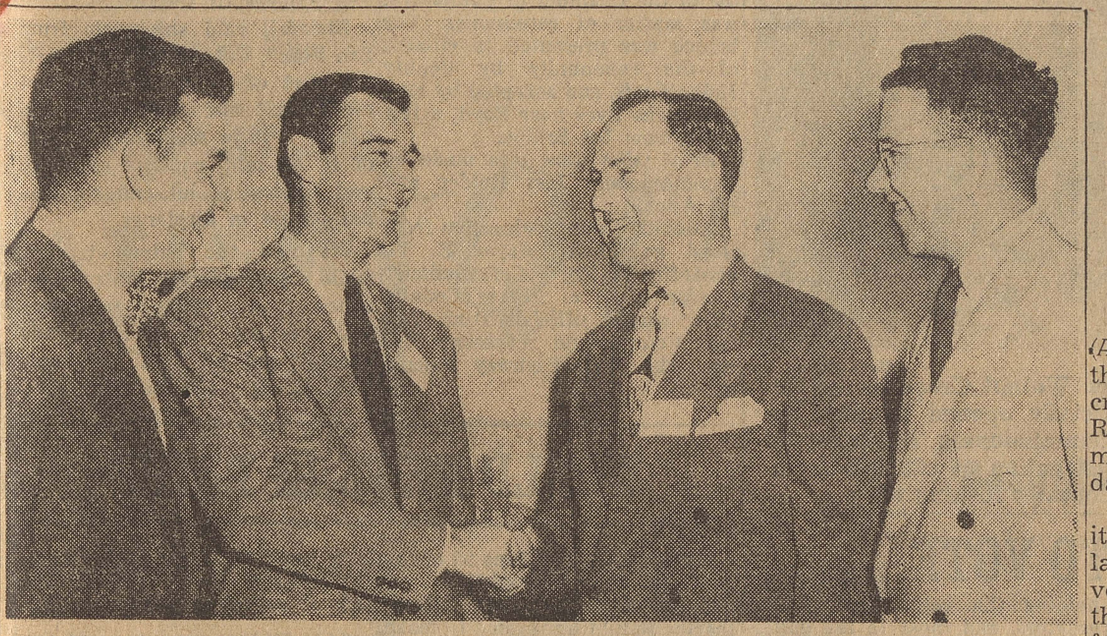

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TEXAS POW OFFICERS—Three new officers and the 1948 reunion chairman of the Texas Prisoner of War Club chosen Saturday as the youthful veterans of World War II began a two-day session at Hotel Texas. Left to right, A. Philo Howard Jr., Houston, vice president; W. C. Bosworth Jr., Galveston, reunion chairman for next year's meeting in Galveston; Amon G. Carter Jr., president, and Henry L. Pritchett Jr., Dallas, secretary-treasurer. Carter was general chairman of this year's reunion.

1ST ILLINOIS BONUS CHECK IS ISSUED

CHICAGO, June 21 (INS). Leonard A. Ensminger Saturday became the first veteran to receive an Illinois soldier's bonus check.

Governor Green presented the check to him calling for payment of $509.33.

Ensminger lost his right arm in Germany.

Governor Green also gave out the first $900 check to the dependent of a veteran. Mrs. Cecelia A. Goeske, who lost her son, Walter, during a B-17 raid over Germany, was the recipient.

The state eventually will distribute $385,000,000 in soldiers' bonuses.

CONSCIENCE HURT

Fake Army Role Bared By German

CHARLESTON, S. C., June 21 (AP).—If "Johnny Raffel's" conscience hadn't bothered him he probably would still be serving a hitch in Uncle Sam's Army instead of being behind bars awaiting possible deportation to Germany.

This is the story he told in an interview with the Charleston News and Courier in the Charleston County jail Saturday.

His real name is Gottlieb Kalkuhl, a German citizen.

He was an ill-fed, skinny kid of 16 when the U. S. Army moved in for military occupation of his country.

His paramount interest then was to get something to eat. He got himself a job washing pots and pans in an American Army mess

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THE WEATHER

(By the United States Weather Bureau).

