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Nazi Escape Gap Closing

8,000 Warplanes Lash Reich Targets Only 30 Mi. Along River

N. Y. Spots Heed Curfew, Ignoring Mayor's Hour

NEW YORK, March 22 (ANS).—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia's 1 AM curfew was in the position of an abandoned ship today, as most night club owners said they would observe the midnight curfew followed by the rest of the country.

The night club owners were generally believed, by the War Department's order that all military move that was quickly followed by personnel obey the midnight ban, a similar Navy order. Owners felt that, rather than discriminate against servicemen, it would be best to comply with the 12 o'clock curfew.

A Stars and Stripes staff correspondent, recently returned to the U.S., writes of his on-the-scene reaction to the curfew. . . . Page 3.

Meanwhile, LaGuardia said: "It's all right with me. I don't care how early they close."

The New York Times saw political connotations in the clash between LaGuardia and the Roosevelt Administration, saying that some poli-

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Meat Men Accused By OPA of 'Scare' To Up Food Prices

WASHINGTON, March 22 (ANS).—OPA Boss Chester Bowles yesterday accused the American Meat Institute of issuing "scare stories" on the food shortage to gain price increases.

Bowles, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, declared that "thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our farmers and in spite of the tremendous food needs of the direct war effort, we remain the best-fed nation of the world."

Replying to complaints by the institute that the "OPA is price-fixing us into bankruptcy," Bowles said "the OPA will not be stampeded into giving price increases."

Food Administrator Marvin Jones issued a statement declaring that Americans, both in and out of the services, would continue to be fed well. Jones added that "we will continue to help our fighting Allies."

Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, the Associated Press said, warned that the Army's food supply was "below the minimum safety factor in case of a breakdown anywhere."

U.S. Casualties Reach 859,587

WASHINGTON, March 22 (ANS).—Army and Navy combat casualties since the beginning of the war have reached 859,587, Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson reported today.

Army losses totaled 767,680, while Navy losses were 91,907 through March 14. The combined total was an increase of 19,998 over last week.

The breakdown on Army casualties: killed, 150,310; wounded, 464,731; missing, 88,209, and prisoners, 64,430. Navy casualties were: killed, 35,342; wounded, 41,882; missing, 10,417, and prisoners, 4,266.

Worst Blow In 9 Months Dealt Nazis

Allied air fleets gave Germany its greatest dawn-to-dusk beating since D-day yesterday when approximately 8,000 planes, enjoying near-perfect weather, left their UK, French, Italian and German bases to hit oil refineries, rail bridges, communication hubs and troop concentration centers.

At a late hour last night Ninth AF reported 1,905 fighter-bomber sorties and 800 medium and light bombers had smashed the Ruhr.

Many Ninth TAC fliers each flew three sorties before noon. Nineteenth TAC fighter-bombers attacked trains and rail lines along a 110-mile stretch from Giessen to Heilbronn. Twenty-ninth TAC sent 332 P47s against Ruhr rail yards.

Bag 60 Nazi Planes

In their afternoon efforts, Ninth pilots destroyed 52 aircraft on the ground and eight in the air. They sighted 20 jet planes which failed to attack, although U.S. fliers were then lashing at ground targets.

The Eighth AF sent 1,300 heavies and 700 P51s against nine German army installations and five airfields in the Ruhr.

First Tactical dispatched more than 900 planes during the day and reported two lost. Mediums struck at three rail bridges in the vicinity of Heidelberg. One of them was

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Kesselring Reported Replacing Rundstedt

Field Marshal Albert von Kesselring has been appointed commander in chief of the German armies in the west, a Reuter dispatch from 21st Army Group Hq. said yesterday, quoting an "official announcement." Rumors of the dismissal of Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt as a result of the failure of his winter offensive have been brought in by PWs for weeks.

Gliders Whisk Injured From Across Rhine

By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, March 22.—A transport plane skimmed low over a landing strip on the Remagen bridgehead today, snatched up a glider-load of 12 wounded soldiers and droned into the air again. Nine minutes later the glider delivered the wounded at an evacuation hospital 50 miles behind the lines.

It was the inauguration of glider-ambulance service in the ETO for evacuation of casualties.

Towed by a C47 transport, the first glider, piloted by Maj. Howard H. Cloud, of Louisville, Ky., dropped on to the field at 12:30 PM. Minutes later, another C47 came over the Remagen field to lift another 12-man glider load.

The wounded in the first pilotless craft included two German soldiers. The 12 men, most of them wounded this morning in the bridge-

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Jap Ship Loss More Than 17, Says Spruance

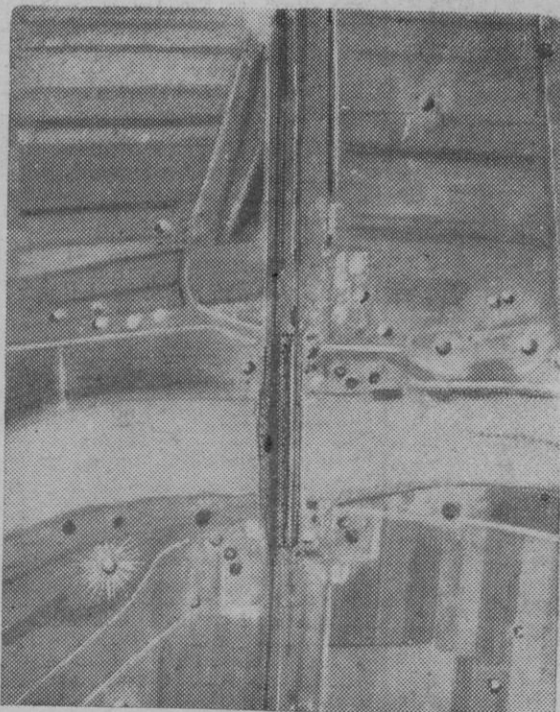
GUAM, March 22 (ANS).—Radio silence still blanketed the movements of the U.S. Fifth Fleet beyond its two-day attack on Kyushu and Japan's inland seaports.

Adm. Raymond A. Spruance informed Adm. Nimitz yesterday that his report of 15 to 17 Japanese warships damaged in the daring foray was an incomplete assessment.

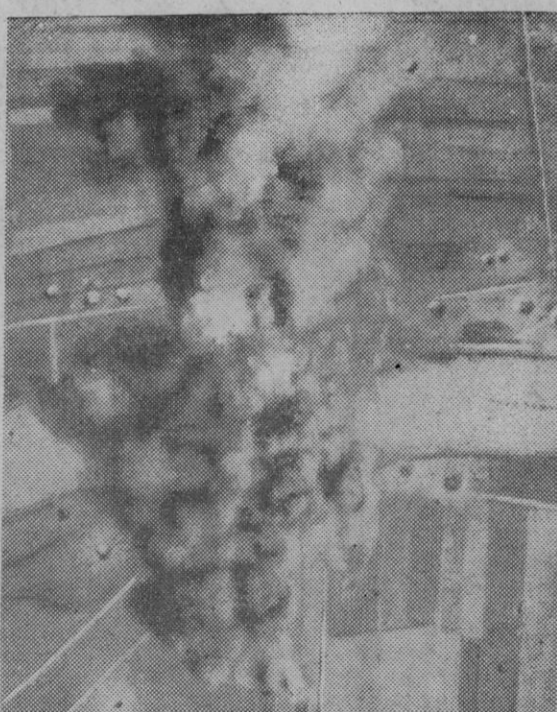
Spruance's raid thus retarded recovery of the Japanese Imperial Fleet after last October's damaging battle off Leyte. This, plus the destruction of approximately 1,400 Japanese aircraft in three carrier raids on Japan—against a U.S. loss of probably no more than 100 planes and not a single ship sunk—served notice on Japan she has not yet shown any ability to halt the American drive.

Radio Tokyo quoted the Japanese War Minister, Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama, as saying the enemy might soon attempt a landing on the Japanese mainland. Another broadcast said nearly 3,000,000 Japanese already had left Tokyo.

Ninth AF Bridge-Busters Do It Again



Paralyzing the enemy's rail transport by knocking out strategically-located bridges has been one of the Ninth Air Force's most frequent assignments since D-Day. These days, the B26s are striking to cripple transport into the Ruhr. The bridge (above)



at Bad-Oeyenhausen, in the Ruhr, was a vital link to the important Nazi industry at Hanover; but after a Marauder attack on March 19 (right), intelligence reports said traffic over the bridge had stopped and the structure was "unserviceable."

Along River Left to Foe

Destruction of Germans trapped in the Saar was accelerated yesterday by forces of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army, which took a record bag of 11,300 prisoners, smashed to within six miles of Speyer on the Rhine and, in conjunction with Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army, narrowed the enemy's escape hatch to 30 miles on the Rhine.

[The Saar offensive by Third and Seventh Army troops has netted 100,000 prisoners since March 14, it was revealed at SHAEF yesterday.]

Across the river, troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army closed up along the Seig River for seven miles. They gained control of 14 miles of the Ruhr superhighway and expanded the salient along the Rhine to 31 miles, with a depth of nine miles.

Bridges Reported Blown

Preliminary reports indicated that Germans had blown the Rhine bridges between Mainz and Wissembourg, possibly to prevent another Remagen bridgehead. These would include the road and railway bridges at Mainz, the Gustavesburg railroad bridge south of the Main River, the Gernsheim road bridge, the iron rail and foot bridge north of Worms and the road bridges from the town's center; the autobahn road bridges west of Sandhofen, the road and rail bridge between Ludwigshafen and Mannheim, the rail bridge at Speyer and the Maximiliansau rail bridges at Karlsruhe.

Patton's haul of 11,300 prisoners compared with the previous high for a 24-hour period of 8,300 three days ago. Approximately 2,200 captives were taken at Worms.

Prisoners were being sent to the car from the Trier-Kaiserslautern sector where organized resistance was over.

This sector alone yielded the broken remnants of nine German divisions—divisions which were considerably understrength before Patton crossed the Mosel and Patch launched his Saar drive.

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Goebbels Defiant, But Hints Germans Are Near the End

LONDON, March 22 (AP).—Admitting that Germany had "not many means left at our disposal," a defiant Joseph Goebbels nevertheless promised the German people today "bold" military counter-measures "ruthlessly exploiting every little chance we are offered to repulse the enemy—cost what it may."

"The enemy will soon realize," the German propaganda minister said in his weekly article in Das Reich, broadcast by the German News Agency, "that his victory fanfares sounded prematurely."

