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# Nazis Retreat From Saar

**She's Up:** PARIS, March 19.—A magnificent job by First Army engineers has already restored the Ludendorff Bridge, leading into the Remagen bridgehead, after its collapse. It was announced here today that traffic is expected to be resumed "very soon."—*Marshal Yarrow, Reuter special correspondent.*

**She's Down:** AT SITE OF FALLEN LUDENDORFF BRIDGE, March 19.—If the Ludendorff Bridge is "already restored" and ready for use, I'll swim the Rhine with the Reuter special correspondent who wrote the story, on my back.—*Andy Rooney, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.*

## Fleeing Foe Jams Roads To the East

A mass German daylight retreat from the western Saar choked the roads to the Rhine yesterday as Lt. Gen. Patton's U.S. Third Army swept down from the North to reach a point 20 miles behind German lines which were already bending under Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army onslaught from the South. Germans streaming toward the Rhine were pounded mercilessly by Allied fighter-bombers which swarmed over the Rhine-Mosel triangle in brilliant sunshine, bombing and strafing fleeing columns. Third Army troops captured Bingen, important Rhine crossing and communications center, after clearing all of Coblenz, while the Seventh smashed back into Germany for the first time since it withdrew from the borderlands last December.

### Bridgehead Extended

Across the Rhine, Lt. Gen. Hodges' U.S. First pushed up to two miles in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire and widened the bridgehead to 18 miles, S & S Correspondent Dan Regan reported from the front. The salient now forms a rectangle extending eight miles east of the Rhine, he said, and First Army troops now control seven and one-half miles of the autobahn.

S & S Correspondent Pat Mitchell reported from Third Army that Patton's men closed a 300-square-mile trap in the triangle to pocket 2,000 enemy troops when the 11th Armd. Div. dashed 11 miles to link up with another armored force 18 miles northwest of Kaiserslautern.

Leading tanks of the Tenth Armd., he reported, were 14 miles from Kaiserslautern, one of the big centers of the Middle Rhineland.

### Triangle a Flaming Inferno

Pilots returning from missions over the Saar reported that the roads to Mainz, Mannheim and Karlsruhe were so jammed with enemy traffic they didn't have to search for targets and exhausted bombs and ammunition in a few minutes.

The entire triangle was reported a flaming, smoking inferno. Allied planes slashed in from the air while on the ground tanks of Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey's Fourth Armd. Div. smashed southward still unchecked.

Coblenz, at the junction of the Rhine and the Mosel Rivers, was cleared by Brig. Gen. Frank L.

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### Bad Day

## Lyrical Plaint About Nothing

HQ., USSTAF, March 19 (AP).—The other day, when Lt. Col. Elwyn G. Righetti's Mustang fighter group had what airmen call a bad day and didn't see a thing to shoot at, the boys sent in the following lyrical report:

"No hits, no runs, no errors;  
No Huns, no flak, no terrors.  
Even the locos have hit the sack;  
Nary a one on any track."



This is how the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, Germany, looked when an Army Signal Corps photographer reached the site shortly after the bridge collapsed last Saturday. The span was weakened by constant shelling and heavy traffic.—(Other Pictures on Page 3.)

## Fleet of B29s, Carrier Planes Hammer Japan

GUAM, March 19 (ANS).—Hundreds of American carrier planes and the biggest fleet of Superfortresses ever sent into action—probably 350—struck a double blow at the Japanese homeland, it was announced today.

The Superforts, flying from bases in the Marianas, dropped 2,500 tons or more of incendiary bombs on the Honshu Island city of Nagoya before dawn today. They added to the destruction caused in a Superfort raid on Nagoya a week ago.

Adm. Nimitz's headquarters announced the carrier strike. He said that planes from a large task force yesterday attacked air bases and installations on Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands.

### Attack Still Raging

Nimitz gave no other details, but Radio Tokyo said that U.S. carrier planes still were attacking southwestern Japan today. On both days, the Japanese said, 1,400 American planes were in action.

Domei, Japanese news agency, reported that the American planes had hit Jumanoto and other cities on Kyushu, and had also struck at Matsuyama, on Shikoku Island, and the Wakayama prefecture on southwestern Honshu.

A Japanese communique said that 46 American planes had been destroyed and five ships of the task

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## Cpl., S/Sgt., Lt. Col. and Pfc Team Up in a Rhine Rescue

By Andy Rooney  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

REMAGEN, March 18 (Delayed).—S/Sgt. George J. Aneson, who learned to swim at Coney Island, dived into the swift Rhine yesterday a few minutes after the Ludendorff Bridge collapsed and swam 100 yards out to rescue two soldiers.

An engineer whose feet were crushed when he fell into the Rhine in a tangle of grinding girders was seen clinging to a piece of board. Cpl. Roy Larsen, of Erie, Pa., stripped and swam out to the rescue.

The current swept Larsen and the injured man downstream. Both grew stiff from the cold. Larsen signaled for help from mid-river with a feeble arm. Aneson saw them.

"I didn't think much of what I was doing," he said later. "Another fellow was standing up to his waist in the water trying to throw them a rope but he couldn't reach. I just stripped off my pants, grabbed ahold of the rope and started to swim out."

### Swam Out

Aneson made it to the board supporting Larsen and the injured man, swimming with GI combat boots, wool shirt and heavy underwear. He tied the rope around one end of the board and, almost exhausted himself, held fast while on shore Pfc Theodore Gates, of Presto, Pa., and Lt. Col. Frank E. Heikkila, of Cooper, Tex., pulled the three men to the bank.

Col. Heikkila, who spotted Lar-

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## New Bomber In Production

WASHINGTON, March 19 (ANS). War Production Chief J. A. Krug revealed that the newest superbomber, the B32 Dominator, is in production.

He explained that the B32 is comparable in size to the Superfortress and, although being produced in limited quantities, is out of the experimental stage.

The B32 is a bigger version of the Liberator, just as the B29 is a larger version of the Flying Fortress.

Krug said that production of B17s at the Boeing Seattle plant would end in six weeks and that all the facilities of the plant will then be devoted to Superfortresses.

### Mrs. Churchill to Visit Russia

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—Mrs. Winston Churchill has accepted an invitation to visit Russia, she said today, adding that she would "be off to Moscow very shortly."

## Reich Plants, Rails Battered By 7,000 Planes

An estimated 7,000 Allied planes lashed out at the German war effort in yesterday's assaults, during which jet-plane installations, war industries and communications were heavily hit.

Bounding back in great strength after Sunday's record daylight assault on Berlin, 1,200 Eighth AF F-105s and 600 Mustangs blasted targets from the Leipzig area as far south as Ulm, 60 miles from the Swiss frontier.

The targets were a jet-plane component parts plant at Baumenheim, 20 miles north of Augsburg, airfields near Beuberg and Leipheim and industrial targets around Plauen.

### Saar Area Hit

The Ninth AF reported 1,874 fighter-bomber sorties, and 550 others by medium and light bombers, against military traffic in the Saar Palatinate, rail transportation in the Ruhr, as far south as Dusseldorf, and bridges at Nieder-Marsberg, Netze and Volkmarson.

The First TAC flew a record 1,600 sorties. B26s continued aerial cooperation with the advancing Seventh Army and bombed enemy strongpoints and Siegfried Line defenses guarding the main approaches to Pirmasens and Landau. The mediums hit Erlenbach and Nieder-Schlettenbach, north of Wingen. Crews reported Saarbourg, Karlsruhe and Wissen ablaze.





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**This'll Slay You**

After due and considerable thought I've found the solution to all the peace problems that are taxing the brain-power of the world. By following the steps outlined below the peace will be secured:

- Kill all whites who hate Negroes.
- Kill all Negroes who hate whites.
- Kill all Gentiles who hate Jews.
- Kill all Jews who hate Gentiles.
- Kill all foreigners who hate Americans.
- Kill all Americans who hate foreigners.
- Kill all left-wing politicians who hate right-wing politicians.
- Kill all right-wing politicians who hate left-wing politicians.
- Kill all Democrats who hate Republicans.
- Kill all Republicans who hate Democrats.
- Kill all Northerners who hate Southerners.
- Kill all Southerners who hate Northerners.
- Kill all Easterners who hate Westerners.
- Kill all Westerners who hate Easterners.
- Kill all intellectuals who hate plebeians.
- Kill all plebeians who hate intellectuals.
- Kill everybody who hates anybody.
- Kill anybody who hates everybody.

This done, the world population may be a bit decimated, but take cheer, for this only leaves those people who love everybody, and even a dunce can surmise that in a world made up of people who love each other, the population is bound to increase at a rapid rate.

Yours for less intolerance of any kind.—Sgt. H. W. Mattick, QM.

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**Hold It**

In a recent issue there was a tip on using a motor pool air compressor to remove dirt and lint from typewriters. Who, may we ask, is going to replace the springs, screws, parts, etc., that are also blown out with the dirt and lint? You've guessed it! The repairman.

If it's looks the operator wants—give it a blow job! If it's efficiency he wants—lay off and take the machine to a repair shop or repairman who knows how.

Air will drive a large percent of the dirt in and around the small working parts, which spells future trouble.

The best tips are: Keep the machine covered when not in use. Keep erasings from falling into the working parts. And for those would-be repairmen, who do more harm than a good, there are typewriter classes.

The last, but important tip. A little extra time spent on the correct packing of the various office machines during moves will result in less bitching and chewing.—Sgt. K. P. O., 305 Sta. Comp. Sqn.

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**Much to Our Sorrow**

That poor eye-weary master sergeant gets tired of reading about GIs remarking they never could use a sling on a rifle, or "He never combed his hair, but is the best combat man in his outfit," must want something to talk about.

I disagree with his statement that 99 percent of all riflemen like the sling. I would like to know how far an infantryman would get with a loop sling attached to the bicep of his left arm while moving forward, or in hand-to-hand encounter with the enemy.

And I don't think one can do much shaving and looking like a million bucks while up front; of course, where he is maybe they all

look like a million bucks every minute of the day.

