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Qui On Parle Français

Qui parle?
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Who is speaking?

She's Up: PARIS, Mar. 19—A magnificent job by First Army engineers has already restored the Ludendorf Bridge, leading into the Remagen bridgehead, after its collapse. It was announced here today that traffic is expected to be resumed "very soon."—*Marshal Yarrow, Reuter special correspondent.*

She's Down: AT SITE OF FALLEN LUDENDORF BRIDGE, Mar. 19—If the Ludendorf Bridge is "already restored" and ready for use, I'll swim the Rhine with the Reuter special correspondent who wrote the story, on my back.—*Andy Rooney, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.*



And How: SHAEF, Mar. 20—The mystery of the Remagen bridge was cleared up today—it is down. It was explained at SHAEF today that reports received from the front arrived in garbled condition. They should have

read to indicate that before repairs to the damaged truss of the bridge had been completed, the center span slumped wearily into the river.—*Dispatch by an Unidentified Reuter Correspondent.*

Reds Erase Pocket East Of Stettin

Marshal Joseph Stalin yesterday announced two new Russian victories—elimination of the German pocket east of the Oder River opposite the Baltic port of Stettin, and capture of Braunsberg, key German defense point in East Prussia.

The victory before Stettin was won by Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army in taking the suburb of Altdamm, only four miles southeast of the port. Stettin itself was said by the Associated Press to be in flames and was reported to be cut off from direct communications with Berlin, of which it was formerly chief port of supply from the Baltic.

Braunsberg, 32 miles southeast of Königsberg, was taken by troops of the Third White Russian Army. A Soviet report said the Russians took 40 additional places and captured more than 4,000 Germans in this area.

In an order of the day announcing this success, Stalin disclosed that Marshal Alexander Vassilievsky is now in command of the Third, succeeding Gen. Ivan Cherniakovsky, killed in action on the East Prussian front last month.

The German High Command announced yesterday that a new Russian offensive in northwestern Hungary has broken through the German lines to within 60 miles of the Austrian border.

The Russian advance, first hinted in (Continued on Page 8)

Reds Liberate Yanks Captured at Bastogne

ISTANBUL, Mar. 20 (AP)—Four hundred ninety-eight American war prisoners, some of them veterans of the Battle of Bastogne are among Allied prisoners, liberated by the Red Army, who stopped off in this port today on their way to the Middle East.

Col. George Millet, of Kansas City, Mo., headed 44 U.S. officers in the group. The group includes 13 Americans, Cuban and Dutch civilians.

List Hitler as War Criminal; May Face Gas Death Charge

LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP)—Adolf Hitler has been listed as an ordinary criminal by the United Nations War Crimes Commission and may be charged with organizing mass gas-chamber murders, its chairman, Lord Wright disclosed today in the House of Lords.

This was the first indication what specific charges might be placed against Hitler. Wright said there was evidence that a single organizing mind planned the mass gas chamber murders.

"If that were brought home to Hitler, why should he not be indictable as a murderer?" he asked.

The Archbishop of York pleaded against sensational public trials for major war criminals and suggested instead that "those who catch them, once their identity has been established, should at once put them to death."

Viscount Simon disclosed that German war prisoners were being sifted and men wanted in connection with war crimes were being kept separate. He said one method under consideration for prosecuting war criminals was the establishment of military courts.

Rockets Blast Two Jap Cities

GUAM, Mar. 20 (ANS)—American carrier planes, in the second day of a strike at Japan, loosed bombs and rockets against the Japanese cities of Kobe and Kure yesterday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Radio Tokyo reported that Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's Task Force 58 still was sending planes against Japan. Mitscher's force is made up of five groups of ships, including 15 carriers, the Japanese said.

The targets of yesterday's attack—Kobe, a shipbuilding center, and Kure, major naval base—are on Honshu Island.

Military Government Revised

Self-Made Brass Sets Up One-Man Rule

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

RHEYDT, Mar. 20—This is the story of a guy who went over the top and had himself one hell of a week before the law caught up with him.

He was a sergeant in an infantry outfit and he just got tired of the war.

He decided that there must be better rackets than soldiering, so this is what he did: He took off from his outfit and wandered around in the Rhineland for a couple of days, finally landing in a town near Rheydt. He decided that the town and a couple of others right next to it needed military governing, so he took over all three of them. He became a first lieutenant by act of a strip of adhesive tape on each shoulder.

He went around to the towns in a jeep he had picked up some place along the way and found the best looking blonde in the place. He brought her back with him and set up a headquarters. She became his secretary, housemate.

And—because she had been a nurse—the head of his health and welfare department.

He tacked a military government sign outside his headquarters and started administering. Every place else, the German civilians were being kept strictly in their houses, except for three hours in the morning when they were allowed out to round up their food and water.

But his was a more generous regime. Any civilian who asked—and there were a lot of them—got passes, passes which read "place live this man and his family to go to Willich and live at their homes and work on the farm at home. 5 pips and his car whit him. Signer, M. Govement, 1/Lt. Ted Smith or sometimes, 1/Lt. Frank Henshaw."

Troops came through his towns and asked for billets, so he handed that for them. Naturally, he had to protect the interests of his kind, so the officers got the best billets and the Joes what was left.

It was a busy week. There were the passes, the billeting, the problems of the civilians in the towns and then, of course, those long evenings of conference with the little blonde fraulein. He was right—there were better rackets than fighting. But then someone started getting nosy.

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3rd Reaches Mainz As Pocket Shrinks; Tie With 7th Near

The German Army's economically vital Saar-Mosel triangle had shrunk to a third of its original size last night as the coordinated three-way squeeze by the Third and Seventh U.S. Armies imperiled the last escape routes for Nazi forces west of the Rhine.

Third Army tanks and infantry, after a day of sweeping advances, captured Worms, on the Rhine 65 miles below Coblenz, and reached Mainz (pre-war population 180,000), 40 miles below Coblenz at the junction of the Rhine and Main Rivers.

Other Third Army forces by-passed Kaiserlautern, in the heart of the original pocket, and sped toward a linkup with the northward-driving Seventh Army near Neunkirchen. Unconfirmed reports said the linkup had been achieved.

U.S. Aircraft Plaster Nine Nazi Dromes

By Johnnie Brown

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

American tactical air units on the Western Front yesterday turned the Saar pocket into "burning junkyards" of vehicles and materiel while destroying or damaging 191 enemy planes in attacks on nine airfields and Allied heavy bombers bombed communications centers, U-boat pens and oil refineries.

The Ninth Air Force alone flew more than 2,200 sorties.

RAF heavies bombed Germany's largest and best-equipped marshalling yards at Hamm, where rail traffic to and from the heart of the Ruhr and lower Rhine normally passes to north and central Germany. Other RAF heavies, escorted by Spitfires and Mustangs, blasted the Recklinghausen branch of the Osnabruck-Munster rail line to disrupt supplies for armies defending the Rhine.

Twenty-ninth TAC destroyed 50 aircraft, probably destroyed nine and damaged 112 in raids on fields in the Munster area. Nineteenth TAC hit another field in the Third Army sector, damaging 19 craft and probably destroying three.

First TAF and 19th TAC struck at long (Continued on Page 8)

Four Rhine Crossing Sgts. Commissioned

WITH NINTH ARMD. DIV.—Four sergeants who led their platoons across the Rhine in the Ninth Armd. Div.'s seizure of the Remagen bridgehead were awarded battlefield commissions by Brig. Gen. William M. Hoge, commander of the Ninth's Combat Command B, at Unkel, overlooking the site of the Ludendorf bridge.

The men, who had taken command of the platoons during the Battle of the Bulge last December, were 1/Sgt. James W. Dobbins, Charlotte, N.C.; T/Sgt. Robert W. West, Wirt, Okla.; T/Sgt. George Schmalhof, Brooklyn; and T/Sgt. Dean R. Tropser, Hamilton, Mo.

Seventh Breaches Westwall
Seventh Army forces had burst through the Siegfried Line west of Saarbrücken and at last reports were only eight miles from Neunkirchen.

Tactical Air Forces took advantage of the third-straight day of perfect flying weather to bomb and strafe bumper-to-bumper German convoys rushing toward the Rhine.

First U.S. Army infantrymen in the Remagen bridgehead east of the Rhine continued to expand their positions yesterday. Last night the Yanks held 24 miles of the river's east bank and were inland to a depth of eight miles.

The 78th Inf. Div. advanced more than two miles at the northern end of the bridgehead and reached Beuel, across the river from Bonn. Other towns in this area captured by the 78th were Kudlinghoven, Ramersdorf and Limperich. The doughs were fighting in Hoholz, Holzlar and Putzenen. Opposition was comparatively light.

Counter-Attack Beaten

About five miles east of Bad Godesberg, unidentified First Army infantrymen fought off a strong German counter-attack in the vicinity of the captured airfield, east of the six-lane Ruhr-Frankfurt Autobahn (super highway).

The attack started at 0830 and was contained at 1115. It consisted of two companies of German infantry and six tanks, two of which were knocked out. During the day five tanks were destroyed in that area, and 600 prisoners were taken.

The captured airfield was filled with wrecked German planes, but was described as "in fair condition."

The Ninth Inf. Div. reported no unusual action near the center of the bridgehead.

In the bridgehead's southern sector, an unidentified infantry unit advanced more than two miles to take Maseborn-Jakobshof, across the Rhine from Andernach.

No enemy planes were observed over the bridgehead yesterday, but last night the Luftwaffe sent 25 planes over the (Continued on Page 8)

Civilians Evacuate Rhineland Cities

WITH NINTH ARMY ON RHINE, Mar. 20 (INS)—Evacuation of German civilians from west-bank Rhineland cities was completed yesterday as military authorities tightened safety precautions.

Soldiers have been ordered to observe strictly regulations requiring them to carry arms at all times and urging them to travel in pairs.

Main roads out of Uerdingen were jammed with civilians. Wagons, baby carriages and hand trucks were sprinkled along lines of slowly-moving vehicles.

