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Prétez-les nous.
Pray-tay lay noo.
Lend them to us.

Saturday, March 17, 1945

Man Spricht Deutsch

Vierzehn, Fuenfzehn.
Feertsehn, Fewnftsehn.
Fourteen, Fifteen.

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Iwo Victory Announced By Nimitz

GUAM, March 16 (ANS).—Adm. Nimitz' headquarters announced tonight that "the Battle of Iwo has been won." Three U.S. Marine divisions—the Third, Fourth and Fifth—are the victors, at a cost of 4,189 marines killed.

Iwo Jima, only 750 miles south of Tokyo, was invaded on Feb. 19 and was bitterly defended by a Japanese garrison estimated at 20,000 men, most of whom have been killed.

The announcement of the victory said that in addition to the marines killed, 15,308 were wounded and 44 listed as missing. A considerable number of the wounded were returned to action.

Marines Mopping Up

Earlier today, Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, commander of U.S. Fleet Amphibious Forces, had announced that "major fighting is finished" on Iwo.

This morning's communique said that marines still were fighting on Iwo, inching closer to Kitano Point and mopping up isolated groups of Japanese elsewhere.

Conquest of Iwo gives American forces an air base from which fighters can fly as escort for bombers attacking the enemy homeland and from which bombers smaller than Superforts can attack Japan.

Adm. Turner said that while American forces at Iwo had "suffered considerable losses on the ground, in the air and on the sea," the cost "no doubt was weighed carefully against the importance of having the island as an operating base and speeding ultimate defeat of Japan."

Patriots Sabotage Norway Rail Center

LONDON, March 16 (ANS).—Norway's most violent sabotage outbreak against the Germans took place in Oslo on Wednesday, the Norwegian Telegraph Agency reported today.

A German announcement said that the eastern railway station in Oslo was blown up and many Germans and Norwegians buried under the ruins.

Nazi Peace Moves Are Denied by FDR

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP).—President Roosevelt said today that the U.S. Government had received nothing at all here in the way of German peace feelers.

He also said he did not know what had been holding up publication of the Italian armistice terms.

Replying at his press conference to criticism of the handling of food matters, the President said the American people must tighten their belts before the war is won. He added that the country would support the idea because it would mean keeping certain other people alive.

U.S. Will Seek Free Policy on News at 'Frisco

WASHINGTON, March 16 (UP).—The U.S. will propose to other United Nations at the San Francisco World Security Conference, beginning April 25, an "open door" policy for the press, radio, photo services and general public, it was announced today.

The news policy will be in sharp contrast to that followed at the first international conference in this country, the War Food Conference at Hot Springs, Va., in 1943, when the press was barred.

The final decision will be made by the conference itself, but Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius revealed that the U.S. proposal called for the opening of sessions to "press and radio news correspondents and photographers and, insofar as facilities permit, to the general public."

Roosevelt Firm on Delegates

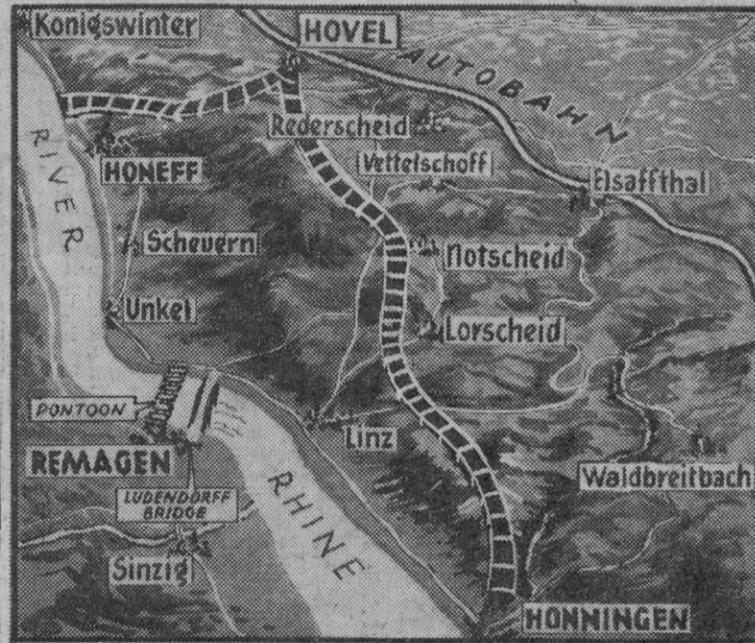
Meanwhile, it was learned that President Roosevelt had refused to name any additions to the American delegation to the conference.

Despite pressure from some groups for representation, Roosevelt is said to be standing firm on the selection of eight delegates, headed by Stettinius and including four members of Congress.

Labor has been pressing for some representation at the meeting, which will consider not only future peace plans but proposals for setting up machinery for international economic co-operation.

Negro groups also have demanded that one of their race be given a place.

4th Armd. Advances 13 Mi. As 3rd, 7th Gain in Saar; First Army Cuts Autobahn



Hodges' bridgehead forces yesterday cut the 6-lane autobahn in two places near Hovel.

Two American armies tightened their 200-mile vise around the Saar and the Rhenish Palatinate yesterday in attacks from the north, west and south, while across the Rhine at Remagen U.S. forces cut in two places the great Cologne-Frankfurt superhighway.

Troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army expanded their bridgehead as they took Honning, five miles south of Remagen, and sliced the 6-lane autobahn near Hovel. But some press dispatches said that the Germans were building for a powerful counter-assault against the American trans-Rhine forces. Yesterday Hodges' men beat off a tank attack from the east.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army crashed through the Saar's backdoor south of Coblenz, spearheaded by the 13-mile thrust of Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey's Fourth Armd. Div. into the Hunsbrück Plateau, between the Mosel and the Rhine.

Other Third Army forces, pushing eastward from the Trier-Saarburg sector, were outflanking the Siegfried Line in the wooded mountains of the Schwarzwald Hochwald.

At the same time, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army men drove to within 1,000 yards of Saarbrücken. Reuter reported that Patch's troops had captured Bitch, 20 miles southeast of the city, as they advanced along a wide front into the outer defenses of the Siegfried Line.

Finale of Rhine Offensive

It was apparent that the two-army offensive in the Saar was the finale of the Rhine offensive. Facing the powerful Third and Seventh Armies were the German Seventh Army, battered before at Falaise and again in the Ardennes, and the German First Army.

Forces of the German First Army opposing the U.S. Seventh were threatened from the rear by the rapid thrust of the Fourth Armd. and the steady southward drive of Maj. Gen. Stafford L. Erwin's Fifth Inf. Div. and Brig. Gen. J. A. Van Fleet's 90th Inf. Div. from the Mosel River.

In the thrust from the north, the Fourth Armd. Div. drove through the bridgehead punched by the Fifth and 90th Inf. Divs. and raced to reach Simmer, after crossing an intact bridge to outflank the entire Mosel River line.

Following up the Fourth Armd. tank breakthrough, the 90th Div. advanced eastward more than a

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Japs Unify Command to Meet The Scourge of War at Home

Radio Tokyo reports yesterday indicated that Japan, in the midst of serious reverses at home and abroad, had made a major change in her method of conducting the war.

As Japanese refugees sought to evacuate Tokyo, scarred by the great fires set by American Superfortresses, Radio Tokyo broadcast an official announcement that the Japanese Government and Japanese Imperial Headquarters had been "fused into one body."

Henceforth, it was said, Premier Kuniaki Koiso will sit in at Imperial Headquarters deliberations as a member of the supreme staff, with the same status as the top Army and Navy commanders. This new policy was adopted, the Japanese News Agency said, "in view of

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B29s Hit Kobe In Biggest Raid

BULLETIN

GUAM, Saturday, March 17 (Reuter).—American Superfortresses dropped almost 2,500 tons of incendiary bombs on Kobe before dawn today in the heaviest bombing assault yet made on any Japanese city.

A very large force of Superforts—probably more than 300—hit Kobe, which is the principal port of Japan and the chief center of Japanese shipbuilding.

Rockets Rained on London

LONDON, March 16 (UP).—Giant rockets, plunging from a height of 70 miles at a speed of approximately 3,000 miles an hour, have been falling in the tightly built-up London area, killing hundreds of Londoners.

After nearly five months of censorship in the matter, the disclosure was permitted today that the world's largest city had been subjected to its third ordeal by fire. The first came in the blitz of 1940, the second was the flying bomb offensive of the summer

of 1944, and now the rockets. The rockets have been falling at random in the London area and have torn great gaps out of the city's stone and brick buildings. Carrying one-ton explosive charges, they fall faster than sound and there is no warning that one is coming.

The rocket's faster-than-sound plunge makes a noise like the long roll of thunder on a hot summer's night, often lasting many seconds. A single rocket explosion can be heard almost all over London.

Bridge Collapse Dumps Men on Mercy Errand in Mid-Stream



A temporary footbridge over the Roer River collapses under the weight of two stretcher-bearers carrying a wounded Yank and the body of a soldier killed during crossing operations. Other Yanks on the shore tensely watch as the soldiers struggle in the swirling waters.



