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Relentless Surge of the Russian Tidal Wave Shown Day by Day



Berlin in Peril, Nazis Say

3rd Crosses Our River Into Reich at 2 Points

U.S. Third Army infantry plunged across the Our River into Germany yesterday and the First Army widened its attack in the snows of eastern Belgium with a new assault east of Malmédy.

In the Alsatian Rhineland, Franco-American troops of Gen. De Montsabert's French Second Corps advanced to within a kilometer of Colmar, key strongpoint in the Germans' trans-Rhine salient between Strasbourg and Mulhouse.

From Third Army, Stars and Stripes Correspondent James Cannon reports that two crossings were made on the Our, which forms the Luxembourg-German border. The doughs made one crossing in the vicinity of Peterskirche and Oberhausen, but the location of the second was not immediately reported.

First Div. Attacks

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan with First Army said that the First Div. kicked off at 20 minutes past midnight yesterday and nine hours later the Third Bn. of its 26th Regt. took Bullingen, 10 miles east of Malmédy. Other First Army infantry, attacking six miles to the south, pressed east of St. Vith for gains up to 3,000 yards.

Along the German-Dutch borders, British Second Army troops were clearing enemy pockets between Heinzberg and Roermond as the Tommies closed up along the Roer and Wurm Rivers. The British operation in this sector is virtually completed.

All along the front from eastern Holland to the Saar the Allies were moving up against Germany's natural and artificial barriers—the Roer River, north of Aachen, and the Siegfried Line to the south.

Regan said First Army forces were within six miles of the Siegfried Line.

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Subasic Told to Form New Yugoslav Regime

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Dr. Ivan Subasic of Yugoslavia today handed his resignation from the Cabinet to King Peter, who accepted it and at the same time charged Subasic with the task of forming a new government.

(An article giving the background of the Yugoslavian crisis, will be found on Page 2.)

Hopkins Here In Pre-Big 3 Meeting Tour

Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's No. 1 adviser, is making a swift tour of Europe in advance of the "Big Three" conferences, it was revealed yesterday.

Hopkins spent five days in London and three in Paris. He told correspondents he might also get to Moscow, but pointed out that flying to the Russian capital was difficult in winter. He emphasized that Soviet leaders knew of his trip.

An indication of the scope of the forthcoming Big Three talks was seen by civilian correspondents in Paris in the nature of Hopkins' talks with Gen. Charles de Gaulle, although French sources said the President's emissary did not invite the French leader to join in the talks.

Hopkins, in his Paris talks, was understood to have received the broad outlines of French desires in the settlement of such questions as controls to be placed on the Ruhr and Rhine industrial basins, territorial changes, and post-war trade facilities intended to rehabilitate France's industry, transportation and agricultural resources.

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Red Soldiers on the Move



Infantrymen of Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army leap from their dugouts to attack a German position shown smoking in the background. Picture received from Moscow by radio.

Red Armies Slash Deep Into Reich

With Posen and Breslau encircled, three Red Army spearheads slashed deep into Germany yesterday, reaching a point only 85 miles from the great port of Stettin as German radio told Berlin citizens that the capital may have to be yielded to the Russians.

Sweeping west from captured Bromberg, the northern wing of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army cut the Berlin-Frankfurt-Danzig railway by encircling the Pomeranian rail junction of Scheidemuhl, then sweeping 30 miles past the border to an undisclosed point 85 miles from Stettin. This report came from the official Soviet News Agency.

Marshal Stalin announced in an Order of the Day that Zhukov's forces had captured Driesen, Woldenberg, Schonlanke, Lukas and Kreuz, all German strongpoints along the German frontier.

Nazis Admit Desperation

A great Zuhkov tank force blasted its way into the area north of Kreuz, also on the Danzig-Berlin railway, 110 miles northeast of Berlin. Further south violent tank battles for the German town of Bentschen raged into the fourth day. The Germans admitted that the Reds had succeeded in breaching the Kreuz-Bentschen line.

German radio, admitting the Wehrmacht was "fighting with sheer desperation," fixed the most dangerous Red Army penetration in the Scheidemuhl zone, where Zhukov's forces, if they continue their present pace, may reach Stettin in a few days and cut off another chunk of the north.

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Jitters Bordering on Panic Reported Gripping Germany

By Carl Larsen
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—News and radio reports reaching here from inside Germany today presented a picture of jitters amounting almost to panic, with huge disorganized flights of civilians from the eastern Reich and hints of local outbreaks against the Nazis. The German radio itself spoke of difficulties in handling thousands fleeing from Berlin, and there was even a report that the German General Staff had advised Hitler to sue for peace.

New Lightnings Carry 4,000 Lb. Bomb Load

BURBANK, Calif., Jan. 29 (AP).—The newest model of the Lightning fighter-bomber, known as the P38L or "On to Tokyo" model, can carry a bomb load of 4,000 pounds, the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. has disclosed with army approval.

The new model, which is the 18th version of the Lightning in six years, travels more than 425 MPH, has a range of more than 3,000 miles and a service ceiling exceeding 40,000 feet.

A neutral diplomat arriving in Stockholm from Berlin told a London Daily Mail correspondent that Adolf Hitler has refused the general staff's recommendation that he ask for an armistice. The Stockholm dispatch said the general staff is no longer holding itself responsible for a situation beyond its control.

Observers warned that such reports should be taken with caution, since Germany's propaganda (Continued on Page 8)

80,000 Troops In U.S. Switched To the Infantry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (ANS).—The War Department today emphasized the need for more infantrymen with the announcement that 55,000 men from the Air Forces and 25,000 from service units had been transferred to the ground forces.

The announcement said that the troops would be given six weeks special training at camps in the U.S. to fit them for service with ground commands. The WD emphasized that with approaching victory the mission of the infantry is becoming more important since the culminating factor of all successful wars is infantry action.

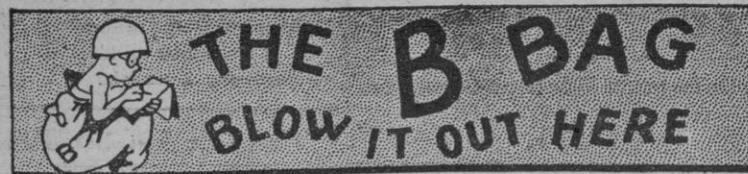
Noncoms, it was said, will be given an additional six weeks training to qualify them for infantry duty commensurate with their grade.

Man and Machine Team Up to Help Clear the Enemy From Belgian Soil



With tanks backing them up, armored infantrymen prepare to fight their way forward with the Third Army in the Belgian zone.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo



Here's That Man Again

Gee whiz! When I wrote to you about me not getting cough drops in double wrapper cellophane bags and you called me shades of gangrene or something, I sure never thought I'd get so many nice answers.

And I reckon I owe lots of thanks to the chaplain and the sergeant and the corporal who sent me some coughdrops—they worked so good I took up cigarettes. Ain't used to them yet, though—can't make the smoke come out anywhere but my ears.

And to the fellow who said: "Of all the petty things you take the paper bathtub." Okay, I'll take it, but I got a helluva lot of stuff to carry already.

And to the fellow who said I got an IQ of minus 56—I don't know what this IQ thing is, but since I've had pimples I may just as well have an IQ, long as it and the bathtub don't wear me down too much.

Truth is, my pimples are just about gone since I quit using soap. But now I got red spots on my—well, I got red spots.

About this demoralization plan. Fellows in my outfit say guys like me should go home first. Most of them say guys like me never should have come over. And my CO says I'm the reason for birth control, so that ought to get me a few points.

And another thing. I ain't got no bitch about not being issued whiskey. Ever since I was four years old I ain't been able to touch the stuff. Fact is, asking me to take a drink would be like asking Roosevelt to be Vice-President for a while.

And I want to get it straight about my initials. They ain't "W. M. N." like you printed. The right ones are "W. N. M." Stands for "Wilbur Niddle Mmmm." Some folks think my middle name is sort of funny.

And another thing. One of the soldiers who answered me said I ought to be in the front lines. Well, I don't know just how far up front I am, but every time they go out on a patrol they don't take me with them. They bring me back.—Wilbur, Inf.

He Should Squawk

To the suffering soldier long accustomed to the dehydrated variety with which he must of necessity be content, a fresh egg is a jewel—precious, superb—worthy of the utmost effort on the part of mess personnel.

They mutilate, torture and destroy them until in anguish the eggs surrender the yolk and become indistinguishable from their dehydrated cousins.

There ought to be an AR.—T/3 M. W. G. Sig. Co.

Our Foreign Policy

I find that the three soldiers (B-Bag letter "Holier than thou"), who accuse the State Department of an isolationist policy with regard to the recent dissension and civil war in Greece, are, themselves, confused, shortsighted and misinformed. However, I think that they share the same hopes for the future of the world as people who outline their opinions in a more progressive light.

They are right in stating that we, as a nation, were isolationist, that we should not have been in order to avoid the present world war, and that we must never be again, if we are to have peace.