June 22—Fort Worth and Vicinity—Partly cloudy and continued warm Sunday, with highest afternoon temperatures in middle 90s; lowest Sunday night in upper 60s. Scattered thundershowers late Sunday afternoon and night. Monday fair and a little cooler with highest tempera-

Gen. Wainwright Chosen Honorary POW President

Rising to attention in a spontaneous gesture of respect, Texas former war prisoners unanimously elected Gen. Jonathan Wainwright Saturday as their honorary president for life.

In a move for simplification, the group voted to change its name from "Texas Kriegie-Horyo Club" to Texas Prisoner of War Club.

Amon Carter Jr. was elected president, succeeding Capt. Harry Harvey of Goose Creek, who had served since his election in prison camp in Germany in 1945, soon after the original "Texas Kriegie Club" was formed.

A. Philo Howard Jr., Houston, who had served as secretary-treasurer since the original group was formed in Germany, was elected vice president and Henry Pritchett, Dallas, was named secretary-treasurer. The club also elected Amon Carter, father of the new president, an honorary member in appreciation for his interest and assistance to the club.

Galveston's invitation to hold the reunion there next year was accepted unanimously and Walter Bosworth Jr., Galveston, was named program chairman.

General Wainwright spoke briefly at the business session of the club Saturday afternoon in the Longhorn Room at Hotel Texas, saying he was happy to see most of the men "looking so fit."

"Let us not forget our comrades who made the supreme sacrifice, though," he reminded them, "whether they died on the field of battle or in prison camps of starvation, cold, disease and torture."

Accompanied by Governor Jester, he had visited the Convair plant earlier in the afternoon with some 300 "barbed wire" veterans and their wives, to inspect the assembly line and the first production model of the B-36, largest bomber in the world. Adjt. Gen. K. L. Berry, who surrendered at Corregidor with General Wainwright, arrived Saturday evening from Austin to be with his "chief" for the reunion.

R. G. Mayer, Convair division manager, escorted General Wainwright and the others and members of the Convair staff stayed

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Truman Veto Held 'Sham' By Hartley

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP).—Representative Hartley of New Jersey accused President Truman Saturday night of sponsoring "misrepresentations, half truths and distortions" in his Taft-Hartley labor bill veto message and contended the president did not write it himself.

The chairman of the House labor committee asserted in a stinging rebuttal to Truman's message and his radio address to the nation that the president had gone so far as to object to language which is not in the bill in its present final form.

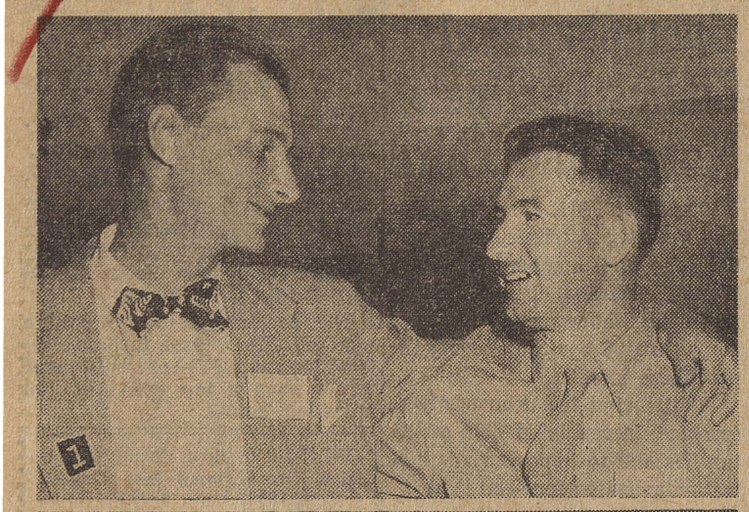
Following up a similar attack by Senator Taft of Ohio, co-author with him of the measure, Hartley declared that the president had engaged in "double-talk, sham, distortion, abuse: far-fetched, strained and tortured interpretations of clear and simple clauses; hysterical grasping at any argument, however invalid, to thwart the will of Congress."

