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SURE, IMPOSE A HARD PEACE

Last Saturday Representative Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.) and two other Congressmen, along with 10 members of Parliament, inspected the evidence of German atrocities in the concentration camp at Buchenwald and announced themselves convinced and horrified.

On Sunday eight more Congressmen who happened to be in England on various missions visited the same place, by invitation of Gen. Eisenhower, and said they were shocked almost beyond belief.

Eisenhower meanwhile had suggested that Army transport planes take over to Europe, for detailed inspection of German concentration camps where atrocities are reported to have been committed, a representative group of Senators, Congressmen, and newspaper and magazine executives. This group is now on its way. Its makeup:

Senators-Barkley (D-Ky.), Brooks (R-A Tour of Ill.), George (D-Ga.), Saltonstall (R-Mass.), Inspection Thomas (D-Utah), and Wherry (R-Neb.). Inspection Representatives-Izak (D-Calif.), Mott (R-

Ore.), Richards (D-S. C.), Short (R-Mo.), Thomason (D-Tex.), and Vorys (R-O.). Press—Julius Ochs Adler (N. Y. Times), Malcolm Bingay (Detroit Free Press), Amon Carter (Fort Worth Star-Telegram), Norman Chandler (Los An-geles Times), William L. Chenery (Collier's), E. Z. Dimit-man (Chicago Sun), John Hearst (Hearst publications), Ben Hibbs (Saturday Evening Post), Stanley High (Reader's Digest), Ben McKelway (Washington Star), William I. Nichols (This Week), L. K. Nicholson (New Orleans Times-Picayune), Joseph Pulitzer (St. Leuis Post-Dispatch), Gideon Seymour (Minneapolis Star-Journal), Duke Shoop (Kansas City Star), Beverly Smith (American Magazine), Walker Stone (Scripps-Howard papers), M. E. Walter (Houston Chronicle).

The press representatives listed above are reputable and reliable, while the Congressional delegation is drawn from both parties and from both factions in each party. We accept in advance these men's findings-especially if unanimous or nearly so.

Eisenhower, it seems obvious, would not have extended this invitation of his own motion. Instructions to extend it must have come to him sometime ago from Washingtonmaybe from the OWI, maybe from some higher authority.

The San Francisco conference opens tomorrow. It seems clear that the atrocity reports are being given this publicity at this time with a view to steaming up sentiment at San Francisco for a harsh peace for Germany, and sentiment in Congress later for the same thing.

That's O. K. by us. If the British, Other Nations Russian and U. S. governments want Don't Like Us to tear Germany to pieces and put it under one or more occupation armies, that will be nothing new in European history. Presumably

the Germans will then resume polishing lenses, making dolls and singing folksongs, while being as mad at their conquerors as the Irish were for 700 years.

Properly, all that is no business of ours. In the last pair of major wars, however, we have made it our business to help one group of nations against another, in accord with our—or at any rate our leaders'—ideas of how the rest of the human race should behave.

We seem to be embarked permanently on that policy; and this time we seem on the way to underwriting the British-Russian parts of the peace settlement as well as our own. We didn't join the League of Nations after World War I, but it looks as if we'll join one after World War II.

Maybe that is unavoidable. But we should get one fact firmly fixed in our minds: that the other nations do not like us. They dislike us because we are the aristocrat among nations, with huge resources, twice as many autos and five times as many refrigerators as the rest of the world, more and better schools, hospitals, colleges, roads, etc., etc. We admit we're fine people, but the others don't think so.

Some day, we can count on the others to gang up on us if they see a chance to do it successfully, and cut us down

to what they conceive to be our correct size. We can stave off this misfortune for quite a while, if we will. The best way to do so would be to set up compulsory universal military training after this war-every young man between 18 and 21 to spend a year learning to stand up straight, keep his teeth clean, watch his health, and, above all, handle the latest and best weapons of war.

If the taxpayers feel too stingy to go that far, after the present drunken-sailor war spending spree, we can still stay reasonably safe by maintaining the world's most powerful Navy and Air Force, together with all Pacific and Atlantic bases necessary to those forces, plus a highly trained skeleton Army.

If we kid ourselves that the rest of the world loves us because we are such lovely and lovable people, we can kid ourselves into national disaster and most likely will.

The Inquiring Fotographer By JIMMY JEMAIL

The News will pay \$5 for every timely, interesting question sub-mitted and used in this column. Today's award goes to Max Roth, 730 W. 183d St.

THE QUESTION.

