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Leathernecks Leave Their Trademark on Iwo

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A sandy hole in the ground, littered with dead Japs, is all that remains of a Japanese pillbox and its operators after Marines fought their way on to the beaches of Iwo Jima despite tough resistance from such positions as this once was. A Leatherneck of the Third Division surveys the situation.

Iwo Marines Seal off Japs

GUAM, March 14 (AP) .- Three GUAM, March 14 (AP).—Three U.S. Marine Corps divisions slug-ged it out with the surviving Japanese on Iwo Jima today after sealing off 115 Japanese cave po-sitions and seizing two rocks jut-ting out of the sea off the island. The rocks, designated in a U.S. communique as Kama and Kan-maku were occunied without onno-

communique as Kana and Kan-goku, were occupied without oppo-sition. The Japanese previously had used them as mortar positions. Kama is 1.000 yards off Iwo's west central side and Kangoku is 2.700 yards off the northwest end of the island island.

Japanese troops occupying caves and pillboxes on rugged Kitano Point, the northern tip of Iwo. still were resisting stubbornly with small-arms, machine-gun and mortar fire

Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, top commander of Marines in the Pa-cific, was standing on a rock watching a fight below when a Japanese took a potshot the Smith said the bullet missed him by only a few inches.

Paris Movie Houses Are Closed by Strike

A general strike of French motion picture cashiers, operators, ushers and other employes closed movie houses in Paris yesterday and spread throughout France Allied troops' theaters will remain

RAF's New 11-Jon Bomb, Heaviest Yet, Rocks Reich

Eleven-ton bombs, the heaviest yet used, were hurled by the RAF yesterday against railway targets in northern Germany. The new missile is described as an "earthquake bomb," combining great power of penetration with explosive force. It is 10,000 pounds heavier than the type of bomb which sank the Tirpitz.

The total was 3.870.039 as of Dec. 31.

LONDON, March 14 (AP) .-- Con-

ceding that some Poles might be

extremely unhappy inside the div-ided Poland envisioned at the Yalta

conference, Prime Minister Chur-chill said today that the British Dominions now were being consulted

First TAF flew more than 600 per distribution of the several set of the first of the first tarked armored vehicle plants at Hanover, oil refineries at Misburg and Ninehagen, a large castings plant at Hildesheim, E-boat pens at the Dutch port of Ijmuiden and railway yards and bridges on the main routes from the Ruhr. Approximately 650 fighters escorted the heavies. The Luftwaffe was caught on the ground at several fields east of Coblenz by Ninth AF fighter-bombers, which destroyed 56 planes and damaged 77 others. Three U.S. planes were lost.

and damaged in others. U.S. planes were lost. First TAF flew more than 600 sorties against transport targets and destroyed 13 locomotives and Dest 31 sorties against transport targets and destroyed 13 locomotives and damaged seven. One bridge was damaged seven. One bridge was destroyed and two others damaged. tunnel also was damaged and Plan for Dissatisfied Poles numerous rail cuts were made.

Gets Pacific Command

PEARL HARBOR, March 14 Allied troops' theaters will remain open, however. The movie union, supported by film technicians and workers, is asking a 40 percent wage increase. The movie union, supported by about a plan to offer dissatisfied Poles British citizenship "as their final security."

East Bank Forces Capture Honnef, **Imperil Highway**

By Dan Regan Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, March 14.-Lt. Gen. Hodges' First Army forces today expanded their hold on the east bank of the Rhine to less than one mile and a half from the autobahn-the six-lane Cologne-Frankfurt super-highway parallel to the Rhine, running northward to the Ruhr Valley. Against opposition which consisted mostly of artillery

Reds Overrun Line in Berlin's **Outer Defenses**

in the European Theater of

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Moscow dispatches said yesterday that Marshal Gregory Zhukov's Red Army forces had overrun "one of the main German lines" in the outer defenses of Berlin, while other Soviet troops kept up assatilts against Stettin, Danzig and Gdynia. The Germans. after reporting the opening of a Russian offensive south of Soviet-held Kustrin in the direction of Berlin, indicated that direction of Berlin, indicated that fighting on the west bank of the Oder River was still in the stage of expanding bridgeheads.

One German commentator said: "The present lull on the Oder front

Learned the Hard Way

LONDON, March 14 (UP).— Germany's defense of Berlin will be based on lessons learned from Russia's successful defense of Moscow, according to the Ger-man Transocean News Agency. Organization of defenses is in the hands of a general whe sof the hands of a general who got first-hand information on the problem when Panzer forces under his command were defeat-

ed in the suburbs of the Russian capital, the agency said. The defense will consist of an organized ring of defensive positions which will increase in density.

is a lull before a great storm." Marshal Stalin announced last night that the Soviet's Second Ukrainian Army had captured the railway center of Zvolen, in Slo-vakia, about 75 miles north of Budapest, after dislodging German forces from positions in the Car-pathian Mountains. As Marshal Zhukov's northern wing maintained neavy pressure on Stettin, the Germans reported that Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky had thrown large forces against the

Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky had thrown large forces against the Nazi defense zone around Danzig and Gdynia, with the strongest as-sault being made west of Gdynia The Germans said a nalf-mile (Continued on Page 8)

and self-propelled guns, Hodges' infantrymen f ought into the outskirts of Notscheid, four miles east of Remagen, cleared St. Katheeast of Remagen, cleared St. Kathe-rinen and are now advancing along the north-south secondary road paralleling the autobahn. Striking northwards along the Rhinebank, the oridgehead forces cleared Honnef, biggest prize yet taken east of the Rhine, and pushed beyond, toward Ittenbach. On the southern perimeter of the bridgehead, which now measures ten and a naif miles along the Rhine and five miles inland, dough-boys advanced ne a rl y a mile across tough terrain.

Ici On Parle Français

She devotes herself to it.

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Elle s'y consacre.

El see con-sack-ruh.

boys advanced nearly a mile across tough terrain. Yesterday the Germans made 47 raids over the bridgehead with 99 planes, but First Army anti-aircraft batteries knocked down 26 and scored nine as probables. To-day between 1 P.M. and 5:45 P.M., 19 planes came over, of which one was destroyed was destroyed. It was disclosed tonight that the

pontoon bridge, built to augment the Ludendorff rail span, was 980 the Linehaorit ran span, was soo feet long and was put up by two battalions of engineers. There have been several artillery hits on the railroad bridge, but engineers de-clared that none was serious and it now is "in better condition than it was when captured."

Counter-attacks Thus Far No Threat to Salient

, It was reported at SHAEF that up to yesterday, the seventh day of the bridgehead. Germans nave not thrown counter-attacks at the salien; strong enough to threaten it. Counter-attacks thus far nave been defensive and no indication has yet been reported of an enemy

has yet been reported of an enemy counter-offensive. Hodges now nas sufficient forces east of the Rhine to deal with heavy attacks. In the absence of any sustained effort by the Ger-mans to smash the oridgehead. First Army men are continuing to gain over rugged ground which lends itself to Nazi defensive factics. Largest of the German counter-attacks was made near Honningen, at the south end of the oridgehead yesterday. About 250 enemy infan-try stormed U.S. positions. made slight penetrations and were driven back after three hours of fighting. Other attacks came in the Har-(Continued on Page 8)

Overseas at Home, But. . . Sasaki's Woes. or Howzat?

Pfc Alfred Sasaki, of the 296th QM Salvage and Repair Co., is a man with a problem. He wants to know why he received overseas pay when he was at home and why he didn't get it when he was overseas.

Pfc Sasaki's difficulty is that he was inducted in Hawaii, his home. He stayed in the islands for two weeks and received overseas pay for the fortnight. When he reached the States for combat train-ing, he was given the basic buck private's \$50 per. After one year in the States, he was sent to Italy and then to

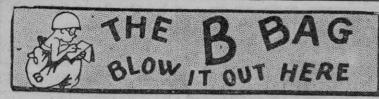
France on regular overseas status. "What I want to know," asks Pfc Sasaki, "is if the one year I spent training in the States counts as overseas duty or not." Army regulations describe "overseas" as "any place beyond the continental limits" of the U.S. or in Alaska. So Pfc Sasaki, who was overseas at home, was not overseas while away from home in the States

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THE STARS AND STRIPES

An Editorial -

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(Ed. Note: B-Bag does not make a prac-tice of printing letters from civilians but relaxes the rule because only a Belgian civilian could give the proper answer to a recent letter entitled "Herring Hound." That letter was written by Pvt. Kenneth A. Rosenzweig, formerly of Philadelphia, who related that Belgian people laughed at him as he walked down the streets of Liege munching a smoked herring.)

After consulting local leading au-thorities on etiquette I think that Pvt. Kenneth Rosenzweig will not have to make hara kiri with a can opener for "losing face" in our midst. The sight of a khaki-clad Philadelphia gentleman innocently sucking a smoked herring in a Belgian town is not in itself tech-nically funny.

