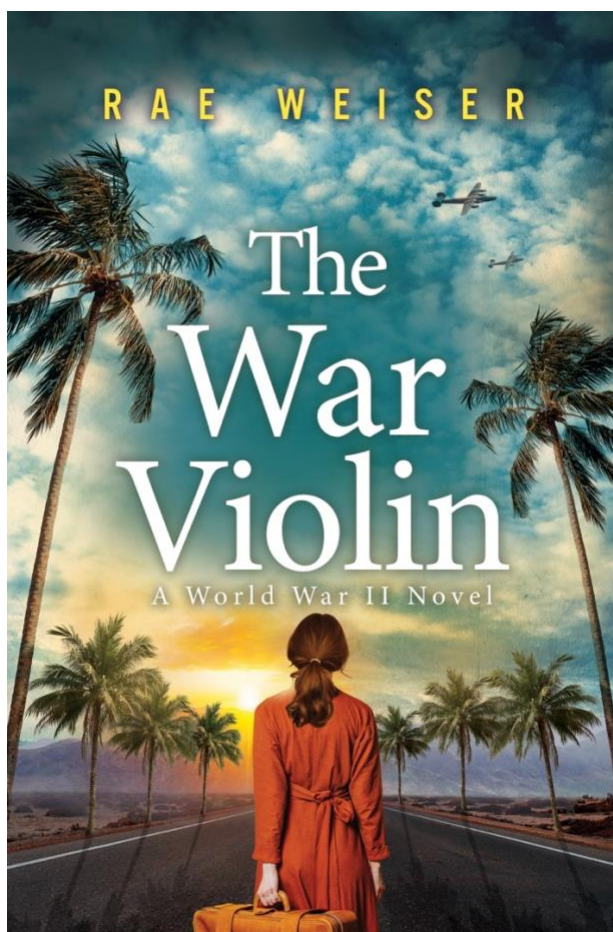




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The War Violin

Book Club Resource



The War Violin - Reading Group Discussion Topics:

1. What is your opinion about the **US using POWs for labor domestically during WWII**? How do you feel about the Italian Service Units receiving preferential treatment once Italy joined the allies? Did you know hundreds of thousands of POWs were in the US during WWII and being used to help the labor shortage?
2. **Frances and Oklahoma** develop a close relationship as patient and volunteer. Discuss how the situation of being a young man never to have fallen in love and knowing he was going to pass away, and that he'd give anything to stay alive and marry her. How did their circumstance make their connection more poignant? The lesson Oklahoma taught Frances - to be brave and don't be a dog on a chain – why do you think he repeatedly made this point? Discuss the increased challenges women at the turn of the century faced to lead an authentic life. How had Frances challenged stifling expectations of women in this time because of Oklahoma pushing her to live her life as she wanted and the pressure she felt from people closest to her.
3. **Frances and Mary** are best friends until Frances wants to pursue Alessandro. Mary becomes the traitor, giving her up to Edith and pressures her to stay away from Alessandro. Mary devalues Frances' feelings for Alessandro under the veil of trying to protect Frances. Discuss if this is the basis of a true friendship or a manipulation to suppress Frances. What obligation does a friend have to another? Should Mary have stood by Frances even though she didn't approve? Do any of you feel Mary was genuinely doing what she thought was best for Frances? Could Frances have handled the situation with Mary differently?
4. **Frances and Alessandro** fall in love under uncommon circumstances. Do you believe her pursuit of him was right? How did you feel about her risking everything to be with him the night they snuck out together? Was the relationship about him at the core, or was he the catalyst that made her understand her true self? Do you believe in love at first

sight, without familiarity of the other person? Where do you feel Frances was wrong with her relationship with Alessandro?

