

Nazi Peace Talk at Vatican Reported

Lifer's Trips Bring Warden Suspension

Folsom Convict Taken in San Francisco Woman's Apartment

Warden Clyde I. Plummer of Folsom Prison was suspended last night by the State Prison Board following a disclosure Saturday by Gov. Warren that a notorious bank robber under a life sentence at the prison had been allowed to make unescorted trips to San Francisco to visit a woman.

Judge Isaac Pacht, chairman of the State Prison Board, said in announcing the suspension of Plummer that he had communicated by telephone with four other members of the board and all agreed to remove Plummer pending a complete investigation of circumstances attending the escapades of the convict's trips.

'Yacht Bandit'

James Quinn of San Francisco, administrative adviser at the prison, has been appointed acting warden, Pacht announced.

The convict, Lloyd Sampsel, known as the "Yacht Bandit" because he and members of his gang used a yacht to hide out in after robbing several Pacific Coast banks, was removed to San Quentin Prison yesterday and questioned by a special prison board of inquiry.

With ease he told the board that he had been in the apartment of a woman in San Francisco who had made week-end trips to other Northern California cities.

Taken in Apartment

Sampsel was taken into custody last Friday night at the San Francisco apartment of Mrs. Jacqueline de La Prevotiere, auburn-haired French refugee, less than eight hours after he had left the Folsom Prison having a camp at Straylock Farms, near Davis.

He told the board of inquiry that he had been advised about his trips, according to dispatches from San Francisco.

The convict, serving a sentence of 15 years to life for burglary, said he was with a group of 31 other prisoners released from Folsom as a work gang.

Journeys Described

The board, composed of Joseph B. McClelland, chief agent of the Attorney General's office and Julian H. Allen of the State Board of Prison Directors, heard Sampsel describe how he started to take week-ends off.

Twenty escape attempts were made by Sampsel, where he obtained his money for the trips, Sampsel replied that his mother sent him some and the rest of his funds were augmented.

THIS SOLDIER HAD A STAR ROLE IN FAMED PICTURE



ASK HIM VALUE OF PLASMA—Pvt. Marvin Niles and mother look at picture in which Niles was given plasma after being wounded in Sicily.

Angeleno Was Recipient in Prize Plasma Photo

Pvt. Marvin Niles, on Leave, Identifies Self as Wounded Soldier in Famous Picture

Out of the blood, dust and debris of a Sicilian battlefield three months ago came a photograph of an army medical corpsman administering blood plasma to a fallen soldier who, wounded, had been exposed to enemy fire for seven hours.

The soldier, whose pain distorted face was first published on the Times first page, and again many times in national advertisements and American Red Cross posters reproduced in the campaign for blood donors, returned to his home in Los Angeles in person yesterday to identify himself for the first time.

At 15 Pst. Marvin Niles, 21, of 3010 W. 84th Place.

With Parents

He went with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Niles, to Faith Lutheran Church, 50th St. and Broadway, yesterday to give thanks with his pastor, Rev. C. W. Berner, and friends, for his deliverance from death on the battlefield.

The original photograph was taken Aug. 7 on a cobble street of San Agata in Sicily fringing the battlefield, while the guns still roared and American troops continued their advance against the foe.

Only seven hours before he and a small patrol were scouting on a trail leading out of San Agata, when a trip wire exploded a land mine. The blast hurled him to safety where plasma was administered in front of a hovel on a cobblestoned street.

Niles was moved to field hospitals where army doctors expertly repaired his torn arm.

Niles still is a patient in a United States Army hospital at Memphis, Tenn., but sufficient recovered to permit a 30-day furlough.

This is about the present monthly figure, as contrasted with previous indications that calls would begin dropping after the first of the year.

Army Schedule Lags

The expanding Navy never expected to reach top strength until well along in 1944 and the Army, it was reported authoritatively, won't be at its expected peak strength of 7,000,000 men by Jan. 1 for two main reasons.