American guns hurled thousands of rounds toward the Rhine as civilians struggled to the rear. Occasionally a German gun answered. But the civilians hugged the roads.



Form vs Morale

Having recently seen at first hand the good accomplished by a letter printed in your column I am moved to write in regard to a matter that occurred recently.

Several days ago one of our men, a veteran of 25 months overseas, and holder of the Legion of Merit, was notified by the Red Cross that his mother was very seriously ill. He applied for a furlough home and application after being approved and marked for immediate action by our CO was forwarded to higher headquarters by special courier because of the urgency of the case. The next day it was returned with notation that Army policy was against a subordinate command asking for immediate action. This correction was made and application re-submitted.

The next day the application was returned with notation that the form used was obsolete and quoted a regulation that was not yet distributed to company level for authority to use a new form. The application was resubmitted by this time a delay of five days had occurred.

What I want to know is why the higher headquarters couldn't have erased the words "Immediate Action" from the first application instead of returning it thereby causing a two day delay? Also why and how are we supposed to know a form is obsolete until we have been advised. In a matter where the time element is of such importance to the morale of a member of the armed forces, couldn't we relax the red tape just a little bit?—T/4 Wm. P. Pryor. (And 4 others—Ed) 225th Ord. Am. Renov Co.

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San Francisco Parley

Nations made a grand push to declare war on Germany so as to get in on the San Francisco Peace Conference. Labor is lobbying for all it's worth to gain admittance.

There'll be plenty of Army and Navy big-wigs present to talk shop. But who is going to represent me—GI Joe? There are then millions others like me in uniform who will have to take the results of the conference the way we take the Army—take it and like it.

Of course, Congress will have to ratify any treaties that are made. But do the senators and representatives speak for themselves or for us.

I'm not trying to straighten out boun-

dary lines. I don't want relief, nor do I want to see economic chaos or inflation. I don't want a two cent an hour wage raise. Hell, I just want to get home. And I don't want to see my children go to war.

When do we get a chance to speak up? Our boys have been fighting and dying without a voice in the matter. They know what they're fighting for. They don't intend to quit until it's over.

They're fighting for the kind of life they were trying to live before they went to war. It may not have been peaches and cream for all, but they knew that if they kept trying, in America they had the chance.

Let GIs be represented at the parley by a GI Joe.

Let us speak for Peace.—Pfc. Herbert Rosenberg, 15th Reinforcement Depot.

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The Loop Sling

That eye-weary master sergeant who gets tired of reading about "GIs remarking they never could use a sling on a rifle, or "he never combed his hair, but is the best combat man in his outfit" must want something to talk about.

I disagree with his statement that 99 percent of all riflemen like the sling to fire with. I would like to know how far an infantryman would get with a loop sling on his left arm while moving forward, or in hand to hand encounter with the enemy.

And I don't think one can do much shaving and looking like a million bucks while up front; of course where he is maybe they all look like a million bucks every minute of the day.

Please don't remind us "that this is the Army." I believe we all have sense enough to know it is. Much to our sorrow!—T/5 D.H. Miller, Third Arm. Div.

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War Is Hell

The following excerpt from one of my wife's letters concerns the up and coming younger generation; namely my daughters Anne aged 3 years, and Prudy, aged 5 months.

"Anne is playing with Prudy and has just informed me that Prudy is getting so big that she wants three new babies. I asked if it wouldn't be better to wait till Daddy came home and she said, 'Let's s'prise him, shall we?'"

"What is the world coming to?"—Lt. Charles C. Leneten, Jr., 513th Pcht. Inf.

Editorial

Be Gentle to the Germans



Be gentle to Germans,
Now we've got them on the run,
Do not say or do a thing
To irritate the Hun;
Forget about Lidice,
Laugh off the rocket gun.
Remember German people
Were cruelly misled,
Of course we mustn't hate them;
Be kind to them instead—

What's a little matter
Of twenty million dead?
These humane, peace-loving people
Deserve our charity,
So let us extend to them
The hand of sympathy:
Help them prepare to murder us
In nineteen sixty-three.
—C. W. W. in the
New York Herald Tribune.

Nazi Shells Raze Hospital Center Spared by Yanks

BAD GODESBERG ON THE RHINE, Mar. 20 (UP)—This resort city which the Yanks refused to fire on because of its 14 hospitals, is being shelled, strafed and bombed by the Germans.

When Americans approached Bad Godesberg, a delegation of citizens led by the Swiss consul went out to a nearby hill to surrender formally and ask them not to shell the town because of its hospitals and clinics.

But now that the Germans have been driven to the other side of the Rhine they are razing the town with artillery and planes.

Until it came under fire from the Germans, Bad Godesberg was one of the largest captured German towns which was practically untouched by war. It was here that Chamberlain conferred in Sept. 1938, with Hitler, Von Ribbentrop and their staff.

The hotel where they met is blacked-out now, with heavy blinds drawn across all front windows. A skeleton staff remains with the owner, George Dressen, whose brother Fritz was one of Hitler's closest friends.

The hotel staff doesn't go into the front of the building, as a few yards away on the Rhine's east bank the Nazis are watching. Every time they see a figure move, they let loose with a burst of small-arms fire, usually followed by the resounding whack of artillery.

Ten Million Poles Dead

LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP)—Poland has suffered an estimated 10,000,000 civilian and military casualties since the war began—or more than 28 percent of the prewar population of 35,000,000, the Polish press bureau reported. Civilian casualties were estimated at approximately 9,000,000.

'Purge' Movies Pep Up Hitler

By Louis Lochner
BONN, Germany, Mar. 20 (AP)—Adolph Hitler, conscious that the war is lost, pep himself up from time to time by having a revolting movie depicting the purging of field marshals generals and members of the nobility shown him, according to one of the men who plotted to take his life, July 20.

Der Fuehrer's hatred for these men knows no bounds. At frequent intervals he has the film, showing the hangings of Von Witzleben, Von Hassel and other conspirators shown him.

The technique of the hanging was gruesomely novel in two respects: the victims were hanged naked contrary to all tradition, and instead of a rope a wire was used and the condemned men were hoisted slowly. Their sufferings lasted at least five, and in some cases eight minutes, during which time they bled profusely.

Ecuador Cabinet Quits Amid Gallery Gun Play

QUITO, Ecuador, Mar. 20 (AP)—The Ecuadorian cabinet quit yesterday after a stormy session of the constitutional convention in which shots were fired from the spectators' gallery and police dispersed 300 persons milling around the assembly hall. President Jose Ara Velasco Ibanera refused to accept the resignation.

The assembly had given the president power to grant an amnesty to political prisoners who did not share major responsibility for the acts of the regime of former president Carlos Arroyo Del Rio, now exiled.

Quake in Pacific Recorded

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Georgetown University seismologists last night recorded a "strong" earthquake about 2,300 miles south of Washington, in the Pacific Ocean near Panama.

Swirl of War Leaves Bleak Life for Frau

By Rhona Churchill
International News Service Correspondent

KREFELD, Germany, Mar. 20—Life for Frau Schmidt, of Krefeld,—a German housewife in occupied territory—begins at six AM, when she climbs out of her bunk in one of the city's many concrete shelters, says "Guten Morgen" to Frau Muller in the bunk beneath her and goes to the communal washtubs to splash cold water over her face and hands.

She has not undressed at night for two years so it is routine for her to slip into her drab blouse and skirt, wrap a cheerless woolen scarf round her untidy hair, pull on a creased coat and make her way through the mass of shelters out into the street.

Silent Reminder

As she goes out she must pass GI Joe in the shelter entrance, holding his rifle,—silent reminder to her that she no longer belongs to a master race.

She carries her bag and her ration papers to the few battered shops still trading.

She knows it is no use going to the butcher shop. He says he has no meat. She suspects he has a little for his friends but not enough for all.

At the grocery she finds butter (two oz.), margarine, cheese and ersatz coffee (some say it is made from corn, others say barley).

Food is cheap enough, prices have remained static throughout the war: Her mark has the purchasing power of 20 cents as it had in 1933. Butter costs one mark 80 pfennigs per pound, sugar 40 pfennigs per pound. Milk costs 24 pfennigs for just under two pints but is supplied only to invalids and children.

She is permitted to be on the streets only for two hours in the morning and for half an hour in the afternoon.

An Exhausting Day

Back at the shelter she can heat her food on the stoves. During the long day she may play whist with three other women, sew a little, finish some knitting or read.

She climbs back into her bunk early. It has been an exhausting day. Doing nothing is always exhausting.

She says her prayers—rather complicated prayers. She is not sure how to pray any more, but she wants to do so. She thanks God that no one came to bomb her last night.

Frau Schmidt turns over in her bunk, whispers "Gute Nacht" to Frau Muller beneath her. And another day is over.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of 8:15 Star's Arrival:

SHIPPITER 1/c John W. Lane, Jamaica, N.Y.—Robert Maurice, Feb. 24; Pfc. George Nemzer, Brooklyn—girl, March 10; Cpl. Amos P. Rickard, Florence, Ala.—Irish Diana, March 3; Lt. Millard G. Durham, Mulberry, Ind.—Millard Glenn, March 15; M/Sgt. Charles L. McKinley, Sontague, Puerto Rico—Errol Dwight, March 2; Cpl. Oscar F. Willie, Battle Creek, Mich.—girl, Feb. 15.

L T. Richard J. Frendergast, Chicago—boy, Feb. 21; Capt. Francis B. McAllister, Jefferson City, Mo.—Mary Tenara, Feb. 7; S/Sgt. Wayne Bodine, St. Paul, Minn.—boy, Feb. 28; Lt. Halsey A. Van Orman, Glens Falls, N.Y.—Roger Allen, Dec. 11; Lt. John Eldredge, Salt Lake City—boy, yesterday.

PVT. Samuel Elkes, New York—boy, March 13; Pvt. Seymour Bateman, Newark—Gloria Lee, Feb. 26; Sgt. James Owen Berger, Bloomfield, N.J.—Jay Owen, March 2; Pfc. Henry J. Repard, Bellmore, L.I.—girl, March 11; Capt. Harry F. Schellenburg, Dubois, Pa.—boy, March 4.