5. **Frances and Nicholas** are two strangers tied together by a commitment years before when they were high school sweethearts. Nicholas represents the life path Frances would have taken had she not been awakened by her work as a Gray Lady during the war and relationships she had with patients at Torney that helped her evolve into a woman who feels compelled to do more with her life. Discuss the complexity of this relationship driven by the difficulty of obligation Frances felt towards Nicholas as a young man fighting for the U.S., the complexity of this obligation juxtaposed with her obligation to live her life authentically.
6. Through her mother and father and their guests at the dinner party, we see the underbelly of **opinions about the POWs**. Racism, name calling, even hatred towards them is expressed. We learn of the internment camps for Japanese Americans. Discuss the layers of complexity inside the Palms Springs community which serves as a microcosm for the entire US during this time. How do you think you would feel as a Gold Star mother seeing Italian Service Units being treated so well when at one point, those POWs would have been fighting against US soldiers? This sparked strong feelings in the US, and was a complex point of frustration for many. Discuss this unique situation here stateside in WWII. Did you know about this part of our WWII stateside history?
7. **Youth in America were influenced by WWII**. Discuss the challenges Frances and Mary faced, as young women and as Gray Ladies working for the Red Cross at Torney General Hospital - such as sickness, death, depression, an uncertain future, food rationing. What was stolen from their young adult lives? What might they have gained that they otherwise would not like empathy, love, sacrifice, and service to others?
8. Frances struggled with the dropping of **nuclear bombs** by US, the mass casualties and that she felt she could not talk about this for fear of being labeled unpatriotic. Discuss how the nuclear bomb changed not only the outcome of WWII, but the ongoing power humanity has to erase our own existence?

August, 1944 – Desert Sun announces arrival of prisoners to Palm Springs Torney General Army Hospital. Full front page of the paper on next page.



Figure 1

Amazing picture of a nurse (maybe a Red Cross Gray Lady) and soldiers on the grounds of Torney General Hospital (formerly the famous El Mirador Hotel)



At the beginning of World War II, the Army purchased the El Mirador Hotel and converted it into a 1,600 bed medical facility.

El Mirador Hotel prior to being turned into Torney General Hospital. The Desert Regional Medical Center where a recreation of the tower has been built.



Activities to support the soldiers recovering at the hospital were robust and reported in the Desert Sun Newspaper

With the Boys in the Service

**Sgt. J. D. Lawhorn
Graduates From
Paratroop School**

Sgt. James D. Lawhorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hoffman, Palo Verde, has won the right to wear the wings and boots of the United States Army Paratrooper. He will wear "winged boots" for weeks of hard training at Fort Benning, Ga., during which time he will learn to jump from a parachute and land safely.

For more information on the U.S. and military in general, see page 10.

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DAILY CLASSES CONDUCTED FOR ITALIAN NATIONALS
The Italian Club announced that it will conduct a series of daily classes for Italian nationals at the Torney General Hospital. The classes will be held in the hospital's main hall and will be conducted by a series of Italian instructors.

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PLAN NEW PROGRAM
Plans for the formation of a new program for the Italian Club will be discussed at a meeting of the club's board of directors. The meeting will be held in the club's main hall and will be attended by a series of Italian instructors.

WORK OFFICE ARRIVES
A new work office has been established at the Torney General Hospital. The office will be located in the hospital's main hall and will be used for the purpose of conducting the club's daily classes.

**Colonial House
Permit is Renewed**
The Colonial House, which has been operating as a restaurant and bar, has been granted a renewed permit to operate. The permit was granted by the city of Palo Verde and will allow the house to continue its operations.

**Community Church
Choir Rehearsals
To Start Tuesday**
The Community Church choir will begin its rehearsals on Tuesday. The rehearsals will be held in the church's main hall and will be conducted by a series of Italian instructors.

**Air Freight Gets
Underway as Big
Load Starts East**
The air freight service between Palo Verde and the East has been established. The service will be used for the purpose of transporting goods and supplies between the two locations.

**Robert S. Dudley
Training At New
Air Force School**
Robert S. Dudley, a resident of Palo Verde, is attending a training course at a new air force school. The course will be held in the school's main hall and will be conducted by a series of Italian instructors.