Beigian town is an nically funny. We have been deluged with tons and tons of herrings by our gen-erous government, these last two months . . . We ate lots of months . . . we tuntil even them, smoked or not, until even the dog had his bellyful of them.

Then the contrast of a soldier, used to the good, rich U.S., chow, eating a Belgian equivalent of C-ration with a watering mouth and ecstatic eyes creates a gag which could not fail to get a smile in these parts.—Citizen of Liege,

What you call a delectable mor-el, is a stuff that, we, starving Beigians, have been stuffed with too often during the war! When we had no meat, we had herring!

When we had no butter, we had

herring!

When we had no potatoes, we had herring! Herring is so rich with vitamins and herring was the substitute for

and herring was the substitute for everything during German occupa-tion! We were sick of herrings, as sick as of the Germans! Then, let me tell you, that if those courageous people of Liege remarked that an American soldier of thet rich American Army was remarked that an American soldier of that rich American Army was eating publicly, in the street, a poor smoked herring, well, the con-trast is so immensely big that I understand, they had to laugh and to smile. Oh! to be sure that smile was certainly filled with sympathy and certainly without mockery. Don't worry, there is nothing Don't worry, there is nothing wrong in eating a smoked herring on the street!—Maj. M. J. G., Belgian Liaison.

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Characters?

Characters? Just finished reading your sketches on the German officers who command the Nazi troops in the St. Nazaire and Lorient pockets. You know, the same ones whose efforts have been sufficient to draw off both American and French forces from our main effort, here, in France, in order to neutralize the threat which these salients re-present. Your article introduces us to quite a gallery of "characters": the "jive-loving oberleutnant," the "bubbling oberleutnant from Wur-temberg," "the rugged paratrooper" and one or two other less pic-turesque "characters." Don't think there's been a GI definition formulated, but a "cha-racter" is usually an eccentric, a bit hattered by the war maybe

definition formulated, but a "cha-racter" is usually an eccentric, a bit battered by the war, maybe soiled, around the edges, but generally likable. He's the Sad Sack and Hubert and Bill Mauldin's learnedbaums

Maybe, sometime, when the perspective of years will have filed down the sharpness of our memories. Nazi officers will assume the aspect of "characters." Meanwhile, your painfuly bright reports of the goings-on at St. Nazaire and Lorient continue to mise the earth continue to miss the mark. Your

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It's about time someone came to the defense of that forgotten group, the men of 35 and over. It seems to me that theirs is a special case and invites special problems. Age is an important factor to be considered in

the process of demobilization. A healthy nation is one that A healthy nation is one that springs from a well-knit family unit. There must be that essential propagation of the race if it is to continue as a strong well-balanced community. It is, therefore, highly important that these men be re-turned, immediately upon demobili-zation, to raise and rear their children properly and for those who are unmarried to engage in matri-mony and do likewise.

mony and do likewise. ... A mother can devote all her loving and tender. care to her children, but there is still lacking that hard-won and bitter expe-rience that the male parent could impart to his offspring. Another point to be considered is the trial of readjustment which will work harder upon them than the younger men. . . The writer is submitting this article from an entirely selfless appoint of view as he is not of the appointed age and will not be for shi several years. I hope that by that time this will be just so much water under the bridge.—Pvt. Max of Miller. Signal Corns

Miller, Signal Corps.

HUBERT

MOST of us have been brought up not to bust things. But in war plenty of things get broke. So it's funny to see this soldier's guilt complex when he meets the owner of a beat-up farmhouse.

That's typical Mauldin humor. Human. Realistic. Grim.

Plenty of things get broke in war. When a shell and a house collide there isn't much argument. The treasure of centuries goes up ina flash. The bits and pieces can't ever be put together. The world has lost something that can never be repaired or regained. Future generations are the losers.

All the more reason why property spared by the dice of destiny is specially precious. Old chateaux. The art of ages. The panelled walls of an ancient house. The copper kitchenware conserved by a peasant family. An irreplaceable Louis XIV chest of drawers. A set of chairs. Broken, battered or burned, they're lost forever. No human hand or brain can reconstruct them. The pleasure they can give is gone forever. A link with homes-on how we respond the past is destroyed.

soldiers are billeted in the



Britons, Belgians, Dutch, Luxembourgers and French. On how we treat those to their hospitality, much of Thousands of American the future depends.

When we scar a family

Do Unto Others...

nor metal, nor cloth. We hurt a human heart. A heart that won't forget. A heart that wants to remember us for the liberty we've restored, not the damage we've done.

Britain Submits Postwar Air Plan

LONDON, March 14 (AP). master plan to turn over the Brit-ish Empire's world-wide air trans-port development after the war to three large companies, with steamship lines and railroads playing the major role, was advanced by Britain today, and quickly brought the cry of "monopoly." The British Overseas Airways

Corp. emerged as the dominant organization in an official plan an-nounced in a government White Paper, with a world-girdling route, including the U.S., assigned to it. The corporation also was given a voice in the other two companies-the British Latin-American Air voice in the other two companies— the British Latin-American Air-lines, made up of five steamship lines operating Latin-American ser-vices, and the United Kingdom-European Service, in which princi-pal participants are railroads, short sea-shipping lines and travel agencies. agencies

Independents Cry Monopoly

Four independent pre-war airline operators raised the "monopoly" cry. They declared the plan was unsatisfactory and that they would be "robbed" of the value of good-will and development costs if they ioined in the plan

will and development costs if they joined in the plan. The White Paper made clear that the government hopes to operate international services with a mini-mum of competition — along the lines advanced, but turned down, at the Chicago Aviation Conference.

Congress Silent **On British Plan**

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) No immediate comment came today from Congressional circles on the British aviation White Paper. A Pan-American Airways spokesman said the company regarded it as a policy matter for Congress and therefore would not voice an opinion.

The Senate Commerce Committee has been snagged for weeks over a postwar air policy. Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me.) demanded action on what he termed "a 90 percent agreement," which would set forth the alternatives for American commercial flying to foreign countries after the war.

Agreements Debated The Foreign Relations Committee debated the State Department's action in accepting international air agreements without a go-ahead from Congress. These agreements would open this country's airways

would open this country's airways to foreign passenger and freight-carrying planes. Republicans want to hold up the agreements until the Senate acts on a permanent air treaty which President Roosevelt submitted this week. Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) said he hoped submission of the treaty would end the squabble over the temporary agree-ments. ments.

The treaty gives signatory na-tions control of the air above their countries, with each holding the right to bar foreign planes if it chooses.

Biddle Opposes

Airline Monopoly

WASHINGTON, March 14 (Reu-ter).—The Justice Department comes out strongly against one-company control of American in-ternational air transportation in a report by Attorney General Francis W. Biddle.

Biddle said the department was also opposed to a policy of surface carriers, such as steamship com-

panies, owning or controlling in-ternational airline companies. Biddle urged that there be con-trolled competition, agreement with other countries on subsidies, an in-ternational operation in the subsidies. ternational organization to analyze information on air carrier opera-tions and maintenance of economic and legal conditions to encourage continued private operation.

The report said that government operation of America's international aiter the war. Brewster's suggestion is that there be either a single company operat-air lines might be advisable when lack of profit opportunities made private operation impossible.



"Well, they're supposed to go to C company, but you mentioning a carton of butts makes me think you and me could talk a little business."

by SGT. DICK WINGERT

Thursday, March 15, 1945

THE STAKS AND STRIPES

Pacific Storm Tosses Around U.S. Carrier, Destroyer



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

When the Americans approached Bad Godesberg, which was

the scene of the Hitler-Chamberlain

When the Americans approa the scene of the Hitler-Chamberlain pre-Munich conference, a delega-tion of the town's 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 their artillery and planes are razing the city with complete dis-regard for the thousands of Ger-man citizens who have sought refuge here: Until it came under fire from the Germans, Bad Godesberg was one of the few captured German towns which was practically un-touched by war. It was here that Chamberlain conferred in Septem-ber, 1938, with Hitler and Von Rib-bentrop. But today Bad Godesberg is far different from the flag-be-decked city it was during the days of the conference which paved the way for "peace in our time." The hotel where they met is blacked-out now. A skeleton staff remains with the owner, George Dressen, whose brother Fritz was one of Hitler's closest friends. The hotel staff no longer dares go into the front of the buildings,

The hotel staff no longer dares go into the front of the buildings, for a few yards away on the Bulanings, for 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.

Belgian 'Leggers Victimizing Yanks With Fake Cognac

TONGRES, Belgium, March 14 (AP).—Reports of an epidemic of (AP).—Reports of an epidemic of liquor poisoning among American soldiers have brought to light a Belgian bootleg industr; run by peasants in the tradition of Amer-ican prohibition days. The hooch is made under filthy conditions with sugar beets and methylated spirits and in at least one instance was fermented with manure.

