Gate Park.

### Auckland Plans Tram

AUCKLAND—Sports lovers in Auckland, New Zealand, are boosting a plan to build an aerial tramway to make the perennial snowfields accessible. The proposed tram would carry passengers from 1800 feet to above 6000 feet to ski runs in huge snowfields that provide good sport in summer as well as in winter.

On re-direct examination, Brown was asked if he was ordered to make any statements.

"No, sir," he replied, "but they seemed to be a little persuasive in having me say something."

The witness admitted that he had not seen a doctor with regard to the dizzy spells and stated that it was through neglect on his part and on the fact that in his spare time since the Port Chicago explosion he had been resting as much as possible because he thought it was what he needed most.

Under prosecution cross-examination, Brown testified that he had told his commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander Joseph R. Tobin, that he was not physically fit to load ammunition and requested a change of duty or a transfer.

Commander Tobin, according to the witness, told him he would have to ask his division officer about a change. Brown said he made the request and it was refused.

"I told Commander Tobin I would not go back to work until I was physically fit," he stated.

Julius Dixon, seaman second class, who loaded ammunition for nine days and was then transferred to duty as a mess-cook for three months, also testified that he had been subject to dizzy spells following the Port Chicago explosion.

The Navy doctor at the port, he stated, took him off loading work

because of the spells, and he spent a week in the Mare Island Hospital.

When he returned to duty, he stated, his division officer told him "You can't be a mess-cook forever. How do you feel about loading explosives again?"

When he stated he was afraid to handle ammunition, Dixon testified, his division officer ordered him to report to the Shore Patrol and he was held on the barge with the other men who did not want to do that kind of work.

Under cross-examination, Dixon was read a statement purportedly taken from him after his refusal.

He denied that he had made the statement as it was written, adding that he had been asked questions which he had answered either yes or no. Dixon admitted signing the statement which was produced at the trial, but added that he had not read it before putting his name on the paper.

William H. Lock, seaman first class, who handled ammunition for 10 months before the explosion, admitted that he had made a statement that he was willing to do any work except the loading of ammunition.

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## Sailor Held On Suspicion Of Attack

A girl's screams attracted police to a tennis court behind Grace Cathedral early yesterday morning, where officers arrested Seaman Third Class Charles Pappas on suspicion of assault.

Pappas was booked at Central Station on two felony charges, assault and suspicion of rape.

The girl, age 20, was treated at Central Emergency Hospital and later told police of her fruitless trip from Pittsburgh, Pa., in search of her sailor sweetheart.

She had hitch-hiked all the way, believing the San Francisco postmark on his letters meant he was stationed here. But she arrived to learn the Fleet Post Office address meant he was on sea duty.

## Jail---Not Work

LONDON—Refusing a government order to do domestic work in Plymouth, England, hospital, a Belgian woman of 40 was ordered to obey the order or go to prison—and she chose imprisonment.

## Money Back If Blackheads Don't Disappear

Get a jar of Golden Peacock Bleach Creme this evening—use as directed before going to bed—look for big improvement in the morning. In a few days surface blemishes, muddiness, freckles, even pimples of outward origin should be gone. A clearer, fairer, smoother looking skin. Sold on money back guarantee at all drug toiletry counters. 50 million jars already used. Ask for Imperial size.

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# THE MUTINY TRIAL Coakley Denies Making Threats

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A categorical denial that any of the men at Port Chicago had been told they would be shot for refusal to load ammunition was issued by Lieutenant Commander James F. Coakley yesterday.

Investigation had showed, he said, that during the questioning the Navy's manual on mutiny was read to the men, and this contains a reference to the death penalty in some circumstances.

Coakley also said that MacPherson, just before he took the stand on Wednesday, had told Defense Officer Gerald Veltmann that he didn't remember who made the statement about possible shooting.

although when he took the stand he said it was Coakley. Augustus P. Mayo, 28th witness at the trial, was confronted with a statement he had signed in which he said he was willing to obey any other order except to load ammunition, adding that he was afraid to handle this ammunition because

the men work handle it pro didn't make the way it was rea accusing the his statement, accusing anybe a mistake."

By Crockett Johnson



side, not as a nurse, but as his wife... Her name? ... Her name will be Carol Plummer Jobb.

**DATELINE SAN FRANCISCO:** Before her arrival at the Huntington, where she will stay during the current opera season, hotel attendants rearranged the bed in the suite reserved for Lily Pons. Because of a superstition, Miss Pons will not occupy a bed unless it is placed cater-cornered in the room, with the headboard across the corner and the footboard toward the room's center... Salvatore Baccaloni is another opera star with a superstition. Before every entrance

on to the stage, Baccaloni kisses his wife.

