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ODT BLAMES ARMY FOR RAILROAD JAM

Johnson Tells Senate Group War Department Gives No Notice of Needs

Washington, July 3 (U.P.).—Defense Transportation Director J. Monroe Johnson today explosively blamed the Army for the nation's railroad jam, asserting bluntly the War Department has failed completely in the dark on redeployment planning.

Taking off the gloves and angrily airing differences which he previously had tried to keep silent, he said the Army has been, and still is, bringing men from Europe "in a violently fluctuating numbers" without telling the railroads many trains it will need, and when.

Shouting and gesticulating, Johnson drew for the Senate war investigating committee a picture of an ODT, nearly always in the dark, and getting most of its information from the War Department by chance.

War Department Silent

The War Department consistently has refused to discuss its relations with ODT. It has offered to send no witnesses to the hearing, and the committee will not insist. It do so, according to a committee source. In consequence, the hearing is expected to end tomorrow.

The War Department issued a statement after the session saying it had not yet been asked to provide witnesses. It said it anticipated it would be asked to do so and it "would welcome the opportunity to present publicly all the facts in connection with the rail transportation difficulties and problems of the war movement submitted to the program."

"At such time," it said, "any criticisms of the War Department will be answered. A statement during the progress of the hearings would be premature."

The committee source said the "army was always free to testify" and was so informed. It had an observer there today to determine what, if anything, he had to say. The observer did not communicate with the committee in any way."

Says Views Order Ignored

Johnson said there had been no improvement since former War Mobilization Director James Byrnes, Secretary of War Stimson on July 18 telling him to give ODT the information it needs.

Committee Chairman Mead (D., N. Y.) read the letter, written at committee instigation, and asked: "Since then, have you received any further detailed information?"

"No, sir," Johnson admitted.

Just a week ago the Army asked 60,000 men in three days—more than half of them at one port—and gave him no notice, he said.

"Well, how could you get transportation for them?" asked Senator Ferguson (R., Mich.)

"You can't?" Johnson roared.

Senator Kilgore (D., W. Va.) said Saturday Johnson told him he had gotten the information he needed.

Johnson told the committee an officer in the Office of Undersecretary of War Patterson told him "I am to receive the information I say is necessary that I receive if I am to help."

Demands Help

"And somebody's got to help," he added, "because I've got to know enough so that we have enough transportation to keep the nation running, your Army and your Navy aren't going to do you much good in the Pacific war."

His testimony came with civilian travel facing the worst crisis in history. An ODT official said the agency may extend to 700 miles its ban on civilian Pullman travel over less than 450 miles.

Johnson said he would have banned shortrun Pullman service much earlier if he had known how bad troops were coming back.

Johnson said he was having nonstrewer troubles with the Army. Plainly exasperated, he said he asked the War department in February 10,000 former railroad workers. The Army gave a flat turndown on the 10,000 but promised to release 600 on June 1. But, Johnson said, of these only 2000 have arrived. And, he added, 1000 of these "have had absolutely no railroad experience whatsoever."

As of last January, the witness said, he had sent "200,000 men—20 divisions" into the Army.

Fears Troop in West

Unless the labor shortage is eased, he said, western railroads will be unable to handle their end of redeployment.

"The eastern railroads now congested, and with additional war production to move transcontinentally," he added, "it will be impossible for the western railroads to redeploy the troops and move the freight load. Johnson complained that the Army has refused to let him contact the railroads and the capacity to complete redeployment 12 months after V-E Day—the Army schedule.

This, he said, is what happened:

First the Army told him the most it would be able to bring back from Europe would be 200,000 men a month.

Early in May, he learned "at a public meeting in Chicago" that in the first month from 70,000 to 100,000 men would come home.

"On May 28, I learned that 154,000 men would be brought by water in June.

"On June 20, when I happened to be in Washington, I learned of a coming an entirely different matter with a railroad representative. I just happened to mention that 154,000 men were coming home that month. He said 154,000? There are going to be over 200,000!"

And that, Johnson said, "was on the 20th day of June."

1325 MERCHANT SHIPS URGED IN PEACETIME

Washington, July 23 (U.P.)—A postwar merchant fleet of 1325 vessels, averaging 10,000 tons each, is envisaged tonight in a report made public by the Navy and the Maritime Commission.

It held 860 ships of 8,150,000 gross tons was the "absolute minimum" for postwar operation and warned a 1525-ship fleet could not be exceeded to any extent without "serious international relations."

