

FDR APPROVES FLOOD CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(P)—President Roosevelt's signature put a billion dollar program of approved flood control projects on the Nation's postwar books today.

But Congress still must appropriate the money for the projects, which encompass not only flood checking works, but also reclamation, hydroelectric power and similar developments.

In signing the bill authorizing the program, the President said the legislation "is a step forward in the development of our national water resources and power policies."

In approving Missouri Valley projects embraced by the bill, Mr. Roosevelt said he did so in the understanding that the measure would not jeopardize in any way the creation of a Missouri Valley Authority.

Such a program, which would be in some ways parallel to the Tennessee Valley Authority, should be considered at an early opportunity by the next Congress, the President asserted.

About 5 to 80 percent of the cost of the various floodcontrol projects Senator Overton (D-La.) has estimated, would go for labor.

How William Sidney Porter happened to choose O. Henry as a pseudonym is a mystery but it may derive from Orrin Henry, who was a guard at the Ohio State Penitentiary, while the author was incarcerated there.

Firing At Snipers In Acropolis



A British paratrooper fires on Greek rebel snipers, during an engagement between the British and the ELAS, from a position inside the Acropolis, ancient landmark of Athens. Not the smoke billows rising from a building set afire in the fighting.

1,500 Yank Airmen Interned By Swiss

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(P)—Some 1,500 United States airmen forced down during bombing missions to Germany had been interned in Switzerland up to last October 1, the Swiss legation said today.

A total of about 95,000 refugees of twenty nationalities had been admitted to Switzerland on that date.

The American airmen were among 16,000 military internees. Other refugee classes are: 48,500 civilians from adjacent war zones; 18,500 former Italian soldiers; 7,500 emigrants blocked by the war from proceeding to their destination; 3,300 escaped prisoners of war; 700 deserters from various armies and 500 soldiers of various countries, hospitalized in Switzerland by their governments.

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CIO CHIEF BACKS BIG THREE UNION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(P)—CIO President Philip Murray, writing in an official Soviet trade union publication, today urged organized labor to guard the wartime coalition of the United States, Britain and Russia, in the interest of a secure peace.

Murray wrote an article for the December 19 issue of "War and the Working Classes," official trade union organ of the Soviet Union. It will be re-printed in the CIO news for December 25.

Urging establishment of a world labor organization at the February conference called by the British Trades Union Congress, Murray said such a united movement "will be but the embodiment of the unity which all the people fighting Fascism feel."

He saw in it "labor's voice in international affairs."

The February conference first was scheduled for last June, at the request of the CIO. The European invasion forced postponement.

In the meantime, the AFL, United Mine Workers, and most of the railroad brotherhoods have declined to attend. Without saying so, the AFL and UMW indicated that the participation of the CIO and the Soviet groups had a lot to do with their decision to remain away.

But Murray's organization has enthusiastically supported the meeting, sending Sidney Hillman, R. J. Thomas, and Emil Rieve to London for preliminaries, from which they returned last week.

Bulkeley of PT Fame Wins Another Honor

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—(P)—Heavily decorated Commander John D. Bulkeley, USN, of PT boat fame, received a second Silver Star recently in ceremonies at the Naval Operating Base here for action off the southern coast of France during the invasion.

Commanding the destroyer Endicott, instead of a patrol torpedo boat squadron, Comdr. Bulkeley tackled two German warships off Ciotat, which lie between Marseille and Toulon, on August 17, and sank both, although his own ship was badly crippled.

The Endicott's victims were the 1,600-ton Kemid Allah and the Capaullo, ex-Italian destroyer of 1,100-tons.

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The Jewish calendar has 383 days; Julius Caesar's, 365 days; Mohametan, 355 days. The Gregorian calendar, today is used in all Christian countries except Russia.

OPA MEAT PLAN BACKED IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(P)—The joint meat emergency committee, representing consumer groups, labor organizations and 10,000 New York City meat dealers, today backed a four-point OPA-sponsored program to broaden Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's plan for averting an official boycott of black market meat.

The program, presented at a meeting in OPA regional offices here by Charles T. Abernethy, deputy regional administrator, calls for consumer, dealer and labor cooperation with enforcement agencies to insure that meat will be purchased and sold only at ceiling prices, and "a program of meat allocation with due regard to the needs of various communities" which will include provision for subsidies if needed.

After adoption of the program, Paul Ross, regional enforcement executive, said he would put 50 inspectors in the field Tuesday, starting date of the threatened shutdown, and if they saw "widespread evidence of black market activities" he would request U. S. attorneys of the region to impanel grand juries for possible action on the findings.

In Cuba, the click beetle is worn as an ornament in the hair, or among the folds of dresses of Cuban ladies. It gives off a brilliant green light and looks like a living emerald.

ENEMY DEVELOPS NEW SPY SETUP

SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM, Dec. 22.—(Delayed)—(P)—The Nazi High Command has improved on its fifth column and has developed a sixth column for the present offensive.

This sixth column is composed of a special command of trained assassins and saboteurs who speak perfect English and are dropped behind American lines dressed in American and British uniforms.

This sixth column was organized last October when all German commanders were given orders to detach all men in their service who had lived either in the United States or Britain before the war and send them to a headquarters near Berlin.

