

The Weather Today
PARIS & VICINITY
Partly cloudy, max. temp.: 87
STRAITS OF DOVER
Cloudy, max. temp.: 72

The Weather Today
RIVIERA
Clear, max. temp.: 92
GERMANY
Partly cloudy, max. temp.: 82

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600 B29s Fire 5 Jap Cities

Big Three Continue Meetings

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
POTSDAM, July 19.—The Big Three are now meeting regularly, an announcement from the conference compound said today. No indication was given of how often the meetings are being held, although the Big Three foreign secretaries—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov—are holding regular meetings at 11 AM daily to map the agenda for subsequent sessions of the chiefs of state.

Chairmanship to Rotate
The first of the meetings by the foreign secretaries was held on Monday, with Byrnes presiding. It was agreed that the chairmanship of these "planning" meetings should be rotated but the exact scheme of rotations was not divulged.

Tonight the first "official" dinner of the conference will be given by President Truman at the temporary White House. In addition to Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin five representatives from each of the three nations will be guests of the President. (A Reuter dispatch from Berlin said that "very great interest" was being attached to the dinner as the presence of five representatives from each government indicated that several military experts, of whom little has been heard since the beginning of the discussions, would join in the talks with the chiefs of states and their foreign secretaries.)

Bradley Is Called
Announcement of the dinner was made by Presidential press secretary Charles Ross, who also revealed that Gen. Omar N. Bradley, scheduled to return to the U.S. within a month to take over as Veterans' Administrator, had been called to the conference compound. He will arrive Friday to discuss his new job with Mr. Truman.

Munitions Output Drastically Cut

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—Munitions production from V-E Day until December will drop from a scheduled rate of \$60,000,000,000 a year to a \$40,000,000,000 rate, the Senate War Investigating Committee was told today.

J. J. Small, acting chairman of the War Production Board, testified that more than \$14,000,000,000 of the cut will be caused by complete or partial cancellations of contracts. These cancellations resulted largely from changes in war material needs for a one-front war.

Munitions changes, he explained, include complete elimination of some weapons such as medium tanks and heavy increases in other arms including a 700 percent boost in rocket production.

Rubber to Pour into U.S. From Pacific About Jan. 1

WASHINGTON, July 19 (UP).—Fresh rubber supplies will be pouring into the U.S. from liberated areas of the Pacific at an annual rate of 75,000 tons beginning about Jan. 1, according to John Collyer, director of the war rubber program.

Collyer disclosed that between 2,000 and 3,000 tons of natural rubber have been received from the liberated Philippines and from Jap-cleared areas of Burma.

'GI Amnesia Victim' Recalls—With FBI Aid—He's Nazi Spy

NEW YORK, July 19 (AP).—The mystery of "Pvt. William Walker," self-styled New York doughboy who met U.S. officers entering Berlin and told them he had fought his way into the German capital with the Red Army while a victim of amnesia, has been cleared up by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Walker" was identified as Karl Wacker, 20-year-old German spy, by FBI agents who arrested him at Camp Upton, N.Y., where—as a "battle-shocked veteran"—he had been a hospital patient since June 19. According to E. E. Conroy, agent in charge of the FBI New York office, Wacker admitted that he had been recruited into the Nazi espionage service after being repatriated from the U.S. with his family in 1944. He denied, however, that he used the loss-of-memory ruse to get back to America for spy work.



Told of Great Deeds
While posing as Walker, Wacker told Army officers he had served with U.S. forces for two years, had landed in Normandy and had been captured by Germans who made him run a gauntlet of Nazi guards armed with clubs. Military authorities sent him to France for observation as an amnesia victim and while in Paris, Wacker went to the office of The Stars and Stripes and told a great tale of fighting prowess while helping the Russians take Berlin.

He is now at Ellis Island waiting a decision by the Attorney General whether criminal action will be taken against him.

In Boston, meanwhile, Federal agents have arrested Enrico di Nimo, 22-year-old former lieutenant in the Italian Air Force, who had

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\$80,000 Worth of Map Paper Stolen From Army in Paris

By Robert J. Donovan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
Forty tons of unused Army map paper, valued at \$80,000, were stolen from the warehouse of the Engineer Intelligence Division, 120 Rue Lauriston, near Com Z Headquarters, during May and allegedly sold to a French printer for 4,000,000 francs (\$80,000), records at the Seine Base Section Provost Marshal's office disclosed yesterday.

Thirty tons of the paper have been recovered. Before they could be traced 10 tons were used in a printing job.

Col. C. W. Buhmaster, Seine Base Section Provost Marshal, said no American soldier was implicated in the theft. Records in his office revealed that French police have arrested Jacques Zabanny, a Pole employed by the Engineer Intelligence Division as a foreman in the warehouse, on a charge of stealing the paper, and Raymond Schall, a printer, of 23 Rue Caulaincourt.

Charge Not Revealed
Army records do not show what Schall has been charged, but they do contain statements by him saying he bought paper from Zabanny for use in printing two books, "Victoires Françaises en Italie" ("French Victories in Italy") and "A Paris sous la Botte des Nazis" ("Paris under the Boot of the Nazis"). The latter is a picture book now on sale on Paris newsstands.

Schall said in his signed statement

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Repple Depple Beating Charges Probed

LONDON, July 19 (UP).—Allegations of beatings of American soldiers confined in the guardhouse of the 10th Reinforcement Depot near Birmingham, England, are being investigated by the Inspector General's office, a U.S. Army spokesman said today.

The investigations were begun ten days ago following newspaper reports in which a former prisoner charged that he had been beaten by guards.

This morning another former prisoner said that he and others were beaten at the same depot by guards including officers and non-coms, who, he alleged, used clubs and were acting on the orders of the post's commanding officer.

At present evidence is being taken by officers of the Inspector General's office from men who were at the camp at the time of the

Navy Planes Raid Foe's Fleet Units

GUAM, July 20 (Friday) (AP).—More than 600 Superfortresses—the biggest fleet of the huge bombers ever put into the air—raided five Japanese cities on the central island of Honshu early today with nearly 4,000 tons of fire bombs. The assault by the huge air armada came before the smoke had cleared from yesterday's American carrier plane attack on remnants of the Japanese navy found hiding in Tokio Bay.

U.S. Attacks Wake Island, Japs Report

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19 (Reuter).—A U.S. naval task force was reported by the Japanese news agency today to have gone into action against Wake Island, the last bit of American soil held by the enemy.

Carrier planes attacked the tiny island in waves from early morning until afternoon, according to a Tokyo broadcast heard here. (There was no immediate word from official American sources.)

Taken by Japs in 1941
Wake Island was taken by the Japanese on Christmas Eve, 1941, after a heroic but hopeless 14-day stand by its Marine garrison whose commander, when asked what help he needed in his plight, replied: "Send us more Japs."

The little island, a pre-war landing place for trans-Pacific planes, is about 2,000 miles west of Honolulu and 1,290 miles east of Guam.

Seventh Fleet Attacks Japs in Balikpapan Bay

MANILA, July 19 (ANS).—Units of the U.S. Seventh Fleet returned to the battle of eastern Borneo today, bombarding Japanese shore positions deep in Balikpapan Bay, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced.

Three troublesome Japanese gun positions and four barges were destroyed in the shelling which aided in operations strengthening Allied control of the strategic bay area.

Meanwhile, Australian troops, across the bay west of Balikpapan, pushed seven miles inland along the Riko River clearing territory from which the enemy might harass operations in the bay. Patrols found the retreating Japanese were abandoning supplies.

Ground troops on western Borneo penetrated 30 miles inland to capture the river port of Marudi without opposition, MacArthur added.

Tokyo radio reported that Allied parachutists were landing in the Balikpapan area.

Black Market Meals Costly

An ambassador, two judges and 2,000 financiers were among the 6,000 persons fined for dining in Paris black market restaurants since Jan. 1, Reuter reported yesterday.

Remnants of Jap Fleet Attacked by Navy Planes

GUAM, July 19.—American carrier planes have caught remnants of the Japanese fleet covering in the Yokosuka naval base on Tokyo Bay and attacked with bombs and torpedoes, Adm. Nimitz disclosed today.

And warships of Adm. William F. Halsey's big American-British fleet poured hundreds of tons of shells into the defenses guarding the entrance to the bay.

Steaming to within 50 miles of Tokyo itself, a formidable flotilla of cruisers and destroyers launched a bombardment of Nojima Cape at 11PM yesterday and kept it up until early this morning. No opposition to this attack was reported.

Three Miles From Shore

The bombardment force included the cruisers Topeka, Oklahoma City, Atlanta and Dayton and the destroyers Aul and Weeks. The force had to sail probably as close as three or four miles to the coast for the guns to reach the target area.

Nojima Cape, the area attacked by the six and five-inch cruiser and destroyer guns, is at the tip of Boso Peninsula along the shore of the eight-mile-wide Uraga strait which forms the entrance to Tokio Bay. Yokosuka, one of Japan's largest naval bases, lies 20 miles to the northwest.

The U.S. carrier planes which blitzed the warships at the base met no fighter opposition but encountered accurate and intense anti-aircraft fire. The official description of the flak appeared to indicate a sizable collection of Japanese warships. The Japanese fleet had been in hiding since beaten off in the Philippines last October.

No Report of Damage

Nimitz said that "no report of damage to the targets is yet available because of poor visibility." But there was no indication that Halsey had abandoned his attack and with no plane or warship opposition his fleet presumably can stand off Tokyo for some time yet to finish off the Japanese fleet.

The Japanese High Command was represented by Tokio radio as assuring the Japanese that the air and sea attacks were "not worth meeting" and as being "determined not to act no matter how great the enemy provocation."

The radio also told the homeland about a big rally in Tokyo held by a "Society for Bombing America" at which it said the hall was "packed to capacity by an enthusiastic crowd."

An Editorial

Army Discipline

THE AMERICAN ARMY is made up of reasonable and intelligent men. It is a civilian and not a professional army and its ranks are filled with men drawn from all walks of life who bring with them their civilian talents, their civilian likes and dislikes, their civilian outlook.

Under the leadership of skilled professional soldiers, these Americans have been welded together into a powerful military machine. In the process, certain personal prerogatives have been sacrificed in the interest of joint action and teamwork. Certain military courtesies and conventions quite unlike the conventions of civil life have been imposed to create a smooth, efficient organization.

The ultimate aim of all military training and military discipline is the accomplishment of the military mission. The civilian soldier accepts these things as necessary. Ours is a well disciplined army and this fact is a source of pride to privates as well as generals.

In training, the American soldier accepts the hardships and discomfort as a necessary part of the toughening process. He understands the need for rigorous training and he knows that a grueling schedule of drill and a spartan life in the field may subsequently save him when he is up against the real thing. In battle he is hard and resolute, he fights with bravery and know-how. He is a good soldier.

But because he is a civilian at heart, and because he is both reasonable and intelligent, he is quick to detect the difference between necessary discipline and between discipline that is imposed out of whimsical or quixotic considerations.

THE citizen-soldier has an expression which he applies to the latter type of discipline. He calls it "chicken," an expressive vulgarity which has come to be accepted in the military service as covering needlessly imposed hardships, unnecessary drill, ill-considered manifestations of authority, promises made and not kept, failure to reward adequately faithful and exemplary service.

The professional army, on whom fell the burden of America's defense program between World War I and II, and on whom will fall the responsibility for an adequate defense program in the years ahead, will do well to note this connotation in our military life.

The reasonable, intelligent employment of command authority over our citizen army in wartime will assure full public respect and support when these men return to civil status. On the other hand, an over-abundance of chicken, of bad handling during the trying months of redeployment and discharge, will turn men out embittered and hostile to all things military.

BECAUSE news travels fast and because men are circulating more than ever between various areas of the theater, uniform interpretation of regulations and instructions might well be considered. A man accustomed to going without a necktie in Frankfurt may well feel outraged when dressed down for being tieless on a hot day in London.

