



8,000 Planes Blast Reich

Both Parties Get Peace Plan Roles

Byrnes Tells Crimea Details

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (ANS).—American participation in European affairs is aimed at preventing Russian-British competition for spheres of influence, James F. Byrnes, War Mobilization chief, declared today in giving the first eyewitness details of the Crimea Plan.

By its participation, the U.S. also hopes to prevent outbreaks of violence in liberated countries, Byrnes said. He cited the Polish settlement as a specific application of the general policy drafted by the Big Three.

Without such an agreement, there would be factional bids in war-torn countries for support of either Russia or Britain, he said.

President Roosevelt wrote the statement on liberated countries, Byrnes revealed. The President showed "great skill, tact, patience and humor" at the conference, and by informal agreement acted as chairman at Yalta, Byrnes said.

Two Proposals

The President proposed at least two of the specific agreements:

1—The declaration on liberated areas by which the United States agrees to serve on commissions which may be needed in one or more countries to restore order and assure the people an eventual free choice of a government.

2—The formula for settling the Dumbarton Oaks dispute between the United States and Russia over whether a great power should vote on a charge of aggression against itself. (Byrnes did not explain what the formula is.)

Byrnes said he saw nothing at the conference to indicate an early end of the war. On the contrary, military leaders plan to involve "more men than ever before in this conflict," he said.

Can't Count On It

"They do not minimize the possibility of civilian collapse in Germany, but we cannot count on that," Byrnes continued.

Discussing the Polish section of the Crimea pronouncement, Byrnes pointed out that it represented a compromise.

Asked whether this means that the present provisional Lublin government is to be considered a government by the United States, Byrnes replied: "Of course it is a government. We may be opposed to it, but it's there."

FDR May Meet Aide in Italy; Visit to France Is Foreseen

By Edward Kennedy

Associated Press Correspondent
 Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, adviser to President Roosevelt, left Paris by special plane today for Italy, and it was reliably reported that he would confer with the Chief Executive there.

The President is expected to call on the Pope and also inspect war ruins in Italy. He may return to various spots he visited as a young man and which he desires to see again.

It is quite conceivable that the President will come to France, where arrangements have been made to receive him by both the French government and SHAEF.

FDR Sets Up Frisco Board

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (ANS).—President Roosevelt, studiously avoiding the Wilsonian error of leaving Congress out of international peace planning, today named two Democratic and two Republican congressmen and a former Republican governor to an eight-member U.S. delegation to the forthcoming United Nations conference at San Francisco.

The delegation will be headed by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius. Another delegate will be former Secretary Cordell Hull. Representing Congress will be Tom Connally, (D-Tex.) chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.); Sol Bloom, (D-N.Y.) chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Charles A. Eaton, (R-N.J.) a ranking Republican member of the House Committee.

From the outside Roosevelt chose Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Republican governor of Minnesota, and Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College. All espouse the international point of view.

Observers recalled that, after World War I, President Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations plan was defeated by a Senate bloc under leadership of the late Henry Cabot Lodge. They noted the bipartisan nature of President Roosevelt's current choice but nomination of Stassen caused some surprise.

Meantime, San Francisco busily prepared for its unexpected position as host to the United Nations world security conference April 25. Officials arranged to place all resources at the disposal of representatives of 45 United Nations.

Although San Francisco is crowded with war workers, Mayor Roger Lapham said hotels would be "commandeered" if necessary, and hotel and restaurant officials promised full co-operation. The Veterans Building in San Francisco's Civic Center is considered the most suitable meeting place.

Churchill, Eden Visit Athens on Way Home

ATHENS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Churchill, stopping over in Athens on his way home from the Crimea Conference, addressed a crowd of more than 20,000 persons in Constitution Square this afternoon.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Commander in Chief in the Mediterranean, and the Greek Cabinet stood with Churchill as he spoke from the balcony of the old palace.

It is entirely possible that if he comes to France, one of this war's greatest scandals may come out during his visit. This involves certain instructions which he gave regarding civilian relief for France—and not carried out by the military.

It is also possible that the President will present his views to a group of reporters flown especially from America and whom he is likely to see shortly in Italy.

All arrangements of Mr. Roosevelt's tour are subject to change. While there are no indications that the President is ill, there is no doubt that the Crimea conference has been a hard strain on him and some of his aides are worried about his physical condition.

Portrait of a 'Thawed-Off' Dough



What next? Out on the front three weeks ago it was snowing and the temperature was holding steady below freezing; then it got warmer, the snow turning to rain and the Western Front turning into the stuff on Pvt. James L. Poust's face—mud! Yet Poust, of Hughesville, Pa., smiles about it all. Maybe he's thinking about spring—only 34 days away.

East, West Front Key Points Hit

German industry and lines of communication to both the Eastern and Western battle fronts were rocked by one of the most concentrated aerial assaults of the war in the 24 hours ending at dusk yesterday, as more than 8,000 Allied planes swarmed over the Reich.

Eighth Air Force heavies, escorted by 900 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, followed up a night assault by 800 RAF bombers on Dresden, nerve center of the Nazi armies facing Marshal Koniev's advancing Russian troops, 70 miles away.

Crewmen reported smoke rose to 15,000 feet over the city.

The German news agency admitted the heart of the city was devastated. RAF heavies also went to Magdeburg, Bonn and Dortmund. Six planes were lost out of a total force of 1,400.

8th AF Hits Three Cities

The Eighth heavies, 1,350 strong, split into three main forces to attack Chemnitz, key transportation and industrial center southeast of Leipzig; Magdeburg and Dresden. The escorting fighters strafed road and rail targets and strongpoints over a wide area.

In the west, another formation of U.S. heavies struck in support of attacking Canadian troops, bombing a six-span road bridge over the Rhine at Wesel.

Almost 750 Ninth Air Force medium and light bombers, in their busiest day since Christmas, flew in support of ground troops, attacked three German towns, two Rhine bridges and an ammunition dump at Rheinbach, 10 miles southeast of Bonn. Large fires were started at the dump, crewmen reported.

Marauders which bombed the Crown Prince Wilhelm bridge spanning the Rhine at Engers, north of Coblenz, reported that part of the structure collapsed into the water. Another formation attacked the Ludendorf bridge, 12 miles south of Bonn, as part of the Allied plan to isolate enemy troops from their supply points, and industry east of the Rhine.

Earlier, Marauders and Havocs struck at enemy communications at Grevenbroich, southwest of Dusseldorf, and at Eschweiler and Merzenich, in the Duren area. Six Marauders were lost.

Taking advantage of the best weather for days, almost 1,300 Ninth fighter-bombers shot up rail and road communications, gun positions and strongpoints on the Western Front.

They claimed almost 600 rail cars

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Depots Speed Plan to Double Infantry Quota

Two ETO depots of the Ground Forces Reinforcement Command, already turning out several thousand trained riflemen each month, expect to double the figure within a short time, Com Z headquarters announced yesterday.

Stripping their program of all frills, the two depots—the 12th in England and the 16th in France—are preparing service troops for infantry action in six weeks.

The retraining program covers the three fundamental phases of combat service: The ability to handle all types of infantry arms, to take care of oneself in the lines, and to obey orders. Instructors are mainly veterans of combat in this theater.

G3 officials also announced details of the infantry OCS, which will open Feb. 2 at a depot in France. Officers and instructors from Fort Benning, Ga., are now preparing the depot to handle the first arrivals.

The 12-week course at the French depot is modeled after the WD's 17-week course in the States, although it is intended to prepare rifle platoon leaders only. The school will turn out more than 1,000 officers a month when in full operation and will handle more than 4,000 candidates at a time. Volunteers are now being chosen from combat, Com Z and Air Force units.

In addition to the straight OCS course, the new depot will offer an eight-week refresher course of infantry training to Com Z, Air Force and Ground Force service officers. Battle-commissioned officers from non-infantry branches will also be given this training, although they will return to their old outfits upon completion of the course.

The depot will also offer a three-week orientation course to infantry officers who have won battlefield commissions. Plans are completed to handle 300 of these officers each month. In some cases, these battle-commissioned infantry officers will be used as instructors during their attendance and in all cases they will be returned to their own units.

Third St. Nazaire Truce To Aid Civilians Begins

WITH 66TH INF. DIV., Feb. 14.—The third truce of the war to allow evacuation of French civilians from the German-held St. Nazaire pocket began today, it was announced at divisional headquarters.

An estimated 1,500 civilians will be brought out by train over a make-shift track from the Atlantic coast port. To date, 12,000 civilians have been evacuated since August.

Canadian First, Leaving Forest, Menaces Ruhr

Canadian First Army troops, swinging the tip of the 400-mile Western Front toward the Ruhr, broke out of the fortified Reichsforest, 15 miles southeast of Nijmegen, yesterday and drove defending German forces to the south banks of the Niers River.

More than 130 miles to the south, U.S. Third Army troops deepened their Sauer River bridgehead into Germany from Luxembourg to nearly three miles along a ten and one-half mile front. They pushed through Siegfried Line fortifications toward the Prum River, next water barrier confronting them to the east.

Between these two sectors, no changes were reported on the British, Second, U.S. Ninth, and U.S. First Army fronts.

Only the surging Roer River broke the reported lull in these sectors. The Roer was reported to have dropped four inches in some places yesterday, but it still flowed 11 to 12 feet deep in its channel, where normal depth is five to six feet, as water continued to gush out of the Schwammenauel and Urft Lakes.

North of Duren, where the country levels out at the edges of the Cologne Plain, the river formed great pools on either side of its banks. There were no reports that these were receding.

At the rate of flow through the blasted Schwammenauel gates, U.S. First Army engineers estimated it would take another week or more

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Nazis Admit Koniev Column Is Within 70 Miles of Berlin

Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army invaded Brandenburg yesterday and slashed into the right flank of Berlin's outer defenses, German reports said, while Marshal Stalin announced that Koniev's forces had captured seven more communications centers and defense bastions in Silesia.

One enemy account told of fighting north of Sommerfeld, a little more than 70 miles from Berlin. Another said that Koniev's forces had reached Sorau, just inside the Brandenburg border and 90 miles southeast of Berlin, on the Breslau-Berlin railway.

Sorau is eight miles northwest of Sagan, where fighting also was reported. Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Spottau, 10 miles east of Sagan on the eastern bank

of the Bober River and 25 miles west of Soviet-encircled Glogau.

Koniev's men also seized Neuzal, 75 miles northwest of Breslau. According to a Soviet report, that town is the northernmost point reached by Koniev thus far. In the same general area, the Russians took Neustaedt and Freystadt.

Moscow maintained its silence regarding the tip of the Berlin Bulge, where Zhukov's forces were gathering strength. But on Zhukov's northern wing, Red Army troops seized Schneidemuhl, a large junction on the rail line from Danzig to Berlin.

Schneidemuhl, in eastern Pomerania, is far behind the Soviet front lines and had been surrounded for weeks.

The Associated Press reported

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Our Educational System

I could blow a whole book out the B-Bag on your editorial "Wanted: Education for Life." I agree with the first part of the editorial 100% in which you say our record of education stinks, and in which you compare the billions spent in teaching murder as against the few thousands spent for teaching peace. You are right on the ball there.

But as a teacher of ten years' experience, the last seven of which were as a director of athletics and coach in a high school, I think I know just a little of what it is all about, and I resent some of the remarks you made in the last part of the editorial.

First you say, "Tomorrow's educators will inherit the world's biggest job." You are wrong there, soldier. If this whole mess is to be avoided again, that job is for today's educators, not tomorrow's. What are we going to do with the present generation of kids—just skip them? And where are your educators today, and why are they there? Could it be that they have been told that their job is not important. For more on this I refer you to the Reader's Digest, June, '44, article entitled, "Revolt in the Classroom."