They are confused when they speak of Britain's interests and America's interests, and to guess their mind, the world's interests. From the outcome, or development of the Greek situation (The Stars and Stripes, Dec. 31) with the appointment of the Regency, it is evident that Britain is less concerned with her "position" in the Mediterranean than with the establishment of popular and democratic government in an independent Greece.

Interests Coincide

That is also our interest, to see that liberal politics prevail there. British and U.S. interests coincide, and from that starting point all other interests can be settled, al-

though they may not coincide at first.

They are shortsighted in believing that world peace will be assured, or even maintained, by pitting Great Britain and the U.S. against the rest of the world in their "balance of power." That might be a remedy, an antidote, but no cure, no solution. And what of the Russians, Chinese, Arabs, East Indians, South Americans, the blacks and whites of Africa? Will they stand and watch the U.S. and the British bake and eat the cake?

They are misinformed when they assume that the civil war in Greece is an attempt at a coup d'Etat by Greek Communists. The Communists are only one of the left-wing political parties of the EAM with the common goal of keeping a Fascist regime from their country. They do not want fascism, be it in the form of a dictatorship or a monarchy. They are rid of the Nazis; they do not want their pre-war neo-Fascist government back in power.

Just Like Spain

The Greek situation closely parallels the one in Spain. While the Red-baiting, Fascist press cried "Kremlin" Republicans fought side by side with Communists to keep popular and democratic government. Today, the misinformed of yesterday know the truth of that struggle. Must we view this struggle in Greece with the Red bogie again marring our vision? To be really conscious of our world responsibilities we must first understand that our fight is against Fascism in its every form and aspect and that hands off does not necessarily mean eyes closed.—Cpl. H. L., Ln Sqn.

How Not to Make Error

Officers should tell their men—how not to make a mistake—instead of how not to have made a mistake. Enough said.—Lt. F. A. M., QM.

Agrees With Teacher

In answer to Pvt. J. B. on "What in Hell is this—Kindergarten?" I agree with your CO 100 percent. If you can't remember a simple challenge, you should have to write it many more times than just "many." Here it would have cost you worse. No, we're not trigger-happy, just a bunch, that believes in keeping Jerry in his place.—Cpl. C. W. P., Rangers.

No! No!

Dear C.W.O.N. Fuerman: Your suggestion stinks. I've put use of antifreeze on windshields "off limits." In no time I'd have trouble with radiators clogged with particles of rags, lowering of antifreeze protection by adding water, and damaged radiators from use of greasy rags. Just open the hood a little at windshield end, say an inch. It can be done on jeeps, commands and 2 1/2 cargos.—S/Sgt. N. James, FA.

Up Front With Mauldin



An Editorial



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Background of the News

Peter... Subasic... and Tito

When 21-year-old King Peter of Yugoslavia dismissed his Premier, Dr. Ivan Subasic, in London last week, it served again to bring the problems of that country to the attention of those interested in the shaping of postwar Europe. And once more Josep Broz was in the news.

Time was when headlines regularly proclaimed the exploits of Josep Broz. He was described as a guerrilla leader colorfully nicknamed "Tito," who lived in a mountain lair and who under the nose of a Nazi occupation army organized a gigantic resistance movement which slowly but surely was reclaiming the country for the people who lived in it.

Picture Appeared Changed

But with the liberation of Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, on Oct. 20, the drama of Tito and his Yugoslav Committee of Liberation seemed closed. Yet, those who cared remembered that while Tito held power in Yugoslavia there was an Allied-recognized Yugoslav government in London.

Whether Tito, an admitted Communist, and King Peter, who had once supported the now-discredited Chetniks, avowed enemy of the Tito forces, could get together was an interesting question. About two months ago that ques-

tion seemed to have been answered. Announcement was made of an agreement between Dr. Subasic, Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Yugoslav government, and Marshal Josep Broz, president of the National Committee of Liberation, which would hold until a constituent assembly could be formed to decide the form of post-war government Yugoslavia desired.

Three Groups Represented

Under the terms of the agreement, an Anti-Fascist Council of Liberation would be the legislative body. The three nationalities of Yugoslavia, the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, would be represented in a three-man regency. Both Tito and Dr. Subasic would be members of the regency, it was understood (terms of the agreement were never officially announced).

It was considered a major diplomatic triumph for the Yugoslav Premier, since Tito, with strong support from the Soviet Union, held the actual reins of government in Belgrade. In addition, both the U.S. and Great Britain indicated their approval. It appeared for a while that the major problem of Yugoslavia's government had been settled.

His Confidence Shaken

Suddenly last week, King Peter dismissed Dr. Subasic. He said he had "lost confidence" in his Premier. He said he didn't like the agreement on coalition government because he feared that it would transfer power to a single political group during the period before elections could be held. He apparently feared Communist control, although that party had received only four of 17 seats on a proposed ruling council.

King Peter's action was greeted immediately with disapproval on many sides. It was pointed out he had ousted Dr. Subasic without consulting Prime Minister Churchill. The Herald-Tribune reporter in London said the King had yielded to "what are generally assumed to be reactionary influences," pointing out that Dr. Milan Groll,

Serbian Democratic party leader who was strongly anti-Tito, was being suggested for the premiership.

Subasic Ouster Questioned

By the end of the week, it appeared that King Peter didn't command enough political strength to follow through his move. Dr. Subasic, it was reported in London, had been assured that he could go ahead with plans to move his government to Belgrade with complete confidence in its being recognized by Great Britain. There was even some question raised as to the legality of the Subasic ouster, since Great Britain was said to have recognized the government of Yugoslavia and not the King as such.

Of the three figures involved, Marshal Tito was the last to speak. Declaring he had made every effort to reach a political agreement with Peter, he charged the King with not wanting an agreement but being interested only in his throne.

'Not Honest Politics'

"I understand that," he continued, "but when the King takes upon himself the right, after all that has happened in Yugoslavia during the past four years, to doubt whether we have a democracy and that the people must determine the kind of freedom they must have, that is not honest politics but machinations aimed at creating confusion and civil war."

The Herald Tribune in New York described King Peter's action as resembling "King Canute's in telling the waves to go back." The Russian Communist Party organ, Pravda, commented, "There can be no question of a Yugoslav government crisis so long as Subasic and Tito are in agreement on fundamental internal problems. The present Yugoslav trouble is King Peter's personal crisis only."

However, the London Daily Mail said that the question would certainly come up in the forthcoming Big Three conference. And at least one commentator said that the situation might even turn into "a second Poland."

Checking Use Of U.S. Clothing

NORMANDY BASE SECTION, Jan. 29.—Regulations prohibiting the unauthorized wearing of U.S. military clothing by civilians here are being rigidly enforced by French civil and military police in co-operation with American Army and Navy police. Teams making tours of inspection are paired, one French and one American.

Civilian employees in military agencies may wear military clothing provided they have a signed certificate of authorization from the employing unit stating what clothing was issued. Needy French civilians may wear U.S. Army shoes if they are classified as salvage and were authorized by proper organizations.

French military personnel may wear American Army uniforms, provided they have a special insignia.

GI Rail Crew Saves Gasoline

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES.—A quick-thinking five-man GI train crew saved nearly a million gallons of gasoline from fire by moving four trains of tank cars to safety at a large dump in France recently.

The trains, with nearly 200 loaded tank cars, were standing near a siding when the fire broke out nearby. The five U. S. soldiers from Co. C, 733rd Railway Operating Bn., coupled a locomotive to one train and moved it to safety.

They returned three times to haul three other trains from the danger area.

The crew consisted of: Sgt. Sam C. Robinson, Montgomery, Ala.; Sgt. William F. Rooney, Chicago; Ira M. Hold, Flomaton, Ala.; Pfc Alvin S. Howard, Temple, Texas, and Pfc Raymond E. Shipp, Elsinore, Mo.

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This Was America Yesterday:

Compulsory Training Proposal Wins OK of Women Legislators

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Two women Republicans in the House today strongly endorsed President Roosevelt's proposal for one year's compulsory military training after the war. They were Reps. Clare Boothe Luce (R.-Conn) and Frances P. Bolton, (R.-Ohio).

"If peace with justice could soon come as a result of victory; if we could devise and stay in a perfect collective security plan," Mrs. Luce said, "then we Americans could consider wholesale disarmament and demilitarization. But none of these things, unfortunately, are certain." She urged peacetime military training as a precaution "against a country which has taken this precaution."

THIS morning Vice-President Harry S. Truman flew from Washington to Kansas City to mourn at the grave of his friend and former political mentor, Thomas J. Pendergast. Pendergast started Truman on the way up in politics, wielded tremendous power in Kansas City, and ended up in jail on income-tax charges. With the Vice-President at the graveside were mourners of all denominations, many who had never lost faith in him. Truman himself said, "He was my friend and I was his."

An Army pilot got a surprise in Tampa, Fla., he purchased a toy plane for his small son's birthday, and as he left the store, the clerk called him back. "I guess I'd better show you how to work it," she said.

