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A beer and a brandy, waiter!

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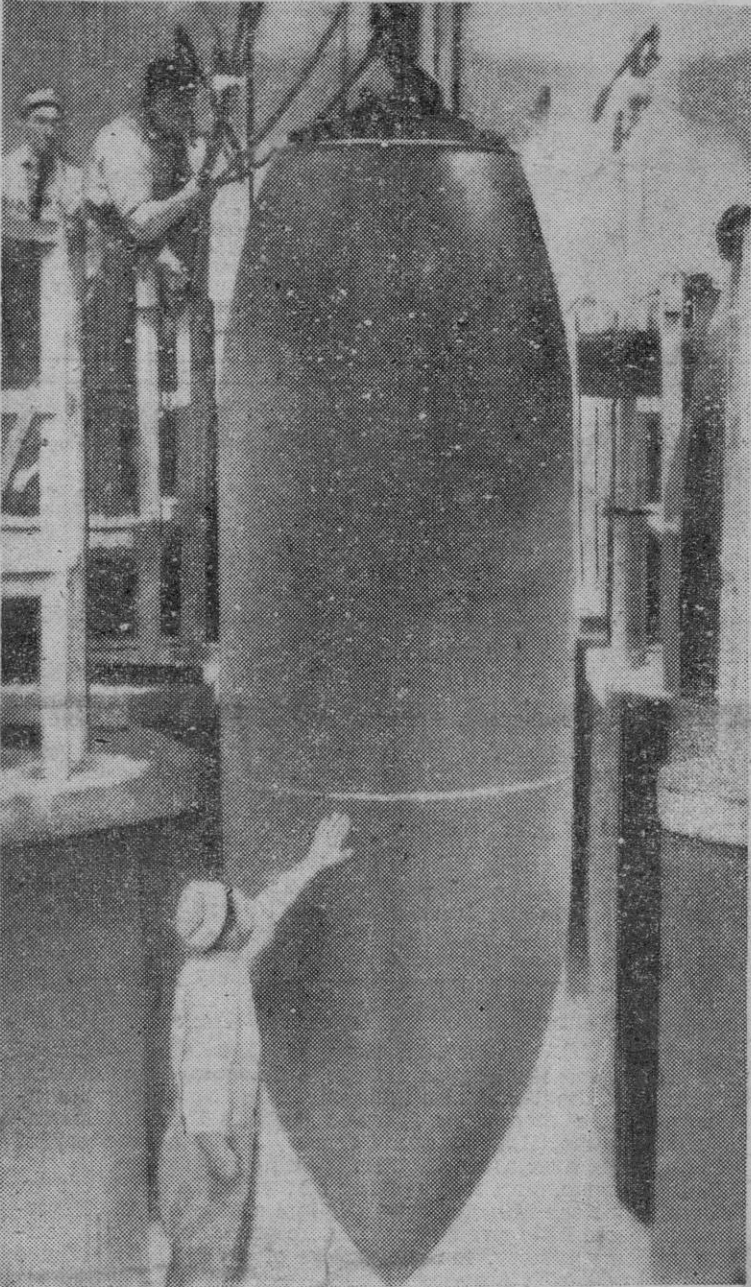
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Thursday, March 29, 1945

7th, 3rd Join Past Rhine

It's the New Super Super Super Bomb



The 11-ton bomb now being used to knock out Germany from the air is swung off the production line by workmen in a British factory.

U.S. Celebrates End of War —Then Learns News Is Garbled

NEW YORK, March 28 (ANS).—A garbled news service flash plus a misinterpretation of a White House announcement, resulted yesterday in a premature celebration of the end of the European war.

Gil Martyn, broadcasting from Los Angeles, went on the air with a report of "electrifying news"—that President Roosevelt and the cabinet "are preparing for word of victory."

Later, the Blue Network issued a statement explaining that the remarks were based on a flash from International News Service which misinterpreted a White House announcement that the President had directed Cabinet members to remain on the job during the San Francisco world security conference.

Some time after Martyn's broadcast, an INS flash asserting that "Eisenhower says Germans quit," was broadcast to Pacific Coast

states and Arizona by Radio Station KHJ at Hollywood.

