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# Allies Closing Ruhr Ring

## Danzig Falls With 10,000 Prisoners

### Reds Slash Nazis East Of Vienna

Marshal Stalin announced last night the capture of Danzig, with 10,000 prisoners and 45 submarines, and the seizure of five German strong-points in a 31-mile breakthrough along the north bank of the Danube, east of Vienna.

Berlin announced at the same time that German troops had given up their hold on the west-bank section of Kustrin on the Oder, 40 miles east of Berlin along the most direct route to the Reich capital.

Hitler's troops also yielded their last foothold east of the Oder, at Lengenber, northwest of Kustrin. Evacuation of the neighboring bridgehead of Zehden, 28 miles northwest of Kustrin, was announced Thursday.

#### Koenigsberg Not Yet Taken

Moscow dispatches, meanwhile, made clear that Stalin's order Thursday night announcing "liquidation of the German grouping encircled southwest of Koenigsberg" did not, as at first interpreted, mean the capture of the East Prussian capital city as well.

A United Press dispatch from Moscow yesterday said that "though the capture and annihilation of 130,000 men southwest of Koenigsberg hopelessly isolated Koenigsberg, its garrison showed no inclination to surrender and Koenigsberg, like Breslau and Danzig, will have to be taken street by street."

The first of Stalin's orders last night said Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's northern wing had forced the Hron and Nitra Rivers north of the Danube and captured Komarno, Nove Zamby, Vrable, Suray and Komjatice, all about 50 to 55 miles east of Bratislava. That portion of Komarno south of the

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### Double Summer Time Goes Into Effect Apr. 2

ETO clocks will be put forward one hour April 2 (during the night of Easter Sunday to Monday) when double summer time goes into effect in France, Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and western occupied Germany.

At present, summer time, which is one hour ahead of Greenwich time, is in effect. When double summer time is introduced the legal time will be two hours ahead of Greenwich time.

### U.S. Delegates To 'Frisco Split On Vote Issue

WASHINGTON, March 30 (ANS).—A White House announcement that the Big Three at Yalta had agreed that the U.S. and Russia would ask for three votes each in the assembly of the United Nations security organization threatened today to split the American delegation to the San Francisco Conference.

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), a delegate, declared that he would "deeply disagree with any voting proposal which would destroy the 'sovereign equality of nations' in the peace league assembly as previously proposed at Dumbarton Oaks."

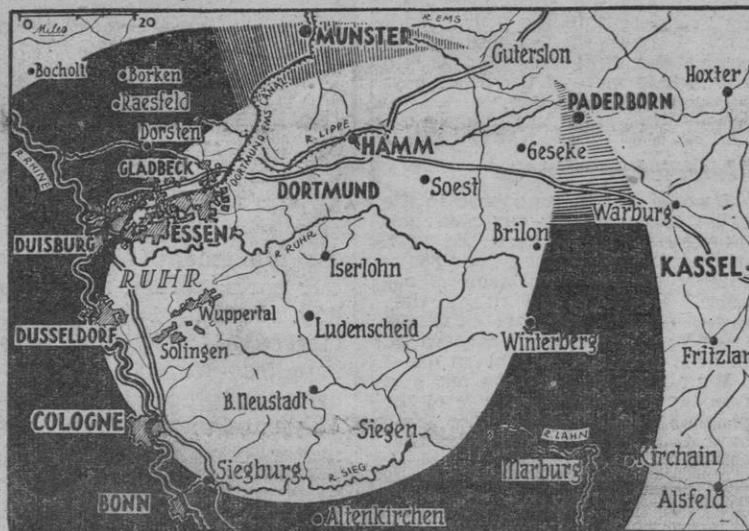
#### Must Continue 'Free'

Vandenberg said that "this applies just as much to extra votes for us as well as any other nation," and added: "This assembly must continue to be tomorrow's free and untrammelled town meeting of the world. The voice of the great powers will be amply protected in the council."

Under the Dumbarton Oaks plan, every member nation would have one vote in the assembly. The Big Five—the U.S., Britain, Russia, France and China—plus six smaller nations chosen on a rotating basis, would have one vote each in the

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### Encirclement of Ruhr Near



The Allied trap is closing on the Ruhr, as the British Second and First U. S. Armies drive toward a junction east of it.

## Nazis Fail in Move to Blow Up Spans With Human Torpedoes

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD, March 19 (Delayed by Censor).— "Human Torpedo Squads" of Germans were thwarted yesterday in a suicidal attempt to blow up U.S. bridges spanning the Rhine.

Shoving buoyant containers of explosives, the Germans, in rubber suits, swam 15 miles downstream to the Remagen bridgehead area. They were spotted just south of a pontoon bridge by an American patrol and forced to surrender by point blank fire.

Some of the "human torpedoes" were stunned when the patrol's fire touched off explosives they were pushing toward the bridge. Half paralyzed by cold and shock, they crawled out and were captured by a squad headed by Sgt. Robert D. Metzlar, of Greensburg, Pa. Clad in sleek rubber suits, with webbed shoes and rubber gloves, the Germans were supplied with oxygen to last an hour and a-half. The swimmers went underwater above the bridgehead area, but were spotted by cavalrymen guarding the banks. Pfc Lyle J. Howay exploded one man's box of explosives with M1 fire. Others detonated the rest.

"Some of these plans have already been put into operation," the statement said.

The documents showed German plans to rebuild economically and financially, plans for propaganda and military control, and planning for "renewals of the pre-war cartel agreements," the statement added.

### Postwar Plans Of Nazis Bared

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP).—Photographic copies of German documents revealing "well-arranged postwar plans for perpetuation of Nazi doctrines and domination" are in the possession of the U.S. Government, the State Department disclosed today.

## First Army And British Near Union

Encirclement of the Ruhr appeared imminent last night as First Army tanks, racing northward toward a link-up with British armor, reached Paderborn, on the eastern edge of Germany's last industrial region and 90 miles from the Rhine, according to Reuter.

Germans rushed armor and SP guns by rail in a frantic attempt to prevent the junction of the two armies, which would bag not only one of the world's greatest concentrations of war industry but upwards of ten enemy divisions trying to defend it.

Paralleling eastward-driving British armor, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army tanks crashed out of their bridgehead south of the Lippe River to form a second spearhead along the Ruhr's northern fringes.

#### Slicing Up 12,000 Sq. Miles

This completed the breakthrough cycle of five Allied armies. Gen. Eisenhower's forces are now slicing up 12,000 square miles of west central Germany and have gained control of an area the size of the state of Delaware in seven days.

Late front reports said British forces were 18 miles from Munster on the Berlin highway, while 200 miles to the south forces of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army entered the ancient university town of Heidelberg.

Plunging 21 miles in a new slash into central Germany, the Sixth Army Div. of Lt. Gen. George S.

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## 1,400 Heavies Rip Navy Bases

In one of the greatest U.S. raids ever made against German naval installations, 1,400 Eighth AF heavies yesterday plastered Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven's shipping port facilities with 3,000 tons of bombs.

Accompanying the Forts and Liberators were 900 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, the largest group of escorts ever sent to cover an operation.

Ninth AF planes hammered enemy ground installations despite poor flying weather over the Western Front.

The Ninth Bomb. Gp. flew 650 sorties and attacked enemy points near Bad-Oeynhausen, Osnabruck and Hanover. About 275 medium and light bombers took part in the raids.

Bad weather held First TAC to 61 sorties yesterday.

Flying through heavy clouds, unescorted heavies of the Italy-based 15th AF smashed at rail yards in Vienna and Graz in support of the Russian drive.

## Fighter-Bombers Smash a Retreating German Truck Column



Ninth Air Force Photo

A German convoy under attack northwest of Giessen by fighter-bombers of XIX Tactical Air Command. Two trucks are burning, at center.



# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## War Prevention

I think the following excerpt from a letter sent to me by a friend whose APO is C/O Postmaster, San Francisco, will interest the boys:—Pfc Pete Cooper, 385 MP Bn.

Some people maintain that there will always be war, but I don't share their opinion. It can be prevented if the people will only nip the seed in the bud.

As I see it, Pete, there are two causes of war. One is for economic reasons and the other, desire for power by the individual or a group of men. Now the economic causes were perfectly visible before the war. All we had to do was to look at the powers-that-be usurping the resources of the world for their own benefit, regardless of the result or the condition under which it left the peoples of the world. Racial intolerance and oppression of one race by another comes under economic causes; witness the petroleum, rubber, tin and scrap-iron trade where the big interests move in and line their pockets by theft, peonage labor and never giving a hoot whether the outcome is war or not.

