

Hal Boyle
Younger Germans Go For Doughnuts

By HAL BOYLE
BERLIN — (AP) — Werewolves eat doughnuts at dusk.
At least the two who hoot outside my front gate just before twilight do. They are German children — Manfred and Karin — but around the press camp they are known as "the little werewolves."

They are probably the largest consumers of doughnuts and soft drinks per capita in what remains of the Reich. Manfred is easily a five doughnut a day man and Karin never more than one behind him.

Manfred calls me his "Onkel Amer" which is his own compression for "Uncle America." He is a thin blue-eyed boy, blond as lemon pie and active as a kitten with worms. He is one of the most affectionate kids I ever saw. When he comes to me, he runs half a block to meet me. When he is about five feet away, he hurls himself at me, and I know he is coming. He puts his skinny arms around my neck and gives you a hard quick hug, and looks up with a smile that seems to say he has been waiting all day just to say hello to you.

PET OF CAMP
Both children dress neatly. The first time Manfred gave me this kind of doughnut, I was so flattered I took him into the press club lounge and stuffed him so full of doughnuts that he had a pumpkin. The next day he showed up with his pet, a very hard rubbery and red-checked and has brown hair. She is shorter than Manfred and has a very nice, friendly second glass of soft drink.

They walked me home that first afternoon and after they were gone, I saw them outside the gate, and the "doughnut hour" has become a ritual. Manfred has a German woman who works in the press club. She always carries a small cardboard box of doughnuts. She always carries a small cardboard box of doughnuts. She always carries a small cardboard box of doughnuts.

Both children seem to spend the day wandering the streets. They know only a few words of English, such as "hello," "yes," and "no." Manfred says he is three years old, other days he says he is four or five.

DODGER PROSPECT
I think he must be five because he has started strutting tennis balls. The press club has only six tennis balls. Manfred is falling into me. Manfred is falling into me. Manfred is falling into me.

Francis Assures Spanish Miners
OVIEDO, Spain — (AP) — Generalissimo Francisco Franco today upped a 45-mile tour of the rich coal-mining area near Oviedo yesterday by assuring a crowd of 6,000 miners at Sams that they had a "strong, united Government able to provide them with housing, health insurance and other benefits."

Cuba Gets Two Army Air Bases
HAVANA — (AP) — Two Army air bases, built by the United States early in the war at a cost of about \$25,000,000, were transferred to the Cuban Government yesterday as Cuba celebrated the 44th anniversary of her independence.

Three Japanese Fined
KOBE, Japan — (AP) — Three Japanese restaurant operators were fined \$10,000 (yen \$667) each in Privet Court today and sentenced to prison for selling poisonous liquor which caused the death of a Filipino seaman.

Tower Of Manhattan Army Plane Hits Gotham Building And Five Perish

NEW YORK — (AP) — An Army transport plane, lost in dense fog as it groped for Newark air base, smashed into the world's fourth tallest building and the tower of the New York financial district last night and hurled four Army officers and a Wac lieutenant to instantaneous death.

One of the victims, Capt. Tom L. Hall, was identified by Col. Clarence P. Kane, commander of Newark Army Air Base, as a member of the permanent accident investigation board set up at the base to investigate such accidents. Kane said he was appointed to the board after it completed its investigation into the crash of an Army plane into the Empire State Building last July when 14 persons perished.

Halls widow said at Sioux Falls, S. D., that her husband had a part in the Empire State inquiry as a special operations officer at the Newark base.

The plane, a twin-engine Beechcraft C-45, spun out of a 400-foot overcast and struck the 58th floor of the 11-story 857-foot high Bank of the Manhattan Company on Wall Street. The plane disintegrated in blinding flash and showers of flaming debris fell to the pavement.

"There was a nothing but flame," John Gunther, a Chase National Bank guard, who was an eyewitness, said. "It showered down like a rain of fire."

Another witness said "the flames seemed to pour down from floor to floor."

Occupants of the building, estimated at the time by police as being five, died on page 7A

Vandenberg Declares American Foreign Policy Solidified

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, told the Senate today the Paris meeting of Foreign Ministers had developed "a positive, constructive, peace-seeking, bi-partisan foreign policy for the United States."

Vandenberg made no specific mention of difficulties the American delegation reportedly encountered in seeking Russian agreement to conference proposals, but he said that for the time being the building of the peace stands where Secretary of State Byrnes laid it in his radio report to the nation last night.

In effect, Byrnes gave Russia the choice that it could stop blocking a European peace conference this summer or the United States would offer the whole matter to the United Nations.

"Pretending an American 'offensive for peace,' Byrnes left no doubt that it would be carried out even at the expense of the basic post-war ideal that the great victor nations should act in unison to fashion the future."

The cabinet officer made it perfectly plain that he held Russia responsible for the disappointing outcome of the Foreign Ministers Conference which recessed in Paris last week.

Navy Fund Boosted By Committee \$4,639,659,000 Recommended

WASHINGTON — (AP) — That House Appropriations Committee today recommended \$4,639,659,000 for the Navy next year in response to Navy Secretary Forrestal's plea for a "truly effective sea and naval air power" to help keep the peace.

The committee would finance the Navy in the fiscal period beginning July 1. The committee originally budgeted \$4,260,000,000. The Navy originally had asked the Budget Bureau for about \$6,000,000,000, counting in contract-making authority and reappropriation of unspent funds.

