

V-E DAY WILL EASE CURRENT WORK CONTROLS

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Washington — (P) — Current draft regulations freezing industrially deferred men to war jobs will be thawed somewhat after V-E day.

High manpower officials who asked anonymously acknowledged today that with the full surge of munitions cutbacks after Germany's final collapse it will be necessary to allow some of these men to turn to civilian goods production.

Must Have Permission
At present men 18 through 37 in war plants or war-supporting activities may change jobs voluntarily only with draft board permission.

Generally permission is withheld unless a transfer would result in a greater contribution to the war. Those who ignore this ruling are drafted. Men not physically fit go into special non-combat units.

While a lay-off because of a war production cutback is not considered a voluntary separation, it does not mean at present that a released worker is free to accept any new job. To qualify for continued deferment he must go into an occupation on the government's list of essential and critical activities.

Some Jobs Not Included
That list now does not include such jobs as automobile and refrigerator production and dozens of others that will open up as restrictions are lifted.

Manpower officials agree that unless the existing restrictions are modified they could contribute to joblessness in areas where war work diminishes or disappears after V-E day.

Put into effect late last year at the direction of the office of war mobilization and reconversion, the restrictions were designed to stem the transfer of workers from munitions projects to peacetime jobs.

Draft boards in labor shortage centers probably will continue these job-jumper penalties after V-E.

'Hitler's' Death Causes Confusion

Malden, Mass. — (P) — Hitler's reported death caused some confusion in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Koniaris because they owned a goldfish by that name.

The fish was so named for its unusually killing his two swimming mates to get some "Lebensraum" in the goldfish bowl. The day the fuhrer's death was announced, "Hitler," too, expired.

Mrs. Koniaris telephoned her husband, "Hitler's dead," she announced.

"I know it," he said, looking at the newspaper in front of him, but matters were finally straightened out.

They feel sorry about the fish.

Truman Appoints New Naval Aide

Washington — (P) — Capt. James K. Vardaman of Mississippi has been named naval aide to President Truman.

He will take the place of Vice Admiral Wilson Brown, who was the late President Roosevelt's last naval aide.

Capt. Vardaman is the 50-year-old son of the late Senator James K. Vardaman of Mississippi. A reserve officer, he has extensive business interests in Missouri, where prior to the war he was president and vice president of several banks and for four years regional director of the RFC in St. Louis.

Capt. Vardaman participated in the North African and Sicilian invasions and was severely injured in the latter while leading a landing party.

The new naval aide was once an army man, serving in the first World War as a captain of field artillery.

Prentiss Wabers to Hold Annual Meeting

Stockholders of the Prentiss Wabers Products company will hold their annual meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening, May 16, at Prentiss Wabers offices in Wisconsin Rapids. Directors will be elected for the ensuing year and general business will be discussed, according to A. E. Bark, secretary.

CIGARET PAPER SOURCE

Almost all of the cigarette paper used in America now comes from Brevard, North Carolina, whereas it was formerly imported from France.

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LAST TIMES TONIGHT
William Boyd in
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7:00 and 9:00 P. M.
Monday and Tuesday One Show
at 7:30 P. M.



FIRE CREW BATTLES FLAMES OF PLANE BURNING ON CARRIER—Kept at a distance by intense heat, fire fighting crew on a U. S. carrier battles flames that engulf Corsair F4U whose belly tank exploded when plane landed. (AP wirephoto from navy.)

WESTERN FRONT TODAY

(By the Associated Press)

Northern sector: Hostilities ceased in the Netherlands, northwestern Germany and Denmark as the Germans in those areas surrendered unconditionally.

Southern sector: Americans halved Austria and captured Berchtesgaden.

The Armies in the West:
Canadian First and British Second: Received the surrender of the Germans in the Netherlands, northwestern Germany and Denmark.
U. S. Ninth: Captured the last remnants of the German Ninth and 12th armies.
U. S. First: Marked time along the Elbe river line.
U. S. Third: Threatened the Austrian communications center of Linz.
U. S. Seventh: Captured Berchtesgaden and joined with the U. S. Fifth army in Italy.
French First: No late reports.

U. S. Divisions:
90th infantry: Captured the 11th German panzer division on the Czechoslovak border.
102nd infantry: Captured the last remnants of the German Ninth and 12th armies.

Pacific Front

(By the Associated Press)
Borneo: Australians make minor gains on Tarakan island off Borneo.

MAIL MAY BEAT SOLDIER HOME

"A soldier returning to the United States from overseas is instructed to furnish his home or other non-military address to which mail may be forwarded," according to word received by Wisconsin Rapids Postmaster Joe Wheeler. Mail received overseas after the soldier's departure is endorsed "returning to U. S." and forwarded to the address furnished. If the soldier has left no non-military address, mail is returned to the sender.

