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# Ruhr Trap Is Closed

## Biggest Pacific Landing

**GUAM, April 1 (ANS).—**The new U.S. Tenth Army landed today on Okinawa Island, in the Ryukyu chain, 325 miles southwest of the Japanese homeland, in the largest amphibious operation of the Pacific war.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, personally read the communique announcing the invasion by the U.S. 24th Army Corps and the Marine Third Amphibious Corps, which together form the Tenth Army.

### Land in Great Strength

The soldiers and marines went ashore in great strength on the west coast of Okinawa. They hit the beaches at 8 A.M., Tokyo time, and went swiftly inland. By 11, they had captured the Yontan and Kadena airports, with light losses.

More than 1,400 ships are taking part in the Okinawa operations. U.S. battleships, cruisers and lighter units softened up the enemy and covered the landing with heavy fire.

Planes operating from U.S. carriers were providing close support for the invading troops. Land-based bombers, including Superfortresses of the 20th Air Force gave strategic support.

The American landing on Okinawa is the closest approach thus far to the Japanese homeland. The island is 325 miles from Kyushu, southernmost island of Japan, and 600 miles from Tokyo. Before the landing, the U.S. conquerors of Iwo were closest to Japan.

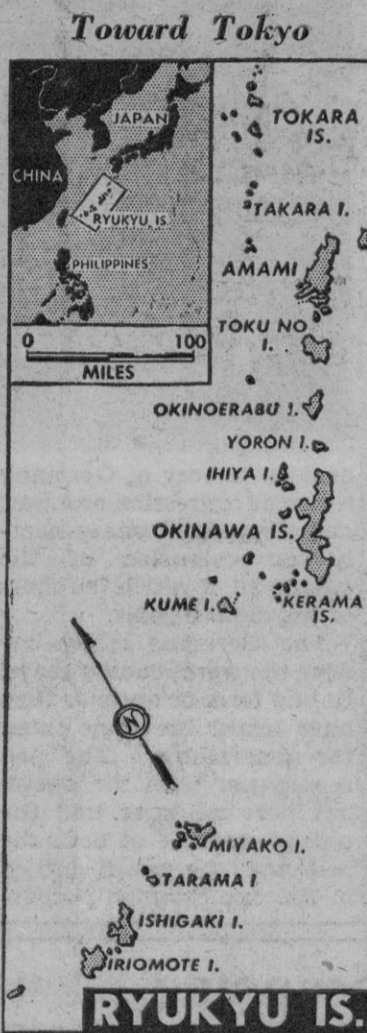
Nimitz said that the capture of Okinawa would give the U.S. bases for greatly intensified attacks "from our fleet and air forces against Japan."

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## Okinawa Viewed as Base For Invasion of Japan

**WASHINGTON, April 1 (Reuter).—**U.S. naval officials today regarded the invasion of Okinawa as preliminary to greater things, suggesting that the possession of the island would pave the way for invasion of the Japanese homeland and the China coast.

One naval authority said that about one-third of Okinawa is useful for military and naval forces. The southern part of the island contains five airfields and has a good railway and highway along the west coast.



## Soviets Seize Sopron, 33 Mi. From Vienna

Red Army forces rolling forward in Hungary yesterday captured the German stronghold of Sopron, 33 miles southeast of Vienna and 19 miles from the Austrian city of Wiener-Neustadt, an important German aircraft production center.

Marshal Stalin announced the fall of Sopron to the northern forces of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army, some of which already have invaded Austria. Other forces of the Third, driving for the Austrian communications center of Graz, last were reported at the Austro-Hungarian border.

### Three Towns Taken

Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army, advancing toward Vienna from the east, captured the Slovakian town of Szenc, about 15 miles from Bratislava and 47 from Vienna, Stalin announced. The Second also took Trnava and Hlohovec.

The Soviet forces at Sopron were three miles from the Austrian border. Their operations, and those inside Austria were supported by U.S. heavy bombers of the 15th AF, which flew from Italy to attack the Maribor rail bridge in Yugoslavia, about 35 miles below Graz, and the St. Polten rail yards, 35 miles west of Vienna.

Marshal Stalin also announced last night that troops of Marshal

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## Lewis Accepts WLB's Order

**WASHINGTON, April 1 (ANS).—**Soft-coal operators and John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, today accepted the War Labor Board's order to continue producing coal under the present contract, but Lewis demanded written assurance of retroactive pay from the operators.

The WLB order, issued before last night's expiration of the old contract, provided that whenever a new pact is signed, pay changes shall be retroactive to April 1.

Lewis, whose union last week voted him authority to call a strike, said the miners were willing to "accede to the order of the WLB."

Hard-coal operators and the UMW will meet Wednesday to begin negotiations for a new contract covering 65,000 Pennsylvania miners. As in the case of the soft-coal negotiations, Lewis has filed notice with the WLB of a labor dispute, and a strike vote will probably be taken.

## Superforts Pound Tokyo Targets Anew

**WASHINGTON, April 1 (Reuter).—**Military targets in Tokyo have been raided again by large forces of Superfortresses, it was announced today by Hq. 20th Air Force Bomber Command. The raid was made by Marianas-based bombers

## First, Ninth Seal Hitler's Arsenal

A steel band of American armor was riveted around the Ruhr at 1530 yesterday when the U.S. Ninth Army's Second Armd. Div. linked up with the U.S. First Army at Lippstadt, 20 miles southwest of Paderborn.

The Ruhr encirclement was completed by Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army tanks driving east along the northern fringes of the great industrial area of Germany and forces of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army pushing north.

It meant that Nazi Germany had lost the last industrial center, an area of 4,800 square miles, from which her war machine could be fed. Gen. Eisenhower had predicted at the outset of the offensive that organized resistance could not long continue in the Reich once the Ruhr was lost.

### Montgomery's Troops Reported In Breakthrough

UP frontline reports said the most sensational breakthrough within the last seven days occurred during the last 12 hours on Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's front, with hundreds of tanks streaming eastward and northeastward far beyond any previous positions reached. The advance was masked by a security silence, but indications were that the veil would be lifted shortly.

Allied air power had virtually completed isolation of the Ruhr in a program of bridge-busting which had cut virtually every rail bridge leading into Central Germany.

Trapped by the link-up of the two U.S. armies were thousands of German troops. They had been reported on the move earlier yesterday in an apparent effort to escape the closing trap.

The Ruhr, home of the great Krupp war industries, was the

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The Ruhr trap closes, encircling 4,800 square miles of Germany and thousands of troops, as Allies spear deeper into Germany.

### Edward Flynn in Paris

Edward J. Flynn, personal envoy of President Roosevelt, arrived in Paris yesterday, en route home after conferences at Moscow and the Vatican City. A spokesman denied he was here to see General De Gaulle.



**Devil's Oversight**

The article in the paper the other day quoting Lt. Gen. Somervell about the combat men going home for three weeks and the Engineers going straight to the Pacific sure was a morale-builder. Maybe the good general doesn't think the Engineers have any feelings. I have been in the Army three years and overseas for nearly three years and I have never had a pass to go home.

The Army has spent three years and millions of dollars on USO shows and recreational facilities to build up the soldiers' morale. Well, they might just as well start all over again because mine and thousands of other GIs' morale went up in smoke when they read the paper the other night. Where does the general get the idea that combat men are any different from us. It was only by the grace of God and the oversight of the Devil that we missed the infantry.

If the efficiency of the Army is to be increased instead of decreased, articles of this sort should be tossed in the fire.—Pfc J. E. Hunt (and three others.—Ed.)

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**Food for the French**

The people in French cities are suffering from a terrible food shortage, which newspapers explain is largely the result of lack of transport. Our convoys which roll east with supplies for the front are returning empty.

Why not establish French food depots along these routes, which lead through some of France's richest agricultural areas, where Allied trucks could pick up sorely-needed supplies for Paris and other large cities?—Lt. Martin Reinheimer.

(We asked Civil Affairs Hq. for comment, and they replied that: 1. The possibility of using empty Army convoys for such purposes had long been under investigation by all agencies concerned. 2. One of the difficulties is that, generally, the largest movement of food is in the same direction as that of military supplies. 3. About March 1, 1945, however, what might be described as a pool of all transportation in France—both military and civilian. Army and French trucks, railroads and barges—was created for the movement of everything that needs to be moved in the country. Of course, military supplies have the highest priority. Under this program the Army is moving such civilian commodities as window glass, building materials and tar paper as well as imported Civil Affairs emergency supplies and indigenous food, all for civilian use. This is one of the ways that the Army is contributing to the restoration of France's economy, limited only by its primary objective, to defeat the German Army.—Ed.)