It is the small, ordinary people who will stop wars, Pete, when they finally learn that they are the ones who always lose. We can stop wars when we learn to stop being selfish and realize that there are millions of people in the world a lot worse off than we are. What I mean is that Americans have got to learn the signs of approaching wars and stop them before they ever begin to grow. We can do it and we have to do it.—Lt. Wm. S. Swain.

## Monkey Wrenchers

I read a letter in B-Bag complaining because a lot of items are not picked up and turned in to the QM and other branches of service where they can be put back in use again. Well, I am just a company supply sergeant and my men have been picking up all GI equipment and clothing left in the places we move into and turning it in. Every time I turn something in the battalion supply sergeant says, "Why the hell do you go around picking up all this stuff in every place you move into?"

This is the reason a lot of equipment and clothing is not picked up by those who can pick it up. They get damn tired of getting chewed out by the next higher echelon for turning it in. Supply Sgt. Med. Bn, P.S. I am still turning it in and catching hell.

## So I Can Come Home

Here's a clipping from my girl friend's hometown newspaper. It's a letter I wrote to her some time ago. It seems to me other newspapers, including our own Stars and Stripes, might well reprint it.—Pfc A. C. Brown, FA Bn.

"Dear Helen,

I received your letter today and was more than glad to hear from you. I wonder what you're doing these cold days. As for myself, it's just the same old thing—working every day, trying to get this war over so I can come back home.

"It doesn't look like there is much I can do when all the men and women over there are striking and won't help us boys here who want to come back home. If those men and women were in our places they would do more to try and end this war.

"I don't mind fighting if the people back home will back us boys up. When conditions get like they are now and have been for some time, none of us soldiers knows what to think about it.

"I hope I will live to get back there. Then I will be able to tell you what we are having to go through. All the people know is

what they read in the papers, or hear on the radio. They say, 'Well, the Yanks are doing pretty good these days.'

"Yes, we are doing a damn good job—but read in the papers and see how many boys from around home have been killed, or wounded, trying to help folks back in the United States who are not even thinking about them. You say, on reading a killed-in-action news item, 'Well, he was a nice boy. I sure hate to hear about it.'

"Then it's all over.

"Lots of my boy friends have been killed, and lots of others will be killed before this shooting is over. So what about telling your friends what I have written and maybe some of them will remember me and try to help me and the other boys get back some glad day."

## Material for Peace

I would like to contribute to the cause of convincing our men how important it is to keep the good will of all our allies. I hear something every day about some of our allies. Some of the things they say about our allies are extremely erroneous. Some don't concern us. Some is true and do concern us.

We also have things on our own doorsteps that smells. Some of the people that are saying these things have things about themselves that smells.

Not only you and I are asking but the whole world is asking what can we do to prevent a third world war. We are asking these questions because no such machinery has been completely invented. Yet it is in the making. But even after it is set up there will have to be peace added to and taken away as the occasion requires. The best way I can describe this peace plan, is to say that it is a mass of smooth running machinery placed on a concrete foundation cemented together by solid Allied co-operation. Time and history has proven for thousands of years that no one nation can prevent an aggressor nation from bringing death and destruction to the world.

Considering all this I can't see why our men will deliberately tread down on our greatest allies when they know they are chipping away the very foundation of the thing we are striving for, fighting for and many are dying for.—T/5 J. C. B., Sig. Bn.

(This letter is published just as it was received to encourage those who have something worthwhile to write to do so regardless of their "literary" ability. Mistakes in spelling and grammar are usually corrected before we print a letter.—Ed.)

## Private Breger



"She loves me . . . she loves me not . . ."

## An Editorial

# Remarks on Supply

Excerpts from General Eisenhower's briefing of 27 March, 1945:

THE general said that since last June 6 the Services of Supply of all countries involved have been faced with problems unprecedented. They have performed marvellously. So much so that they are doing things today he is quite certain staff colleges of ten years ago would have said absolutely could not be done.

"Victories to the west of the Rhine were carved out by soldiers and tacticians but they depended terrifically on the flexibility of the supply system to the utmost. To implement the attack, our ports worked night and day. During February, we cleared 55,000 tons daily of supplies through them—even though our biggest and only undamaged port was under constant V-bombing attack. In addition, our engineers stretched pipelines across the Continent to carry POL to the Armies, built hundreds of bridges,



restored thousands of miles of tracks and sent trucks and trailers over reconstructed highways in order to get materiel forward to back the attack. I should mention, too, the superb work of the medical service in evacuation and care of casualties."

## Japs Try to Protect Targets With PW Camps

LONDON, March 30 (AP).—The Japanese have placed Allied prisoner-of-war camps close to targets in Japan and Burma to protect the targets from bombardment, Arthur Henderson, financial secretary of the War Office, declared in Commons.

He said a protest had been made on behalf of the United Kingdom, the British Commonwealth and the United States government but no reply had been received.

## 1,500,000 Tons Cleared

TRANSPORTATION CORPS HQ, March 30.—American-operated ports in France and Belgium cleared 1,501,410 tons of supplies during January, according to Lt. Col. C. Z. Case, chief of the Transportation Corps' Movement Div.

## B17 Crew's Pacific Paradise Comes to Light After a Year

BOCA RATON, Fla., March 30 (ANS).—The War Department today released the story of an AAF officer who drifted for 17 days on a life raft in the South Pacific with little to eat, and then landed on a tropical paradise, populated by 35 women and an island chieftain.

Capt. Balfour C. Gibson, of Berkeley, Calif., was permitted to tell the account publicly—and to explain things privately to his wife—more than a year after the experience.

When his B17 was shot down by the Japanese, Gibson and his crew survived by eating mouldy K-Rations, sharks and seagulls. On the seventeenth day they sighted a string of seven small islands, he said, and found them populated by friendly natives, mostly women.

Because of the food shortage, he added, each crewman was assigned to a separate island. On Gibson's were the chief and five pretty girls and women who stuffed him with chicken, lobster and other delicacies. His landing weight of 110 pounds increased to 160.

Gibson may want to forget that tranquil setting someday, but his wife, although taking it as one of the fortunes of war, may not let him.

## 'Meanest Fraud' Charged by U.S.

NEW YORK, March 30 (ANS).—Dr. Abraham Freitag, who invented an improved bandage, perpetrated the "meanest war fraud" by diverting cotton goods for Army and Navy bandages to the civilian black market, U.S. Attorney F. X. McGohey charged yesterday in information filed in Federal Court.

Freitag made more than \$500,000 profit in two years by diverting 3,000,000 yards of material earmarked for bandages to the production of dresses, aprons and handkerchiefs, McGohey said.

The information also named the Bias Coating Corp., now out of business, which Freitag allegedly controlled, and Harry Washer, alleged "contact man" with black market operators.

## FBI Accuses ex-Pfc Of Maiming Foot on Rails to Escape POE

DETROIT, March 30 (ANS).—The FBI has announced the arrest of John F. Buell, a former soldier, of Cloverdale, Calif., who allegedly shoved his foot under a moving freight car wheel to escape overseas duty and then sought disability compensation.

Buell's sweetheart, Mrs. Gladys Riley, a former resident of Ardmore, Okla., was also arrested. She was said to have held Buell's hand to give him courage when he mangled his foot and to prevent him from being drawn under the car.

At the time of the injury, June 4, 1943, Buell was a pfc stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. He was sent to the Percy Jones Army Hospital at Battle Creek, Mich., where his left foot was amputated. It was while he was recovering in the Michigan hospital, the FBI said, that he and Mrs. Riley conspired to obtain the disability compensation.

## Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:  
PFC Clarence W. Miles, Iola, Kan.—Janis Elaine, March 8; Sgt. Eugene E. McBride, Ravenna, Ohio—Margene Ellen, March 25; S/Sgt. Curron D. Davis, Pickens, S.C.—Lowell Kenneth, March 7.  
SGT. Robert H. Radcliffe, Lonoke, Ark.—girl, March 29; T/5 Robert E. Dynes, Brooklyn—Renee Marie, March 27; 1/Lt. Arthur L. Hindley, Monticello, N.Y.—girl, March 27; Lt. Monte Levin, Brooklyn—Marjorie, March 27; Sgt. Otto O. Pasaneu, Portsmouth, N.H.—Wayne, March 28; T/Sgt. George D. Tolpo, Chicago—George Reardon, March 21; Pfc George E. Spange, Forest Park, Ill.—boy, March 28; Pvt. John E. Daley, Amarillo, Tex.—girl, Jan. 7.