1—The W.A.C. enlistment drive has been disappointing. (The Army is pleased with the performance of its women soldiers and is willing to take hundreds of thousands, but only about 60,000 have enlisted to date.)

2—Draft boards are lagging so far behind their quotas they may be unable to catch up even by the end of January.

Fathers Delayed

Uncertainty over what Congress would do about the drafting of prewar fathers caused many boards to delay calling them.

The general expectation, bolstered by War Department testimony on Capitol Hill, had been that the Army would need only replacements after the first of the year.

The number of replacements, however, is one of the great question marks of the war, since it depends on how many casualties the services will suffer.



PHOTO COMES TO LIFE—This Associated Press Wirephoto appeared first in the Times. Yesterday, the soldier being administered the plasma, Pvt. Marvin Niles, came home to identify himself. Photo was taken Aug. 7 at San Agata, Sicily.

Army Doubles Draft Estimate for January

Thousands More Die From Hunger and Disease and Only Six of 200,000 Jews in City Alive

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—The Army's draft call for January is to be twice the figure the War Manpower Commission has been expecting. It was learned today, and as a result the combined Army-Navy call will approximate 300,000 men.

Parents Donate Blood

The youthful fighter wears the ribbon of the Purple Heart and campaign ribbons representing the North African and Mediterranean campaigns with three stars indicating service in major engagements there.

At home, while their son was at the battle front, Mr. and Mrs. Niles have been doing their bit by giving frequent donations of blood to the American Red Cross Blood Bank.

MAJOR WILL ASK PRESIDENT TO PAY

FT. LEONARD WOOD (Mo.) Nov. 28 (AP)—Maj. Virgil E. McDaniel says President Roosevelt ought to pay \$5 francs (1510) and next time the major is in Washington he plans to collect.

McDaniel was in charge of preparing well-guarded housing for the Roosevelt-Churchill conference at Casablanca and remained there during the President's stay.

"The President broke a 10-cent bet in his spectacles," McDaniel relates, "and sent me out to get them repaired. I paid 55 francs for the job and some day when I'm on a shopping spree, I'm going to get my \$1.10 back from the Chief. He forgot to pay me."

Slaughter of 125,000 by Nazis in Kiev Told

Thousands More Die From Hunger and Disease and Only Six of 200,000 Jews in City Alive

BY HENRY SHAPIRO

KIEV (Via Moscow) Nov. 28 (AP)—At dawn last Nov. 19 the Red army broke into Kiev, third city of the Soviet Union, and, before the war, a great and prosperous center of close to 1,000,000 people.

Ten thousand famished, diseased, bewildered people crept out of the cellars, hardly recognizable as human beings, to greet their liberators.

Since then, according to the estimate of Acting Mayor Leonid Lebed, about 60,000 more have come back, from the cellars, from nearby ravines and forests.

Die in Nazi Cruelty

All the rest are gone—murdered, died of hunger or disease, or taken away to slavery—in this horrible exposition of German cruelty and callousness.

Before the war Kiev Jewish population numbered 200,000. Today it numbers six.

Up to 125,000 civilians, including Jews, and war prisoners were shot to death.

Survivors Grottesque

No thanks to the Germans, however—they just did not have time to complete their destruction.

But from the human viewpoint the Germans were thorough. They have accounted for nearly as many people as Great Britain or France lost in all of the last war in this one city.

One can see the survivors, grottesque scarecrows, in the sagging clothing which has replaced their rags, scurrying about the ruins.

JAMES STEWART PILOTS HIS BOMBER TO BRITAIN

AT A U.S. LIBERATOR STATION IN ENGLAND, Nov. 28 (AP)—Capt. James Stewart, former film star who now commands a United States Liberator bomber squadron, arrived in the European theater today after three days ago piloting a four-engine bomber from the last stop, over 900 miles away, it was disclosed today.