It Would Be Better

I'd like to quote an extract from a letter I received this week from a family in Ireland, which was quite hospitable to many of us when we were there:

"Things seem moving along now on all fronts and it is most satisfying and comforting to think how well our two armies work together. If only a lot of those politicians would stop thinking of the little things we must at times disagree upon, and concentrate on thinking of all the major things we agree on, it would be better for the world."

I certainly second this statement. —Capt. Robert J. Lehmann, G4 Oise Sec.

Skeptical

The letter in B-Bag by "Pvt. Inf." is one of a series of reports of sudden, miraculous battlefield conversions.

I am not a Christian in the orthodox sense, though I have devoted much of my adult life to a study of the great religions of the world. It has been my hope that I might thus glean just a small ray of light on some of the great mysteries of the universe. Should I sometime get religion, it would not be soul-satisfying unless it came about through a sober gathering and sifting of evidence and convictions, a storing of them in my mind and heart in such quantity that they would finally overflow into my soul.

I should like to ask you, "Pvt. Inf.," a few questions on your experience and to make a few observations.

1. Is this religion Catholic, Protestant, Mohamedanism, Hebrew, or what?

2. Has it occurred to you that this religion that comes with an 88mm. shell is made in Germany?

3. Does this religion, which explodes in your face, bring with it a full understanding of the riddle of the universe? Does it give, for example, a full explanation of the doctrine of the Trinity?

4. Lastly, what mileage do you get on this foxhole gospel? Does it stand up pretty good in a rest area? Will it survive a juicy 48 hours in Paris? . . .

My conclusion is that battlefield religion is born of fear, rather than reason; that is: (a) If your head and shoulders stick up out of the foxhole you get beaucoup religion, and (b) If the foxhole is deep enough to give full protection, you get no religion at all.—Maj. Alphe B. Young, Inf.

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Justice Must Be Done

I would like to take issue with a statement made by Lt. D. F. Hurwitz in B-Bag, Feb. 27. I, too, lieutenant, object to the statement made by Pfc D. H. in which he called armed resistance to forces of evil, violation of the command, "Thou shalt not kill." But I also most emphatically disagree with the inconsistent and illogical statement you made that this war was brought upon us by God's chastisement. You say "... War is caused by men from whom God has departed, men who know not God. On the day that such men are made powerless, war shall cease."

Let's reverse your statement, lieutenant, and say that war is caused by men who have departed from God. Sounds better, doesn't it? All through history there have been men who have rejected God. . . developed a philosophy which is ma-

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NAM Leader Sees Big Hike In Peace Jobs

NEW YORK, March 16 (ANS).—Following reconversion to commercial production, American industry will provide from 3,400,000 to 4,400,000 more jobs than existed in 1939, says President Ira Mosher of the National Association of Manufacturers.

With comparable increases in other lines of work, Mosher believes, there will be employment for 56,000,000 persons, only 4,000,000 less than the goal set by the Roosevelt Administration.

Changeover Sag Doubted

Mosher says a survey on which he bases his predictions also indicates there will be previously unexpected fullness of employment during the 16 weeks it is estimated conversion from war to peacetime production will require.

Another survey, by the Army's Information and Education Division, reveals that approximately 5 percent of the men in the Army plan to get government jobs after the war, while another 5 percent desire government work but have no preference as to type. Two-thirds of those with definite plans are former Federal employees.

The Civil Service Commission's policy is that persons in non-temporary jobs which were held by men now in uniform will be displaced by the veterans. If the old job no longer exists, the vets will be given positions of like seniority and pay.

Vets Get Edge in Test

Civil Service Commissioner Arthur Flemming promises there will be government jobs for veterans, including the disabled.

Vets will automatically have five points added to their examination rating and disabled men will receive ten.

Huge Health Program Urged for Care of Vets

WASHINGTON, March 16 (ANS).—A Senate subcommittee on wartime health and education estimates that between 1,500,000 and 2,500,000 Americans will incur disabilities in the war and urged that existing health facilities and programs be greatly expanded.

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), recommended that the Veterans Administration be given the responsibility for medical care of veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Five Francs, a Wac— And a Hamburger

For five francs—and a Wac—American soldiers in Paris are eating real, old-fashioned hamburgers at the new American Legion Embassy Club, 49 Rue Pierre-Charron, off the Champs-Elysees.

Because of limited space each Joe must be accompanied by a Jane before joining the 1,500 hamburger-hungry customers who daily visit the club.

There is a ballroom for dancing to a Com Z band.

TD in U.S Means Temporary Duty And Back to ETO

ETO Headquarters yesterday warned ETO personnel who are returning to the U.S. on temporary duty for rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery that they are expected to return to this theater upon completion of their temporary duty.

The theater Adjutant General's office reports that in some instances individuals returning to the Zone of the Interior have been informally advised by their organization commanders that transfers would be possible if assignments were found in the States.

"Violations of the spirit of the temporary duty policy... add a great load to the already overburdened administrative channels, and are contrary to the principles on which the policy for this duty was established," the AG's office announced.

U.S. Senators to Seek 7 Billions for Housing

WASHINGTON, March 16 (ANS).—Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) and Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) will soon introduce legislation for a \$7,000,000,000 national post-war housing program. Ellender said that American economy after the war must give every one who wants to work a job.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GI's Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:
CAPT. W. Ashley Gray, St. Louis—boy, March 13; Pvt. William R. Robling, Pittsburgh—boy, March 13; W. O. Noland, 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.

PVT. Julien Masson, Woon. R.I.—boy, Feb. 25; Cpl. Joseph T. Ludden, Joliet, Ill.—boy, March 12; Lt. Joseph R. McDuff, Hattiesburg, Miss.—girl, March 12; Sgt. Frank A. Pitrone, Carnegie, Pa.—boy, March 13; Sgt. Fred R. Burns, Fortsmith, Ark.—girl, March 13; 1/Lt. Waddie R. Proehl, New York—girl, March 11; 1/Lt. John R. Moore, Bethesda, Md.—boy, March 12; S/Sgt. Frederick Yost, Mendota, Ill.—girl, 25; Sgt. Sam L. Pinsky, New York—Michael Lester, March 10; T/5 Julius Curtis, New York—girl, March 12; Merton Marvin Berger, Ottawa, Kan.—Johnny Mervyn, March 2.

1/Lt. Orville E. Lee, Pasorobles, Calif.—Robert Lloyd, Feb. 24; T/5 E. C. Willett, Newcastle-on-Tyne—daughter, Feb. 28; 1/Lt. Stanley R. Frost, Laramie, Wyo.—Stanley Rammy, March 1; Cpl. Rawling V. Ransom, Frankfort, Ind.—Thomas Vane, March 6; S/Sgt. William B. Duty, Lucedale, Miss.—Russell Morgan, March 9; Cpl. John Mottes, West New York—Elvira Theresa, March 6; Pvt. Earl H. Rhodes, Kalamazoo, Mich.—girl, Feb. 28; Pfc James F. Murphy, Suffolk, Va.—Mardt Lynn, March 5; Lt. Harold Roum, Laramie, Wyo.—girl, March 5; Capt. Charles R. Bliss, Ridgefield, Conn.—Valerie Elaine, Feb. 17; M/Sgt. Robert J. Walsh, Cleveland—Karen Lucille, Feb. 16.

PFC Joseph Linsalata, Brooklyn—girl, March 5; Pfc Felix Mealo, Fairmont, W.Va.—Darlena, May, March 4; Capt. J. I. Clark, Seattle—Merrily Thompson, Feb. 27; Sgt. Jerome Sorrell, Greenville, Miss.—boy, March 1; Lt. Col. Joseph M. Friedman, New York—Judy Lyn, March 6; S/Sgt. Michael Winston, Milwaukee—Judith Rae, March 3; T/5 James G. Elliott, Owensboro, Ky.—Larry Glenn, March 10; Pfc Thomas Barndt, Johnston, Pa.—girl, Jan. 29; Cpl. Harold Deyoung, Little Ferry, N.J.—Harold John, March 7; Cpl. Hubert W. Relay, Bainbridge, Ga.—Hubert Wayne, Feb. 27; Lt. Edwin Watkins, Jackson, Miss.—girl, March 9; Pfc Horace Bernstein, Bronx—Gail, March 9; S/Sgt. Bernard Tannenbaum, Brooklyn—Neil, Feb. 26; Pfc Otto H. Wolf, Brooklyn—Richard, Feb. 27.

Historic Berlin Buildings Said To Be in Ruins

By Warren Irvin
International News Service Correspondent

ZURICH, Switzerland, March 16.—The palace of the emperor Wilhelm, the castle of the Prussian kings and the remodeled state opera house are among the famous Berlin landmarks recently destroyed in Allied air raids, according to the Hamburger Fremdenblatt.

Bemoaning the passing of these "symbols of the city's increasing might," the Fremdenblatt also discloses that even the tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been badly damaged, and its fresh-laid wreaths consumed by flames.

There is a wistful note about the Fremdenblatt's description of present-day Berlin, a Berlin conscious of the near approach of the battle fronts, a Berlin whose glitter has tarnished and whose proverbial good humor is now but a memory.

The Scene Described
"Now, in heavy boots," says the paper, "soldiers are marching from station to station. Now the Volksturm marches through gloomy streets en route to drill or maneuvers. Now the crowd of foreign workers is streaming to the factories; and women, their heads covered with bright-colored scarves, are hurrying to the stores to buy needed stuffs."