The exchange of salutes is a military courtesy welcomed by both officers and men, but when carried to extremes and made the subject of a "crusade," offends the basic dignity of the citizen-soldier.

As an example—the good people of Paris were treated to the spectacle a couple of months ago of tens of thousands of American officers and men vigorously saluting each other up and down the Champs-Élysées. A crusade was afoot, and certain officers made themselves ridiculous by stalking unwary victims—often coming up on them from their blind side—and berating them for failure to salute.

Officers were issued mimeographed slips with which to turn in offenders, and senior officers were issued slips on which to report junior officers who failed to report enlisted men who failed to salute. It was this later refinement which finally caused the crusade to collapse of its own weight.

NO good soldier has any quarrel with responsible authority. The army's record in this war—and especially the record of the professional army—has been magnificent. Men are carrying back with them pride in the service and pride in their leaders.

But there are indications that in some areas, the post-combat tightening up of discipline is going beyond the point of reasonableness. Responsible officers, in the months ahead, will do well to weigh these values.

Men should be returned to civil life proud of the job accomplished and respectful of the military way in which it has been handled.

Paris Pinups

By Fischetti



"Thees gom you always chew—she come under lend-lease?"



Nomination for Hitler's SS

In reference to the B-Bag letters entitled "Guardhouse Brutality," I would like to add this because I also was in the 10th Replacement Depot guardhouse.

I was not beaten, but I have seen the brutal treatment given our own American prisoners. In December, in freezing temperature, they ran us into supposedly hot showers and then turned on the ice cold water. I saw guards beat and lash fellows with naked bodies in a latrine which was so cold that the toilet seats had a layer of ice on them. Blood could be seen on the walls of the latrine at any time. At all times there were more than one guard applying the torture. I have also seen soldiers walk humped over for more than a week at a time after being punched in the kidneys with a club. This may sound crazy to anyone who hasn't been there, but they made some fellows try to dig a hole with their teeth.

The guards—often drunk—said they had been given this authority by their CO.

Since I know nothing will ever come of this except the possibility of a few transfers of the officers, I suggest that these men handle the German SS Troops instead of ruining the outlook on life for our own GIs.—Pfc. Inf.

(Editor's note: This and a number of similar letters have been turned over to the Inspector General. See story of IG investigation on Page 1.)

Home Front 'Deserters'

Is it not just to execute deserters from combat duty on an active front? Would it not be equally just to execute a deserter from a less hazardous front?

Does not industry 'claim' to be fighting on the "home front"? Would I be considered soft if I suggested that these deserters (from production) be given a chance to clear their names in combat?—Pfc P. S. Cooper, 971 Engr. Maint. Co.

General of the Month

Hurrah for Gen. Gerow, and his no KP orders. Should be more guys like him, and sweating out wouldn't be so bad.—"Dishpan Hands," 442 T.C. Gp.

Shades of Hitler?

Hitler was right! Only might makes right; and the equality of men in their exercise of the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is just some more of the fantastic propaganda of the decadent democracies. At least that is what one would be led to believe after reading EM 270—"American Political and Social History," distributed by order of the Secretary of War, as material for the educational program for troops in the ETO.

The following paragraph is quoted from page 97: "Viewed from the

high point of 20th century historical and ethnological research, the Declaration of Independence is not wholly convincing. Only in a limited sense, if at all, have men ever been created equal, nor are they endowed with any rights except those they can obtain or hold, nor were governments, in spite of certain American precedents, originated to secure the 'unalienable rights.'"

Some competent authority should be on guard to see that such unadulterated pragmatic totalitarian propaganda as the example given above will not be infiltrated into the educational programs now being inaugurated for the American troops.—Cpl. Philip H. Des Marais, 426 F.A. Gp.

One-eyed Vehicles

The hazards presented by "one-eye" drivers are apparent... at least as serious as exceeding 20 m.p.h. in Paris. I say fine any organizational maintenance officer who permits a vehicle to be driven after sundown without both headlights in good working order.—Capt. Richard W. Swenson, USFET.

Doesn't Like Our Language

In your reply to the letter entitled "Wants Guardhouse Points" you stated, "Point credit is given for service in the Army. You are not serving anyone except the enemy while you are in the guardhouse."

In my opinion, anyone serving the enemy is a traitor—regardless of his status as a soldier or civilian. Therefore you indirectly implied that those of us who have served time in the guardhouse are traitors. I think that subtracting points was bad enough. I think apologies are in order. I am one of those unfortunate "traitors." By the way, I fought for America, too—but not with a pencil.—A (Traitor) Soldier.

Read in the B-Bag about a certain Pfc wanting points for the time he spent in the guardhouse. I've heard a lot of good ones, but his takes the cake. What the hell does he want, egg in his beer?—Pfc.

Legion Gets a Plug

Instead of every World War II vet and his pal initiating a post-war vet outfit, why not join an established organization like the American Legion? In this manner World War II vets could solve the problem of quick and efficient unification. For those GIs who fear domination by the World War I vets, let me point out that majority dictates the policy of the Legion; that World War I-vets are generally in whole-hearted agreement with the hopes and aspirations of World War II men. A multitude of vet organizations, each trying to gain or initiate their own objectives, will only tend to defeat our common goal of happiness and prosperity.—Pfc Bill Fromer, 29 M.R.U.

The American Scene:

Country Seeks to Help Injured Vets Drive Again

By Philip H. Bucknell
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, July 19.—One of the first questions asked by returning veterans who have been disabled by amputations of arms or legs is: "Will I be able to drive my car?" The Army, automobile manufacturers and the American Automobile Association are working to make the answer "Yes."

The association has helped to shape driving instruction courses for disabled vets and cars are being planned which will have control mechanisms built into the steering wheel (Ford has already produced a model costing no more than the normal one. The Eastern states have agreed on a uniform licensing procedure which requires veterans to pass a special driving course in a veterans' hospital. When the course is completed they are examined by officers of the state where the hospital is located. If the veteran passes the examination, the state issues him a certificate addressed to his home state which accepts it without any further formalities.

L. S. Harriss, executive director of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, says: "I think as a group they will make the safer drivers than many of our normal drivers. They realize their disabilities and will drive carefully."

A COMPARISON between the last war doughboy and this war's GI shows the present crop of soldier is taller and slimmer and has larger feet and head, according to a report issued by the QM Corps. Tables for more than 6,000,000 inductees show the predominating shoe sizes to be 9E and 8 1/2D as against a shoe size of 8E and 8D in the last war. Trousers leg length has grown from 32 to 33 inches but the chest measurements have dropped from 37 to 36 inches and collar sizes average 14 to 14 1/2, which is a size smaller than the 1918 issue. Eighty percent of the hats handed out are over 7 1/8.

Met Protests Cheesecake on Newest Find

PHILADELPHIA police said today that unlicensed taxis, operating between Ft. Dix and Philadelphia, were charging servicemen an \$8 fare each and packing in seven or eight on each trip for a 35-mile run which costs about a \$1 to \$1.25 by train or bus.

NEW YORK'S Metropolitan Opera Company, instead of gloating that they had a new singer who could and did pose for cheesecake in bathing attire, raised their collective eyebrows and protested. The curvaceous Patrice Munsel, coloratura soprano, had her picture taken before her Hollywood Bowl debut and newspaper editors splashed Patrice all over the country. But the cultured voices of the Met burned up the transcendental wires with reproof.

If you are still with us on those serial stories of what to do with material that is no longer essential to the war effort, we will pass to barrage balloons. The Reconstruction Finance Corp. has 334 of them on its hands and will dispose of them at prices from \$50 to \$721. They are guaranteed to rise 6,500 feet but if you don't want to go that high RFC suggests you might care to use them for temporary shelter during the housing shortage.

THE United Service Book Contest, open to all past and present members of the armed forces of any United Nations, has been announced by three companies jointly sponsoring the literary event—Thomas Y. Crowell, American book publishers; George G. Harrap, British book publishers, and the Columbia Pictures Corp. The prize is \$6,000 plus the usual book royalties on American and British editions and film rights which could total \$60,000. All that is required is a book-length manuscript on any subject either fiction or non-fiction to be received either by Harrap's in London or Crowell at 432 Fourth Avenue, N.Y., on or before June 30, 1946.

Spiral-Shaped Building Planned for Art Museum

AS part of the new world, architect Frank Lloyd Wright has planned a \$1,000,000 spiral-shaped building to house the Solomon R. Guggenheim museum of non-objective painting. It will be the only one in the world and its site will be on Fifth Avenue.

Pictures will be displayed along a three-quarter-mile ramp rising in ever wider circles to a height of ten stories, with the top projecting 24 feet out over the avenue. Surmounting the building will be a great glass dome on which motion pictures can be projected from the floor so that visitors can look at them from reclining chairs.

In case you don't know, non-objective paintings are pictures that express ideas or emotions without looking like any particular object.

In this palace of high art not only will galleries be air-conditioned but customers will be, too. A device in the entrance, operating like a vacuum cleaner, will remove dust from their clothing before they enter the portals.

IT was open season for pleas to reduce tax assessments in Miami. Last week there were 34 dissenters, giving all kinds of reasons for wanting reductions, such as termites, smoke from the Everglades, and a runaway husband. All pleas were turned down.



Paris Area
MOVIES TODAY
MARGNAN—"Valley of Decision," with Greer Garson and Gregory Peck. Metro Marbeur.
ENSA-PARIS—"A Royal Scandal," with Tallulah Bankhead and William Eythe. Metro Marbeur.
OLYMPIA—Same as Margnan. Midnite show only 11.30. Metro Madeleine.
VERSAILLES CYRANO—"Bowery to Broadway," with Donald O'Connor and Jack Oakie.

SIAGE SHOWS
MADELEINE—"Section Eight," GI variety show. Metro Madeleine.
EMPIRE—"A Gay Promenade," French variety show. Metro Etoile.
OLYMPIA—"Take a Break," French variety show. Metro Madeleine.
ENSA-MARIGNY—"Saint Joan," with Lewis Casson. Ann Casson. Metro Clémenceau.

MISCELLANEOUS
COLISEUM NIGHT CLUB, 65 Rue Rochecouart—EM only. 1 civilian guest. Metro Anvers.
L'ARMORIAL NIGHT CLUB, 14 Rue Magellan—Officers only. 1 civilian guest. Metro George V.
SALLE WAGRAM—Dance. 317th ASP band. 2000 hours.

Nancy
EMPIRE—"The Great John L.," with Linda Darnell and Gregory McClure.
CAMEO—"Keys of the Kingdom," with Gregory Peck and Thomas Mitchell.

Mets
SCALA—"Thin Man Goes Home," with William Powell and Myrna Loy.

Dijon
DARCY—"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," with Dorothy McGuire and Joan Blondell.

Toul
PATHE—"Murder My Sweet," with Dick Powell and Ann Shirley.

Château-Thierry
CINEMA—"Ministry of Fear," with Rex Milland and Marjorie Reynolds. (Matinee only, 1430 hours.)

Soissons
CASINO—"Conflict," with Humphrey Bogart and Alexis Smith, 1430, 2100 hours. "Oo-La-La," French variety show, 1930 hours.
CASINO ARC CLUB—Opens 0930 daily.

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House Approves a Liberalized GI Bill of Rights

Loans, Education Provisions Widened in Unexpected Step

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—A revised GI Bill of Rights designed to liberalize the loan and education provisions of the original bill and make it easier to administer was approved by the House yesterday by a unanimous voice vote despite the fact it was thrust upon the membership rather suddenly.

The measure, which still must have Senate approval, was not scheduled to come before the House until after the summer recess ending in October but Chairman John Rankin (D-Miss.) of the Veterans Committee called it up.

Some Major Revisions

It makes only minor changes in the hospitalization, employment, unemployment compensation and administrative titles of the original bill enacted last year but major revisions are made in the education and loan sections. These are:

EDUCATION: 1—Extends from two to four years after discharge the time in which a study course may be started.

2—Extends from seven to nine years after the war the time in which education or training may be given at government cost.

3—Provides for short intensive post-graduate or vocational courses of less than 30 weeks.