Remark of the week: While middle-aged women all but swooned over Rudolph Valentino in the re-showing of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" at the Museum of Art, a bobby-soxer whispered to her companion: "Mother said he was a great lover—but I think Cesar Romero is much cuter." ... Three young men, all brothers, appeared at the War Shipping Administration's recruiting officer here last week and expressed the wish to be shipping out on the same merchant vessel in the hopes they would run across a fourth brother, a sailor, somewhere in the Pacific. "After our reunion, we would like to get some Japs mixed up in our family quarrels," they declared. They got their wish.

wire. It read: "Absence makes Moss Hart grow fonder." ... Henry MacArthur, former city editor of the Sacramento Union, and Sherman Carash, who held down the same spot for the Oakland Tribune a few years ago, have left for New York, where the OWI will train them for foreign service.

Another local newsman, Major Miller Holland, has left the Presidio's G-2 office here for the Army's public relations staff in France. Major Holland is the former Pacific Coast editor of the United Press... Cliff Anglim, former U. S. Internal Revenue Collector in San Francisco, is now practicing law at Richmond... It's his brother, William, who is in charge of the Berkeley Office of Labor of the War Food Administration... A lot of the power behind the American drive into Germany is being supplied by the General Sherman tank. It was designed at the Rock Island arsenal in the late 20's by Levin H. Campbell Jr., now a Major General and Chief of Army Ordnance. San Franciscans will be interested to know that the first General Sherman tank was built under the direct supervision of San Francisco-born K. B. Harmon, now a Colonel and chief of the San Francisco Ordnance district.

## Crashes Kill Two North California Flyers, Injure One

Two Northern California flyers have been killed in air crashes and another seriously injured.

Naval Aviation Cadet James L. Duncan, 20, 135 Santa Paula avenue, was killed in a crash near Babaniss Field, Corpus Christi, Texas, the Navy announced.

## Animal

By WARREN

The first coats—the of 20 p

## Unneeded Items

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## Quartz Crystal Clocks

LONDON—Greenwich Observatory is changing over from pendulum clocks to the meticulously accurate quartz crystal clocks.



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Put your hats, boys — I grandpa is going to 'Asleep in the Deep' again!"

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ay . . . when she said 'Jay' speak to me!," she knew he dead and could speak to no She said it to impress those d her!"

**ENTS WOULDN'T VARY**

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me tell you that Mrs. Lovett Mrs. Perry could never be a for Mrs. Andrews in any of wits," he said.

noon adjournment cut Brazil he was discussing the testi- of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wil- and Mr. and Mrs. William s. two couples who happened ss the scene that July 15, and were also told "it's a suicide." I thought it "very strange" that Andrews did not ask them to and help.

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**Three on Trial For Mutiny Tell of Fear**

For the twenty-second day a story of fear was repeated yesterday in the Yerba Buena Island court-Martial of 50 Negro seamen charged with mutiny for failure to load ammunition following the Port Chicago explosion of last July.

Three defendants called to testify in their own behalf denied they had been given direct orders to load explosives by their division officer, but admitted under cross-examination they had been "afraid" to load ammunition.

Theodore King, seaman 2 c, testified that he had been at Port Chicago at the time of the explosion but had not been injured in the blast that took the lives of more than 300 persons. He said he had assisted in the rescue work.

**DIRECT ORDER DENIED**

King denied he had received a direct order to load ammunition from his division officer, Lieutenant J. E. Tobin, and declared he knew nothing whatever about the "don't work" propaganda allegedly spread among the men.

Martin A. Bordenaze, seaman 2/c, also denied having received specific orders from Tobin, declaring "nobody tried to convince me not to load ammunition . . . I just decided I didn't want to after the explosion."

Bordenaze, who was injured in the Port Chicago blast, referred to a statement allegedly given a Lieutenant W. H. Briggs relative to his disinclination to load explosives and said: "I knew the statement Lieutenant Briggs took down was wrong, but I signed it because I thought I had to."

Third witness of the day and 41st defendant to testify, Charles I. David Jr., seaman 2 c, stated under cross-examination he had not attended meetings at which seamen were exhorted not to load ammunition.

**TELLS OF FEAR**

He said he told Tobin he was afraid to handle explosives, but added he had not see any list of names of men who refused to load ammunition.