Also, I don't think the average GI believes he is the best combat man, in any outfit. All he wants is the war to be over and to get home, the devil with medals, decorations, etc.

Please don't remind us "That this is the Army." I believe we all have sense enough to know it is. Much to our sorrow!—T/5 D. H. Miller, Third Arm'd Div.

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**He Was My Best Friend**

I am writing this as a reminder to our men to quit playing with firearms. I have before me a file which is typical of many I have had to examine, and I quote from some of the statements.

The company commander:

"I can say that Cpl. X has always been very careful and alert in handling firearms."

Cpl. X:

"I finished getting it together and examined the safety catch. It was working all right. I inserted the magazine, still holding the pistol in my left hand. I turned the pistol over toward me with the barrel still aimed at the wall. I then racked the slide back to throw out the third one. I looked down to see how many were on the bed, and saw two. Just then the gun fired. I don't know why."

Another witness:

"Pfc S and I started to wrestle playfully on the couch, losing interest in the pistol. After a couple of seconds' time a shot went off. I looked at Pfc S. His eyes were closed. He was still. I noticed blood from a wound about two inches from his left ear. I tried to arouse him and called his name two or three times. I stayed with him until he died, as he was my best friend."

—Judge Advocate, XVI Army Corps.

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**Help Wanted**

Have just completed my first experiment, which was suggested by a certain officer in B-Bag, concerning the benefits of holding one's hand on the lip of an aluminum canteen cup, in order to cool said lip enough to enable one to drink hot contents of said cup.

At present writing am sitting in my tent with one hand bandaged up—nursing a badly burnt lower lip—and a scalded tongue. Am patiently awaiting new suggestions.

—Pfc R. W. Bock, Combat Engrs.

(Another suggestion we received was to cut the rim off the top of the canteen cup. Since that would involve mutilating Government property, we didn't print it. By the way, remember the note we stuck on that letter—"Try this stunt at your own risk."—Ed.)

*An Editorial*  
**The Secret Weapon**



**R**EDS on the Oder. Americans, British, Canadians on the Rhine. The Eighth, Ninth and Royal Air Forces in the skies. Division after German division written off. City after city reduced to rubble. How do the Germans stand it? Why don't they give up?

One answer is Germany's secret weapon. A weapon some of us—even after years of war—still fail to fathom. A weapon that, unless we appreciate its power, may stretch the war and shrink the peace.

Germany's secret weapon is Total War. A war of the very young and the very old. Of women and girls. Grandmothers and four-year-olds. Of new classes of recruits flung into new divisions about as fast as we knock out the old.

Of factories and fuel dumps dug underground through years of secret, patient preparation. Manned by slave labor torn from conquered lands. An economy geared to guns, not butter. With vast storehouses and arsenals crammed with fuel, food, arms and ammunition—enough to feed

armies when there should be no armies left to feed, and no food to feed them.

The motor of Germany's secret weapon is Germany's youth. Passionate, fanatical, inflamed—infatuated with the Fuehrer. Thousands of Marias of Monschau. Tens of thousands of Horst Wessels. Drunk with unholy glory. Dedicated to death.

We are beating them. We will beat them. But we would beat them more cheaply in life, time and treasure, if we understood and did not minimize their secret weapon. If we countered with a secret weapon of our own.

A weapon without the suped-up Nazi voodoo. But with the swift, almighty punch and power of Total War—by the Total People—with the Total Wealth of the Total Nation. War without strikes. War without some drafted, others on their own. War without dead on some beaches, while sunbathers loll on others. War in which the sacrifice and suffering, the misery and grandeur (if any) are shared by all.

**HUBERT** by **SGT. DICK WINGERT**



"Let's milk her first."

**Nijmegen Is 40 Miles Inland, But It's Called a 'Naval Front'**

**NIJMEGEN ISLAND, March 19 (UP).**—They call this the "naval front" although it is 40 miles inland, and when you have seen it you feel it only too true that only true amphibians could fight here.

British troops have held this unpublicized Nijmegen bridgehead—first Allied bridgehead on the Rhine—since Arnhem. Without it and its threat to the Germans, the campaigns in the south might not have been what they were.

Nijmegen Island is a low-lying strip about eight miles wide and 25 miles long between the Waal and Neder Rhine which meet at its eastern tip.

At the end of November, the Germans blew the dike southwest of Arnhem, sending flood waters over the island. They also hold two sluice gates near the western end, giving them control of flood levels.

The British control the southern half of the island, the Germans the north half. They fight in "vehicles" ranging from canvas dinghys to ducks.

Patrols become tangled in submerged barbed wire. Positions and strongpoints are often upper floors of half-submerged houses. A misstep in the dark means a dunking—or possibly drowning.

Raids in force are frequent. In one, the Germans lost 80 killed and 120 prisoners. A swim in the icy water is just

routine to a man out doing his job. Often, during the winter, a platoon would be caught waist-deep in the water for hours, or even overnight.

And there aren't many places to duck when you're in the middle of a flood, perched in the upper story of a house while, below, water swirls through rooms and the Jerry has the building under fire.

**First Nazi Civilian Shot For Defying Curfew**

**WITH NINTH ARMY, March 19 (Reuter).**—The first German civilian willfully to defy the curfew was shot in Rheydt. He refused to stop when challenged and still refused when a shot was fired over his head. A second shot killed him.

Other German civilians are being held here for curfew violations, most of them pleading ignorance of the regulations. The populace, as a whole, is conforming to Army rules.

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## 1,100 Captives Of Nazis Flee To Yank Lines

By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 70th INF. DIV., March 18 (Delayed).—Two emaciated Red Army men, the first of more than 1,100 prisoners who stumbled across American lines from the by-passed German prison camp at Stirling Wendel, enjoyed their first American cigarettes and talked about the nightmare they had lived through to Sgt. Martin Sviger, of the 70th Div.

Sviger, who hails from New York, speaks Yugoslavian and French and today he was the busiest man in the division. He said the two Russian soldiers were from Moscow and that they had both been captured during 1942, one at Kharkov and one at Rostov.

### Cheer at War News

The prisoners were most interested in war news. A Russian officer, who was given a hasty war briefing by Sviger, jumped on a packing case and conveyed the news to the others. Loud cheers broke out as victory after victory on both the Eastern and Western fronts were recounted.

Dressed in tattered uniforms of many nations and, for the most part wearing clumsy wooden shoes, the prisoners were practically all found to be suffering from malnutrition, wounds, disease and infections. A late tally showed that there were approximately 900 Russians, 130 Yugoslavians, 120 Italians, 25 French and 20 Poles.

Some of the prisoners had escaped on crutches. Others, too ill to walk, had been carried to safety by their comrades. The prisoners said that some of their comrades had been shot by the German guards as they tried to escape, but that early Monday the Germans abandoned the prison to join in the defense of Stirling Wendel, where fighting still continues.

### Others Await Rescue

Two hundred bed-ridden prisoners still were reported awaiting rescue. In spite of their ragged clothing, most of the men were clean and neat. Officers among them explained that this was due to the discipline imposed by the men themselves. They said that a high degree of organization had been achieved within the prison.

Each national group had elected its own leader and a dynamic Russian officer had been appointed their commander. Some of the men had been living in various concentration camps for as much as four years.

## Pope Pius Warns Of Postwar Perils

VATICAN CITY, March 19 (AP).—Pope Pius, addressing the Roman populace today from a loge overlooking St. Peter's Square, warned that the road from armistice to peace would be covered with "shadows" which may conceal "dangers."

The Pontiff, whose address concluded Lenten missions held by all Rome parishes, said that there may be persons who were planning to exploit the organization of future peace to their own advantage.

Declaring that pride, ambition and greed were the roots of the present war, the Pope appealed to those "seduced" by extreme nationalism, racialism and theories of violence to embrace the ideals of Christian fraternity.

## Purge Movie Braces Hitler

By Louis Lochner  
Associated Press Staff Writer

BONN, Germany, March 19.—Adolf Hitler, conscious that the war is lost, peps himself up from time to time by having a revolting movie depicting the purging of field marshals, generals and members of the nobility shown him, according to one of the men who plotted to take his life, July 20.

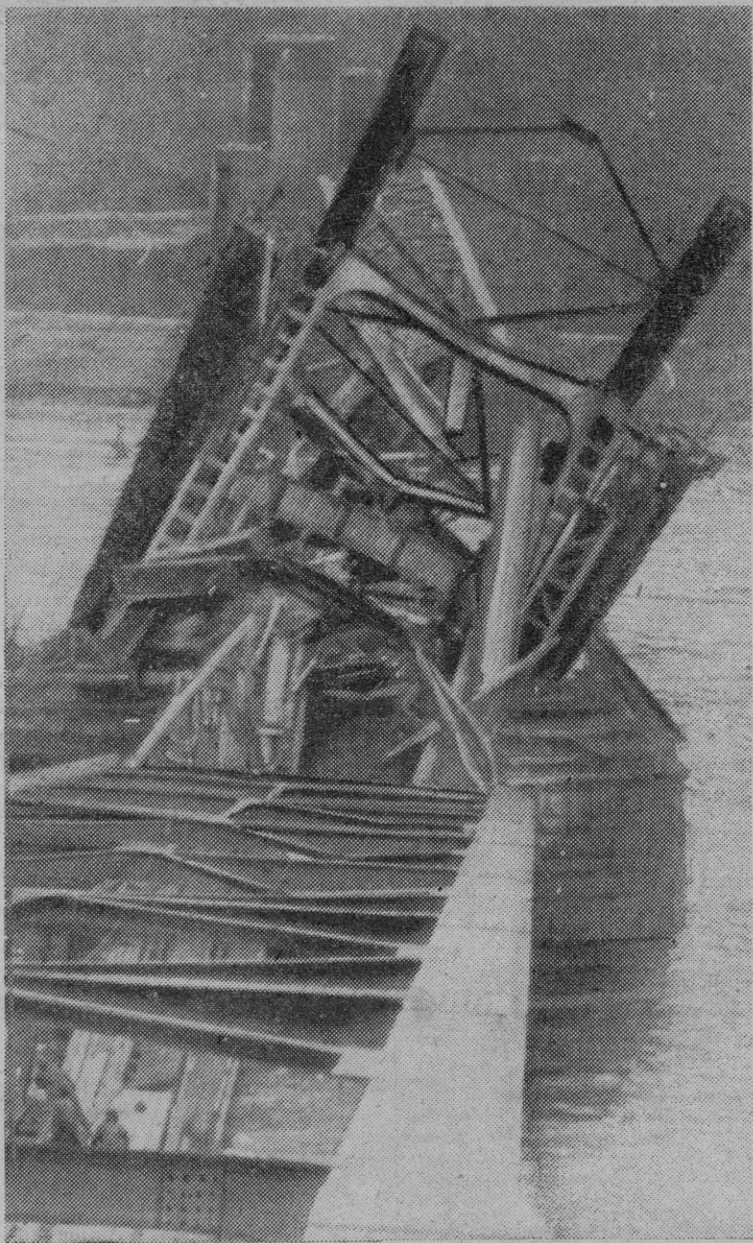
Der Fuehrer's hatred for these men knows no bounds. At frequent intervals he has the film, showing the hangings of Von Witzleben, Von Hassel and other conspirators shown him.