In some foreign countries, parents select the husbands for their daughters. Can marriage be lasting without love?

THE PLACE. Sixth Ave., in front of Radio City Music Hall.

THE ANSWERS.



artist: wouldn't want to try marriage without love. Although there are 23 reasons for being married, love being only one of the reasons, I'm sure that it is the most important reason for me. To marry, without love, would be the same as living without purpose in life."

John E. Kelly, W. 56th St., investigator:"Yes.

A marriage can start without love and become successful through constant companionship. The partners to the marriage would grow on each other. The fact remains that many marriages,



Mrs. Catherine hattan, home: "It seems to be in many cases although I wouldn't want to marry with-out love. There a r e m a n y youngsters here who marry be-cause they think they are in love, butseparate soon after mar-

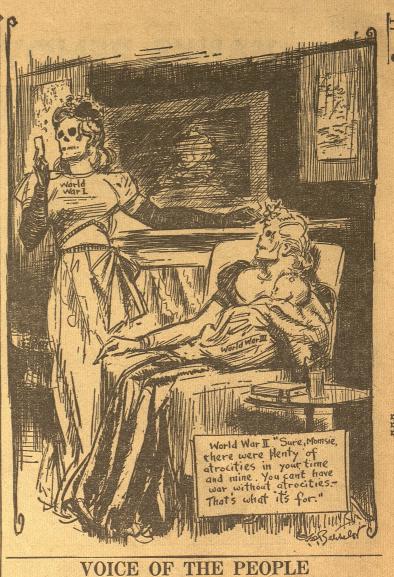
riage. Others marry for convenience, as they do in foreign coun-tries, and seem to be happy." Ben Wilk, Winfield, N. J., fire-

man, merchant service: "Yes, it is possible. It all depends on the wisdom the parents show in choosing mates for their chil-dren. It is a fact that there fewer diare vorces in countries where pardo the ents

ents do the choosing. However, I don't think it is advisable here!" Mrs. Alice A. Mandel, Washing-

cause the men are the bosses." Tom Nichols, Lenox Road,

Brooklyn, ac-countant: "Yes, countant: "Yes, it's possible, but I think that couples who marry for love are generally happier than those who mar-ry for reasons that are not sentimental. Oftentimes, persons who marry without love learn to love each other. Marriage is a gamble, any-way."



Please give name and address with your letter. We will withhold both on request. PALACE GUARD FUTURE

Brooklyn: It will be appreciated if you newspapers will keep your readers posted on where Messrs. Niles, Hopkins, Lubin, Rosenman, and other members of the Roose-velt palace guard eventually come to roost. I'm anxious to see whether they'll be taken into the new coop. NEW YORKER.

BLAMES F. D. R. BACKERS

Queens: Though an opponent of the New Deal, I say it was a pity that those who stood to profit by Mr. Roosevelt's reelection last Fall let greed overcome decency and, knowing of the condition of his health, nevertheless forced him into a decision which caused his untimely death. No man is in-dispensable. He should have been permitted to retire and rest after three terms. TRULY SORRY. three terms.

STANDS BY THE NICKEL Manhattan: Evidently you favor an increase in the subway fare. A recent settlement-house survey of 7,500 persons indicated that 92% of them were against higher fares. I strongly believe that the cost of improving subway service should fall in the same category as all other essential social services, such as hospitals, police, fire and sanias hospitals, police, fire and sani-tation. These services, together with the expansion of our sub-ways, are proper charges against real estate in New York City. Our developed suburbs would still be vacant lots if it were not for the 5-cent fare. The tremendous in-crease in the value of real estate over a period of years, the gigan-tic growth of department store trade, the great amusement centrade, the great amusement cen-ters—all developed because they were within reach of a 5-cent fare. JOHN J. LAMULA.

SUSPECTS JAP TRICK

Rockland: Those official Japanese regrets over the passing of President Roosevelt seem to me the choicest bit of enemy propa-ganda I ever heard. I wonder how many other American hearts be-sides Voicer William Parker's were softened toward the Japs by this stunt. Watch out, Americans; the Japs are very subtle-very. ART GOLDSMITH.

REASON FOR RIBBONS

Manhattan: To these Voice com-Manhattan, to girls who wear plainers about girls who wear i do it, not for purposes of decor-ation, but because I am proud to let the world know that I have the honor and privilege of having a by friend in the best Army in the world. FRENCHY.