The report, prepared by the Harvard School of Business Administration at the request of the two departments, estimated the United States by the end of this year will have 5500 merchant-type ships—or 81 percent of the aggregate world fleet.

It recommended these obviously unfit for postwar use should be "immediately scrapped," it said, should be repaired and made safe by the government before they are sold.

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More Rain Hampers Storm Repair Work

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ported it over a washout 15 feet deep.

Roads Closed

Washouts on Camden county roads will take weeks to repair, it was said by Freeholder Director McCarthy. Although the damage done was not a "one-heart blow of storms, McCarthy stated that the county will be unable to begin repairing a week ago, now the greatest damage done to the highways.

As a result of this, McCarthy stated, the department's oiling program on dirt roads will be delayed for two weeks.

The Walkerstown-New Freedom road, south of Berlin, was the only county highway which had to be closed due to the extent of the washout. Other roads damaged and which will require repairs are Blenheim-Erial road east of Blackhorse.

North Jersey Woman Missing After Flood

At least two persons were dead, another was missing, and millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed yesterday in a series of flash floods that struck at parts of New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Two deaths were reported in the northern Berkshires of Massachusetts. Hardest hit towns were Hancock, East Nassau, New Ashford, Lanesboro, New Lebanon and Rivers Mills.

Mrs. Anna Riker, Little Falls, N. J., was reported dead in the swollen Passaic River "and washed away her home. Her husband, George, 35, was injured.

Torrential rains hit eastern New York, causing damage estimated at $1,000,000. In Rensselaer and Columbia counties and in the Albany area.

Home pier, Bickleytown road east of Erial road, Woodbury road north of Lakeland; the Sewer Plant road at Lakeland.

McCarthy also revealed that Gloucester county roads are being covered with gravel and wearing tar, but the storms had washed away the gravel and it will have to be relaid. Among the roads affected are, Brantford avenue, Hammonton; Woodland avenue, Gloucester township, and South avenue, Lindenwold.

Other county roads department officials reported the heavy rains had washed out the county gravel pit, and the other closed is already in a private pit.

McCarthy said he would lose no time in getting the repairs underway, and expected to have the services of about a dozen county trucks to aid in hauling gravel.

De Gaulle's Niece Reveals Horror Women Suffered in Nazi Camps

Unspeakable Tortures with Fatal Beatings Common at Ravensbruck and Deaths in Gas Chambers Among Her Memories of Foe

Geneviève DeGaulle, niece of General DeGaulle, has suffered at the hands of the Germans. The latest suffering has been her worst blow. But at 24 she still appears to be "indestructible." Her last experience—a concentration camp for resistance activities. Freed by the Nazi collapse, she has returned to her family. Her father is French consul-general at Geneva, where Mlle. DeGaulle now is devoting her full time to helping French victims of German camps. In the following dispatch she tells her story.

By GENEVIEVE DE GAULLE
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Geneva, July 23 (U.P.)—Better than a crematorium or a gas chamber, the face of a woman can reveal the tragic horror of German concentration camps.

On our arrival at the Ravensbruck camp we read our destiny in the anguished eyes of those already there. Their faces were ravaged by shame and their stature broken down and ugly.

Perhaps enough has not been said about this angle of Nazi prisons. Attempts have been made to diminish the number of millions of victims. Little by little, more is being made known of the fiendish plan of torture and cruelty instituted by the Germans. Needed in those terrible days was courage to endure the system of degradation and abasement of man.

Tens of thousands of women contemplated suicide. But the entire camp was constructed their mind against it. Hope, however feeble, was necessary to live. Hope that we fought and that we suffer even now not only for the defense of France but for the defense of mankind.

Unspeakable Tortures

There was no necessity to handle this human herd carefully. Contingents of deportees were mere bestiaille. "Useless" subjects were eliminated either through intensive living conditions or more rapidly by transportation to gas chambers.

It goes without saying that we enjoyed none of the rights commonly accorded prisoners. We were forbidden to pray, to have books, to gather together, to sing in our own language.

All personal objects were taken away from our entry into camp. An SS feminine guard, a policewoman or even a "chief of the block" were permitted to punish, to beat, at will. Beatings resulted in serious injury, often in death. There was no possibility of appeal, no protection of defense.

Often our work was directed to fatigue and humiliation, when a nightmarish health were tolerated in practice in camp.

Tried to Remain 'Ourselves'

These contacts, the exhausting labor, the fear of blows, the hunger, the cold, the sleeplessness, the lacerating, constant of intense physical misery, the jealousy among prisoners—aided forth by the varying methods of treatment—all this constituted a system destined to degrade and debase us.