The technique of the hangings was gruesomely novel in two respects: the victims were hanged naked, and instead of a rope a wire was used and the condemned men were hoisted slowly. Their sufferings lasted at least five, and in some cases eight minutes, during which time they bled profusely.

## Twisted Wreckage of Ludendorff Bridge After It Caved in



Closeup of one section of the fallen span.



Three minutes after the Ludendorff Bridge collapsed, 1/Lt. Marcus Hoffman, of San Francisco, snapped this photo from the western bank.

## Peru Suppresses Revolt At Air Base Near Lima

LIMA, Peru, March 19.—An attempted revolutionary coup was smashed yesterday at the Ancon Air Base, 25 miles north of Lima, with the arrest of two noncoms and a small number of men, the Peruvian government announced today.

A government communique said the rebels tried to capture Air Minister Fernando Melgar, who was spending the weekend at the base, but that Melgar quickly "re-established discipline."

## Four Team Up In a Rescue

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sen and the injured man almost at the same time as Aneson, had torn off his pants to swim after the men in the river but stayed on shore with Gates when Aneson dived in. Clad in white shorts, shirt and colonel's leaves, Heikkila pulled on the rope, dragging the men to safety.

Aneson, alert at the down-river pontoon bridge, had already pulled a colonel, a captain and a corporal from the Rhine when he saw Larsen's signal for help.

Aneson, who looked healthy and pink a half-hour after his dip in the Rhine, gave most of the credit to Larsen, who first tried to rescue the injured man.

Aneson works with a photo interpretation team of the Ninth Inf. Div. He stands about five feet nine, weighs about 145, and is 24. Although he was born in Greece and came to the States in 1937, Aneson already is a dyed-in-the-wool Brooklynite.

## Navy Planes, B29s Hit Japan

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force sunk. There was no confirmation of these claims.

The communique acknowledged that the Superforts had caused "considerable damage" in a three-hour attack on Nagoya. There was no claim that fires in the city had been brought under control, as Domei had reported earlier.

By striking Nagoya in record strength, the Superfortresses demonstrated the great air power that is being built up on the former Japanese bases in the Marianas, about 1,500 miles south of Tokyo.

The Nagoya attack, the fifth in the fire-bomb offensive which began 10 days ago, is regarded as a maintenance triumph for the ground crews who repaired and rearmed the Superforts.

None of the Superforts on the Nagoya mission was lost because of enemy action but some made emergency stops on Iwo Jima.

New official figures on results of other fire-bomb raids revealed that 8.34 square miles of Osaka had been burned out, and that at least 2.4 square miles of Kobe had been destroyed.

### Spain vs. Japan?

MADRID, March 19 (Reuter).—Following the opening of a Spanish press campaign denouncing Japanese atrocities in the Philippines, certain quarters in Madrid believe that Spain may soon break off relations with Japan and even declare war.

## Heavies Blast Jap Positions Near Baguio

MANILA, March 19 (ANS).—U.S. heavy bombers dropped 337 tons of bombs on Japanese positions around the Luzon city of Baguio, believed to be the headquarters of Japanese Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

The raid was carried out in support of Yanks of the 33rd Div., whose heavy artillery was battering the enemy from points less than eight miles from Baguio.

Southeast of Baguio, two American forces were less than three miles from a junction at Sante Fe, on the Cagayan Valley road.

### Rout Mounted Cavalry

East of Manila, other U.S. troops moved into secondary Japanese defenses in the Shimbu Line. They routed a unit of Japanese cavalry, mounted, the first encountered in the Luzon campaign.

In southern Luzon, Yanks crossed Batangas Bay to Talaga and then advanced to Mabini in a move to secure the Calumpunan Peninsula.

On Mindanao, Americans drove northward into hills five miles inland and turned back several Japanese counter-attacks in bloody fighting.

U.S. heavy bombers attacked the Heito and Okayama air bases on Formosa and hit the town of Taihoku. Airdromes on Borneo and Japanese shipping in the China Sea also were attacked.

### Marines Mop Up on Iwo As Japs Admit Defeat

The Japanese yesterday reported the end of fighting on Iwo Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo, but Adm. Nimitz's headquarters said that U.S. Marines still were mopping up.

A Japanese news agency dispatch said that "in accordance with an order issued by Lt. Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi, all members of our garrison units are believed to have resorted to a final heroic charge against the enemy at midnight Saturday."

An American communique reported Japanese snipers still active and said that a Japanese wearing a U.S. Marine uniform had shot and wounded an American ambulance driver.

## British Block Jap Escape Bid

British 14th Army forces fought successful actions against Japanese troops attempting to escape from the Burmese city of Mandalay with heavy equipment, SEAC headquarters reported yesterday.

Southern road and rail exits from Mandalay were firmly held by Allied troops. Inside the city, Japanese still held out in Fort Dufferin and in pockets in the southern section.

A United Press dispatch reported indications that the decisive battle of central Burma might be fought between Kyaukse, 25 miles south of Mandalay, and Meiktila, 55 miles farther south. Allied troops were nearing Kyaukse.

SEAC headquarters said that 2,000 more Japanese had been killed by Allied armored forces carrying out sweeps in the area of Meiktila, which is in Allied hands.

## B29 Incendiaries Bring Cry to Defer Jap Firemen

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19 (ANS).—The Japanese Diet yesterday heard a demand that firemen be exempted from military service to cope with fires set by American bombers, Radio Tokyo reported.

Meanwhile, it appeared that Japan's proposed blackout of education had been modified. After announcing that educational facilities would be closed for a year to provide recruits for the war effort, Radio Tokyo said today that students would be called only as required by mobilization laws.



# Nation, Already Pinched, Is Facing Greatest Supply Scarcity of War

## U.S. Aides Predict Further Squeeze Before a Let-Up

WASHINGTON, March 19 (ANS).—The people at home "are facing the tightest all-around supply situation of the war and it is going to get worse before it gets better," government officials said today.

Their statements highlighted the following developments:

1—A 12 percent slash in the meat supply at home was announced over the weekend. This means rationing at the rate of 115 pounds per person per year, 30 pounds less than last year and ten pounds under the 1935-1939 average. Sharp reductions in lend-lease meat shipments were announced by the OWI.

2—The government broke its rule that no more than 30 percent of workers in the 18-29 age group could retain draft deferments, because of the manpower pinch in the steel, coal, transportation, synthetic rubber and copper, and lead and zinc mining industries. As a result, heavier drafts of men 30 and over from essential jobs are expected.

The demands of a global war also resulted in a 37 percent slash by the OPA in passenger tire quotas for April, due to an acute shortage of carbon black. Last week, a deep cut had been announced in the amount of leather available for civilian shoes.

### Meat for Britain Cut

Britain will only get 25,000,000 pounds of meat this quarter, compared with 207,000,000. Russia will get 300,000,000 pounds, in accordance with a long-standing agreement.

The OWI pointed out that a larger supply of meat is necessary for the armed forces, because there are substantially more men in the services than a year ago. The Army also "is required to feed approximately 2,100,000 persons in addition to U.S. military personnel."

While the government increased its deferment quota in the five war industries, thereby deferring approximately 145,000 men under 30, War Production Chief J. A. Krug indicated that the aircraft industry might be added to the list. He revealed the WPB aircraft board is now completing study on deferments for submission to the War Manpower Commission.

### No Early Action Expected

House and Senate conferees, grappling with the manpower problem, met for the first time, but one conferee, who chose to remain anonymous, gave this pessimistic forecast: "We will take no action today. Likewise there will be no action Tuesday, there will be none Wednesday nor Thursday, nor a week from Thursday."

The same conferee added that trying to bring together the divergent principles of the Senate and House manpower bills is like trying to concoct lightweight alloy out of pig iron and feathers.

The nurse draft bill was up for consideration by the Senate Military Committee, where, it was believed, the same influences which caused a softening of the work-or-jail bill would oppose the first woman draft in American history.

## Woman Tries Pipe With Sad Results

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., March 19 (ANS).—Indirectly, Mrs. Frances Hughes, 54, was a casualty of the cigarette shortage. Today her supply exhausted, Mrs. Hughes resorted to a pipe. She relaxed in a chair and fell asleep with the pipe in her mouth.

She awoke screaming. The pipe had fallen from her mouth and the burning tobacco had set her clothing afire. She cried for help and neighbors beat out the flames, but not before she suffered second degree burns.

## Movie Craftsmen Picket Studio



Three of the striking motion picture craftsmen who halted work in every studio in Hollywood last week when a strike was called by the AFL's studio workers over a jurisdictional dispute.