CAPT. W. Ashley Gray, St. Louis—boy, March 13; Pvt. William R. Robling, Pittsburgh—boy, March 13; W. O. Noland W. Rice, Princeton, Ind.—Connie Lois, Feb. 10; T/5 Robert Hones, Bellmore, L.I.—Robert Michael, Feb. 20; 1/Lt. Arthur W. Mason, Brooklyn—Ronald Arthur, March 12.

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"Nein, nein—go ahead! I would not think of interfering."

Gore Charges Misfits Placed In AMG Here

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Rep. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), the Congressman who masqueraded as a GI to get an inside view of the operation of Allied Military Government in Germany, charged today that some of the Army personnel working with AMG were misfits.

In an 8,000-word report based on his personal investigation in the Ninth U.S. Army area, Gore said:

"There is evidence that some personnel was transferred to this branch of service because they were surplus or misfits in other branches. Some are misfits in Military Government, too."

The 37-year-old Congressman in GI clothing worked as a prosecutor in AMGOT courts. He said that "one (misfit) is too many in a job so vital as the execution of policies in the occupation of Germany."

(Reuter said Gore rapped the non-fraternization policy on the grounds that "it will be impossible to make the American soldier uncivil and unresponsive to human wants and acts of personal friendship as it is to suddenly make disciples of the Golden Rule out of the Nazi SS trooper.

(Reuter also quoted Gore as predicting widespread starvation in Germany if the war continued several more months.)

Largely because of the German fear of the Russians, Gore predicted that half the population of Germany after the war would crowd into the third of the Reich under American occupation.

Already, he said, the Germans have fled by thousands from the area that Russia will occupy.

Parts of a speech Gore made in the House were beamed to Germany by the Office of War Information. He said Nazi leadership not only was "uselessly sacrificing lives of German soldiers and civilians," but was piling up "misery and suffering which the German people must endure" after the war.

He said that "if the conflict is prolonged and all of Germany's resources are destroyed, it will be of no avail for the German people to say that, because we have conquered them, it is our responsibility to feed them."

Bomber Losses Less Than 2 p.c.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—American heavy bomber losses from enemy action over Europe during 1944 averaged less than two planes for every 100 sent on combat missions, the War Department has announced.

The average loss rate for the British-based Eighth AF and the Italy-based 15th AF was 1.7 bombers for each 100. During February, when 20,682 bombers were dispatched, the loss rate dropped to 1.9 planes per 1,000, the lowest for the American bomber offensive against Germany.

During the past 14 months, the loss rate never exceeded 3.2 per cent in any one month and has remained under two planes per 100 since May, 1944.

Roosevelt Proclaims April 6th Army Day

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (ANS)—President Roosevelt today proclaimed April 6 as Army Day, and urged civilians to put renewed energy into the task of supplying implements of war to the fighting men.

He invited state governors to issue proclamations calling for observance of Army Day to "give special honor to our courageous soldiers."

Next Tuesday night the President will broadcast an appeal to support the Red Cross campaign for \$200,000,000.

Marriage Bill Held Up For Sergeant's Wedding

COLUMBUS, O., Mar. 20 (ANS)—Sgt. Vernon Perkins, of Lockbourne Army Air Base, went home to Carlisle, Ark., to get married. When he arrived he found that Gov. Ben D. Laney was about to sign a new law requiring a three-day wait for marriage licenses.

Perkins telephoned the governor, who obliged by withholding his signature a day or so.

Guard's Eye to Rules Wins Him Promotion

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Mar. 20 (ANS)—Today's success story: "You'll have to put on your hat before leaving the field, sir" was the remark that elevated Cpl. Leonard Barlow to sergeant.

Barlow addressed Col. Frank Kurtz, CO of Kirtland Field and hero of the book, "Queens Die Proudly," as the colonel started through the exit.

Later Kurtz summoned Barlow to his office and said: "I like the way you take care of the gate. You are now a sergeant."

Floods Cover Roads in Iowa

Two main Iowa highways and numerous side roads were cut yesterday as flood waters of the Des Moines and Cedar Rivers continued to spread over low-lying farmlands. Three hundred families have been evacuated in the Des Moines River valley and officials were preparing to move others from threatened areas.

In Tennessee, the flood condition was reported as greatly improved as the Mississippi began to subside, relieving pressure on badly strained levees west of Dyersburg. Forty thousand acres in the area are already under water as the result of breaks in private dykes.

In Arkansas, however, the White River continued to threaten levees along its lower stretches through Woodruff, Prairie and Monroe counties.

In the Binghamton, N.Y., area, some low-lying roadways along the Chenango River were flooded as the river, swollen by melting snows, rose approximately one foot.

Michigan Busy Fixing Its Clock

DETROIT, Mar. 20 (ANS)—Time in its flight—in Michigan—ran into new complications. Last night at midnight Michigan officially adopted central war time creating further confusion in a problem which already had been more than a little complex.

Under the original wartime state statute, home-rule communities had the privilege of choosing their own time. Under the new one central war time became the only "legal" time as far as the state was concerned.

Since there is no penalty for non-compliance, industrial southeastern Michigan communities retained Eastern war time although county offices and state courts within such cities changed theirs.

The new law was the state legislature's answer to a clamor from farmers that "fast" time was interfering with their work.

Dakota Senator



Milton H. Young, Lamore County, N.D. farmer, has been appointed U.S. Senator from North Dakota by Gov. Fred O. Aandahl, to succeed the late Sen. John Moses, who died last month.

Rhine Hero's Parents Hear News



Mr. and Mrs. John D. Drabik received word in their Holland, Ohio, farmhouse that their son, Sgt. Alexander A. Drabik, 32, of Combat Command "B", was credited as the first American to cross the Rhine on the Remagen Bridge.

House Insists Labor Share Work or Fight' Penalties

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (ANS)—House members of the joint Congressional conference on manpower legislation insisted today that labor as well as management be penalized for violating any law ultimately enacted by Congress.

The House version of the manpower bill makes all men 18 to 45 subject to call for essential work on the threat of fines or imprisonment. The Senate version would force employers to observe the War Manpower Commission labor ceilings, or be fined or imprisoned.

The Senate-House conferences are trying to work out a measure acceptable to both houses.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah) of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, said that most of the conferees believed that the Senate bill is better because of the labor freeze. He added, however, that House members are holding out for penalties against both employes and employers.

The majority of House members are known to be standing pat for their bill. "The conference will take quite a while," Thomas said, "but there is a disposition to get a bill out and that's the first step."

There was no indication that the conferees are anywhere near an agreement.

House Calls for Probe On Induction of Farmers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (UP)—The House today passed and sent to the Senate legislation calling for a Congressional investigation of the "wholesale induction" of farm workers, in violation of the amended draft law.

The measure would set up a joint committee consisting of three House and three Senate members; the committee would determine the effect of farm inductions on food production.

Rep. William Lemke (R-N.D.) author of the bill, said that the Army needs men but that both the Army and Navy need food.

Stimson Urges Nurse Draft Law

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (ANS)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson yesterday urged prompt enactment of nurse draft legislation. He said that "the wounded cannot wait." Stimson advised the Senate Military Affairs Committee which opened hearings on the House-passed nurse draft bill that a "serious shortage of military nurses exists."

Civilian Tire Supply Cut

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (ANS)—The civilian passenger tire allocation for April will be only one million tires, a cut of 37 1/2 percent from the March quota, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

U.S. News Briefs

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (Reuter)—A three months suspension of U.S. food shipments to Britain became a possibility today, when the War Food Administration asked Britain and liberated European areas be taken off the receivers, list for April, May and June.

An inter-departmental controversy in the U.S. government is due to the fact that domestic demands for meat, sugar and fats considerably exceed prospective supplies.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today he had ordered an inquiry into a report that the parents of an Indianapolis soldier killed in New Guinea had been sent his blood-stained clothing.

Stimson said that he had received a letter from Rep. Louis Ludlow (D-Ind.) asking an inquiry.

Lt. Col. John R. Murphy, of the personal effects branch, Kansas City, said that the instance was an "apparent violation of Army regulations."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (ANS)—Maj. Gen. Edwin D. Patrick, commander of the Sixth Inf. Div., who died of wounds suffered in Luzon, was the tenth general officer killed in action in this war. Twenty-four others have died from various causes.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20 (ANS)—Accused of marrying four men in as many states for the purpose of receiving their military allotments, Iris Henderson, 21, was sentenced in Federal court yesterday to six months in jail and placed on two years' probation.

COOS BAY, Ore., Mar. 20 (ANS)—All crew members of the 2,500-ton freighter Elvarado, stranded on the rocks offshore here, were safe today after 13 men had fought their way through a 95 m.p.h. gale on a raft and reached the beach. Eighteen others reached shore two hours earlier in the serviceable lifeboat.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Chairman John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) of the Veterans Committee, has asked the House to authorize his committee to investigate the Veterans Administration as a result of complaints about the treatment of veterans, made last week by Rep. Philip J. Philbin (D-Mass.)

Food Inquiry Looms; GOP Wants a Czar

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—The Senate today prepared to investigate the nation's food shortage, while quick action in creating a food inquiry committee was promised in the House.

Meanwhile, the Republican Congressional Food Study Committee, headed by Rep. Thomas A. Jenkins (Ohio), demanded centralized control of the food, with a national food boss.

"We have no partisan desire in this matter," Jenkins said, asserting that centralized control is the only way to solve the food shortage problem and prevent it from becoming more severe.

Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee, which was authorized by vote of the Senate yesterday to undertake an inquiry, said he would meet with a special subcommittee this week.

Speedy Action Pledged

In the House, Chairman Adolph J. Sabath (D-Ill.) of the Rules Committee pledged speedy action on three different proposals for investigation. Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) asked the creation of a special five-man committee to study black markets, while Reps. Edward H. Rees (R-Kan.) and August H. Andresen (R-Minn.) proposed the Agriculture Committee be directed to make a full inquiry of food supplies and demands.