"He will soon notice that the war will not end as quickly as he wants it to. Our enemies will soon learn that our sacred soil will have to be bought with streams of blood."

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Restless

Tonight, in our dugout, in between 88 barrages, we're in the mood for a few gripes. We're a bunch of Infantry Joes up at the front and we want to let you know a few things that really annoy us.

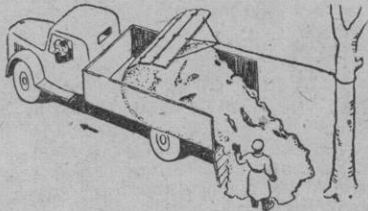
After we've been lying around in the snow and mud for a few weeks or a month or two, we usually get a rest. This rest is really a joke. We work harder, walk more, stand more guard and do oodles of close order drill. If you only knew now this chicken gripes us! We don't like it and know there are plenty of dogfaces in the same boat.

How about telling the brass to do something about it. When we get a chance to relax we want to relax—not run our rears off all day. After the "rest" day is over, we stay up half the night so that we can write letters home.—Pfc Hugh Young, 289 Inf.

Hand-Made Dump Truck

Following is a translation of a section in a German training manual:

Construct a false bottom for the loading surface of the truck (see sketch) by taking 2x6s and connecting them at intervals of 1 "to 1 1/2" with wire or rope, so that the whole length of the planks forms a wooden mat for the loading surface of the truck. Its width should be that of the truck bed and



it should be drawn up to top of the driver's cab. The mat is then fastened near the tail gate and on the opposite end a long piece of wire or heavy rope is attached.

For operation the load is placed on the wooden mat. At the place of unloading, the truck backs up against a tree or pole and the wire or rope is then fastened thereto. When the truck moves forward, the mat is automatically pulled up, and the truck is unloaded completely in just one operation.—Lt. Martin Reinheim

Convinced

In the port of Antwerp we are mighty proud to be featuring the SOS star on our shoulder patch, for, as part of the Transportation Corps, we have been fulfilling our military obligation of dispatching materiel to the fronts as quickly as possible. But this is being accomplished in an atmosphere which isn't all gravy. This war has been brought home to us very subjectively. Haven't we been subject to air raids and bombardments of V-bombs? And how many times have we been splattered with glass and debris as the nine-tailed whip of a V-bomb lashed down and crumbled buildings? We have dug out our buddies' bodies, in shapes twisted by the chaos of destruction, immutable shapes, frozen rigid by the powerful process of death. And how can we ever erase the memory of wailing, mortally-wounded children, the heart-curdling cry of bereaved mothers?

Not so very long ago, many of us did not understand Fascism. Some of us came overseas imbued with enthusiasm for adventure, others

with resentment of disturbed equanimity. Few were inspired with the zeal of a partisan of freedom and progress. But it took little more than a week of Antwerp to provide the answer to "For what do we fight?" Here we had the facilities for making first-hand observation of Fascism's wanton cruelty. No longer was the enemy of decency something the understanding of which had to be absorbed from cold, colorless printed words.

We could now examine the authenticity of atrocities as well as innumerable case histories of persecution and barbarism. And we soon discovered the understatement inherent in the printed word. Hitlerian sadism, Goebbels' distorted logic and Goering's insatiable avarice synthesized a mode of barbaric action the like of which eclipses all historic tyrannies combined, the comprehension of which challenges the periphery of human imagination. We have been drawn to the vital conclusion that this unbridled scourge of reaction, source of slavery and mass murder, must be completely and forever demolished.

Alongside our comrades at the front and in the air, we know what we're fighting for. The unbeatable American combination of AGF, AAF and ASF will destroy Fascism and win this war because we have something more important on our side than superiority of material and military might. We have justice.—Sgt. Robert Basker, 13th Port.

Joe Gets It in the Army

With reference to the plaint of Capt. J. M. C. of the Medics, in B-Bag, that personnel sections did not record immunizations, a "practical" personnel section wishes to make impolite inquiry as to how "shots" can be entered on records if medics do not take the time to inform personnel of same?

As to who gives the "shots," there is no doubt about that.—Pers. Sect. Tank Bn.

Tabernacle

The other night in a squad tent, I attended a most unusual religious service.

Another soldier and I were the only ones present at the Jewish services on Friday evening. The Protestant chaplain, his assistant and the Catholic organist were not the least bit dismayed. With extreme enthusiasm, these three joined with us in our services. The chaplain's sermon was "Faithfulness," and he conducted the services just as though he had a congregation of several hundred.—Capt. T. K., F.A.

An Editorial

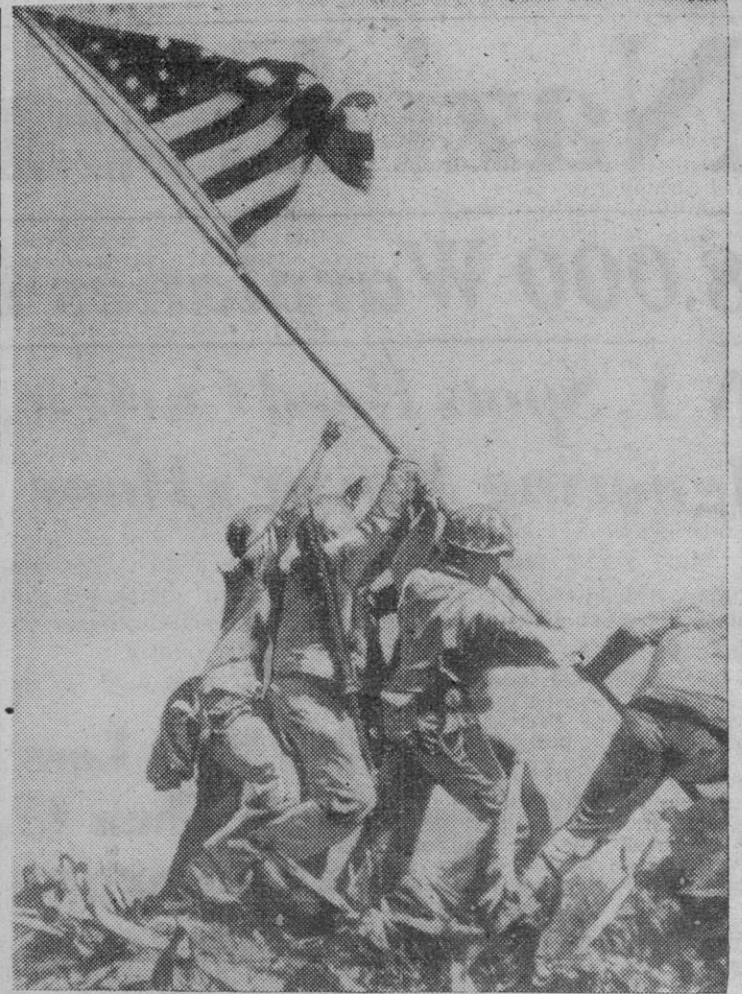
Pride, Sacrifice, Glory

IN my humble opinion this photograph is a prototype of patriotism. It reflects in its simple figuration the living idealism of America—Freedom and all of Freedom's kinships. It stirs the heart. It is a worthy piece of any master's art. The human and sublime are unified in it.

Who are the four boys visible there? If we knew, could we describe them as ordinary men? I could not.

For me the up-raised arm and reaching hand are pride aspirant; to me the clutching hands and inclined head are country's sacrifice; to me the splintered cheek, pressed willingly against that wooden shaft of glory, is itself that glory; and that forestruggling form is leadership, firm-footed, full of courage.

They are one and indivisible—like America. Each knows his comrade, feels his presence. Each keeps the other's faith. The pride and glory belong to them together—and to those they hallow with an honor far greater than that which they themselves are honored by. They plant our sovereign emblem on the remotest mound where they have



saved world sovereignty. The encompassing sky observes right's triumph. There, on that desolate peak, they've conquered a great evil.

We shall perpetuate their deeds—and pray that God

Almighty may redeem them for a lasting peace...

—T/5 D. Cesa.
(The Stars and Stripes welcomes editorials by soldier-readers. No guarantee yours will be printed—but if it's short, timely, constructive and to the point, its chances are pretty good. Send it to The Editor, Stars and Stripes, APO 887.)

Ernie Pyle Writes:

Two Hoosiers Visit in B29 Lair

By Ernie Pyle

IN MARIANA ISLANDS, March 15 (Delayed).—Before starting out on my long tours with the Navy, I've decided to visit the famous B29 Superfortress boys who are bombing Japan from here. This

came about largely because I have kinfolk flying on the B29s, and I thought I'd kill two birds by visiting and writing at the same time, so here I am, sitting on a screened porch in my underwear; comfortable as a cat, with the surf beating on the shore and a lot of bomber pilots swimming out front.

The B29 boys, from commandant down to the lowest enlisted men, are all appreciative of their new good fortune, and I've not heard a dissenting voice. Of course they would all rather be home, but who wouldn't?

The man I came to visit is Lt. Jack Bales, another farm boy from down the road near Dana, Ind. Jack is sort of a nephew of mine. He isn't exactly a nephew, but it's too complicated to explain.

I used to hold him on my knee and all that sort of thing. Now he's 26 and starting to get bald like his "uncle."

Jack's folks still live just a mile down the road from our farm, but Jack left the farm and went to the University of Illinois and got educated real good and was just ready to become a famous lawyer when the war came along and he enlisted.

He spent a year as a private and then got a commission and now he's a first lieutenant. He flew over with the B29s from Nebraska last October.

When I telephoned Jack and said I'd be out in about an hour to stay a few days, he said he would put up an extra cot in his hut for me. When I got there the cot was up, with blankets and a mattress cover laid out on it.

Jack lives in a steel quonset hut with ten other fliers. Most of them are pilots, but Jack is a radio man. He and another fellow have charge of all his squadron's radios. He

doesn't have to go on missions except now and then to check up, but upon arriving I learned both to my astonishment and pride that he had been on more missions than anybody in his squadron. In fact he's been on so many that his squadron commander has forbidden him to go for awhile.

During flight Jack sits in a little compartment in the rear of the plane and can't see out. In all his missions over Japan, he's seen only one Jap fighter, not that they didn't have plenty around. But he's so busy he seldom gets to the window for a peek. The one time he did, a Jap came slamming under the plane so close it almost took the skin off.