MAN-KILLING JOB

Manhattan: Roosevelt's death should be proof that three terms in the White House are too much for any one person. I suggest a single term of six years. ROBERT AUERBACH.

ROBERT AUERBACH. COUPLE OF HATES Brooklyn: My friend and I are going to be graduated from high school, and then we are going to join the Navy. But before we join up, we want to go to our school prom. How the hell can we have cood time if we have to leave at prom. How the hell can we take a good time if we have to leave at midnight? God knows whether mod time after we'll ever have a good time after that. How we hate the curfew, and your paper, too! TWO STUDENTS.

TWO STUDENTS. TONY'S V-E PLANS Manhattan: The Mayor wants us to celebrate V-E Day with simple ceremonies, and to attend church. It is my privilege as an American to celebrate as I damned well choose. I will yell as loudly as I please and get as drunk as I please. After all, I'm tall enough to stand at a bar. TONY. to stand at a bar. TONY

ANNIE'S AFTER ANNIE Brooklyn: I cried like a baby when I heard that President Roosevelt had passed away. If I ever meet that Little Awful Annie, who meet that Little Awith Annie, who writes the Voice that she keeps thinking of that "again, and again, and again" speech and doesn't shed a tear, I'll make hash out of her. I just hope she lives to regret those words, the ungrateful wench. JUST PLAIN ANNIE.

BEG PARDON

The News editorial for Satur-day, April 21, stated that under the Presidential Succession Act 1886, when the President and Vice President are both removed from office by death or other causes, the Cabinet secretaries become acting Presidents in order of creation of their departments, begin with the Secretary of State. beginning editorial went on to say that in such a case a Presidential election must be held "forthwith."

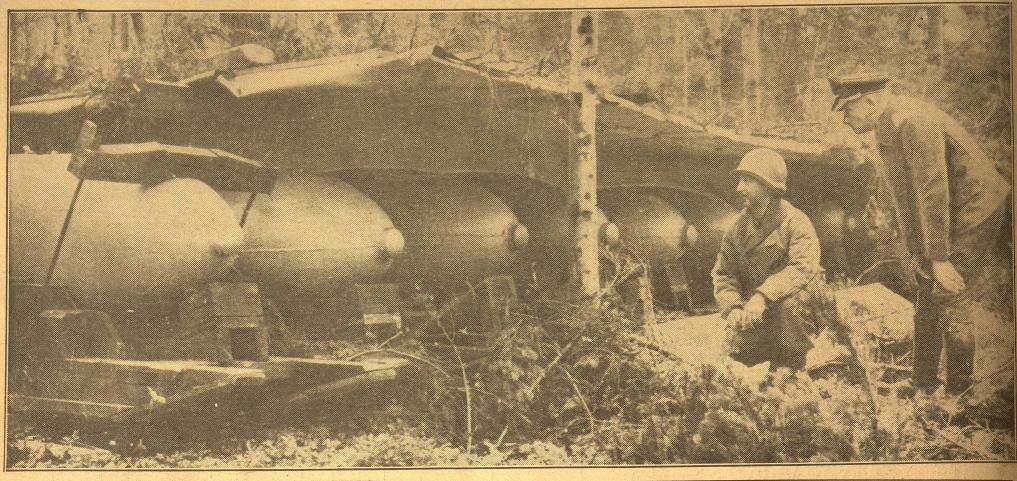
The latter statement was an error based on insufficient information. It appears from the rather vague wording of the Presidential Succession Act that Congress is not obliged to call a special elect-



beginning can be happy if the principals have common sense and similar in-terests. In fact, don't think that more than

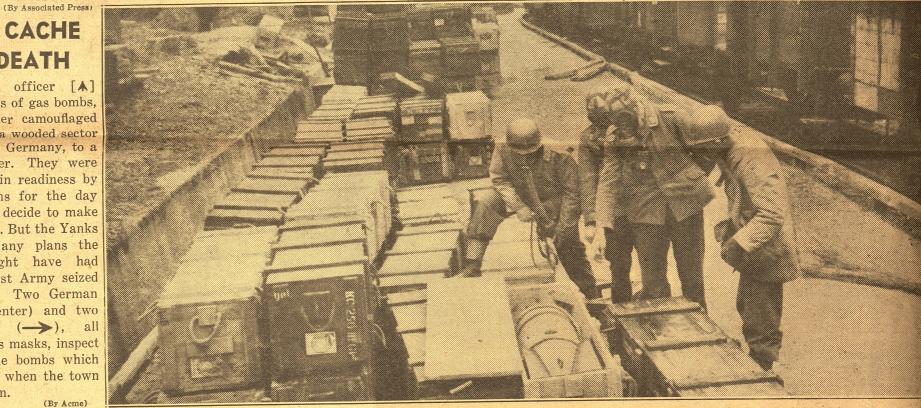
five persons out of 10 marry for love. Over on the other side the women have to stick it out be-

