

Denazification 'In Final Phase' Year After V-E

BERLIN, (AP)—At the end of the first year of peace in Europe American military government officials in Germany claimed a record for denazifying Germans which promoted Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay to declare "we are now entering the final phase."

No one could say yet exactly how many nazis there were to deal with in the American zone but denazification teams looked over the questionnaires of more than 1,250,000 Germans had labeled more than 300,000, or almost 24 per cent, as being Nazis or Nazi sympathizers unfit to hold positions of prominence or res-

possibility in Germanys economy. Of that number 85,000 were placed under mandatory arrest to await trial as major offenders. Another 75,000, whose ranks might possibly swell to 100,000 have been sorted out in prisoner-of-war cages to be transferred to civil internment upon their releases as p. o. w. 's.

House Cleaning Completed

Having accomplished this, Military government officials believed they had virtually completed their avowed task of removing Nazis and militarists from public offices and positions of responsibility in important private enterprises... to facilitate assumption of power by democratic elements." The military government phase of denazification during the first year of peace was a house-cleaning job. The final or punitive phase of the work has been handed to the Germans, themselves, to

accomplish under a watchful military government eye. However the first year of peace has not been too easy for a known Nazi or Nazi supporter. According to recent military government Gallup-type poll surveys an average Nazi today has fallen from his Hitler era favored position to a standard of living slightly below the current average for non-nazis. These surveys reported that two-thirds of all the American zone admitted they were making enough money out of current earnings to buy at least their daily necessities of life. Of the one-third which claimed they could not balance the budget without dipping into hoarded savings nazis were predominant.

During this first year American action against nazis has been mainly negative in nature. A Nazi has suffered more than other Germans as a rule in that he lost his house and furnishings have been requisitioned. His bank account has been blocked and he has been relegated to work as an "ordinary laborer," a term loosely interpreted to include any kind of work where he is not given authority over others.

Complain of Boredom

Those held in mandatory arrest have at least one advantage over their excluded brethren at large—their necessities of life are provided them. During a recent visit to a civilian internment camp in Berlin, the only complaints to be heard from the men were that they were bored and had too much time on their hands (they are not forced to work). The women—some of them young and comely—said they were bored, too.

Internment quarters were spotlessly clean even though quite barren looking. Everyone is required to take a hot shower twice weekly. Their food was served in internment-operated kitchens and was of slightly higher caloric content than the minimum Berlin ration which the commandant explained, was because they had only recently come off of several weeks of starvation ration due to a "miscalculation" in figuring the caloric value of the food provided by German central food rationing board.

Many Elude Screening

Of course, all nazis have not yet begun to pay the price for their sins. American authorities feel quite certain that unknown thousands—possibly 20,000 or more—have managed to elude custody, or at least screening. These are believed to have built up hoards of food and negotiable wealth enough to enable them to forego the necessity of obtaining a food ration card at which point investigators usually get their first line on a wanted person.

However, before the second anniversary of the victory in Europe is celebrated all nazis should be bearing a fuller burden, both in penalties and responsibility, for paying and working toward Germany's reconstruction. By that time the war-guilt trials at Nuernberg should be completed permitting the dispatch of many lounging interned Nazis. And by then, the recently adopted German "law for liberation from national socialism and militarism" should have been in operation long enough to strip several thousand nazis of, as a recent military governor's report described it, their "ill-accumulated wealth and prepare (them) for eventual rehabilitation." One of the detours to "rehabilitation" might be a maximum 10-year sentence of forced labor on the rubble piles of the Germany they led to destruction.

University Geologist Finds New Mineral

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A brand new mineral composed of phosphorus of iron has been discovered by Dr. Bronson Stringham of the University of Utah geology department.

The mineral was located in a cave near the Tintic Starfield mine in 1944, but until word was received recently from analysts at Minnesota university it was not known that the mineral was of an entirely new variety.

Stringham has named the new mineral tinctite after the region where it was discovered.