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**Straightened Out**

Discrimination between officers and enlisted men is once more rearing its ugly head. The "Army Transportation Association," from all that we can learn, has regular, charter, and corps memberships. The first two mentioned are open solely for officers, while the latter is to be composed of enlisted men and civilians working for the Transportation Corps. Distinction of a military nature is being made for what is supposed to be a civilian organization.

**The "Rub"**

The rub is a statement somewhat as follows: "At the present a temporary board of directors has been established until all charter member subscriptions have been accomplished." From the foregoing statement what else can be determined out the fact that only those who

are officers and gentlemen by direction of President and act of Congress will control the organization? They are the only ones who will be able to vote for directors.

Won't we enlisted men as civilians be on equal terms with our officers? If not, we are in no better state of affairs than people were during feudalism.—1/Sgt. C. J. Collins (and four others.—Ed.)

(Your letter was sent to the Army Transportation Association's headquarters in Washington for comment and below is the reply—in part—of Brig. Gen. W. J. Williamson, its national president.—Ed.)

Discrimination does not exist between members of the Army Transportation Association because of commissioned, enlisted or civilian status.

**Criticism Justified**

There is some justification for the criticism in that during the initial stages of obtaining support to the proposal of forming an association, the idea was to confine membership to officers only. As the idea grew and developed it was found that many enlisted men and civilians desired to participate, and accordingly the two groups were given the opportunity to join as corps or associate members. A memorandum distributed under date of 16 Oct., 1944, stated: "Voting privileges are restricted to officers." However, this inequity to enlisted and civilian members was immediately recognized and on 23 Oct., 1944, the executive committee passed a resolution cancelling the earlier action and placed all members, officers, enlisted men and civilians on an equal footing, all to enjoy equal rights and privileges.

**Civilians on Board of Directors**

Twenty-seven chapters are now formed and of these five have civilians on their boards of directors, and one has an enlisted man on its board of directors. The process of electing national officers starts with the local chapters. All local chapters are privileged to nominate candidates for national officers. The control of the association is not centered in any one particular group such as officers, enlisted men or civilians. The possibilities of such control rest upon whether a local chapter or chapters become predominantly of one or the other group.

**Head is Old Railroader**

The national president who was elected 28 Feb., 1945, to serve for a term of one year, was engaged in the field of transportation for 35 years as a civilian. He was brought into the War Department due to his background of this experience and will return to civilian life at the end of his usefulness to the war effort.

**An Editorial**

**Peace-Loving Germany**

HERE are two selections from German philosophy that should be posted on every bulletin board so that every Allied soldier will know just what he is fighting against.

The first quotation is by one of the most noted of German philosophers Nietzsche, and was written in 1864:

*"The world must be ruled by German supermen. No free personality can become a true Christian. The infliction of forcible subjugation is not a wrong. The fight is not for life, but for power. There is delight in exercising power upon the powerless. Ideals of equality and peace are impossible. The good war sanctifies every cause. War has achieved more great things than love of thy neighbour."*

The second was written by Treitschke in 1871 after the German victory in the Franco-Prussian War:

*"Everything is permissible. The ideal of eternal peace is unjust. Only the spiritless play with the dream of perpetual peace. Blessed are the warmakers. Earth mastery must be won by the might of German militarism."*

This is merely further proof that the present war is no fly-by-night affair that was caused because the Nazis gained power. Its causes are much deeper than party politics. They can be traced back to the Kaiser; and before him to Bismarck; and before him to Frederick the Great. Indeed, the entire



modern history of Germany is one of aggression and war, and the present one is merely an extension of the others, all of which fell short of the desired goals.

The Germans really believe the words quoted above. In one form or another they have heard the same thing for generations. The pen is mightier than the sword, but here we have had the unique example of both the pen and the sword united in the one common purpose

of war; and this war, like the others is simply the German national conscience translated into military action.

This generation now has the opportunity, once and for all, of curing this German cancer on Western civilization. Our armies in the field are doing it by the most skillful and daring surgery, but only by also winning the peace can the cure be complete.—Pfc R. Friedberg, AAA Gun Bn.

**Ryukyus—Stepping Stones to Tokyo**

The Ryukyu Islands, invaded yesterday by U.S. amphibious forces, lie between the Japanese homeland and Formosa, stretching out in a long, thin line running northeast-southwest over roughly 650 miles of ocean.

The northern tip of the curving archipelago is only 80 miles south of Kyushu, southernmost of the islands that comprise Japan.

Fifty-five in number, the Ryukyus are divided into three main groups, of which the northern is called Oshimashota; the central, Okinawa Gunto, and the southern, Sakishima Retto. The terms "shoto," "gunto" and "retto" signify "archipelago," "cluster of islands" and "string of islands," respectively.

The archipelago, also called the Fuchu Islands by the Japanese, has a normal population of about 455,000 and an area of 935 square miles.

**Held By Japs Since 1885**

The islands have been under Japanese domination since 1885, when Japan wrested control of Formosa from China. They form an important part of the Japanese defenses in the western Pacific, covering the southern approaches to the home islands and protecting the Japanese-occupied China coast against direct attack from the Pacific.

Okinawa is the largest of the Ryukyu group. It is about 70 miles long and more than ten miles wide on the average and extends to within about 335 miles of Kyushu.

**Two Volcanoes**

There are two active volcanoes at the extreme northern tip of the Ryukyus, but the only other mountain of any size is Yuwan-Dake, rising 2,900 feet in Amami Oshima. The capital of the whole chain is Shuri in the Okinawa cluster—the most important of all. Naha, on Okinawa, possesses the principal harbor and naval base.

Although close to the tropics, the Ryukyus do not have tropical fea-

tures. Bamboo is rare; as are high grass and tangled undergrowth. Open plains are numerous and trees are crowded together. Lakes are few and rivers insignificant in number. Temperature at Naha ranges from 82 in July to 60 in January.

Most of the islands are infested with venomous snakes called habu, whose bite generally causes speedy death.

**Help Wanted —AND GIVEN**

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

**FOUND**

MEDAL, Purple Heart, apparently lost from mail bag; case contains note from George to his mother; Charles Kiley, S & S, Liège. Personal items belonging to Lt. PAULA O. KRULL; Sgt. Mike Plavi.

VAL-A-PAK Bag belonging to Major Thompson, by S/Sgt. Wm. N. Riley.

WALLETS belonging to: Philip F. McPhail, 39285344, and Frederick O. Tassel by T/5 Charles E. Butler.

**FOR SALE**

DRUMS, bass and snare; Cpl. Leo H. Frantz. OVERCOAT, officer's, short beaver type, size 38R; Lt. Archie Alexander.

**AFOS WANTED**

WAC Lille Bowser, Forman, N.D.; Sgt. William H. Button, Newark, N.J.; S/Sgt. Joseph Curfo, Asbury Park, N.J.; Pvt. Oliph E. Drake, Tacoma, Wash.; Florencio Escobedo; William A. Fritz, Charleston, Mass.; Cpl. Johnny Guernsey, Gary, Ind.; S/Sgt. Freeman Gard; M/Sgt. George Hauenstein; Sgt. Leonard Horn-den, Attica, Kan.; S/Sgt. Jullius F. Jakobeic, Manchester, N.H.; Enoch (Jim) Jones, Utica, N.Y.; Zigmund and Frank Kawalec, Chicopee, Mass.; Pfc Carl Lakojsky; Wesley Lemley; Lt. Layne Leoffler; Pvt. Robert Melcher.



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*Their Smiles Show the Joy of Liberated Slaves of the Nazis*



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Vernon Babcock, left, of VIII Corps, dishes up chow for four civilians freed in the Third Army drive into Germany. They were part of a large French and Russian slave labor group which was liberated.

**Through the Night...**  
*Armored Fingers Probe the Inky Darkness, Pull Back—Then Slowly Reach Out Again*

By Ernest Leiser  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SECOND ARMD. DIV. ROLLING TOWARD BERLIN, March 31. (Delayed).—This is the way the armor knives across Germany.

It moves by day and by night. By day, it strikes out in bold, roaring columns, cutting over the roads at a steady rate. When it hits road blocks or sectors of resistance it either coils along the road while a small task force cleans out the opposition, or bypasses it and keeps on rolling.

At night, it's different. The armored fingers reach out tentatively in the dark, groping toward towns and roads, and withdrawing quickly with any signs of resistance. Then, after a wait of an hour or two, the fingers start reaching out uncertainly again.

Last night, after Brig. Gen. "Peewee" Collier's Combat Command had rumbled over a bridge laid hastily over the water barrier, it struck out into a no-man's-land of blackness.

**It's Either Stop or Spearhead Division**

Moving along in what you thought was the main column, you came to a handful of scout cars, half-tracks and peeps and were told you'd better stop—unless you wanted to spearhead the whole division push.