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This Happened in America Yesterday:

# Wild Joy and Prayer To Mingle on V-E Day

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 30.—When victory comes in Europe, there will be street scenes of joy, but there will also be prayers of thanksgiving in churches throughout the land. Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, head of the Catholic diocese of New York, and Episcopalian Bishop William Manning have already planned special services for the city.

Most churches have arranged to keep open for some time after the first announcement of Germany's defeat, so that people may enter to pray and to ask Divine support in the Pacific war, still far from ended.

Because of the heightened tempo of the European war, the War Department budget for 12 months, starting July 1, has been held up. Chairman J. Buell Snyder (D-Penn.) of the House Appropriations Committee said. If the European conflict ends within two months, he added, it may mean a cut of about \$8,000,000,000 in the Army's appropriation for 1946.

## George White's Dream Girl

PRODUCER George White, always seeking the ideal girl of the chorus, thinks he has found her in Audrey Young, 21, of Hollywood. Her measurements: five feet seven, weight, 120 pounds; bust, 36; waist, 25; hips, 37; calf, 13; ankles, 8 1/2; thigh, 19, and neck, 11.



Audrey Young  
A dream girl for the chorus.

years. Mayor Haynen says he never asked for the job, which pays no salary.

In Chicago, Mrs. Louise Tonne received a letter signed by four of her soldier sons saying that the fifth, Pfc William Tonne, 37-year-old medical corps man, had died in action on Luzon. William's death, the four sons wrote, was like his life—"kind and peaceful."

## Much Ado About a Squirrel

TOM CLARY, a Herald Tribune circulation man, was annoyed by a squirrel which made its den in the roof of his Bellerose, L.I., home. He secured a special permit to trap the pest, although the permit said that he could not kill it. After days of perseverance, he captured the squirrel, carried it two miles to Cunningham Park and watched it run away. Some time later, Tom heard the familiar gnawing on his roof. He's in a quandary now.

Emmanuel Chambers, a retired Negro employee of the exclusive Maryland and Baltimore Clubs, died leaving a trust fund of more than \$100,000 to be used for the charitable and educational needs of Baltimoreans, "regardless of race, color or creed."

# Tennessee Poll Tax Collection Declared Illegal by Magistrate

GREENVILLE, Tenn., March 30 (ANS).—Collection of the poll tax in Tennessee is illegal, Magistrate J. R. Sentelle ruled yesterday.

He held that the poll tax is not mandatory. The power to tax is inherent in the government but under the Constitution only the legislative branch can exercise or limit this power, he ruled.

Sentelle's judgment was delivered in a suit by J. D. Johnson of Greene County against County Trustee Bruce Graham and George McCannless, state commissioner of finance and taxation.

Johnson had held that since the State Legislature had repealed the poll tax, the declaration by the State Supreme Court that the repealer was unconstitutional was in effect a re-levying of the tax by the court—a function not delegated to it by the Constitution.

Johnson's attorney, John W. Kilgo, former Republican candidate for governor and Greenville lawyer, said that if Sentelle's ruling was contested, he would carry the case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. Johnson has paid a poll tax under protest and had noted it on the back of his tax receipt.

## Twins and More Twins



Marine Pfc Lawrence Woods on furlough with his wife and their two sets of twins in Quincy, Mass. The children in his lap are Michael and Margaret, 16 months old. The others are Kathleen and Lawrence Jr., three years. Mrs. Woods, 21, is now expecting again.

# Heat Sets Records in States; Trees, Plants Blossom Early

NEW YORK, March 30 (ANS).—Hot weather approached or broke records in most communities throughout the U.S. yesterday. Fruit trees blossomed early in Virginia. New England maple sugar producers feared that the unseasonable warmth, checking the sap flow, would cut production 40 to 50 per cent.

# OPA Refused Movie Ceilings

WASHINGTON, March 30 (ANS).—The Senate Banking Committee turned thumbs down yesterday on the OPA's proposal for ceilings on prices charged by movies and barber and beauty shops.

The price controlling agency also was denied the right to extend rent controls to business buildings.

Extension of the price limits to such things as haircuts, fingerwaves and screen amusements had been asked by Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

Bowles also had asked the committee to extend the OPA act 18 months instead of 12, but the committee decided that a year was enough at this time.

Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) chairman of the Banking Committee, told reporters that officials gave assurances that they would try to harmonize differences with industry groups.

## Applause Causes Symphonic Discord

DETROIT, March 30 (ANS).—Karl Krueger, conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, accused an audience of bad manners after walking out on the concluding concert of the season this week.

Zino Francescatti, guest violinist, was applauded for 17 minutes after a solo and Krueger said that the audience knew that Francescatti didn't want to play any more. "What did they think we intended to do, hang around there all night?" he asked.

Rains offered some relief in the midwest. There were floods at Alton, Ill. and Sulphur Springs, Tex. A tornado injured seven persons Wednesday night near Terrell, in East Texas.

Forecasters gave the green light to Easter paraders with predictions of "beautiful" weather.

New York, packed with vacationers, recorded 83.7, topping Wednesday's 81 record for March. Philadelphia and Washington were a few degrees warmer. Baltimore, with 89 degrees, set a new record for March.

Boston victory gardeners waited, more than three weeks early, for peas to come up. Apple trees in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia were expected to be in full bloom late next week.

Tennessee's spring was said by the weather bureau to be a full month early, and Nashville reported temperatures 10 degrees above normal each day this month.

## Oscar-Winning Director Held as Drunk Driver

SANTA MONICA, Calif., March 30 (ANS).—Leo McCarey, movie director who won Academy Oscars this year for writing and directing "Going My Way," was arrested yesterday and booked on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Officers Bob Chapman and Vic Kirian reported that McCarey was driving against traffic on a one-way street. The director spent five hours in a cell before a professional bondsman put up \$250 bail to guarantee McCarey's appearance Saturday.

## 60 Girls and a Man

ATHENS, Ga., March 30 (ANS).—Alfred H. Holbrook, 70, enrolled in the University of Georgia art school after retiring from law practice in New York City. He found himself the only male in a class of 60 girls.

# U.S. Seizure Looms in Coal Wage Dispute

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP).—Soft-coal wage negotiations floundered today toward government seizure of mines and new wartime labor strife.

Operators refused to accept proposals of Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins for a new agreement to replace the one expiring tomorrow at midnight.

Miss Perkins immediately certified the case to the WLB. This is the first step toward possible government control of the mines. The board called operators and miners' representatives to a hearing tomorrow.

The board was expected, as its first move, to propose that the present contract be extended, with any eventual wage adjustments to be retroactive. This, however, is a point to which the operators previously have objected vigorously.

## Operators Cite Cost

The operators protested that Miss Perkins' proposal would cost \$180,000,000 a year, add \$9.48 a week to the average miner's pay and add 30 cents to the cost of a ton of coal "without adding a lump to the output."

Miss Perkins said that the operators also refused to agree to extend the current contract because of her insistence on the retroactive feature.

They also declined to submit this point to arbitration, fearing, they said, that they might have to pay the maximum of Lewis' 18 contract demands, estimated by the operators to cost 65 cents a ton.

## Embraces 6 of Lewis' Demands

Miss Perkins' proposed contract embraced six of Lewis' demands in one form or another. She agreed with the request for a return to a 35-hour week and with overtime for work beyond the seventh hour daily.

Miss Perkins proposed differentials for the second and third shifts of four and eight cents respectively instead of the 10 and 15 cents asked by Lewis.

She cut to \$75 the additional vacation allowance sought by Lewis. The miners now receive \$50; Lewis had asked \$100.

She ruled out Lewis' request that the companies provide free explosives to miners, but agreed that they should have free detonators and caps and safety apparel.

## Union Leaders Differ On Film Peace Hopes

HOLLYWOOD, March 30 (ANS).—Hope of an early settlement of the studio strike, now almost three weeks old, was expressed yesterday by Herbert Sorrell, leader of the walkout. However, Roy Brewer, vice-president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, which is opposing Sorrell's Conference of Studio Unions, said: "I think it is wrong to encourage anyone to believe the strike end is near."

## Churches Across Nation Observe Good Friday

NEW YORK, March 30 (AP).—Americans paused in the midst of wartime tasks to commemorate the death of Christ with solemn Good Friday services in churches throughout the land.

In New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, approximately 16,000 persons attended services.

## Blonde Pleads Guilty In Allotment Check Case

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30 (ANS).—Virginia Summy, trim and very blonde, pleaded guilty yesterday to two of 11 charges of accepting military allotment checks to which she was not entitled.

Federal Judge Michael J. Roche asked her age. "I think I'm 27," she replied, "but they tell me I'm 31."

Asked how many times she had been wed, she hesitated, then said: "Seven—legally."

