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Find Germans Not Converted To Democracy

By KEITH GARNER

BERLIN, April 28—(Reuters)—Three out of every four Germans in the British zone have failed to be converted to democracy, and have little or no faith in the host of democratic parties which have sprung up since the end of the war, according to a spokesman of the British control commission political division.

The average working German man and woman cares about nothing but the food, clothing and coal situation, the spokesman added. When an election comes along, he votes for this or that party, but only because he was taught under the Nazi regime that it was his duty to vote, and not because he has any real interest in party politics.

"Generally speaking, we can say that our attempts to install democracy into the people of Western Germany have been mainly a failure," he continued.

"Nowhere is there the same amount of interest that one encounters in Britain, and nowhere is there any real understanding among the common people of what the various parties stand for." The spokesman felt that the failure of the Germans to take up democracy in a big way was due to three main factors:

1. The moral and spiritual collapse in 1945 which left the people half-stunned, disillusioned and ill-inclined to take part in any "new experiment."

The collapse left them with a ruined country, one of the most acute food crises known to present-day Europe, and an overwhelming feeling that they had become the "untouchables" of the western world.

Busy Keeping Alive

Between searching for food, clothing and fuel, they had neither the time nor the inclination to take any interest in a "democratic awakening."

2. The ingrained German "fisher instinct," that is to say, the desire to be led and to leave the government of the country to "the men who know how."

This instinct, already discernible in the Middle Ages, became dominant in the days of Bismark, and reached its peak under Hitler, Goebbels and the Gestapo.

"A nation which has done what it has been told for generations can hardly be expected to adopt democratic feelings overnight," the spokesman declared. "The German tendency to obey the government of the day remains and is perhaps responsible for the fact that the Germans have been so quiet and docile during the past three years."

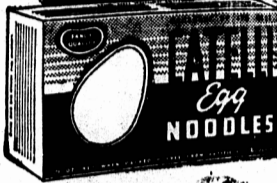
3. Probably the most important of all the shortages of leaders of democratic thought who are really abreast of events and tendencies abroad.

"In 12 years of Nazism, the young men who would normally have emerged as democratic leaders either rotted in concentration camps or became prominent in the Nazi movement," the spokesman said.

"Those who were in concentration camps returned three years ago out of touch with the modern world and its way of life, while those who became Nazis obviously would have no place in a democratic revival."

"As a result, the men who took over the leadership of Germany in 1945 were the old-time politicians who were in their prime, in the time of the Weimar Republic, and are still mentally living in the days following the First World War."

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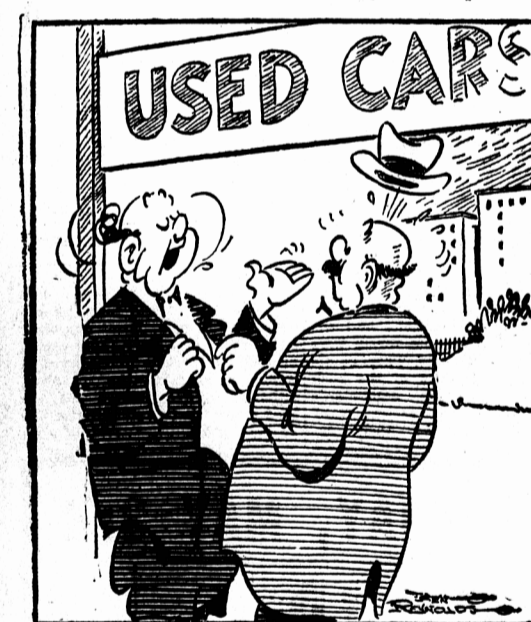
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SWEDISH HYDRO PLANT
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150 HOUSES FOR SHILO BY WINTER

The Canadian Army expects to have 150 permanent houses ready for occupancy by married soldiers at Shilo, Man., by the fall, the Shilo Observer reported this week. The houses will be complete with basements and coal-burning furnaces and equipped with electric stoves and refrigerators. Approximately 50 of the houses will be concrete block duplexes and 50 of frame design with private entrances. They will be divided vertically so that each family will have a main floor and an upstairs with a total of six rooms. One interesting feature in the construction of the houses is that all will have windows and doors of standard Army size. This will enable families moving to married quarters in another locality to use their same curtains and fixtures. It is expected that the Royal Canadian Engineers will have the project under way by mid-May.

NEW EGG BATH

ADELAIDE, Australia, (CP)—A machine which cleans and pasteurizes eggs in the shell at the rate of 18,000 an hour is being used by an egg exporting firm here. It is claimed to be the only machine of its kind in the world. The eggs are fed into a bath at 146 degrees Fahrenheit, where they are scrubbed and then passed into a cold air chamber.

Skilled Bushmen Guide Scientists Into Arnhem Land

By LESLIE BRODIE
Canadian Press Correspondent

SYDNEY, Australia, April 28—(CP)—The United States-Australian scientific expedition now in Arnhem Land, North Australia, to probe the mysteries of the Australian aborigines in their natural surroundings, are to be guided by experienced "bushmen" of the Northern Territory.

A number of these men have been enlisted by the Native Affairs Department to act as guides for the expedition. They know as much of the land as any white man, and are respected—and in some cases feared—by the natives.