While Congressmen busied themselves on the inquiries, Food Administration Chief Marvin Jones, in a radio address, presented a more optimistic picture of the problem.

"Americans can take a new hitch in their belts and still have a good wholesome diet," Jones declared. Some substitutes will have to be used for scarce items, but there is still enough food in the country, to distribute properly and share, he said.

Rep. George E. Outland (D-Cal.), also took a more optimistic view, saying he was "tired of all these gloomy predictions." Outland praised the farmers and "the agencies who have done such a fine job in meeting over-all food goals."

In Chicago, Mrs. R. M. Kiefer, secretary-manager of the National Association of Retail Grocers, declared that livestock producers were looking for an outlet for an over-supply despite the tremendous demands of the armed forces. Mrs. Kiefer said inequitable price ceilings were keeping the huge livestock supply from reaching American dinner tables.

An official in the Office of War Mobilization, commenting on the 87 percent slash in lend-lease meat shipments to Britain next quarter, said:

"Even the 25,000,000 pounds we are sending to Britain in April, May and June takes some squeezing."

He did not believe British authorities were taken by surprise, since they sit regularly with Americans on the combined food board handling international supply questions.

New B32 Bomber On Assembly Line

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (ANS)—War Production Chief J.A. Krug revealed today that the newest super bomber, the B32 Dominator is in assembly line production.

He explained that the B32 is comparable in size to the B29 Superfortress, and although being produced in limited quantities, is out of the experimental stage.

The B32 is a bigger version of the B24 Liberator, just as the B29 is a bigger version of the B17 Flying Fortress.

Krug said that production of B17s at the Boeing Seattle plant would end in six weeks and that all the facilities of the plant will then be devoted to Superfortresses.

Nebraska's Wet Corn Saved From Spoilage

OMAHA, Mar. 20 (ANS)—Wet corn, valued at more than \$90,000,000 was saved from spoilage as the result of a 32-day campaign to move the crop into cribs.

The 103,000,000 bushels represented one-third of Nebraska's all-time record crop of 1944, which overflowed storage facilities. Officials said that the total saved is about 92,700,000 bushels.

SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY

BECAUSE OF THE DARKNESS it was difficult to distinguish between Americans and German prisoners. Pfc Walter E. Kilb, of Utica, N.Y., took his jeep with trailer up front to pick up 20 PWs. He went around to have a look at the prisoners himself, and ran into the muzzle of an M1. "I ain't no Nazi," Kilb said. From the darkness came the answer, "That's what they all say. Get off that trailer with the rest of them. When all were loaded aboard the trailer someone asked, "Now where the hell's the driver?" Kilb inquired meekly. "Can I come down now?"

Foahole divers get their swing between shells in Co. M of the 413th I Regt. Sgt. Vernon S. Cheever from Provo, Utah, explains the company's mortar and machine gun positions have phones to contact the company CP. After dialing the CP radio to BNC they just put the loudspeaker next to the sound power transmitter and the music goes out to the positions via the phones.

SIXTY-TWO men credited with taking the town of Oer-Emmels were members of F Co., 120th Regiment instead of the 119th Regt., as originally reported by the 80th Div., according to letters received from Lt. Harris E. Baer, Sgt. Lell Spina, Cpl. E. M. Duckett, Pfc George C. Anderson and Pfc Horace Gaines. Both platoons were in the action referred to, the 120th men took the town, killed 25 Germans, captured 78 prisoners and knocked out two self-propelled guns, at a cost of only six casualties.

1/Lt. John J. Balnes, of Waukegan, Ill., and 703rd TD Bn., Third Armd. Div., had to cross an army boundary and two corps areas before he found his three brothers on the Western Front. Finally he assembled 1/Lt. Wilfred F. Balnes of 94th Inf. Div., Pfc Francis M. Balnes, ordnance outfit, and Pfc Mark E. Balnes, 78th Inf. Div.

A West Front doughnut has set the latest in fashions for American women at home. Sgt. Henry Donnellfield, of the 29th Inf. Regt., picked up a chic little green number, trimmed with red feathers, in a Paris hat shop, sent it home to his wife in New York, in the only container he could find. A few weeks later, metropolitan newspapers carried a Fifth Avenue store's advertisement: "The first Paris import in four years lands in New York in a cookie tin."

The design was picked up by milliners from Manhattan to Hollywood and Donnellfield's choice has become a country-wide style-note.

Three 83rd Div. MPs not only set up the outfit's PW stockade during the Rhineward offensive, but also supplied the first customers when they nabbed seven Nazis in a courtyard nearby. More firsts: Eight Armd. Div.'s 393rd PA Bn. opened the Rhine-land softball season when B Btry, trimmed Service Btry, 4-2. Sgt. Houston B. Sweat commands the No. 2 bank of the second company, second battalion, of the Second Armd. Div.'s 67th Armd. Bn.; is a sergeant for the second platoon, is the second son in his family to enter the service; calls his tank "Deuces Wild"; Supply sergeant Ed Miller didn't know how to drive a bulldozer, but he hopped one, pulled a few gadgets, cleared a blocked road, got rations and ammo through to 334th Inf. men fighting in Baal.



Men of 331st Regt. on Rhine Watch

Having a pinochle game interrupted by a German soldier who merely wanted to surrender was the experience of four men of 82nd Engt. Combat Bn. T/4 Bill Cook, of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; T/5 Dick James, Washington State; T/5 Joe Mendel, Hampton, Va.; Pfc Heinz Koehler, Irvington, N.J. The Jerry said he had been wandering around for 12 days, trying to reach German lines but explained his feet, food and patience had played out. He was turned over to MPs, and the pinochle game continued.

Mark it well. T/5 Salvatore V. Caprio, of Newark, N.J., and the 15th Cav. Recon Squadron tank, likes his beer. The Germans were shelling a town when several GIs, including Caprio, walked into an untended bar and helped themselves to the beer. After a sudden barrage nearby the other GIs left the bar, but not Caprio. "What's a little artillery when there's all this beer?" he quipped.

Wollersheim Hill Slows Ninth Armd.

WITH NINTH ARMD. DIV.—The toughest spot met by the Ninth Armd. Div. in its race from the Roer to the Rhine was at Wollersheim. Combat Command A was assigned to take the town soon after it had kicked off.

Wollersheim is southwest of Zulpich and it doesn't look like much on the maps, a hill in front of it seemed as formidable as Mt. Everest according to the boys of Co. B, 60th Armd. Bn.

Tough German paratroopers had done a masterful job of digging in. They just sat in their holes while the artillery pounded the hill. Then when the doughs started up they turned on the machine guns. There weren't very many Germans there, maybe not more than 50. But some of the boys going up thought every one was manning a machine gun, and you couldn't get at them.

Platoon Shot Up "Maybe we went too slow that first trip up," said T/Sgt Sylvester A. Thompson, who had the second platoon. The first platoon got shot up. The second platoon moved over open ground and got machine gun fire from both flanks. We ducked into a gravel pit and the Germans let the 88s fly. One of them got five of my boys.

"We pulled back and reorganized in the afternoon we went up again. This time we used different tactics. The first platoon moved plenty fast. The third platoon got shot up and disorganized so what was left came over and joined us.

"I got up on the hill and saw a paratrooper running. All I had was a carbine and I couldn't hit that guy. Every time I shot he dropped something. First it was his helmet, then his gun and his overcoat. But I didn't get him."

Meanwhile, one of Thompson's squad leaders, a nery little Irishman named Sgt. David S. Kelly took a BAR man, Pvt. Robert W. Boughner, and a rifleman, Pfc Frederick J. Ealy, and captured a German pillbox. They simply went up a trench until they ran into about a dozen paratroopers. "We were plenty glad to get that German dugout," Kelly said.

After Wollersheim, it wasn't so bad for Co. B. But Wollersheim was tougher for the short period they were there than almost anything they had in the Ardennes, the men said.

'Kid' Sergeants Compile Record With Green Men

WITH 83RD INF. DIV.—During the 83rd's push from the Roer to the Rhine a couple of kids hardly out of their teens led their platoons across the Roer, through the pitfalls of mine fields, entrenched enemy positions, through more than a dozen towns and villages down to the very banks of the Rhine in suburban Dusseldorf—and had only one man killed between them.

Their platoons accounted for several hundred Heinies killed, wounded and prisoner, for quantities of enemy materiel including a half track with towed 88 captured intact near the Eifel Canal. T/Sgt. Joe Kirby, of Paragould, Ark., and T/Sgt. Carlos Chavez, of Milwaukee, Wis., both of A Co., 330th Regt. attributed the low casualties suffered by their platoons to the training the new men had in Belgium prior to the drive and to the swiftness of the attack.

"Speed was the answer," said Chavez, "speed and the opportunity we had to work with the reinforcements before we were committed. The Heinies never knew where we were. Why, in Neuss we caught eleven of them, red-handed, changing from uniforms to civilian clothes."

"A night attack is rough on new men," said Kirby. "We hit 'em before dawn at Hasselweiler, just after we crossed the Roer, and I wondered how the new guys would act in their first night attack. There wasn't one of them who didn't behave like a veteran."

Twenty-year-old Kirby and twenty-one year old Chavez have had identical Army careers. They came to the Division as reinforcements in July, 1944 and since then have made every promotion on the same day.

First German Airstrip for U.S. Planes



Technicians of IX Engineer Command smooth protruding edges of overlapping sections of steel planking on runway of airstrip. Sgt. A. E. Sellers, left, Danville, Va., handles the welding torch as Sgt. D. U. Barrows, Nashville, Tenn., applies pressure with a steel bar.



Aviation engineers fill bomb crater before laying the surfacing of new runway at one forest Allied airstrips in Germany. A few days after photograph was made Ninth Air Force fighter-bombers were using strip.



Soldier-engineer spreading straw under wire mesh. Straw will keep mud from forcing way through mesh when thaws set in.

