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# Nazis Trapped in Holland

## Koenigsberg Falls, Vienna Capture Near

### BULLETIN

Fall of Koenigsberg and the capture of 27,000 Germans who laid down their arms in the East Prussian capital was announced last night by Marshal Stalin in an Order of the Day.

Collapse of German resistance in Vienna appeared to be near last night, Reuter reported, as Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army spearheads drove deep into the city from the west, south and southeast.

Soviet forces smashed through the streets to within a mile of Vienna's center, and German broadcasts admitted the tide had turned heavily against the Nazi garrison.

Far to the northeast, other Red troops closed all escape gaps from Koenigsberg, long-besieged fortress capital of East Prussia, and penetrated to the city's heart, the United Press reported.

So rapidly was the battle for the Austrian capital approaching a climax that front dispatches said the city might be spared the fate of Warsaw and Budapest—almost total destruction.

### Escape Route Under Fire

The Nazis' last escape route from Vienna, along the railroad to Brunn (Brno), was reported by Moscow to be under heavy artillery and air bombardment.

Issuing an official declaration which said its troops were being welcomed as liberators by the Austrians, Russia asserted that it had no designs on Austrian territory.

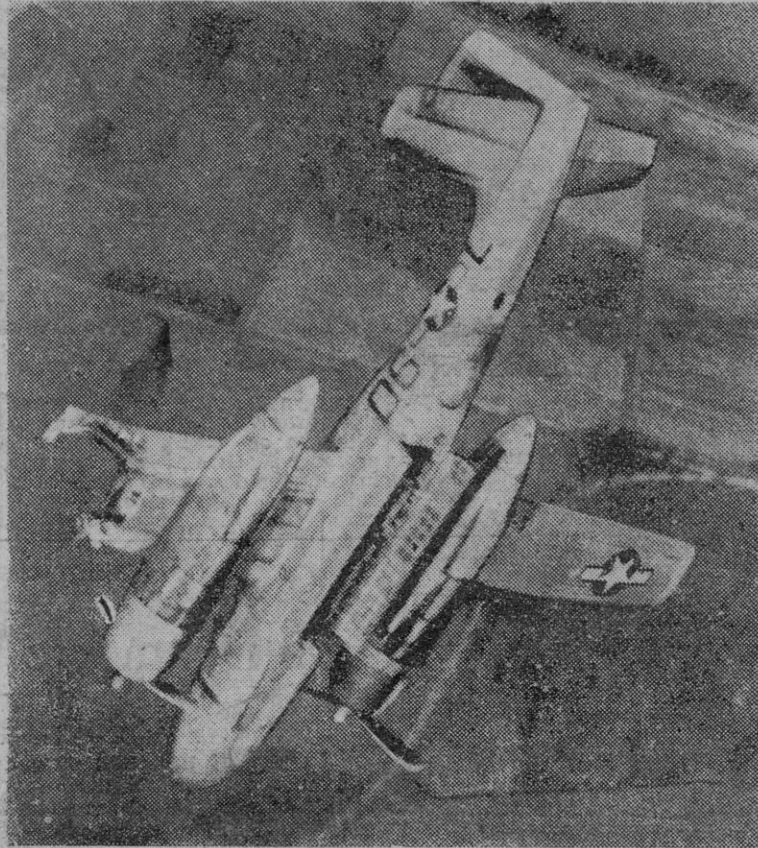
Russia told the Austrians that it had no intention of changing the nation's social order, adding that the Soviet Union would co-operate in re-establishing a democratic regime once Austria was freed from Nazi domination, the Moscow radio said.

In another broadcast, Marshal Tolbukhin called on Viennese citizens to give all possible aid to the Russian forces and to oppose every German move inside the city.

Tolbukhin's mobile columns were sweeping along toward Linz, and front reports placed them 25 miles west of Vienna in a bid to cut off Germans grouping along the Danube.

In Koenigsberg, Russian assault units occupied the city's barracks, main marshalling yards and railway station, a Soviet communique announced.

### Mission Uncompleted



Ninth Air Force Photo

With its bomb bay doors open and bombs still inside, an A-26 Invader of the Ninth Bombardment Div. plunges to earth after a direct hit by German flak sheared off its left wing. The plane was struck seconds before it was scheduled to release its load of bombs.

## 80,000 Cut Off; North Reich Afire

Canadian ground forces linked up yesterday with Allied airborne troops ten miles northeast of Zwolle on the last rail line leading out of Holland as British armor approached the outskirts of burning Bremen.

Canadian armor thrust 17 miles northward from Meppen

to reach a point 35 miles south of Emden on the Ems River, while to the east the Ninth Army's 84th Inf. Div. advanced 25 miles from the Weser River to within four miles of Hanover, which had been outflanked by earlier Allied advances north and south of the city.

Other Ninth Army forces driving against the northern seam of the Ruhr pocket smashed into the industrial city of Essen and, according to Reuter front reports, found the Krupp armament works badly damaged.

Junction of Gen. Henry C. Crerar's Canadian First Army forces with the paratroops virtually cut off an estimated 80,000 German rear echelon troops in Holland. It took place in the area of Meppen, a rail junction where the main line from the coastal cities branches off to Groningen and Leeuwarden in the northern Netherlands. UP frontline dispatches said Canadian armored cars were in sight of the Zuider Zee.

It was disclosed officially that 20,000 German line troops had been evacuated from the Netherlands, leaving approximately 80,000 rear echelon personnel to hold the Lowland cities of Rotterdam, Amsterdam and The Hague.

### Fires in North Germany

Reconnaissance pilots reported fires blazing throughout northern Germany. In addition to Bremen, which front reports said was aflame under terrific cannonading by British guns massed on the city's southern approaches, Hanover, Brunswick and Lubeck were reported on fire. In central Germany, Stuttgart also was reported in flames.

Frontline reports speculated the Germans were carrying out a

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## Discharge Point Values Still Pending

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP).—The Army is adhering to its policy of waiting until V-E Day to determine the value of point credits upon which soldiers will be discharged.

An inquiry at the War Department, made in the light of approaching victory in Europe, brought the explanation today that until formal German resistance ceases and the size of the occupation army can be determined, it will be impossible to announce point values.

Meanwhile, they are being kept under continuous study and revision. The finally determined total point score will be used in selecting personnel to be declared surplus after V-E Day and hence entitled to discharge.

### Four Factors Still Stand

As originally announced, the four factors for determining priority of discharge—service, overseas, combat and parenthood credit—still stand.

A misunderstanding led recently to the belief that age had been included as one of the factors. This, however, concerns only parenthood credit, and the age then involved is that of dependent children up

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## Allies Quarantine Germany To Check Spread of Typhus

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

In a drastic effort to prevent typhus—now reported from 58 different places in western Germany—from spreading to France and the Low Countries, the Allies have established a "cordon sanitaire" along the Rhine and Waal Rivers, the ETO Chief Surgeon's office disclosed yesterday.

German civilians, displaced persons and released prisoners are not being allowed to cross from the east to the west bank without first being examined and dusted with DDT powder.

The sanitary barrier stretches from the Swiss border nearly to the North Sea.

### No Yanks Stricken

Although more than 500 typhus cases have been reported among the German population and freed slave labor west of the Rhine alone no American soldiers have been reported stricken, U.S. medical authorities said. Col. J. E. Gordon, ETO Preventive Medicine chief, credited typhus inoculations and constant use of soap and DDT for

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## U.S. Renews Argentine Ties

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP).—The United States has resumed "normal diplomatic relations" with Argentina, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius announced today.

Stettinius reported that the 19 other American republics represented at the recent Inter-American Conference at Mexico City had taken similar action, and from Britain and France came announcements that they also had resumed relations with Argentina. Stettinius declined to say whether Argentina would be invited into the United Nations.

## FDR Sees Liberty Soon For Denmark, Norway

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP).—President Roosevelt said today that the "period of martyrdom" of the Danish and Norwegian peoples would be ended "soon."

In a statement on the fifth anniversary of Germany's invasion of the two Scandinavian nations, the President said that they had never ceased to resist and he predicted that they would work to insure the maintenance of world peace and security.

### Besides Vanilla in the ETO:

## Ice Cream in 8 New Flavors

WASHINGTON, April 9 (ANS).—Ice cream will be served to American troops overseas as often as possible this summer in eight new flavors, as well as the usual vanilla, the Quartermaster Corps revealed today.

Ice cream powder mix comes only in vanilla, but the QMC found it can be mixed with parts of B-rations to give a variety of flavors.

By adding dehydrated fruit juice powders, canned fruits and other ingredients in the standard B-rations, mess officers can turn out chocolate, lemon, fruit cocktail, peach, coffee, maple, pineapple and hard candy ice cream.

The QMC is sending a new recipe book with instructions.



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird  
 Multiple Allied spearheads stab toward Emden, Bremen, Hamburg and plunge beyond Hanover as Canadians link up with airborne troops in North Holland.



**Two Kinds of GIs**

Our Red Cross Club is just a small affair in Verviers, but we do have beaucoup wonderful GIs.

Just now some soldier, out of spite or what have you, gave a phony 1,000-franc note to the counter girl in the 5-and-10 cent store next door. The management was bawling her out, threatening her with loss of job, and mademoiselle was crying her eyes out.

Three GIs stood by and saw the entire affair and then came over to talk to me.

Only a few hours left before they would return to the lines... What could they do so other GIs wouldn't find it so difficult when they came into town? They didn't think it fair to gyp a hard-working Belgian girl. So, after a three-minute conference, the boys collected 1,195 francs. The 1,000 went to the store and 195 went to my club and everybody had a grand feeling of being the right kind of soldiers again.