4—Permits the government to finance correspondence courses.

5—Increases from \$50 to \$60 the monthly educational subsistence allowance of a veteran without dependents and from \$75 to \$85 the allowance for a veteran with dependents.

Loan Period Extended

Loans:— 1—Extends from two to six years after discharge or the end of the war the time in which a veteran may apply for a government-guaranteed loan.

2—Permits a qualified veteran to negotiate with any established lending agency or any agency or individual approved by the Veterans Administrator. For a loan for the purchase of a home, farm or business in any amount.

3—Retains the existing limitation of 50 percent of the principal or \$2,000 whichever is less, on the amount of a loan the government will guarantee.

4—Prohibits the negotiation of loans until 30 days after a veteran's discharge.

5—Provides that a loan application need be approved only by the lender instead of by the Veterans Administration and that the reasonable value of the property involved in a loan shall be determined by the lender.

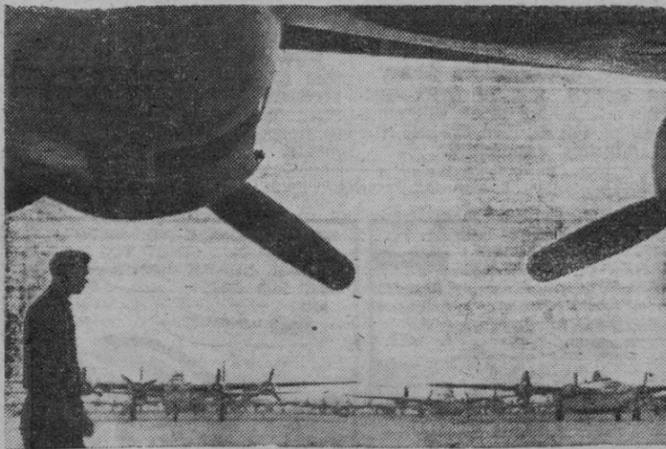
Over-all purpose of the revisions, Rankin said, is to overcome complaints that have grown out of administration of the original law and to facilitate the return to civilian life of discharged veterans.

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass.) demanded that the House act on her bill to increase benefits to disabled veterans and warned that she would object to a recess resolution unless it agreed. Rankin promised that his Veterans Committee would consider the measure immediately and indicated he would try to get House consideration before the recess.

House Votes for Recess

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—The House yesterday adopted a resolution calling for a summer recess starting Saturday and continuing until Oct. 8. The Senate must approve the resolution to permit the House to recess while the upper chamber is still in session.

War Birds Get Pickled at Willow Run



Henry Ford is operating a pickling works at his Willow Run plant in Detroit. Two-thousand employees are "pickling" veteran heavy bombers for storage against possible future use at the factory where only a few months ago 43,000 workers were turning out new planes.

Downey Hits Army Figures On Physicians

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—Sen. Sheridan Downey (D-Cal.) asserted today that while the Army may have released 900 medical officers since Jan. 1, 1945, as it recently announced, it has taken in 1,500 others in that time.

"Thus there are more medical officers on duty now in the Army than were present in January, 1945, despite the defeat of Germany," Downey asserted.

Downey, chairman of a Military Affairs subcommittee investigating use of Army's medical personnel, said in a statement that he had been informed the released officers fall into five categories:

One, officers incapacitated for any real work; two, those dismissed after court-martial; three, officers permitted to resign in lieu of being reclassified; four, officers released for personal hardships in many instances so severe as to prevent the individual from doing much work in private practice; and five, 50 to 100 individuals released, so they can minister to civilians.

Truman Extends GI Life Insurance

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—President Truman has signed a bill which extends for an additional period of three years' coverage under the five-year level premium term National Service Life Insurance policies.

The extension applies to policies issued on or before Dec. 31, 1945, which have not been exchanged to a plan other than a five-year term prior that date. No change is required in the amount of class N allotments or of direct cash premium remittances under existing term insurance contracts.

Insurance extended includes all existing rights and benefits for the extended period such as the premium waiver provisions and the right to convert to permanent plans.

PAA Radio Officers Strike for One Hour

MIAMI, July 19 (AP).—Radio flight officers of Pan American Airways' Latin American division ended a strike for wage increases after one hour and agreed to let the National Mediation Board settle the dispute, it was announced today.

Approximately 174 radio flight officers were involved in the dispute with the Pan American Airways over contract provisions, including wage raises and overtime. The strike affected only the Latin American division.

No flights were affected by the strike.

Alabama Belle With Southern Charms



Mary Anderson is a native of Alabama but she turned down roles as a sweet, simple southern gal when she landed a Hollywood contract. She got her chance at dramatic roles in "Lifeboat" and "Wilson." The southern accent is nearly gone, but the charm remains.

Zeroes Bewilder the Senate; Just How Many in a Billion?

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—The Senate today was faced with two questions brought up during debate on the Bretton Woods monetary proposals. One it answered by a rollcall; the other was a bit tougher.

The first issue was a proposal by Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) to hold off final action on Bretton Woods until Nov. 15 after an international economic conference could delve into world money problems. This was beaten, 52 to 31, thus moving the Senate closer to a vote on whether the U.S. should invest \$6,000,000,000 in the plan to stabilize the world's currencies.

Question No. 2 was posed by Sen. Chapman Revercomb (R-W. Va.): How big is a billion.

Revercomb said he thought this was a pretty good time to bring the matter up since Bretton Woods talk was all in such high figures.

Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) the quizzee, scratched his head and didn't answer, so Revercomb went on: "The New International Dictionary says a billion in U.S. usage is a thousand million. In English and German usage it is a million million."

This, he interpreted, means a British and German billion is a thousand times ours so which one is the Bretton Woods bill using?

Wagner looked at the ceiling. Finally came his topper: "The quotas in the bill are in millions."

That satisfied everybody but Sen. Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) who went up one flight. He estimated the world's debts at this stage already total a trillion dollars, including a half trillion in the U.S.

Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) had the last word. He said he bet practically nobody in the country knows what the Bretton Woods bank and fund are all about and that includes Senators. Nobody challenged that.

26 Black Eyes in 3 Yrs. Win Woman Divorce

CHICAGO, July 19 (ANS).—Mrs. Edna Vegelahn told the Circuit Court today that in the three years she has been married her husband Otto has given her 26 black eyes.

During the first year they were married, Mrs. Vegelahn, 22, told the court her 36-year-old mechanic-husband gave her two black eyes. Since July 19, 1943, she said, she had been getting one black eye a month. She got the divorce.

Gobs Overseas 2 Years to Get 30 Days' Leave

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—The Navy Department today authorized 30 days' leave in the U.S. to officers and men who have not been in the States for two years.

Granting of the leave, the order said, depends upon the needs of the individual ship or station. It stipulated that the number of personnel absent on leave at any one time shall not exceed five percent of the total.

Travel time will be allowed in addition to the 30 days' leave.

It is estimated that between 8,000 and 12,000 officers and men are eligible for leaves monthly under the plan.

Wage Increase Sought in Bill

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—Legislation to raise the minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act from 40 to 65 cents an hour was introduced yesterday in Congress.

The amendment also provided an increase of five cents an hour each year until the minimum of 75 cents is reached. Rep. Frank E. Hook (D-Mich.), who offered the measure, estimated 10,000,000 workers might be affected. Similar bills were introduced by Reps. Walter B. Huber (D-Ohio), Donald L. O'Toole (D-N.Y.), Melvin Price (D-Ill.), and by Sen. James M. Mead (D-N.Y.) for Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.).

The bill would make wage and hour provisions applicable to seamen, persons employed in processing of fish and allied products and individuals employed "within the area of production."

It also would eliminate exemptions from the hours provisions of employees engaged in operations on agricultural or horticultural commodities, poultry or livestock.

Hubby Threw Knives At Her, Wife Charges

LOS ANGELES, July 19 (ANS).—A bedroom door was the chief exhibit today in the divorce hearing of Mrs. Erminia Roohan against Joseph Roohan.

Explaining several splintered marks on the door, she said her husband often threw butcher knives at her during quarrels and that once after tossing knives a her and failing to force her from the bedroom, he sprayed water from a hose through the window.

Among other things Mrs. Roohan charged that her husband: threw at her a chop which she was frying; told her he planned to electrocute her; put all her clothes in a bathtub and turned on he water.

State Loan Fund Set Up For Massachusetts Vets

BOSTON, July 19 (ANS).—A measure setting up a state loan fund for Massachusetts veterans of World War II was substituted today by the State Senate for a bill providing a veterans' bonus ranging from \$50 to \$300.

Under the terms of the substitute proposal, the fund would be financed by a \$12,000,000 surplus now in the treasury and an additional one cent tax on cigarettes. Veterans would be permitted to borrow up to \$1,000 a year without interest. If the loan were unpaid at the end of the year two percent interest would be charged.

U.S. Puts Cork On Bourbon

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—Manufacture of Bourbon will be stopped outright at the end of the month and even if other whisky is produced it will be in limited quantities.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced that after July 31 the use of corn will be banned in the making of any kind of alcohol. Use of other types of grain for beverage alcohol will be further curtailed.

His decision was prompted by prospects for a small corn crop and the need to conserve grain supplies for both food and livestock feeding.

On another food front, Anderson reduced from 26 to 21 percent the quantity of pork federally inspected packers must set aside for Army purchase.

This will enable civilians to get their full pork allocation hitherto impossible.

Fire Damages Universal Lot

HOLLYWOOD, July 19 (ANS).—A fire burned one and a half acres of the Universal Studio lot yesterday destroying sets and irreplaceable stage properties. Studio officials estimated the damage at \$500,000.

City Council Decides to Abolish Gag Hizzoner Wouldn't Wear

DETROIT, July 19 (ANS).—The once-embattled Mayor Orville L. Hubbard and his City Council of suburban Dearborn were seemingly at peace today.

The council, by unanimous vote, repealed an ordinance which Hubbard charged had infringed on his freedom of speech and pen. Three days before the Municipal Court was to rule on its constitutionality.

The ordinance set up a "bureau of public relations" to control all public contacts by city officials.

A fine or jail term or both was the penalty for violation by officials who acted without the bureau's supervision.

Original supporters said the measure was introduced as a result of Hubbard's "propensity for public appearances, writing letters to citizens whenever the mood took him and otherwise seeking political profit."

Hubbard said he was only trying to give Dearborn "the right kind of public service."

With the Yanks in Berlin

GI Looks at 76 Wacs: Ain't Enough, Says He

(A Stars and Stripes writer, who went into Berlin early this month when American forces took over the U.S. occupation zone, has written a series of articles on what GIs in the German capital are seeing, doing and thinking. This is the second.)

By Jack Sullivan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

"It ain't enough," said the T/5 from Decatur, Ill., shaking his head lowly. "Even if they're all like Lana Turner, it ain't enough." He was a Second Arm'd. Div. MP on duty at an intersection in Berlin's outskirts. With a group of his buddies, he had watched the first detachment of Wacs—in a pitifully small convoy—arrive in the German capital.

There were 76 WAC officers and enlisted women in the detachment—not enough, as the T/5 said, to solve the social and entertainment problems of the 25,000 GIs in the U.S. force occupying Berlin. Although a Gen. Eisenhower has since modified his non-fraternization order to the extent that Americans "will be permitted to talk to adult Germans on the street and in public places," there just "ain't enough" authorized companionship for American soldiers to take advantage even of Berlin's limited entertainment.

Surprising Entertainment

Considering the battering Berlin took, the shattered buildings, the lack of water and electricity and transportation—there is a surprising amount of entertainment in the city.

Artists and entertainers are in the first food ration category, along with doctors and people cleaning up and repairing the city, dancers and singers and musicians get more food per day than any one else.

Yes, there are places to go in Berlin, but no one for GIs to go with.

Red Cross girls run a comfortable ARC club in the American zone. It was set up and put into operation—at least as far as the doughnuts were concerned—one day after the main body of troops arrived. One big room, it has tables, plenty of easy chairs, a juke box—with a loud speaker that points out a front window, attracting GIs and confusing Berliners—a roomy dance floor and a band stand. And, of course, a doughnut bar.

