

ARMY SPEEDS THE WOUNDED VETS TO OUR HOME SHORES

War Department officials have disclosed that evacuation of American wounded from the European and Mediterranean theaters will be completed by August 1st. Only 19,000 wounded now remain in Europe, 83,000 having been evacuated since V-E day, 68,000 by ship and 15,000 by plane.

Of those remaining, 14,000 will come home by ship and 5,000 will be moved by air.

The evacuation of patients from European hospitals to the United States was speeded up by assigning additional hospital ships to this work and by increasing the number of patients flown from across the Atlantic.

The army's fleet of hospital ships in the Atlantic was increased to 18 for evacuation of wounded and hospital equipment was placed in a number of troop transports to give the army additional patient-carrying capacity.

Twenty troop transports, equipped as temporary hospital ships, were originally scheduled to return 18,210 casualties in June, 4,304 in July, and 2,144 in August; and the army's regular hospital ships were to return 6,750 in June, 8,772 in July and 4,846 in August.

Return of the wounded men has also been accelerated by bringing larger numbers by air. It was first planned to bring 5,000 patients a month by plane through June, July and August, but these numbers

have been increased along with the general plan of completing the evacuation at the earliest possible date.

The Charleston, S. C., port of embarkation, which has been the home port of the U. S. Army hospital ships, in the Atlantic, is receiving the majority of such vessels bringing patients back from Europe.

War Department officials pointed out that the arrival of these thousands of wounded and sick in this country at an accelerated rate during the coming weeks will place a heavy load in the Army's general and convalescent hospitals.

The surgeon general of the army has estimated that the population of all Army hospitals in the United States will reach 315,000 by the end of September, taking into consideration the discharges.

HASTINGS NOTES

By FLORENCE JANSUKE

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Hindmarsh spent several days last week in Harrisburg.

Mrs. Ann Lantzy, son, Bob, and Mrs. Dolores Paci and son, Ronnie, are visiting relatives in Exeter.

Mrs. Charlotte Gearardell of Brookline, Mass., is spending the summer at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Waltz. Raymond Dubitsky has secured employment in Duke Center.

Mrs. O. L. Binder, daughter, Gretchen, and son, Rickie, visited relatives in Scranton recently. Jt. (J.G.) and Mrs. Joseph Easley and Mrs. R. E. Easley spent the past week visiting relatives in Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Tony Cimino and son, Tommie, of Detroit, Mich., are spending a few weeks at the James Cunningham home.

Dr. J. F. Rutherford and daughter, Mrs. Ted Karr, of Erie,

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



are visiting relatives in town.

Misses Ann and Victoria Shutty, employed in New York, are vacationing at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anstett and daughter, Virginia, have gone to Minneapolis, Minn., where they will make their home. Mr. Anstett recently received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Air Force.

Mrs. Ann Stett and her daughter had been making their home here with Mrs. Anstett's mother, Mrs. Anne Lantzy.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Quinn and son, Donnie, of Edgewood, have been vacationing here at the home of Mrs. Quinn's sister, Mrs. Helene Semelsberger.

Mrs. Francis O'Donnell and twin sons, Franny and Billy, of Harrisburg, are spending some time here at the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Holz.

Mrs. Leslie Watters and daughter, Emily Ann, are visiting at the Guy Commons home. They came here from California where they had been for quite some time with Mr. Watters, who is employed in that state.

Mrs. Gust Abel of Niagara Falls is spending several weeks here with relatives and friends.

DEMOCRATIC WAYS

One thing that strikes me most forcibly these days is a new clarification of conscience. People are accepting their personal responsibilities. Americans won't stand for being pushed around—but neither do they want to do the pushing. They are standing on their own two feet and thinking for themselves.

The other day there came to my desk a little pamphlet called "Ten Commandments for Investors." What does that have to do with democracy? It has a lot to do with it. As everyone who has tried to operate even a peanut stand well knows, of course, the men with ideas could wait until they had enough to set up in business for themselves—but who should live that long?

And, while we are on the subject—what is an investor? We invest when we buy a home, when we hold life insurance, when we deposit our precious cash in the banks—and when we buy war bonds. We are investors in the future. We are part of the whole—we are stockholders in America Incorporated.

Here is what impressed me in the pamphlet. First of all, it came out into the open. It frankly represented investors. It didn't attempt to finagle and conceal its purpose under flowery terms. It was aboveboard about its aims. It was the code—written by a business man and a lawyer—of an organization of investors, organized just as workmen, farmers, business groups, are, to represent their interests and to establish the collective bargaining power of the small investors.

But instead of presenting a series of claims, or a bill of rights, it presented ten commandments for investors. Not what they demanded of others, but what they demanded of themselves. They assumed responsibilities and listed them, together with their own aims.

That is what I call democratic procedure. I'm opposed to pressure

groups as such—but I'm all for those who try fairly to sell their fellow citizens on the rightness of their cause. Pressure is un-American. Selling is democratic. Americans don't coerce. They try to convince. And if they lose, they get up and try again.

As Americans, we hold as our basic thesis that the good of the majority is the good of all—with protection to all minorities; that all men are entitled to equal treatment and to equal responsibility. As Americans we cannot have one without the other. As Americans we are entitled to both.

—Ruth Taylor.

INTERDEPENDENCE

By Ruth Taylor. Only the savage lives by himself and for himself. Civilization demands cooperative living. Each gain made, each step forward that makes life easier or more secure implies the working together of the many for the benefit of all.

This is not an altruistic attitude. It is plain horse sense. It is intelligent self interest to recognize our interdependence one upon the other. We became a nation when 13 sovereign states accepted their interdependence and gave up some of their cherished privileges to establish a Bill of Rights for all.

We have fought a long war in high cost in young lives because after the last war we did not recognize our responsibility—our dependence upon others; because we did not see that domestic prosperity to a very great degree was dependent upon world prosperity; because at home we did not see that all groups must be prosperous if our economy was to be healthy.

We have learned an expensive lesson—but, God be thanked, we have learned it, and even in the midst of turmoil we have been looking ahead and planning for the peace to come.

To be sure, there are those self-billed critics who say that "planning" is a Fascist or Communist ideology, destructive of rugged individualism. Yet how far would that most rugged individualist, the frontiersman, have gone in the wilderness without careful planning? Without cautious preparation? He would have been scalped long before he reached the nearest settlement.

"Planning" is no foreign ideology. The Declaration of Interdependence is as American as the Declaration of Independence.

What is the Declaration of Interdependence? It is a joint statement by the Agriculture, Business and Labor Committees on National Policy of the National Planning Association. In the words of Hans Christian Sonne, Chairman of the Executive Committee: "This declaration is a credo of faith in democracy. It is the conscious attempt of groups to analyze their common needs and to seek mutual agreement on their common problems; to, in self interest, put aside selfishness for the good of the nation as a whole. National planning is democracy planning. This is why we believe it will show us the way to a peaceful and prosperous world."

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SNAG GOOZLE SAYS:

Where are the kids that used to go barefoot as soon as school was over? Can you ever forget the stone bruises, stubbed toes and a dog?

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FRANCIS X. YOUNG, Administrator, Patton, Pa.

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