"Silently, each goes his way. Duty, always the law in this city, has been stripped of its gaudy trappings and has become merely 'MUST.' Who knows, if one could look into the hearts of these women and girls, whether they do not dream occasionally of the stores of the Friedrichstrasse, the shops of the West End, the clatter of crockery in bustling restaurants? Of all that was to be seen by those thousands that went swirling daily along in the traffic streams of the city's streets?"

There is also, in the Fremdenblatt's description, an echo of "drang nach Osten." Berlin, it points out, was never the kernel around which a nation slowly evolved.

An Eastern Outpost

On the contrary, it was, from the very beginning, an outpost to the east; for when Henry the Lion, Duke of Saxony and Bavaria, first crossed the Elbe into Slavonia, little Prussia was then an eastern state. Often, in subsequent years, says the paper, inhabitants of the towns and villages west of the Oder may have been compelled to seek safety in the narrow streets of old Berlin. It adds:

"The East, however, did not only look for protection. It also brought to Berlin intellectual forces in great numbers. These, above all, helped to build another Berlin, a self-reliant, royal Berlin, which adorned itself with symbols of its increasing might as the East awoke."

"It is, therefore, doubly bitter that this historical Berlin, this Berlin of the Renaissance and classics, had to be destroyed at a moment when the fugitives from the East felt themselves secure in it. It was a western dagger-thrust in the back in view of Berlin's historical mission in the East."

10 U.S. Airlines Asked To Join World Group

WASHINGTON, March 16 (ANS).—Ten U.S. airlines have been invited to join the proposed International Air Transport Association as active members at an organization meeting in Havana April 16. The Air Transport Association of America has authorized Col. Edgar Gorrell to attend as its representative and advocate formation of a new international association.

April 6 Set as Army Day

WASHINGTON, March 16 (ANS).—President Roosevelt has 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.



"Poo, Yvette! Thees' new stuff smell like dirty feet!"

It Happened in America Yesterday:

Many Signs Tell Nation That There's Still a War

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 16.—Home folks hearkened to radio and newspaper reports of the fight for the Rhineland, listened gravely to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's report on the dead and wounded, and took note of repeated warnings that the vast war in the Pacific called for increases in goods and manpower.

There was much deliberation about a food shortage, with several Congressional committees initiating inquiries, and people discussed, more and more, the coming San Francisco world security conference. Officially, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius busied himself with clarifying policy among the members of the American delegation, so that essentially the U.S. would speak unanimously at the conference.

People, reflecting a keener interest in politics, contributed at least \$25,000,000 to various political organizations in the 1944 national elections—more cash than in any other national election—the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee announced. Jesse Jones gave \$5,000 to help elect FDR, who later removed him as Commerce Secretary.



is running into some personal trouble. Last month he was indicted on a charge of being involved in illicit gasoline dealings, and now a charge alleges he used the mails to defraud, misused bank funds and kited checks. Van Riper claims it is political persecution.

Recruits for the Night Shift

FIVE night club owners, with 50 to 75 of their employees, have answered a plea by Dr. Walter M. Briggs, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, Des Moines, and will work in war plants after midnight. And in Newark, N.J., Otto Nelson, manager of a newsreel theater, quit his theater job after seeing movies on the need for war workers and became a war worker himself.

Radio listeners will get a break as a result of the National Broadcasting Company's announcement that hereafter commercial plugs will be omitted from the middle of news broadcasts "because news today is our Number One public service obligation."

SENATE members listened sympathetically when Sen. Wallace A. White (R-Me.) told the story of the fat lady mural in Kennebunkport's postoffice. White said: "The mural is a picture which, to speak frankly, depicts a number of fat women scantily clad; disporting themselves on the beach." The senators then wrote an amendment into the \$3,000,000 appropriation bill to provide cash for a new mural. Later, Author Booth Tarkington, who has a summer home in that town commented that he had seen the mural many times before his vision began to fail, and that the mural isn't naughty, but "just plain ugly."

Oscars for Bing and Ingrid

BING Crosby and Ingrid Bergman won the Hollywood Oscars as the best film performers of 1944, while "Going My Way," in which Bing and Barry Fitzgerald starred, was hailed as the outstanding picture of the year.

Flying peacefully to Chicago, a furloughing sailor gallantly showed an attractive girl how to fasten her safety belt. Later, when the plane landed, the gob asked where he could find her. She smiled and said: "I'm a stewardess on vacation. I work for this air line."



TOMORROW will be a great day for the Irish—St. Patrick's Day—and the Irish were hoping they could properly celebrate the saint's birthday within the midnight curfew. And in Boston, Gov. Maurice J. Tobin said: "Wherever, throughout the world, people are engaged in a struggle for freedom, there surely can be found in the vanguard . . . men of Irish blood and Irish heritage."

The Des Moines Register says that when the real story behind the Battle for the Bulge is known, the battle will be regarded as the war's greatest example of entrapment strategy.

Congress Weighs Draft Extension

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP).—A lively fight began shaping up on Capitol Hill today over the extension of the draft law, which, unless renewed by a Congress act, will become "inoperative and cease to apply on and after" May 15.

Legislation to extend the act for the duration has been introduced in both the Senate and House and Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) expects to begin House Military Committee consideration immediately after the Easter recess.

There is little opposition to continuing the draft law, but some members of the House Committee have disclosed privately that there is strong sentiment for some changes and restrictions.

Darrow Pact Plea Fails Seventh Time

CHICAGO, March 16 (ANS).—Claude D. Noble, a Detroit businessman, called on the spirit of Clarence Darrow for the seventh time here and for the seventh time nothing happened.

An amateur magician and an enemy of spiritualism, Noble has been fulfilling an agreement he made with Darrow, a noted criminal lawyer, and with the late Howard Thurston, world-famous magician. Amid a small crowd, Noble knelt and called, "Clarence Darrow, I am here in fulfillment of our pact. If you can manifest yourself please do it now." There was no response.

Noble will go to Columbus, Ohio, April 13, to perform the same ritual for Thurston, who died in 1936.

Pity Is No Substitute

'If a Girl Really Loves Her Man...'

CONSHOHOCKEN, Pa., March 16 (ANS).—Doris Jane Ruth, 18, who on March 31 is going to wed Aubrey Holland, 24, legless wearer of the Purple Heart and Silver Star, today offered this advice to girls engaged to wounded soldiers:

"Don't marry out of pity—marry for love. There is nothing that kills a man's spirit as much as knowing that he is pitied."

She said that "if a girl really loves her man, she has no doubts no matter how badly he was injured, but if she begins to feel more sorry for him than anything else, she had better call it quits."

Holland arrived at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington last June with pneumonia, a broken arm and without legs. He lost them at Cassino.

His first job was to write Doris Jane, with whom he had an "understanding." "I'm pretty banged-up," he wrote, "you'd better not wait."

Doris Jane replied by return mail: "I still love you, no matter what has happened or what is left of you."

She went to Washington and convinced him. They took out the license yesterday.

Holland, veteran of three years' service, walks so well on artificial legs that he needs only a cane. After a short honeymoon he will return to his old job at John Woods Manufacturing Co.

Jane said that he had been afraid of being a burden to her. "That's just plain silly and I showed him why," she declared. "He can earn a living, he can go anywhere I can go and our lives won't be any different than if this hadn't happened."

"I told him a girl doesn't stop loving a fellow just because he loses an arm or a leg. He is still there—and that is all that counts."

Promotion List For Generals Stirs Criticism

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP).—A four-star question agitated members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee today, with two Senators expressing disappointment that Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., were not included on Monday's list of nine promotions to full general.

Members talked of calling Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, to explain the promotions.

Senator Albert B. Chandler (D-Ky.) and Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) said there was merit in the Army's position that the promotions were designed to give the nine who were promoted rank commensurate with their posts and comparable with those of Allied officers. Chandler asserted that an exception could have been made for the commanders of the U.S. First and Third Armies.

Praises Both Officers

"I was disappointed in not seeing Patton and Hodges on the list, because of the magnificent jobs both have been doing in Europe," Bridges said.

Bridges said he understood the two were not recommended for promotion because they command armies instead of higher organizations.

All agreed the committee would recommend quick Senate confirmation. Nominations to full general to be considered Tuesday cover: Omar N. Bradley, Mark W. Clark, Jacob L. Devers, Thomas T. Handy, George C. Kenney, Walter Krueger, Joseph T. McNarney, Brehon B. Somervell and Carl Spaatz, all now lieutenant generals.

The Senate approved today and sent to the White House legislation establishing the rank of full general in the Marine Corps and full admiral in the Coast Guard. First recipients of the new rank will be Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant, and Vice-Admiral R. R. Waesche, Coast Guard commandant.

Separate Setup for Vets Of Two Wars Proposed

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP).—Rep. Victor Wickersham (D-Okla.) will recommend to the Veterans Administration and War Department that separate hospitals be established for World War I and World War II veterans.

He also said he would suggest that there be separate examining and claims boards.

One Buck Too Many for Mule, Court Decides in Damage Suit

LOS ANGELES, March 16 (ANS).—The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled yesterday that a mule does not have a legal right to buck even once.