Roche referred the case to probation officers for a report.



# British Fleet Joins U.S. Attack on Ryukyus

## Carrier Planes Hit 1st Blow at Island Empire

GUAM, March 30 (ANS).—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today that the British Fleet struck its first blow of the war at the Japanese island empire Monday and Tuesday, adopting what some observers here termed "revolutionary methods of operations" to do it.

British carrier planes flying from "some of the most powerful ships in the British Navy" blasted enemy airfield installations in the Sakashima group of Japan's Ryukyu Islands, which stretch along the southern approach to the mainland.

The attack indicated a marked change in British supply methods. Never before has the British Fleet used a floating supply train on a scale large enough to permit such long-range operations.

### 500 Planes Pound Japan

News that a British task force was co-operating with the American Fifth Fleet came as Tokyo reported at least 500 carrier planes had pounded southern Japan for ten hours yesterday. They concentrated on targets that included Sasebo and Kure naval bases.

There has still been no Allied confirmation of Japanese reports of U.S. landings in the Ryukyus, but Nimitz has reported continual air and sea bombardment of that strategic group.

Nimitz' communique disclosed that 20 Japanese aircraft and one small coastal vessel had been destroyed and several damaged and that the town of Ohama, in the Sakishima group, was left aflame.

### Under Spruance's Control

The British task force, including the 35,000-ton battleship King George V, the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier *Illustrious* and other carriers is commanded by Vice-Adm. Sir Bernard Rawlings, with Rear Adm. Sir Philip Vian in command of the carriers under the operational control of the American Fifth Fleet chief, Adm. Raymond A. Spruance.

(A Reuter dispatch from Guam said Japanese planes and torpedo boats attempted to attack Spruance's fleet bombarding the Ryukyus on Tuesday. Four Japanese planes and a number of torpedo boats were destroyed.)

## American Troops Land On Two Isles Off Cebu

MANILA, March 30 (ANS).—Elements of the American Div. have landed on tiny Mactan Island and on even smaller Caut Island, just off the island of Cebu, capturing a Japanese seaplane base on Caut and the main city of Opon, on Mactan, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

Meanwhile, on Cebu, other units of the American Division captured the important Lahug airdrome, Naga, 14 miles south of Cebu City, also was taken.

In south and central Luzon, American advances continued.

The communique made no mention of ground fighting on recently-invaded Mindanao Island. Heavy air attacks continued on airdromes and military installations on Formosa. Bombers sank a 7,000-ton cargo ship and five small coastal vessels off Formosa and four small freighters and a 4,000-ton cargo ship off the South China coast.

## Goethe's Birthplace A Mass of Rubble

WITH THIRD ARMY, March 30 (Reuter).—The birthplace of Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe (1749-1832), Germany's great poet, dramatist and philosopher, is a mass of rubble today, according to an officer who passed through Frankfurt.

Above ruins near the demolished city museum the officer read: "Here was the house where the great German poet, Goethe, was born."

## The Germans Get a Taste of Their Own 88s



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Lt. Col. Harry J. Hubbard, of Austin, Tex., commander of a field artillery battalion of the U.S. Ninth Army, fires a captured 88mm. dual-purpose gun against the enemy's positions in Germany.

## Spectacular Is Now Routine To Galloping 4th Armored

By James Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FORWARD ELEMENTS FOURTH ARMD. DIV., March 28 (Delayed).—It is what they have been doing since Normandy and today they were doing it again.

These tankers were out ahead of the Army once more and when they buttoned up for the night they were farther into Germany than any other American troops.

The spectacular has become routine to them and even this amazing pilgrimage of violence through the heart of Germany is commonplace in their minds.

The countries change from France to Belgium to Luxembourg to Germany, but the method is the same. The names of the towns are different and some are big cities and others are villages but they all look alike and become one great city in their memory.

### Only Mileage, Faces Change

Only the miles you go change and the new men coming to take the places of those who are hit. They took more than 5,000 prisoners today in 13 hours and they traveled 72 miles.

If it's not your friends who were hit the casualties are small when compared against the distance traveled and the results achieved. Two men died, 14 were wounded and two tanks were destroyed.

Already Lt. Col. Creighton W. Abrams, the young commander from Springfield, Mass., who now leads CCB, is a legendary figure of tank warfare. It was Abrams who came across France with a battalion out in front, who plotted the relief of Bastogne and made the journey from the Kyll River to the Rhine in one of those armor rushes he now describes as routine.

As he sat in his temporary CP tonight Abrams, who played football at West Point, said he believed the German armies on the Western Front had collapsed. He said never before had this outfit met such light resistance.

In some towns along the white-flagged way snipers decided to die at their guns. The main force clanked through the town, and division infantry, riding on the tanks, dropped off to mop up the town. The majority of prisoners today

were rear-echelon troops from division CPs who, by some trick of war, had been transformed into the Germans' reluctant front line when the combat troops took off and stranded them.

"We took all their pieces, too," said Abrams. "But they're a little short of pieces. All they had were eight. We had plenty of artillery with us and we never had to fire a single round today."

## Ike Asks Award For Soldier Who Foiled Nazi Attack

A one-man spearhead who broke up an enemy attack and later led his squad in a counter-blow which routed the foe has been recommended by Gen. Eisenhower for an award.

During the fight to close the ring around Aachen, Sgt. Max Thompson, of Co. K, 18th Inf., evacuated wounded from the battlefield, then took over successfully an unmanned machine-gun, a BAR and a rocket gun to battle enemy forces which had overrun pillboxes occupied by the Third Platoon.

After setting a light tank afire with a direct hit, Thompson led his squad against entrenched positions. When the men were pinned down by enemy fire, he hurled grenades to force back the foe.

That night Thompson led his squad to clean out the pillboxes captured by the Germans at the beginning of the attack. He exposed himself to crawl within 20 yards of one of the strongpoints and fired rifle grenades which forced the enemy to withdraw. The Yanks gained their objective without a loss.

## First Group of Doughs Reach Riviera and Find They're Kings for Week

By Paul Green  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NICE, March 30.—With the mud of Germany of their combat boots, the feel of Germany in their hearts and talk of Germany on their lips, nearly 600 doughs from every part of the Western Front pulled into this Riviera wonderland today.

This was the first mass invasion of frontline combat troops to hit the U.S. Riviera Recreational Area, as this bigtime rest camp is officially known.

## Fanatic's Plot To Trap Yanks Just a Fizzle

By Pat Mitchell  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANKFURT, March 29 (Delayed).—The subcellar of the grocery store was deep and cool and didn't bounce much when the 105s hit the upper floors.

Over in a corner a candle on a packing case provided a dim light for some Fifth Div. doughs. They talked, but their talk ceased whenever they heard the incoming .88 ack-ack shells. Pfc Clyde Peters, of Parkerburg, West Va., shifted his position and slowly said: "Those bastards had a lot of practice with that ack-ack and I can understand now what those air force guys meant when they said the flak was thick enough to walk on."

### Ack-Ack Fire Depressed

Depressed anti-aircraft fire aimed at foot troops has been encountered since Normandy, Capt. George Whittinger, of Hot Springs, Ark., declared, but this time so much levelled ack-ack was met that it came as a surprise, since many white flags were seen at Frankfurt windows before crossing the river.

According to conscript laborers who escaped from the city before the battle, Frankfurt's Fuehrer-Gauleiter Sprenger—had arrived from Western Front headquarters with Hitler's orders to hold the town at all costs.

This fanatic impressed convalescent companies, police and firemen and Luftwaffe ack-ack crews into service. His SS troops, in carrying out his orders at all costs, refused to consider the burgomeister's request to declare the city open.

His plan had been to mouse-trap American troops into the southern suburbs and hold the river line with artillery. But the plan fizzled when the Sixth Armd. Div. tanks and armored infantrymen captured a bridge over the Main River.

Fifth Inf. Div. troops managed to cross the bridge to reinforce the Sixth Armd. troops.

In the cellar the soldiers talked about flak and how pleasant it would be to throttle Gauleiter Sprenger slowly.

## First Nabs Frontline Fraulein

By Andy Rooney  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FIRST ARMY HQ., March 30.—Gen. Hodges' First Army Doughs finally caught a Wehrmacht Wac—or possibly "Wacht."

The 20-year-old girl said that her job was that of a combination clerk-telephone operator and as a very special service operative for a German artillery unit.

The Wehrmacht Wacht claimed that in the field she and 14 other girls with her were treated just like ordinary soldiers. When the men slept in foxholes, the girls slept in foxholes too.

