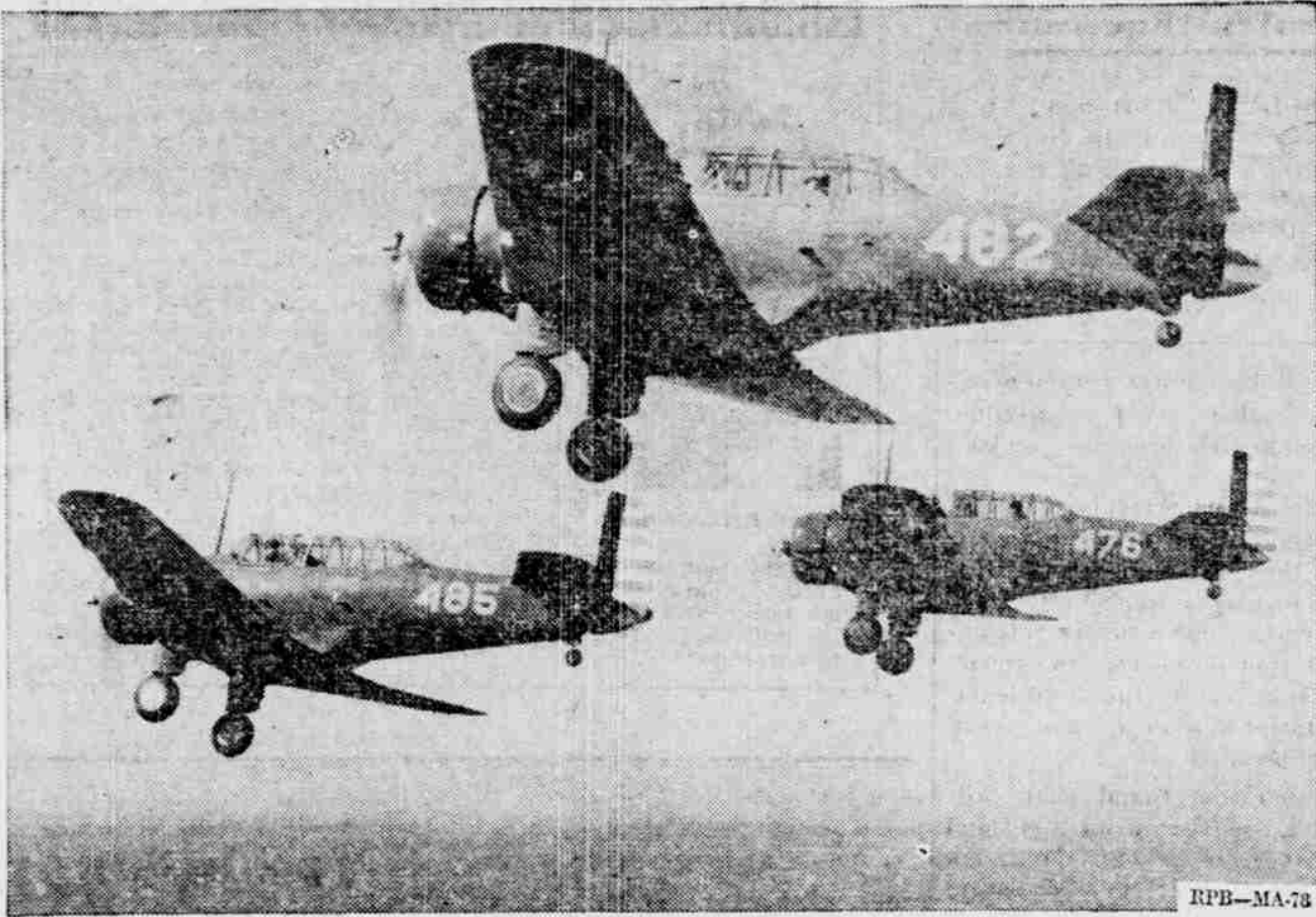


BT (Basic Training) 9's in Formation at the "West Point of the Air"



The Aviation Cadets in these three BT 9's first held the controls of a plane some fifteen weeks ago. They are pictured above on a training flight from Randolph Field, Texas, the "West Point of the Air." In another fifteen weeks they'll receive their wings and be ready to take their places at the front with the U. S. Army Air Forces.