YANKS REMOVE TEMPTATION FROM NAZIS



FIND CACHE OF DEATH

A German officer [A]shows scores of gas bombs, hidden under camouflaged shelters in a wooded sector near Lassa, Germany, to a Yank officer. They were being held in readiness by the Germans for the day they might decide to make use of them. But the Yanks frustrated any plans the enemy might have had when the 1st Army seized the depot. Two German officers (center) and two Americans (\rightarrow) , all wearing gas masks, inspect some of the bombs which were taken when the town was overrun.





(Associated Press Radiototo) **COME IN, IVAN!** A Red Army lieutenant, freed from German cap-tivity by the 9th Army somewhere in the Elbe River sector, tries to contact his comrades who are advancing to meet Yanks. *_Story p. 2*



VISITS WOUNDED GRID STAR. Helen Keller, who is blind and deaf, "listens" to Lieut. George Poschner during her visit to Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. Poschner, ex-Georgia U. football star, lost both legs in France. With Miss Keller is her companion, Miss Polly Thompson.

(Associated Press Wireloto)

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The Haymaker

Navy Preps Carrier for Launching



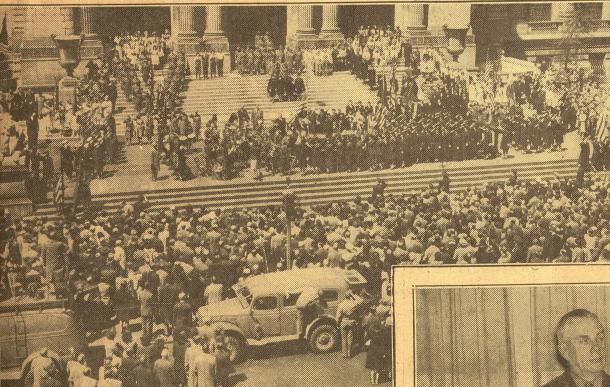
BIG 'UN. Workmen put finishing touches to the USS Coral Sea, a 45,000-ton aircraft carrier. The vessel, sister ship of the Midway, is named in honor of the American naval victory in the Coral Sea. The ship, one of the biggest of its kind, will be launched in Brooklyn next Sunday.

DEATH AT RAIL CROSSING

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(NEWS fotos by Platnick) DRIVER KILLED

Edward Caffery, 58, of Brooklyn, was killed early yesterday when a milk truck he was driving was hit by a westbound Long Island Rail Road train at the Long Beach crossing in Rockville Centre. Cases of milk bottles are strewn around scene of accident [A]. Rear wheels of tractor were pinned under the locomotive [----]. Train's ongingers was taken to hospital in serious condition.



(NEWS foto by Kelleher) WOMEN-AT-WAR RALLY. The drive to recruit 200,-000 Blue Star Brigadiers for the 7th War Loan Drive was launched yesterday with a Women-at-War rally on the steps of the New York Public Library, Fifth Ave. and 42d St. Rally was attended by 20 women's organizations.

JUSTICE TRIUMPHS. Alfonso Romano, 23, (right) of Brooklyn, thanks [->] Judge Louis Goldstein in Brooklyn Court. Romano, indicted three years ago on assault charge, was released on his promise to join army. Recently, following action in Normandy and Belgium (where he was wounded), Romano was honorably discharged. Judge Goldstein yesterday dismissed charge, giving him clean record. Selective Service Director Col. Arthur V. McDermott, Attorney George Abrams, Mrs. Filomena Romano, look on. -Story p. 4.





Obituary STEPHEN J. BUTCH

Funeral services

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NEWS

A Requiem Mass, attended by Fire Commissioner Patrick Walsh and other department chiefs, was offered yesterday in the Church of the Visitation, 238th St. and Bailey Ave., Bronx, for Fireman Stephen J. Butch. The fireman, 31, was killed in a collision of two fire trucks Thursday. He lived at 3834 Bailey Ave. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne.

