

### CAPTAIN REPORTS LONG TRIP FUTILE

HONOLULU, Feb. 23.—(P)—The captain of the Liberty ship Pochontas said today he had sailed all the way to Okinawa and Manila with badly-needed supplies for Army forces stationed there only to be ordered back to the United States with his cargo intact.

Capt. Anthony H. Bledsoe, whose ship reached Pearl Harbor enroute to an East Coast port, said he was puzzled by the orders from Washington because such articles in his cargo as laundry and dry cleaning equipment for Manila were critically needed there.

In his cargo were such other items as 50,000 cases of beer, band instruments, fire trucks, cranes for structural work, textbooks, phonograph records and cigarettes.

Bledsoe said his original orders took him to Okinawa Dec. 7, where bad weather delayed unloading operations. On Jan. 11 he was ordered to proceed to Manila.

"At Manila," he added, "we waited our turn to discharge but on Jan. 29 I was told to return my ship to San Francisco with the original cargo."

"Five days out on Honolulu the orders were changed again and the Pochontas was directed to proceed through the Panama Canal to an east coast port (unnamed)."

"All I know is my orders come from Washington," Bledsoe said.

### RUSSIA'S ARMY AT FULL POWER

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is of the American people, demobilization has become, in effect, disintegration, not only of the armed forces but apparently of all conception of world responsibility and what it demands of us. Definite measures must be taken immediately to determine at least the basic principles of our postwar military policy. I have never felt so certain of anything in my life."

In a house committee hearing Rep. J. Leroy Johnson, R., Calif., asked fleet Admiral Ernest J. King this question:

"Is the navy now so badly disorganized (by demobilization) that it could not now fight a major battle?"

King replied: "I'm afraid I'd have to answer 'yes' to that question."

**ARMY WILL REMAIN**  
MUKDEN, Feb. 20.—Delayed—(UP)—Maj. Gen. Andrei Kovtoun-Stankevich, commander of Soviet forces in the Mukden area, hinted today that the Red army will remain in Manchuria as long as American marines and soldiers are stationed in China.

The Soviet general greeted British and eight American correspondents when they were released today after 54 hours internment by the Russians in Mukden's best hotel, the Yamato.

Asked when the Red army planned to evacuate the territory, the general said, "If I'm ordered by the Soviet high command to withdraw, I'll do it, but not before."

So far, he said, there had been no word from his superiors regarding evacuation. Pressed further, and reminded of the Soviet agreement to withdraw all troops by Feb. 1, he snapped back:

"Let me ask you; when are Americans going home from China?"

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### BRITISH RUSH MORE MEN INTO CALCUTTA

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way officials. A wing of the Koh-I-Noor textile mills was set afire here. Firemen, escorted by police and soldiers, extinguished the blaze.

British authorities put curfew hours at 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. and warned that anyone caught erecting road barricades would be shot at sight. Indian sources described the situation north of Bombay as more grave than it was Friday. Reinforcements were sent there.

Calcutta dispatches said demonstrators, mostly railway workers, halted trains at the Lillooh and Belur suburban stations of the East Indian railway by standing on tracks. Similar demonstrations were staged at Barrackpore on the Bengal-Assam railway. Authorities rushed food and water to passengers marooned on a train stalled by a strike of employees at the Seladah railway station.

Hooligans tried to set fire to the Salvation Army building in the center of Bombay. Military patrols fired upon them and wounded six. A crowd of about 100 set a branch of the Imperial bank on fire in the Moslem quarter of town and attacked a municipal building in the same quarter. A huge boulder thrown from a building roof narrowly missed a truckload of British troops.

Streets were littered with refuse which was rioting. The municipal garbage collectors stayed away from their jobs. Street cars and buses gave only skeleton service. Stones, boulders and glass blocked many roads. Few shops were open. The postoffice at Chowpatty beach was broken open, its contents strewn in the streets and set afire.

The British communique describing the naval surrender, issued here and at New Delhi, gave no hint as to what lay in store for the surrendering naval mineurs who seized Royal Indian navy vessels in Bombay harbor and barricaded themselves in castle barracks Thursday.

### Baltimore Man Elected President Of Postal Supervisors' District

Charlotte, Feb. 23.—(P)—Carl W. Seipel of Baltimore was elected president of the third regional district of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, at the concluding business session of the group here today.

Other officers elected are: Charles L. Gault, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Russell H. Thompson, Washington, George R. Grant, Fayetteville, John Swygert, Columbia, S. C.; Leslie J. Montague, Portsmouth, Va.; Roy M. Harris, Frederick, Md., vice presidents; and Morris, Eisenberg, Baltimore, secretary-treasurer.