**Drivers' License
Tests to Be Given
Here Twice Monthly**
The city of Palo Verde has announced that it will conduct drivers' license tests twice monthly. The tests will be held in the city's main hall and will be conducted by a series of Italian instructors.

**Joshua Tree Studio
Re-Opens For Year**
The Joshua Tree Studio, which has been closed for a number of years, has been re-opened. The studio will be used for the purpose of conducting the club's daily classes.

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**fire Department
Loses Another Man**

Mr. Gerald R.H. Lomax, was killed in a fire at the home of Mrs. Lomax, 1000 N. 10th St., last night. Lomax was a member of the fire department and was on duty at the time of the fire. He was killed by a falling chimney. Lomax was a member of the fire department and was on duty at the time of the fire. He was killed by a falling chimney.

**Mrs. Cagle Sings
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AT THE AIR BASE—Shown from left: medical staff in the Southwest Pacific. The Air Base Hospital of Manila, in which the Torney General Hospital is being transferred to the 11th Airborne Division, is shown in the background. The Torney General Hospital, serving with the 11th Airborne Division, is shown in the foreground. The Torney General Hospital, serving with the 11th Airborne Division, is shown in the foreground.



AT TORNEY—Happy to be home from Southwest Pacific where he served for many months with the Army Signal Corps, Sgt. Robert Fernandez of Los Angeles, is visited by Max Milled Clark, Red Cross Social Worker, stationed at Torney General Hospital. Fernandez received a leg wound while on duty overseas and was hospitalized at Guadalcanal and the New Hebrides before being flown home for further care.

Torney General Hospital And Air Base Cooperate In Army's Huge Air Evacuation Program For Casualties From All Fronts

Torney General Hospital and the 11th Airborne Division are both participating in the Army's huge Air Evacuation program which has to do with the transportation and hospitalization of war wounded between hospitals and between medical hospitals and hospitals close to the patient's home.

An evacuation of war wounded is not an easy matter in the Pacific. In 1945, about 15,000 sick and wounded soldiers were moved by air from the Southwest Pacific to the Torney General Hospital. The evacuation of war wounded is not an easy matter in the Pacific. In 1945, about 15,000 sick and wounded soldiers were moved by air from the Southwest Pacific to the Torney General Hospital.

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During the last two weeks Torney General Hospital has received more than 100 patients from the Southwest Pacific. The evacuation of war wounded is not an easy matter in the Pacific. In 1945, about 15,000 sick and wounded soldiers were moved by air from the Southwest Pacific to the Torney General Hospital.

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A FAMILIAR FIGHTER AND ITS SUCCESSOR



The high altitude photograph shows a Cessna 170 biplane flying over the Torney General Hospital. The biplane is a single-engine, high-wing aircraft. It is shown in flight, banking slightly to the right.

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What It Costed For A biplane of the biplane industry is shown in the photograph. The biplane is a single-engine, high-wing aircraft. It is shown in flight, banking slightly to the right.

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GRAD 322—Rgt. Robert Lee, with more than 22 years in the regular army and now home from the Pacific for medical treatment at Torrey, which his Christmas gift to Commander Gordon Fickings and Adjutant Charles E. St. George of the Torrey General Hospital. Staff Corps members staff built group here. Subsequent speaker is R. H. St. George of the hospital's Special Services Branch.



CENTRAL GIFT—Group in detail gifts from a Torrey Hospital. Newspaper had printed picture for patients at Torrey Monday, Dec. 18. Dr. St. George, Pvt. Jack Patterson and Sgt. Lawrence Stewart, all wearing uniforms, brought their gifts to the hospital. The gifts were given to the patients. The gifts were given to the patients. The gifts were given to the patients.

Christmas at Torrey General Hospital Merry Affair for Patients Unable to Leave for Holidays with Families

Torrey General Hospital has been a scene of activity and joy during the Christmas season. The hospital staff has been busy preparing for the holiday season, and the patients have been able to enjoy the festivities. The hospital has been a source of comfort and care for many soldiers who are unable to leave for their homes during the holidays.


