

Today's Russian Lesson
DAW-broy NAW-chee.
Good night.

Ici On Parle Français
Voici mon adresse.
Vwasee mone adress.
Here is my address.

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Scots Fight Into Goch; U.S. Gains

Scottish troops of the Canadian First Army last night were reported to have taken half of Goch, Siegfried Line communications hub at the Northern tip of the Western Front.

Meanwhile, U.S. Third Army units were biting two chunks off the enemy's Our River salient between Prum and Echternach.

The U.S. Seventh Army was officially reported to be fighting on German soil for the first time since its withdrawal from the Reich early in January, while scattered enemy artillery and mortar fire was reported in several U.S. Ninth Army sectors. There was relative quiet in the British Second and French First Armies' sectors.

Canadian First units met machine-gun and mortar fire from the pillbox cellars of innocent-looking dwellings in Goch as they fought their way from the northeast and northwest into the "Caen of the North," which had a pre-war population of about 14,000. Casualties were reported to be "fairly heavy" in both Allied and German ranks.

On the Third Army front, the 90th Inf. Div. captured the village of Leidenborn, seven miles southwest of Prum, and wiped out a German regimental post, capturing 14 staff officers, in a couple of half-mile gains.

More significant gains were made on the underbelly of the German salient, where doughboys drove into three towns and threatened a fourth.

The 80th Inf. Div. cleared Hommerdingen, eight miles northwest of Echternach, and hammered on to the edge of Nusbaum, a half-

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Army to Seize Struck Plant

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—War Department seizure of the strike-bound American Enka Corporation, Asheville, N.C., was authorized today by President Roosevelt.

The White House announced the President had issued an executive order authorizing Secretary of War Stimson to take possession of and operate the plant, which makes rayon cord for tires.

Continuation of a labor dispute at the plant, which employs 3,000, is impeding the war effort, the order said. The plant has been idle since Feb. 8.

The War Labor Board on Friday ordered the company to arbitrate with the union and directed workers to return.

Churchill Back in England

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Prime Minister Churchill returned to England today from the Big Three conference. He is expected to give the House of Commons a report on the discussions, possibly later this week.

U.S. Imposes Curfew on Night Spots

BULLETIN

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes today imposed a midnight curfew on the nation's entertainment spots.

He announced this afternoon that he is "requesting all places of entertainment to close by midnight each day, effective Feb. 26."

Yanks on Iwo, 750 Mi. from Tokyo; 509 Jap Planes Destroyed on Honshu

2-Day Navy Attack On Nippon Costs Foe 4 Warships

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HQ., Guam, Feb. 19 (ANS).—At least 509 Japanese planes were destroyed by the mighty force of U.S. carrier planes which attacked the Tokyo-Yokohama area of Honshu Island last Friday and Saturday, Admiral Nimitz announced today.

The American fliers sank four warships and ten cargo vessels and damaged war plants and military installations. Forty-nine American planes and 30 to 40 U.S. fliers were lost. None of the ships in the U.S. task force was damaged by enemy action.

[In Washington, the War Department announced that Marianas-based Superfortresses attacked industrial plants at Tokyo yesterday. India-based Superforts hit the Kuala railway repair shops in Malaya.]

Termed 'Decisive' Victory

Nimitz said that the carrier planes won a "decisive" victory. They approached the enemy coast under cover of darkness and bad weather which hampered Japanese air operations. Tokyo's defenders were taken by surprise.

A Japanese escort carrier was set afire and went down near Yokohama. An enemy destroyer and two escort destroyers also were sunk, and more than 20 other vessels were damaged.

U.S. airmen shot down 332 Japanese planes and definitely destroyed 177 on the ground. On the first day of the attack, at least 150 other enemy planes were probably destroyed or damaged. The number probably destroyed or damaged on the second day was not announced.

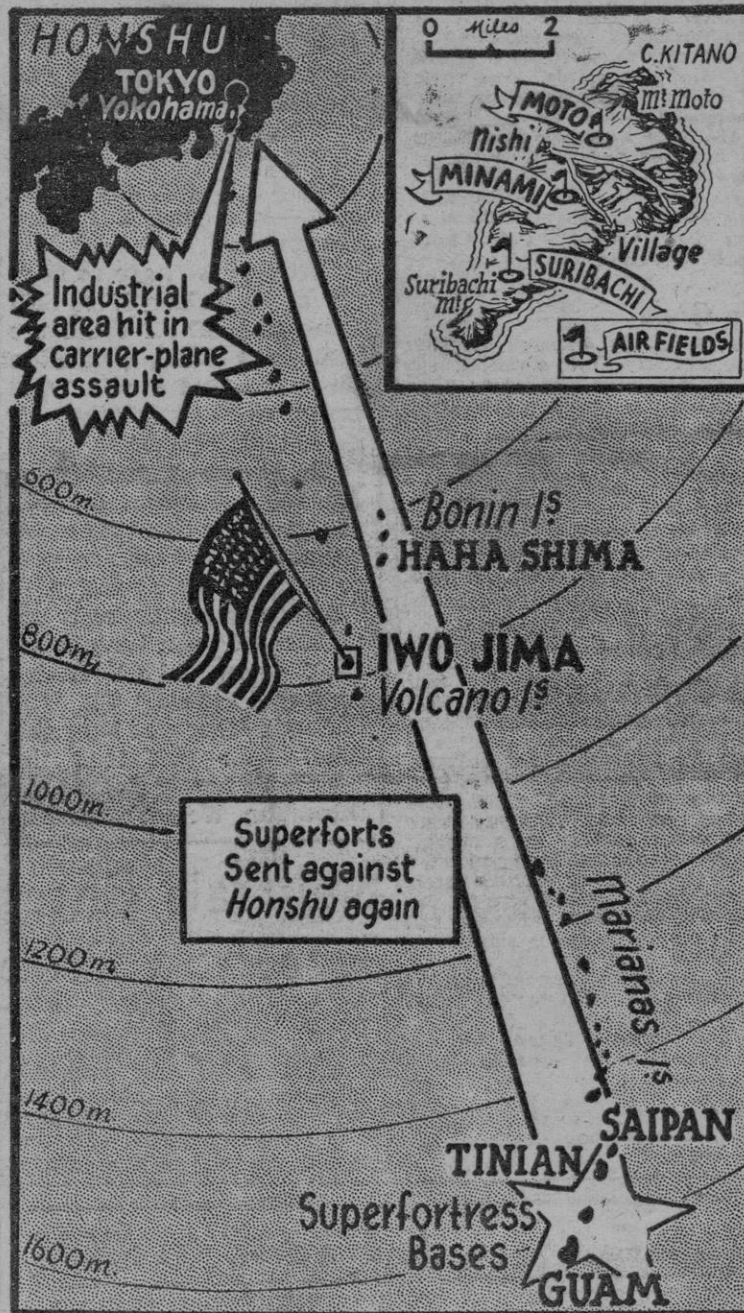
[Reuter reported that attacks on Japanese aircraft plants included one against the Tama factory, about eight miles from the Imperial Palace grounds in Tokyo.]

Argentina Stirs Rumor of War

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19 (AP).—Reports that Argentina is planning to declare war on Germany in an attempt to repair relations with Western Hemisphere nations stirred preliminary skirmishes today on an issue that may develop into a full-scale open debate when the Inter-American Conference opens here Wednesday.

The reports stemmed from the week-end announcement that the Buenos Aires government had sent a sharply worded note to Berlin, protesting a German threat to deny safe conduct to certain Argentine diplomats en route home from Germany.

Iwo a Gigantic Stride in U.S. Drive on Japan



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

U.S. Marines, after landing on the southeastern coast of Iwo Jima, advanced to the Suribachi airfield, shown on the inset map. Carrier planes attacked the Bonins, sinking 16 Japanese ships.

Koniev Army Reaches Guben, 65 Mi. from Berlin, Nazis Say

Soviet assault columns had reached the area of Guben, important road junction 65 miles southeast of Berlin, the Germans reported last night, adding that the Nazi High Command had launched an all-out bid to stop the Red Army winter offensive.

Soviet jubilation over the drive's phenomenal progress was clouded by news of the death of Gen. Ivan Cherniakovsky of wounds received on the East Prussian battlefield, where his army yesterday captured seven places south of Koenigsberg.

Indicating that the Russians had driven far beyond their last known positions near Sommerfeld, a Berlin military spokesman said that Nazi forces had "liberated" the town of Guben. Neither Moscow nor Berlin had ever reported Soviet seizure of Guben, and this was the first open statement that the Red Army had reached the town.

Reuter's military correspondent said last night that "should Moscow confirm that Marshal Koniev has reached Guben and the east bank

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Black Widow's Sting: 4 Cannon

WRIGHT FIELD, Ohio, Feb. 19 (ANS).—The Black Widow, night fighter plane, is armed with four 20-millimeter cannon and four 50-caliber machine-guns, the Air Technical Service Command revealed in the first announcement about armament of the Northrop-built P61.

The announcement said the cannon are mounted in the plane's belly. In the power turret just above and behind the pilot are machine-guns. A button on the pilot's stick fires the guns.