Ge, but the GIs are wonderful! I wouldn't trade my experience of having the opportunity of serving with them for anything else in the world.—Louise, ARC.

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**It's a Shame**

In reference to the B-Bag letter captioned "Decorations" by Pvt., Btry "F," AAA (AW) Bn., what he says coincides almost to a tee with the citations read at a ceremony at which I was recently required to be present.

It's a shame that other instances of a like nature are not brought to light and the necessary corrective action taken to prevent such indiscriminate awards being made. During 27 months overseas, the greater part of which time has been spent in the combat zone, I have seen instances of such unwarranted awards made—mostly "for meritorious service." If fewer officers were given decorations for merely doing what their job calls for them to do, and more moral courage used by superiors in getting rid of officers who prove themselves unable to meet that standard, our awards would mean much more.

One of the most recent and flagrant examples was in one corps headquarters where 40 percent of the corps general staff officers were awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service while still in the UK, in preparation for the operations on the Continent.

Another incident occurred in Sicily. The subordinate unit commanders and staff officers of a regiment were assembled at the regimental CP awaiting orders from higher headquarters. The liaison officer arrived and, with him, he brought a Silver Star and copy of the order awarding the medal to one of the unit commanders present. The regimental commander, upon being handed it, turned to the officer for whom it was intended and said aloud, "I don't see why you should get one and I don't. I did the same thing you did."

Later, that regimental commander was given a like award, so I presume his green-eyed jealousy and self-centered attitude has been appeased. I doubt, however, if he'll ever regain the confidence of those who were present when the incident took place.

Another example is one of a general officer in a division who had not participated up to the invasion of this continent in any of the Sicilian campaign. "I wish So and So would hurry and figure out

what he did that he can be decorated for, so that the books can be closed for awards in this campaign."

The other came with the announcement of the addition of the Bronze Star Medal and was: "So and So will figure out something he did to be eligible for it." I might as well cut the order except for the date and place." In both instances that officer did receive awards as anticipated.

A partial solution is to have within each division an awards and decoration board through which every recommendation for anyone, except general officers and full colonels, must pass before it is approved by the general officer delegated with the authority to make the award. In the case of general officers and full colonels recommendations for them should be referred to a board of officers in the next higher headquarters. The composition of such boards within a division should include a member from each organic unit and each attached separate unit. For example, within a division, the attached tank Bn and attached T.D. Bn should each have a representative, as should each of the regiments and other organic units.

As it is now, one needs only to have first-hand knowledge of just one such instance as mentioned to feel just as Pvt., Btry "F," AAA (AW) Bn does regarding them—"Who is to know the difference between the real hero and the cheat?"—A Colonel, Armd Gp.

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**Thoughtful**

When you finish reading those magazines and home-town newspapers the boys in the hospitals would like to read them too.

The Red Cross is doing a splendid job, but there is always a use—and a need—for reading material, games, cards, candies and cigarets, matches, pencils, stationery, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, etc., which you might be wondering about getting rid of.

In our section we put a notice on the bulletin board and a box in a centrally-located office to receive such contributions. Periodically a quick trip can be made to deliver these items or, I imagine, by calling the Red Cross, you will find them ready to pick up the "loot."—GI-Jane, G-4, Hq. Com Z.

British troops fighting toward Bremen are threatening Germany's second largest seaport and a leading source of Nazi war materials.

Bremen's importance dates back to the prosperity of the Hanseatic era of the early 12th century. Resting in the fertile valley of the Weser River on a sandy plain, the city proper is crossed by three bridges. Gabled houses flank the winding streets and crooked lanes where before the war 300,000 persons were engaged in diversified industries.

**Founded in Eighth Century**

The city was founded during the 8th century and in the old section there is still evidence of medieval architecture, moats and parapets. The celebrated underground wine-cellar of the Rathaus, which stands in the center of the city, has been immortalized by Wilhelm Hauff in his "Phantasien im Bremer Ratskeller." The poet, Theodore Korner, made the beautiful Burgerpark renowned.

Bremen was recognized as a free city by King George I in 1720. It won its independence at the Vienna Congress in 1815 and became a member of the German confederation in 1867.

Although Bremen is classed as a seaport, it is 46 miles inland from the North Sea. Ocean-going vessels drawing 25 feet of water can reach the city's docks.



BREMEN (PREWAR)

Icebreakers keep the port open all year.

Modern Bremen, on the south side of the Weser, sharply contrasts with the old town's medieval appearance. Here Nazi Germany manufactured war materials and built ships. Captive labor was imported for the large industrial

plants and shipyards. The major industries include ironworks, machine shops, breweries, textile plants and grain mills.

Living and housing conditions in Bremen became exceedingly critical with the influx of slave labor and the continued air attacks of Allied planes.

**N.Y. Runaway Found Wounded in Germany**

NEW YORK, April 9 (ANS).

—A two and-a-half year search for a young Brooklyn runaway ended today, when police learned that he now is in Germany recovering from battle wounds.

The boy, Melvin Rosen, 17, disappeared from his home in November, 1942. Today his mother, Mrs. Anna Rosen, told police that she had received a letter from him from an Army hospital in Germany.

He was wounded, she said, while serving as a private first class with a medical unit of the Third Army. He had been inducted under an assumed name.

**309,250 Germans Captured In 2 Dramatic Weeks of War**

By James Long  
Associated Press War Correspondent

In one of the most dramatic fortnights of the war—since Gen. Eisenhower carried his offensive across the Rhine—the Germans have lost more than 309,250 troops in captured alone, roughly 18,000 square miles of territory east of the river, and all chance of continuing an organized fight.

The greatest achievement of all was the giant pincer of the American First and Ninth armies which sealed off the Ruhr and cost Germany her whole Army Group B and the great war production belt, without which the Wehrmacht pro-

bably cannot stay in the field more than a matter of weeks.

The Germans captured since the the Rhine crossing already exceed the quarter million captured in three weeks of the March mop-up west of the Rhine, which Gen. Eisenhower declared "one of the greatest victories of this or any other war."

Moreover, the figure of 309,250 does not take into account the 30,000 to 40,000 of Army Group B pinned in the Ruhr, or the unestimated thousands of Army Group H caught in western Holland.

But an idea of the magnitude of the prisoner bag in two weeks can be obtained by comparing it to World War I figures. In all of the 1917-18 campaign American forces took 63,079 prisoners—barely more than one-fifth the number the Allies have captured in the west in the last two weeks. And in the whole of World War I American casualties in killed, wounded, missing, and those taken prisoner totaled 286,330—less than the Wehrmacht has lost in prisoners in a fortnight.

**Wac Gets Medal Too, Keeps Pace With Soldier Sons**

By Jules Grad  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SHAEF, April 9.—A gray-haired mother of two sons in the 82nd Airborne Div. is keeping pace with her ribboned family.

Mrs. Laura V. Loveland, of Harrisonville, N.J.,—a sergeant—received the Ironze Star and the personal congratulations of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for "meritorious service in connection with military operation."

She told the Supreme Commander she was even prouder of her sons, Cpl. Leslie, 23, veteran of the Holland jumps, and T/Sgt. Freeman Loveland, 25, who fought with the 82nd through Africa, Sicily and Italy.

She has just learned that Freeman had been recommended for promotion to warrant officer, and for his bravery in Normandy on D-Day was up for a Legion of Merit. Mrs. Loveland is a clerk in SHAEF's G1 Division.

**Veteran of Civil War Dies at Age of 108**

MINNEAPOLIS, April 9 (ANS). Henry Mack, believed to be the oldest Civil War veteran, died at the Veterans' Hospital here today. He would have been 109 years old July 4.

H. Mack, a Negro and former slave, was vice commander of the Minnesota Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mack was admitted to the hospital last Dec. 19, after he had suffered a fractured leg.

**Hopkins' Yearly Wage Set at \$15,000 by FDR**

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP).—Harry Hopkins now is drawing \$15,000 a year for his services as assistant and adviser to President Roosevelt.

This is the amount that a cabinet member gets. President Roosevelt gave Hopkins a \$5,000 raise last July 6, Jonathan Daniels, White House press secretary, said today.

Both Hopkins and Samuel I. Rosenman, who gets \$12,000 a year, are paid out of emergency funds assigned to the President by Congress, Daniels said, because they are both "working on matters relating to emergency."

**4,500 French PWs Freed**

Nearly 4,000 French officers and 500 French soldiers were freed yesterday from a German PW camp by U.S. troops southeast of the Ruhr.

**Up Front With Mauldin**



"No parlay Engleesh."

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This Happened in America Yesterday:

# U.S. Must Pull in Belt Just a Bit This Year

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, April 9.—Buck up, the War Food Administration told Americans today. While dinner tables will hardly groan with foodstuffs this year, the home front people will still do much better than the British.

WFA economists who made a survey said that U.S. civilians, whose diet last year was nine percent better than it was before the war, will have to fall back on their pre-Pearl Harbor chow schedule. But there was a catch in this: the WFA admitted that the foods that most tickle Americans' palates—meat, butter and sugar—will be considerably scarcer than before the war.

People who like to smear heavy dabs of butter on their bread are in for a reduction, because Americans are expected to get just under ten pounds of butter per person in 1945—or a weekly allotment of about three ounces.

Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission and former High Commissioner for the Philippine Islands, told a gathering at Chattanooga, Tenn., that the Japanese should be exterminated "in toto." He added "I know the Japanese people."