Gifts for All
Distribution of gifts began Wednesday and continued through Christmas Day. Dr. St. George, Gordon Fickings and Charles E. St. George, Commander and Adjutant of the Torrey General Hospital, were the main speakers at the Christmas party.

Gifts for Patients
Gifts were given to the patients by the hospital staff. The gifts included food, clothing, and other necessities. The patients were very grateful for the gifts and the care they received.

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The week "hand" today seems almost any Christmas spirit. In order days the word was used to distribute letters to friends and a song of merrymaking.



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By Carlisle



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SHOULD have a
VERY busy time.
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ABOUT politics.
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IMPORTANCE, the
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NEEDS your attention
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Communism And Democracy to Be Global Gab Topic

"Are Democracy and Communism Compatible?" This was the subject discussed before a large gathering by the Global Gab session last Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce, 310 N. Palm Canyon drive. The question was ably presented by Pvt. Clarence Bower of Torney General Hospital, a newcomer to the group.

There were twenty-eight at the last meeting, the largest number since the winter season began. This group selected the topics to be discussed during November when the chairman will be Miss Edith Shumaker, librarian at the 21st Ferrying Group, Army Air Field.

TRY EXPERIMENT

The first subject chosen is by way of an experiment, "Global Gab's Own Peace Plan." The idea



ENGLISH LESSONS—Men of Italian Service Units who have forsworn allegiance to Fascist Italy and have volunteered to work for the American war effort study English under Pfc. John Fallon of the Torney General Hospital Educational Reconditioning Branch, while hospitalized. On the extreme right in foreground is Pvt. Salvatore Pagano of San Francisco, who is present to interpret when the various dialects become confusing to the instructor. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Clarify Status of Italian Prisoners Working For U. S.

To clarify existing opinions on the status of Italian prisoners of war and properly identify men of the Italian Service Units, who frequently appear in this vicinity wearing sun tan or O. D. uniforms and a green and white arm band with the word "Italy", officials at Torney General Hospital this week issued the following statement.

"Italian Service Units which were formed as the result of military necessity to relieve a shortage of manpower, are composed entirely of voluntary personnel who have been thoroughly screened by Military Intelligence and determined to be neither pro Nazi nor pro Fascist," hospital officials declared.

CONTINUING PROCESS

"This screening is a continuing process and all members of the Unit understand that any abuse of privileges which they have gained by their service will mean immediate return to prisoner of war camps as ordinary prisoners of war, and punishment according to the severity of the offense," they said.

Several of these men stationed at neighboring installations have been hospitalized at Torney during recent months, but to date none has been issued a pass from the hospital, as is customary with convalescent patients.

GET TO SEE COUNTRY

The only extra "payment" given to men of the Italian Service Units who have broken with Fascism and all it stands for, and have volunteered to work for the American war effort, is an additional freedom, a part of which includes sight seeing and educational tours. This extra freedom is a recognition by the Army of the efficiency and value of work performed. However, whether at work or enjoying off duty recreation, men of the Italian Service Units are at all times under the direct supervision of Army personnel.

Camp Haan Designated as Separation Center

Camp Haan, near Riverside, yesterday was designated as one of five additional Army separation centers which probably will be added to the 22 already in existence throughout the country to speed the discharge of personnel.

UNION ARTISTS REFUSE TO SING WITH ITALIAN PRISONERS

Redlands Bowl Opera Scheduled Tuesday Night Hit by International Complications

Redlands community grand opera encountered international complications last night when some 18 members of the A. F. of L. American Guild of Musical Artists announced that they had declined to sing in a chorus which includes approximately 50 former Italian prisoners of war.

Marek Wyndheim, chairman of the A.G.M.A. west coast executive committee, declared in Los Angeles that the action of the 18 "insurgent" guild members was "completely unauthorized," and that the committee today will consider possible disciplinary action for their refusal to attend a rehearsal.