I wonder if you realize that those guys and gals with the tortoise shell specs, as you call them, spend from 4 to 6 years training for the jobs, and in return for it are paid, on the average, less than \$1,500 per year. And that year after year on top of that they must add to this training, on time taken from their summer vacations—by the way, at their own expense—additional training.

And do you realize that these same tortoise-shells year after year have observed both boys and girls drop out of school anywhere from the fifth grade on up and start at unskilled or semi-skilled jobs with more pay than they themselves were getting after years of work and training in their profession? How can you say these people, any of them, were in the business for their bed, board and summer vacation? Their future is as secure as the average scrub-woman's and consequently only those who were in it for the good they could do have remained in the work.—T/5 Joe W. Hartley, Hosp. Center.

... Actually education is no more popular than the Army is in our country. It is a form of discipline which is forced on most people, and which few will put up with once they've passed the compulsory age limit. . . . Pfc David E. Retilly, Sig. Co.

... Since the soldier of today will have a great amount of influence on the folks back home, and on the citizens of tomorrow, your idea can't be publicized too much. . . . Cpl. K. D. Mibon, Repl. Depot.

I am in entire agreement that "to-morrow's educators will inherit the world's biggest job" and that we must "teach peace and love and life as efficiently as war and hate and death." But the cynical implication as to the method of achieving these objectives is appalling, because you are advocating exactly the same educational ideas that were advanced and, unfortunately, largely followed after the last war, "Less hieroglyphics and more humanity."

A pretty alliteration: Is the editor unaware that humanity may best be taught through the study of the history of humanity? Are we to return to the so-called practical subjects which have made our civilization even more material and contributed to the formidable lack of values which helped bring on the present catastrophe? A thorough knowledge of what other peoples were like, a study of their aspirations and mistakes, their literature and art, are essential in the education of the man who wants to know how to live and not merely to acquire, at whatever cost, the material advantages. It

is a pity that the editor marred an otherwise excellent editorial by subscribing to the popular, unthinking condemnation of the classics.—M/Sgt. Albert I. Suskin, Sign. Corps.

... It is not altogether a pleasant reflection that in the past few years we have been able to organize more efficiently to kill than we were ever organized . . . to live.—Lt. G. T. Alexis, AAA Bn.

Education in the U.S. has not failed, neither has it ever had "the full power of the people and the public purse behind it." The people of the U.S. spend more for chewing gum each year than is spent for all the public schools in the country. More money is spent for tobacco each year than is spent maintaining all of our country's 1,500 colleges and universities, and the money spent for cosmetics in any one year would support the combined private and public school and college system of the United States and Canada.—Cpl. Wallace Hoffman, Sign. Bn.

... In answer, may I say that the "little red school house" has produced the wealthiest and most powerful nation in the world. It has also produced the most peace-loving, yet the best fighting man in the world. Are you trying to infer that the world's troubles are of our making? Today's war can hardly be laid to the American system of education.—2/Lt. Edmund G. Olswyk, Inf.

You use the following words to advocate a change of classroom technique. . . . "New times demand new techniques. With less Latin and more life. Less syntax and more citizenship. Less hieroglyphics and more humanity."

Along with the study of Latin, syntax and hieroglyphics the students automatically absorb much of life, citizenship and humanity. I doubt very much if President Roosevelt ever took courses in "life," "citizenship" or "humanity." It isn't so much what a person studies as the vigor, thoroughness and clear thinking he displays.—T/5 Sam E. Grossman, Sig. Serv.

I don't like your "We think the record of education in the good old U.S. stinks." Don't blame the profession of education for what you call a bad record. Rather, blame an apathetic public.

The educators of the U.S. have been struggling for generations to raise the level of learning. A little investigation would reveal to you the drastic changes which have been realized in the past generation alone. If the public would follow, and support with "the public purse," the leadership of the teaching profession demanding adequate wages, and providing modern equipment, then we'd have the type of education the U.S. deserves.—1/Lt. Robert T. Hamilton, FA.

Up Front With Mauldin



"I calls her Florence Nightingale."

An Editorial

For Peace As for War

From the text of the Big Three Statement:—

OUR meeting here in the Crimea has reaffirmed our common determination to maintain and strengthen, in the peace to come, that unity of purpose and of action which has made victory possible and certain for United Nations in this war. We believe that this is a sacred obligation which our governments owe to our people and to the peoples of the world.

Only with continuing and growing co-operation and understanding among our three countries and among all peace-loving nations can



the highest aspiration of humanity be realized—secure and lasting peace which will, in the words of the Atlantic Charter, afford assurance that all men in all lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want.

It is considered that vic-

tory in this war and establishment of the proposed international organization will provide the greatest opportunity to create in years to come the essential conditions of such peace.

(Signed) Winston Churchill
Franklin Roosevelt
J. V. Stalin.

Surrender of Nazi Groups Hints Lower Morale in West

By Richard Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

While Nazi resistance stiffens along the whole Western Front, increasing instances of enemy troops surrendering in fairly large and sometimes organized groups were reported this week in the sectors of the Canadian First and U.S. Third Armies.

Morale of Germans in the west has been found slipping somewhat, but official sources report no evidence that it is beginning to crack.

Russian advances into Eastern Germany, where many German troops who face the Allies have relatives, is officially viewed as a factor tending to depress morale which is now being put to a test by the continuous attrition of Allied air and ground attacks.

Paratroops Surrender

In the Canadian sector between the Maas and Rhine Rivers, 180 German paratroopers gave up after they had started to counter-attack. Paratroops are usually considered the enemy's elite forces.

Documents captured later showed that the German battalion commander whose men made the sortie and then quit was roundly chewed by his superiors for the behavior of his men.

A British reconnaissance patrol which went into Hommersum Tuesday returned with 60 prisoners. British reconnaissance patrols generally number under a half-dozen men.

On the Third Army front in the Luxembourg bridgeheads, Amer-

icans took 32 prisoners in one swoop. The batch included 20 officers and 12 noncoms, usually in a category which fights it out.

Last of Whole Battalion

These prisoners were taken in a farm. They were the sole survivors of their battalion.

In another sector, 32 Germans bearing safe-conduct passes gave themselves up.

The Allied prisoner bag has reached 886,986 since D-Day. Running along the Western Front from north to south, prisoner figures by armies are:

Canadian First, 107,114; British Second, 104,334; FFI and other forces operating with the 21st Army Group, 19,992; U.S. Ninth, 62,000; U.S. First, 245,796; U.S. Third, 170,004; U.S. Seventh and First French, 177,746, with each army having taken about half the Sixth Army Group total.

Supreme Court To Review State Curbs on Unions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (ANS).—The Supreme Court has agreed to review the constitutionality of Alabama and Florida laws restricting operations of labor unions.

The laws, both upheld by State Supreme Courts, represent a growing tendency among the states, the United Press said, to enact legislation for the policing of unions and their activities.

The Florida law requires unions in that state to obtain licenses. The Alabama statute calls for periodic financial statements, bars supervisory employees from joining labor organizations and prohibits unions from collecting money from employees as a "work permit."

Last month the Supreme Court invalidated a Texas law which the UP said is generally regarded as milder in the treatment of unions than the Alabama and Florida statutes.

Canada May Get Invitation To Join Pan-American System

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP).—A strong movement is growing among Latin-American diplomats to ask Canada to join the Pan-American system. A formal invitation might be extended at the Inter-American Conference in Mexico City, which will open Feb. 21.

The Mexico City conference will discuss American plans for defense and participation in a world security organization. As a continental unit, Canada, with her manpower, production capacity and air and naval bases, would form an important part of such an arrangement.

Canada's position at present seems to depend upon two points:

One, unanimity of invitation; Canadian sources say they have no intention of becoming another subject for inter-American dispute, but that a virtually unanimous request could strike a responsive note.

Two, the Big Three decisions on the open points in the Dumbarton Oaks world security plan.

Canadian officials feel more directly concerned with world than with regional organization for peace, and might be hesitant about joining the American system if it tended to minimize their position in a general security agency.

PUP TENT POETS

Love Sob!

I used to say I did not know
The lyrics of the streams that flow.
Sad, but true!

I could never, never see
The beauty God put in a tree.
I was blue.

But somewhere in my search today
I found God's beauty and His way.
It was you!

—Cpl. Carl Fraggert.

Remember

Come with me to the field of battle
when day is done.
The littered meadow is just visible
in the last purple rays of sun.
What feverish mad action the con-
torted remains of men and ma-
chines betray!

Look at this youngster—he must
have been young to retain that
fervent look even in death—
His hands still clutch the twisted
remnants of a machine-gun.

Don't be squeamish—
That's only his brain splattered on
those stones.

Don't be alarmed—
That soggy red mess is just where
his thigh used to be.

He won't hurt you.

He's just a boy who wanted most to
go home—but his path led
through here.

He was a good soldier, as game
as they come, but a mortar shell
fell too near.

It might have been you or it might
have been I or ten thousand
others like us.

Thank him, then, for dying for
you.

Thank him and make a resolve:
That the world that we buy
with his death, our death, is
worth the exorbitant price.

—2/Lt. Martin Filler.

Utopia

There's nothing I would rather be,
Than a civilian—that's for me!

—T/4 Robert McIntyre.

Births

T/5 Chester Williams, Portsmouth, N.H.—Shirley Phyllis, Feb. 8; S/Sgt. Harold Farney, Dayton, O.—Timothy Harold, Jan. 18; Capt. Thomas C. Mason, New Haven, Conn.—boy, Feb. 7; Sgt. Anthony Cicardo, Brooklyn—William Anthony, Feb. 6; S/Sgt. Asael T. Sorenson, Ogden, Utah—girl, Feb. 1; Lt. Edward M. Levie, Trenton, N.J.—Richard D., Feb. 8; Cpl. Clyde G. Nelson—Claudette Marie (in N. Ireland), Jan. 26.

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This Was America Yesterday:

Radio Station in West Puts Ban On Personal Opinions of News

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—One of the biggest radio stations in the Far West, KFI, is going to discontinue commentators who express personal opinions and interpretations.

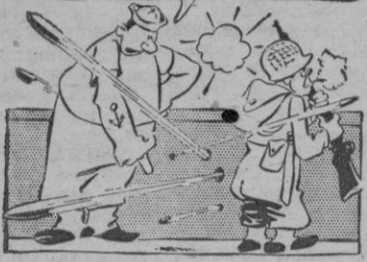
Earl C. Anthony, of the 50,000-watt NBC affiliate, announced: "Effective March 1, KFI will inaugurate a new policy in the broadcast of sponsored news programs. Direct wire reports, commonly known as 'spot news,' will be supplemented by programs featuring analyses of news. Commentators expressing personal opinions and interpretations will be discontinued. All newscasters and news analysts must be employees of KFI."

A spokesman said the KFI news analyst will be someone with plenty of background—either as a foreign correspondent or experienced military man.

Today was Mardi Gras in New Orleans, but the traditional masked merry-makers were nowhere to be seen. The city combined the celebration of its big day with an intensive War Bond drive.

SOMEWHERE off the U.S. west coast . . . Tense troops in a Coast Guard attack boat were lighting one cigarette after another as they watched proceedings during a night training assault.

AIN'T YOU GOT NO MANNERS ???— DROPPIN' CIGARETTE ASHES ON THE DECK!



"Hey, you guys," yelled a sailor, "watch where you're putting those butts!"

