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INDICTMENT OF MILITARY LEADERS SOUGHT

The United States prosecutors at the Nuernberg War Crimes Trials are trying by their presentation of evidence to bring about the indictment of military leaders on the grounds that they had full knowledge of atrocities and illegalities committed by the forces under them. A secret German document was introduced telling of the execution of British commandoes in Norway, although they wore the British military uniform. The high commands were charged with having ordered the execution of British, American and Russian military missions. Field Marshal Keitel was specifically shown to have ordered the execution of 50 or 100 Russians in retaliation for each German soldier killed by Red partisan activities. The order was issued at the time the nazi hordes were descending, in all their lust, towards Moscow. The A. P. says that there is little hope that the verdicts will be announced as early as May. It was shown that the French and Russian prosecutors will start in next week and probably continue until the end of February. The defense is then expected to last through two or three months, after which the tribunal will deliberate at great length after the masses of claims and counter-claims.

U. S. PRICES REACH 25-YEAR PEAK

The United States Department of Agriculture reported from Washington Sunday that average prices — — now the highest in 25 years — — will show little change in the next few months. It added that markets for farm products will continue near boom levels at least until 1947, when crops are expected to become available in Europe and Asia. Exports, which rose to about three times their 1935—39 level during the war, are likely to be maintained at or near their wartime level during the next few months, the report stated, provided means for financing are made available.

INFORMATION SERVICE PROPOSAL SURVEYED

The U. S. State Department in Washington issued Sunday night a statement and summary of a survey by Dr. Arthur W. MacMahon of Colgate University on the establishment of an international information service by the United States Government: "Because modern international relations lie between peoples and not merely between governments, international public information activities have become an integral part of the conduct of foreign policy. Long before the war was won, the State Department authorized the undertaking of an extensive survey of prewar and postwar international information activities and plans of both private enterprise and governments. MacMahon's memorandum define the scope of governmental activity in the information field during the war, and indicates the lack of knowledge abroad on American affairs, which, for the present at least, must be filled by governmental action. These gaps are caused chiefly by the fact that other peoples do not have enough background knowledge. MacMahon recommends that in peacetime the Government furnish foreign nations with full texts of important utterances and documents.

U. S. POLICY ON LATIN AMERICA CLARIFIED

Spruille Braden, assistant secretary of state for American republic affairs, said Sunday in Washington that the United States does not intend to intervene in the affairs of other American nations, but "neither do we intend to stand idly by while nazi fascist ideology, against which we fought this war, endeavors to entrench itself in

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MONTHS-OLD OIL STRIKES BELIEVED NEAR SETTLEMENT

It was hoped today in Washington that the nation's oldest major labor dispute, the strikes in the oil industry, were near settlement. The matter has long been under conciliation through a federal "fact-finding board" and a report is expected shortly. Some of the Texas strikers have already gone back to work, having accepted an 18% wage increase in compromise of the 30% they had asked. Belief was in the capital that the settlement would serve as a pattern in the other oil industry strikes. The U. S. Navy has long been operating the vital plants which would otherwise have been crippled by the strikes.

In New York City last night five CIO locals met to decide whether or not to call a strike, originally scheduled for today. It would affect 7,000 Western Union employees and virtually paralyze radio and telegraph lines converging on New York City. The workers are protesting the action of the WLB which reduced the pay raises granted by a regional board.

Now out on strike are 17,000 Western Electric workers from 21 plants in New York and New Jersey. In the first three days of next week more than 1,000,000 employees of the steel, electrical and meat-packing industries are expected to halt production in those lines.

The long-ailing Detroit area continues without hope of respite from the two months old General Motors strike. The United Auto Workers, the union which called the walk-out, has postponed discussions with company officials until the decisions of the Presidential fact-finding board are made known. Just before the Christmas holiday this board was set up as mediator in the strike. At that time corporation officials refused a request that financial records be made available for inspection in order for the board to ascertain whether or not pay increases could be granted without corresponding increases in prices of General Motors products.

TURKISH PRIME MINISTER REPLIES TO RUSSIAN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS

The Turkish Prime Minister, Chukru Sarajoglu, last night made a reply from Ankara to the Russian claim to Turkish territories, including the areas of Kars and Ardahan, which was recently published and broadcast by Soviet newspapers and radio stations. "These districts," Sarajoglu

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declared, "Determined their fate by a plebiscite during the First World War."

Majority Oppose Cession

"Of 87,048 people who voted, 85,124 voted in favor of Turkey, and 1,924 against, while 1,483 abstained from voting. The result was obvious. Kars and Ardahan were not given to Turkey, they were returned to her. Certain reports and papers maintain that Kars and Ardahan were taken away from Russia by the Turks at a time when Russia was very weak. Firstly, there is no such thing as taking or being taken since the fact is that the people there wanted to return to their own fatherland and to their own state. Secondly, in the days when Russia could be regarded as weak, Turkey could be regarded as so weak as to be non-existent. If one takes into consideration this fact one realizes that such a statement is completely unjustified."