Even for Frontline Joes Life Can Be Beautiful

WITH 102ND INF. DIV.—Sgt. John Kaushenberger, of Butler, Pa., was taking a hot shower somewhere along the Rhine. "L Co. has had it rough," said the 406th Regt. man as he splashed himself with suds, "but this is the life. All I had to do was peep out of the window every so often to be sure taht no Jerry crossed the Rhine."

Straddle trenches are a thing of the past—for the present. "Look, all you have to do is pull the chain," shouted Pvt. Wilbur Wurrow, of Chilton, Wis. A radio blared out an ETO program.

"Turn that damned thing down—I can't stand the noise," said Ronald Dutton, of Medford, Mass., to Pvt. Edward R. Marks, Lakewood, N.J. Someone was typing a letter in the next room. "Typewriters are plentiful around here," explained Lt. Jack L. Jernack, of Solon, Iowa, first platoon leader. "That's an office building across the street."

Men were on guard duty 24 hours a day. S/Sgt. William E. Cooper, of Rock Vale, Ky., said these not on duty were still catching their wind from the whirlwind race to the Rhine.

"And blowing a lot of wind, too," he added. "They were cooking up some cokers for the folks back home."

A beer hall downstairs was converted into a mess hall, and the cook, T/4 Robert James, of Eddytown, Pa., declared that the boys had gone through hell and deserved the best. He would give it to them.

In a city as large as Krefeld, infiltration would be an easy matter if a constant vigil wasn't maintained. Hence the necessity for walking patrols, one of the less pleasant aspects of life in that frontier town.

"It takes about half an hour to cover the route," said Pastura. "The first time around isn't bad, but you get damned tired the next three times around." The pair gulped a cup of coffee. Pastura yawned and stretched. "Now for some rest." He turned to Tokash. "I say, James, have you drawn my bowh . . . ?"

Nazis Kiss Girls Goodbye, Surrender to Second Div.

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—Two German soldiers, who snatched up their girl friends, gave Pfc Willis A. Taylor, division MP, his easiest prisoner catch of the war.

Taylor of Savannah, Ga., was on guard in front of the division PW cage and only a block away from the CP when the Nazis, clad in uniforms, came walking up the street in Munsterfeld.

"They were walking arm in arm with the girls," Taylor laughed. "They walked up to me, kissed the girls goodbye, shrugged their shoulders, and stuck out their hands as if to say: 'Well, it's all over now.'"

Third Armd. Unit Nabs 150 PWs

WITH THIRD ARMD. DIV.—For a while it looked as though Sgt. Bruno Markunas, of Chicago, and his crew men had captured the entire garrison of Cologne. They then counted the catch: 150 Jerries, a battery of 88's, a motor park and two anti-tank guns.

Markunas' tanks, driving into the Rhine-land city with elements of the Spearhead Div., had destroyed the flak battery of 88's at dusk. After halting in bivouac, Cpl. John J. Douquati, of Rock Springs, W. Va., challenged a Kraut who was attempting to sneak past the outpost. Markunas grabbed the frightened man, disarmed him and learned there were more Germans in a nearby cellar.

T/4 Charles Oliver, of Omar, W. Va., S/Sgt. Homer Cheving, Hopkinsville, Ky., Sgt. Frank Buck, of Altoona, Pa., and Markunas walked to a nearby factory, and found the soldiers, armed but ready to talk terms.

The German officer in command declared he was ready to surrender, but only to American brass. There was no officer among the group. Presently another tank crew pulled up and the Krauts decided to surrender immediately, brass or no brass.

Jerries Are 'Captured' By Observer in Plane

WITH EIGHTH ARMD. DIV.—Capturing Germans was so easy during the drive to the Rhine that a battalion aerial observer flying overhead in a Piper Cub was credited with 20 of them.

Lt. Edward S. Kianiecki, of Pittsburgh, was on a patrol mission over a clump of woods when 20 Krauts came into the open with upraised arms as the plane circled overhead. The pilot, 2/Lt. Carl Colozzi, of Cranston, R.I., flew close to the ground and Kianiecki motioned the prisoners down the road toward the battalion's ground unit.

Observing that the Krauts were taken over by the GI ground troops, the airman continued on their mission.

Composer Is Honored



New sign replaces old in Krefeld, with WO Richard W. Geyer, of Seattle, Wash., Ninth Army, posting name of Star Spangled Banner's composer.

Santa Fe Div. Takes 4,000 Prisoners in Rhine Drive

WITH 35TH INF. DIV.—The river-crossing 35th, with a dozen crossings behind it as it stabbed over the Roer River, took more than 4,000 prisoners in the Ninth Army's drive to the Rhine. In 17 days, the Santa Fe division rolled up 30 miles of Siegfried Line, then smashed another 25 miles to crush the remaining Nazi bridgehead across the Rhine from Wesel.

Doughboys of the 320th Regt.'s Third Bn., commanded by Lt. Col. Joseph D. Alexander, of Chicago, mounted tanks to spearhead Task Force Byrne and speed past the Roer's Siegfried defenses to liberate the large Dutch city of Venlo. They conquered Straelen and scores of other German towns, captured hundreds of prisoners by driving almost 50 miles in three days. Climax was a swift night assault on Sevlier.

Lt. Royal Offer of Omaha, Neb., platoon leader of men riding the forward tanks, said: "One of my men had a bullet hole in his left leg and his right leg was almost blown off by an anti-tank shell. Yes, he kept shooting. He killed the three soldiers manning the anti-tank gun and forced the officer to surrender."

Task Force Byrne cracked through fierce Nazi resistance and a downpour of enemy artillery to take Drupp. At the start of the Rhine attack, the 134th crossed the Roer by seizing the stone bridge at Hilfarth. After clearing the Nazis from Hilfarth, the regiment went on to take 80 more towns and link with the British army west of Geldern. Santa Fe artillery supported the 35th's attack constantly. On one major mission, 13 battalions including corps artillery hit the enemy at once. The division's fire direction center handled three artillery groups and in a single day 11,286 rounds were fired.

Mines were plentiful and the "Brooklyn Beavers" of Lt. Col. Philip Botchin's 60th Engrs. tore through mined steel and log road blocks, fillet craters and anti-tank ditches, constructed bridges and effected passage through dozens of enemy demolitions works.

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Mortar Barrage Before Jumpoff Wins Ichendorf

WITH 104TH INF. DIV.—Swift and effective supporting action by H Co. played an important part in winning the attack against Ichendorf by the Second Bn. of the 104th's 413th Inf.

E and F Companies moved against the town while G Co. pushed up to the southern fringe.

Two deep coal pits running parallel to the hill prevented G Co., from making any flanking maneuvers. To push straight up the slope would have meant facing a frontal storm of enemy fire.

Then Capt. John B. Chenoweth, of Elkins, W. Va., and Sgt. Rollin Nielson, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., brought H mortars into action.

Until 0330 hours—G jumpoff hour—H Co. threw in a continuous mortar barrage. When G attacked, there were 20 dead Germans in trenches, a dead artillery observer in the bunker, a dead machine-gun crew and 60 dazed and ready-to-surrender Germans huddled in their holes. Their only question: "Where did the Tanks get those automatic mortars?"

Front-Bound GIs Anxious To Get Settled Someplace

By Gordon Gammack Des Moines Register-Tribune Correspondent WITH A REINFORCEMENT BN., Germany—Infantry-bound reinforcements are anxious about their combat future, uncertain about their preparation and tired of being men without an outfit.

"They ask lots of questions about what the front and battle are like," says Sgt. Kenneth Luchsinger, who is assigned to an advanced reinforcement battalion in Germany, "and they want to find out what division they're going to."

After the long rides in the forty-and-eight, and the shunting from depot to depot, the men are tired of being treated like bastard children at the family reunion. Some of them have sweated out assignments for months. Older men—men sent back from the line to hospitals and returning now as reinforcements—have told them what the front is like and they are not anxious for the taste of it. But they are tired of waiting and they want to "belong somewhere."

Tired of Traveling Pvt. Maurice H. Visnow sailed from the States in October and has spent the intervening months knocking around the reinforcement system in Italy, France, Belgium and Holland before reaching Germany. "I've packed and unpacked so many times," he said, "I'll be glad to get with some outfit."

Pvt. George W. Tell, whose basic training in paratroops was interrupted by overseas orders, has been in the system 25 days and that's too long for him. "I've got confidence," he said, "I can go up front and do the job."

There are few rules as to who goes into the reinforcement hopper and not all the men feel well-prepared for combat. Sgt. Charles L. Post had been overseas 13 of his 25 months as an x-ray technician in the Army before being chosen for the infantry training, including one day's instruction in mines and booby traps.

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Presidential Unit Citation Is Made to 79th Outfit Co. A of the 315th Regt., 79th Inf. Div. has received the Presidential Unit Citation for "extraordinary gallantry and heroism displayed in moving against overwhelmingly superior enemy numbers and fire to seize and hold the high ground east of Embermen, France."

At one point in the action, the enemy counter attacked with such force that men at the company CP, forced into fox holes, "were literally run over by the tanks and subjected to 75mm fire at pointblank range," the citation stated. Enemy casualties were 36 killed and 175 wounded, plus 78 prisoners. Co. A suffered 57 casualties, including 10 killed in action.

Combat Spotlight 83rd Div.

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SAYS ROER-RHINE HOP WAS EASIEST FIGHT
GET THEM BUTTER HAVE SWEETENED THAN PINEAPPLES
HIS TANK HIT BY BAR-OOKA HE HELD OFF GERMAN INF COMPANY FROM TURRET WITH GRENADES
AWARDED THE SILVER STAR & THE PURPLE HEART WITH CLUSTER
Sgt. Forest NAYLOR
TANK COMDR B' CO-101 TANK BN. from QUICK, WEST VA.

This Happened in America Yesterday:

U.S. Nightclubs Receive Encyclopedia Recognition

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—The pop of the champagne cork and the wail of the blue-note saxophone have found their place in the sedate Encyclopedia Britannica, whose ponderous 1945 "Book of the Year" includes a 6,000 word history of U.S. nightclubs. This was the Britannica's first mention of the 20th Century phenomenon.