A number of soldiers have been downed by so-called cognac in the Tongres region.

REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD, Mar. REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD, Mar. 14.—A German engineer asserted today that wires leading to the dynamite planted to blow up the Ludendorff railway bridge when the Americans neared the Rhine were cut by German saboteurs. The captured engineer, a sergeant in a demolition company, also said he had been informed that a Ger-man captain in charge of blowing the bridge committed suicide rather than face the Nazi leaders after

than face the Nazi leaders after men of the First Army seized the trestle intact and established their bridgehead across the Rhine.

Found Wires Cut The bridge was to have been blown in mid-afternoon, he said. When only two explosive charges went off, a company of engineers was sent to investigate. They re-turned in a few minutes, saying the wires were cut and they had been unable to find the explosives. The engineers, who had planted some charges during their recon-naissance, returned to the bridge about 5 PM with additional dyna-mite, but they found the span in American hands. Ninth Armd, Div, forward elements had crossed. Thirty-three members of the en-gineer outfit which was supposed to blow the bridge were captured while fighting as infantrymen in Leubsdorff, a mile south of Linz. Found Wires Cut

British Plan NewCall-Up

For War Against Japan

LONDON, March 14 (AP).-War Minister Sir James Grigg told Com-mons yesterday that there would be a new call-up of men when Ger-many is defeated to carry on the war against Japan. The new call-Selling the faked brandy to Amer-ican troops for as much as 600 francs a quart, the bootleggers are evading legal control of ingredients and the high tax on spirits.

About 5,000 foreign-born U.S. soldiers have become American citizens while serving in the ETO, Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, Adjutant General, disclosed yesterday. Britons, Germans, Italians, Poles and Mexicans are among those naturalized, but almost all nationalities are represented.

5,000 in Army in ETO

Become U.S. Citizens

A naturalization team, composed of a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and three enlisted men, is now with First Army units. It moves on to a new division every few days, following the men in combat. Under a new law citizenship is

available to any soldier who entered the U.S. prior to Sept. 1, 1943, whether legally, through a port of entry or smuggled across the border.

Old Roman Walls At Cologne Stand

In Midst of Ruins

COLOGNE, March 14 (AP)

City Hall, Guerzenich Museum, the

Archiepiscopal Palace and Seminary and Templar Lodge were wiped out

1/Lt. James S. Larwood, of New York City, who heads the Fine Arts and Historical Monuments section of Allied Military Government's Cologne detachment says the price-lass maintings former hanging in

less paintings formerly hanging in the cathedral and museum have

is safe underground.

It's Quiet, and the Rhine Looks Like Ohio to Nostalgic Yanks

No, these ships aren't sinking. It's just the tricks the heavy seas play with anything that is floating —even the big warships of the U.S. fleet. At top, a carrier of the Essex class heels sharply during a storm in the Pacific. At bottom, a destroyer appears partly submerged as it is caught in a trough.

By Ernest Leiser Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ON THE EDGE OF THE RHINE, March 14.—According to the map, here was the front line. Geographically, you couldn't get any closer, unless you were pretty good at walking on water. A rail fence and the Rhine, ten feet out and 30 feet down—that was all between you and the Germans opposite this sector of the Ninth Army.

But except for the desultory thump of mortar shells on the far bank, and the rumble of artillery beyond that, there wasn't any way you'd know it.

Here at Uerdingen, just north of the broken skeleton that used to be the Adolf Hitler Bridge, there's a road running right along the river's edge. Today, in plaim sight of the lowlands leading into Duis-burg on the other bank, GIs were hanging over the fence rail, spitting into the river and talking as casually as if they were looking across the Ohio River Valley back home.

Over There Is Covington

In fact, that's what Pfc George Wesner, of Los Angeles, was talking about: His folks live in Cincinnati, and he was saying, "Now where we are is Cincinnati, see? And out there." pointing into Jerry-land, "that's Covington over there and Newport there. It looks just the same.'

Sgt. Fred Wilson, of Hamilton, Ohio, disagreed. "The Ohio's a hell of a lot wider," he said. "This is just a two-bit job."

Back at the front gate of a house that faced across the river, 1/Lt. Elmer L. Chalberg, of Humbolt, S.D., was surrounded by a group of his mortarmen as he tried out one of the new knee mortars, aiming it at a barge beached on the far side. He plugked one right along-side, after first missing it by a hundred yards. Not a peep came from the other bank as the mortar platoon took some more target practice.

Only Speed Concerns Him

COLOGNE, March 14 (AP). —Towers of ancient Roman walls in this Rhineland city withstood modern block-busting bombs though such celebrated landmarks as the Up the same road from the bridge came a couple of soldiers

riding bikes. One of them, Pfc Francis Hartnett, of Waterbury, Conn., was carrying a cane at shoulder arms as he rode. The other, Pfc James McIntosh, of Louisville, a 35-Jerry man, stopped long enough to add his contribution to the riverside conversation. He

didn't think the Rhine was great shakes compared to the Ohio, either. From a window in one of the rows of houses, Pfc Thomas Ogden, of Long Beach, Calif., set his binoculars down, looked across the Rhine thoughtfully, and said, "I guess this is what they mean by 'All Quiet on the Western Front,' hey?"

Fascist Ouster

either been taken east of the Rhine or deposited in bomb-proof vaults. Valuable libraries were lost, in-cluding the archives of the Cologne ROME, March 14 (UP) .- Premier ROME, March 14 (OP).—Preinter Ivanoe Bonomi's government to-day decreed the ouster of all public officials who held similar jobs during the Fascist regime, even if they were not members of the Fascist party. Bishopric, the cathedral library and the library of the high school for music. However the city archives are intact and the university library

Fito Honors Eaker

The new Jugoslav Telegraph Agency reported yesterday that during a recent visit to Jugoslavia, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, MAAF com-mander, was decorated at Marshal Tito's suggestion with the Order of the Partisan Star, first class.

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War Is An Undersea Struggle

For U.S. Submarine Soldiers

ANC Q COSWON WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES, Belgium.-"Submarine soldiers,"

they call these GIs who go beneath the sea in shifts. The 13 divers and six diver's tenders of the 1053rd Eng. Port and Const. Gp. have spent more than 1,488 hours under the waters of European harbors since they arrived on the Continent July 13.

They started out reconstructing the Cherbourg docks and have since been working on other harbor facilities. Their work is in an underwater "battlefield" strewn with such hazards as unexploded mines, booby traps, twisted and wrecked cranes and other debris. The diver's tenders have been pressed into service many times on rush jobs. One of them, Cpl, Woodrow F. Collett, of Steela, Ala., has spent 54 hours in the ETO section of Davy Jones' locker.



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Survey Berates N.Y. Curfew's Effect on Soldiers Help Wanted House Votes Lend-Lease Film Walkout

Until 1946, Bars Relief May Extend to U.S. Theaters

WASHINGTON, March 14 (ANS).—The House sent to the Senate today a bill extending the life of the lend-lease act to June, 1946, after approving an amendment prohibiting the use of the funds for postwar relief, rehabilitation or reconstruction.

Rep. Robert R. Rich (R.-Penn.) failed in an attempt to add an amendment requiring the President to get Congressional approval for lend-lease settlements. The bill was then passed, 354 to 28. Republicans had objected that the Administration might continue lend-lease beyond the way and fin-

the Administration might continue lend-lease beyond the war, and fin-ally the House Foreign Affairs Committee yielded to them by writing the ban into the act. The bill extends the President's power to make lend-lease agree-ments until the 1946 date and also advances the limitation dates for

advances the liquidation dates for the agreements from 1948 to 1949.

Donovan Denies Subversives Hold Positions in OSS

WASHINGTON, March 14 (ANS)

WASHINGTON, March 14 (ANS) —If there are any Fascists or Com-munists in the confidential Office of Strategic Services, Director Wil-liam J. "Wild Bill" Donoyan, has not been able to find them. He testified yesterday before a sub-committee of the House Mili-tary Affairs Committee, which is inquiring into the charges that sub-versives have been granted Army commissions. The War Depart-ment had denied this previously. Gen. Donovan, who commanded the Fighting 69th Regt. of the Rainbow Div. in World War I, said to his knowledge OSS never has hired a man who "advocates over-throw of the government." "I have never taken in any man of whom I have even a doubt."

of whom I have even a doubt," Donovan said adding: "OSS is very careful." And, since he alone is responsible for the men in OSS, all "doubtful cases" are referred to him

Army Ace to Wed Wave NEW YORK, March 14 (ANS).— Lt. Col. John C. Meyer, of Forest Hills, L.I., Eighth AF ace, said he planned to marry Wave Lt. (Jg) Mary Justine Moore, of Fort Lee, N.J., April 4.