### AIRPORT FACT COMMITTEE FINDINGS BEING COMPILED

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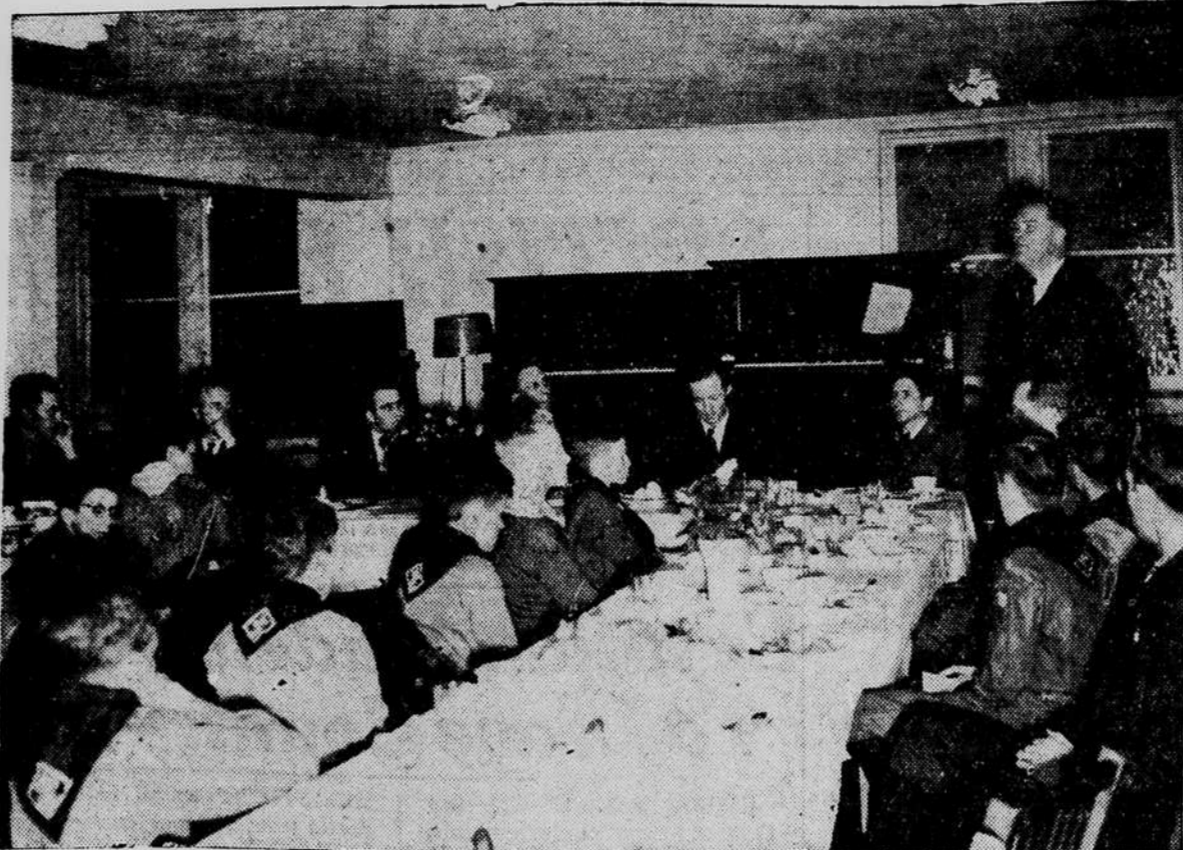
Wooten, Wilmington aero club member.

Leaving here early Thursday, the delegation visited two airports in and near Raleigh, and the Greensboro-High Point-Guilford county field that day. The Winston-Salem and Charlotte airports were inspected Friday and the group returned to Wilmington late that night.

Hewlett said yesterday the group found the Raleigh-Durham airport "in much the same position we are, but very enthusiastic about the future." That field now has an average of 24 landings daily, Orrell reported.

The chairman said airport authorities were operating a number of the fields. Some of the authorities were created by legislative act and others by appointment.

### PASTOR ADDRESSES TROOP 19 BOY SCOUTS



The Rev. S. L. Blanton, pastor of First Baptist church, spoke to members of Troop 19, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by his congregation, on the occasion of their recent banquet in observance of National Scouting week. To the left of the speaker is re Courtland W. Baker, scout executive; E. Z. Blanton, Sr., scoutmaster; Alton Lennon, chairman of the troop committee; Luther Hodges, scout commissioner, and Carril Tinsley, assistant executive.—Photo by Harry Wettig

### City Briefs

**"QUEEN OF HEARTS"**  
Ross Garner, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Garner, 6-A 1 Sumpter drive, Maffitt Village, will be featured on the STAR-NEWSRADIO radio program WMFD 1:15 p. m. today. Miss Garner was recently chosen "Queen of Hearts" in a popularity poll of fourth grade students in the Maffitt Village school.