NINE-year-old Jacqueline Wrenn, of Boston, is going to show 'em something about a citizen's rights. The city council proposed shooting animals at Franklin Park Zoo and using the maintenance money for playgrounds, but none of this for blue-eyed Jacqueline. She charges many of the animals were bought with children's pennies "and they belong to us as much as the city council." She has organized local children, and warns, "If Councilor Keenan sees our gang coming he'd better watch out!"

By the way, could you imagine that happening in Germany?

Maine Lobster Fishermen Hit Jackpot

GOOD news from Portland, Me. A near-record catch probably brought Maine lobster fishermen their highest income in history. They caught 14,500,000 lbs., and the market price was 28 cents a pound.

IN Forrest City, Ark., fire destroyed the high school, erected in 1931 at an estimated cost of \$200,000. Churches and an armory are expected to provide a temporary location for classes. The fire started in the cafeteria.

In Canon City, Colo., death has taken J. B. Smith, 102, who said he was a soldier guard on the platform where Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address.

MEMPHIS, Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., have received Federal approval for construction of 850 dwelling units to relieve wartime congestion. Memphis will get 350, Nashville 275, and Chattanooga 225 homes. The units will be for sale for not over \$7,500, and rents will run from \$30 to \$60 a month.

IN Santa Fe, N.M., Edmund Delgado, 12, who collects army insignia, has a rare addition to his collection. The boy wrote Gen. Eisenhower, asking for a facsimile of the Supreme Commander's sleeve insignia, and also told the general about losing a brother in the war. He received the insignia, with a personal letter expressing sympathy.

At Harding Field, Baton Rouge, La., T/Sgt. Henry I. Harvey, 60, claims the shortest retirement record in history, approximately 15 seconds. After 32 years of Army service, discharge papers came through for Harvey but a few paragraphs later in the same order was his recall to active duty.

OLD Debbil Rum isn't even getting a friendly nod from Texas Methodists and Baptists. Dallas retail liquor dealers presented Southern Methodist University with a check for \$30,000, but it has been sent back to them, as has a check for \$25,000 sent to Baylor Baptist Institution. On the other hand, St. Paul's Catholic Hospital says it has no intention of turning down the liquor dealers' \$10,000 check.

Cadets Get Taste of Life Overseas

THE war, it appears, is hitting West Point. Cadets are now having to use ration cards for cigarettes, and they are allowed to buy only one pack daily—probably toughening them up for overseas duty. American children are having some of the burden of war lifted from their lives, however. All day suckers—unobtainable since the war began—are on the way back—Cuban candy manufacturers plan immediate export of lollypops.

Women's corner: Cpl. Horace Bonsey, of Cambridge, Mass., didn't mind his wife whistling around the house, he told the divorce judge, but became annoyed when she directed her whistling at other men. Mrs. Delecia Allard, who works in a Detroit ordnance depot, looked at a combat-scarred half-track. It bore a familiar name—that of her son, Robert Allard, wounded in Germany Nov. 27.

IDAHO state legislators—salary \$5.00 per day—complain that a restaurant in Boise displays this sign: "Wanted, Dishwasher, \$5.00 a Day and Board." It may enrage the legislators, but it puts KP on a professional status.

PRESS agency wires burned with quotations from a Stars and Stripes editorial pointing out that soldiers at the front lack furs. It was noticeable here that Manhattan's most advertised furrier, issued the following advertisement: "Tomorrow, Monday, Only. Ten AM to Nine PM—Three extra shopping hours for the convenience of war workers and others who cannot shop during the day."

IN Seattle, German-born Otto Kalbe, 76, butcher and former ship's cook, left his estate of \$3,000 to the U.S.A. He was grateful for privileges of citizenship, said he, wanted to help "the boys."

Last of 25 Escaped Nazis Is Captured in Phoenix

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 29 (ANS).—Capt. Jurgen Wattenberg, U-boat officer and former navigation officer of the Nazi warship Admiral Graf Spee, who with 24 others escaped from the Papago Park PW camp Dec. 24, was recaptured here yesterday through the alertness of a city street department employee who suspected his accent. Wattenberg was the last of 25 U-boat officers to be retaken after their escape through a laboriously excavated tunnel.

ATC Poll in Miami Finds 'GI Joe' Tag Okay

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 29 (ANS).—More than half the men polled by Air Transport Command's PRO here on their reaction to being called "GI Joe" preferred it to "buddy" or "soldier." One young infantryman preparing for his second tour of duty said "the term invariably is used as a mark of respect or friendliness." One thing most soldiers agreed upon was that "Joe" was one word which natives all over the world seemed able to pronounce.

2 Dead, 15 Missing in Ohio Hotel Fire



In Lima, Ohio, firemen pour water into the Milner Hotel (formerly the Norval) as the structure went up in flames, two weeks ago. Three other buildings also burned in same fire.

Col. Roosevelt Makes His Train, Denies He Asked It Held Up

CHICAGO, Jan. 29 (ANS).—The Union Pacific's crack streamliner, The City of Los Angeles, had made up by this morning the hour and seven minutes it lost when it was held here Saturday night to permit Col. James Roosevelt of the Marines and his wife to make connections, but it remained undecided today who had asked that the train be delayed, the Associated Press reported.

E. W. Everson, assistant stationmaster of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, said that the request came in the form of a telegram bearing James Roosevelt's name. Everson said that Col. Roosevelt and his wife were enroute from Washington to Chicago on Pennsylvania Railroad's Manhattan Limited to make connection with The City of Los Angeles, but that the Chicago-bound train was six and a half hours behind schedule because of weather conditions.

In Salt Lake City, where he was interviewed Sunday night aboard The City of Los Angeles, Col. Roosevelt asserted that he "didn't ask to have the train held," and added that "It must have been the conductor of the Manhattan Limited." The conductor said he had sent no telegram, and Pullman Company officials could not be reached to determine if the request for a delay was made by a Pullman conductor.

Everson said that the delaying of a train departure was "not common but not unusual." He also said: "If it had been any other Army, Navy or Marine high officer making the request, we would have done the same thing."

Other Nations Get Canada Air Rights

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (ANS).—Canada has agreed to permit transoceanic planes of other nations to cross its territory and make refueling stops at its airports—an action that might put such cities as Chicago and Detroit on direct routes to Europe.

C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Reconstruction, yesterday announced the Dominion's adherence to the agreement drafted at the International Civil Aviation Conference at Chicago last fall. It grants right of transit and technical stops.

Howe's announcement followed a two-day U.S.-Canada civil aviation conference at which the two nations drafted an agreement to continue existing cross-border air routes and to allocate new ones.

Navy Fliers in Crackup; Pay Fare Back to Base

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 29 (ANS).—A serviceman wrote the Miami Herald Saturday that a bus-driver who picked up three Navy fliers after their plane crashed into the sea near the Overseas Highway collected fares before bringing them to Miami.

The serviceman said the driver stopped the bus and waited while the fliers made their way from the partly submerged plane to shore and then collected \$2.13 in fare from each of them.

A Florida Motor Lines bus-driver, W. G. Lindsey, said he had collected the fares only after he had told the airmen that he would be glad to have his company "bill the Navy Department."

English Cousin Wills \$2,000,000 to Ex-GI

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (ANS).—Jack Curtiss, 22-year-old medically discharged Army sergeant who before the war helped his father on the Curtiss farm in Fayetteville, Ark., announced today he had inherited \$2,000,000 from a British cousin. Curtiss hadn't seen his relative, 70-year-old Fordis Roberson, an importer and exporter, since 1934.

WLB Looks To Congress In Ward Case

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (ANS).—The War Labor Board, alarmed by the potentialities of the Chicago Federal Court decision in the Montgomery Ward seizure, looked to Congress today to clothe President Roosevelt with authority to enforce peaceful settlement of all labor disputes and hoped that labor, meanwhile, would "keep its feet on the ground," the United Press reported.

The court decision invalidated the government's seizure of Ward properties on the grounds that they are not war plants, and raised the prospect that thousands of non-war businesses dealing with labor through WLB directives might challenge the board's authority. If that occurred, one WLB source said, labor might be provoked into work stoppages that would seriously impair war production.

Powers Must Be Defined

WLB Chairman William H. Davis was represented as feeling that it has now become the duty of Congress to underwrite the President's wartime right to take over any property, whether it is a war plant or not, to stave off a prospective national crisis.

He is also said to feel that Congress must define the board's powers by statute, the issue being whether the WLB will settle all disputes or only those in war plants, while others are fought to a finish on a strike or lockout basis.

Some board members are portrayed as not being optimistic over Attorney General Francis Biddle's chances of winning a reversal of the Chicago court ruling. The UP said it was informed that Biddle probably would seek a writ of certiorari in the circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago this week, so that the case could be taken directly to the Supreme Court for a final decision.

It is doubtful, the UP said, that Congress will act before the high tribunal has reviewed the issue, and it is conjectural how the legislators would react if the court sustained the Chicago ruling.

Labor Draft Measure Nears Debate in House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (ANS).—A streamlined "work or jail" bill to force every man between 18 and 45 into the war effort was ready for the House floor today amid indications that by the end of the week it will be staggering under a load of controversial amendments, the United Press reported.