David testified he had attended a meeting on a barge at which Acting Petty Officer Joseph Small had addressed a group of men, but denied that Small had said "now we have the officers where we want them." David said that Small had only instructed the men aboard not to smoke while on the barge.

An observer at yesterday's sessions was Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who arrived here by plane from New York.

Marshall said he will not participate in the defense of the 50 men, but will observe conduct of the court-martial.

It is believed the trial will not be concluded for another 10 days or two weeks.

**Sun, Moon, Tides**

United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Western District 114 Customhouse, Time and heights of tide at San Francisco (Golden Gate)

**Final Service Held in L. A. For Aimee**

**LOS ANGELES, Oct. 9 (AP)**—Aimee Semple McPherson was buried today. After eulogies by minister she had ordained, her body was taken in its half-ton bronze casket to her private sarcophagus. Five hundred automobiles followed the hearse.

The Los Angeles evangelist, who was born on a Canadian farm 54 years ago today, died 13 days ago in Oakland, Calif. She was about to begin another of her colorful revival meetings, preaching her own four-square gospel.

Floral tributes crowded the huge temple where her body has lain in state since last Friday. Each day has seen the number and elaborateness of these offerings grow. The stage, the aisles, the balcony of the temple Sister Aimee built figuratively staggered under the weight of flowered wheels, urns, globes, flags. Temple officials said 45,000 had marched past her bier in the last three days.

The thousands who crowded the temple today were told she died a martyr for Christ. Said Dr. Watson B. Teaford, dean of her Bible college: "Doubtless her name will go down in history as the greatest religious leader of the present generation."

"How many times I have heard her say that she would rather 'wear out than rust out for God' and that is exactly what she did," said Teaford. Three radio stations broadcast the rites.

Dr. Howard P. Courtney, her church's general field supervisor and director of foreign missions, said:

"We are here to commemorate the stepping up of a country girl into God's hall of fame; for, along with Zwingle, Huss, Wycliffe, Savanarola, Luther, Wesley, Whitefield, Knox and Moody, Aimee Semple McPherson rightfully takes her place with the greatest of spiritual leaders."

Music by the temple organ, choir, band and soloists consisted chiefly of selections written or favored by the evangelist.

**The Perfect Wife— How She's Recognized**

**TOLEDO, O. (UP)**—Israel Raisner, 31, is desirous of finding a perfect wife, issued circulars noting his requirements, and awaited results.

According to his circular, Raisner is looking for a girl who is between 18 and 21; weighs between 120 and 140; neither drinks nor smokes; is respectable, honorable, clean in heart, and associates only with pure people; wears no makeup; believes as he believes; favors large families; has a pioneer spirit.

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United States Department of Commerce Weather Bureau, San Francisco

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El Paso 73	48	Buffalo 62	62
Fort Brass 62	46	Charleston 86	63
Fresno 76	52	Chicago 86	39
Hutch Hetchy 77	45	Cincinnati 62	49
King City 76	46	Denver 82	52

**DEATHS**

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**BRUNET, John** Mortician—Julius S. Godeau, Inc.  
**BYRNE, Esther V.** Mortician—Arthur J. Sullivan & Co.  
**CRESCI, Rosa Mari**—81 years Mortician—H. F. Suhr Co.  
**ILIOHAN, Emily Thompson**—71 years Mortician—Hill & Sons  
**LAHADENE, Jean** Mortician—Peter Magendo  
**LARRIN, Thomas J.** English SMITH, Lieutenant Colonel Harold Mortician—Halsted & Co.  
**TIPTON, Edward** Mortician—Crosby-N. Gray & Co.  
**WILLIAMSON, Kestie G.** Mortician—Gannin & Malcom

**BANCROFT**—In Oakland, Oct. 9, 1944. Harlow Palmer, beloved husband of Sarah Elizabeth Bancroft, loving father of Mrs. Helen D. Gove and Mrs. Evelyn B. Moore, devoted grandfather of Harlow B. Gove, Elizabeth M. Starks and the late Evelyn E. Gove, a native of California, aged 85 years. A member of the Ashby Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies and Oak Grove Lodge No. 218, F. and A. M. Friends are invited to attend services Wednesday, October 11, at 4 p. m., at the Lower Chapel of Mt. View Cemetery, 3000 Piedmont ave., Oakland. Friends may call at Chapel Piedmont until 2 p. m., Wednesday.