Barry Faris, editor-in-chief of INS, explained later that his agency carried a flash which reported: "Eisenhower says Germans are whipped." A mistake made in relaying this flash in the San Francisco office changed the quote to "Eisenhower says Germans quit," Faris said.

Faris declared that the error was corrected within ten seconds, but the false version was broadcast before the correction reached the station. The radio station corrected the announcement within two minutes, but the combination of the two broadcasts sent a premature flush of joy throughout the country.

Switchboards in New York were swamped with calls, and news-

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British Crush Foe in North; 4th Armd. Pushes 27 Miles

Ike and Monty Thank King for Message

LONDON, March 28 (Reuter).—In reply to King George VI's message of congratulations on crossing the Rhine, Gen. Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery sent these telegrams today.

Eisenhower wired: "On behalf of all the members of this Allied Force I thank your Majesty for your gracious and inspiring message. We will keep striving until victory is complete."

Montgomery said: "With humble duty I thank your Majesty for the telegram which you sent us all. The great team under my command will strike hard for victory in the west."

Russians Seize Town 12 Miles From Austria

Soviet capture of Gdynia, important Baltic port and naval base, and the Hungarian town of Csorna, 12 miles from the Austrian frontier, were announced by Marshal Stalin last night, while the Germans reported the loss of Lebus, on the western bank of the Oder River, about 35 miles from Berlin.

In an order of the day, Stalin said that troops of Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army took Gdynia, in the Polish Corridor, by assault, seizing about 9,000 prisoners and large quantities of materiel.

Fourteen miles below Gdynia, Russian troops seized the western section of Danzig, and a United Press correspondent in Moscow reported last night that complete liberation of the city was expected within 24 hours.

In northwestern Hungary, Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army forces crossed the Raba River—last remaining water

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Seven British Officials Missing on Plane

LONDON, March 28 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Churchill announced in Commons today that Comdr. R. A. Brabner, Under-Secretary for Air, and six other officials, including Air Marshal Sir Peter Drummond, are missing in a plane in the Azores area. They were en route to Canada.

Their plane, a Liberator of RAF Transport Command, left England Monday and was last heard from Tuesday morning. Wreckage has been reported near the plane's course, but so far there is no trace of survivors.

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's northern flank eaved in yesterday under the smash of the British Second Army breakthrough into Westphalia, while 200 miles to the south the U.S. Seventh Army erupted from its Mainz bridgehead, slashed 33 miles to the Main River south of captured Aschaffenburg and linked up with the U.S. Third Army.

Germans were in full retreat in Westphalia. RAF pilots reported that the retreat was turning into a rout at some points. Enemy columns were streaming eastward in the rain, as the bulk of Allied air forces were grounded for the second consecutive day.

The break-out of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army into northern Franconia completed the picture of a spectacular collapse east of the Rhine.

First and Third Link-Up Imminent

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Patrick Mitchell reported from Third Army last night that the Fourth Armd. Div. was running wild again in a 27-mile dash to the north which brought its tanks seven miles southeast of Giessen where a link-up with First Army armor was imminent.

Only in the U.S. Ninth Army sector, at the southern half of the Ruhr bridgehead, was the enemy giving battle. Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's troops, pushing south into the Ruhr, neared the outskirts of the Rhine port of Duisburg and cut the autobahn to Berlin.

So rapid was the Allied advance into central Germany that a security veil was thrown over the whereabouts of forward elements of four armies.

Latest official reports showed armor of Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's Second British Army spearing into Dorsten, 15 miles east of Wesel. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army tanks were reported by Reuter in Giessen, 33

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Allied armies in the north spear toward Munster in advances threatening Hamm, Dortmund and Essen. Third Army tanks rolling north from Frankfurt approach Giessen and a junction with First Army armor. German radio reports that Third Army forces are moving between Wurzburg and Nuremberg are officially unconfirmed.



Down the Gutter

I sent a copy of your editorial on education to a friend who is a young instructor at Yale University. Here is his reaction.

"I appreciated your sending me the clipping from The Stars and Stripes. I agree that much must soon be done, but we are not yet ready to train the kids in clear, objective thinking. We shall have to start on the teachers first, for most of them are as muddled, confused and narrow as the students. Education in itself is no panacea. . . . What needs to be taught is a regard for facts rather than opinions, an ability to realize the gap between the ideal in society and the real, a realization that all men get hungry for food, love and security, and if that hunger is not satisfied all talk of brotherhood and peace goes down the gutter. . . ."—Capt. D. W. Bermant, 95th Inf.