Although the measure has been approved by the House Military Affairs Committee and given a green light by the Rules Committee, Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) of the Military Affairs group, admitted it will have a stormy reception.

New Honor for Ike

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (ANS).—A resolution honoring Gen. Eisenhower as "Kansas' Distinguished Son" was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Kansas Society of New York.

Confirmation of Wallace appeared

to hang on the ability of pro-Wallace and administration forces to win passage of a bill offered by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) that would keep Federal loan operations out of Wallace's jurisdiction.

Wallace May Go to the People If Senate Denies Him New Job

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (ANS).—Former Vice-President Henry A. Wallace is prepared to place the issue before the people if the Senate refuses to confirm his nomination to be Secretary of Commerce, it was disclosed today.

According to the United Press, a reliable source said that despite apparently overwhelming opposition, Wallace does not plan to withdraw his name to save himself and President Roosevelt further embarrassment. Instead, he will "stay in and pitch" until the Senate has decided whether he is competent to fill the post.

Has Faith in His Case

The United Press informant portrayed Wallace as feeling that even if the Senate rebuffs him, he will have an airtight case to lay before the thousands of people who have supported him in the past, and that consequently his stature as a national political figure will increase rather than diminish.

He is said to feel that the main issue—"the common man versus capitalism"—between him and ousted Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones, has been clearly drawn and will give him a strong talking point by radio and through newspapers.

Confirmation of Wallace appeared to hang on the ability of pro-Wallace and administration forces to win passage of a bill offered by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) that would keep Federal loan operations out of Wallace's jurisdiction.

Their strategy is that opposition to Wallace will decrease if there is some assurance that he will have no control over the multi-billion-dollar Reconstruction Finance Corp. and allied lending agencies controlled by Jones before he was ousted.

The United Press said that rejection of the nomination seems almost certain if Wallace's opponents are able to force a vote on confirmation before the George bill is considered.

Senators who are opposed to Wallace under any circumstances want action on the nomination while their forces are at peak strength. They concede him a good chance of confirmation if loan operations are taken away from the Department of Commerce.

Wallace's nomination and the George bill may not come up in the Senate until Wednesday. Meanwhile, there was talk that Stabilization Director Fred Vinson might be President Roosevelt's choice for Federal loan chief if the Senate knocks Wallace out of the job.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

TWO recent happenings in the Second Inf. of the Fifth Inf. Div. rightly belong in the "Add Fodder for Ripley" department. Attacking a woods northeast of Condorf, Luxembourg, S/Sgt. Herbert Schlimbach, of Chicago, was leading his squad when it came under a screaming-meemie barrage. Schlimbach is not certain what happened, except that he was blown in the air, came down unhurt, picked himself up and continued the attack.

His squad says a screaming-meemie shell landed in front of Schlimbach and when the smoke cleared, there he stood in the crater, motioning them to follow him into the attack. His mates couldn't believe their eyes, but outside of being dirtied and shaken up, the Co. K sergeant remained unharmed.

The second happening involved Pfc Anthony E. Murphy, of Co. G, Second Inf., who stepped on a Teller mine and lived to tell about it. The mine exploded behind Murphy as he ran across a street in Berdorf, and literally ripped the coat from his back. However, before the company medic could reach him, Murphy got up, brushed himself off, and walked to the aid station. Medics described his experience as a one-in-a-million happening.

The boys in the Ninth Inf. Div.'s 26th FA Bn.'s service battery have a "going-home pool" into which each man puts half a dollar weekly. The lucky guy selected to go home under the new ETO furlough plan takes the pot. As soon as one man drains the pool on his way to the States, another is started. S/Sgt. Lewis L. Ortiz, of Bethel, Va., says, "We have no use for the money here, but the guy going home can use it!"

THOSE "Maytag Messerschmitt" men have done it again! A couple of observers on a reconnaissance flight in a cub of a FA Op. saw a German plane shot down and watched the pilot bail out. They followed his descent and landed in a nearby field to take him prisoner.

But after Lt. Vernon Nyvall, of Longville, Minn., and Lt. Max Yeter, of Decatur, Mich., had searched the Jerry, they were stumped for a means of getting him to a PW cage. They couldn't leave their plane, and they didn't have room to take the Jerry along. Their problem was solved; an officer and a couple of EM came along. Nyvall and Yeter turned over their prisoner, waved goodbye and took off to continue their reconnaissance flight.

LEADING his squad of sniper-hunting 137th Regt. infantrymen along a Sarreguemines street, S/Staff Sergeant Clyde Staley, of Louisville, Ky., heard a whirring noise behind him. He turned to find a German airplane on the street. He turned to find a German airplane on the street. He turned to find a German airplane on the street.

Real, hell! Sgt. Staley responded. "What do you think this is, a movie set?"

Bastogne Is Dead, But Pride Lives Amid the Ruins

WITH U.S. THIRD ARMY, Bastogne, Jan. 29.—Grime-darkened snow covers the ruins of Bastogne. It is a dead city wearing a dirty shroud. "Few towns took a worse beating than Bastogne in this war," L/Lt. Sherman Hoyt, of Cooperstown, N.Y., the Civil Affairs officer, said today, a month after the relief of the city. "I would say Bastogne is 100 percent damaged. Not a house escaped repair-hurt. Fifty percent of the place is beyond repair—completely destroyed."

Once there were 6,000 here. Now only 1,500 of our people remain," said M. Lison, Jacquemin, the acting burgemeister of Bastogne, a haggard loose-toothed man of great pride.

The electric system and the water system are destroyed, Jacquemin said. "There is little fuel and many houses have no roofs."

Women waited in a shivering queue as soldiers tried to break loose a frozen well. In a big lot, children crowded around a fire where service troops warmed themselves.

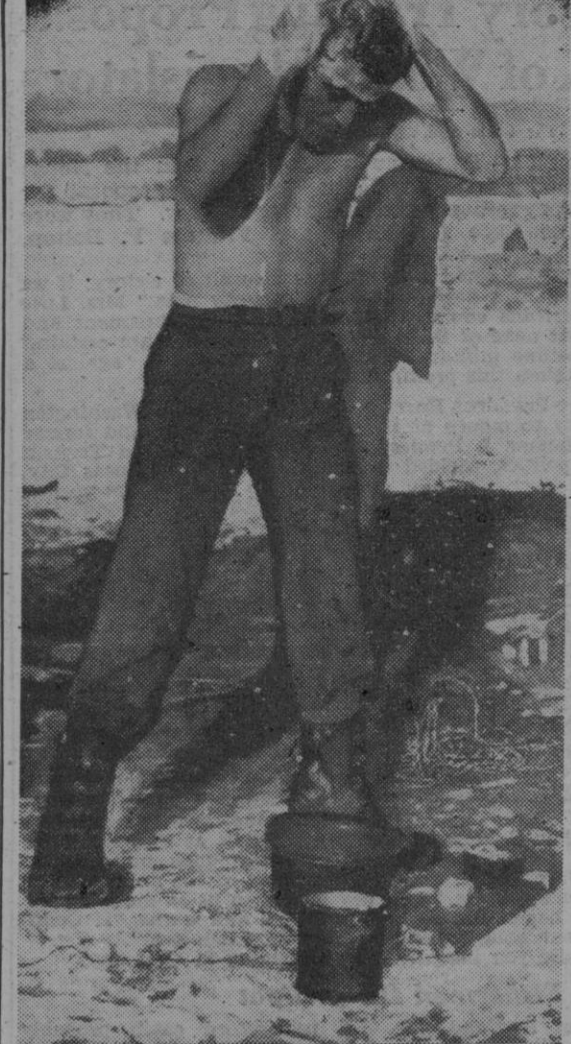
The three churches are no more. Not a store is open in Bastogne. We have little food and there is no place to honor our guest who is here to help us."

In the convent's kitchen, Comte de la Barre d'Erguelinnes, Belgian Minister of Agriculture, making an inspection tour, ate lunch with his overcoat on. "But it is better to have it this way with the people here." An old man and his pride were a very good thing to see in the dead city.

Just then, L/Lt. Charles Weaver, the safety officer, came in to report that a German civilian had blown his face off while trying to throw a grenade at two American soldiers on the outskirts of the town. He died soon after, Weaver said, but even with his face gone he could curse the victors of Bastogne.

Yank 'Wild Man' Saved Bastogne, German PWs Say

Californians' Way?



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo. Not far from his howitzer, Pvt. John S. Aguilar, an artilleryman from San Bernardino, Cal., strips to the waist to give himself a shampoo in the snow.

GI Cowboys Corral Beef On Luxembourg Battlefield

WITH THE 90TH INF. DIV., Jan. 29.—Texas and Oklahoma soldiers in the 90th forgot the war for a couple of hours as they staged an impromptu rodeo to help round up scores of stray cattle—as well as a few sheep, horses and oxen—which civilians of a little Luxembourg town had held behind.

Sergeant to CO In Three Days

WITH 26th (YANKEE) INF. DIV., Luxembourg.—Paul F. Moize, of Durham, N.C., went from sergeant to company commander in three days.