**83RD FIVE SCORES NEAR
WIN OVER 71ST WITH
FINAL SCORE 55-54**

In a game at the Linz Gymnasium on Sunday night the 83rd Division team fought a valiant battle against the Red Circle five of the 71st Division, conceded by some to be the hottest team in the ETO.

Before launching on a five-minute overtime play, the score stood at 49-49. This contrasted with the half-way figure of 30-15 in favor of the 71st. High scorers for the 71st: Towery, 20 points, and Ticco, also 20. Coach Carey led the 83rd with 18 points, Alterman trailing with 10.

**331ST and 222ND PLAY
TWICE; LATTER VICTOR
BOTH TIMES**

On Saturday night the 331st Regiment of the 83rd challenged the 222nd Infantry of the 42nd Rainbow Division to battle. The 222nd ended up winner 37-32. Strawbridge for the 331st, and Taylor of the 222nd were high-pointers having 11 apiece.

The second game resulted in another defeat for the 331st five, the final score being 47-39. Eckert scored a creditable 19 points for the 222nd, while Strawbridge was again high man for the home team with 13 points.

A return game is in the offing for the 331st, when it plays in Vienna on Feb. 14th.

**LAST NIGHT'S
LINZ LEAGUE RESULTS**

83rd QM 46 1347 Engr 23
117 Evac 31 83rd Sig 18

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this hemisphere. Our policy of non-intervention in affairs of other American nations," Braden said, "is fundamental and will continue. Our policy is one of joint action with other republics, group action for our mutual security."

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Small-scale clashes between British and Indonesian troops took place yesterday near Semarang and Soerabaja. Empire casualties to date are 1,300, with 200 of that number dead Regarding his talks with Communists and Nationalist delegates yesterday in Chungking, the U. S. Ambassador, General Marshall, said, "We have made progress." As sincere attempts continue there to bring an end to the civil strife, it was reported that more Nationalist troops had been dispatched to Jehol Province Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Premier, appealed yesterday in Tokyo to General MacArthur for extension of the tenure of the present cabinet until after the forthcoming general elections. Since last week's Allied directive calling for a purge of Japanese politicians who had a hand in the war against the United States, the cabinet has been on a shaky foundation United States Sec. of State, James F. Byrnes, is on his way to London for the first general assembly of the UNO, just nine days after he returned to the U. S. from the Moscow conference of ministers. The assembly opens Thursday A new Yugoslav constitution is being drawn up for presentation to the national assembly for approval. It calls for nationalization of mineral resources and communications; state control of foreign trade, and equal suffrage for women In the French zone city of Koblenz in Germany, it was announced that the purge of nazis in the French zone is going at a fast rate. More than 11,000 high-ranking nazis are at present imprisoned there The Soviet Union lost 6,000,000 buildings through enemy action during the course of the war, making 25,000,000 persons homeless. A colossal housing scheme is expected to replace these losses within a few years

— — AUSTRIA LOOKS TO THE FUTURE — —

The United States has formally recognized the Austrian Government formed by Chancellor Leopold Figl, the State Department announced in Washington yesterday. The recognition announcement was released simultaneously in Washington, Moscow, London and Paris. It was revealed that President Truman sent the following telegram to Dr. Karl Renner, President of the Austrian Republic: "I wish to extend to you my sincere congratulations on your election as President of the Austrian Republic, and my best wishes in your task of completing the liberation of Austria and on the revival of an independent and democratic Austria. I can assure you that the people of the United States will wish to assist Austria in this endeavor."

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

Central — 1310, 1815, 2015 — "Kiss and Tell," with Shirley Temple and Walter Able (Tue. and Wed.).

Cleveland — 1315, 1815 — "Men in her Diary," with John Hall and Louise Allbritton (last day today).

Volks — "I'll Tell the World," with Lee Tracy and Brenda Joyce (last day today).

Hollywood — "On Stage Everybody," with Jack Oakie and Peggy Ryan (last day today).

Chattanooga — "Lady on a Train," with Deanna Durbin and David Bruce (last day today).

Music Hall — "Ten Cents a Dance," with Jimmy Lloyd and Jane Frazee (last day today).

Varga — "My Reputation," with Georges Brent and Barbara Stanwyck (last day today).

Landes — The Broadway stage success, "Arsenic and Old Lace" (Tue. and Wed.) at 1930 hours. Military personnel only. Free tickets at box-office open daily 0900-1130 and 1300-1700.