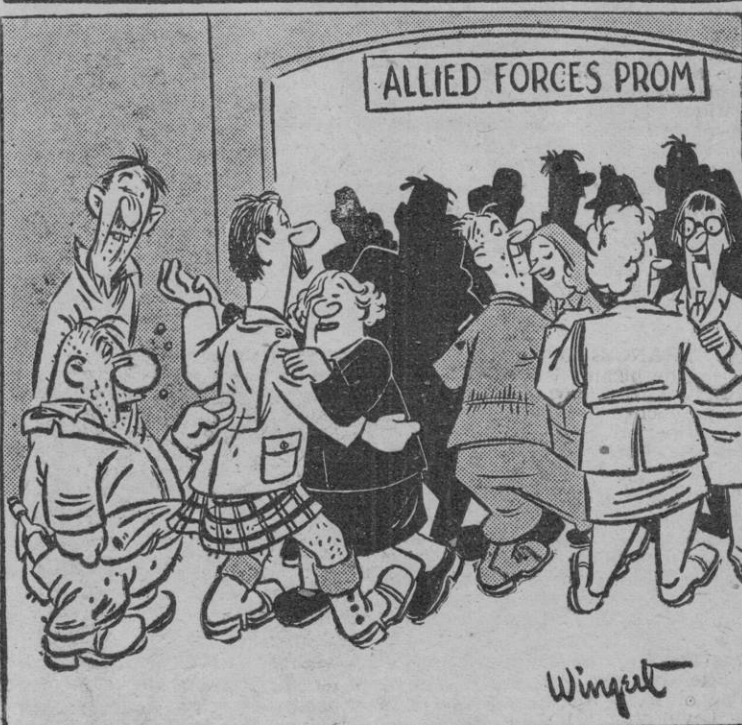
The B29 fliers sleep on folding canvas cots with rough white sheets. Sleeping is wonderful here and along toward morning you usually pull a blanket over you. Each flier has a dresser of wooden shelves he's made for himself and several homemade tables scattered around.

The walls are plastered with maps, snapshots and pin-up girls, but I noticed that real pin-up girls—wives and mothers—dominated the movie beauties. In fact, eight of the ten men in the hut are married.

Although the food is good here, most of the boys get packages from home. One kid wrote and told his folks to slow sending packages a little, that he was snowed under with packages.

Jack has had two jars of Indiana fried chicken from my Aunt Magy. She cans it and seals it in jars and it's wonderful. She sent me some in France, but I'd left before it got there. Jack took some of his fried chicken in his lunch over Tokyo one day. We Hoosiers sure do get around, even the chickens.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Let's get in circulation, Stanmore. You take this big one and I'll take the little one."

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This Happened in America Yesterday:

War Industry to Return Share of Profits to U.S.

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 22.—A big chunk of the money made in the munitions industry—\$5,800,000,000—has been, or will be, refunded to the Treasury, the War Contracts Price Adjustment Board announced.

Additional savings, "vast but impossible to estimate," have come from contractors' desire to hold profits down, since they know their earnings will be studied, the board added. The \$5,800,000,000 represents the result of renegotiation for contracts made in 1942 and 1943.

The United Press says that Germany's superhighways were copied from the New Jersey highway system. Fifteen years ago, a group of German engineers went to New Jersey and were given every opportunity to study the state's Pulaski Skyway, the Woodbridge Clover Leaf intersection and many other facilities designed to speed traffic.

BASIL ANTHONY TRASKER, 47, of Stoneham, Mass., who was divorced last year and who has been jobless since Christmas because he has to care for three small children at home, was overwhelmed by 50 replies to his advertisement for a new wife. One of the proposals came from a Boston Back Bay divorcee who said she had two automobiles and two country estates.

The OPA has brought suit in Federal Court in St. Louis to prevent George A. Carper, a funeral director, from continuing to violate ceiling prices. The complaint charged that the firm sold caskets \$10 above the limit.

How Postwar Seagoers Will Travel

PROSPECTIVE postwar travelers frown on any class snobbery, according to a survey by the Shipbuilders Council of America. Five thousand persons interviewed in the survey said they prefer one-class ships with cafeterias instead of plush dining rooms.

Marine Pvt. Leo Kurtz, whose ten-day furlough at Joliet, Ill., was to expire March 25, is getting tired of his stay. His six-year-old son got small pox and the family was quarantined. Kurtz then obtained a five-day extension from Camp Pendleton, Calif., but county health officers say he will not be permitted to leave home for two or three weeks.

THE board of directors of the Kenny Institute has refused to accept the resignation of Sister Elizabeth Kenny, creator of the Kenny method in the treatment of infantile paralysis. Sister Kenny may reconsider, although she was disturbed by the failure of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to approve the institute's application for a grant of \$840,000, and said this had played a part in her decision.

According to Columnist Ed Sullivan, Gen. Ike recently sent a letter to Cpl. Bryan McKeogh, of the Special Service Section at Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, saying that M/Sgt. Mickey McKeogh, brother of Bryan and the general's chauffeur, "has just given me the Wild West stories you were kind enough to send me." The general expressed his appreciation.

STRIVING to boost tire production in the shortest possible time, the War Production Board has appointed John L. Collyer, president of B. F. Goodrich Co., to head a special rubber program for three months. There will be no substantial cutback in demands for tires and other rubber products, even when Germany is defeated, the board said.

A separation suit ended in favor of Mrs. Elaine Straulin, 23, of Chicago, who had complained that her husband kept her barefooted for two or three months at a time. Mrs. Straulin left her husband Jan. 24, when she succeeded in buying a pair of shoes for herself.

JUVENILE delinquents of the war period—and not returning soldiers—will cause an increase in crime in the postwar period, says Dr. Richard L. Jenkins, acting superintendent of the Institute for Juvenile Research, Chicago. He points out that after the last war, the crime problem came not from the vets but from a younger group whose adolescent or pre-adolescent years were lived in a war period.

Conscience Pays Off—In Six Years

A conscience-stricken thief, who had visited a gas station at Waltham, Minn., six years ago, left \$10 at the station with a note saying: "This gas station was broken into in 1939 and gas was stolen and the hose was cut. Hoping this will pay for damage and gas."

In Waukegan, Ill., Sheriff Walter L. Atkinson has issued his annual spring order to deputies to prevent young couples from parking in the entrance to a cemetery. Cemetery officials complained that the couples were stopping traffic.

A coroner's jury in Macon, Ga., investigating the death of four children in an explosion, is also checking reports that children played with grenades in classrooms. The four children died on the Camp Wheeler firing range when one hammered a rifle grenade on a steel helmet.

Deadlocked Conferees Get Compromise Manpower Bill

WASHINGTON, March 22 (ANS).—Senate-House conferees on manpower legislation today received a compromise bill drafted by Sen. Warren E. Austin (R-Vt.) as a solution to the conflicting manpower views of the two chambers.

The compromise would authorize the draft of workers for both war industries and farms, and it would provide a \$10,000 fine and/or a year in prison for any willful violator, employer or employee.

Highlights of the bill:

1—The War Manpower Commission chairman would prescribe employment ceilings and would fix the maximum number of workers by age, sex or occupational qualifications. He also would regulate hiring practices.

2—Whenever the Director of War Mobilization is notified that war plants or farms in a given area need men, he would certify such needs to the Director of Selective Service. The latter would designate categories of civilian male registrants 18 through 45, from which men would be called up by their draft boards.

3—The referred registrants would be given "a reasonable choice of employers for whom to work." Travel expenses would be paid those assigned to distant jobs.

One committee member described the proposal as "a holy terror—worse than anything either the House or Senate ever thought of." "It has more teeth than a shark," he said.

'Work-Fight' Inductees Take Hike



Trainees inducted under the "work or fight" program march through the grounds at Camp Ellis, Ill. After a four-week training course, they will have the choice of either taking a job in essential industry or remaining with the Army.

House Group Votes Extension Of Expiring Selective Service

WASHINGTON, March 22 (ANS).—The House Military Committee today unanimously approved a one-year extension of the draft law, without changes.

Before voting approval, the committee heard testimony by Maj. Gen. Idwal H. Edwards, assistant chief of staff in charge of training, and Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry, assistant chief of staff in charge of personnel, who emphasized the need of providing fighting replacements until the last enemy had quit.

Flood Menace Wanes in South

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 22 (ANS).—The South's flood picture appeared brighter today as Army engineers reported an improved condition in West Tennessee and throughout Arkansas.

The swirling Mississippi River kicked up increased wave wash on the Tennemo Booths Point roadway embankment in Dyer County, Tenn., the engineers said, but seepage did not increase.

Conditions generally were better in Arkansas. The White, Ouachita and Arkansas Rivers reached their crest and began falling yesterday in overflow areas near Ft. Smith, Batesville and Arkadelphia.

Senators Call Marshall To Tell Promotion Policy

WASHINGTON, March 22 (INS).—The Senate Military Affairs Committee voted to call in Gen. George Marshall, chief of staff, for an explanation of Army policy on promotions.

The move barred early action on the nominations of nine lieutenant generals to be full generals.

Numbers Racketeer Slain in Dice Game

READING, Pa., March 22 (ANS).—Tony Moran, 42, a gambler twice sentenced for operating large-scale numbers banks, was killed yesterday in a crowded gambling establishment. Police began a search for John Wittig, Moran's former lieutenant.

Curfew Gripes Look Different To Returned GI

By Bill Spear

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 22.—What is this? Can't the home front make the "sacrifice" of drinking up by midnight to help the war effort without a lot of griping and actual evasion of rules?

To a GI who listened to the "time, gentlemen, please" of the English pubkeepers at 10 o'clock and who watched the buzz-bombed Belgians stumble home in the blackout of a 10 o'clock curfew, the U.S. curfew business from the other side looked like a sorry spectacle.

The View From N.Y.

But on this side the picture appears different, and this is the way it looks:

In the first place, the curfew question is one that concerns cities alone. The vast majority of America outside of cities always did take in the sidewalks before midnight anyway, so the curfew made no difference.

Now, in cities, according to nationwide surveys made by press services and by Variety, the theatrical trade journal, the curfew is being observed virtually 100 percent.

In the face of all reports, the situation in New York, where LaGuardia has granted an "hour of tolerance" has assumed disproportionate prominence. It is not representative and mayors in many other cities have been among those denouncing LaGuardia for his action.

Three Factors

So while America keeps the curfew, let's take a look at New York, which doesn't. There are three things to be considered in New York's case:

1.—Thousands of visitors throng New York and entertainment is one of the city's biggest and most important industries.

2.—The curfew easing was the work of just one man—unorthodox, individualistic LaGuardia. The City Council raised the roof but couldn't do anything about it.

3.—New York has a mayoralty election next fall.

