

M'Arthur Back on Luzon

4 Beachheads Secured by Mighty Army

BULLETIN

ALLIED HQ., Philippines, Jan. 9.—A "powerful invasion army" has secured four beachheads on northern Luzon, Gen. MacArthur announced tonight.

Landings under the support of a heavy naval and air bombardment took place along the eastern shores of the Lingayen Gulf in the vicinity of San Fernando and Damortis. Gen. MacArthur is on Luzon leading the operations personally, the announcement added.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP).—The War Department revealed today that Superfortresses attacked Japan and Formosa and carrier-based bombers hammered the coast of Luzon.

Co-ordinated raids by Brig. Gen. Haywood S. Hansell's 21st Bomber Command and Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay's 20th Bomber Command blasted industrial targets.

The B29 assault lashed out from bases in China and the Marianas, striking hard at the Formosa staging point for Japan's reinforcements for the Philippines.

Aussies Take Over

Meanwhile, in Melbourne, it was announced that Australian and New Zealand soldiers have relieved sizable American ground forces which were pinning down bypassed Jap troops on New Guinea, New Britain and the Solomons.

Aussies have taken over from the Yanks in the Aitape-Wewak sector of British New Guinea and American garrisons in the Solomons have been replaced, including Empress Augusta bay, where the Yanks landed on Bougainville in November, 1943.

The change overs occurred last November, but because movements of the Americans had to be kept secret, Gen. MacArthur first disclosed them today.

World's Largest Bomber Being Developed in U.S.

DETROIT, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—General Motors revealed that the world's largest experimental bomber—Army's XB19A—has been under flight development for a year.

The bomber is built to carry an 18-ton bombload or 124 fully-armed men. The plane has a wingspread of 212 feet, compared with the B29's 141 feet. It has four liquid cooled Allison engines rated at 2,600 h.p. each.

You Pronounce It — Or — Can You Top this?

WITH 35th INF. DIV., Jan. 9.—When the sarge calls the roll, this man's name is a sneeze. Nobody knows how he passed the draft board. He's never been absent—if he has, nobody had time to write it down.

But it's written in his service record that he's the best cook they ever had. Besides being an accomplished barber and carpenter, he speaks nine languages, 16 South Pacific dialects and plays four or five musical instruments. Born in Bangkok, Siam, he attended University of California, and has travelled 'round the globe four times.

Friends call him "Leo" but, featured by Ripley as the longest in the world, here's his correct monicker:

Pvt. Llieussuieusszessesz Willi-himinzissteizil Hurrizissteizil. (We don't know what he wears for dog-tags).

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ICI ON PARLE FRANÇAIS

Il n'y a pas de quoi.
Eel nee ah-pah duh kwah.
Don't mention it.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1945

Foe Tanks Quit Bulge Tip; Vast Butt Theft Charged

Two Soldiers Get 50 Years In Mass Trial

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Two sentences of 50 years at hard labor and two others of 45 years were meted out by a Paris court-martial yesterday as the Army launched its mass-scale trial of 182 men and two officers accused of stealing cigarettes bound for the front and selling them on the black market.

Sitting in judgment on four enlisted men, the first of the group to be brought to trial, the nine-man court-martial sentenced all four after a session in which the Trial Judge Advocate called their actions "treason" against their fellow soldiers.

The convicted soldiers—all from Co. B, 716th Railway Operating Bn.—were S/Sgt. Alexander W. Fleming and T/4 William R. Smith, who were dishonorably discharged and given 50 years' imprisonment at hard labor; and Pvts. Arthur Nelson and William Davidson, who were given dishonorable discharges and 45 years at hard labor.

During a dramatic hearing, Maj. Carmon C. Harris, Trial Judge Advocate, described a huge stream of cigarettes moving from the U.S., but dwindling almost to the vanishing point before reaching Paris. He indicated that pilfering of freight cars bound for the front lines was largely responsible for the shortage.

Lt. Harry W. Kine, Paris area PX official, testified that 77,000,000 packs of cigarettes a month were slated for delivery here, but that actually only 34,000,000 packs were available, in September for continental distribution. Subsequent inventories revealed that only 11,000,000 packs reached their destination during a 30-day period—one pack out of every seven shipped from the U.S.

Defense attorneys denied the

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Danish Radio Station Blasted

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Danish radio reported today that violent bomb explosions destroyed DENKA, radio station at Valby, a suburb of Copenhagen.

Not to Mention Payroll

Irishman's Yiddish Saves Day

WITH FOURTH INFANTRY DIV., Jan. 9.—Captured with a \$5,600 payroll, Lt. William McConnell, of Utica, N.Y., raised hell in Yiddish, got the money back, and led a German platoon to disaster—all in one day's work during the recent counter-offensive.

He was alone when the infantry platoon, coming into the town, chased him through three floors of a hotel and took him prisoner. They also began sorting out his money. McConnell, an Irishman, remembered Yiddish he'd learned as a kid and made complaints the German sergeant seemed to understand. The money was returned, but worse doings followed.

They elected him as "cover" to lead them into town. He was ordered to walk toward a hotel which was the CP of Co. F, 12th Infantry Regiment.

On the Right Path—To the Reich



Doughs on a patrol near the German border cautiously peer over the brim of a hill to scout enemy gun positions. Man in foreground awaits word to move up.

3rd Armored Div. Yank KOs German Tank With Garand

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD ARMORED DIV., Jan. 9.—Pvt. Eugene Soto, of New York, destroyed a Tiger tank with an M1 during a Nazi counter-attack, it was revealed today.

Forty armored doughboys, an MG section and two rifle squads were holding a 300-yard section of line near Bizer, just east of Bastogne. Through the faint dawn-light T/Sgt. Robert Martin, of Mannington, W.Va., saw white-draped shapes moving up on his platoon's position.

"I let the nearest one have it," related Martin. "There were about 50 of them, followed by a Jerry Tiger tank."

Cpl. George E. Frank, a peep driver from Detroit, spoke up:

"I looked and saw this big Tiger about 50 yards away. He was firing point blank at our positions. Then Soto started shooting at the Tiger with his M1. He hit some inflammable material hanging on the side and the whole tank went up in flames. That's really some-

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German Armor Moving East, Reports State

The first signs that Von Rundstedt had begun to pull armor out of the western bulge appeared yesterday as U.S. First Army infantry plodded relentlessly southward in Arctic-like storms toward the last German supply line in eastern Belgium. They followed in the wake of skidding tanks to within a mile of Laroche.

Twelve miles of icy hills and snowdrifted draws separated the southward-driving 83rd Div. infantrymen from the 101st Airborne positions, which form a horseshoe around Bastogne kicking into the bulge's south flank.

Reuter frontline reports stated that Von Rundstedt was trying to extricate his armor, leaving Wehrmacht infantry and Volksgrenadier divisions to hold the lines. United Press said remarkably light artillery and mortar fire in the British sector indicated a general German withdrawal from the north side of the bulge toward ridges protecting the last exit route through Houffalize.

British forces, pushing through heavy snowstorms southeast of Marche, found that Germans had withdrawn for a thousand yards on a three to four-thousand-yard front. UP said. Some British patrols in the softening western tip of the bulge probed a mile and one-half without contacting enemy troops.

Panzers Going East

The UP front report said two SS Panzer Divs., previously fighting in the tip of the bulge, were reported streaming eastward.

Three miles east of Laroche, however, other front-line reports described a big tank battle raging in a snowstorm at Samree. Nazi tanks, including several captured Shermans, were reported defending the town against advancing Second Armored Div. forces.

Second Armored tanks, and infantry of the 84th Div.'s 334th

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Robomb Scare In U.S. Decried

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP).—The Navy Department indicated last night it is not in complete accord with the view of Adm. Jonas Ingram that robot bomb attacks on the Atlantic coast were "probable" within the next 30 to 60 days.

"There is no more reason now to believe that Germany will attack with robot bombs than there was last November, when a joint Army-Navy statement considered such attacks 'entirely possible,' but did not extend the idea to probability," a Navy spokesman said.

On Monday, Ingram warned that bombs might be launched from surface ships, submarines or long-range planes and that he had moved "plenty of forces" to provide every possible precaution.

British Troops Take Thebes, Fan North

ATHENS, Jan. 9 (ANS).—British-manned Shermans, supported by infantry, last night occupied Thebes and then sent a tank column fanning out north after being held temporarily by entrenched ELAS guerrillas.

Gen. Scobie, in a special order of the day to his troops, praised all ranks for "disregard of danger and restraint under provocation" which resulted in "complete expulsion of forces opposed to law and order with a minimum of damage caused to civilian population."



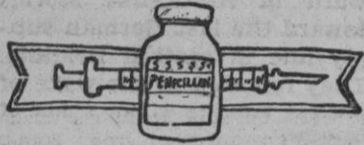
Westward Ho!
The demobilization plan states that because of the great need for shipping space, thousands of GIs will have to remain in Europe after the end of the German war until ships can be spared for their transportation home.

In The Stars and Stripes of Dec. 25, Basil Harris, of the United States Lines, said that one month after the end of the war in Europe, transatlantic passenger-travel will be resumed.—Sgt. E. Karches, Signal Co.

Will They Learn?
I have yet to read of anything that will solve the problem of what to do with Germany. Our politicians back home have tackled the problem and I don't think they have arrived at a definite solution. I suggest that we should have two armies. A combatant army and a non-combatant army.

The non-combatant army would teach the Germans that only through freedom and democracy can they solve their problems and continue to exist as a nation. This should be the responsibility of Great Britain, Russia and France as well.—A. Alexander, AC.

Get The Point?
The AC has its "wings" and the expert doughboys have their



badge. We suggest this design for "Expert Penicillin Needle Men."—Penicillin Team.

Men at War
A group of working officers and noncoms noticed the colonel in charge of the port approaching and all saluted except a T/4 who was preparing to sling a sea mule into the water. Immediately the colonel started reaming the noncom, and to finish it off arrested the T/4 on the spot, having him marched off at gun point to Port Hq.

Orders had just been received concerning a vital piece of work that these officers and men had to do. The following machinery was tied up: one 100-ton crane, six sea mules, six tank retrievers, and the six prime movers they were mounted on.

The missing man was indispensable to the operation. Nothing was accomplished except holding up the flow of very vital materials.—M/Sgt. C. E. Pilcher, Harbor Craft Co.

Delayed Action
Just a line to notify Undersecretary of War Patterson that he's two years late with his policy of sending GIs under 19 years overseas.

What were all these 18 and 19-year-olds doing over here two years ago?—Pfc. J. Heberlein, MP.

Showing Off
We were in a village that was strafed by German planes. Later in the day pilots of the USAAF dove on the village presumably "showing off." As a result, while dispersing, one of the men was injured and had to be hospitalized.