To resisted with all our forces in an effort to remain, ourselves. Those who, in the midst of infernal battle, the will becomes exhausted, perceptive faculties weaken and intelligence dims. Those who still are clearly destroy themselves when they perceive their bodies being gnawed away by stronger and stronger becomes clear-sighted. Only individuals who received the Presidential citation for outstanding service during cruises over a period of 15 months.

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Suffered for Mankind

We were supported in this battle against the men and women of the SS by the vision of what Nazi domination would have meant in case of victory for them.

We continued, in viewing around us and in ourselves the ceaseless efforts to destroy all human values, that we fought and that we suffer even now not only for the defense of France but for the defense of mankind.

BROOKLAWN MOTHERS

The Brooklawn Service Club sent $5 gifts to five servicemen at its last meeting. Receiving gifts will be Melvin Lay, John Regan, Edward Laughlin, Walter Johnson and Harold Auerbach. The club has a balance of $25 War Bond at its next meeting.

5 FROM SO. JERSEY LISTED AMONG DEAD

Two Fliers Previously Reported Missing Among Those Killed

Two South Jersey fliers, previously reported missing, and three Marines were officially declared dead yesterday by the War Department. Three others are missing in action and six wounded in the latest casualty list.

Navy

S/Sgt. Edward L. Kyle, of 413 Hemsley street, Millville.

Lt. Raymond F. Jackson, of 1 West street, Woodbury.

Pfc. William Joseph Dailey, Jr., USMCR, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Dailey, Sr., of 2825 Arctic avenue, Atlantic City.

Pfc. Milton Bernard Cohen, USMCR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Cohen, of 107 Crescent blvd., Somerdale.

Pfc. Frank Anthony Mortati, Jr., USMCR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Mortati, Sr., of 8 N. Chelsea avenue, Atlantic City.

Missing

Sergt. Theodore George Gross, Jr., USMC, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Jean Gross, of 317 Newton avenue, Oaklyn.

Lt. Jack W. Sowerwine, of 450 Spruce lane, Woodbury.

Aviation Radioman 3/C John Bertram Kaighn, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Kaighn, Sr., of Cove Road.

Wounded

Pfc. Bernard Reid Sisk, USMCR, son of Mrs. Dove M. Finnimore, of 113 North Broad street, Woodbury.

Pfc. Elmer Francis Williams, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams, of 437 Grove street, Woodbury.

Pvt. Russell H. Bennett, Jr., son of Mrs. Margie V. Bennett, of Dupont road, Pennsgrove.

Pfc. Louis Powell, son of Frank Powell, 31 Mt. Vernon street, Bridgeton.

Sgt. William H. Hammond, of 1107 Euclid avenue, Pennsauken.

2/C Lt. William Kershaw, 23, of 43 Pine avenue, Millville.

Missing Year

Kyle was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Kyle, who were notified by the War Department he was officially declared dead after having been listed as missing since June 26, 1944, while on a mission over Austria. A gunner in Consolidated Liberator, he went to Europe in October, 1943, and held the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster. He was a graduate of Millville High school.

Jackson was reported missing in action in October of last year, and is now listed as dead, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Hazel J. Schoen, a member of a number crew, his chief duties were those of radio operator. A graduate of Woodbury High school, he held the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Wounded in Pacific

Kershaw is the son of Mrs. Ruth Kershaw, who was notified he was wounded in action in the South Pacific. In the Navy three years, he had been overseas since last April and was serving aboard a minesweeper, which was lost off Borneo. A brother, Clarence, is in the Navy.

Sisk, who was awarded the sailor's Purple Heart medal, was reported missing last May 14 in the Pacific. He was a graduate of the Naval Academy, where he starred on the swimming team. Holder of the Bronze Star, his story crew also received the Presidential citation for outstanding service during cruises over a period of 15 months.

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Gloucester City Briefs

Board of education approved hearing will be held tonight when bids will be received for painting and purging the high school.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Gloucester City Post, No. 3, American Legion, plan to visit Three hospital, Fort Dix, early next month and is appealing to post members and friends for donations of cigarettes, etc. Richard Knox, 615 Powell street, will receive the donations.

DISCHARGED VET SOON TO BE WED

William Kopesky, avenue, Glo-ucester, will be married Aug. 25 at St. Mary's church, Gloucester.

Corporal Kopesky went into the service in February, 1941, and recently was discharged under the point system.