This announcement came in response to questions from the public. It was explained that mail forwarded back to the states often arrives at the forwarding address before the relative has word of the soldier's impending return. This is due to the fact that most returning soldiers make the trip by boat, and their mail going by air, reaches the destination more rapidly.

Some returning personnel encounter unavoidable delays and the war department advises that no inquiry be made until 30 days have elapsed after receipt of the first letter. If no information has been received from the addressee at the end of that period, the war department suggests that the inquiry be addressed to the postal officer at the APO to which the mail was originally addressed, with a request that information be furnished as to the reason it was forwarded, and the present address if known. With the exception of the above, it was stated that patrons be advised not to direct inquiries regarding such mail to military agencies.

Travellers Like Love Tales

During the period between 1890 and the early 1900's, news butchers, the sellers of candies, fruits, magazines, etc., on trains, sold millions of copies of lurid love stories to passengers.

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Landing Ship To Make Long Exhibition Trip

Chicago — (P) — A battle-scarred tank landing ship built in Illinois will make a 12,000 mile trip, including two stops in Wisconsin, to show inland war workers the completed weapons and supplies they've helped build.

The navy announced today the itinerary of the LST 512, which at the direction of Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King is being transformed into a floating museum for exhibition to the public in the Great Lakes, Ohio river and Mississippi river regions.

The landing ship will be in Milwaukee August 12-16 and in Racine August 19-20. A stop in Duluth is scheduled August 1-3.

The invasion carrier was salvaged after being crippled in action off Normandy.

Vichy Records in 2 Suitcases Taken From Laval by Spaniards

Barcelona, Spain — (P) — Two large suitcases filled with political documents and Vichy government papers have been seized from Pierre Laval by Spanish authorities and sent to Madrid for examination, it was learned Friday.

Spanish customs officials said the former Vichy government chief, now a prisoner awaiting Allied disposition, was allowed to keep a large quantity of French francs and jewelry he brought on his 600-mile flight aboard a German bomber Wednesday from Bolzano, Italy, to seek refuge in Spain.

Guards at Montjuich citadel where Laval and his five companions are confined said the former premier spent considerable time today at the radio in an effort to find a ray of hope among the reactions in Allied nations to his arrival in Spain.

County Seat Notes

Realty Transfers
William Fogarty to Merton Earnest Bates, one lot in the town of Grand Rapids together with buildings and improvements.
Frank A. Ticknor and others to Glen T. Ticknor, parcel of land in the town of Grand Rapids.
Wayne E. Amundson to Alfretha Winch, two lots in Wisconsin Rapids.

George W. Bauer to Leonard J. Bethke, three pieces of land in Wisconsin Rapids.
Clarence Delmarter to Seymour Jeto, parcel of land in Wisconsin Rapids.

Fred Hell to Leo W. Sering, parcel of land in Wisconsin Rapids.
George Langsdorf to George Felot, parcel of land in Wisconsin Rapids, together with buildings and improvements.

Marshfield Soldier Is Killed in Action

Marshfield—Pfc. Philip See, 19, was killed in action in Germany April 15, according to word received Friday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip See, Sr., Route 3, Marshfield today. He had written a letter to his parents dated April 12.

Private See entered the army in January, 1944, and has been overseas since February of this year.

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Port Edwards Youth Returns From Series of Sea Actions

A romance which started at a district high school basketball tournament in Waupaca a few years ago was culminated yesterday by the marriage of Robert Kauth of Port Edwards to Miss Marjorie Peters of Wausau.

Robert, a torpedoman second class, took advantage of a leave from his war duties to get married. Serving aboard a destroyer, he went to sea in January, 1944, traveled some 150,000 miles through Jap-infested waters, and finally received this brief vacation home only because his ship was damaged recently in the battle for Okinawa.

He wears the Philippine campaign liberation ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, American theater ribbon and five battle stars.

The travels of this 20-year-old Port Edwards youth sound like a postwar itinerary of the historic battle spots in the Pacific. As a part of a task force, his ship in the past 15 months, has been off the coast of Japan (twice), Formosa, China proper, the Philippines, Palau islands, Saipan, Guam, Truk, Yap, Ulithi, French Indo-China, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Saw Three From Home
While in the Philippines, Robert saw three youths of this area, two of whom were serving on one ship, Johnny Benkowski, QM 3-c, and Hans Mathews, storekeeper 3/c, were both there with a repair ship. He also met Clarence Krehke, QM 2/c, serving with a carrier.

A touch of sadness crept into the young sailor's voice, too, as he told of seeing the graves of Robert Lamb and Irvin Weinbauer last September 29. Both were Wisconsin Rapids men who were killed in action on Saipan last summer.

"Our roughest assignment was the Formosa venture," says Kauth. "General quarters was sounded at 4 a. m. last October 12. For 72 hours we were at our stations, repelling Jap air attacks by night and attacking ourselves during the daylight hours."