The girl's uniform was not strictly Jerry GI and she explained that some of the girls' uniforms had been taken away because of the clothing shortage in the German Army. Otherwise she was a regular German soldier, she claimed, pulling guard and other details like the rest of them.





## Gen. Marshall Upholds Use of 18-Year-Olds

WASHINGTON, March 30 (ANS).—The Army must use 18-year-olds as combat reinforcements or run the risk of prolonging the war in both Europe and the Pacific, according to Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff.

In a letter to Rep. Clifford R. Hope (R-Kan.) published in the Congressional Record, Marshall said that American soldiers are receiving better combat training than ever before.

Hope had asked that Marshall explain why young soldiers are being sent into battle with only 13 or 17 weeks of basic training. When the draft age was lowered to 18, Hope said, parents had the impression that young sons would be given a full year's training before facing the enemy.

Marshall told Hope that soldiers overseas are usually given additional training after they reach the theater of operations.

He pointed out that while it requires a year or more to train a full division, an individual soldier placed in a veteran unit may be adequately prepared for battle in much less time.

## Marine Who Led Iwo Flag Charge Is Killed in Action

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 30 (ANS).—Platoon Sgt. Ernest I. Thomas Jr., one of the marines who planted the U.S. flag on Mt. Suribachi during the invasion of Iwo Jima, was killed in action on the island several days later, the Marine Corps notified his mother.

Mrs. Thomas, a State Road Department employee, said Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant, informed her that her son died on March 3, his birthday.

Sgt. Thomas, 20, took over his platoon after the lieutenant in charge was wounded and led the unit up volcanic Mt. Suribachi on the third day of the invasion. He placed a small flag in position atop the mountain and then had his men dig in around it.

"Japanese swimmers from the west coast tried to get the flag," he told reporters later, "but they didn't get near us." The small flag was later replaced by a larger one.

## Vet Administrator Replies to Critics

WASHINGTON, March 30 (ANS).—Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said today that the criticism of medical care in Veterans Administration hospitals by the journal of the American Medical Association was difficult to understand.

It reflects on the membership of the Association and "tends to destroy confidence in institutions where veterans of all wars are cared for, and in this manner carries sorrow and grief into the homes of these men," Hines said.

The House on Tuesday voted an investigation of Veterans Administration facilities by the Veterans Committee.

Hines said the investigations would prove that the service rendered veterans compares favorably with that practiced in Army and Navy hospitals.

He said that the AMA Journal must be aware that many medical officers of the Veterans Administration, the administrator's entire special medical advisory group and many consultants are fellow-members of the AMA.

## Truck Haulage Heavy

WITH 3578th TC TRK. CO.—Operating a daily average of 35 vehicles, men of this company covered 1,137,820 miles in 196 days through the end of January, hauling 36,238 tons of cargo and 10,791 personnel with only two minor accidents.

# In Your Easter Bonnet, With All the Frills

A Few Styles Sported-Around the First Tactical Air Force This Season



**MECHANIC'S MODE:** A little frayed-edge number worn by Sgt. Clete Williams, of Texas.



**WACAP:** Popular with thousands in the ETO. Modeled by T/5 Marialese Miller.



**FRENCH '45:** Off-the-face model tops the ensemble of Mona Chevalier, of France.



**200-MISSIONS CRUSH:** Lt. Col. George Lee, ETO, top tactical pilot (248 missions).



**SUMMER FLIGHT:** Lt. John Weiner dons this trim number for a mission over Germany.

## Wacs to Parade in New Dress—And Will There Be Oo-la-las!

By Allan Davidson  
Stars and Stripes Fashion Editor

When Joe Dough gets a gander at his All-American girl friend in a real, honest-to-goodness dress for the first time in the ETO, it's bound to do things to his heart strings on Easter Sunday.

Right now the GI sweethearts are primping and twirling before their billet mirrors as the "oh's" and "ah's" echo the approval of the Wacs in Paris.

The new Wac ensemble, designed for off-duty wear, will stagger many GIs and cause much eyebrow-lifting among the fashion-conscious Parisians when the little gal from back home promenades the Champs Elysees in the Easter Parade.

There is nothing M1 about the new Wac outfit. Fashion experts will drool when they see the new sheer wool beige dress, because such material is as rare in Paris as a bottle of scotch.

The sheer wool beige job is smartly tailored to fit as slick as a rubber glove. The details include a nifty-flared skirt with a shirtwaist style whatchamacallit that drapes over the torso pleasingly.

And when local Parisians as well as super-critical GIs see well-tapered limbs and ankles encased in silk stockings and slenderizing non-regulation pumps, the "o-o-o la-la's" will bounce up and down the Champs. The girls will wear the standard issue brown leather gloves and carry the regular type bag.

Just to be sure that you can tell they are Wacs, they will wear their official insignia, and if the gal has stripes they will be embroidered on her sleeve.

### Rites at Vatican

VATICAN CITY, March 30 (AP).—The traditional Good Friday Mass was celebrated today in the Sistine Chapel in the presence of Pope Pius, eight cardinals and the Vatican City diplomatic corps.

## Easter Fashions This Year to Show Influence of 1900

The Sunday Easter parade along the Champs-Elysees will present a panorama of styles and bonnets strongly reminiscent of the days of one-horse shays and tandem bikes which today are a reality in Paris. The new styles will show the influence of the fashion modes of 1900.

There will be a liberation motif for Easter Sunday and Monday in Paris. Military parades and exercises well mark the re-activation of French Army regiments.

### Brought from Hiding

Delegations of veterans of World Wars I and II will rekindle the flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe at 9:30 P.M. tomorrow. All church bells in the city will be rung after a salvo of guns and a minute of silent prayer at the tomb. The Arc and Notre-Dame Cathedral will be illuminated.

Flags and standards hidden or destroyed during the German occupation, have been brought from hiding or remade for a ceremony at 9:30 A.M. Monday at the Place de la Concorde. Gen. de Gaulle will distribute the flags to the regiments.



**CHEF'S DELIGHT:** Crush design, sometimes polka-dotted with grease. T/4 J. A. Bechtel.



**BUNNY HAT:** With earflaps, like rabbit's ears, for cold days. Capt. Bushnell Welch.



**FRENCH SKYCAP:** Earphones adorn hat of Lt. Roger Choulet, of Blida, France, P47 Pilot.



**FORM FITTER:** A snug head-gear for summer flying, shown by S/Sgt. Jesse Fitzpatrick.



**GARRISON:** French garrison cap in blue, with gold braid, as modeled by Capt. Jean Rey.



**DERBY A LA GENDARME:** MPs, like Pvt. Louis Lavach, go in for white this season.



# Aggies Tip De Paul, 52-44

## Loss of Mikan In First Half Ruins Demons

By Jay Barnes

Army News Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK, March 30.—The Oklahoma Aggies carried the mythical national collegiate basketball crown back to the western side of the Mississippi for the third straight year by upsetting favored DePaul, 52-44, last night in Madison Square Garden as 18,000 customers constantly booed officiating by Pat Kennedy and Hagan Anderson.

The fans had come to see a scoring duel between two court giants, Oklahoma's seven-foot Bob Kurland and DePaul's six-foot, nine George Mikan. However, the referees kept such close check of proceedings Mikan was sweating out the game from the bench after 16 minutes, bounced for five foul violations.

### Officials Start Early

Midway through the first half, Kurland had three personals and Mikan had four. Kurland survived the rest of the game, but Mikan was through a few minutes later. When Big George bowed out, DePaul was ahead, 21-14, and although the Demons sported a 26-21 half-time margin, they didn't have a prayer after the intermission.

With Kurland virtually unopposed under the basket, the Aggies wasted little time driving out front in the second half. Kurland set up three quick baskets by Cecil Hankins and paved the way for Doyle Parrack's step-in flip, after which Hankins coupled a field goal and freethrow to provide the Aggies with a 32-26 lead.

### Three Mates Join Mikan

Gene Stump of DePaul hooped a freethrow to interrupt the spurge, but Hankins connected from behind the circle and the Aggies were off again. With five minutes to go and DePaul lagging, 44-36, the Demons ignited a mild spurt that chopped their deficit to 47-44. Then Jack Allen, Whitey Kachan and Stump joined Mikan on the bench.

Hankins led scorers with 20 points, while Kurland tallied 14. Stump's 12 was high for DePaul.

In the preliminary consolation game, Sid Tanenbaum's basket with eight seconds remaining gave NYU a 63-61 decision over Bowling Green.

## Detroit Tigers

### 1945 Major League Prospects

(This is the tenth in a series on major league prospects for 1945.)

