

USO CLUB MAKES HOUSING APPEAL

Dreams of returning home to their wives and perhaps to babies they have never seen are being rudely shattered for servicemen now arriving here from overseas battlefields, Miss Elizabeth Mason, director of the USO Travelers Aid, which handles housing for newcomers to Wilmington, said yesterday.

"Scores of these men, many of them wearers of the Distinguished Flying Cross and other awards," Miss Mason declared, "will be returning to Camp Davis on the rotation plan and are finding that householders here are not opening their homes to them because they have children, or, being servicemen, they may not be permanent residents."

"The uppermost thought in the minds of men overseas is to get back home again to their families "but many of them are doomed to disappointment. One soldier just returned from a year overseas, whose wife lives in New Jersey because he cannot rent an apartment here, has seen his wife only six days in the eighteen months they have been married. Another young serviceman has been hunting fruitlessly for a room or apartment so he can bring his wife and baby son, whom he has never seen, to Wilmington to be near him while he is stationed at Camp Lejeune.

"These boys have taken everything the enemy could throw at them on the battlefield, but perhaps it's a little more than they can take to find that the folks at home discriminate against them because they're soldiers and fathers," she said.

Persons having vacant apartments or rooms with kitchen privileges are urged by Miss Mason to list these with the USO Travelers Aid, 402 North Front street, telephone 2-2221.

RED CROSS AIDS WILMINGTON POW

Representative of the great service being rendered servicemen from Wilmington and all over the United States by the American Red Cross is the following letter, received recently by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Holmes, 2116 Klein road, from their son, S-Sgt. William P. Holmes Jr., a prisoner of war in Germany since D-Day.

Dated December 13, 1944, the letter, in part, reads:

"Dear Mom, Pop and Sis, I pray you are all well and getting along fine. I missed being with you all this Christmas but will certainly make up for it next Christmas. I am getting along fine and have just received a Red Cross parcel. Some Christmas parcels came in today so we will have a big Christmas even here in this place. Being I am here in this place, I couldn't get anything I could enjoy more or any better present except being home.

"The Red Cross has done wonders and kept us alive, so please remember them at home for me. I am still looking for some mail from you all and hope it will start coming in soon. How are all my friends? Tell them all hello and to write lots. Send me eats and I smoke all you can. I am still praying for this to end and hope it won't be long."

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PROPOSALS INVITED FOR ALUM

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Wilmington, North Carolina until 10:00 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, March 28, 1945, and then publicly opened and read at a meeting of the City Council at the City Hall for furnishing 200 tons more or less, of Sulphate of Alumina to be delivered FOB siding, Pumping Station, Wilmington, N. C., in carload lots as ordered during the period of one year.

Proposals should be submitted to J. R. Benson, City Clerk and marked on the outside of the envelope, "Proposals for furnishing Alum".

Dated this 15th day of March, 1945.

CITY OF WILMINGTON

by: J. R. BENSON, City Clerk

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"No parlay Eengleesh."

WASHINGTON CALLING

by MARQUIS CHILDS

ROME—This war is like a huge tapestry, with so much going on in the foreground and all of it so highly colored and exciting, that extraordinary happenings in the background are overlooked. During my brief stay in Belgrade, I heard the story of one such background adventure from one of the participants.

Sergeant Carl W. Mitchell, now attached to the American military mission in Yugoslavia, was one of about 300 American enlisted men and officers who, in January, 1944, along with British commandos, joined a band of Tito's partisans on the island of Vis off the Dalmatian coast. Mitchell and the other Americans had been chosen from every branch of the armed services because they spoke one or another of the Slavic tongues. Thanks to his mother and grandparents, Mitchell speaks both Croatian and Serbian.

When the group landed on Vis, it was the only lifeline between that part of Italy held by the Allies and enemy-held Dalmatia. The assignment of the mixed force was to harass enemy communications and create the utmost destruction and confusion by repeated commando raids on the coast.

The first night, the whole camp was at a movie when the Germans, who had been tipped off by an agent on the island, staged an air raid. Fortunately, there were almost no casualties. From that moment on, there was never a dull moment.