This was the point of the combat command's task force "A," 1/Lt. Edwin Riggs, of New York, explained. A recon platoon of the 66th Armd. Regt., they had stopped to interrogate civilians at this crossroads town, to find out what lay ahead in the night.

To the left of the road, a sleepy civilian opening the door to a blackened house said that up ahead was a bridge, prepared for demolition and guarded by six or seven German last-ditch defenders. There was a gun emplacement near the woods up ahead and to the left.

Riggs called a couple of his men over. "This is the way we'll work it," he said. "We'll send a couple of vehicles dashing ahead down the road to try to surprise them. Then the rest of the platoon will follow."

**Men Sleep in Their Seats as They Move Up**

You waited along the road a little, and the rest of the recon moved hesitantly up. Then the rest of the armored column, half of the men sleeping in their seats, and the other half trying to see through the night, moved up. You didn't ever fear how Riggs' platoon would make out.

But reports filtered back that a "column of identified transport, all lights showing, was being strafed in the road which lay ahead."

Nothing materialized. At four o'clock, the order to pull off into the fields came. A couple of fitful hours later, down came a spatter of cold rain. There was time for a cold K-ration and a canteen cup of coffee, half-heated over a hurried open fire.

Then came the order to "mount up on the road—we're moving east again."

**Germans Execute Eight Danish Patriots**

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter).—Eight imprisoned Danish patriots were executed by Germans on Wednesday and Thursday, it was learned here today. Danish quarters here said the executions were against international law and all who assisted would be prosecuted.

**250 Attend Classes At 'GI University'**

A "GI university," the model for a series of schools to be opened on the Continent for air force personnel behind the lines, is now operating at Air Technical Service Command Hq.

**15 Villages—Not a Shot; 'It's Spooky'**

WITH THE FOURTH ARMD. DIV., March 29 (Delayed).—The recon platoon was troubled by the silence. It had come 20 miles this morning through 15 villages without hearing a shot.

The men rested on the hill above the town that was Combat Command B's objective and talked about the rainbow arched above the valley. It seemed indestructible, so deep and pure were the colors. But it faded quickly and the rain started again.

**Real Spooky This Trip**

"It was real spooky this trip," said Cpl. Alexander Cohen, of Brooklyn. "When you expect some shooting you like to hear it. Not that I like them shooting at me. But when they start shooting you know where the hell they are. This way we sweated them out all morning."

"It gets you shaky just riding and never seeing a Jerry," said Pfc David Pinette, of Brunswick, Me. "We're the first in and the last out of a town and you like to know what you're coming into."

The silence was bad, but the rain disturbed Pvt. Pasbury Piehrson, who comes from Patterson, Ga.

"The stuff was flying around yesterday and that's never any good," said Piehrson. "But when it's quiet like it was today and rain on top of it—that's what gets me."

**She Was Proud**

They were talking about the German nurse they had captured the day before. She was proud, and her anger made her beautiful. But she was too mean, they decided.

Just then a machine-gun started to go behind them. The tankers threw tracers at three German soldiers, who ran up the slope across the valley.

They started into the town, down the untracked road of the hill, and the silence was there again.

**Dad Turns Jerry Over to MPs, Cries**

Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent.

WITH THE 35th INF. DIV., April 1.—A German father turned his own son over to the 35th Div. He said his son was a deserter from the German Army.

The soldier had been hiding at home for almost a week. He came to the PW enclosure carrying a blanket roll and a supply of food.

The father walked off a short distance from the MPs and sat down and cried.

**Yanks Stream Ashore In Face of a Rising Sun**

WITH U.S. TENTH ARMY ON OKINAWA, April 1 (AP).—Streaming ashore directly in the face of a rising sun, thousands of American troops quickly established beachheads on this island, "front porch of the Japanese homeland," today.

A terrific naval bombardment had torn holes in a sea wall, permitting entry of tanks and other armored vehicles. Troops drove inland rapidly against scant initial opposition.

**New 10th Army Lands on Isles Close to Japan**

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Japanese communications and against Japan itself."

He added: "As our sea and air blockade cuts the enemy off from the world and as our bombing increases in strength and proficiency, our final decisive victory is assured."

The Tenth Army, which was four miles inland on Okinawa at Katena, is commanded by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., who chased the Japanese out of the Aleutians. Reports indicate that he has six or more divisions in his army—perhaps more than 100,000 men, including attached units.

**60,000 to 80,000 Japs**

Japan's garrison on Okinawa is believed to number between 60,000 and 80,000 men. But reports from the Ryukyus said that the Japanese apparently had not yet offered major resistance.

The attack on Okinawa was preceded by the U.S. conquest of islands in the Kerama group, west of the southern tip of Okinawa. Troops of the 77th Div., who landed on the islands last Monday, set up heavy artillery which now is supporting the troops on Okinawa.

British carrier forces in the Ryukyus are aiding Vice Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's U.S. Fifth Fleet and Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's mighty U.S. carrier task force. The British, under Vice Adm. Sir Bernard Rawlings, have attacked Japanese positions in the Sakishima group of islands.

**Planes In All-Out Attack**

The landings on Okinawa came on the tenth day of a powerful air and sea bombardment of the Ryukyus. Fifty-five minutes before H-Hour carrier planes made an all-out ten-minute attack on installations near the beaches. Heavy warships opened up, and destroyers moved in to rake the beaches at short range.

Landing craft and gunboats spewed thousands of rockets into enemy positions. Then, while fighter planes swept over and pinned down Japanese defenders, landing boats and amphibious tanks began moving toward shore.

The Japanese Navy apparently made no major effort to oppose the landing, but Radio Tokyo said that the Japanese planes and surface units had sunk one American carrier, two cruisers, three destroyers and three unidentified ships. The enemy radio said that the American invasion presented a "divine opportunity for Japan to win the war."

At least a dozen towns and villages fell to American forces advancing inland along a seven-and-a-half-mile line in the southern part of Okinawa, the Associated Press reported.

The place chosen for the landing indicated that the American forces intended to drive eastward across the island, cutting off the well-populated and industrial southern third from the mountainous northern section.

An American radio correspondent, after flying over Okinawa, said: "It looks like the fighting may not be so horrible as at Iwo Jima, but perhaps it will be longer. Landings seemed relatively more easy than at Iwo, for our troops had more room in which to work."

**Two Soldiers Executed**

Convicted by U.S. Army courts-martial for the crimes of rape and murder, two American soldiers were executed March 29, one at the Prise Guinment and the other at Cherence le Heron, Manche, France. The sentences were reviewed and confirmed by Gen. Eisenhower.

**Scarcely a Shot Fired By Japs; Landing Easy**

ABOARD U.S. FLAGSHIP OFF OKINAWA, April 1 (Reuter).—An American combat force, with tanks, artillery and mechanized equipment, landed on Okinawa and established strong positions in record time.

Scarcely a shot was fired by the Japanese as a great quantity of equipment was landed without loss of a single landing craft. Hundreds of amphibious tanks and landing craft moved to the shore without opposition.

The Japanese had presumably fled to the hills. The only Japanese movements noticeable Sunday morning were in the rear.

The landing, made by the Tenth Army, was so easy that it looked as if the door had been left open for American troops to swarm ashore along five miles of beaches around Sagushi on the west coast.

**Yanks Capture Negros Capital**

MANILA, April 1 (ANS).—Infantry of the U.S. 40th Div., moving so fast that the Japanese were unable to explode prepared demolition charges, have captured Bacolod, the capital city of Negros Island, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

MacArthur also reported that land-based planes of his command, continuing their blockade of the China coast, had destroyed 14 more Japanese ships, including three destroyers.

The 40th Div. Yankees seized Bacolod, which has a population of 50,000, on Friday, the second day of the invasion of Negros. Only three Philippine cities of comparable size—Baguio and Legaspi on Luzon and Davao on Mindanao—remain in Japanese hands.

MacArthur reported aerial attacks against Baguio and Legaspi, and said that American troops had driven closer to Baguio.

**End of the Road**



Two dead Germans lie in a trench which has been overrun in the Western Front advance.

## This Happened in America Yesterday:

## Hope for the Future, Prayer And a Rainbow Mark Easter

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, April 1.—Filled with hope of an early end to the European phase of the global war, the people, bright in spring finery, attended services throughout the nation on Easter Sunday. They prayed for their soldier sons and husbands and brothers on the world fighting fronts, and they also paid homage to the veterans who have returned.

Col. Alfred Oliver Jr., Army chaplain, recently freed from a Philippine prison camp, participated in the Arlington Cemetery services he originated 15 years ago. Soldiers at Ft. Benning, Ga., formed a living cross in the stadium. In a Colorado Springs park, special benches were provided for the first time for wounded veterans at sunrise services.