Men who have been strafed by German planes do not always take time out to recognize a diving plane. Why don't these pilots confine their diving to practice areas instead of places close to the front where men already have the jitters?—Ground Man.

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A gob daffynition: A WAVE is just an old salt in a new shaker.

Then there was the one about the soldier and his gal at the movies and suddenly she said what's the matter with you and he says I'm not feeling myself tonight and she says you're telling me!

A sweet young thing told her GI boy friend he had baby fingers...they were just beginning to creep.

Cpl. David Hill sends in this observation: A GI sleeping-bag is something to sleep in, not with.

Our spy in Siberia reports Siberian dogs are said to be the



fastest in the world. The trees are so far apart.

A sweet young thing back in the States wrote to her hero somewhere in Germany: "I don't know whether the fighting is more dangerous in Germany or not, but it's a relief to know the women you meet now are enemies, and not those so grateful French girls."

Home-front scene: "Have a good time at the party, daughter, and be a good girl." Came the voice from the hall: "Make it your mind, mother."

Reviewing the girl shortage in the neighborhood of his camp, a GI remarked dolefully, "Never have so many pursued so few with so much and obtained so little."

Alibi of the week. "Let me see your furlough pass," barked the MP. The corporal moaned weakly,



"Well, to tell the truth, I haven't got it with me—but it looks exactly like any other furlough pass."

Today's scientific report. Next to lightning, the fastest moving thing is a nudist who has just spilled hot coffee in his lap.

In spite of anything that Goebels might say, the current enemy withdrawals on the eastern front are not being made to facilitate the German furlough system.

J. C. W.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"What was in that bottle we drank last night, Stanmore?"

An Editorial

'We Shall Resume the Attack'

FROM the President's message to Congress:

"Further desperate attempts may well be made to break our lines, to slow our progress. We must never make the mistake of assuming that the Germans are beaten until the last Nazi has surrendered.

"And I would express another most serious warning against the poisonous effects of enemy propaganda. The wedge that the Germans attempted to drive into western Europe was less dangerous in actual terms of winning the war than the wedges which they are continually attempting to drive between ourselves and our Allies.

"Every little rumor which is intended to weaken our faith in our Allies is like an



President Roosevelt
actual enemy agent in our midst, seeking to sabotage our war effort. There are, here and there, evil and

baseless rumors against the Russians, rumors against the British, rumors against our own American commanders in the field.

"When you examine these rumors closely, you will observe that every one of them bears the same trademark—'Made in Germany.'

"We must resist this division propaganda, we must destroy it with the same determination that our fighting men are displaying as they resist and destroy the panzer divisions.

"In Europe, we shall resume the attack—despite temporary setbacks here or there—we shall continue the attack relentlessly until Germany is completely defeated."

Yank and Nazi Medics Join Hands In Strange Front-line Emergency

Joe Becomes Prisoner As Enemy Overruns Town of Wingen

By Wade Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 9.—An American medic sergeant, who as a prisoner in the German-held town of Wingen was allowed to return to our lines with a German corporal to get blood plasma for American and German wounded, today told how he and other captured members of his battalion aid station worked side by side with German medics for three days.

The Germans captured Wingen on Thursday, overrunning the battalion aid station and capturing several hundred American infantrymen. Then the Americans closed in around the town, sealing off all escape routes.

There were 40 German and seven American wounded to be cared for, and German and American medics attended them under the supervision of German officers. When the need for plasma became acute, a German doctor ordered Sgt. Charles Chevalier, of Bridgeport, Conn., to go with a German medic corporal in a jeep to the Yank lines.

"The German got us through his

lines and out of town all right," Chevalier said, "but when we came to our lines a tough situation arose. We reached some of our tanks and the tankers waved us to halt but we couldn't. We didn't have any brakes, so I stood up in the jeep and waved and yelled and they didn't fire at us."

Previously a German doctor had told Chevalier he wanted to evacuate some of his wounded to Reipertswiller, which he thought his forces held. When Chevalier reached one of our regimental CPs he told the CO of the German proposal that each side be allowed to evacuate wounded to its own lines. The CO turned this down because he knew we held Reipertswiller.

The pair got the plasma and other medicine and returned to Wingen to do as well as possible in caring for the injured. Chevalier said.

Chevalier, who escaped from Wingen before it was retaken by

Pair Go Into U.S. Lines For Blood Plasma To Aid Wounded

our troops, yesterday, said our tanks came into town Friday. The wounded were hurried down into the basement and Chevalier ran out the back way and told the tankers the situation so they would stop firing. But the tankers insisted Chevalier and the other American medics go with them to our lines. They did.

On Saturday night the Germans made a break north and a large number of the estimated 500 in the town escaped.

Others of Chevalier's aid outfit included: 2/Lt. Sherman Schwartz, Pittsburgh, Pvt. Joseph Green, Toledo, Pvt. Edmund Reardon, Denver, and Sgt. George Ecker, Everford, Conn.

Yank Enterpriser Saves Situation for Crazy-acting Tank

WITH NINTH ARMORED DIV.—Everything happens at the wrong time, four members of the 73rd Armored FA of the Ninth Armored Div. found out when the Germans started their drive in the area of Bastogne.

This time the starter on their M7 105-mount wouldn't work. Soon after nightfall enemy tanks came from two sides.

The crew tried to start the motor but the starter failed to operate. Time was short so Sgt. William Napes, section chief of Clay Center, Kans., asked the aid of another tank which also was coming under fire.

The sister tank hooked on and towed the crippled one until it started less than 100 yards from the onrushing Jerries.

During the hooking-up process the crew kept the Germans busy.

GI-WAC Musical Begins Two-Week Stand

"Com-Zee, Com-Zaa," a GI-WAC musical revue in two acts, is being staged at the Empire Theater here. With lavish stage sets and costumes by French and GI designers, the show is being staged primarily for U.S. and Allied troops on pass. It will continue for two weeks.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN
Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France APO 887.

CAMERA EXCHANGE
FOR SALE: Contax II, 11.5 Sonnar, case, six filters, six-inch lens tube; Pvt. P. Senkules, German Ica, 9x12cm., Novar 16.8 lens, with case, 1,000fr.; T/4 S. P. Grill.
WANTED: Leitz lenses, 35, 50, 73, 90, 135mm., and Leica accessories; Cpl. Stephens B. Kahn, Camera, 35mm., with range finder; Pvt. C. G. Smith Jr., Argus C-3 or similar 35mm. with range finder; Sgt. M. A. Kelly, Leica, 35mm., or Rollei; Sgt. S. R. Roth.
SWAP: Leica 35mm., camera for Rollei-flex, Ikollex, Exakta; Cpl. S. B. Kahn, Eastman movie camera, eight-mm., 12, for C-2 Argus Candid, f3.5, case, five rolls film; O. E. Baccas, Kodak 127 and eight rolls of film for 35mm., any kind.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GI Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:
PVT. Jack Perna, New York—Anthony, Dec. 4; Lt. Jay W. Haggard, Sanatario, Tex.—boy, Dec. 19; Lt. R. H. Bumgarner, Birmingham, Ala.—boy; Cpl. Stanley Machusck, Chicago—Joan Carol, Jan. 4; Pvt. Alfred J. Pero, Northeast, Pa.—girl, Jan. 2; Pfc. N. K. Applebaum, Pittsburgh—Ronna Kay, Jan. 4; T/Sgt. R. P. Hamilton, New York—Karen Sue, Dec. 28; Robert A. Clyde, Philadelphia—Claire.
L. T. Carl L. Midell, Mount Vernon, N.Y.—boy, Jan. 5; T/3 Abraham E. Feder, West New York, N.J.—Laurence Michael, Dec. 4; Lt. William N. Thompson, Lincoln, Ill.—Glenn David, Jan. 1; Pvt. Ernest O. Farias, New Bedford, Mass.—boy, Dec.

RADIO AFN AEF
Time TODAY
1715—Amos And Andy.
2015—Mercer's Jazz Shop.
2105—Condon's Jazz Session.
2130—Bob Hope.
(News every hour on the hour.)
TOMORROW
6025—Waltztime.
1430—Allen Young Program.
1901—Hollywood Music Hall.
2207—Fred Waring
(News every hour on the hour.)

Home Front At a Glimpse



Wide World
Tire dimensions, World War II, range from "Earthmover" boot (66-inches high, 925 lb.) to tiny tail-wheel slipper for carrier based planes (10 1/2 inches, 4 lb). The girl is Hilda Styles, Akron, Ohio, Goodrich worker—who also has nice dimensions.



Wide World
S/Sgt. Clarence Alexis, one of delegation of six soldiers back from front, explains to Toledo war workers why lots of shells (like 155s, above) are needed to pound Axis.



Press Association, Inc.
This picture won't tell you if they will ever use buzz bombs on the Western Front—but it shows that robots are being produced back home. This shot was snapped at Ford plant.



Wide World
Combat flyer Lt. Floyd Kisner explains soldier's trick of saving cigarettes—by cutting pack in half—to Wanda Wilson, of St. Petersburg, Fla. (There are worse ways to convalesce.)

Tomorrow

"...When we assumed the role of soldier we did not lay aside the role of citizen."
George Washington.

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'WIN WAR FIRST'—CONGRESS

Capacity Output Urged by FDR

By Howard H. Horton
Tomorrow's U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A new Congress which has as its two general main objectives the winning of the war and the winning of the peace, will also during its term deal with many matters affecting the America of peacetime days to come and the welfare of its citizens.

Many have said that the 79th Congress, a week old, is faced with greater responsibilities and greater opportunities than any Congress for the last 150 years. It came into being at a time when military developments on the Western Front pointed up sharply the necessity for a tightening of the Home Front war machinery, and the quick filling of manpower needs in certain war industries.

War Jobs On Increase

This was reflected in the President's message to Congress, which among other things urged enactment of National Service legislation to bring the nation's war machine to capacity output. Speedy passage of such an act is not assured, and in view of this, War Mobilization Director Byrnes has recommended immediate enactment of regulations which would greatly improve the control over man power. Some of these Byrnes proposals are the enforcement of War Manpower Commission's ceilings on employment, War Labor Board decisions affecting both labor and management, and the transfer of all 4-Fs into war work.

Results already have been noted. There has been a decline in the trend away from war jobs, and employment in war industries has shown recently a marked increase.

Congress also will consider a bill calling for compulsory peacetime military training. Early action on this is probable, though there is a substantial opposition which contends that action before the return of service men is premature. That, of course, would mean the end of the war.