Dickie Slavin

Watermelon is medicine to him.

Army is being tested now, says the editorial, which concludes: "Perhaps the finest thing today's victories prove is the heart and soul of the American fighting man. That's something our enemies had not expected."

J. P. Morgan and Co. filed a spring statement of condition, which shows that the firm has as assets, \$764,341,245.81.

## Eight Hours From Ship to Troops

AMERICAN troops in Germany are getting fresh meat and dairy products within eight hours after supplies are unloaded from ships at Antwerp, the War Department said. Trucks of the 3601 Refrigerator Co., known as the Penguin Fleet, are doing the job.

Hugh Callan, 39, a former soldier, who was convicted by court martial at Camp Blanding, Fla., in May, 1942, of sedition and speaking disrespectfully of the President before other inductees at Camp Upton L.I., said he would appeal his conviction to the Supreme Court. Callan was given a 20-year sentence which was later reduced by President Roosevelt to ten years. The court record said that his remarks included one saying that Japan and Germany were justified in their war against the U.S.

H. RAY FLEMMING, chief pharmacist's mate who campaigned for the job of mayor of Nacona, Tex., blames his defeat on a shortage of grass skirts. The sailor distributed grass skirts to the ladies as part of his campaign, but the supply ran out. He wired his buddies in the South Pacific to send more skirts, but there was no reply. He ran third.

## Work Bill Is Dead, Big Movie Chains Legislators Believe Probed by Senate

WASHINGTON, April 9 (ANS).—Reps. R. Ewing Thomson (D-Tex.) and Walter G. Andrews (R-N.Y.), ranking members of the House Military Affairs Committee, said today that they believed manpower legislation was a dead issue unless the collapse of Germany should bring a wholesale exodus of workers from U.S. war plants.

If this exodus should take place, they said, some type of measure undoubtedly would be needed to control the surplusage of released workers.

A bill, a compromise between compulsory controls favored by the House and a voluntary principle supported by the Senate, was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 46 to 29.

## Marsha Hunt, Husband Split

HOLLYWOOD, April 9 (ANS).—Marsha Hunt, 28-year-old film actress, and Army Capt. Jerry Hopper have decided to separate, her studio announced today.

WASHINGTON, April 9 (ANS).—The Senate Small Business Committee is beginning an investigation of charges that large motion picture theater chains are attempting to squeeze small independent houses out of business, Chairman James E. Murray (D-Mont.) said today.

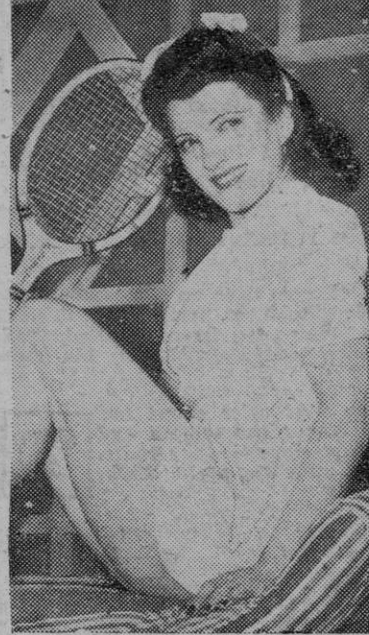
Murray said that complaints reaching the committee allege that five theater owning-producing companies give unfair preference to theaters affiliated with them in respect to the choice of films, playing time and price.

He said that the committee will hold open hearings if the evidence warrants.

## ARC Head to Tour Pacific

WASHINGTON, April 9 (ANS).—The American Red Cross said yesterday that Chairman Basil O'Connor will make a six-week inspection tour of Red Cross installations in the central and southwest Pacific shortly.

## Radio Is Wonderful . . .



. . . but oh for television! Martha Stewart, left, and Beryl Wallace, who appear on the air, look forward expectantly to the day when their attractions will be seen as well as heard.

## Flood Spreads In Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, April 9 (ANS).—The flood disaster in Louisiana, which has left 30,000 families homeless, continued to spread today, but it was announced that opening of Morganza Floodway would not be necessary.

Brig. Gen. Max C. Tyler, president of the Mississippi River Commission, who made the announcement, said that it indicated the Mississippi crest would not be higher than the 1937 flood, when the spillway was not used.

Then, as now, the Bonnet Carre Spillway above New Orleans was opened to divert the Mississippi's burden into Lake Pontchartrain.

Meanwhile, the fight to control spreading waters of the Red, Black, Ouachita and Little Rivers in northern and central Louisiana, continued.

## Butt Shortage Hits Home

FLEMINGTON, N.J., April 9 (ANS).—The cigaret shortage hit home yesterday, when 30 American Tobacco Co. stockholders left the company's annual meeting with one pack of cigarets each instead of the customary carton.

## Vets Offered Special Course

LANSING, Mich., April 9 (ANS).—Discharged servicemen wishing to operate their own small businesses will be offered 16 weeks of specialized instruction at the University of Michigan in a short course described as the first of its kind in the nation.

Announcement of the course was made jointly today by Dean Russell A. Stevenson, of the University's School of Business Administration, the State Office of Public Instruction and the State Office of Veterans Affairs.

The announcement said that an Army survey showed that 500,000 servicemen hope to own businesses after the war and that 50 percent of them will engage in small retail businesses.

The short course, planned to open next November with about 100 students, will offer four months' training in the fundamentals of business administration. It is available to any veteran certified by the University Veterans Service Bureau and who is considered by university authorities as able to pursue such a program to his advantage, Stevenson said.

## Noted Banker, Leon Fraser, Kills Himself

NORTH GRANVILLE, N.Y., April 9 (ANS).—Leon Fraser, 56, a powerful figure in American and international banking, killed himself on the lawn of his luxurious estate near here yesterday by firing a bullet through his brain.

Since 1937 he had been president of the First National Bank of New York, one of the most influential banking institutions in the world, and he was a former president of the Bank for International Settlements, Basle, Switzerland.

Haven Hodgkins, caretaker, found Fraser lying unconscious 50 feet from the house, bleeding from a bullet wound in the temple, and there could be no doubt that Fraser died while he was being taken in an ambulance to a hospital at nearby Glens Falls.

### Note Is Found

Chief of Police Patrick Roche said that he found a note in Fraser's handwriting in the house's reception hall. It said that though he "had everything," he was becoming more and more "melancholy," Roche revealed.

Roche and state police said that there could be no doubt that Fraser was a suicide, but a formal coroner's inquest was being arranged.

Fraser practiced international law in Paris from 1922 to 1924, was legal advisor to the American delegation at the London Prime Ministers Conference in 1924, general counsel to the Dawes Plan and Paris representative in reparations payments from 1924 to 1927, and in 1933 a member of the commission of experts at the London Monetary and Economic Conference.

The United Press said that Fraser had suffered from melancholia since his wife died last year.

## Auto Industry Gets Change-Over Chief

DETROIT, April 9 (ANS).—James A. Krug, War Production Board chairman, has announced the appointment of Henry P. Nelson as co-ordinator of reconversion for the automotive industry. He also denied reports that the manufacture of new cars was imminent.

Krug said Nelson, 34-year-old former International Harvester Co. executive, will "in no sense be 'czar' over the industry."

Nelson has been associated with the WPB and its predecessor, the Office of Production Management, since October, 1942. He is the present director of the aircraft division and will continue in the job.

## Shirley Temple, Almost 17, Engaged to U.S. A.F. Sergeant

HOLLYWOOD, April 9 (ANS).—Mr. and Mrs. George Temple, parents of Shirley Temple, who will be 17 on April 23, announced yesterday the screen star's engagement to Air Force Sgt. John George Agar, 24.

Shirley and Agar plan to wait at least two, probably three years, before marrying. The plan had been to make the announcement at Shirley's birthday party, but she wore a diamond ring and class-mates at the exclusive Westlake School noticed it.

Agar, who was with the Abbott Laboratories in Chicago before he entered the service in 1942, is stationed at March Field, Cal., near Hollywood. He is the son of Mrs. Lillian Agar and the late John Agar of Beverly Hills, Cal., and Lake Forest, Ill.

Shirley's romance climaxes the career screen fans have followed more than a decade since she made her debut as a child star. She topped the nation's box-office attractions as a child star and is still a major drawing card in theaters through the country.

The Temples' announcement said: "We are happy to announce the betrothal of our daughter Shirley to Sgt. John George Agar of the U.S. Army Air Force. It had not been planned to announce Shirley's engagement at this time since both



Shirley at fetching five.

Shirley and John have promised that they do not intend to get married for two years, possibly three,



Shirley at sweet sixteen.

and in any case Jack is in the Army and his first duty is to his country.

"But the secret leaked out Saturday at a luncheon of Shirley's class at the Westlake School for Girls, so, because of our high regard for Jack, we feel no purpose would be served by attempting to keep the romance secret."

# Notes of a Reporter

From Herbie Aach, Who Leads With His A's, To German Hospitals Where Mothers Get Medals

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIRST ARMY, April 9.—Here are eight notes from the book of a Stars and Stripes reporter. Call it editor's choice:

**NOTE 1** IF THE WAR DEPARTMENT ever lines up the whole Army and calls the roll, Pfc Herbert Aach, of New York, will have his name called first. The War Department notified Aach, a military government soldier, that alphabetically his name led all the rest.

**NOTE 2** THE NINTH INF. DIV. is attacking west after about two years of eastward offensives. They are at the eastern end of the Ruhr pocket and are attacking toward the Rhine. Various elements of the First Army are attacking north, south, east and now west.