America obeys the curfew, but some grumble about it, and maybe there shouldn't be any grumbling. The same kind of grumbling—discussion would be a better word—attended gasoline rationing, the draft or, in general, every step the nation took in waging war.

The grumbling seems to be only of one sort.

The grumbling is not over any "hardship" in inability to get a drink after midnight. It is over the question whether the curfew is necessary, is the curfew the best way to accomplish what it is supposed to do, etc.

Maybe that's the way America always has done things. Maybe it's a good way to do them.

Billions of Butts

NEW YORK, March 22 (ANS).—Joseph Kolodny, executive secretary of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors, reports that 95,000,000,000 cigarettes were shipped to U.S. armed forces overseas in 1944.

Bigamy Trial Nears Decision

Four of Trolley Lover's Wives Tell

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (ANS).—The bigamy trial of Francis Van Wie, the marrying trolleyman, approached the decision stage today. Superior Judge H. C. Kaufman began instructions to the jury.

The trial was progressing with the speed of the rear-platform Romeo's many romances. Van Wie, 58, rotund and bespectacled, was silent while four women testified he had married them.

His seventh wife testified that he had accused her of unfaithfulness when she informed him that he was about to become a father. Van Wie told her that he wasn't capable of fathering a child, Mrs. Sadie Levin Van Wie said, adding that he then abandoned her in 1942. Mrs. Sadie Levin Van Wie was



Bell Rings for Ding Dong Daddy

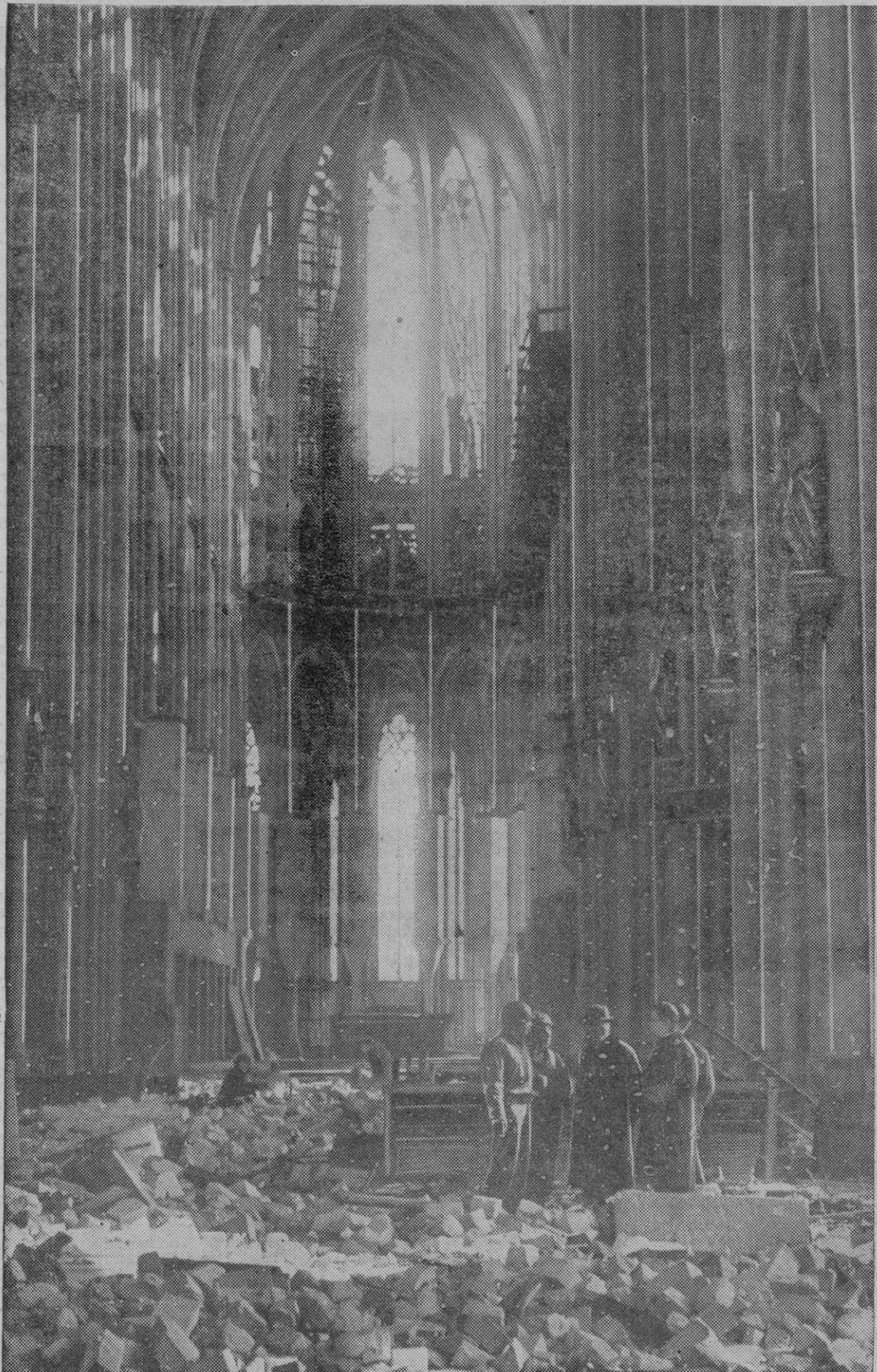
not one of three wives who filed complaints. She said that she married Van Wie in Nevada on Feb. 28, 1941, and that in March, 1942, she told him that she was pregnant. Van Wie, she said, then in Los Angeles, sent her 7 dollars and told her that he would come to San Francisco to see her.

When he arrived, in May, she testified, Van Wie was wearing an Army uniform and said that he had been in Hawaii investigating the Pearl Harbor bombing.

Her testimony completed the prosecution's case. The defense presented no witnesses.

Van Wie has pleaded not guilty to three charges of bigamy by reason of insanity. A second trial will be held to determine his sanity.

The Bishop Returns to His Task



This is the sight that greeted the bishop upon his return to his cathedral. Bomb explosions caused the damage shown. Sunlight streams through the shattered windows above the high altar as Bishop Stockums (center of group) talks with two U.S. Catholic chaplains and members of his staff. (Stars and Stripes Photo by Harris.)

Prelate Freed of Gestapo Shadow Sees Damaged Cologne Cathedral

By Allan Morrison
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

COLOGNE, March 22.—After being a fugitive from the Gestapo since last June for openly resisting the Nazis, Bishop Wilhelm Stockums, senior auxiliary bishop of Cologne, returned to his bomb-shattered diocese and saw the damage done to his church—the world-renowned Dom Cathedral.

Bishop Stockums was discovered recently by Capt. Peter Wiktor, of Detroit, Catholic chaplain of the 121st Inf. Regt., of the 8th Inf. Div., who found him hiding in an old people's home.

The bishop told for the first time how the Nazi Party had tried to shackle local Catho-

licism and turn the famous old cathedral into a political museum.

Early last year the Nazi Party announced that it intended to convert the Cologne Cathedral into a national Nazi monument. But the aged Archbishop of Cologne denounced the plan in a memorable address in the cathedral.

"I pray to God that Allied bombers reduce this magnificent edifice to dust before he will permit the pagan master of this land to claim it for his own," the archbishop said.

Archbishop and bishop were forced to retire and evaded the Gestapo by moving from house to house, often disguised. The archbishop was forcibly evacuated across the Rhine when American forces approached, while the bishop remained in hiding.

Transport Jam in Saar Leads 50,000 Germans Into Yanks' PW Cages

By Dick Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The toll of German prisoners in the Saar, now more than 50,000, was the result of serious transportation shortages complicated by lack of fuel and the blasting U.S. air forces gave road and rail communications, official sources disclosed yesterday.

The Germans were unable to get away. Their producer-gas vehicles, horse-drawn or oxen-drawn artillery pieces and marching infantry could not escape U.S. tanks which cut them off and made further organized resistance impossible.

The bulk of the prisoners are being rounded up by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army. However, it was Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army attack which held the Nazi forces in the Siegfried Line until it was too late to escape.

Units Borrow Transport

The enemy lost so many vehicles in the battles of the Ardennes and Cologne Plain as well as in the retreat from the Eifel that units were borrowing from each other. Vehicles broke down and could not be repaired for lack of parts, and some just ran out of gas.

Tactical air forces bombed and strafed convoys on the roads, queuing up to go in for the kill. Germans hardly had time to clear the roads of burning wreckage before they found themselves cut off.

Not only were they short of gas, but there was no fodder for the horses.

The transport shortage made it impossible in several instances for the Nazis to get their field artillery out.

It was revealed that Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul's 26th Inf. Div. took an entire German field artillery battalion intact near Merzig. The division's advance southeast of Trier was so rapid the enemy outfit could not pull its guns out in time.

A number of artillery pieces were found destroyed after their cannoneers tried to escape.

11th Armd. Captures 10,633 in Rhine Dash

WITH 11TH ARMD. DIV., Germany, March 22.—This outfit captured 10,633 prisoners from March 7 to 10 in the dash from the Kyll River to the Rhine.

The roundup, in a pocket formed by the junction of the First and Third Armies in the Andernach-Mayen-Brohl area, also liberated more than 4,000 non-Germans forced into service by the enemy. These included French, Belgians, Poles, Arabs, Egyptians, Indians and Mongols.

Vast Rail Equipment Won by First, Ninth

A huge stock of railroad equipment, undamaged by the Germans in their swift retreat across the Rhine, has been captured by First and Ninth Army troops, Com Z Headquarters announced.

The prize includes: 2,500 freight cars, 350 of them loaded with coal and coke; 45 locomotives, several roundhouses and repair shops, one car-manufacturing plant, and un-inventoried quantities of railroad tools, machinery and supplies. All are in excellent condition.

Another 2,000 freight cars and 40 locomotives, in need of minor repairs, are expected to be in use within a few weeks, according to Maj. Ray A. Garrigus, of Lansdowne, Pa., traffic officer of the 708th Railroad Op. Bn.

U.S. Seeks To Speed Moscow Polish Talks

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP).—The U.S. has taken diplomatic steps to quicken the Russian pace in negotiations for a new Polish government.

Somewhat impatient with delays that may keep Poland from the San Francisco conference in April, this country has made it clear in Moscow that it wants the talks cleared up soon.

Wins Highest Award



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Sgt. James P. Connor, of Wilmington, Del., wears the Congressional Medal of Honor he won for taking over a platoon after the leaders were killed and after he was wounded three times. The action, on Cape Cavalair, occurred during landings in Southern France. Connor is with the Third Div. of Seventh Army.