Vet Wins \$122.000 For Subway Injuries

NEW YORK, March 14 (ANS). -A former soldier who contended that injuries suffered in a subway accident deprived him "of the honor and privilege of serving his country in combat, was awarded \$122,000 damages yesterday by the State Supreme Court

Abraham Calderon, 22, of Brooklyn, suffered head and leg injuries when he rescued a man from the path of a subway train. Calderon's attorney argued that the motorman was negligent in failing to halt the train in time. Calderon later received an honorable medical discharge be-

cause of the injuries.

New Breaks Made in Levee

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 14 (ANS).—New breaks in a small, private levee in Dyer County sent tons of water pouring over Ten-nessee lowlands today, but with the flooded Mississippi having crested in that area, engineers hoped that the battle along the seven-mile embankment had been won. In this same section last week flood waters inundated 40,000 acres and necessitated the evacuation of 200 families.

200 families. Along the lower White River in Arkansas, engineers reported that the Jackson Bayou levee was de-veloping slides near Hodges Lake. The situation on the Arkansas River was described as improved. The Mississippi continued to rise at Memphis toward a predicted crest of 38 feet, four above flood stage.

HOLLYWOOD, March 14 (ANS). —The threat of a walkout that would shut the majority of the nawould shut the majority of the na-tion's motion picture theaters emerged today from the three-day-old strike of 15.000 studio workers. Richard A. Walsh, president of the International Alliance of Thea-trical Stage Employes, one of two AFL unions involved in a jurisdic-tional dispute here, sent telegrams to officials of affiliated unions ordering them to "stand by for an order to ston handling or exhibiting order to stop handling or exhibiting any motion pictures made by any West Coast producers."

Calls Strike Unauthorized

Meanwhile, L. P. Lindeloff, gen-ral president of the International Painters, Decorators and Paper-hangers of America, sent a wire to striking studio painters saying: "Your strike is unauthorized and striking studio painters saying: "Your strike is unauthorized and not in conformity with the no-strike agreement." He ordered the pain-ters to return to work immediately. A local of Lindeloff's union is on strike because movie producers refuse to obey a War Labor Board order designating it as collective bargaining agent for the industry's set designers. Producers have said that if they recognized that local, a local of Walsh's union had threatened to strike. Representatives of the Screen Writers, Directors and Actors Guilds, not affiliated with either union, were named to intervene in the hope of settling the dispute. These included George Murphy, Alan Hale and Dorothy Tree. Actors Guild, John Cronwell, Del-mar Daves and Lewis Milestone. Directors Guild, and Hugh Butler, Ring Lardner, Jr., William Po-merance and Oliver H. P. Garrett, Screen Writers Guild.

Larger Airborne **Attacks Predicted**

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, March 14.—Brig. Gen. William D. Old, First Troop Carrier Command chief, said yes-terday that military leaders "are terday that military leaders "are now planning new and larger air-borne attacks."

"Before very long," he said in an address prepared for delivery at the American Legion Aviators Post, "huge four-motored cargo planes, some of which have been used up to this time solely as transports be-tween this country and various theaters of war, will become part of the Troop Carrier combat fleet." of the Troop Carrier combat fleet." Modification of cargo planes is now underway, Old said, adding that it would make possible the towing of newer and larger CG13 and CG10 gliders, capable of car-rying large artillery pieces and tanks.



The staff is worried about this young lady, who, it was cryptic-ally informed, is named Frances. Rafferty. If she's in c'istress, what can we do about it? Plenty!

OPA Slashes List **Of Those Eligible** For Unused Cars

WASHINGTON, March 14 (ANS) -In an effort to conserve the dwindling supply of unused 1942 automobiles, the OPA today whittled a list of 26 groups hitherto eligible for new automobiles to eligible for new automobiles to .eight. With the reserve down to 10,000 new cars, home-to-work driv-ing was eliminated as a qualifica-tion for new machines. The groups still eligible include government employee correction

The groups still eligible include government employes engaged in fire fighting, crime detection, law enforcement and mail deliveries; physicians, surgeons, public health nurses and midwives; farm vete-rinarians; ministers or other re-ligious practitioners; members of armed forces or state military for-ces on official business; taxicab owners, and owners of car rental businesses. businesses

The eliminated groups are still eligible for used 1942 rationed

Speaks, Flasks And Pick-Ups **Tempt the GIs**

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau -NEW YORK, March 14 .- Thousands of soldiers and sailors on leave in New York are wandering through the city streets, easy prey for prostitutes and poisonous liquor as a result of the midnight curfew, the New York Times declared today in a story based on a survey.

in a story based on a survey. A Times reporter spent two days interviewing service men and wo-men, restaurant men, cafeteria and coffee pot proprietors, bar and grill and bowling alley operators and Army and Navy spokesmen. He found that servicemen were being led to dingy speakasies "which often are featured by dim lights, shoddy women and dangerous drinks." Brawls and Flasks

Brawls and Flasks

The Times noted that the curfew had produced drunken brawls, caused by sped-up drinking before midnight; toting of flasks and bottles, spiking of coffee and soft drinks in all-night restaurants, necking in dark hallways and roam-ing the streets in search of picking the streets in search of pickups

ups. Army and Navy officers privately assailed the curfew, and a Navy officer was quoted as saying: "We will protect our men some way. We will not have them fall into the hands of prostitutes or be poi-soned by bad whisky or be 'rolled.'" There have been many com-plaints by servicemen who had had only a few hours to visit the city, the Times said. An unidentified colonel in an Army camp in New

colonel in an Army camp in New Jersey summed up the general opinion of servicemen on the cur-few by saying; "They all think it stinks." stinks.

Fears It Will Be Worse The Times concluded its survey by declaring that conditions would

grow worse unless special provisions are made for servicemen. Meanwhile, in Washington, War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt listed conditions under which res-taurants serving meals to war work-ers would be compt from the ban taurants serving meals to war work-ers would be exempt from the ban. Restaurants must file an applica-tion specifying the period of time after midnight during which they wish to stay open, and employing firms must certify that workers have been or will be served by the applicant. Police must also submit a report that the applying restaurants have been open for the hours indicated and that most of their patrons are war workers employed in nearby plants.

Dr. Jenkins Dead

EL CENTRO, Calif., March 14 (ANS).—Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, 75, Kansas City, Mo., liberal pastor, and known also as an editor, pub-lisher, lecturer, author, educator and world traveller, died yesterday.

The Ohio Gushes Over Cincinnati Airport

Floodwaters of the Ohio River pour through a break in a levee on to the Cincinnati airport when the Ohio reached a peak height at that eity last week. Yesterday the Ohio was rapidly subsiding but the rain-swelled Mississippi River along the Tennessee-Arkansas border was threatening to flow over its banks.

Committee Boosts World Policy Fund

WASHINGTON, March, 14 (ANS) -The House Appropriations Com-mittee today recommended that Congress give the State Department more money to achieve its foreign policy objectives.

The recommendation was made in a bill to provide \$259,000,000 for the State, Justice and Commerce Departments and the Federal judi-ciary during the 1945 fiscal year. The figure advised by the com-mittee boosted the State Department's appropriation from \$47,070, 588 for the current year to 588 for t \$71,000,000.

Pacific Parcels Pile Up

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP). —Rep. James G. Fulton (R.-Pa.) said that millions of unclaimed packages for members of the armed forces were stacked in Pacific would recommend that Congress suggest turning the packages over to the Red Cross.



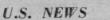
The smile on the faces of these eight men reflect the feeling of how it is to be home, even though they were sent there to tour war plants, urging workers to increase production, and explaining the vital supply needs at the front.

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This Happened in America Yesterday:

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Large Corn Crop Threatened



Meat Shortage, Worst of War, 丰 Affects All U.S.

CHICAGO, March 14 (UP).-The worst meat shortage since the start of the war has cleaned out butch-

or the war has created out butch-ers' counters from one end of the United States to the other. A survey revealed that in nearly every section of the country better grades of meat, beef, pork, veal and lamb had disappeared. Producers. wholesalers and retailers agreed that months may elapse before these meats again will be on the

A familiar pattern repeated it-self. Customers thurset self. Customers, thwarted in the hunt for fresh meat, swamped re-tailers with demands for fish. As fish became scarce, the pressure

switched to poultry. In places where the housewife could still find some meat it was mainly cold cuts and canned and luncheon meats, and these were disappearing.