## WLB Sanctions Wage Increase For Textile Industry Workers

WASHINGTON, March 19 (ANS).—The War Labor Board, in a precedent-setting move, today recommended for 50,000 textile workers "fringe" wage increases which, it said, would increase production and "help win the war."

The recommended increases may be put into effect only if the OPA finds they will not boost prices or if Economic Stabilization Director William H. Davis approves them.

Meanwhile, the United Mine Workers' demand for a ten-cent-a-ton royalty, in current wage negotiations with soft coal operators caused Sen. Josiah W. Bailey (D-N.C.) to declare that he would press for an early hearing on a bill to prohibit royalty payments to unions.

Bailey said he introduced the bill because of the miners' demand and James C. Petrillo's five-cent-a-record royalty agreement obtained for the American Federation of Musicians, AFL.

Three more unions voted to return to work in the Hollywood studio strike. They were the Screen Publicists, Story Analysts and Office Workers unions. About 14,000 workers were still on strike.

## 'Frisco Citizens Honor Bataan Heroes



Riding in ambulances, heroes of Bataan and Corregidor who were freed last month from the Cabanatuan prison camp by Gen. MacArthur's troops, ride down Market Street in San Francisco during a "welcome home" parade last week.

## Growing Flood In Iowa Severs Two Highways

ST. LOUIS, March 19 (ANS).—Two main Iowa highways and numerous side roads were cut yesterday as flood waters of the Des Moines and Cedar Rivers continued to spread over low-lying farmlands. Three hundred families have been evacuated in the Des Moines River valley and officials were preparing to move others from threatened areas.

In Tennessee, the flood condition was reported greatly improved as the Mississippi began to subside, relieving pressure on badly strained levees west of Dyersburg. Forty thousand acres in the area are already under water as the result of breaks in private dykes.

In Arkansas, however, the White River continued to threaten levees along its lower stretches through Woodruff Prairie and Monroe counties.

In the Binghamton, N.Y., area, some low-lying roadways along the Chenango were flooded.

## U.S. Income Tax, Not Untrue Wives, GI's Biggest Worry

WASHINGTON, March 19 (ANS).—Soldiers are apparently more worried by income-tax troubles than about unfaithful wives or other domestic problems, the War Department disclosed.

The Judge Advocate General's Dept., through its legal assistance plan started March 16, 1943, has in two years handled more than 4,000,000 cases involving legal aid for soldiers on personal problems.

But out of the 4,000,000 cases only 6 percent, about 240,000, were concerned with divorces and other domestic troubles. About 26 percent of all cases had to do with income-tax troubles.

Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General, thought that this indicated that things were well at home while soldiers are away and vice versa.

"It is pleasing to note the low percentage of cases involving domestic relations difficulties, which is somewhat at variance with the popular belief on this subject," he said.

## Son of Steve Early Wounded on West Front

WASHINGTON, March 19 (ANS).—The War Department announced today that 1/Lt. Stephen T. Early Jr., son of the President's secretary, was slightly wounded in the ETO. The announcement said that his father, who is on a mission in Europe, visited him in the hospital.

## All's Well



Absolved of charges that he seduced a native girl while serving in Italy, Chief Pharmacist's Mate Fred Brooks has been restored to full duty and transferred to St. Albans to resume delayed treatment for combat fatigue. Brooks has rejoined his wife, Grace, whose battle on his behalf stayed his removal to Italy.

## Taxi Driver Says He Killed His Wife And Five Others

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 19 (ANS).—A 24-year-old taxi driver—"when he worked"—was held in Pulaski County jail here on open charges after police reported that he had confessed to killing six persons, including his second wife.

State Police Sgt. Homer Sims and City Detective Herbert R. Peterson said that James W. Hall, a red-haired native of Enola, Ark., told them last night of the slayings.

He said that he beat his wife to death with his fists last August in a ravine near the Riverside golf course. Peterson quoted Hall as saying that three of his victims were slain in hitchhike robberies.

After confessing to the five Arkansas killings, Peterson said that Hall told officers, "I killed a Negro woman in Salina, Kan., when I was 17." Hall said that he had realized less than \$200 out of his killings.

## Rain Helps Control Ozark Forest Fire

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 19 (ANS).—Rain in the Ozarks today helped to extinguish forest fires which had threatened hill villages and communication lines while destroying an estimated 20,000 acres of oak timber. State fire crews knocked out seven of the largest fires before the rain ended.

## His Pocketbook Feels Pinch of Tight Shoes

VAN NUYS, Calif., March 19 (ANS).—John Cortell, a San Fernando Valley rancher, today sought a new hiding place for his spare currency.

He bought a new pair of shoes a few days ago, took them home and then returned them the next day because they were too tight.

Yesterday, his wife frantically called the shoe store. She asked if the returned pair was on the shelves—it was.

In the toe of one of the shoes was a \$100 bill Cortell had parked there when he brought the shoes home.



This Happened in America Yesterday

# Night Clubs Grow Up: In Encyclopedia Now

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 19.—The pop of the champagne cork and the wall of the saxophone have been genteelly incorporated in a 6,000-word history of U.S. night clubs for the ponderous Encyclopedia Britannica's 1945 "Book of the Year."

Never before has the encyclopedia bothered to mention this 20th century phenomenon. Sherman Billingsley, owner of New York's Stork Club, who wrote the article, said there were 30,000 performers in the night-club field in 1944, and that there were 10,000 night clubs presenting live entertainment. In addition, he said, there were about 70,000 cabarets, with an estimated gross number of 200,000,000 patrons, including repeat visits.

Paul Kaufman of Chicago can't resist organs, big or small. He went to an auction and bought an organ equipped with pipes ranging up to ten feet in height. Since he lives in a low-ceilinged cottage, he had to raise the roof nine feet to install his purchase.



SAN FRANCISCO, busily preparing to play host to 3,500 delegates to the world security conference April 25, announced that the meeting will be held in the War Memorial Opera House, built to honor those who died in the last war.

The desks of most newspapermen contain a grimy collection of hesitant beginnings of The Great American Novel, carbon duplicates of big stories, the letter of praise the managing editor wrote in lieu of a raise and chewed-up pencil stubs. A thief, ignorant of this, ransacked the desk drawers of the editorial and composing rooms of the Galesburg, Ill., Register, and got away with only one find: six cigars belonging to managing editor Walter W. Whipple.

SOME 300 farmers' wives, filling station operators and others are working in a new factory in Greenville, Ga., turning out prefabricated houses to shelter bombed-out French and British families. The Federal Housing Authority gave the factory an order for 500 houses for England and 500 barracks for France. Ten complete units are being turned out daily.

Senators Joseph Ball (R-Minn.), Carl A. Hatch (D-N. M.), Harold H. Burton (R-Ohio) and Thomas C. Hart (R-Conn.) matched wits with the Quiz Kids and won a draw, in the opinion of William O. Douglas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. The ages of the kids were 15, 14, 8 and 7. Harve Fishman, 14, put the senators in the mood by asking, at one point: "Will the gentleman yield?" Sen Hatch replied: "I do more than yield; I abdicate."

## New York to Build Medical Center

NEW YORK CITY is waiting impatiently for the materials necessary to build a \$27,000,000 medical center, Mayor LaGuardia announced. Jersey City has talked proudly for years about its medical center, and the Big Town is anxious to surpass it.



The midnight curfew has stranded many citizens in gin mills which closed promptly. In Chicago, cops had to open the joints to rescue one tippler who dozed off in a saloon telephone booth and numerous others under tables and in obscure stalls. In Camden, N.J., Advisory Master William J. Burton ruled that it wasn't cricket for a husband to leave teaballs at his wife, and granted a divorce to the wife making the complaint.

THE Iowa legislature, peering anxiously into the future, passed an amendment banning books that advocate subversive activities.

In Utah, Gov. Herbert H. Maw signed the bill reducing the ratio of cows being serviced by bulls to 30 to 1. Formerly, a bull was assigned to as many as 40 cows. According to the law, any cow adding itself to the allotted 30 "will be known as a loose woman."

A thoughtful pickpocket in Chicago returned a purse to Mrs. Lena Zeremba with a note: "Lena, I am a honest pickpocket. I return your cards and photographs. . . I steal your pocketbook wid two dollars. You will never miss them. I am hungry so I keep. Luck to you, kidd."

MRS. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, wants "clear heads" at the San Francisco conference. She thinks temperance groups should be represented at the meeting, and adds that "liquor has no place in creating sincere and lasting understanding among nations or peoples."

## Veronica Is Expecting

AND Veronica Lake says that she and her husband, André de Toth, are expecting a baby in November. She has a daughter by her previous marriage to Maj. John Detlie, of the Army.

ATTORNEY GENERAL Francis Biddle says that the Justice Department is investigating the New York City egg situation to determine whether anti-trust violations are involved in a planned egg-sales holiday in the metropolitan area. The trouble stemmed from demands for price-ceiling revisions.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE note for Colorado: Rep. Dean Gillespie (R-Colo.) invited the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to make their home there, describing it "as the finest and most healthful section in the United States."

VIRGINIA legislators met in special session to start machinery rolling to relieve the State's servicemen and women from registering or paying a poll tax.

J. I. Hartfield, a jailer in Hattiesburg, Miss., revealed that through his consent, Donald Wood, 24, a condemned slayer, and his wife, Bernice, had shared a cell for two weeks. Wood, a discharged soldier, was scheduled to die last Friday for the hitch-hike killing of a Jackson, Miss., laundry owner, but was given a stay of execution pending the appeal of his case. Bernice, who was permitted to live in the cell when she could not find a room, has returned to her home in St. Louis.

THE Philadelphia Navy Yard is constructing a new and larger air craft carrier Princeton to replace the one sunk by the Japanese off the Philippines last Oct. 25.

# Curfew in N.Y. Fixed at 1 AM By LaGuardia

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 19.—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, declaring that the midnight curfew had resulted in a transportation jam and illegal sale of liquor, today fixed the curfew at 1 AM.