Long Study Explodes Mental Ills Myths

PUEBLO, Cal. (AP)—The public has the wrong idea about what causes mental illness, according to Dr. F. H. Zimmerman, superintendent of the Colorado state hospital.

The common belief that alcoholism, syphilis, epilepsy and drug addiction are behind most of the cases in mental institutions is exploded in the report of Dr. Zimmerman's nine-year study of admissions to the state hospital.

Eight per cent of the cases were due to syphilis, Dr. Zimmerman said, a little more than six per cent due to alcohol, four per cent due to epilepsy and less than one per cent due to drug addiction.

"The figures aren't surprising to psychiatrists," the doctor pointed out. "But they will be to the public. Because of an apparent reluctance to discuss anything about mental hospitals and mental illnesses, the public has formed peculiar ideas."

More than 50 per cent of the cases in the Colorado hospital are cases of dementia praecox, cerebral arteriosclerosis and senility and there's nothing shameful about any of these ailments, whether you know what they mean or not, Dr. Zimmerman said.

Pilot Plant to Test New Sugar Process

HONOLULU, T. H. (AP)—A pilot plant to test the practicability of the "ion exchange" method of producing white sugar directly from cane juice has been established at the Oahu Sugar Co.'s mill by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' association.

The plant will further experiments in the new processing method that were started in 1943 by Dr. Jayne H. Payne, research expert of the association.

Water purification and some laboratory-scale sugar refining has been done by the ionization method. Similar tests are being

conducted at plants in Cuba, Puerto Rico and other West Indies sugar areas. Raymond Elliot technician for the American Factors, Ltd., large sugar producers, will take a tour of the Caribbean area soon to inspect test plants there.

By the new method, if it can be applied to large-scale operations, the ionization method would remove impurities from the original juice compressed from cane, leaving pure white, crystalline sugar. This would eliminate the present second refining process in which raw sugar is put through the bone char process.

13 Spades in Hand, Slam Redoubled

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Four veteran action bridge players waited a total of 150 yards for it, and it came recently—13 spades in the hand of John Saunders.

He held himself in check, but his face twitched, and his fellow players wondered. Saunders bid a grand slam in spades. Frank Ward, on his left, doubled on an ace of

clubs, gambling that Saunders might have had one blank. Saunders redoubled and laid down his hand.

"I guess I have them all," he said. He and his partner made 600 points on the hand. At contract bridge, the hand would have tallied 4,000 points.

Navy Man's Pipe Has Fins on Stem

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Navy Ensign Robert L. Smith is a man who knows what he wants. And if he doesn't see what he wants, he creates it.

Take the matter of pipes, for instance Smith likes pipe-smoking, doesn't like the pipes now on the market. So he took six weeks and \$200 to make one he does like, complete with "heat exchange."

Heat exchange comes from fins along the stem which lets the heat escape to the outer air instead of to the smoker's mouth. A stem made of razor-thin aluminum allows heat to cut down on heat.

The inside of Smith's pipestem looks like a labyrinth. By the time

the smoke finally reaches the smoker's lips, it must be very weary and also moisture-proof. It travels through narrow passages and deposits of tobacco, both designed to eliminate the distasteful "swallow."

Willow Run Using Huge Water Supply

WILLOW RUN, Mich. (AP)—A water supply system capable of supplying a city with a population of 40,000 people has been harnessed at Willow Run for automobile production and maintenance.

The water purification center of the huge former bomber plant now being used for car manufacture by Kaiser-Frazer and Graham-Paige recently was adjusted to peacetime production, according to Nicholas Herda, superintendent of utilities. The system, he said, can supply 6,000,000 gallons of water per day to the main manufacturing building more than two miles away.

After being pumped from three wells near the Huron river,

the water is purified and pumped for use in the plant. Chemical treatment of Willow Run's sewage and industrial waste follows use of the water, which is then piped back to the river approximately 98 per cent pure, or harmless to fish and humans.

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