

HOUSELESS VET'S CHARGE DENIED

Housing officials today challenged the assertion of an Army veteran that excessive red tape had prevented his obtaining accommodations in public housing projects in this area.

The veteran, Robert R. Purington, a former shipyard employee who served 20 months with the Army Air Forces, declared he had been given the "run-around" at the Cedar River Housing Project near Renton and at the Lakewood Park Housing Project.

Frank Conklin, manager of the Renton projects, denied emphatically that this was the case.

"We are standing ready to take in all the veterans we can get," Conklin said. "At the moment we have more than 800 vacancies, many of them among the most desirable in the project."

No Red Tape at All
"There's no red tape at all. Yesterday we housed 27 families, 15 of them veterans. We're even working Sundays to get the houses cleaned up and in shape for occupancy. Last Sunday we cleaned 16 units."

"We think what we have to offer is pretty good—it was considered good enough for the war workers it was built for."

Purington said he had been denied entrance to the Cedar River Project because he has a 5½-year-old son, Mike, but had been referred to the larger Renton project where he was offered temporary quarters pending a vacancy in the permanent units.

"I didn't take the temporary quarters because I can't afford to be moving from house to house that much," Purington said.

Conklin explained that families with children are referred to the larger project because it provides play equipment, kindergartens, nurseries and other facilities.

Two Bedroom Unit Sought
Purington said he was offered a single-bedroom unit at Lakewood Park, but declined to take it because he required a two-bedroom unit.

"We wish it were possible to give everyone with a child at least a two-bedroom unit," said William A. Shanafelt, director of the King County Housing Authority.

"Because of the shortage, we are trying to make the units go as far as they will. We are compelled to save the multiple-unit dwellings for families that are larger than Purington's."

"I think the record will show that no one is making more effort to serve the veterans than we are. At the moment virtually no one but veterans is being accommodated."

Aussies Sentence 28 Japs to Death

SYDNEY, Jan. 16. (UP)—The Australian War Crimes Court at Labuan has passed death sentences on 28 Japanese convicted as war criminals, sentenced 29 others to long prison terms and acquitted eight, a dispatch from Labuan to the Sydney Sun reported today.

The death sentences yet are to be passed upon by the governor-general.

D. S. C. FOR JAP FAMILY



IN SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Gen. Joseph Stilwell plus the Dist. Service Cross to the dress of Mary Masuda December 8, in honor of her brother, Staff Sgt. Kazuo Masuda, a Japanese-American, who won the posthumous award for his single-handed attack

Baby Blinded When Boys Fire Carriage

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (AP)—A 5-month-old baby boy, left asleep in his carriage on the sidewalk, was burned critically and permanently blinded yesterday, police said, when two small boys set fire to the vehicle.

Harry Ripka, laundry truck driver, lifted the baby out of the burning carriage and beat out the flames. The baby's mother, Mrs. Clyde L. Chadwick, was attracted to the street by screams. A detective said two 6-year-old boys admitted setting fire to the vehicle while playing with matches.

Missing Plane Clue Fails

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Jan. 16.—Investigation by the Coast Guard cutter McLane has showed that articles found by a trapper on the west coast of Long Island off the Alaska mainland, had no connection with a naval aircraft missing for two months on a flight to Seattle from the Aleutians. It was generally believed there were about 15 service passengers aboard the big plane.

British May Help Greece With Loan

ATHENS, Jan. 16. (UP)—Premier Themistokles Sophoulis told a press conference today that British financial assistance to Greece would total either \$15,000,000 (\$60,000,000) or three and a half million gold sovereigns (\$28,840,000), enough to stabilize the inflated drachma.

(In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said Greek financial talks were continuing. "When they are over," he said, "we shall issue a statement. Pending that, no details are authentic.")

Blood Rushed To Idaho Brothers

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—The Spokane community blood bank today had rushed nine pints of blood to St. Joseph's Hospital at Lewiston, Idaho, in an effort to save the lives of two brothers, Orlando Lowman, 22, and Al Lowman, 24, victims of hemophilia.

FOREIGN YOUTHS TO ATTEND U. W.

Only nine foreign students are enrolled at the University of Washington, but this number will be increased greatly next fall under a student-exchange program authorized by the 1945 Legislature, Dr. L. P. Sieg, University president, said today.

The Legislature provided that both the University and Washington State College each may award during each academic year up to 50 scholarships to students of friendly nations, exempting them from payment of tuition, library and incidental fees for the scholarship period. The law requires that exchanges be made with nations which "now or in the future" will extend reciprocal privileges to a similar number of students or graduates of the University and W. S. C.

An exchange scholarship committee has been appointed by Dr. Sieg to advance the program. A student adjustment committee also is functioning to create friendly relations between foreign and American students. A plan for housing foreign students in organized residences is under consideration. Two sororities have provided board and room for two girls from Peru.

Kilne R. Swygard, secretary of the exchange scholarship committee, said inquiries have been received from 66 prospective students, the majority coming from China, Holland and Latin America. Fifteen have been accepted and are believed en route to Seattle.

Valuable Furs Stolen

Six furs valued at \$700 were stolen yesterday afternoon from the Seattle Fur Exchange, 1008 Western Ave., it was reported to police.

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Il Duce's Widow Is Given Pension

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NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Italian authorities have granted a monthly pension of 15,000 lire to Donna Rachele Mussolini, widow of Il Duce, following confiscation of more than 2,000,000 lire deposited in her name in the Naples branch of the Bank of Italy. Aftonblad of Stockholm adds that Donna Rachele and her two youngest children, Romano and Anna-Maria, are interned on the island of Ichia, near Naples.

Murder Suspect Held Sane

HAVRE, Mont., Jan. 16. (UP)—Francesco Dastoli, 53-year-old railroad worker accused of slaying two fellow workers with a pick, was found sane yesterday by a District Court jury. Judge C. B. Elwell ordered Dastoli's murder trial to start today.

Ornithologists believe a few birds can count to three.

China to Cut Army To 1,800,000 Men

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16. (UP)—The Chinese government announced today that its armies will be reduced from their wartime strength of 4,830,000 men to 1,800,000 during the first six months of this year as part of a broad program to unify and rehabilitate war-torn China.

Cornish Folk to Meet

Two films, "Customs of a Cornish Village" and "The Fall of Germany" will be shown at the meeting of the Washington Cornish Association at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night in the Central Y. M. C. A.

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