Under the committee's plan, the Navy would have an average force of 500,000 enlisted men and 88,000 officers during the 1947 year. The Navy would have 950,000 men and 105,000 officers at the outset, gradually tapering its strength to 437,000 men and 57,800 officers at year's end.

SHIPS AND PLANES
The force would include 291 major fighting ships listed for active service and fly 3,000 fleet planes and 6,000 other aircraft. Twenty ships would be kept in reserve and 632 on inactive categories. In addition, there would be 2,400 spare planes.

In requesting funds for the Navy's first full year of peacetime operations since the war, the committee said that the United Nations organization is to be given a reasonable opportunity of success. The present maintenance of our armed power is essential and adequate to meet the requirements of a truly effective sea and naval air power.

Stung by the problem before it, the committee took cognizance of the development of the atomic bomb, saying:

"If it were possible to know at this moment what effect the atomic bomb may have on future modes and methods of warfare, a more definite picture could be devised that would provide the necessary men and facilities to serve the purposes of the war. Unfortunately no standards exist for dividing this picture. Decisions must be made upon facts as they exist, plus reasonable expectancy of future trends."

The committee said it believed the new funds would be ample to maintain the world's largest and best Navy fund on page 7A

Housing Shortage Even A U. S. House Member Not Immune

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Cut a Congressman get kicked out of his house, the same as other renters?

Krug To Take Over Soft Coal Pits Tomorrow

Interior Secretary 'Acceptable' To Both Miners And Operators

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today ordered Government seizure of strike-threatened soft coal mines, effective tomorrow, declaring coal production is "indispensable" to the nation's economy.

The White House Press Secretary, Charles G. Ross, said "both sides were sounded out" in advance. He would not say flatly that Mr. Truman expected the miners to work under Government operation, but did say that the choice of a Federal mine boss, Interior Secretary Krug, was "pronounced acceptable to both the coal miners and operators."

The Chief Executive acted after contract negotiations between John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and the soft coal operators bogged down.

TRUCE EXPIRES SATURDAY
A two weeks strike truce, under which the mines have been operating, expires Saturday.

Lewis, located in a barber shop, told reporters: "I have no comment of any character."

Lewis would not disclose whether he has summoned the 250-man UMW Policy Committee to pass upon the question of working for the Government.

Lewis told President Truman last Sunday, it was learned, that the question of whether the miners would work after the truce expires Saturday even under Government seizure with the policy committee.

The seizure move followed a day of quiet during which neither side would discuss their dispute.

Thus, the Government will take over operation of two of the nation's largest industries. Railroads were seized last Friday in an attempt to avert a strike, now postponed until 4 P. M. (Local Standard Time) Thursday.

WELFARE FUND DEMAND
The contract negotiations broke down when the operators rejected Lewis' No. 1 demand—for a 7 per cent payroll levy against operators to finance a welfare fund to be handled by the union.

The order to Krug said the President acted "to preserve the national economic structure in the present emergency." Coal production, it said, "is indispensable for the continued operation of the national economy during the transition from war to peace."

Ross said Krug would take over the mines tomorrow at a time to be determined by him.

The President's executive order signed at 2 P. M. EST, directs Krug, in his capacity as Solid Fuels Administrator, to take over the mines and operate them in such a way as to "preserve the national economic structure in the present emergency."

Krug was expected to announce shortly his plans for seizing and operating the mines.

The order directs Krug to appoint "such miners in accordance with such terms and conditions of employment as are in effect at the time possession thereof is taken, subject to the provisions of Section Five of the War Labor Disputes Act."

At the same time, Krug may apply to the National Wage Stabilization Board "for appropriate changes in the terms and conditions of employment for the period during an air raid in England, when the fall down a cellarway in the home of Tyrone Power, Mrs. Niven's studio said today.

Reds Quit All Iran

TEHRAN — (AP) — Prince Feroz, Director of Propaganda, announced tonight that the Soviet evacuation of Azerbaijan and all Iran was completed May 6.

In an official statement, Feroz said the Iran Government's official mission sent to Azerbaijan to investigate whether the Russians had left had completed its assignment.

After a visit to the principal areas and towns formerly occupied by the Red Army, the commission reported that all Soviet troops were out of Azerbaijan on May 6, as announced by Feroz said.

TELEGRAM TO ALA
As a result, he added, a telegram was sent today to Ala (Husain) in Ala, the Iranian Ambassador in the United States, informing them and directing that he communicate with the Security Council, the British, United States and Soviet Embassies in Tehran also were officially notified.

In answer to a question, Feroz said: "The alleged complaint of Ala to the chairman of the Security Council concerning continued Soviet interference in Azerbaijan is the view of the Iranian Government. I cannot believe the statement was made by him, but if made it represents his own personal opinion."

The Azerbaijan question is an internal affair after the evacuation of the Red Army is now complete, Feroz stated.

He added that there was now no possible Soviet interference which could justify the alleged Ala statement.

71 Died In Malmady Massacre
Lary claimed his dramatic story by identifying Geor Fleps, 23, of the First Waffen SS Panzer Regiment, as the man who shot the first Panzer "NO PRISONER" ORDERS.

The prosecution charges that the Germans slaughtered nearly 600 American prisoners of war during the Ardennes Bulge seven months ago. That was Germany's last offensive.

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