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6,000 Planes Rip Rail Net

800,000 Nazis Killed in East 3rd Army Gains

Stalin Lists Reds' Gains In 40 Days

Marshal Stalin announced last night that the armies of the Soviet Union, in 40 days of their winter offensive, had killed at least 800,000 German troops and had captured more than 350,000 German officers and men.

These German losses, inflicted in January and February, were reported in an order of the day commemorating the twenty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the Red Army by "the great Lenin to defend our motherland from foreign invaders."

Stalin also said that in the same period the Red Army destroyed or seized about 3,000 German planes, more than 4,500 tanks and self-propelled guns and no fewer than 12,000 pieces of artillery.

Soviet forces ejected the Germans from 300 cities, captured about 100 war plants manufacturing tanks, aircraft, other armament and ammunition, occupied more than 2,400 railroad stations and seized more than 9,000 miles of rail lines, Stalin said.

The Red Army, Stalin said, "completely liberated Poland and a considerable part of the territory of Czechoslovakia; occupied Budapest and put out of the war Germany's last ally in Europe—Hungary; captured the greater part of East Prussia and German Silesia, and fought its way into Brandenburg, into Pomerania and to the approaches to Berlin."

The order said that the Red Army "has saved the peoples of the Soviet Union from German-Fascist

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World Trade Union Plans New Organization

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP).—The World Trade Union Conference's Committee of 45 announced tonight that a convention would be held in Paris in September to set up a new international organization representing labor in all free countries.

Hot Words in Congress Erupt Into Combat on House Floor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS).—Rep. Frank Hook (D-Mich.) and Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) wrestled physically today on the floor of the House in a brief struggle which was ended by the interference of other congressmen.

Hook had called Rankin "a dirty liar" after Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.) had delivered a speech denouncing the CIO's Political Action Committee. Rankin, shouting "I don't take that from anyone," ran across the aisle and locked his arms around Hook's neck.

Hook had taken the floor to answer Hoffman, and to praise some of the PAC personalities. Rankin attempted to interrupt him, and Hook cut him off, saying he would

Screaming Meemie Alley—Linnich, Germany



A dough draws a bead on a German position 300 yards down this battered street—called "Screaming Meemie Alley"—in Linnich, Germany. Germans are dug in at the end of the street.

More Marines Land on Iwo; Push Renewed

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HQ., Guam, Feb. 22 (ANS).—The U.S. Marines Corps' Third Div., landing on Iwo Jima at a critical hour, bolstered the hard-pressed Fourth and Fifth Divs. today in a costly fight against a Japanese garrison that is cave-entrenched, heavily gunned and apparently prepared to stand until the last man of the original 20,000 defenders is dead.

Adm. Nimitz announced that the Marines, after having been brought to a virtual standstill by desperate Japanese resistance, had resumed their northward advance toward the fighter-plane field on central Iwo and their southward push up volcanic Mt. Suribachi.

Several heavy Japanese counterattacks were driven back last night on the slopes of central Iwo Jima, and numerous Japanese gun positions were knocked out in the slow

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ETO Materiel Will Be Shifted Into the Pacific

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS).—The maximum equipment which can be used against Japan will be shifted from the European theater "and from all inactive theaters" to the Pacific after the defeat of Germany, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson declared today.

Stimson spiked another version of War Department policy which had stated the bulk of the Army's equipment would be left in Europe and that the transferred troops would be re-equipped later in the interest of speed.

The War Department, Stimson said, has no policy "which contemplates duplication of procurement." Stimson pointed out, however, that the end of the European war would find certain American equipment in poor shape because "of wear or tear or the very nature of the item." Such equipment would have to be disposed of "as good judgment and common sense dictate," Stimson said.

Stimson's statement of policy took the form of a letter printed in the Congressional Record in answer to a demand by Rep. Albert D. Engel (R-Mich.) that he give information on the question. Engel had informed Stimson that he would be governed by Stimson's answer in

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Total U.S. Casualties Pass 800,000 Mark

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS). American combat casualties passed the 800,000 mark, the War Department announced today.

The Army figures included 138,723 dead, 420,465 wounded, 60,086 prisoners of war and 92,223 missing in action. The Navy total included 33,862 dead, 40,783 wounded, 10,546 missing and 4,474 prisoners of war.

3rd Army Gains In Saar Triangle, Taking 23 Towns

Patton's Troops Near Trier

U.S. Third Army infantry, armor and cavalry overran 23 towns and neared the key Nazi communications center of Trier yesterday as they surged up to three miles deeper into the triangular area of western Germany formed by the Rhine and Mosel Rivers and drove across the Saar River, south of Saarburg.

Overhead, the best flying weather since last summer opened German skies to massed Allied air attack on communications feeding Nazi armies along the sunlit front.

While elements of ten Nazi divisions in the north fought savagely to stem the Canadian First Army advance toward Calcar, in the elbow of the lower Rhine, Third Army troops 150 miles southward shifted into near-blitz pace along a 50-mile front between Prum and Echternach.

S and S Correspondent Pat Mitchell reported that a big Third Army day saw the complete collapse of the Mosel-Saar triangle where approximately 40 towns in an area of 80 square miles were cleared. General Patton's armored elements clearing the triangle mopped up two pockets—one, two miles by three; the other, two miles by four.

94th Inf. Div.

At the same time, Mitchell said 94th Div. elements crossed the Saar River at two places under the cover of fog. They entered Serrig, where they are now engaged in house-to-house fighting. Some Serrig houses were disguised pillboxes. The second crossing was being made in the vicinity of Taben-Robt and was meeting light resistance.

The Saar River is now held from the junction of the Mosel southward to the Saarlautern area, with

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Communications Are Hit Hard

The battered communication system of Germany received its heaviest air blow of the war yesterday as more than 6,000 Allied planes hammered rail installations throughout the Reich.

Luftwaffe opposition was light and heavy bombers flew low enough over objectives to allow ground strafing by their gunners while medium bombers shot up trains at deck level.

Bombers and fighters from bases in England, France and Italy joined in the air attacks which included:

1.—An assault on 20 communication centers in central Germany by more than 1,400 heavy bombers and 800 fighters of the Eighth AF.

2.—A Ninth AF attack on German bridges, rail lines and marshalling yards by more than 1,500 medium and fighter bombers.

3.—More than 900 sorties against the principal rail centers in the Saar and Alsatian areas by the First TAC.

4.—An attack against the Austrian rail network by more than 1,000 bombers from the 15th AF in Italy.

5.—Air sweeps over northern Holland and Germany by the EAF and the RCAF which boosted the total of Allied planes sent against German communications well over the 6,000 mark.

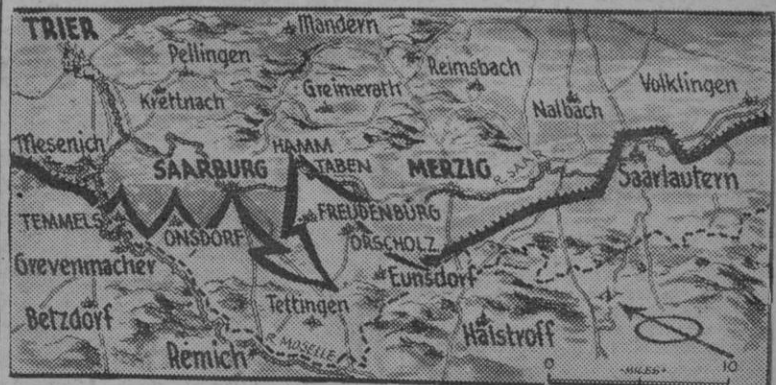
The Eighth's objectives were in a great rectangular area extending from Hanover almost to Berlin and from Nurnberg north almost to Lubeck Bay.

Among the cities hit were Luneberg, Stendal, Halberstadt, Ludwigslust, Uelzen, Salswedel, Wittenberge, Hildsheim, Kniessen, Piene, Northeim, Vineburg, Sangerhausen and Göttingen.