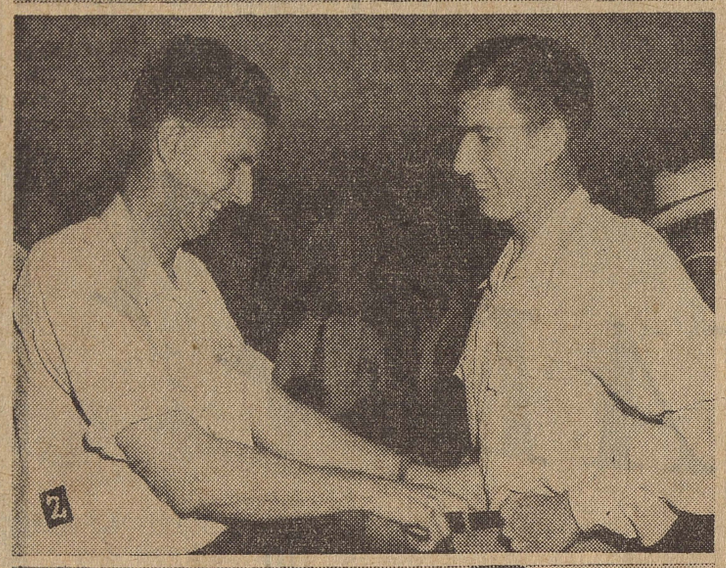
Quoting Truman as having said at Princeton, N. J., last Wednesday that he had not read the bill, Hartley observed that two days later the president submitted to Congress a 5,000-word veto message.

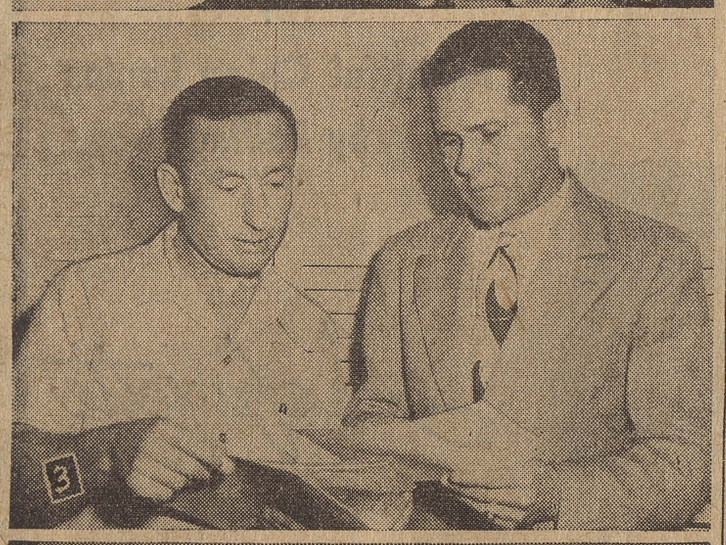
"Who wrote the veto message?" Hartley demanded in a statement. "Certainly the president did not. The president, I think, is an honest man. But the veto message is studded with misrepresentations, half truths and distortions.

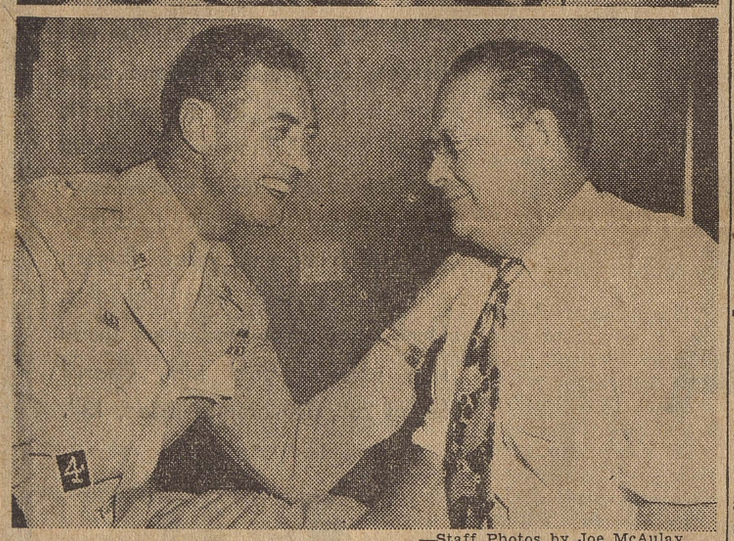
"They are the same misrepresentations, half truths and distortions that left-wing lawyers for the CIO and left-wing lawyers for the Labor Board have been circulating for weeks."

TALKATHONS OF DAYS-GONE-BY RECALL









—Staff Photos by Joe McAulay.