Firm Hold Is Won, Airfield Perilled By Marine Units

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HQ., Guam, Feb. 19 (ANS).—U.S. Marines, carrying the Pacific war to within 750 miles of Tokyo, stormed ashore on Iwo Jima today, quickly established a secure beachhead and drove to one of the tiny island's important airfields, Adm. Nimitz announced.

By landing on Iwo, the Marines cut in two the distance separating American ground forces from the Japanese homeland. The closest previous approach to Japan was made by U.S. troops who took the Marianas Islands, some 1,500 miles south of Tokyo.

Veteran Fifth Corps Marines—members of the United States' oldest amphibious unit—swarmed ashore in hundreds of rocket-firing landing boats after Iwo had been bombarded for three days by American warships. Carrier and land-based bombers also hit the island.

800 Ships Took Part

More than 800 U.S. vessels were involved in the operations. The Fifth Fleet warships which poured devastating fire into the eight-square-mile island included new 45,000-ton battleships.

Marines of the Fourth and Fifth Divs. established a 5,000-yard beach-

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Flier Gave Tip For Invasion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Information brought out of the Philippines by an American flier whose plane had been shot down led to a decision to make a sudden change in plans for the invasion of the islands, Adm. William Halsey revealed today in a press conference.

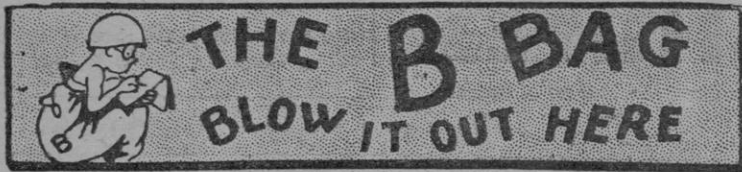
American forces were off the coast of the Philippines, with practically no opposition, and "we were knocking down Japanese planes right and left," Halsey said. Then an American plane was shot down and the pilot was rescued by guerrillas.

"The next day we sent in and got him," Halsey said. "He gave us information which led me to believe the time was ripe to go in."

After this event, which occurred on Sept. 13, Halsey reported his recommendations to Adm. Nimitz and Gen. MacArthur, who "picked up the ball and ran with it." They thus shifted their plans to permit landings on Leyte on Oct. 20.

Gains Made in Burma

Repelling several fierce Japanese counter-attacks, British and Indian troops yesterday slowly expanded their bridgehead across the Irrawaddy River in Burma, 40 miles west of Mandalay, SEAC headquarters announced. Meanwhile, the new Allied landing on the Arakan coast was solidified with the capture of the village of Ru-Ywa, about 60 miles from Akyaw.



Gratitude

I want to thank you for printing T/5 O'Shea's letter "Etiquette Be Damned," telling off those who created the impression that we at Bastogne needed no help.

Maybe he does not remember who sent that letter to The Stars and Stripes stating that we didn't need food, ammo, clothing, etc. and weren't ready to be rescued.

It wasn't one of the boys who starved, froze and prayed for clear skies. It wasn't one of the boys who saw his buddies being evacuated one by one, or trying to pick up some news regarding the troops who were trying to get through to us.

Words could not be said to explain how the guy in the hole felt when we heard that we were rescued. I know, I was there.

We are very thankful to have been rescued. I believe the outfits that reached us received a hearty welcome from us. Let them speak, as they were the ones who did the fine job.

If the big shots would shut up once in a while GI Joe would get a fair break.—A Paratrooper.

Some time after the battle of Bastogne a statement came out in The Stars and Stripes that the Eagle Div. didn't need rescue. In fact, it said that we were going to attack. Well, maybe we didn't need rescue and maybe we were going to attack. I don't know. I didn't see the big picture.

But I will say this, and I'm sure the rest of the boys feel the same way. We were damn glad to see you, mates! You didn't get the write-up in the papers that we got, but you deserved it, and the names of each outfit that gave us their helping hand during those few days will always be remembered by the 101st Airborne. Good work, mates! — S/Sgt. Charles Tinshey, 502 Para. Inf.

Clarification

Recently we read that we of the 82nd are supposed to have classified our brother Airborne Division, the 101st, as being "amateurs." We have been with the 82nd since it was activated, and to the best of our knowledge, no such statement was ever made officially or unofficially. Having nothing but praise to offer for the 101st, we would appreciate this matter being clarified.—Poisson & Eddie.

On the Alert

What are the Allies going to do with the German General Staff, the real cause of German militarism? Are the Prussian generals going to be allowed to relax in Allied prisoner of war camps in a "manner befitting their rank" until war's end, then be released to reindulge in the "world's next-to-the-oldest profession?"

Many Allied soldiers would like to see every member of the German General Staff, and every Prussian militarist, deported from civilization to a mid-ocean island where they could plan elaborate campaigns—to destroy each other.

Another question. Will Allied big business resume its fraternization as soon as the war is over? Many soldiers feel that if the little people of Germany are not fit for a place in a civilized world until

they have proven themselves, neither are the big business interests of Germany which have profited so much from this and every war.—T/Sgt. Ivan Smith, Hqs. ADSEC.

Wise Guys

The children of France today give us that finest of gifts—love, admiration... near veneration. Everywhere we have stopped in France, we have heard French children of all ages repeating... words they've so happily picked up—American words. And some of these words are just plain filth. Somebody thought he was smart!

Are these words we would care to have our mothers, wives or sweethearts hear? Are they expressions we'd teach to our buddy's kids? Are they fit mementoes of our passing?—Capt. Charles D. Converse, F.A.

We Hope

As something different for that breakfast, try this powdered egg omelet recipe for fifty men:

Half gallon dehydrated eggs; mix half milk and half water with eggs to make mixture a trifle thicker than usual. Add salt and pepper to taste and three ounces of baking powder. Add fried diced bacon while frying omelet. Serve jelly or marmalade with omelet.

It's really good, and for once, dehydrated eggs make a fine breakfast.—Sgt. Jack K. Cole, 1st Med. Grp.

Reinforcements

I am a Dutchman, for four months a volunteer with the Airborne, and fought through Holland and Belgium. An Army order sent home all foreigners, not enlisted, who wore American uniforms. I met many Dutchmen in the same position as myself. Many were from crack outfits, wore combat badges, and one had been appointed a lieutenant. They carried letters stating their return would be welcomed by both officers and men. My own case is similar.

Enlistment in the U.S. Army is impossible while high officials in the States and ETO stress shortages of manpower. Equipment shortages prevent Dutch, Belgians and French from fighting. Why not solve both problems by recruiting volunteers from these countries? Believe me, thousands will join you.—Gas Leegsmd, Ex-U.S. Inf.

An Editorial The Squad and Common Sense

It was just another squad. Like thousands of squads from Holland to the Vosges.

The men fought and sacrificed and suffered. Some of them died. Some were wounded. But the others went on—finding within their little family a world that was better than the world outside.

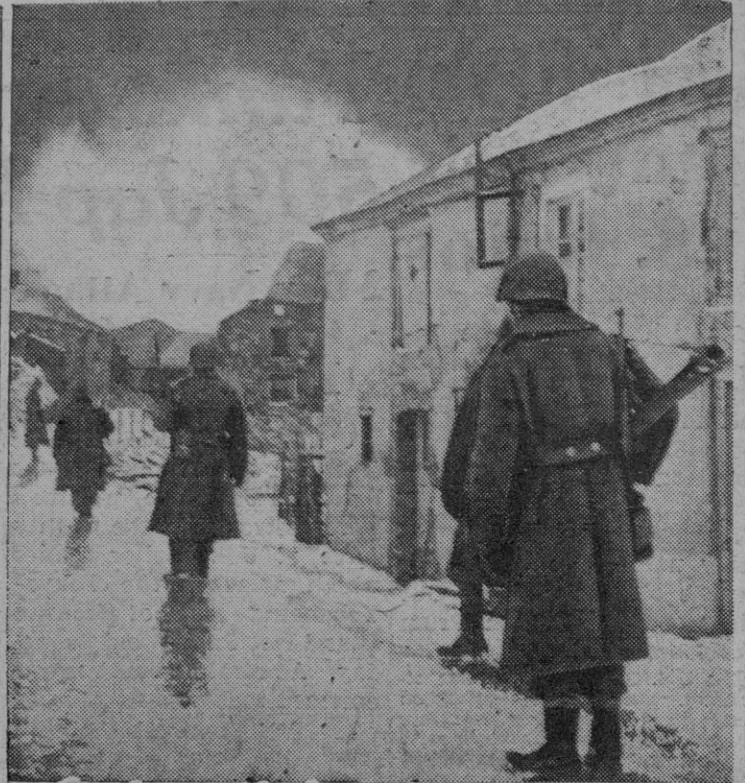
But the world outside worried them. "Why war?" they wanted to know. "Why did I have to quit school to come over here and fight Nazis? Why must my wife bring up a kid I've never seen—with me a million miles away?"

"Why do we have to burn up all this dough to kill some Krauts? I could use some of it to buy me a little business. And a wife. And bring up kids. Why? It don't make sense."

They cursed the Army. And the politicians. And the 4Fs. And the fate that made them fit and male and able to fight for their country.

The sergeant broke it up. "We move out tonight at 2000. Chow .t 1700. Better pack and get set."