Two or more main rail lines form a juncture in each of the bombed

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Whittling Down Saar-Mosel Triangle



Third Army doughs slashed across the Saar river south of Saarburg as armored units cleared most of the town. Gains were made elsewhere in the Saar-Mosel triangle.



No Manpower Shortage

As I was sitting in my tent giving instructions to a group of men, a young lad entered, somewhat dejected . . . I found him to be low in spirits but possessed of a heart as noble and stout as ever given to man.

He had just been notified that his brother had been killed in action. I told him that he had our sincerest sympathies and prayers, and that we regretted to hear such news, but that we must be expecting such things at any time until peace comes.

"Well, father," he said, "I understand. But Emmet is the third brother of mine that has been killed in this war. But I am not worried about Emmet, for I know he served his God and his country to the best of his ability. But I am worrying about my mother. How is she taking it? Mother and Dad are all that I have left."

When informed that it might be possible to go back to the States and be with his parents in view of the fact that three of his brothers have been lost, Kenneth replied grimly. "No, father, all I want is to find out how mother is. I want to be over here so I can do my part and take my brothers' part. Dad served in the last war and we are doing our bit now so that America might be a better America and that we might all return to our loved-ones soon."

When informed that a home report on his mother's condition would be forwarded to him as soon as possible, he grasped my hand and said, "Thanks! Now I can finish my work."

Kenneth is a small, rugged infantryman not over the age of 20, but were his spirit and patriotism known on the home front, one and all would soon know the caliber of men fighting this war for freedom.—Chaplain Walter M. Boul, Inf. Regt.

From Father to Son

Because of my age and family responsibilities, I will be unable to take advantage of the educational opportunities provided for soldiers by the G.I. Bill of Rights. If not in the forces I'd be making nice dough and saving to send at least one of my now 8 and 12-year-old sons to college. I believe postwar education would be put on a basis where it would do the most good and also relieve many fathers who have the same problem if the bill provided that: "Any man who cannot afford to take advantage of this educational opportunity may secure government aid for the education of his children."—T/4 Frank T. Roehr, Signal Corps.

Brother Workers

After having read so much for the past few weeks about the proposed "work or jail" bill, we would like to say a few words in the working man's defense.

Having been connected with labor for twenty years prior to induction into the Army, we feel that we know labor. Labor as a whole is like the proverbial mule; you can lead him anywhere but you can't drive him an inch. If the laboring man would be given some first-hand information about our needs for material or war, in the language he understands—there would be no need for any legislation for work or jail.

Over-optimism is the enemy which has got to be defeated on our home

front. Where does over-optimism hurt the most?—the farmer, the miner, the man on the production line—those are the ones to bring the facts before. Each and every one of these men, in all probability, has a friend who is not in some vital war production line, and who could get him back in line quicker than a work or jail law if they could be shown the danger of over-optimism.

War is not counted in dollars and cents, but—arms, legs, blood and lives. Once the laboring public knows these facts there will be no need for a work or jail law. A man in jail is more hindrance to the war effort, due to the fact that it takes manpower away from our war effort.

The question arises—"How to get this to the laboring public?" By no other than the laboring man himself—a man in uniform from overseas service, who knows both sides of the question from a soldier's viewpoint and in the laboring man's language.—S/Sgt. R. E. Hope and Sgt. F. N. Armstrong, Engr. Regt.

Goose and Gander

Three cheers for the Rome S & S editorially condemning the slap at the Negro soldier printed in an Italian newspaper.

Now, how about cleaning our own house? Why not an article to the white GIs asking them to stop spreading anti-Negro propaganda among the civilians of the liberated countries?—Sgt. Lewis E. Hudnell, QM Sv.

We Get Chewed

We're tired of reading things like "Never could shoot with my elbow over my shoulder in that goldarn sling twisted up like a pretzel" or "He never combed his hair or shined his shoes in garrison, but turned out to be the best goldarn combat man in his outfit."

I think I'm safe in saying that 99 percent of all riflemen agree that the sling is a handy fixture on a rifle, both for shooting and carrying the weapon. We also enjoy looking clean shaven and polished up.

Soon enough we'll have every GI throwing his sling away or getting high falutin' notions that he's the best combat Joe if he abstains from shaving and keeping himself polished.

This is an Army, my friend, not a mob. Let's use our equipment properly and let's keep looking like a million bucks.—M/Sgt. L. Morales, Inf.

Paralyzed, Teeming Berlin Awaits Doom Behind Elaborate System of Barricades

A correspondent of the Stockholm Aftonbladet, who has just left Berlin after a two-and-one-half-year stay, describes in this copyrighted article the mood and appearance of the city as it waits for the Red Army's next blows. The Associated Press, which distributed the article, says the writer is the first Swedish correspondent definitely to leave Germany since 1943.

By Herje Granberg

I have just left Berlin, city of the doomed, where the arrival of German Army deserters has helped to spread a creeping paralysis among the capital's barricaded, bomb-dulled inhabitants.

I got away to Sweden in an automobile which no amount of money in the world could buy—but two old suits, some socks and ties and two pounds of coffee turned the trick.

As the front moved closer, more and more deserters slipped into the city. One day, by chance, I overheard a desperate mother discussing with another woman the possibilities of concealing her son and 37 comrades who had deserted. This woman, a fanatic, was worried about making the decision.

I didn't give the matter much thought, but the same day the spokesman for Berlin's gauleiter urged the population to report immediately the presence of deserters, and threatened severe penalties for anyone concealing them.

City Massively Defended

Berlin's fall may not come as rapidly as most people believe. Berlin's suburbs and the city itself have tens of thousands of barricades and mines. Ruins have been transformed into fortresses.

When I drove from Berlin, it took me 90 minutes to travel six miles—not because of military pickets but because the barricades were so thick it was difficult to pass them. If everything goes "according to



Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering talks to bombed-out Berliners. Note the man whispering in the foreground.

plan," one may predict that Berlin's conquest will require six to eight weeks.

High military staffs were evacuated hastily from Berlin last week. The government already had been evacuated in part after the heavy American raid. Several ministries were laid in ruins on that bloody Saturday . . . the result of American carpet bombing . . . and men worked long into the night recovering archives and taking them away.

The same scene was enacted outside of Hitler's Chancellery which, though heavily blasted, was never fully destroyed.

Although Berlin has now been formally declared a fortress, the possibility of escape hasn't really existed for weeks for the civilian population. Berlin simply cannot be evacuated because there is no place to go and no means of going.

As I drove toward the Baltic coast, the roads were crowded with

endless caravans of refugees. Berlin's millions, therefore, must stay in their ruins. The sheer lack of transportation makes evacuation unthinkable. Despite the bombings, the population is now bigger than before—estimated at about 5,500,000.

How will this ant-hill be supplied once the siege begins? How long will supplies last? Where will people go for protection once the artillery bombardment begins? During the last raids, the air-raid shelters proved inadequate, and indescribable scenes occurred at the entrances.

But life continues. Where buildings have not been destroyed, work and business continue, but one senses an almost rural or fatalistic silence over everything. The civilian machinery is still functioning tolerably, although limping here and there. Government officials still allow themselves time for red tape.

Easter Gift War Bonds To Be Sold by PXs Here

Easter gift war bonds, which will be delivered with holiday greetings, will be sold by all post exchanges, finance offices and war bond agencies in the ETO. To insure delivery by Easter, all orders must be received by the Chicago office not later than March 20, and should be placed here in sufficient time to reach there by that deadline.

Reds to Return Freed Yanks

MOSCOW, Feb. 22 (AP).—Measures for the repatriation of many U.S. officers and men liberated from German prison camps by the Red Army offensive are being taken in co-operation with the Soviet government, Maj. Gen. Jay Russell Deane announced today.