**BANNAN**—In this city, Oct. 7, 1944. Philip L. dearly beloved husband of Teresa C. Bannan, loving father of Thomas J., Philip L. Jr., Borchman A., Charles F., Capt. Bernard J., USA, and Rev. Louis I. Bannan, S. J., Mrs. Margaret Abrahamson, Mrs. Teresa Malley, Mrs. Bernice Branson and Mrs. Patricia Bannan, brother of Mrs. Catherine Bruun and the late Thomas F. and William Bannan, son of the late Patrick and Catherine Bannan. A member of S. F. Council No. 615, K. C. C., and Rotary Club of S. F. and Serra Club of S. F. Friends are invited to attend the funeral Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1944, at 9:30 a. m., from the Star of the Sea Church, Geary Blvd. and 8th ave., where a requiem high mass will be held for the repose of his soul. Friends may call at his late residence, 1150 Cabrillo st., Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery, Spiritual bouquets preferred. (United Undertakers Service).

**BRUNET**—In this city, Oct. 8, 1944. John beloved husband of Magdalena Brunet, loving father of Fred H. Brunet. Friends are invited to attend the funeral Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1944, at 3 p. m., from the mortuary of Julius S. Godeau, Inc., 41 Van Ness ave., near Market at 11:30 a. m.

**BYRNE**—In this city, Oct. 8, 1944. Esther V., dearly beloved wife of William C. Byrne, adored mother of William C. Byrne, Jr., U. S. C. G., and John H. Byrne, loving daughter of the late John and Sarah Hayden, loving sister of Mrs. C. C. Kriemler, John Hayden and Mrs. Arthur J. Sullivan, devoted foster mother of Mrs. Rose Cattich, a native of San Francisco. Funeral Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m., from chapels of Arthur J. Sullivan & Co., 2254 Market at 1st, 15th and 17th sts., to St. Vincent de Paul Church, where requiem high mass will be offered at 10 a. m. Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery.

**CRESCI**—In this city, Oct. 9, 1944. Rosa Mary Cresci, dearly beloved wife of Augustino Cresci, loving mother of Ottavio Dava Cresci, beloved grandmother of Precato James Cresci, loving sister of Josephine Pruzzo of Madrone, Alda Maria Casella of San Jose, Joseph and Emil Oberst, mother-in-law of Mary H. Cresci, daughter-in-law of Ottavio Casella, sister-in-law of Germano Pruzzo of Madrone, Paul Casella of San Jose, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cresci, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cresci and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cresci, with nephews and nieces in Italy, Madrone, San Jose and San Francisco. A native of Chiavari, Genoa, Italy. Aged 51 years 6 months 6 days. Friends are invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday at 9 a. m. from the Chapel of H. F. Suhr Co., 2919 Mission near 28th at 11:30 a. m. to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Polson near Buena Ave., where requiem high mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul, commencing at 9:30 a. m. Entombment, Holy Cross Mausoleum.

**ILIOHAN**—In Emeryville, Calif., Oct. 7, 1944. Emily Thompson Iliohan, mother of Mrs. Henrica I. Nelson of Berkeley, Miss Dorothy Iliohan and Mrs. Adrienne I. Braxton of Oakland and also survived by six grandchildren, a native of Nevada City, aged 71 years. A funeral service to which friends are invited will be held Friday afternoon, Oct. 13, at 3 o'clock, in the Little Chapel of the Flowers" (Hull & Sons), Adeline st. at Ashby station Berkeley. (Including services, Sunset View Cemetery.)

**LAHADENE**—In this city, Oct. 8, 1944

**WILLIAMSON**—In this city, Oct. 8, Kestie G., beloved wife of Dr. W. L. Williamson. Friends are invited to attend a Wednesday at 10 a. m. at the ch of Gannin & Malcom, 777 Valencia near 19th st. Interment, private. (Lewis A. Malcom Director.)

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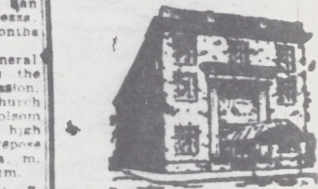
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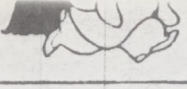
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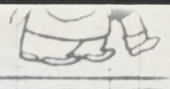
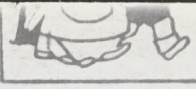


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# Mutiny Court-Martial

## Rebuttal Witness Testifies No Specific Time Was Set in Order

A parade of rebuttal witnesses, called by the prosecution in the mass mutiny court-martial of 50 Negro seamen charged with refusing to load ammunition following the Port Chicago disaster, marched across the Yerba Buena Island courtroom yesterday.