Groundwork For Peace

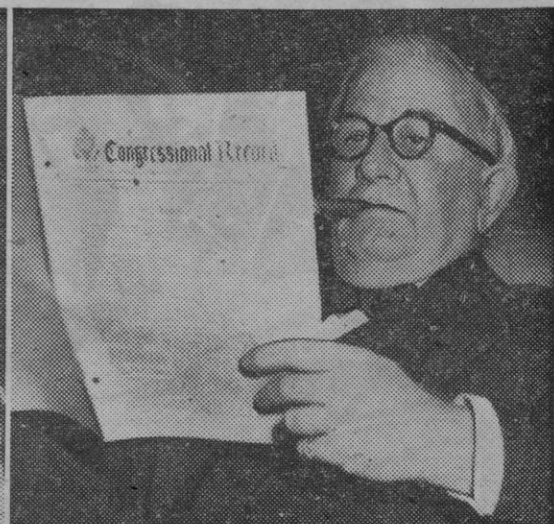
The Dumbarton Oaks conference laid the groundwork for a permanent world peace organization and its principles have had the acceptance of a vast majority of the American people. Many of the national leaders contend that a continuing conference such as the Dumbarton Oaks gathering is necessary for several reasons: to develop a unity between the Allied Nations, to determine peace terms for the enemy, and to guarantee the peace after the defeat of Germany and Japan.

There is widespread doubt that action on Dumbarton Oaks, or an organization founded on its principles, can be taken until after another of the series of conferences between the President, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin and their advisers. The next three-power conference is expected to be held after Jan. 20.

It is hoped that the forthcoming meeting will further clarify such matters as the Polish border question and the Greek government situation. The President, in his message to Congress, said: "The nearer we come to vanquishing our



Blueprint for peace drawn up at Dumbarton Oaks (left) poses Congressional debate. Looming large in this will be Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which Sen. Tom Connally (right) is chairman. His job was called "the most critical on Capitol Hill."



enemies the more we inevitably become conscious of differences among the victors. We must not let those differences divide us and blind us to our more important common and continuing interest in winning the war and building the peace."

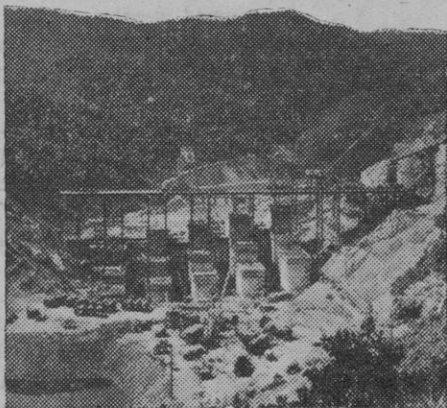
Other points touched on in the President's speech included recommendations for expansion of social security, adequate health and educational programs, construction of thousands of airports and a national highway system, and more dams to control the nation's great rivers and provide electric power.

Raise Living Standards

Under the river program, major water-drainage areas would have their own programs, similar to that in the Tennessee Valley, where the TVA program is almost complete at a cost of \$765,000,000 for 21 dams.

The proposed projects would prevent floods, furnish power in tremendous quantities and hence raise standards of living in many rural sections. They also would provide favorable conditions for the development of new industrial areas. Another important phase would be the employment opportunities for thousands of people, including veterans of this war.

Countless servicemen will have received training while in uniform which will prepare them for skilled or semi-skilled jobs in such a series of government projects.



Wide World Photo
TVA's Fontana Dam.

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New SFRC Members To Shape World Peace

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, always an important group, stands out even more in a Congress which largely will determine what America's part will be in any world organization planned to prevent future wars.

Any treaty or law relating to foreign affairs must have the committee's approval before such a measure can reach the Senate floor for action. Because of this important role of the committee in shaping the future peace both for the U.S. and for the world, Washington observers are highly interested in the new committee as it shapes up after last November's elections.

The United Press comments that five members of the committee were defeated in the November elections, "making that powerful group a much more internationally-minded body." Selection of new members to succeed the defeated Senators on the Foreign Committee will be made this month by the Democratic and Republican steering committees. In the past, new members were usually chosen on the basis of congressional seniority.

The United Press says that "it is generally thought that the defeated Senators will be replaced by men who are more disposed to co-operate on international matters. In the first place, voters sent many new men to the Senate with broader international backgrounds who are believed likely to support the President in his world views. In the second place, chairmen of both the Republican and Democratic steering committees have voting records which tend toward co-operation."

The United States News, in discussing the U. S. role in a world peace organization, says that at least four separate votes by Congress are to be necessary before the U.S. is a full-fledged and active member of any world organization that comes out of this war. It sees the new Senate as "more open-minded on international affairs."

\$ for \$ for Vet

Proposals to aid veterans of World War II in still more ways predominated among more than 500 bills—most of them sounding the war note—which were tossed into the legislative hoppers on the first day of the 79th Congress.

The sought-after spot of House Resolution No. 1 went to a proposal submitted by Representative Ludlow (Dem.-Ind.).

Others along the same line included: By Representative Lesinski (Dem.-Mich.) to provide for adjusted service pay for those in armed forces; by Rep. Voorhis (Dem.-Cal.) to provide for dollar-for-dollar matching by the government of enlisted men's savings; by Rep. Lane (Dem.-Mass.) to put Merchant Marine veterans on the same basis as other services; by Rep. Jonkman (Rep.-Mich.) to cancel to the extent of \$100 the income tax liability of members of armed forces for the taxable year prior to their entering service.

Poll Reveals Optimistic Public



Americans, if they had their choice, would take a peace planned by the President and his cabinet than one planned by the newly-elected Congress.

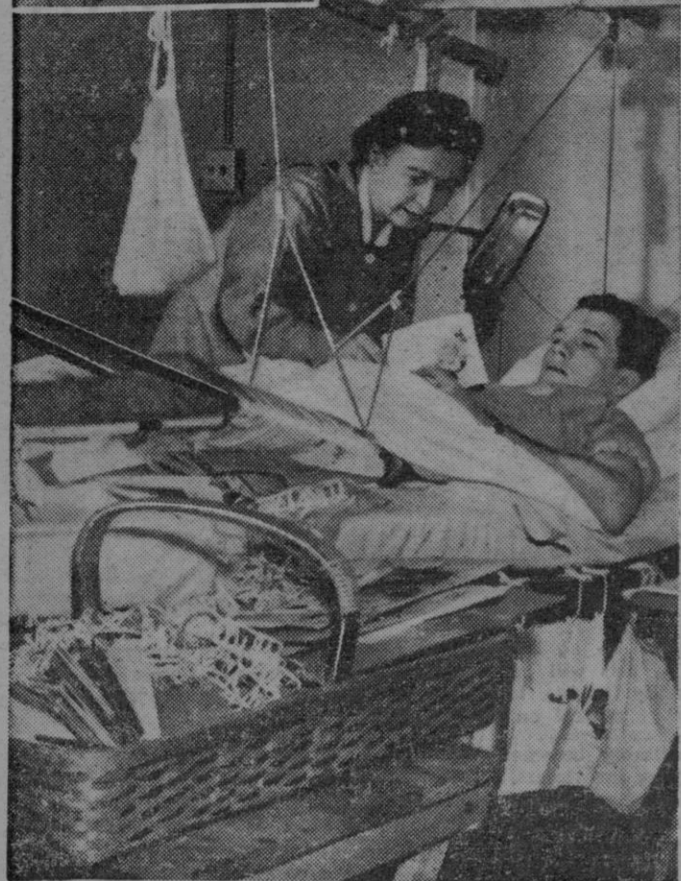
THE American people are optimistic about the new Congress. Fortune Magazine's Public Opinion Survey reveals that more than half the U.S. people expect Congress and the President will work in harmony. Close to two-thirds feel that the new Senate will pass a "good" treaty. On the other hand, more

The rest of the poll shows Americans to be generally optimistic about every issue but one—the time it will take for all their fighting men to return home. More than half the U.S. people feel that some U.S. troops will be kept in Europe, and the Pacific, for from one to three or more years after the fighting stops.

Around half the people think the European war will be over by fall of 1945, and that the Pacific war will still be on after another year.

Relations with Russia will be "better" in the future, according to the belief of nearly half the people. Close to three-quarters of all Americans think relations with England will be "the same or better."

Behind the Battle Fronts



Arts and crafts materials and instruction furnished veterans in hospitals appealed to suppressed creative instincts of battle-weary soldiers. Results were usually colorful, imaginative, and comic.

Plasma, Life-Saving and Nursing Play Major Role in Today's War

BLOOD has become a big business on the home front.

Through the many blood banks of the American Red Cross, set up in every sizable community in the U.S. civilians have donated more than 12,000,000 pints of blood for shipment to the battlefronts.

The bulk of the blood given to save the lives of American soldiers wounded in combat is shipped overseas in dried plasma form, which requires only the addition of water to make it readily available for foxhole transfusions. The plasma is sent in kits along with special apparatus needed in making the transfusions in battle zones where laboratory equipment is not available.

In addition to plasma shipments, hundreds of pints of whole blood are shipped weekly to Paris by plane and from there it is distributed to hospitals along the front line, supplementing the plasma banks.

Typical of these blood banks is the Cutter Laboratory, Berkeley, Calif., where all of the blood donated in the Pacific Coast area is processed for shipment to the fronts around the globe. The process for producing the plasma is a highly intricate one which involves placing the blood in a centrifugal device which separates the red cells from the plasma itself. The plasma is then dried into the familiar yellow powder and stored for shipment.