Deane, chief of the U.S. military mission in Moscow, said he had ordered an Army detachment including a medical officer to proceed to Lublin, where some of the American prisoners have already assembled. Other groups of prisoners are known to be sheltered in Praga, a suburb of Warsaw, and farther west.

From 200 to 400 officers, the majority of whom gained liberty in

the confusion of the German evacuation of Stalag 64, at Szubin, near Bydgoszcz, are among Americans now being cared for by Poles and Russians.

Deane disclosed that Army AF bases in the Soviet Union had "paid off" in recent months by the evacuation of at least 25 American airmen and the salvage of a dozen or more Fortresses and Liberators which had been grounded behind Russian lines on the Eastern Front. "Even for this alone, the bases we have maintained have proved useful," he said.

Under terms of the Allied agreement for repatriation of war prisoners, U.S. transportation, principally aircraft, will enter Poland to bring out liberated Americans.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



Grew Denies Plans To Export Italian Labor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS).—The lid stayed on Italian surrender terms today, but Acting Secretary of State Joseph Grew melted a bit to show they did not provide for exporting Italian labor.

That much he disclosed after Sen. Bridges (R-N.H.) produced an unofficial version which called for sending 2,000,000 Italians to Allied countries for post-war reconstruction. Bridges got his copy from the International Law Review at Geneva, where it was published with a notation expressing doubts about its authenticity. In Rome, Allied officials said the purported "copy" was without foundation.

U.S. Troops in Panama Are Placed on Full Alert

PANAMA CITY, Feb. 22 (ANS).—U.S. Army and Navy forces in the Canal Zone were placed on "full alert" today, apparently in connection with the unsettled political situation in the Republic of Panama.

National police squads were stationed on Panama City streets. They were joined early today by U.S. MPs and shore patrolmen.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

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This Was America Yesterday:

Panties Officially Unessential, But U.S. Women Don't Agree

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Don't blush now, but it is necessary to convey in this report to the foxholes that another shortage has darkened the American scene. Panties. This is because of the War Production Board's newest list of vital low-cost items which must be kept available. Washington didn't think women's trowzies were vital, but the women did and they mobbed stores, snapping up available supplies as soon as word of the ruling got around.

It's not life-and-death yet, though. Benign old Uncle Sam declared when the shortage becomes too acute, he'll modify the rules.

But the shortage of cigarettes continues to hurt.

It hurt D. D. Ousley, Howard County, Ind., farmer so badly he offered to swap a two-year-old horse for 15 cartons of cigarettes. James W. Burch and Ernest Wade, of Indianapolis, answered his advertisement in the Kokomo Tribune. They said they'd made special arrangements with wholesalers—and nobody inquired further. (Let it never be said that this department snafued anybody's horse deal).

THIS isn't from any state in the Union—in fact it's from Puerto Salbra. Colombia—but the SOP calls for a hunting yarn along about here.

Colombia has a "Wild East" across the mountains where big game up to tapirs is still found. So Carlos Jose Pabon loaded his hunting dogs and camp kit into his car and drove 425 miles across lonely and uninhabited country to have some sport. When he got there he discovered he'd forgotten his rifle



IN New York, Edwin L. James, managing editor of the New York Times, told a group of teachers attending a Times course on newspapers that the American press today is practically past the danger of radical wartime restrictions on news. He

praised the work of Byron Price, director of the Office of Censorship. But he used the occasion to bring up, pointedly, a question of the future. James thinks the peace conference, when it does take place, should not be censored as was Versailles.

"A free press," James said, "is not so much a guarantee to publishers that they may print what they please, but a guarantee to the people that they may read what they wish."

And here's the day's best piece of news from the Pacific: In Honolulu 54 American nurses flew into Hawaii yesterday on their way home from Bataan and Corregidor, after three years' internment in the Philippines. The nurses were rescued in Gen. MacArthur's Luzon conquest.

Officially received at Honolulu, they were reintroduced to real comforts, the first they have known in 36 months—almost—forgotten luxuries such as real beds, showers and a beauty parlor set up by Hickham Field Wacs.

Major Juanita Redmond, last American nurse flown out of Bataan, was in charge of the group.

FROM Salt Lake City comes news that seven pieces of fire equipment answered an alarm from a downtown tavern. That's okay, and probably fun, but it goes on to say the firemen found a blazing cigarette in a cuspidor. Artist's concept attached.



Colonel's Corner: John Foster, counselor of the British Embassy in Washington, arrived in the D.C. after a considerable absence wearing the uniform of a brigadier in the British Army. A friend who had known him in civilian days said, "I see you are a general, now."

Brushing off his crowns with a languid gesture, Foster replied: "Yes, a man's got to start somewhere."

A Dog-Tale of Two Cities

HERE is the difference between Boston and Denver. A few hours before the Eastern Dog Show was due to open, the office of Defense Transport stepped in and called off the Boston affair. But in Denver there are lots of dogs. Robert Ames got mad about dogs running after him as he bicycled through the streets, so he got a gun and shot one. Fine, \$200.

YOUR morals never will be safe, not even after you get home with souvenirs, medals and peace plans. For instance, among the many war jobs being offered returning discharged veterans is that of armed guard at war plants. And a fairly popular one, too. But in Tulsa, Okla., a guard asked a girl who came to apply for a job to show him her social security number. She showed him, all right—it was tattooed on her leg.

Ex-White Wing's First Speech In House Stirs Plenty of Talk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP).—Rep. William J. Gallagher (D-Minn.), who once swept the streets of Minneapolis for a living, made his first speech in the House yesterday. He didn't get to say much—Republicans and Democrats kept interrupting him—but the mild little congressman got his message over, criticizing both parties.

He told Republicans their party is going the way of the Whigs and Federalists, and denounced them for "singing hymns of hate" at the Administration without offering constructive criticism.

At one point Rep. McDonough (R-Calif.) arose in the tumult to

inquire of Gallagher, "Who's making this speech?" but Gallagher smilingly yielded the floor to everybody who wanted it.

At last he managed to drive home these thoughts: To Republicans—"Join in and give your talents for the benefit of the whole country in this hour of need. Unite and work for the benefit of the country or pass out of the picture in the next four years." To Democrats—"No man is perfect. No man can be President as many years as Franklin Delano Roosevelt without making mistakes. But he has done great things, and the greatest of these is financial reform."

GI Congressmen Return to Camp Lee



Rep. William J. Green (D-Pa.) and Rep. Melvin Price (D-Ill.) watch a former pal, T/5 Frank Leftwich, of Richmond, Va., clean his rifle during a visit to Camp Lee, where they were stationed before their election to Congress.

Army Commissions for Reds To Get Congressional Study

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP).—A Congressional committee will investigate an Army order permitting commissions for Communists, Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), of the House Military Affairs Committee, announced today.

At the same time Maj. Gen. James A. Ulio, Adjutant General, in a letter to Reps. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) and George A. Dondero (R-Mich.), explained that restrictions on Communists serving in the Army were relaxed in "justice to the individual and fairness to the Government."

Girl, 13, Marries Missouri Farmer, 46

SHELDON, Mo., Feb. 22 (ANS).—A 13-year-old farm girl was married last week to a 46-year-old farmer.

The child bride, Mary Lou Brown, also became the step-mother of ten children, several of them her schoolmates and others many years older than herself, when she married Ralph Houdeshell. Mary Lou's mother, Mrs. Oscar J. Brown, gave consent to the marriage, according to records at Girard, Kan., where the ceremony took place.

Curfew Response Pleases Byrnes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (UP).—War Mobilizer Byrnes was pleased today by public response to his midnight curfew on amusement spots, but shed no light on how it will be interpreted or enforced.

He said representatives of the entertainment field "already pledged cooperation" and state and local officials promised to help make it work.

He turned enforcement over to the War Manpower Commission. However, WMC said they weren't having much luck finding out exactly how Byrnes wants the order carried out. As one spokesman put it, "All we know is that the curfew bell rings next Monday night. Nobody seems to know exactly for whom the bell tolls."