The court reversed the decision of Federal Judge Leon R. Yanewich, who, last year, in refusing a \$7,000 damage claim by Henry Mateus, held that after the mule had behaved for four hours, it had the right to one buck.

One 'K' Ration in 100 Years Is Not Too Bad



Oliver M. Haney, of Pasadena, Calif., Civil War veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday by ordering a "K" ration of pork and veal instead of a 100-candle birthday cake. He recalled his fighting days, saying that in his war they got pork 'n beans every day—and liked it."

16 Die in Crash Of Army Plane

WASHINGTON, March 16 (ANS).—Sixteen persons, including seven USO entertainers, died in the crash of an Army transport plane flying from England to Paris on March 3, the War Department announced today.

The dead were: George Matkovich, Jack Ross, H. A. Sabath and Ben Reuben, all of Chicago; Mrs. Ruth G. Donor, Neptune, N.J.; Lester Chapman, Evanston, Ill.; Gaius W. Young, Minneapolis; Capt. F. F. Foster, Navy, Washington, D.C.; Lt. L. L. Heideman, Navy, Laurium, Mich.; John Garfield Hope, Navy Specialist 1/c; Sgt. Albert J. McVey, Harris, Ill.; 1/Lt. Robert Dears-tine, Syracuse, N.Y.; 1/Lt. Herbert H. Hirth, New Orleans; 1/Lt. Paula Mansell, Rye, N.Y.; Pfc Alfred E. Barschdorf, Bennington, Vt., and Pfc Paul J. Heeger, Springfield, Ill.

The civilians were all members of USO troupes. Matkovich, Sabath, Ross, Chapman, Young and Reuben were identified as professional wrestlers.

Maverick Tells Of French Need

WASHINGTON, March 16 (Reuter).—A program for the rehabilitation of France was outlined yesterday by Maury Maverick, general manager of the U.S. Smaller War Plants Corp., in an address to the France Forever Society.

Maverick said that the crucial need was for "more shipment and faster methods of unloading and distribution within France," and pointed out that "unless France has the needed goods, she cannot help herself or us."

He said that one means of achieving understanding and good relations between the U.S. and France would be an exchange of 25,000 citizens for training in each country, at the expense of the U.S.

Big Ship Deal With France Abandoned After Protests

WASHINGTON, March 16 (Reuter).—Assistant Secretary of State William Clayton told a House committee today that the U.S. had decided to drop the proposal to supply France with more than \$140,000,000 worth of ships because of protests over terms of payment.

Britain, Freed Nations Face U.S. Food Holiday

WASHINGTON, March 16 (Reuter).—A three-month suspension of U.S. food supply to Britain became a possibility today when the War Food Administration asked that Britain and European liberated areas be taken off the receiver list for April, May and June.

Iwo Conquest Now Paying Off In Erasing Jap Warning Post And Saving Imperilled B 29s

GUAM, March 16 (ANS).—Iwo Jima's military value was demonstrated today in an announcement by the 21st Bomber Command that approximately 30 Superfortresses had escaped probable destruction because Americans hold the island's airfields.

Japanese Far From Defeated, Mitscher Says

ABOARD ADM. MITSCHER'S FLAGSHIP, March 13 (Delayed) (AP).—Vice-Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the famed Task Force 58, says that anything can happen in the next six months in the Pacific because Japanese admirals have changed tactics; the enemy still has strong naval and air forces and the Japanese Army is scarcely touched.



"It is true that the enemy has not attacked us on this strike with the vigor he displayed in many other attacks," Adm. Mitscher said as his flagship returned after the second successful Tokyo carrier-plane strike. "This does not mean his navy and his air force have been defeated," Mitscher asserted. "He still has strong naval and air forces, but he has not used them against us on this trip, and that alone is evidence of a change in tactics."

Would Be Ineffective
"Naval strategists agree that the Japanese fleet now could not overwhelm even a fraction of our ever-growing fleet. Its only sanctuary now is the island seas of the Empire."

"The enemy may be planning to hoard planes and warships for an all-out Banzai attack, or he may be holding them for bargaining purposes at the peace conference. You may be sure that he has a purpose because the Jap always has a plan. Added to that, we mustn't forget too, that they have an army of highly trained land soldiers, numbering millions, that has scarcely been touched."

"They have boasted that they can expand to 10,000,000 men and that knowledge must temper any appraisal we can make of the present situation. They would probably like to get rid of 10,000,000, just to help solve their over-population problem."

An AF spokesman said that in the last week 30 Superforts returning from three incendiary raids on major Japanese cities had landed at Iwo to refuel or for emergency repairs. If the Iwo base had not been available, most of them would not have reached their home bases in the Marianas, the spokesman said.

Since Iwo has been eliminated as an enemy base to spot Superforts in flight and relay warnings to Japan, the most effective air attacks of the Pacific war have been made on Japanese cities.

2-Mile Gain by Yanks Traps Japs on Luzon

MANILA, March 16 (ANS).—U.S. troops have driven a wedge two miles deep into the crumbling Shimbu Line on Luzon, perhaps trapping several thousand Japanese.

The Shimbu Line, roughly 15 miles east of Manila, was cracked when infantrymen drove between two of the enemy's southern defense lines and seized a network of roads, cutting off the escape route for large Japanese forces.

Skid Bombs Block Caves
Destruction of the Shimbu Line was speeded by U.S. fighter-bombers which skidded bombs into the mouths of tunnels and caves held by the Japanese.

U.S. troops clearing the shores of Batangas Bay, on the southern coast of Luzon, wiped out an enemy barge concentration and dispersed a small enemy force attempting to land at Belo.

On Mindanao, Americans have seized 15 more villages and have enlarged their beachhead to a width of more than 28 miles.

Japanese artillery and electrically controlled land mines, used by the enemy for the first time in the southwest Pacific, slowed the American advance northward from Zamboanga. But despite the increased resistance, Yanks captured the town of Pasonanca, five miles inland.

Along the coast, the American beachhead was widened with seizure of Manicuan, on the east, and San Ramon on the west. Yanks now hold more than a score of villages on Mindanao, besides the Zamboanga governmental center and two airdromes.

U.S. bombers attacked targets on eastern Mindanao, on Formosa and in the Pescadore Islands. Four Mitchells sank a Japanese destroyer, a 5,000-ton tanker and four small freighters in the South China Sea.

Japs Unify Command to Meet The Scourge of War at Home

(Continued from Page 1)
The current military situation and with the approval of the Emperor."

An Associated Press dispatch suggested that Japan might be discarding her system of military superiority over civil authority. In the past, AP pointed out, the Japanese military has been so powerful that it even could ignore Japanese treaties with other countries.

This development in Japan came soon after three great American Superfort raids which fired three of Japan's congested industrial cities—Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Soviet Tass news agency reported that last Saturday's Superfort attack against the Japanese capital had thrown the populace into a panic which the authorities could not control.

On Thursday, six days after the assault, thousands of Japanese were crowding around railway stations and trying to leave the capital, the Tass correspondent said. "Everywhere," he wrote, "there are various

kinds of vehicles, from trucks to rickshaws, loaded with belongings of people evacuating the city.

Meanwhile, an official spokesman quoted by Radio Tokyo, reported that thousands of Japanese were homeless and many others dead or seriously wounded as a result of the B29 fire-bomb attacks.

The spokesman also told of heavy property damage in the raids on Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka, and said that the bombed areas were "without exception inhabited by merchants and small industrialists."

The Tokyo newspaper Asahi said editorially, according to the Tass correspondent, that it was time for the government to inaugurate adequate relief measures and to launch "plans to put peoples' minds at rest."

Fifth Army Takes Serra

ROME, March 16 (Reuter).—On the Italian front yesterday Fifth Army Yanks captured the village of Serra and drove closer to Vergato, German fortress-town on the Pisa-Tolosa-Bologna highway.

Struggle for Iwo Jima Was Marines' Bloodiest



Two marines lie where they fell on the shell-torn beaches of Iwo Jima. Hitting the zeroed-in beach in the initial wave, these Leathernecks were the first to die on the strategic island's bloody shores.

But Yanks' Losses Are About Fifth Of Enemy Dead

Iwo Jima, "eight square miles of hell on earth," has been the bloodiest battle in the 169 years of Marine Corps history. With fighting for the desolate pear-shaped isle finished after nearly four weeks, the total of American dead has been set at 4,189, about one-fifth of the Japanese dead. In the bitter 76 hours of fighting for Iwo Jima in November, 1943, the marines lost more than 1,000 killed.

Iwo, 750 miles south of Tokyo, is vital for operations which will eventually knock out the Japanese home islands. American planes have been operating from Iwo since the capture of airfields early in the battle.

Hit Beaches Feb. 19

Marines hit Iwo's southern beach Feb. 19 after the U.S. Fifth Fleet pounded the island for three days straight and planes bombed it constantly. Nevertheless, when the first rocket boats plowed toward the shore, fanatical Japanese soldiers, well protected in pillboxes and caves, swept the beach with a deadly fire that held up the operation for hours.