**DANCE SCHEDULED**  
The Blessed Martin de Porres' club of St. Thomas Catholic church will conduct a dance in St. Thomas auditorium Monday night, starting at 8 o'clock.

**CHURCH CENSUS MEETING**  
The Rev. J. O. Walton, church census leader for the Lake Forest area, has called a meeting of his co-workers in Lake Forest Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in order to make plans for starting the census March 3.

**POLICE SEEK NEGRO**  
Wilmington police officers have been asked to locate J. Lee Buck, Negro, formerly Red Cross street resident, whose father died in Mullins, S. C., yesterday.

### ANNUAL RED CROSS CAMPAIGN READIED

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pestilence, famine, fire and flood and to devise methods of prevention.

Funds of the Red Cross are divided into the following categories: "For the man overseas," "For the man in the hospital," "For the returned veteran," "For victims of war," "For our own here at home," and volunteer special services including volunteer nurse's aide corps; home service corps; hospital and recreation corps; air and skills corps; motor corps; canteen corps; dietitian's corps, and production corps.

During the war, Red Cross volunteers made over two billion surgical dressings plus thousands of hospital garments; received donations of over 13,000,000 pints of blood and exhibited 281,000 movies in hospitals.

Red Cross workers served in some 700 military and naval hospitals with 2,197 members of the organization serving overseas. More than 25,000,000 articles, the co-chairmen pointed out, will be continued to meet peacetime needs as they arise.

### WEATHER

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

**Temperatures:**  
1:30 a.m. 52; 7:30 a.m. 51; 1:30 p.m. 64; 7:30 p.m. 58.  
Maximum 69; Minimum 50; Mean 60; Normal 49.

**Humidity**  
1:30 a.m. 84; 7:30 a.m. 82; 1:30 p.m. 42; 7:30 p.m. 72.

**Precipitation**  
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—.03 inches.  
Total since the first of the month—1.72 inches.

**Tides For Today**  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)  
Wilmington High 3:51 a.m. Low 11:10 a.m.  
Mesonboron Inlet 1:22 a.m. 7:44 a.m.  
Sunrise 6:47 a.m.; Sunset 6:03 p.m.; Moonrise 1:15 a.m. Moonset 11:38 a.m.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(P)—Weather Bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p.m.:

**WILMINGTON** High Low Prec.  
Asheville 54 37 0.00  
Atlanta 66 48 0.16  
Birmingham 58 25 0.08  
Boston 55 47 0.55  
Buffalo 53 42 0.58  
Chicago 53 42 0.08  
Cleveland 50 30 0.00  
Dallas 51 31 0.00  
Denver 51 31 0.00  
Detroit 51 31 0.00  
Fort Worth 51 31 0.00  
Galveston 51 31 0.00  
Kansas City 51 31 0.00  
Knoxville 51 31 0.00  
Los Angeles 51 31 0.00  
Louisville 51 31 0.00  
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Miami 51 31 0.00  
Mobile 51 31 0.00  
New York 41 26 0.00  
Pittsburgh 51 31 0.00  
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### Coast Line Sends Diner Employes Back To School

It's "school days" again for employes of the dining car department, Atlantic Coast Line railroad. But "reading, riting" and "rithmetic" are out and in their places are neatness, teamwork and courtesy to the public. And a dining car is the "classroom."

Inaugurated last December by F. A. Cooke, general superintendent dining cars, Washington, D. C., the training program affecting more than 700 dining car employes is designed to insure more efficient and courteous service for the traveler.

Classes are being held in Washington and New York, where during January, 455 employes and 30 visitors from other railroads took the course. Conducted by D. M. Wallace, assistant to general superintendent dining cars, C. H. Keiser, traveling chef, and F. O. Mitchell, traveling waiter, sessions have included demonstrations of the right and wrong

way to serve, proper preparation and service of various menu items, teamwork in the compact diner kitchens and co-operation between kitchen and dining room forces.

The training program will continue indefinitely on a "refresher course" basis, according to Cooke. Classes will be held each month and stress will be laid on new ideas that arise from actual service.

During the war period four times as many patrons were served on Coast Line diners as in the pre-war period. Many inconveniences were suffered by patrons as a result of food rationing regulations and stimulated travel, as well as by the railroad which met the increased traffic with no increase in equipment and a decrease in experienced manpower.

In 1939, the Coast Line served 650,674 meals and in 1944 served 2,595,842. These figures are exclusive of tavern or buffet lounge car service. An average of 55 dining cars and 12 tavern cars did the job.

### DEMOCRATIC VICTORY SEEN IN ARGENTINA

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and province which have 156 electoral votes, to get the 189 votes needed for election.

As the country tensely awaited its first presidential elections in nine years, both sides predicted victory. A 24-hour period of political inactivity prior to the opening of the polls at 8 a. m. tomorrow was being observed. It is required by electoral laws.