The beefing was long and loud. "We just took the town. We barely cleared out this cellar. We got a home in



the Army. And now we gotta go. Where? Why? It don't make sense."

At the crossroads by the church, in the darkness, the sergeant called the roll: Krause. LaRue. Roe. Maestas. Salezar. Custode. Boucom. Lesser. Men whose fathers came from France, England, Mexico, Germany, Spain. Catholics. Protest-

ants. A Jew. Persecuted and under-privileged. Imprisoned by narrow horizons from which they'd escaped. To freedom. To a place where somehow simple men could make for themselves a better life together.

As they staggered down the rutty, snowy road there came an echo of the roll call. Somehow it made sense.

Neutrals Entering War Late Present a Problem for Allies

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP).—The sudden scramble of neutral nations which long stood aloof from the Allied effort to hop aboard the United Nations bandwagon confronts the great powers with the complex problem of determining

their status at the peace table and at the coming world security conference.

The major powers, it is felt in diplomatic circles here, will certainly insist against being bound by precedent which gives little countries, such as lately war-minded Venezuela and Uruguay, equal voting voices with Russia, Britain and the U.S.

It is possible that an executive council will be established, with the Big Five in voting dominance, which will make all decisions of the future world security league, subject to ratification by the United Nations as a whole.

Diplomatic circles regard the Johnny-come-lately moves of the neutrals as a maneuver to participate in the San Francisco conference April 25. It is almost certain that some of the fighting liberated countries will protest against being given status equal to that of the late-comers who sat on the sidelines.

Belief is strong here that "no admission" signs have been posted for all neutrals, and that the membership of the security league will be limited at the beginning exclusively to members of the United Nations.

The decision to bar the newcomers was regarded here as linked to Russia's refusal to sit down in conference with any representative of Franco Spain and also as a result of the American dispute with Argentina. There is no chance, it was reported, that Italy will be invited to the San Francisco conference.

Two-Pound Baby

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Feb. 19 (ANS).—A one-pound 15-ounce premature baby, so tiny it can be held in the palm of the hand, was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bergamini. Placed in an incubator, it has a fair chance for survival, hospital attendants reported.



PUP TENT POETS

Vous Parlez Bien Français He walks along the village street, He pauses for some "pommes" to eat, The boulangerie waffles catch his eye, But he has no "timbres" and cannot buy.

He passes by a street café, Drinks beer to pass the time away, He watches a Mademoiselle pass by, She says "Bonjour" and he says "Hi."

He adds "Voulez-vous une bière avec moi?" She answers "Je ne sais pas, comme-ci, comme-ça," And adds "Avez-vous peut être une femme?" He quickly replies "Oh no, pas Madame."

He offers her "Cigarette pour vous?" She says "Oui, oui, merci beaucoup." He then queries slowly "Comment ça va?" She answers "Bien, allons chez moi."

At last they reach the lady's home, They enter, but they are not alone, "This is ma mère, et cette mon père," They shake his hand, proffer a chair.

They "Parler et parler tout le nuit" While he wants to be alone with his sweet.

He finally decides he's had "Suffice de papa," So he grabs his "Chapeau" and says "Au Revoir."

He walks back to camp a bit wiser, 'tis true, He may not have wooed, but he has "Parlez-voood," And so his love life has not been enhanced, By the little "Mademoiselle" he met "Somewhere in France."

—Pvt. Allan M. Kaplan.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Them ack-ack guys never had it so good, now that the Luftwaff's scarce."

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This Was America Yesterday:

Commercial Air Lines Expand With Rejected Army Transports

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Surplus Property Board in Washington today disclosed that 12 more transport planes which failed to meet Army specifications have been allotted to domestic and foreign purchasers. They brought to 131 the number of surplus transports allocated—80 to domestic and 51 to foreign applicants.

Ten of the planes were Douglas DC3s. Three were allotted to TACA Airways of South America and three to Royal Norwegian Air Transport. The other four went to Pennsylvania Central Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Inc., Delta Air Corp., and Hawaiian Airlines, Ltd. The other two were Lockheed Lodestars. Grumman Aircraft Engineers Co. gets one, and the other is allotted to Northrop Aircraft, Inc.

Rumbles from the home front: Ed Sullivan, New York Daily News, says War Department biggies are investigating American officers "living in Paris penthouses"—and coining dough on the side. Sullivan doesn't say where they're getting coal for the penthouse stoves. And Daniel Walker, another Broadway scriver, delves into politics. He says Secretary of War Stimson may retire.



The prowler got a break, so did Mischa Auer.

The Journal suggests Hague should resign and let the Democratic Party find a new leader. Hague has a fusion ticket against him in the May elections—in which for the first time all Hudson County will use voting machines.

So—when Hizzoner comes back—there ought to be a grand old U.S.A. political dogfight.

German PWs DO Work

MEANTIME some interesting figures came out on just what we're getting in the way of work from German prisoners. Maj. Gen. Russel B. Reynolds, commanding Sixth Service Command, says 300,000 Nazi prisoners have performed more than 20,000,000 man days of work in the last six months, in areas of labor shortage.

The prisoners received no cash—only 80 cents daily in canteen coupons. The U.S. Government received \$25,000,000 from contractors for this labor.

The other side of the picture is glaringly pointed out by Walter Winchell, who says the Philadelphia Quartermaster asked pajama manufacturers to bid on 200,000 pairs of pajamas for immediate delivery for use of prisoners. Our own soldiers are not issued pajamas unless hospitalized, and shops can't obtain them for civilians. The row being kicked up over this nightie business may result in some Nazis sleeping raw after all.

Looks as though there'll still be a chance for post-war employment in the moonshine industry, if you hurry. The Treasury has reported a marked increase in illicit stills, particularly in the south. Total for 1944 is up to 6,801 as against 5,653 captured in 1943.

North Carolina led the moonshine parade with 1,072 stills snatched; Alabama produced 703, South Carolina 906, Florida 455, Kentucky 294, Tennessee 325, Virginia 456. Northern states came up with paltry figures like 33 for Illinois and 115 for New York.

OF Bosses and Horses and Beer

HERE and there . . . when the War Manpower Commission asked that a man from the Cooperative Upholstery Co., Newark, N.J., be transferred to war work, it was President Max Brecher who went. He said he was only a sort of boss—"The business doesn't need me." It's all hay for horses in New England. Seven hundred racers quartered there because of the clampdown on racing are having to do without oats. Can't even get an occasional chew of tobacco like they used to. Even hay is \$51 a ton. . . . Beer drinkers of Detroit have a union. It all started as a joke when some hop worshippers, sitting with their suds, remarked that everybody else had an association but not beer drinkers. They collected a dollar on the spot from each of the party and inside a week had over 300 members. Now the league has been incorporated. It's main purpose—to prevent the return of Prohibition.

Shortages Loom—Stimson

GI's Jingle Is a Sample Of U.S. Woes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).—"Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm in the Army, why ain't you?"

That's just one of many things the Bureau of Internal Revenue must put up with in efforts to collect every penny Uncle Sam owes. Joseph D. Nunan, junior revenue commissioner, said the poem was sent in by a soldier who owed "something like seven or eight dollars."

Nunan cited it during testimony before the House Appropriations Committee concerning the Treasury supply bill. Other items brightened the otherwise dull testimony. Here are some:

Counterfeiting is on the downgrade—losses suffered by victims amounted to only \$47,000 last year. So is the practice of forging signatures to Government checks. The rate of forgeries per one million checks fell to 37 last year.

Since the war started, the Treasury has received 22,959 donations totaling \$6,600,000 from individuals wanting to give something to the cause.

Air Lines Plan Pacific Routes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).

Pan American Airways said today it is ready to put \$30,000,000 worth of giant new luxury planes into service over the Pacific after the war if the government is willing, United Press reported. The company will tell its story to the Civil Aeronautics Board Monday.

Several other air lines also want to set up postwar Pacific routes. Pan American has in mind three routes: 1. Seattle-Nome-Tokio-Shanghai-Hongkong; 2. San Francisco-Honolulu-Manila-Hongkong; 3. Los Angeles-Noumea-Sidney.

Pan American already flies from Seattle to Nome, San Francisco to Honolulu and Los Angeles to Noumea in the South Pacific. The proposed lines would be extensions. Before the war, Pan American flew to Hongkong from San Francisco.

Harold M. Bixby, Pan American vice-president, said the line would urge the CAB to grant the northern route because that "will be the main highway to the Orient."

Pan American proposes to use planes carrying 75 passengers. Passenger fares would be three and a half to five cents a mile. About half the planes would be four-engine craft with 12 berths, two staterooms with two berths each, and 59 reclining seats. They would fly at 20,000 feet and cruise at 300 miles an hour.

Capital, Labor Join To Sponsor College

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 19 (ANS).—Capital and labor today jointly announced the blue print for the first college in the nation to foster co-operation and conduct research into industrial and labor relations.