HENRY PFAFF

Night librarian of The News

Henry Pfaff, 46, night librarian of The News since 1936, died last night in Bellevue Hospital after a brief illness. He lived at 61 W. 90th St. Pfaff first came to The News as a night telephone operator in 1920, when the paper was published in Park Place. Two years later, he became a member of the library staff. He is survived by his wife, Anna, and a brother, William.

PETER P. PRUNTY Oil executive

Peter P. Prunty, 59, of 175-31 89th Ave., Jamaica, Queens, presi-dent of the Union Petroleum Prod-ucts Corp. and a prominent Catholie layman, died yesterday in Mary Immaculate Hospital, Jamaica.

JAMES E. CLARK Retired editor

chelle.

James E. Clark, 73, editor of the American Bankers Association Journal from 1921 until he retired in 1932, died yesterday in his home, 5 Prospect St., New Ro-

Death Rotices

GERVASE—Rose, died April 22. Mother of Joseph, Marx, Anthony, Murray, Arnold, Funeral Wednesday, 9:30 A. M., from Sparacio & DeMarco funeral home, 207 Avenue A. N. Y. C. Requiem Mass at Mary, Help of Christians, 4366 E. 12th St. N. Y. C. at 10 A. M.
MENDERSON—William, on April 22. 1945, in his 86th year, of 758 50th Street, Brklyn, Beloved father of Mary and Catherine, Relisious and Iraternal serv-ices at E. C. Waldeck's. 7614 4th Avenue. Brklyn, Wednesday, 8:30 F. M.
JOCHUM—Margarete. Reposing Thos. M. Quin Song Chapel, 165:31 Hillside Ave., Jamaica, L. I., until Wednesday, 2 F. M.
MCCORMICK—Lillian J. On April 22, 1945. Beloved mother of James R. Reposing at Walter B. Cooke, Inc., Funeral Home, 50 7th Ave., Brooklyn, until Wednesday.
M. Miterment Calvary Cemetery.
PALMER—Caroline Suddenly in her 90th year, Beloyed mother of Charles Will

PALMER—Caroline Suddenly in her 90th year, Beloved mother of Charles. Wil-liam, Arthur, Rudolph and Emma, Fu-neral services on Tuesday, April 24, at 8 P. M. at Serene's Funeral Home, 9229 Flatlands Ave., Brooklyn. Interment Lutheran Cemetery, Wednesday, 2:45 P. M.

Death and In Memoriam Notices May be telephoned to The News by your undertaker any time up to 5 M. for insertion in the next day's Phone MUrray Hill 2-1234.



Rye Soldier *Envoys Face Diet of Hot Dogs* China Enters **Big 3 Parley Dies in Action** As Reds Import Own Beef (Continued from page 2)

Reported missing in action last Dec. 20, Pvt. George Ottmar Mer-genthaler, 24, grandson of Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the linotype machine, was killed in action at Eschweiler, Luxembourg, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman C.

Mergenthaler of Rye, N. Y., were informed officially yesterday. Herman Mergenthaler said he had been told his son, an only child, met his death under dra-matic circumstances and had been given a Catholic burial in the parish cemetery in Eschweiler. Pvt. Mergenthaler was gradu-ated in 1943 from Princeton Uniin the

versity, where he won his varsity letter as a member of the cham-pionship squash team. He entered the Army immediately after graduation, was attached to a cavalry troop with the 1st Army, and went overseas last October.

Veteran of nine months' service in the South Pacific, Pfc. Edward M. Reilly, 19, was killed in action

March 28 while serving with Patton's 3d Army in Gerents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reilly of 481 E. 140th St., Bronx, have been no-tified. He en-tered service in September, 1943, three

Pfc. Edward M. Reilly months after his graduation from St. Ann's Academy. After serving in the South Pacific, he was sent to France last

February. A brother, James, is in the Navy. Four months after he was sent overseas, Pvt. Ralph E. Laine, 19,

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& Supply Co., of 205 E. 42d Pvt. Ralph E. Laine St. He was sent

overseas in November and assigned to the 3d Marine Division.

Discuss Child Care

Day care for Harlem children will be discussed at 7 o'clock to-night at a town meeting in the YWCA auditorium, 144 W. 138th WCA auditorium , sponsored by the Central Har-



far the demands have not been met and the desperate hosts have offi-cially announced that inasmuch as the OPA has failed to red-point the conference, virtually every day will be a meatless Tuesday.