Most of them were Navy officers who had testified previously when the prosecution originally presented its case to bolster the Navy's contention that the 50 defendants had been guilty of mutinous action when they failed to load ammunition.

Lieutenant (jg) Eugene H. Kaufmann, junior division officer at the time of the alleged mutiny, testified that during a conversation with three of the defendants he had told them: "I am here to find out if you are willing to go to work. I hereby order you to load ammunition. Will you obey this order? Answer yes or no."

Kaufmann said that all three had said "no." Under cross examination Kaufmann admitted that the order issued by him was not for any specific time but was applicable to any time in the future.

### PROSECUTION ASKS

Lieutenant J. J. Clements, under questioning by Prosecutor James F. Coakley, said that one of the defendants, Edward Lee Longmire, had told him on August 9 that "I ain't going to load ammunition any more."

Clements also testified that three days later when men aboard the detention barge at Vallejo had been mustered to load ammunition 62 out of 65 appeared.

Lieutenant J. E. Tobin, chief division officer, returned to the stand to testify that on August 11, 65 out of 87 men gave their names as willing to load ammunition, and that the 22 had remained behind. One of these, Longmire, subsequently announced he had "changed his mind" and wanted to work.

Tobin said he told Longmire he had had ample time in which to reach a decision and "it was too late now."

Under cross-examination, Tobin said that the "ample time" given the men to decide whether they wanted to load ammunition was 25 minutes.

### JEERS AND YELLS

Lieutenant C. G. Moorehouse, leader of the eighth division, whose members all agreed to load ammunition, testified that on several occasions when his men were returning from work the group of seamen detained on the barge hooted, jeered and yelled at the returning sailors.

He said that on one occasion the derisive cries were so disturbing he personally gave an order to quiet down.

Two Negro seamen were called by the prosecution, Ennis M. Linier of the Eighth Division and Paul Edward Brown, also of the Eighth.

Linier, catalogued a "difficult witness" by Coakley, said he heard some conversation aboard the barge and recalled the admonition of Acting Petty Officer Joseph Small, one of the defendants, to "obey the shore patrol."

Brown likewise said he heard the men talking aboard the barge on

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August 10 and quoted Small as saying: "If we all stick together they can't do anything to us. Don't make any trouble with the shore patrol. That's what they want us to do."

In all, about 25 rebuttal witnesses will be called.

## Commonwealth Club Topic Is Soviet Union

"The Soviet Union and the Border Lands" will be discussed by Dr. Robert J. Kerner of the University of California at the Friday luncheon meeting of the Commonwealth Club in the Palace Hotel. Kerner, who has written a number of books on the Balkans and Russia, was also a member on the staff of the American peace commission in Paris, 1918 and 1919.

## War Chest Dr

### S. F. Fund Now Total With a Million and a

The San Francisco War Chest fund jumped another four points toward its goal of \$3,792,742 yesterday with the announcement by campaign officials that \$2,204,111 had been raised to date.

Two "colonels" in the residential division of solicitors were singled out for special mention because their groups had gone over the 100 per cent mark. They were Mrs. Howard Noack, head of Division 41, and Mrs. F. E. Gibson, colonel of Division 29. The two areas are Mt. Davidson and Parkside.

Chest officials drew attention to the fact that the drive is only a little more than half completed and that many more donations will have to come in before much benefit can be derived from the fund by war relief agencies, such as the Queen Wilhelmina fund.

A part of the funds now being raised will be turned over to the Dutch Queen to help alleviate suffering in both Holland and the Dutch East Indies as soon as the military situation permits.

A special plea to campaign workers to speed up solicitations was issued by T. S. Petersen, campaign

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# Navy Mutiny Statements Described

Testimony concerning methods used to obtain statements from alleged Navy mutineers was taken yesterday as the court martial of the 50 Negro sailors, who face a possible death sentence, continued at Yerba Buena Island.

The men were charged with mutiny after their asserted refusal to load ammunition subsequent to the Port Chicago Ammunition Depot explosion last July which took more than 300 lives.

Lieutenant William O. Johnson, who took statements from some of the men, admitted under defense cross-examination he did not take all the statements offered. He testified that if he felt a statement was necessary he recorded it; if he did not, the statement was not made. The basis for his judgment was not established definitely.

Another officer who took statements, Lieutenant Patrick J. Gilmore Jr., admitted he did not take detailed notes concerning the defendant's version of the affair, but he wrote them later as nearly as possible in the charged individual's own words. He added he did not let the men sign the statements if they were not satisfactory.

