

Governor Stevenson Could Open Up A Temporary Texas Capital in Paris

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PARIS, (By Mail).—If Governor Stevenson were to step out of a plane in Paris any day now, he'd find enough Texans in Paris to warrant setting up a temporary capital here.

Going into a hotel dining room for lunch, for instance, Maj. David M. Jones of Winters, one of the veterans of General Doolittle's historic first air raid on Tokio stopped to shake hands with Amon Carter of Fort Worth and receive congratulations on his recent release from the German prisoner of war camp at Moosburg.

Major Jones, whose wife, the former Miss Anita Maddox is living in Winters with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Maddox, recalled that he assisted Carter in affixing the nameplate, "City of Fort Worth," on the first Liberator bomber turned out by the Convair plant in Fort Worth. Jones at that time was on a nationwide war bond tour and afterward went back on active duty as group operations officer for the first B-26 medium bomber group to go into action in North Africa.

Down Near Bizerte.

He was acting commanding officer of the group and was flying his sixth mission in that theater when he made a crash landing Dec. 4, 1942, near Bizerte, after the plane had been damaged seriously by flak.

The tall, dark-eyed major, recovered now from his experience, said, "the 'goons' picked us up 15 minutes later, flew us to Italy and sent us on by train to Munich, then to the prison camp at Sagan."

He was one of several thousand Allied prisoners marched out of the Sagan prison last January and moved by stages of walking and boxcar riding to Moosburg. Altogether, he was a prisoner 29 months.

After the Doolittle raid on Tokio, Jones was the first of the pilots to reach his objective in China. He spent three weeks collecting other men of the expedition before returning to the United States.

His main objective now is to fly home soon to see his wife and 4-year-old daughter, Jere Jean, whom he hasn't visited since August 1942.

"I've been with Jere Jean only about four months out of her four years," he added thoughtfully.

Col. J. A. Miller, another released prisoner, stopped to shake hands with Jones and Carter and recall friends he made while he was assistant commandant at Shepard Field, Wichita Falls. He has been a prisoner in Germany 14 months. He asked particularly that he be remembered to Charley Featherstone and Charley McGaha of Wichita Falls.

Col. Martin A. Bateman of San Antonio, commanding officer of the 302nd Transport Wing, and officers of his staff were hosts V-E night to Carter, Lt. Amon Carter Jr., Lt. John T. Jones Jr., of Houston, Lt. Robert T. Henry Jr., of Fort Worth and the writer for a "Texas chili dinner," with chili, frijoles, toasted tortillas, hot green peppers and the "fixin's."

Texans in Colonel Bateman's official family who joined in this chili-flavored celebration of V-E Day included Lt. Col. Eugene H. Callahan, San Antonio; Maj. H. O. (Hub) Johnson Jr., Missouri City,

Texas; Maj. Harold Priddy, Lubbock; Maj. Jack Richards, Amarillo; Capt. Jack L. Jones, Taft; and Capt. Robert Swearingen, Dallas.

Tech. Sgt. Mack Crowley, stationed in Paris with the Communications Zone, office of the chief quartermaster, went to the railway station to see Lieutenants Jones and Henry off to the port of embarkation from which they will leave soon for the States.

Crowley has been in the ETO 27 months and still hopes to get to see his brother, Maj. H. F. Crowley, who is with an antiaircraft gunnery group attached to the 7th Army.

Sgt. Richard U. Simon of 2628 Simondale Drive, Fort Worth, dropped in to extend a Texas "howdy" to this correspondent and tell about his work for the last year in the ETO with the Motor Transportation Service of the 10th Traffic Regulation Group.

The group is based now in Central Germany and Simon, in Paris for only a few days, reported that Sgt. Ward Bailey and Tech. Sgt. Madison (Pappy) Pruitt, former TCU football player, are members of the same outfit and doing fine.

Simon recently had met Col. Julien Hyer of Fort Worth, judge advocate of the new 15th American Army, and had visited briefly in Paris with Maj. Ardell Young of Fort Worth, who has arrived in France to work with the War Crime Commission.

A University of Texas graduate in 1930, Simon practiced law in Fort Worth 13 years with his brother, Henry Simon, before entering the Army in December 1943.

Lt. Gordon Fitzgerald, former WBAP-KGKO announcer, stopped in amazement when he encountered Amon Carter, Lieutenant Carter, Wac Capt. Bess Stephenson and this correspondent walking through a Paris arcade. He came to the ETO two months ago with an AAF radio recording unit and has been working in Italy, Belgium, Germany and Paris, recording the interphone conversation of AAF pilots in flight, during their missions.

Lt. Paul White of Lubbock, Texas Tech graduate and former deputy regional director of the OWI in Dallas who entered the Army less than two years ago as a private, encountered Captain Stephenson and this correspondent coming out of the Seine Base Casualty Section offices on Avenue D'Iena. Now deputy press chief for ETOUSA, White was a sergeant last January when he passed a competitive examination and was awarded his pair of gold shoulder bars in February. Like most of the other Americans you meet nowadays in the ETO, he laughingly admitted that he is "counting up the points" which will determine the redeployment of assignments.

Wac Lt. Lillian G. Courtney of Temple, had an opportunity at lunch in the WAC Officers' mess to renew acquaintance with Captain Stephenson, with whom she entered basic training after both were sworn into the WAC on Jan. 30, 1943. Lieutenant Courtney is now in charge of civilian per-

sonnel in the office of the chief engineer of ETOUSA. During her 13 months in the ETO she has served in London, Boulogne and Paris. She still hasn't had a chance to see her brother, Lt. Billy R. Courtney, who is serving with the 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment in the 5th Army in Italy.

Dismissal Recommended In Oil Labor Complaint

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP).—A National Labor Relations Board trial examiner's intermediate report said Thursday that Mills Bennett of Houston had not engaged in unfair labor practices as alleged in a complaint filed by the Oil Workers International Union, CIO.

The examiner, Howard Myers, recommended the complaint be dismissed. Bennett was identified as owner of oil production properties at Barbers Hill.

The report said the complaint had alleged an employe, Sam Shutt, was discharged because of union activity among his employes at Barbers Hill. Myers said he found that the evidence did not sustain allegations in the complaint.

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