FDR Envoy, Pope Confer

VATICAN CITY, March 22 (AP).—Pope Pius received Edward J. Flynn, President Roosevelt's unofficial envoy, for an hour's audience today. Later, Flynn talked with Msgr. Giovanni Battista Montini, acting papal secretary of state.

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP).—Edward J. Flynn is believed to be exploring for President Roosevelt the possibility of closer relations between the Vatican and the Kremlin.

The White House had nothing to say beyond the disclosure that Mr. Roosevelt invited Flynn to accompany him to the Yalta Big Three conference when he learned that Flynn was planning a trip to Moscow.

Railhead Company Wins Presidential Citation

WITH 8th QM RAILHEAD CO., March 22.—This outfit, which landed on Normandy invasion beaches with assault troops, has been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.

Serving with the Sixth Eng. Sp. Brig., the company established the first U.S. railhead in France and issued millions of rations in the first week of the invasion. The advance group, led by its present commander, Capt. Samuel C. Paige, of Taunton, Mass., reached France on D-day.

Assigned a quota of 60,000 B-rations issues a day, the company issued 227,639 rations on Sunday, August 6, without assistance from other service troops.

Little Norway Closing

LONDON, March 22 (Reuter).—"Little Norway," Canada's air training camp near Toronto to which Norwegians have flocked since 1940, is closing, the Norwegian information office announced.

Organized Jap Resistance on Panay Fades

Nazi Fanatics Slay Comrades In Mainz Stand

By James Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 90th INF. DIV., Mainz, March 22.—Shooting down their own troops when they try to surrender, fanatical groups of Nazis today were still resisting in this ruined city with Rhine bridges blown up behind them.

After fighting stubbornly on the approaches and outskirts of this once beautiful Rhine city, the Germans suddenly gave way, then held again in house-to-house combat.

At three o'clock this afternoon, three-fourths of the biggest German city yet assaulted by Patton's Third Army was in the possession of Yanks of the 358th and 359th Regts. Attacking from three sides, they crossed the city limits at six AM and by afternoon some elements had passed through the town to reach the Rhine.

Old Fort By-Passed

The Citadel, ancient fort inside the city, was by-passed by the doughfeet, who pushed on when some of the garrison decided not to join most of their comrades under a white flag.

The foot soldiers moved cautiously through Mainz because most of the main streets were mined and booby-trapped and the intersections were covered by machine-guns. Much artillery and mortar fire came from across the Rhine and from islands opposite the city.

Maj. Ray Shelby of Ft. Smith, Kan., commanding an assault battalion, said he didn't think there were 75 undamaged houses in the city that once housed 160,000.

Few civilians were on the streets. As outgoing and incoming artillery slammed and whistled, they stayed underground in the square-shaped stone-covered shelters which seem to be dug into every back yard.

"Five Jerries hoisted a white flag from a building," said Pvt. Commodore Buchanan, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

"We waved them over to where we were. They started to come down the street, but one of their own machine-guns opened up on them and cut them in two. They had good observation. They couldn't have mistaken them for GIs."

Pvt. John S. Boyce said the house-to-house fighting in Mainz was the toughest he had seen anywhere in France and Belgium. Other Yanks, crouching behind a wall waiting for a tank to clear snipers from the street around the corner, agreed. Experienced infantrymen said that the machine-gun fire was the worst they had experienced.

Bishop Donahue Consecrated

NEW YORK, March 22 (ANS).—The Most Rev. Joseph P. Donahue was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of New York this week at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Rheims, Inland City, An Army Supply Port

HQ., OISE SECTION.—Rheims, historic cathedral city 243 miles from the sea, now ranks as an important supply port for the American forces.

The U.S. Army, in co-operation with the French government, reopened the canal port March 12, marking another step in the rehabilitation of France's inland waterways.

The Rheims facilities, relieving overburdened railroads, will be used chiefly for delivery of Army supplies coming by barge from Channel and Seine River ports. Lt. Col. R. W. Barker, of Columbus, Ohio, Oise Section Transportation Officer who supervised development of the port, said it will handle many thousands of tons monthly.

First Picture of Luzon's Infamous March of Death



Carrying their dying comrades in improvised stretchers, U.S. troops march from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell under a blazing Philippine sun. This picture, the first graphic testimony to the infamous march which took place nearly three years ago, was printed from Jap film.

Dewey Kills Vet Job Bill

ALBANY, March 22 (ANS).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today vetoed a bill intended to assist in the rehabilitation and re-employment of public employes who have become disabled in the armed services.

The bill also would have assured the former employe the same rate of pay he received for his original position if his disability rendered him incompetent for his former position.

The governor said that the bill would protect persons disabled by reason of disease contracted while on military leave, even though the person was at fault in contracting the disease.

RD Express Loses Its Front Patrons And Closes Down

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., Germany.—The only narrow-gauge railroad supplying an infantry division in combat—the Red Diamond Express—has shut down in Luxembourg because its clientele has gone beyond the end of the line into Germany.

For two weeks, while the Fifth Inf. Div. stormed across the Sauer River and cracked the Siegfried Line, the RD Express steamed up its 25 narrow-gauge miles from Luxembourg City to the front, carrying more than 3,000 tons of vital supplies and ammunition and returning with troops on pass.

Fifth QM Co. Truck Platoon officers, under whose supervision the road was run, estimated that it saved approximately 1,000 truck trips and thousands of tons of gasoline in the two weeks of its operation.

Paris Housewives March Again In Mass Food Shortage Protest

More than one hundred women carrying empty food baskets marched from the Bastille to the Paris City Hall Wednesday in a mass protest against food conditions which a Food Ministry official admitted were "catastrophic," the United Press reported.

The demonstration was a repetition of last Monday's mass protest, in which several thousand women participated. It was reported that the Parisian daily calory ration has fallen below 1,000 for the first time since 1870.

Waving empty food baskets, the



This picture, another from seized enemy film, shows Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright broadcasting the surrender order to American troops from Station KZRH, Manila. Gen. Wainwright, was in command of all U.S. troops in the Philippines at the time.

U.S. Weathermen At Bridgehead

Army weathermen are operating on the bridgehead side of the Rhine. Det. YF of the Ninth AF's 21st Weather Sq. and the 40th Mobile Communications Sq. crossed the river a week after the bridgehead was established.

The detachment, activated shortly before the invasion, landed on D-plus-1 and went to work the following day at the first Allied airstrip in France.

Hot Food Available For Yanks on Pass

Soldiers on day-pass in Paris now can get more to eat than just doughnuts and coffee under a new hot meal plan operated by the Red Cross and the Army.

At the Boulevard Club, 6 Blvd. des Italiens (four blocks east of the Opera, near the Blvd. Haussmann), a complete C ration—one meat can and one biscuit-beverage can—may be exchanged for a meal ticket good for one hot meal. The meals consist largely of C rations, but fresh vegetables and French rolls are added whenever possible. Coffee is always served.

The new arrangement for hot meals—served daily between 1100 and 2100 hours—is open to all soldiers coming into Paris on legitimate day passes. Army casual messes are open only to men on travel orders and the other ARC service clubs serve meals only to men with passes entitling them to overnight accommodations.

Denmark Gets Nazi Wounded

STOCKHOLM, March 22 (AP).—More than 50,000 wounded German soldiers and refugees have arrived in Denmark and it is reported that German authorities have orders from Berlin to prepare to receive up to a million, the Free Danish Press Service said.

Iloilo Harbor Captured With Its Docks Intact

MANILA, March 22 (ANS).—Virtually all organized Japanese resistance has been crushed on the 4,400 square miles of Panay, central Philippines Island invaded on Sunday. Gen. MacArthur's headquarters reported today.

Panay's fine harbor at Iloilo was captured Tuesday with its docks intact, permitting their immediate use. The port city of 90,000 also fell to Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th Inf. Div., but not before the enemy destroyed 70 percent of it by fire and electrically-controlled mines.

Other 40th Div. Yanks, aided by guerrillas, spread over the coastal plain around Iloilo, seizing Santa Barbara airfield, the second air base captured on Panay, and the towns of Gaub, Tabucan, San Sebastian and Pavia.

"Before our landing, guerrilla forces under Col. Macario Peralta Jr. had practically cleared the interior and coastal sectors of the island (largely mountainous) and by constant harassment had restricted enemy forces to the immediate vicinity of Iloilo," MacArthur said.

On Luzon, MacArthur reported, the enemy's cave-studded Shimbun Line east of Manila has collapsed, yielding a mass of war booty. Tunnels enemy fortifications 14 miles east of the capital have been left well behind by the 33rd and Sixth Inf. Divs. The Yanks seized 256 vehicles, mostly armored cars, 35 artillery and anti-aircraft guns and large quantities of other equipment.

Headquarters also disclosed that Cavite Province, forming the southern part of Manila Bay, has been virtually cleared of the enemy. In the Zamboanga area of Mindanao, seized airfields are operating without enemy hindrance.

George VI Lauds Troops In Capture of Mandalay

MANDALAY, March 22 (UP).—The Union Jack was officially raised over Mandalay yesterday by Gen. William J. Slim after all organized resistance in the city had ceased.

(Thursday's Southeast Asia communique said Japanese pockets of resistance between Mandalay and the Myitnge River to the south were being mopped up, and armored forces of the British 33rd Corps had made further progress southward.

King George VI, in a message to Lord Louis Mountbatten, Allied supreme commander in southeast Asia, described the fall of Mandalay as "a notable landmark in your advance into Burma" and sent his "warmest congratulations" to all troops involved.

Mountbatten said the British 14th Army's wresting of Burma's second city from the Japs "has proclaimed to the Japanese people as well as to the rest of the world what progress you are making in the liberation of Burma."

Superforts Bomb Rangoon, 2nd Time Within 7 Days

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP).—India-based Superfortresses bombed military installations and storage areas in the Burma port of Rangoon today for the second time in less than a week, 20th Air Force headquarters announced.

The attacking force was called "sizable," indicating that more than 100 bombers took part in the attack.

Four-Star Ranks Given Marines, Coast Guard

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP).—President Roosevelt today signed bills establishing war-time ranks of general for the commandant of the Marine Corps, and admiral for the Coast Guard commandant.

Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift is Marine commander and Vice-Admiral Russell B. Waesche is head of the Coast Guard.

Baseball Given New 'Green Light'

WMC Decrees Players May Discard Jobs

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The "green light" baseball men were hoping for was switched on partially today when War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt ruled that baseball players will be permitted to discard war jobs in favor of baseball without obtaining clearance from the U.S. Employment Service or without fear of being caught in the draft.