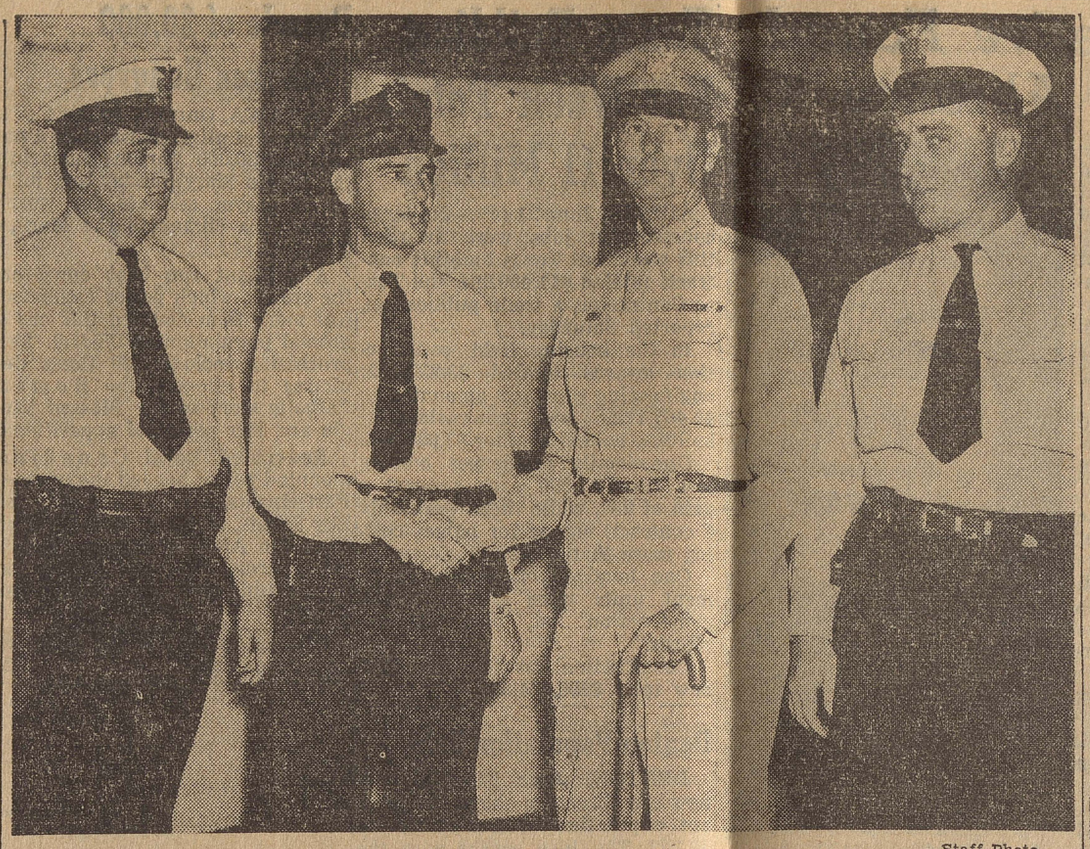
BARBED WIRE BROTHERS—Many reunions of old friends who haven't seen each other since their liberation as POWs took place Saturday.

(1) Otto C. Erler Jr., Dallas, veteran of the 4th Marines captured on Corregidor, meets a Jap prison camp buddy, Sgt. Paul H. Lankford, Gadsden, Ala., now stationed at Barksdale Field.

(2) Cooper F. Hawthorne, Port Neches, veteran of the 397th Bomb Group, shot down over Abbeville, France, in July 1944, tests the bulging waistline of a fellow prisoner, John F. Flannery, Houston, 450th Bomb Group airman downed near Munich in June 1944.

(3) Arthur Miller, 1508 E. Maddox, veteran of 22 years in the Navy, captured on Caballo Island in Manila Bay, and Ira C. Morgan, 1409 W. Terrell, 192nd Tank Battalion sergeant captured on Bataan, look over pictures taken at Camp 10-D in the Sendai area of Northern Honshu, Japan, after their liberation.

(4) Laughing over the nickname "belly-robber" which he gained as quartermaster on Corregidor is Lt. Col. Frank Kriwanek, now stationed at the Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot, and Dr. J. T. McKissick Jr. of Odessa, former Army major. They were fellow prisoners in various Japanese camps.