Ex-Soldier Asks Share In Peace for Services

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS).—An ex-serviceman proposed today in Congress that enlisted men and commissioned officers of the armed forces participate actively in all peace conferences and meetings of the United Nations.

Rep. William J. Green (D-Pa.) asked the House to adopt a resolution to declare it this nation's policy that fighting men help draft the peace. An Army enlisted man until his recent election to Congress, Green said he knew the intense desire of fighting men "to see that this war has not been fought in vain."

A New Record

American aircraft have flown 13 million hours and consumed two billion gallons of high-octane gasoline in military operations since Pearl Harbor.

New Work Bill Meets Protests In Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP).—The substitute manpower bill being drafted by the Senate Military Affairs Committee encountered difficulties today as it faced a final committee decision.

Several committeemen angrily protested against two heavy penalty provisions added unexpectedly yesterday, when four members were absent.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah) declared that one of the amendments, sponsored by Sen. Warren R. Austin (R-Vt.), changes the entire philosophy of the bill and "does away with many voluntary features." The amendment provides that violators of War Manpower Commission regulations could be punished by a year's imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine.

The other amendment rephrases the Tydings amendment to the Selective Service act. Farm workers who have been classified as essential to the war effort and who have been found physically unfit for military service could not leave farm work without draft board permission under penalty of "five years in jail or a \$10,000 fine."

Sen. Albert D. Chandler (D-Ky.) contended the effect would be to freeze 4-Fs on the farm but place no penalty on able-bodied farm workers who leave.

Nurses Needed In Vet Hospitals

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (UP).—Nurses should be drafted for veterans hospitals as well as for the armed forces if Congress finds the nurse draft necessary, Brig. Gen. Frank Hines, veterans administrator, said here yesterday.

He said veterans hospitals have an immediate shortage of 1,000 nurses and will need 2,000 by July 1.

One hundred and ninety-one applications for home loans under the GI Bill of Rights have been denied because prices asked for property were too high, Hines said.

He advised veterans not to apply for "readjustment allowances" unless absolutely necessary because "they are like one-way bank accounts—money drawn out will not be replaced."

Charge Teacher With Aiding Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP).—Gerald Percy Sandys Hewitt, 44-year-old English teacher, today was ordered held without bail for trial on charges of collaborating with the Germans during the occupation of France.

Hewitt, a British citizen, was reported to have made a comfortable living as an English teacher in Paris before the war. He remained in France after the German conquest and the prosecution charges that he supplied propaganda and made broadcasts for the Nazis receiving as much as 25,000 francs a month.

Taken into custody when he crossed into the Allied part of France shortly after D-Day, Hewitt was quoted by the prosecution as admitting he worked for the Nazis.

Pouring Oil to 'Em

Oil production in the U.S. has been stepped up until in 1944 the country's output was greater than that of the whole world as recently as 1935.

Woman Pregnant a Year

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—The birth of a baby girl to Mrs. Beulah Hunter, 25-year-old wife of an aircraft worker, after more than a year of pregnancy, was reported today.

Dr. Daniel Beltz, Mrs. Hunter's physician, offered his records as proof that the six-pound 15-ounce girl born Tuesday night at Methodist Hospital was conceived a year and 11 days ago.

The girl, named Penny Diana, was a normal baby and required no special treatment despite the gestation period of 375 days compared with the normal 280 days. Dr. Beltz said pregnancies of longer than 300 days are not unusual, but that the baby should have weighed 12 to 14 pounds.



Old Dobbin Makes a Comeback

THE guy who said: "You'll never replace the horse" knew his oats. And you can prove it by the Third Cavalry Cp. which now tags the abbreviation (Meez) on its title.

Strictly from Ripley

Another feat of marksmanship is claimed for Sgt. Herman Moore by his buddies of a tank battalion in the Tenth Arm. During the early fighting around Bastogne Moore assisted in knocking out four enemy personnel carriers at a distance of more than a mile.

Yank Artillery Does the Inspecting

A GERMAN company commander inside the besieged port of Lorient is going to think twice before he holds another company inspection. That is, with what's left of it.

Manual in the Music Hall Manner

Pfc Peter Foglia, of Brooklyn and a General Hospital, surprised his fellow medics by snapping through the manual of arms.

Salty Surprise—And Surprise Again!

ON a cold, foggy night in Belgium, Cpl. Carl Oddo, of the 3610th Truck Co., was waiting in the cab of his five-ton tractor to pick up a load.



he knew he was swallowing English channel water, for he had jumped off a dock. Using a one-handed dog paddle (the other was holding his salt-water soaked carbine above his head) he got close enough to the docks for a Belgian to fish him out.

This Sergeant Uses Chanel No. 5

Today, ladies and gentlemen, leave us let our thoughts wander to the balmy shores of New Guinea, in the dreamy South Pacific.

A Sure-Fire Cure

TIRED of repairing lines repeatedly severed by the enemy, Sgt. Ira E. Weston, of Marianna, Fla., and Co. G, 12th Inf., devised a fool-proof method of keeping the wires intact.

Artillery Lightning Illuminates the Night



By night as well as day the war is carried to the enemy on the Western Front. An eight-inch howitzer fires a shell somewhere in Germany and wreathes the vicinity in light and smoke.

Turkey Near War on Nazis, Report Claims

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Prompted by Marshal Stalin, the Big Three meeting agreed that only nations which took an active role in the war will rate seats at the peace conference, Cyrus Sulzberger, New York Times correspondent, declared today in a dispatch from Cairo.

It is now strongly rumored, Sulzberger added, that Turkey will soon become an active belligerent. The Turkish Cabinet is meeting now, and a special session of the Turkish National Assembly will be held Friday.

French Role Reported Hit Meanwhile, in his first statement since his meeting with Prime Minister Churchill, Egyptian Premier Ahmed Maher Pasha told the Chamber of Deputies that Egypt was backing the Syrians and the Lebanese in their demands on France for independence, the United Press said.

Patient Nazis Get Their Man

WITH FOURTH INF. DIV., Feb. 22.—Lt. Dick McConnell, of Utica, N.Y., and Co. F, 12th Inf. Regt., expected some artillery fire in the new position, so he ordered his men to dig in quickly.

Officer Wins Third Army Its First Medal of Honor

WITH FOURTH ARMD. DIV., Luxembourg, Feb. 22.—The first Congressional Medal of Honor to be awarded in the Third Army today was presented to 1/Lt. James H. Fields, of Fort Worth, Tex., by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

On Sept. 27 near Rechivourt, France, Lt. Fields went up Hill 265 with 55 men and came down 24 hours later with 13. In that time, the platoon of armored infantrymen, with two light machine-guns as their only automatic weapons, had destroyed an enemy artillery-supported platoon and three Panther tanks.

Shooting with only one hand and in terrific pain, Fields killed the commander of one of three Panthers which attacked the positions. He stayed until the enemy withdrew and then walked and crawled to the battalion aid station.

Two Nazi Brothers Held by U.S. For Murder of Russian PWs

WITH FIRST ARMY, Germany, Feb. 22.—Two German brothers, self-styled loyal Nazis but hated and feared by their own compatriots in a former German labor battalion, were held by American military authorities today charged with the brutal murder and beating of Russian war prisoners.

This is believed to be the first instance on the Western Front in which Germans are charged with atrocities against Russians.

Iwo Battle ... (Continued from Page 1)

Marine push toward the fighter strip. Earlier, Nimitz had reported the repulse of a Japanese counter-blow east of Mt. Suribachi.

Poles May Seek Stettin, Slice Of Pomerania

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP).—Russian reference to the Slavic origin of communities east of the Oder River has raised the possibility that postwar Poland—with Soviet support—may enter a bid for a big slice of Germany's Pomerania, including the shipbuilding port of Stettin.

This speculation developed in the wake of an article Saturday in Moscow's Red Star, which declared: "The day is not far distant when these authentic Slavic territories will be returned to their legal owners."

