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Liberated Peoples Begin To Resent Allied Soldiers

BY ROSS MUNRO
PARIS, Dec. 5—(CP)—(By Mail)—Relations between people of Western Europe and Allied soldiers on the continent have changed a lot from the expansive months of liberation—and changed for the worse.

The happy camaraderie which existed in the first flush of freedom has been replaced to a large degree by irritations, suspicions, blocking and misunderstandings which sometimes lead to violence.

The predominant attitude among many Europeans seems to be this: "The sooner those soldiers get home and leave us to ourselves in our country, the better it will be." They have been rather quick to forget the debt they owe the armies to which these men belong.

Replacing the original practice of helping gifts and hospitality on the liberators a growing tendency is evident among Europeans to be curt with the troops, sell them goods at exorbitant prices, and heat them as naive tourists open for exploitation.

In Paris, for example, a good many Frenchmen appear to treat American, British and Canadian soldiers with a disregard and lack of respect which has something almost hostile about it.

There is little real warmth left in the hearts of Parisians for fighting men waiting to return home. They are so preoccupied with their problems of daily life, politics and rehabilitation that foreign soldiers are considered almost a nuisance which has to be tolerated.

The same situation seems to prevail in Brussels although not to such a marked degree.

In Le Havre relations between the French and the Americans became so strained that violence broke out and the port was made out of bounds to the troops to prevent further trouble.

As a result of this situation in Western Europe, most soldiers spend their leaves in their own circle of clubs and theatres. Social contact with such people as the French and Belgians is being reduced practically to nothing.

It is not entirely one-sided, however. The behavior of Allied troops awaiting repatriation generally has not been up to standards set when the war was on.

Conduct of some Americans has been provoking. In France and Belgium, for example, a sense of exaggerated self-importance which angers the people of those countries.

Herring Fishermen May Use Asdic Soon

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk, England, Dec. 6—(Reuters)—Before long when the herring crisis puts to vote he may carry asdic anti-submarine detector equipment in his drifter.

Dr. W. B. Hodgson, chief of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries laboratory staff, said here that "fairly successful" experiments in locating schools of herring have been carried out in asdic-equipped naval drifters.

He predicted that the device soon be used on a commercial basis.

Portia White Gives Concert In New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—(AP)—Portia White, young Negro contralto from Halifax, gave her third town hall recital within two years last night highlighting her program with two French Canadian folk songs which delighted her hearers.

Miss White, a native of Truro, N.S., appeared here "under the distinguished sponsorship of the Government of Nova Scotia and the two French Canadian folk songs which she has been used to assist in her musical education.

"Of Miss White's performance tonight, critic R. Lafferty said in the New York Times: "Miss White's voice is rich and full and vibrant, with many lovely tones." (While her voice is not at its best in upper and lower registers.) In the middle part of the range, the resources of the voice are more capably revealed.

"Miss White's musicianship is commendable and she does some exceptional singing."

The Canadian concert star's program tonight included a group of Schubert songs, a Brahms group, selections by Bizet, Faure, Fauriel, Donizetti, a number of Afro-American numbers arranged by James Elmer Dorsey, and the two French Canadian selections, both traditional: "Cocoon" and "A La Claire Fontaine."

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Boost U. S. Marine Corps, Navy Strength

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5—(AP)—Legislation more than doubling the authorized peacetime personnel strength of the United States Navy and Marine Corps was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday and sent to the Senate. Action was on a voice vote without objection.

The measure boosts the non-combat strength of the Navy and Marine Corps from 252,000 (pre-war) to 500,000 (post-war), and the Marine Corps from 46,000 to 100,000. It provides 40,000 officers of the line for the Navy and 8,000 for the Marine Corps.

OTTAWA STORE FINED
OTTAWA, Dec. 5—(CP)—An Ottawa department store (Larocque) was fined \$100 and costs in police court yesterday after its representative pleaded guilty to charges of raising wages without the authorization of the Regional War Labor Board and without obtaining a decision of wage rates from the National War Labor Board on a new job classification.