Subway Sally and kitten

On Easter eve in New York, a double rainbow, long a symbol of hope, appeared in the east and lifted hearts despite the prosaic Weather Bureau comment: "It's a frequent occurrence in New York, only nobody ever looks at it."

Norwich University, a military institution in Vermont for 126 years, held a commencement which gave baccalaureate degrees to only five students, all of whom completed their studies at other colleges. Norwich has had no other four-year students since its commencement of March, 1943, when the entire cadet corps of 500 went into the armed forces.

THE New York newspapers stirred the sentimental hearts of the citizenry with the story of an alley cat which gave birth to kittens near the third rail in the Eighth Avenue subway. Memories flashed back to the famous picture of the cat for whom Fifth Avenue traffic was halted while she crossed the avenue, her kitten dangling from her mouth.

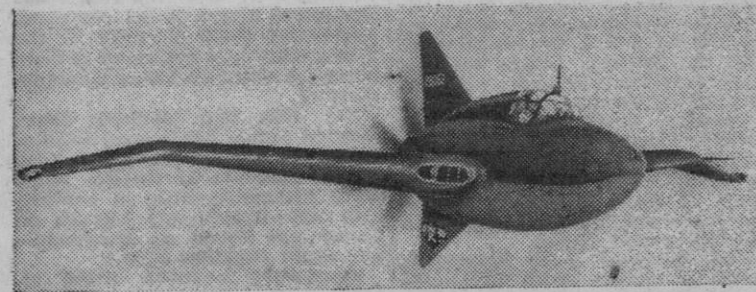
The Encyclopedia Britannica's 1945 Yearbook, which will be published May 1, gravely reports that alcoholic beverages gave the Treasury taxes totaling \$1,514,219,247 in 1944, second largest tax source. No whisky or gin was produced in the U.S. last year except during August. Distillers supplied 200,000,000 gallons of alcohol for the government's synthetic rubber program.

In Fitchburg, Mass., Mrs. Jean Green, Western Union telegrapher who has handled hundreds of casualty messages for others, received one addressed to her which said that her husband, Sgt. Edward Green, an infantryman, had been wounded slightly, March 17, fighting in Germany.

### Expensive Goose Eggs and Free Turtle

IN New York, ordinary goose eggs sold for 75 cents each, or \$9 a dozen, while in Cambridge, Mass., despite the dearth of meat of any kind, a woman who saw a 30-pound turtle crawling down the street complained to the police instead of bagging it for dinner.

Denver's mercury street lighting system is pointing the way to better post-war lighting, says Dr. A. F. Dickerson, chairman of the street and safety lighting bureau of the General Electric Co. It makes night driving and walking far safer because of a minimum glare, and saves thousands of dollars annually in maintenance.



A winged shark takes to the air in the form of the XP-56.

OUT in Hawthorne, Cal., the Northrop Aircraft Co. has built a new tailless pursuit plane called the XP-56. It carries the pilot and a blower-cooled engine in a streamlined enclosure.

Farmers in the Shelton, Neb., area petitioned farm operators there to discontinue employing six Japanese-American families, and the operators agreed. W. K. Holland, a War Allocation official, of Omaha, said the action violated the "constitutional rights of American citizens."

THE War Labor Board, which accidentally received the plaint of a stout woman, buck-passed it to the War Production Board. This was her beef: "There are plenty of panties for small women and those who don't wear any, but what are you going to do about panties for stout women?" Three bucks for a pair of panties, she argued further, is too expensive.

## Illinois Police Nab Paper Pooh-poohs Last of Holdup Trio

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 1 (ANS).—The FBI reported today the capture of the third of a trio of bandits who robbed the First National Bank at Greenville of more than \$20,000 Friday. All the loot has been recovered.

Two of the men surrendered to state police in a corn field two miles southwest of Litchfield, and the third was seized after he had barricaded himself in a farm building near by. All three were taken to the Montgomery County jail at Hillsboro.

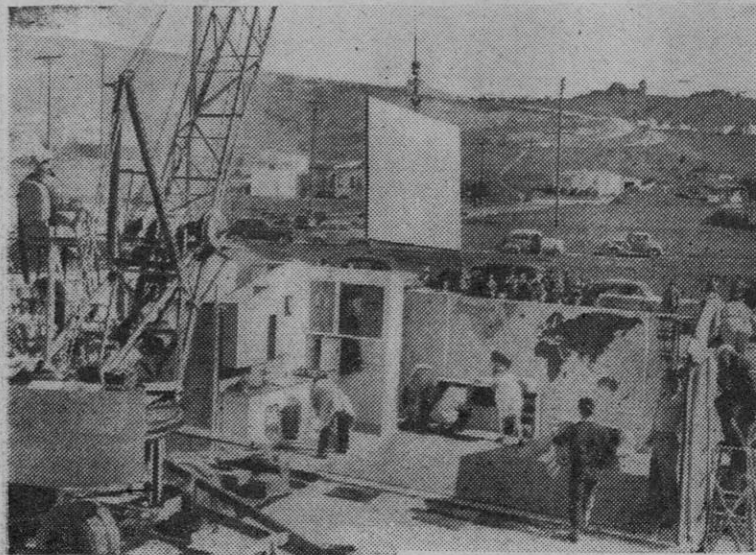
## Paper Pooh-poohs V-E Plans of N.Y.

NEW YORK, April 1 (ANS).—Mayor LaGuardia has named a New York City Victory Committee to arrange a five-hour celebration on the Central Park Mall on V-E Day.

Meanwhile, the New York Daily News pooh-poohed LaGuardia's plans for the celebration, saying: "The populace, it seems, is not supposed to tear telephone books, throw confetti out of the windows or do any promiscuous hugging or kissing in the streets or get gloriously drunk in a saloon or home."

# Midnight Curfew and Brownout To Be Lifted With Defeat of Reich

## Post-War Prospect: A Home Built in 35 Minutes



While a crane swings a wall section of their prefabricated home into place, members of a San Francisco family carry their furniture inside. The house, complete to plumbing, curtains and a map of the world as wall decoration, was completed in just 35 minutes.

## ATSC to Hire Air Corps Vets Film Man Hurt In Strike Clash

DAYTON, Ohio, April 1 (AP).—Veterans discharged from the AAF can have jobs—if they want them—with the Air Technical Service Command, under a plan announced at Wright Field by Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, ATSC Director. Knudsen said the command had more than 6,000 types of jobs in 137 installations, and that every effort would be made to employ discharged veterans, as long as vacancies exist, in capacities which would use their skills and experience.

In certain instances, veterans will be eligible for specialized training. They will be entitled to the same privileges as any Federal employee, and in addition will hold the veterans' preference rating of 10 points in any examination for an ATSC job.

## Soldier Who Lost Legs at Cassino Weds Sweetheart

CONSHOHOCKEN, Pa., April 1 (ANS).—Pvt. Aubrey Holland, 26, who lost his legs at Cassino, married his pre-war sweetheart yesterday.

Holland had given her a chance to call it off because "I'm pretty badly shot up." But Doris Jane Ruth, 18, had replied: "No matter what's happened or what's left of you, I still love you."

The wedding, before 250 relatives and friends in a little church, was "just the kind of a wedding we both always wanted," the bride said. She wore a white lace and taffeta gown, and he wore his uniform and decorations—the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

Holland left Walter Reed Hospital in Washington three weeks ago, equipped with artificial legs. Yesterday he carried a cane as he walked down the aisle with the bride.

Holland will return to his pre-war job at John Woods Manufacturing Co., and he is going to run for tax collector at the request of borough officials.

## Thirsty Sailor Finds A Not-So-Vicious Circle

YONKERS, N.Y., April 1 (ANS).—When a sailor smashed the glass in a liquor store window he didn't know that two policemen were chatting in a doorway next door. When the policemen started to arrest the sailor, they didn't know that the liquor store owner had been in World War I. The owner said he wouldn't file charges.

HOLLYWOOD, April 1 (ANS).—Two members of the striking AFL Carpenters Union were arrested and a prop man who belongs to the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees was hospitalized yesterday after a brawl between pickets and workers at the Paramount Studios.

Roy Webb, 38-year-old prop man, was hospitalized with face injuries, and half a dozen other prop men received minor injuries when they were attacked by pickets as they left the studio.

Police reported Anthony V. Schiavone, 28, and W. E. Frederickson, 48, Carpenters Union members, were arrested for participating in the fight. The row was the most serious disturbance since the start of the 20-day-old strike.

The strike was called by the Conference of Studio Unions to force recognition of Painters Local 1421 as agent for 78 set dressers, also claimed by IATSE.

At the order of Richard Walsh, international president, IATSE members have taken over the strikers' jobs to keep the studios running, despite the loss of 3,500 CSU craftsmen. Peace negotiations are at a standstill.