He led his company, spearheading a battalion attack, made his own reconnaissance, knocked out all the enemy positions and led the battalion to its objective—in his first action as CO.

Hopes to Be in Clover

They Can't Fly in this Weather? That's What You Think!

Returned Furlongees Report: Beer Cold, Girls Still Pretty, But U.S. Knows There's War

WITH THIRD DIV., Jan. 29.—When Ray Hammerstrom and Bill Underwood, of an anti-aircraft unit, returned to the war—first GIs from this division to be furloughed back to the States—they were singing the blues loud and hard.

Busting NCOs For VD Alone Now Ruled Out

Contraction of VD is not in itself sufficient reason to break a noncom to private, but he can be broken if his efficiency is proved to be impaired by the disease, the Inspector General's Department here has ruled.

Hard to Get There, Too

Took Rommel on Ride—But Not Right Kind

Encircled GIs Smash Way Out

Yanks Adopt Dog After Howl Leads to Capture of Foe

Flat Trajectory Fire From Mortars Routs Foe

In Mute Accord, Foes Share Foxhole

Nazis Plant Big One—But Trucks Keep Rollin' Along



Turning the earth "upside down" for a few seconds, a German shell lands directly in the path of an American truck convoy moving up on the Italian front. This unusual picture was taken by an Army Signal Corps cameraman.

Pair of Tankers Go AWOL—To Get Back Into Battle

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 29.—Pvt. Fred W. Burton, of the Bronx, hopes the reinforcement depot will not be too down on him for missing a few of its lessons. Burton came overseas 22 months ago and fought as a tanker in Africa and as an artilleryman at Anzio, where he was wounded. He felt that dry running was a little repetitious for him at this stage of the game.

Troop Trains Add Hot Meals

U.S. Army reinforcements riding up to the front in continental trains are getting hot food as a result of kitchen-car innovations instituted by Com Z officials.

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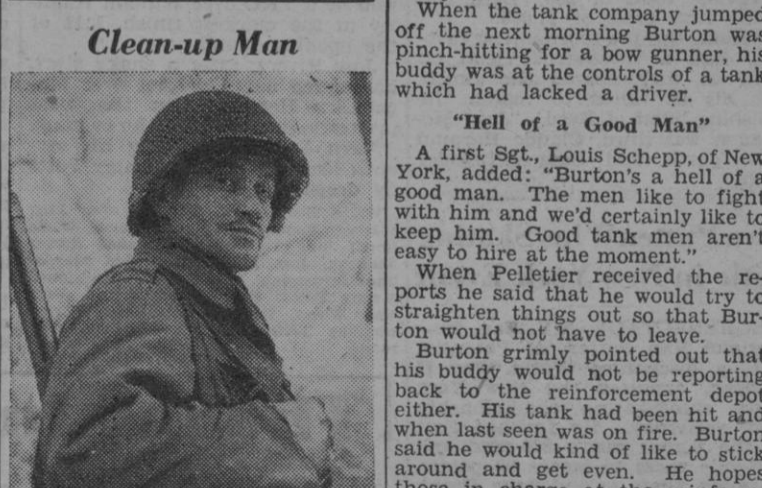
WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 29.—Lt. Tasker Ridle, maintenance officer of a Seventh Army tank company, took Field Marshal Erwin Rommel for a ride back in 1938—but not the right kind of a ride.

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Pfc Arlie Cullers, of Bellance, Va., wiped out a squad of German Small-arms fire from his position in Rochefort, Belgium, during the counter-offensive. Co. B, First Bn., 329th Regt. of the 83rd Inf. Div., of which Cullers is a member, repulsed the attacks and held out in the Belgian town for two days until relieved by a British unit.

Behind the Sports Headlines

OTTO GRAHAM, one of the best all-around athletes of recent years, has stowed football togs away and now is leading the North Carolina Pre-Flight basketball team . . . A fellow prisoner, who escaped three months ago and got to Allied lines, has revealed that Mario "Motts" Tonelli, Notre Dame's All-America fullback in 1938, who has been a Jap prisoner since Bataan, is still alive . . . Tex Warrington, Auburn's All-America football center last year, has turned down several pro football offers. He wants a career in pro baseball, since he is a star pitcher as well as a great grid center . . . Arturo Godoy, South American heavyweight champ, who twice lost to Joe Louis, will come back late this month for another fling at American boxing circles . . . In the last four years, Puerto Rico's annual government appropriation for sports has increased from \$11,000 to almost a half million . . . Clinton, Iowa, with only two high schools in town, saw both finish with unbeaten, untied football records. . . Penn State's varsity basketball squad of 15 men has eight former high school captains in the group. Only one is on the first string.

WHEN you think of Eastern Intercollegiate basketball, you automatically think of Dartmouth, as the Indians have won the championship the last seven years in a row. But a little delving into the records shows that Penn leads the loop in championships—12 to Dartmouth's eight . . . Little Gulfstream Park in Florida is having the last laugh on the racing bigwigs. When the track opened its 20-day meeting, big track operators predicted it would be a losing venture and the track would fold before the 20 days were up. Gulfstream not only completed the meeting, but made a neat profit and was the only Florida track to go all the way before the government clamped down . . . The Woman's International Bowling Congress, which previously had purchased a Douglas ambulance plane, an A20 attack bomber and a mobile field ambulance, made the armed forces another present of a \$60,000 Douglas ambulance plane on Christmas Day . . . Only 12 unassisted double plays by catchers have been recorded in the major leagues in 43 years.

THE CAMP Lee Travelers, who won only four of nine football games last season, claim to have outdrawn every other grid team in Virginia in 1944, collegiate or service. The Travelers played to 93,400 fans . . . Capt. Tom Mann, former Purdue athlete, who rang up ten kills as a Marine fighter pilot in the Pacific, is back trying to win a place on the Jacksonville Air Station basketball team . . . The recent Keesler Field GI golf tournament drew entries from 310 men and the winner, Pfc Babe Lind, came from as far away as Bergstrom Field, Tex.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Gov. Chauncey Sparks favors the renewed grid rivalry between Alabama and Auburn only when the two schools agree on it and not because the legislature wants the game. Sparks' comment arose when it was learned that the Alabama legislature was considering a bill to force the annual meeting between the two state schools, who dropped the rivalry several years ago. Sparks said he'd veto that bill the minute it hits his desk . . . BROWNWOOD Texas—Little Howard Payne college got tired of the claims of other schools who have preachers as members of their basketball teams and released their own roster to the public. Of nine men on the squad, eight are ministers. The forwards are Rev. Lewis and Rev. Dobbs, center is Rev. Tension and the guards are Rev. Barrow and Rev. Yoes. The only non-cleric is Jimmy Knight, a Pre-Med student.

SHORTSHOTS—Pennsylvania's basketball team has a unique pair pounding the hoops this year. Two of the starting five are former captains of other college teams. Howie Dellmar, six-foot-six-inch center, and one of the Quaker aces, formerly captained Stanford of the Pacific Coast Conference, and Bert Fugler, a guard, was captain of the American University team in Washington, D.C. . . . Penn State and Michigan State have scheduled a football game for next season, marking the first time since 1925 the two schools will have met . . . The Brooklyn Football Dodgers, who dropped \$62,000 in 1943, changed their name to Tigers for the past season and went into the red even more . . . If Ford Frick should get Judge Landis's job, there is a boom on to make Bill Brandt, National League publicity head, president of the senior circuit.

Byrd Triumphs 2 Knockouts In Texas Open On Paris Card

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 29.—Sammy Byrd, former New York Yankee outfielder noted for his steady, though not spectacular golf, captured the 17th annual Texas Open golf tournament here yesterday. Byrd nosed out Byron Nelson by one stroke by carding a three-under-par 66 on the last round for a 72-hole total of 268. Byrd collected first prize of \$1,000. Nelson, the pre-tournament favorite, had a three-stroke lead on Byrd as they neared the finish, but his 68 failed to match the finishing burst of Byrd. "Jug" McSpaden was third, Claude Harmon was fourth and Sam Schreider fifth.

Van Putten Wins Skating Title in New York Event

SCHENECTADY, N.Y., Jan. 29.—Harman Van Putten, of Paterson, N.J., a discharged World War II veteran, captured the New York State speedskating championship here yesterday. He finished first in the Senior men's 880-yard and one-mile races to amass 90 points, 50 more than second-place Frank Briggs, of New York City. Marion Hanley, 19-year-old skater, won the women's title.

An Assist for Hextall

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—The St-Catherine's Senior Club has filed a certificate with the Ontario Hockey Association which, if approved, will permit Bryan Hextall, former New York Rangers' star, to return to action in the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. Hextall, a Saskatchewan farmer, was refused permission to cross the border and play with the Rangers this season because of the manpower regulations. He's been working at a warplant in Welland, Ontario.

The Red Cross-Special Service card of fights last night, attended by 2,500 servicemen, resulted in only two knockouts, one of the technical variety, but there was plenty of action in the other Palais de Glace bouts. Bob Wilson kayoed Vern Van Worst in 1:28 of the first round and Jimmy O'Brien won by a TKO over William Hughley in the quickest finish, 1:11 of the opening round. Jose Rivera, after a shaky start, hammered out a verdict over Magdalino Hernandez in the most interesting skirmish of the evening. Vern LaCross, winning his seventh local fight, beat Jimmy Potts by decision.

