

# Tall Tower Topics

BY THE MAN IN THE TOWER

Good Evening.

OUR TOWN  
(Introducing Horace Devoe, Well Known Ticket Agent)

Seems like one couldn't remember when Horace Devoe wasn't ticket seller at our local depot. Horrie was a fixture there, just like the station clock. Except for the time he spends in the Bisbee block where he sleeps and eats in his three-room flat. No family at all, just that great big cat. That seems to have folks allow, at least nine lives. Horace liking cats, they say, and has no time for wives. Horace has sold us tickets here in County Wayne, for Chicago, Boston and Biddford, Maine. The young folks off to college have bought a round trip ticket. Loads and loads of them through that old familiar wicket. He's poured over time tables, told us where to change trains, how to check baggage, and to be sure to take pains. To make the right connections in Boston, Mass., and not try to work off any old pass. That drummers used once upon a time. Because R. E. passes haven't been worth a dime for perfect ages, we'll venture to say. At least they're no good out our way. Horace was always dressed natty and neat. You had to look smartish on his sort of beat. He got to know lots of big travelling guys, and, it is said, he copied their ties. His long hours and having no wife. Sort of kept him from our social life. But we all liked old Horace, didn't we, Em and Ruth. Who punched our tickets from Racine to Duluth!

# 'HUMP HOPPING' WET TO TEACH BLIND FLYING

By SARA RASKAS  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
St. Louis, Jan. 30—(UP)—Blind flying is something the "hump route" pilots know a great deal about. It cost them their lives in many cases if they don't.

First Lt. Robert W. Metz, 21-year-old transport pilot and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Metz of St. Louis, describes a typical flight over "the hump" in the Himalaya mountains of the China-Indian-Burma theater.

He recently returned home after more than a year of hump hopping during which time he totaled 194 missions, requiring 667 flying hours.

Unarmed, except for an army revolver and with a crew of only two men, Lt. Metz was one of the unsung heroes of the cargo command and specific directives on what to do with various classes of Nazis.

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# Military Rule Of Border Towns Sets Pattern For Destruction Of Naziism

The Allied program for military government of Germany after surrender of the Nazis is being tested now in border towns captured on the Western Front. This is the first of two articles by Tom Wolf, presenting a first-hand picture of military rule in operation.

By TOM WOLF  
NEA Staff Correspondent

ALSODORF, Germany, Jan. 30—Planning for the Military Government of Germany has been 100 per cent more thorough and practical than it was for Sicily and Italy. That becomes clear in a small frontier community like this mining town of Alsodorf. Of the normal 20,000 inhabitants 600 remain. The question of Nazism isn't a big problem in Alsodorf, because all the ardent Hitlerites got out of town before Ninth Army units got in. Those who stayed here did so against the specific and frequent exhortations of the party. They are not, therefore, likely to be great party enthusiasts.

The noteworthy fact is that if many Nazis remained, the Military Government Detachment here would be able to cope with them. They carry with them very clear definitions of Nazism and of Nazis and have clear and specific directives on what to do with various classes of Nazis.

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Identification papers of a German civilian of military age are handed over for inspection by an Allied Military Government soldier. The German was brought to AMG headquarters by an American MP, left. All streets are patrolled vigilantly in towns captured by Allies.

dorf October 16—two days after spearhead elements of the Ninth Army entered the town. It established headquarters in bomb shelters beneath the administration building of the Anna mine, which is the city's chief industry.

The burgomeister (mayor) was still there. A career civil servant, a mayor for 25 years, he had joined the Nazi party in 1933 to keep his job. Since he was a notably good administrator and security officers had no objection to him, he was kept in office. The Military Government Detachment had no black and white lists of good and bad citizens before entering this fairly small town and knew no one to take the Mayor's place. This will take care of itself in bigger cities, but it is worth noting that Detachments have no easy way of finding anti-Nazis to replace office holders in the smaller communities.