"Take it easy," barked a soldier passenger. "You worried about a little thing like that?"

"Well—who do you think will have to clean this boat after you get out?" the coastguardsman snapped.

And if you've been wondering about your discharge, here's a guy at Camp Maxey, Tex., who figured out a new way.

Doctors at Camp Maxey gave Pvt. Albert L. Van der Scheuren a medical discharge after extensive tests revealed he is allergic to khaki. He develops a rash whenever he puts it on.

In St. Paul They Are Rolling Out the Barrel Again

THE big trouble is at an end in St. Paul, Minn. Beermaking operations and deliveries were resumed today by three breweries there, closed since Dec. 13 by a union jurisdictional dispute. They were Hamm's, Yoergs and Schmidts. A court has issued an injunction restraining the drivers' union from interfering with business of the breweries.

San Francisco is feeling pleased about being chosen for the United Nations security meeting on the 25th of April, and is preparing to open up those golden gates in a big way. Head of the convention bureau is Walter Gaines Swanson. He has called a meeting of civic leaders, city officials and Army and Navy commanders to make arrangements, and they'll quickly solve accommodation problems.

L. T. COL. FRANCIS GRABESKI, of Oil City, Pa., is in a German prison camp but last night his father, Stanley Grabyszewsky, received on his behalf the DFC with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, air medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and Silver Star from Brig. Gen. John M. Clark.

Even if people in the ETO may forget that Grabeski shot down 28 German planes in combat, Oil City doesn't. The general's statement that "he has written history in a blaze of glory across Europe's skies" was loudly applauded.

Mrs. Roosevelt's column today predicted that the American Legion and other veterans' organizations of World War I will lose out in gaining veterans of this war.

"Many of the new veterans will join existing organizations," she said, "and then discover they are associating with older men, talking and thinking of the last war. I think they will quickly find something that they can call their own."

At Least the Excuse Was Different

IN Tampa, Fla., a prisoner accused of theft told a justice of the peace that he took articles from the room of an acquaintance "because I didn't want anyone else to take them and accuse me of doing it." They haven't decided what to do with him.

Bringing you up to date. Two girls who assisted Nazi prisoners to escape from a camp at Owosso, Mich., were sent to prison. Kittie Marie Case was sentenced to a year and three months, and Shirley Jean Druve to a year and one day.

Meanest trick of the week: Kenmore, N.Y., high school boys line up in front of drug stores. Crowds of unsuspecting and cigarette-hungry citizens rush to join the line. When the line is long enough, the boys move away—because there just aren't any butts.



TODAY'S pathetic story: Last night, 67-year-old George Potvin, of Holyoke, Mass., carried his ailing wife downstairs from a neat bedroom to the kitchen. Carefully he placed her into one of two comfortable chairs. Mrs. Potvin put a little bag of jewelry and two small valuables on the kitchen table. They said goodbye. Then Potvin turned on four jets of the gas stove and together they left the world in which Emily Potvin had but a few painful months to live.

MORE cigarette news: In Boise, Idaho, power failed and blacked out a session of the House of Representatives. So everybody lit up a smoke. Then the lights went on. The clerk reminded Rep. Willis Moffat that smoking was prohibited during sessions, so the whole house ordered a recess during which to finish their valuable smokes.

In Detroit, Miss Eleanor L. Hutzel, head of the Women's Division of the Police Department, was lecturing women cops on juvenile delinquency at a Woodward Ave. church—under difficulties. Boys were throwing stones through the windows of the church during her speech. After the third attack Miss Hutzel said, "I think I could be of more value outside in the alley than talking to you." The Women's Division took the hint and three delinquents were rounded up for questioning.

AFL Delays Decision On Lewis' Readmission

MIAMI, Feb. 14 (ANS).—The AFL executive council last night postponed its final decision on readmission of John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president.

William Green, AFL president, said he hoped for a settlement of the question before the council leaves here Thursday night or Friday.

N.Y. Butt Dealers Ban Under-Counter Sales

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (ANS).—The cigarette-under-the-counter stuff, smacking of speakeasy days, is ended, Daniel Woolley, regional OPA administrator, announced today after an informal conference with jobbers and wholesalers.

Starting next week, stores will put cigarettes—if any—in full view on counters.

Byrnes Calls for Work Bill

Army Relieves Head of PW Camp in States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (ANS).—Col. William A. Holden, commanding officer of the German PW camp at Papago Park, Ariz., scene of a recent escape, has been removed, the Army announced today. He was succeeded by Lt. Col. Verne Austin, who earned a reputation as a trouble-shooter at the Tule Lake, Calif., internment camp for Japanese-Americans.

The Army gave no reason for Holden's removal. Two days ago, in response to complaints from Arizona citizens that Nazi prisoners were freely roaming the streets and exhibiting the swastika, the Senate Military Affairs Committee promised an investigation.

Investigation Asked

Twenty-five prisoners escaped recently but were recaptured. Sen. Ernest W. McFarland (D-Ariz.), demanded an investigation after receiving a report that a truck carrying German prisoners from the camp was seen in nearby Chandler flying the Nazi flag.

McFarland read several letters of protest from residents in the vicinity of the camp, who charged that the prisoners seemed to be able to roam through town at will. He also charged that constables were prevented from searching the prisoners.

Maj. Gen. Archer L. Lerch, provost marshal general, said the swastika incident was regarded as a prank. The German prisoner who made and displayed the swastika violated regulations, and is now being disciplined, Lerch said.

Airline Plans To Use AF Vets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (ANS).—United Airlines last night announced a plan to employ air force veterans as commercial pilots and crewmen in expanded wartime and postwar operations.

Veterans who formerly worked for United will be returned to the payroll at former salaries and will be given training in new traffic control methods, airway aids and other improvements made in their absence.

United said it would likewise train experienced military pilots who have never flown on commercial airways. The airline expects soon to add 19 converted military transports to its present fleet of 51 planes.

Jet Take-Off Device Recovers Seaplane

SAN DIEGO, Cal. Feb. 14 (ANS).—A new jet-propulsion take-off device was used to recover an 18-ton Martin Mariner seaplane after it had made an emergency landing in a shallow stretch of the Colorado River near Yuma, Ariz.

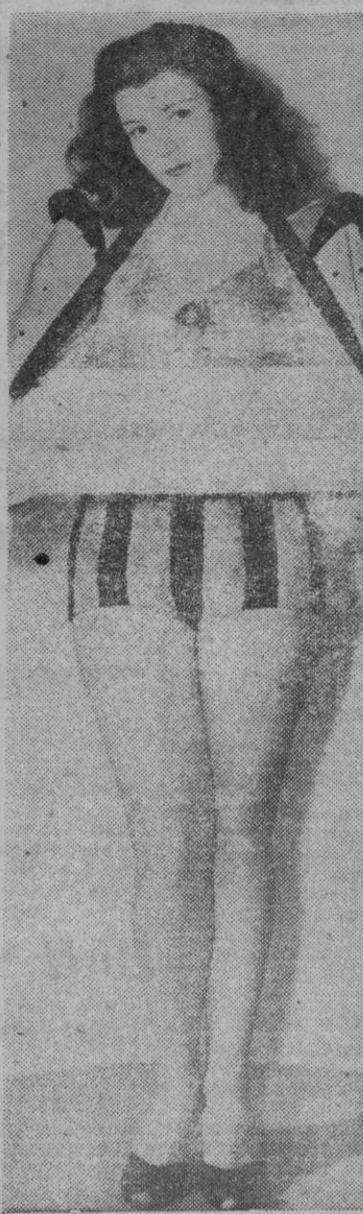
The seaplane plowed into a sand bar a foot below the surface of the water, and the job of freeing it took a week. Then the jets were installed. On the take-off, the plane was airborne in ample time to avoid a bend in the river and a bluff.

Former PW Tells of Life in a Jap Prison



Cpl. Willard E. Hall is surrounded by anxious relatives of men still held in Japanese prison camps, all seeking information about their loved ones. He and other repatriated PWs told of life in the Philippines during the Jap occupation. They appeared before 9,000 persons in New York's 17th Regt. Armory.

Nan's Sans Butts



Nan Leslie, practicing for her role as a cigarette girl in the new film, "George White's Scandals," dolefully totes an empty cigarette tray around the Hollywood studio. She'll smile when the prop man fills her tray.

Death Sentence Given 2 Spies

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—William C. Colepaugh and Eric Gimpel, alleged Nazi spies who landed on the coast of Maine from a German submarine two months ago, were found guilty today by a U.S. court martial.

They were sentenced to death by hanging.

Before the trial ended today the prosecution forced William Curtis Colepaugh to admit he had ample time to get away from Eric Gimpel and surrender, but failed to do so.

The Connecticut youth said he delayed contacting the FBI after landing in the U.S. because he was having a good time with expense money supplied by the enemy to him and his German companion, Eric Gimpel.

Claims March Is Going to Be Crucial Month

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (ANS).—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes last night reiterated support of the work or jail manpower bill asserting that "more men will be in combat in March than ever before. They ought to have and use their ammunition at hand without fear there will not be enough in reserve."

The Senate Military Committee is now holding hearings on the measure, which passed the House with administration backing. Clinton Golden, of the CIO; Lewis Hines, of AFL, and Ernest L. Bell, counsel for the Citizens National Committee for National War Service, were asked to testify today. Yesterday one farm organization spokesman gave it qualified approval, while two others denounced it.

Appearing before the House Military Committee, to urge the prompt enactment of the nurse draft. Under-secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said, "The end of fighting in Europe is not yet in sight. More than 400,000 soldiers already have been wounded and the need for nurses is acute."

Ask for Safeguards

The director of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Washington office endorsed the labor draft principle, asking, however, for safeguards to keep essential agricultural workers on the farm. James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, and Fred Breckman, representative of the National Grange, criticized the bill which now is in its third week before the Senate committee.

Chairman Jones Thomas (D-Utah) saw no chance of a vote on the bill this week. Meanwhile, Sen. Harley Kilgore, (D-W.Va.) said he is perfecting a substitute which he plans to introduce when and if the work or jail measure reaches the Senate floor. He described his proposal as, "a streamlined version of the Voorhis bill, with teeth." The Voorhis bill, rejected by the House, would place statutory authority behind the War Manpower Commission's voluntary recruitment system. Several members of the committee are known to favor some such plan.

1,000th Superfortress Turned Over to Army

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 14 (ANS).—Superfortress No 1,000, manufactured at the Boeing Airplane Co. plant here, was delivered to the Army today.

It was plastered with about \$10,000 in coins and currency, contributed by Boeing employees to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Gobblers Gobble

PETERSBURG, Ill., Feb. 14 (ANS).—Now turkeys as well as hungry dogs are eating soy-plastic Illinois automobile license plates. A Mehard County farmer reported he caught one of his gobblers gobbling a chunk from his 1945 tag.

She Denies Fraud on 6 GI Spouses

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 14 (ANS).—Red-haired Vilma Suberly, 23 years old, who allegedly married at least eight men and used 23 aliases as easily as she dyed her hair, maintained today that "It's all a lie," as she prepared to face Federal charges of defrauding servicemen.

Threatening to "scratch the eyes out of any photographers" who approached her cell in Lane County Jail, she bitterly denied FBI charges that she obtained more than \$4,600 in service allotments from six Navy husbands. "Lies, lies, lies," she screamed.

The FBI Monday night announced Mrs. Suberly's arrest after a year-long chase through several western states. She was to appear in Portland Federal Court prior to her removal to California, where an indictment charging her with using the mails to defraud was returned last month.