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HAIL TO CHIEF—Three Fort Worth policemen, former POWs, volunteered on their off-time Saturday as honor guards for General Wainwright. Left to right, John H. Owen, captured with the 131st Field Artillery (Lost Battalion) on Java; Martin L. Gray, American Marine legation guard captured in Peking; General Wainwright, and Bill Lusk, member of the 104th Reconnaissance Troop, made prisoner in the Battle of the Bulge.

PRISONER CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

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on the job as volunteers to assist.

As the men and their wives, several with small children, strolled through the plant, General Wainwright stopped to talk with many of them and several times, choked with emotion as he met some man who had been with him on Bataan and Corregidor and through the horrors of Japanese imprisonment.

He told the group afterward, in the business meeting: "This afternoon we saw a wonderful plane which, had it existed in 1940, might have prevented World War II from happening."

Then he added significantly: "A huge fleet of these is very apt to keep us out of another war. Nobody wants to fool around with a nation effectively armed with a weapon like that."

Strategy in Offense.

He said a strong offensive would be the best strategy if the nation should become embroiled in the future, in fact he advised sending such huge planes, possibly "some atomically armed," over a potential enemy country.

"Don't let that enemy strike first," he pleaded earnestly. "We need an adequate land force, too, in the event of any future 'sneak attack,' so we will be prepared to make a strong counter-attack. That sort of preparedness can save thousands of lives."

Amon Carter Jr., welcomed the group and introduced Maj. Thomas W. Muston of Fort Worth, who served as a SHAEF repatriation officer with General Patton's 3rd Army in the work of liberating and sending home more than 100,000 Allied war prisoners in Germany.

Entitled to Refunds.

Muston pointed out that men who were hospitalized six months or more during imprisonment or as a result of it have valid claims for waiving life insurance premiums during such hospitalization and refund of such premiums paid. He explained also that claims for valuables lost because of imprisonment, such as rings, watches and personal articles, also should be submitted to the legal officer of the closest base of the service branch in which a man served.

"You can submit claims for rations for the period of your imprisonment, too," he began, and the meeting room echoed with laughter as he went on, "but that is a good one! I went into many prisons and know what you didn't get to eat. Such claims thus far have been disapproved, and it may require legislation to make them valid." Such a bill is now pending in Congress, he added.

Governor Jester congratulated the club for having approximately 300 present for the reunion this year, by comparison with the 75 who attended the first reunion on American soil held in Austin last June.

Club Name Explained.

Harvey, in placing the proposed change in name before the club, explained that the original title, "Texas Kriegie Club," was adopted in Germany by the men the Germans called "kriegsgefangenen," while the Japanese word "horyo" for captives was added last year to broaden the membership to those captured in both war theaters. He pointed out the complaint of many persons that "Kriegie-Horyo Club" was obscure and difficult to pronounce.

The club voted not to affiliate with any other organization although leaving the way open for its members also to belong to local "barbed wire" clubs or to the International Barbed Wire Club, which will hold its national convention July 4-5 in Indianapolis.

Members attended a floor show and dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Texas Saturday night; were invited to several churches for services Sunday morning; to the Fort Worth-Shreveport baseball game Sunday afternoon, and at 6 p. m., to a barbecue.

Policemen Ex-Prisoners.

Three former war prisoners on the Fort Worth police force, John H. Owen, Martin L. Gray and Bill Lusk, stood guard at the Fort Worth Club entrance for General Wainwright's arrival and 13 motorcycle patrolmen, all ex-service men, formed an escort of honor from FWAAF where he was met on his arrival by Col Thomas J. DuBose, chief of staff of the 8th Air Force.

The Corregidor defender said he would retire Aug. 31 to the home he has purchased in San Antonio "and stop running around". He entered the reunion proudly wearing a lapel badge with his name typed, "Gen. Tex Wainwright."

"That ought to be the end of that nickname 'Skinny,'" he chuckled.

Refiner Says Used Oil Bought Here And Sent to Russia

"Undercover" buyers are purchasing used lubricating oil for shipment to Russia, F. L. Cook, head of the Cook Re-Refined Oil Company, said Saturday.

Cook estimated that 3,000 to 5,000 gallons of used oil have been shipped out daily for the last six months.

Subrosa purchasers here, he said, claim they are buying the oil from service stations and fleet owners to "use on roads" but "I know better," he declared.