AMG SUPERVISES

The Military Government officer made clear to the mayor that it was his job to run the town; that the Military Government was here to supervise, not to administer. Since Nazi labor organization officials had fled, the Military Government appointed a temporary manager of the labor office and ordered the mayor to get all male workers registered. At the same time the manager of the mine was ordered to send a letter to all miners ordering them to come back to work.

Simultaneously, in conjunction with Military Security officers, Alsodorf's Nazi structure was checked. In the first days of the town's occupation, some 2500 party members grouped in two ortsguppen — third lowest (above the precinct, which is above the block) organization in party hierarchy. Then in 1942, with many away at war, the two ortsguppen had amalgamated into one.

As a general policy, the Nazis aren't being arrested below the ortsguppen levels. All together only about 40 were arrested and sent to civil internment camps to the rear. There they were checked again—some to be released after military operation leaves the area, others to be held for possible prosecution later.

To date there have been no over acts of unfriendliness. After all, there has been little chance for any. The problem of Nazism mostly solved itself here. At this stage the Military Government has been put to few tests.

Corporal Ruth Becking of the Women's Army Corps which is stationed at Shaw Field, S. C., was married last Friday at the Post Chapel to Private Donald L. Kane, an airplane mechanic of Shaw Field. Corporal Becking is the niece of D. E. Shea, 163 Spencer Street, Naugatuck, Conn. She wore her winter off-duty dress, as did her matron of honor, Corporal Gertrude New. The bride wore a corsage of pink and blue sweetpeas, while Corporal New wore white chrysanthemums. Best man was Private Socrates Purnos, S-Sgt. Ernest Jones gave the bride away. Private Kane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kane, Fitchburg, Mass. . . . Corporal Randy McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCarthy of 202 South Elm Street, now home on furlough from Lincoln, Nebraska, with his wife, the former Ruth Murphy of Hitchcock Lake, was inducted into the armed forces two years ago yesterday morning. . . . Ruth Ann Donnelly, eighth grade student at Sacred Heart Parochial School, is still laid up at her East Main Street home with a broken leg. She hopes her physician, Dr. Frank Bowes, will remove the cast next week. Her mother is affiliated with the ration board office.

Double feature today. . . Here's a combination of suggestions or criticisms that just ACCENTUATE the positive and ELIMINATE the negative (You may provide your own music) but our imaginary orchestra in the lobby of the Tower has started "Hearts and Flowers" as theatrical managers "listen in". Here's the suggestion that the negative should be eliminated and that something should be done about something important for busy theatregoers: . . . "Editor, Tall Tower Topics: It would be a pleasant accommodation if the theatre publicity department decided to publicize the 'break' in the shows so as the patrons might know the starting time of each show, or if possible the time each feature begins. The question, "What time does the next show start?" must act as an irritant to the employes as much as the hackneyed interrogation, "What kinda pie ya got?", asked incessantly in the eateries. Yours for constructive criticism.—J. V. Walker." . . . Now here's for the elimination. A woman who represented herself as "peevish mother" telephoned this lament: "Is there a ceiling price on admission tickets for children to Waterbury theatres? Can mere slips of girls rule that a child patron is more than 12 years of age today and only 11 tomorrow and charge her an adult's price of admission? Should a child going to a theatre these days take her father's Social Security card, mother's marriage license and his own birth certificate to avoid being charged the adult price of admission merely because the ticket seller doesn't like the way she arranges her hair, etc.? If a child pays an adult's price is she entitled to an adult's ticket and permitted to sit down stairs and not rushed upstairs, etc.? The "peevish mother" had several other complaints along these lines leaving no doubt that her child is being forced to pay an adult's price of admission occasionally at local theatres and on "the coldest day of the year" had to walk home because the price of the ticket "ate up" her bus fare. Diplomatically we told the lady she could write to the Governor, her Congressman, Eleanor, the old "Dies Committee", Will Hayes or Sweeney, but if she wanted direct action it would be better, like Mr. Walker, to take the incident up in a "constructive way" with the management of the theatre she is peeved at. Try it, Lady, and see if "life can be beautiful". We wouldn't know. Too many cinders up in the tower these days!