The guild's officers, Wyndheim added, approved the inclusion of the Italians in the chorus "since there is a shortage of A.G.M.A. choral people, and since these Italians are co-belligerents, sworn into service with U. S. armed forces and assigned to duty with the Army quartermaster and engineering corps."

non-profit, free-admission production of "Il Trovatore" scheduled for Tuesday night in Redlands Bowl under the direction of James K. Guthrie.

Mr. Guthrie, who is also assistant conductor of Hollywood bowl, said the performance would go on without the protesting A.G.M.A. choral members—and with the Italians "several of whom have sung in La Scala and other famous Italian opera houses." The Italians, he added, are to receive no pay for their services, although A.G.M.A. members were to have been paid scale rates.

Hilda Romain, who said she represented the protesting group of A.G.M.A. members, made this statement in Los Angeles:

"We resent the displacement of organized labor and we maintain there are sufficient A.G.M.A. members to fill the engagement entirely. We have nothing against these people as Italians or as former prisoners of war; we merely feel that they should not be permitted to displace us."

Music Program at Torney for the Patients is seen as a great aid to help soldiers recover

TORNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL EVENTS

News of the Enlisted Men of the Medical and Quartermaster Detachments at Torney Army General Hospital, Palm Springs

By Cpl. Vic Blanks

FANCY FUN IN "FANCY THAT" COMING JANUARY THE 3RD

The warm spicy flavor of minstrelsy and old time vaudeville, streamlined to a 1944 pattern, came to Torney General Hospital on January 3rd, in the Camp Show unit "Fancy That".

The cast included Rudy Horn, comedy M. C., Joe Termini, comedy musical act, Swor and Goode, blackface comedy act, Connor Twins, harmony singers, John Tio, novelty talking bird act, Margaret Tavors, accordionist, Don Weston, pianist.

PLAYS 'EM ALL

Joe Termini, pantomimist and musical clown, plays various instruments including violin, banjo, electric Hawaiian guitar. Plays both swing and modernized classical numbers. Mr. Termini has toured all over Europe and Australia, appearing in leading clubs and theaters.

John Tio supplies a note of unusual novelty with his talking parrot. As everybody knows, parrots can be pretty clever birds, but this one outdoes them all. He's had a wonderful friend, teacher and manager in John Tio. Their conversations have kept audiences howling in theaters and clubs throughout the United States. More recently they've had servicemen howling at service camps and canteens.

NOTED BAND LEADER

Don Weston had his own orchestra before going into the Marine Corps in July, 1943. He played ballroom and college dates in the New England states. Before his honorable discharge from the Corps after 17 months service, he broadcast with the Marine Orchestra from the base in San Diego, California.

Swor and Goode feature black face comedy with much pantomime and mugging. Swor comes from Dallas, Texas, and got his first job with a medicine show, before he became one of the original "Two Black Crows". He

bundle of 1-A entertainment with whom that sobriquet for years has been synonymous is still the coon-shoutinest, regtiminest, jazz-singinest of 'em all.

Sophie Tucker with all her famous power captivated a lot of new friends, and made many of her old ones very happy with her never-to-be-imitated, never-to-be-equalled singing and clowning at the Rec Hall last Tuesday night.

Coming as a sort of belated Christmas present, Miss Tucker, a master at timing and a magnificent performer, kept the hospital audience enthralled for nearly an hour, after having covered practically every ward in the hospital earlier in the afternoon.

She's a grand showwoman and she truly did a great job for the boys. We want her back!

1400 POUNDS OF DATES

A group of Santa's second cousins, members of the Indio and Thermal American Legion and the Indio Elks, visited Torney on Christmas morning, and distributed 1400 pounds of Coachella Valley dates to the patients on the hospital wards.

These gentlemen visited every patient in the hospital, bade the men a "Merry Christmas," and left two pounds of delicious dates at each bedside. Patients who were away on pass and furlough were not forgotten. Two pounds of dates were left with the ward nurses for every one of the absentees.