Sherman Dillingsley, owner of New York's Stork Club, who wrote the article, says there were 30,000 performers in the nightclub field in 1944 and that clubs presenting live entertainment numbered 10,000. In addition, Dillingsley notes, there were about 70,000 cabarets with an estimated gross of 200,000 patrons, during the year.

San Francisco, busily preparing to play host to the World Security Conference April 25, announced that the meetings will be held in War Memorial Opera House, which was built to honor the dead of World War I.

The latest group to present its demands for representation at the Conference is the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which says it wants "clear heads" at San Francisco. Mrs. Leigh D. Colvin, W.C.T.U. president, says temperance groups should have delegates at the meetings to forward the view that "liquor has no place in creating sincere and lasting understandings among nations or peoples."

Curfew Strands Tipplers

THE midnight curfew appears to have produced a new social hazard, stranding citizens in gin mills which closed their doors promptly at the sounding of the cinderella hour. In Chicago, cops had to re-open joints in the early morning to rescue one tippler who dozed off in the telephone booth of a local saloon and numerous others who had been marooned under tables and in obscure stalls.

In Utah, Gov. Herbert H. Maw signed a bill reducing the ratio of cows service by bulls to 30 to 1. Formerly a bull was assigned stud to as many as 40 cows. According to the new law, any cow adding itself to the allotted 30 "will be known as a loose woman."

In Camden, N.J., Advisory Master William J. Burton ruled it wasn't cricket for a man to heave teaballs at his wife and granted a divorce to the plaintiff spouse.

Red-haired Mary Lavinia Spreckels, former nightclub dancer, testified in a Hollywood court yesterday that her husband, wealthy John D. Spreckels III, spent \$100,000 on horses but objected to giving his wife enough to live on. She was granted an uncontested divorce, with a property settlement of \$100,000, from the sugar-beer who is now a bugler in the Navy.

New Homes for Bomb Victims

THREE hundred farmers' wives, filling station operators and others not employed full time are working in a new factory at Greenville, Ga., turning out pre-fabricated houses to shelter bombed-out French and British families. The Federal Housing Authority has ordered 500 houses for England and 500 barracks for France, with ten complete units being turned out daily.

Four U.S. senators matched wits with radio's Quiz Kids and earned a verdict of "draw" in the opinion of the presiding judge, William O. Douglas, associate justice of the Supreme Court. Senators Joseph Ball (R.-Minn.), Carl A. Hatch (D.-N.M.), Harold H. Burton (R.-Ohio) and Thomas C. Hart (R.-Conn.) were the Congressional entries against the four kids, whose ages are 15, 14, 8 and 7. Harve Fishman, 14, put the senators in their element by asking, at one point, "Will the gentleman yield?" Replied Sen. Hatch: "I do more than yield; I abdicate."

New York City is awaiting materials to begin construction of a \$27,000,000 medical center, Mayor LaGuardia announced. The project is designed to surpass that of New York's cross-city rival, Jersey City.

Bazooka Team on the Midtown Front



THE Army Service Forces presented their candidates for the best-dressed, slickest-operating bazooka team but made no claims about its marksmanship. Ordnette Frances Morrison, leader extraordinary, favors the continental, or two-way stretch, grip, while Ordnette Lucille Purcell, who prepares to fire, claims she may never hit a thing but says her form is strictly according to the book. The demonstration took place at the New York Ordnance District Show in the Chrysler Building, 42nd St. and Lexington Ave.

The apostolic delegation in Washington announced that Pope Pius has named five bishops to fill vacancies in American Catholic dioceses. New papal appointments are Bishop John F. O'Hara, to be Bishop of Buffalo; the Very Rev. Francis Joseph Schenk, to be Bishop of Crookston, Minn.; Rev. Vincent Stanislaus Waters, as Bishop of Raleigh, N.C.; the Very Rev. John King Mussio, as bishop of the newly created diocese of Steubenville, Ohio; and the Rt. Rev. Edward J. Hunkeler, to be Bishop of Grand Island, Neb.

Crowe, ND Cage Coach, Gets Iowa Football Post

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Mar. 20—Notre Dame lost its third coach in two weeks today when it was announced that Clem Crowe, head basketball coach, had signed to coach football at the University of Iowa. Ed McKeever and Adam Walsh, head football coach and line coach, respectively, recently left ND for Cornell and the Cleveland Rams. Crowe, one of six brothers who starred in Notre Dame athletics and who served as assistant football coach under McKeever as well as handling the basketball job, succeeds Edward (Ship) Madigan at Iowa and will hold the job until Maj. Eddie Anderson returns from service.

Montreal Six 2-1 Favorite

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—The Montreal Canadiens were 2-1 favorites to capture the Stanley Cup Playoff title as the first four teams in the Hockey League standings opened the playoff series tonight. The Canadiens, NHL champions for the last two seasons, opposed the third-place Toronto Maple Leafs in the first of a three-out-of-five-game set in Montreal, while the second-place Detroit Red Wings were host to the fourth-place Boston Bruins.

American Loop Series Starts in Cleveland, Indianapolis

CLEVELAND, Mar. 20—The Governor's Cup playoffs for the championship of the American Hockey League starts here tonight with Buffalo, winner of the Eastern Division title, meeting Cleveland, which topped the Western half of the league. Hershey and Indianapolis, second-place teams, clash at Indianapolis.

EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Buffalo	31	21	8	70
Hershey	28	24	8	64
Providence	23	31	6	52
WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Cleveland	34	16	10	78
Indianapolis	25	24	11	61
Pittsburgh	26	27	7	59
St. Louis	14	38	8	36

Charge MacPhail Exploited Flier

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (ANS)—Larry MacPhail, president of the Yankees, was accused of exploiting a one-legged Army flier in order to get publicity for himself today when facts concerning MacPhail's "kidnaping" of Lt. Bert Shepard were revealed.

MacPhail and Shepard flew from Washington to the Yankee training camp in Atlantic City, N.J., on Sunday and word got around that the Yankee president had "stolen" the flier from the Senators' camp in College Park, Md. Shepard, a former minor league pitcher who lost his right leg when he was shot down in a fighter plane over Germany, had been working out with the Washington club and hoping to earn a contract.

But, the War Department today said that Shepard's visit to Atlantic City was to entertain 100 Army hospital patients and not to create publicity for baseball. MacPhail horned in on Shepard's trip by asking to accompany the flier from Washington to Atlantic City. Instead of informing reporters of the real reason for Shepard's trip, MacPhail allowed the rumor to spread that he was angling for the flier's services.

Kahn, Former Redskin, Killed in Philippines

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20—Eddie Kahn, former Redskin guard, died Feb. 17 from wounds received on Leyte, in the Philippines, the club announced today.

Kahn, former All-America guard at North Carolina, had previously been wounded at Kwajalein, and was reassigned to active duty after his recovery.

Nelson and Snead Tied

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Mar. 20—Byron Nelson, of Toledo, shot a four-sub-par 68 yesterday to gain a tie with Sammy Snead at the end of the \$10,000 Charlotte Open Golf Tournament, both with totals of 272. First prize money of \$2,000 will go to the winner of an 18-hole playoff match today.

DePaul, St. John's Fives Win In Tourney; Mikan Gets 33

By Jay Barnes
INS Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—DePaul University of Chicago made the rest of the field in the National Invitational Basketball Tournament shudder last night when it let loose a display of scoring power that mauled West Virginia, 76-52, in one of two quarter-final games before a crowd of



18,000 at Madison Square Garden.

St. John's of Brooklyn, seeking its third straight tournament victory and co-favored with the Demons, barely squeezed past a spirited Muhlenberg quintet, 34-33, in the second game to join DePaul, Rhode Island and Bowling Green in tomorrow night's semi-finals. St. John's plays Bowling Green, while DePaul faces the Rhodios.

Big George Mikan, DePaul's six foot, nine inch center, practically beat the Mountaineers himself. He tossed in 33 points, on 13 field goals and seven fouls, to set a new Garden scoring record for the season.

Mikan's performance, which erased the 27-point mark made Saturday against Rensselaer by Don Otten, of Bowling Green, came before he went out of the game on personals with five minutes to play. While the crowd thundered its approval, Mikan received the unusual compliment of a hand shake from every West Virginia player on the floor.

West Virginia's zone stymied DePaul's offensive in the first half but not Mikan, who came out of the bucket with 10 field goals. The Mountaineers led for the first four minutes, but when Mikan found the range it was all over, although Bob Carroll kept West Virginia in the game with eight field goals.

DePaul led, 32-25, at intermission.

The second game found St. John's faced with the necessity of coming from behind to nip a fighting Muhlenberg five in the last minute of play on a set shot by substitute Tom Larkin. The Redmen couldn't find the range in the opening minutes as Red Baldwin, Mule star, threw in two free throws and three straight baskets, and Dick Whiting added another two pointer to put the Mules ahead, 10-0, after eight minutes. Ray Wertis then hit a foul for St. John's and the Redmen started to go. Bill Kotsoreos added three baskets pulling the Redmen up to 13-14 at the half.

The lead changed hands four times in the first three minutes of the second half before St. John's went out front and stayed there until the 14-minute mark when Muhlenberg's Chuck Theiseh popped in two long shots to put the Mules ahead, 28-27. The lead changed hands several times again, but with one minute to play the Mules were on top, 33-32. At that point, Larkin went down the side of the court unmolested, took a pass and lofted it into the net for the clincher.

Yanks Win 7 Boxing Titles

KHORRAMSHAR, Iran, Mar. 20—Joe Marino, 38-year old former longshoreman from Staten Island, N.Y., who was almost barred from the tournament because of his age, was the outstanding figure in the Inter-Allied Mideast boxing tournament here last night when American soldiers won seven of the eight championships.

A crowd of 6,000 officers and men from American, Egyptian, British, French, Russian and Iranian units gave Marino a tremendous ovation when he outpointed Joe Wilson in the heavyweight final.