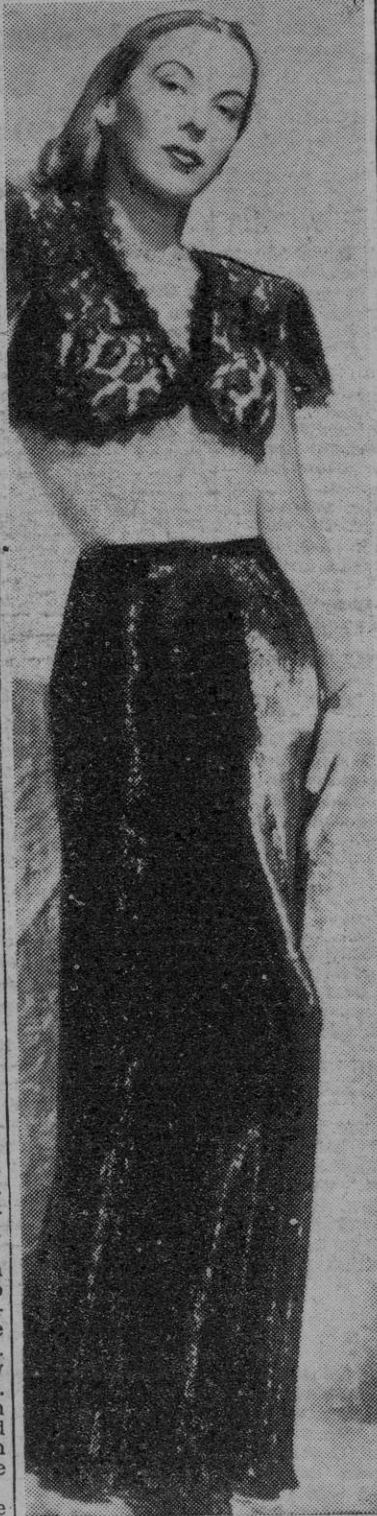
Plans for the school will be presented to the New York legislature, and bills for creation of a college at Cornell University are ready for submission.

A report drafted by representatives of labor, industry, education and government, recommends school facilities for training men and women for professional service in industrial and labor relations, for a research program and for dissemination of information.

Tire Company to Expand

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Employment for an additional 500 persons is planned at the Lake Shore Tire and Rubber Co., where a \$775,000 expansion will increase production by 600,000 tires and an equal number of tubes.

War Glamour



Mid-riff a la bare is the rage this season for evening wear. Here, a Hollywood resident models one dress; the skirt is of black bugle beads while the top is black over lace with accordion plaited sleeves.

Claims Nation Can't Afford to Stall Work Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, coming to the rescue of the tottering work-or-jail bill, today declared that "deadly shortages now loom before us" and a crisis is at hand, the United Press said.

Stimson said that the country cannot afford to delay taking action on the manpower shortage. He declared he was addressing his statement "primarily to those who have sons or husbands or other dear ones at the front."

Voluntary means have failed to keep men at vital war jobs, the Secretary said. The only remedy is national service legislation, he maintained.

Praising the Ioua passage on Feb. 1 of the work-or-jail bill, Stimson inferentially rapped the Senate Military Affairs Committee, which has been studying the House bill, by arguing against "prolonged consideration of comparatively trivial details."

Voluntary Plan Not Enough

Stimson charged that "the committee is listening to many voices which object to placing upon the men at home the same compulsory responsibility for national duty rested upon men in uniform since 1940; voices which call it slavery to serve one's country at the bench or lathe; voices which, flying in the face of demonstrated experience, loudly assert manpower shortages in industries can be met in the fourth year of war by a mere invitation to work."

He pointed out that "while we have by law organized young fighters and compelled them to sacrifice their lives, if need be, in service, we have never by law organized workers to equip soldiers and have them ready and able to fight at the proper moment."

Under the voluntary set-up, Stimson said, there has been a turnover as high as 90 percent a year in some important war industries. Hundreds of thousands trained for jobs work for a while, then quit, and machines become idle, he charged.

Meanwhile, Rep. William Lemke (R-N.D.) added to the manpower dilemma by voicing the farm state Representatives' demand for a guarantee against widespread induction of essential farm workers.

Lemke urged action on a proposal compelling draft boards to defer essential farm workers, and authorizing an inquiry of what he called "wholesale induction" of farmers. So many are being drafted, he said, that "livestock and dairy herds are being sold by hundreds of thousands."

Stock Values At 7-Year Peak

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Stock values increased by more than a billion dollars this week to a new high for more than seven years. Listed corporate bonds sold at the highest levels in 30 years.

Strength of the market reflected highly favorable war news, successful conclusion of the Crimean conference, and Secretary Morgenthau's declaration in favor of reduced postwar taxes.

Railroad shares were biggest gainers, and rail equipments also met substantial demand. Steels strengthened following improved weather conditions.

Chrysler shot up more than six points to a new high since 1937. General Motors was up nearly two points. Tire shares rose, as did amusements, liquors, oils and a wide range of special issues.

V-12 Program Expands

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Navy plans for transition from the emergency V-12 program to an expanded Reserve Officer's Training Plan were announced today.

Hold 'Em, Navy!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Sailors may feel sorry about home-front shortages, but they won't be able to do anything about them. The Navy has issued an order prohibiting its personnel from sending a number of hard-to-get items to their families and friends.

The Navy prohibition applies to cigarettes, alarm clocks, cigarette lighters, watches and other things that can be bought in ships stores, commissaries and Marine Corps PXs.

Woman's Death Probed; Body Found in Bathtub

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Police today sought a six-foot 180-pound Texan as the key to the mysterious death of Mrs. Blanche H. Simmerman, 38, whose nude body was found partly submerged in a bathtub at a Chicago Loop hotel. The man checked out of the room two hours before the body was found by a maid.



Weather Steps in to Save Two Lives

FATE set a death trap for two GIs in Luxembourg during the German breakthrough and then sabotaged the works.

GI Cussing Is a Pass to Safety

To the Anti-Fraternity League, T. J. Campbell, of Kenney, Ill., says "Hoody." He maintains that a good string of cusswords probably saved his life.

Monkey Business

STAFF Sgt. Leroy Smith, of Canada, Ky., was investigating reported enemy infiltration when two Nazis sprang up only eight feet away.

He Called His Shot

Three Jerries crossed an open field at what they considered beyond the range of most small arms fire. But they reckoned without S/Sgt. Tom Kerr, who was known to Ft. Benning paratroopers as the "see your beam" man of C Stage.

Colonel Found His Flanks Exposed

COL. James S. Luckett, of Asheville, N.C., commander of the 318th Inf., nearly lost his pants while leading his combat team across the Saar River in their Siegfried Line smash-through.

Two Almost Too Close

Lt. Robert G. Lingle, of Hershey, Pa., platoon leader with the 19th Inf. Bn. of the 14th Arm. Div., is glad one Nazi machine-gunner was swinging his gun in a fast arc.

Giz the Cork Blames Army Chow

ARMY chow is too fattening. You can take Sgt. Joseph Giz's word for it. Back in Tiffin, Ohio, the First TAC B26 radio-gunner was a mere shadow of his present self.

Magic Voice Pierces Clouds to Find Lost Pilots And Guides Them Safely Back to Home Base

Controllers, WACs Give Directions To Men in Flight

By Bud Hutton and Andy Rooney Stars and Stripes Staff Writers

AT A NINTH BOMBER COMMAND STA., France, Feb. 19. Hello, D Dog. This is Circus. This is Circus. Are you in trouble? Are you in trouble? Come in, please.

An American bomber lurches out of the black flak above Eschweiler, over Germany, and starts westward in the general direction of home.

His voice a little light, the pilot speaks into his radio and then begins to count, slowly, carefully, trying not to hurry. "One... two... three..."

Two hundred miles away, in a white-lighted trailer about the size of three closets, four dead-panned American girls and a first lieutenant stare at a big flat table, the top of which is a map of the West Front.

Now, because the radio has fixed the direction of his voice, the pilot and his crew of D for Dog no longer are lost. They still can't see where they are, but warm and a lot closer than the 200 miles goes the message from Circus which gives them a compass course to their home field.

Chambers listens, asks again for a long count, puts down the radio-phone and speaks as he moves the two steps to the map table. "He's lost an engine. Where is he?"

While Chambers has been speaking from the radio-lined trailer (which is "Circus") to the pilot of the Marauder called D for Dog (for the individual plane), a score of highly trained WACs and soldier technicians at half a dozen radio stations scattered around France and Belgium have been providing the answer to "Where is he?"

Each of the stations within range of the bomber lost above the clouds has taken a bearing on the pilot's radioed slow count. The bearings are read into a telephone network which funnels into circus.

One six oh, Station A. Three four five, Station C. One seven nine, second class local.

Bent over the thigh-high table map, three of the WACs repeat the

Lear Awarded Cluster to DSM

SHAFF, Feb. 19.—Gen. Eisenhower presented an oak-leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal today to Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, deputy theater commander, for "exceptionally meritorious service" as Army Ground Forces commander from July 13, 1944, to Jan. 12, 1945.

Gen. Lear, who supervises the allocation of American manpower in this theater, arrived in the ETO Jan. 16.

Mahurin, Ex-ETO Ace, Bags Two Jap Victims

FIFTH AF Hq., Luzon, Feb. 19 (INS).—Maj. Walker Mahurin, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., former Eighth AF fighter pilot who once was ranking ace in the ETO with 22 victories, now is leading a Mustang outfit against the Japanese. He added two more enemy planes to his list in the last few days.