Mr. Chester Mero, Veteran's Administration representative at Torney, capably handled plans for this Christmas Day visit. Special Services and the hospital Red Cross staff assisted in the distribution.

Weekly Program of Music Great Aid In Hastening Recovery of Patients Now at Torney General Hospital Here

First local musician to give practical expression to the place of music in hastening the recovery of battle casualties, Leo Rojo, popular member of the Felix, Leo and Fran trio has volunteered to present a weekly program at Torney General Hospital.

Leo, whose informal presentation of Latin American songs, popular swing, boogie woogie and specialty numbers has made him a GI favorite at Torney, will take music to the bedside of men back from combat but now faced with another long hard battle to regain their health.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

During the summer he gave a weekly program in the hospital's recreation hall and each Sunday afternoon played and sang for officers of the command. On many occasions during past seasons he and Felix Martinique have appeared together at the hospital, where they were recently joined by Fran Neuman in one of the most successful entertainment events at Torney this season.

Last week in his appearance at the hospital Leo was accompanied by Eva Turbow, former Metropolitan Opera Soprano, now wife of Dr. Arthur Turbow, Los Angeles physician, who interrupted her brief holiday in the Village to make her first appearance before hospitalized battle casualties.

VARIED PROGRAM

With Leo at the piano, and joining her for several popular duets Miss Turbow presented a varied program of opera, light opera and modern songs to soldiers who besieged both artists with requests for old and new favorites.

Declaring that the experience was one of the most gratifying of her career, Miss Turbow stated that from this beginning she will launch a schedule of regular programs at Army and Navy hospitals in the Los Angeles area.

Villager Returns After 30 Months Of Overseas Duty

Marine Private First Class Walter D. Simmons, son of Mrs. Laura L. Simmons, Palm Springs, California, has been returned to the San Diego Marine Base after 30-months of duty in the South Pacific. A member of the First Marine Division, the 20-year-old veteran participated in the battle for the Peleliu Islands.

He will be granted a furlough soon. Private First Class Simmons holds the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation.

Yule Card Comes From Germany

From "Somewhere in Germany" came a Christmas card to The Desert Sun from Capt. Earl J. Whitaker, former Palm Springs salesman who has been in the service for the past two years.

"A Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year—Thanks for the Sun" said the message.

Honor Awarded Valley Soldier

First Lieut. Harold V. Ryroada, graduate of Coachella Valley Union high school, a resident of the district near Indio and known to many here, has been awarded the Air Medal, headquarters for the 15th Army Air force announced.

He is a pilot in the veteran 15th and the medal was awarded for exceptional operational and aerial activity against the enemy in the Italian campaign.

Hospital Staff at Torney General



GETTING THE 'LOW DOWN'—Above is a session of the Torney Forum, a new discussion group which meets each Friday at the hospital. Left to right are Sgt. Freeman Holmer, Capt. George E. Weick, Lt. George L. Boomer, Miss Elizabeth Hesse, Pvt. John Fallon, Lt. Col. Phillip B. Davis, Torney Reconditioning Director, Sally R. Oliver, Helen C. Miller, T/4 William Kelley, Lt. Col. E. T. Thompson, Executive and Public Relations officer, Capt. Charles S. Gage, Mrs. Frances Shirley, Mrs. Melba Walton and Lt. Girard Y. Miller.

Italian Unit Working for Army Wins Praise

"It doesn't matter how many bullets a nation has unless it has guns to shoot those bullets," Maj. Edward M. Squier told a group of newspapermen gathered in his office at Camp Haan. "It doesn't matter how many guns it has unless it has the trucks to get them to the front."

And then the major, director of the camp's security and intelligence division, directed the party to the auto maintenance garage, where broken-down vehicles are processed for reassignment. There, working beside American soldiers and civilian employees, were members of the Italian Service Unit stationed at the base.

"These Italian men, expert mechanics some of them," he continued, "are helping get those bullets and guns to the

the receipt of a message from the War Department. What had flashed through her mind was that her son's blood had been spilled on Italian soil.