## Rhine Assault Craft In States Month Ago

NEW YORK, April 1 (ANS).—Some of the small boats in which American troops crossed the Rhine left the New York POE less than a month ago, Maj. Gen. Homer M. Groninger, port commander, disclosed today.

Groninger said that shipments from the port to the ETO since Jan. 1 included hundreds of small boats, outboard motors, scores of bridges and thousands of tons of other stream-crossing equipment.

Nearly 700 of the 16-foot 9-inch plywood storm boats used for the Rhine crossing were still in production when they were requested.

## But Other Controls Will Remain in Force—Byrnes

WASHINGTON, April 1 (ANS).—The midnight curfew, the brownout and the ban on racing will end with the defeat of Germany, War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes announced yesterday in his second report to President Roosevelt and Congress on war mobilization and reconversion.

Although there will be more automobiles and refrigerators, and "a small increase in the basic gasoline ration," Byrnes said that price, wage and manpower controls must be continued not only until Japan is defeated but until the U.S. has converted its economy to a peacetime footing. He held out no hope for more food.

The report was submitted "with high hope for an early victory in Europe, mixed with profound sorrow at the sacrifices which must be made to accomplish this victory and to defeat Japan."

### Stresses Need for Work Bill

He stressed the need for manpower legislation "because it is clear that we do not have a comprehensive, efficient manpower system." He pointed out that V-E Day will see the relaxation of production controls "to encourage private industry to reconvert with maximum dispatch."

Munitions deliveries will drop 40 percent by the end of the first year after Germany collapses, and 30 percent of the country's resources should be released by nine months after V-E Day, Byrnes said.

He declared that two factors must be considered in connection with food—the drop in supply and the increase in demands this year, which will be worse than 1944.

### 'Tighten Belts a Little'

"However, we will not be hungry, and our diet will not be deficient," Byrnes said. "We must tighten our belts a little."

The U.S. will gladly do its part "to relieve suffering and distress in the war-torn world," he said, but "we must give consideration also to the people who will pay the bills."

Byrnes said that "stable governments cannot be expected where people are hungry." He said he had rejected suggestions that rations for soldiers be reduced.

He urged the people to observe V-E Day as a "day of work and worship," and recommended that all government agencies observe the "spirit of this request."

Despite the addition of 4,400,000 women workers, the civilian labor force has dropped by 1,800,000 in the last three years. Byrnes added that, despite all voluntary measures taken by the War Manpower Commission, workers are not being placed promptly where needed and "the turnover continues excessive."

Byrnes asserted that unemployment after Germany's defeat would be "temporary in nature," because the "tremendous backlog of civilian demand with savings, including war bond holdings, at a total of 140-billion dollars, should quickly provide employment."

He proposed partial refunds of war-time excess profit taxes to corporations immediately after V-E Day, as well as prompt contract settlements.

## Colonel Flies From China to St. Louis

## Death Loses Race---by a Day

ST. LOUIS, April 1 (ANS).—A race with death, which began in China and ended in St. Louis, was won by Col. John S. Stodter, but his wife, Mrs. Margaret Rumsey Stodter, died one day after he reached her bedside.

Col. Stodter, in six days, flew from China—across Burma, India, Iran, Africa and the Atlantic. Mrs. Stodter died of a heart ailment. She was 39 and nationally known as an equestrienne.

Col. Stodter was serving as a liaison officer with the Chinese forces which opened the Ledo-Burma Road when he received word of his wife's illness.

## Senators Back Refusal to Seat Poles at Frisco

WASHINGTON, April 1 (ANS).—Rejection by the U.S. and Britain of Russia's request that the Lublin Polish government be invited to the San Francisco conference was approved today by Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Harold H. Burton (R-Ohio) and Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.).

Connally said: "I agree with the State Department's attitude with respect to the request of Russia for representation of the Lublin government."

Burton said he did not see how the U.S. could join in inviting to the conference a government it does not recognize, while McCarran wondered if the Russians "are looking for an excuse for not coming to San Francisco at all."

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he did not know whether the development was "a negotiatory maneuver or a serious difference of opinion between the three governments." He added: "It is one of many conflicting points that will have to be reconciled if we are to achieve future peace."

### Vandenberg Is Silent

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), a delegate to the San Francisco conference, declined to comment, saying the question was one for settlement by the State Department and the President.

The Moscow announcement of the request, credited to the Tass agency, said: "The Soviet government has informed the U.S. that it expected an early reply to the proposal concerning the invitation of Poland to the San Francisco conference. The Soviet government has also informed the governments of Great Britain and China that it fully supported the statement of the provisional Polish government and expected that Poland would be given a chance to take part in the San Francisco conference."

The Tass report said that the reorganization of the provisional Polish government as provided in the Crimean Charter "cannot be effected or completed in the near future." It pointed out that there should be no objection by the U.S. and Britain to attendance at San Francisco of a government they had not recognized, since Russia had agreed to the participation of India, Bolivia, Paraguay and other nations which do not have diplomatic relations with Russia.

## Week's Reprieve Granted to Dog That Killed Baby

LOS ANGELES, April 1 (ANS).—Woof, a Staffordshire bull terrier which killed a 21-month-old girl on Feb. 13, has been granted a one-week reprieve from the gas chamber. Joseph Scott, attorney for Joan Berry in the Charlie Chaplin paternity case, argued in court against an order delaying destruction of the dog.

"The restraining order states that the dog merely bit a child," Scott said. "That dog killed a child. I know what these parents are going through. I had a child who died after being bitten by a dog 25 or 30 years ago."

Grady Terry, a dog fancier, had petitioned that the dog's life be spared. His petition was filed after the dead child's parents, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles P. Derdenger, had asked city authorities to destroy the dog.

## Knoxville Needs B-Bag To Blow It Out Of

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 1 (ANS).—You can't win. When you pass a street intersection here and blow your horn, you're liable to arrest for making unnecessary noise. Don't blow it, and you've broken an old ordinance requiring motorists to blow at all crossings.

City Manager George Dempster said that he'd recommend 'must blow' law be abolished.

# Five Queens Strip, Everything's Wild



Nina Foch



Toni Seven



Ann Miller

... the others really went to town, but after all there has to be a limit somewhere, in a family newspaper.

## 'Little WPBs' For Nations of Europe Urged

WASHINGTON, April 1 (ANS).—A plan to establish "little War Production Boards" in each of Europe's war-torn countries was proposed today by William Y. Elliott, WPB vice-chairman in charge of civilian requirements. The plan aims to utilize most efficiently the resources of the countries to make the Continent self-sustaining.

Elliott said the plan contemplates expansion of membership in the Anglo-American-Canadian combined production and resources board, which would act as an over-all coordinating agency.

Officials who favor the plan include William L. Clayton, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of economic affairs, and French Supply Minister Jean Monnet, Elliott said.

He asserted that his chief interest in linking European industry with Allied industry is to "take the relief load off the U.S." He added that it "would mean tying down part of the production of France, Belgium and Italy after their own drastic needs are taken care of, and mobilizing their supplies to help each other, so the burden of relief would not fall back on our own country."

## Army Planes to Speed Coast-to-Coast Flights

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1 (ANS).—A new transcontinental air service, cutting two hours and 40 minutes from the flying time between San Francisco and New York, and using four-engine transports released by the Army, will be inaugurated by the Transcontinental Western Air Lines.

The planes carry 38 passengers and a crew of five, fly 200 miles an hour, have two cabins—a main cabin seating 28 and a forward clubroom seating ten.

## Film Actresses Take It Off to Promote United Nations Clothing Drive

HOLLYWOOD, April 1 (ANS).—Five shapely movie queens staged a strip-poker session for a United Nations clothing drive last night—and they really took 'em off.

The five beauties were Toni Seven, Ann Miller, Nina Foch, Evelyn Ankers and Renee DeMarco. The curves they revealed for sweet charity's sake would never pass a movie censor.

The game was maneuvered by Russell Birdwell, their press agent. Male reporters arrived early.

### Take It Off

The five actresses, blushing prettily and appearing mighty embarrassed by it all, peeled off layer after layer. If they took turns at losing hands, the reporters didn't seem to notice.

Birdwell explained that the party, staged in the garden of his swanky home, was to help promote collection of 150,000,000 pounds of old clothes for the peoples of war-ravaged countries.

He thought that "Take Off Your Clothes for the Old Clothes Drive" was a catchy slogan. His clients, he said, would donate what they took off to the drive.

Miss Seven had the worst luck. Each time she tried to fill a straight

she lost another layer. Finally she sat shivering in a pink brassiere and a pair of black lace whatchamacallums with pink satin eyes and "Oo La La" embroidered across her hips.

### Down to the Lace

Miss Foch peeled down to a pair of white lace panties. She kept her blouse on, she explained, because she didn't have anything on underneath. Miss Miller did ditto, but she kept holding across much to the cameramen's disgust.

