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## BYRNES PREDICTS

PARIS, Oct. 4--Secretary of State James F. Byrnes joined Prime Minister Josef Stalin today in predicting that war is not imminent but urged all nations to avoid seeking political or economic advantages which could only result in war. Just because war is not imminent we must take the greatest care not to plant the seeds of future wars, Byrnes told the American Club of Paris.

He reissued his invitation for the USSR to join the U.S., Britain, and France in a treaty for demilitarization of Germany to last forty years. He said the terms could be extended if the hopes of peace and security require.

Byrnes admitted that serious difficulties existed among the big four. These cannot be solved by ignoring or minimizing them, he added.

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## HUNGARIAN REPARATIONS CUT REJECTED

PARIS, Oct. 4--The Balkan Economic Commission of the Paris Peace Conference rejected the U.S. proposal for a one hundred million dollar reduction in Hungarian reparations.

## WARDS WIN!

NEW YORK, Oct. 4--The St. Louis Cardinals won the National League pennant by defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 8-4. (See story on p. 3).

## SAFELY PROMISED SAFE PASSAGE

MUNICH, Oct. 4--German civil authorities and the American Military Government agreed to give Franz von Papen, Goebbels and Hans Fritzsche safe passage to the British Zone without threat of German arrest.

The trio were the only defendants exonerated at the war crimes trials.

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## TRUMAN SEEKS RISE IN LEVING COST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4--President Truman said at his press conference that there is a real danger of wages going down still further in terms of their purchasing power. He said the government is trying to stop this trend, and agreed with reconversion director John R. Steelman that the meat shortage may grow worse this winter.

## BON VOYAGE!

Captain Powers, the Ship's Master, and myself, as Transport Commander, join the Permanent Army Staff and the Ship's Officers and Crew in welcoming you on board the USAT Gen. W. P. Richardson.

It is a pleasure to be able to take you across the Atlantic in the direction of your homes.

Although the accommodations we have to offer may not in all cases be exactly what you or we wish for, you may be sure that you will have the best that the ship affords.

We ask your cooperation to observe the ship regulations and to help keep the ship clean.

Although the voyage will be of short duration, you may be called upon to perform some detail. The cheerful and efficient performance of whatever task you may have to do will both make the voyage pass more quickly and the crossing more pleasant for everyone aboard.

We wish you all Bon Voyage and Godspeed.

*Wes Bell*  
THOS. I. BELL  
Lt. Col., T. C.  
Transport Commander.

# CHICKEN !!!

I am about to make the revelation of the generation. Chicken is not new! It is as old as the hills--maybe older (the hills are reluctant to give their age). We've really had it pretty soft in this man's army. Compared to some of the old boys, our officers are strictly fresh eggs. History shows us what chicken can be!

Recently discovered was a mammoth stone slab, an ancient letter from a Private to a T/5 in the Greek Army, telling the story of that famous beauty contest between Venus Di Milo and Helen of Troy. Helen, although reputed to have been the most beautiful woman in the world, lost to Venus because she was well acquainted with General Xerxes, while Helen was the friend of only a Tec Sergeant. There we have the first record of Chicken.

Of course you have heard the famous spiritual, "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho wherein "the walls come Tumbling down". Well, our records prove that the walls came down as a result of a dynamite charge placed under them by an anonymous Pfc. in the Mesopotamian Army. He deserves the credit for turning the battle, whereas, according to true chicken standards, Joshua, a Colonel at the time, received both the credit for the victory and the Bronze Star.

All spears in the Roman army under Julius Caesar had to be sharpened at all times, and if any were lost by his EM, a Statement of Charges was the result. Caesar himself issued an order in the early part of his career stating that "all EM's shields WILL be shined daily, and all EM WILL wear armor at all times".