Four Reasons for Shortage

Four Reasons for Shortage Saying less than 5,000,000 pounds of meat was available for home use, compared with normal consumption of 20,000,000 pounds, a spokesman for the American Meat Institute gave four reasons for the shortage: 1—The lowest February storage stocks in history. 2—A drop in production, es-pecially pork. 3—Increased demands of the mi-litary and lend-lease. 4—Widespread black-marketing. The institute said 90 percent of the meat in Chicago was moving into retail channels at above ceiling prices, and one million pounds a

prices, and one million pounds a week was sold without ration points. San Francisco reported a slight improvement since mid-January, when the shortage was the worst of

war. Dallas, Tex., reported the shortage unprecedented throughout the Southwest. Many butchers are clos-ing their stores various days and others are "just hanging on and honing"

At Cleveland, meat retailers may have to close in large numbers, it was reported, because sales no lon-ger cover the rent.

New York reported civilians could find practically no pork and little veal of lamb. The city was receiv-ing half its normal beef supply.

People May Be Asked To Eat Still Less

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP). —Civilians may be asked to eat still less meat and other scarce foods in the interest of American efforts to make the forthcoming World Security Conference a suc-

cess. This appeared likely today as the Administration sought to settle an inter-agency controversy over the division of dwindling food supplies among military, civilian, lend-lease, foreign relief and other ex-port claimants.

Crucified Man Too Weak To Be Given Lie Test

CHICAGO, March 14 (AP).— Police announced today that Fred Walcher, the tavern porter sus-pected of arranging his own cru-cifixion as a publicity stunt, was too weak to be given a lie detector test and will have to take it later Walcher was found nailed to a cross on Chicago's near North Side Friday. Police said that an in-vestigation had indicat. I that Wal-cher planned the ordeal. CHICAGO, March 14 (AP)

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New Hampshire Citizens **OK World Organization** The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, March 14.-Town halls of proud old New Hampshire churned into action today, and the state's farmers, factory workers, clerks, stenographers, bartenders and business men swung far away from provincialism, and voted an overwhelming yes for a postwar peace plan based on the Dumbarton Oaks parley. The vote from 212 of 225 towns: 13,847 for the plan; 751 Ordinarily, the New Hampshire citizens consider purely local prob-lems in taking action on "warrants," a method running back to co-lonial times. The state legislature made an official request that a re-ferendum on the peace plan be inserted, and thus initiated the first

popular expression of opinion on the question. Citizens were asked whether they should "support U.S. membership in a general system of international co-operation such as the Dumbarton Oaks conference, having police power to maintain peace in the world."

New Jersey Ponders a New Constitution

New Jersey people will get a chance to mull over their 100-year-old state constitution and bring it up to date. The Republican majority in the Senate, in caucus, agreed to recommend a series of amendments which will be sub-



mitted to the voters next year. Last November, though, a propo-sal for a complete revision of the constitution was heavily beaten at the polls.

WEDDING bells tinkled in Los WEDDING bells tinkled in Los Angeles where Jo-Carroll Dennison, former "Miss America," married Phil Silvers, movie co-median. It was the first marriage for both, and gives a clue to the mystery of what happens to former "Miss Americas." They go to Hollywood and get married.

What will happen to war-time Mr. and Mrs. America, though, is still plaguing the people's choices in Washington, where a trimmed-down manpower bill a waits a House decision. The Senate pass-ed a bill which gives the War Manpower Commission the power to fix labor ceilings and to fine or iail employers who violate the

to fix have cernings and to fine or jail employers who violate the ceilings. If the House wishes, it can permit the Senate measure to go to FDR for signature. Other-wise, House and Senate members will have to meet in conference to achieve a meeting of minds, and the House seems inclined to and the House seems inclined to back its own idea, one providing stiff penalties for men who won't go into essential jobs.

Miss America mystery solved

FDR chatted with reporters and pointed to U.S.-Canadian relations

P OF chatted with reporters and pointed to U.S.-Canadian relations of the last ten years as a model of how two countries can aid each other. Queried as to whether Brig. Gen. Bill O'Dwyer, the Brooklyn tamer of Murder, Inc., would run for mayor of New York with presidential backing, FDR gave one of his famous answers: one news-paper was right and the other wrong, in printing the O'Dwyer stories. Which was right? No comment.

EVERY town, whether it be a Delaware village or an Iowa whistle L stop, has its old recluse with a legend, and Denver is no exception. Henry Bohne, ragged and reticent, shared a rickety hut with goats on the Denver outskirts, and when he died, everybody figured there'd be another Potter's Field burial. But Henry, like Silas Marner, had money -\$11,000 in the bank—and people now recall he once said he was a gold prospector prospector.

A NOTHER celebrity, Frank Sinatra, is ready to tour the country— not to croon but to lecture against juvenile delinquency, which has grown alarmingly under the stress of a global war. His influence with youngsters, male and female, is expected to help in coping with the problem.

Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew is disturbed about the destruction of schools and colleges in Europe, and, testifying before the Heuse Appropriations Committee, he warned that "it is vital to the rebuilding of democratic Europe and to our own national interests that effective steps be taken to repair this damage." He urged the legislators to approve a budgetary sum for an Allied conference in London of ministers who are studying such a reconstruction program.
II. V Kaltenborn's grip on Spanish is weak compared to his fluent command of French and German. The radio commentator was put in an awkward position after he delivered a glowing speech in Spanish about General Ike's friendly feeling toward the French people. What H V. actually said in Spanish was: "Eisenhower loves the French girls."

Loretta Young Expecting

HOLLYWOOD, March 14 (ANS). —Screen Star Loretta Young ex-pects the stork early next fall, her studio announced today. A son, Christopher Paul, was born last August to the star.

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)

-Some of the principal leads to key industrial targets blasted by

Superforts in the Pacific came from 100 tons of Japanese documents seized in a New York warehouse, it was revealed today before the

was revealed today before the House Appropriations Committee. Assistant Attorney General Her-bert Wechsler testified that the data taken from secret files of such Japanese firms as the Mitsui and Mitsubishi Trading Companies, which have New York offices, was

used to acquaint bomber pilots with the enemy's chief war production

Meanwhile, the WD announced that it expects a civilian survey of the results of strategic bombing in Europe to be helpful in the air war against Japan.

facilities.

Freedom House's board of directors today turned down a \$5,000 contribution of the Communist Political Association to the Wendell Willkie Memorial Building Fund. The board said the late Repub-

NEW YORK. March 14 (UP) .-

The board said the late Repub-lican leader had been outspoken in his criticism of American Com-munists, and it added that the gift could not be accepted "without its political implications." The statement pointed out that Freedom House "draws a sharp line of distinction between the Soviet Union and the American Com-

of distinction between the Soviet Union and the American Com-munist party," and that it advo-cates "full co-operation with the Soviet Union and other United Na-tions in prosecution of the war and winning of the peace." Earl Browder, president of the association, said he "could not con-ceive of men who are charged with hernetuating the memory of

perpetuating the memory of Wendell Willkie" taking such a stand. He recalled Willkie's refusal to accept a fee for defending civil liberties of alleged Communists before the Supreme Court.

V-LaGuardiaApology | Alabama Case Gets To Sailor Is Urged An All-Negro Jury

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP) .resolution was introduced to the city council that Mayor LaGuardia make adequate "apologies" to Chief Pharmacist Mate Frederick Brooks, for acting as "judge and jury" in the charges that Brooks seduced a girl in Italy.

The charges were made against Brooks after LaGuardia wrote to the Navy Department suggesting that it investigate the statements of the girl's father, who had written to LaGuardia of the girl's father written to LaGuardia.

The charge was dismissed by the Navy yesterday and Brooks, who had been waiting to be returned to Italy for a trial, was restored to will dur ull duty.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 14 Antice the state of the state o recall no previous jury of its kind

Jurors who will sit on the case, in which both the plaintiff and defendant are Negroes, were selected without challenge by agreement between white attoineys Horace Alford, of the defense, and Harrison Kendricks, for the plaintiff. County Solicitor Robert McAdoly said the Negroes had served

frequently on grand juries in the county, but that the appearance of Negroes on a jury was rare.

All The Medal's Meaning Is Gone...