**NOTE 3** A NINTH INF. DIV. CAPTAIN, who hasn't had a pair of low shoes on for years, walked into a German shoe factory overrun by the division, sat down and picked through hundreds of pairs of good shoes until he found a pair he liked. They were all marked for Wehrmacht officers. In Schmallenberg, on the edge of the Ruhr pocket, there was a German woolen sock mill where thousands of pairs of socks are stored—to go with the shoes, maybe. But the captain didn't bother—the shoes he obtained were enough.



**NOTE 4** THREE INTERVIEWS with soldiers approached while trying to get a reaction story to the Russian repudiation of the Japanese neutrality pact read like this: "Say, I heard about that. Russians severed diplomatic relations with Japs, hey?" "Say, I heard about that, Russians declared war on the Japs, hey?" "Say, I heard about that, the Russians invaded Japan, hey?"

**NOTE 5** THE FIRST ARMY PRESS CAMP, where American and British newspapermen live and write, now has a Russian correspondent for Tass, official Russian news agency. He is Maj. Michael Jdanov, a Russian officer who saw action with infantry and armor at Stalingrad. Jdanov, former history professor, is pleased and impressed with what he sees on this front. He is surprised at several things. One, that all the good food he has been eating has been shipped all the way from America. Another thing that surprises him is the good American discipline at the front compared with discipline in Paris. Jdanov types all his stories with the red part of the ribbon. He has trouble using the Latin alphabet with only 26 letters. The Russian alphabet has 36 letters. He is accompanied by an interpreter, I/Lt. Alexander Behr.



**NOTE 6** THERE ARE five German state-operated maternity hospitals in and around the town of Wintersberg. German mothers there explain that they get a bronze star for having three children, a silver star for five and a gold star if they bear seven or more. Some were trying for platinum stars.



**NOTE 7** AMERICAN PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS are solving the problem of how to surrender for Wehrmacht soldiers ready to quit. Leaflets suggest that German soldiers change to civilian clothes to hide from their own army and then give themselves up when they are overrun by Americans.

**NOTE 8** GERMAN Kriegisleiters, Nazi party county leaders, knowing they are about to be tried as war criminals, have changed into German officers' uniforms and have given themselves up as prisoners of war in Seventh Amrd. Div. territory. The Nazi Kriegisleiter outranks German generals when it comes to defense of his own country and can tell the general where he wants men and how he wants the town defended.

## Artificial Insemination Flayed As 'Stud Breeding of Humans'

LONDON, April 9 (UP).—The practice of artificial insemination reduces the male donor "to the status of a stallion," Archbishop Dr. Bernard Griffin of Westminster told a gathering of Roman Catholic doctors today. Declaring that artificial insemination has been condemned by the church since 1897, the Archbishop said that in cases where the seed is obtained from another man the wife is in effect committing adultery. "Such a practice offends against the dignity of man, sins against the law of nature and is unjust to the offspring," he said. "No consent of the husband and wife can remove the immorality from the act. I hope the medical profession will

oppose what has been described as test-tube babies and the attempt at stud breeding of human beings." The Archbishop stressed that he was not referring to "assisted insemination of a wife after normal intercourse with the husband." **Nazi Art Loot Found** WITH THIRD ARMY, April 9 (Reuter).—Hundreds of valuable paintings and manuscripts, looted by the Germans from many European capitals, were found by Fifth Inf. Div. troops in a chateau at Hungen, ten miles southeast of Giessen. They were unguarded. Included among the manuscripts is the family history of the Rothschilds.

## Maybe World Isn't So Small After All

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9 (ANS).—Delegates to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union convention addressed a cable to Gen. Eisenhower in care of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force. They wanted to tell the general that they would continue their no-strike policy. The cable was returned marked "insufficient address."

## Yanks Strafe Allied PWs By Mistake

WASHINGTON, April 9 (ANS).—Masses of migrating Allied prisoners of war in Germany occasionally have been strafed by mistake by American planes, a War Department spokesman said yesterday. "It is hard to understand how this happens, as our pilots are briefed about prisoner-of-war movements," Brig. Gen. B. M. Ryan, assistant provost marshal, told a meeting of the prisoners' next of kin, but the truth is that things are changing so fast over there that it is impossible to brief pilots accurately. The pilots' instructions are to disrupt transportation and strafe every German vehicle they can on the roads."

### Move Before Red Drive

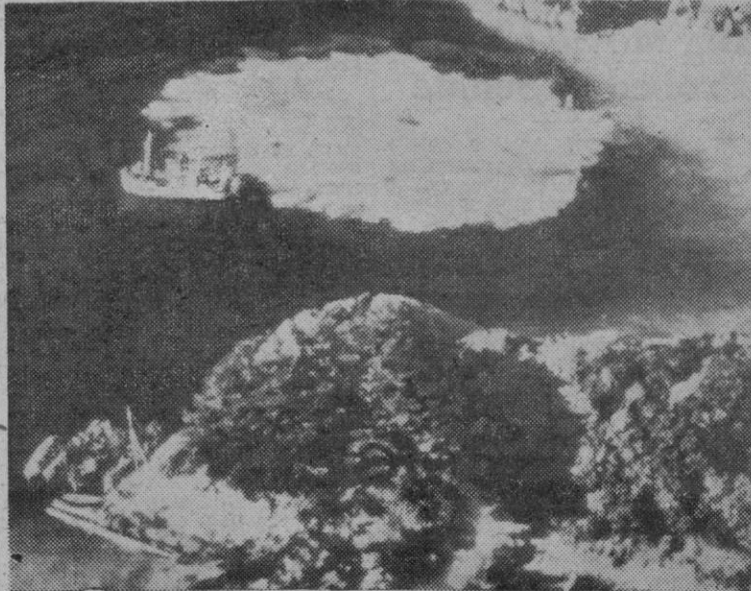
Bryan described three great masses of prisoners forced by the Germans to march westward because of the Russian advance. Information obtained from Swiss sources, he said, showed that the largest of the three was a migration of 800,000 prisoners, including some 25,000 Americans, up the Danube past embattled Vienna. Bryan said that about 100,000 PWs, including 15,000 Americans, are moving along the northern German coast into the area of Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck. He added that the third column of 60,000 prisoners, of whom 10,900 are Americans, are moving west in a line south of Berlin.

Swiss reports did not mention the dislocation of the prisoners by the great Anglo-American advances from Rhine bridgeheads, Bryan said, but he agreed that probably 1,000,000 PWs have been forced on the march.

## German Refugee Liner Reported at Copenhagen

STOCKHOLM, April 9 (Reuter).—A 27,000 ton German liner is lying in Copenhagen harbor with 30,000 German refugees on board, according to the Danish Press Service. There are already 191,000 refugees from the Reich in the Danish capital, the press service added.

## Raid on the Ryukyus



A bomb from an American carrier-based plane narrowly misses a small Japanese ship at a midget-submarine and torpedo-boat base in a sheltered cove on Okinawa Island, in the Ryukyu group, during an attack preceding Army-Navy-Marine Corps invasion of the island.

## Jerries by the Jeepload



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Pfc Guilbert P. Fafart, of Lebanon, N.H., and the Ninth Inf. Div., brings in a load (count 'em) of prisoners in Frankenbach, Germany. The officer riding the hood was a Nazi work inspector who toured the country seeing that labor assignments were carried out properly.

## First Rail Span Across Rhine Completed at Wesel in 10 Days

By Leonard Levy

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

WESEL, Germany, April 8 (Delayed).—The Allies' first railroad bridge across the Rhine, a giant steel structure more than 2,500 feet long, was completed here today by U.S. Army Engineers ten days after the start of construction.

As the last steel span was welded into place tonight, almost 1,000 railroad cars filled with vital supplies were ready to cross the bridge.

## World Jurists Hear Stettinius

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP).—International jurists meeting here to draft plans for a world court were told today by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. that their task was to express peace-loving peoples' determination that future international differences "be settled by peaceful means and on the basis of justice." The group, representing 30 of the United Nations, is working on plans for a court that will fit into the proposed world security organization. The delegates are expected to recommend changes in the Permanent Court of International Justice, established after the last war, rather than create an entirely new body. The group differs as to whether the judicial body should have the means to enforce its decisions and whether all nations should be compelled to submit disputes to it.

More than 3,000 engineers working around the clock finished the span four days ahead of schedule. Floodlights enabled construction, which began almost simultaneously on both banks, to continue throughout nights.

The bridge was built by the 1056th Engr. Port Construction and Repair Gp. which rebuilt the port of Cherbourg. Working with the 1056th were the 355th Engr. GS Reg., the 371st Engr. Const. Bn., the First Bn. of the 341st Engr. GS Reg., and two companies of the 1317th Engr. GS Reg. Directing the bridging operation for Maj. Gen. C. R. Moore, ETO Chief Engineer, was Col. J. B. Cress, of Palo Alto, Cal., commander of the 1056th Engr. Gp. and the attached units.

The bridge was built on timber piling. It is classified as a semi-permanent structure, weighs 2,140 tons and has a channel span 92 feet long, to permit river craft to pass beneath.

During construction, three engineers lost their lives by drowning. The bridge will be dedicated in their honor on Wednesday.

Preparations for the construction of the bridge began almost 15 months ago when engineer intelligence planners in London started the study of the Rhine River bed.