Norman Rossman, of New York, won the 120-pound title from Andre Tallon, of the French Navy; Max Shindler, of Cleveland, outpointed Hussein Toussi, of Iran, in the 127-pound final; Garib Affafi, of Egypt, won the lightweight crown, outpointing Jim Buhrof, Indianapolis; John Callender, of New Orleans, beat Soliman Abbas, of Egypt, for the 145-pound crown; Rocky Puskaric, of Cleveland, beat Ken Smart of Great Britain, in the 155-pound final; Teddy Weiss, of New York beat George Stangelo, of Massillon, Ohio, in the 165-pound class, and John Wood, of El Paso, Tex., defeated Alexander Ossipoff, of Russia, in the 175-pound bout.

Tabor Best Ring Prospect Among ETO Soldiers—Conn

LONDON, Mar. 20—Cpl. Billy Conn, ranking contender for the world heavyweight title, said today that the best postwar ring prospect among American soldiers in the European Theater was Pfc "King Tut" Tabor, a middleweight who has won 38 of 39 bouts in Army tournaments. Conn added that Tabor was going to move to Pittsburgh after the war and fight in the stable handled by Johnny Ray, Conn's manager.

Bramham Rejects Utah League Application

DURHAM, N.C., Mar. 20—Wartime transportation and manpower conditions have caused William G. Bramham, minor league baseball commissioner, to reject an application for membership in the National Association by the Utah Industrial League.

Haegg Mile Favorite In Cleveland K.C. Meet

CHICAGO, Mar. 20—Gunder Haegg today was installed the favorite to win his first race since arriving in the United States three weeks ago at the Cleveland Knights of Columbus games Saturday night. Jimmy Rafferty, New York A.C. miler who has led the Swift Swede home three straight times over the mile route, has said he will not run at Cleveland because of business reasons. Rafferty's withdrawal, plus Gunder's continued improvement in both condition and time should be enough to take the K.C. mile.

Haegg's first effort in New York after 23 days at sea was 4:31, and he finished last. Next he made it in 4:19, and last Saturday he finished second to Rafferty in 4:14.5.

Crossetti Ready to Quit After Receiving Contract

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Mar. 20—Frankie Crossetti, veteran New York Yankee shortstop, today notified the club he would quit baseball rather than accept the contract offered to him. His salary demand was termed "outlandish" by President Larry MacPhail, who said that if Crossetti wanted to retire there wasn't anything he could do about it.

Pro Tournament Opens

CHICAGO, Mar. 20—The World Professional Basketball Tournament got under way here last night with the American Gears, of Chicago, defeating the Hartford, Conn., Nutmegs, 59-47, and the Oshkosh, Wis., Stars subduing the Detroit Mansfield, 60-56.

Hash Marks

GI Daffynition. A peeping tom is a wolf window shopping!

Two Washington stenographers were walking down the avenue when they detected a GI following them. Frantic as to what to do—they decided to match for him.

Diogenes, searching through the ranks with an issue flashlight, claims to have found another honest man.

Asked how he got in the Army, the guy replied, "First, I wanted to fight to defend my country; second, I knew it would build me up physically; third, a posse came and got me."

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

Story of the Week (From Pfc M. Abramovitz.)

"I am a company aid man with a rifle platoon, somewhere in Germany.

"When my outfit was in France, one of the French girls who knew a few words of English, noticed my medical Red Cross brassard and asked, 'You Red Cross?'"

"When I told her yes, she would not leave the area until I assured her that I didn't have any donuts or coffee!"

Oldest gag of the week. Remember the little termite in the officers club who looked up at his papa and sighed, "Beat me, daddy—I ate the bar!"

It happened in a Red Cross club. A Sleepy GI looked at his pal and muttered, "Did you see that buzz bomb go over last night?"

"That was no buzz bomb," sighed his pal, "that was me. I had a cigar in my mouth, looked out the window and burped."

In Pittsburgh, a local ration board received this letter:

"You gave me gas for which to go to work about a month ago. Now I am out of gas on account of having a baby and I want more for the same purpose."

Cause for divorce department.

A Massachusetts woman got her divorce after testifying that, when she sent her unemployed husband out to look for a job, he came back with one—for her.

Playlet in two acts. Act one is post-war. Act two is any day now.

Act one—A man rushes over to a battered pedestrian who is lying in the street and asks what happened. The pedestrian sez, "A woman driver hit me—but I got her license number."

Act two—A GI rushes over to a battered buddy who is lying in the park and asks what happened. The GI sighs, "A WAC hit me—but I got her serial number."

J.C.W.

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TODAY

- 0655-Sign On.
- 0601-Rise and Shine.
- 0715-Song Parade.
- 0725-Two Tune Time.
- 0730-Return Engage.
- 0801-Combat Diary.
- 0815-Personal Album.
- 0830-Music.
- 0910-Melody.
- 0925-Canada Music.
- 1001-Morning After.
- 1030-Band.
- 1102-Home News.
- 1106-Duffie Bag.
- 1145-Piano Parade.
- 1210-Concert.
- 1301-Great Gilders.
- 1330-Xavier Cugat.
- 1410-Downbeat.
- 1430-Go To Town.
- 1501-Band.
- 1530-Combat Diary.
- 1545-On Record.
- 1630-Music.
- 1715-It Pays.
- 1745-Sound Off.
- 1805-Mark Up Map.
- 1810-Sports.
- 1815-Yank Bandstand.
- 1830-Alan Young.
- 1901-RCAF Show.
- 1945-Strings.
- 2005-First Army News.
- 2015-Johnny Mercer.
- 2030-British Band.
- 2105-Eddie Condon.
- 2130-Bob Hope.
- 2201-Home News.
- 2206-Soliloquy.
- 2235-Melody Hour.
- 2305-Surprise Package.
- 2335-One Night stand.

TOMORROW

- 0655-Sign On.
- 0601-Rise and Shine.
- 0715-Song Parade.
- 0725-Two Tune Time.
- 0730-Return Engagem.
- 0801-Combat Diary.
- 0815-Personal Album.
- 0830-Light Music.
- 0910-Melody Round-Up.
- 0925-Waltztime.
- 1001-Morning After.
- 1030-Band.
- 1102-Home News.
- 1106-Duffie Bag.
- 1145-Piano Parade.
- 1210-GI Jive.
- 1230-Basin Street.
- 1301-Serenade.
- 1410-AEF Extra.
- 1430-Let's Go To Town.
- 1501-Band.
- 1545-On Record.
- 1630-Amos 'n Andy.
- 1715-Canada Show.
- 1745-On the Spot.
- 1805-Mark Up Map.
- 1810-Sports.
- 1815-Supper Club.
- 1901-Hollywood Music.
- 1930-Dance Band.
- 2005-First Army News.
- 2015-Johnny Mercer.
- 2030-Fibber McGee.
- 2105-Soldier and Song.
- 2116-Dance Music.
- 2201-Home News.
- 2206-Carnival.
- 2235-Reminiscing.
- 2305-Kay Kyser.
- 2335-One Night Stand.

(News every hour on the hour.)

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By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Yanks Land On Panay, But See Few Japs

MANILA, Mar. 20 (AP)—American troops of the Eighth Army's 40th Inf. Div., achieving almost complete surprise, landed unopposed on the flat southern coast of Panay Island in the central Philippines Sunday, and tonight were rapidly closing in on Iloilo, Panay's port capital and site of a big airfield.

Panay was the 25th Philippine island invaded by the Yanks and the seventh of major importance.

Cheering Filipinos instead of Japanese troops met the Americans swarming ashore just before dawn. Many sections of the large island already had been cleaned of enemy troops by guerrillas.

Panay, 150 miles south of Manila and frequently bombed by American planes, had been a threat to American convoys passing through the central Philippines.

The doughboys landed at Tigbauan and broke into two spearheads. One seized Cordova, four miles inland. The other swept seven miles east along the coast to Oton, half way to Iloilo, a city of 60,000 with a good harbor.

A small enemy force was encountered on the road to Cordova, but otherwise the area was virtually free of Japanese. Fliers scanned the country behind the beachhead but saw no enemy positions.

Other Yank forces landed the same day on Malamau islet, 12 miles south of Mindanao. Malamau is adjacent to Basilan Island, invaded Friday.

The Malamau landing further secured the southern approaches to Zamboanga, where the U.S. 41st Div. was steadily expanding its positions. Americans on Mindanao counted 829 abandoned Japanese dead.

Meanwhile, mopping up operations in the Zambales Mountains of northwestern Luzon yielded an additional 2,654 Japanese dead.

U.S. heavy bombers raked Formosa airbases and other installations today with 240 tons of explosives and hit Borneo airfields with 119 tons, putting many aircraft out of action and cratering landing strips with 1,000-pound bombs.

Air ---

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lines of retreating enemy transport moving east on side roads from Kaiserslautern toward the Autobahn. Pilots said the destruction on the Rhine's west bank was reminiscent of the Falaise gap air devastation.

The airmen said they put nearly 2,000 motor transport out of action and shot up more than 300 horsedrawn vehicles and artillery pieces.

1/Lt. Gilbert Burns, of Newton, Mass., described the German scramble as a "panic" and said "trucks were trying to pass each other. We could see enemy troops piling off trucks and running for cover. Not many of them made it."

During flight over Kaiserslautern, 1/Lt. Allan J. Diefendorf, of Pittsburgh, saw German civilians lined up along the sidewalks waving white flags, he said.

In the area hardest hit, pilots reported dead horses strewn along the roads intermingled with wreckage of carts and trucks. When attacked, the vehicles were reported going at top speed toward the Rhine.

Four hundred Eighth AF heavies, escorted by 300 fighters, hit U-boats at Blohm and Voss, where the Nazis are reported working on their latest type of prefabricated submarines. They also hammered two oil refineries and targets in the Hamburg port area.

Ninth AF medium and light bombers pounded railyards at Geisecke, between Dusseldorf and Kassel; an ammo dump at Sythen, in the same general area; highway junctions at Westerburg, Gronau and Vreder, between the Ruhr and the Remagen bridgehead, and Barculo, in Holland.