Willie Brown won decision over Jack Murray. Tommy Hogan decisioned Willie Boyd; John Thompson decisioned Homer Johnson. Jose Rivera decisioned Magdalino Hernandez; Vern LaCross decisioned Jimmy Potts; Bob Wilson kayoed Vern Van Worst, first round; Jimmy Brien won by TKO over Bill Hughley, first round.

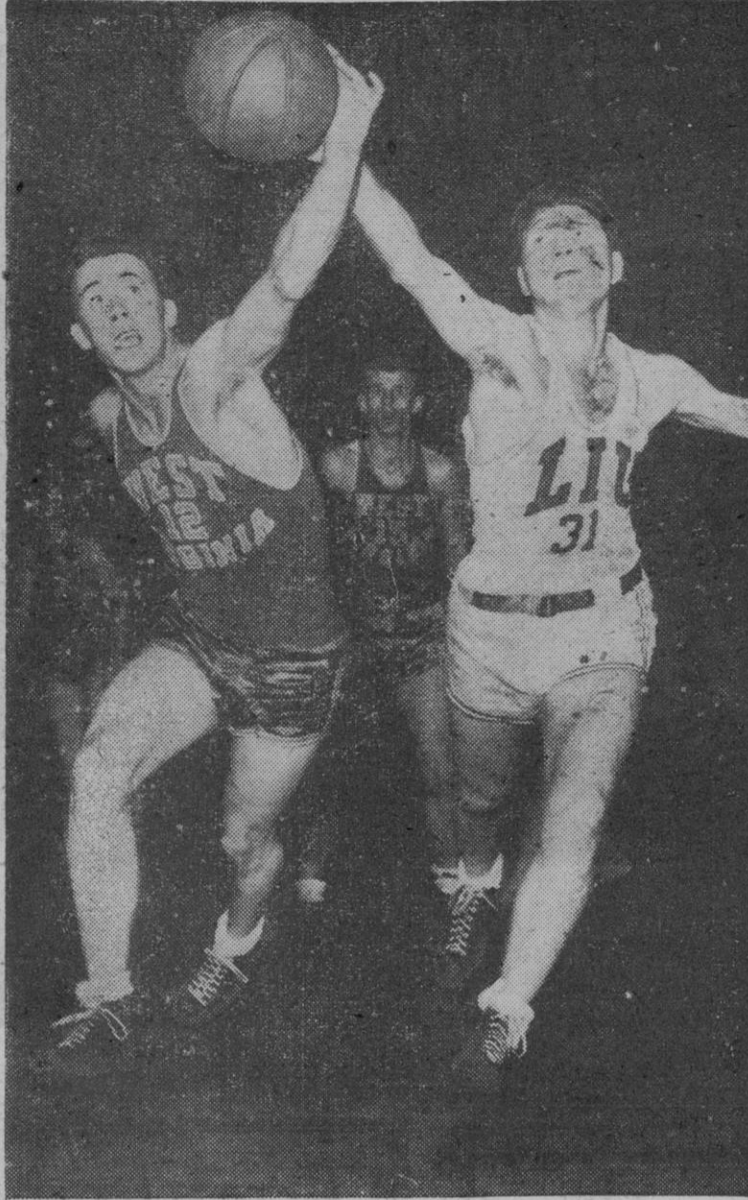
VALLEJO, Calif., Jan. 29.—Cheerfully reminiscent, Jim Thorpe, the greatest athlete of all time, looks upon a new way of life.

Strong at 57, the famous Indian sports star, said he is laying the foundation for what he hopes will be a nation-wide stage and lecture tour, in which he expects to combat juvenile delinquency and campaign for citizenship for Indians.

He is testing his routine on night club audiences here. His salary is \$200 per week, a far cry from the moolah he earned when he was America's greatest athlete, but enough to support his family.

His act isn't a wow yet, but he makes it entertaining. He gives all he has, just as he did on the gridiron, diamond and cinderpath. "Every one asks me what was my

Terpsichore on the Basketball Stage



Lester Rothman (31), of Long Island U., and Dave Wilson (12), of West Virginia, aren't adagio dancers. Their battling for possession of the ball in a recent Madison Square Garden game won by West Virginia, 65-56. Jack Dial (15), of the winning team, is framed by the players in the foreground.

Larry MacPhail's in Clover; Scribes Snipe at Him Again

By Gene Graff
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Col. Leland Stanford MacPhail must have felt he was home again when he read the morning newspapers because his old pals of the press have started sniping at him again. Dan Parker, who called a truce in his spectacular feud with MacPhail when the fiery red-head entered the Army, took an aim yesterday morning and fired away at Larry because of the way MacPhail handled the release of the Yankee sale story to newspapers.

"Questioned about the deal, MacPhail said: 'I flatly deny it. There is not a word of truth to the story.'" Parker wrote today "and Brother MacPhail used to call me a liar!" Parker admitted surprise at MacPhail's entry into the Yankee front office and while his desires in that direction were well known "most baseball people would be willing to give you odds that Nick Altrock would be Pope before MacPhail realized his ambition."

Other writers wondered out loud how MacPhail would get along with Joe McCarthy. Ed Barrow said yesterday that his only trips

to the clubhouse while connected with the Yankees were to congratulate them on a pennant or series victory.

MacPhail's frequent sallies into the Dodger clubhouse to excoriate Leo Durocher and fire him on the spot, always made interesting reading. He always hired Leo back again immediately but the opinion is that if he tries any of that stuff on McCarthy, Joe will get his Irish up and go back to Buffalo where he has plenty of cabbage stowed away.

While MacPhail was taking bows as the nation's newest clubowner, Eddie Murphy, of the New York Sun, reminded his readers that MacPhail has a ten-year contract as president. "Yet the loquacious MacPhail, a former National Leaguer, getting in on the big deal as one of the buyers, didn't put up a thin dime."

They may be saying mean things about lovable Larry now but just wait until he sheds that uniform Feb. 10 and takes over control of the Yankee's front office. Larry may decide to join the Army again for a little quiet.



Larry MacPhail

Thorpe in Reminiscent Mood

greatest thrill in football," Jim says, as he walks across the stage. "Well, it was while playing with the Carlisle Indians against Army. I ran back an Army kickoff for 105 yards and a touchdown, but the play was called back on a penalty. Army kicked off again and this time I ran 100 yards. It was fun for the people in the stands, but a lot of hard work for me."

Mahan Greatest Rival

Thorpe said the greatest football player he ever opposed was Eddie Mahan, of Harvard, and the toughest was Bill Hollenback, famous All-America fullback, of Pennsylvania.

"Hollenback rattled your bones every time you tackled him," Thorpe declared. The big Indian thinks he's the

only athlete who ever competed in the major leagues of baseball, football and basketball. He played the outfield for John McGraw's New York Giants for six years and one year each with the Boston Braves and Cincinnati Reds. He was a polished fielder, but couldn't hit.

Besides his accomplishments on the gridiron and diamond, he starred on the Olympic track team in 1908. He's still sad over the loss of his Olympic trophies and records, which were erased from the books when it was discovered he had received \$60 per month for playing professional baseball at Rocky Mount, N.C.

That's all water over the dam, however, and now Thorpe is determined to go all out for a better life for the youth of the nation.

Montreal Wins, So Do Wings In NHL Race

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—Maurice Richard, Montreal's Meteor, scored two lightning goals last night to pace the Canadiens to a 4-1 victory over the Boston Bruins, the second victory in as many nights, and the visitors' eighth straight over Boston.

Richard tallied in the first period and again in the second, each time with the Bruins a man short because of penalties. Ken Mosdell and Fern Gauthier got the other Montreal markers, while Bill Cowley, veteran Boston center, avoided a shutout by whipping the puck past Goalie Bill Durham.

Detroit Keeps Pace

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Clinging desperately to the slim hope the Canadiens may hit a snag in their headlong drive for the National Hockey League championship, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Chicago Black Hawks, 4-2, scoring twice in the final period to break a 2-2 deadlock.

Joe Carveth's second goal of the evening proved the deciding marker, Carl Liscombe assisting as he swept past Goalie Mike Karakas at 6:56 of the third period. Bill Quackenbush tallied the final Detroit goal after Karakas had been withdrawn and six forwards were placed on the ice in a desperate last minute offensive.

Don Grosso and Pete Horeck scored for Chicago in the second period, while Jud McAtee got the other Red Wing score.

Leafs Blank N.Y. Again

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The Toronto Maple Leafs handed the Rangers their second straight shutout in successive nights with a 7-0 lambasting before 15,544 Madison Square Garden fans last night.

It was the fourth shutout of the season for Frank McCool, Leafs' goalie.