Aviation Cadets of the U. S. Army Air Forces, at Randolph Field, Tex., the "West Point of the Air," learn to fly many different types of planes. Learning to fly at Randolph Field means more than just being able to pilot a ship; it means knowing your plane from the motor to the tail, from the ground up. In addition to flight instruction, classes are given in mechanics and motor repair, engineering and shop practice, armament, code practice and signal communications, and other technical subjects.

before they become flying officers of the AAF. No safety precaution is omitted, nor is any phase of training that might add to the flyers' skill and ability cut short. In consequence, the record of accidents in Aviation Cadet training is surprisingly low, the percentage of successful graduates unusually high. And the battle record of our flyers against the enemy is four to one, and sometimes as high as ten to one," Capt. Frank V. Kent, commanding officer, Headquarters, Nebraska Recruiting District, of Omaha, said today.

Young men of 17 may apply at their nearest Aviation Cadet Examining board for information as to how they can become Aviation Cadets as an Army Air Forces reservist. "It would cost thousands of dollars for any young man to get for himself the air training which the Army gives him at good pay," Capt. Kent concluded. "Aviation Cadets receive \$75.00 monthly while in training, with a \$10,000 life insurance policy paid by the government. Upon becoming flying officers, their pay initially ranges from \$205.50 to \$245.00 per month. Promotion is rapid because of the big expansion of the Army Air Forces."

Poland May Join In Russian-Czech Mutual Aid Pact

Important as the Russian Armies Sweep Toward the Polish Borders—May Heal Breach

Washington, Dec. 16. (UP)—The almost open invitation to Poland to join in the recently signed Russian-Czech mutual aid treaty raised hopes in some quarters here today of an early resumption in relations between the Polish government-in-exile and Moscow.

Friendly relations between the two countries might be important as soviet forces sweep toward the Polish border—to Russia who would naturally be concerned about the attitude of Poles toward their liberators, and to the Polish government which could then hope to enter its homeland behind the Russian armies to aid in relief.

Diplomatic relations between the two governments were broken off after an acrimonious dispute in which the international Red Cross was asked to investigate the mass slaying of several thousand Polish army officers captured by the Russians when they invaded Poland in 1939. Moscow claimed the slaughter was done by Germans, but the Polish government continued to press for an investigation.

Several efforts to effect a reconciliation have reportedly been made, the latest at the Tehran conference of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin.

Russia's reaction to such a reconciliation still remains doubtful in view of its repeated assertions that the present Polish government is not representative of its people, but these objections might be overcome by pledges of the Polish government not to assume power until it had been supported in popular elections. In this it would be following the leadership of King George of Greece who has announced he will not enter his country until a plebiscite has been held on his return.

The opening for Polish inclusion in the pact comes in the past paragraph which says that, "should any third power bordering on the USSR or the Czechoslovak republic, and representing in the war an object of German aggression, express a desire to join the present agreement, the latter will be given the possibility of signing this agreement on the mutual agreement of the USSR

Washington Report By Howard Buffett

Senate hearings on the alarming increase in juvenile delinquency revealed one significant case. Mayor La Guardia told about New York police rounding up a number of schoolgirls hanging around theaters. One parent, called to appear at the police station for his daughter, refused. He explained that he was due at a meeting to deliver a speech on the prevention of juvenile delinquency. This subject carries a misleading title. It should be corrected to read "parental delinquency."

Add this item to the signs of approaching peace: A Washington clothier ran a large ad a few days ago announcing the sale on military uniforms with reductions up to 40 per cent.

The CIO United Federal Workers of America, OPA Local 203, has its own bulletin boards at OPA. Last week, the union board carried a notice making this demand regarding vacancies:

"All eligible employees of OPA get a chance at those jobs before anyone from the outside SEES the inside track."

A great American President, Grover Cleveland, once said, "Government produces nothing. It can produce nothing. Any money which it has must be exacted from the earnings of its citizens. That is why the cost of government must never be excessive lest it become an intolerable burden upon the industries of our people."

Instead of using the calendar year, the Government keeps its books from July 1 to July 1. The income and outgo for the five months since July 1, 1943, are significant. Treasury collections, mostly taxes, are up from 5 billion to over 14 billion this year. That sounds like progress,

and the Czechoslovak republic, thus making it a tripartite agreement." Poland is the only country that fits this description.

The Russian-Czech agreement also appeared to align Czechoslovakia with Russia against Finland, although Czechoslovakia is not at war with Finland at present. The implication is contained in Article I, which says the two powers agree to "mutual assistance of all kinds in the present war against Germany and all such states as are bound with her in acts of aggression in Europe."

but—the deficit for the same period was 21 billion last year and 21 billion this year. Apparently, the more the government collects, the more it spends.

