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AUSTRIAN CURRENCY REFORM.

The Austrian Government announced that the Austrian currency reform will become effective between Dec. 13 and 20 when all Allied Military Currency and German marks in certain specified denominations will be withdrawn and replaced by the Austrian National Schilling. The announcement said the currency will be exchanged at the rate of 150 schillings per person. The excess will be held in banks with depositors permitted to draw 150 schillings monthly. Bank accounts opened prior to Austria's liberation will be blocked, although some exceptions, such as withdrawals for wages, will be authorized.

At the same a New York Times correspondent in Vienna, John MacCormac, reported that the Allied Council for Austria was considering reduction of the size of occupation armies, abolition of zonal demarcation and enlargement of the powers of the new Austrian Government. MacCormac said, "It was gathered at the last regular meeting of the Council that Russia, which a month ago was championing the policy of dealing directly with the Austrian Government through ambassadors, now favors the retention by the Council of many or most of its powers. What attitude Russia will toward the proposal, favored by Gen. Mark W. Clark, to reduce the number of occupation troops in Austria to 100,000 is not yet clear."

U. K. AVOIDS AIR RATE WAR.

A British Ministry of Civil Aviation spokesman said yesterday that Britain would approve any trans-Atlantic air travel rate which was jointly acceptable to all competing lines. He said the primary object of the Air Ministry was to avoid "a rate war which would inevitably lead to heavy government subsidizing on both sides."

He referred to plans in which the American trans-Atlantic air service of Pan-American Airways Company had been curtailed last week by the British authorities because Pan-American had reduced its one-way fare to 275 dollars, causing protests from British companies. The British Government cut Pan-American's schedule of flights from New York to London from five flights weekly to two. British Overseas Airways one-way fare is 568 dollars.

RUMP PARTY NAMES PERON.

Colo. Juan D. Peron was officially nominated as the presidential candidate Sunday by delegates from 95 electoral districts in Buenos Aires province meeting in the suburban Avellaneda City. The meeting, at which Peron did not appear, was conducted by the Argentine RUMP radical party, an off-shoot of the powerful radical party which opposes Peron. It was sponsored by the former Interior Minister, Hortensio Quijano.

OFFER FAIR SITE AS UNO HOME.

Mayor LaGuardia and mayor-elect William O'Dwyer have directed Park Commissioner Robert Moses to prepare plans for beautifying and landscaping a site on Flushing meadows, Queens, as a permanent home for UNO, the New York Times said yesterday. The article said officials are confident the United Nations Organization will recognize the advantages of New York as a permanent home and adds that completed plans will be ready in a few days for presentation to the UNO Preparatory Commission now meeting in London. LaGuardia revealed that the Flushing meadow site, where the World's Fair was held, had his approval.

MacArthur Orders Arrest of Prominent Japanese.

The long arm of Allied occupation yesterday reached into every strata of Japanese society following General MacArthur's latest directive ordering the arrest of 59 prominent Japanese as war crimes suspects. The new rogue's gallery includes 71-year-old Prince Morimara Nashimoto, two pre-war premiers, several generals and admirals, and an imposing array of important industrialists, political leaders, professors and newspaper executives.

MacArthur's headquarters ordered the Japanese Government to take the suspects into custody. When they have been arrested, it will bring to 318 the number of war criminal suspects apprehended. The new list was significant for the inclusion of the names of several outstanding members of the Zaibatsu (family industrial monopolies). This directive emphasized that neither rank nor position will protect suspected war criminals.

Nazi Plot to Invade Czechoslovakia Bared in Nurnberg Trials.

Hitler was not bluffing when his threats of war in 1938 led England and France to sign the Munich Pact. This was disclosed yesterday by secret German war plans introduced at the International War Crimes trial of 20 leading Nazis at Nurnberg. These documents show that the Munich Pact, by which the Czechoslovakian Sudetenland was handed over to the Nazis, was signed only two days before the date set by the German High Command for four armies and the air force to be prepared for a blitz invasion of Czechoslovakia. Not only were plans complete for the invasion of Czechoslovakia, with the help of Hungary, but the German air force expected France to join the fight and had prepared detailed plans to attack in the West, the documents showed.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE VIENNA PHILHARMONIC.

In response to the large demand for tickets for the performance of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at the Landes Theatre, Linz, an afternoon performance will be given this Thursday, in addition to the one originally scheduled for Thursday evening. Tickets may be obtained at the box-office which is open 0900-1100 and 1300-1500; price is 5 schillings. Civilians may attend, if accompanied by military personnel.



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Blum Denounces French Non-cooperation in Germany.