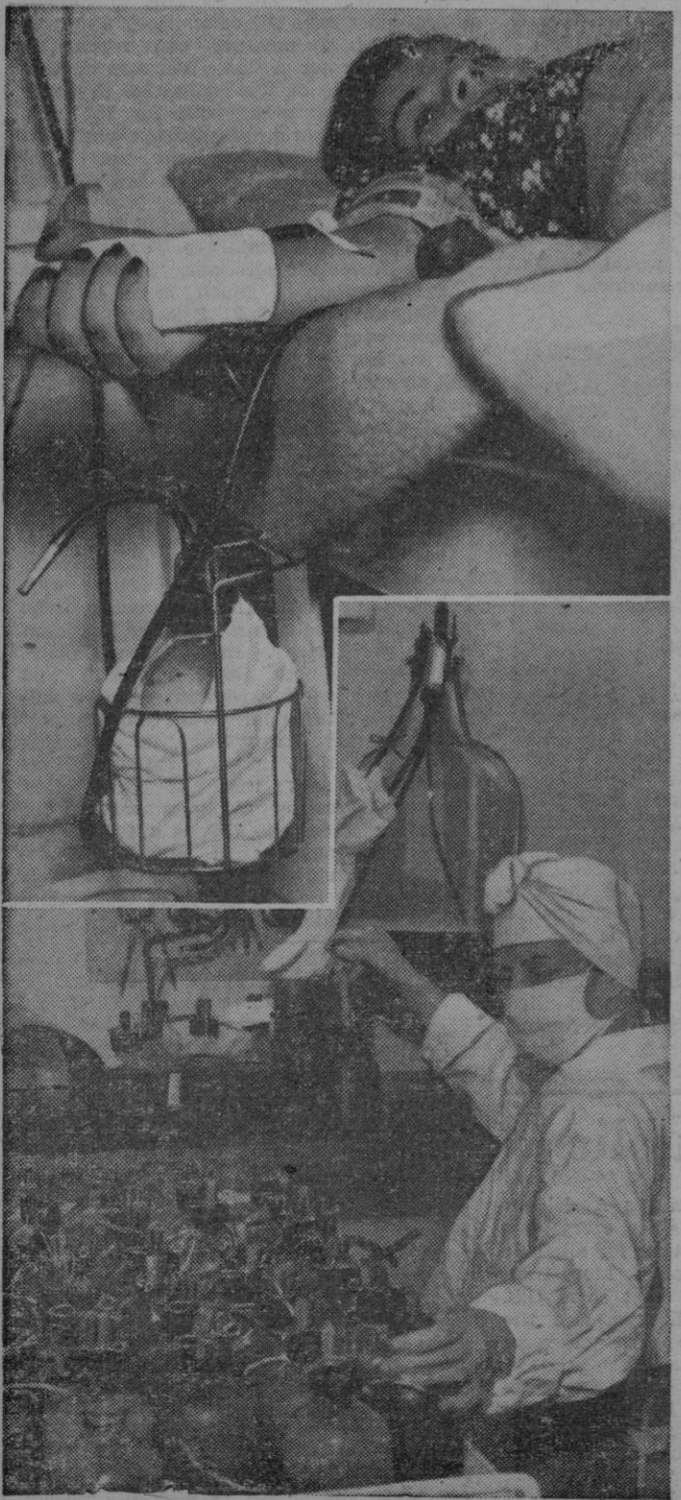
By-products of the mass production methods developed at Berkeley include many valuable medical aids which will become available to all at war's end. A human "surgical sponge," known as fibrin foam, may revolutionize methods used in prewar days in delicate surgical operations. The new discovery speeds clotting time and guards against dangerous hemorrhages which might occur while an operation is in progress. At present, all production of the fibrin foam is being directed to the armed forces, but, following the war, it will be in common usage throughout the country.

Chemists at the Cutter labs have also developed a successful anti-serum for treatment of measles. Injection of the new serum cuts down the infection and makes, for lighter cases of the childhood disease, they claim.

Another important find associated with the production of blood plasma is the new means of determining the types of human blood for use in transfusions.

Aside from their "blood bank" activities, the ARC has inaugurated a volunteer service in forces hospitals throughout the U.S. which provides recreational activities for the servicemen while they are confined to bed. Professional artists and craftsmen have donated their time to this Recreation Unit and they spend several hours each week instructing hospitalized men.

Red Cross volunteer explains how to make personal greeting cards for hospitalized soldier to send home to friends and family. Most soldiers found it fun to develop hobbies while in recuperation period where boredom is chief nemesis.



A nurse deposits a pint in the Blood Bank in Coast hospital. Her pint is "pooled" (bottom) with others for careful processing.



Weeks later: Marine, wounded in Pacific island invasion, receives transfusion which will make him strong enough for trip back to base hospital and recovery.



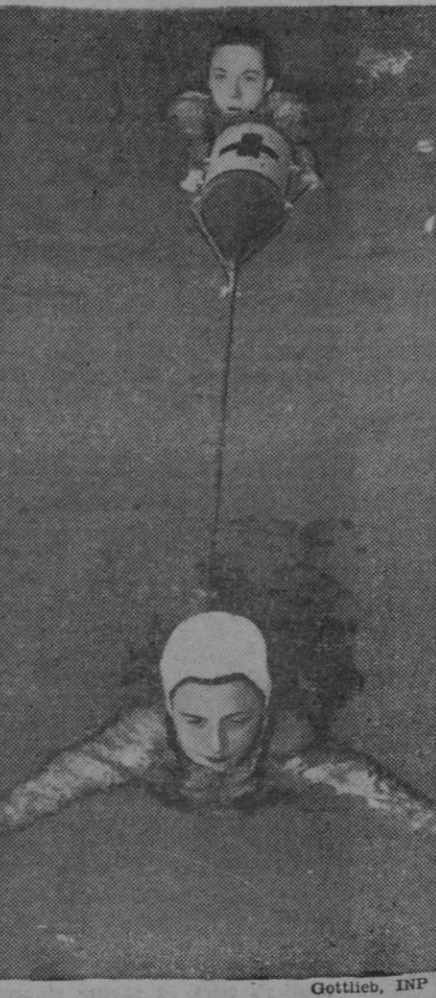
Amphibious Angels

Red Cross instructor says "wounded" soldier by collar-carry method, one of many ways taught to would-be rescuers.

If you happen to be out drowning somewhere, and a Petty-like figure in a Jantzen-like swim suit swishes by to waft you shoreward, don't gulp sea water and foul up the job.

At East Orange's (N.J.) YWCA pool, the Red Cross is instructing nurses to take care of others, as well as themselves, in the event of disaster at sea. This bathing suit is a new wrinkle in her service wardrobe; she will be as much at home in the water as she is in hospital wards or on battlefields.

The angel of mercy can swim with a pack on her back, improvise water wings from a pair of slacks or a bed sheet. She can make high jumps, swim through burning oil and carry wounded victims.



Miss Life-Saver demonstrates second method of snatching GI from Davey Jones; towing him by torpedo buoy to shore or nearby boat.

Main Street

An ad inserted in the NORTH ADAMS, Mass., local paper by Robert O. Wells, defeated candidate for city council, declared: "I wish to thank all who voted for me, and my wife wishes to thank all who didn't." . . . From somewhere "Along the Ledo Road" in Burma, S/Sgt. J. H. Colby sent his PHILADELPHIA draft board a V-Mail Christmas greeting. "Wish you were here," it said. . . . BETHLEHEM, Pa.—Lehigh University has made up a booklet for its graduates in uniform, listing post-war employment opportunities in twenty-five top ranking industries. Most firms waive experience qualifications, and starting salaries are listed up to \$5,000. . . . MASSACHUSETTS' Governor Saltonstall announces a post-war building program totalling \$160,000,000. . . . The Grace Line of NEW YORK proposes to take over some of the trade routes formerly operated by the Japs. The program calls for at least four new ships to sail from SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES for the Far East. . . . It looks like good post-war hunting for returning GI marksmen around RALEIGH, N.C. Some 60,000 geese are now harbored at the game preserve at Lake Mattamuskeet. . . . Police Chief Fred Hess of AURORA, Ill., received a letter from Maj. George Plain, with the Army Medical Corps in New Guinea, explaining his in-



world—and we will not be led, we will lead. . . . Consistent with the idea of a better world for all as conceived in the "Four Freedoms," I propose the name Four Freedoms for the new organization and the adoption of a crusader's sword as its emblem. . . . Moreover there will not be another Pearl Harbor, there will not be another Bataan, we will not forget Flander's Fields, we will not forget the crosses in Normandy, we will prevent World War III. . . . Pvt. Robert E. Shaw, Ord.

... wartime meat shortage was pointed up in dramatic fashion at Castle Village, NEW YORK, when a spectator at a Sixth War Bond drive purchased \$40,000 worth of bonds and was awarded a five-pound steak. . . . MANHATTAN'S swank Bonwit Teller advertised a tempting perfume, Bretton Woods, as "fine and clean drawn as an English countryside in spring." . . . Across the East River in JACKSON HEIGHTS, a new saloon opened on the corner of B'way and 73rd. It's named: Dumbarton Oaks. . . . Cheri Rich, of New York, came to WASHINGTON to patent a new painless earring, known as the only clamshell, springless, screwless ear ring ever made. Not to hurt the tenderest ear, it uses adhesive tape, and—says Miss Rich—it is destined to take Miss Rich richer by \$2,000,000 or more.

One hundred thousand GIs became papas while away from home during the first nine months of 1944, according to the Nat. Institute of Diaper Service in NEW YORK. For 100,000 men, therefore, Army or Navy will only mean going on D.S. (Diaper Service), says the Institute in offering returning war veterans weekly classes in diaper-changing and affiliated arts. . . . Pvt. Frank W. Sinatra is at Camp Robinson, LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, and getting a lot of calls from local "bobby-soxers." He insists he's not "The Voice," he's married and the father of two children, and cannot croon, thank God! . . . Major Daniel F. Kearns, en route to visit a friend in DENVER. Col., Army hospital, slipped and fell twisted a vertebra, popped into bed, and stayed on at the hospital as a patient.

Uniforms once worn by men of Rommel's proud Afrika Korps, are now being used by American soldiers who impersonate the enemy to train Yank artillerymen at FORT SILL, Okla. . . . A life-size bronze bust of Adolf Hitler, captured in a German embassy in a liberated country, was melted down before 25,000 workers at a Todd shipyard, BROOKLYN, war bond rally. Der Fuehrer's bust will be used in ship construction.

The GI Huddle

Four Freedoms
Referring to the letter of "Inexperienced Joes," about the American Legion, our Joes are right. We will not be led like sheep into the fold of the Legion with its ideas of a quarter-century ago. . . . This is the most intelligent Army ever organized under our flag. We will not tolerate or accept any outfit without a critical analysis of its purpose, of its goal, and of its accomplishments. We will not be dazzled by brilliant uniforms on dull minds. . . . We are not looking back, but forward. We are fighting for a better world—world—and we will not be led, we will lead. . . . Consistent with the idea of a better world for all as conceived in the "Four Freedoms," I propose the name Four Freedoms for the new organization and the adoption of a crusader's sword as its emblem. . . . Moreover there will not be another Pearl Harbor, there will not be another Bataan, we will not forget Flander's Fields, we will not forget the crosses in Normandy, we will prevent World War III. . . . Pvt. Robert E. Shaw, Ord.