Our Contemporaries Report—

THE 360th Eng. G. S. Castle—John "The Bull" Stoterau, who hails from Minnesota, claims he has a couple of legitimate "bitches." (1) He's been overseas 32 months and (2) his father-in-law was a member of the draft-board which sent him a certain paper which began: "Greeting..." The First Inf. Div. *American Traveler*—A German-speaking American accidentally bumped into a couple of enemy soldiers. He remembered his old automobile-driving days when he who yelled the loudest proved he was not at fault. "Don't bother me," he cautioned the Hehies. "I am getting ready to reconnoiter the American positions for the Fatherland." Second Inf. Div. *Spearhead*—Capt. Joseph L. Vincent, an assistant supply officer, issued some 8,000 wool-knit caps during the recent cold spell. The other day his Christmas mail started to arrive and one package contained—you guessed it.

America Has Everything—Now

A GERMAN non-com, prisoner of the 103rd Inf. Div., complained to 410th Regt. doughfeet: "I don't understand why America declared war on Germany. They've got everything. Now they've got me."
"Now we HAVE everything," a doughfoot replied.

Sturgis Nets a Big One

IT WAS dark when S/Sgt. Ellis P. Sturgis, of Kokomo, Ind., finished what he considered was a darn good job of camouflageing his supply jeep. Then he crawled into his sleeping bag for a night's rest.
Sturgis rose at dawn to move up with Co. A, 317th Inf. of the 80th Inf. Div. and discovered a sleeping German stretched on his camouflage net. Rolling off the net, the Nazi whipped out a pistol but the sergeant was quicker on the trigger and plugged the German before he had a chance to fire.
Said Sturgis: "I heard the guy snoring, but I thought it was one of the men in our company."

'Mad Russian' Lays It on the Line

Up and down Co. E line of the 311th Regt., 78th Inf. Div., they're singing the praises of Pfc George "Mad Russian Pavlich"—cuisine artiste de luxe.
Every night the company was in the line, Pavlich, a baker, supplied his boys with fresh pastries, ranging from apple pies to chocolate cakes. Pavlich, of Plattsburg, N.Y., claims he is working on his "Surrender Special" cake, an aromatic concoction which, with the help of a strong wind, he claims will make the Germans pour in to surrender.

The Better 'Ole

THE legendary "better ole" of the last war cropped up again, this time on the Alsace front, and the man who couldn't decide was Cpl. Jack Pisciotto, of Newark, N. J., and the 45th Inf. Div.
During a crushing German artillery barrage Pisciotto was faced with a tough choice—to stay in his own hole or to move to a better one, about 15 yards away.
"I was a little superstitious about moving," he recalls. "I argued with myself about half an hour, with the shells exploding all around me, and finally decided to move. I just poked my head up when a German 88 shell came in and scored a direct hit on that other hole."
"That taught me a lesson. From now on, I dig a hole and stay in it. Some shell or high water!"

That's No Grenade, That's My Turnip

A German medic was assisting S/Sgt. John B. Kendrew, of New Brighton, Pa., and Cpl. Jack B. Rogers, of Ada, Okla., in evacuating wounded men of the 99th Inf. Div. Kendrew turned to see the Jerry peeling a strip from a round object he held in his hand. The soldier jumped on the medic, thinking he was going to throw a grenade. Kendrew was slightly embarrassed to find the "grenade" was a turnip.

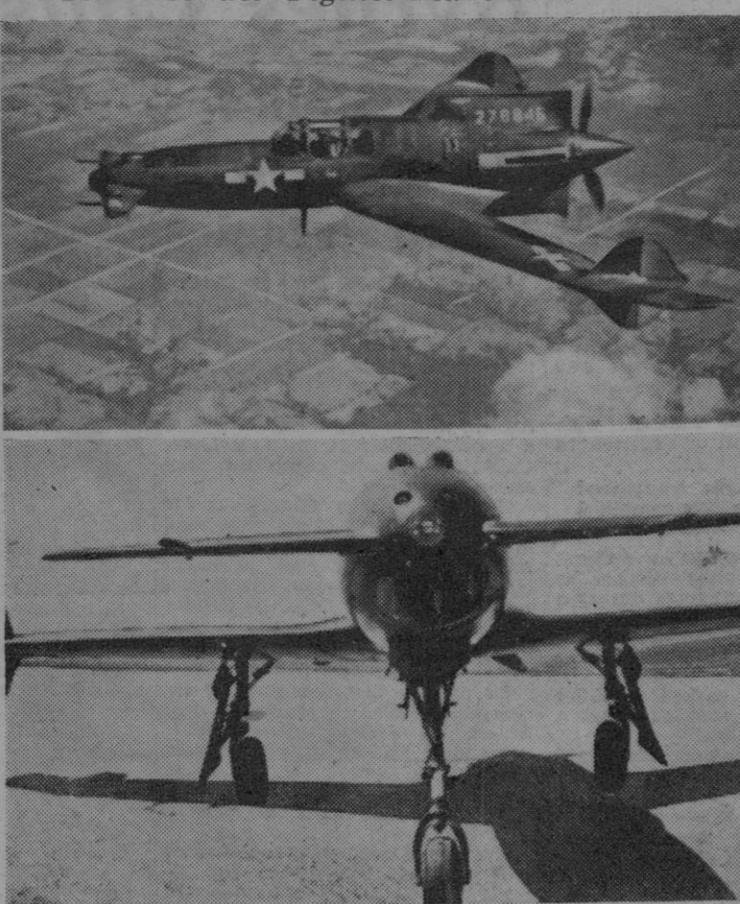
Killing Nazis on Cash Basis

Lt. John W. Spooner, of Winter Park Gardens, N.C., an 82nd AB Div. artilleryman, sniped successfully with his howitzer at a Jerry clinging to a telephone pole but his battalion commander berated him for killing Germans at 75 dollars a head. Later, Lt. Spooner requested transfer to the 504th Parachute Inf., of the same division, so he could kill Jerries at a nickel a head.
During a battle in which the 82nd helped to halt a Panzer column, Spooner fired a clip from his Tommy gun at a squad of Jerries disappearing over a hill. He missed and his old artillery commander, who happened along, asked him: "Spooner, how do you like the infantry?"
"Fine, sir," drawled the ex-artillery sharpshooter, "except that I'm already a dollar and a half in the hole."

Wishing Made It So in This Case

BACK in May, 1943, George C. Moore walked into a bivouac area while covering the 93rd Inf. Div. maneuvers for the Associated Negro Press.
His civilian clothes and unilitary swagger attracted the unfavorable attention of T/4 Roy E. Page, of New Orleans, who muttered to himself:
"I'd like to have that 4F dandy on MY latrine detail."
Last week his wish was granted. When Pfc George Moore, of the 626th Ord (Am) Co., did latrine duty under Page's direction the latter informed him of his thoughts at their first meeting.
Moore, a guy with a sense of humor, tells the story on himself.

'The Ascender' Fighter Plane Takes a Bow



Here are two views of the new Curtiss "Ascender" (XP-55) fighter plane, which is the first plane of its unusual design to be tested by U.S. air forces for combat. When the plane is in flight it appears to be flying backward. It is fast and highly-maneuverable.

Bull Session On Wife Visits Shows GI Reactions Mixed

A NINTH AF Bomber Base, Feb. 14.—GIs of the 386th Bombardment Group are arguing about the suggestion that wives, and even families, be allowed to visit overseas servicemen.
Rep. James Fulton (R-Pa.) recently suggested in Washington that the morale of soldiers who have been overseas for long periods without rotation might be raised by allowing their kinfolk to pay them visits over here.
Here's what some of the men of the B26 Marauder Group had to say.
"While hostilities continue, I don't want my wife, Hazel, to take the risk of a trip like that," opined T/Sgt. Harold DeRue, of Luverne, Minn.
Thinks It's Silly
"Darned silly idea," exclaimed Sgt. Raymond Molder, of Sweetwater, Tex. "With the war still going on, wives and families have no business here. The biggest morale-builders we can use over here now are those things that will help us get the war over so that we can get back to our families as soon as possible."
Some of the men differed, however.
"Good idea," said Sgt. George L. Cullen, of Dandres, Mass., "especially if we stay over here after hostilities cease. Two years is a long time to be separated from my wife."
She'd Like Opportunity
"My wife would jump at the opportunity," declared Cpl. Sterling B. Rock, of South Hero, Vt.
Sgt. Alfred G. Tetreault, of New Bedford, Mass., a bachelor, answered the question and then added a suggestion of his own.
"The idea stinks," he said. "It favors married men. How about sending unmarried girls over so that we single GIs would get a break?"

High Hopes of GIs Exploded by Shell

WITH 14TH ARMD. DIV.—Exasperating is the only word to describe the recent experience of Pfc Bernie Tronner, of Indianapolis, and Pfc Joseph Thibedeau, of Somerville, Mass., with a Nazi Mark VI.
The two bazooka men spent a full night shadowing the tank but did not succeed in getting into position for a good shot until early morning.
Finally, at dawn, they got what they were after—a close-up shot. But all their effort was fruitless. The shell was a dud.

Vast Air Expansion

From July 1, 1940, to Sept. 30, 1944, WPB reports that U.S. aircraft factories turned out 74,953 bombers, 70,627 fighters, 17,992 transports, 2,345 naval reconnaissance, 54,642 trainers, 10,785 communications and 1,459 special purpose aircraft.

His Outgunned Crew Seized, Glib Yank Sells Nazi Captors On Granting 'Getaway Time'

By Pat Mitchell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH 90th INF. DIV., Germany, Feb. 14.—Outnumbered ten to one and taken prisoner, 1/Lt. Oscar Drake, of Long Island City, N.Y., fast-talked his captors into permitting him five minutes "getaway time."
During the 90th Div. assault against the Siegfried Line, Drake and five other soldiers—all armed with pistols—wandered up a gentle slope and met face to face a dozen Germans silhouetted against the skyline. Drake, realizing his group was outnumbered and outgunned, yelled in German, "Cease firing."
Enemy Opens Fire
Instead, the Jerries opened up with burp guns. 1/Lt. Allen Sullivan, of Elizabeth, N.Y., and Capt. Oral Nelson, of Battle Creek, Mich., answered the fire, killing two of the 12 Germans. Again Drake called upon the Jerries to quit firing, adding choice curses in the best Wehrmacht tradition.
"I am coming up there and don't try any monkey business," shouted Drake.
When he and his five spellbound comrades reached the hill summit, they saw 50 more Jerries on the opposite slope. A German sergeant took Drake to his commander, introducing the Yank as a PW.
He Tries a Bluff
But before the German captain could reply, Drake launched his bluff. "Like hell I am your prisoner," Drake declared. "I came all the way up here to obtain your surrender. We outnumber you three to one."
The German captain hesitated, but finally said, "I can't surrender."
"If that's the way you feel about it, I assume you'll give me five minute grace to return to my troops," said Drake.
The German commander, apparently confused by Drake's fast talking, agreed to five minutes of grace but said lamely "only five minutes."
Sped Back to Lines
Drake and his five comrades made a record one-minute trip back to the 90th Div. lines. Several hours later, while sitting inside the CP, Drake watched a group of German prisoners brought in. One was with U.S. reinforcements, a Douglas transport filled with wounded, and a Liberator running low on gas were circling the air strip, which was obscured by a heavy fog.
Capt. Paul G. Johnson's engineer company exhausted two boxes of colored flares in a futile effort to mark the runway. Then someone remembered the captured incendiaries, which were quickly placed at three-foot intervals.
Every plane landed safely.