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	26	5	2	54
Detroit	22	8	4	48
Toronto	17	14	2	36
Boston	11	20	1	23
New York	7	19	7	21
Chicago	5	21	4	16

American League

EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Buffalo 3, Hershey 2	21	14	7	49
Indianapolis 4, St. Louis 1	17	15	7	42
Providence 2, Cleveland 0	16	20	4	36

WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Indianapolis	19	13	10	48
Cleveland	19	10	9	47
Pittsburgh	16	19	6	38
St. Louis	7	24	5	19

College Coaches Are Italy-Bound

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Cecil Isbell, former professional football star with the Green Bay Packers, and now head coach at Purdue, will go to Italy for the Army with eight other civilian athletic leaders. The time for their arrival was not revealed.

Activities will include clinics in baseball, football, boxing and track, as well as officiating and training. Isbell will instruct in football, Ethan Allen, former major league outfielder, in baseball, and William J. Cavanaugh, boxing coach at West Point, in boxing.

Others who will conduct in their favorite sports are Howard Hobson, basketball coach at Oregon; Harry Hargis, track coach at Kansas; Dean Neismith, Kansas, who will teach athletic training, and George White, of New Haven, Conn., who will advise on basketball and football officiating.

A's Figure on Flores

FREDERICK, Md., Jan. 29.—Earl Mack, Philadelphia Athletics' coach, today said most of last year's squad will report for spring-training here and that no trades were contemplated in the near future.

Jess Flores probably will return despite his threat to play in the Mexican League, and infielder Irvin Hall has been classified 4F, Mack revealed.

Oise Sports Circus Tonight

OISE SECTION HQ., Jan. 29.—A musical variety show and a five-act boxing card will be featured in the first showing of the Oise Section sports circus scheduled for the patients of a general hospital near here at 7 o'clock tonight.



GI Daffynition of expensive perfume: "Dollars and incense."

Our own sports department. We predict the favorite football formation of any Yank in the ETO is the old Statue of Liberty play.

Fun on the Home Front. A pretty lass, worried about scars from an operation, asked if they would show. The sage doctor replied, "That, young lady, is strictly up to you."

Capt. Terry Nickolson of the ETO got a letter from his brother in the Pacific telling about a jeep which is used jointly by the medics and the chaplain. Emblazoned across the front is the apt title: "Body and Soul."

Report from Sgt. Bill Henes: After trying for two days to time



and adjust an engine, disgusted motor pool mechanic took a piece of chalk and scribbled on the hood: "Missing in action."

Gag of the Week: (Stolen from a Collier's cartoon) Mama beaver and Papa Beaver were sitting around the lake front when up waddled the little baby beaver. Mama beamed and sighed, "Junior said his first word today—'Dam.'"

Happy postwar thought. With automobiles of the future reputedly able to cover great distances in little time, the modern girl will be likely to think twice before she decides to walk home.

Observation by Cpl. Ed Click: If Frank Sinatra could make men swoon like the women do, we could



have him broadcast before each attack and demoralize the Nazis.

The \$64 question. What's happened to the old fashioned girl—thank goodness!

GI philosophy. Smart girls are often cute—but, fortunately, cute girls aren't always smart.

An infantry private we know described his first sergeant as a man with 186 acquaintances and a friend in another outfit.

J. C. W.

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1200-News.	1830-Dance Music.	0600-Rise Shine.
1215-Navy Mixture.	1900-Raymond Scott.	0700-News.
1300-Bandbox.	1920-Music Hall.	0715-Parade.
1400-News.	2000-World News.	0730-Army Orchestra 1030-Music.
1410-Melody.	2005-UK News.	0800-Combat Diary.
1430-RCAF Band.	2010-Canada News.	0815-Personal Album.
1500-Music.	2015-Johnny Mercer.	1105-Duffie Bag.
1530-Combat Diary.	2030-American Band.	0830-Modern Music.
1545-On the Record.	2100-News.	
1625-Play to You.	2105-Ch. McCarthy.	
1700-News.	2135-Dinah Shore.	
1715-Canada Show.	2200-U.S. News.	
1800-News.	2205-Hit Parade.	
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MONEY belt and money, New Year's Day, in front of Hq. Gen. Hosp.—Capt. Robert E. Christie.
SPECTACLES, case marked "George Cronin, 5 Bromfield St."

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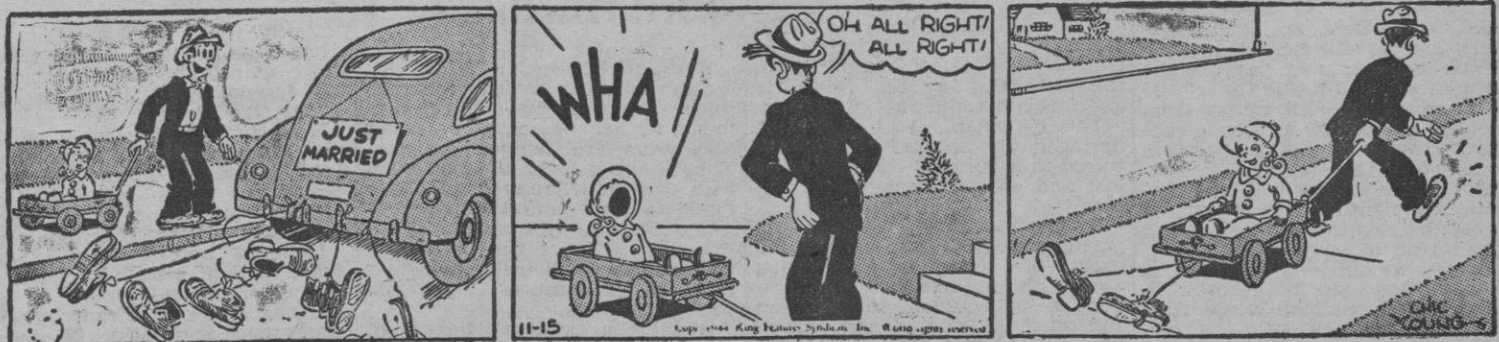
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Yanks Nearing Manila Gate, Nab 4 Airfields

American troops on Luzon have pushed through the road junction town of Angeles and are approaching San Fernando, capital of Pampanga Province and a gateway to Manila, 36 miles to the south.

Gen. MacArthur reported yesterday that four Japanese airfields had fallen with Angeles. Yank patrols reached the town of Mexico, three miles northeast of San Fernando.

On the northern front in Luzon, U.S. troops captured Rosario and pushed to within half a mile of a road junction from which a branch twists through the mountains to Baguio. The Japanese in the Rosario sector—a division and a brigade—have been "practically decimated," MacArthur said.

Planes Start Landslides
Hard fighting continued on the San Manuel sector, also on the northern front, where Americans were reducing strong Japanese positions.

Yank airmen attacked Corregidor, Bataan, Subic Bay and Cavite, and in northeastern Luzon started landslides in the Balet Pass gateway to the Cagayan Valley.

Marianas-based Superforts struck by daylight yesterday at Japanese military installations on Iwo Island, midway between the Marianas and the Japanese homeland. Tokyo radio reported weekend Superfort raids on the Tokyo area.

Rocket guns were used for the first time in the North Pacific when Navy Venturans hit a radio station and a lighthouse on Shimushu Island, in the Kuriles.

Ledo-Burma Route Open
The Ledo-Burma land supply route to China is open, and 100 vehicles loaded with supplies have arrived at the Chinese border city of Wanting. The supply convoy is headed for Kunming.

The Chinese High Command reported that the Japanese had further expanded their holdings in the South China coastal area, where they have been setting up a defense zone.

A Tokyo broadcast said that Japanese submarines had penetrated to the west coast of the United States, sinking three transports and a tanker.

Berlin in Peril, Germans Say

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ern Reich—isolating Danzig from Germany proper.

Robert Ley, Hitler's Labor Minister, told Berliners: "We shall fight before Berlin . . . for Berlin . . . and behind Berlin. This is the moment for every one to hold out at his post."

In German Silesia, Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army was reported pouring across the Oder River on a broad front in the vicinity of Steinau. All along the 150-mile Oder River line heavy battles were reported by Moscow, with the siege of Breslau in the middle.

Koenigsberg Shelled
In East Prussia, Soviet artillery, tanks and infantrymen opened the "battle of annihilation" against the German garrison inside the capital of Koenigsberg. All routes from the city except two rail lines leading northwest to the Baltic have been cut by the Reds.

But inside the fortress the Germans are fighting frantically, not giving the slightest indication that they intend to surrender.

At the western end of the East Prussian front, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army was poised for the push across the broad Vistula estuary into Danzig, a Moscow report said.

Along the Carpathians, at the southern end of the 400-mile front, Gen. Ivan Y. Petrov's Fourth Ukrainian Army captured Novy Targ, 40 miles south of Krakow. Moscow observers called this victory one of the most significant of the day.

With Petrov's army advancing west at a pace almost equal to that of Zhukov, the provinces of Bohemia and Slovakia were in imminent danger.

After reaching Poprad yesterday, Petrov's army now is in a broader valley with better roads than any it has yet experienced in the tedious advance through the Carpathians. No natural barriers lie between Petrov and the city of Prague, 150 miles west.