## Belgian Reporter Killed In Crash of Jeep, Tank

BRUSSELS, April 9 (AP).—René Jauniaux, war correspondent of the Brussels newspaper Le Peuple, was killed yesterday when the jeep in which he was riding collided with an American tank of one of Patton's armored columns in Germany. Pat Mitchell, Stars and Stripes staff writer, and another Belgian war reporter traveling in the same jeep, escaped injury. Jauniaux is the first Belgian war correspondent killed since the Normandy landings.

## New Nazi East Front Chief

LONDON, April 9 (UP).—The Daily Express listening station picked up a German radio report today that Gen. Ferdinand Schörner, a Nazi diehard, has been promoted to field marshal and appointed commander of the Eastern Front to replace Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, Panzer expert.

# Ohrdruf's Leaders Visit Hill of Death With Cry of Innocence on Their Lips

By James Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

OHRDRUF, Germany, April 9.—The Mayor of Ohrdruf did not come back today to the concentration camp on the hill above his town. He had seen what was behind the vines of barbed wire yesterday. Last night he hanged himself.

But all those who became big and rich under Fascism today stood in the filthy street between the shacks of this community of pain. All those who had found Nazism a profitable faith came in their well-cut suits and their elegance was obscene in the squalor of this colony of the dead.

At the end of the street lay the 31 bodies of the murdered labor slaves. Stacked in a shed behind the barracks were 40 more lime-devoured corpses. Around the bend of the road was the pyre of railroad ties where the fire-blackened bones and ashes lay in the sprinkling rain. Beyond the grill was a great pit where 2,000 of the peoples of Europe were buried after being beaten, starved and shot to death by their Nazi conquerors.

### Culture And Murder

Col. Hayden Sears, of Boston, commander of the Fourth Armd. Div's OCB, told them why they were here on this hill.

"While you spoke of your culture, this was going on in your country," said Sears, a great-shouldered man with a big voice he made deliberately small. "You people supported a government that supported this kind of business. Out of decency we shall leave the women here."

The men trudged up the street, their women standing in a whispering knot behind them. They came to the tangle of bodies and then moved closer together.

The living looked at the dead and the dead stared back at them and there was no sound on the hill. The open-eyed dead were wasted by starvation. Their thighs were sticks and the flesh was as thin and flabby as muslin.

"Hitler would not have this," said an old man with a disease-withered profile.

He was the rich man in Ohrdruf, where only the prisoners of the camp knew want. Above the camp on another hill, a symbol of his loyalty to the party, was the castle he had built since he had been rewarded with war contracts for his paint factory.

### Not Their Guilt, They Say

They listened while Sears told them they were members of the party who had sanctioned this. War criminals must be tried for these murders, the colonel said.

But this was not their guilt, the leading citizens of Ohrdruf explained. They had never shot a man or burned one or used a club. Yes, they were of the same political faith as the executioners. They prospered from the work of these slaves. This camp was in their town but they had never come here before this day. Therefore, the leading citizens say they were blameless.

The tour was over and the leading citizens of Ohrdruf went back to their town. The paint manufacturer returned to his castle.

## Howse Named Surplus Chief

WASHINGTON, April 9 (ANS).—Appointment of Col. Alfred E. Howse, of Wichita, Kan., as administrator of the Surplus Property Board was announced today by Chairman Guy M. Gillette (D-Iowa). The board will dispose of \$100,000,000,000 in surplus goods.

Howse replaces Mason Britton, who resigned April 1 to undertake a confidential government assignment.

Howse, now retired, served as executive for procurement on the staff of Lt. Gen. George E. Kenny, then commanding general of the Materiel Command, at Wright Field.

### Jewish Girl Slaves Freed

LONDON, April 9 (UP).—The British Army has liberated 802 young Jewish women from Hungary, Poland, France and other countries who worked in German labor factories near Munster. All had been sterilized and wore yellow stars.

## Fire Adds a Hazard to American Advance



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Infantrymen of the Sixth Armd. Div., U.S. Third Army, dash down a street past a burning building.

# Reich Proclaims a 'People's War,' Calls Up South German Population

## Fight or Be Shot On Spot, All Told

ZURICH, April 9 (UP).—In a desperate effort to stimulate the resistance of German people, Reich Defense Commissioner Wagner Murr has placarded an "order to all" throughout south Germany calling up the population for a volkskrieg (People's war).

According to the text of the placards, every single volksgenosse (comrade) must actively participate in the defense or he will be shot on the spot as a coward and saboteur.

Everyone must report advancing enemy spearheads and each Volksturner must defend the panzer barriers without a special order. Every German must in an emergency use panzerfusts (bazookas) against enemy tanks. He must fight enemy infantry and destroy enemy supply trucks with all means in his power.

Twelve-year-old girls must join the Hitler Youth fire brigades. School children must be trained for a "panzer observation service," in which each Hitler Youth unit is assigned a certain district, thus establishing chains of observation posts. These posts are to be maintained even during enemy occupation, and observers are to send reports by special couriers to the next Wehrmacht Volksturm command post, the notices said.

### 14 AF Kills Reach 2,243

CHUNGKING, April 9 (ANS).—Forty-seven Japanese planes were destroyed by the 14th AF in March, boosting to 2,243 the number of kills scored by the 14th since July 4, 1944, Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault announced yesterday.

## Merchant Ships Used As Miniature Carriers

LONDON, April 9 (Reuter).—British merchant ships equipped with flight decks for launching and landing defensive fighter planes were used in the most critical days of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Known as Mac-ships (merchant aircraft carriers) they combined the functions of laden merchantmen with those of miniature escort carriers. They were produced to provide air cover in a 500-mile air gap in the Atlantic which at that time was outside the range of shore-based aircraft.

## 'Vanished' Pole Chiefs Reported in Moscow

LONDON, April 9 (UP).—Leaders of Polish political parties who, the Polish government-in-exile here charged Friday, disappeared after conferring in Poland with Red Army officers, are in reality in Moscow discussing formation of a new provisional government, the Sunday Observer said yesterday.

A "special correspondent" wrote in the Observer that he "believed" that the British and American governments had been notified about this by the Russians.

[The British Press Association quoted authoritative British quarters as denying the report that the Russian government had informed Britain "of the presence in Moscow of a Polish mission" negotiating to form a new government, the Associated Press said.]

# Weser River Span Blows Up Right in Timberwolves' Faces, But Fails to Stop Drive East

By G. K. Hodenfield  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 104th DIV. EAST OF WESER RIVER, April 8 (Delayed).—The Jerries blew up the bridge across the Weser River yesterday almost right in the face of Lt. Col. Bill Summers, of Tulsa, Okla., but today doughs of his 413th Regt. of the 104th "Timberwolf" Div. are across the 80-yard-wide obstacle and headed east.

The 413th entered this town yesterday at 1500 hours and five minutes later the bridge went into the river, leaving one German tank and about 50 infantrymen trapped on the west side.

By 1630 hours the fight inside the town was over, with the Jerries rounded up and the tank abandoned.

### Could Still Kill Germans

L Company's Third Bn. commander, Maj. George O'Connor, of Brooklyn, hit the river bank and found that although he couldn't advance he could still kill Germans. The Germans on the other side were dashing around like crazy, apparently headed for a house.

Capt. Joe Peevey, of Texas, called for direct fire on the house and Lt. Hugo Tofnelli, of San Francisco, commanding the anti-tank platoon of the Third Bn., let go with several rounds.

When the house was hit the Jerries left in a hurry. L Co. sharpshooters picked them off like ducks on a pond.

Not a man of the 413th was hurt. All during the night huge trucks rolled into town, carrying assault boats, and at 0425 hours this morning, L Co. started across the river. By 0500 all of L Co. and most of I Co. were across and advancing against practically no resistance.

### Foot Bridge Built

The 329th Engr. Combat Bn. went to work on a foot bridge and before it was light enough for any Jerries to fire on the project, Lt. Robert Fields, of Jackson, Miss., and his men had completed the span, and K Co. was ready to move across. Eastbound traffic was halted for a few minutes to allow the first passengers across. Westbound were three prisoners—terrified SS men.

Meanwhile, the Second Bn., commanded by Lt. Col. Samuel Koster, of West Liberty, Iowa, crossed the Weser downstream. From a little village could be heard sounds of battle as snipers tried to defend the town against steadily advancing Americans.

Those snipers who othored to look back could see the wrecked bridge, the bridge that was supposed to keep the Americans west of the Weser.

## 13 Sabotage Rules Given to Youths

By Ernest Leiser  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH NINTH U.S. ARMY, April 9.—Thirteen basic rules for sabotage have been laid down for Nazis in the Hitler Youth Groups, according to an order captured by eastward-thrusting Ninth Army troops.

The order opens with the "warning" that "the enemy wants to destroy you and your family, therefore harm him wherever you can."

The rules for harrying the American armies include: (1) putting sugar in gas tanks; (2) putting sand in gasoline; (3) putting tar in engine grease points and in the wheels of rail cars; (4) setting up steel street obstacles during the night, especially at curves; (5) stretching wire across the roads at night; (6) putting nails on boards at curves; (7) jamming railroad switches with stones.

Also: (8) putting obstacles on railroad tracks; (9) disconnecting wires on railroad signals; (10) connecting high-tension wire to phone wires; (11) mixing up of wires in telephone systems; (12) breaking phone wires, and (13) taking anything from the enemy you can and "destroying it in a quiet corner so that he cannot punish you when he finds it."

"If this is done," the order declared, "the enemy must use front line troops to safeguard rear areas, he loses important war materiel and he cannot use the roads destroyed by you to send more troops against our soldiers."

"Remember," the order concludes, "everything that hurts the enemy will benefit our soldiers."