WACs of a Ninth Bombardment Div. control room plot the location of a lost B26 Marauder as the controller instructs the pilot on the course to his home base.

compass bearings. Maroon-nailed fingers move black threads on the map and where the threads cross: "He's south of Liege," Chambers says. "Get him home on two seven two."

'Chutist Mystifies MPs

Honest! He's Not a V-3

NINTH TAC Hq., Feb. 19.—A buzz bomb roared over and American ackack gunners opened up on it. As they fired, a man with a parachute came floating down from the clouds.

MPs saw it too. Two jeepsloads of MPs and gunners headed for the general area where the parachutist landed. A civilian guided them to a farmhouse which he said the "Boche" entered. They walked in with guns drawn.

"Look," he said, "My name is Edwin Ferrar, first lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces. While I was attacking a German supply train near Duren, flak clipped my P47. I headed for our lines, hoping to nurse the plane home. For a while it held together, but finally I had to bail out. And here I am."

An MP demanded identification. He admitted that he had none. They took him under guard to a nearby evacuation hospital and held him until he was identified.

Passing the Buck to Herr Hitler



T-3 James Rubeck, of Elmwood Park, Ill., ammunition bearer of a cavalry unit in Germany, passes up shells for an M8 assault gun which is laying down a harassing fire on German positions across the Saar River.

Ice Cream for Tropics

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).—A miniature ice cream factory capable of operating in a 120-degree temperature has been developed by the Army to supply ice cream in tropical countries. The machine weighs 1,200 pounds and can be transported by truck or plane.

Ground Network Keeps Tab on Crippled Ships

Eleanor Iden, of Newark, Ohio; Pfc Mary Sherwood, of Chester, Pa.; Pfc Llewellyn Grayson, of Philadelphia, or their opposite numbers on other shifts.

Hello D Dog. This is Circus. This is Circus. Is your compass out? Is your compass out? Your course now should be two three one. Your heading should be two three one. Over.

The one-engined Marauder has been flying westward, with the compass showing the course John Chambers and the girls gave the pilot. But across the network, radio plotters have kept an electric ear on D Dog's messages, and their bearings show he is off the course.

Now John Chambers starts looking for another aircraft near D Dog, finds one and sends it to help with the compass. That's standard procedure, and the teamwork has brought hundreds of bombers down safely that might be flying yet if they had the gasoline.

There isn't much visible emotion in the teamwork. The girls talk and listen and smoke and, while there's a mission, lift their eyes from the map and lines only to see the clock. Then Mildred Luck's voice:

Hello, D Dog. This is Circus. Are you in trouble? Are you in trouble? Over.

She waits, still looking at the map, and maybe she is seeing the Marauder limping above that overcast right there where the black grease pencil mark is on the table top, but she doesn't show it. The other girls give a position plot. Chambers passes a message to Mildred.

Hello, D Dog. This is Circus. Another aircraft has sighted you. Jig has sighted you. He will lead you back to base if your compass is out. Watch for him to your left. Watch for him to your left. Over.

Her face still doesn't show the scores of wounded kids she's helped to bring back safely when their planes were shot up and lost, nor the comfort she's talked to men who've found that empty panic feeling when the clouds close around you, almost down to the ground, and finally the flat, metallic, impersonal voice of Circus says to him in particular: "The poor guy. But he's all right now."

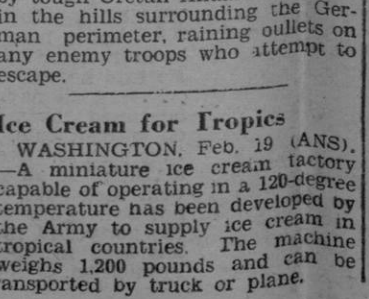
10,000 Jerries Sweat Out Crete

ATHENS, Feb. 19 (AP).—Ten thousand Germans are living on borrowed time in a concentration camp of their own devising on a thin sliver of the coast of Crete, but the Allied command is content to let nungler decide when they'll surrender.

This German force and about 4,000 Italians still hold a 35-mile stretch of coast in Crete province, but they are almost as helpless as if they were already in a PW camp. They are cut off from any replenishment of their stock of food and ammunition, which was estimated when the Germans evacuated Greece in November to be enough for five to six months.

The Germans are held securely by tough Cretan Andartes, who sit in the hills surrounding the German perimeter, raining bullets on any enemy troops who attempt to escape.

Jap Can't Hide Weapons This Way



Here's one Jap who didn't die for his Emperor. And just to make sure he didn't have any weapons hidden on his body, two American soldiers stripped him down this way. The scene in Manila.

Yank Compares a Couple of Wars And Finds He Prefers ETO to Pacific

Jerries and Robots Pleasant Change After Japs, Jungle

By Ralph G. Martin Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. NINTH ARMY.—Right now, this lieutenant is almost (but not quite) as popular as Betty Grable in a bubble bath.

There's always a crowd of Joes around him asking questions and the crowds are getting bigger and bigger, day after day.

They're not asking him how many Nazis he killed or how he got that bayonet scar on his right hand or what was the cutest ankle he ever saw during his pre-war career as a ladies' shoe buyer.

All they want to know is: "Is it rougher over there than it is here?"

To that, Lt. Robert G. Kimball, of the Second Plat., Co. A, First Bn., 406th Regt., 102nd Div., always has the same answer. He always says "Yes."

Snow, Mud Look Good

What Kimball says is that shushy snow and thick mud look good to the second-son of a gun.

Kimball was a buck sergeant in charge of a machine-gun squad with the 37th Div., which is now in the Philippines, and spent 22 months in the South Pacific. During the bloody, bitter battle of Munda, Kimball was one of the few lucky ones in his outfit. Most of the others were casualties.

It was in Munda that Kimball learned to move fast, simply because the slow ones never lived long. That's the way Kimball's platoon operates now. On a recent patrol whose mission was to bring back prisoners, no matter how far they went or how long they took, Kimball's platoon went out 800 yards from his front lines, over an open field of thick snow and came back with a shabby but very talkative PW in less than 40 minutes.

They're incensed. Nobody the Beaufighter crewmembers agreed, was prepared to explain the "foo-fighters" but they were incensed to learn that the phenomenon had been ignitely passed off as a case of spots before their eyes.

Many of these night fighters are veterans of the African and Italian campaigns, which lacked the "foo-fighters." As one pilot, Lt. Owen H. Davis, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and his navigator, Lt. Warren G. Rodick, of New Orleans put it: "If we're starting to see things now, we'd better quit and go home."

Without having ever actually met them, these Beaufighter men have at least accumulated a passing acquaintance—better than others—with the "foo-fighter" during their last four months of operation over German territory.

They described them as balls of colored light which rise from the ground in Germany and move in

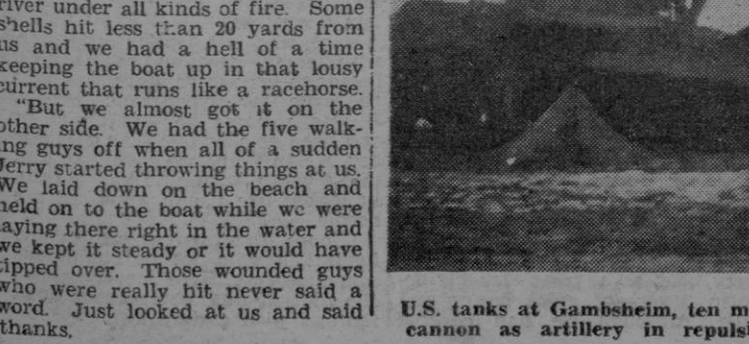
Engineer Troops Shared In Assaults on Bulge

WITH 398th ENGRS. FRANCE.—The 398th Engrs. were hard at work building new camps and repairing hospitals when the Battle of the Bulge forced itself upon them.

Personnel from all line companies participated in patrols on both sides of the Moselle.

Co. B, along with Third Army cavalry units, took part in several assault operations. Other units created road blocks and defense positions.

Tanks Use Their Cannon as Artillery to Repulse German Counter-Attack Near Strasbourg



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By Ed Clark Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIRST TAF, Feb. 19.—Discussion of the "foo-fighters," weird thingamajigs spotted by U.S. night fighters over enemy territory, reached a new peak today as Beaufighter crews received news accounts from home suggesting that the "foo-fighters" were figments of imagination and strictly from the realm of make-believe.

Held to particular task by the night fliers who have seen "foo-fighters" off and on for the past four months was a recent article in a news magazine which said "skeptical scientists, baffled by the whole affair, were inclined to dismiss the fireballs as an illusion, perhaps an after-image of light which remained in the pilots' eyes after they had been dazzled by flak bursts."

These U.S. night fighters, whose only science is connected with flying alone into the black over uncharted dangers, suggest that the arm-chair thinkers at home confine their speculations and quick opinions to other matters. Or at least that they do so until they too have flown over Germany by night and have gained personal knowledge of the "foo-fighters"—among other things.

New Air Terminal Open On Paris-London Route

NORMANDY BASE STATION.—A new air terminal on the Paris-London route has been opened with the field's personnel participating in the flag-raising ceremony.