With Whom Does One Dance?

The Red Crossers, Tish N. Teague, of Dallas, and Reta Kelble, of Chicago, have been attached to the Second Armored for a long while and they think it's the grandest outfit that ever sweated out a mass discharge. They're tickled at being in Berlin, not too upset over a couple of minor brushes with the Russian military about the question of space for the club—but they have no suggestions as to whom the GIs will dance with on that nice, slick floor.

The club is situated in Titania Palast, the same building that houses a handsome theater-concert hall where the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, one of Germany's finest, gives two-hour performances at least once daily. In the first days of the joint occupation, the concerts were "off limits" to GIs when German civilians attended, and the 65-piece orchestra gave special performances with identical programs for the Americans. It is not known whether the new and improved Allied non-fraternization policy will allow American and British troops to sit next to Germans even during highbrow music.

Concerts Popular

A typical program one Sunday morning included Mendelssohn, Schumann and Tschaiikowsky's Fifth Symphony, all works that had not been heard in Germany for years. From the start, the concerts have been popular with GIs, but whether because of a love of classical music or a lack of other entertainment is hard to say.

Cabarets are springing up all over Berlin, from little holes in the wall to A-1 spots which give afternoon and evening performances with dancers, singers, accordion players, comedians and pretty girls who do nothing but take part in skits about traveling salesmen.

One such establishment, known as "The Komodie Kabaret," occupies a second floor loft in the British zone. It offers a two and a half hour bill that includes a seven-girl chorus (the Can-Can, Bolero and a song "Berlin Will Rise Again"), some talented musical instrumentalists, a pantomimist and a pair of funnymen in the Gallagher and Shean tradition. All in German, of course.

Big, Lush, Loud

The best entertainment buy for the GI mark in Berlin today, however, is the nightclub Femina. It's big and lush and has the loudest music in the city. Drinks are reasonable enough, although strange-looking and strange-tasting and unidentifiable. Food is available but is not the club's forte.

Femina's girls are the king-sized attraction. They are customers theoretically, but they are unattached. They like to dance and they stand at the bar, sit in the foyer, walk between the tightly-packed tables waiting for an invitation.

A GI can go to Femina alone, mingle with Russian and Allied soldiers, and see more good-looking women than he thought were left in all of Germany. The girls smile prettily and though they speak little English, most of them know how to say yes.

No, there's not much for the GI to do in Berlin these days.

Reich Plants Give No Aid in Jap War

FRANKFURT, July 19 (AP).—Germany's war-making industrial might will not be revived by the Allies to be turned against Japan.

American policy is to smash the German war machine for good, and to defeat Japan with tools forged in American factories, an official of the U.S. production control agency said yesterday.

Some products and equipment for the Army are being produced in Germany, he said, but no large-scale resumption of output is contemplated. The Leica plant at Wetzlar is producing cameras, hydrogen peroxide used as V-1 bomb fuel is going to the U.S.; and plants are making aerial cameras, lenses and range-finders.

The lack of essential materials, the scarcity of fuel and the difficulty of retooling and converting from the metric system to inches are among the barriers to large-scale production.

Service to Madrid to Grow

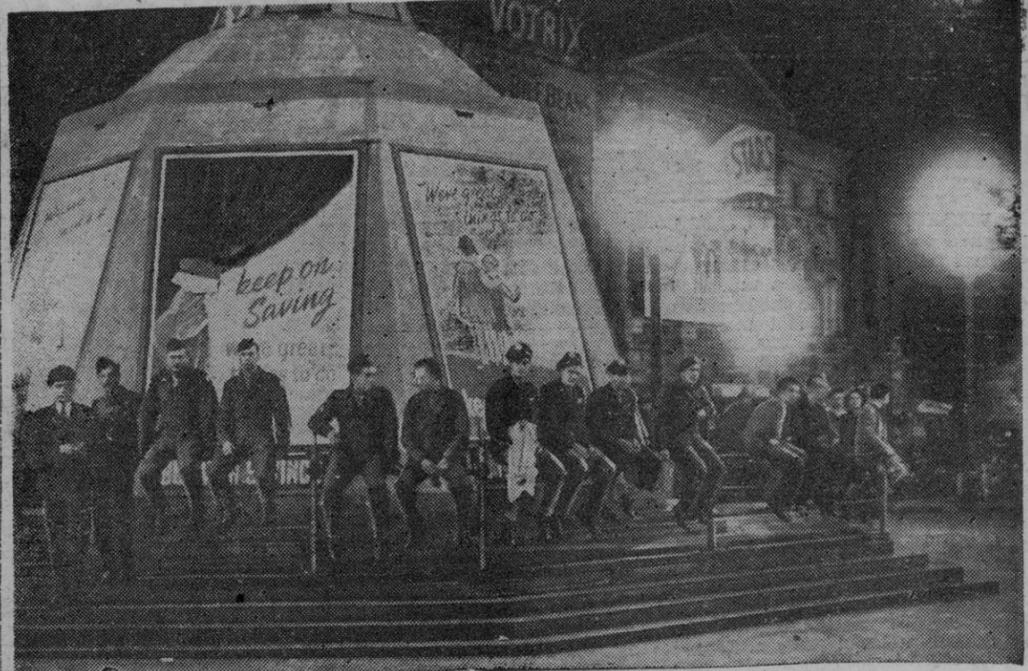
LONDON, July 19 (AP).—The U.S. Air Transport Command said today that its weekly cargo and passenger flight from Paris to Madrid would be increased soon to at least three flights weekly.

Britain Gives Canada 4 Former U.S. Warships

OTTAWA, July 19 (AP).—Four of the seven over-age former American destroyers which Britain turned over to Canada are en route to the latter country for disposal, the War Assets Corporation for disposal said today.

Officials said that a report carried by the Providence (R.I.) Journal that six of these destroyers had been sold to a private dealer for scrap was incorrect.

Blackout Lifting Throws a New Light on Piccadilly After Dark



Seated around the statue of Eros in Picadilly Circus, GIs get their first chance to "see" London after dark as lifting of blackout regulation brings a flood of light to the city for the first time in five years.

Underground Factory Found Under S & S Plant in Reich

By Seymour Sharnik
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PFUNGSTADT, Germany, July 19.—A red-faced Stars and Stripes staff today discovered that for more than three months it has been publishing its Germany edition immediately above a German underground war plant.

The network of subterranean chambers and passageways was brought to light when a member of the staff explored the cellars of a brewery close by the paper's printing plant.

An entrance from the brewery courtyard led down into large factory rooms, filled with lathes and metal presses. The passages connected the compartments of an expanding labyrinth. Narrow, winding stone stairways led past huge brewery vats into the anterooms of the machine shops.

The factory, apparently, had not yet been put into operation when the seizure of the town by troops of the Seventh Army interrupted the work of setting up the plant. But the machines were in place, and with the fixing of power, connections and the importing of stock, production could have begun almost immediately.

Interrogation of civilians employed in the brewery indicated that the factory was designed for the production of Opel engines for motor vehicles and possibly for airplanes. No estimates were available as to the potential capacity of the plant.

During the exploration of the underground establishment, a group of Germans clustered apart from the Americans. They disclaimed any knowledge of manufacturing plants.

The route from Paris includes stops at Toulouse, Lourdes, Limoges and a side trip into the mountains utilizing the colorful funiculars or mountain railways. The route from Marseille includes stops at Carcassonne and Nimes. In other respects, however, the two tours are similar.

Cost of the tour to enlisted men is 250 francs while for officers it has been set at 500, with reservations being made through unit Special Service officers.

Arrangements have not yet been completed for WAC personnel to participate.

Returning Brazilians Welcomed by Crowds

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 19 (AP).—One of the largest holiday crowds in Brazil's history today turned out to welcome the return of the first contingent of Brazilian troops who fought in Italy.

Led by President Getulio Vargas, Brazilian and American officials boarded the American transport Gen. Meigs to greet the first group of 5,300 veterans. The troops paraded triumphantly through the heart of the capital.

Belgium Reorganizes Army

BRUSSELS, July 19 (AP).—Belgium's reorganized army will number about 140,000 men by 1946, the War Ministry announced.

Colonel to Be Publisher Of Paris Herald Tribune

NEW YORK, July 19 (ANS).—Col. Kenneth Collins, commanding officer of the Eastern District of the Air Technical Service Command and former New York advertising executive, was named today as publisher and general manager of the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune.

The War Department announced that it will facilitate Collins' release from the Army in time for him to assume his duties in Paris early next month.

Last U.S. Fliers To Quit Sweden

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

STOCKHOLM, July 19.—The last dozen of the largest contingent of American interned fliers in Europe will leave Sweden within the next two weeks for the U.S.

In all, about 1,400 U.S. airmen have been interned in Sweden during the war. It is understood that after these men return to the States they will assume RAMP status and after leave will be deployed Pacificward, stationed at American bases near their homes or will be discharged.

The American internees' program in neutral Sweden grew as daylight bombings on the Reich were stepped up. The first American aircraft forced to land in Sweden followed a raid on Trondheim, June 19, 1943. From that time until VE-Day, 133 U.S. Forts, Liberators and fighters came to this country.

Early in 1944, an agreement was made with the Swedish government whereby one American internee would be released for return to England for every German internee returned to Germany.

Officially, all Americans remaining were released on VE-Day.

Thirty-nine graves in a small American cemetery in Malmo, Sweden, mark many tragic forced landings.

More Units Arrive In U.S. from ETO

NEW YORK, July 19 (ANS).—Arrival of the following Army units in the United States from the ETO was announced today:

At New York—Members of the 84th Bomber Squadron and the 970th Air Engineer Squadron.

At Hampton Roads, Va.—Elements of the 770th Air Squadron; 765th, 766th and 777th Bomber Squadrons; 527th Air Service Group; 946th and 953rd Air Engineer Squadrons; 154th Reconnaissance Squadron; 18th Air Depot Group; 90th Depot Repair Group; 17th Medical Supply Platoon; 520th Headquarters and Base Service Squadron; 71st Veterinary Detachment; 3195th Engineer Base Depot; 371st Ordnance Assembly Unit.

Austin on Display in U.S.

NEW YORK, July 19 (ANS).—The first British-built Austin car produced since before the war arrived today. It will go on display to prospective buyers for later shipments.

Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp



Leopold Says No Abdication Without a Vote

By Joe Weston
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ST. WOLFGANG, Austria, July 19.—King Leopold III of the Belgians declared today that he would not surrender his throne until the Belgians have the "democratic opportunity" to select their own leaders in a "free and honest election."

In an interview with The Stars and Stripes—the first he has given the press in five years—the 43-year-old monarch denied stories predicting his immediate abdication and asked that American soldiers withhold judgment in the Belgian crisis "until all the facts are known."

Now virtually exiled by a vote of the Belgian Senate and Chamber of Deputies, Leopold declared that his conduct in surrendering to the Germans was dictated by his own conscience in the interests of what he regarded as the best policy for his people.

Admits Mistakes

"I am human and I have made mistakes," the King said. "But they were mistakes of method, not of principle. I have a clear conscience, which, I believe, cannot be said of many people whom I trusted."

The King declared he was certain that American soldiers, as well as his own people, would understand and approve his action when they realized that his refusal to abdicate was based on his demand for settlement of the crisis through a free, democratic vote of the people.

"I have seen real democracy in action during my association with the GIs," of the 106th Cavalry group, who have been gracious enough to act as honor guard for me at St. Wolfgang," Leopold said.

Not Detained, Leopold Says

"Americans teach equality because they feel it. They have no inferiority complex about anything. They are the equal of any person on earth—royalty or not. As a matter of fact, sometimes I had trouble staying equal to them."

Leopold denied a Brussels story that he had been detained at St. Wolfgang by SHAEF or placed under any other restrictions.

The six-foot King weighs about 170 pounds. His hair, combed in a pompadour, is graying rapidly. "It became like that in the past five years," he said.