Miss Ankers shed everything but a black chiffon slip. She even wiggled out of a pink brassiere several times for the photographers—and the clothing drive, of course.

### ... And the Green Stepins

Miss DeMarco staged the show of the day. After shedding a demure, high-necked dress, she stood revealed in a pair of green stepins, filmy with lace. One photographer dropped his camera in the scramble and had to ask her to take off her clothes all over again—she did.

The starlets, although they were practically in the altogether, still wore their hats.

"Heavens, we couldn't take those off," they gasped. "We'd feel naked!"

## 365, Saved From Starvation In Manila Prison, Reach U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1 (ANS).—Three hundred and sixty-five Americans who were rescued from starvation at Japanese hands have arrived here from the Philippines.

They left smoldering Manila when their internment camps were still being shelled by Japanese. They were flown to Leyte Island and proceeded homeward via military transport.

In five weeks' aboard ship each gained from 10 to 30 pounds. In the group, which included the first

men, women and children internees from liberated Manila to reach America, were 12 Catholic priests and about 20 Protestant missionaries.

### McCarey Pleads Innocent

SANTA MONICA, Calif., April 1 (ANS).—Through an attorney, Leo McCarey, movie director, has pleaded innocent to a charge of driving while drunk. He asked a jury trial.

## Kaiser Reveals Big 'Frisco Bay Airport Project

NEW YORK, April 1 (ANS).—Henry J. Kaiser has turned over to the U.S. Army Engineering Corps plans for a \$13,860,000 airport to be constructed on a man-made island in San Francisco Bay. The project, he said, would put San Francisco ahead of Seattle and Los Angeles in postwar competition for Pacific air commerce.

The West Coast industrialist said that the Henry J. Kaiser Co. planned the airport "on our own initiative and presented it to the people of California for their consideration."

The airport would be built on a 1,100 acre island to be made by dredging operations.

The island would have four 5,700-foot landing strips.

Kaiser urged "aggressive action" by San Francisco, warning that Los Angeles and Seattle both "are established as major centers of the aircraft industry."

## Torture Killing Suspect Waives Extradition

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1 (ANS).—Randel O. Throneberry, 27, listed by the FBI as one of the nation's 15 most sought criminals, signed a waiver of extradition today, agreeing to return to Colorado to face trial for the torture killing of Ethelbert Purdy, a shepherd, near Steamboat Springs in August, 1943.

O. B. Throneberry, Randel's brother, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the death of Purdy. Randel was traced through his boast that he could disappear in some remote Oregon town. After a 17-month search, he was found working on a farm under the name of John Clark.

## End of ETO War to Bring Back Racing

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Horse racing, blacked out in the States since Jan. 3, will be resumed as soon as the Nazis have been defeated, War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes said today.

Attributing the racing ban to "lagging production," Byrnes said this and other restrictions would be removed on V-E Day.

"Lagging production has made it necessary for various conservation measures to be placed into effect to include a reduction in travel," Byrnes said, "and racing was a logical victim of the plan. However, when the European war ends, there will be no need to continue the restrictions."

Byrnes praised racing people for their co-operation and termed them "just as they should be—good sports."

Byrnes told his press conference that despite many requests for relaxation of the ban from different quarters, racing people, were "with me" on every point.

Harry Pharr, president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, said he expected to resume 90 percent operation within 30 days after Germany falls.

## Pirates Trade DiMag to Phils

PITTSBURGH, April 1.—Vince DiMaggio, eldest of the three famous sons from San Francisco, today was traded by the Pittsburgh Pirates to the Philadelphia Phillies for Al Gerheuser, left-handed pitcher.

DiMaggio was placed in the Pirate doghouse last year for eating too much at the club's expense, while Gerheuser never astounded Philadelphia fans, winning eight and losing 16 last year.

DiMaggio's troubles with Frankie Frisch and the Pirate front office started last year when he presented a bill to the club for some outlandish amount, including entertainment tax. The club took issue with DiMaggio's expense voucher, but the outfielder said it was none of his business if music went with meals.

## Angels Drop Opener To San Francisco, 6-5

LOS ANGELES, April 1.—The Pacific Coast League inaugurated its 1945 season under sunny skies in four California cities before 31,242 shirt-sleeved fans yesterday.

Los Angeles' defending champions bowed to San Francisco, 6-5, despite two triples by Lou Novikoff, late of the Chicago Cubs. In other games, Seattle thumped San Diego, 10-2; Portland defeated Oakland, 5-2, and Sacramento trounced Hollywood.

## Behind the Sports Headlines

BROOKLYN, April 1.—Testifying at the Brooklyn court hearings, Larry Pearlstein, one of the five Brooklyn College players involved in the basketball bribe case, said he went to college every day from Oct. 2, 1944, to the last part of January, but though he carried books, he didn't attend classes and spent all his time in the college lounge or cafeteria. He received a varsity letter for playing basketball... OAKLAND, Calif.—For a brief period during a recent light-heavyweight fight between Newsboy Millich, of Sacramento, and Billy Smith, of Oakland, there were three fighters in the ring. During the melee, Smith accidentally planted a hook in Referee Jimmy Evans' eye. Evans countered immediately with a sizzling right to Smith's body before he remembered he was just the third man in the ring. Millich won.

CHICAGO.—George Strickler, National Football League publicist, figures that 51 percent of the National League players in uniform are commissioned officers and 58 percent of the officers are linemen... NEW YORK.—Sportscaster Stan Lomax is still moaning over being scooped on his own story. Lomax, a Cornell alumnus, helped negotiate the deal that brought Ed McKeever from Notre Dame to Ithaca and then had to keep quiet till the official announcement, which was given out two hours before Lomax went on Station WOR with his own show... NEW YORK.—A report along Jacobs Beach, unconfirmed by the Army, is that Jimmy Braddock, former world heavyweight boxing champion now an Army captain, is stationed on Guam as a liaison officer.

## Flying Swede Finally Hits His Stride



Gunder Haegg, barnstorming Swedish track star, shows his heels to the mob at the halfway mark of the mile feature of the Knights of Columbus Games at Cleveland. Gunder won for his first victory in four U.S. appearances, while Rudy Simms was second and Tom Quinn (right) finished third. Gunder was scheduled to compete against Jimmy Rafferty, the year's leading miler, at Buffalo last Saturday night, but the Wonder was removed from his plane for a higher-priority passenger at Memphis and missed the meet.

## 'Battling Bums' Feuding Again

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., April 1.—The tranquil little clan known far and wide as the "Battling Bums" was feuding again today, with Branch Rickey entrenched on one side of the battlefield and Leo "The Lip" Durocher tossing shells from the other.

This episode, merely the latest in a long line of arguments, was ignited yesterday when Rickey called Durocher to tell him Dixie Walker had agreed to terms, only to discover that Lippy was rehearsing for a radio show. Now Rickey wants to know if Leo's more interested in managing the Dodgers or picking up loose change on the air.

Incidentally, Walker signed for an estimated \$18,000, about \$5,000 less than the figure he demanded in earlier negotiations. It is a straight cash salary and not involving War Bonds, as Rickey previously had suggested.

## 2 Heavyweight Clashes Top Tonight's ARC Card

Two heavyweight contests will spark tonight's ARC boxing show at the Palais de Glace, Paris, with the opening bout slated for 1930 hours. Local fighters will again provide the bulk of the opposition.

## Philadelphia Phillies 1945 Major League Picture

(This is the 12th in a series on major league prospects for 1945.)

WILMINGTON, Del., April 1.—Despite laments about manpower shortages on all sides, the Phillies succeeded in manipulating two deals that helped Fat Freddy Fitzsimmons' club considerably for the 1945 National League whirl.

Fitz purchased Whit Wyatt, unpredictable righthander who is very good when he's right, from



Whitlow Wyatt Fred Fitzsimmons

the Dodgers for \$10,000, and yesterday traded Southpaw Al Gerheuser to the Pirates for hard-hitting Vince DiMaggio to bolster the outfield.

The chief shortcoming of the Phils lies in the infield. Doddering old Jimmy Foxx, who quit the Cubs last year after hitting .050 in 15 games, is being groomed for first base. Ford Mullen is considered a fixture at third, but the middle of the infield is far less than substantial.

The best bet at the moment for second base is Freddie Daniels, 21, who played alongside Mott at Utica and batted .290 in 125 games. He and Mullen are the only men in camp who previously have played second base.

The pitching corps offers nothing special, including Fitz himself, who has returned to the active list. Ken Raffensberger, Vern Kennedy, Bill Lee and Charlie Schanz did nothing to alleviate the Phils' problems last year, and there's no reason to believe they'll improve with old age this summer. Wyatt probably will be of some help, if his ailing arm has recovered.