Now under the command of Capt. Charles O. Brandt, of Army transport, the field was formerly used by the Luftwaffe.

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Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—How long can an athlete keep going and what eventually leads him to his downfall? This was the question we posed for Big Bill Tilden Saturday night when the 52-year-old dean of American tennis demonstrated he's still capable of smashing a tennis ball over the net during charity exhibition matches at the 17th Regiment Armory.

Without even a pause for the beverage that refreshes, the lanky netster replied, "A man's okay until his eyes start to fade. Then it's time to quit."

The answer puzzled us because we'd heard athletes say the legs were most important. But Big Bill refused to alter his stand.

"IT'S POSSIBLE to whip yourself into condition," the seven-time winner of the National singles title remarked. "Even if it almost kills you you can get your legs to run. Where the eyes are weak, however, there's not much to do. Of course, glasses help but when a man's been competing for years without any obstruction around the eyes, it takes a long time to get adjusted to following the ball through glasses."

Although we were skeptical about Tilden's contention, there's no disputing his ability to patrol the tennis court, even at his age. It's true his agility has gone after more than two decades of campaigning, and his famous bullet serve now seems like the lob of an 80mm mortar, but he's not washed up by a long shot.

TILDEN STARTED the evening by blitzing Vinnie Richards, his former doubles partner, 6-4, occasionally uncorking the brilliant speedball return which once made him the most fearsome man on the courts. He showed signs of fatigue, bowing to John McGrady, 7-5, but recovered remarkably well to thump McGrady, 6-3, in a return set. It was the story of experience against youth. When Big Bill located the flaws in McGrady's game, he mastered the situation. After a brief rest, Tilden returned to the court with Casanova Errol Flynn, famous refugee from the Hollywood movie lots and judicial courts, the pair losing to Richards and McGrady, 6-2, 6-2.

In the dressing room we corraled Big Bill again. He insisted his earlier explanation about the eyes was true.

"Did you notice Errol's eyes?" he countered. "They were hardly open from the time we reached the court until the match was finished. See what I mean?"

Obviously there's no answer to that without telling Tilden where Errol spent the previous night—and that would never do.

Nelson in Golf Playoff Again

GULFPORT, Miss., Feb. 19.—Byron Nelson and Sammy Snead yesterday were tied at the end of the regulation 72 holes in the \$5,000 Gulfport Open golf tournament, each with a card of 275, and will play off in an 18-hole match today. Nelson defeated McSpaden last week in a playoff for the New Orleans Open, again coming from behind to tie the leader in regulation play.

Snead, who equalled the Great Southern Country Club course record in the opening round Friday with a 65, entered the last round three strokes up on Nelson and shot a 69, but the Toledo star's sizzling 66 brought him even. Nelson was tied at 137 yesterday with Claude Harmon and lost two strokes to Snead on the opening round when he shot 72 to Snead's 70.

Tony Penna, of Dayton, shot 69 and 67, yesterday to come in third with a total of 278 and "Jug" McSpaden wound up fourth when he blew in the morning round and shot 76. He hit 68 in the afternoon for a total of 280. Freddie Haas, of New Orleans, was high amateur with 288.

Jockey Harrell Killed In Tiajuana Race Spill

TIAJUANA, Mexico, Feb. 19.—Jockey Jimmy Harrell was thrown from his horse and killed during the second race at the Hippodromo here yesterday. Harrell, riding Rich Tobey, was leading the pack when he was thrown at the quarter pole. Several of the horses in the pack ran over him and he was pronounced dead upon arrival at Mercy Hospital in San Diego, Calif.

Teddy Atkinson IA

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 19.—Teddy Atkinson, leading jockey in 1944, declared last night his draft status was "still pending." He went to Camp Blanding Friday and said that, while he was not found fit for military service, he still was not rejected. Atkinson is IA with his draft board.

Practice Hurler Promoted

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 19.—Orville Paul, one-armed batting practice pitcher for the past 15 years for both the Cardinals and Browns, today signed a contract to coach the baseball team at Washington University.

Purdue Belted By Great Lakes

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Feb. 19.—The Great Lakes Bluejackets won their 30th game in 34 starts by thumping Purdue, 70-56, before 3,000 boots here last night. Purdue remained a threat until the last seven minutes when the Sailors pulled ahead to stay.

Red Anderson and Bob Lewis paced Purdue's attack, the latter hitting for 18 points to gain a tie with Luke Majoriki, of Great Lakes, for scoring honors. The Sailors held a 35-28 halftime lead. The Boilermakers missed ten shots from the foul line.

LaGuardia Tells Of Irish's 'Take' In Garden Games

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Mayor LaGuardia today gave basketball in Madison Square Garden a clean bill of health in so far as the city-supported institutions (CCNY, Brooklyn College) are concerned, but urged that schools which participate in these professional promotions get a little better shake than they have been getting up to now in the matter of allotting seats to students of colleges involved in doubleheaders.

Ned Irish, acting president of the Garden and promoter of the hoop doubleheaders for 12 years, has always told reporters, "That's my business," when asked how much of the basketball profits he kept for himself, but that sort of stuff doesn't go with Fiorello. LaGuardia revealed to his radio audience yesterday that Irish reaped 55 percent of the profits on the first eight doubleheaders this season. LaGuardia cited figures, furnished by Investigation Commissioner Edgar Bromberger, which showed that from the first eight doubleheaders, the Garden kept \$69,783 while the participating colleges received \$55,911.

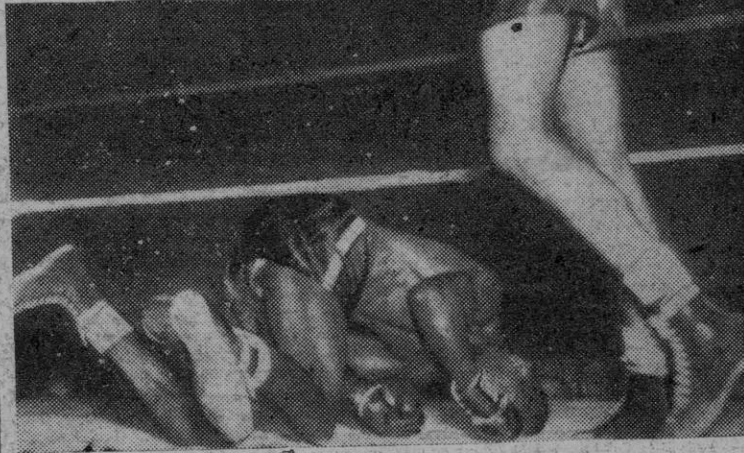
Expenses to the Garden for staging the doubleheaders amounted to \$14,900, an item taken care of before the Garden banked that 69 Gs.



Ned Irish

Robinson Puts Bell Out of Commission

"Sugar Ray" drops Tommy Bell for a count of eight in the tenth round of their recent fight in Cleveland. The Youngstown, Ohio, gladiator had won 28 bouts in succession before Robinson took the unanimous verdict of the judges and referee in this fight. Ray more recently scored a one-round knockout over George Costner in Chicago. Robinson soon may be recalled by the Army, after obtaining an honorable discharge last year.



A Section Eight Fighter

'Sugar' Robinson Recalled For Army Exam, News Says

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The New York Sunday News said yesterday that Ray "Sugar" Robinson has been ordered to report to the Grand Central Palace, Feb. 27, for what Selective Service is billing as another reinduction examination. Following is a partial rehash of the story written by Dave Charnay and Art Smith:

Uncle Sam wants a return match with "Sugar" Robinson, the gold-plated welterweight ring attraction, who last June was honorably discharged from the Army under singularly mysterious circumstances, it was learned yesterday. The Negro, who drew a \$94,000 gate in Chicago a week ago and who is scheduled to meet Jake Lamotta in the Garden Friday, has been ordered to report to the Grand Central Palace on Feb. 27 for what Selective Service is billing as another reinduction examination.

He Missed the Boat

Last spring Joe Louis and Robinson, who had just completed tours to Army camps in this country, were set to sail for Europe and entertain with lectures and exhibitions for fighting men of the Allies, but the ship sailed without "Sugar."

Robinson was sent to Fort Jay on Governors Island, from which he was transferred to Halloran Hospital. The Army kept quiet about his being there until Louis and his troupe of uniformed boxers arrived in England. This was in April. The "Sugar" next came to light and flesh. He had been discharged on a sub Section Eight (of AR 615-368) which means that he was honorably discharged for what the Army calls "ineptness."

Without delay, the topflight welterweight began fighting for cash. He hit small towns scattered through the country and finally, last Friday, hauled into Chicago where, before a \$94,130 house he outsgared George Costner in 2:55 of the first round. At that time there was no hint whatever as far as either public or the beach knew that Ray was to take another Army physical.

It was learned that the type of discharge given to Robinson last June is what is called a "white" discharge, while ordinarily a man discharged under Section Eight gets a "blue" discharge.

Regulations provide that if a Section Eight dischargee is to be reprocessed for the Armed Service, a waiver first must be obtained from Maj. Gen. Louis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service. It was learned yesterday that this waiver already has been obtained and, in Sugar's case, that he received his notice to appear for examination under his right name, Walker Smith.