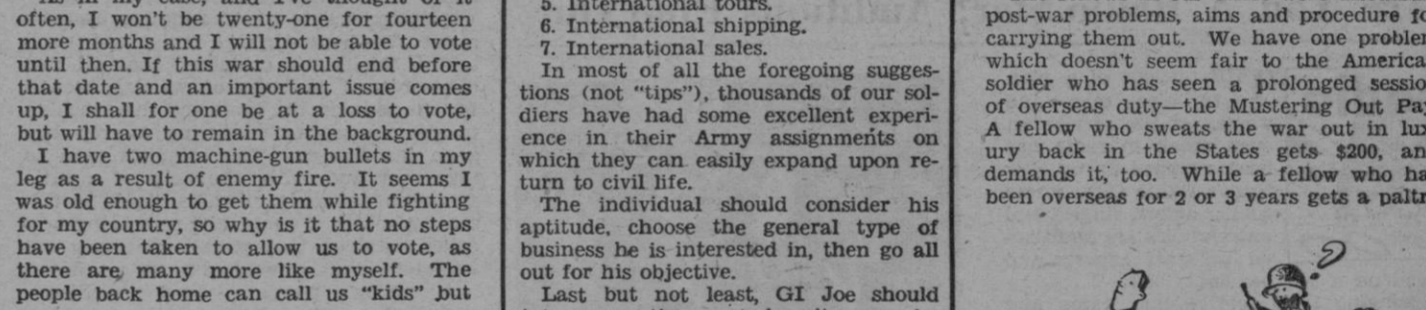
Business Formula
If it were not for the "elderly" qualification lacked on to Pvt. Al McDaniels' letter appearing in the Dec. 13 issue, I should say that I respond with pleasure, but be that as it may, that serious-minded young soldier, and others like him, should be assisted, and it is in that spirit that the following is written. . . . Firstly, the road to a successful business or profession, regardless of its character, hasn't changed throughout the years, it is still bumpy. . . . The best way to smooth it out is to acquire the best possible education while relatively young, and by that I mean up to thirty. Most soldiers know of the educational advantages that await them after discharge, and all who have not completed their college work should grasp them. Never has any country been more generous or far-sighted than ours in this respect. . . . The best tip isn't worth a hell of a lot unless the recipient has the "mental wherewith" to capitalize on it, hence its preface. . . . As I see the future, here are some businesses that offer great possibilities from the viewpoint of scientific development, in turn commercial development and personal gain: 1. National and international air transport. This includes plane development, airfield operations, accommodations and accessories of all sorts and general passenger service. 2. Machine tools. This includes design, manufacture and sales, both national and international. 3. Modern retail distribution of petroleum products. The service station of today will give way to far better and more complete installations. In other words, fewer and better, under private management. 4. Motor truck transport. 5. International tours. 6. International shipping. 7. International sales. . . . In most of the foregoing suggestions (not "tips"), thousands of our soldiers have had some excellent experience in their Army assignments on which they can easily expand upon return to civil life. . . . The individual should consider his aptitude, choose the general type of business he is interested in, then go all out for his objective. . . . Last but not least, GI Joe should take an active part in city, county, state and national government. Those who have the qualities of political leadership, an understanding of the country's military requirements, international problems and the soldier's post-war position should enter politics after discharge. There is much room in this field. . . . Col. C. Stacy Adams, S.H.A.E.F.

About Jobs
Is there such a thing available to enlisted men of the U.S. Army as a "job consulting service"? And if not, why not? . . . Any number of my men have asked my advice on plans for jobs after this thing is over, but as I am just an Ordnance man (at least I like to kid myself into thinking so) the answers are beyond me. I can just see a bunch of them on their way home with still no idea as to what they are going to do merely because a present there is no one to advise them what it takes in the way of money, training, and ability to go into some line of work. Just a little advice now would help a lot of them try to arrange for their old job or encourage them to try in a new field. It might also allow them the time to obtain supplementary training by means of the Army Institute or other means which would fit them to try in their new field. . . . This service would lessen the work of the job placement centers after the war. Somebody should do something about it. . . . Capt. Charles L. Howe, Ord. Dept.

(At the Separation Center (Ah!) just before re-entering civvy life, all soldiers will be briefed on job situation. Then, too, there are several Federal agencies (i.e.: U.S. Employment Service), plus those in each State. You might check with your I&E Officer for details.)

\$\$ and Sense
The fellows in our office were discussing post-war problems, aims and procedure for carrying them out. We have one problem which doesn't seem fair to the American soldier who has seen a prolonged session of overseas duty—the Mustering Out Pay. A fellow who sweats the war out in luxury back in the States gets \$200, and demands it, too. While a fellow who has been overseas for 2 or 3 years gets a paltry \$300, or a hundred more than those who stayed in the States. We want to know if that is the kind of justice the American government is dishing out to those who risked their lives for the country they love and cherish. . . . Cpl. Albert Seel, AG Sect., 83rd Inf. Div.

'Swell Idea'
Some of the fellows talk about more money for us who are overseas—compared to those in the States. It's a swell idea, but can service—any kind of service—be measured in money? . . . Cpl. Joe, QMC.



they know damn well, that they need us to protect them, or do they even know we're dying? . . . If I was a civilian and I could not vote until 21, this would not be an issue. But since I am a soldier it is. A good many issues will come up to affect servicemen, and in order to get their rights they will need a vote. A lasting peace will be an issue and the average GI will want a part in keeping it. So why not start a campaign to have all men in the service, regardless of age, given a vote? . . . Pvt. George W. Dohmann, Med. Bn. (Numerous letters on "Kids demand vote" have come in to GI Huddle. Most of them voiced Dohmann's viewpoint.—Ed.)

Summer Camps
Put yourself in the shoes of the young American back home. If they must have a year of compulsory training in the Army upon finishing high school, what chance have they to start their life's ambition? Will America be a "Little Germany?" What will one year in the Army do to a young fellow 18 or 19 years old? . . . Why not give credits for summer camps where a schoolboy can get this training in a manner that will do him good mentally as well as physically? And then when he finishes high school he can do as he pleases, and still he'll be a benefit toward the linking of a free nation. . . . Cpl. R. D. Berry, AAA-AW Bn.

"Tomorrow the World!"
By John R. Fischetti

HELPFUL HOUSEHOLD HINTS

YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH AN AWFUL LOT

THERE ARE CIVILIAN MEANS OF GETTING YOUR T.S. CARD PUNCHED

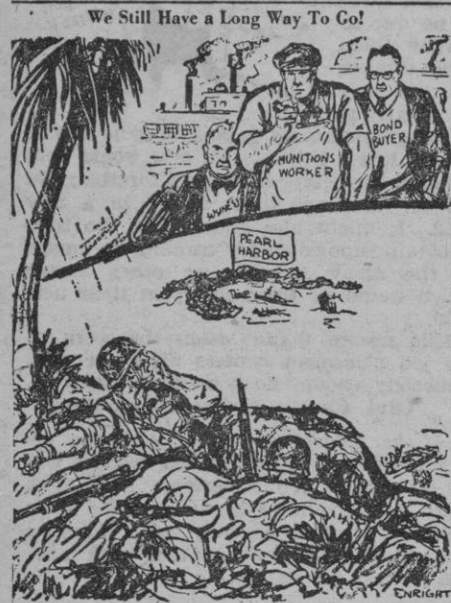
BETTER CHECK YOUR GI JARGON AT THE SUPPLY ROOM



Look Out, Soldier—It's a Booby Trap.
Hutton in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*



Out on a Limb—Some Day Will Mean His End.
Carlisle in *New York Herald Tribune*



An Appeal to the Home Front.
Enright in *The Miami Herald*



Hot Stove League Warm-up.
Barrow in *The Florida Times-Union*

Are You A Radio Star? Auditions Find Out



THE nucleus of a plan to give men and women of the service an even break in radio has been whipped up by New York's Radio City, where soldier actors, singers and entertainers are auditioned by staff experts and placed on a job possibility list.

Springing from service club, camp and local radio shows, hundreds of actors-to-be suddenly have chances of finding themselves in the limelight, whereas before the war they were no closer to a microphone than their drawing room's table-model radio.

Twenty At A Time

Twice weekly auditions are held, with appointments made in advance. Some 20 soldiers—and vets—appear on each audition, and those who get the nod from the directors make a recording for permanent file. This recording—plus a photo of the man and a description of his talents—goes to each of NBC's affiliated stations. If a vet, his prospects of being hired immediately are good. If a soldier still in uniform, his photo and recording are filed for future reference, pending discharge.

Alan Dreeben, of New York (ex-corporal, QMC), is a typical example. He served in Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army," and spent ten months in the ETO. Discharged for physical disability, Dreeben attended an audition, gave the staff an idea of what he could do, and is about to accept one of several radio offers that came his way.

Pvt. George Owens, Trenton, N.J., is awaiting discharge after having been wounded in the Italian campaign. Owens was an amateur singer, but has hopes of beaming his voice over the air for a salary, thanks to the audition.

Rank, of course, doesn't figure. Applicants range from private to lieutenant colonel, and one-fifth of them are from the women's services. Interestingly enough, more service people have been found to be of professional entertainment grade in the auditions than civilians selected in similar auditions.



Soldiers, Vets and Civilians sweating out auditions.

Hoover and the Vet



THE fetid finger of post-war crime already has commenced to daub the nation, according to FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover, who asserted in a Washington interview that the guilt of this predicted crime wave will lie mostly on delinquent juveniles, not war veterans.

"I have talked to a lot of soldiers and I am impressed by the deep religious feelings which they have. They are thinking of a home, their wives, babies—the things they are fighting for," said the G-man chief.

"The unmarried ones will want a home and a family," he added. "I don't think they will be a so-called sex problem provided they are given an opportunity to work and establish a home."

The FBI points out three factors which must be considered in the post-war crime picture:

1. Juvenile delinquency, which is "growing to sizable proportions."
2. Economic readjustment of war workers.
3. Veterans who had criminal tendencies before they entered the services and who have been taught to kill.

'Things To Come' In Science Are BIG

By Ed Wilcox
Tomorrow Staff Writer.



AN American chemical wizard named Gustav Egloff dropped in on the recent annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers at a hotel in midtown Manhattan, pulled a couple of rabbits from science's post-war hat, and gave the NA members a sneak preview on the world of tomorrow.

Guests at the annual meeting, who had checked their needles and their rose-colored glasses at the door, gasped and gagged as Dr. Egloff, president of the American Institute of Chemists, described the "Brave New World" in terms that make Jules Verne's writings read like a page from the Congressional Record.

A quick peek into tomorrow's Kelvinator disclosed apples and oranges the size of



cabbages, grapefruit the size of pumpkins, and pumpkins the size of—Dr. Egloff shuddered at the possibilities.

That Thanksgiving or Christmas turkey won't escape revolutionary plans of modern science, Egloff predicted. Instead of the usual three-hour roasting, he said, the bird of tomorrow will emerge a well-browned, juicy fowl after thirty seconds in the oven, absorbing infra-red rays.

Air Corps bombardiers will have little trouble readjusting themselves to civilian living after the war because if Dr. Egloff has his way everybody is going to be billeted in little plexiglass bungalows. And the glass, according to the good doctor, will be strong as steel, buoyant as a cork, soft as wool, and groovier as a movie.

"The chemist," Dr. Egloff announced, "is in the forefront producing new products among which foods, construction materials, plastics, metals, textiles, fuels, pharmaceuticals, and synthetic rubbers loom large."