The expedition is sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, the (U. S.) National Geographic Society and the Australian government. Charles P. Mountford of the Adelaide Museum is leading the expedition.

Mountford has established a transit camp eight miles from Darwin, and the first base will be set up on Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Journeys from this base will be guided by Fred Gye, a former trepang fisherman who has lived many years in the area and knows the native dialects well.

In 1934 he helped stop a minor war between the natives and white men when he persuaded the notorious Caledon Bay tribesmen to meet the white men for a peace conference. He guided the police party that went out to search for the tribesmen after they had murdered a Constable McColl of the Northern Territory Mounted Police. McColl was investigating the massacre of a number of Japanese trepang and pearl fishermen when he was murdered.

Used Smoke Signals
Grey used the traditional message stick and smoke signals of the natives to contact the wanted men.

The Groote Eylandt natives have the finest physique of all the Arnhem Land natives. They are a treacherous and ferocious tribe and will go on the warpath at the slightest provocation. Grey's knowledge of their habits will be of great assistance to the scientists.

When the expedition moves further inland, Gordon Sweeney of the native affairs branch will take over from Grey. Sweeney has spent 20 years in the Northern Territory and is said to be the first white man to move in as far as the Havelock Falls on the edge of the vast, mysterious escarpment of Arnhem Land proper.

The Royal Australian Air Force will fly all men and equipment between bases. Deputy-leader Dr. Frank Setzler, chief curator of the department of anthropology at the U. S. National

Eclipse Of Sun This Year To Be Of Military Value

By Howard W. Blakelee
Associated Press Science Editor

NEW YORK, April 28—(AP)—The first eclipse of the sun to have military value since the one that stopped a war in 585 B. C., takes place in the Pacific Ocean May 8.

This eclipse will provide means for more accurate shooting of guided missiles and of ocean-spanning rockets.

In 585 the eclipse took place in Eastern Anatolia during a battle between Lydians and Medes.

The announced purpose of the May 8 eclipse observations, as told by the National Geographic Society, is sponsoring the expeditions, and popular astronomy, is more accurately to determine the shape of the earth and better to locate any desired point on the globe's surface.

At present such location is done with errors ranging from several hundred feet to one mile. It is hoped to reduce these errors to not more than 150 feet.

For military purposes, a calculation error of one mile in location of a distant target, is an added aggravation in a problem already near the limit of solution. A mile miss may not seem much in a 3,000-mile shot, but it is a good error to get rid of. Even a present-size atomic bomb could lose much effectiveness by a mile miss.

The astronomical observations will be made from seven stations along the path of the eclipse. The start is in Burma, where the eclipse first shows, the end of the track in the Aleutian Islands, 5,320 miles away, five hours later and one calendar day earlier. The shadow starts on May 9 but crosses the international time zone to finish May 8.

All stations will time the moment when the edge of the moon appears to touch the face of the sun, and again when the edge of one leaves the edge of the other as the eclipse ends.

The May 8 eclipse is not total, but annular, meaning the sun shows a ring of fire all around the moon. The moon will be too far away to completely hide the sun's face.

Museum, hopes to establish the "time sequence" of the natives. He told a reporter that the scientists expected to find that the tools the Arnhem Land natives use today are the same type as their forefathers used 1,000 years ago. To establish a time sequence, said Dr. Setzler, it would be necessary for them to start from what they know now and work backwards.

Dr. Setzler said the Australian aborigines are a mysterious group without trace of the characteristics of the Mongolian or negro groups. Some anthropologists believe they are developed from a primitive white man.

Poullot Takes Two Western Papers To Task

OTTAWA, April 28—(CP)—Jean Francois Poullot (Ind. L.—Temiscouata) in the Commons yesterday criticized the Winnipeg Free Press and the Vancouver News-Herald for their editorial comments on a speech he made last April 12 on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

In his Commons speech that day he put on record a list of names of persons who supported a petition calling for a Canadian bill of rights. He said today he had not described the signatories as "Communist dupes." But he wished to do so now.

The list included the names of a number of prominent Canadians.

Mr. Poullot quoted the Free Press as saying: "After reading Mr. Poullot's speech in the House of Commons we are almost ready to join the Montreal Star in its current crusade to protect liberty by abridging it... for if the Quebec member is right, this country is indeed rotten with Communism, and not only this country but this newspaper."

Mr. Poullot continued: "That newspaper may be, but I never said the country was; I never used that expression. I protest strongly against these pharisees, these hypocrites, men without any sincerity who are ready to protect Tim Buck and all the subversive elements in the country but always have insults for those who abide by the law."

(Tim Buck is national leader of the Labor-Progressive Party.)

Mr. Poullot said the News-Herald referred to him "as another in the House's lunatic fringe." The newspaper had described Rev. E. C. Hansell (BC—MacLeod), Norman Jacques (BC—Westakivuh) and himself as "three crackpots" and "the three nut M.P.s."

"That paper" (the News-Herald) said Mr. Poullot, "has no official representative in the press gallery but I understand that this was sent by the nigger in the woodpile, the peevish and rancorous boob-black of the right honorable." He did not elaborate.

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