Crowd of 3,500 At Paris Bouts

Three second-round knockouts were scored in the nine-bout program staged by the Red Cross-Special Service last night at Palais de Glace, Paris. A crowd of 3,500 saw quick victories scored by Ernest Knight, of Harrisburg, Pa., over Pfc Frank Tessalo, St. Louis; Pfc Jerry Stevens, of St. Louis, over Pvt. Mike Constanza, of Chicago, and Pvt. Perry Logan, Durham, N.C., over Pvt. Hascal Humes, New York City.

Pvt. Don English, Bemidji, Minn., decided Cpl. Jack Battle, St. Louis; Pfc Hiram McCoy, Logan, W. Va., decided Pvt. Rufus Bishop, Brooklyn; Pvt. Bill Grady, Chicago, decided Pvt. James Tasker, Newark, N.J.; Cpl. Bat Rossi, Oglesby, Ill., decided Pvt. Dom Cicoria, Port Chester, N.Y.; Pvt. E. Knight, Harrisburg, Pa., TKO'd Pfc Frank Tessalo, St. Louis, 1:20, second round; Pfc Jerry Stevens, St. Louis, TKO'd Pvt. Mike Constanza, Chicago, 1:50, second round; Pfc Oscar Hamp, Gary, Ind., decided Cpl. Lonnie Scott, Kansas City, Mo.; Pvt. Joe Traynor, Philadelphia, decided Pvt. Johnny Stevens, Brooklyn; Pvt. Perry Logan, Durham, N.C., TKO'd Pvt. Hascal Humes, New York City, 1:40, second round.

Igoe Was Fighters' Writer

By Jimmy Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MOST prize-fighters have contempt for newspapermen who are their historians. Managers believe there always is a conspiracy to steal their pugs, and they seldom let the fighters get friendly with anyone but their seconds and relatives. Larcenous handlers bill their gladiators for bribes given to the press, whether the boxing writer takes them or not. If a sportswriter criticizes a pug, it is the custom of managers to denounce him to the fighter as a burglar, who takes but fails to stand up.

But Hype Igoe, who died after many years of writing about boxing for the old New York World and the New York Journal-American, was an exception. Hype, who knew many boxers well, was liked by all of them. They considered him a friend because he reported every bout as a great struggle between boxers of great power and guile. Although he had covered

Montreal Held To 0-0 Tie by Black Hawks

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The Chicago Black Hawks and the Montreal Canadiens played a scoreless tie, the second such game of the National Hockey League season, before 15,000 at the stadium here last night.

Although there were few scoring threats all night, the customers got their money's worth in the second period when a fist fight broke out. Fernand Gauthier, of the Canucks, and Johnny Harms, of the Hawks, started it when they collided alongside the boards. Both benches emptied and in the confusion, Referee King Clancy, quite a battler himself during his playing days, went down with two players on top of him. The fight was quickly broken up but not before Gauthier hung one on Harms that closed his left eye. Each received a major penalty.

The Canadiens were involved in a scoreless tie with the Rangers earlier this year and played the Black Hawks to a 1-1 standstill. Mike Karakas of the Hawks and Bill Durnan of the Canadiens were the shutout goalies.

Wings Again Rout Leafs

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—The Red Wings won their seventh of eight games with the Toronto Maple Leafs here last night, 6-1, with 12 different Wings participating in the scoring. Only goalie Harry Lumley and Defenseman Earl Seibert were left out of the parade of goals and assists.

Carl Liscombe and Joe Carveth scored in the first period and Murray Armstrong hit the nets in the second for the Wings. Carveth, Herb Lindsay and Mud Bruneteau finished with goals in the third period and Pete Backor made the only Toronto goal in the third period.

Rangers Nip Bruins, 2-1

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Rangers moved two points closer to fourth place in the playoff race by downing Boston, 2-1, at the Garden last night.

Jack Mann, rookie Ranger wing, scored on a pass from Walt Atanas and Fred Thurier at 9:15 of the second period, and Phil Watson delivered the clincher on a solo dash three minutes later. The Bruins' only score came on a shot by Gino Rozzini on a pass from Armand Gaudreault at 8:45 of the final period.

Hockey Standings

National League				American League										
W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	Pts							
Montreal	32	5	4	68	Boston	14	24	2	30					
Detroit	25	11	4	54	New York	9	23	8	26					
Toronto	19	19	2	40	Chicago	8	25	6	22					
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St. Louis	2	Providence	2	(tie)	Hershey	19	20	8	46	Indianapolis	17	17	11	53
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				Prov.	18	22	6	42	Pittsburgh	21	20	6	48	
								St. Louis	11	27	6	28		



Quip of the week (by T/5 Ray Stamm): If the Germans continue to resist, their battle line will soon be such that the only command their COs will have to give is "about face—fire! About face—fire!"

Oldest gag of the week: The judge looked at the culprit and demanded, "Why did you steal that \$50,000? Sighed the victim, "I was hungry."

And then there was the little dog who sidled up to a parking meter, looked up and sighed, "O-o-o-o, ya gotta pay now!"

Which all reminds us—alcohol is a liquid food for preserving everything except secrets.

And we still like that old gag about the GI who moaned, "This Army life is beginning to te!" on me. Every day I look more and more like my identification photo."

Overheard in a bistro: "I dare



you to carry me outside and say that."

Shed a tear in your wine for the WAC who got commended at inspection for shiny buttons and shiny shoes—but got giggled because her nose was shiny. Shoot the powder puff to me, John boy!

Cpl. Harold Weatherby reports the following conversation overheard in a chowline:

"Have you ever been in Sacramento, California?" "Never hoid of de place."

GI Observation: It costs a lot of dough to say it with flowers—but it's still a heck of a lot cheaper than putting it in writing.

A guy whose initials are H.T.M. feels that Yank magazine should put out a special issue for troops from the deep south and name it "Damnyank."

Afterthought: A sugar daddy is a sort of crystallized sap.

J. C. W.



Also AEFP (583 Kc. — 314 M.)

Time	TODAY
1200-News	1500-Raymond Scott
1215-For Chow'n'ds	1920-Hawaiian Music
1300-Bandbox	1930-Globe Theater
1400-News	2000-World News
1410-Melody Roundup	2005>Your War Today
1430-RCAF Band	2015-Johnny Mercer
1500-Music	2030-American Band
1530-Combat Diary	2100-News
1545-On the Record	2105-Ch. McCarthy
1625-Play to You	2135-Dinah Shore
1700-News	2200-U.S. News
1715-Canada Show	2207-Hit Parade
1800-News	2235-Pacific Music
1805-Mark Up Map	2300-News
1810-U.S. Sports	2305-Merely Music
1815-GI Supper Club	2400-Midnight News

TOMORROW

0600-Rise and Shine	0900-News
0700-News	0925-Canada Music
0715-Song Parade	1000-Morning After
0730-Return Eng'm't	1030-Music
0800-Combat Diary	1100-U.S. News
0815-Personal Album	1106-Duffie Bag
0830-Modern Music	1145-Piano Parade

News every hour on the hour.

Births

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

L. F. Robert M. Yoke, Detroit—Suzanne Beverly, Feb. 9; Lt. Vincent W. Linsman, Hugo, Okla.—Faye Danielle, Feb. 15; Pvt. Harry Gross, Philadelphia—girl; T/5 Sgt. Andrew Olitsky, New York—Coral, Feb. 4; Lt. J. S. Fleishman, New York—Hayette Alene, Jan. 28; Pfc Clyde E. McKnight, Memphis—Ronald Clyde, Feb. 17; T/5 William E. Schimp, Minneapolis—boy, Feb. 16; T/3 Herbert Thielhelm, New York—girl, Feb. 15; Pvt. Walter P. Wilgrube, Waupun, Wis.—Pamela Jean, Feb. 17; Pvt. Harry K. Wrench, Minneapolis—girl, Feb. 16; Pfc Phillip Whithorn, Brooklyn—Meryl Charma, Feb. 15.

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

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Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Terms to Italy Said to Call for Postwar Labor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Purported Italian armistice terms were released today by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.), who demanded that the State Department now issue details of the surrender terms.

The purported armistice provisions, taken from a document published in the International Law Review, Geneva, call for the sending of 2,000,000 Italians to do postwar reconstruction in Allied countries, revise the Franco-Italian border and turn over Italian-held islands to Greece and Britain.

May Not Be Authentic

The Associated Press said the document in the Review, which was founded and edited by Dr. Antoine Sottile, permanent delegate to the League of Nations, was published with a note by Dr. Sottile that it had been obtained from unofficial sources and that there were doubts as to its authenticity.

Bridges asked the State Department to affirm or deny the authenticity of the document. Diplomatic officials, however, refused to explain what military considerations kept the terms secret, and said that Italy's final boundaries and place in the postwar picture would be determined by an eventual peace conference.

Transfers to Allies

According to the document, Italy not only is to turn over to the Allies her navy, aircraft and fortifications but after the war is also to put her merchant fleet and civil aviation at the Allies' disposal.