Tells of Surrender

Speaking of his action in surrendering himself and the Belgian Army in May, 1940, he said: "It was impossible to fight any more. I surrendered myself with the words, 'I am your prisoner, just like any other soldier. I did this instead of fleeing to France or England with some of my ministers, because I felt I should stay with my people, and, also, because I felt that with me in Belgium, the Germans would rule the country on a military instead of a civilian basis. This happened, and I believe it was for the best interests of my people."

"As a matter of record," he continued, "the government was changed from military to civil soon after I was sent to Austria by the Nazis. I was taken to Strobl, Austria, by the Nazis at 8 PM, June 6—D-Day—from my castle at Laeken near Brussels, where I had been held by the Nazis since the Belgian surrender. I wish to say here and now, as I have said before, that there is no truth in the evil stories spread in the early years of the war that my surrender was premeditated and prearranged with the Nazis. I was a prisoner of war and I was treated like one."

PWs Still in Australia

NEW YORK, July 19 (INS).—More than 17,000 Italian prisoners of war and 1,500 Germans are still held in Australia awaiting repatriation, Melbourne radio reported today. The Italians are working on farms, but the Germans have proved more difficult to control and have been put to work cutting timber, the broadcast said.

Yanks Learn How to 'Parlez-Vous' à la Mode at the Sorbonne



Stars and Stripes Photo by Jack McNulty

Olive drab replaces the usual collegiate dress of plaid jackets and saddle shoes for GI students enrolled in special morning classes at the Sorbonne. Afternoons they see the sights of Paris.

13 Die, 12 Hurt As Explosions Rock Halifax

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, July 19 (AP).—More than 10,000 persons fled the Royal Canadian Navy armament depot area today following four intense explosions which so far have killed 13 persons and injured at least 12 others.

The blasts were at the naval arsenal at Burnside, seven miles from the city, but the entire Halifax-Dartmouth metropolitan area was rocked by the detonations.

Persons at St. John, New Brunswick, 125 miles away, were awakened by the explosions.

Cause of the tremendous blasts was unknown, although an unconfirmed report said the first explosion, about 6:35 PM yesterday was touched off when a barge unloading ammunition caught fire.

The explosions continued at intervals, with the fourth one coming shortly after midnight.

Full toll of the tragedy was uncertain today, but a naval officer said it was unlikely that any persons in the immediate vicinity of the magazine area survived.

"I witnessed the burning of Brest and many fierce destroyer actions in the English Channel and Bay of Biscay last year," said Lt. Comdr. William Sclater, of the Royal Canadian Navy, "and I can say the intensity of explosions rocking this harbor town was worse than anything I ever saw in battle."

The widespread destruction and scattered debris recalled scenes of a 1918 disaster when an ammunition ship exploded in Halifax harbor killing 1,600 persons.

Mrs. Oveta Hobby Ill

NEW YORK, July 19 (ANS).—Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, who resigned last week as WAC director, is ill in Doctor's Hospital. The nature of her illness was not disclosed. She entered the hospital Tuesday.



A group of former combat soldiers anxious to learn French as Parisians speak it get preliminary instructions from Mlle de Sugar.

Army Hospital Reconverts Into a Maternity Ward

ROME, July 19 (AP).—Burly Lt. William C. Thorn, 35, a supply officer, scratched his head in puzzlement as he read the requisition and muttered:

"Nipples, baby—12. What the hell!"

Reconversion—from military medicine to maternity ward—had hit the U.S. Army's 34th Station Hospital.

The maternity ward of the hospital came into being to minister to the wives of GIs who found time for matrimony amid the martial scenes of wartime Italy.

Shortly before the birth, T/4 Emmerson F. Weatherholt, 29, of Inkster, Mich., arrived breathless at an American hotel billet in Rome and told staffers his wife was about to have a baby. The hospital was called and an ambulance whisked his wife to the delivery room in the nick of time.

This sudden demand for services far removed from wartime surgery placed an unexpected strain on the hospital's facilities, but the staff is meeting it.

Tory or Labor Victory, Miners to Press Demand

LONDON, July 19.—Britain's miners intend to press for nationalization of the country's coal mines no matter what kind of government takes over, Will Lawther, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, declared here yesterday after a meeting of union leaders.

The miners seek a guaranteed work week of five days of seven and a half hours each. They complain also they cannot do their work on the present meat ration.

France Hints It Won't Ask Pétain Death

State Prosecutor Andre Mornet declined yesterday to reiterate a previous statement that he would demand the death penalty for Marshal Henri-Philippe Pétain, whose trial on charges of treason will open Monday before the French High Court in the Palace of Justice.

"All I can say is that the offense carries the death penalty," the prosecutor stated.

A month ago, however, Mornet told The Stars and Stripes that all available evidence made it imperative that the state demand death for Pétain.

Doubts Defense Surprises

He did not indicate yesterday that any new evidence had been received by the state and he doubted, he said, that the defense would be able to spring any surprises.

Meanwhile, elaborate arrangements for housing Pétain in the Palace of Justice and guarding him with 600 gendarmes were being completed.

The 89-year-old defendant will be transferred Sunday from his prison at Ft. Montrouge outside Paris to two chambers in the Palace of Justice which are now being prepared for his occupancy. They were inspected yesterday by the Ft. Montrouge physician, who asked for better ventilation in the chamber of the first Court of Appeals where Pétain will reside.

Unopened for 200 Years

This involved opening the small, circular windows at the top of the courtroom. These windows have not been opened in more than 200 years, court attaches said.

Police Commissioner Henri Mathieu, in charge of arrangements for the special gendarmerie guard around the Palace of Justice, said he did not expect any demonstrations. All precautions to protect the marshal and the dignity of the court were being taken, he said.

Albert Lebrun, former President of France, and former Premiers Paul Reynaud, Edouard Daladier and Leon Blum are expected to be the principal witnesses against Pétain. Major Defense witnesses include Pierre Etienne Flandin, for a time Pétain's foreign minister, and Gen. Maxime Weygand, war minister.

French Decorate Wac, 145 Others

Wac Capt. Camilla M. Frank, of Memphis, was the one woman in a group of 146 U.S. officers awarded the Croix de Guerre in Paris yesterday.

The medals, for "exceptional services during the liberation of France," were presented in a formal French military ceremony at the Court of Honor of the Invalides.

Capt. Frank is chief of Special Activities Branch, USFET headquarters Special Services. She was lauded for a series of orphans' parties she organized with Madeleine Carroll, actress, as hostess.

Latter Day Saints Meet

Members of the Church of Latter Day Saints will hold an ETO conference in Paris Sunday under the direction of President Hugh B. Brown of the British LDS Mission. Conference sessions will be held at the Hotel Louvois, at Square Louvois, on Rue de Richelieu, at 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM. A sacrament and testimony service is scheduled for 2 PM. Conference visitors will attend an evening of recreation Saturday, meeting at 7:30 PM at Metro Muette.

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NETWORK

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1200-News	1645-Spotlight Bands
1205-Off the Record	1900-News
1301-Highlights	1905-Melody Hour
1305-Songs	1930-Kate Smith
1315-Remember	2001-Jubilee
1330-Asked For It	2030-Duffy's Tavern
1401-Modern Music	2100-News
1430-Surpr. Package	2105-American AEF
1500-News	2130-Dinah Shore
1505-Beauc. Musique	2201-Barn Dance
1601-Baseball	2230-AFN Playhouse
1630-Music	2300-News
1655-Highlights	2305-Soldier, Song
1701-Duffle Bag	2315-World Diary
1800-News	2330-One Night Stand
1810-Sports	2400-News
1815-Supper Club	0015-Midnight Paris
1830-Personal Album	0200-Final Edition
TOMORROW	
0601-Yawn Patrol	0930-Swing Show
0705-Highlights	1001-Morning After
0710-Yawn Patrol	1030-GI Bull Session
0815-Johnny Mercer	1045-Merely Music
0830-GI Jive	1105-Morning Blues
0845-John, Desmond	1115-Raymond Scott
0900-World Diary	1130-At Ease
0915-Winged Strings	1145-Melody Roundup
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Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Tigers Sweep Twin Bill From Nats

Ferriss Tops White Sox, 6-2, For 16th Win

NEW YORK, July 19.—Steve O'Neill's rampaging Tigers shuffled the American League standings and increased their lead to four and a half games over the Yankees and Red Sox by chastising the Senators twice yesterday, 6-4 and 5-0. The double-defeat shunted the Griffs into fourth place, five games in arrears.

Hal Newhouser came through with his 14th success of the year in the opener for the Tigers, stifling the Nats with seven hits while his mates peppered Mickey Haefner for three runs in the fourth inning, two in the fifth and another in the sixth.

Al Benton wielded the whitewash brush in the nightcap, with Chick Pieretti, victim of three runs in the first inning and two more in the eighth, suffering the loss.

Dietrich Suffers Loss

Dave Ferriss, Red Sox freshman hero, cruised to his 16th conquest by setting down the White Sox, 6-2. Ferriss had a four-hit shutout until the ninth inning when the Chicagoans had four hits for two runs. Bespectacled Bill Dietrich was the loser as Ferriss humbled the White Sox for the fourth time this year.

A heavy downpour halted the Indians and Athletics at the end of the 12th inning of their scheduled first game with the score tied, 2-2. The Tribe collected two runs in the first half of the ninth inning to send the game into overtime.

Don Black and Jittery Joe Berry divided the mound assignment for the Athletics, while Ed Klieman and Allie Reynolds toiled for the Indians. The second game also was postponed.

Beaugay Wins Lassie Stakes

CHICAGO, July 19.—Undeclared Beaugay, Mrs Elizabeth Graham's chunky daughter of famed Stimulus, won the nation's richest race for 2-year-old fillies yesterday when she breezed to victory in the \$40,000 Lassie Stakes at Arlington Park.

A crowd of 21,000 watched Johnny Adams boot the juvenile queen to her fourth straight triumph, a length and a quarter in front of C. V. Whitney's Enfilade, with Aladear three lengths further back.

Enfilade set the early pace in the six-furlong duel with Adams sending Beaugay to the fore at the stretch, from which point she pulled away rapidly. Beaugay was the darling of the crowd, being backed down to \$2.80, \$2.40 and \$2.20. She covered the six furlongs in 1:12.

Peggy Only and Dawn Attack collaborated to provide Empire addicts with one of the season's top daily doubles, a \$1,060 ticket. Peggy Only paid \$272.30 in the opener and Dawn Attack followed in the second canto at \$7.10. A total of 85 two-dollar tickets were sold on the winning combination, while five lucky holders cashed \$10 tickets.



American League			
Boston 6, Chicago 2			
Detroit 6-5, Washington 4-0 (twilight-night)			
Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 2 (first game, 12-inning tie; second game, postponed, rain)			
St. Louis at New York, postponed, rain.			
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Detroit	46	31	.590
New York	41	36	.532 4 1/2
Boston	42	37	.532 4 1/2
Washington	40	36	.526 5
Chicago	40	40	.500 7
St. Louis	37	38	.492 7 1/2
Cleveland	37	39	.487 8
Philadelphia	26	51	.338 20 1/2
National League			
Chicago 5-5, Brooklyn 0-9			
New York 6-4, Pittsburgh 3-3			
St. Louis 7-4, Philadelphia 3-5 (twilight-night)			
Only games scheduled	W	L	Pct
Chicago	49	31	.613
St. Louis	47	35	.573 3
Brooklyn	47	36	.566 3 1/2
New York	45	41	.523 7
Pittsburgh	41	41	.500 9
Boston	39	41	.488 10
Cincinnati	37	39	.487 10
Philadelphia	23	64	.264 40 1/2
Boston at Cincinnati			
New York at Pittsburgh			
Philadelphia at St. Louis			
Brooklyn at Chicago			

NBA Lists Quarterly Ring Ratings

Abe Greene Sees Two Champions Returning

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Perhaps it was a little straw in the wind, but President Abe Greene of the National Boxing Assn. today predicted that two champions in the service would be released before the year's end. At the same time, Greene announced the association's quarterly ring ratings.