Ron Northey, their leading light of '44 is gone, leaving the outfield in the hands of Buster Adams, Coaker Triplett, Jimmy Wasdell, Chuck Klein and Rene Montegudo, who led the Southern Association in batting with a mark of .370 at Chattanooga last year.

## Dobson, Penna Tied for Lead

DURHAM, N.C., April 1.—Len Dobson carded an even-par 70 yesterday to tie Tony Penna at the halfway mark of the \$5,000 Durham Open golf tourney, each with 139. Byron Nelson fired a 69 to wind up one stroke behind the leaders.

Sammy Byrd, former major league outfielder, was another stroke back with 141, while Jimmy Gauntt, of Ardmore, Okla., shot a 70 to reach the final day with 142.



NEW YORK, April 1.—The Yankees outlasted the Red Sox, 15-14, yesterday in a loosely played exhibition contest marred by nine errors, 20 bases on balls and 12 unearned runs. Each team yielded ten walks and the Yankees out-fumbled the Sox, 5-4. Joe Page, Jim Turner and Jackie Moore dished up 14 hits to the Beantowners, while Vic Johnson, Pinky Woods and Clem Dreisewerd yielded 15.

Steve Gromek, Hal Kleine and Ed Kleiman twirled four-hit ball yesterday as the Cleveland Indians set down Chanute Field, 5-0... The Browns and Toledo Mudhens played their third straight tie game yesterday, this on finishing, 2-2, in six innings.



Joe Page

## Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

WILLIE PEP, a hard-hitting youngster who is recognized as featherweight champion in New York, Pennsylvania and other precincts under Czar Mike Jacobs' jurisdiction, tangled with his draft board again last month. It was his second bout with the gents who feed our nation's armed forces with manpower, and once again he was given a clean bill of health and shipped off to an Army base.



Willie Pep

Willie had spent nine months in the Navy, and had returned to his home base with a medical discharge. Almost before he had a chance to take off his blues he was dumped into those attractive khaki outfits, which are so familiar to Americans in the ETO. Apparently Army medics didn't believe Willie's story until he had been duly "processed," which means drawing over-size uniforms, taking hundreds of shots in the arm and cleaning barracks under supervision of a pot-bellied top-kick.

Someone must have erred somewhere, however, because Willie once again is a civilian, roaming Broadway in quest of suitable ring foes so he can replenish his bankroll. You'll be reading more about Mr. Pep on this page, incidentally, because Mike Jacobs isn't one to pass up a good thing. And Willie, contrary to Army doctors, is a good thing.

Perhaps he can put on enough weight one of these days to entertain the homefront in a bout against "Sugar" Ray Robinson, who, if memory is correct, suffers from horrible headaches—whenever he gets nostalgic about his days in the Army.

THE first large-scale athletic event to be staged on the Continent will get under way later this week when eight teams parade to the post in the USS-TAF basketball tourney. Two of the quintets are being flown over from England to represent the Eighth Air Force, having sailed through their preliminary tournaments in the UK.

Irwin Goldie, a Damon Runyon character who insists that the ATSCC be mentioned whenever possible so his colonel might eventually increase his TO is drum beater for the eight-team whirl. Like a carnival barker, Goldie claims this will be the greatest, most stupendous and colossal event ever staged within an Army command.

Undoubtedly, Goldie is slightly off the beam. But it is true that the tournament breaks precedent, considering teams from the UK are being brought over to compete. There was a move afoot to incorporate quintets from Italy in the field, but that buckslip never reached its destination. Or even if it did, the Italian colorbearers never reached their destination.

## Leafs Eliminate Canadiens, 3-2

TORONTO, April 1.—The National Hockey League Champion Montreal Canadiens fell out of the Stanley Cup semifinals last night by bowing to the fourth-place Toronto Maple Leafs, 3-2, for their fourth reversal in six games.

By winning, the Leafs qualified to tackle the winner of the Detroit-Boston series for the title. The Wings and Bruins resume their series tonight.

The Canucks were top-heavy favorites to survive their semifinal test, but they were unable to combat the front line of Dave Schriener, Lorne Carr and Gus Bodnar. Schriener, and Bodnar each contributed a goal to last night's conquest, while the Canadiens scored on shots by Maurice Richard and Emile Bouchard.



Here's another unsigned verse left in our typewriter:

Never will there cease to be  
As long as one's alive,  
A contented Pfc  
If there's a chance to make T/5.

Sighs in the night. A gal, looking a little green and shaking her head while perched atop a bar



stool. "Hey, Whass-a-matter?" asked her escort. "Nothing," she mumbled, "except I got a funny feeling my collapse is something before Germany's."

Silly conversation. "I can't stay out late tonight; so lets go see a short movie—let's try 'Thirty Seconds Over Tokio.'"

And then there was the Pfc with the "Tarzan eyes"—they swing from limb to limb.

J. C. W.

Births

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

MAJ. John F. McWilliams, Shreveport, La.—John Ford, March 17; W/O Elvin Thompson, Makoti, N.D.—Gayle Arlene, March 29; Lt. S. E. Wilkins, Guthrie, Okla.—Marilyn Jean, March 27; Capt. Ray E. Pfeifer, Madison, Wis.—boy, March 29; Pvt. George E. Ayan, Rosindale, Mass.—boy, March 8; Cpl. Nicholas J. Arth, Ozone Park, N.Y.—Lynne, Mar. 28  
SGT. Sigmund E. Davidson, Winston-Salem, N.C.—Bonnie Lynn; Lt. Milton Weeks, Washington, Mo.—Virginia Frances, March 26; S/Sgt. Arthur Voltmann, Ringsted, Iowa—girl, March 27; Pfc Anthony Canzoneri, Brooklyn—boy, March 29; Pvt. Charles S. Grabill, Liberty Town, Md.—Sharon Arlene, March 12; Lt. Rauland C. Fischer, Elgin, Ill.—boy, March 29; Pfc Opie H. Stables, Narrows, Va.—Marshall Dale, Jan. 28; Capt. Donald S. Hart, Williamsburg, Ky.—boy, March 28.

9th Army Gets Radio Station

The American Forces Network opened another station, AFN-Ninth Army, yesterday morning. The new station, broadcasting on 1429 kilocycles, will carry all the well-known programs of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, as well as special local programs for troops of the U.S. Ninth Army.

The staff includes 2/Lt. Philip Bernheim, of San Francisco; Cpl. Fred Portnoy, of the Bronx, N.Y.; T/5 Joan Lotas, of Talcottville, Conn.; Pfc William Wagner, of Ironwood, Mich., and Pfc Jarvis Doctorow, of Brooklyn.



Also AEFP (583 K. — 514 M.)

Table with columns for Time, TODAY, and TOMORROW, listing various radio programs and their scheduled times.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Jane

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By Norman Pett



## Hitler Named In First List of War Criminals

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter).—Hitler is included in the first list of German war criminals completed by the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

The commission's report, issued today, says five lists of persons believed to be war criminals have been prepared, but names other than Hitler's were not disclosed.

The report says: "A person forewarned by the publication of his name would also be forearmed and his future apprehension made more difficult. Moreover, publication at this stage might be used as a pretext for reprisals against helpless persons still under enemy control."

The first list consists of names or descriptions of persons believed to have committed war crimes. The commission assumed that no immunity was attached to the heads of states and decided that the plea of orders from higher up was no justification for war crimes.

Other lists contain names of Italian, Japanese, Albanian, Bulgarian, Hungarian and Rumanian war criminals. Further lists are in preparation.

### Germans Forbidden to Quit Homes Without Hitler's OK

A proclamation forbidding any German to abandon his post or evacuate his home without express orders from Hitler himself was issued over the Nazi radio last night by the chief of the Nazi party central office, according to Reuter.

"National Socialists, Germans," the proclamation said, "after the collapse of 1918 we dedicated our lives, entirely to fight for the right to live for our people."

"Now the hour of supreme test has come. Danger of new slavery which is threatening our people demands our supreme exertion. From now on this is the order: The Fight against the enemy who has penetrated into the Reich has to be waged everywhere and with the utmost determination."

### War Decision Is Said To Be Up to Wehrmacht

STOCKHOLM, April 1 (AP).—The Stockholm newspaper, Tidningen, said in a special dispatch that the German high command plans to advise Wehrmacht troops and officers that a decision on continuing the struggle rests with them in the event the Hitler government fails to resign within the next 48 hours.

The story was attributed to "a member of the German officer opposition who is advised on what is happening at Berchtesgaden." It was an obvious follow-up to an unattributed story Saturday that the high command demanded Hitler's resignation as a basis for taking up armistice negotiations.

## Reds Drive On Toward Vienna

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Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army had captured the Silesian city of Glogau, 55 miles northwest of Breslau, and taken more than 8,000 German troops. Glogau, a by-passed German stronghold, had been under attack for weeks.