The British Second TAF flew more than 1,500 sorties in the Ruhr, after British night attacks on communications from the Ruhr to Hannover and south to Coblenz.

Twenty-ninth TAC pilots believed the airfields they hit, at Haltern, Gutersloh, Ahlen, Handorf, Lippstadt, Paderborn and Gesecke were recently equipped by the Nazis to defend the Ruhr against an expected Allied push across the Rhine.

1/Lt. Homer Layne, of Waco, Tex., said the fields were not camouflaged. The airmen met heavy flak, however.

German Bases for American Airpower

Aviation engineers of the IX Engineer Command are framed by the wreckage of a downed JU88 in the foreground as they clear the first completely American-built airstrip in Germany. Fighter-bomber bases of the Ninth AF have been moved up to provide close support to Allied troops inside the Reich. Engineers were still working on the taxi-strips as Ninth AF pilots took off from steel runways laid on a field which, only six weeks ago, was in a muddy American artillery area. A Ninth TAC unit flew 174 sorties from its airfield in Germany Monday.



Mandalay Foe Yields Fort

India troops yesterday occupied Fort Dufferin, last Japanese stronghold in the center of Mandalay, Reuter reported from Burma.

The fort had been heavily pounded by U.S. Mitchell bombers. The Japanese garrison fled by dark.

British troops occupied Mogok, 65 miles northeast of Mandalay. Organized Japanese resistance has ended in a large portion of Burma north and west of the Irrawaddy River.

Chungking said Chinese troops have surrounded Kanchow, a former American air base east of the Canton-Hankow railroad.

French troops are holding off Japanese attacks in French Indo-China and in one area forced the enemy to retire.

Land War on Japs Just Begun—Smith

HONOLULU, Mar. 20 (ANS)—Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commander of the U.S. fleet marines force, arrived today from conquered Iwo Jima with the warning that the fight against Japan's ground forces is just beginning.

Smith said the Japanese are correcting past mistakes and becoming harder to whip all the time. He pointed out that the Iwo battle was the hardest fight in the marines' history.

Declaring that the Japanese are growing smarter in every way, Smith added: "They have learned to stop staging banzai charges. We used to love to catch them coming in that way."

Smith said there were more and better defenses on Iwo there than had been anticipated, and more enemy troops.

Russians ---

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the previous day's reports from Berlin but unconfirmed by Moscow, would indicate that Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's forces have broken the virtual stalemate which has existed in Hungary since the Soviet Army halted on the line between Budapest and Lake Balaton.

Berlin also mentioned new Russian penetrations at Gdynia and in the East Prussian pocket. Moscow sources said the Germans trapped southwest of Koenigsberg had opened dikes, flooding the coastal lowlands in an attempt to check the Russian cleanup of resistance along the Baltic.

In Breslau, left behind by Marshal Koniev's advance in Silesia, Red storm units reported capturing buildings of the Junkers auto factory. In other sections of the city, Soviet troops stopped five German counterattacks in hand-to-hand fighting.

Beautiful Spring Is Here, Tra La, Eggs Stand on End

(But Not Ours)

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (UP)—Eggs stood on end yesterday right in the main newsroom of the United Press offices here. They weren't "fixed," boiled or shaken until the yolks broke. They were just plain fresh eggs, laid less than 12 hours previously by Bucks Co. (Pa.) chickens.

When a United Press correspondent saw eggs stand on end in Chungking, China, several weeks ago, he started a mild but world wide controversy by reporting the fact. His Chinese hosts explained that the phenomenon occurred only during the first hour of the first day of spring in China.

Spring did not arrive in New York until 7:30 PM tonight—but the eggs stood on end yesterday.

(Editor's note: Sorry, we can't make the test in Liege. Our eggs are, naturally, dehydrated.)

West Front ---

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area. First Army ack-ack claimed ten destroyed and five probables.

Ninth TAC planes, taking advantage of the weather, ranged the area and prevented the enemy from bringing up major reinforcements.

The First Army took 1,558 prisoners during the 24 hours up to midnight Monday.

Trans-Rhine Patrols Traded

Far to the north, where the Ninth U.S. Army ranges the west bank of the Rhine, Germans in the Dusseldorf-Duisberg sector were officially described as "sensitive" to U.S. patrols across the Rhine. The Germans sent counter-patrols over the river.

The Germans have sowed contact flares in the river in the Ninth Army area.

The collapse of enemy resistance in the Saar was underlined by official estimates that between 15,000 and 20,000 prisoners were collected by the far-flung Third Army divisions yesterday. The 8,335 of these who actually entered PW cages set a new record for the Third. The previous high for this army was Mar. 17, when 6,600 PWs were counted.

In six days, the Third and Seventh Armies have taken an estimated 35,000 Germans.

The Third Army drive for Mainz was spearheaded by the Fourth Arm. Div. Three divisions—the Tenth and 11th Arm. and the 80th Infantry—were converging on Kaiserslautern.

Three Seventh Army infantry divisions—the Third, 45th and 63rd—were pushing through the Siegfried Line from the south. The close action in this area contrasted sharply with the Third Army's wide open sweeps.

Asks Peace Plan Change

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), one of the U.S. delegates to the San Francisco World Security Conference, today filed with the State Department proposals to amend the Dumbarton Oaks agreements to provide for review of war-time political decisions threatening future peace.

"Peace-making and peace-keeping are two different things," Vandenberg said. He said the San Francisco conference faced the "tremendous responsibility" of deciding whether the projected world organization will be limited to indorsement of peace table decisions without change.

Parley Vital to Canada

OTTAWA, Mar. 20 (AP)—Prime Minister MacKenzie King today asked Parliament to approve Canadian participation in the San Francisco conference on the ground that establishment of a world security organization "is of vital importance to Canada and to the future well-being of mankind."

Bullet-Proof Car for Parley

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 20 (ANS)—Mayor Roger D. Lapham, host to the security conference, today accepted the offer of a bullet-proof limousine for the use of the conferees.

Patriots Sabotage Nazi Tyrol Stand

LONDON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Raiding Austrian partisan bands have begun sabotaging Nazi preparations for last-ditch resistance in the Tyrol mountains, Moscow radio reported yesterday.

Moscow called on "every responsible Austrian" to take to the hills to join the partisans and help smash German plans for guerrilla war in the mountains. The Tyrolean patriots are led by Eduard Kloeckner, on whose head Nazi police have placed a big cash reward, Moscow said.

Another Moscow broadcast warned that the Nazis have decided to make Austria the scene of their last stand and already are hiding munitions and supplies in mountain strongholds. To speed construction of these bulwarks, Moscow said, Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo chief, has taken control of the Todt organization, builders of fortifications and subterranean installations.

Warweek Writer Missing

S/Sgt. Paul V. Connors, 29, of Chelsea, Mass., staff writer for "Warweek," was shot down over Germany Jan. 28 and is missing in action, his wife was notified by the War Department. Connors was flying as a gunner when his ship was hit by flak. Other planes reported that several parachutes opened from the bomber.

Can't Force U.S. Curfew, Byrnes Says

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes admitted today he could not force New York City to observe the midnight curfew, but appealed to other cities to continue to close night clubs and other entertainment places at midnight.

Byrnes, commenting on Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia's decision to extend the curfew to 1 AM, said he would not withdraw his midnight damper. He declared that his order "was one of a series of conservation measures designed to save coal, manpower and transportation at a crucial period in the war."

He pointed out that "our casualties during the past two weeks are estimated at approximately 2,000 per day . . . And now is not the time to relax in any way our effort at home." Soldiers at the front are "entitled to know we are willing to make some small sacrifice while we call upon them to make the supreme sacrifice," he added.

"I believe controversial enforcement of the measure in New York City without the support of local officials would be impossible," Byrnes said. "The government has no police force of its own available to discover violations . . . and it has no intention of building such a force."

Meanwhile, New York night club owners said business had jumped 20 percent, and the common practice was now to toast Mayor LaGuardia with the last drink.

Other cities indicated they will observe the midnight curfew. In Oklahoma City, state Rep. E.R. Weaver, of Stillwater, denouncing LaGuardia, said he would introduce a resolution asking Congress to take action to enforce the curfew. Weaver concluded:

"The Little Flower has turned into a stinkweed."

In Toledo, O., Jack O'Connell, owner of a motion picture theater, announced he would resume his 10 AM to 4 AM schedule with a double-bill swingshift show.

One-Man Rule--

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Capt. James Mallen, of New York City, head of the (homest-to-go) military government detachment of Rheydt, got complaints from his Germans because their relatives in these three towns were getting passes and they weren't.

Mallen picked up one of the Germans and one of the passes. It wasn't like any in the MG textbooks he had read, so he got a little suspicious. He sent 1/Lt. Charles Pellegrin, of Newark, N.J., to investigate.

Pellegrin was offered the keys to the city. Did he want a billet? Easiest thing in the world to arrange. How about a cute little girl friend? That might be arranged, too.

But Pellegrin was a hard man to please. Instead of taking what providence offered, he started asking questions.

What was the number of this military government detachment? Oh, it didn't have a number? It was a special detachment? Whose control was it under? Whose control? Why, mine. Does it have to be under anyone else's? Where's your AGO card, lieutenant?

AGO card? Well, it's this way. Col. Williams—you know him, of course—just came up to me on the road one day and said, sergeant, you're a first lieutenant now—a first lieutenant in military government.

That's the way it happened, fast like. So I guess, they haven't got around to giving me an AGO card yet.

Have you got dog tags?

Oh, sure, I got dog tags all right.

Well, look, "lieutenant," suppose you come along with me.

Damn.

That was the end of the week. The rest is anti-climax. He was pulled in, turned over to the division MPs. When they try him, if they want to, they'll be able to throw the book at him, a book full of charges like impersonating an officer, fraternization, intimidation of civilians, illegal use of government property and desertion.

But, buddy, that sure was one hell of a week.