

# Bon Bon Bomber 'Hits' 4 DP Camps, 2 Cities

## Children Get Treat Of Chocolates, Lemon Drops

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WIESBADEN AIR BASE, Oct. 19 (S&S)—Children reached up and pulled in tiny white parachutes. Attached to the parachutes were chocolate bars, boxes of lemon drops and other delicious things. It was "Operation Little Vittles" way of saying goodbye.

The B17 Bon Bon Bomber from this base passed over displaced persons camps at Ludwigsburg, Heilbronn, Schwabisch-Gmund and the orphanage at Bad Aibling Tuesday. Frankfurt and Darmstadt also were sweetened.

### First Flight Postponed

In all, about 80,000 candy items were dropped. There were also some shmoos containing exactly 30 ounces of candy. There were no kigmies but the shmoos were especially nice. The candy in them was good.

Weather postponed the first phase-out flight Monday, so the children at DP camps waited and watched the sky. Tuesday, when the missions

could be accomplished, International Refugee Organization officials reported happiness nonpareil. Sirens wailed at Bad Aibling. Police at Heilbronn climbed roofs and trees to rescue the cargo. The 1,400 Polish children there waved little flags and sang their national anthem.

The children waited in the camp compounds. As the first parachutes began to plummet out of the B17, they began to run, jumping fences, leaping streams. Ground winds drove many of the 'chutes a mile away from the "drop area." They went after them.

The "schokoladen flieger" who organized the phase-out of "Operation Little Vittles" is Capt Eugene T. Williams, assistant German Youth Activities officer, USAF. He succeeded 1st Lt Gale Halvorsen as entrepreneur of the parachute lollipop kingdom. Halvorsen originally founded "Little Vittles" for the children of Berlin.

### Valuable Shmoos

Williams stood above the open bomb bay of the Bon Bon Bomber and dumped out the candy cargo as successive passes were made over the camps and cities.

"Last night while I was busy tying 'chutes," he said, "my house was broken into. They took my radio, but left a carton of shmoos.

## 'Little Vittles' Bids Kids Goodby From B17

Shmoos are quite valuable, too."

Over Frankfurt, 8th Air Force veteran 1st Lt Garner E. Brown, 60th Tp Carrier Sq, pilot of the Bon Bon Bomber, recalled other experiences with B17s.

"We were almost shot down here," he said. "As it turned out we were forced to land in Belgium. This time it is more pleasant."

The little white silk 'chutes performed well. They were made by Wiesbaden airmen's wives, Camp Lindsey officers' wives, the Y80 Club officers' wives, Erbenheim GYA girls, Wiesbaden American and German Girl Scouts, and Wiesbaden GYA girls.

New Prague, Minn., sponsored the drops on the DP camps, and Long Beach, Calif., sent Darmstadt its good wishes. Portland, Ore., brought cheer to Frankfurt.

This week, weather permitting, "Little Vittles" will make drops at Kassel, sponsored by Milwaukee; at Bremen, sponsored by Wichita; Hanover, sponsored by Cleveland, and Hamburg by the Hillside, N. J., "Little Vittles Club."



Capt Eugene T. Williams, USAF assistant GYA officer, throws a shmoos full of candy out of the Bon Bon Bomber —S&S Photo

## SS Members Disagree On Aachen Mission

AACHEN, Oct. 19 (UP)—Some of the SS commandos who parachuted behind U.S. lines in March 1945 to "execute" American-appointed Mayor Franz Oppenhoff may have thought they were going to capture Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower, one of them told a German court here.

Former SS Col Karl Radatz, 47, admitted that he organized the technical end of the commando operation, including arranging with the German air force for the use of a captured American plane to carry the nine-man team to Aachen.

But, he added, most of his group did not know why they were going to Aachen. "All sorts of rumors were flying around, including one concerning a kidnaping of Gen Eisenhower from his headquarters."

Another witness testified, however, that all the team members knew perfectly well what they were about. He was Kurt Morgenschweif, a former Hitler Youth member who was training to become a "werewolf" when selected for the Aachen operation.

Morgenschweif, who was only 16 when the commandos parachuted in after Oppenhoff, has not been put on trial with the six adult defendants because of his youth.

He insisted that all the defendant's knew beforehand what they were going to do, and added that the missing former SS Lt Wenzel, whom all the defendants have blamed as chief instigator of the affair, brought back Oppenhoff's gloves and official armband as proof that the mayor had been "liquidated."

Former SS M Sgt Karl-Heinz Hennemann, 40 the only one of the defendants supposed to have been present at the actual shooting, maintained that he did not enter Oppenhoff's house with Wenzel and Leitgeb, but waited outside until they had finished the job. (Leitgeb, an Austrian, was reportedly killed by a mine while trying to return to the German lines. Both prosecution and defendants allege that it was he who fired the shot which killed Oppenhoff.)

Preliminary examination of the defendants was completed yesterday, second day of the trial. Today's session will feature testimony by a one-time Nazi "expert" on the laws of war and on executions during wartime.

### Egypt King Goes Tyrolean

VIENNA, Oct. 19 (S&S)—The king of Egypt has gone Tyrolean according to the Association of Austrian Hatters. The association revealed that the king has ordered a dozen Tyrolean hats for his own wear.