You're all acquainted with the story of Hannibal's Army crossing the Alps, and how they poured wine on the hot stones to allow the troops to pass. But present day histories omit the fact that it was the EM's liquor ration that was so dramatically poured on the stones. Hannibal was so unspeakably chicken that he required trip tickets in order to take out elephants. Further complaints from EM (shown by letters in records of the time) include the fact that only six marks could be exchanged for Swiss francs, and that only three watches could be brought out of the country by each EM. Blackmarket activities in the Alps were frowned upon, and three day passes were unobtainable.

Many of us have read about King Arthur and the gallant feats of his modest knights. Here is the inside story of what went on during those staff meetings at the Round Table. One of the first things Arthur did when his promotion came along was to declare the town of Camelot "Off Limits" to all EM. King Arthur is also the one who ordered short haircuts for his men because the gallant knights were rescuing too many "long haired" gentlemen instead of ladies. This rule was strictly enforced by USFET (United Sword Forces, East of the Thames).

When Ponce de Leon sailed to Florida, our archives prove that he did find the Fountain of Youth. He ordered two of the fountains-- one for all Officers and one for EM. However, only the Officer's actually made one younger. In that way, Ponce de Leon was able to have as many young 2nd Lieutenants as we have in our present Army.

Other records prove conclusively that our own George Washington was as chicken as they come. When crossing the Delaware, he issued an order to his men that all greatcoats would be buttoned when they reached the Jersey shore. Not only that, but when he threw the silver dollar across the Rappahannock, it was never deducted from his Currency Control book.

Prince Bismarck was the guy who issued an order in late nineteenth century to the effect that all pickled herring and sauerkraut would go to the Officer's Mess, leaving the hapless EM with only asparagus soup and spam. Thus the name Bismarck herring.

Space and time have failed to change things. What right have we to complain? Pfc. Brutus took it, and lived until he died. Besides, what is wrong with chicken? I, myself, prefer turkey, but so it goes....

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WANTED--WANTED--WANTED--WANTED!

A String Ensemble--An Ozark Mountain Band--A Jazz Orchestra--Are you interested? If you play a musical instrument, and specialize in any of the categories listed, brother--you're WANTED!

Contact Lt. Hamlin, ships Special Service Officer at the WPR radio room, or leave your name and packet number there, stating what instrument you play. Special Service provides the latter--lez go cats!



## STATESIDE BRIEFS ☆☆☆

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4 -- The American Legion national convention yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution demanding that a special session of Congress be convened to repeal immediately legislation placing a ceiling over the job training for vets.

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CHICAGO, Oct. 4 -- President William Green of the AFL predicted that the issue of Communism would split many CIO unions, and that dissatisfied members would enter the AFL.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 -- President E.C. Wilson, of the General Motors Corp., said he believes the shortage of new cars will begin easing up from now on, and that within two years the demand will be met at fair prices and short delivery.

## MOVIES - RADIO

### TODAY AT THE MOVIES

"The Two Mrs. Carrolls" starring Barbara Stanwyck and Humphrey Bogart in the EM Recreation Hall at 1400, 1600, 1800 and 2000 hours.

"Without Reservations" with Claudette Colbert and her man John Wayne in the Officers Lounge at 1830 hours. One showing only for officers and female personnel.

Any changes in the above schedule from attendance will be announced.

### 7 DAYS RADIO SCHEDULE:

Program	Time
Morning Report	0600-0630
Magic Carpet	0630-0645
At Ease	0645-0700
Melody Hour	0700-0745
Melody Round-Up	0745-0800
Frantic on the Atlantic	0900-0930
Fred Waring	0930-1000
World News	1000-1005
GI Jill	1005-1030
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Symphony Hour	1400-1430
Semi-Classics	1430-1500

## IKE RECEIVES LAW DEGREE

EDINBURGH, Oct. 4--General Dwight D. Eisenhower, US Army Chief of Staff, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Edinburgh University yesterday. Thousands of persons stood in the rain to cheer the victorious Allied military leader as he went about the city.

America's top soldier is currently on a tour of US installations in Europe, his first since becoming Chief of Staff. He has conferred with his two top ET leaders, theater commander General Joseph T. McNarney, and Deputy military governor Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay.