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 30.—Although his two power sluggers are among the missing, Steve O'Neill, genial manager of the Tigers, still can afford to smile when he considers the Motor City's prospects for 1945.

Dick Wakefield, who transferred his affections from the Navy to the Bengal outfield last summer and spearheaded the team's near-successful bid for the pennant, is back in the service, and Third Baseman Pinky Higgins was taken last week. In both cases, however, O'Neill has better than average replacements.

Rudy York will be back at first base, Eddie Mayo is a holdover at second, and Joe Hoover, '44 shortstop, has been shifted to third to fill Higgins' shoes and also to make room for Skeeter Webb, acquired from the White Sox.

Webb is no great shakes as a hitter, but his defensive agility is expected to bolster the infield considerably. If he doesn't produce according to advance notices, Skeeter will catch hell from two sides—from O'Neill and his daughter, who happens to be Mrs. Webb.

Bob Maier, Buffalo third sacker last year, has moved to Wakefield's left field post to work alongside Roger Cramer in center and Jimmy Outlaw in right. Other gardeners are oldster Chuck Hostetler and Don Ross, who also can play the infield if needed.

The pitching staff is loaded with power, what with Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouser, who collaborated for 56 victories last year, again heading the parade, and Stubby Overmire and Ruffus Gentry also present. Al Benton, with a Navy discharge; Les Mueller, who won 18 for Beaumont in 1940 before entering the Army; Walter Wilson, 18-game winner at Buffalo last year, and Zeb Eaton, Jake Mooty and Forrest Orell round out the hill corps.

Bob Swift, Paul Richards and Al Unser will handle the catching.



Rudy York



Dick Wakefield

## Beefy Palooka Misses Haymaker



International News Photo

Fernando Menichelli, not-so-sensational good neighbor from South America, pitches a soft right in the general direction of Vince Pimpinecla's head, but the Flatbush heavyweight ducks out of its path. Dull waltz was declared draw by judges.

## Canadiens Maul Leafs, 10-3, To Remain in Puck Playoffs

MONTREAL, March 30.—The World Champion Montreal Canadiens, faced with the necessity of winning three straight to remain in the Stanley Cup hockey playoffs, started fast and maintained the same pace throughout to slaughter the Toronto Maple Leafs, 10-3, last night. The Leafs still lead, however, three victories to two.

### Texas Biffer Ducks Bout With Zivic

AUSTIN, Texas, March 30.—Proctor Heinhold, Texas middleweight champion, wired a fight promoter here that he would be unable to go through with his bout with Fritzie Zivic next week because he will be inducted into the Army.

A check of his draft board revealed Heinhold is 4F.

### Stilley Named Line Coach

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 30.—Kenneth L. Stilley, Notre Dame tackle during the '30s, has signed to coach the Irish line this year, athletic officials announced today.

The mighty Canuck front line of Maurice Richard, Elmer Lach and Toe Blake accounted for 11 points in the rout, with Richard contributing four goals—three in the last period—and one assist to pace the assault. Lach registered three assists and one goal, while Blake got credit for two assists.

Goals by Leo Lamoureux, Emile Bouchard and Swede Eriberg shoved the Canadiens out front, 3-0, after six minutes. But the Leafs spurred to reduce the gap to 3-2 at the end of the frame when Lorne Carr and Ted Kennedy dented the net.

After Glenn Harmon of the Canadiens and Johnny Morris of Toronto swapped goals, Richard made his first of the evening to provide Montreal with a 5-3 lead going into the third period. Then they really opened the throttle to turn the contest into a rout.

### Wings Take Series Lead By Beating Bruins, 3-2

DETROIT, March 30.—Mud Bruneteau's second goal of the game, coming at 17:12 of an overtime period, gave the Detroit Red Wings a 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins here last night and moved the Wings to a 3-2 lead in games.

Bruneteau opened scoring at 2:50 of the first period and Flash Hollett made it 2-0 before the frame ended after Herbie Cain tallied for the Bruins. The tilt was forced into overtime when Boston's Bill Retennings scored late in the third period.

### AHL Finals Start Tonight

CLEVELAND, March 30.—The American Hockey League finals for the Governors Cup will get under way here tonight with the Cleveland Barons playing the Hershey Bears in the opener of their best-of-seven series. Hershey eliminated Indianapolis, four games to five, earlier in the week, while the Barons dumped Buffalo, 6-4, last night.

### Demar Shuns Marathon

BOSTON, March 30.—Clarence Demar, 57, winner of the Boston Marathon seven times, said today he will be too busy to compete in the 49th renewal of the colorful race April 19 because he is holding down three jobs and running his farm.

## DIAMOND DUST

CURTIS BAY, Md., March 30.—The Coast Guard Cutters continued their mastery over wartime major league clubs here yesterday when they topped the Braves, 5-4 in 11 innings. Ex-Cincinnati Outfielder Hank Sauer set the Cutters' pace with a homer, double and two singles, including a single in the 11th that scored Mickey Witek, former Giant, with the winning run. Tom Early and Harry Petty pitched for the Braves. ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The Red Sox victimized the Yankees, 12-6, yesterday as Bob Johnson and Nick Polly poked homers for the winners. Rex Cecil and Frank Barrett twirled for the Bosox, while Walt Dubiel, Floyd Bevens and Al Gettel worked for the Yanks. Bud Metheny collected four hits to star for the Bombers.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—The Browns and their Toledo farmhands battled to a 5-5 standoff in a game called at the end of the ninth inning by mutual agreement.

WASHINGTON.—Lt. Bert Shepard, war veteran who lost his leg when he was shot down over Germany last year, has signed a coaching contract with the Senators and will become an active player when the squad's final cut is made. President Clark Griffith disclosed. Shepard, who plays with an artificial limb attached between the knee and ankle of his right leg, "will be given every chance to make good as a player, and he'll be placed on the active list soon," Griffith said. BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Bobby Bragan, Dodger catcher who hit .267 in 94 games last year, will report for induction April 19, he revealed today. Bragan did not report to the Bums' training camp this spring, choosing to remain at his war job and write a daily sports column for the Birmingham Post.



Bert Shepard

GREENSBURG, Pa.—Citizens and police of this community are steamed up at a character named Clarence Hulderman, 40, who came here several weeks ago and posed as Denny Galehouse, Browns' pitcher. The homefolks are angry because they wined him, dined him and bought him two-bit cigars and generally made him feel at home. The cops are unhappy because Hulderman was too liberal with Galehouse's autograph, inscribing it on several phoney checks.



The BADA Bearcats, flown over from England to compete, captured the ATSCC cage crown by defeating the HQ Blockbusters, 22-20, Thursday night, and qualified to represent the ATSCC in next week's USSTAF tournament. The Bearcats, sparked by Pfc Robert Powell, of Topeka, Kan., who contributed ten points, led, 14-12, at the half.

The Blackbirds captured the Seine Section cage title by defeating Special Service, 47-34. The victory gave the Birds 31 straight verdicts. In the curtain raiser a WAC "Blue" team defeated the "Whites," 39-18.

### Labrucherie Succeeds Horrell

LOS ANGELES, March 30.—Bert Labrucherie, UCLA halfback during 1926-28, today signed a three-year contract as head football coach at his alma mater, succeeding Edwin "Babe" Horrell, who resigned in January after six years on the job. Labrucherie, chosen from among 59 applicants, has been coaching at Los Angeles high school.

## '45 Coast Season Opens Today

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Baseball observers from Seattle to San Diego predict one of the hottest races in Pacific Coast League history this year with Los Angeles given the nod to squeeze through for the third straight time. The season opens tomorrow.

Marvin Owen's Portland club, which finished second last year, will have to go without Marino Pieretti, 26-game winner now with Washington. But Owen is confident that Jake Mooty and Wandell Mosser of Detroit and Jack Tising, who has been in and out of the majors for years, will fill the gap.

Added batting punch has joined formidable pitching at Seattle, where Bill Skiff is holding forth. And the San Francisco Seals also can be considered a contender—if Manager Lefty O'Doul can plug a few holes in his pitching corps.

Dolph Camilli's Oakland team has been established as dark horse, chiefly because the ex-major leaguer has a promising coterie of youngsters on the squad. Camilli has shifted himself to the outfield this year, and as long as he plays regularly the Oaks will have to be reckoned with.

Shortstop Tod Davis and Outfielder Frank Kelleher are missing from Buck Fausett's Hollywood Stars, while Sacramento will field a strong team if First Baseman Gene Corbett and Third Baseman Jimmy Grant eventually report for duty. Corbett is a holdout and Grant is on the injured list.