Medics Praise Program for Convalescents

Convalescent hospitals are proving successful in rehabilitating soldiers for front-line duty, the Surgeon General's office reports.
After treatment at general hospitals for wounds or illness, soldier patients are transferred to convalescent hospitals for a maximum of 30 days.
At a typical hospital in the Paris area, commanded by Col. William B. Watson, of Redlands, Calif., 50 soldiers daily are being returned to duty through a comprehensive program of relaxation and physical reconditioning. More than 1,500 men leave the hospital each month.
The hospital program includes physical therapy, exercises, hikes and lectures. Recreation includes movies and dances, to which the patients may invite their own dates.
A return to the Army discipline of garrison life is regarded by medical officers as beneficial. This is carried out by assigning patients to companies and having them stand retreat formation.

Nazi Incendiaries Put to Good Use By GI Engineers

HQ. U.S. AIR SERVICE COMMAND.—Incendiary bombs abandoned by the Jerries were used last week by an airborne engineer outfit to light a fog-bound airfield.
Thirty British planes loaded with U.S. reinforcements, a Douglas transport filled with wounded, and a Liberator running low on gas were circling the air strip, which was obscured by a heavy fog.
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Acorn Div. Lieutenant Really Hit the Jackpot

WITH 87th INF. DIV., Feb. 14.—1/Lt. William McAllister, of Co. K, 347th Regt., is convinced that he made his biggest "score" of the war on Feb. 5 when he was awarded the Silver Star, Oak Leaf Cluster, promoted from 2/Lt. and granted a 30-day furlough to his home in Jamaica, N.Y.
The Acorn Div. platoon leader's windfall was richly deserved. To win the Silver Star, he killed or captured all the enemy opposing him in a single engagement. The Oak Leaf Cluster followed for leadership on a combat patrol that captured an enemy OP, radio and seven prisoners. He returned to friendly lines without losing a man and brought back information.

Bandleader's Friends Believe: Miller Felt Lurking Death

By Herb Caen
Stars and Stripes Special Writer
Maj. Glenn Miller knew he had a date with death in the ETO. Intimates of the famed bandleader, who is listed as "missing" after taking off from Britain on a flight into mystery two months ago, disclosed here yesterday that Miller had a strong premonition of his fate.
Letters he wrote home shortly before his disappearance reiterated this central theme, these friends say: "I know I'm not coming back, but please don't worry. I couldn't have lived with myself if I hadn't come over here to do what little I can for these great guys."
A few days before his last flight, Miller received word from home that his wife had just adopted a baby girl. According to his associates, the bandleader went white at the news. Beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead, and he said simply, as he turned away: "And I'll never see her."
An ironic little scene was enacted at an airport near London, as Miller climbed into the small plane which was scheduled to carry him to Paris. Glancing around the inside of the ship, the leader of the American Band of the AEF noted: "Say, there aren't any parachutes in here."
"What's the matter, Miller?" asked a colonel. "You wanna live forever?"



Phyllis Baguley, Yeoman 2/C of Lansing, Mich., leads first contingent of SEARS ashore for duty outside Continental U.S.A. These girls landed on Hawaii and will be stationed there for the time being.

War Parts, Reunites Yank and Parents

WITH 1058th ENG. PORT CONST. Co.—A two-year interlude of uncertainty has ended with the reunion of Sgt. Max Loeb, of New York, and his aged parents.
Loeb, released from a German concentration camp at Dachau in 1938, lost track of his parents some time after they had been expatriated from Germany to an internment camp in Southern France. Meanwhile, he had moved to New York and joined the Army.
Months later, Loeb found himself in France again. Repeated questioning of every possible source elicited the news that his parents were still alive and living in central France. Letters followed and the reunion came shortly afterward.

Near Misses Levied Heavy Share of Toll

NINTH AF HQ., Feb. 14.—If you sit around with the fighter-bomber pilots and shoot the breeze informally with them they'll tell you of the times when they didn't hit their targets and sometimes the misses achieved as good results as the hits.
Pilots of the 19th TAC will tell you of the time before the invasion when P47 Thunderbolt pilot dropped a bomb on a powerhouse in northern France. The explosive crashed in the front door, slid through the house, and out through the back into the yard. Its final resting place was the powerhouse's transmission apparatus. When the delayed action fuse set the bomb off, the complicated structure was destroyed. And the pilot finished off the powerhouse with his second bomb.
Lands in Rail Yard
More recently, 2/Lt. Donald R. Clark, a P47 pilot from Kodiak, Alaska, reported a near miss on a railway bridge near Trier. Pilots who followed him said his 100-pound bomb hit the bridge, bounced and landed in an adjacent railway yard, destroying several freight cars and at least one locomotive.
One fighter-bomber squadron was attacking another rail bridge in Germany when a bomb went off the mark and struck a train on a nearby siding. The explosives set off inside the boxcars rocked planes thousands of feet above and levelled trees for hundreds of feet around.
1/Lt. Walter A. McKinney, of Santa Ana, Calif., a pilot of the Pioneer fighter-bomber group, dive-bombed a factory, only to have his bomb hang for a moment and then fall off and destroy a large gasoline truck moving on a highway. He watched the bright red flash, felt the impact of the explosion and muttered:
"If I'd aimed at the truck, I'd probably have hit the factory."

Victory Containers

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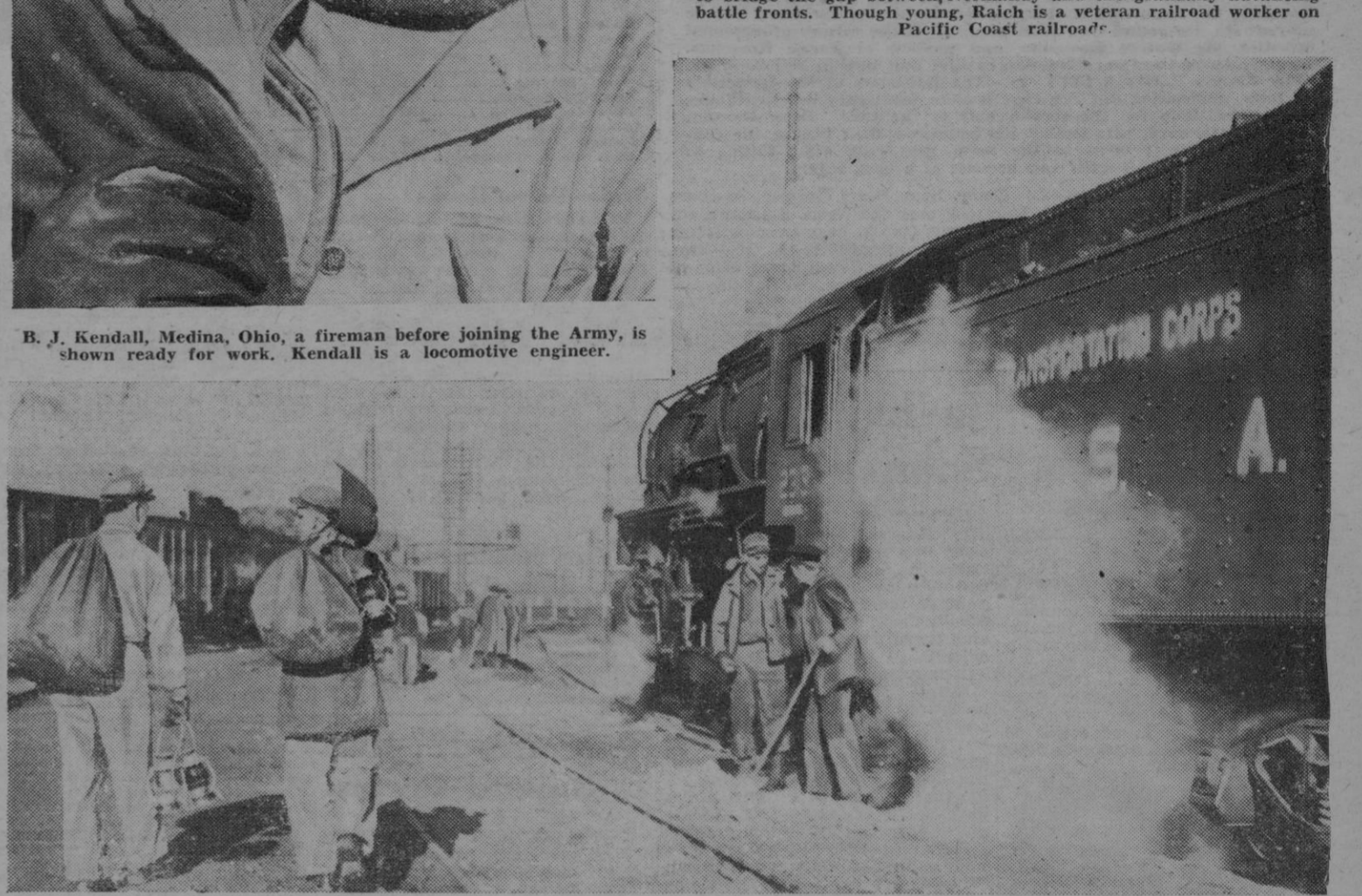
13 Yanks, Lost Amidst Foe, Turn Up With 73 Prisoners

WITH 90th INF. DIV., Beyond Siegfried Line, Feb. 14.—The 13-man night combat patrol became lost, but brought back 73 thoroughly dazed prisoners of war.
Some time after they had left behind the last thin strand of telephone wire leading back from the advanced OP, rifleman led by T/Sgt. Joe Emmons, of Denver, Colo., stumbled from their planned path and landed in the midst of an area fortified by two pillboxes and a reinforced concrete house.
Emmons split his patrol with S/Sgt. Irving Lourie, of Portland, Me., and took the house with hand grenades. Twenty-two Jerries, who thought they were far enough behind their lines when they went to sleep, surrendered.
Meanwhile, Lourie, across the street in a village he couldn't identify "because we were lost," was keeping the pillbox fire to a minimum with direct fire on all apertures.
But the fight, according to Emmons, "had stirred up the Jerries and two tanks came up and let go at us in the house."
"I called over to Lourie for ba-

Yanks and French Work Together in Railroad Yards



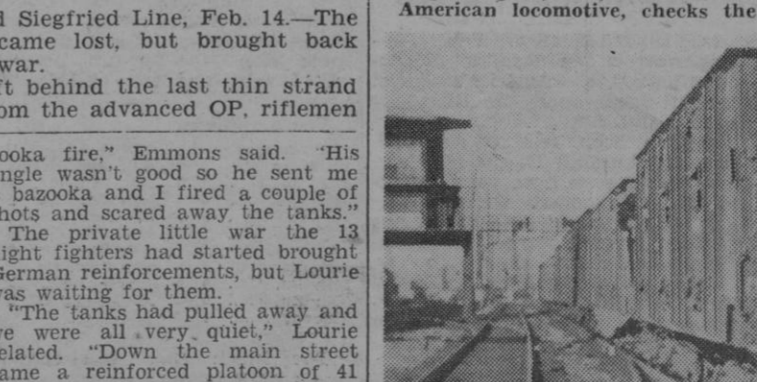
Floyd M. Raich, of Klamath Falls, Ore., a locomotive engineer, looks out from the cab of an American freight engine in French railroad yards. He is one of the skilled railwaymen helping to bridge the gap between Normandy and the gradually advancing battle fronts. Though young, Raich is a veteran railroad worker on Pacific Coast railroads.



This might be any peacetime railroad yard in the States—but it is one of the most important in wartime Europe. A bit of everyday activity is pictured at this French railroad center while a Transportation Corps soldier chats with a French worker beside a new U.S. locomotive, while two GI railwaymen walk to work, carrying their equipment.