"If this hour of tolerance is abused," he said, "we will shove it right back. But I don't think it will be abused."

The Mayor did not state whether he had conferred with the Office for War Mobilization before his decision. A new problem—whether liquor and food sales would be permitted during the extra hour—immediately arose in the minds of liquor establishments and restaurant owners.

## All or Nothing at All

WASHINGTON, March 19 (ANS).—Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) told the Senate today that the midnight curfew should be enforced in New York City or lifted for the entire country.

"The City of New York and Mayor LaGuardia are not bigger than the rest of the country," Bridges declared. "There is no excuse for one man, one mayor, putting himself above the nation."

LaGuardia's action was rapped by Alfred E. Driscoll, New Jersey State Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner, who said it was "an apparent attempt to substitute government by the whim of a man for government by law."

Boston officials said they would discuss a 1 AM closing, but Philadelphia's Mayor Bernard Samuel said: "We intend to abide by the request of the Federal Government." Pittsburgh officials also said there would be no change.

Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago said that he "was going right along with the order of the government and I don't care what they do in New York." Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles also said there would be no change.

# Nebraskans Win Fight to Save Wet Corn from Spoiling

OMAHA, March 19 (ANS).—Wet corn, valued at more than \$90,000,000, was saved from spoilage as the result of a 32-day campaign to move the crop into cribs, a final report disclosed.

The 103,000,000 bushels, represented one-third of Nebraska's all-time record crop of 1944, which overflowed storage facilities.

An estimated 90 percent of the wet corn was saved in what director W. H. Brokaw, of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, hailed as "the greatest single co-operative effort" ever attempted in the state.

Nebraska newspapers led the drive which received the support of farm, business, civil, industrial and military organizations.

## Cuba Rebellion Nipped

HAVANA, March 19 (ANS).—A military rebellion against the regime of Cuban President Grau San Martin has been suppressed. Genevevo Perez, chief of Cuba's armed forces, announced.

# Boost in Crime After War Ends Seen by Justice Department

WASHINGTON, March 19 (ANS).—The Department of Justice expects an increase in crime after the war, Attorney General Francis Biddle said today in a report in which he revealed the number of Federal prisoners has jumped 2,000 in the past year.

Among the 18,000 Federal prisoners at the end of 1944 were 4,000 violators of the Selective Service

# 55,000 Barrels of Oil Go Up in Smoke



In Emporia, Kan., black smoke billows from an oil tank along the Santa Fe Railway after the reservoir caught fire last week. The Emporia fire department succeeded in preventing the blaze from spreading into nearby residential districts. Residents of Strong City said they could see the smoke.

# Vandenberg for World League With Power to Correct Errors

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—The proposed world security league should have power to review political decisions made during the war, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), one of the American delegates to the San Francisco conference, declared today.

## Stork Crashes Jail For a Second Visit

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 19 (ANS).—Clara Fish, 32, serving a murder sentence in Missouri State Penitentiary, has become a mother for the second time since she entered the institution in 1932.

Authorities disclosed today that she had revealed her latest pregnancy to prison officials last Sept. 15, charging that a convict had attacked her in the women's dormitory. The convict denied he had.

Her second child was a nine-pound baby boy. The first, whose father was a prison guard, died at birth.

## Police Query Ex-Convict In Deaths of 3 Women

ST. LOUIS, March 19 (AP).—Joseph Dunbar Medley, 43, an escaped convict charged with the fatal shooting of Mrs. Nancy Boyer in Washington and sought in connection with the deaths of two other women, was arrested yesterday by the FBI.

Mrs. Boyer's body was found in her apartment March 9. Last Saturday police recovered an emerald ring belonging to her in a Pittsburgh pawn shop.

Vandenberg said he had filed with the State Department proposals elaborating on the Dumbarton Oaks agreements. One of them is understood to provide that the league could correct errors and possible injustices in boundary settlements which would endanger peace.

Vandenberg pointed out that the San Francisco conference April 25 would deal solely with methods of keeping the peace.

"The San Francisco conference will have the tremendous responsibility of deciding whether peace-keeping is to be confined to the status quo which peace-makers dictate or whether the new peace league shall have jurisdiction broad enough to explore and recommend correction of errors which could again threaten ultimate war," he said.

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## Dulles Asks Removal Of Veto Provision

NEW YORK, March 19 (UP).—Republican John Foster Dulles, who was Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's foreign affairs adviser in the last presidential election, today urged that veto powers, given the five world powers under the United Nations security council formula, be removed.

"The Big Five are going to force all other nations to take a chance, and unless they take it themselves they will not build a durable structure of peace," Dulles declared.

## Hunger-Striking Conchy Imprisoned as Deserter

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 19 (ANS).—Corbett Bishop, gaunt, bearded 39-year-old conscientious objector who refuses to eat and walk, was wheeled into Federal court and sentenced to four years imprisonment and fined \$1,000, for desertion from the civilian public service camp, at Germfask, Mich.



# Covering GI Sports

OISE Section's crack boxing team threw a lot of potent leather at the Palais de Glace, Paris, last night, to humble the 494th Port battlers before a packed house of 3,750 GIs. The 494th forfeited one bout, a lightweight contest, in which the Port boxer was overweight. Oise won the team match, 7-2.

Pfc Oscar Broussard, Oise Section light heavyweight battler, knocked out Sgt. James Treadwell in the evening's top card. Treadwell, ahead on points in the second round, was dropped with a terrific left hook and, after taking the count at 1:59, he was still unable to rise.

### Results of other bouts:

Pvt. Bill Proctor, Harrisburg, Pa., TKO'd Cpl. Mosher Jackson, NYC (1:42, second round); Pfc Harvey Treadwell, Trenton, N.J., decided Pfc Charles Green, Brooklyn; Pfc George Murray, St. Louis, Mo., decided Pfc John Perkins, Harrisburg, Pa.; Pfc George Smith, NYC, decided Pfc Arlee Chandler, St. Louis, Mo.; Sgt. Horace Young, Houston, Tex., decided Pfc Roy Perry, Trenton, N.J.; Pfc Bill Cook, San Diego, Calif., decided Pfc Leroy Bullard, NYC; Cpl. Wilton Kemp, Riverside, N.J., decided Cpl. Gene Glover, Los Angeles; Pvt. Aaron Wilson, Birmingham, Ala., TKO'd Pfc Benny Williams, NYC (1:56, second round); Pfc Charles Clark, New Orleans, La., decided Pfc James Mizell, Metropolitan, Ill.; Pfc Kermit Johnson, NYC, decided Cpl. Jack Coleman, Flint, Mich.; Cpl. Chester Clemens, Kansas City, Mo., decided Cpl. Mike Frasca, Cambridge, Mass.; Pfc Charles Perkins, NYC, decided Pfc Max Hutchins, Los Angeles; Pfc Sam Logan, Los Angeles, decided Pfc Ed Neverson, NYC.

**NINTH TAC HQ.**—The Jabbos, representing the fighter group commanded by Col. James K. Johnson, captured the Ninth Tactical Air Command basketball championship defeating Peck's Bad Boys, 46-20, in the final of a round-robin tournament. The champions, by virtue of their victory, will carry the Ninth TAC standard into a Ninth Air Force tournament Mar. 26-27-28 in Chantilly.

1/Lt. Edwin Cottrell, of Slippery Rock, Pa., led the victors with 18 points.

The 114th AAA basketballers, Ninth ADC titlists, and the Paris Championets played to a 40-40 tie at Japy Gym, Paris. No overtime was played, since the French team had to catch the last subway.

### The box score:

GFP	Stafford, f... 8 0 16	Treuil, f... 2 0 4	GFP	Durussel, f... 6 0 12
	Louszcz/sky, f 7 0 14	Durussel, f... 6 0 12		Lesnayeux, f 5 0 10
	Bobtean, c... 4 0 8	Lesnayeux, f 5 0 10		Giradot, c... 2 0 4
	Waters, g... 1 0 2	Giradot, c... 2 0 4		Barrais, g... 3 0 6
	Neumann, g... 0 0 0	Barrais, g... 3 0 6		Cravay, g... 2 0 4
Totals... 20 0 40		Totals... 20 0 40		

## Dobbs, Minor Lost To '45 Army Team

WEST POINT, N.Y., March 19.—Bobby Dobbs and Max Minor, Army backfield stars, will not be on the Cadets' football team next fall, although both presumably will return to school. Col. Lawrence "Biff" Jones, graduate manager of athletics, disclosed that both players have exhausted their four years of collegiate athletic eligibility.

Dobbs played two years at Tulsa and Minor played two years at Texas before entering West Point, where both earned two major A's for football.

## St. John's Renews Lapchick Contract

BROOKLYN, March 19.—On the eve of St. John's entry into the National Invitational basketball tournament against Muhlenberg, the Brooklyn college signed its coach, Joe Lapchick, to another five-year contract. Lapchick, member of the Original Celtics, has been coaching St. John's for the last eight years, during which time the Redmen won 449 games while losing 84.

Among the outstanding basketball players he developed at St. John's were: Gerry Bush, Harry Boykoff, Jack Garfinkel, Hy Gotkin and the late Lt. Frank Haggerty.



### Larry Arranges a Trip and —

## Griffith Charges MacPhail 'Kidnapped' One-Legged GI

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., March 19.—Lt. Bert Shepard, one-legged southpaw pitcher who had been working out in the Washington Senators' camp at College Park, Md., turned up at the Yankees' training quarters here yesterday in the company of Larry MacPhail, and immediately there were howls of "Kidnap!" from Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington club.

Shepard was scheduled to pitch in the Senators' intrasquad game yesterday afternoon, but he disappeared a couple of hours before game time. The 24-year-old P38 pilot, it developed, had asked MacPhail, who was in Washington, if he could work out with the Yankees and the president of the New York club arranged the trip. Shepard was brought here in Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson's private plane, piloted by Lt. Col. Bill Spencer, and the player was flown back to Walter Reed Hospital after taking a brief workout with the Yankees before 100 amputation patients.