The only title-holders with NBA recognition now in the service are Heavyweight Joe Louis, Light Heavyweight Gus Lesnevich and Middleweight Tony Zale. Greene, however, wouldn't indicate which two he meant.

The NBA's most important change named Archie Moore, Missouri Negro, as the No. 1 contender in the light heavyweight ranks.

The ratings:

Heavyweight—Champion Joe Louis. Contenders: Billy Conn, Jimmy Bivins, Melio Bettina, Tami Mouriello, Joe Baksi, Lee Omo, Elmer Ray and Johnny Flynn.

Light Heavyweight—Champion Gus Les-



Joe Louis

nevich. Contenders: Archie Moore, Freddie Mills, Anton Christoforidis, Billy Fox, Fitz Fitzpatrick and Lloyd Marshall.

Middleweight—Champion Tony Zale. Contenders: George Abrams, Jake Lamotta, Holma Williams, Charley Burley, Jose Basora and Joe Carter.

Welterweight—Champion Freddie Cochrane. Contenders: Ray Robinson, Rocky Graziano, Tommy Bell, Johnny Greco, Henry Armstrong, Harold Green and Ernie Roderick.

Lightweight—Champion Ike Williams. Contenders: Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Willie Joyce and Bobby Ruffin.

Featherweight—Champion Sal Bartola. Contenders: Willie Pep, Chaiky Wright, Danny Webb, Phil Terranova and Enrico Bolanos.

Bantamweight—Champion Manuel Ortiz.

Conn, Bivins Head Heavyweight Threats

Contenders: Kui Kong Young, Tony Olliviera, Bennie Golberg and Luis Castillo.

Flyweight—Champion Jackie Patterson. Contenders: Joe Curran, Dado Marino and Norman Lewis.

Cochrane Wins by KO

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 19.—Welterweight Champion Freddie Cochrane made his first start since his recent knockout at the hands of Rocky Graziano, stopping Lou Miller, Brooklyn veteran, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round non-title go here last night.

Larkin Stops Gambaro

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., July 19.—Tippy Larkin, inconsistent Garfield, N.J., welterweight, kayoed Joey Gambaro, of New York, in the second round of their scheduled 10-rounder here last night. Larkin scaled 142 a pound less than Gambaro.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

BRITISH boxing fathers are a persistent lot. First they tried to arrange a bout between RAF Sgt. Freddie Mills and Joe Louis or Billy Conn or even Elza Thomson, an unheard-of Negro slugger from Gary, Ind. None of the schemes succeeded, however, because U.S. military authorities cast one eye at Mills and quickly decided to be humane about the whole thing.

Now British promoters are flirting with Mike Jacobs Beach, the mayor of Broadway's Jacobs Beach, in an effort to match Bruce Woodcock, newly crowned Empire heavyweight champion, against Louis or Conn—or even Jacobs, just so their boy can fight in the States.

THE Mills bubble exploded when Louis watched the former British light heavyweight ruler waltz through a dull fiasco with burly Jack London, who was dethroned by Woodcock's haymaker in the sixth round at London's Tottenham Stadium earlier this week. Louis, polite at all times, merely mentioned at the ringside that night a year ago, "Man, his punches don't hurt much, do they?"

What the Brown Bomber meant, of course, is that Mills was a ragged glover whose chin could take a lot of bruising punches without putting him to sleep. But Freddie couldn't punch his way out of a paper bag, and a heavyweight who can't punch is like a jockey without a horse. In other words, Mills is much safer in the RAF than he would be in the corner opposite Louis or Conn.

NOW British officials are beating the drums for Woodcock, whose only claim to fame is his victory over antiquated London. A 24-year-old railway worker, Woodcock has fought in only 25 professional bouts, but already is clamoring for world-wide attention. Ambition is an admirable characteristic, but in this case it's sheer folly to demand a personal appearance against Louis or Conn.

Despite scattered reports to the contrary, Louis and Conn still are capable of fending off aspiring heavyweights. It would be wise for Woodcock to spend a couple of years either running the railroad or learning the tricks of the ring trade before challenging men who know their business—unless he has a substantial insurance policy covering all risks.

Slapsy Maxie Baer Gets Army Discharge

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 19.—S/Sgt. Max Baer, former heavyweight champion, has received a medical discharge from the Air Technical Service Command at Kelly Field.

Baer's discharge was attributed to injuries incurred prior to his enlistment in the Army.

MAJOR LEAGUE Leaders

National League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Holmes, Boston	82	345	81	135	.388
Rosen, Brooklyn	77	322	68	119	.370
Cavaretta, Chicago	81	306	66	110	.357
Olmo, Brooklyn	79	320	45	107	.334
Ott, New York	88	293	47	97	.331

American League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Cuccinello, Chicago	74	260	36	86	.331
Case, Washington	72	296	49	96	.324
Stephens, St. Louis	73	280	50	87	.311
Estalella, Phil'phia	78	281	34	87	.310
Sitrinweiss, N.Y.	77	315	58	96	.305

Homerun Leaders
National—Lombardi, New York, and Holmes and Workman, Boston, 15.
American—Stephens, St. Louis, 14; Johnson, Boston, 11.

Runs Batted In
National—Walker, Brooklyn, 73; Olmo, Brooklyn, and Holmes, Boston, 70.
American—Johnson, Boston, 51; Etten, New York, 47.

Leading Pitchers
National—Cooper, Boston, 9-1; Passeur, Chicago, 19-3.
American—Ferriss, Boston, 16-2; Benton, Detroit, 8-1.

Braves to Install Lights

BOSTON, July 19.—The Regional War Production Board today approved the Boston Braves' application to install a lighting system for night games at Braves Field at a cost of \$87,500. Hub officials said there was no indication of how soon the installation would be completed.

261st Wins Own Track Meet



Paul Estes

WITH THE 65TH DIVISION IN AUSTRIA, July 19.—The 261st Infantry Regiment dedicated its Memorial Field at Enns, Upper Austria, and won its own invitation track and field meet by the narrow margin of one point.

Nosing out the 259th Infantry, 57-56, the 261st took three firsts and placed in all but two events. The 260th Infantry was third with 31 1/2 points, and the 666th Field Artillery came in fourth with 28.

Sgt. Al Brown of the 666th and Pfc Paul Estes of the 265th Engineers shared individual honors, Brown winning the 100- and 200-meter dashes, while Estes finished first in the shot-put and discus.

Skaters Claim 'First'

LOUVAIN, Belgium, July 19.—Five skaters of Co. B, 763rd Ry. Shop Bn., have formed what they believe is the first roller hockey team in the ETO.

Cubs Split With Bums to Hold National League Margin Safe

NEW YORK, July 19.—Challenging National League clubs marked time yesterday in their quest to overtake the front-running Cubs as the Cardinals were held to an even break by the Phillies and the Chicagoans divided with the Dodgers. The Giants leap-frogged over Pittsburgh into fourth place, however, by trouncing the Pirates twice, 6-3 and 4-3.

Ray Prim stifled the Bums with seven hits in the opener to present the Cubs with a 5-0 nod before a banner weekday throng of 42,047 paid customers at Wrigley Field. Five errors by the Flock simplified Prim's task and tagged Curt Davis with the defeat.

After being held to one hit by Lon Warneke in the first five innings, the Bums knocked out the Arkansas pride and continued to attack five Bruin pitchers for a 9-5 verdict in the windup. It was Warneke's first start in almost two years and he had a 2-0 advantage going into the sixth inning when the Dodgers pummeled him for four runs. Cy Buker, the winner, needed help from Tom Seats and Ralph Branca.

Blix Donnelly Triumphs

The Cardinals romped to a 7-3 win over the Phillies behind Blix Donnelly's careful pitching in the early affair as Ray Sanders and Emil Verban led the assault with three hits apiece. Dick "Kewpie" Barrett, who arrived in the fifth inning when Whitlow Wyatt retired with a sore arm, fell victim to the Redbirds' five-run spree in the same inning.

The Phils pushed home one run in the ninth inning to capture the nightcap, 5-4, after the lead had changed hands four times. Tony Karl was credited with the victory over Bud Byerly.

Ace Adams saved both decisions for the Giants yesterday, relieving Jack Brewer in the eighth inning of the first game when the Bucs threatened and coming to Rube Fischer's aid in the eighth inning of the second game. Preacher Roe was the early loser, while Max Butcher bowed in the finale.

Cabey Lewis Wins

PROVIDENCE, R.I., July 19.—Cabey Lewis, rising New York featherweight, scored one of his most impressive victories when he outpointed Pat Demers, highly ranked Brockton, Mass., lightweight, in the 10-round feature here.

Minor League Results

International League

Syracuse 5, Newark 2
Baltimore 3, Jersey City 0
Others postponed, rain

	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Montreal	61	26	.701	Toronto	40	43	.482
Newark	43	38	.531	Rochester	24	47	.339
Baltimore	44	39	.530	Syracuse	32	45	.416
Jersey Cy.	42	40	.512	Buffalo	39	48	.385

American Association

Indianapolis 3, Toledo 7
St. Paul 4-3, Milwaukee 1-2
Louisville 4-7, Columbus 3-4
Minneapolis 4-1, Kansas City 3-10

	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Ind'polis	55	35	.611	Min'polis	41	47	.464
Milwaukee	53	35	.602	Toledo	42	48	.467
Louisville	51	41	.554	Columbus	39	52	.429
St. Paul	42	41	.506	Kans. City	31	55	.360

Pacific Coast League

Los Angeles 5-6, Sacramento 4-5
Seattle 7, San Francisco 4
Portland 12, Hollywood 4
San Diego 7, Oakland 1

	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Portland	68	41	.624	Oakland	52	56	.481
Seattle	63	45	.583	L. Angeles	50	58	.462
Sacramento	54	55	.495	San Diego	50	60	.455
San Frisco	54	56	.491	Hollywood	45	65	.409

Eastern League

Utica 12, Elmira 3
Binghamton 3-1, Williamsport 2-0
Wilkes-Barre 4-3, Hartford 1-9
Scranton 19, Albany 18

	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Hartford	40	32	.556	Will'sport	35	39	.475
Utica	41	33	.554	Elmira	32	40	.444
Albany	43	36	.544	Scranton	34	37	.420
W-Barre	41	35	.539	Binghton	28	42	.400

Southern Association

Atlanta 11-5, Memphis 8-17
Birmingham 3-4, New Orleans 2-7
Mobile 6-2, Nashville 3-6
Little Rock 3, Chattanooga 2

	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Atlanta	58	27	.682	Memphis	35	48	.422
N Orleans	51	34	.600	L. Rock	32	50	.390
Ch'nooga	49	35	.583	Nashville	32	51	.386
Mobile	50	36	.581	Bir'gham	29	55	.345

17AB Trips 66th Div.

VITTEL, France, July 19.—The Golden Claw 17th Airborne Div. scratched out a 1-0 decision over the 66th Div. Black Cat nine here yesterday as the XVI Corps Baseball League got under way.

Gasoline Alley



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By King

Behind The Sports Headlines

By Dan Parker
N.Y. Daily Mirror

BASEBALL men are optimistic about the chances of the World Series being approved by the ODT next fall despite the cancellation of the All-Star game and last week's new ban on the shipment of race horses. Of course, if the two Chicago, New York, Boston or St. Louis teams win the league championships, the series could be held without ODT approval since no transportation problem would be involved. However, if railroad is involved, official approval would have to be forthcoming from Washington. Ordinarily no hope would be held out for an official green light, but a remark dropped by Gen. Eisenhower while he was trying to watch a ball game at the Polo Grounds has given baseball people ground for hope. The subject of the World Series came up and a baseball official present said, "That is, if we have a World Series this fall." "Oh, but we've got to have a World Series if for no other reason than to broadcast it to the boys overseas," said Ike. Baseball men therefore feel they will have a powerful friend at court in case of a showdown with the ODT.