GIs Risk All To Save Gun

WITH 26th INFANTRY DIV.—When enemy shellfire knocked out a supporting tank and closed in on their position, men of an anti-tank platoon of the 104th Inf. Regt. withdrew reluctantly and with anger in their hearts.
Leaving their anti-tank gun behind was hard. A feeling of approaching comradeship had grown up between the men and their gun. But they had hardly gained their foxholes when an 88 scored a direct hit.
But damaged or not, the anti-tank men decided that their faithful piece would never fall into enemy hands. Into a huddle went Pfc Henry Jackson, Bradford, Pa.; T/5 Robert Van Norman, Alvin, Texas; Pfc Al Duquette, Fall River, Mass.; Pfc Paul Markos, Bridgeport, Conn.; S/Sgt. Douglas Beck, Springfield, Mass.; Pfc George Ade, Lafayette, Ind.; Cpl. John Danelos, Chicago, and Pfc George Hubert, Pittsburgh.
That night, the eight men crept into the still-flaming area where their gun lay. Ignoring heavy enemy fire, they dragged it to safety to find it battered but still serviceable.
Unit Plaque Awarded 19th TAC Signalmen



A freight train composed of American and French cars, manned by U.S. Transportation Corps soldiers and French railwaymen, moves out of a huge railway terminal.

Unit Plaque Awarded 19th TAC Signalmen

A meritorious service unit plaque has been awarded a Signal Battalion of the 19th Tactical Air Command for "maintaining excellent communications" within the command during the rapid advance across France.

Behind the Sports Headlines

FORT BENNING, Ga.—The Big Three of the Ivy League are represented by one man at the parachute school at Benning. He's 1/Sgt. Harvard Yale Princeton . . . MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Harry Mehre, for seven years head football coach at Mississippi, announced the signing of a new three-year contract. Mehre, former Notre Dame star, coached the line at Georgia for ten years before coming to Old Miss. Line Coach Farmer Johnson, End Coach "Goat" Hale and Back-field Coach Ed Stone, all were retained for a year.

GRENORA, S.D.—Jay Gunlickson, of Zahl, was an outstanding star of the Missouri Valley high school basketball tournament at Georgia scoring 101 points in three games. Grenora won the tournament with Zahl finishing last. Gunlickson's total was all but 29 points scored by his entire team . . . EVANSTON, Ill.—Northwestern's Athletic Council put out an announcement that the sportswriters and fans engaged in "firing" Lynn Waldorf from the Wildcats' head coaching job, might like to know his contract still has two more years to run and the school is satisfied with his efforts.

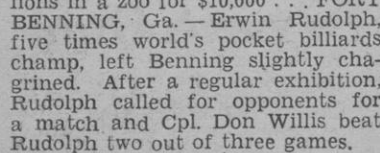
MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Milwaukee's North Shore Country Club members this year will get golf instruction from a woman—23-year-old Hope Seignious. Val Beyers, chairman of the club, announced the gol would become the first fulltime boss of the club. The Palm Beach, Fla., golf club greeted the news with disdain. They say Bess Finn has had full charge of instructions at the club for 20 years . . . CHICAGO.—Dick Triptow, DePaul's star basketballer and a Chicago Cub farm chain baseballer, has joined the Chicago American Gear five of the National Professional Basketball League. He led the Gears to a 52-50 victory over the league-leading Fort Wayne Zollners in his first game.

PENRYN, Calif.—Coach Kendall Arnett, of Union High School, expects the left side of his football line next year to outchange anything the team meets. Playing left tackle for the team will be 15-year-old, 190-pound Dan Kostenko, son of the former professional wrestler, big George Kostenko, and nephew of Tarah Kostenko, commander of the famed Russian cavalry unit now in action on the Oder River . . . IOWA CITY, Ia.—The Hawkeys of the University of Iowa, undisputed Big Ten cage leaders, until they lost to Illinois, are getting help for the second half of the race. Dave Banner, Hawkey forward, who trailed his teammate Dick Ives in the conference scoring, returns to the team this week after failing to report for basketball until now because of a back injury.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas.—Lt. Cmdr. Sam Barry, former Southern California basketball coach who took over the Naval Station team, felt right at home. The star of the Corpus Christi cage team is Ralph Vaughn, USC all-America, under Barry . . . CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Even with the team that upset the conference leader Coach Doug Mills of Illinois University is the saddest man in the conference. Mills' long face comes from the loop scoring records that find Northwestern's Max Morris, gangly center, way out in front. Morris was at Illinois as a freshman, then was transferred to Northwestern by the Marines when he enlisted.

Behind The Sports Headlines

ATLANTA, Ga.—After just losing Football Coach Bill Alexander, Georgia Tech is now minus another coaching veteran, W. E. Stoddard, wrestling and swimming instructor, quit to take a position as recreation head for the Marietta Bell Bomber plant near Atlanta . . . LOS ANGELES.—When Matchmaker Babe McCoy announced he would sue Lee Oma, if the latter failed to keep a contract with McCoy to fight Fitz Fitzpatrick in Los Angeles for a \$10,000 guarantee, Jas. J. Johnston, dispatched a wire trying to get McCoy to allow Lou Nova, Johnston's fighter, to substitute. Using the typical fight manager "we," Johnston intimated that "they'd" fight lions in a zoo for \$10,000 . . . FORT BENNING, Ga.—Erwin Rudolph, five times world's pocket billiards champ, left Benning slightly chagrined. After a regular exhibition, Rudolph called for opponents for a match and Cpl. Don Willis beat Rudolph two out of three games.



Lee Oma

Braves Card 15 Tilts
BOSTON, Feb. 14.—Contests with the Athletics, Senators, Toronto, Baltimore, Phillies and Red Sox, will make up the 15-game spring training schedule of the Boston Braves. The Braves will train on the campus of Georgetown University in Washington, instead of Choate School, of Wallingford, Conn., where they held their workouts for the last two years.

3 Celtics on All-Pro Team

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 14.—Coaches and managers of the National Basketball League voted their all-time All-America professional team today and, as expected, three members of the fabulous Original Celtics were chosen. Forwards, Nat Holman and Johnny Beckman, and Guard Harry "Dutch" Dehnert, members of the Celtics, were elected along with Bobby McDermott, Fort Wayne guard, and LeRoy Edwards, Oshkosh center, the latter pair currently playing in the National League. McDermott, 29 years old, and playing his 11th season of pro ball, is considered the best setshot in the game today. Edwards, in his eighth season with Oshkosh, is a former Kentucky U. star. Holman, coach at City College of New York, was chosen for his con-

Jayhawks Rip Sooners Apart

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 14.—The Kansas Jayhawks moved back into a first place tie with Oklahoma in the Big Six basketball race by handing the Sooners a 42-27 defeat here last night. Steady shooting by Gordon Reynolds and Owen Peck, plus on ironclad defense, gave the Kansas a 17-9 halftime lead.

Harold Hines, Oklahoma's diminutive setshot star, was held scoreless in the first half, but his two long shots and his fine floor game led the drive that brought the Sooners up to a 25-23 deficit in the second half. The threat died there, however, and Kansas pulled away in the last ten minutes.

Reynolds, with 17 points, was high man for Kansas and Jack Whaley was high for Oklahoma with a mere five.

Bluejackets Win 75-65

GREAT LAKES, Feb. 14.—The Great Lakes Bluejackets won their 28th basketball game in 32 starts by defeating Marquette, 75-65, here last night, but they had no antidote for the deadeye shooting of Gene Berce, Marquette freshman, who hit 33 points for a new Hilltopper scoring record.

The Bluejackets had little trouble taking their second game of the season from Marquette and aside from Berce, they held the Hilltoppers in check throughout. Paul Cloyd, former Wisconsin star, led the Sailors' scoring with 20 points.

'Slow Ball' Originator Dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Herman E. "Ham" Iberg, pitcher with the Philadelphia National League club in the early 1900s, died here last night. He was credited with originating the "slow ball" when with the Phillies in 1907. Later he was a standout pitcher in the Pacific Coast League.

Two Records Beckon Star Of Canadiens

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—Maurice Richard, of the Canadiens, maintained his lead in the National Hockey League scoring race this week, 64 points, and made himself an absolute certainty—if he lives out the schedule—to set a new National League mark for goals in one season.

His 43rd goal of the campaign, coming during the week, gave him a tie with Cooney Weiland, of Boston, who set a modern record of 43 in 1930, and put him within one goal of Joe Malone's all-time mark of 44 set with the Canadiens in 1918.

Richard has ten more games in which to break two records, the other a scoring mark of 73 total points made by Weiland in 44 games in the winter of 1929-30, and tied by Doug Bentley of the Blacks Hawks in 1942-43.

Puck Leaders		
	G	A Pts.
Richard, Montreal	43	21 64
Lach, Montreal	19	44 63
Blake, Montreal	23	31 54
Cowley, Boston	22	32 54
Howe, Detroit	14	31 45
Kennedy, Toronto	23	18 41
Bruneteau, Detroit	20	19 39
DeMarco, New York	17	22 39
Carveth, Detroit	14	24 38
Clint Smith, Chicago	13	25 38

Bruins Defeat Hawks

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—Three goals in the second period gave Boston a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Black Hawks in a National Hockey League game here last night.

Herb Cain scored the first goal at 9:38 of the second period and Bill Cowley tallied three minutes later on a pass from Dit Clapper. Armand Gaudreault hit the nets for the clincher at 15:29 with Gino Rozzini assisting. Butch McDonald scored Chicago's first goal with Pete Horeck's help at 9:21 of the third period, and Cully Dahlstrom got the other on a pass from Horeck 39 seconds later.

Hockey Standings National League

	W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	31	5	3	65
Detroit	23	11	4	50
Toronto	19	17	2	40
Boston	13	23	2	28
New York	7	21	8	22
Chicago	8	24	5	21

Mosconi's 127 Run Is Billiard Record

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Dexterity with a pool stick usually is taken as an indication of a mispissed youth. If that is true, Willie Mosconi, of Toledo, Ohio, must have been quite a little character in his younger days for the Billiard Association of America today gave its official sanction to the world's record of 127 straight billiards shot by Mosconi in a 125-point block Sunday night against Ralph Greenleaf. Greenleaf, himself, must have been quite a problem child for he held the previous record for that type of match with 126 set against the late Frank Taberski in 1929.

Mosconi started off minus two against Greenleaf, as the result of two scratches, and he needed 127 to win the match, which he promptly got all in row.

High run for continuous billiards is 153, established by Andrew Ponzini in 1934. In a continuous game, a player continues shooting from block to block.

Derby Deadline Finds No Applications Listed

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 14.—Tomorrow is the deadline for nominations to America's most colorful horse race, the Kentucky Derby, and not a single application has been received by officials at Churchill Downs. In fact, they didn't even have forms printed. The management at the Downs is merely marking time at present awaiting possible word from Washington allowing them to go through with the race scheduled May 5. Until such word is received, no new deadline for applications will be set.

White Sox Sign Touchstone

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The White Sox yesterday signed Clay Touchstone, veteran minor league pitcher, to balance the loss of Don Hanski, southpaw who was inducted into the Army recently. Touchstone, a right-hander, hurled ten years in the Southern Association and Texas League. He was last with Oklahoma City.

Owls' Sharpshooter



Bill Henry of Rice
52 Pts. in 2 Games

Hansen Is Top College Scorer

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Virtually unknown, Vince Hansen of Washington State climbed to the top of basketball's collegiate individual scoring list last week. He went on a spree against Washington's Huskies to raise his season total to 453 points on 185 field goals and 83 successful foul shots and displaced Dick Wilkins, of Oregon, who led last week, with a total of 412.