Tamborini and Peron csted after delivering their final appeals to the voters over the radio last night. Peron had a sore throat which compelled him to broadcast from his bed.

**WOULD SOLVE PROBLEMS**  
By GRAHAM HOVEY  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(P)—Government officials and Latin American diplomats today were agreed on at least one thing in connection with tomorrow's national election in Argentina:

Defeat of Col. Juan D. Peron, presidential aspirant whom the United States regards as an exponent of fascism, would solve all immediate inter-American political problems — provided, of course, the power by military force.

In any case, the outcome will shape general inter-American dealings for some time to come. The officials and diplomats are sharply divided on the chances of Peron's opponent, Dr. Jose Tamborini, democratic union candidate. Some Latin diplomats say they believe Tamborini will win decisively.

State department officials are not so optimistic. They point out that predictions of a Tamborini victory are based on the assumption of a free election and say some fraudulent aspects already have developed.

These officials are particularly afraid that the violence inspired by Peron's followers at democratic union rallies during the campaign may have intimidated Tamborini supporters from coming to the polls.

All agree, however, that Tamborini's election—and installation in office—would pave the way for: 1. Speedy restoration of Argentina to official good standing in the inter-American family.

2. Early convening of the Rio de Janeiro conference to draft an inter-American defense treaty, in which Argentina's participation would be welcomed by all the other American republics, including the U. S.

If Peron wins, however, some U. S. officials and diplomats believe there is a possibility that the Rio conference — already postponed once—may not be held. The meeting now is scheduled to begin some time between March 15 and April 15.

### BATTLE FOR LABOR SUPREMACY HINTED

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government. It does not constantly depend upon the government to make all decisions affecting the policies of organized labor.

Without mentioning CIO President Philip Murray, with whom he broke in 1942 after a comradeship of two decades in the miners' union, Lewis obviously was referring to Murray's acceptance of the steel strike compromise proposed by President Truman. The CIO has supported efforts to continue wartime controls. It wanted the war labor board carried through critical post-war months.

Lewis opposed Murray's efforts to bring the issue of reconversion wages before the November Labor-Management conference, and the public utterances of both Lewis and AFL President William Green since then have followed identical patterns.

This is taking the form of an attack on the ideologies of an element of the CIO—without, however, mentioning Murray who is regarded as a conservative influence in his mass production organization.

Now the plan appears to be unfolding as an effort to wean away from the CIO such unionists as would find themselves more in sympathy with the traditional economic and political views of the federation than with those of certain CIO factions.

Besides Lewis' remarks on the radio, the AFL publication, Labor's Monthly Survey, hit precisely the same task. Claiming that the AFL has won "wage increases averaging from 10 to 20 cents an hour and up for about 3,000,000 workers" with relatively few strikes, the publication said:

"Unions outside the federation, however, had other methods. Simultaneous strikes in basic industries, with uncompromising demands, were designed to force government intervention with fact-finding boards and wage formulas."

### McVAY'S SENTENCE REMITTED BY NAVY

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guilty of failure to zig-zag. It acquitted him of a charge of inefficiency in failing promptly to issue and insure execution of orders to abandon ship. He was not tried for loss of the ship.

The court recommended to the Navy that he be moved back 100 numbers in his temporary grade of captain and 100 numbers in his permanent grade of commander.

In setting aside the court's recommended sentence, the Navy announced that Secretary of Navy James Forrester had released McVay from arrest and restored him to duty.

However, Vice Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, chief of Naval personnel, told reporters at a press conference that McVay probably would never be given command of another warship.

The Navy also disclosed that Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, chief of Naval operations, admitted that he—as wartime commander of naval

### forces in the Pacific—"must bear my share of responsibility for the loss of the Indianapolis."

The Navy's disciplinary action against the four officers held responsible for not initiating a prompt search for survivors consisted of three letters of reprimand and one letter of admonition.

Letters of reprimand were written by Forrester to Com. N. C. Gillette, of Chicago, acting commander of the Philippines Sea frontier at the time the Indianapolis sank, and his operations officer, Capt. A. M. Granum, of Milwaukee, Wis.

A second letter of reprimand over Nimitz's signature was sent to Cmdr. Jules C. Sancho (no address available), acting port director at Leyte. Nimitz sent a letter of admonition to Lt. Stuart B. Gibson, of Richmond, Va., Leyte port operations officer.

### MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD REVEALED

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ton receive the posthumous award at their Florida home in the near future.

Parents of the youth, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Halyburton, Sr., former Canton residents, now reside at 1762 12th street, S.W., Miami, where the father is employed as an aviation mechanic by the Pan-American Air lines.

While attending school here, young Halyburton lived with his aunt and uncle. He had intended entering Davidson college but the war changed plans he had made for studying for the ministry. Actual presentation of the award will be made by the Navy some time in April.

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