Getting back to this fascinating business about the hyper-thyroid fruits and vegetables, the doctor explained that all this old-fashioned business of waiting around for the seasons, the rains and the sunshine to get around to producing a crop has gone far enough. The chemists plan to take over and, with the help of a little synthetic ammonia, nitrates, liquid fertilizer, hydrocarbon gases, and something new called butylene, they predict that they will stimulate plant growth up to 100 percent.

A yellow powder called colchicine, sprinkled on the plants as they mature,

assures bigger and prettier apples for the teacher and larger and juicier oranges for the advertisements of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Biggest problem seems to be to get a post-war grape which will fit into anyone's mouth. But Dr. Egloff has answers to all those questions.

Of course, under this new setup in the garden, you'll never be quite sure whether you are eating this year's beans or some which were grown back when Pa was courtin' Ma. It appears that new refrigeration methods will store harvests of peak production years for indefinite periods.

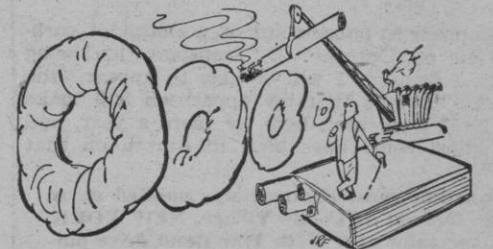
Peering into his scientific crystal ball, which is naturally almost the size of a basketball, Dr. Egloff sees little hope for the motion-picture industry or the night-club business. By the time Dr. Egloff and his industrial chemists get through with that post-war home it will be such a terrific place to be that it will take more than Billy Rose or David Selznick, to get the man of the immediate future to leave that synthetic fireside and those glass slippers.

Taking a deep drag on a King Size cigarette and blowing out a post-war smoke ring which barely made it through the folding doors at the end of the room, Dr. Egloff listed a number of things he and his chemists have up their sleeves for later:

Milady's unmentionables, which had a pre-war weight of 35 ounces, will be much lighter and easier to squeeze into a thimble—if you've got a thimble handy and like such experiments.

Tomorrow's suit of clothes will not shine and will not lose its crease, even in the worst weather, thanks to a plastic formula which will be sprayed on the cloth.

Armed with a handy walkie-talkie, mothers and fathers will leave baby snug



in his crib, sally forth to the local pub or to a neighbor's house and they won't come home until they get an urgent message from junior, broadcasting on their frequency.

People, Dr. Egloff said a little sadly, will continue to be un-streamlined, un-air-conditioned, and as unsafe and bumpy as ever. And then he smiled—a crooked little knowing grin and left the platform amid a thunderous ovation the size of—

Hepcats and Bookworms

By Joseph Wechsberg
Tomorrow Correspondent

If there are still people—people in uniform—who believe that all underground and atrocity Nazi stories are a product of invention and sensationalism, a reading of John Karski's "Story of a Secret State" (Houghton Mifflin) is recommended. Not because Karski's book is a best-seller and a Book-of-the-Month club selection, but because it is an utterly sober, factual account of horror, brutality and German ingenuity. Karski, a young Polish officer, has seen people killed, was himself tortured, saw men hunted like wild animals, was in an extermination camp, and contributes most valuable material that comes under the important heading "Know Your Enemy!"...

Alden Hatch's biography "General Ike" (Holt) is the first collection of all available facts on General Eisenhower, the soldier and the man. Good illustrations, too. Sgt. George Baker's "Sad Sack," published by those old promoters, Simon and Schuster, has sold more than 100,000 copies. Not bad for a \$2.00 cartoon book. But not astonishing either. Thousands more will buy it after having seen the Christmas cover of "Yank," with Sad Sack as mail orderly for (Brig. Gen.) Santa Claus.

Also-Ran dept: "Try and Stop Me," by Bennett Cerf, if you like that sort of thing (after-dinner anecdotes and some good fun); the new "Viking Portable Library" volumes, durable collections of Hemingway, Dorothy Parker, Steinbeck, Shakespeare.

Arthur Rodzinski and the Philharmonic premiered Arnold Schoenberg's new opus, "Ode to Napoleon," for speaking voice, piano and string orchestra, which is likely to pop up now and then on the programs of your favorite orchestra... If you hap-

pened to be a member of New York's New Friends of Music, you should know that this season's thirty-five Sunday sessions are devoted to Mozart and French composers. Wish you were back at Town Hall, do you?

Jazz-note: Duke Ellington's "Someone" is real, fine Ellington; and Harry James' "Memphis Blue" is best new James. Some people, who saw too much of James in the movies of late, may be reminded that he is still a formidable jazz trumpeter. Or try his "Sleepy Time Gal" (Columbia). Cugat-fans (if there are any) may like "Mexico," a Columbia collection of such hot numbers as "Guadalajara, Jesu-sita, Coconito" and others. Still my favorite hit of the month: Jerome Kern's "Long Ago and Faraway." Anybody disagree?

More and more books are being dramatized, a sad fact and proof of Broadway's dire need for material. John P. Marquand's "The Late George Apley" is now a successful play (and rightly so, because it was a swell book) at the Lyceum; and Ilka Chase came up with a "dramatization" of her "In Bed We Cry." Some people in the audience said, they now cried in the stalls, too...

Life-in-Hollywood-as-Usual department: judging from all reports from the West Coast, all activity around the studios has ceased since everybody is anxiously waiting for the outcome of the Chaplin trial.

The MIAMI BEACH Rod and Reel Club is raising a fund to buy Tokyo Rose some new phonograph records. Tokyo Rose is the name GIs in the Pacific have given to a woman announcer on a Jap propaganda broadcast. The propaganda is "funnier than Jack Benny," the soldiers say, but the music is welcomed and Tokyo Rose has only six worn-out records to play...

This Was America Yesterday:

Patton Will Get 4 Stars, Broadway Scribe Says

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Lt. Gen. Patton will be making headlines in a top war role coincident with his elevation to four-star rank, says Danton Walker, Broadway columnist. Also picked up by Walker is the rumor that "Assistant President" Jimmie Byrnes is to take over supervision of all government press agents, including those working for the Army. Walker further states that Gen. Eisenhower is investigating correspondents' complaints that censors are responsible for overly-optimistic and misleading stories about progress of the war.

THE Ferrying Division of Air Transport Command has gradually taken over the assignment of transporting military personnel and cargo from commercial airlines and is using Kansas City as the hub of its activities.

A STRIPPED-DOWN Douglas DC-3 flew from Chicago to New York in two hours and 48 minutes for Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc. The flight knocked one hour and 40 minutes from the schedule.



Mrs. Hitchcox listens to a letter from Belgium.

Calling Capt. Hitchcox of APO 253 . . . Your wife and baby daughter are doing well, according to latest reports from Community Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. (Remember? Capt. Hitchcox's wife, Iva, gave birth to a three-pound baby on Christmas Day despite the fact that the 37-year-old woman was confined to an iron lung with infantile paralysis. Capt. Hitchcox was informed of the birth by a story in The Stars and Stripes).

PLAYING post office: girl friends and wives are doing their Valentine's Day shopping early. Stationery store clerks say the favorite is a card showing a little home with the message, "Across the Miles to You."

And Gary, Ind. runs a special class to help folks here help the post office over there. Ruth Scholer is teaching mothers

and wives how to seal and pack foods for shipment overseas. Despite rumors of Christmas package thefts on this side, James J. Doran, New York State post office inspector, reveals that only ten employees from thousands were found pilfering—nine less than the previous year.

Dirty Doings in the Diaper Business

ITEM for GIs whose wives flood the U.S. Bureau with birth announcements: telegrams have been sent to nine Congressmen, and a march on Washington has been planned by the National Institute of Diaper Service. There's a diaper shortage, despite the fact WLB froze a certain number of mills for diaper production. No special explanation for it. . . maybe it's too many babies, or because Poppa can't be there to hold 'em. . . anyhow, U.S. babies just aren't holding their own.

And in the Beginners' Department there is the case of Naval Lt. Ralph B. Bell, of Davison, Mich. He boarded a transport in Australia bound for San Pedro, Calif. After the voyage started he discovered that the Australian girl he married last August was on board en route to join his family in Davison.

SOME days everything seems to go wrong. In Los Angeles, Ambulance Driver David Gaulton and his attendant, Everett Garrett, had such a day recently. Returning from a false alarm they were hailed by a child and directed to a nearby house. A woman leaned out the window and asked for two loaves of bread and a dozen doughnuts. Explaining the ambulance wasn't a bread truck, they hurried back to the station and were sent out again to pick up a woman on a fire escape with a broken leg. On arrival they found the victim was really a dog that had been bitten in a fight.

Apparently two East Coast mayors like their nests. Fiorenzo LaGuardia told reporters he expects "to be around" next year, and Frank Hague has announced to run for an eighth term in Jersey City.

Hollywood to Remake 'State Fair'

HOLLYWOOD is going backwards to produce some new films. Twentieth Century-Fox is lining up a cast for a remake of the old favorite "State Fair," which featured Janet Gaynor and Will Rogers. Booked for the roles are Alice Faye and Charlie Winninger. . . Warner Brothers is preparing another "Three Men On A Horse," and Eddie Bracken is being borrowed from Paramount for the part of Casper Milquetoast, horse picker. Paramount is producing the third edition of "The Virginian" with Barbara Britton, Hopalong Cassidy's old gal.

IN the Midwest, Des Moines school authorities banned all bean shooters and other home front bazookas after a pin embedded in tinfoil pierced the cheek of a Roosevelt High School girl.