-The widow of a fighter pilot killed in action in the Southwest Pacific has declined an invitation to attend ceremonies for presentation of the Air Medal. posthumously awarded her husband, saying,

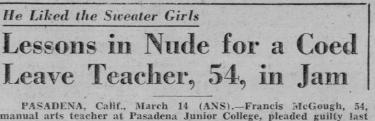
release the letter to the press. She asked that no names or the pilot's home city be revealed as the family feared the shock would be too great for the flier's invalid mather

mother. The widow wrote, "I am used to ously awarded her husband, saying, since he is not alive to receive it. all meaning of the medal "is gone for me." Maj. Arthur J. Lonergan, public relations officer at Newark airport, who received the young mother's explanation by mail, said that he

NEWARK, N.J., March 14 (ANS). | had obtained her permission to | so much I want him to know of

his dad. "I wish that I could tell him that his father died to save him from being drawn into a third world war. I'm afraid that I'll just have to tell him about his fother as a civilian: a young man father as a civilian; a young man just out of college, with his life ahead of him, dying before he had

PASADENA, Calif., March 14 (ANS).—Francis McGough, 54, manual arts teacher at Pasadena Junior College, pleaded guilty last night to a misdemeanor morals charge after police found him giving extra-curricular instruction in nude to a pretty 19-year-old coed. He was ordered to appear later for sentence and the girl was ordered returned to the Camarillo State Hospital, where she was treated recently for a nervous breakdown. They were found nude in a parked car, although each insisted that nothing had happened "beyond the petting stage." The girl identified herself as M. A. Davis, and said that she had been on a "petting party" with the elderly instructor before. "He seemed very interested in the girls in his classes," she said. "Especially the ones who wore sweaters, for some reason or another. I realized that I was out with an older and stronger person and I was afraid to resist. After all, he was my teacher!" Miss Davis said that after McGough had learned that she had been treated for a nervous breakdown, he told her, "You need an emotional outlet—this will be good for you." McGough had only one defense: "She encouraged me."



In Shelton, Neb., Clarence McKibben and Everett Winter, of the State College of Agriculture, discuss the problem of preserving central Nebraska's large corn crop-21,000 bushels of which lay on the ground outside an elevator in Buffalo County.

N.Y. Data Key |Willkie Fund

To B29 Targets Bars Red Gift

SPORTS

Behind the Sports Headlines

A SHVILLE, N.C.—Writing home from Stalag Luft No. 3, German prison camp for Allied officers, Lt. Clyde Bradly said, "Touch football has finished. Hal Van Every, Ray Frick and Buddy Elrod were the big men in the league." Those three men would be big men in any football league ... WESTERLY, R.I.—Bob Ulles, 17-year-old Wester-ly High School cage star, flipped in 641 points in 18 games this year to keep Westerly's record of 54 straight Class B league victories unmarred. The locals are claiming his total, which averages 35 points a game, as a national high school record. Ulles is six feet four inches and a senior, and the college coaches gathering around look like a GI pay line. (Bobby Thompson, of the Passaic (N.J.) "Wonder Team," scored 1,000 points in one season.—Ed.) BAINBRIDGE, Md.—The planned national championship service

points in one season...Ed.) BAINBRIDGE, Md....The planned national championship service basketball tournament, scheduled for Bainbridge Naval this month, was cancelled when 16 of 17 teams invited couldn't get transporta-tion or time off GUAM....The happiest islander here is Richard O. Flores, provost marshal's office stenographer. Flores got Charley Keller's autograph when the former Yankee star arrived en Guam last week.

Former Notre Dame Pals in Army

CLEVELAND—Lou Zontini and Chuck Riffle, both regular backs with the Cleveland Rams during the past season, were inducted into the Army together here last week. Both were former Notre Dame stars . . . BOISE, Ida.—With eight legislators hiding behind the curtain to avoid voting, the Idaho State legislators passed a bill on legalizing horse racing and parimutuel betting. The measure, which goes to the Senate this week, gives the state a five percent bite.

GREAT LAKES, III.—The local naval training center teams have Gmade a great athletic record in major sports with a total of 320 wins, 49 losses and two ties. The baseball teams have won 163, lost 26; basketball teams have won 130, lost 16; football won 27, lost seven and tied two... PHILADELPHIA.—Connie Mack, vacationing in Cali-fornia, took time out to sign Outfielder Jack Gourman, 17-year-old Seattle player, who is the youngest Athletic under contract.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-John Barnhill, Tennessee head football coach N received a plaque, designating him as the outstanding football coach in the Southeast Conference last year from the Nashville Banner. Barnhill was selected by a vote of loop coaches . . . MOODY FIELD, Ga.—Turner Field won the Southeastern service cage title, defeating Mabry AAF, 62-53, in the final game of the league tournament.

ODT May Ban Tokle, Ski King, **Spring Games Killed** in Action **On Italian Peak** CHICAGO, March 14.—A possi-bility that all pre-season exhibition games involving major league base-ball teams might be cancelled was

ROME, March 14.-T/Sgt. Torger Tokle, one of the greatest skiers of all time, was killed in action with voiced today by Will Harridge, pre-sident of the American League. Harridge said a cancellation might be carried out in conformity with the Tenth Mountain Division in Italy, it was learned yesterday. Tokle was instantly killed by an enemy shell while leading his

the the wishes of the ODT. "We've been working on the matter," Harridge declared. "There seems to be some misunderstand-ing as to just what the ODT wants and I'm trying to get a ruling on it. I don't know defi-nitely whether exhibition games

enemy shell while leading his platoon across the rugged Apennine peaks two miles south of Monte-forte in a divisional push. The 25-year-old internationally-known athlete, who holds the American ski jump record of 289 feet, left his native Norway in 1939 and settled in Brooklyn. He joined the Tenth Division in April, 1943. on the same day he became an American citizen. Tokle had been cited for playing a prominent part cited for playing a prominent part in the scaling of a tremendous ridge west of Monte Belvedere.

THE QUESTION BOX

Cpl. Wallace Waite-The Notre Dame football team didn't play Penn in 1924. William Dun-Notre Dame defeated outhern California, 13-0, in 1942, the Southern last time they met.

15 rounds.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.-Manager Charlie Grimm, of the Chicago Cubs, had another headache today. He was informed that Infielder Johnny Ostrowski, 4F with a punc-tured eardrum, had been ordered to report for another physical. Sgt. Fred Koenig-Joe Louis fought ommy Farr, once for the title: Aug. 30. 937, in New York. Louis won out in

wishes of the ODT.

milely whether exhibition games will be cancelled or not." Col. J. Monroe Johnson, ODT head, said no requests had been made since baseball promised to slice travel by 25 percent, and none was contemplated.

Cubs Likely to Lose

4F Johnny Ostrowski

Muscling in on Man's Prerogative

W. Texas Five **Beats Wichita** In KC Tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 14. -Three more first round games were played last night in the National Intercollegiate basketball tournament. West Texas State, of Canyon, Tex., after trail-ing by eight points, rallied to defeat Wichita University, 54-43, in the outstanding game of the even-ing

the outstanding game of the even-ing. Doane College, of Crete, Neb., provided a mild upset when it eli-minated Eastern Washington, of Cheney. Wash., 54-51, Bob Cox scoring one goal for the victors and firing a long pass for an assist in the final minute of play. In the final game, Pepperdine College, of Los Angeles, murdered Peru (Neb.) Teachers, 77-42. Nick Buzolich, Pepperdine center, scored 28 points. The current tournament

28 points. The current tournament record is 38 points, held by Pete Fogo, a GI in Europe, and a former Pepperdine star.

Buzolich, who tallied 20 points in the first half, hit 14 field goals and took only 22 shots. After the game, he remarked: "With Fogo in Europe, and with a Purple Heart, who am I to try to break his record?"

LaGuardia Asks **Probe in Arrest** Of \$1 GI Bettors

NEW YORK, March 14 .thorough investigation into the arrest of two discharged servicemen arrest of two discharged servicemen who were caught betting \$1 on a fight at Madison Square Garden last Friday night has been ordered by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, he told the press today. "If those two veterans were sitting together and are friends and not just gamblers," the mayor said, "those arrests most certainly were not justified. I don't know all the facts yet, but I've ordered a thorough investigation." Harry Korn, formerly of the

Harry Korn, formerly of the Army, and Peter Marin, ex-Marine, were arrested when a cop over-heard them making a one-buck bet on a preliminary fight. Protest-ing it was a friendly wager on the first boxing card they'd seen since being discharged, they were taken to Tombs jail and held overnight.

Sports

SOISSONS .- Pvt. John Hull, Phi-

ladelphia, scored a decision over Pvt. Horace Maddox, Pittsburgh, in

the headline bout of the Special Service boxing show here before an

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Other results:

coach, instructs Jack Laub in foul shooting technique, unaware at the time the player was not a bonafide student at the school. **CCNY** Player **Fooled Faculty**

NEW YORK, March 14.—Jack Laub, City College basketball member, played six games with the Beavers this season without being registered at the college, it was disclosed yesterday. He's the second cager to be involved in a similar revelation since Sunday, when Larry Pearlstein, confessed bribe-Larry Pearlstein, confessed bribe-taker from Brooklyn College, ad-mitted he was not a student there Laub registered at CCNY Feb. 8, but dropped out of school five days later, He continued to play basketball, however. Nat Holman, Beaver coach, said his office should have been notified by the dean that Laub had exceeded the per-missible n u m b er of classroom absences. Their bail was set at \$100.

Tufts in NCCA Tourney

absences.