United States Savings bonds, series E, sales are enlightening. Figures for 1942 (December excepted) are available on each state giving their National rank in purchases in proportion to per capita income. That is about the fairest set of figures that could be devised. On that basis, Iowa stands first in America. Washington, D. C., is 43rd, only six places from the bottom of the list, Nebraska is 11th, while Massachusetts is 40th. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The Patton soldier-slapping affair may serve a useful purpose. Perhaps it will awaken the American people to the naked truth about war. "The success of armies depends upon instilling in the soldier two characteristics, brutality and slavish obedience. Covering up these cold and cruel facts about war has always back-fired eventually." Edward Gibbon said that.

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No Secret Pacts Entered Into By U.S. Britain, China

Anthony Eden Spikes Reports of the Action at Tehran Envolving Engagement of Nations

London, Dec. 1 (UP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Commons today that no secret engagements or treaties were entered into at the Tehran and Cairo conferences among the United States, Russia, Great Britain and China.

After referring to the Cairo and Tehran conferences during the debate on foreign affairs, Eden said the delivery of American war materials to China has been "remarkable—I think a unique performance. The figures rise month by month."

Replying to a question whether the British government regards China in all respects equal to the great powers, he said, "emphatically yes, we do. There is no discrimination or distinction at all."

Spiking any reports that secret treaties had been made at the Tehran and Cairo conferences, Eden said, "as long as I have anything to do with the conduct of the foreign office if I make an engagement I shall come and tell the House at once. If they do not like it they can turn me out. If they do not like it perhaps I can go make another."

Referring specifically to the Anglo-American soviet conference at Tehran, he said, "the military plans we laid down there call for all of our allied resources in every respect. There will be no margin and it is going to take all our energies to fulfill demands which will be made on us in the very near future."

Eden said Bulgaria and Rumania were responsible for the breakdown of a plan by which 24,000 potential refugees from southeast Europe would have gone to Palestine.

"We shall give all the help we can to enter governmental refugee workers and other organizations at

Rules on New Cars

Washington. (UP)—The Office of Price Administration today tightened eligibility requirements for new automobiles, ruling that an applicant's old car must have been driven 60,000 miles before it can be considered unserviceable.

Raising the minimum mileage that a car must be driven from 40,000 to 60,000 miles was necessary OPA said because of the reduced supply of new 1942 automobiles in dealers hands.

OPA also ruled that salesmen henceforth will not be eligible for new cars and requested local boards to issue purchase permits for new cars only to applicants showing an immediate need for one.

OPA hinted that the requirements might have to be progressively stiffened. It pointed out that no new automobiles have been manufactured since early 1943.

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Sermon: God's Unspeakable Gift.
The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meisinger, Sunday evening at 8:00 p. m.

There will be a time of practice for those who are participating in the Christmas pageant, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, in the church.

The Christmas pageant will be presented, December 24, at 8:00 p. m.

God is the greatest Giver;

work on this most important task, he said. "It is not only a British or American problem, but an international problem, and it is hoped that these organizations gradually will take over these burdens."

Young Peoples Party

The Christmas party for the young people of the Presbyterian church, given last night in the church parlors, was an occasion of much jollity and intense pleasure for the large group that attended. It was divided into three parts, games, devotional and refreshments. The amusements, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Bernhardt and Mrs. Russell Reeder, were quite novel and caused a high degree of merriment. One feature was the grab bag which had been filled by the gifts each brought. The devotional service was a quiet interlude between games and consisted of Christmas carols and spiritual thought given by Miss Millie Lohnes who concluded with a beautiful prayer. The carols were led by Miss Eleanor Giles.

The refreshments of popcorn balls, delicious apples and cocoa were served at various tables constituting groups of rotation singing led by Miss Eleanor Giles.

The decorations were all of Christmas nature with a decorated tree, the manger with all the necessary cattle, the Wise Men, Mary, Joseph and the bright star.

The refreshment committee of Mrs. Guy White, Mrs. Fred Sharpnack and Mrs. Wylie Sigler did diligent service in the kitchen.

This is the third of the monthly parties for the youth of the church sponsored by the Federation of ladies society which the young folks have enjoyed to the fullest, and appreciate this feature of the many which these ladies give to the interests of the church.

The World is the greatest debtor;
The Son is the Greatest Gift;
His offer is the greatest possession.

—J. E. Newby

Games for the Childrens' Christmas

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Little Red Bushy Tail	Pollyanna
Auto Race	Keepin' gup With Jones'
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Chinese Checkers	Ration Board
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