The Fort Worth refiner said he had frequent requests for tank car lots which he refused to sell because he could not discover their destinations. Most of the used oil is being shipped from New Orleans to the Soviet, Cook said.

Legion Second Division To Hear State Chief

LUFKIN, June 21 (AP).—Four congressional districts of the American Legion Department of Texas were represented Saturday night at the spring convention of the Second Division.

Legionaires and members of the auxiliaries attending represent the 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th Districts.

State Commander Bertram E. Giesecke will speak at 1:30 p. m.

Church Chapel Packed for Rowland Rites

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Westminster Presbyterian Church for James M. Rowland, 64, assistant postmaster here since 1919, who died Thursday from a heart attack.

The church chapel was packed as friends paid tribute to the veteran postal employe whose coworkers never saw him angry.

Rev. L. Poindexter McClenny officiated at the services, saying Mr. Rowland's life could be summed up by Galatians 5:22-23:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

"Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

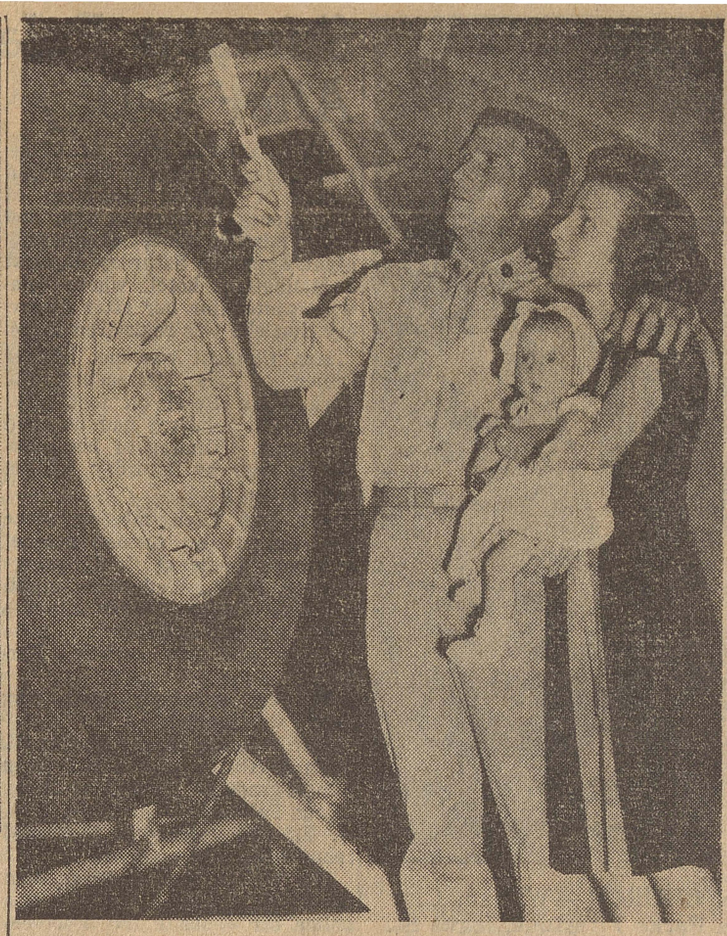
He said Mr. Rowland was "righteous and loved the Lord Jesus."

Mr. Rowland was buried at Greenwood. Postal employes were pallbearers.

Mississippi Starts To Recede Slightly

HANNIBAL, Mo., June 21 (AP). The flood situation along the Mississippi eased Saturday as the river began receding slightly after cresting below last week's record heights.

However, heavy rains elsewhere promised to prolong the high water which has inundated millions of acres of farm land and



—Associated Press Photo by Henry Griffin.

WHAT WE NEEDED—Looking over a massive wheel of Convair's B-36 is Sgt. Charles H. Newton, 1025 Churchill Rd., with his wife and their daughter Judy, 5 months old. Newton served in General Wainwright's command in the 1st Cavalry at Fort Clark in 1938-40, later in the Philippines, and was among his men captured on Luzon by the Japanese.

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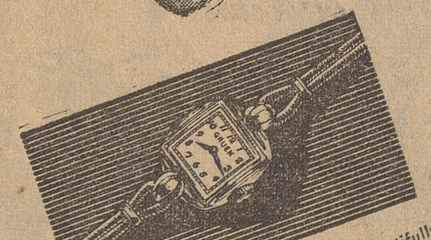
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