The consensus is that Pepper Martin will lead his San Diego Padres right smack into the cellar. Last year's pitching staff, the club's one guiding feature, has been depleted, leaving little more than Pepper's undiminished pepper.

Harry Williams, league secretary, said today advance ticket sales have been very good and the promise of another exciting race is expected to keep turnstiles humming a merry tune.



Dolph Camilli



# PUP TENT POETS

## Ten Years After

The old M1 is red with rust,  
As years go drifting by;  
And Hitler's bones transform to dust,  
As in the grave they lie.

The day was when the old M1  
Was new and bright with use,  
When millions died from shell and gun,  
As Death was on the loose.

Those were the days when Hitler youth  
Were one fanatic brood,  
Who, with the Japs, discarded truth,  
And had to be subdued.

Out of the smoke and battle roar,  
From Satan's earthly hell,  
Out of the screams and grisly gore—  
Peace broke the maddening spell.

Shall we forget the ones who died,  
Whose blood was spilled to stain  
The sodden earth of foreign lands—  
And was it shed in vain?

The peace and freedom of the world  
Are ours to hold and keep,  
Let's lift the banner high, un-  
jurred;  
Else we might fall asleep.

—Pvt. Fred D. Howard.

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

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PC Ronald H. Adams; Ruth Butcharel; Bob Barrett, Towanda, Pa.; Albert Briggs, Williamston, Mich.; S/Sgt. Jos. Curto, Asbury Park, N.J.; 1/Lt. Anthony J. Covell, Everett, Mass.; Pvt. Robert Covey, 36245791; Major Floyd Close, Spearman, Tex.; Sgt. James Craig, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Pvt. William Craig, Port Washington, Long Island; Pvt. Eugene Cater, Philadelphia, Pa.; M/Sgt. Madison Earl Dickenson; Pvt. Eliff; Cpl. Harold W. Dairo, 37491542; Pfc Ernest Friedman, Carnegie, Pa.

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M.A.J. Charles F. Brokus; Elmer Brown, Richmond; Pvt. Isaac L. Eason, Birmingham, Ala.; Hurst Eberly, Richmond, Va.; Pfc Phillip Charles Everling, New York; Sgt. Buck Fennel; Pvt. Vergil M. Miller, Evansville, Ind.; Lt. Col. Alex Miller, Panama City, Fla.; Cpl. Jack Whitingale, N.J.; Lt. Eloy Ontiveros, El Paso; Pvt. Woodrow I. Smith, Birmingham, Ala.; Lt. Robert L. Schultz; Ernest Vestal, Parkers Lane, Ky.; Noble Wilson, Havaco, W. Va.; William Weller, Mercersburg, Pa.

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1200-News	1830-GI Journal
1215-YankBandStand	1901-Band Wagon
1230-Over to You	1915-Movie Music
1300-Grand Old Opry	2000-World News
1330-Army Orchestra	2005-Your War today
1400-News	2015-Johnny Mercer
1410-Intermezzo	2030-Charl. McCarthy
1430-Miss Parade	2100-News
1500-Dance Band	2105-Soldier & Song
1530-Combat Diary	2115-Footlight Music
1545-On the Record	2200-U.S. News
1630-Alan Young	2207-Jubilee
1700-News	2235-Latin Serenade
1715-Gildersleeve	2300-News
1745-Hawaiian Music	2305-Satur. Serenade
1800-News	2335-Suspense
1805-Mark Up Map	2400-News
1810-U.S. Sports	0615-Night Shift
1815-Blue Interlude	0200-News Headlines

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0600-Great Music	0900-News
0615-Hymns	0910-Spotlight Bands
0630-Easter Service	0925-Family Hour
1700-News	1000-Religious Service
1720-Sunday Serenade	1030-Hour of Charm
0800-Combat Diary	1100-U.S. News
0820-Top of Morning	1100-Morning After
0845-Easter Hymns	1135-Show Time

News Every Hour on the Hour

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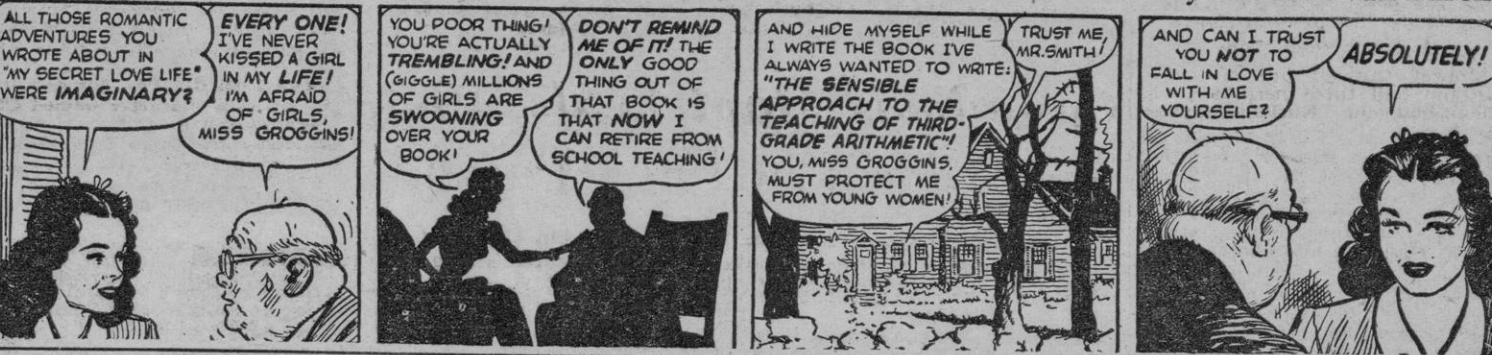
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By Norman Pett





## Thyssen Steel Empire Now Mass of Rubble; 1st Takes Leica Plant

### Huge Mills Blasted By Allied Air Might

By George Dorsey  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 79th INF. DIV., East of Rhine, March 29 (Delayed).—The enormous Thyssen steel works, which occupy eight plants in the Hamborn section of Duisburg, are in ruins.

Captured yesterday by the 313th Regt. of the 79th Inf. Div., the Thyssen steel empire was mostly a sea of twisted girders, wrecked machinery and churned-up masonry.

Three Hamborn bankers, interviewed at the City Hall by Cpl. Harry Weilheimer, of the 79th Div. Military Government section, testified that the steel works had operated only one day since Jan. 20, when they received a terrific aerial pounding. The one day of limited operation—in February—was followed by another raid which finished off the one plant which was producing.

### Scene of Destruction

Once largely devoted to making armor plate for Hitler's conquering legions, the Thyssen works today presented a scene of silent devastation whose dreariness was enhanced by the cold drizzle which drifted down out of the spring skies.

Still wandering among the ruins were a handful of tattered Russian slave laborers, some of them veterans of Stalingrad. They told of Nazi overseers who whipped lagging workers and beat others when the mood seized them. More than 150 Russians, they said, had died after some particularly vicious beatings.

### Garrison Had Fled

For all their boasted proficiency in mechanical matters, the Nazis apparently could still take lessons from American industry. Lt. Col. C. M. Sagmoen, 313th Regt. Executive Officer, one of the first soldiers to examine the main plant, noticed a Carnegie book on steel-making procedure lying open on a foreman's desk.

This vast industrial section was captured with the loss of one doughboy. Most of the garrison had taken off, or as Maj. George B. Hamilton, of Tampa, Fla., stated. "They were sitting around in bars, drinking and making the best of things while they waited to be captured."

## Japs Install Unity Party

LONDON, March 30 (Reuter).—Japan's only political party for the last three years—the Japanese Imperial Rule Assistance Political Association—was formally dissolved in Tokyo today. Domei reported, and a new party calling for unity in the present crisis was inaugurated.

Domei, the Japanese news agency, said Premier Kuniaki Koiso and all members of his Cabinet attended the inaugural meeting of the new party—Dia Nippon Seijaki (Political Association of Great Japan)—in the Diet building.

Domei said Gen. Jiro Minami, known in Allied capitals as one of Japan's leading militarists and war minister at the time of the Mukden incident in September, 1931, had accepted presidency of the new party.

### Baruch Conference With Churchill Likely

LONDON, March 30 (UP).—Informed quarters believe that Bernard Baruch, who has arrived in London on a mysterious White House mission, will confer with Prime Minister Winston Churchill at the earliest possible moment.

### Wealth of Material Taken Intact in Camera Factory

By Dan Regan  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WETZLAR, Germany, March 30. —The huge Leitz factory, home of the Leica camera, was captured intact by the First Army.

Employing 3,000 workers, the eight-story factory was manufacturing binoculars, gun sights, microscopes and other critical war material only three days before the town of Wetzlar was taken by the First Army armor.