COLUMBUS. Ohio, March 14 Harold G. Olsen, director of the NCAA basketball tournament. said

Nat Holman, CCNY basketball

BOSTON, March 14 .- The Boston Bruins virtually assured themselves of a spot in the National Hockey League playoffs for the Stanley Cup by holding the Detroit Red Wings to a 2-2 tie

Hockey Standings National League

W L T.Pts W L T.Pts Montreal...36 7 4 76 Boston...15 29 4 34 Detroit ...29 13 5 63 Chicago...12 28 7 51 Toronto...24 20 4 52 New York10 29 10 30 American League St. Louis 3, Providence 1

here last night. The Bruins now have a three-point lead on the Chi-cago Blackhawks, who have three games to play—one each against the Canadiens, Detroit and Boston. the Canadiens, Detroit and Boston. Armand Gaudreault converted on a pass from Paul Gladu at six minutes of the first period and Flash Hollett, Detroit defenseman, tied the score at 11:06 with help from Herb Lindsay. Bill Jennings put the Bruins ahead again in the second period, but Hollett once more came through to knot the count, this time unassisted.

Scoring Figures

MONTREAL, March 14.—Elmer Lach's three assists against the Rangers Sunday night, which made his total of 51 a league record and brought the Montreal ace's season's total to 76 points, featured the week's National Hockey League

scoring race. The individual scoring leaders:

		CR.	E. P. 94
Lach, Montreal	25	51	76
Richard, Montreal		22	70
Blake, Montreal		37	64
Cowley, Boston		39	64
Kennedy, Toronto		24	53
DeMarco, New York	24	29	53
Hawe, Detroit		36	53
Carveth Detroit	23		49
Mosienko, Chicago	25	22	47

FDR Stand on Baseball Reassures Pessimists

WASHINGTON, March 14. — President Roosevelt eased the press-ure on pessimists when he reiterat-ed his former stand on baseball yesterday and told his press con-ference he was all in favor of the game, as long as it does not require perfectly healthy men who could be doing more useful work in the war effort.

Asked whether baseball could operate under those conditions, the president replied, "Why not?" He said he'd go to ball games himself, and so would lots of other people.

Mungo Off Night Life

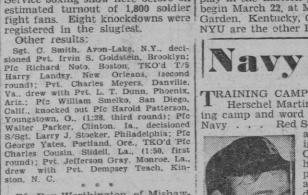
LAKEWOOD, N.J.-Van Lingle ACAA basketoan tournament, sand today that Tufts College, of Med-ford, Mass., had been named to play in the Eastern playoffs, which begin March 22, at Madison Square Garden. Kentucky, Ohio State and NYU are the other Eastern entries. LAKEWOOD, N.J.—Van Entrie Mungo has sworn off night life and has assured Manager Mel Ott to business and try hard for a regular berth on the New York Giants' pitching staff

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Johnny Lindell



Necking's a favorite pastime, but Wrestler Al Williams doesn't seem to enjoy the embrace of Mildred Burke, 136-pound Washington, D.C., Amazon, billed as the "World Champion Lady Wrestler."



Pfc Rex Worthington, of Mishaw-aka, Ind., tossed in the winning basketball of an overtime game as the 787th MPs defeated the Ninth Re-787th MPs defeated the Ninth Re-inf. No 1 team, 27-25, Tuesday night in the Seine Section tournament. Other results: Rockets 52, 112th Chemical 24; 48th Gen. 32, 67th Re-inf. 11; 3021 Ord. 28, 622 Ord. 19; 583 QM Sales 38, 508 Eng. 25; Sig. Center defeated 386th MP by for-feit.

Tonight's games: Orly vs. 787 MP, 217 Hosp. vs. 48th Gen., Ninth Reinf., No. 2 team, vs. Sig. Center, Officers First Gen. vs. 3021 Ord. Commandos vs. 583 QM Sales, Motor Pool vs. 4236 QM, 228 Chem. vs. Spec. Serv.

TRAINING CAMP NOTES.—Manager Joe McCarthy and Outfielder Herschel Martin arrived at the Yankees' Atlantic City (NJ.) train-ing camp and word was out that Johnny Lindell is about to enter the Navy ... Red Sox officials left for Pleasantville, N.J. with Pete Fox and Joe Cronin the only players

Grabs

in the group . Russ Christopher, Athletics' right-hander, yielded to Connie Mack's persuasive eloquence and signed a contract, reporting to the Fre-derick (Md.) camp. Jim Geidy, 17-year-old righthander, showed plenty of speed in the first work-out . . . The Giants have an out . . . The Giants have an-nounced three holdouts, Billy Jurges, Outfielder Charley Mead and Cliff Melton . . . Guy Bush and Hod Lisenbee, 42-year-Guy

old pitchers, have signed with the Reds. The Army can't touch them.

Ray Sanders Signs Cardinal Contract

RAY SANDERS, St. Louis Cardinals' firstsacker, one of six National RAY SANDERS, St. Louis Cardinals Trislsacker, one of six National signed a contract this week . . Mike Sandlock, Dodger infielder, purchased from St. Paul last season, will stick to his war job this summer. Mal Gregg, 4F righthander, has signed with Brooklyn Don Gutteridge's departure for the St. Louis Browns' spring training, site has been delayed by an influenza attack.



Joe Cronin



Boston Seems Assured of **Playoff Spot**



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Central Osaka Gutted by Flames In Superfort Fire-Bomb Offensive

Five Square Miles In Factory Area **Feel Main Blows**

GUAM, March 14 (ANS).—Five square miles or more of the Japan-ese city of Osaka were burned out today (Tuesday, Paris time) by a fleet of 300 Superfortresses, mak-ing the third attack of the new fire-bomb offensive against enemy industrial centers. In five days, Marianas-based Su-perforts have unloaded 6,000 tons of incendiary bombs on Japan. The first attack fired 17 square miles of Tokyo and the second leveled two square miles in the aircraft

of Tokyo and the second leveled two square miles in the aircraft center of Nagoya. Today's strike wiped out hun-dreds of little war-important work-shops, known as "hidden factories." in Osaka. whose 3,250.000 innabi-tants make " second only to Tokyo in cita in size

Flames Visible 125 Miles

Crewmen from the last planes over Osaka reported that the highly inflammable central section was "solid fire." When the attack was over, uncontrolled fires were visible 125 miles away. Radio Tokyo acknowledged ten hours later that visible 125 miles away. Radio 10870 acknowledged ten hours later that some fires still were burning. U.S. ground crews in the Ma-rianas had labored 36 hours with-out sleep after the Nagoya raiders returned to get Superfortresses ready for the Osaka mission, du-plicating the Herculean task ac-complished after the Tokyo strike early Saturday.

complished after the Tokyo strike early Saturday. Meeting the Nagoya raiders after they taxied to a stop, ground per-sonnel at Saipan alone. in 2,500.000 man-hours delivered 1,000.000 gal-lons of gasoline and 32,000 quarts of all in propagation for the Oseka of oll in preparation for the Osaka fireworks.

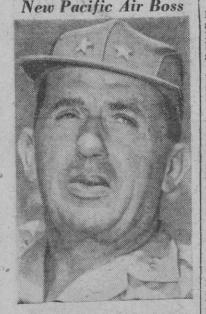
Four Superforts have been lost over the targets in the fire-bomb offensive—one each at Nagoya and Osaka and two at Tokyo.

Jap Diet Is Reported **Remaining in Session**

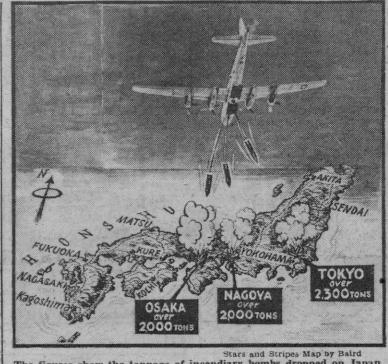
LONDON. March 14 (AP) .- The Japanese Diet, summoned for only one day, is being kept in session to deal with the problems arising from the American fire-bomb attacks on the Japanese homeland, the German radio said today, quot-

ing a Tokyo report. The Japanese said that Emperor Hirohito was "grieved by the effect of indiscriminate bombing of Tokyo suburbs.

The raids have caused Japanese newspapers to re-organize produc-tion, it was said, with the five leading Tokyo papers printing in one plant, while other publications have transferred from the capital, "in readiness for eventual emergencies."



Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, who has been named to succeed the missing Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon as commander of the USAAF, Pacific Ocean Areas, and deputy commander of the 20th AF.



The figures show the tonnage of incendiary bombs dropped on Japan by Superfortresses in a five-day period.