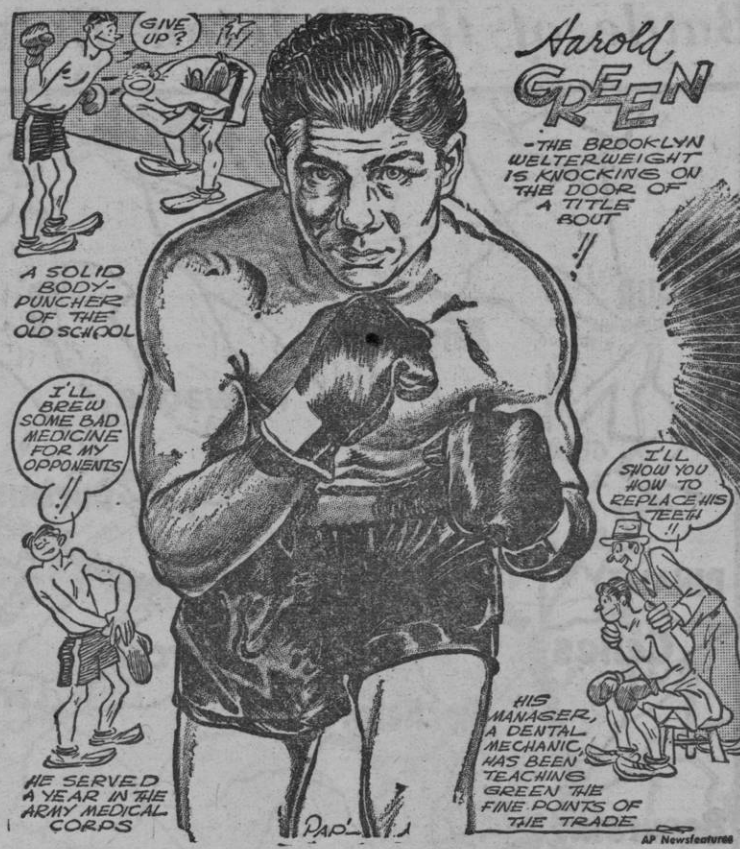
But Texans still have fun. On a train going through the Lone Star State the conductor called out, "Austin, Texas, capital of the United States!" Some non-Texans objected. The conductor added: "After the war we'll make Austin the capital of the world, and if you Yankees will keep fighting to help us win the war we may give you your freedom."

Major Bowes has just spun his "Wheel of Fortune" for the 500th time. Since its inception the original amateur hour has seen many of its unknowns achieve fame and fortune; among them Regina Rasnik, Christina Carroll, Lucille Browning and Lansing Hatfield have become Metropolitan artists.

SIGNS of the Times: (1) Sign in window of a Manhattan bowling alley—"Pin setters wanted. Thirty to fifty dollars and more weekly. Come ready to work." . . . (2) When the niece of Jean A. Brunner, C-in-C of the Vets of Foreign Wars, was asked what her Washington job was she answered: "I work in the Data Analysis Group of the Aptitude Test Subunit of the Worker Analysis Section of the Division of Occupational Analysis and Manning Tables of the Bureau of Labor Utilization of the War Manpower Commission. They call it DAGATSU-WASDOAMTEBLUMC for short."

And on the subject of the alphabet—Atlanta Councilman Ralph Huie nominated Howard Haire as presiding officer. He described the aspirant as "able, active, capable, competent, dashing, dynamic, energetic, friendly, forceful, gracious, generous, honorable, intelligent, powerful, persistent, resourceful, trustworthy, witty and zealous."

Haire got the job.



Kentucky Subs Blank Rival for Full Half

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 9.—The University of Kentucky outfit, considered one of the top basketball teams in the country, mauled the Arkansas State five, 75-6, here last night for its tenth victory in as many starts.

Will Schu, Jack Parkinson and Jack Tingle gave the Wildcats a 41-6 halftime lead, then Coach Rupp sent the regulars to the showers and put the subs in. The second-stringers shut out the hapless visitors in the second half.

Grid Pros May Copy Ice Rules

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The National Football League officials started arriving here last night for their scheduled meeting with the Rules Committee and notable suggested changes were on the agenda.

Apart from the radical "sudden death" period to eliminate ties, and substitutions during the action, just as in hockey, the committee was expected to consider the peculiar system of determining the league standings on a percentage basis.

Under the present method, a team's average is determined solely on a won and lost basis with ties ignored. That makes it possible for a team to win its opening game and tie the rest, thereby winding up with 1,000 percentage and the league title. Another team might win nine games and lose one and have only .900 in the standings.

It has been suggested that professional football adopt the hockey system of counting two points for a victory and one point for a tie, the pennant going to the team with the most points, with percentage ignored.

Nebraska Grid Job Secure for Jones

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 9.—Nebraska University officials have scotched reports that the skids were greased for Athletic Director Lawrence "Biff" Jones, who returned to West Point when the war broke out. His job as head football coach and athletic director will be waiting for him, they said.

The Daily Nebraskan student publication, said in an editorial it was unfair for a small group of individuals to "attempt to railroad Jones from his post while he's in the service of his country."

Williams to Handle Great Lakes Sports

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Jan. 9.—Cmdr. Rollie Williams, former Iowa basketball coach, assumes the post of athletic director at the Naval training station here today. He succeeds Lt. Cmdr. Paul "Tony" Hinkle, who left last October for Pacific duty. Lt. (j.g.) Paul Brown, former Ohio State football catch, acted as athletic officer in the meantime.

Williams was head cage coach at Iowa for 13 years before entering the Navy for the second time. He has been athletic officer at an airfield in the Hawaiian Islands for the last 18 months.

Kilrea, Puck Ace, Wounded

OTTAWA, Canada, Jan. 9.—Sgt. Hector Kilrea, former National Hockey League star with the Ottawa Senators, Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs, has been wounded in action with the U.S. Army his wife said today.

Widdoes May Coach Cornell

ITHACA, N.Y., Jan. 9.—Carroll Widdoes, coach of Ohio State's undefeated civilian football team last fall, is said to have the inside track on the head coaching job at Cornell University. Among others being considered by Cornell authorities are Henry Frnka of Tulsa, Tad Wieman, line coach at Columbia, and Dudley De Groot, coach of the Washington Redskins of the National Football League.



Carroll Widdoes

Selection of the successor to Carl Snayely, who was released from his contract to return to North Carolina U., is not expected until next month when Athletic Director Robert J. Kane will make his report to University authorities on the candidates seeking the job.

Widdoes is an outstanding wartime coach, but he will step down at Ohio State when Paul Brown is released from the Navy and maybe before.

Williams Whips Joyce In Return Philly Fight

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Ike Williams, of Trenton, N. J., banged out a 12-round decision over Willie Joyce, of Los Angeles, here last night, gaining revenge for his defeat by Joyce last November.

The Trenton fighter started fast and belted Joyce from corner to corner in the first round, then dropped the Californian twice for short counts in the second. The next three cantos went to Joyce, who outboxed Williams, but from then on it was all Williams.

Flores in Mexican League

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9.—Flores, Mexican righthanded pitcher who was with the Philadelphia Athletics last year, has signed a contract to play with Mexico City of the Mexican League, it was announced today.

Sammy Snead Los Angeles Golf Victor

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Slammin' Sammy Snead, of Hot Springs, Va., turned in a subpar 69 yesterday to capture first prize in the Los Angeles Open golf tournament with a 72-hole total of 283. Sammy's successful four-foot putt on the final hole gave him top money, \$2,666.67 in war bonds. Byron Nelson and Harold "Jug" McSpader were a stroke behind Snead with 284, even par. They split second and third money getting \$1,600 apiece.

The victory was Snead's third since being released from the Navy, after a two-year hitch. He previously had collected \$4,300 in war bonds for capturing the Portland and Richmond Open tournaments.

Nelson Misses Chance to Tie Snead when he blew a 25-foot putt on the slanting

18th green, his tap falling short. McSpader's chance was ruined by his third-round 74, after two 70s in the opening rounds, and another today with a four-under-par 32 on the back nine.

Sammy Byrd was fourth with 285 and Johnny Revolta and Ray Mangrum were tied at 287. Sgt. Jim Ferrier and George Fazio also were among the leaders.



Sammy Snead

Army's Cage Future Bright

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 9.—The Army basketball varsity, unbeaten in 15 games last season, opens its campaign tomorrow night against Swarthmore and present indications are that the unbroken string of athletic victories will continue for some time, possibly another 15 games.

Ed Kelleher has another top-ranking team at the Academy.



Dale Hall and Doug Kenna are back from the 1944 quintet and they'll be assisted by Bill Eckburg, Harry Molnar, Red Damon and a couple of football players, Ed Raffalko, Barney Poole and maybe Glenn Davis.

Kelleher said the only spot causing concern was at center, since the departure of Ed Crystal, who played brilliantly last year.

Iowa State Wins, 50-38

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 9.—Iowa State's basketball team scored its second Big Six Conference victory last night beating Nebraska, 50-38. The Cyclones decided the game by retrieving most of the rebounds off the boards.

Iowa State grabbed a 9-8 lead early in the game and never was headed. Bob Mott sank 18 points for the winners and Buz Hollins, Cornhuskers' guard, scored eight.

Gophers Upset Purdue

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—Minnesota upset Purdue, 49-44, here last night maintaining the advantage from the first minute when Walter Rucke, recently discharged after action in the South Pacific, threw in a basket as the game started. Rucke's 18 points set the individual scoring pace. The Gophers led, 27-23, at the half. Paul Hoffman starred for the Boilermakers with 15 points.

CAGE RESULTS

- Iowa State 50, Nebraska 38.
- Minnesota 49, Purdue 44.
- Pittsburgh (Kan.) Tchrs. 60, Phillips 42.
- Kentucky 75, Arkansas State 6.
- Kansas State 44, Rockhurst 38.
- Michigan State 72, Albion 36.
- Buckley Field 63, Fort Logan 41.
- Baker 30, Emporia State Tchrs. 26.
- Illinois Wesleyan 69, West. St. Tchrs.

Huge Cigarette Theft Charged At GIs' Trial

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existence of evidence that the four soldiers were part of an organized ring conspiring to defraud their fellows. They said that "if it was anything, it was a simple matter of theft." They accused the Trial Judge Advocate of trying to "puff up" the importance of the case and declared that the alleged thefts could only have accounted for a small proportion of the shortage.

Chief evidence offered against the four were their written confessions, obtained by agents of the MP's Criminal Investigation Division. After a drive during which the agents, posing as railway operating battalion workers learned of freight cars being shunted to sidetracks and stripped of their contents—cigarettes, other PX supplies and rations—they conducted raids and the 184 suspects were picked up.

Confessions were obtained, and those of Fleming, Smita, Nelson and Davidson were read during yesterday's trials. According to Nelson's statement, describing one instance in which a boxcar was looted, he and the other three, along with a fifth member of their crew whom they forced to help them, took four cases of cigarettes from an open car, took the contents to Paris in barracks bags and sold them there to a French cafe proprietor.

Five-Way Split Made

The 100,000 francs they netted from the sale was split five ways, the confessions said. Similar instances occurred several times thereafter, and once a case of the stolen cigarettes was given to the company first sergeant—named in the confession as Sgt. Fuller—for distribution to the men in the company.

Speaking for the group, Fleming said that during most of the time since their battalion's arrival in France, they had had to forage for their own food—and even for their tools. He said that until recently they had received no PX rations themselves and that they had been forced to get along as best they could.

The court-martial board consisted of nine colonels and lieutenant-colonels. Their decisions in the trials, which are scheduled to resume tomorrow, are not final until reviewed.

KOs Tank ...

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thing when a guy knocks out a Tiger with an M1, but he did it!"

The Tiger's blaze lit up three other Nazi armored vehicles and revealed tank-riding infantry "bailing out."