They insist the conference can-not be a diplomatic success unless the delegates are properly fed. Their case is aptly summarized by George M. Mardikian, chairman of the conference committee of the Golden Gate Restaurants Association:

"Empires can be built and destroyed at the dinner table. Peace in our time can well depend upon in our time can well depend upon whether we soothe or insult the tastes of our guests . . consider the problem. The delegates will come from 45 different nations. What is going to be their state of mind if they sit down to tasteless, commonplace food without thought of their individual national preferof their individual national prefer-ences?"

ences?" As a result of the situation, the State Department, which is avidly promoting the conference, finds it-self betwixt the devil of home en-finiternational relationships. And the scapegoat will be none other than Secretary Stettinius' good, gray press chief, Michael J. (Foxy Grandpa) McDermott.

Stymied by Food, Curfew.

Stymied by Food, Curfew. It was old Foxy Grandpa who blandly took the rap for the world food conference at Hot Springs, Va. That confab literally blew up in the Administration's face when armed military police refused to let correspondents in the grounds of the delegates' hotel to interview them, and the State Department sought to dictate newspaper cover-are by feeding stereotyped handage by feeding stereotyped hand-outs to reporters. McDermott also masterminded press arrangements at Dumbarton Oaks, where again the press was barred and handouts issued.

Now with their avowed major aim the fostering of good will among this country's guests—a cross section of the Earth's cos-mopolites—Stettinius and McDer-mott find themselves in the middle two highly-embarrassing counts 1. Insufficient and inadequate

food. The midnight curfew, which 2.

be relaxed. Capping their dilemma and the indignation of the local bonifaces is the presence in San Francisco Bay of a palatial Soviet steamship loaded to the scuppers with vodka,

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as well as for more red points. So sumptuously stocked with choice far the demands have not been met and the desperate hosts have offi- for the celebrated Russian dishes of shashlik and beef Stroganoff. Known as "the dream ship" of entertainment, the liner slipped

quietly into anchorage here under cover of a security blackout. It now lies within easy launch ride of the Embarcadero, enjoying diplo-matic immunity from our curfew

and food rationing. United States delegates here pri-vately admit that Uncle Joe Stalin appears to have put over a fast one to outsmart both his American and British colleagues in the backstage maneuverings of power politics.

London Poles Willing **To Sign Soviet Pact**

London, April 23 (AP).-The Pol-ish Exiled Government in London publicly dumped its quarrel with Russia into the lap of the United

Russia into the lap of the United Nations today in an announcement stating its willingness to sign a treaty with Moscow. The administration made public a memorandum it handed Britain and the United States Saturday, when it was by-passed by the Soviet's action in concluding a 20-year treaty with the rival Polish Provisional Government at War-saw. saw.

Conciliatory in tone, the memo-randum reported that the vice pre-mier and ministers' council of the London group within Poland, together with various political party leaders, were conferring with Rus-sian officials on the latters' invitation "with the knowledge of the Polish government."

Argentina's Status **Stirs Delegates**

San Francisco, April 23 (U.P).-The question of Argentina's status at the United Nations conference at the Omited Nations conterences became a topic of keen speculation tonight with the unexpected ar-rival from Bueno Aires of Avra. Warren, chief of the State De-partment's office of American Re-public Affairs.

Mexican Foreign Minister Eze-quiel Padilla said earlier in the day that Argentina had met all the essential requirements for United Nations membership and that all American republics "would be very glad to see" Argentina present here.

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before he joined Stettinius, Eden, and Molotov in their deliberations. They had met again at 9 P. M., after earlier conferences during the day.

Meanwhile, the State Department declined to comment officially on a Moscow radio report which complained of what it called "foreign press" accounts that the Big Three had agreed at Yalta against inviting to San Francisco any Polish Government unrecognized by Britain and the United States.

However, there never has been any official claim here that such an agreement was made directly by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin

at their Crimea conference. Even if the factual accuracy of the Moscow report is accepted, diplomats here see it as likely that the President and Churchill took it for granted that an acceptable

it for granted that an acceptable government could be set up in the two and one half months before the United Nations meeting. This country and Britain never have recognized the undiluted War-saw group and it would be a dip-lomatic rarity for a nation sponsoring an international meeting to invite a government it does not recognize.

Accord on Poland Fails.

It became clear earlier in the day that the Big Three—the United States, Russia and Britain—had failed in a night and day of con-ference to settle the tangled Polish question and had decided to try again at San Francisco. Tonight's meeting of the Big Three was an meeting of the Big Three was ar-ranged late in the afternoon.

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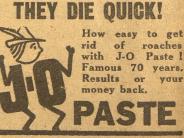
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