"This is a rather unusual case," commented Deputy Magistrate J. Sauvage. "It is usually the other way around." The fine he imposed was the minimum.

'Worried Sick' By Potato Shortage

VICTORIA, Dec. 6—(CP)—A nine-day old mystery involving ordering of taxi cabs, telegraph boys, milkmen, moving trucks, and grocery men to the home of Mrs. E. M. Lally was climaxed yesterday when the woman's phone number was used in a newspaper advertisement about which she knows nothing.

The mystery is baffling City Police who are investigating, "has Mrs. Lally 'worried sick'?"

Her troubles started Nov. 27 when six taxis called at her home which had been ordered by phone, but not by Mrs. Lally. The same day a moving truck came to move her furniture. This had been ordered by phone but was unknown to the surprised woman. The same day several strangers arrived at her house who claimed to have been invited for dinner.

The next day another taxi arrived at Mrs. Lally's door and then a telegraph boy, neither had been ordered by her. The day after that five different milkmen came to deliver milk. The same day two more taxis and two more telegraph boys called.

Then a basket of groceries which had been ordered by phone was delivered to the house. Following by the arrival of another moving van.

Mrs. Lally said the phone calls making the unauthorized orders were made by at least two people one of them a woman.

Gunmen Baffled By Safe's Time-clock

HILLSBURGH, Ont. Dec. 6—(CP)—Three unmasked gunmen who robbed Cecil E. Hilton of \$25 Tuesday night took a lot of convincing that the Royal Bank of Canada branch safe could not be opened. Hilton said yesterday a manager of a branch in the town 25 miles northeast of Guelph said the trio broke into his home above the Bank shortly before midnight and demanded he open the safe. He told

WEST COVEHEAD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On November 15th the women of West Covehead met at the home of Mrs. James Allen to organize a Women's Institute branch. Owing to the weather the

supervisor was not in attendance and it was decided to ask her to come to the December meeting. The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. Ramsay Auld; vice-president, Mrs. James Allen; secretary, Mrs. Lorne MacMillan;

corresponding secretary, Miss Doris Brown; and treasurer, Mrs. Gordon Lafferty. Mrs. Hilbert Hughes, Mrs. Walter MacLaughlin and Mrs. Cecil May were appointed directors, and Mrs. Charles Willis and Mrs. Wilfred MacDonaid as Auditors.

It was decided to hold the Institute meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

The December meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Willis was well attended and the regular Institute Program was carried through. The supervisor spoke about the varied program carried on through the branches and stressed the importance of making each community as bright and cheerful as possible, with particular attention being given to the young people.

After the business meeting a fairly lunch and a contest were greatly enjoyed. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

NORTH GRANVILLE SCHOOL

The following is the report of North Granville School for the month of November:

Grade VII: 1. Helen Wall.
Grade VI: 1. Gladys Burgoyne.
Grade V: 1. Francis Folland and Floyd Oakes (equal); 2. Blaine Taylor.
Grade III: 1. Geraldine Taylor; 2. Betty Oakes.
Grade I (a): Billy Taylor.
Grade I (b): George Oakes.
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Assails Truman's Stand on Labor

DETROIT, Dec. 5—(AP)—Walker P. Reuther, vice-president of the United Automobile Workers (C.I.O.), tonight assailed President Truman's labor stand as a "clean-out break with the late President Roosevelt's policies."

Speaking at a meeting of 500 U. A. W. members, Mr. Reuther accused the President of an "unrealistic" attitude toward labor relations. He told the whistling, cheering crowd "Truman thinks he can put labor relations, like the secret

Penicillin For Cattle

MANCHESTER, England—(CP)—Research scientists in Britain are using penicillin to cure dairy cattle of mastitis, one of their most serious diseases, reports the Manchester Guardian. The results are "almost too good to be true," says Prof. Scott Watson, chief education and advisory officer of the ministry of agriculture.

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