

General Truscott Named As New Commander Of American Fifth Army

ROME, Dec. 6 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., 49, who commanded Allied forces on the Anzio beachhead and later led assault troops in the invasion of southern France, was appointed commander of the U. S. Fifth Army today.

Truscott succeeds Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, recently named commander of the 15th Army group. Clark, as commander of all Allied ground forces in Italy, succeeds Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, who was appointed Allied commander in chief in the Mediterranean.

Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commanding general of American forces in the Mediterranean, announced the appointment of Truscott and said the effective date of the change would be made public later.

Truscott already has left the Sixth Corps in the Belfort area of France to return to Italy, the announcement stated.

The new army commander was one of the first American generals to take an active role in the execution of the war in Europe. In Britain he was attached to Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's staff and helped plan and execute the Dieppe raid. He had a major role in the formation and training of American Ranger battalions.

Subsequently Truscott was commander of American forces attacking Port Lyautey in the invasion of French Morocco on Nov. 8, 1942 and received the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding planning and leadership.

Early in the Tunisian campaign Truscott was Gen. Eisenhower's personal representative in the field. He later took command of the Third Infantry—"the rock of the Marne" division.

He led the division in the successful assault upon strongly held beaches in southern Sicily, then into Italy and finally to the Anzio beachhead in January, 1944. Then he was made commander of the Sixth Army Corps, controlling all beachhead troops.

Truscott was commissioned a reserve lieutenant in 1917 after he had enlisted in the army. He remained in the United States in the last war, but he made the army his career and was a lieutenant colonel at the time of Pearl Harbor.

Truscott is a native of Chatfield, Tex. His wife now is living at Charlottesville, Va. A son, one of his three children, is attending West Point.

Cosden Takes High Honors In Bowling

Hester's, Cosden and Hodge's teams took victories in the Ladies Bowling League last night at the West Tex Bowling Center, defeating Settles, J & L Drug, and Estah's, respectively. All three winners took two of the three game series played, with the losers winning but one game each.

High individual score for the evening went to Olive Cauble with a 179 tally. Second was Cozy Walker with 177, while Veda McAllen came in third with a 172 score for the night.

In the high series bowling Veda McAllen took top honors with 484 pins to her credit. Olive Cauble was second high with 472, and Minnie Howze was third with 435 pins.

Cosden took the high team game honors with a 707 score, with Hodges just 10 pins back with a 697.

The night's honors for the series high went to the Cosden team who rolled over enough pins to tally a 2025 count. Hodges was second with a 1943 mark, while Hester came in third with a 1919 tally.

Next week Cosden will play Estah's team, Settles will meet the Hodges five, and J & L will clash with Hester's.

HAND IN HAND

SOUTH WARREN, Me. — Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Copeland, who celebrated their double golden wedding anniversary on Armistice Day, were married by the same minister and have lived next door to each other since then. The husbands are first cousins and the wives distant cousins.

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By The Associated Press
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FAMILY FORTUNE
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Such A Water Saver

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 7 (AP)—Fire apparatus from three directions swarmed up to a mid-town corner, where smoke was rising from under the hood of a parked truck.

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Hogs 500, unchanged; top 14.55; good and choice 180-270 lb. butcher hogs 14.55; heavier butchers 13.80; light 150-175 lb. butchers 13.25-14.25. sows 13.50 down; pigs 12.50 down.

Sheep 2,200; active; slaughter ewes 25 or more higher; others strong; common to medium lambs 11.00-12.50; yearlings with No. 1 pelts 11.00; two-year-old wethers 7.50; slaughter ewes and aged wethers 6.25 down.