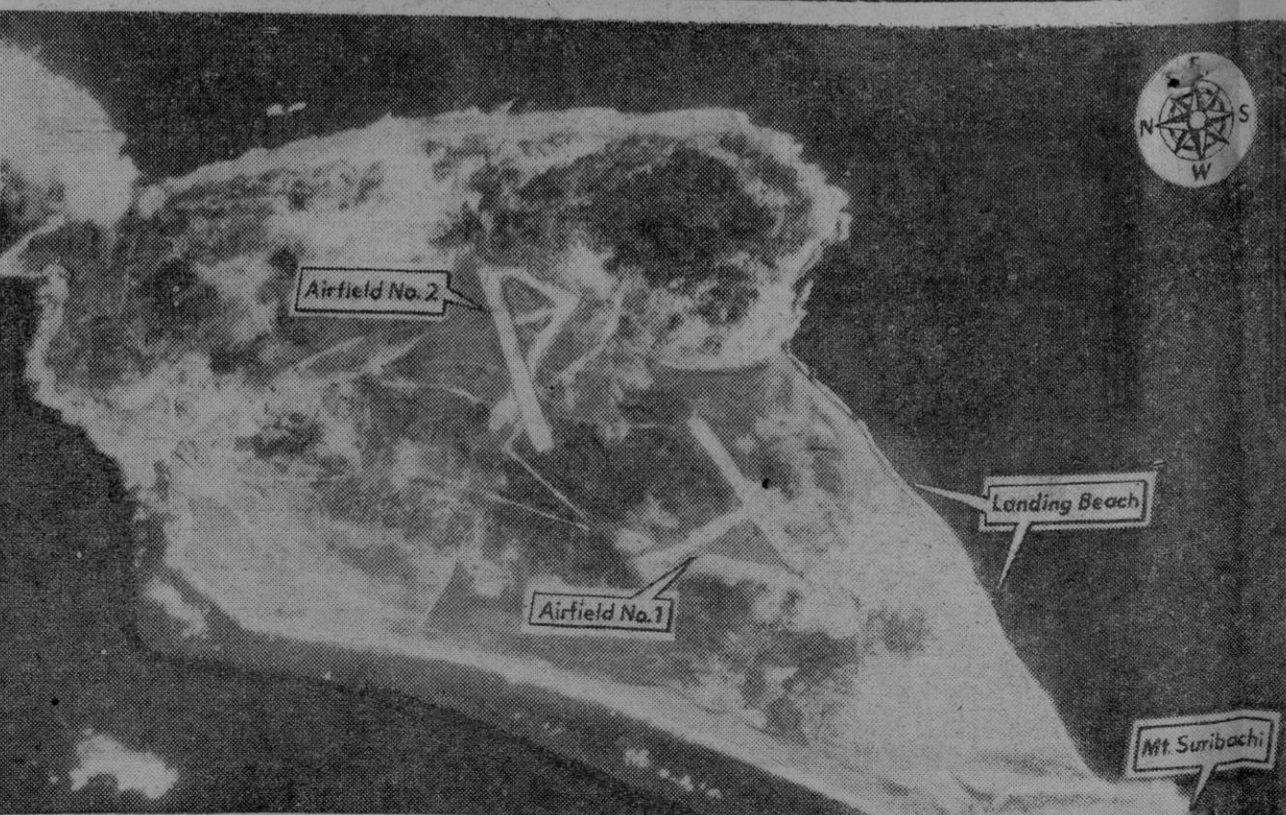
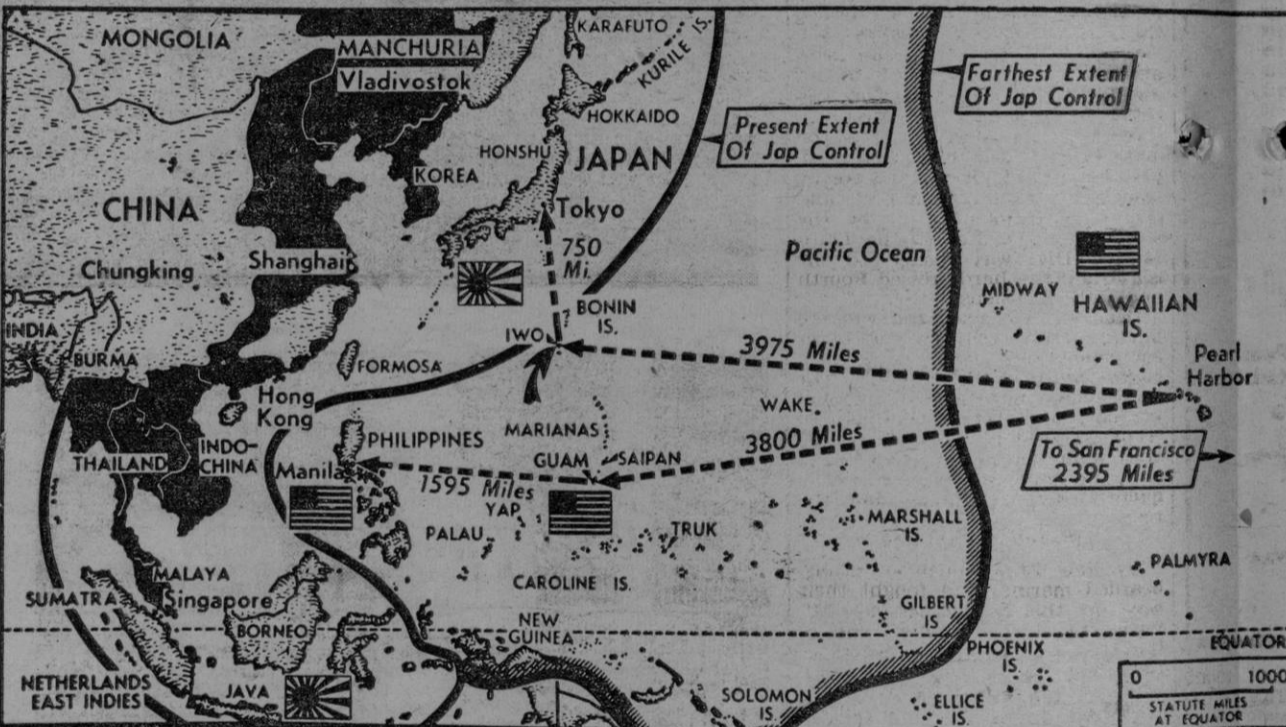
Despite the deadly fire, the marines expanded their first 5,000-yard beachhead, cleaned out enemy machine-gun and mortar nests and captured Airdrome No. 1 by the second day. On Feb. 22 the Third Marine Div. was rushed to the isle to aid the hard-pressed Fourth and Fifth Divisions.

Dead of both sides and wrecked landing craft, vehicles and other equipment were strewn in the volcanic sands of the island. The sand made movement of supplies difficult and bogged down even jeeps. Zeroed-in Jap guns poured down a murderous fire on the beach, and the forward areas were frequently less dangerous than the rear.

Mountain Captured

By Feb. 23 a bunch of grimy, bearded marines had fought their way up the craggy 546-foot Mt. Suribachi at the southern end of the isle and raised the American flag. The flag flew until March 14, when another was raised with ceremonies on a former Japanese pillbox. The Japanese fought for every yard of the island, falling back slowly under the pressure of the Fifth Div. on the west coast, the Third in the center and the Fourth on the east, all advancing northward.

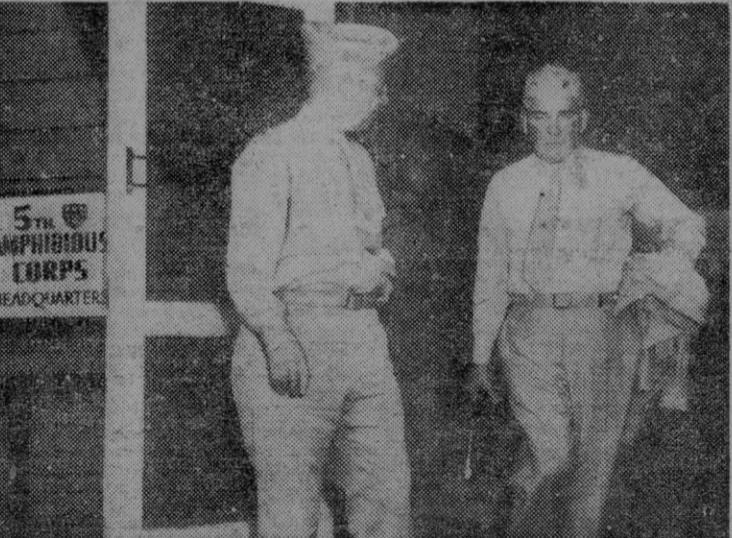
The marines had split the Japanese garrison into three parts by March 11, and they proceeded to reduce the pockets until the only remaining organized resistance was on Kitano Point, northern tip of the island. The Japanese had been ordered to fight to the death, as has been the case on every Pacific island. And they did.



A pilot's-eye view of the bitterly contested tiny piece of land that is Iwo Jima.



The Marines Go Over the Top
Leathernecks of the Fourth Marine Div., leaving the comparative safety of a rise on Iwo Jima's blasted beaches, go over the top in the face of terrific fire from all types of Japanese weapons. The marines won the Battle of Iwo Jima after the costliest engagement in their entire history.



Marine Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, overall commander of the expeditionary troops in the Volcano Islands operation, holds the door open for Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, commanding general of the Fifth Amphibious Corps, as they leave Corps headquarters in the Pacific prior to the invasion of Iwo Jima.