"We let 'em have it with hand grenades and M1s," said Sgt. Claude Owen, a squad leader from Richmond, Va. "It was so cold we had to break open our action bolts by hammering on them with hand grenades and by kicking them back with our feet. And meanwhile they were throwing everything at us—88s, mortars, screaming meemies, tank fire and machine-gun fire."

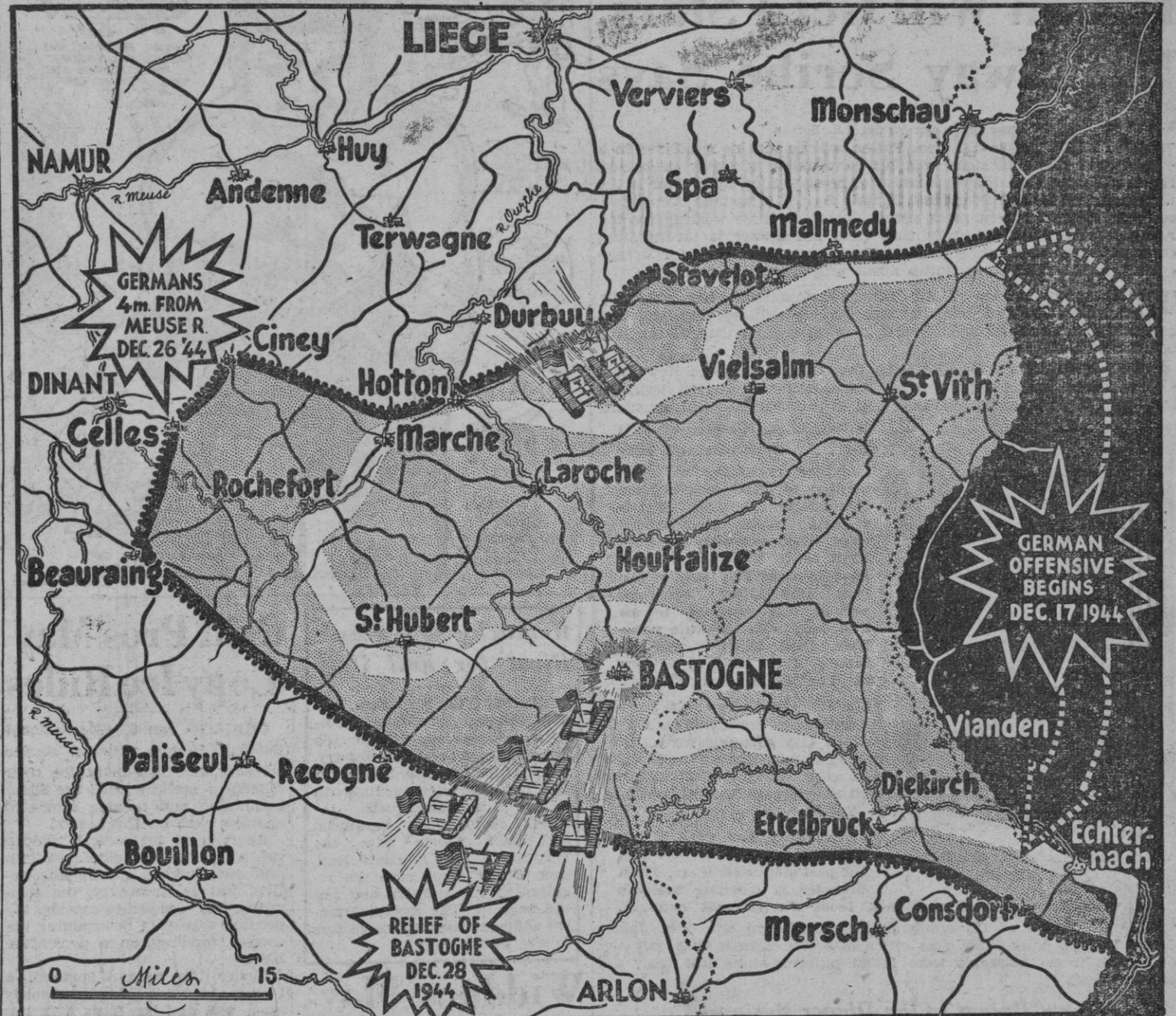
Owen continued: "We stopped the counter-attack cold, but we lost a man we called 'Hot Dog.' He was a peppy Southern boy who spark-plugged the outfit and laughed when the going was roughest and the weather coldest. His last gag was: 'Boys, it's blowing colder and we're getting hot!'"

Eight Killed, 14 Missing In Crash of Clipper

MIAMI, Jan. 9 (ANS).—The crash of the Africa-bound Pan-American Clipper at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, last night, killed eight persons. Fourteen are missing. There were only nine known survivors among the 29 persons aboard the 26-ton flying China Clipper.

Details trickled into Pan-American's office here early today by radio. The four-engine Martin flying boat carried 17 passengers and a crew of 12. Five passengers were among those reported dead.

Battle of the Belgian Bulge — From Start to Present



This is how the Belgian Bulge has shrunk from its maximum (black line) to its approximate present size (white border).

Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

Reds Threaten Rail Junction, German Flank

MOSCOW, Jan. 9 (AP).—The Soviet offensive along the northern bank of the Danube River, now within gun range of Komarno, seriously threatened the left flank of the German forces attempting to batter their way toward the encircled Nazi garrison in Budapest.

Komarno is a rail junction controlling lines from Wiener Neustadt, Vienna, Bratislava and Gyor. The westernmost point reached by Marshal Malinovsky's forces in their drive is Marcelova, six miles north of Komarno and 91 miles southeast of Vienna.

Inside Budapest there is a German garrison of an estimated 100,000 men trapped in the burning capital and the battle of annihilation is proceeding, the Russian communique said.

The Nazis suffered a great blow when advancing Red Army forces captured German tank repair shops containing a number of King Tiger tanks intact at Baturove, southeast of Komarno. Soviet dispatches further said that the Germans were in possession of "large" tank forces and did not hide the fact that the Nazi plan is still "to break through to Budapest."

The Russians are now more than 18 miles directly west of their Gran River bridgehead and possess good possibilities of carrying their attack to the approaches of Bratislava and Vienna while the Germans are engaged in trying to rescue their Budapest garrison.

Italian Front Quiet

ALLIED HQ., ITALY, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—There has been no change in the forward positions in either the Fifth or Eighth Army fronts. A number of communication targets in Austria were attacked yesterday by heavy bombers with escort.

Nazis Reported Withdrawing Tanks from Bulge's West Tip

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Regt., plunging through deep snow, captured the town of Cielles, one mile north of Laroche.

Along the snowblinded front, other U.S. armored forces, with infantry working alongside, crunched between 2,000 and 3,000 yards farther toward the center of the salient.

The powerful, but snow-slowed southward drive of the First Army gathered up 1,342 prisoners in 24 hours. Hard-driving 82nd Airborne Div. troops smashed around German defenses to take the Thierdumont Ridge, which commands the Laroche-St. Vith highway, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan reported from the front.

It was a Second Armored force which captured Dochamps and the Third Armored Div. which took the town of Jouvival, Regan said. Infantry of the 30th Div. took the towns of Spineux and Wannervall, he reported.

First Army forces also cleared the east bank of the River Ourthe as far south as Marcourt, which was occupied.

Third Armored forces, supported by infantry, gained about 1,500 yards beyond the Laroche-St. Vith Road to capture Provendroux and Otre, a mile and one-half southwest of Vielsalm.

3rd Gives Ground

On the southern flank, meanwhile, U.S. Third Army forces gave up ground they had won earlier in the vicinity of Flamierge, northwest of Bastogne. One task force withdrew to previously-held positions under heavy German counterattacks, with 23 tanks. U.S. forces knocked out 12.

Southeast of Wiltz, in Luxembourg, Germans rammed into 80th Inf. Div. lines with two battalions of infantry and a tank battalion which AP said consisted of 20 tanks. Nineteen of these were smashed and the attack was stop-

ed cold, the AP report said.

Third Army forces took 116 prisoners in 24 hours of fighting, bringing their total to 9,670 since the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge.

From his headquarters, Lt. Gen. Bradley said in a press conference yesterday that German losses in the winter offensive are likely to affect the course of the war on the Western Front, UP reported. He said since mid-December, American armies alone had taken more prisoners than the total U.S. troops reported missing or captured.

In Alsace, fighting flared in the reduced Bitch bulge. Enemy forces attacked with armor near the town of Lemberg, due south of Bitch, and lost seven tanks. Two other German attacks were launched in the Haguenau forest, but were hurled back. South of Strasbourg, Germans made sharp thrusts from the Colmar pocket in attempts to exploit a corridor along the Rhone-Rhine Canal, but no gains were reported.

The weather halted almost all air operations yesterday, even interrupting the steady assaults of Eighth AF and RAF bombers on behind-the-bulge targets.

A small force of Ninth AF Marauders, escorted by Lightnings, bombed a railway embankment and bridge at Rinnthal, eight miles west of Landau.

Eagle Replaces Stars

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Lindsay M. Silvester, who was relieved of command of the Seventh Armored Div. in November, has reverted to the permanent rank of colonel, the AP reported today.

Silvester, who won the DSC and several other decorations for bravery in World War I, took command of the Seventh Armored in March, 1942. On Nov. 25 it was disclosed that he had been replaced as divisional commander by Maj. Gen. Robert Hasbruck.

FDR Estimates 83 Billion Cost In Fiscal Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP).—President Roosevelt today told the American people that the new fiscal year would cost them around 83 billion dollars. In his annual budget message to Congress, the President estimated the war alone would cost 70 billion for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

He explained the actual spending depended on development on the battlefronts and cautioned against "over-optimistic speculation" on possible cuts of the war cost after Germany is defeated.

"We on the home front must back our fighting men and women to the limit," Roosevelt declared. "At the same time we must look ahead. We must be ready to throw our whole support into the campaign against Japan as fast as the war in Europe permits."

"I shall not make any prediction concerning the length of the war. My only prediction is that our enemies will be totally defeated before we lay down our arms."

Adm. Ramsay Funeral Attended by Gen. Ike

ALLIED NAVAL HQ., Jan. 9.—Gen. Eisenhower attended the funeral of Adm. Sir Bertram Ramsay, naval commander-in-chief of the AEF, who was killed in a plane accident in France last week.

The general was accompanied by the First Sea Lord, Adm. of the Fleet Sir Andrew B. Cunningham; the British ambassador to France, Rt. Hon. Mr. Duff Cooper; Gen. Koenig, military governor of Paris, and other high ranking Allied officers.

Guam Cable Repaired

GUAM, Jan. 9.—The Guam cable, second longest in the world, has been repaired and opened after two and a half years' silence. It was cut at Midway by the Navy for security reasons.