McNutt decreed that since baseball is the principal occupation of these men they have the right to work at it. He said the action was taken after he had satisfied himself that there was widespread demand among servicemen and civilians for the continuation of the national game.

Baseball Lifts Morale

"There is considerable evidence that baseball adds to homefront morale in wartime," McNutt said, "and there is, therefore, real justification for our action."

The WMC further explained that anyone who participated in professional baseball last year and has contractual relationship with any team in 1945 may be "recalled to his principal employment," which is baseball, without "going through channels."

It was pointed out, however, the commission's action does not affect players who have legitimate draft status and those who leave their war jobs do so at their own discretion. In effect, this means men who previously were 1-A remain in the same category.

Rickey Not Too Sure

The immediate effect of the ruling is expected to be wholesale return to baseball by players who have remained on war jobs because they figured they would fall prey to their draft boards and arouse public opinion if they left to play.

Branch Rickey, Dodger president, wasn't overly enthusiastic about the edict. "Of course it will help," he said, "but only those players who are 4-F. If they hold deferments on the strength of war jobs and are otherwise 1-A, they'll still be 1-A when they quit."

Murray Drops Decision

CLEVELAND, March 22.—Lee Murray, Norwalk, Conn., Negro heavyweight, lost a ten-round split decision to Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N.Y., here last night before 6,400 fans.



The Blackbirds, undefeated in 25 straight games and the 351st Engineers, a dark horse favorite, meet tonight at the Jaurès Gymnasium, Paris, as the Seine Section basketball tournament advances to the semi-final round.

Semi-final games tonight at the Jaurès Gym, 87 Bd. Jean-Jaurès (near Laumière Metro station) pit 48th Hospital against Special Service at 1915 hours, followed by the Blackbird-351st Engineer contest at 2015.

HQ., OISE SECTION.—In a return welterweight match, Pfc Joe Lomongino, New York, decided on Pvt. Sam Logan, Rocky Mount, N.C., in the weekly punch show staged by the Oise Section athletic department. The first match between the two scrappers ended in a draw.

Results of other bouts:

Cpl. Clarence Sadler, Akron, Ohio, drew with Sgt. Horace Young, Houston, Texas; Pfc Bill Cook, San Diego, Calif., decided on Pfc Earle Moore, Detroit; Cpl. Dick Mack, Harrisburg, Pa., drew with Pvt. Leo Adams, Ardmore, Okla.; Sgt. Ivy Wright, Speckly, W.Va., decided on Pvt. George Burris, Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. Arron Wilson, Atlanta, Ga., decided on Pvt. Jefferson Gray, Philadelphia.

Eases Baseball Ban



Paul V. McNutt

Lee Oma Duels Tami Tonight

NEW YORK, March 22.—Tami Mauriello, unpredictable Bronx battler, will climb through the Madison Square Garden ropes tomorrow night to battle Lee Oma, self-admitted "dive artist," for the third time. This is the rubber match since each man has won once in their previous meetings.



Lee Oma

Mauriello knocked out Oma, who was a last-second substitute for Joe Baksi, in their first encounter. But in fairness to Oma it must be stated the handsome Russian had just come off a beautiful bender and barely beat Tami to it when he collapsed in the ring.

In their second fight, Oma was convinced he could lick Mauriello and actually inhaled some fresh air while training. He danced around Tami, dropped him with a southpaw tap and literally walked off with the decision.

Lippy's Aching Back Worth \$1,000 Bonus

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., March 22.—There is a pretty \$1,000 bill waiting for Leo "The Lip" Durocher if he can force his antiquated limbs to play at least 15 games at second base for the Dodgers this summer, Branch Rickey said today.

"I don't expect Leo to play full time," Rickey explained. "But if he can get into condition to help out occasionally, I think he'll deserve the bonus."

Demons Win, 97-53, As Mikan Runs Wild

By Jay Barnes

Army News Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK, March 22.—Elongated George Mikan, De Paul's one-man hurricane, left a mass of broken records in his wake last night as the Demons pummeled Rhode Island State, 97-53, in the semi-finals of the annual Invitation basketball jamboree at Madison Square Garden. In the opener, Bowling Green eliminated St. John's, two-time champions, 57-49.

Mikan poured 53 points through the hoop to break Harry Boykoff's Garden record of 45 points and gave the Demons a death grip on all tournament scoring records as De Paul still has another game to go, meeting Bowling Green for the title next Monday night. His 21 field goals and 11 freethrows also shattered the tournament scoring mark of 37, held by Bob Gerber of Toledo.

Mikan Starts With Rush

The Rhodies trailed from the opening gun when Mikan tossed in his first basket after 20 seconds of activity. Jack Allen added a free-throw, then Ernie Calverley counted Rhode Island's first basket. Mikan broke loose for three rapid fire two-pointers and the Demons were off to the races. Big George tallied 21 points in the first half to provide De Paul with a 42-25 margin at the intermission.

The second half was the same—plain brutal—as Mikan continued adding to his staggering total. Allen was chief cohort with 17 points, while Dick Hole headed the Rhodies with 24 points.

Falcons Upset Redmen

Bowling Green's victory over the second-seeded Redmen would have been the big story if Mikan hadn't been around. After lagging, 28-14, the Falcons turned on the steam with Wyndol Gray and Don Otten, who towers six feet 11 inches, setting the pace and the clubs were deadlocked, 28-28, at the half.

Otten tipped in a rebound early in the second half and the Falcons never again lagged. When Bill Kotosores, St. John's star guard, fouled out with 11 minutes remaining, the Indians collapsed and Bowling Green won in a breeze.

Gray was high scorer for Bowling Green with 18 points, one more than stocky Hy Gotkin made to lead St. John's.

Durnan Wins Vezina Trophy

MONTREAL, March 22.—Bill Durnan, Montreal Canadiens goaltender, has been awarded the George S. Vezina Trophy, which goes annually to the best goalie in the National Hockey League. Durnan allowed 121 goals past him this year, 40 fewer than allowed by Frank McCool, of Toronto, the runner-up.

Nelson Downs Sammy Snead

CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 22.—Byron Nelson won the second 18-hole playoff round from Sammy Snead by four strokes yesterday and took the \$2,000 first prize in the \$10,000 Charlotte Open golf tournament.



Byron Nelson

Nelson's long straight drives were combined with superb putting, while Snead's short game deserted him completely. Nelson had a 36 at the turn to Snead's 38 and picked up two more going home. Nelson concluded his round with a 30-foot putt for a birdie two on the final hole.

The golfers were tied at 272 Monday and tied again with identical 69's in the first round playoff Tuesday.

Hockey Crown Goes to Lach

MONTREAL, March 22.—The Montreal Canadiens' powerful front line of Elmer Lach, Maurice Richard and Toe Blake finished in that order in the National Hockey League's 1945 scoring race, and Lach, with 54 assists, set a new loop mark in that department. In all, he scored 80 points.

The league failed to mention the name of its leading bad boy, but he was Pat Egan, of Boston, with 76 minutes in the doghouse.

Final individual scoring figures:

	G	A	Pts.
Lach, Montreal	26	54	80
Richard, Montreal	50	23	73
Blake, Montreal	29	38	67
Cowley, Boston	25	40	65
Kennedy, Toronto	29	25	54
Mostenko, Chicago	28	26	54
Carveth, Detroit	26	28	54
DeMarco, New York	24	30	54
C. Smith, Chicago	23	31	54

Chicago White Sox

1945 Major League Flag Prospects

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

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 22.—Roly poly Jim Dykes visualizes something better for his Chicago White Sox this year than their seventh-place finish of 1944, and a glance around the training camp here would indicate he has good reason for his optimism.

The Chisox have suffered their quota of draft losses and retirements but Dykes and the front office were unusually active during the offseason and have gathered what looks like a much stronger club.

The prize acquisition is Oris Hockett, husky outfielder who was obtained from Cleveland in exchange for Eddie Carnett. Hockett is slightly overweight at the moment but his hustle in the field has caught Dykes' fancy and Hockett already has pocketed the center

field job. Last year he batted .297 for the Tribe.

With Wally Moses a fixture in right and Guy Curtright and Johnny Dickshot duelling for the



Oris Hockett



Orval Grove

left field position, the outfield situation is well under control.

What looked like infield trouble earlier in the year already has started to solve itself. Dykes put

on a spirited drill yesterday with veteran Tony Cuccinello at third, Dan Reynolds at shortstop, Roy Schalk at second and Bill Nagel at first, and that stacks up as the opening day lineup.

Backstopping again will be handled by Mike Tresh and Vince Castino, with Tommy Jordan, who reported at the tail end of '44, also available.

Several question-marks are still unanswered when it comes to Dykes' pitching department. However, despite Gordon Maltzberger's departure for the armed forces, the Sox have a promising string of hurlers in Bill Dietrich, Orval Grove, Joe Haynes, Johnny Humphries, Eddie Lopat, Lee Ross and Johnny Johnson.

With that squad, it's little wonder Windy City fans are crossing their fingers and saying "This is the year our south side team wins the pennant."

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

RED ROLFE, former New York Yankees third base custodian, was sweating out a plane ride in the ATC office in New York when we stopped for a brief chat. The way Red was dressed would have produced shudders and incoherent shrieks from MPs, but he seemed perfectly comfortable in his patch-quilt GI clothing.

"This jacket's really classy, isn't it?" Red grinned, tugging at a ragged mackinaw. "I got it up in Iceland when I was there on a coaching tour. Now I'm going to Bermuda so I guess I'll have to throw it away and start looking like a 'garrison soldier.'"

Red, who was considered one of the best third basemen in the business when he was playing on the Yankees, was granted a leave of absence from his basketball and baseball coaching chores at Yale to make the current junket. His health isn't what it used to be but, as he explained, "I'd like to help the servicemen as much as I can." And that isn't patriotic hokum. Red means it.

LARRY MacPHAIL, baseball's No. 1 showman and barker, either has mellowed from his time



Larry MacPhail

in the Army or he is thoroughly awed at the prospect of sharing ownership of the Yankees. He hasn't popped off for days, and is waging an expensive campaign to convince Gotham fans that the Bombers will "conduct business as usual" this summer. Most fans expressed concern over MacPhail's plans to turn Yankee Stadium into a three-ring circus, but Larry insists he discarded thoughts of zany extravaganzas when he waved goodbye to Brooklyn.

