

- 2) Replacing them with 9 papers printed and edited by Americans.
- 3) Now a licensing of the Germans, under the system mentioned above, to do their own publishing, subject to censorship by Americans.

There are 16 movie theatres open in the American zone showing two kinds of films—news and American features—no propaganda.

### *Thursday, August 9*

Visited Hanau D.P. camp. Hanau—about 15 miles from Frankfurt—was completely wrecked. Here was a large Dupont tire factory; also an I. G. Farben plant. 84% of the city is utterly wrecked. Its peacetime population, 50,000, is now 4,000.

Here the Germans are building a baby submarine for the American Navy. Our Navy captured one of these submarines and lost it. The Germans are replacing it—building it to be sent to the United States for study by our submarine experts.

Here is where the Russians who drank buzz-bomb juice are in the hospital.

12,000 people were killed in Hanau in one raid on March 19, 1945—with not even an air-raid signal being sounded as the American planes flew in on the tail of returning German fighters. The first the population knew of the raid was when bombs began to rain on them at 4 o'clock in the morning.

### ***Problem of Displaced Persons***

Visited the Displaced Persons camp and saw a beautiful Polish chapel. Was told that the Polish priest stole it from a German church. He is now marrying thousands of couples who were living together unwed while the camp was being run as a German concentration camp.

Visiting the kitchens, saw people being fed bowls of rice soup in which were chunks of meat. There are 8,000 persons in the camp: 2,000 Poles, 4,500 Russians, the rest Lithuanians. In one room we saw 5 beds in a small room inhabited by Poles. They were eating, cooking and dancing in the same room. One man was pressing a dress and laughing at us. In another room we saw 10 beds—women, men and children—maybe families and maybe not—they all sleep in the same room. In most instances the quarters are clean. The Poles say, "We pride ourselves in taking care of our place." The Russians' quarters are filthy.

We are told that you cannot mix the Poles with the Russians as a big fight always breaks out.

Visited a building made into a Boy Scouts headquarters. Here children of D.P.s are taught to read and write.

This D.P. problem is one of the most serious problems in all Europe. Returning from the camp back to Frankfurt we stopped at a railroad crossing and saw a camouflaged train passing. Thousands of D.P.s were riding in open cars in the rain—household belongings, prams, all kinds of bedding, etc. were packed in the cars, everyone sitting on belongings. The train was moving in the direction of Poland. We were told that when it got into the Russian zone the people possibly will be thrown off the train to start endless wanderings. This prospect of hardship is one of the reasons why the Poles do not like to leave the American zone. There are approximately 700,000 D.P.s in the American zone at present.

Returning to the Farben Building, we lunched with Gen. Adcock. During luncheon we were telling some of the officers about General Montgomery's account of the battle of El Alamein.

Every American officer says the same thing: "Yes, Monty won the battle of El Alamein with the help of George Patton and his tanks." Generally speaking, Monty is not too well regarded by the American officers. They feel he is a showman. We were told many times that the British were war-weary and that the infusion of our new Army's fresh troops turned the trick.