A reconnaissance photo of Iwo Jima shows the destruction wrought by U.S. airmen who pounded the Jap positions before the marines moved in on Feb. 19. A sunken Japanese freighter lies offshore while lines of salvaged motors from destroyed planes dot the landscape (behind road, center and left center).



Units of the U.S. Fifth Fleet, gathered at a Pacific anchorage, prepare for the invasion of Iwo Jima. Visible in the photo are LSTs and smaller landing craft (foreground) waiting to be hauled aboard transports further back. Heavy units of the fleet stand by beyond the troop ships.

Bruins Smack Hawks; Clinch Playoff Berth

CHICAGO, March 16.—The Boston Bruins clinched a place in the Stanley Cup playoffs last night by defeating the Chicago Black Hawks, 5-3, in a National Hockey League game.

The Hawks knew they had to win to stay in the running and started out well on Pete Horeck's solo scoring

Hockey Standings

National League				
W	L	T	Pts	
Montreal	36	8	4	76
Detroit	30	13	5	65
Toronto	24	24	4	52
American League				
W	L	T	Pts	
Boston	16	25	4	36
Chicago	12	29	7	31
New York	10	29	10	30

dash at 1:18 of the first period. Boston gained the lead in the second stanza on goals by Bill Jennings and Armand Gaudreault. The Hawks never caught up after that.

Ken Smith and Phil McGill increased the Bruins' lead in the third period before Don Grosso registered for Chicago on a pass from Clint Smith. Gino Rozzini ended Boston's scoring at 17:11. Ten seconds later Horeck scored on a pass from Joe Cooper.

Wings Defeat Champs

DETROIT, March 16.—The Detroit Red Wings defeated the champion Montreal Canadiens, 2-1, in a contest apparently just a workout for the clubs favored to play each other in the final for the Stanley Cup.

Better Times to Come



Gunder Haegg

After predicting defeats for himself in his first two American indoor track appearances, the Swedish star yesterday declared he'd be much faster in the Bankers Mile at Chicago tonight. Haegg ran the mile in 4:31 and 4:19 and expects to beat Jim Rafferty this time.

Ruffin to Fight Again

NEW YORK, March 16.—Bobby Ruffin, New York lightweight, has emerged from one of the shortest retirements on record. He's back in training now to fight Willie Joyce at the Polo Grounds, June 25.

Atlanta Prexy Bids for Czar Vote by Minors

ATLANTA, Ga., March 16.—Earl Mann, president of the Atlanta Crackers of the Southern Association, thinks it is about time the minor leagues were given more—and plenty more—to say about the administration of organized baseball.

Mann feels the power wielded by the major leagues in the government of organized baseball is entirely out of proportion when the contributions of the minor leagues are considered.

The foremost topic of discussion among baseball men today is the selection of a new commissioner and Mann wants the little fellows to have some say about it.

"Imagine the major leagues being governed by a minor league commissioner with whose selection they had nothing to do. It is just as unreasonable to ask the minors to submit to a boss appointed by the major leagues."

Bribe Court Hears Tossing Games Was Common Practice

BROOKLYN, March 16.—Larry Pearlstein, Brooklyn College's "little man who wasn't there," told Assistant District Attorney Charles N. Cohen in his office yesterday that he and four other members of the team had accepted bribes to throw a basketball game because they thought such acceptance was a general practice among collegiate players. Cohen pressed Pearlstein for particulars, but the player had to admit he had no proof.

Pearlstein was revealed as having played on the Brooklyn College team without registering at the school.



Larry Pearlstein

Pat Filley, ND Guard, Joins Ex-Boss at Cornell

ITHACA, N.Y., March 16.—Pat Filley, outstanding Notre Dame guard the last two years, has been added to the coaching staff under his old tutor, Ed McKeever, who recently was appointed head coach at Cornell University.

McKeever's staff now is complete with Ray Van Orman, George K. James, Bob Cullen and Peed Wilson.

Babe Ruth in New Game

NEW YORK, March 16.—Babe Ruth has announced he will become a wrestling referee, with his maiden effort scheduled in Boston, April 4. If he has a successful debut, Ruth says he'll make a nation-wide tour as the third man on the mat.

Major Leagues to Slash Exhibition Game Slate

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Will Harridge and Ford Frick, American and National League presidents, respectively, will recommend cancellation of all spring exhibition baseball games which involve use of public transportation facilities, they revealed today after their second conference with ODT Director Col. J. Monroe Johnson.

Walsh Signed By Pro Rams

CLEVELAND, March 16.—Adam Walsh, Notre Dame line coach and former football coach at Santa Clara, Yale, Harvard and Bowdoin, yesterday signed a five-year contract to coach the Cleveland Rams of the National Football League. He succeeds Aldo "Buff" Donelli, who recently entered the Navy. Adam's brother, Charles, is general manager of the Cleveland club.

Walsh was captain and center of the famous Notre Dame 1924 team, which had the "Four Horsemen" in the backfield. He is 43 years old, has one son in the armed forces and another about to be inducted.

The Cleveland entry in the new All-America Conference recently signed Paul Brown, former Ohio State football coach, to a long-term contract. Brown's still in the Navy, however.

Gain Semi-finals At Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.—George Peppardine College, of Los Angeles, and Southern Illinois Normal moved into the semi-final in the National Intercollegiate basketball tournament last night. Peppardine defeated West Texas Teachers, 52-45, and Southern Illinois downed Doane College, 61-44. Doane showed none of the form exhibited in defeating Eastern Washington, 54-51 in the first round.

Eastern Kentucky Teachers scored a 50-48 overtime victory over Central College of Fayette, Mo. Fred Lewis netted seven points in the extra-period blitz that handed Central its first beating in 15 games.

Loyola, of New Orleans, defeated sluggish Indiana Central Normal, 60-43, and will meet Southern Illinois today.

Hutchins Oise Victor

HQ., OISE SECTION.—Pfc Max Hutchins, of Los Angeles, scored a technical knockout in the first round over Pvt. John Smith, of Brooklyn, to spice a seven-bout fight show, sponsored by Special Service.

Other results: Pfc Lennin Mings, Newport News, Va., decisioned Pvt. Bill Procter, Harrisburg, Pa.; Pvt. John Perkins, Harrisburg, Pa., TKO'd Cpl. J. Healy, Shreveport, La.; Pfc Charles Green, TKO'd Pvt. Beverly Carter, Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. George Smith, Philadelphia, knocked out Cpl. Robert Sanders, Bluefield, W.Va.; Pvt. Bill Ragsdale, Asheville, N.C., drew with Pfc Ernest Burgess, New Haven, Conn.; Pfc Isaac Greer, Lake Providence, La., decisioned Pvt. Harold Harshaw, Columbus, Ohio.

Games in cities on a direct route from training camps to home cities, after camp is broken, and intra-squad games or games with service teams, in which the government provides transportation, will be permitted. Cancellation will be recommended in such cases as would involve travelling from one training site to another, or side trips off the direct route home.



Ford Frick Will Harridge

Such intra-city exhibitions as the Yankees vs. Giants or Brooklyn, or Braves vs. Red Sox, etc., will be sanctioned.

Frick and Harridge, along with Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, who also attended the meeting, said that schedules would be rearranged so that a minimum of exhibition games would have to be cancelled.

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THE QUESTION BOX

Florence Olmstead—Notre Dame never played Army at Cleveland. However, the Irish played Navy at Cleveland in 1932, 1934-'39-'42-'43. Notre Dame won all five games, 12-9; 20-7; 14-7; 9-0; 33-6, respectively.

Cpl. Julius Kuretsky—Four top hands in stud poker: Royal flush, straight flush, four-of-a-kind, and full house.

Cpl. James Phillips—There is no overall figure on paid attendance of nation's basketball and baseball, but according to the World Almanac and Associated Press, basketball has a greater attendance annually.

Pvt. Ben Schelowitz—Ted Williams got 564 hits during 1940-'41-'42. Joe DiMaggio totalled 558, Pete Reiser got 399.

Pvt. (Regarding question of original noses)—Jack Sharkey had a re-tread job done on his.

Sgt. A. E. Lee—Bronko Nagurski held "world's" heavyweight wrestling championship briefly but never defeated Jim Londos.

Pfc Thomas Head—National Hockey League is known as a major league. The American League, of which Hershey is a member, is "Class AA minor league."

Pvt. John W. Lloyd—Basketball record of 1944-'45 meeting between Kentucky and Tennessee. Kentucky 46, Tennessee 34; Tennessee 35, Kentucky 34. Tournament score: Kentucky 39, Tennessee 35.

Sgt. Joe Flanagan—Notre Dame played Texas in 1913-'15-'34. The Irish won the first two, 30-7 and 35-7. The Longhorns won in 1934, 7-6. George Gipp was born at Laurium, Mich. Notre Dame has played Ohio State in football twice, 1935-'36. The Irish won both, 18-13, and 7-2, respectively.

Covering GI Sports

DEPOT G25 won the U.K. Base basketball championship in London's Royal Albert Hall last week, defeating the First Base Air Depot Bearcats, 49-40, before a crowd of 4,000. The loss was the first for the Bearcats in 17 contests.