# Stimson Backs Merger Move

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP).—A move for a postwar merger of the Army and Navy was gathering new impetus today with its endorsement by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

Stimson wrote Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.) that the "War Department strongly favors establishment of a single department of the armed forces and recommends enactment of measures which will accomplish this objective in an orderly fashion." Hill is the author of legislation which would set up such a department, with a secretary of the armed forces heading it. Provisions would be made for under secretaries of the Army, Navy, Air and other activities.

Hill, announcing the Stimson letter, said that he planned to ask the Senate Military Affairs Committee to conduct hearings on the measure soon.

### Ambassador Visits S & S

Jefferson Caffery, U.S. Ambassador to France, visited The Stars and Stripes Paris edition recently and spoke briefly to members of the staff. He was accompanied by Morris Gilbert, his press representative, and Col. Noah Brinson.

# Nelson's 263 Breaks Golf Mark

## Toledo Pro Wins Tourney By 9 Strokes

ATLANTA, Ga., April 9.—Byron Nelson, Toledo's contribution to the golfing wars, climaxed his successful winter tour by setting a new all-time golf tournament record as he carded another spectacular 65 yesterday to win the \$10,000 Iron Lung meet with a 72-hole mark of 263.

Nelson's amazing murder of par during the four-day affair shattered the previous record of 264, established in 1940 by Craig Wood at Forest Hills, Bloomfield, N.J.

### Byrd Finished Second

Sammy Byrd matched par 69 on his last venture around the rambling Capital City course to finish second with 272, a score that would bring home first money in almost any tournament. But he had to settle for runnerup money of \$1,500 in War Bonds, while Lord Byron pocketed \$2,400 in bonds.

A throng of 5,000 followed Nelson around the links, knowing he was gunning for Wood's record. He started slowly, matching par on the first two holes, then taking a bogey four on the third. Birdies on the 5th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 14th and 15th holes carried him to within reach of Wood's mark, but he still had a few harried moments.

Within sight of the clubhouse, Nelson almost muffed his opportunity on the 18th. His iron shot struck a woman spectator on the head and bounded away from the green, costing him one stroke. He recovered, however, to cup an eight-foot putt after an accurate approach pitch.

## Cards Acquire Charlie Trippi

NEW YORK, April 9.—National Football League directors postponed action on several proposed mergers and confined their activities to the annual draft of college players here yesterday.

The owners spent the entire morning wrangling over eligibility for draft selection, then settled down to business during the afternoon session. Charlie Trippi, former Georgia running mate of Frankie Sinkwich and later with the Third AAF, was grabbed first by the Chicago Cardinals, who won first selection from Brooklyn and Pittsburgh by the flip of a coin.

Pittsburgh, which took second choice, drafted Paul Duhart, storm center of the morning controversy. Duhart, alumnus of Florida U., played with Green Bay last year when his school didn't have a team, but since his college class graduates this year he became eligible for the draft. The rules were amended finally to allow the Steelers to send Duhart back to the Packers in a trade.

First choices of other teams: Brooklyn, Joe Renfro, Tulane; Boston, Eddie Prokop, Georgia Tech; Cleveland, Elroy Hirsch, Wisconsin; Detroit, Frank Szymanski, Notre Dame; Chicago Bears, Don Lund, Michigan; Washington, Jim Hardy, USC; Philadelphia, Johnny Yomakoh, Notre Dame; New York, Elmer Barbour, Wake Forest; Green Bay, Walter Schlinkmann, Texas Tech

## Montreal's Lach Voted NHL's Most Valuable

MONTREAL, April 9.—Elmer Lach, center on the powerful Montreal Canadian front line, today was named the most valuable player in the National Hockey League, receiving 116 of a possible 120 points in the official poll among 12 sportswriters.

Lach's linemate, Maurice Richard, who set a record by scoring 50 goals, was second, with 79 points, while Boston's Bill Cowley ran third with 65.

### King of the Links



Byron Nelson  
He Gives Par a Drubbing

## Leafs Repeat Over Wings, 2-0

DETROIT, April 9.—Frank McCool, Toronto goalie, came up with his second straight shutout last night as the Maple Leafs upset the Detroit Red Wings, 2-0, to take a two-game lead in their best-of-seven series for the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup.

Ted Kennedy, Toronto center, sent his sextet to the front in the second period when he stuck a pass from Gabe Pratt into the Red Wing net. Defenseman Elwyn Morris counted the second goal on a solo dash shortly before the game ended.

Just as in the first game, McCool received airtight protection from his defensemen, who forced the Wings to hurry their shots or uncork desperate drives from far out. The Wings didn't get more than three clear shots at the net all night.

The series will be resumed in Toronto tomorrow night.

### Barons Take Series Lead

CLEVELAND, April 9.—The Cleveland Barons moved to a 3-2 advantage over the Hershey Bears in their American Hockey League playoffs for the Governors Cup by winning, 5-3, here last night. Third period goals by Les Cunningham and Tommy Burlington produced victory for the Barons.

## DIAMOND DUST

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—The Cardinals bounced back from Saturday's reversal to drub the Browns, 13-4, in the second game of their exhibition City Series here yesterday. The Cards nicked Jack Kramer, Al Lamacchia and Earl Jones for 17 bingles, including a triple and homer by Johnny Hopp. Pete Gray crashed his first hit for the Browns, a sharp single . . . ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The Red Sox walloped the Yankees, 10-5, to clinch their spring exhibition series, five games to three. Jim Wilson worked seven innings for the Sox with Vic Johnson finishing, while Atley Donald and Walt Dubiel were the victims of Boston's batting spree . . . BALTIMORE.—Homeruns by Charlie Metro and George Kell sparked the Athletics to a 7-5 verdict over the Baltimore Orioles. The Mackmen were lagging, 4-3, in the eighth when Metro and Kell exploded their circuit drives. Bobo Newson finally arrived and hurled three innings for the A's . . . TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—The Tigers avenged their two previous setbacks by thumping the White Sox, 15-9, as Dizzy Trout travelled a bumpy 14-hit route for the Bengals. Orval Grove and Bill Dietrich chucked for the Chisox, yielding 18 hits and being further hampered by six fielding miscues.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Roy Hughes lapped six hits in six times at bat as the Cubs slaughtered the Reds, 19-5. Southpaw Ray Prim had the Reds swinging wildly for four innings as he held them to one hit and fanned seven. Frank Secory, Cub gardener, clouted a homer, triple and double. The Reds topped Louisville, 8-6, in the opener of the day's doubleheader . . . NEWARK, N.J.—The Giants backed Bill Voiselle with plenty of power to thrash Newark, 20-1. Mel Ott, Danny Gardella and Phil Weintraub homered for the Giants . . . WASHINGTON.—A triple by Tommy Holmes and Butch Nieman's single gave the Braves a 3-2 triumph over the Senators as Nate Andrews and ex-GI Jimmy Wallace bested Dutch Leonard on the mound . . . BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y.—The Dodgers finally broke the ice after 25 scoreless innings, but they tumbled again to Montreal, 4-2 . . .



Johnny Hopp

Lou Little Predicts Rough Era on Gridiron  
NEW YORK, April 9.—Lou Little, veteran Columbia football coach, today predicted that post-war college football will have to be more wide open to compete with its professional brethren and also to keep ex-servicemen interested in the game.

## Heath on Market At Own Request

CLEVELAND, April 9.—After feuding with the front office, then agreeing to terms, Jeff Heath, Cleveland outfielder, is dissatisfied again and wants to be traded to another club, he told Roger Peckinpaugh, Indians' vice-president and general manager today. "I'm sure I could play better ball elsewhere in the league," Heath said. "Manager Boudreau and I can't seem to patch up our differences."

## Lightweight Dick Menchaca, Port Arthur, Texas, decided Lloyd Blueford, Mercedes, Cal., in the feature of an eight-bout show at the Palais de Glace, Paris, last night.

Other results:  
Sgt. Willie Muller, Corinth, Miss., decided Pvt. Jim Maxwell, Youngstown, Ohio; Pfc Denzil Watson, Saylersville, Ky., decided Pfc Mike Missiano, Brooklyn; Pvt. Terry McGowan, Buffalo, decided Pfc Bill Ragsdale, Asheville, N.C.; Pvt. Jack Nowitzke, New Brunswick, N.J., TKO'd Pvt. Tom Self, Hollandale, Miss. (second round); Pvt. Homer Johnson, Hawthorne, Calif., TKO'd Pfc Billy Jenkins, Dover, N.J. (1:52, second round); Pvt. Leo Logan, Elkhart, Ind., decided Cpl. Mark Courts, San Diego; Pvt. Sam Logan, Rocky Mount, N.C., decided Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, St. Louis.

## Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

ALTHOUGH many medical developments have been far more beneficial to the masses, a case turned up in Detroit the other day that promises to revolutionize the noble pastime of punching noses into pulp, either in the ring or in the alley. No longer will fighters be identified by their battered noses, if this latest fad catches on.

The scheme was conceived by a doctor when George Kochan, then a 17-year-old Merchant Marine sailor, mentioned he intended to make his living along Cauliflower Row. Now at 23, and recently discharged from the Coast Guard, Kochan has a nose that can be folded like an accordion, but immediately bounces back into its proper shape.

"The ring will raise hell with your looks," the doctor told Kochan. "But I can operate on your nose, remove the bone and you can have it replaced just like new when your boxing days are over."