Jack Perrault, of Eastern Washington, trailed his northwest rival in second place with 421 points. Bill Henry, star of Rice's newly crowned Southwest Conference champions, scored 52 points over Friday and Saturday to boost his mark to 392. George Mikan, elongated center and scoring ace of the DePaul Demons, fell back to fifth with 375.

The scoring leaders:

	G	F	Pts.
Vince Hansen, Wash. State	28	185	83 453
Jack Perrault, E. Wash.	24	165	91 421
Dick Wilkins, Oregon	33	182	48 412
Bill Henry Rice	19	132	88 392
George Mikan, DePaul	18	148	79 375
Fritz Nagy, Akron	17	145	83 373
Stan McWilliams, C. of P.	20	134	66 366
Don Otter, Bowling Green	14	124	59 307
Ernie Cacerly, R.I. State	19	124	53 301
Bob Kurland, Okla. Aggies	19	111	64 286
Norman Skinner, Columbia	18	109	34 252
Clyde Lindsey, La. State	18	109	34 252
Charley Sokol, S.C.	18	86	55 237
Harold Hines, Oklahoma	15	83	61 227
Max Morris, Northwestern	15	95	36 226
Ray Wertis, St. Johns	15	95	36 226

CAGE RESULTS

Alabama Poly 44, Florida 42.
Bainbridge 58, Wilmington Pros 41.
Brigham Young 60, Colorado 58.
Capital 64, Ashland 47.
Floyd Bennett 63, Brooklyn Col. 61.
Franklin (Md.) 56, Ursinus 55.
Great Lakes 75, Marquette 65.
Gustavus Adolphus 51, St. Olaf 30.
Hamden-Sydney 54, William & Mary 38.
Kansas 45, Oklahoma 27.
Loyola (New Orleans) 63, Naval R.B. 52.
Loras 55, St. Ambrose 52.
Middlebury 49, American Int. 33.
MacAlester 44, St. John's 39.
Mo. Valley 38, Rockhurst 32.
Ottumwa Naval Air 38, Lincoln A.B. 36.
Oberlin 38, Wooster 22.

Brooklyn Cage Scandal to Be Studied Openly

BROOKLYN, Feb. 14.—The Kings County Grand Jury investigation into the Brooklyn College basketball scandal will be superseded by open court hearings starting Monday, with County Judge Samuel S. Liebowitz presiding, it was announced today.

District Attorney William O'Dwyer petitioned Liebowitz for the hearing to ascertain whether or not basketball teams in Brooklyn should return to their own gymnasiums, instead of playing games in big arenas under the auspices of professional promoters. Although names were not mentioned, it was obvious O'Dwyer's inquiry will deal extensively with Madison Square Garden.

In asking that the probe be brought from behind closed doors, O'Dwyer charged that his office had found "certain crimes and irregularities injurious to the public welfare" the matter of certain athletic contests.

Faculty Guidance Missing

O'Dwyer asked the court to determine whether it is dangerous "to the welfare of students and colleges, particularly those colleges supported by public funds (Brooklyn College is a public institution) to be subjected to an atmosphere wherein the safeguards of the campus and faculty advisers are absent, and where they are replaced by professional exploitation of the exhibition."

Noting that three of the five Brooklyn College players involved in the contemplated "throwing" of the Akron game at Boston received honorable discharges from the service, O'Dwyer told Liebowitz, "Men and women in the armed forces, and their relatives, will be interested in knowing how men fit for strenuous athletic activities could have obtained releases from the Army."

Nelson Corrals Golf Playoff

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—Byron Nelson, Toledo professional, shot a seven-under-par 65 on the City Park course yesterday to beat Harold "Jug" McSpaden by five strokes in their playoff for first prize in the New Orleans Open golf tournament. They finished the regular 72 holes tied at 284. Nelson's victory was worth \$1,333.33 in war bonds.

The Toledo ace gained his advantage on the first nine when he turned in a 32, five under regulation figures, while McSpaden shot a 39. McSpaden collected \$933.33 for his share.

Navy-Villanova on Grid

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—Villanova will play Navy in football for the first time in 27 years next fall, Rev. Edward McKee, Moderator of Athletics, announced today. The game will be played Sept. 29.

Auburn-Florida Pact

AUBURN, Ala., Feb. 14.—Auburn and the University of Florida completed negotiations for a four-year, home-and-home football series. Coach Carl Voyles, of Auburn, announced. The first game will be played here, Nov. 3.

Covering GI Sports

of Lansing, Mich., who played with Michigan State University, supervises the tournament.

HQ. OISE SECTION.—Paced by T/5 Donald Smith, who netted 16 points, the 302nd Signal basketball team defeated the 1313th Engineers, 40-33, for its 35th straight victory. In the preliminary, the Oise WAC Detachment trounced the Air Corps WACS, 30-18.

Oise Wacs	1	0	2	Harvey, f.	6	2	14
Gorz, f.	0	0	0	Graubart, f.	0	0	0
Salais, f.	0	0	0	Granz, f.	0	0	1
Klugherz, f.	7	1	5	Greathouse, c.	1	1	3
Humm, c.	0	1	3	Golobchik, g.	0	0	0
Haney, c.	0	0	10	Riley, f.	0	0	0
Hart, g.	0	0	0	McCoy, g.	0	0	0
Sweeney, g.	0	0	0	Klinger, g.	0	0	0
Corliss, g.	0	0	0	Donald, g.	0	0	0
Lieske, g.	0	0	0	Totals	7	4	13
Totals	14	2	30				

302nd Sig.	G	F	P	AC	Wacs	G	F	P
Smith, f.	6	4	16	Payne, f.	5	5	11	
Huante, f.	5	1	11	Byrd, f.	0	0	1	
Taron, c.	2	1	5	Miller, c.	2	8	12	
Ford, g.	0	5	5	George, g.	0	0	0	
Zander, g.	1	0	2	Western, g.	1	3	5	
Bellely, g.	0	0	0	Pierson, g.	1	0	2	
Minil, g.	0	1	1	Brundage, g.	1	0	2	
Totals	14	12	40	Totals	10	13	33	

HASH MARKS

Nostalgia in the ETO. The instructor in an aircraft recognition class was about to give final tests. He gave a brief summary of all planes studied and asked: "Are there any other planes you'd like to know about?" A GI in the back row yelled out, "Tell us about the plains of Kansas."

Here's the first unsigned verse left in our typewriter for days:
 She refuses to kiss
 She refuses to pet
 And so this gal
 Ain't a missus yet.

Fun on the home front. A soldier stepped into a phone booth and saw the name "Mabel" and telephone number written on the wall. He called the number and a voice answered, "Save your nickels and buy war bonds."

Afterthought: Heredity is something every father believes in until



his children start acting like he used to act when he was young.

Absent-minded sales girl (as her date kisses her good-night) "Will that be all?"

Daffynition received via carrier pigeon: "A shore patrol is a fellow who keeps a sailor from getting as tight as his pants."

Post-war note (by Ivan Smith). "The demand for professional parachutists after the war is expected to be rather limited. As in other professions, a parachutist's future depends on getting a n opening."

GI: "My, your heart is beating like a drum."

WAC: "Yeah! that's the call to arms."

And then there was the GI who showed his mine detector along the Siegfried Line singing, "Is you is or is you ain't my booby?"

J. C. W.

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1215-Spotlight	1815-Wishing you w'l
1230-Basin Street	1900-Music Hall
1300-Merry-go-Round	1930-Dance Band
1400-News	2000-World News
1410-AEF Extra	2005-U.K. News
1430-Alan Young	2010-Canada News
1500-Music	2015-Starlight
1530-Combat Diary	2030-ITMA
1545-On the Record	2100-News
1630-Amos and Andy	2105-Soldier and Song
1700-News	2115-Navy Mixture
1715-Canada Show	2200-U.S. News
1745-Fly Away Paula	2205-Xavier Cugat
1800-News	2235-Reminiscing
1805-Mark Up Map	2300-News
TOMORROW	
0600-Football	0900-News
0615-Rise and Shine	0925-AEF ranch house
0700-News	1000-Morning After
0715-Song Parade	1030-Music
0730-Dance Band	1100-U.S. News
0800-Combat Diary	1105-Duffie Bag
0815-Personal Album	1145-Piano Parade
0830-Modern Music	

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Gloom in Axis Camps Greet Big 3 Program

Evidence that the Crimea Conference communique had produced consternation in Berlin and Tokyo continued to pile up yesterday.

Over German-controlled news channels came the report that Dr. Paul Schmidt, the Nazi press chief, had told a

Wilhelmstrasse press conference that the Crimea meeting freed the Germans "of all moral obligations." "The Germans," he declared, "will henceforth conduct the war with all suitable means, no matter how grim their effect."

Reuter said Stockholm observers wondered whether "all suitable means" included gas, but were not jumping at any conclusions.

German propagandists took a cue from Tokyo Radio and asserted that Marshal Stalin had "won the Yalta Big Three talkfest."

An Associated Press dispatch from Madrid said that the German and Japanese colonies there had been plunged into gloom. A German diplomat was quoted as having said: "This is the end."

The Spanish press, in general, did not like the Crimea decisions, AP said.

In the Reich, a decree was issued ordering the people to turn in all types of weapons to the authorities before Feb. 20. AP said the decree indicated a Nazi fear of trouble at home.

Only Few Are Exempted

Apart from German soldiers and policemen, only Heinrich Himmler's Waffen SS, the Nazi labor services and Nazi party members are exempted from the decree.

It was officially stated that the weapons were needed for the Volksturm.

Meanwhile, a Japanese broadcast heard by AP said that Japan's policy was "not to reject any hand which offers peace." There was no elaboration, beyond a statement that "the only way to re-establish peace in the world is by a just jolity."

Tokyo Radio quoted a Japanese newspaper statement that the U.S. was maneuvering behind the scenes to bring the Soviet Union into the war against Japan. The forthcoming San Francisco conference of the United Nations was cited to support that contention.

Complaints in France

In France, there still were complaints that the French had not been represented at the Crimea parley, but it was said that the conference decisions on Germany corresponded generally with the policy voiced by Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Authorized French sources indicated, the United Press said, that France would ask representation at future meetings of the Allied general staffs and foreign ministers.

Gen. de Gaulle was said to have made no effort to conceal strong resentment over the manner in which conference decisions were presented to France as a "fait accompli," UP said.

In London, an official Czech spokesman expressed great satisfaction over the Crimea conference, saying that "the smaller states which fell victims to German aggression will receive full reparation and will at last enjoy security."

The Polish régime in London, which rejected the Big Three plan for postwar Poland, called on the Polish armed forces under its command to continue to fight alongside the soldiers of Britain, Canada, the U.S. and France.

American Library Here Open to U.S. Soldiers

More than 100,000 volumes of fiction and non-fiction books in English are available to U.S. servicemen at the American Library in Paris, 9 Rue de Teheran.

Established in 1917 for the men of the first AEF, the library includes volumes of Americana, biography, history, philosophy, economics, art and music.

The library is open from 10 AM to 10 PM daily and from 2 PM to 10 PM on Sundays. It is under the direction of Milton E. Lord, of the Boston Public Library.

East Front . . .

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from Moscow that Marshal Koniev's westbound forces were less than 18 miles from the frontier of Saxony and less than 75 miles from Dresden. They had stabbed through the Germans' Bober and Queis River defenses in quick succession.