# 'BROWNOUT' ORDER TO BE ENFORCED

Stores, Theaters Must Discontinue Lights During Coal Emergency

Strict enforcement of the emergency "brownout" effective Feb. 1 and designed to save coal and oil used to generate electricity became the responsibility today of C. A. Newton, War Production Board district manager, upon receipt of instructions for Walker Mason, regional WPB director.

The district manager was directed to enforce the WPB fuel conservation order which broadly bans illumination of all exterior displays and excepts only those lights normally essential to public health and safety. Actually, the "brownout" will mean darkening store windows, billboards, neon signs and theater marquees 24 hours a day.

Instruction placing the prime responsibility for administering the "brownout" order with the district manager also outlined the machinery to be set up so that the maximum savings in coal and scarce fuels can be realized.

Hardship cases, based on supposition that the order endangers public health and safety, may apply to the district WPB office for relief, but according to the regional director, permission will be based entirely on that premise.

The district manager announced that copies of utilities order U-9 are obtainable at the nearest WPB office.

# SGT. FREEDMAN GUEST SOLOIST

Civic Orchestra to Sponsor Second Concert of Season Sunday

Sgt. Stanley Freedman, native of this city, will be the guest soloist with the Civic Orchestra Sunday evening, Feb. 4, for the second concert of the season. Mario DiCecco will direct the orchestra in a fine program which will be devoted in part to just strings.

Mr. Freedman, pupil of Harold Bauer and Mosche Paronoff, will play Rachmanninoff's Concerto No. 2 in C Minor and will be assisted by the entire orchestra.

Mr. Freedman has had a distinguished career beginning as a boy to show decided talent. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Freedman, 715 Cooke street, the present he is piano soloist with the official Army Air Force Orchestra in New York

# Lack Of Fuel Affects Activities In Schools

Night Events May Be Curtailed Until Conditions Improve; Heat To Be Reduced In All Schools

Heat in Waterbury schools will be turned down after closing time and evening activities in the buildings will be curtailed because of the fuel shortage, according to a ruling of the Board of Education last night. The conservation ruling will eliminate league games usually played in the evening, unless the board gives special permission in certain cases.

The fuel problem was brought up when the board was presented a list of requests for use of school buildings. Mayor John S. Monagan stated that many of the activities noted in the requests are the ones which the administration had in mind when a recent directive on conservation was sent out. He said mayors were requested to make efforts to eliminate use of solid fuel in places of recreation.

Mayor Monagan commented the board should declare a policy on conservation of fuel at once, adding it would have a chance to review the situation in another two weeks. He suggested then that heat should be cut down as soon as schools are closed.

The board tentatively approved the previous requests but made the permission subject to later action by the school activities committee. It was pointed out the board would terminate the outside activities whenever the fuel situation seemed to warrant action.

Dr. Thomas J. Condon, superintendent of schools, was authorized to give notice that at the end of the week no games could be played after 5 p. m. It was pointed out many of the school games are scheduled for 4 p. m., and there would be sufficient time to complete them by the new deadline. It was indicated the school committee might grant permission for an extension in especially meritorious cases.

Permission for school activities was granted by the board as follows: Waterbury chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, their annual drive; Board of Education of the Blind, to conduct a sale for the blind in Crosby and Wilby High schools on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and in Leavenworth high school on Wednesday, February 21.

The Waterbury Girls' club was permitted use of the community room in Anderson school on Thursday afternoon for a dancing class. Tentative permission for use of school buildings was granted as follows: Avigs basketball team, use of Abbott gym Thursday evenings for basketball practice beginning Feb. 1; Leavenworth high school athletic council, use of Wilby gym, evening of Feb. 21 for annual alumni game and dance; Panthers basketball team for use of Hopeville gym Monday evenings for practice, beginning Feb. 5; Boy Scouts, use of Sprague gym, Feb. 16, Feb. 22, March 22 and April 26; Casper Davis Drum corps, use of Sprague gym evening of Feb. 24 for a minstrel.