Other officers who took the statements testified that no intimidation was employed to obtain the documents. One, Lieutenant Jesse Rodrigues, said he did not explain to the men the charge that might be filed against them, before he took their statements.

The rebuttal witnesses was called concerning medical testimony. Lieutenant S. A. Feigle, a Navy doctor, said a medical report stating one of the men told a "poor story" when he complained of a sore back merely indicated the patient had wrongly diagnosed his case from a medical view point.

## Army to Open School Units for CIs Abroad

PARIS, Oct. 18 (AP)—The U. S. Army is going to open service high schools and universities in France and England when the war in Europe ends so that soldiers may resume their education as soon as possible, it was announced today.

Seventy-five thousand teachers will be rounded up from the Army. Arrangements are being made with schools and colleges in the United States to honor Army school credits.

Courses are being arranged in conjunction with the University of Paris, and thousands on completion of Army studies will be eligible to attend the sorbonne.

## Earl of Halifax Isn't Afraid of Optimism

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)—The Earl of Halifax says his only problem in gauging the war outlook is simply this: How to strike a proper balance between optimism and less optimism.

Never, said the British Ambassador after a State Department visit today, had he ever allowed himself to become pessimistic—not even during England's darkest moments. He and Undersecretary Stettinius, he reported, discussed "general

mate, on a train from Cleveland to Los Angeles. She evidently decided that life in the service and Scacco were all right, because when she got to Los Angeles on September 6 she made a little side trip to San Diego to buy a Navy nurse's uniform and an Ensign's insignia and have her photograph taken.

Promotion came rapidly. She bought a Lieutenant's insignia.

She came to San Francisco on October 14 to meet Scacco who had been transferred to Treasure Island and life in the Bay City looked good so she and Scacco applied to the War Housing Administration for quarters. In the meantime they stopped off at the Bellevue Hotel.

Monday the FBI settled Jessica's housing problem. They're holding her at City Prison pending decision of the U. S. Attorney.

## Former German Diplomat Dies

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 18 (AP)—Diego von Bergen, former German Ambassador to the Holy See, died at Wiesbaden, Germany, October 7, according to information reaching the Vatican.

Von Bergen was accredited to the Holy See as Prussian Minister in 1915, and as first German Ambassador in 1916. From 1930 until he retired in 1943 he was the dean of the Vatican diplomatic corps.



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Liberty at Last

Lapham's charter revision committee because the motion made by Bufano to submit them died for want of a second.

But before the commissioners killed Bufano's proposed charter changes some of them really took the gloves off in dealing with the little sculptor.

Commissioner Lloyd E. Wilson accused Bufano of being "cockeyed." Commissioner Elmer Hubbard intimated that Bufano was a "chiseler."

Commissioner Nat Schmulowitz in a rather hurt tone, said that Bufano was more interested in listening to the "echoes of his own words" than he was in heeding

Schmulowitz' learned discourses on the city charter and municipal law in general.

All that actually came out of yesterday's meeting was three proposed amendments submitted by Schmulowitz and one by Commissioner Paul Verdier. The Schmulowitz suggestions were:

1—Clarification of charter lan-

guage so that the Art Commission does not infringe upon the rights of other commissions. This was vigorously opposed by Bufano on the grounds that the Art Commission would be reducing its powers.

2—Providing that the Art Commission receive not less than one-half cent and not more than three-fourths of one cent on the tax rate for support of the symphony.

3—Allowing commission members to accept sums of money which might be stipulated in wills and legacies for the execution of commissions for the city.

**OTHER PROJECTS**

Verdier's amendment would provide for another three-fourths of a cent to be used by the commission in the subsidization of other art projects aside from music.

The Bufano amendments, which will not be submitted, called for 3 cents on the tax rate; a commission of eight members in place of the 16 who now serve and the subsidization of art projects.

Bufano was in trouble from the very outset of the meeting. His proposals were handed to the commission members at the start of the session, a violation of the agreement reached by the members which said that all amendments should have been in last week. Further, Bufano had taken the trouble to send his suggestions to the newspapers. The resultant publicity seemed a source of annoyance to Hubbard.

"This commission has done more to build up Bufano than anything he has ever done," said Hubbard. "It made it possible for him to get those statues of whatever they are out of mothballs and put them on public display. Ever since he has been on this commission he has tried to chisel on the \$42,000 symphony fund."

To that charge Bufano replied, with disarming frankness:

"You are envious, my friend."

**ONLY FRIEND**

About the only friend Bufano appeared to have on the commission was Verdier, who takes the same view the sculptor does: that the commission pay attention to other arts aside from music.