## 100 Reported Killed in Mine

BERLIN, Oct. 19 (AP)—The British-licensed newspaper, Der Tag today claimed that 100 German miners were killed when a Soviet-exploited uranium mine at Oberschlema (Thuringia) in East Germany collapsed Oct. 8.

The newspaper reported that "water flooded the pit, drowning the 100 German miners."

Ever since 1945, Russia has exploited East German uranium and pitchblende sources with the help of often forcibly-recruited German workers. The Russians have even established their own state-owned company, the Wismuth A. G., in East Germany. Its chief is a Soviet engineer of officer rank.

## Nurnberg Records Fireless Fire Week

NURNBERG, Oct. 19 (Special)—Not a single fire was recorded on the Nurnberg Military Post during Fire Prevention Week, it was reported by Capt Vernon Frykholm, post fire marshal.

A constant series of demonstrations and brochures brought fire prevention to the attention of Nurnberg and subpost residents, and was credited with the resulting fireless week, Frykholm said.

He issued a warning—as cold weather approaches—to use utmost care with space heaters, one of the main causes of the house fires.

### Kassel GI Found Dead

WETZLAR, Oct. 19 (Special)—Army authorities today were investigating the death of Pvt Joseph A. Leblanc, of the 7864th Ord Rebuild Det in Kassel, who was found dead in the unit's guard room. He had been shot through the head. A carbine was found between his knees.

### Oct. 31 Deadline Set For 50-Mark Exchange

HEIDELBERG, Oct. 19 (Special)—The "grey green" issue of the 50-mark bank notes that expired as legal tender July 31 cannot be exchanged for current issue notes at German banks after Oct. 31 EUCOM finance division warned.

The 50-mark notes may be identified by the grey-green color of the printing and the large head of a woman in the center of the obverse side. The notes were withdrawn from circulation after they had been widely counterfeited.

## Shipyard Partners Begin Defense on Dismantling Count

HAMBURG, Oct. 19 (AP)—Rudolf and Walter Blohm, owners of Germany's largest shipyard, opened their defense today against charges of attempting to evade Allied dismantling of their plants.

Four other members of the firm, Otto Dalldorf, Heinrich Lorenzen, Max Andrea, a brother-in-law of the Blohms, and Karl Heidenreich, an engineer, are also accused. The prosecution claimed the six defendants illegally removed from their Hamburg shipyard machines and equipment required for reparations.

The trial opened Oct. 4 and adjourned Oct. 12 after the prosecution witnesses testified that forged invoices were made out to show that the machines had been bought in the Russian Zone of Germany, and that machines corresponding to those reported "missing" from the shipyard had been found on the premises of the company of Bau and Montage. The Blohms are partners in this company.

## Schacht Ordered to Give Up One of His 2 UK-Zone Homes

LUNEBURG, Oct. 19 (AP)—The postwar troubles of Hjalmar Schacht "wizard" of the Nazi regime, turned to housing yesterday. Alfred Kube, reconstruction minister of Lower Saxony, told a press conference he was ordering Schacht to give up either one of his two dwellings.

Kube said no German could have more than one, because housing was too scarce in Germany.

## Official Terms Report On Spandau Nonsense

BERLIN, Oct. 19 (S&S)—A letter from West Berlin Mayor Ernst Reuter protesting the high cost to the city of maintaining seven leading Nazi war criminals held at Spandau Prison is "being studied by the three-power Allied Kommandatura, an official British spokesman said last night.

The spokesman termed newspaper reports of waiters and chambermaids waiting on Nazi prisoners as "absolute nonsense." He said strict regulations governing treatment of prisoners are rigidly maintained.

### 300,000 Marks in Wages

Reuter claimed in his letter the city must pay 50 times as much for the upkeep of the seven Spandau prisoners as it does to house seven ordinary prisoners in a regular city jail.

The mayor said Spandau prison's city-paid German staff includes 16 cooks and kitchen helpers, four waiters, six maids, three janitors and 12 cleaning women, whose combined yearly wages total 300,000 marks.

### Built to House 570

"The Spandau Prison," the British spokesman stated, "was built to house 570 inmates. Upkeep of establishment of this type cannot be carried out with a handful of staff."

The spokesman pointed out that the prison is under quadripartite administration, with permanent U.S., British, French and Russian prison governors and warders. Approximately 18 Allied nationals are employed there on maintenance duties, he said.

### PM Forgets AGO Card, Can't Get Car From Lot

FRANKFURT, Oct. 19 (S&S)—At least Col Augustus B. O'Connell, Frankfurt Military Post provost marshal, knows for sure that Army guarded parking lots are enforcing the new EUCOM orders that AGO identity cards will be shown when vehicles enter and exit.

O'Connell drove his private car into the guarded lot nearest his home one night, and properly produced his AGO card. But in the morning, he changed uniforms—and forgot to transfer his AGO card.

The lot guard adamantly refused to permit the FMP provost marshal to take the car out without producing the card. O'Connell walked all the way back to his house for it.

### British Hold Soviet Soldiers

VIENNA, Oct. 19 (UP)—British military authorities have announced that two armed Soviet soldiers entered the British Zone Oct. 11 and caused a disturbance among the Austrian population by "unruly deportment."

Schacht lives with his wife, two children and a maid in a three-room apartment in a castle at Harburg, but also has a "weekend house" at Luneburg, Kubel said. Schacht met the situation with his usual aplomb.

"I am glad to see such an interest being taken in me," he commented. "The matter surely will be settled soon."