On the front east of Berlin, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's forces eliminated the German foothold on the east bank of the Oder River near Kustrin, 40 miles from the capital. More than 3,000 Germans were killed in this operation, which military observers regarded as a preliminary to a coming Russian drive against Berlin.

German radio last night reported that Zhukov had thrown huge forces into an assault on Stettin, but there was no confirmation.

### Barge Quickly Repaired

WITH 372nd HARBOR CRAFT CO.—This Army unit, which builds and repairs barges for both the Army and Navy, recently repaired a badly damaged 300-ton Navy barge in 48 hours.

## April and Easter in Paris



The Waes blossomed out yesterday in their new beige wool off-duty dresses. Among the Easter strollers were Pfc Sheila Gillies, left, of St. Helena, Calif., and T/4 Delin Rudd, of Fargo, N.D., shown with two French children. Notre Dame Cathedral is in the background.



U. S. Army Signal Corps Photos

Saluting the colors, at Easter services at the Eiffel Tower yesterday.

## Arc, Dark Five Years, Leaps Into Light at Easter Services

Paris church bells pealed last night and the Arc de Triomphe and the Cathedral of Notre Dame were flood-lit for the first time in five years as Frenchmen and Allied soldiers mingled in impressive liberation ceremonies.

Delegations of veterans of the two World Wars rekindled the flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and as salvos of guns signaled a minute of solemn silence, thousands of Parisians bowed their heads and traffic was stilled.

Brilliance—And Olive Drab Earlier, oceans of olive-drab, interspersed with the brilliance of color from Parisian dressmakers' and milliners' shops, reflected the blending of the solemnity of a wartime Easter and a hope of speedy victory for the Allies.

Thousands of soldiers, Waes and civilians thronged the Parc du Champs de Mars, at the base of the Eiffel Tower for the Protestant Sunrise service and the Catholic mass at 10 AM. An estimated 5,000 GIs visited the Cathedral of Notre Dame for the hourly services which began at 6 AM yesterday.

The first Easter parade in liberated Paris showed the latest in GI styles as well as what the smart Parisian is wearing. Waes wearing their new off-duty beige dresses drew many appreciative whistles from Joes who got their first look at the dress yesterday.

There was an added "parade"

atmosphere to Paris as flags of Allied nations floated everywhere through the city. A program marking the reactivation of French regiments is scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM today at the Place de la Concorde.

GI comments on Easter in Paris were realistic: "Next Easter in Jersey City, that's my motto," said M/Sgt. D. C. Bulerie as he stood on the curb outside Notre Dame, watching the French and American girls stroll by.

### Pope Addresses Servicemen

ROME, April 1 (AP).—The Pope received thousands of United Nations fighting men in a general audience at the bells of St. Peter's and 400 other churches heralded the Eternal City's most joyous Easter in years. The Easter mass at St. Peter's was celebrated by a cardinal, while the Pope celebrated mass privately.

### First TAC Lauded For Aid in Drive

FIRST TAC HEADQUARTERS, April 1.—Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commander of the Sixth Army Gp. yesterday commended the First TAC AF for "intensive and increased air co-operation" in the Rhine offensive.

## Trap Closed on Ruhr By Linkup of 1st, 9th

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largest and most potent of Hitler's arsenals. The other principal industrial areas were the Saar and Silesia.

Russian armies cut off Silesia in last winter's drive. The Saar was overrun last month by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Armies.

With his forces battered west of the Rhine, Field Marshal Albert von Kesselring had made a desperate effort to prevent a link-up of Hodges' First Army with the Ninth and Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's British Second Armies. Both of these forces were speeding across the plain north of the Ruhr.

## Fanatic Girls, Women Fight 45th Soldiers

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WITH THE 45th DIV., April 1.—

Fanatic German women are battling doughboys of the 45th Div. at a "Little Siegfried Line" protecting Aschaffenburg, 18 miles southeast of Frankfurt. Women and girls with rifles and hand grenades have joined about 100 last-ditch defenders making a stand on the east bank of the Main River.

A 17-year-old girl was shot as she was attempting to knock out a tank with a bazooka.

### Strong Line Prepared

When the 45th Div. struck the Main River after a rapid 57-kilometer advance east of the Rhine against only light resistance, they found Germans had prepared a strong line on the east bank. Steel and concrete casements, pillboxes and bunkers, connected by intricate systems of trenches, were originally erected in 1935 but have been well maintained and are excellently camouflaged. Ferries, ducks and two bridges were used to put the division across in the face of frenzied enemy resistance.

During the fight to establish their bridgehead, the 45th Div. killed and wounded 435 Germans and took 465 prisoners. Doughboys in the first assault waves fought Germans from foxhole to foxhole, digging the enemy out at rifle point and blasting them with hand grenades.

### River Bridge

The 120th Eng. Bn. of the 45th threw a bridge across the 360-foot river in spite of the artillery and mortar fire, and enabled artillery and armor to cross the river and support the infantry.

Although big guns and fighter-bombers are pulverizing Aschaffenburg, the 100 defenders are attempting to hold the town and contain the bridgehead. Officers of the 45th believe that the continuation of its present axis of advance would cut off the threatened escape route of German troops into hiding places for guerrilla warfare in the Alps.

This is believed to explain the terrific resistance they are encountering, a resistance greater than anything they have met since starting through the Siegfried 17 days ago.

## UNRRA Seeks More Shipping

WASHINGTON, April 1 (ANS).—Additional shipping is being "urgently requested" by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to get supplies to liberated Europe.

L. B. Pearson, Canadian Ambassador to the United States, and chairman of the UNRRA committee of supplies, said that shipping was needed to get 480,000 tons of supplies, two-thirds of it food, across the Atlantic by the end of June.

Pearson reported the UNRRA already has shipped 30,000 tons to Europe and plans to ship or load 60,000 more in April, and, through military or other relief channels, an additional 390,000 in April, May and June.

Kesselring had thrown SS reserves, tanks and SP guns into Paderborn to keep open this vital road center as an exit for the estimated ten divisions now trapped in the Ruhr.

Earlier reports yesterday described fierce fightings on the southern outskirts of Paderborn, where the thrust of Hodges' Third Arm. Div. had been slowed.

### Pilots Report Exodus

With the sealing of the Ruhr came an emergency proclamation from Berlin that all Germans were forbidden to leave their posts or their homes without Hitler's personal permission.

Meanwhile, vanguards of Dempsey's Second Army were reported 100 miles into Germany by Reuter.

Tactical air force pilots roaming the skies over northern Germany and Holland reported that an exodus of German convoys had started moving out of the Netherlands. The German High Command communique reported fierce defensive fighting on the Dutch border north and northeast of Emmerich in an apparent effort to hold the Holland flank against the pressure of British and Canadian troops.

On the right flank of Hodges' armor, Patton's Fourth Arm. Div. shot spearheads almost to Eisenach, 140 miles east of the Rhine.

### Nazis Attempt Stand

Fifty miles southeast of Paderborn, Kesselring mounted a short defensive line on the east bank of the Fulda River, tributary of the Weser, as Third Army's Sixth Arm. Div. drove up to the west bank, 18 miles south of Kassel.

It was here the Third Army found the first organized opposition its elements had encountered since the Rhine breakthrough. Germans were throwing everything they could bring up into the defense of the river line guarding the approaches to Thuringia.

On the southern flank of the great fluid front, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch shot infantry and armor of his Seventh Army in a thrust to the south. Patch's armor and infantry linked up with troops of Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny's French First Army at Hochenheim, ten miles south of Mannheim.

### Nazi Warehouses, Depots Bombed by First TAC

First TAC Marauders and fighter-bombers made 1,000 sorties in the Stuttgart sector yesterday. They dropped incendiaries and high explosives on enemy warehouses and depots at Vaihingen, five miles southwest of Stuttgart and at Ludwigsburg, in support of the advance of the U.S. Seventh and French First Armies.

Ninth AF fighter-bombers, flying 564 sorties, destroyed 44 grounded Luftwaffe planes and damaged 38 others near the Muhlhausen and Kassel sectors. Ninth Thunderbolts smashed 39 Nazi armored vehicles and damaged 38 others in the Eisenach, Erfurt and Weimar area.

RAF TAC pilots who bombed the rocket coast of Holland predicted there would be a marked decrease in V-1 and V-2 launchings from the Netherlands coast.

Meanwhile, Mediterranean-based 15th AF Mustangs and Lightnings celebrated their first anniversary by shooting down 35 enemy planes in a "typical Hollywood version of an air battle," according to Lt. Col. Fred C. Stofel, leader of the 31st Gp.

### Time Marches On

ETO clocks were put ahead one hour this morning as double summer time went into effect.