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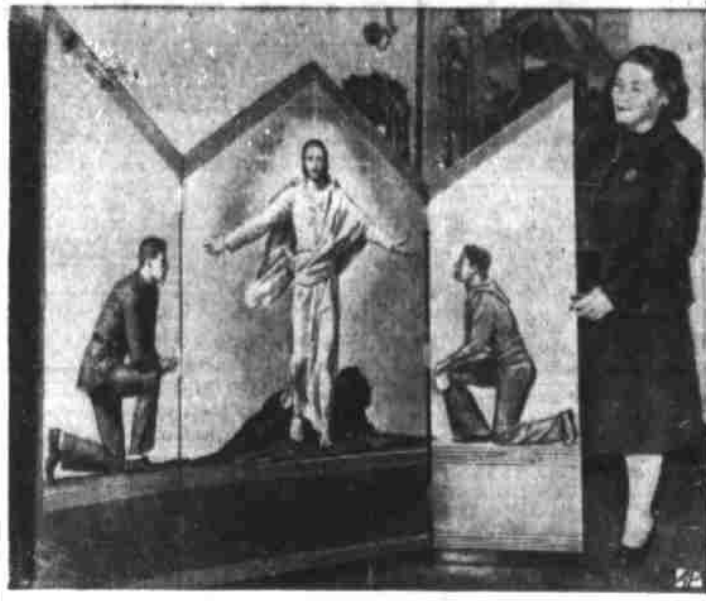
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Spirit Of Christmas Shines Afar

By ADELAIDE KERR
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Christmas Eve on a United States destroyer, ploughing through the Pacific battle bent. Fifty of Uncle Sam's sailors are gathered in the mess hall, faces scrubbed, hair freshly brushed. The engines throb, the steam pipes hiss, as they kneel for an hour of worship. The room is cold and gray and bare, except for one splash of color at the end of a room—a triptych (altar-piece in three sections) standing on a table covered with a white cloth. Its panels show a convoy entering the harbor and above hovers the Madonna, holding the Christ child surrounded by angels. As the flickering candles light its brilliant reds and blues and gold, the bare little room becomes a chapel, filled with the spirit of Christmas peace. The chaplain concludes his opening prayer and the strong young voices rise in a chant—"Oh Come All Ye Faithful..."

Many a scene like that will be enacted on Christmas Eve in jungle, desert and mountain pass—all of them centered around a colorful portable triptych. Behind



MRS. JUNIUS MORGAN . . . with one of her triptych . . .

those triptychs stands the Citizens Committee for the Army and Navy, and behind it a woman. She is Mrs. Junius Morgan, daughter-in-law of the late Wall Street tycoon, J. P. Morgan. Her husband, a former vice president of J. P. Morgan & Co., is now on leave as a captain in the navy.

Mrs. Morgan, brown-haired and blue-eyed, is president of the Citizens Committee for the Army and Navy, originally founded as a regional group of New York and New Jersey citizens who wished to be of service to the U. S. Army 2d Division, and later extended to a national organization.

"The triptychs started as a result of a visit I made to an army camp," said Mrs. Morgan in the committee's New York headquarters recently. "I asked what we citizens could do for the soldiers and was told they needed beauty and wanted something which would mean tradition. The subject of their religious services came into the conversation too. And later, on

the way home I thought of the triptychs as the answer to all those needs.

"That was more than two years ago. Since then we have supplied 300 original triptychs and 200 smaller and less expensive reproductions for the armed forces. The 300 originals were painted by very fine artists who worked for a nominal sum that barely covered the cost of paints. The committee supplies the triptychs—wood ones for the army and metal ones for the navy. And the whole thing is supported by subscription. Army and navy chaplains let us know their needs and we have a triptych painted especially for them.

"These triptychs, which are portable and compact, give a religious atmosphere to services anywhere. Put one on a stage and you have a chapel. Our work won't end with the war. Think of our young people who will be in service all over the world after the war and you will see that there is plenty of need for the work to go on."

Mrs. Morgan is no figure-head president. She always had a deep interest in art and takes a keen interest in each triptych and its design. She spends a large part of each day in supervising the triptych program in the committee headquarters. This fall she and her committee have made a special drive to supply a number of fighting units with triptychs in time for Christmas services. As a result of their work, boys will worship before them on Christmas Eve in United States camps, German battlefields, African deserts, Alaskan snows and South Sea Island jungles.

