

Macedonia Asks for Autonomy

One of Greatest Trouble Spots

SALONIKA, Greece, (AP)—Local patriots are reviving the old cry for autonomy for Macedonia, an ill-defined area in the heart of the troubled Balkans.

Macedonia, which has not enjoyed a national sovereignty since the time of Alexander the great, today is one of the greatest potential trouble spots in Europe.

The country is divided into three parts. It comprises a large part of northern Greece and southern Yugoslavia and a small section of Bulgaria. Gathered here are representatives of all the races and most of the hatreds and tensions which have kept the Balkan peninsula upset for 50 years.

Greek-Yugoslav relations are strained along the common frontier which cuts through the wild mountains of Macedonia as a result of the depredations of political and bandit bands. Greeks say there is

evidence of recruiting by irregular Macedonian forces.

The autonomy campaign is in the open in Yugoslavia and Bulgaria and is underground in Greece.

Yugoslav Macedonia, formerly known as south Serbia, has been given a type of autonomy under Marshal Tito's framework of a federated Yugoslavia. This is a step in the direction the autonomists want, and agitation for union of all parts under a single government follows almost automatically. Will be Approved by Greece.

In the early days of liberation, the Yugoslav Macedonians attempted to name a foreign minister of their own. There was quick reaction from Belgrade, and Skopje, their capital, was given a new set of government officials with strict instructions that foreign policy was the province of the central government.

Greeks look on any effort toward an autonomous Macedonia as a threat to take from them the rich farmlands of the north upon which the whole national economy depends.

Far from listening to the demands, Greece probably will seek at the peace conferences to extend her frontiers northward.

Bulgaria gave lip service to the autonomy principle during the war years when her troops occupied much of Greek and Yugoslav Macedonia. But the real intention of the occupation troops, it became evident, was to bulgarize the whole area. Many autonomists then joined the partisan resistance forces.

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Fire Prevention Week

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Truman has proclaimed the seven days beginning Oct. 7 as fire prevention week.

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Menstrues was a major cause of death among the soldiers of World War I.

GLIDDEN HERO DECORATED



Sgt. Ralph G. Neppel salutes President Truman when coveted medal is placed around his neck.

Two Iowa Heroes Awarded CMH

Truman Officiates at Ceremony

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Accepting his award from a wheel chair, Sgt. Ralph G. Neppel of Glidden, Ia., smartly saluted President Truman Thursday after the president had hung the congressional medal of honor around his neck.

While their relatives and friends who had accompanied them from Iowa to Washington watched, Neppel and S. Sgt. Herschel F. Briles of Ankeny, Ia., received the nation's highest honor along with 26 other army heroes from 18 states and Canada.

The awards were presented in the east room of the white house after a light rain moved the ceremony from the south lawn. The red draped, brilliantly lighted room was crowded with the army's and navy's highest ranking officers as well as wives, mothers, fathers, other relatives and

friends. There were the grind of movie cameras and flashes from photographers' bulbs throughout the ceremony.

Briles' guests were a brother-in-law, Edward B. Schlosser; his sister, Mrs. Edward B. Schlosser, and a friend, Hubert Johnson.

Neppel's guests were his mother, Mrs. Rose Neppel; his sister, Arlene Neppel, and his fiancée, Joan Moore.

Briles received his award for action Nov. 20, 1944, when he was leading a platoon of tank destroyers across an exposed slope near Scherpenseel, Germany, and came under heavy enemy artillery fire.

When one of their vehicles was hit Briles left the cover of his armor and lowered himself into a burning turret, removed the wounded and then extinguished the fire. Later he poured such deadly machine gun fire into enemy ranks the entire pocket of 55 Germans surrendered.

Neppel received his award for action last Dec. 14, near Birgel, Germany, when an enemy tank supported by 20 infantrymen counter-attacked his machine gun squad. Neppel blown 10 yards from his

gun, had one leg severed below the knee and sustained other wounds when the German tank fired into the American replacement at 30 yards.

Despite injuries he dragged himself back on his elbows, remounted the gun and killed the remaining enemy riflemen. The tank withdrew and Neppel had accounted for 20 Germans.

Both Iowa sergeants were farm workers before entering the army.

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Logan Petit Jury Is Drawn

SPECIAL TO THE NONPAREIL.
LOGAN — The following Petit jurors, have been drawn to serve for the September term of district court which opens here September 4. The petit jurors will report September 10.

Jess Armstrong, T. B. Austin, Harry Bedaul, Ed Blackburn, C. E. Carpenter, Earl Clausen, William Copeland, Ralph Cutler, Blanche Darnier, Mervin Earlywine, Grover Gee.

Allen Hamilton, Mrs. L. A. Hanson, Irene Hanson, Jennie Harvey, Perry Henderson, Anna Hickey, Clarence Hirst, Alice Hickey, H. D. Hollins, Alice Hubbard.

Abner Johnson, Pletus Jones, Fred Juels, Mrs. Gus Koenig, Mrs. Dan Kroeger, Bert Lewis, Lydia Livengood, Lyle McKain, Melvin Noyes, H. G. Perkins.