The article's timing—only a few days after the Big Three announced agreement on Russia's claim for a slice of Poland, roughly up to the Curzon line—raised the possibility that the major powers might consider a peace table proposal where by Poland's southwestern frontiers would be fixed along the Oder.

Poland's frontier is fixed at the Oder it would place Berlin on the Poles' doorstep. Near Frankfurt, the Poles would be a little more than 50 miles from Berlin, and it carried to the river's source the proposed boundary would cost Germany a good part of Silesia.

Marine Chief Pledges Victory On Iwo, Regardless of Cost

IWO JIMA, Feb. 22.—Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commandant of Marines in the Pacific, declared today that the Americans would capture Iwo Jima no matter what the cost.

Swimmer in Longjohns Paves Way for Yank Patrol Across Moder

By Wade Jones Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH A SEVENTH ARMY RECON. OUTFIT, Feb. 22.—Last night, as for the last ten nights, a guy in this outfit stripped down to his brown GI winter underwear, smeared mud and soot on his face and hands, strapped his belt around his middle and attached a long piece of wire to it. Then he dove into the Moder River.

Crowley Blasts 'False Rumors' On Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS).—Lend-lease aid to Allied nations has not been responsible for beef and cigarette shortages at home, Leo T. Crowley, foreign economic administrator, told Congress in a lend-lease report.

Rapping "false rumors," Crowley declared that in 1944 lend-lease took only one and one-fourth percent of cigarette production. All lend-lease cigarettes—none of them standard American brands—have gone to Allied military forces and none to civilians," he said.

Eighty-four percent of American munitions production during the war has been kept for U.S. forces, Crowley said. Lend-lease reached an all-time high in the first half of 1944, he added, "in preparation for D-Day, Normandy and the great Soviet winter offensive."

He also pointed out that the Red Army received a total of 362,000 motor vehicles through Dec. 1, 1944, as compared with Britain's 80,000, and 12,000 planes compared with Britain's 8,500.

Churchill to Seek Vote of Confidence

LONDON, Feb. 22 (UP).—Prime Minister Churchill's government announced today that it would seek a vote of confidence from the Commons next week at the end of debate on the Crimea Conference.

Churchill appeared in Commons today and rejected proposals that a limitation of aerial warfare should be considered after Germany is defeated. He said: "I certainly do not think that the victorious Allies should deprive themselves of defenses which are possible through the air."

To Be Movie Wac

Lana Turner, who will star in a new picture about Wacs, "Keep Your Powder Dry," has called off her vacation in which she had planned to "get better acquainted with my baby."

A Sign in a Debris-Littered Aachen Street



Stars and Stripes Photo by Riedman

Assault Award Authorized for Troops in ETO

Soldiers who participated in the Dieppe raid of 1942, or the initial assault on the Normandy beaches, and airborne troops who landed in Normandy or in the Nijmegen-Arnhem area, are entitled to wear the new Bronze Service Arrowhead, it was announced at Headquarters, ETO.

The Arrowhead, a bronze device one quarter of an inch high, is to be worn on the appropriate theater ribbon, to the right of the campaign stars.

Commanders of units participating in the invasion operation will submit data and names of members of the units to the theater commander for approval.

An individual soldier who is eligible for the Arrowhead but is no longer serving with the unit with which he earned the award, may submit an affidavit to his present commanding officer citing the circumstances under which the award was earned. If verified by the outfit began these operations, the patrol members used life belts but they were too bulky and the men gave them up.

Only units or detachments which were included in the force and participated in the assault that secured the initial beachheads in Normandy will be considered as having established eligibility.

Pass. Berlin

WITH FOURTH ARMD. DIVISION.—Probably the first Berlin passes in the ETO are being mimeographed by the Tenth Arm. Inf. Bn.—but they'll be used subject to approval by higher headquarters.

Nearly Everything Is Changed The Poet and Billy Fisher In Mournful Hills of War

By James Cannon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 80th DIV., Inside the Siegfried Line, Feb. 22.—Eight months ago the war for Billy Fisher was a calamity that took the older fellows out of Sharpsburg, Pa. Eight months ago Sinatra never stopped singing in the juke boxes and the guys were all in love with Betty Hutton.

Billy Fisher was going to high school in Sharpsburg eight months ago and in between the halves of the football games he read the poetry of A. E. Housman because it cooled him and settled his nerves.

There is music in these hills, but it doesn't come from juke boxes and there is no Sinatra to sing it and it makes no sense at all.

"Things started to pop around me right away," he said, blowing and pulling on the pipe, but the tobacco was wet and cold. "It was a funny feeling, but I had it before. Once when I was a boy my kite was caught in a tree and I climbed out on a limb to get it. The limb was pretty thin. I went out on it and it started to bend and I got warm inside. After a while I froze inside, but just for a second. I wanted the kite so I kept on going and the limb didn't break and I got the kite. That's how you feel when the first ones come in at you."

Eight months ago in Sharpsburg Billy Fisher never thought about the beautiful music that the drowning people hear because Sinatra was singing the national anthems and those were the songs in your head, the ones you secretly learned if you were 17.

"Right in the middle of the river in the pitch dark a boat rammed our boat and we sank right away," he said, knocking the caked ashes out of the pipe, standing on one leg and hitting the pipe against his combat boot. "I heard no music when I went under but I'm a good swimmer and made it easy."

Eight months ago, back in Sharpsburg, Billy Fisher was full of "yes, sirs" and "no, ma'ams" for the old folk around the town, but no one stays a boy forever. Why, even some of Frank Sinatra's songs are gone from the hit parade after eight months and some of the guys go for Betty Hutton's kid sister, Marion.

With 1,000 PWs in a barracks built for 400, most of us had dysentery," Andrasovsky said.

French Raise Postal Rates The French Government yesterday raised its postal rates, including a boost in ordinary letter postage, from one and one-half francs to two francs. The postal minister explained that the raises were necessary to avoid a deficit in view of higher costs of transport. Telephone and telegram rates also were raised.

Covering GI Sports

One-sided victories were scored by three teams in the first round of the Ninth AF Service Command basketball tournament last night at Japy Gym, Paris. The 16th AD Gp. defeated the 1585th QM cagers, 42-30; First Transport eliminated 2009 Ordnance, 54-37, and 925th Signal defeated 461st Signal, 58-31. Cardoza, of 925th Signal, paced the scorers for the night with 21 points on ten field goals and a foul.

16th AD Gp.	G	F	P	1585th QM	G	F	P
Siegel, f.	3	1	7	Redmond, f.	4	0	8
Pillepeck, f.	5	2	12	Stevens, f.	0	1	1
Mold, c.	4	0	8	Cunningham, f.	1	1	3
Camper, g.	5	3	13	Cowber, c.	6	0	12
Reed, g.	0	0	0	Rambo, g.	0	0	0
Plant, g.	0	0	0	Robertson, g.	2	2	6
Slaco, g.	1	0	2	Keister, g.	0	0	0
Totals...	18	6	42	Totals...	13	4	30

Transport	G	F	P	Ordnance	G	F	P
Shortridge, f.	3	1	5	Miller, f.	3	4	10
Young, f.	0	0	0	Canavau, f.	1	0	2
Eldred, f.	7	3	9	V Errigo, c.	6	0	12
Balstrom, c.	4	1	9	F Errigo, g.	2	2	0
Smith, g.	0	1	1	Gold, g.	0	0	0
Marshall, g.	1	0	2	Mackuba, g.	2	1	5
Fewell, g.	3	2	8	Kowalski, g.	1	0	0
Bailey, g.	0	0	0	Kacis, g.	0	0	0
Totals...	21	12	54	Totals...	15	7	37

After competing in a 15-game classification round, the following teams of Seine Section and Hq Command, Com Z, are in competition in the class "A" basketball league. Each team represents the winner of a ten-team classification league.