General Eisenhower's itinerary in Scotland includes a brief vacation on the famous Scottish golf links.

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## CARDS SMACK BUMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.--The St. Louis Cardinals won the National League pennant and the right to meet the Boston Red Sox in the World Series by defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 8-4 yesterday. The World Series will open in St. Louis next Sunday.

Dickson and Brochean of the Cards held the Flatbush gang to only six hits. Meanwhile, the Cards walloped six Brooklyn pitchers, Hudson, Behrman, Lombardi, Higbe, Melton, and Taylor, for a total of 13 base blows. Both teams played errorless ball.

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## WE'RE A'GOIN'!

Latitude: 51.03 North  
Longitude: 01.47 East  
Total Dist: 3650  
Miles Today: 392  
Miles To Go: 3318  
Speed: 18.3 Knots  
Weather: Clear

Mid-Ocean Matinee	1500-1530
Bubbling Bandstand	1530-1600
Evening Vespers	1750-1800
Rockin' on the Richardson	1900-1930
Mail Call	1930-2000
Shipboard Gaities	2000-2030
State-side Comedy	2030-2100
One-nite Stand	2100-2130

WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED

Got a yen for greasepaint and for footlights? Why not come and sign up this evening at station WFR (located on "A" Deck, next to the Chaplains office) for the mid-Atlantic revue "State-bound Varieties"?

We want script writers, musicians, singers, specialty dancers, and all other hep cats with a flair and a talent for entertaining.

If you are bashful and wish to talk it over first, come and see Sgt G M Gilder in Hold 5 C. (Two decks down from WFR)

Special invitation is extended to CATS, USO performers and other female personnel aboard ship.

Come on, loosen up!

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Will Sgt Melvin Leftshitz, former orchestra leader, please contact Lt Hemlin at WFR. Anyone who has had experience as a leader of an orchestra, ensemble, or band, please come down and call them at the Special Service Office.

Station  
WFR

Ship's Radio Station "WFR" is an affiliate of the Shipboard Network and is staffed entirely by members of the Armed Forces Network.

For instance, Bob Martin of AFN Bremen is the guy who wakes you at reveille (Yeah, 0600 fellas!) with some solid jive on "Morning Report".

Dan Mallory, another AFN Bremen disc jockey, keeps the kids hep and happy with "Frantic on the Atlantic", your mid-morning swing program.

Taking over at 1500 hours on "Mid-Ocean Matinee" we find Gene Trooby, formerly of AFN Munich. Again it is popular music in the spotlight.

And those who have heard the twin "Twin Voices of Southern Germany" will not have forgotten Lee Schulman, former chief announcer of AFN Munich. Lee brings you "Rockin' on the Richardson" at 1900 hours.

At 2030 hours the feature is "Shipboard Gayeties". This show is presented by volunteer talent from the ship. Be sure to latch on to it. It's ALL RIGHT!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Services for later today.

1500 hours - Roman Catholic Mass, # 6 Area, "A" Deck.

1800 hours - Singing of Hymns. On Promenade Deck, Port side.

1900 hours - \*Jewish Service - At the Chaplain's Office.

Services for Saturday.

1000 hours - Protestant Prayer, # 6 Area, "A" Deck.

1400-1500 hours - Confessions - At Chaplain's Office.

1500 hours - Roman Catholic Mass, # 6 Area, "A" Deck.

1800 hours - Singing of Hymns. On Promenade Deck, Port side.

1900-2000 hours - Confessions - At Chaplain's Office.

These services are open to all personnel.

Chaplains will be in attendance throughout the day in the Chaplain's Office for consultation.

Volunteers to lead tonight's Jewish service, and Sundays Christian Science service are requested to report to the Chaplain's Office at once.

The Chaplain's Office is located on "A" Deck, between Areas #5 and #6, and is next door to Station WFR.

\* Jewish Services for the Day of Atonement. \* \* \*