He and the group with which he trained at Sioux City, Ia., now are working day and night on the final strenuous conditioning and probably will join combat units probably within Europe soon.

Shy and taciturn, Stewart, pilot, has been in an interview, but his comrades described him as eager to lead his unit in combat. As squadron commander, however, he will go on only about every fifth raid.

His comrades say Stewart never took any of his film assignments as seriously as he does his present job.

"He is about the hardest worker we ever saw," one said, adding "he is very conscientious and thorough, and knows his plane better than do most pilots."

Stewart, reputed to be an A-1 pilot, has been in the Air Force about two and a half years.

He is the second Hollywood star assigned to air duty in the European theater operations and is extremely popular with the other flyers as was his predecessor, Capt. Clark Gable. Stewart will be the first actor to do regular combat flying in this area.

Von Papen May Have Sought Pope's Stand on Armistice, Swiss Hear

STOCKHOLM (Sweden) Nov. 28 (AP)—The person of Franz von Papen, ex contact man in Adolf Hitler's entourage of diplomats, cropped up in a world-wide circuit of rumors of peace negotiations today.

The Bern correspondent of Aftonbladet said a high German member visited the Vatican on Nov. 26, and that it might be presumed to be the Catholic, Von Papen, the German Ambassador to Turkey.

The dispatch said it was reported in Switzerland that Von Papen's recent trip from his Embassy at Ankara to Berlin was not connected with Turkish affairs.

The Swiss newspaper Basler Nachrichten first reported last Thursday in a dispatch from the Swiss border town of Chiasso that Pope Pius had undertaken a mission of mediation between Germany and the Allies.

Pope Sees Envoy

Although no independent confirmation of the report was obtainable from diplomatic or church sources, the dispatch quoted "Italian Catholic circles" as the basis of its information.

Other matters besides mediation the Swiss correspondent said, the Pope had greatly increased his diplomatic discussions, seeing the German, British, French and American envoys and many of his most intimate advisers, including Luigi Cardinal Maglione, the Papal Secretary of State, and his two assistants, Msgrs. Domenico Tardini and Giovanni B. Montini.

Allied Flyers Hit Jap Cruiser and Bag 43 Planes

STOCKHOLM (Sweden) Nov. 28 (AP)—A Liberator bomber damaged and possibly sank a Japanese light cruiser near Rabaul, New Britain, Friday night while new air blows were carried out against enemy airbases and installations at Rabaul, at Wewak, New Guinea, and in the Northern Solomons, it was announced today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Monday communique reported that 43 Japanese planes were destroyed or probably damaged in the continued attacks at the enemy's key bases.

Airbases Bombed

Mitchell medium bombers carried out the attack on Wewak Saturday, blasting airbases at Boram and Wewak and hitting shipping and supply dumps in the area.

More than 100 enemy planes, with more than half of them fighters, were observed at Wewak Thursday, indicating the Japanese are again building up their strength in that area.

375 miles northwest of Finschhafen, a headquarters spokesman reported.

No interception met the Allied planes, however, despite the number of Japanese fighters above Finschhafen.

Aggressive patrol activity continues north of captured Sattelberg and north of the Song River on the Hun Peninsula above Finschhafen, the spokesman said.

Possibly Sunk

The spokesman said it was reasonable to assume the light cruiser, attacked in the St. George Channel, 47 miles west of Cape Pomas on the Gazelle Peninsula of New Britain, was seriously damaged and possibly sunk. A terrific explosion followed the hit by the large bomb, he reported.

The communique made no mention of island fighting on Bougainville, where American forces have extended the Empress Augusta Bay beach head with a gain of half a mile, but Allied aircraft struck damaging blows against enemy airbases on the island and on Buka to the north.

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Turkey Calls Students Back

BY THE WIRELESS PRESS

The Ankara (Turkey) radio, heard by the F.C.C., said last night:

"According to definite information we have received, all Turkish students in Berlin will return to Turkey."

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