979th Signal...	W	L	442nd TC...	W	L
351st Engr...	3	0	Signal Center...	1	1
9th Engr. Com...	3	0	217th Hosp...	1	2
508-A Engr...	3	0	3284th QM...	0	2
Special Serv...	1	0	GFRC	0	0
ATC	2	1			

St. John's Tops NYU in Garden

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—St. John's thwarted a belated rally by NYU to win, 34-30, after CCNY outlasted Brooklyn College, 57-54, before an overflow throng of 18,134 in a doubleheader basketball bill at Madison Square Garden last night.

It was the 15th victory in 17 starts for the Indians and the sixth reversal against 11 wins for NYU. The CCNY cagers improved their season slate to ten victories in 13 tries, while Brooklyn slipped to 500 percent with eight triumphs and the same number of setbacks. St. John's held an 18-13 intermission lead, marked by ragged ball-handling and erratic shooting. The Violets threatened mildly in the second half, but Hy Gotkin scored a pair from the side and Ray Wertis added another to shove the Red-men out of danger.

Cubs Sell Lou Novikoff To Los Angeles Angels

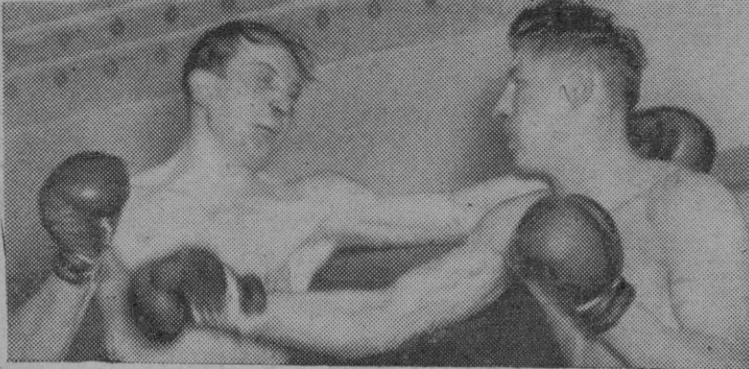
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—Lou Novikoff, Chicago Cubs' outfielder, has been purchased by the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast League, Don Stewart, Angels' president, announced today. The deal was a straight cash transaction with no other players involved.

Novikoff went to the Cubs from here in 1940, then was sent to Milwaukee where he won the American Association batting championship. He was recalled by the Cubs, with whom he hit .287 last year.

CAGE RESULTS

Akron 95, Heidelberg 26
Camp Luma 75, Fort Sumner A.B. 51
Denison 73, Miami (Ohio) 32
Glennan Hosp. 58, Tulsa 48
Lampeton Science 22, N. Dak. State 19
Loyola (N. Orleans) 60, Camp Plaque 46
Murray State 39, Morehead 38
Muhlenberg 34, Franklin-Marshall 41
Navy 73, Fordham 30
CCNY 57, Brooklyn College 54
Rider 60, St. Francis 49
Susquehanna 42, Elizabethtown 34
St. John's (Bklyn.) 34, NYU 30
Syracuse 51, Temple 49
Texas Christian 55, Baylor 24
Trux Field 47, Ottumwa Naval 38
Virginia Poly 57, VMI 34

Engineer Rocks a Frenchman's Bridgework



Pfc Johnny Butina, right, of a Ninth Air Force Engineer Regiment, follows through after landing a hard right to the mouth of Andre Bonjean, former French amateur middleweight champion. Butina, who hails from Youngstown, Ohio, outpointed his opponent in the main event of a recent boxing show in Eastern France.

Once Over Lightly

By Paul Horowitz
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

BASEBALL'S traffic signals in Washington have blinked from red to green, then back to red again. Yet, with a crisis on their hands, major league clubowners have malingered over selection of their new baseball commissioner. This is no time for political ball-tossing in the big leagues. An immediate choice of a successor to Judge Landis seems mandatory, for baseball now needs, more than ever, a spokesman who can carry the official weight of the entire industry to Washington to battle for its rights.

Recent dispatches from the States indicate sportswriters and big league "big shots" have borrowed GI Joe as a champion for their cause. Dan Daniel, of the New York World-Telegram, writes: "Washington has heard the call of the man in the foxhole, the boy on the naval front, the prisoner in a German prison camp—don't stop baseball."

THAT'S PUTTING it on a bit thick. GI reaction here definitely favors continuation of baseball during wartime, but the Joes in the foxholes, we're certain, feel so remote from the crisis, they're not discussing whether baseball will survive, but—more likely—whether their chow has been good—or the ground dry.

The average sports-loving GI, conscious of his own sacrifices, would like professional baseball to make a few. He'd like to see the World Series played in two sections next fall, one in the ETO, the other somewhere in the Pacific. He'd like to be entertained, to be able to relax, to let someone "fresh" from the States go into an act and help him sweat out demobilization—assuming, of course, that World Series time next October finds peace in the ETO.

THE ODT'S decision to curtail baseball travel by 25 percent will affect other sports, too, and may spell the doom of the new professional football conferences which have member teams in widely-separated cities. Under the ODT's "homefield" policy, such major football attractions as the Army-Notre Dame game in Yankee Stadium may be knocked out of kilter since that gridiron would not be the homefield of either team. Cross-country trips by basketball teams that are invited to play in Madison Square Garden would be curtailed. Whether the scheduled NCAA cage tournament in the Garden next month will be affected still is unknown, but it's quite likely Ned Irish may have to substitute teams geographically suited, according to the ODT concept, for Garden competition.

Lauds Carl Hubbell As Farm Club Ace

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 22.—Eddie Brannick, genial secretary of the New York Giants, basking under the Chamber of Commerce sun, took time out today to give Carl Hubbell a buildup as a "top ranking" farm club executive,—and also let loose a blast at his favorite target, the Brooklyn Dodgers.



Carl Hubbell

that Giant farm system grow," Brannick declared. "Hubbell's tremendously popular throughout the country and that means a great deal when folks sit down and start tipping you off on big league prospects in the bushes."

Brannick took advantage of the opportunity to knock his over-the-river neighbor, saying, "The Brooklyn team has been populated through the years by a bunch of bums and when Hubbell gets started, he'll make a bigger bum out of Branch Rickey, who always has modestly accepted full credit for developing farm systems."

Ninth SC Five Wins

The Ninth SC basketballers defeated the Ninth AF Hq cagers, 52-42, in a game played at the Service Command gym. S/Sgt. Joe Risner was high for the winners with 21 points.

Patterson Succeeds Brandt

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Arthur "Red" Patterson, New York Herald Tribune baseball writer, has been named to succeed Bill Brandt as director of the National League Service Bureau when Brandt resigns April 1. Brandt, league publicity head for the last ten years, announced he will retire to write a history of baseball.

The Question Box

Sgt. Norman Hibbets.—Russ Bauers, former Pittsburgh hurler, won nine games, lost seven, for Albany of the Eastern League in 1942.

Pfc Gordon R. Cooper.—According to Dan Daniel, New York World-Telegram sports authority, there's no official record of the longest homer ever hit. Babe Ruth once hit the ball over the rightfield fence in Detroit. It bounced for several blocks and carned off a parked car. Ruth once hit a ball measured at 550 feet. It was at Tampa, Fla., in 1919, when he was still with the Boston Red Sox.

Quentin Jones.—Darrel Lester played with Texas Christian.

Pvt. Fred J. Marks.—Kiki Cuyler played 11 games with the Pirates in 1923, 117 games in 1924, 153 games in 1925, 157 games in 1926, 85 games in 1927. In '24, '25, '26, '27, he batted .354, .357, .321 and .301. In '25 and '26, he led the league in runs scored with 144 and 113. In '26, he led the league in stolen bases with 35. In '25, he played seven World Series games and batted .269, fielded .923. With the Cubs in '28-'34, Cuyler played 133 games and batted .285; 139 and .360; 156 and .355; 110 and .291; 70 and .317; 142 and .338. In '28, '29, '30, he led the league in stolen bases with 37, 40 and 37. In the '29 World Series, he batted .300, fielded .889. In '32 World Series, he batted .278, fielded 1.000.