The operation, although painful, came off successfully and Kochan now is able to pile into an opponent without fear of emerging with a disfigured nose. When he hangs up his gloves, he'll be able to walk into a hospital and literally purchase a made-to-order bridge bone for his nose, just like Hollywood queens get the wrinkles ironed out of their come-hither faces through courtesy of the medical profession.

What will they think of next?

ARMY News Service, the GI news agency that services all overseas publications from its New York office, has polled Army paper sports editors on how the 1945 major league races will finish. The first two answers give some idea of how much we know—one gent picked the Senators to win the AL flag, while the other placed them in the cellar. Ours will occupy this space later this week, so sharpen your knives and get ready for the kill.



## Babe Takes Lead in Gals' Golf Duel



Betty Jameson

## Betty Jameson Lags After Opening Round

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—Babe Didrikson Zaharias, one of the greatest gal athletes of all-time, assumed a seven-stroke lead over Betty Jameson, former national women's golf champion, after 18 holes of their "battle of the century."

Another 18-hole round in their charity series will be staged here this afternoon. Then Babe and Betty will travel to San Antonio, Texas, for the final 36 holes, with the eventual winner claiming the national championship.

The Babe came home five strokes below par with 74, while Betty's game was erratic and she consumed 81 strokes covering the course. Babe's terrific drives thrilled the audience of 7,000 and her putting was near-perfect.

Although Babe's score left little to desire, she was disappointed after the match. "I shot a 67 a couple of weeks ago when I was warming up for this match and I won't be satisfied until I hit that figure again," the husky girl said.



Babe Didrikson Zaharias

## Minor League Results

Pacific Coast League  
Seattle 6-8, Los Angeles 3-3.  
Sacramento 6-5, Portland 1-1.  
Hollywood 8-4, Oakland 1-5.  
San Francisco 11-1, San Diego 1-2.

# Rhine Crossing Involved Use Of 4,600 Boats

Materials and equipment assembled for the spanning of the Rhine, described as the biggest river crossing operation ever undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers, included 4,600 boats and more than 100,000 tons of bridging materials, Maj. Gen. C. R. Moore, ETO Chief Engineer, revealed yesterday.

Naval personnel operating landing craft assisted the Army in making the historical crossing. Every type of boat was used, including plywood assault and storm boats, utility boats, treadway and pontoon bridge rafts, and Navy vehicle and personnel landing craft.

A total of 4,400 engineer boats were moved into the area for the operation. At present there are more than 75,000 engineers operating boats, ferries, constructing bridges and making approaches to the Rhine valley.

Also, approximately 1,400 Transportation Corps men are operating sea mules and ducks used for transporting supplies and building bridges.

# Joe Palooka Joins Stars and Stripes Parade of Comics

Joe Palooka and his pals make their debut in The Stars and Stripes today.

The two-fisted heavyweight and his pal, Jerry Leemy, have been adrift in a rubber boat somewhere in the Pacific. Their plane was forced down while they were en route to a Pacific atoll.

Meanwhile, Palooka's gal, the beautiful Ann Howe, an Army nurse stationed on the isle which was his destination, is shadow boxing the "wolfications" of debonair Capt. Ned Vine, a flier who has just landed on the romantic island.

Back along Broadway's Rialto, Joe's manager, Knobby Walsh, loudly proclaims his new ring find in 18-year-old Tommy Marlowe, a lightweight.

Young Marlowe, who showed his stuff in a couple of amateur bouts, is giving Knobby managerial headaches because he wants to study medicine in Philadelphia.

Deferred in the draft because three brothers are serving overseas and one was killed at Tarawa, Tommy wants to fulfill the wishes of his family and become a doctor.

Garrulous Knobby has him lined up for his pro debut at Newark and now anything can happen.

The fighters are in their corners. The house lights are down. There is the bell . . . let's go!

# Navy to Free Retired Officers

WASHINGTON, April 9 (ANS). Vice Adm. Randall Jacobs, Chief of Navy Personnel, said that the Navy officer personnel situation had improved to such an extent that by July 1, most of the retired officers now on active duty "may be considered as available for release."



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1215-Beaucoup Music	
1310-U.S. Sports	1915-Burns & Allen
1315-Kay Kyser	1945-Guess Who
1345-Swingtime	2001-Dinah Shore
1401-Downbeat	2030-Amer.AEF Band
1430-This is the Story	2105-Your War today
1510-Bandwagon	2115-Aldrich Family
1530-Combat Diary	2145-Music Shop
1545-On the Record	2206-Hit Parade
1630-Strike Up Band	2235-Pacific Music
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1725-Alan Young	2330-Great Music
1755-Mark Up Map	0015-Night Shift
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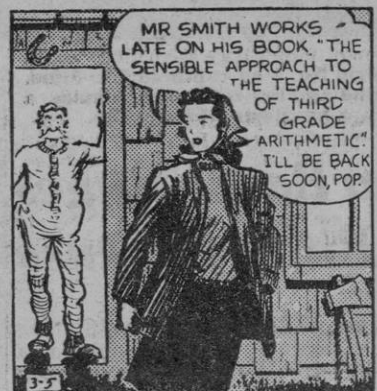
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## Captured Gold Believed Half Of Nazi Hoard

LONDON, April 9 (UP).—The German gold hoard of 100 tons found by Third Army troops in a salt mine at Merken is believed to be only about half of the Reich's bullion reserve.

It was pointed out here that at the outbreak of the war Germany's gold stock was about 20 tons. About 49 tons of gold fell into German hands when Vichy France was occupied, and 117 more tons were obtained by the Nazis from the Bank of Italy when Rome was evacuated.

Germany asserts that the rest of her gold reserve is still hidden and that the amount found by U.S. soldiers is only a fraction of the total, according to reports from Zurich.

### Diplomats to Take Up Disposal of Gold Hoard

WASHINGTON, April 9 (Reuter). Secretary of State Stettinius said today that the future of the German gold hoard captured by the Third Army would be discussed "on a diplomatic level" by Allied governments concerned.

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to 18 years. Credit is limited to three children.

Service credit will be based upon the total number of months of Army service since Sept. 16, 1940, the effective date of the Draft Act, and overseas credit upon the number of months served overseas.

Combat credit will be granted on the award of the following: Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart and bronze service stars (battle participation stars).

The mere possession of sufficient credits, however, will be no absolute guarantee that the soldier will be discharged. Certain types of personnel will not be declared surplus until Japan is defeated.

The Army, for instance, has said that service troops will be needed in the very first phases of redeployment to prepare bases in the Pacific. The Air Force has announced that many, perhaps most, of both its air crews and ground crews will be hurried to the Pacific after V-E Day.

### Quarantine . . .

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immunity so far. However, the worst danger spots are considered to be deep in the Reich and still to be encountered.

An UNRRA report from Washington yesterday, which warned that "typhus is an immediate and grave danger to Europe," said there were 5,000 cases in Germany as early as 1943.

Present cases in the Reich are lice-borne typhus, more serious than the flea-borne type.

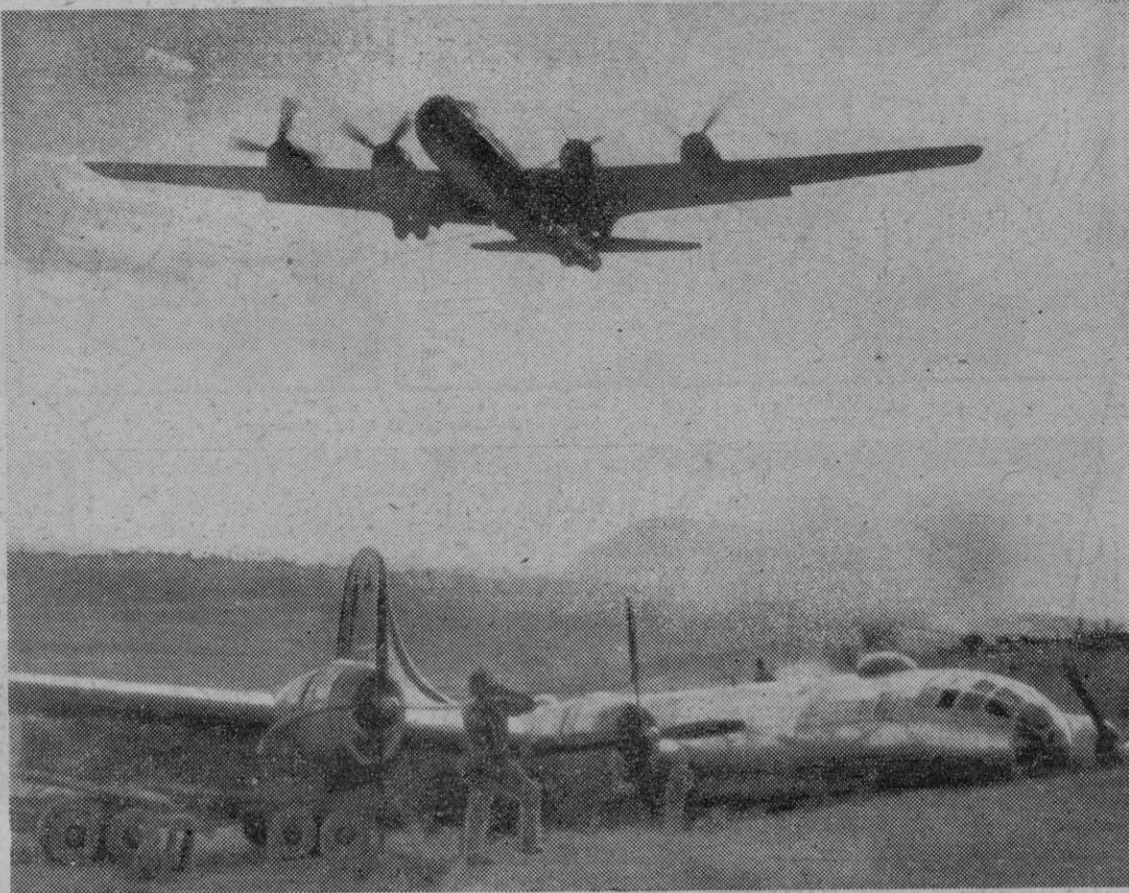
Cases discovered as the Army advances are being removed to German hospitals and cared for by German personnel, under American supervision. Vaccine is being furnished to all doctors, nurses and dusters treating the cases, and in some villages whole populations have been vaccinated.