### War Dept. Explains

Patterson sent Shepard to Atlantic City in his plane, the War Department said last night, so that he might achieve his wish to practice with the Yankees, and so that disabled veterans might see him play.

While the Yankee officials said the whole business of "kidnapping" was ridiculous, Griffith termed the War Department explanation of



Lt. Bert Shepard

the business "a concocted alibi" and added "It sounds fishy to me." Shepard played first base and pitched in the Wisconsin State, Evangeline and Arizona-California leagues before entering the service. Asked how he'd cope with bunters if he made the big league grade, he said: "Let them try it." He's still a patient at Walter Reed Hospital, where he's being fitted for a new artificial leg. He claims he can run the 100 in 14 seconds flat.

## Notes From Baseball Camps

FREDERICK, Md., March 19.—Joe Burns, third-baseman, got four for five yesterday as the Blues clicked the Grays in a Philadelphia Athletics' intra-squad game.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Spud Davis' Yannigans defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates' Regulars, 4-3, in an intrasquad game. Davis is in charge of the club since Frankie Frisch is reported laid up with arthritis.

PLEASANTVILLE, N.J.—The Boston Red Sox bought Catcher Bob Garbak from the Philadelphia Athletics to replace Billy Holm, who is entering the service. Garbak is a brother to New York Yankee backstop, Mike Garbak.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—The Chicago Cubs' first intra-club game was

played with Coach Red Smith's A team defeating Manager Charley Grimm's B club, 7-0. Smith's charges collected six hits and six runs off George Hennessey, former Nashville pitcher, in the fourth inning of a five-inning game. Second baseman Don Johnson and Pitcher Ed Hanyzewski, who played rightfield, each made two hits.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Jim Tobin, who pitched two no-hitters for the Boston Braves last year, is among the five unsigned players of 34 on the Braves' roster.

WILMINGTON, Del.—Jim Spencer, six-foot nine-inch pitcher, arrived at the Philadelphia Phillies' training camp here. Al Gerheuser, Buster Adams and Les Scarsella are still absent.

LAFAYETTE Ind.—The Cleveland Indians received good news that Outfielder Myril Hoag will be able to play regular this season. Hoag had his tonsils removed and was pronounced in the best condition of his career. Vice-president

## Kahn, Ex-Redskins' Guard, Dies in Leyte

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Lt. Eddie Kahn, former Washington Redskins' guard, died on Feb. 17 from wounds received in the battle of Leyte, the club announced yesterday.

Kahn, former all-America guard at North Carolina, had previously been wounded at Kwajalein and was reassigned to active duty after his recovery. He graduated from Carolina in 1935 and played the next two years with the Redskins.

## Nelson Has 66; Gains on Snead

CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 19.—Sammy Snead shot a 69 yesterday to maintain his lead with a total of 202 after 54 holes of play in the \$10,000 Charlotte Open golf tournament.

Byron Nelson, of Toledo, and "Jug" McSpaden, of Sanford, Me., were two strokes behind Snead with 204. Nelson shot the best round of the day with a 66. After getting an eagle on the second hole, McSpaden went two over on the sixth and barely managed to last out the first half in par.

Sammy Byrd shot a 70 yesterday for 209 and was followed by Gene Kunes' 210; Craig Wood, 212; Joe Zarhardt and Ky LaFoon, 214, and Jim Gauntt, 215.

## Conn Tags Tabor Best GI Prospect, Another Apostoli

LONDON, March 19.—Cpl. Billy Conn has taken Pfc "King Tut" Tabor, of Oakland, Calif., under his wing and expects the GI middleweight to develop into "another Freddie Apostoli."

Conn, who has been boxing exhibitions for soldiers throughout the ETO, terms Tabor a "real find."

"The youngster has a lot to learn before he's turned loose against seasoned middleweights back home," Conn said today, "but he's the best ring prospect you'll find among American soldiers in Europe."

Tabor, who had 26 pro fights before entering the service, was part of the boxing troupe featured by Conn.

After the war, Tabor plans to move to Pittsburgh, where he will train under Conn and his manager, Johnny Ray.



Billy Conn

## Montreal Wins Finale; Hawks Topple Wings

BOSTON, March 19.—Montreal's high-flying front line of Maurice Richard, Toe Blake and Elmer Lach, scored in that order within the last two minutes last night to conclude their regular National Hockey League season with a 4-2 triumph over the Boston Bruins.

The first period was scoreless and the second ended in a 1-1 tie on goals by Dutch Hiller for Montreal and Herbie Cain for Boston. The Bruins grabbed the lead at 15:52 of the third period on Pat Egan's goal, but the Canucks' high-scoring trio took their final workout before the play-offs and Lach tallied the winning marker at 19 minutes.

### Rangers Down Leafs

NEW YORK, March 19.—Grant Warwick's goal on a pass from Ott Heller in the final seconds gave the New York Rangers a 6-5 victory



over the Toronto Maple Leafs here last night. The Rangers finished last in the league for the third straight year.

Toronto took a three-goal lead in the first on shots by Babe Pratt, Mell Hill and Sweeney Schirmer, but the Rangers got back in the game on goals by Joe Shack and Hank Goldup before the period ended. Schirmer hit his second score of the night within two minutes of the second period but the Rangers tied the score, 4-4, on tallies by Walter Atanas and Fred Hunt.

Fred Thurnier and Lorne Carr swapped goals in the final period before Warwick came through with the clincher as the buzzer sounded.

### Hawks Defeat Wings

CHICAGO, March 19.—The Chicago Black Hawks closed their season here last night, upsetting the Detroit Red Wings, 5-3. Bill Mosenko scored on Clint Smith's pass in the first period but Joe Carveth tied it with an assist from Earl Siebert, Mosenko and Smith scored in the second period, each assisting the other, and Eddie Bruneteau scored for Detroit, but goals by Mush March and Pete Horeck gave Chicago the game.

### Hockey Standings

National League (Final Standings)					
	W	L	T	Pts	
Montreal	38	8	4	80	Boston...16 29 4 36
Detroit	31	14	5	67	Chicago...13 30 7 33
Toronto	24	22	4	52	New York...11 29 10 33

### American League

Sunday Night's Results					
Providence	10	Hershey	3		
Buffalo	10	St. Louis	5		
Indianapolis	8	Cleveland	4		

## Nat'l AAU Tournament Starts in Denver Cage

DENVER, Colo., March 19.—The National AAU basketball tournament completed its first round here last night.

Results: Toner-Mapelli, Denver 76, Walsemberg Schosky's 44; Hoxie (Kan.) Chamber of Commerce 42, Sanford (Col.) Giants 34; Greeley Lions 42, Glenwood Springs Naval Hosp. 41 (overtime); Ft. Collins 45, Colorado College Navy 42; Colorado University Medics 63, Trinidad Jr. College 35; Sterling Pontiac 56, Colorado Springs Gas 55; Los Angeles Cliftons 37, Des Moines State Guard 28; St. Louis Candles 68, Butte (Mont.) Boosters 16.

### Seize Tournament

Quater-final Games Today  
Blackbirds vs. 32nd MP; 351st Engr. vs. 108th Gen. Hosp.; Orly Flyers vs. 48th Gen. Hosp.; Spec. Serv. vs. 3021st Ord.



# HASH MARKS

Our spy in the Pacific sez the Japs captured a Joe who had to bail out of a Superfort and asked him how many gunners the big ships carried. His reply: "Fourteen gunners and two score-keepers."

Oddities in the news: Sgt. Elmer Clayton of ASC lost his goldfish to the cat. Quipped Elmer: "Now I've got two pets in one."

This happened before the racing ban back home. One Army mess hall was next to a racetrack. Every time a horse was scratched the frantic CO inspected the kitchen.

Neatest trick of the week: A T/Sgt. was found standing in his hut tracing his foot on a V-mail blank, addressed to his home-town



shoe store. Asked what the idea was, he casually replied, "Well, I don't know my size—and this way they will."

Meanest man in the ETO (nominated by a corporal, a sergeant and a staff sergeant); Sgt. Bill Bozich—he turned out the lights in the barracks just as the No. 1 song on the hit parade was about to be played over the barracks radio.

We like Maj. Bert Douglas' verse on tire conservation.

Harry had a GI truck.  
Its tires were bad and low,  
And everywhere that Harry went,  
A tire was sure to blow.

And here is a quickie verse by Milt Cohen: Girls today, when they put on a dress, seem to cover up less and less.

J. C. W.

## Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

L T. Charles M. Flewelling, Champaign, Ill.—Sandra Kay, March 15; Pvt. Richard Austin Smith, Washington, D.C.—Roderick Sheldon, March 13; M/Sgt. Joseph P. O'hara, Eau Claire, Wis.—Janet Frances, March 9; Pvt. Robert O. Wood, New Britain, Conn. Robert Colley, March 3; Pvt. Rennel Bodarmel, Shamokin, Pa.—Ann, March 10; Major Gregg C. McLead, Stillwater, Me.—Gregg Clarke, March 11; T/Sgt. Jack W. Reilly, Upper Darby, Pa.—girl, March 14; Lt. Richard A. Aubrey, Longmeadow, Mass.—Richard Alan, March 14; Pfc Douglas M. Grant, Birmingham, Ala.—girl, March 14; T/Sgt. James A. Brennan, St. Louis, Mo.—son, Jan. 26.

## AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

Also AEPF (583 Kc. — 514 M.)