Within a few hours after the town fell, AMG men from the 99th Div. had taken over the plant and were joined later by others from the Second Div. Army Engineers immediately started to survey the plant and its contents. Some GIs were disappointed because they couldn't get new binoculars. The Army, however, now has thousands of dollars' worth of valuable lenses and machinery in perfect working condition.

### Brothers Operate Plant

The two Leitz brothers were operating the plant when AMG took over. Ludwig Leitz remained at the plant all day obeying AMG orders in a sullen, but co-operative manner. He spoke English quite well. His general manager, Maximilian Wiedling, who had been a London agent for 11 years, was with him. He spoke, dressed and acted like an Oxford grad.

Leitz and Wiedling agreed to conduct the AMG men on a tour of the plant. The work starts on the ground floor with the unfinished glass prisms and proceeds, operation by operation, to the final assembly section on the top floor—the same system used in many American factories.

### Slave Labor 'Happy'

Because of the American bombing, some of the more vital war work was moved to the basement which also housed a part of the town's hospital and living quarters for the factory executives during air raids.

Most of the workers in the plant were skilled and about one-third of the employees were foreign slave labor.

"They were very happy here with us," said Leitz.

"Vive les Americains," French laborers shouted. "When can we return to Paris?" the "contented" French queried.

## Win Rich Prize In Frankfurt

LONDON, March 30 (Reuter).—The capture of Frankfurt ranks as a strategical success considered second only to the fall of Berlin. By taking this industrial center with Germany's second largest railway station, the Allies have at one stroke assumed virtual strategical command of southwest Germany and completed the paralysis of this citadel region of German war production.

All along the Allied Western Front the Ruhr is the only other point where the German road and rail network converges on the map into as dark and entangled a patch as it does at Frankfurt.

Frankfurt's famous I. G. Farben Chemical Trust Industry, a vast plant which produces precision instruments, heavy machine tools, electrical equipment in important factories in the city's suburbs, and the huge Adler Works, one of the Reich's biggest motorcar factories, are now lost to the Germans.

### Adamson Named Counsel

WASHINGTON, March 30 (ANS).—The House Committee on un-American Activities has named Ernie Adamson, 55, Pittsburgh attorney, as its chief counsel.

### Ring Up the White Flag

## Phone Call Surrenders a City

By Arthur Oakshott  
Reuters Special Correspondent

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY AT MANNHEIM, (Delayed).—Mannheim, opposite Ludwigshafen on the Rhine River, became the first city in the world to be surrendered in a telephone call when it capitulated to the American 44th Inf. Div.

Americans were clearing the northern part of the great Rhine industrial city street by street and house by house, and were entering the great waterworks when some soldiers heard a telephone ringing in one of the offices.

An American answered and a voice in broken English asked for someone who could speak Ger-

man. A German-speaking GI came to the phone and heard a nervous voice say, "I am one of the city officials. Please don't shoot any more, as there are no German soldiers in Mannheim."

An American officer said: "Tell him to bring the burgomaster to the phone and repeat that."

A few minutes later the burgomaster repeated the statement on the phone and surrendered the city.

The American officer instructed him to order that white flags be hung out. Within a few minutes flags made of bed sheets, tablecloths and feminine garments were hanging from vantage points throughout the city.

## U.S. Delegates To Frisco Split On Vote Issue

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organization's council, according to that plan.

The White House said yesterday that Russia, at the Yalta conference, had asked extra votes in the assembly for the Ukrainian and White Russian Soviet republics, and that American representatives had agreed, provided that the U.S. also would receive three votes. British representatives said they would have no objection.

There was some disposition in Congressional circles to discount the controversy over voting strength in the assembly, which, the Associated Press said, will have little more than debating powers.

### Delegates to Study Move

[Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius assured a press conference that apart from the decision on extra votes, no further secret agreement was made at Yalta, Reuter reported from Washington.]

Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee refused to comment beyond the prediction that the announcement would be discussed at today's meeting of American delegates with Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius.

It was apparently Connally's view that a great deal is being made over voting procedure that is important only in giving each of the United Nations a voice in raising world issues, the AP said. Effective action of the proposed league would be taken by the 11-member council rather than the assembly and in most cases would require the unanimous consent of the five largest nations.

Immediately after the White House announcement, Rep. Sol Bloom (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and a member of the San Francisco delegation, called for six votes for the United States in the assembly.

### France Names Delegates To San Francisco Parley

France announced her delegates to the San Francisco Conference yesterday, while opposition developed within government circles to the Big Three agreement to give three assembly votes to Russia and the United States, the Associated Press reported.

The French delegation, consisting of ten members, will be headed by Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. It will include all shades of political opinion, from Finance Minister René Pleven, who was commissioner of colonies in the Algiers régime, to Minister of Public Health François Billoux, Communist.

Some of the smaller European nations count on France and China to help block the Big Three plan, although some spokesmen for these smaller nations believe the proposal is designed for trading purposes to counteract the smaller nations' effort to obtain a stronger voice in the proposed league's council, the AP said.

Other delegates will be Paul Boncour, France's permanent delegate to the international assembly, and Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador to Washington.

### Lloyd George Buried

LLAYNSTUMDWY, Wales, March 30 (AP).—David Lloyd George was buried near the River Dwyfor today as thousands of friends and neighbors gathered in final homage.

### Under New Management



A window of the Rhein Hotel, on the Rhine River at Andernach, Germany, is used as an observation point by Pvt. Carl F. Grub, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and S/Sgt. Glen J. Pell, Carbon, Ind. They're members of the 11th Armd. Div., under the U.S. Third Army.

## Danzig Falls, 10,000 Seized

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Danube already was in Russian hands.

The second order, addressed to Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky disclosed the capture of Danzig, "an important port and first-class naval base," and announced that the Polish national flag had been hoisted over the city. Besides prisoners and submarines, the Russians took 140 tanks and self-propelled guns and 358 artillery pieces.

A third order from Stalin announced that troops of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army, in an offensive west of Lake Balaton, in Hungary, had captured the towns of Zalaegerszeg and Czesztreg.

South of the lake, Russian troops operating in conjunction with Bulgarian forces, broke through German defenses, advanced as much as 18 miles and captured towns that were German bastions protecting the approach to the Nagykanizsa oil area. One of the towns was Nagybjalom.

### Bill Asks Full Rights In Any Future Bonus

WASHINGTON, March 30 (ANS).—Veterans would be eligible for full payment of any bonus granted in the future, under a bill introduced by Rep. Gordon L. McDonough (R-Calif.).

The measure would repeal the section of the GI Bill of Rights which specifies that any benefits received under that legislation be deducted from future bonuses.

### Jap Drive Forces Yanks To Quit China Air Base

CHUNGKING, March 30 (AP).—American forces abandoned the air base at Laohokow, 200 miles northwest of Hankow, on March 26, U.S. headquarters announced today. The 14th AF had used the base principally for strikes at Japanese communications in North and Central China.

## Allies Closing Ring on Ruhr

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Patton's U.S. Third Army reached Treysa, 30 miles southwest of the rail center of Kassel, S & S Correspondent Pat Mitchell reported.

The Fourth Armd. Div., rolling against slight enemy resistance, struck seven miles northeast of Lauterbach, 85 miles east of the Rhine, in the easternmost point of advance by the Third Army yet disclosed.

Armor of the British Second and American Ninth, First and Third Armies were driving through disorganized enemy resistance, their leading columns shrouded by a security veil.

The German high command com-

### Duisburg Subs Captured

WITH NINTH ARMY, March 30 (AP).—Three German submarines were captured in the Duisburg dock area today. Their size and condition was not reported.

Munich reported Allied forces had reached Wildunge, 20 miles southwest of Kassel.

Nazi Transocean Newsagency said the high command was throwing in all available reserves to prevent the link-up, which would encircle the Ruhr.

Transocean said the link-up area was somewhere between Munster, Paderborn and Kassel. It claimed tank columns of both armies were 60 miles apart.

Toughest fighting was taking place south of Aschaffenburg where the Third and 45th Inf. Divs. faced dug-in tanks and other prepared defense positions as well as artillery.

In a new thrust across the Main River, the 11th Armd. Div. of Third Army reached Rothenbergen, nine miles northeast of Hanau.

Between the Main and the Rhine, the 12th Armd. Div. advanced up to three miles into the Odenwald Hills and fanned out as infantry closed up behind. The Seventh's 44th Inf. Div., a New York and New Jersey National Guard outfit, advanced six miles southeast of Mannheim, which was being mopped up by the 71st Regt.