What she didn't know was that the two youths she attacked work daily in Camp Haan's auto maintenance garage at jobs requiring technical skills and training—helping through their labor to save her neighbor's boy from her own son's fate.

"No man was accepted for membership," Capt. William B. Mote, company commander of the 3rd Italian Quartermaster Service Company, pointed out, "until he was thoroughly screened by military intelligence to determine that he was not pro-Nazi or pro-Fascist."

The screening, he said, is a continuing process, so that abuse

CLEANUP TIME—It's a far cry from the battlefields of Europe for these **Italians**. They're **service unit** members and work during the day shift in laundry at Camp Haan.

front by keeping the wheels of transportation in motion."

He was proud of the work that the anti-Nazi, anti-Fascist **Italians** were doing. They were men, he said, who voluntarily had cast their lots with the Allied Nations in the fight against a common enemy, Germany and Japan.

Outside Camp Haan and other bases where similar **units** are quartered, civilians regard members of the **service** groups with varying emotions. An incident which occurred at a near-by town prompted Maj. Squier's invitation to the press.

At that town a distraught woman, fire burning in her eyes, confronted two khaki-clad soldiers. On their left sleeves she saw an elliptical brassard across which "Italy" was embroidered in white.

She railed out against them. She slapped them and wept.

Torn by grief, the woman had not yet recovered from shock at

of privilege at any time would result in a man's being transferred from the **service unit** back to the prisoner-of-war compound. Reporters who observed the men, contented at work and later enthusiastic at play, were not surprised that there has been no cause to apply drastic disciplinary measures.

The **service units**, housed in huts similar to those used by the regular American Army, are under supervision of American military personnel at all times. The men have the freedom of the camp's recreational and worship facilities. On week-ends are they permitted beyond the gates of the camp, then only in small groups and with American escort. Temporarily, passes issued those at Camp Haan, restrict the holders to Riverside.

"The additional freedom," Capt. Mote said, "is the only extra reward which members receive for their contribution to America's war effort."

Gracie Fields and Monty Banks Give Party for Italian War Prisoners



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NOT MUCH LIKE WAR—Italian prisoners of war, composing a labor battalion stationed at Camp Haan, dance at Santa Monica Canyon mansion at party given by Gracie Fields and Monty Banks.



Times photo

GRACIE ENTERTAINS—Gracie Fields, British comedienne, puts on one of her acts for the benefit of the Italian war prisoners at party.

Former Italian Prisoners Taken on Sightseeing Trip

RIVERSIDE, June 18.—An official Army tour was arranged today to give approximately 100 Italian enlisted men, formerly prisoners of war but now serving in the U.S. Army at Camp Anza, a view of Lake Arrowhead and the San Bernardino Mountains.

The trip was announced by Col. Earle A. Sarles, Camp Anza commander, and the details were approved by Maj. Walter A. Johnson, executive officer. Capt. Raymond E. Nisewaner was named in charge of the special detail.

Swimming, boating and other sports were arranged by Maj. Helverne W. Aldrich, special services officer, while Lt. Aldace W. Minard, athletics and recreation officer, commanded the convoy.

At the same time, arrangements were made for 50 Italians from Camp Haan to visit Lake Elsinore, it was announced by Maj. Edward M. Squier, security officer there. The programs were planned under the War Department policy of granting these selected Italians substantially the same privileges as regular G.I.'s.

Veterans' Trains

Thanks a million for front-paging the roar about servicemen's treatment on those vile day coaches.

I wonder if they are the same day coaches in which my son's squadron griped about riding, sitting up, all the way from Sioux City Army Air Base to New Jersey on their way out to become part of the 15th Air Force in Italy. Somewhere en route they were sidetracked to allow a Pullman train to pass—and believe it or not—those Pullmans were filled with Italian war prisoners!

Is there any excuse for giving the fellows who fight FOR us worse treatment than those who fight AGAINST us?

I'm for treating prisoners well, but what's the matter with treating our own boys at least as good?