Has Lost Weight
Kauth has lost a lot of weight since joining the navy. While at John Edwards High school he played in the line on Coach Jerry Kurz' six-man grid team and also was a



ROBERT KAUTH

member of the band. He graduated at the semester in February, 1943, and entered the navy February 28.

After boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., Kauth went to San Diego for further training and then to sea a little over a year ago.

In June of '44, he took part in the first battle of the Philippines. He also spent 16 days of Guam when that island was being softened up. In October came the second battle of the Philippines and his ship yielded its part in support of America's return to those islands. It was in this engagement that he witnessed the sinking of the Gambier Bay.

Backing up again in the time element, the Port Edwards seaman recalled those exciting days when his ship sailed along the coast of China and French Indo-China. Harbor installations and other Japanese facilities in the great cities of Foochow, Swatow, Canton and the island of Hong Kong received a pounding from the fleet of which his destroyer was a part.

February Fall of Action
Bob will never forget February of this year. On February 18-19, his ship was off Iwo Jima, supporting

that assault. The following four days his force made two strikes at no less a prize than Tokyo itself. The ship came within 64 miles of the Japanese capital on those thrusts. Then, on the twenty-third and twenty-fourth of the month, Bob and his ship were back at tiny Iwo, lending support to the hard pressed marines.

The fighting days of Kauth's ship nearly ended disastrously 10 days later when the ship was damaged by the Japs on March 4 off Okinawa. However, Bob says his ship didn't sink and is now being repaired. And that happens to be why the Port Edwards youth could accomplish the double objective of a leave at home and also of getting married.

Kauth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kauth of Port Edwards. He must report back to his ship on the west coast May 8.

Firemen Answer 22 Calls During April

Twenty-two calls were answered by the Wisconsin Rapids Fire department during the month of April, the same number as in March, according to the monthly report of Fire Chief August C. Miller.

Fifteen grass fires topped the list, three each for dwellings and list of the city calls, and one automobile fire was extinguished.

The department responded to 19 ambulance calls in April as compared with 15 in March. Trips were listed as follows: local, eight; Madison, five; Nekoosa, eight; Marshfield, two; Pittsville, one.

Twenty-one fire permits were granted and seven were refused, according to the report.

MARSHFIELD SOLDIER WOUNDED

Marshfield—Pfc. Willis A. Schlafke of Marshfield was wounded on the island of Luzon, Philippines, on April 11, according to a war department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schlafke.



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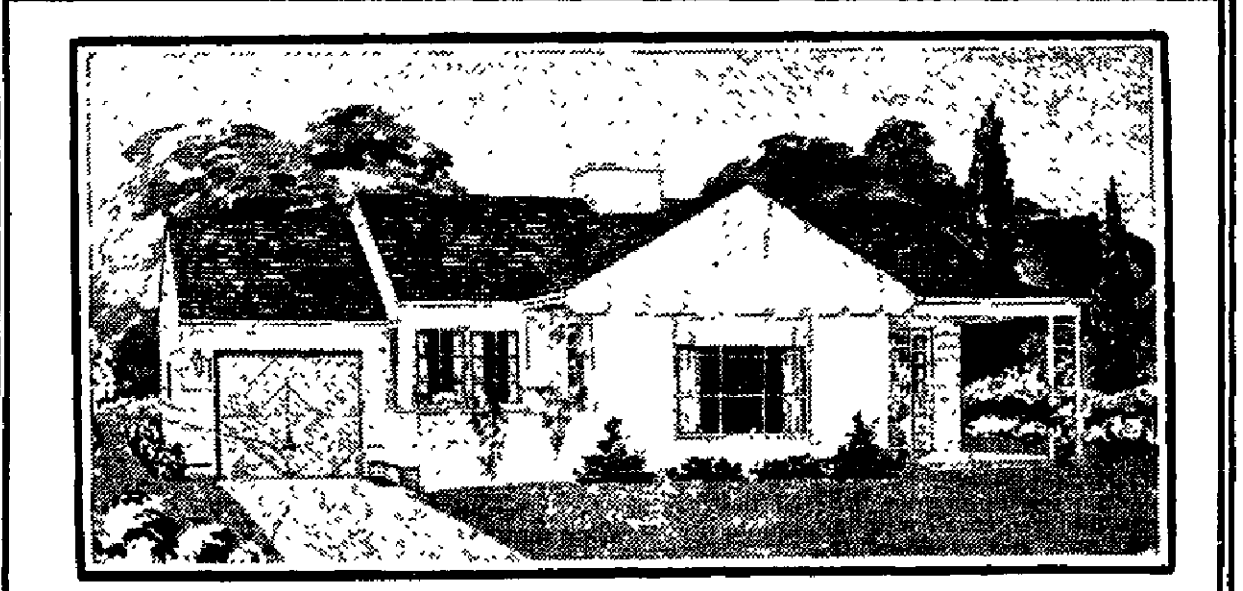
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