Franklin Peterson, Roy B. Peterson, Edward Radtke, Shamka Rand, Essie Rees, Alfred Shaw, Robert Smith, Arlene Steward, Dora Tornkvist, Emory Totten.

Viola Walvoord, Doris Willard, Robert P. Wilson, Agnes Wisecup. Presiding judge will be Vernon Johnson, court reporter, Charles R. Linn.

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Woodbine Staff Is Nearly Filled

SPECIAL TO THE NONPAREIL.

WOODBINE — The Woodbine teaching staff has been completed with the exception of the seventh grade and school will open Sept. 3 with Supt. H. A. Boone beginning his fourth year. Four new teachers have been added to the faculty, Miss Barbara Coffman, social science, of South English, Ia.; Miss Dorothy Ingram, home economics, of Maryville, Mo.; Miss Frances Doty, sixth grade, Missouri Valley, Ia., and Miss Mildred Mason, first grade, of Schuller, Neb.

Freshmen registration will be held in the morning of Aug. 30 and the upper classes in the afternoon. The enrollment is expected to be less than other years, Supt. Boone announces.

Walter Johnson is the new custodian.

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More than one-tenth of the output of sulfuric acid in the United States is produced in the New 1944 than in the prewar years.

U. S. Casualties Mount to 1,070,819

WASHINGTON, (AP)—With reports still to come in, combat casualties in World War II announced

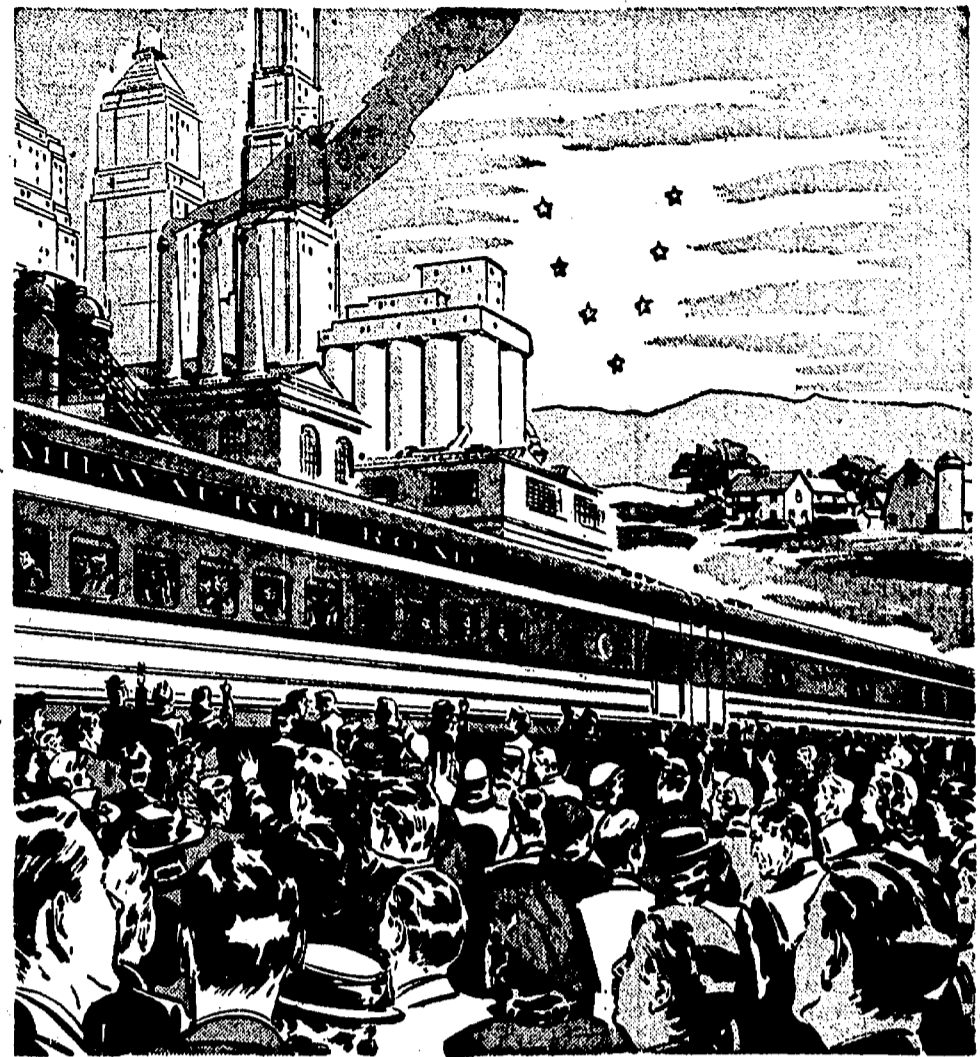
by the armed forces have now reached 1,070,819.

The army has reported its casualties, as received here through Aug. 21, as 923,481. The latest navy report of casualties is 147,338.

The aggregate represented an increase of 681 since last Friday's

report. The navy casualties actually declined by 43 as a result of revisions and shifts in the wounded, missing and prisoner of war classifications.

The service will continue to announce casualty figures until the final reports have been received.



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