**Time TODAY**  
1200-News 1945-Army Band  
1210-Beaucoup Music 2060-World News  
1300-Rans'm Sherman 2005>Your War today  
1330-They Call Me Joe 2015-Mercer's Music  
1400-News 2630-Amer. Band, AEF  
1410-Melody Roundup 2100-News  
1430-Aldrich Family 2165-Frank Morgan  
1500-Strike Up Band 2135-Dinah Shore  
1530-Combat Diary 2200-U.S. Home news  
1545-On the Record 2207-Hit Parade  
1630-J. C. Thomas 2235-Music fm. Pacific  
1700-News 2300-News  
1715-Canada Show 2305-Mystery Play'se  
1800-News 2330-One-Night Stand  
1805-Mark Up Map 2400-News  
1810-U.S. Sports 0015-Night Shift  
1815-GI Supper Club 0200-News Headlines  
1900-Raymond Scott 0202-Sign Off  
1920-Burns & Allen

**TOMORROW**  
0555-Opening 0900-News  
0600-Rise and Shine 0910-Spotlight Band  
0700-News 0925-Music fm. Canada  
0715-Song: Judy Garland 1000-Amer. Band, AEF  
0725-French Lesson 1030-Strike Up Band  
0730-Army Radio Orch. 1100-U.S. Home news  
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## Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



YOUR SIGNATURE ON THAT CHECK WAS GENUINE SO NATURALLY WE CASHED IT. — YES, MADAM, YOU'RE A PAUPER. — GOOD DAY!!

THAT SIGNED CHECK I GAVE YOU. — BUT WITH THE AMOUNT NOT FILLED IN — WHAT HAPPENED TO IT??

?? FRY MAN HIDE!! — THEY WERE TH' SCRAP O' PAPER AH GIVE T' THEY DUM GENNULMAN WIF MAH ADDRESS ON IT!!

## By Al Capp



AN' IT WERE LUCKY AH DID — ON ACCOUNT HE JEST CAME BACK AN' RETURNED THE DIME — WARRN'T HE HONEST?

HONEST? — THAT RAT FILLED IN MY SIGNED CHECK FOR FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND CASHED IT!! — I'M A PAUPER!! — I'M RUINED!! — HOW WILL I LIVE??

YO' COULD LIVE WIF US EF WE HAD SOME — WHAR? — LIVE — BUT WE HAIN'T.

YES, YO' HAS!!

## Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



WHERE'S TERRY, HOTSHOT?

I DUNNO, SNAKE... HE PROBABLY WENT OUT TO PERSUADE A PIGEON TO CARRY A LETTER TO WILLOW BELINDA...

SNAKE, DO YOU SUPPOSE BIG JANE ALLEN WILL ALLOW YOU TO WEAR THAT HAT AFTER YOU'RE MARRIED?

SHE SAID IT WOULD BE OKAY — BUT THAT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING I WAS SUPPOSED TO ASK YOU...

JANE HAS A CUTE LITTLE REDHEADED NIECE TO ACT AS FLOWER GIRL AT OUR WEDDING — AND SHE WANTS TO COMPLETE THE COLOR SCHEME BY HAVING A LITTLE REDHEADED PAGE BOY TO CARRY HER TRAIN...

MEANWHILE... HU SHEE, I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK FROM YOUR SPY JOB INTO THE JAP LINES — BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?

IT'S IMPORTANT, TERRY... I KNOW A PLACE WHERE WE CAN TALK...

## Abbie an' Slats

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



THE OFFICES OF THE "PSYCHOLOGICAL" RESEARCH LABORATORIES....

LET'S FACE IT, PROFESSOR! THERE'S ANOTHER MAD NATIONAL CRAZE! THE SHORT, FAT, BALD, MIDDLE-AGED MAN IS BECOMING THE DREAM PRINCE OF AMERICAN GIRLHOOD!

(SIGH) QUITE SO!

IT'S DUE TO THE ENORMOUS POPULARITY OF THAT BOOK — "MY SECRET LOVE LIFE," BY JOHN SMITH. HE HAS CAPTURED EVERY FEMINE HEART!

NO AMERICAN GIRL WILL BE HAPPY UNTIL SHE HAS A "JOHN SMITH" OF HER OWN!

ODD, AREN'T THEY — THESE NATIONAL CRAZES! I REMEMBER WHEN THE SLICK-HAIRED, OILY TYPE WAS CONSIDERED REPULSIVE...

AND THEN — OVERNIGHT — IT WAS WOMANHOOD'S IDEAL!

THEN THE BIG SIX-FOOT AND NOW — BECAME THE HERO OF ALL FEMINE HEARTS! — THE SHORT, FAT, DULL, MIDDLE-AGED TYPE MAY PRODUCE A WAVE OF WOONG!

## Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By Chester Gould



I CAN'T GET MY HAIR LOOSE IT'S CAUGHT ON THE DOOR HANDLES.

WE'RE HEADING OUT INTO THE COUNTRY. I'M COLD! — I MAY FREEZE

Say it With FLOWERS

YES, IT'S THE MATRON ALL RIGHT

KEEP RIGHT ON TALKING. — BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO GRAVEL GERTIE. — I — I DON'T KNOW.

## Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



I'M STARVED TONIGHT... WONDER WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE FOR SUPPER

M-M — THAT SURE SMELLS GOOD

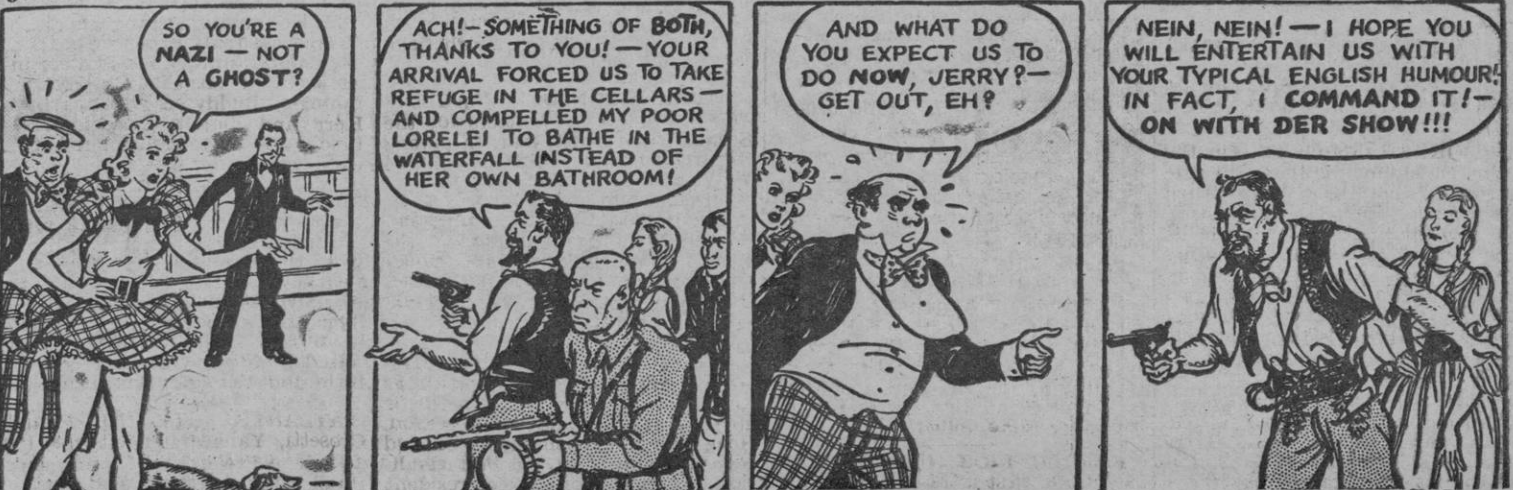
OH, GEE, HOW I LOVE LIVER AND ONIONS!

I LOVE YOU, TOO, DEAR

## Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



SO YOU'RE A NAZI — NOT A GHOST?

ACH! — SOMETHING OF BOTH, THANKS TO YOU! — YOUR ARRIVAL FORCED US TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE CELLARS — AND COMPELLED MY POOR LORELEI TO BATHE IN THE WATERFALL INSTEAD OF HER OWN BATHROOM!

AND WHAT DO YOU EXPECT US TO DO NOW, JERRY? — GET OUT, EH?

NEIN, NEIN! — I HOPE YOU WILL ENTERTAIN US WITH YOUR TYPICAL ENGLISH HUMOUR! IN FACT, I COMMAND IT! — ON WITH DER SHOW!!!



## Rep. Gore Says Some in AMG Are 'Misfits'

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP).—Some of the personnel now working in the Allied Military Government branch in occupied Germany are misfits, Rep. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) charged today in an 8,000-word report based on a personal investigation.

Gore said that "there is evidence that some personnel was transferred to this branch of service because they were surplus or misfits in other branches." He declared that "some are misfits in Military Government, too."

### 'One Misfit Is Too Many'

While the number of misfits is small, "one is too many in a job so vital as the execution of policies in the occupation of Germany," Gore said.

(Gore predicted widespread starvation in Germany if the war lasts several more months, and said that "political chaos and utter physical destruction prevail in German towns and communities," according to a Reuter dispatch.

### Assails Non-Fraternization

(Gore rapped the Army's non-fraternization policy on the ground that "it will be as impossible to make the American soldier uncivil and unresponsive to human wants and acts of personal friendship as it is to suddenly make disciples of the golden rule out of the Nazi S.S. trooper," the Reuter dispatch said.

(Half of the entire German population may go to the one-third of Germany the U.S. will occupy, Gore said, because "Germans mortally fear the Russians and are fleeing in untold thousands from the part of Germany which it has been announced Russia will occupy," and because of the pressure of tactical operations by Allied armies, according to the Reuter dispatch.)

## Leftist Finns Gain in Vote

HELSINKI, March 19 (AP).—Finland's voters gave substantial although not decisive support to extreme leftists in the parliamentary elections just concluded.

The elections were generally accepted as a test of the nation's willingness to settle itself as a friendly small power on the Soviet perimeter.

Incomplete returns representing more than half of the estimated total vote gave the Communist Democratic Peoples Union Party 236,370 votes, against 241,227 for the Social Democratic Party, heretofore the strongest political force in Finland.

### Red-Backed Party Wins 51 Seats

STOCKHOLM, March 19 (UP).—On the basis of almost complete returns from Finland's elections, the new Soviet-supported Democratic Peoples Union won 51 seats in Parliament, the Social Democrats won 52 and lost 11, while other parties took 51 seats.