At times during the meeting the discussions became so heated and confused that President Edward L. Frick rapped the gavel in vain attempts to restore order or at least keep the members on the right track.



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**Prosecution  
 Ends Case in  
 Mutiny Trial**

Closing arguments in the mutiny court martial of 50 Negro navy seamen for their alleged refusal to load ammunition after the Port Chicago explosion will begin tomorrow before the court martial board on Yerba Buena island.

The prosecution concluded its case yesterday after presenting the testimony of a number of officers who took statements of the accused at Camp Shoemaker, as rebuttal witnesses, and the defense rested after calling one sur-rebuttal witness, Lieutenant C. G. Morehouse.

The board will meet for the purpose of reading the record this morning and tomorrow Lieutenant Commander James F. Coakley, prosecution officer, will present his arguments.

At yesterday's court martial proceedings it developed that most of the 50 men on trial had a misconception of what the word "mutiny" meant when they were questioned with regard to their reasons for not loading explosives.

Lieutenant (j. g.) John Colombo, battalion commander in charge of Negro personnel, testified that one man had said: "We won't be charged with mutiny; we're not on a ship." He explained that this man and others apparently believed that to mutiny meant to take forcible possession of a ship from its commanding officers.

**Built First Lathe**

NASHUA, N. H. (UP)—The first factory in the United States to be devoted exclusively to the production of machinists' tools was erected in 1838 by John H. Gage, who built the first engine lathe made in America.

**Private Confesses Stabbing  
 Of Camp Stoneman Corporal**

Private Richard W. Fowler, 19, of St. Petersburg, Fla., confessed yesterday to army authorities that he had stabbed Corporal Arthur R. Bacon, 22, whose body was found in a canal near Camp Stoneman early Wednesday morning.

The corporal's body was dragged from the Contra Costa county canal near Camp Stoneman several hours after a camp guard heard screams from the spot; and an army autopsy revealed that the soldier had bled to death from stab wounds in the neck inflicted with a small sharp instrument.

The confession came a very few hours after Contra Costa county officials had voiced complaints of lack of army co-operation in the investigation.

**MURDER WEAPON**

The army announcement said that Fowler claimed stabbing Corporal Bacon in self-defense, and that the entire confession was being checked by Army authorities investigating the case. The murder weapon, thought to be a pocket knife, was not mentioned.

Fowler was held in confinement pending further investigation and before charges are filed.

Earlier yesterday Contra Costa Coroner Dr. C. L. Abbott and Ray Stoffels, inspector for the Sheriff's office, complained that they were called into the investigation and then received no co-operation from the Army.

Dr. Abbott said he intended to meet with officers of the Judge Advocate's office to discuss the matter.

**TRAMPLED SCENE**

Stoffels complained that most of the suspects were sent off on maneuvers, and that the ground around the scene was tramped by troops milling about, making investigation difficult.

County officials claim that the crime was committed outside the jurisdiction of the Army base, and that they should have been given co-operation in their investigation.

**Hearsts Have Baby**

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19. (AP)—A seven and one-half pound son was born today to Mrs. David Hearst, wife of the business manager of the Evening Herald and Express and son of William Randolph Hearst.



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### Orson Welles Is Improving

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP)—Actor Orson Welles was reported "considerably improved" today by Jack Lighter, his manager. Welles has been confined to his Waldorf-Astoria suite with a severe throat infection. Lighter said the actor was out of danger and resting comfortably.

dated could come to the platform and get his money back. No one did. "I assume everyone wanted to **Continued on Page 7, Col. 1**

### Gov. Warren Is 'Doing Very Well'

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 24 (AP)—Governor Warren, in a local hospital for a week with influenza, complicated by a kidney infection, is "doing very well," Dr. J. B. Harris, his attending physician, said today. "If this good weather keeps up, he will be able to get up and take some sun in a day or so," Harris said.

hossya army extended its front 18 miles south from Suwalki, captured capital of the former Polish Suwalki triangle, annexed to East Prussia by Adolf Hitler. More than 50 other towns and settlements fell with Augustow, and the Germans admitted that Nazi troops had fallen back to a chain of lakes running parallel to the East Prussian border eight miles west of Augustow. This indicated a Russian advance of 12 miles west from Suwalki. **NIEMEN FRONT** North of Suwalki, Cherniakovsky's army was fighting along a front of at least 87 miles inside East Prussia along the border for 24 miles north from Schirwindt to the **Continued on Page 4, Col. 2**

### California WAVE Dies of Injuries

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—Margaret Nancy Neubauer, 21, enlisted WAVE of Mt. Hamilton, Cal., died today of injuries received Sunday night when she was struck by a Navy truck on the naval proving grounds reservation at Dahlgren, Va. She was a daughter of Dr. P. J. Neubauer, Mt. Hamilton astronomer at the Lick Observatory. The Potomac river naval command stated that Miss Neubauer, who enlisted February 5, 1944 had been on leave and was walking to her quarters from the entrance gate when the accident occurred.