Dispatches from Budapest, liberated by the Red Army on Tuesday after a long battle, said that the city was a mass of ruins. Many important buildings, like the Royal Palace and Parliament, were badly damaged or destroyed.

U.S. Reaction Marred by Sour Notes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (ANS).—Discordant notes were sounded today amid the chorus of praise that had marked public reaction to the world plan created at the Crimea Conference. The sour notes were based chiefly on the hotly debated Polish situation.

Sen. David Walsh (D-Mass.), attacked the proposal on Poland as "shocking." He added that "to settle it on Russian terms is a frightful injustice to a brave people." While the agreements on coordinated action to defeat Germany are reassuring, the pronouncement leaves many doubts concerning the part smaller nations will play in the postwar world, he said.

Called 'Second Munich'

Another critic was Rep. Alvin E. Okonski (R-Wis.), who rapped the agreement as a "stab in the back for Poland" and a "second Munich."

In general, however, comment was favorable. Bernard Baruch, famed elder statesman of the Roosevelt administration, declared that the Big Three conference laid the foundation for a just, durable peace. On Russia, he said: "Russia, which has behaved so magnificently since 1941, will soon announce her plans as to Japan. That we are entitled to know and know soon."

John Foster Dulles, foreign affairs advisor to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, said the conference meant that the United Nations would hold together in victory.

Grew Praises Plan

Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew declared the Crimean pronouncement was "one of the greatest steps forward." He said he hoped that France and China would soon concur on the solution to the Dumbarton Oaks voting question which was decided by the Big Three.

The New York Times, commenting editorially on the Polish situation, held that the plan was not unreasonable. It pointed out that the Poles had guarantees on choosing their own government, and said: "We regret the action of the Polish government in London in flatly rejecting the Yalta plan. We think history will say it missed an opportunity."

New Russian Landings?

Maj. George Fielding Elliot, military columnist for the New York Herald Tribune, discussing the military aspects of the conference, speculated that the "new and even more powerful blows" mentioned in the pronouncement could mean Russian amphibious landings along the Baltic coast as well as landings in Norway or Denmark. He pointed out that the presence of Sir Harold Alexander at the meeting may indicate new activity on the Italian front.

Other newspaper comment:

Chicago Times: The conference was "a contribution of huge proportions to modern civilization."

Chicago Daily News: The conference was both an assurance that Germany will not get a soft peace and "assurance to the German people that unconditional surrender may not be as terrifying as their leaders had caused them to believe."

Notes On the Big Three

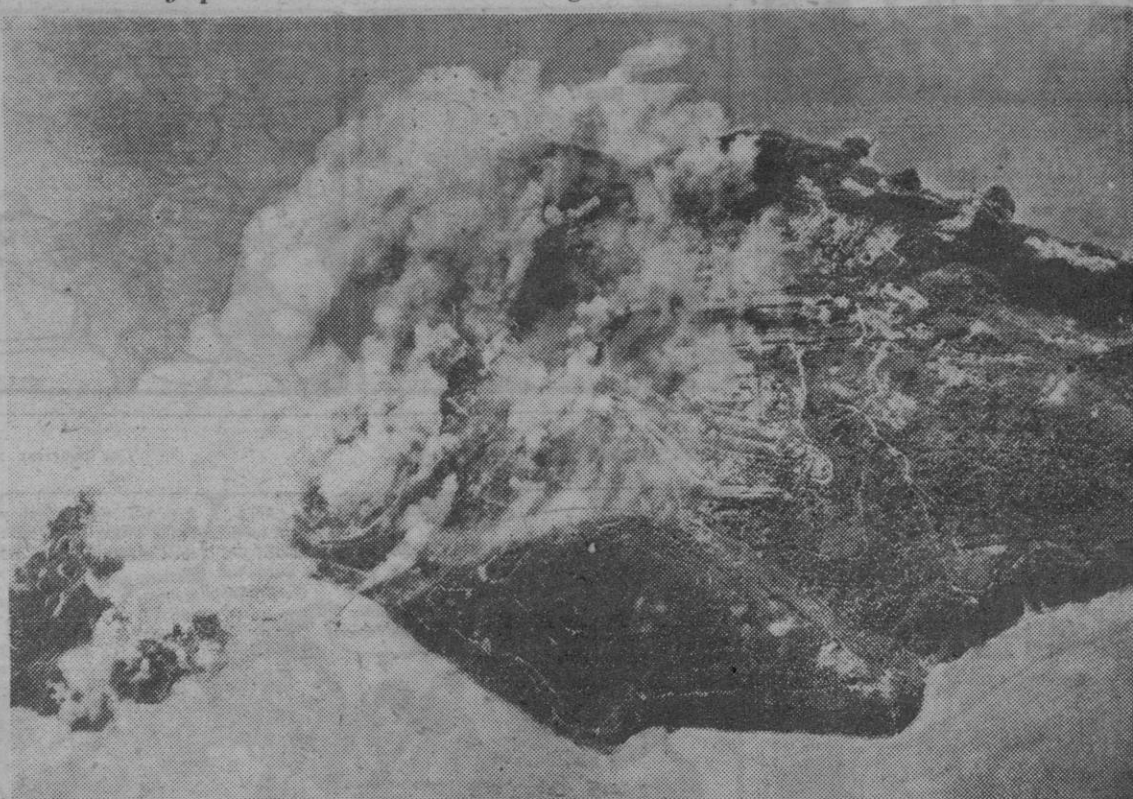
U.S. May Hear FDR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP).—Congress and the nation may hear a direct report by President Roosevelt on the accomplishments and significance of his meeting with Stalin and Churchill. Associates here considered it likely that he would want to speak to the American people on the Big Three pronouncement.

Hull Greeted from Yalta

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (ANS).—Wishes for his "speedy recovery" were sent from Yalta by Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt to former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, whose

Jap Installations on Corregidor Hit by U.S. Bombers



Smoke from bursting bombs and fires obscure a broad area of the island of Corregidor, the once great bastion of the Philippines and the last island in the archipelago to fall to the Japanese in 1942. The base today is believed garrisoned by a strong force of Jap Marines.

Police Close Cafes in Nancy Serving Bottled Death to GIs

By Paul Green

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NANCY, France, Feb. 14.—They called it "The Café of the Four Daughters." Every night men from the Nancy rest center would drop in for a drink served by the owner's comely girls. One night this week two soldiers came in for their customary snort.

West Front...

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for the Schwammenauel Lake to empty

On the northern front, Canadian troops were stalled by flooded lands south of the Rhine. Floods caused by thaw were increased as Germans opened some Rhine sluice gates.

Allied forces, now ten miles into Germany in this sector, advanced south of the Rhine along a front of 14 miles. British West Country men pushed east and southeast of captured Cleve toward the roadhub of Udem, astride the Cleve-Udem Road.

A late dispatch from S & S Correspondent Pat Mitchell said that elements of the Fifth Inf. Div. had cleaned out Erzen and had pushed at least a half mile beyond the town.

Other Third Army troops gained a half mile to take Ferschweiler, north of Echternach, and continued going eastward to reach a point three-quarters of a mile from the Prum River.

Fourth Div Units which took Prum smashed a counter-attack, while 80th Div. men smeared two more counter-thrusts in the bridgehead.

Italy-Based Heavies Hit Rail Targets at Vienna

ALLIED HQ., Italy, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Allied heavy bombers today attacked rail targets at Vienna and Graz, in Austria, and at Maribor in Yugoslavia. Mediums continued to hammer the Brenner Pass line.

It was officially disclosed that the U.S. 92nd Inf. Div., made up of Negro troops, suffered relatively high losses in a four-day action in the Serchio Valley

"Watcha got, baby?" one of them asked. "Make sure it's strong."

The daughter reached underneath the counter and brought out a bottle filled with a light-brown liquid.

"Creme de Prunelle," she explained. "You like?"

"Sure," the soldier answered. "Pour it out." Half-a-dozen glasses later they staggered out.

The next morning one of them was dead and the other wished he were.

During the past week that scene has been repeated a dozen times, bringing a casualty list of at least six dead, three blinded and critically ill and two others badly sick.

(A French Press Agency report said that nine Americans were fatally poisoned, six blinded and four seriously ill.)

12 Bars Closed

Yesterday a dozen French inspectors and two CID men cracked down on the small Nancy bars that have been selling this death drink. Simultaneous raids were made on 12 cafes named by the GIs. All were closed and the proprietors arrested.

Louis Petitot, French police commissioner for the Nancy region, went to "The Cafe of the Four Daughters" with two CID men and two inspectors.

The French police are now at work analyzing all the alcohol they picked up and seeking the men who have been spreading it around. They plan to close up all suspected bars. Meanwhile, GIs are requested to ask for only beer and wine.

Poison in Many Names

Petitot explained that most of the poisoned liquor is in the form of Pernod, the powerful drink whose sale has been officially forbidden because of its strength. Pernod is not poisonous, but bar owners make up a Pernod that draws up to 30 francs a glass and sells under other names, such as eau de vie, schnapps and mirabelle.

South's Tornado Area Has a Shelter Problem

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 14 (ANS).—Sheltering the homeless was a major problem today as tornado-stricken areas of Alabama and Mississippi counted 41 dead (official figure), at least 200 injured and hundreds of homes demolished. Property loss from Monday's storms was expected to run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

France Enters Parleys

BERN, Feb. 14 (AP).—France took another step forward in her return to the role of a world power today by entering the British-American economic negotiations with Switzerland on an equal basis.

Manila Yanks Capture Cavite, Big Naval Base

MANILA, Feb. 14 (ANS).—American troops have captured the Cavite Naval Base, on Manila Bay, and Nichols Field, while "the end is in sight" for the Japanese garrison trapped in the narrowing pocket inside southern Manila, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

Paratroopers of the 11th Airborne Div. pushed five miles up the narrow peninsula on which Cavite is located and restored to American hands the former headquarters of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet.

Cavite is eight miles southwest of Manila. It was devastated by a heavy Japanese air attack in December, 1941, a few days after the start of the Pacific war.

Strong Force Defeated

The paratroopers also crushed the last Jap resistance at Nichols Field, four miles south of Manila, where a strong enemy force had been resisting stubbornly for more than a week.

In capturing Cavite, the Americans seized ten Japanese seaplanes and a battery of three-inch guns, all intact. Despite the fall of Cavite, the Japanese still control Manila Bay from Corregidor and the southern tip of Bataan. MacArthur said that Liberator heavy bombers dropped 150 tons of bombs on Corregidor's coastal defenses, hitting four heavy gun batteries.

Air War . . .

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and 72 locomotives destroyed, as well as 215 motor vehicles.

Particularly heavy attacks were made on road and rail targets north of Cologne and enemy troops and gun positions near Prum. German troops in the Bitburg area and in the vicinity of Saarburg were strafed, as well as rail yards east of Dusseldorf and southwest of Coblenz. Six fighter-bombers were reported missing. One enemy plane was destroyed on the ground and two damaged.

Medium and fighter-bombers of the First TAC, operating in support of Sixth Army Group, had their biggest day since arriving in France, flying more than 900 sorties. They attacked rail and road transport, marshalling yards and supply dumps at Labach, north of Saarbrücken, and an ammunition factory at Jockgrim, northwest of Karlsruhe.

ELAS Members Given Amnesty by Government

ATHENS, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Martial law ended in Greece today and the government published measures granting an amnesty to ELAS members convicted of offenses of a political nature.

Excluded from amnesty are persons guilty of crimes under the common law, and ELAS and EAM members who do not hand in their arms by Mar. 15.