## U.S. Undersea Raiders Sink 15 More Jap Ships

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP).—U. S. submarines have sunk 15 more Japanese ships, including three destroyers and two escort vessels, the Navy announced today. Radio Tokyo reported that a fleet of Allied submarines had moved from waters off French Indo-China into the China Sea to cut Japan's supply lines from her conquered southern territory.

### Japs Decorate Swede

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP).—Emperor Hirohito decorated Widar Bagge, Swedish Minister to Japan, "in recognition of his contribution toward the promotion of amicable relations between Sweden and Japan," said a Domei dispatch heard by the Federal Communications Commission.

## Ack-Ack Crew Shoots Nazi Bomb Out of Sky

RETAGEN, March 19 (UP).—A German bomb hurtling toward one of the American bridges across the Rhine was hit by ack-ack gunners and exploded in the air, Cpl. Cornelius Vis Jr., of San Leandro, Calif., reported today.

Vis said an FW190 dived out of a cloud and dropped its bomb. Vis shouted to his gunners to track it. They hit the bomb with tracers when it was about 800 feet above ground.

Vis' claim was substantiated by a platoon of infantrymen who were close by.

## U.S. Fliers Join Reds to Defend Soviet Airfield

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—American Mustangs of the Eighth AF and Russian Yak fighter planes fought side by side yesterday for the first time against German fighters in the defense of a Russian airfield east of the Oder River. They shot down one FW190 and drove the others away.

Capt. Ralph Cox, 25, squadron commander, of Robstown, Tex., said he was leading his squadron on patrol over the Oder when he spotted two German fighters in a diving attack on the airfield.

"The Russians were defending their base against four planes which had already started to strafe the west end of the field. I led my flight directly behind the Nazis as they turned for another attack and began firing on the leading plane."

### Others Joined Battle

Cox said his victim burst into flames and crashed. By this time, approximately 15 Russian fighters had joined the battle, Cox said, and "as there were no other enemy planes in sight, we waggled our wings and headed home."

1/Lt. Bryce Thomson, of Flint, Mich., who was flying with Cox, reported he had seen a friendly Russian fighter pilot wave and smile during the encounter.

"When I first approached him," Thomson said, "we were both a bit cautious and then I pulled alongside of him and pointed to the stars on my wings. He waved to me and we flew along together for a time."

## Rail Workers Told By Allies to Quit Three Key Areas

LONDON, March 19 (AP).—BBC last night broadcast special instructions from Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters to railway workers in the Mannheim, Ludwigshafen and Frankfurt-on-Main areas to leave their posts and get out of the battle zone.

Civilians in the same area were also warned that there would be merciless bombardments. Railway workers were asked not to believe it their duty to remain at their posts to man trains for evacuation of civilians.

The message said: "The party is using the railways first to supply the armies to prolong a lost war and to evacuate high officials and property. For you, railway men above all, to remain at your posts is suicide. Your work brings you in constant danger. Your homes for the most part are in especially dangerous areas. Do not leave your foreign colleagues behind. They know little of the country or of the language. Help them to escape."

### Warrant Out for Grandi

LONDON, March 19 (Reuter).—The News Chronicle's Rome correspondent reports that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of former Italian Foreign Minister Count Grandi by the High Commissioner for Punishment of Fascist Crimes. Count Grandi has been living in Portugal since the collapse of the Fascist regime.

## The Saar-Mosel-Rhine Triangle Becomes Smaller



The enemy was reported in full retreat yesterday in the last territory it holds west of the Rhine, caught between Third and Seventh Armies.

## Germans in South Retreating As 3rd, 7th Armies Press On

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Culin's 87th Inf. Div. Doughs overran a pocket of resistance at Ft. Constantine, near the river, and advanced southeast to reach the west bank of the Rhine two miles northeast of Boppard.

The 90th Inf. Div., driving southeast of Boppard, captured Bingen after scattered resistance. Mortar and rifle fire poured into division positions from across the Rhine.

At Bad-Kreuznach, key junction on the now useless Saar rail line, Germans counter-attacked with 14 half-tracks and 18 tanks. Fourth Armd. men smashed the attack, cleared the junction town and fanned out to the south and southeast.

### Civilians Hostile

Contrary to experience in cities like Cologne and Bonn, Fourth Armd. men found civilians in Bad-Kreuznach hostile, but gave no details as to whether the civilian population was offering resistance.

Spearing southward from the Mosel to the west of the Fourth, the 11th Armd. Div. reached a point 17 miles southwest of Simmern, to split the north-central portion of the Saar.

Smashing into the Saar from the west, the 76th Inf. Div. was advancing northeast of Trier out of contact with the retreating enemy, while Maj. Gen. Harry J. Malony's 94th Inf. Div. battled through roadblocks and rearguards for gains of three miles.

### Disorganization Evident

A column of Maj. Gen. William Henry Harrison Morris' Tenth Armd. Div., with doughs of Maj. Gen. H. L. McBride's 80th Inf. Div., smashed into the key town of St. Wendel, eight miles north of Neunkirchen and approximately 20 miles north of the Siegfried Line in the vicinity of Saarbrücken.

Disorganization was evidently spreading among the 80,000 Germans who faced entrapment as the powerful two-army nutcracker was closing. Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul's 26th Inf. Div., pushing 15 miles east of Merzig, took 1,200 prisoners. The corps of which the 26th Div. is a part bagged 3,200 prisoners, a record haul, out of the estimated 5,500 the Third Army marched back to the rear.

Germans continued battling stubbornly in the Siegfried Line after withdrawing generally into the forts all along their front. Following this withdrawal, Seventh forces re-entered Germany in the Harde Mountains and drove into the outskirts of Wissembourg and Lauterbourg, near the border of the Rhenish Palatinate.

From Forbach to Saarbrücken in the Siegfried Line, forces of Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn's XXI Corps found the going tough. The 45th Inf. Div. smashed 12 pillboxes and battled into Bliesscastel and Webenheim, five miles west of Zweibrücken.

First unit to regain German soil in the Seventh's drive was the same unit which had first crossed the German border last December—the Third Bn., 441st Regt., of the 103rd Inf. Div.

## Enemy Vessels Sunk Off Italy

ROME, March 19 (Reuter).—Allied warships operating in the Gulf of Venice Saturday night blew up one of two German lighters encountered, to raise the past week's kill in waters off Italy to six enemy vessels.

In a week of revived naval action, Allied warships have sunk two destroyers or large torpedo boats north of Corsica and four lighters in the Gulf of Venice. British, French and American vessels also heavily bombarded German shore installations from the Franco-Italian border to Genoa.

Land activity in Italy yesterday was limited to patrol clashes but tactical aircraft made 78 rail cuts and destroyed several bridges and large amounts of rolling stock in northern Italy.

### Criminals' Land for Peasants

The Moscow radio reported yesterday that all Hungarian landed property belonging to "war criminals and enemies of the people" would be confiscated by the Hungarian Provisional Government and distributed among peasants.

## Reds Reported Plunging Anew Across Silesia

German sources reported yesterday that Marshal Ivan Konev's Red Army forces were plunging forward in Silesia toward the Czechoslovak border, while other Soviet armies, having virtually completed the clean-up of Pomerania, smashed at Stettin and at the Danzig-Gdynia area.

The Germans, indicating that Konev was on the verge of a breakthrough, reported that his forces had advanced as much as 30 miles in the area southeast of Breslau.

Russian troops were reported on both sides of Leobschuetz, 20 miles west of the Oder, and the same distance northwest of Ratibor. Other Soviet forces were said to be striking for Neustadt, 28 miles southwest of Oppeln.

In Hungary, the Nazis said, Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin resumed his two-pronged offensive toward Yugoslavia and Vienna. Italy-based

## Red and Allied Armies In Operational Contact

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—Red Army Col. Kolomeitz, writing in Red Star, says that operational contact has been established between the Russian and Allied armies, now only 300 miles apart, and that "everything seems to point to a strictly elaborated and timed plan of Allied co-ordination."

Col. Kolomeitz predicted that the Russians and the Allies' West Front forces would link up "somewhere in central Germany."

U.S. Lightnings of the 12th Tactical Air Force bombed and strafed the northern sector of Yugoslavia facing Tolbukhin's troops.

Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's forces in Czechoslovakia were pushing westward from Zvolen and probing for a crossing of the Hron River, one of the barriers guarding the Bratislava Gap and Vienna.

At the northern end of the line, the Germans said, Soviet artillery fire east of Stettin "mounted to unprecedented fury" as the Russians struck at the port's inner defense ring. The Germans acknowledged heavy losses in this area.

Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky tightened the ring around the Danzig-Gdynia pocket and, according to German reports, was trying to drive through to separate the two ports.

## New Eastern Front Chief Reported Named by Hitler

LONDON, March 19 (AP).—The Moscow radio reported today that Adolf Hitler had named Gen. Ferdinand Schoerner as Nazi commander in chief on the Eastern Front, "following the dismissal" of Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian.

Schoerner, former top commander on the Baltic front, recently had been reported commanding a German army group in Silesia.

## Wurtsmith Is Named Commander of 13th AF

MANILA, March 19 (ANS).—Brig. Gen. Paul B. Wurtsmith, famed tactician who developed the 49th Air Fighter Gp., has been named commanding general of the 13th AF.

Wurtsmith succeeds Maj. Gen. W. St. Clair Street, who has returned to the U.S. on an undisclosed assignment. The 13th's new chief had been commanding the Fifth AF Fighter Command since Sept. 3, 1942, also acting as deputy commander of the Fifth.

## ETO's Top Ace Boosts Score

EIGHTH AF HQ, March 19.—Capt. Ray Wetmore, of Kerman, Calif., flight commander of the 359th Mustang Gp. and the leading operation ace of the Eighth AF, shot down a Me163 jet plane over Germany, boosting his total combat kills to 22.