"Brooklyn fans wanted that kind of stuff," Larry said, "and it helped sell our club to the public. But the Yankees do their talking on the field and we don't need any added attractions. So forget about what you've heard."

Well, at least it will be interesting to watch developments. Perhaps MacPhail is sincere. On the other hand, nobody is particularly surprised any more when Larry gets a bright, new idea. Brooklyn GIs can tell you all about a guy named MacPhail.

Pittsburgh Duo Share AHL Scoring Crown

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 22.—Bob Gracie and Bob Walton, both of Pittsburgh, finished in a tie for scoring honors in the American Hockey League this season with 94 points, according to figures released today by League President Maurice Podoloff.

Lou Trudel, of Cleveland, finished one point behind the leaders, but his 45 goals were tops for the circuit.

Feller to Pilot Sailors

GREAT LAKES, Ill., March 22.—Bobby Feller, former Cleveland Indians fireball pitcher, will manage the Great Lakes naval training center baseball team this summer. Feller, a chief specialist, will succeed Lt. Cmdr. Gordon (Mickey) Cochrane, former Detroit Tigers manager, now on duty in the Pacific.

CAGE RESULTS

National AAU Tournament
Cessna Aircraft 60, Ft. Wayne Moose 37, Camp Robinson 62, Ft. Collins 60, Ft. Lewis 80, Peoria Diesel 56, Phillips Oilers 54, Los Angeles Cliftons 43, San Francisco AC 59, Ft. Warren 40, Allen-Bradley 64, Fees Musicmakers 45.

Pro Tournament
F. Wayne Zollners 63, Oshkosh All-Stars 52, New York Rens 61, Pittsburgh Raiders 52, Dayton Aces 52, Dow Chemical 50.



Parlor joke. One broom said to the other: "Couldn't we have a little whisk broom?" The other replied blushing, "Why, we haven't even swept together."

Signs of the times. This was posted in a church. "Those in the congregation who habitually drop buttons in the collection plate are asked to drop their own buttons, not those from the cushions on the pews."

This week's fable. At last Hitler went to Hades. Satan answered his knock and asked him to wait a minute. He returned with a box



of matches and a bundle of firewood, gave them to Hitler and said: "Listen, Adolf there's a limit to what even I can stand—go start a hell of your own."

Famous last words. "I'd like to have my draft number changed. My numerologist told me it was unlucky."

J. C. W.

Births

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

CPL. Perry Outler, Brooklyn—Judith Ann, March 18; Cpl. Howard O. Garda, Union City, N.J.—Carol Ann, March 15; Pfc Sidney Kaufman, Ozone Park, N. Y.—boy, March 15; Capt. P. W. Kayser, Ardsley, N.Y.—Kathleen Constance, March 17; Pfc Robert W. Ham, South-Bend, Ind.—Karen Marie, March 15; T/Sgt. Edward H. Finan, Cincinnati—Terry Patrick, March 9; Lt. John W. Baker, Montpelier, Ohio—Sherman Paul, March 18; Capt. Eugene Hollander, Oakland, Calif.—boy, March 18.

WO John H. Byrd, Spring Hill, Ala.—Thomas Wayne, Jan. 12; Pvt. Paul A. Hewitt—son, March 16; Cpl. Ben Coleman, Newark—Ann, March 20; Lt. Joseph F. Silbaugh, Kingwood, W.Va.—Jan Howard, March 13; Pfc Irving Payntee, Detroit—Sandra Marlene, March 14; Lt. William T. Edwards, Santa Monica, Calif.—William Thomas, March 4; 1/Lt. Richard S. Cornell, Jamaica, N.Y.—Richards, March 19; T/Sgt. Sidney H. Nalter, New York—Alan Neil, March 17; Pvt. John S. Kablesh, Bristol, Conn.—girl, March 16; Lt. Col. Ellery W. Niles, Pasadena—Mary Page, March 18; Pvt. Coy H. Gillis, Lutts, Tenn.—Linda Marie, March 1; Lt. Eugene H. Barber, Dillon, S.C.—boy, March 18; Capt. Lawrence P. Meltesen, Croton on Hudson—Jack, March 19; Lt. Robert M. Duncan, Memphis—Susan Diane, March 1; Sgt. Richard A. Decker, Oskaloosa, Kansas—Richard Addison, March 14; Pvt. Milton Fuss, Brooklyn—Michael, March 17; Cpl. Robert Schroeder, Brooklyn—Bruce Leslie, March 18; Lt. Emmet G. Motz, Rochester, N.Y.—David, March 19; Cpt. Nathaniel Comden, St. Louis—boy, March 16.

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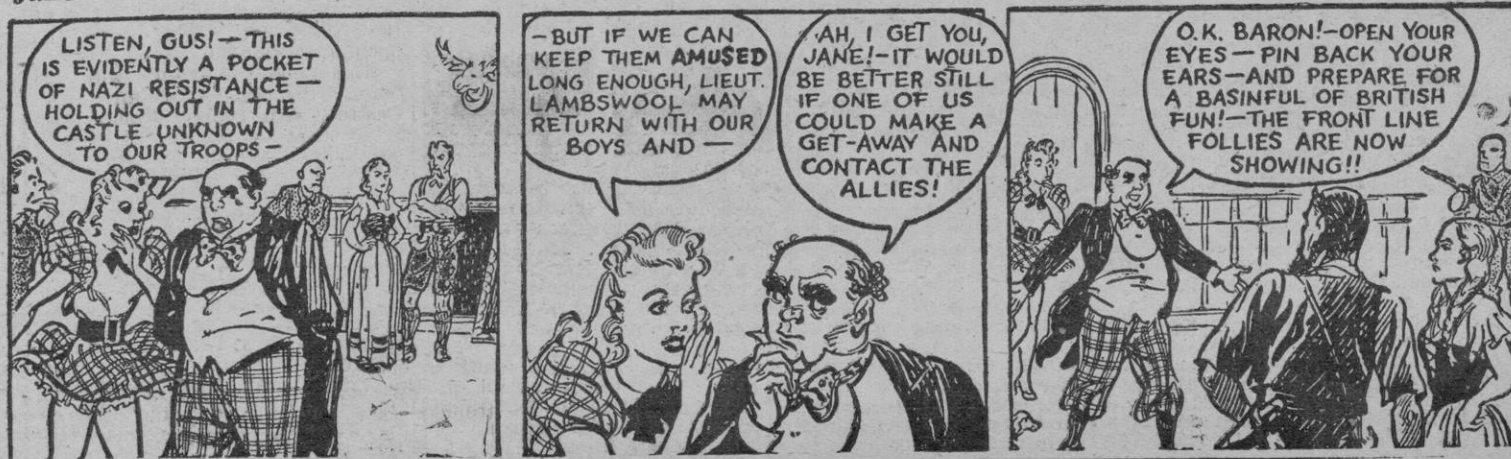
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Hull Reported Unable To Attend Frisco Parley

Illness Given as Reason; Commons Cheers, Jeers Vote Question Clarified

WASHINGTON, March 22 (ANS).—Cordell Hull, former Secretary of State, will not attend the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, April 25, the New York Herald Tribune said today. The Tribune said that illness would keep Hull from the conference.

The White House disclosed that President Roosevelt visited Hull yesterday at Bethesda, Md., the Navy medical center where Hull has been under treatment since October.

The White House said that Mr. Roosevelt had no plan for naming anyone to replace Hull as a delegate if Hull's health prevented him from attending the conference.

At the same time, John Foster Dulles, New York lawyer and international affairs consultant and adviser to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey during the 1944 Presidential campaign, yesterday informed Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) that he wished to have "no official status at the San Francisco Conference."

Vandenberg had suggested that Dulles serve as his adviser. Dulles wrote to Vandenberg saying that he wishes to retain his unofficial status in working for a world organization dedicated to a durable world peace.

Meanwhile, the State Department said that each of the nations at the San Francisco Conference on world security would have one vote. The question was asked of Acting Secretary Joseph Grew at a news conference, and later a State Department spokesman supplied the answer on the voting.

LONDON, March 22 (AP).—Hot words, charges, cheers and jeers swept through the House of Commons today after Prime Minister Churchill announced that seven men and two women would be Britain's delegates to the San Francisco conference and Laborite Emmanuel Shinwell accused the government of stacking the delegation with Conservatives.

Churchill, barely able to be heard for the cheers and counter-cheers, roared back: "I am personally responsible for the nomination of this delegation and they (Labor) have a fair representation."

Four members of the delegation are Conservatives, three Laborites and two Liberals.

The delegation will be led by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden with the three other principal delegates being Clement Attlee, Lord President of the Council; Lord Cranborne, Dominions Secretary; and Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington.

Canada's Conservatives Back Security Parley

OTTAWA, March 22 (Reuter).—Conservative Leader John Graydon told Commons yesterday the opposition would support the government's resolution to send a delegation to San Francisco. "Canada must not only participate in the San Francisco conference," he said, "but abandon isolation."

Indian Leader to 'Raise Fuss' At San Francisco Talks

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (AP).—Dr. Anup Singh, secretary of the National Committee for India's Freedom, arrived here yesterday, admittedly to set the stage for "a discreet and diplomatic fuss at the security conference."

He said he had no illusions about obtaining political freedom for India, but added "we must raise the issue here" because "if nothing is done within a reasonable time Gandhi's policy of non-violence is in great danger of being replaced."

New UK Base Chief Is Brig. Gen. Koenig

By The Stars and Stripes London Bureau
LONDON, March 22.—Brig. Gen. E. F. Koenig, who headed the American delegation to the Armistice Commission in Bulgaria last year, has been named Commanding General of UK Base. He succeeds Maj. Gen. H. B. Vaughan, Jr., who has received an assignment elsewhere in the ETO.

WLB Defied In Film Strike

HOLLYWOOD, March 22 (ANS).—Ignoring an order from the WLB, Herbert Sorrell, president of the Conference of Studio Unions, said today that the strike of 14,000 workers would continue.

WLB Chairman George W. Taylor telegraphed Sorrell from Washington ordering the strike ended. Taylor said the strike was a "flagrant disregard of labor's no-strike pledge."

Sorrell replied that as long as producers "continued to defy the authority of the WLB," the workers would remain away from jobs.

The strike was called by CSV when producers refused to grant the Painters local jurisdiction over the set decorators union, as recommended by a WLB arbitrator.

Producers pointed to the rival claim of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, which also claims jurisdiction over the set decorators.

N.Y. Hot Spots Observe U.S. Curfew, Spurning LaGuardia's Extra Hour

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tical circles believed LaGuardia was irritated at reports that the President would support District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn for mayor in the next election.