Writing in the newspaper "Populaire" Sunday, Leon Blum, former French premier and socialist leader, took issue with the French Government's failure to co-operate in the central administration of Germany until the Ruhr basin and Rhineland questions are settled, the INS reports.

The dispatch said Blum's article stated that division of Germany into separate zones was "a tragic mistake," but that whatever its faults, the Allied Control Commission in Berlin is its sole corrective. Blum said the French Government ought to co-operate fully until the Security Council, outlined in the San Francisco Charter, can take over.

Iranians ask Soviets to Let Troops Quell Azerbaijan Disorders.

The Iranian Government yesterday urgently petitioned Soviet Russia to permit the transportation of Iranian troops to trouble-ridden Azerbaijan province. It is reported that armed democratic autonomists there have seized police and government officials. The note promised that the troops would not be used in any aggressive action against the populace. Soviet military authorities in Azerbaijan, which borders Russia, have thus far prevented Iranian reinforcements from entering the province on the grounds that their presence would cause further bloodshed and fighting.

Linz League Basketball Results.

117 Evac 36	25 Reg 20
83 rd Sig 33	1347 Eng 32
83 rd QM 31	83 rd Brig 29

Tonight's Game.

83 rd Hq Co vs 456 E 4 Gp
Time 1800.

LOST A POCKETBOOK.

On or about the 20 th of November, Miss Edith Burnham, an American Red Cross worker with the Blub-mobile at Ebensee, lost a pocketbook at one of the doughnut bars in the Linz Red Cross. Miss Burnham's name was written on the flap of the pocketbook, which is described as a large black leather one. Among other things, it contained an AGO Card, immunization record, a check, some money orders and personal papers. If found, please bring to the Linz Red Cross or get in touch with Miss Burnham at Ebensee.

ATOM CHANGES UNO PLANS.

Delegates to the United Nations Preparatory Commission said in London that the entire character of the United Nations first assembly has been altered in the last few weeks, Sydney Gruson reported in a dispatch Sunday to the New York Times. The first assembly was originally conceived as a purely organizational meeting, gruson wrote, but the delegates now expect a full-scale hearing of the world's political problems when the assembly gathers there in January, the dispatch said. The decision of the Anglo-Canadian-American talks in Washington to establish an atomic energy commission under UNO the delegates agreed, had eliminated any possibility of maintaining the January meeting in its original form.

U. S. HOLDS 1,500,000 PWS.

About 1,500,000 German prisoners of war and other disarmed enemy personnel, including forces taken after surrender, still are in the custody of the U.S., with almost 1,000,000 still in Germany and other parts of western Europe, a recent monthly occupation report by Gen. Eisenhower revealed, on the basis of latest surveys. Some 2,300,000 prisoners have already been released and another 1,700,000 transferred to the custody of other countries. An agreement has now been reached with Russian authorities to accept, on a man-for-man exchange basis, personnel whose former residence was in the Russian zone and who are now being held by Americans, and those whose former home was in the U.S. zone and who are now in the custody of the Russians.

ALBANIANS ENJOY ELECTIONS.

Allen Rymond, in a dispatch to Monday's New York Herald Tribune, described Albania's first universal free election held Sunday as "A rather primitive but absolutely fair and secret" affair. The correspondent said the election was completely orderly as enthusiastic men and women danced in the streets. Only doubt about the election result was how big a vote the 82 governmental candidates for the constitutional convention would roll up against the 20 independents. It was also unknown how many would abstain from voting. It was reported that 85% of the 683,000 voters would support Hoxa's candidates, most of whom were prominent in fighting the Axis forces during the days when guerilla war was the only type of fight possible. There were 6 women candidates.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE . . . From Shanghai it was announced yesterday that the 10 th and 14 th U. S. Air Forces have been de-activated . . . Japanese Lt. Tazaki has been sentenced to death by an Australian Military Court for having eaten the flesh of a dead Australian soldier. He is the first Japanese to be convicted of war crimes in the Pacific . . . Sec. of Com. Henry Wallace has taken a step to spur U. S. foreign trade with the appointment of Arthur Paul, former textile manufacturer, as special deputy in charge of all international trade and foreign commerce operations.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

Central — 1400, 1845, 2045 — "Weekend at the Waldori" with Walter Pidgeon and Ginger Rogers (Tues. and Wed.).
330 th Infantry — 1830, 2030 — "Between two Women" with Van Johnson (last day today).
308 th Medics — "The Big Sleep" with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall (last day today).
308 th Engineers — "Without Love" with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn (last day today).
Landes Theatre — "Double Door," a USO show. Procure free admission tickets at the box-office. Performance starts 1930 (Tues. and Wed.).
Linz Red Cross — Club hours 1400—2230. Doughnut bar opens at 1030. Bingo tonight at 2000.