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STANLEY FREEDMAN Sergeant, U. S. A.

city. At the time of induction he was on the faculty at the Julius Hart School of Music in Hartford. He won the MacDowell Club award in 1942 in competition with 300 pianists. Other numbers to be heard on the program will be Tschalkowsky's Capriccio Italienne; and Mozarts' Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and "The Holberg Suite, both for strings.

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The Beta Hi-Y club will present the annual Junior Prom on February 24 in the Z. M. C. A. ballroom. Bill Ryder is the general chairman with Arnold Rossi in charge of publicity, assisted by Lee Prescott, Warren Randall, Gordon Gibson, Chris Rigopolous, Verne Miller and Leonard Mecca. In charge of the program committee is George Prantzes and assisting him are Neil McKay, Steve Verdakis, Robert Coleman and Richard Dixon. The decoration committee includes Randall Duphney, Edward Pimentel, George Bellevue, Fred Lux, Patsy Guerrero, George Perreault, Bill Judd and act as the chairman. Don Liebreich heads the refreshment committee and is assisted by Andy Allard, George Tracy, Robert Miller and Joe Lux. The dance is semi-formal. Cliff Slater and his orchestra will furnish the music.

# BETA HI-Y CLUB ARRANGING PROM

New members added to the Beta Hi-Y club last evening were Verne Miller, Leonard Mecca, Patsy Guerrero, George Perreault, Robert Miller and Richard Dixon.

# SCOUTS AUTHORIZED TO UTILIZE PAVILION

The park board last night granted permission to the local Boy Scout Council to use the Hamilton Park pavilion February 13 for a demonstration. It was indicated the council will assume full responsibility for the use and will pay the actual costs which are incurred, including those on lighting and cleaning.

# Catholic University Law Dean Decorated

Rev. Dr. White Receives Bronze Star for Gallantry in Naval Service; Spoke Here as Guest of K. of C.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Robert J. White, dean of the Law School of Catholic University of America, who is on leave of absence serving in the Chaplain's Corps of the Navy, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal of the United States Navy, according to word reaching the University authorities. The decoration was awarded for Father White's services as chaplain of the U. S. Eighth Fleet while operating in the Central Mediterranean.

Dean White, who is a native of Concord, Mass., served in World War I as a navy lieutenant before his ordination to the priesthood, and was awarded the Legion of Honor by the French government for his work in France from 1917 to 1919. He terminated his service with the rank of lieutenant commander in the Chaplain's Reserve of the U. S. Navy. He is a former national chaplain of the American Legion. He returned to active duty with the Navy's Chaplain's Division early in 1942 and was assigned as chaplain of the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., until transferred to sea duty.

Father White's citation follows: "For distinguished gallantry in meritorious achievement as Fleet Chaplain of the U. S. Eighth Fleet during a period of almost continuous offensive operations against the enemy in the Central Mediterranean from November 9, 1943 to December 25, 1944.

"Displaying exceptional skill and energy, Chaplain White efficiently administered the varied activities of the Chaplain's Corps and maintained a high standard of morale and spiritual welfare throughout the fleet. He ably organized charitable undertakings for the relief of the sick and impoverished in war-stricken areas which had been newly liberated from enemy occupation. During the amphibious invasion of southern France, while serving on board the flagship of a naval task force, former local Catholic Legionnaires students and a detail of Legionnaires welcomed him to Waterbury.

# WORLD WAR II A YEAR AGO

BY UNITED PRESS

American bombers and fighters blast at Frankfurt and industrial and railroad targets at Hanover; bag 46 enemy planes.

American troops advance within a mile from Cassino while the 5th Army pushes closer to Rome.

Soviet troops continue their relentless advance on all sectors and at one point are only 15 miles from Estonia.

In the Pacific, escorted torpedo divebombers strike at Rabaul; 31 Jap planes destroyed.

In Berlin, Adolf Hitler says that there can be only one winner—Germany or Russia; declares that a German victory "means the preservation of Europe."

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