Sgt. T. W. Rogers.—John Lavener, Indiana All-America, was captain of the Granville (Ohio) high school football team.

Pvt. William Reid.—Joe Louis was born, May 13, 1914. He was 23 years old when he fought James J. Braddock for the heavyweight title.

Pvt. Jerome S. Reed.—City College of New York defeated St. John's, 42-41, this season.

All-Star Game Is First Casualty of ODT Order

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The first reaction of baseball to the "request" from the Office of Defense Transportation to curtail team travel by 25 percent this year has been the cancellation of the annual All-Star game, scheduled in July at Boston. The fate of the World Series was not immediately announced, but officials here made it clear that that classic

Legs for 4-Min. Mile Not Yet Made—Dodds

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 22.—Gil Dodds, American indoor mile champion who hung up his running shoes to preach Gospel, said today a four-minute mile is beyond human capability. Dodds, on a preaching tour of the South, believes a pair of human legs capable of that performance just haven't been made.



Ford Frick

The ODT announced it was formulating a policy which would result in a similar cut in all athletic travel, both amateur and professional, though yesterday's announcement dealt primarily with baseball.

Baseball officials received four separate suggestions from J. Monroe Johnson, ODT director:

- 1.—Games will be played only at the home field of one of the competing teams, except when scheduled at an Army or Navy post, in which case the military will provide transportation. Pre-season training will continue in or near the team's home city.
- 2.—Clubs will cut their rosters as far as possible while on the road.
- 3.—World Series games will be held only if transportation and war conditions permit.
- 4.—All clubs will re-examine their schedules and effect any possible savings in transportation.

Ford Frick, National League president, here with his American League colleague, Will Harridge, to talk over the baseball situation with War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, declared the cancellation of the All-Star game would save at least half a million passenger miles.

Manpower Problem Worries Rickey

BROOKLYN, Feb. 22.—Branch Rickey, high Mahatma of the Brooklyn Dodgers, looks upon the ODT decision, regarded in some circles as a green light for baseball, as no such thing. Rickey says travel was never a major problem with baseball, and what the game needs more than anything else is some assurance from War Mobilization Director Byrnes that there will be nine men to play for each team when the season opens.



Branch Rickey

Rickey said he preferred to consider the ODT's order to cut travel by 25 percent an entirely separate proposition from the manpower problem.

"Right now our problem is manpower," said Rickey, "and I'd like to see the green light waved from Byrnes' office and not from the ODT."

Kentucky Coach Quits Grid for History Books

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 22.—Albert "Ab" Kirwan resigned as head football coach at the University of Kentucky yesterday to devote his full time to his job in the history department. Athletic Director Bernie Shively was named to succeed Kirwan.

Pros Lease Soldiers Field

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—John L. Keeshin, owner of the Chicago franchise in the All-America Football Conference, announced today he had signed a ten-year lease on Soldiers Field as a playing site for his team.



Smile of the week: As popular as the girl who keeps reminding you she has to be home by ten o'clock.

Sage sayings (By S/Sgt. A. C. LaFrance): "If you get rid of the shillings, the pounds will take care of themselves."

Today's one-act play. (Scene: Street corner of any city)

Girl: "Stop that soldier. He tried to kiss me." MP: "Don't worry. There'll be another one along in a minute."

A corporal we know sez all the gals he meets are "conscientious



objectors"—always ready to say "no."

Revised quotes: Man who hesitates is lost—likewise girl who doesn't.

Conversation in Hollywood: First child: "Have you a papa and mama?"

Second kiddie: "Sure. I have three papas by my first mama and two mamas by my second papa."

Oddities in the news: A certain Red Cross publicity office is located on the top story of a build-



ing that's so high that the only visitor it's had lately was a descending paratrooper who had gotten lost.

Incidental information: Troop trains are mentioned in the Bible—when it says, "The Lord made every creeping thing."

J. C. W.

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Table with columns for Time and TODAY/TOMORROW, listing radio programs and their times.

Births

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

SGT. Francis McGowan—girl, Feb. 15; Sgt. Jerome Shweder, New York—Richard Allan, Feb. 17; T/4 Milton Steigman, Bronx—Jeffrey Allan, Feb. 17; Sgt. Floyd Majeski, Wausau, Wis.—Richard Paul, Jan. 26, Pfc Norman Kittel, Wausau, Wis.—Barbara Lee, Feb. 13; Lt. Louis Brumberg, Chester, Pa.—girl, Feb. 4; Pfc Stephen J. Suhoeki, Amsterdam, N. Y.—Stephen Richard; Pvt. Orton Stern, Brooklyn—girl, Feb. 19; Capt. J. H. Brush, Omaha—girl, Feb. 17; 1/Sgt. Thomas D. Ragland, Clarkdale, Miss.—boy, Feb. 17; J. David Goldman, Indianapolis—boy, Feb. 16; Lt. George H. Carter, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Dorothy Anne, Feb. 3; Cpl. Sidney Spierca—Michael, Feb. 12.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

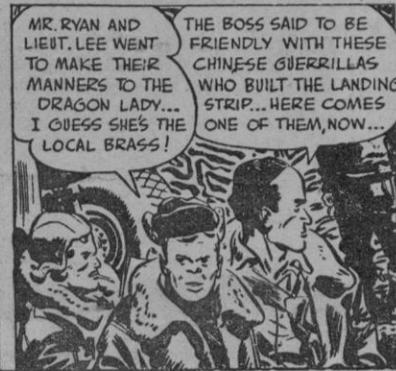
By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

By Chester Gould



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



800,000 Nazis Dead in East, Stalin Reveals

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slavery... and has helped the peoples of Europe to throw off the German yoke."

"The first consequence of the successes of our winter offensive," Stalin declared, "was that they thwarted the winter offensive of the Germans in the west, which aimed at the seizure of Belgium and Alsace, and enabled our Allies in their turn to launch an offensive against the Germans and thus link up their offensive operations in the West with the offensive operations of the Red Army in the East."

To mark the victories won by the Red Army in the last year, Marshal Stalin ordered that salutes of 20 artillery salvos be fired at 8 o'clock this morning in Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk, Petrozavodsk, Tallinn, Riga, Vilna, Kishinev, Tiflis, Stalingrad, Sebastopol, Odessa and Lwow.

Drive to Neisse River

Marshal Ivan S. Koniev's Soviet forces, slashing at the flanks of the German defense systems protecting Berlin and Dresden, drove to the Neisse River yesterday along a front more than 35 miles long.

The Soviet communique reported that Koniev's First Ukrainian Army had seized Schenkendorf, less than two miles south of the German bastion of Guben, which is 65 miles southeast of Berlin.

More than 60 other towns and villages fell to the Soviet forces as they took command of the Neisse's eastern bank all the way south to Leippa.

Guben, Cottbus, Forst and Goerlitz—all important German defense points guarding the approaches to Berlin and Dresden—were directly threatened by the Russians.

Koniev's pressure against the Neisse, an Oder River tributary along which the Nazis hoped to halt the flanking attack against Berlin, appeared to be strongest at two points—around Guben and above Goerlitz, about 50 miles northeast of Dresden.

Moscow dispatches reported fierce hand-to-hand clashes in the Guben area, with Soviet tanks leading sallies into the eastern outskirts of the town.

North of Zhukov's central front, the Germans claimed to have halted Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's army after he had captured Czersk and brought his armored vanguard within 40 miles of Danzig. The Russians, however, claimed several local gains. Trapped German forces were trying to escape from East Prussia. They were striking westward from besieged Koenigsberg toward Pillau.