MARSHALL FIELD BUYS FARMERS MAGAZINE

Montgomery, Ala., July 19 (U.P.)—Publisher Marshall Field and Associates, Chicago, have acquired the purchase of a southern farm magazine which will be edited for them by Aubrey Williams, former administrator of the National Youth Administration.

Purchase of "The Southern Farmer," a monthly publication with some 400,000 readers in 11 states, was made by Cross Country Reports, a New York research agency owned by Field and Wartburg.

Harold Cordle of the New York firm said the publication was acquired July 15 and the first issue under the new owners would appear in September.

Cordle announced Williams is in Montgomery to reorganize the publication, improving the format of the eight-page tabloid and eliminating certain "objectionable" advertisements.

Field is owner of the Chicago Sun and PM in New York.

POISON LIQUOR KILLS 188 GI'S IN EUROPE

Paris, July 23 (UP).—The U. S. Army disclosed today 188 American soldiers died between Jan. 1 and July 10 in France and Germany from drinking wood alcohol disguised crudely as "bootleggers," as alcohol for drinking.

The death toll was greater than that taken by communicable diseases among all the U. S. troops on the continent in the same period.

Army authorities released the figures in connection with warning American soldiers to be extremely careful where they get their drinking liquor. They said the deadly drinks were produced chiefly by bootleggers who added flavoring and coloring to methyl alcohol and sold it as "cognac," "brandy" or "gin."

During one week in May, 44 soldiers died of potent liquor. Six more died in the two weeks ending July 10.

FLORIDA ALIBI FAILS TO COVER UP MIDRIFF

New York, July 23 (U.P.)—Elsa White, 32, of Sebring, Fla., now no longer has midriff bulges, but Park Police Inspector Paul Hahn, sharp and nude midriff.

Police, strict about bare midriffs—especially on the park's main drive—hailed her into Yorkville court where she was fined $2 for her exposure.

"I just came up from Florida and I didn't know the rules about bare midriffs here," she told Magistrate Nicholas Blank.

"I am from Florida and I know they don't allow that type of attire there," said Patrolman Joel Fox, complainant.

"That's a very scant attire. It just is not permitted here," said Blank, wrapping up the case.

Pennsylvania has a total of 432,900 acres of game lands, distributed in 67 of its 67 counties.

5 PROPERTIES SOLD BY CITY AT AUCTION

Let with $866 Back Taxes Goes to Lone Bidder for $25 Minimum Price

A lot against which the city has a claim of $866.13 in taxes went for $25 at auction in City Hall yesterday, subject to certain restrictions.

A three-story brick house went for $650, a four-room frame house for $200, another three-story brick house for $550 and a two-story brick house for $700.

It was a sale of tax sale certificates conducted by Isadore H. Hermann, chief counsel of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders, a dozen persons attended. Certificates for eight properties were put up, but only six were sold. There were no competitive bidders.

Pays $25 Minimum Price

The lot at 1902 South Second street, near Walnut, measures 16 by 36 feet irregular. It was owned by Alfonso Gagliardi and wife. The house on it was condemned as unfit to live in. The only bidder was Natalio Viggiano, who operates a junk business at 1906 South Second street.

The tax sale certificate for a three-story brick and frame dwelling at 331 Mickle street was purchased for $400 by the Broadway Building and Improvement Co., 341 Mickle street. The house was described as needing repairs throughout.

The same buyer acquired the certificate for a three-story brick house at 328 Benson street for $350. Hermann said the house needs extensive repair.

Buys Third Property

Broadway Realty also purchased the certificate for $250 for a two-story brick house at 2753 Saunders street.

The certificate for a four-room and shed frame house at 979 Julian street was bought by John Enmel, plumber, 905 Sylvan street, for $500. Enmel is Democratic leader of the first precinct of the Fourth ward.

Two dwellings at 1208 and 1210 South Second street were withdrawn when no bids were offered. The city had placed a minimum of $500 on each and had refused a request, Hermann said, to lower the figure.

GAS STATIONS WARNED OF STOLEN COUPONS

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Washington, July 23 (UP).—The OPA tonight warned all service station operators to be on the lookout for organized efforts to redeem stolen coupons and selling them on the black market.

The gangs have found their counterfeiting racket no longer pays off, and have turned to the theft of valid stamps, OPA said. They are thus draining off five times as much gasoline illegally. Dealers applying for rations to replace losses from thefts show that the thefts occurred despite all precautionary measures.

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