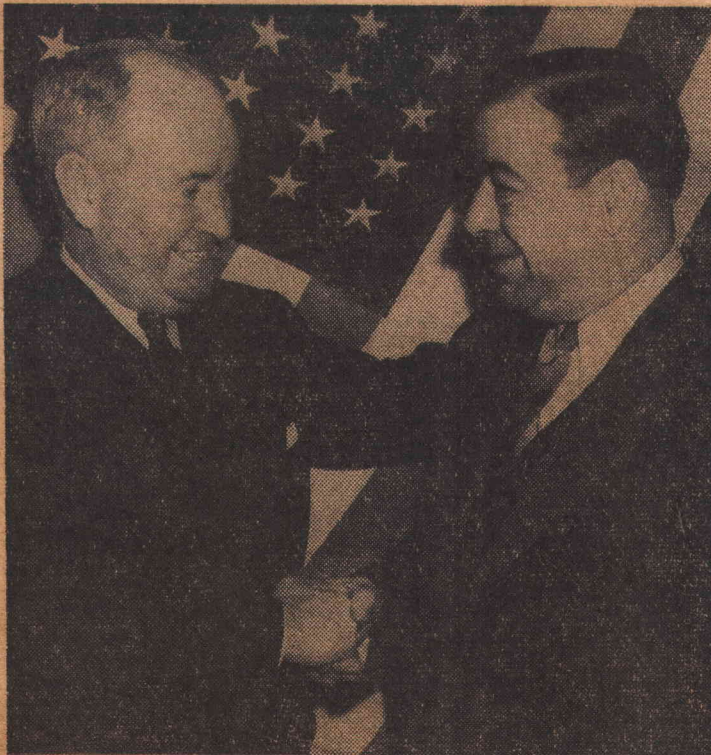


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**HAPPY DAY**—Spencer Young Sr., left, thanks Louis F. Buck after hearing details of how his son, Spencer Jr., was liberated from a German prison camp by Mr. Buck's son, Richard.

## Father of Freed GI Toasts Dad of Rescuer

Two old friends held a reunion today at American Legion County Headquarters on Pierrepont St. to talk about how the son of one of them liberated the other's son from a German prisoner of war camp on the banks of the Elbe River. The boys had been school-boy chums.

United States Marshal Spencer Young Sr. of 114-73 178th Place, St. Albans, heard a year ago that his son, Pfc. Spencer Jr., was a German prisoner.

Louis F. Buck, an insurance executive of 100-19 205th St., Hollis, learned this week that his son, Pfc. Richard Buck, liberated Spencer Jr. from an unnamed camp near Hanover, Germany.

The two old cronies, veterans of World War I, sat down and talked over the whole thing today.

Mr. Buck showed his son's letter to Mr. Young and they filled in between the lines. Richard wrote of his surprise and joy when

he discovered his friend in the captured camp.

"My Buddy had a rough time," his note said, "and is not able to write, but he is safe in our hands."

Mr. Young figured that was all right, the boys were too busy for much time for letters home.

"Richard is a military policeman," Mr. Young laughed, "and I've worked in the U. S. marshal's office long enough to know that a cop can be a fellow's best friend."

Many friends of the two men greeted them during their session at county Legion headquarters. Both have been prominent for years in American Legion circles, Mr. Young having been State vice commander and Mr. Buck ranking as past commander of Hollis-Bellaire Post. Mr. Young has his membership in Fraternity Post.

When the Legionnaires parted they had everything fixed. When their two sons, the rescued and rescuer, get back from Germany—that's going to be a REAL party.