Gen. Ross Praises U.S. Railroads for Sacrificing Experts

Maj. Gen. Frank S. Ross, ETOUSA Chief of Transportation, yesterday made public a letter he had sent several weeks ago commending American railroads for sacrificing "trained manpower from their own organization" to enable the Transportation Corps to rush men and material to the front.

According to an announcement made yesterday at Com Z headquarters, the railroads responded immediately to Gen. Ross' request last fall for additional trained personnel.

"We feel confident," Gen. Ross said in his letter of recommendation, "that when history is written, the contribution of the American railroads in the form of railroad men in the Transportation Corps' Military Railway Service will be one to which you can always point with pride."

Washington's Birth Commemorated Here

Representatives of the Government and Army commemorated George Washington's birthday yesterday in a ceremony at the Place d'Yena.

Jefferson Caffery, American Ambassador, placed a floral wreath on Washington's monument before a crowd of French civilians and soldiers.

Army representatives included Brig. Gen. F. A. Allen Jr. and Brig. Gen. P. B. Rogers.

Court Acquits Major on Rail Neglect Charge

Maj. Walter H. Marlin, former commander of the 716th Railway Operating Battalion, was acquitted yesterday by a Paris court-martial of charges of neglect of duty in connection with widespread black market activities of men in the battalion.

Marlin was not accused of participating in black market activities. More than 100 of the men under his command had been convicted of pilfering cigarettes and other supplies.

Prosecutor Lt. Col. Carmon C. Harris argued that corruption was so prevalent in Marlin's battalion that he must have been aware of it and therefore guilty of neglect. Marlin contended that he knew nothing of the thievery.

In his defense, Marlin said that he had told his men to take food from the trains if they were hungry, but emphasized that the food be for their own use.

Warned Men Against Looting

He testified that he had frequently walked through trains operated by his battalion, but that he had never seen any signs of looting. After a series of telegrams from higher authority on looting, he said he warned the men against it.

Marlin testified that he became a major without any military experience, and that he tried to resign last year, primarily because of his wife's illness, "but also because I felt confused handling officers and men."

"I wanted to serve," he said of his start in the Army, "so I wrote to the War Department outlining my railway experience and requesting a commission. Rightaway, I was notified I would be made a major and told to report for a physical examination. I had four weeks of training at Camp Stoneman."

Air War . . .

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cities which are not normally major railheads. However, the ceaseless bombing of the larger marshalling yards has caused the Germans to increase military traffic through these secondary centers.

Some jet-fighter opposition was encountered by fighters escorting the heavies. Maj. Wayne Blickenstaff, of Chino, Calif., shot one down after his Mustang had chased it "almost to the Russian lines."

More than 1,400 medium and fighter bombers of the Ninth AF struck at marshalling yards and rail bridges in a 200-mile arc extending from Hanover to the Saar Valley.

Marauders from the Ninth's flight of 500 mediums marked up another precedent during the day by dropping to deck level for the first time and strafing railways, sidings and rail installations.

Terror Bombing Report Is Denied By Stimson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson labelled as "false" a report from the ETO that the Allied air forces had decided upon "terror bombing" of German civilians.

"Our policy has never been to inflict bombing on civilian populations," he said. "I've investigated that report and it arose from what I consider an excusable, but incorrect interpretation of a remark by a briefing officer."

Infantrymen Make 'Dry Run' on River Crossings



U.S. infantrymen leap from an assault boat during a landing drill on the banks of a river on the Western Front. The demonstration was conducted by the engineers.

Friendly 'Ike' Visits Busy Cherbourg

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WITH THE SUPREME COMMANDER, Normandy, Feb. 22—Gen. Eisenhower yesterday inspected the once-shattered port of Cherbourg where American soldiers are handling tons of supplies every minute for Allied armies on the Western Front.



Gen. Eisenhower

But while his visit was chiefly intended as a tour of inspection of the gigantic reformed link in his iron-hard supply chain, the Supreme Commander found time to speak to scores of wounded soldiers on a hospital ship and many convalescing battle casualties in general hospitals.

The men on the ship were cheerful, confident, proud that their boss had come down to see them off. They had served in all branches of the Army and they were bound for England for further treatment. Some would go home.

The men in the hospitals were

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Patton elements overlooking Konz, reported Mitchell.

The Moselle in France becomes the Mosel in Germany as it flows northeastward to the Rhine.

Within the Saar-Mosel triangle, Mitchell wired, the towns of Felle-rich and Rommelganger were captured after a four-day operation by the 94th and other elements.

North of it, Patton's cavalry drove the last German forces out of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in advances east of Vianden.

In the Echernach bridgehead, meanwhile, 80th Inf. Div. doughs slugged their way a mile toward the Prum River. They took the towns of Lahr, Niedergeckler and Geichlingen, harassed by heavy enemy assault gun and SP gun fire.

U.S. Seventh Army forces southeast of Patton's attack cleared half of Forbach in heavy house-to-house fighting. Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's men drove into the town after climbing the high ground to the southeast and reducing Schlossberg Castle.

equally overjoyed to see and speak to the five-star general, accompanied by Col. James P. Gault, his military assistant, and Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, deputy theater commander.

Gen. Eisenhower went through a seven-hour schedule that found him carefully inspecting the port and supply operations while Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, Normandy Base Section commander, reported on how production there was being kept at a maximum. Cherbourg now has a port capacity far greater than in peacetime.

The general also inspected a huge bakery and coffee-roasting plant, watched Joes unload 105 mm. shells from barges, examined a

newly-opened reinforcement camp, went through engineer and ordnance depots, and met the perspiring personnel of a roundhouse operated by the 728th Ry. Op. Bn.

And he also climbed a couple of flights of stairs to see the "Normandy Knights," an all-soldier jive band which plays for Army-sponsored dances.

Finally, his Sedan stopped at Cherbourg's two enlisted men's Red Cross Clubs. He met the managers, waved to several hundred doughnut-munching GIs, peeked in on French classes and ping-pong tournaments, waved a farewell and climbed back into his car.

For Gen. Eisenhower had another full schedule awaiting him.

Foe Scattered On Corregidor ETO Supplies To Be Shifted

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MANILA, Feb. 22 (ANS).—Only scattered Japanese remnants remained on Corregidor today after enemy troops inside the island fortress, hopelessly cut off in a vast network of tunnels, had blown themselves up by touching off one of the main underground ammunition dumps.

The main body of the Japanese garrison had been sealed into the tunnels by American paratroopers and infantrymen who invaded the island a week ago. They caved in the tunnel entrances with explosives.

Pocket Is Reduced

Gen. MacArthur reported that "so far as can be found, no living Japanese soldier" remains on the Bataan Peninsula. Yanks cleaned out Bataan in less than a month. It took the Japanese more than three months to win the peninsula in 1942.

In southern Manila, U.S. troops cut down the Japanese pocket to an area 700 yards long and 100 wide—almost all of it in the Intramuros section. American artillery still was battering the thick walls of Intramuros.

De Gaulle Heads New Group

The French Government has established an "Indo-China Committee" under the chairmanship of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

The committee will supervise France's participation in liberation of the Far Eastern colony and prepare for re-establishment of French sovereignty there.

voting on the next War Department appropriation bill. With his request Engel had submitted to Stimson an Associated Press story dated Jan. 31, which gave the earlier version of War Department plans, based on statements by anonymous high government officials.

The Representative said that a War Department representative told him that the language of the AP report followed in part the language contained in some secret statement or report the War Department had, the description of which was a rather indefinite proposal to leave much of American troops' equipment in Europe when Germany falls, to bring sizable forces into action as quickly as possible against Japan.

Americans Open Mexican Parley

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22.—An explosive issue arose today at the first of the Inter-American Conference's preliminary meetings when Paraguay demanded that the delegates decide on a policy regarding Argentina.

However, action on Argentina was postponed. The Argentine question will be discussed only after the drawing up of the security, economic and political agenda.

French Liberty Ship Docks

The first Liberty ship carrying the French flag has docked at a port in southern France, the official French news agency announced yesterday.