There they were given special tests and only fearless, ruthless men were kept. It was required not only that they speak English but speak it with a definite American or British accent.

At the same time German commanders were ordered to turn in all captured American and British equipment, including uniforms and dog tags.

Organization of this force for offensive action was begun last October, indicating that Field Marshal von Rundstedt's offensive was at least two months in the planning stage.

Given a mission to try to kill high Allied officers and carry out sabotage on a grand scale, the force was equipped with American jeeps, command cars, tanks

and half-tracks and ordered to infiltrate American lines.

Some were dropped by parachute behind the lines. Some were dressed in civilian clothes and ordered to infiltrate towns, start fires,

fight with the local garrisons, and then flee.

Some of these sixth columnists were uncovered and captured in Belgium towns. They were found equipped with tubes of sulphuric

acid to throw in their captor's faces and try to escape.

Some wartime identification badges are marked by secret designs, visible only under special light rays.



May this Christmas be a season of good cheer, friendliness, and hopes fulfilled. May the unsuppressable mirth of eager youngsters, the crackling warmth of the early Yule log, and the invigorating scent of holly and pine, make this Yuletide a truly pleasurable one for you, your families, and your friends.

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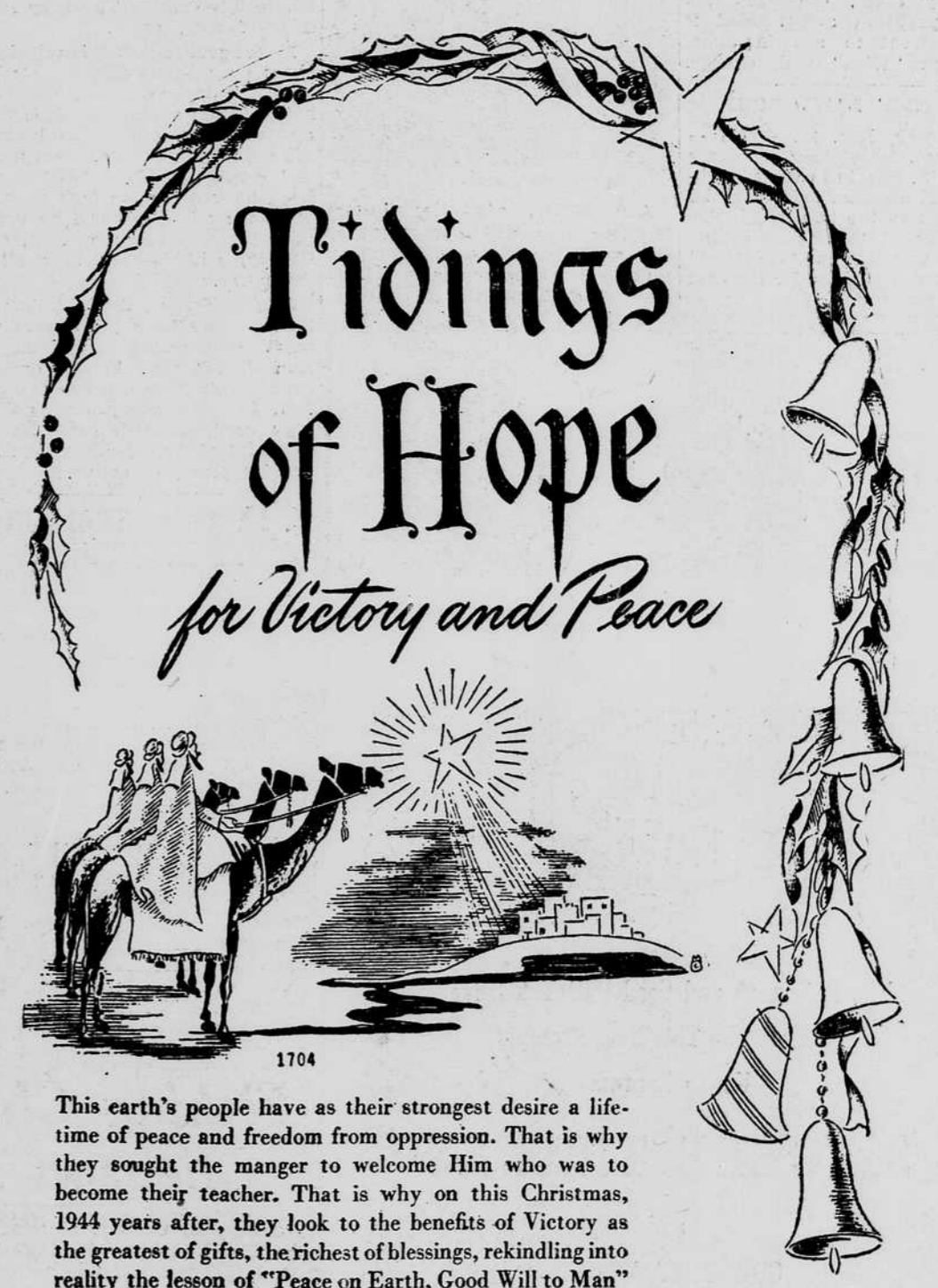


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