By Lyall Smith
Detroit Free Press

THE drawing power of the Yankees is still reminiscent of the good old days. Although they won only six of 16 games on their last road trip, they set attendance marks in three cities and an all-time record twilight mark here. In 12 playing days the New Yorkers attracted 230,578 fans, including 100,304 who watched them in Briggs Stadium, a 1945 local record and the 31,218 set an all-time American League twilight standard. By playing to 36,715 in Comiskey Park the Yanks drew the year's high for the Sox and then 24,625 in Cleveland for the season's peak at Municipal Stadium. Yep, there's still gold in them thar Yankees.

Clowns Battle Antwerp Nine

Two strong baseball teams, the 13th Port Black Cats from Antwerp and the Seine Base Clowns, will collide today and tomorrow at Stade Jean Bouin (Metro: Porte de St. Cloud) in a two-game series. Both games are scheduled to get under way at 1900 hours, and servicemen and their civilian guests will be admitted free.

In today's game, Maj. Charles P. Eismann, Clowns' hurler who has won 15 wins and lost one, will face T/5 Walter Goodall, who has won 11 games for the Cats.

The Clowns are fresh from two wins in the UK, bringing their record to 27 won, four lost. The Cats have registered 25 wins against 5 losses.

Nieblas Blanks 75th Div.

CAMP ST. LOUIS, Rheims, July 19.—Reggie Nieblas, 37-year-old pitcher for the 89th Inf. Div., handcuffed the 75th Inf. Div. with one hit for a 2-0 win, as the XVI Corps softball tournament got under way here today. Nieblas also drove in both runs with a single in the first inning.

Bad Break at Third Base



Although White Sox Pitcher Joe Haynes is safe at third base in this play at Chicago, he suffered a compound fracture of his right leg when his spikes caught in the canvas base. Umpire George Piggras is calling the play, while Bob Maier, Detroit third baseman, takes the throw.

Com Z Netters Invade Riviera For Preview of ETO Tournery

NICE, July 19.—Net hopefuls from the Continent and UK will converge on the swanky Lawn Tennis Club here this weekend for the Com Z tennis championships, which will be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Winners will represent their command in the ETO tournament at London's famed Wimbledon next month.

The UK racquet squad is headed by S/Sgt. Charlie Hare, former British Davis Cup player now in the U.S. Army. Hare, who captured the UK crown last week at Bournemouth, England, by subduing Pvt. Tom Falkenburg, is best known for his hectic Davis Cup duel with America's Don Budge in 1937, which Budge went on to win after taking the opening set, 15-13.

Seine Section, representing the Paris area, will be headed by Capt. Summer Rodman, Boston, and doubles players Capt. Sam Lee, Portland, Ore., and Robert Braithwaite, former Great Lakes champion from Ripley, N.Y.

Edwards Claims :10.4 Sprint Mark

RHEIMS, France, July 19.—Either the officials timer's watch was stuttering or Oise Intermediate Section's track team has the leading contender for the world's 100-meter dash record.

Cpl. Charles Edwards, of Hammond, Ind., came within one-fifth of a second of equaling Jesse Owen's world's record when he did the 100-meter dash in :10.4 in a dual meet with the 75th Division-Assembly Area Command.

Edwards, captain of the Oise team, sprinted the 200-meter dash in :22.6 and was on the 400 and 800-meter relay teams which covered their distances in :44 and 1:35.6, respectively.

Golfers Duel At Brussels

BRUSSELS, July 19.—Amateur and professional qualifiers will compete in separate 72-hole medal play brackets here next week for positions on the Com Z golf team which will chase the ETO title at Paris, July 31 and Aug. 1-2-3.

The three-day affair, to be played over the rambling Belgium Royal Country Club course here, will commence Monday and continue through Tuesday and Wednesday. The amateur flight will include individual and team awards, while the pros are competing only as individuals.

Entrants are coming to the tournament from the UK, Oise Intermediate, Seine, Normandy, Channel, Delta and Bremen Port Sections.

Runs for the Week

	National League						
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Boston	0	2	X				
Brooklyn	8	5	9				
Chicago	4	1	10				
Cincinnati	X	1	X				
New York	3	2	10				
Philadelphia	X	3	8				
Pittsburgh	4	2	6				
St. Louis	2	3	11				

	American League						
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Boston	2	1	6				
Chicago	7	P	2				
Cleveland	3	6	2				
Detroit	9	P	11				
New York	4	P	P				
Philadelphia	9	P	2				
St. Louis	12	P	P				
Washington	4	P	4				

66th Scores 32 Points To Take Swimming Lead

By Dave Gordon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Pfc William T. McDonald, of Chicago, and the 66th Inf. Div., scored a razor-thin decision over T/4 Edgar McVehill, of Canton, Ohio, and the 89th Inf. Div., in high-board diving to shove the 66th out front with 32 points as four final events of the XVI Corps championship swimming meet were completed at Amiraux Pool, Paris, yesterday.

The small, high class 89th team was riding along in second place with 31 points; the 17th Airborne was third with 27, the 13th was next with 18 and the 75th trailed with 16.

While McVehill figured to battle it out again with McDonald in the low-board diving last night, even a victory for the 89th didn't seem to hold much hope for the team championship.

Favoritism could swing to the 17th. Just five points off the pace, they have a dependable point-getter in Capt. Oscar A. Fodor, of South Bend, Ind., who figured to win the 400-meter free style and could be the right one in the 100-meter free style. The 13th, with Bill Holloway, of Kansas City, Mo., as its big gun, was expected to gain ground during the eight remaining events.

Pfc John Nelson, of Glendale, Cal., was the standout performer last night as he won without working too hard, finishing three minutes ahead of his nearest competitor in the 1,500-meter free style. Summaries of finals:

1,500-Meter Free Style—Pfc John Nelson, Glendale, Cal. (75th), 24:54.1; 1/Lt. Stanley A. Bogan, New York (66th), 27:53; Pfc A. G. Hoover, Salem, Ore. (13th), 28:48.7; 1/Lt. Edward Tillie, Omaha, Neb. (17th), 29:29.1; 2/Lt. Benjamin Renton, Tuckahoe, N.Y. (13th), 30:27.4; Pfc Philip McKenney, Saranac Lake, N.Y. (75th), 32:19.6.

400-Meter Breast Stroke—1/Lt. Robert H. Cowan, Danville, Ill. (89th), 7:10.7; 1/Lt. Clarence Thompson, Corvallis, Ore. (17th), 7:12.1; S/Sgt. Burton M. Seidler, Chicago (66th), 7:33.2; Pvt. John W. Morley, Wilkes Barre, Pa. (17th), 7:54.4; Cpl. Robert W. Meriam, Iowa City, Ia. (66th), 7:59.7; Pfc Henry A. Graves, San Carlos, Cal. (89th), 8:00.6.

200-Meter Back Stroke—T/5 William A. Holloway, Kansas City, Mo. (13th), 3:03.8; Pfc Francis E. Williams, Riverside, Cal. (89th), 3:13.5; Sgt. William S. Wolfe, Atlanta, Ga. (17th), 3:14.5; Sgt. Whit Reed, Memphis, Tenn. (75th), 3:18.9; Pvt. Edward E. S. Brinton, Westchester, Pa. (89th), 3:25.9; Pvt. Ramond Skov, Elmhurst, N.Y. (75th), 3:28.5.

High-Board Diving (3 meters)—Pfc William T. McDonald, Chicago (66th), 143.3 points; T/4 Edgar McVehill, Canton, Ohio (89th), 140; Pfc Wesley Porter (66th), 111.5; Pfc Armen Abrahamian (17th), 110.2; T/5 Clyde Ellerman (89th), 90.1; Pfc Robert R. Holbrook (17th), 82.7.

AAC Squad Drills For Corps Test

ASSEMBLY AREA COMMAND, France, July 19.—The 40-man squad of the 75th Division-Assembly Area Command track team has taken over the facilities of the Terrain de Sports Park at Chalons and is carrying on a strenuous training program in preparation for the XVI Corps track and field meet, July 28-29, at Luneville, France.

Pitted against this squad will be the pick of the 66th and 89th Infantry Divisions, 13th and 17th Airborne Divisions and the XVI Corps troops, all of whom will be competing for the right to enter the theater championships at Nuremberg, Germany.

Top performers among the 75th-AAC tracksters in dash events are: Lt. Thomas Kretz, of Amityville, N.Y., Lt. William Bromsted, of Chicago, and Pfc C. V. West of Shreveport, La., and Pvt. R. Luellman, of Gary, Ind., Pfc Cornelius Styers of New York, and Pfc William Marr, of Port Jefferson, N.Y., in the distance events.

A strong bid for team honors will be made in the field events where they have their mainstay, Pfc Jack Dentinger, of Milwaukee, who will enter the shot put and discus events. High jumpers Pfc Vincent Murphy, of Cleveland, and M/Sgt. Charles Moore, of Terre Haute, Ind., have cleared the cross bar at better than six feet in recent competition.

Bartzen Confronts Flam for Title

CHICAGO, July 19.—Bernard Bartzen of San Angelo, Texas, Herbert Flam, of Beverly Hills, Cal., seeded one and two, respectively, made their way into the finals of the Junior Boys championships in the River Forest Open tennis tourney yesterday.

8th AF to Make Strong Bid For USSTAF Swimming Title

By Ray Lee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Although the Ninth AF is favored to cop the USSTAF swimming title, the small contingent of 8th AF tankmen from the UK cannot be ignored in the USSTAF swimming championships at Bad Nurnstadt, Germany, tomorrow and Sunday.

Headed by Lt. Dick Smith, Lodi, Cal., diver, the 8th AF tankers are capable of giving plenty of com-

petition to any air force aggregation in the ETO.

Smith, no novice at the diving racket, made the big time on the West Coast when he gained the Southern Pacific and Pacific Coast Intercollegiate and AAU titles on both the low and high boards before becoming a star performer in Billy Rose's Aquacade at the San Francisco World's Fair.

Following him in the lineup will be Pfc Edward Geisz, of Philadelphia, who formerly swam for Yale. He will enter the 200 and 400-meter breast stroke events. Lt. John Laird, former captain of the U. of Rochester swimming team, has entered the 50-meter free style and 400-meter breast stroke events under the 8th's banner.

Lt. Robert Leonelli, former captain of Fenn College, has entered the medley event, while Cpl. George Allan, of Anaheim, Cal., and captain of the Fullerton Junior College tankmen, will attempt to carry off honors in the 50-meter free style and 200-meter breast stroke competition.

3101st Ord. Cops Metz Softball Title

METZ, France, July 19.—The 3101st Ord. Bombers romped through 42 scoreless innings to take the Metz softball title, downing the 128th Ordnance, 5-0; 6835th GOD, 11-0; 240th FA, 1-0 in 21 innings and 189th Sig. Rep. Co., 2-0.

Cpl. Bill West, of Cowington, Ky., hurled the first three games, a total of 28 innings, and continued his streak until the fifth inning of the final.

Panthers Grab Houston

CLEVELAND, July 19.—Lyn Houston, All-America guard at Ohio State in 1942, has been signed by the Cleveland Panthers of the All-America pro circuit.

Dick Tracy

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Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



European Veterans Join Aerial Assault on Japan

Kyushu Fields Are Battered In Initial Raid

MANILA, July 19 (ANS).—Airmen from the Mediterranean theater joined Far East Air Forces attacks on the Japanese homeland for the first time Monday, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

The raids covered the length and breadth of Kyushu, southernmost Japanese main island. They were made by more than 350 aircraft without loss of a single plane.

A communique announced the raiders scored effectively against airfields, communications and industrial targets. There were no attempts at interception and no reports of serious anti-aircraft fire against the Okinawa-based planes.

Fly New Invaders

The veterans from the Mediterranean flew new Douglas-built A26 Invader attack bombers in the first introduction of this aircraft into major action in this theater.

More than 30 of the planes left craters and damaged installations on Miyazaki airstrip, one of Kyushu's major fields.