Yanka Pursue Mindanao Japs Into Mountains; 4 Villages Fall

MANILA, March 14 (ANS) .- Tank-paced U.S. troops on southwestern Mindanao are chasing Japanese troops into the mountains 1 orth of captured Zamboanga, although enemy resistance is stiffening. Gen. MacArthur announced today. U.S. planes closely supported the Yanks, who have seized

four more villages. On Luzon, American troops captured Antipolo, southern anchor of the enemy's bitterly defended Shimbu Line east of Manila. Hard fighting continued east of Antipolo. South of Manila Yanks took the South of Manila, Yanks took the prison camp town of Los Banas.

period camp town of Los Banas-near the southern shore of Laguna de Bay, and Santo Tomas, on the main rail and highway route into southern Luzon. Batangas, on Batangas Bay, and an adjacent airfield also were cantured

captured Philippines-based fighter-bombers caused heavy explosions in the Takao hydroelectric plant on southwestern Formosa, and started fires in railway installations at Taito. U.S. heavy bombers hit

TheyRaidedBerlin -And Then Their **Adventures Began**

Borneo again

A U.S. BOMBER BASE, England, March 14 (AP).—Ten members of a Flying Fortress crew who bombed Berlin Feb. 3 have returned to their base—after being listed as missing, seeing the Russian Army in action, meeting Polish patriots, going through a Nazi air raid, dining with a Red Army general and touring Krev, Cairo, Naples and Paris. This unscheduled expedition across Europe was made by airmen who started for Berlin as crew No. 13 in place No. 13 and in position No. 13 of the lead formation.

The bomber was piloted on the first leg of its journey by Lt. Ar-thur H. Ogle, 28, of Mamatko, Minn. The plane also carried Maj. John L. Rex, Jr., 25, of Rochester, N.Y., as command pilot for the group.

FirstVichyite to Be Tried

Claims Sabotage of Nazis Admiral Jean Pierre Esteva, ormer Tunisian resident-general former Tunisian resident-general and first of the Vichyites to face treason charges before the French high court at Paris, made a plea yesterday for acquittal so that he might continue to serve France. Esteva claimed he sought only to prevent the Axis from taking over the protectorate entirely and secretly sabotaged Nazi activities.



geten sector, three and one-half miles east of Linz. Six tanks, which supported an infantry assault, were all knocked out.

Altogether, the Luftwaffe effort against the bridgehead in the last week has added up to 224 planes, 85 of which have been knocked down.

Quiet in the North

Northward, the Rhineland was comparatively quiet. The only re-port from that sector came from the vicinity of Duisburg, where a 36-man enemy patrol which crossed the Rhine to find out what was happening on the Allied side was virtually wiped out. Four survivors of the patrol were being hunted down down.

Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st Army Group, which includes the U.S. Ninth Army and the First Canadian Army, announced its prisoner bag for the Rhine offensive was 50,477.

Troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, meanwhile, cleared the last four miles held by the enemy along the north bank of the Mosel and took the towns of Buren, Brenn, Eller and Bad-Gertrich.

South of the Mosel, the 94th Inf. Div. attack gained a mile east of the tributary Ruwer River eight miles southeast of Trier. Maj. Gen Malony's men took five villages yesterday, including Bonerath, Hozerath, Lonzenburg, Hinzenburg and Hantarn

The 94th was across the Ruwer on a three-mile front and had driven a mile and one-half east of Malony's men beat off 11 counter-attacks.

Record Prisoner Bag

Other Third Army infantry gained a half mile east and south-east as they pushed out of the Saarburg bridgehead and cleared Frommersbach, six miles east of

Third Army reported a record prisoner-of-war count yesterday— 6,619, taken mostly in the Eifel breakthrough. The previous Third Army high for prisoners was on Aug. 10, when 4,992 enemy prisoners were counted.

First Marine to Win **Honor Medal Killed**

IWO JIMA, March 14 (ANS). Sgt. John Basilone, first enlisted Marine to win the Congressional Medal of Honor in this war, was killed on the first day of the battle for Iwo.

Basilone, 27-year-old veteran of Guadalcanal, from Raritan, N.J., was leading a machine-gun platoon through a heavy artillery barrage when he and several of his men were killed.

He received the Medal of Honor for gallantry at Lunga, on Guadalcanal, in October of 1942. Firing a machine-gun and a pistol, Basilone killed 38 Japs who sought to knock out his machine-gun.

Grew Outlines Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON, March 14 (Reu-ter).—Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew outlined a five-point program on American foreign policy in testimony today before a House Appropriations subcommit-

These were the points: 1-Fullest possible support for the armed forces to end the war

speedily. Effective steps to prevent Ger-

many and Japan from again ac-quiring power to wage war. Speedy creation of a United Na-tions organization able to build and maintain peace for generations to come.

Promotion of great expansion of U.S. foreign trade and of pro-ductiveness of trade throughout the world, so that full employ-4-

the world, so that full employ-ment can be maintained at home and abroad. -"Encouragement of all those conditions of international life favorable, to development, by men and women everywhere of institutions of a free and demo-cratic way of life in accordance with their own customs and desires."

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British in Mandalay Nearing Rail Station

MANDALAY, March 14 (UP).-British troops in Mandalay were nearing the railway station, half a mile south of Fort Dufferin, today,

mile south of Fort Dufferin, today, after bypassing the Japanese pocket at the fort. More than half the city has been liberated. A swift thrust by troops of the 19th Indian Div. has driven the Japanese from the strategic com-munications center of Maymyo and cut the enemy supply route from there to Mandalay, 40 miles to the southwest. southwest

French Fight To Hold Japs In Indo-China

French troops in French Indo-China are fighting delaying actions in wild mountain country west and north of Hanoi, said a French com-

north of Hanol, said a French com-munique issued in Paris yesterday. French forces, bitterly opposing Japanese efforts to win full con-trol of Indo-China, are led by a French general staff officer sent to the colony several months ago to organize a resistance movement. to organize a resistance movement. The French communique acknow-ledged that garrisons in the south —in Cochin-China and Annam— were captured without much diffi-culty by the Japanese, who had placed greatly superior forces in strategic spots. Meanwhile, Moscow radio quoted Shanghai reports that Japanese troops had taken possession of all French institutions in the city and had disarmed French troops and

had disarmed French troops and police.

CHUNGKING, March 14 (Reu-ter).—Brig. Gen. Marvin Gross, acting chief of staff for the com-mander of American forces in China, said that developments in French Indo-China were the climax to months of unrest on the part of the population, which had alarmed the Japanese. the Japanese

Regarding rumors that the Jap-anese in Indo-China were prepar-ing for an offensive against China's Yunnan Province fone report said that Yunnan already had been invaded Gen. Gross said that Chinese troops at the border were transfine br standing by.

East Front . . . (Continued from Page 1)

breach had been made in their lines

Moscow reports said Gdynia was under attack from three sides and Soviet artillery was raking the city as mobile columns advanced

German sources also reported that powerful Soviet forces had stepped up the offensive to destroy the German forces remaining in East Prussia. The Russians were said to be nearing the Baltic, south-west of Koenigsberg.

Last night's Soviet communiqué announced the capture of more towns and villages in East Prussia and said that 2,000 more Germans

had been captured. In Hungary, Russian troops still were repelling German attacks northeast and east of Lake Balaton.

Woman Slain in Washington

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP). -Mrs. Nancy Boyer was found slain in her kitchen in a fashionable 16th St. apartment house. She had been shot in the head twice, but no weapon was found and there was no evidence of robbery,

Tunnel Under River-But Ninth Won't Use It

WITH NINTH ARMY, March 14 (AP).-Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson has a tunnel under the Rhine-but he's not going to use it.

use it. The 84th Div. captured a coal mine shaft south of Homberg during the dash from the Roer. The shaft is 800 feet deep and has entrances on both U.S. and German sides of the Rhine.

One machine-gun on either side could command the proaches from the opposite end. Demolition charges are planted in the tunnel and the Germans also have some sections block-ed off with steel doors. German miners who are still

working here say that at least working here say that at least 600 persons were evacuated through this shaft to the Ruhr Valley side after the Americans streamed towards the Rhine. A fantastic fight took place here recently when German patrols from the east side captured Ger-man minors from the wast side man miners from the west side.

Praises Someone Else SHAEF, March 14 (AP).—To Sgt. Alexander A. Drabik, lanky, weatherbeaten first American doughboy to cross the Rhine, the hero of the Remagen bridge

First Yank Over Rhine

victory was another soldier-an engineer officer whose name he does not know. e does not know. "I just crossed the bridge,"

the Holland, Ohio, armored in-fantryman told correspondents, "the other fellow saved it." "I yelled to my squad, 'Come

on boys, let's get over to the other side at least,' and we did it." Drabik said.

It was on that bullet-spat-tered sprint across that Drabik passed the first lieutenant who was the real hero, for the sergeant's money. "Just as we passed, I could

see him snip wires which con-nected with the main German demolition charges, and then kick the dynamite into the Rhine," Drabik said. "He's one fellow I'd like to meet."