NORMANDY BASE SECTION.—The 494th Travelers are rated favorites among the seven quintets left in the 16th Port basketball tournament. Other teams are: 494th Port, 512th Port, 358th Harborcraft, 1637th Engineers, 581st Port, and 491st Port. The 581st Hoopsters defeated the 16th Port Hq. basketballers, 26-25, in one of the best games of the early rounds.

Leaping Louies



The 114th basketball team, champions of the Ninth Air Force ADC, will meet a French team, the Paris Championettes, who have won 10 and lost 1 this season, at the Japy Gym, Paris, tomorrow night at 8 PM.

Seine Basketball Tournament

Thursday Night's Results
Rockets 25, 54th Chem. 19.
Sig. Center 38, 9th Reinf. (2) 23.
48th Gen. 45, 217th Hosp. 25.
3021st Ord. 29, Officers, 1st Gen. 12.
583rd QM Sales 38, Commandos 32.
Motor Pool 41, 4236th QM 36.
Spec. Serv. 68, 228th Chem. 22.

Saturday Night's Schedule
Sig. Center vs. 48th Gen.
3021st Ord. vs. 583rd QM Sales.
Motor Pool vs. Spec. Serv.
Orly vs. Rockets.

724th RAILWAY OPN. BN.—Capt. Roger W. Speidel, former three-letter man at Purdue, has organized a basketball loop with four teams, three EM and one officer quintet. T/Sgt. Bill Schottes, Peoria, Ill., leads individual scorers with 85 points in five games.

W	L	W	L		
Brass Hats	3	2	Chairbourns	2	3
Musketeers	3	2	Hot Rails	2	3

Results:
Hot Rails 35, Chairbourns 23.
Brass Hats 51, Musketeers 33.

After three weeks of league competition, standings in the 19th Reinforcement Depot-Seventh Convalescent Hospital basketball loop shape up as follows:

A League		B League			
W	L	W	L		
106th Bn. (1)	3	0	106th Bn. (2)	3	0
67th Bn. (1)	3	0	67th Bn. (2)	3	0
4236th QM	3	0	7th Conv. (3)	2	1
19th Hq.	2	1	Supply	1	1
GPRC Trk Bn	2	1	507th Medics	1	1
7th Conv. (1)	1	2	85th Bn. (2)	1	2
7th Conv. (2)	1	2	APQ	0	2
Finance	0	3	67th Bn. (3)	0	3
85th Bn. (1)	0	3	50th Bn. (2)	0	3
50th Bn. (1)	0	3			

Individual high scorer for the week was T/Sgt. Frank Caligauri, GPRC Trk. Bn. cager, who tallied 30 points in a single game.

Ann Wolfskill (7), of the 46th Gen. Hosp., and Virginia Schuyler, of the 36th, were opposing centers in the Nurses' Bedside Division championship basketball game, won by the 46th, 20-11.

Notes From Baseball Camps

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—Sig Jakucki, St. Louis Browns' right-hander, is expected to pitch against the Toledo Mudhens in the first exhibition game of the season here tomorrow.

FREDERICK, Md.—George Kelf, thirdbaseman, and Hal Pech, outfielder, for whom the Athletics paid \$20,000, appeared at the A's training camp for the first time yesterday.

WILMINGTON, Del.—The Phillies learned yesterday that Charley Letchas, infielder, will be inducted at Thomasville, Ga., next week.

PLEASANTVILLE, N.J.—Joe Cronin, playing manager of the Boston Red Sox, hit the first ball pitched to him in batting practice over the left field wall and remark-

ed: "I hope I can do that again before the season's over."

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—George Stirnweiss, who won the American



George Stirnweiss Frank Crosetti

League base-stealing honors in 1944 with 55 thefts, is a Yankee holdout,

along with Frankie Crosetti and Milo Milsevich. Stirnweiss, a 4F with ulcers, is reportedly demanding \$5,000 more on his 1945 contract.

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—The Cleveland Indians learned that Second Baseman Ray Mack will enter the armed forces next month.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—The Cincinnati Reds lost Howard Moss, International League home-run king of 1944, to the draft. Moss belted 25 homers for Baltimore and paced the league with 141 runs batted in, and batted .306.

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Twelve more players hit the Washington Senators' training quarters here yesterday—Jake Powell, Jim Langley, Eddie Butka, and nine assorted Cubans.

HASH MARKS

Overheard in a chowline: "Though our first sergeant stood within eight feet of it, the flying bomb escaped unhurt."

Despite all rumors to the contrary, it is not true that the U.S. is "attached to Texas for quarters and rations."

The Japs claim they never lost a war. Perhaps they just mislaid this one: But we are bringing it to them.

Flash! The crew of a certain American vessel operating in these waters claims that the "meanest



man in the ETO" is R. W. Ward, s.c., 3/c—he refused to give "seconds" on spam at lunch the other day.

After watching a USSTAF ball team go through a ragged practice session, the manager, Lt. Hoaglin, moaned, "What this team needs is life!" To which one of the guys, Sgt. Williams, quipped, "Won't you let us off with 90 days?"

Oldest gag of the week. (Conversation in the park). "Do you know what good clean fun is?" "No, what good is it?"

J. C. W.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France. APO 887.

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BRACELET belonging to LEO I. BLOOM, 33368774, by J. Gabriel.

CAP, garrison, belonging to Capt. L. P. JANDRIS, 1/Lt. C. C. KUKUK.

LOST CHALICE

CHALICE and RAZOR in musette bag, belonging to Catholic chaplain who was missing in action in Bastogne campaign, disappeared from priest's jeep. If he is reported prisoner of war, his Mass kit will be forwarded so he may say mass for other prisoners. 101st Div. Chaplain.

APOs WANTED

JEAN Kettler, Canajoharie, N. Y.; Pvt. Kenneth Karcer, 36404186; Pvt. James Keough, Bronx, N.Y.; Bob Lindgren, F/O Robert E. Listog, Stoughton, Wis.; Pfc Lorraine, Livermore, Wis.; Pvt. Robert Manley, Philadelphia; 1/Sgt. Mercer Maurice; Cleo Monsees, Sedalia, Mo.; Robert Morris, Amarillo, Tex.; 2/Lt. Charles F. Clerky, H. H. Merrett; Pfc Warren McDaniel, 12191473; Pfc Katherine Norman, 407210; Pvt. Freeman A. Phillip, 34940369; Pvt. Harry Patterson, Detroit; Micke Parcy, 32443852.

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7:00-News	1830-GI Journal
7:15-ATC	1901-Bandwagon
12:30-J.Chas.Thomas	1915-Movie Music
13:00-Grand Old Opry	2000-World News
13:30-ArmyRadioOrch.	2005-Your War today
14:00-News	2015-Johnny Mercer
14:10-Intermezzo	2030-Charl. McCarthy
14:30-Miss Parade	2100-News
15:00-Dance Band	2105-Soldier & Song
15:30-Combat Diary	2115-Footlight Music
15:45-On the Record	2200-U.S. News
16:30-Yank	2207-Jubilee
17:00-News	2235-Latin Serenade
17:15-Gildersleeve	2300-News
17:45-HawaiiSerenade	2305-Sat.Night Seren.
18:00-News	2335-Suspense
18:05-Mark Up Map	2400-News
18:10-U.S. Sports	0015-Night Shift
18:15-Blue Interlude	0200-S. & S News

TOMORROW

0600-Great Music	0910-Spotlight Bands
0615-Hymns	0925-Family Hour
0630-Cpl. Saddlebags	1000-Radio Chapel
0700-News	1030-Music for Sunday
0720-Sunday Serenade	1100-U.S. News
0800-Combat Diary	1106-Morning After
0820-Top of Morning	1135-Show Time
12:00-News	

News Every Hour on the Hour

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By Norman Pett

Army Training Plan Defended By Gen. Stilwell

WASHINGTON, March 16 (UP).—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Army Ground Forces commander, said today that six months after induction was about the soonest that soldiers entered combat.

He told a press conference that casualty rates would be lower but the war would last longer if new men received longer training. It was better to keep training to the minimum of 17 weeks' basic, plus what training is given overseas, he said.



Gen. Stilwell

Referring to the use of 18-year-olds in combat, Stilwell commented: "I don't like to take those kids, either. I just saw 1,000 of them off to the Pacific. I know they can take care of themselves. They may have some mental hazards on the way."

Stilwell predicted victory in Europe would relieve the pressure for reinforcements and allow longer training.

He disclosed that Maj. Gen. James G. Christiansen, Army Ground Forces Chief of Staff, was conferring with Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, deputy to Gen. Eisenhower, on ways to improve the Army training system.

3rd, 7th Gain; Autobahn Cut

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mile, reaching a point two miles from the Rhine, and cleared three towns in the area ten miles south of Coblenz: Ehr, Halsenbach and Katzenburg.

The Fifth Div. advanced four miles southeast to points along a seven-mile front, clearing six towns 17 and 20 miles southwest of Coblenz. Towns cleared were Beltheim, Buch, Morsdorf, Lehr, Silshausen and Saberhausen.

Further south, 94th infantrymen moved up more than two miles along a five-mile front and captured three towns 15 and 17 miles east of Saarburg.