The Times also pointed out that some observers regarded LaGuardia's "hour of tolerance" as a bid for a fourth nomination for the mayoralty. In 1941, LaGuardia defeated O'Dwyer by little more than 130,000 votes.

Servicemen who had to leave bars at midnight grumbled when they noticed that a few places continued to serve drinks to civilians.

"I know we're letting the mayor down," said Billy Rose, owner of the Diamond Horseshoe, "but we're forced to do this. My allegiance to my country goes beyond my allegiance to the mayor."

The War Manpower Commission appeared to have won its dispute with 86 Dearborn, Mich., taverns which have been staying open one hour past midnight. The taverns

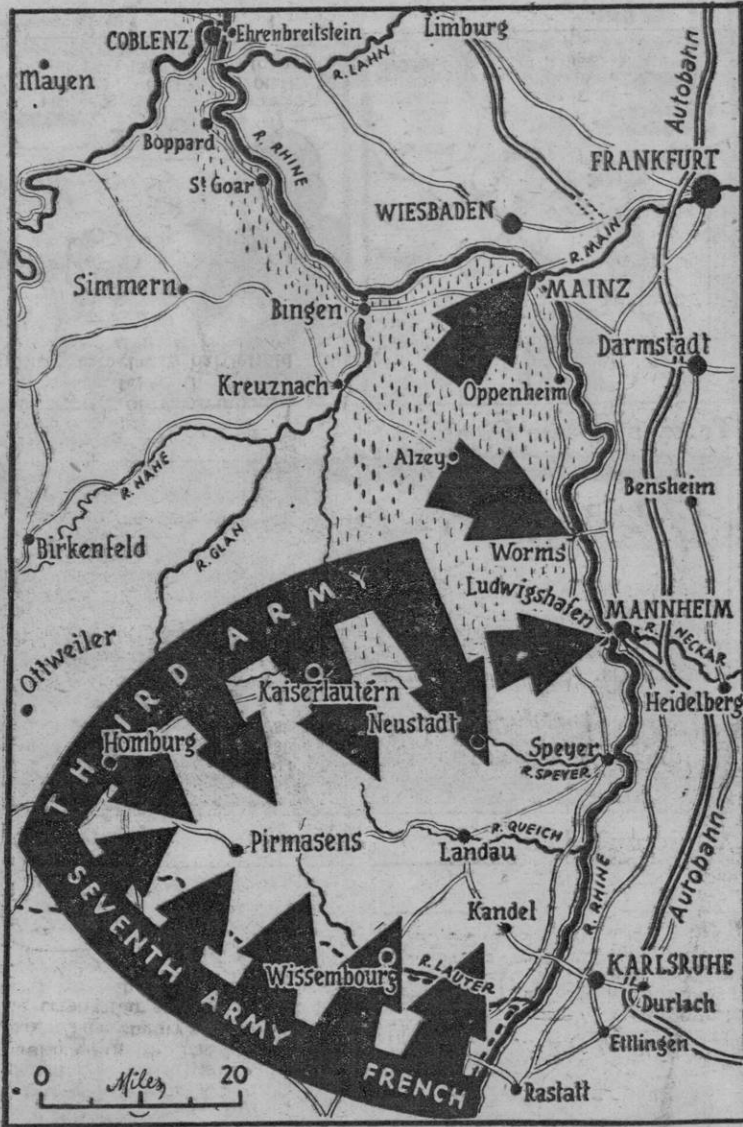
had argued that Dearborn was on Eastern War Time while Michigan's legal time is Central War Time, one hour later. The taverns had therefore contended that 1 AM in Dearborn is midnight legally.

Haverhill, Mass., will observe the curfew despite its mayor's announcement that he was not "enforcing it until they put LaGuardia where he belongs."

The California State Board of Equalization and other state governing bodies ordered that the midnight curfew apply to civilians as well as servicemen.

Warren Atherton, former American Legion commander, declared that LaGuardia was "a pyromaniac who would light a fire under his own country and is more interested in keeping dancing girls' legs warm after midnight than winning the war."

In Toledo, O., Jack O'Connell, owner of the Loop Theater, refused to close at midnight when requested to do so by Ralph O. Snyder, WMC director in the area.



The German escape gap in the Saar narrowed yesterday to 30 miles as Gen. Patton's troops drove to within six miles of Speyer; Gen. Patch's men pushed four and a half miles beyond Wissembourg.

Nazis' Escape Gap Narrowed To 30 Miles Along the Rhine

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One Nazi divisional commander preferred suicide to capture.

Third and Seventh Army forces on the Rhinebank were 30 miles apart at a point six miles north of Speyer to a point north of Lauterbourg in the Wissembourg gap. The enemy's rapidly shrinking triangular salient, was 35 miles deep from the Rhine to Pirmasens.

Maj. Gen. H. H. Morris' Tenth Armd Div. cut the last main road leading out of the escape hatch at Annweiler, six miles west of Landau. Neustadt, southwest of Speyer, was cleared, while an armored force moving behind Neustadt for six miles reached a point six miles northwest of Speyer.

Heaviest fighting in the Rhineland triangle was at Mainz, where Brig. Gen. J. A. Van Fleet's 90th Inf. Div. battled against stubborn resistance.

Police and firemen were fighting alongside SS troops in the city, which used to have a population of 160,000. It was heavily fortified during the French occupation in 1918, after its 1871 fortifications were razed to make room for expanding industry.

French forces and Brig. Gen. A. C. Smith's 14th Armd. Div. found resistance west of Karlsruhe backed up by heavy artillery and nebelwerfer fire as they drove through the Bienwald four and one-half miles north of Wissembourg.

In the center of the confused and milling Saarland battlefield, Patton's and Patch's forces were crisscrossing each other in mopping-up operations.

Generally, Seventh Army troops were cleaning out the sector between Kaiserslautern and the Pirmasens highway. Third Army forces were ranging near to the Rhine and to the north of Kaiserslautern in an area so fluid that no line was discernible.

Maj. Gen. Harry J. Malony's 94th Inf. Div. cleared Ludwigshafen after armor had smashed through the town, turned south and drove on six miles north of Speyer.

Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul's 26th

Inf. and Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Rheinhardt's 65th Inf. Divs., with the 106th Cavalry Gp., were clearing out pockets west of Kaiserslautern, mopping up eight miles southwest of the city.

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow's sixth Armd. Div. was rolling northeast of Kaiserslautern to Grundstadt. Maj. Gen. Robert T. Frederick's 45th Inf. Div., which rounded up 1,400 prisoners in one day, was cleaning up the area north of Kaiserslautern.

Gliders Fly Injured Out of Bridgehead

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head fighting, were strapped into the glider in two tiers of six. All were aware of the experiment and were eager to go. They were accompanied by Lt. Sewilla Bernard, of Waynesville, Ohio, an Army flight nurse.

"This is the swellest break any GI ever got," commented one of the wounded men. "I got nailed by a Jerry bullet about eight this morning and it looks like I'll have dinner this noon in a hospital."

After the wounded had been securely loaded, the lazily-circling C47 swooped down and a hook device snatched the glider from the small field with less jerk than is felt when a transport plane releases its brakes and makes the take-off run.

This method of evacuation, previously used in the Far East, will now become a regular part of First Army procedure. About 450 wounded can be removed daily.

Their use in the bridgehead area is essential because at present there are no airstrips large enough for transports. The glider-evacuation saves a three to five-hour trip over crowded, rough roads—a journey which many of the wounded might not survive. Critical cases up to now were flown out in light planes—one patient to a plane.

Russians Rout Enemy Forces In South Silesia

Marshal Stalin announced last night that Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army had routed a German force southwest of Oppeln, in southern Silesia, advanced 25 miles to seize Neustadt, on the Czechoslovakian border, and captured 15,000 Nazi prisoners in a vast encircling operation.

Stalin's order, signaling the beginning of a Silesian offensive, was broadcast from Moscow even as German commentators were reporting that the Russians had begun the final battle for Stettin, using 300,000 men and at least 800 tanks.

The order said that Koniev's troops "surrounded and routed" an enemy force southwest of Oppeln, which is 50 miles southeast of Breslau, then broke through German defenses west and south of Oppeln and advanced 25 miles in each direction to link up at Neustadt, encircling the 15,000 Germans.

Other Towns Taken

Besides Neustadt, the offensive won the Silesian towns of Cosel, Steinau, Zuelz, Krappitz, Oberglogau, Falkenberg, "as well as more than 400 other places," Stalin's order said.

Still other Russian troops were reported by the Germans to be poised "in massive forces" northwest and southwest of Kustrin for a decisive drive to Berlin.

Berlin said the Stettin battle began with a heavy artillery barrage and the enemy radio added later that German troops were retreating "step by step to take up more favorable positions."

On the Hungarian front, powerful Red Army forces, which the Germans said numbered three rifle armies plus tank reinforcements, intensified their efforts to break through toward Vienna and forced the Nazis out of three towns in an arc 25 to 40 miles northwest of Budapest.

In its campaign to evict the Germans from East Prussia, the Red Army encountered fierce resistance around the Baltic coastal town of Heiligenbeil.

Webster Chief Of First TAC

Maj. Gen. Robert M. Webster has been named commander of the First TAC AF, it was announced at SHAEF yesterday.

First TAC Wednesday was commended by Gens. Eisenhower and Spaatz for its part in the Allied successes along the upper Rhine.

Succeeding Brig. Gen. Gordon P. Saville, who has been given a new assignment, Webster takes over a command activated on Oct. 31, 1944, by Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce who has returned to the States to direct AAF personnel distribution. Webster, whose home is in Washington, D. C. was formerly deputy commander of the 12th AF and was a combat commander throughout the Mediterranean campaign. It was also announced that Brig. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, of Genoa, Ill., is commander of the 12th TAC Air Command, the U.S. fighter-bomber component of First TAC.

Air War...

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a 560-foot double-decker rail and auto structure. Pilots saw the center crumble.

First TAC fighter-bombers, which destroyed 380 motor vehicles and damaged 280 others in the shrinking Saar basin, reported that targets were becoming harder to find.

Italy-based 15th AF heavies were reported out in full strength against the Ruhland oil refinery in southern Germany and oil refineries and rail yards in Vienna.

The RAF threw 3,000 planes against Nazi bases near Wesel—at Bechtolt, Dorstein and Dulmen—and climaxed the day by dropping Lancaster-borne 11-ton bombs on vital railway bridges in northwest Germany.