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Mass Seditious Trial Ends Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The mass seditious trial ended today.

Associate Justice James M. Proctor declared a mistrial after 22 of the defendants said they did not wish to continue their case under a new judge who would have to be appointed in succession to Chief Justice Edward C. Eicher who died last week.

Only one defendant, Prescott Bennett, expressed a willingness for the eight-month-old trial to proceed.

Attorneys for three defendants answered neither "yes" nor "no." After taking the poll, Justice Proctor called in the jury and remarked that he had "an important announcement to make." He asked that the announcement be received in silence and that there be no demonstration. Then he said:

"In view of the death of Chief Justice Eicher in the midst of this trial, and the circumstances developed here today, the court feels compelled to discontinue the trial and formally declare a mistrial."

The trial opened last April with 30 defendants. One later died and three won severances. After announcing his decision, Justice Proctor asked the jurors not to speak in any way "about your impressions, your views or any conclusions you may have reached in this case."

He further directed the jurors to leave the courthouse immediately.

Berle Closes Aviation Meet

By JAMES J. STREIB
Associated Press Aviation Editor

CHICAGO, Dec. 7—Adolf A. Berle, Jr., chairman of the United States delegation, closed the International Civil Aviation conference today with the assertion that it had "achieved a notable victory for civilization."

"We met in the 17th century in the air," Berle said at a brief plenary session which followed the signing of a document summing up the work of the 37-day meeting. "We close in the 20th century in the air."

"We met in an era of diplomatic intrigue and private and monopolistic privilege. We close in an era of open covenants and equal opportunity and status."

Lord Swinton, the British delegation leader, also praised the work of the conference. "What we have done here is not an end but a beginning," he said. "We have done much; we shall do more. Chicago is the first chapter of a new work of cooperation."

The speeches and the signing of the "final act" of the meeting which began Nov. 1, was the last step before representatives from 54 countries started home. Most of the delegates were weary after 37 days of activity which ignored Sundays and holidays, and were eager to board trains headed for Washington and New York. The conference set up a temporary international civil aviation organization to operate pending ratification of a treaty which will establish a permanent agency; prepared common rules and standards for international flying, and provided an instrument through which nations desiring to do so may exchange air privileges.

Men Under 19 Sent To Combat Theaters

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Men under 19 years of age are now going overseas as infantry and armored replacements. Under Secretary of War Patterson disclosed today.

This represents a change in policy, necessitated by urgent military requirements, Patterson told his news conference.

"How long it will be necessary to do this depends entirely on the course of the war," he said.

Patterson cited a diminishing supply of men over 19 being inducted while the tempo of war has increased sharply.

"It is another case of supply and demand with the demand gradually outweighing the supply," he explained.

In January, he said, of every 100 men being inducted and trained as infantry and armored replacements, 80 could be sent overseas after training, while the other 20—those under 19—remained in the United States until they became 19.

Tired Kidneys Often Bring Sleepless Nights

Doctors say your kidneys contain 15 miles of tiny tubes or filters which help to purify the blood and keep you healthy. When they get tired and don't work right in the daytime, many people have to get up nights. Frequent or painful passages with smarting and burning sometimes show there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder. Don't neglect this condition and lose valuable, restful sleep. When disorder of kidney function permits poisonous matter to remain in your blood, it may also cause nagging backaches, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of pep and energy, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness.



YOUNG ACTRESS—Gregory Peck holds four-year-old Eunice Soo Hoo, youngest of a family of seven small Chinese actors in Hollywood and one of the screen's youngest actresses.

VETERAN OF 3 AIR FORCES
FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Sgt. George A. Furste, who recently returned home with his English wife, has been in the service for three years and in that time has been a soldier for three different nations. In 1941, Sgt. Furste joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, and 10 months later asked to be transferred to the British Royal Air Force. In June, 1943, he donned the A. A. F. uniform.

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