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## 50 Seamen Are Convicted in Mutiny Trial

A seven-man court-martial board headed by Rear Admiral Hugo W. Osterhouse yesterday found 50 Negro seamen charged with refusing to load ammunition at Mare Island Navy Yard guilty either of mutiny or conduct prejudicial to good conduct and discipline. Exact degree of the guilt of each of the 50 men was not disclosed since details of the verdict would have been announced in open court only if the defendants had been acquitted. As it was, the board deliberated for 45 minutes after conclusion of Lieutenant Commander James F. Coakley's final prosecution argument and then reconvened to hear evidence of mitigation. This evi-

dence, incidentally, may be used to furnish grounds for recommendation of leniency for one or all of the accused seamen. **MAXIMUM PENALTY** Should the board find the men guilty of mutiny, as charged, the death penalty could be invoked. Should they be found guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, they could be given a maximum penalty of fifteen years and dishonorably discharged from the navy. Transcript of the 33-day trial, largest mass trial in the navy's history, together with the board's findings and sentences will be given in to the hands of Rear Admiral Carlton H. Wright, commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, and then forwarded to the Judge Advocate

General in Washington for review. All 50 of the Negro defendants were survivors of the Port Chicago explosion of last July 17 in which two naval ammunition ships blew up, killing at least 323 persons, mostly naval and Coast Guard personnel. **NATURAL ANXIETY** Defense counsel, one naval officer representing each 10 men, contended that no order had been given the seamen to load ammunition and that in expressing fear of loading ammunition the defendants had expressed a perfectly natural anxiety. Muttinous conspiracy on the part of the 50 defense counsel declared never was proved by the prosecution. In his final argument yesterday morning, Prosecutor Coakley declared that fear was not a defense

for disobedience or collective refusal to obey a general order. He asserted that all the defendants had been impeached in one way or another during course of the trial on Yerba Buena Island and that the denials of unfavorable statements attributed to the defendants gathered momentum as the case proceeded. In his final statement to the board, Coakley said: "Any man so deprived as to be afraid to load ammunition deserves no leniency." Sitting with Admiral Osterhouse on the board were Captain Edward S. Jackson, Captain Lloyd S. Shapley, Captain Cornelius W. Flynn, Commander Alexander B. Hayward, Commander Thomas E. Flaherty and Lieutenant Gregory P. Mausshart.

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### Second Allied Security Talk Is Expected

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The United States Government hopes to play host in January to a full dress United Nations conference aimed at creating a world security organization along the lines of the plan drafted at Dumbarton Oaks. Prior to that time, possibly next month Acting Secretary of State Stettinius disclosed today. President Roosevelt may meet with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin to complete the Dumbarton Oaks plan. The major upset question is voting procedure in the event one of the great powers should be accused of aggression and threats to the peace. The place and date for the United Nations conference have not been

### A Will Is Filed With Memory The Witness

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24 (P)—Just before a Japanese submarine submerged with 100 captured American seamen on its deck, one of them made an oral will. The story was told today by one of 23 survivors in a petition for probate of the will of First Mate Clement Carlin of the torpedoed ship. It was filed in Superior Court. The officer left his entire estate, estimated at \$10,000, to one of his four brothers, John M. Carlin, Mendocino, Cal., defense worker. As proof of the will, there was offered the affidavit of Charles E. Pyle, member of the sunken merchant ship crew, who was rescued by an Allied seaplane, he said.

### Guerrillas on Leyte Aided Invasion

By RALPH TEATSORTH  
United Press Staff Writer  
LEYTE, Philippines, Oct. 23—The armed forces of the Interior, equipped with captured Japanese weapons, deadly bolos and ancient rifles paved the way for the American invasion of Leyte by gathering detailed information on enemy troop dispositions and killing 3860 Japanese, it was disclosed today. The organized guerrilla army of 4000, which will join forces with the Americans, was led by 55-year-old Colonel Ruperto Kangelan, who had served in the Filipino constabulary and army for 28 years, and his second in command was a former U. S. Navy PT boat skipper.

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