Direct hits also were scored on railroad lines, highways and bridges. Miyazaki, city of 60,000 is the center of Kyushu's southeastern farming region.

Rail, Highway Bridges Hit

Numerous rail and highway bridges were hit in the strike by Fifth and Seventh AFs. Dive-bombing Mustang fighter bombers reported setting fires aboard two of six 500-ton coastal cargo vessels in Kagoshima Bay off southern Kyushu.

More than 30 Liberators of the Seventh hit Nabeoka, 50 miles north of Miyazaki on the east coast, blasting rail facilities and at least one bridge. Mitchells and Mustangs scored direct hits on other railroad bridges, factories and an oil refinery in the Tsuma area on Kyushu's east central coast and more than 50 Thunderbolt fighters made an 85-mile sweep against assorted targets between Fukushima and Tomitaki on the west coast. They hit factories, two trains and power plants.

Starving Burma Japs

Quitting Bittang Bridgehead

WITH BRITISH FORCES, Burma, July 19 (Reuter).—Japanese are pulling out of the Bittang bridgehead below the old Irrawaddy River bed because, isolated from supplies and artillery support they are fighting a losing battle against disease and starvation.

The most urgent task of the Japanese is to rescue several thousand Japanese infantry ridden with sickness from the foothills of Pegu mountains.

Paper Robbery...

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ment that he personally gave Zabanny 1,500,000 francs for the paper and that another 2,500,000 francs were paid by his associate, Paul Quentin, to Zabanny. Zabanny, in a signed statement, said that all he ever received were two payments of 160,000 francs and 180,000 francs, respectively.

The warehouse at 120 rue Lauriston is managed by a lieutenant and four enlisted men, who have 22 civilians working under them. Zabanny, who worked mornings as an interpreter in the office of the Engineer Intelligence Division, 99 Avenue des Champs-Élysées, worked in the afternoons as a foreman of civilians who loaded trucks.

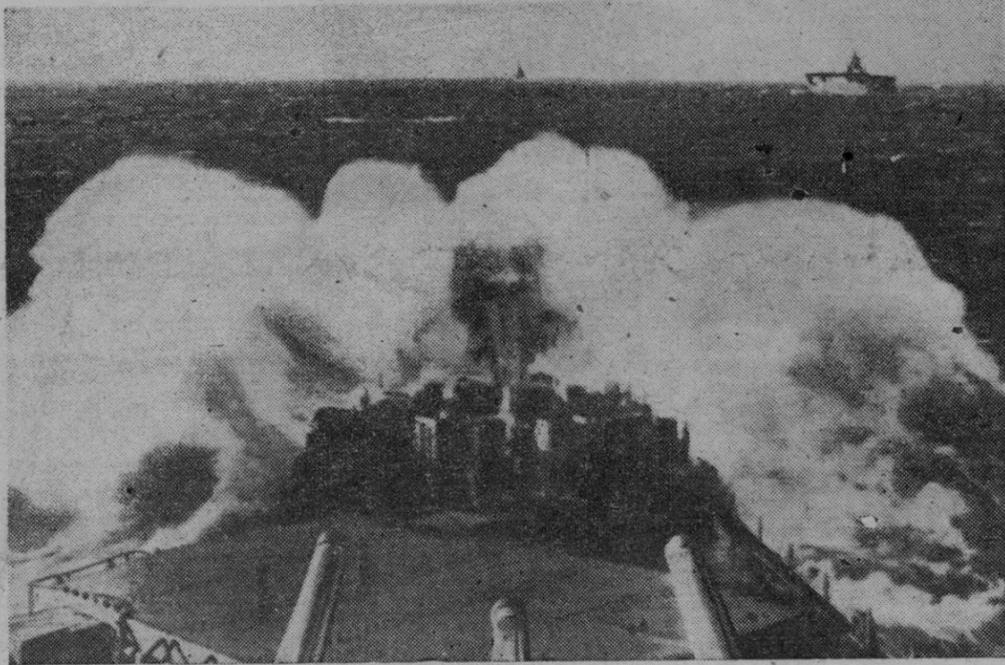
Zabanny, in his statement, admitted loading eight cases of paper on May 10, 16 cases on May 14 and 36 cases on May 16. He said that the paper had been sold at the instigation of one of the enlisted men in the warehouse and that this enlisted man received half the receipts. The Army investigation, however, disclosed no such facts.

As Zabanny outlined the transaction, a truck driver approached him and said that he knew where there was a market for paper if Zabanny could get a supply of it. He and the driver, Zabanny said, then went to Pantin, a suburb of Paris, where he was introduced to Schall at a cafe. As a result of their meeting, he added, he arranged to deliver the paper.

Schall maintained that Zabanny told him that he had bought the paper at a clearance sale.

One of the oddest features of the case, as described in the Provost Marshal's records, is that the disappearance of paper from the warehouse was reported to Army authorities by Zabanny.

The Mighty Missouri Ploughs Through the Pacific



The 45,000-ton Missouri, one of the battleships of the powerful U.S. Third Fleet which shelled the Japanese mainland, smashes through heavy swells as it heads toward its target. The Missouri's armament includes nine 16-inch guns which hurl projectiles weighing more than 2,000 pounds each.

New U.S. Ships Top Jap Fleet

If all the warships the U.S. had before the war were sunk, the American fleet would still be overwhelmingly superior to the Japanese as a result of new construction and Japan's heavy losses, the Navy Department indicated yesterday in marking the fifth anniversary of the two-Ocean Navy Program.

An estimate of the remaining Japanese Navy by U.S. Naval officials at Guam and the Washington announcement of how many ships were built since July, 1940, showed the following:

	U.S.	JAPAN
Battleships	10	4 to 6
Carriers	139	19
Cruisers	45	"Not many"
Destroyers	370	"Not many"

The carrier figures for both the U.S. and Japan include both regular and escort carriers. Of the 139 American carriers, 27 are regular carriers, including 45,000-tonners, and 112 are escort carriers.

Balloting Completed In Britain's Election

LONDON, July 19 (AP).—Balloting in Britain's general election was complete today—two weeks after it began—with a delayed poll in the two districts of central Hull and Nelson-Colne.

Most of Britain voted July 5 and some districts July 12, but voting was postponed in Hull by the death of a candidate and in Nelson-Colne by local holidays.

Nationwide results will be announced July 26 after counting of the soldier vote from overseas.

There's Glitter at Big 3 Talk —And GI Polish Puts it There

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, July 19.—For all that glitters at the Big Three conference, you can bet your sweet life there's some GI behind the scenes polishing brass.

There's one side of the conference that the public sees—the nice shiny side. The President entertains Premier Stalin

1,500,000 Japs Put Out of War

WASHINGTON, July 19 (AP).—American and British forces have killed or taken prisoner some million and a half Japanese, but the enemy is estimated, on the basis of official figures, still to have a force of five to ten million men.

In addition to those killed and taken prisoner, an estimated 600,000 Japs have been cut off or bypassed on Pacific islands, and thousands more have perished in China. (Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek reported recently 1,203,067 Japs killed or captured in eight years fighting in China.)

The Jap Air Force has been whittled down to a first line combat organization of some 4,000 planes.

Haislip CG of 6th Army Group

WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Germany, July 19 (AP).—Lt. Gen. Wade H. Haislip has been appointed commanding general of the Sixth Army Group in addition to his duties as commander of the Seventh Army. He succeeds Gen. Jacob L. Devers recently named commander of the AGF.

'Gooks' Driving Marines Nuts



WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—Marines on a western Pacific island silently blackballed leatherneck Sgt. Lou Lowery from their midst today as they listened to the 10,000th rendition of "Mairzy Doats" by a choir of 50 native youngsters.

Lowery, former oboe player with a Pittsburgh orchestra, visited the island as a photographer. He decided the place needed his musical touch. He organized 50

"Gook" (native) children, who had been educated by missionaries.

The youngsters learned only one song—"Mairzy Doats." They taught it to their parents and the tune swept the island. When Lowery departed, his brown-skinned choir serenaded him with "Mairzy Doats."

Leatherneck Magazine reported today that marines and their commander on the island are "about to go nuts."

Battleship Hit By Jap Suicide Plane, 5 Shells

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—The battleship Nevada absorbed damage from a flaming suicide plane and five hits from shore batteries on Okinawa but stayed in the fight, the Navy announced today.

The famous old ship, veteran of two wars and actions which included the Pearl Harbor attack and the Normandy D-day assault, was operating as part of a force assigned to obliterate enemy installations on Okinawa.

A Kamikaze plane struck before daylight March 27 causing 60 casualties, including 11 dead and 30 seriously wounded.

Despite the damage, the Nevada was back in action in four hours.

The next week, while still pounding targets, an enemy coastal battery opened fire. The duel lasted 18 minutes, with the enemy firing an estimated 24 shells, five of which hit the ship, killing two and seriously wounding eight.

The Nevada's gunners got off 71 rounds from the 14-inch main battery alone and when the shooting was over, the Navy said, the target area looked like a gravel quarry after a week's blasting.

Damages were repaired overnight and the Nevada was on the firing line again in the morning.

In the suicide attack, a Jap "val" divebomber headed for the Nevada's bridge after two other Kamikaze planes had been shot down. A 20 millimeter gun sawed off the right wing and the plane swerved to the main deck missing the vital bridge. Marine gunners who brought the plane down died in the crash.

U.S. Carrier Blasted By Jap Suicide Planes

WASHINGTON, July 19 (AP).—The aircraft carrier Ticonderoga suffered 337 casualties and terrific damage on Jan. 21, the Navy Department disclosed today. The casualties included 144 killed or missing. The crew saved the vessel, however, and she is back in action.

The Ticonderoga was crippled when a Japanese plane plunged into her flight deck and another hit the superstructure. Although the Ticonderoga reached the Pacific only last November, she is credited with sinking one enemy cruiser, two destroyers, four destroyer escorts, 23 miscellaneous craft and destroying or damaging 207 planes.

Civilian Planes Soon

NEW YORK, July 19 (AP).—Production of light planes for civilian use will start about Sept. 1, John W. Friedlander, president of the Aeronca Aircraft Corp., announced. Each plane will carry two persons and have a cruising speed of 90 miles an hour.

Amnesia Victim...

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masqueraded as an AAF sergeant since Italy's surrender. Di Nino lived in the U.S. from 1937 to 1940, then fought for Italy against the Allies until his country's capitulation. Somehow he managed to fly his plane as an escort to U.S. bombers attacking German installations in Greece but was shot down and made a Nazi prisoner in that country.

Demanded More Pay

When liberated, Di Nino identified himself as Sgt. Henry Michman of the U.S. 12th AF. He was brought back to America and given mustering-out pay of \$500. FBI agents say he probably would have gotten away with the impersonation except for the fact that he demanded more back pay, resulting in an Army investigation.

Di Nino was engaged to a Boston girl and was to be married in a couple of weeks. Despite his arrest, she promised to stick by him, post his bail and provide a room in her home until his trial Aug. 1. "I still love him," she said, "and am going to stick with him until the whole thing is cleared up."

Also in New York, Paul Jean Cavillez, French airman, was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiring to spy for the Germans from 1940 to 1945. The 43-year-old flier was reported to the FBI by Dieudonné Costes, a fellow Frenchman and World War I air ace, who pretended to work with the Nazis. Cavillez faces a maximum penalty of death if convicted.

Truman Orders Seizure Of Rubber Firm's Plant

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—President Truman directed Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes today to take over and operate the Sinclair Rubber Co. plant at Houston, Texas, where workers have voted to strike. His executive order, issued from Potsdam, said that labor disturbances at the plant were resulting in a "real, substantial and immediate emergency in the form of a threatened interruption" in the production of Butadiene, which is used in making synthetic rubber.

Members of the CIO Oil Workers International Union voted to strike to enforce their demand for a union shop.

West Coast West Point Asked

WASHINGTON, July 19 (ANS).—A bill proposing establishment of a military academy on the Pacific Coast was introduced by Rep. Leroy Johnson (R.-Calif.).