Some of the danger spots already reported are: Cologne, Dusseldorf, Krefeld, Frankfurt, Bad Godesburg, Euskirchen, Aachen, Koenigswinter, Kaiserslautern, Trier, Frankenthal and Munchen-Gladbach and the surrounding area.

### 46 Yugoslav Generals Liberated by British

WITH UK TROOPS ON THE WESER, April 9 (UP).—British troops have released 46 Yugoslav generals—the entire general staff of the Yugoslav Army of 1941—on the fourth anniversary of their capture at Sarajevo

## Superfortresses Make Use of Iwo Jima Airfield



A B29 takes off from Motoyama Airstrip No. 1 on captured Iwo Jima, 750 miles from Tokyo. In the foreground another B29, with a damaged right outboard engine, rests in a revetment for repairs.

## Savage Okinawa Battle Rages As Japs Begin Bitter Defense

GUAM, April 9 (ANS).—Savage pillbox-to-pillbox fighting and round-the-clock artillery duels raged in southern Okinawa today as the Japanese began a bitter defense of the Ryukyu Island only 325 miles from their homeland.

Just north of Okinawa's capital city of Naha, on a line stretching almost directly east across the island, the Japanese began their defense from heavily fortified positions.

Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge's U.S. 24th Army Corps was held to gains of 200 to 400 yards.

The Japanese stand shows that the bulk of Okinawa's garrison, estimated at 60,000 troops, had been withdrawn into the southern section of the island.

In the north, where marines moved ahead 3,000 yards on both coasts of the Motobu Peninsula, opposition was negligible, Adm. Chester Nimitz' communique reported.

A Tokyo broadcast asserted that a large American aircraft carrier and three cruisers were sunk off Okinawa Friday and Saturday in the air-sea battle in which American carrier-based planes destroyed the super-battleship Yamato and five other Japanese warships.

### U.S. Units Closing Trap On Japs' Luzon Forces

MANILA, April 9 (ANS).—Two units of the U.S. Sixth Army's 14th Corps have driven to within five miles of a junction that would encircle the main Japanese force on southern Luzon, Gen. MacArthur announced today. The units have cut the enemy's last escape roads to the east.

The First Cavalry Div., in a 17-mile advance toward Tayabas Bay, captured the towns of Tayabas and Lucban. Meanwhile, the 11th Airborne Div. was moving east to close the trap around the remaining enemy forces which had been driven south from Manila along Laguna Bay.

Meanwhile, the 158th Regt. Combat Team on the southeast tip of Luzon executed a shore-to-shore amphibious operation, landing at Bacon. Seaborne troops pushed across a narrow neck of land from Bacon, reaching Sorsogon Bay, in an operation described as a reconnaissance in force.

MacArthur announced that Japanese casualties in the Philippines campaign now total 314,854.

## Sea Strength Of Japs Wanes

WASHINGTON, April 9 (UP).—Exact strength of the Japanese Navy in unknown, but naval experts here believe that Saturday's loss of the battleship Yamato left Japan with only 12 battleships, two wholly obsolete.

The American victory on Saturday also cost the Japs two light cruisers and three destroyers.

Best estimates indicate the Japanese may have had as many as 19 battleships and 20 aircraft carriers. Enemy losses announced here include seven battleships, 14 carriers, 78 cruisers and 238 destroyers.

Most puzzling aspect of Japanese naval strength is their number of cruisers. Although they have lost 78, it is known they still have enough to serve with "a not so powerful task force."

## French Seek OK Of Meat Shipment

The French government disclosed yesterday that its representatives in Washington had filed a petition with the War Food Administration in the capital for permission to arrange for the purchase and shipment of large quantities of Argentine beef and mutton to ease the food shortage in France's large cities.

French officials, emphasizing the shipping problem involved in the request, said a 5,000-ton "liberation gift" made by Argentina to France last September cannot be delivered because of lack of shipping space.

### Nazi 'Dynamite King' Dead

WITH U.S. FORCES IN GERMANY, April 9 (AP).—Dr. Paul Frederick Muller, 69, known as Germany's "Dynamite King," died April 4 at his home in Wurgen-dorf following a heart attack.

## 1,250 Heavies Blast Airfields Near Munich

Heavy bombers of the Eighth AF once more struck at the source of Germany's remaining air power when more than 1,250 Fortresses and Liberators, protected by approximately 750 fighters, yesterday hammered ten airfields in the vicinity of Munich.

The airfields are believed to be jet-plane bases. The heavies also attacked an oil depot and explosive stores.

It was the third day in a row that the Eighth dispatched more than 1,000 bombers and the second straight day that the planes met clear weather.

RAF Lancasters, some carrying 11-ton bombs, attacked U-boat pens and an oil storage plant in Hamburg.

Flying more than 1,000 sorties, First TAC pilots hit targets in Stein, ten miles north of Heilbronn, and struck marshalling yards at Bamberg. They also blasted supply and ammo dumps in Heilbronn.

Nine enemy planes were destroyed in the air, and on the ground.

Incomplete reports from the Ninth AF disclosed that 958 sorties were flown in attacks on seven German airfields in Hanover, Magdeburg, Kolleba and Weimar. Ninth AF fliers reported 51 German planes destroyed on the ground, 34 damaged and two shot down.

Complete reports of First TAC assaults on eight German airdromes in the Wurzburg-Nuremberg region Sunday brought the total of enemy planes destroyed on the ground to 72. At least 77 Nazi planes were damaged.

## Finn Cabinet Submits Resignation to President

Finnish Premier J. K. Paasikivi yesterday handed the cabinet's resignation to Field Marshal Carl Mannerheim, Finnish president, the Associated Press reported. Mannerheim asked the cabinet to remain in office until a new one could be formed.

The AP said that the resignation was expected following the recent elections. The United Press said that Paasikivi is expected to form a new cabinet.

### New Giant British Bomber

LONDON, April 9.—The Daily Mail reported today that a new giant British bomber was being built for RAF attacks on Japan.

## 80,000 Nazis Trapped; North Germany Afire

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scorched-earth policy, preparatory to wholesale evacuation of wide areas of the central German plain.

Reuter's correspondent with Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st Army Group said movement of enemy convoys north and northeast of the burning cities strengthened the belief at group headquarters that the German High Command is merging its western and eastern armies into a single fighting force for the war's last battles.

As "scorched-earth" speculation mounted, Supreme Headquarters reported that some fires had been started by air attacks and indicated there were as yet no confirming reports that the Nazis were applying the torch to their cities and towns.

Despite Nazi withdrawals from the northern plain, resistance appeared to be stiffening in the Bremen area. At the opposite end of the Allied front, it also had hardened. German military commentators claimed a cohesive German front was at last being established in some portions of the U.S. Seventh and Third Army sectors, guarding the approaches to Leipzig and the Czechoslovakian border.

There were no indications anywhere where Allied troops were in contact with the enemy that the Germans intended abandoning anything.

Supreme Headquarters reports placed Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's British armor five miles south of Bremen. Front reports claimed identification of an SS Viking Div. somewhere in the Bremen area.

Dempsey's Seventh Armd. Div. took Bassum, 15 miles south of the port city, and widened its salient toward the Weser River.

### Two Bridges Seized Intact

The British 11th Armd. Div., moving on the right flank of the Seventh, shot a spearhead 18 miles from the Weser and reached the Leine River, next watercourse to the east, where tankmen seized two bridges intact.

British airborne troops, meanwhile, were apparently by-passing Hanover from the north, while armor of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army cut a swath southeast of the city.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army drove a firm bridgehead over the Leine River after breaking out of the Weser River bridgehead to reach Gottingen, 22 miles northeast of Kassel.

Supreme Headquarters announced, meanwhile, the Ruhr Pocket has been re-named by First Army as the Rose pocket, in memory of Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose who died commanding his Third Armd. Div. last week.

With the capture of 19,056 prisoners yesterday, of which 13,791 were wounded, First Army's prisoner total for the last 15 days reached 108,914, while its grand total since D-Day was 405,703.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army pushed eastward for short gains along its 23-mile front in the Gotha-Meiningen sector.

It was in this general sector that the Germans claimed they had temporarily stabilized the front. Patton's men took 10,887 prisoners yesterday, of whom 5,200 were in hospitals.

Forces of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army gained up to 15 miles yesterday as Germans threw in additional tanks and SP guns to hold the American advance toward Nuremberg.

## Knudsen Will Be Chief Of All Army Production

DAYTON, Ohio, April 9 (ANS).—The Air Technical Service Command at Wright Field announced yesterday that Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen would retire May 1 as director of ATSC to become chief of all Army production. Knudsen will serve in the Under Secretary of War's office in Washington. Bennett E. Meyers, Knudsen's deputy, will succeed him.