DiMag Parents Bat .500
SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs Rosalia DiMaggio, mother of Sgt. Joe DiMaggio, became a U.S. citizen recently when she passed her naturalization tests. Papa DiMaggio flunked, however, and will have to try again in 3 months.

Silesia: an Arsenal for Reds



Another European treasure house of industrial and agricultural wealth has been taken from the Germans by the Russian avalanche.

A year ago the Ukraine was reoccupied, last summer rich Balkan territories were seized by the Red Army. And in the last few days Marshal Stalin announced in Orders of the Day that the First Ukrainian Army had "taken by storm. Beuthen. Hindenburg. Gleiwitz. Breslau has been surrounded."

To most American soldiers these names mean little, but to the Germans it means that probably the most highly-productive German industrial center is lost. German Silesia was more important to the Germans than even the Ruhr valley factories crippled during the relentless air blows of the RAF and USAAF during the last two years. Hitler was reported to have moved most of his big Ruhr factories to Silesia.

The leading centers of war industry in German Silesia are:

Breslau:
The chief industrial center of Eastern Germany. It possesses a rail marshalling system which spreads like a spider web. It is able to handle 5,000 rail cars daily and has repair facilities to care for them. There are also 12 arms and machinery plants, including submarine and tank-engine plants. The largest builder of railroad cars is also located in the city. Outside the tremendous metal and steel

industry of the area there are seven other plants turning out such metals as manganese, aluminum and phosphorus.

Beuthen:
This center and the villages surrounding it house seven tremendous coke and coal processing plants as well as iron and steel works. Four lead and zinc works and large railyards round out the manufacturing picture here.

Gleiwitz:
An important coal transshipment point with railyards having a capacity of 6,800 cars daily. There are seven machinery and arms plants which produce such specialties as barbed wire among other things. The city is also a leading producer of coal, coke and by-products.

Hindenburg:
The newest and most modern, it supplies the Wehrmacht with coalmines and eight large coke plants. It has large railyards and repair shops. Heavy weapons are forged at a king-size iron and steel plant.

Silesia lies partly in Germany, partly in Poland and partly in Czechoslovakia. The plains are covered with rich soil and produce all varieties of food. Its industrial regions are built on deposits of lead, coal, iron and zinc. Before the war this rich land was owned by three countries. The Nazis have "borrowed" it since 1939.

Officer Denies Theft Charges

A plea of not guilty was entered yesterday by the first officer to be tried on charges of complicity in the 716th Railway Bn.'s cigarette and ration black-market operations.

The defendant, 1/Lt. John W. Springer, was accused of being involved in a "general conspiracy" to loot and sell the contents of box-cars.

He was specifically charged with having wrongfully disposed of 1,000 packs of cigarettes, of having wrongfully received 500 packs as well as candy, gum, razor blades and other PX rations, and of having accepted \$400 from one of his men, although knowing the money was stolen. In addition, he was accused of neglect of duty.

Despite his plea, the Paris court martial heard a confession in which Springer admitted that he had been "neglectful" of his duties.

Vet Entitled to Old Job, Claims NAM Legal Dept.

WASHINGTON.—A returning veteran is entitled to his old job, even if he displaces a man of greater ability or more seniority, the legal department of the National Association of Manufacturers holds. Language of the Selected Service Act clearly supports that premise, the NAM lawyers say.

London Suffers Coal Lack
LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP).—Londoners experiencing one of the coldest winters in a century, were told tonight by the government that they must get along on a quarter ton of coal, and possibly less, per family during February.

Filmland to Help FDR Celebrate 63rd Birthday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (ANS).—Stars of stage, screen and radio began trooping into Washington today to help celebrate President Roosevelt's 63rd birthday tomorrow. They'll also appear in connection with the 13th annual drive for funds to fight infantile paralysis.

The First Lady and Mrs. John Roosevelt, wife of the President's youngest son, will make numerous personal appearances at Washington functions.

Washington ticket purchasers not only will dine and dance but will see Myrna Loy, Veronica Lake, Alan Ladd, Linda Darnell, Monty Woolley, Danny Kaye and little Margaret O'Brien. The film players will attend a luncheon at the White House.

Proceeds this year, as in the past, will be divided between the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the local communities for treatment of polio patients.

Federal Charges Filed Against 'World Cartel'

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP).—Nine foreign corporations and seven American individuals have been named defendants in an injunction suit filed by the government in Federal court. Wendell Berge, assistant U.S. Attorney General, called the group a "world cartel" in gem and industrial diamonds which allegedly slowed up American war production.

Third Crosses Our at 2 Points

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fired line. Third Army troops drove toward the outer fringes of the formidable fortifications east of the Our River.

Infantry attacking south of the new First Army drive have moved 6,000 yards since Sunday. They cleared the woods northeast of St. Vith and took the town of Herresbach on the forest's eastern edge.

Germans were fighting a rearguard action which consisted of groups of 30 men more or less delaying the American advance along roads and paths. No enemy tanks or anti-tank gunfire were reported.

Service Troops Taken
The American advance captured a number of German service troops and one Nazi walked up to U.S. First Div. outpost and surrendered with 30 of his men. These incidents, however, were not interpreted officially to indicate any general weakening of enemy resistance on this front.

In Luxembourg, men of the 17th Airborne Div. with Third Army cleared the towns of Dorscheid and Roder, while Fifth Inf. Div. doughs cleaned out Putscheid after smearing a Nazi counter-attack which came in company strength.

Southward in Germany, Third Army forces which cleared Butzdorf smashed an enemy counter-blow of four tanks and an undetermined number of infantry.

Minor Action in Italy
ROME, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Fifth Army troops attacking in deep snow south of Bologna knocked out two machine-gun posts and killed a large number of Germans.

Heavies Pound Six Rail Yards In West Reich

The Battle of the Railroads continued at a deadly pace through Sunday night and yesterday as U.S. and English heavies and mediums drilled explosives into the jangled rail system of the Reich.

Following a night in which a strong force of Lancasters and Halifaxes splattered the largest railroad yards in Stuttgart with 3,000 tons of bombs, 1,150 Forts and Libs of the Eighth AF blasted six marshalling yards in western Germany and a factory manufacturing Tiger and Panther tanks in Kassel.

This team assault on German rail communications came hard on the heels of a USSTAF announcement that, since its activation, the Eighth AF had flown more than 250,000 bomber sorties; and 210,000 fighter sorties, and had dropped more than 518,000 tons of bombs and destroyed approximately 13,000 enemy planes.

Rail Centers Blasted
Adding to this record yesterday, the American heavyweights, escorted by 700 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, unloaded destruction on rail centers at Hamm and Munster in northwest Germany; Coblenz, Siegen, northeast of Coblenz, and Niederlahnstein just south of Coblenz. Lancasters hit a freight yard at Krefeld in the afternoon.

The fighters added to the snarling of German rail transport, ranging the tracks to damage or destroy 21 locomotives and 119 railcars, and wrecking other havoc.

Meanwhile, the Ninth AF sent more than 400 medium and light bombers against tactical targets, including railway bridges at Rinnthal and Nonweiler. Escorted by Lightnings, Marauders also hurtled their loads into German communication centers at Blankenheim, Kall, Wittlich, Rheinbach and for the second day, Mayen. Invaders ripped Ahrweiler and Havocs struck German defenses at Habscheid.

Fighter-bombers of the Ninth AF, on 784 sorties, also took heavy toll, destroying or damaging 1,261 motor vehicles, 20 armored vehicles and 291 railcars.

Jitters . . .

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technique consistently has utilized false alarms to foster over-optimism among its enemies.

Meanwhile, Moscow radio said Hitler was on an inspection tour of the Eastern Front. There was no confirmation of the report from any Nazi source.

The authoritative Cologne newspaper Koelnische Zeitung asked: "Will these five years of war, filled with distress, death, bloodshed and wrecked property have been suffered and battled through in vain?"

"The next eight days will be decisive, a question of life or death," the paper said. "No quarter will be shown. These days will settle our fate."

The London Daily Express quoted a Stockholm report that "Germany may crack tomorrow, and under no circumstances can the German front hold out more than ten weeks." Believing Berlin already doomed, tens of thousands were reported leaving, while other thousands trekked in from the East, travelling in crudest conveyances and suffering from cold and hunger.

'General's Aide' An Anxious Joe

Every hour, on the hour, The Stars and Stripes business office phone rang.

S/Sgt. George Petrakis, of Dubuque, Iowa, would answer and the voice would inquire eagerly, "How many miles are the Russians from Berlin now? Are they doing all right?"

Petrakis would proceed dutifully upstairs to the wire room, get available information and tell the man, who seemed more and more pleased. "Probably some orderly calling for some general," Petrakis thought. Finally, with all the caution and politeness due such an occasion, he asked his faithful customer which general he might represent.

"Oh, no!" the man replied. "Oh, no! I'm just calling for myself. You see, I'm in Com Z. I'm a private. I'm one of the guys slated for the infantry."

Wolf Recruits WACs
INDIANAPOLIS.—Know the name of the officer in charge of WAC recruiting here? It's Capt. Louis C. Wolf.