PERSIS BINGHAM CASSIDAY,
Los Angeles.

Citizenship Plea Fails War Prisoner

Efforts of Gaetano Territo, 30-year-old Italian prisoner of war, to avoid deportation to Italy as a discharged prisoner, failed in U.S. court yesterday by decision of Judge Ben Harrison.

Territo sought release from Army authorities under a writ of habeas corpus, claiming he is a citizen of the United States, and also petitioned that his citizenship be established by order of the court. Judge Harrison dismissed the writ, holding that the government courts have no jurisdiction because the petitioner is a prisoner of war.

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Mr. and Mrs. Weinberger had expected they might remain in Palm Springs and other holdings in Southern California and would be building on their new home in the near future.

Mrs. Frost is well known as having been for some time in the city.

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Women Crash Docks to See War Prisoners

Tearful and indignant, more than 100 women yesterday disrupted attempts to embark 932 members of Italian service units aboard the S.S. Mormacdove for return to their native country.

Storming the Long Beach pier of the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation, the weeping women sought their sweethearts among the crowd of Italian prisoners of war waiting to be sent aboard the ship.

Herded Behind Fence

Slipping through guards, about 30 women managed to get out on the dock alongside the Mormacdove before military policemen called by officers rounded them up and herded them behind the fence.

M.P.'s also were called on to collar numerous Italians who had wandered away from their groups and were found in nearby parked automobiles with women.

Photographer Assailed

One of the female well-wishers attacked a newspaper photographer with a stick, shouting, "These boys did more for the war than the G.I.'s ever did."

At dusk, four women still remained on a dock across from the Mormacdove, peering at the ship through binoculars and now and then waving tear-soaked handkerchiefs.

The ship will sail today.

'WEEPING WOMEN SLOW ITALIANS' EMBARKATION

LONG BEACH, Feb. 6 (UP)—The S. S. Mormacdove sailed for Italy today with 932 Italian prisoners of war including the sweethearts of more than 100 women who stormed the dock and disrupted efforts to embark them.

Military police had to be called to break up the demonstration yesterday on the Long Beach pier of the Los Angeles port of embarkation.

Weeping women clung to the pier fence as the Italian service units were loaded. Thirty women

eluded guards and gained the dock alongside the ship before military police could round them up.

In the confusion, several Italians wandered away and were found in nearby parked automobiles with women.

One woman attacked a newspaper photographer with a stick, shouting, "These boys did more for the war than the G.I.s ever did."

Four of the most persistent women found a vantage point on

Figures on Hospital Pay Speak Loudly

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6 (AP)—Here's an item for those who believe in letting the figures speak for themselves. It's gleaned from the salary scale at general hospital:

Dishwashers — \$144 to \$171.60 monthly, plus maintenance, for a 48-hour week.

Resident physicians — \$131 to \$157 monthly, plus maintenance, for a 40-hour week.

a nearby dock from where they scanned the Mormacdove with binoculars until dusk, occasionally waving tear-soaked handkerchiefs.

11,879 WAR PRISONERS SLATED TO LEAVE PORT

First unit of a scheduled movement of 11,879 Italian and German war prisoners back to their homelands from Los Angeles Harbor in the coming two weeks is scheduled from the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation tomorrow. The transport Marine Tiger, first of seven ships destined to sail in the next few days, is loading 3085 Italians at Pier A, Long Beach Harbor.

The Italians include 810 officers and 2275 enlisted men, all from Camp Hereford, Tex. The Marine Tiger will sail for Naples.

Sea Perch, which will load 2300 Germans from Camp Bowie, Tex. Feb. 6, 7 and 8, and the Dorothea Dix, which will take aboard 1400 more from Florence, Ariz., and Atlanta, Neb., Feb. 9 and 10 for European ports.

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China Reds Branch Out

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3. (AP)—The Hsin Hwa (New China) News Agency, official medium of the Chinese Communists, opened a branch office in Chungking today as a result of the recent Chinese unity agreement.

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