Jugoslavia would get the Istria section, which includes the long-disputed city of Fiume and the city of Zara. Greece would get the Italian islands in the Aegean Sea, while free ports would be established in Italy for the benefit of the U.S., Britain, France, Jugoslavia and Greece. France would get Elba, and Britain the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

The disposal of the Italian African colonies of Eritrea, Libya and Somaliland would be settled "at the peace conference," according to the document. Under the manpower provision, Italy would send 800,000 workers to Russia, 200,000 each to the U.S., Britain, Australia, South Africa and Brazil, and 200,000 to other United Nations.

Race to Change Steel Formula

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (ANS).—Labor's drive to break President Roosevelt's Little Steel wage ceiling formula has developed into a bitter contest among AFL, CIO and Lewis' United Mine Workers, the United Press reported.

Each covets the achievement because of the prestige to be gained among workers. Each is putting on now, or soon will, new pressure to knock down the wage barrier or bend it so badly as to force changes in stabilization policies. UP said each has strong weapons, but also a staunch foe in Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, who has stood rocklike against revision.

The CIO drive won some Congressional support and there it hopes to enlarge its campaign. UMW's power will be turned on in negotiations for a new contract with bituminous coal operators ten days from now. AFL intends to renew its drive through the White House.

The formula limits wage increases to 15 percent above the January, 1941, level.

U.S.-Canada Air Pact Permits New Routes

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—W. L. Mackenzie King, Canada's Prime Minister, announced details of air agreements between Canada and the U.S. today regarding military and civilian air transport routes. The terms give the U.S. four new routes into Canada. The Canadians obtained six new routes into the U.S.

Iwo A Battered, Smoking Invasion Isle, But Marines Still Have Tough Going

By William F. Tyree
United Press War Correspondent

ABOVE IWO JIMA, Feb. 19.—Two veteran divisions of American marines have stormed ashore and after two hours of bitter fighting have established a beachhead 5,000 yards wide and 500 yards deep on tiny pear-shaped Iwo Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo.

Below us, the island resembles a fat pork chop sizzling on a skillet, smoking under one of the heaviest bombardments of the entire Pacific war. Twice, as we have swung in past the smoldering volcanic crater of Mount Suribachi, at the island's southern tip, the Japanese anti-aircraft fire has reached out toward us with heavy bursts. One American fighter has crashed in flames. There is not a single Jap plane in the sky.

As we first approached the island, we could see hundreds of small craft streaming through the water toward the beach, unleashing thousands of rockets as they went. Forty-five minutes later, waves of heavier landing craft followed; now columns of dust and smoke screen much of the island.

By now perhaps 30,000 Yanks have landed on

the southeastern coast and pushed north and inland to the rim of the Suribachi airfield.

Whirling in below us are swarms of planes from the many aircraft carriers forming part of the invading armada of 800 ships. They are strafing and bombing every Jap and every installation they can find. Suribachi's 546-foot-high crater quivers and steams from a succession of hits along her ridge.

In the calm waters off shore, the big rifles of the battleships New York, Texas, Nevada, Arkansas, Idaho and Tennessee are pouring tons of steel and explosives into the island from their great gun platforms. It is systematic murder and destruction.

But, overlooking the beaches, I can see many formidable enemy pillboxes along the shoreline, as well as the rusty hulls of several Jap ships put out of action earlier in pre-invasion raids.

Resistance is increasing already in several sectors and all indications are it will be the toughest kind of fight. High American officers have predicted that at best it will take a week of bitter battle to complete the job. There will be a lot of blood spilled before this fight is won.

37-Year-Old Soviet General Dies of Wound

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (AP).—Gen. Ivan Cherniakovsky, 37-year-old commander of the Third White Russian Army, died of a head wound received while directing his troops in East Prussia, it was announced officially today.

From Vilna came word that a monument would be erected there to the handsome, broad-shouldered Jewish officer, whose troops liberated Lithuania and were the first to enter German territory. He will receive a state funeral at Vilna.

Cherniakovsky made a fine impression upon Marshal Stalin and other Red Army commanders by the way he carried out the orders of the high command, and it was said in Moscow that he had been slated for a promotion to marshal.

Loss Is Great One

In a statement issued after his death, leaders of the Soviet government and the Communist Party declared that Russia had lost "one of the best leaders of the Red Army."

The son of a railway worker, Cherniakovsky was noted for his modesty. Most of his traveling at the front was done in an American jeep, and he often took the wheel himself if the driver had had a hard day.

Modesty of the general was also reflected in his home, where his pretty young wife insisted on doing her own housework and marketing, and no table in the capital was better spread with Ukrainian food than Cherniakovsky's when he was home on leave.

East Front . . .

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of the Neisse, nearly 45 miles beyond the Oder, Gen. Guderian's Berlin defense armies massed before Marshal Zhukov's forces will be faced with an imminent blow at their southern flank.

The German Overseas News Agency reported the Russians had established a bridgehead across the Oder south of Krossen, about 70 miles southeast of Berlin.

Guben, apex of the defense triangle southeast of the Reich capital, lies in what now is the most vital sector of the Eastern Front to the Germans. Reuter's military correspondent suggested that "if it is Koniev's troops who have reached this town, 'it means his southern army group has come into line with Zhukov's divisions in the Berlin Bulge.'"

Front-line reports reaching Moscow last night said that of the bitter battles raging along the Eastern Front the most bitter were being fought around the encircled German bastions at Breslau in Silesia and at Graudenz, in East Prussia on the lower Vistula.

Breslau, it was said, probably would be held as long as possible, since German transport planes were attempting to break through the Russian Air Force blockade to aid the besieged garrison on the Oder, reported to total more than 100,000 troops.

German Dead in Captured Colmar



A dead German lies on the street across from a German barracks where an American tank, manned by French soldiers, stands guard inside the city of Colmar, in Alsace.

Nazi Rail, Industrial Centers Hammered by Allied Planes

Rail centers and industrial areas in western Germany were high-priority targets for the Eighth AF yesterday. Bombs from more than 1,100 Forts and Liberators raining down on marshaling yards and factories at Munster, Osnabruck, Rheine and Siegen.

Scots Fighting Hard for Goch

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mile to the north, while other units entered Stockigt.

Since Feb. 2, infantrymen under Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army command have cleared the Our and Sauer Rivers and knocked a hole clear through seven miles of the Siegfried Line between Erzen and Cruchten, north and northwest of Echternach.

The doughboys now hold a salient five miles broad at the tip and lapping over into Germany between four and five miles. It is 11 miles wide at its base.

Significantly, it was authoritatively pointed out that this advance had been accomplished without armor and with little help from the air arms—it is chiefly a conquest by footsloggers and artillerymen.

Yanks Mop Up On Corregidor And in Manila

MANILA, Feb. 19 (ANS).—American troops on Corregidor are mopping up the last pockets of Japanese troops, while in southern Manila other Yanks captured the general hospital and liberated 7,000 persons, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

The hospital was a strongly held Japanese position. On its top floors the enemy had mounted artillery. The hospital lies a few blocks south of the Walled City, where trapped Japanese forces still are holding out.

100 Americans Freed

There were 100 Americans among the 7,000 persons released at the hospital. All the 7,000 were civilians.

On Corregidor, Yanks seized Malinta Hill, an excellent artillery site. Troops found the east entrance to the Corregidor tunnel blocked by a landslide, which had been caused by bombardment by the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

American warships steamed to the entrance of Manila Bay to shell the Cavite shoreline south of Corregidor.

PT boats entered Manila Harbor two nights before the Corregidor landings, it was disclosed today, and sank three small Japanese craft. The PT boats were the first American naval units in the harbor in three years.

Iwo Invaded . . .

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head on the southeastern coast of Iwo to an average depth of 500 yards. Then they drove inland to the southern end of Suribachi airfield and penetrated defenses east of the field.

At first Japanese resistance was light. But counter-fire from enemy artillery and mortars increased steadily as the Marines went forward, smashing against enemy troops entrenched on ridges and driving Japanese out of pillboxes with flame-throwers.

Adm. Nimitz reported that casualties were moderate. Eyewitness accounts received later said the Americans had suffered considerable losses as Japanese fire raked landing parties throughout the day.

Nimitz also reported that the enemy had damaged two light units of the great supporting fleet, which includes the battleships Texas, New York, Nevada, Arkansas, Idaho and Tennessee.

Vice Adm. Richmond K. Turner, who is directing the operation as commander of Amphibious Forces of the Pacific Fleet, reported from his flagship that "overall progress is satisfactory."

In a co-ordinated attack, U.S. carrier planes flew into the Bonin Islands and sank 16 Japanese ships. The Bonins are north of Iwo, which is in the Volcanos.

Troublesome Enemy Base

American seizure of Iwo Jima would breach the inner ring of the Japanese Empire's defenses, and would eliminate an air base that has been a threat to Superfortresses flying from the Marianas to Japan. From Iwo, lighter American planes could hit Japan.

Iwo Jima, which was formed by two volcanoes, had two operative airfields and a third under construction when the assault began. The main field, toward the southern end of the island, has one runway long enough for heavy bombers.

One American reporter described Iwo Jima as the "most heavily-fortified bastion of its size in the world."

Hurley Quits China To See Roosevelt

CHUNGKING, Feb. 19.—Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley departed today, presumably for consultations with President Roosevelt. It was expected that one of the principal points of the discussion would be the virtual breakdown of negotiations between the government and Communist elements, in which Hurley acted as mediator.