The group made a landing on the Dalmatian coast, using commando infiltration tactics, and stayed for three days near the town of Split. Immediately afterward, Mitchell, an American officer and a group of partisans hid for six days in a cave on an island and a patrol would have taken them if it had not been for a warning given by a local boy.

It was like that time after time, with the peasants never failing in courage and friendship. When Sergeant Mitchell speaks about them, there's a warm light in his eyes. "Oh, they know how to live, those people do," he says. "You know, they sing and they dance and they drink and they like to be free. And they couldn't have been better to us, I mean that. They couldn't have been better."

Of all the acts of sudden courage and heroism that became commonplace, during the operations, Mitchell reserves his greatest admiration for that of Corporal George Kalitsis of New York, a Greek-American who was born in Athens. Kalitsis, who wanted to go and fight for the liberation of Greece, never got a chance.

"He talked about it a lot," Mitchell says. "He really felt it, too. But on our very first mission, we ran into a German ambush. They had us bad, and then Kalitsis stepped up to see a German mortar position. Well, he saw it, all right. They got him right in the head. But what it did was to give the Germans away and, if that hadn't happened, we would all have been killed, and that's true."

They took the body of Corporal

BRITISH SECRET AGENT HELD DEAD

CHUNGKING, March 14.—(AP)—Unconfirmed reports received here from Hongkong say that Maj. Charles Boxer, chief of British Army Intelligence at Hongkong at the time of its capture by the Japanese, recently was executed by the Japanese, who charged him with operating a secret radio station in a prisoner of war camp.

In a current book, "China To Me," the author, Emily Hahn, identified Major Boxer as the father of her daughter, Carola, 3.

Miss Hahn, who has been living in New York since she was repatriated a year ago from the Orient on the exchange ship Gripsholm, said, "unless there is more evidence, I do not intend to believe the rumor."

She explained that she had heard such a report through the British War Office several months ago but thought it might have arisen through the reported imprisonment of Hongkong civilians for operating a secret radio and the simultaneous imprisonment of a civilian named Boxer.

She said such a report reached Chungking last June. Chungking, she said, was full of rumors.

Miss Hahn, a frequent contributor to the New Yorker magazine and other periodicals, was a freelance writer in China. In her book she told of meeting Major Boxer after his wife had instituted divorce proceedings. She said she would return to China after the war to marry him.

In London, the War Office withheld comment, pending completion of a check of the Chungking reports.

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THEATER-CLOSING THREAT IS DEFIED

HOLLYWOOD, March 14.—(AP)—Assuming international aspects with the threat of a shutdown of thousands of movie theaters throughout this country and Canada, the film industry strike mounted bitterness today and opposing union factions squared off for what appeared to be a finish fight.

Defiant of a theater-closing threat made by Richard A. Walsh, president of the rival and powerful International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees, President Herbert Sorrell of the Conference of Studio Unions, declared: "In the first place, Walsh could not do it, and in the second, it would wreck his union if he tried. This is a typical Willie Bioff-George Brown tactic."

Crippled by the absence of more than 17,000 employes, major studios nonetheless managed to keep operating in varying degrees to-

day. But the situation admittedly was growing more serious.

In newspaper advertisements today, major film producers declared that when the National Labor Relations Board, to whom they have appealed for a decision in the jurisdictional issue, decides the case, they will abide by the ruling "and bargain with the unit designated" by the board.

A crucial stage in the three-day-old strike, insofar as determining ability of the studios to keep going, will come Friday night, when the Screen Actors Guild meets to take a strike vote.

Representatives of the rival studio conference and the IATSE, whose fight with the conference's painters local for control of set decorators precipitated the strike, were invited to plead their claims.

Walsh's threat to close theaters was "because of coercive methods of the painters locals and tolerant submission to such methods by various government agencies." His wire, sent to a New York local and presumably to hundreds of others asked projectionists to stand by

for an order to stop handling pictures made by any Hollywood studio.

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