On Seventh Army Front

Resistance stiffened along the front of Patch's attacking Seventh Army. Both a 70th Inf. Div. and the 101st Cav. Group in the Volklingen-Sarreguemines sector advanced slowly against enemy

Nazis Lose 112,000

The U.S. Ninth and Canadian First Armies have killed or wounded at least 60,000 Germans and captured 52,000 others in their recent combined drive to clear the sector of Germany west of the Rhine between Neuss and Emmerich, SHAEF announced yesterday. Allied losses were less than one-fifth of enemy casualties.

forces on the northern banks of the Saar River.

Maj. Gen. Lewis E. Hibbs' 63rd Inf. Div., moving east of Sarreguemines, cleared the southwest of Omerschein and battled stubborn enemy resistance in Habkirchen.

Doughs crossed the Blies River, occupied Obergailbach and gained a mile north of the town in fairly heavy fighting. Between Sarreguemines and Titch, other infantry entered Bannbusch and took the town of Weiskirch.

In the Bitch sector, Maj. Gen. W. A. Burress' 100th Inf. Div. ran into strong resistance in clearing the town of Schorbach while Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins' 42nd Inf. Div. reached high ground overlooking the village of Barenthal.

Between the Hardt Mountains and Haguenu, 103rd Div. men advanced more than a mile, rolling into three villages, while Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist's 36th Inf. Div. cleared Bitchhoffen.

Cpl. Barlow Guards Gateway to Success

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., March 16 (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 was addressing Col. Frank Kurtz, CO of Kirtland Field and hero of the book, "Queens Die Proudly," as the colonel started to drive through the exit gate.

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

Strong Air Aid Given Seventh

The new U.S. Seventh Army drive yesterday was accompanied by an air barrage of Ninth and First TAF medium bombers which plowed a furrow of flame from Saarbrücken to the Rhine.

Three hundred medium and light bombers of the Ninth smashed at communications from Saarbrücken to Siegen and plastered strong-points and enemy troop concentrations ahead of advancing Third Army forces south of Coblenz and east of the Trier-Saarburg sector.

First TAF planes flew more than 1,300 sorties over the Seventh Army front, leaving a string of burning villages. Flames spurted from Saarbrücken, industrial capital of the Saar, and pilots reported Homburg, Bitch, Zweibrücken, Surbourg, and Neunkirchen burning.

Pilots of the 19th TAC reported wide confusion in the entire Moselle-Rhine triangle.

Rumania Issue Before Big 3

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP).—The U.S. today invoked the Crimean Charter to call for a Big Three consultation on the troubled political situation in Rumania.

The call was made under the charter provision on joint action, when necessary, to preserve political security and independence of liberated countries and former Axis satellites.

Well-informed sources consider the newly-established Rumanian government of Premier Petru Groza definitely Communist, with only minority support. The Russian press for some time had charged the preceding government of Nicolai Radescu with failure to purge Nazis in high positions and with inability to maintain order.

U.S. Casualties in West Lowest in Three Months

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau WASHINGTON, March 16.—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson revealed today that U.S. ground forces casualties on the Western Front in February were 34,468, the smallest in three months.

The February total on the Western Front includes 4,145 killed, 26,436 wounded, and 3,887 missing.

All Under One Roof

Economic War, Close Up



Berlin Reports Five Scattered Russian Drives

German sources reported last night that the Red Army was carrying out five offensives in widely-scattered areas from the Baltic down into Czechoslovakia, but the front directly east of Berlin was not listed.

The most powerful of the Russian drives, according to the Nazis, was directed against Stettin. Marshal Gregory Zhukov's forces in that sector were reported to have broken into the port's inner defense line.

In Silesia, said a dispatch from Moscow, Marshal Ivan Koniev's troops "are smashing into the depths of Germany."

The other Soviet drives were directed against the German pockets in East Prussia and around Danzig, and against German forces in the Iron River valley of Czechoslovakia.

In Hungary, Soviet troops were counter-attacking German forces still trying to break through to the Danube.

Attack in Stettin Area

In the Stettin area, Zhukov's troops attacked after a heavy artillery bombardment against Germans still holding out on the east side of the Oder River.

Last night's Soviet communique announced the capture of Greifenhagen, on the Oder 12 miles south of Stettin.

The Germans said that a big tank battle was fought on the highway southeast of the Stettin Bridge and that house-to-house fighting raged in the towns of Klebow and Bruenken, the latter only three miles south of the port.

The Silesian battle, according to the Germans, was being fought in three sectors: West of Strumien, on the way to the Moravska-Ostrava gap leading through the Carpathians into Czechoslovakia; on both sides of a Niesse River tributary, west of Oppeln; and north of Ratibor.

Along the Baltic, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's troops drove ahead on the close approaches to Danzig and Gdynia.

The German forces in East Prussia, after being cut into segments by a Third White Russian Army drive to the sea southwest of Koenigsberg, were being battered to pieces by Soviet guns.

Draft Relaxed For Transport

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP).—A threatened transportation breakdown has resulted in the liberalization of draft deferments for railroad, airline and inland waterway workers under 30 years of age. Similar relaxations are in prospect for coal miners and steel workers.

The decision to allow the deferment of additional key workers in the three transportation services, followed the prediction by Col. J. Monroe Johnson, defense transportation director, that the nation's transportation system would not meet the demands upon it this year "unless there is an early improvement in the furnishing of manpower and materials."

Posen's Residents Greet Red Army Tankmen



Soviet tank crewmen get a glad hand from townspeople in one of Posen's main streets after the great fortress city was captured. More than 50,000 Germans became casualties or prisoners in the fight for the Polish city.

Mrs. Roosevelt Says Public Neglects to Study Vet Hospitals

WASHINGTON, March 16 (ANS).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today that the people of the nation have "neglected knowing" what is going on in veterans' hospitals and said they did not have first-hand information of the treatment accorded the nation's wounded and ill heroes.

She made the statement at a press conference when asked to comment on a recent article in a magazine which said that veterans were "getting third-rate medicine for first-rate men."

Asked if she agreed with allegations that the treatment accorded veterans was inadequate or poor, as has been charged in Congress, Mrs. Roosevelt replied: "I'm not going to say anything except that as citizens we should know the veterans' hospitals in the community. We should visit hospitals and pay attention to what we see."

Mrs. Roosevelt also doesn't think that the United States should feed Europe all by itself. Other nations have things to contribute, she told the press conference after she was asked whether she shared the fears that American economy would crack "if we feed Europe."

While on the subject of food, she discussed White House menus. This included the comment that "Spam undisguised" hasn't yet been served in the executive mansion, but she wasn't so sure about disguised forms.

Mrs. Roosevelt said butter had been served in the White House only for breakfast since it first became scarce.

Duke of Windsor To Quit Bahamas Post Next Month

LONDON, March 16.—The Duke of Windsor has resigned as Governor and commander-in-chief of the Bahamas, effective the end of April, the Colonial Office announced last night. He would have completed five years in the post next August.

London newspapers said the duke and the duchess, the former Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, of Baltimore, for whom he abdicated the British throne on Dec. 11, 1936, will live in France.

W. L. Murphy, Colonial Secretary of Bermuda, will succeed to the \$12,000-a-year post.

Luzon General Killed in Action

MANILA, March 16 (ANS).—A Japanese machine-gun burst killed Maj. Gen. Edwin D. Patrick, commander of the U.S. Sixth Div., on Wednesday as he was sitting in a foxhole at the northern end of the Shimbu Line, on Luzon.

Gen. Patrick was the second division commander to be hit on the Shimbu Line. Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge, of the First Cav., is recovering from grenade wounds.

Patrick, 51, was a former chief of staff to Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the Sixth Army in the Philippines. A native of Indiana, Patrick was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1917.

World Labor Delegates To Meet Again in U.S.

NEW YORK, March 16 (Reuter).—Delegates to the World Trades Union Conference in London last month, including CIO representatives, will meet again April 10 in Washington with British, Soviet and French labor representatives.

British Gain in Mandalay
MANDALAY, March 16 (UP).—British and Indian troops control four-fifths of Mandalay, and Japanese-held Fort Dufferin is virtually surrounded.

G5 Moves Into Remagen Area

SHAEF, March 16 (AP).—Military government was established today in the Remagen bridgehead area by spearhead parties of the Army's G5, travelling behind combat units.

This extension of Allied rule across the Rhine, as in the rest of occupied Germany, is intended primarily to further military operations by keeping civilians from interfering with the prosecution of the war.

In Cologne, where military government units established themselves three hours after fighting ceased, the vast task of registering the remaining civilian population, estimated at 100,000—is scheduled to start tomorrow. German police will aid in the work.

A total of 123 members of Cologne's police force are back on the job after being cleared by American investigators as politically unobjectionable. They served under the former police chief ousted by the Nazis in 1933 and reinstated by the Allies.

LONDON, March 16 (AP).—Dingle Foot, back from Berne, Switzerland, where he headed a British trade delegation, said he found a group of German economic experts registered at the hotel in which the British, American and French delegations were quartered. "The hotel manager solved the problem by allotting the first floor to the British, the second to the Americans, the third to the French and the fourth to the Germans," Foot said. "I never saw so many plain-clothesmen in my life. You could not put your head out of your own room door without somebody peering at you over a newspaper."