Alles Kaput—Heil Hitler!

Let's really drive the cause of this war home to the hearts and minds of the people who started it. As they look upon the ruins, and are removed from their homes and begin to feel the real cost of war, let's make certain that Hitler and his crowd get the blame.

Just add a few words to our "Verboten" signs, and say, "Don't blame us, blame Hitler." Place "See what your Herr Hitler has really done for you" signs on ruined buildings, and on barbed wire barricades, so that every place they turn it is thrown in their face.

Let's start our educational campaign now.—Capt. E. E. Holmberg, Chap. 609 Med. Clr. Co.

Let's Be Careful, Bud!

It's my personal belief that the German women are now involved in a sinister plot whereby they voluntarily allow themselves to be seduced by American soldiers and later claim rape.

To offset this situation, fellows, there should be absolutely no fraternization with German civilians. German women who approach you should be immediately reported to the proper authorities—you might be laughed at and again you might be saving yourself a lot of trouble.—S/Sgt. Dave Burns, Inf.

Not Shooting Square

I have read and heard stories about how reinforcements have been mistreated in the replacement system. Sure, the system itself is not perfect, and traveling from one depot to another is no picnic. A considerable percentage of this so-called mistreatment is caused by the reinforcement himself.

Our depot managed to get just enough folding cots to handle the capacity of this company. We were pleased to be able to give the men coming in something decent to sleep on, so they wouldn't have to sleep on the ground. Now, what do these Joes do? After today's shipment, this is what we found:

Five or six cots deliberately cut or ripped; two cots were stripped of all canvas; over 50 end staves and six cots were missing. The charred remains of the metal braces were found in a fire pit.

There is plenty of firewood and even coal here so that to deliberately burn such valuable and neces-

sary equipment as a sleeping cot is inexcusable. How can anyone be so inconsiderate and thoughtless of his buddies?

At the present time, we are billeting in pyramidal tents. Speaking of pyramids, perhaps this is the reason why in other depots or companies it is necessary for the men to sleep in pup-tents. The problem of supply is just as serious back of the front lines as it is right at the front, and when GIs go around slashing and cutting tents, there comes a time when these tents are no longer usable, and new ones cannot be obtained. So, the new men coming into a replacement company have no alternative but to set up a pup-tent unless they prefer to sleep in the open. What pleasure a man sees in cutting and slashing tents beats the hell out of me.

Previous to the departure of each package, the area occupied by this outfit is policed by its own members. Following shipment, these areas are re-checked and re-policed by static personnel, and these are some of the items that are generally found: Shoes, raincoats, pistol and rifle belts, canteens, trousers, shirts, blankets and even rifles.—Lt. F. J. Baracco, 356th Repl. Co.

Red Hot and How!

To all Triple A Bns. and FA machine-gunners in the Ninth Army: The whole bunch of you should go back to Aircraft identification school. It's sure easy to tell who slept in what classes in training. I'd be ashamed to be called one of you trigger-happy bums.

When you see an enemy plane you never lead; you're always away behind. You're damn fools enough to waste ammunition shooting before the target gets in range. Worse of all, I've seen you shoot at our own Allied planes. Don't you know the difference between a P47 and an ME109?

You better wake up or the Air Force is apt to blow us all to hell just for spite. Yeah, I'm only a recruit with 22 months' combat service.

You're darned right I'm mad but I'm speaking to only you bums in the Ninth Army. That's where I am and that's where I've seen you mess up the works.—A Red Hot Kansan.

Up Front With Mauldin



"War romance. It won't last."

An Editorial

Just a Thought



Sketch by Sgt. Howard Brodie, from YANK

Are you as tired as this guy?
NO?

Well—

QUIT YOUR BITCHING!

ALFRED CROCE
1st Lt Sig C
3138 Sig Mtr Msgr Co
Det "B"

France Proposes Freer Hand for Self

France has proposed to the United Nations an amendment to the Dumbarton Oaks security plan which would permit either France or Russia to go to each other's aid in case of attack without first consulting the World Security Council envisioned in the Oaks plan.

This was disclosed in a French Foreign Office memorandum submitted for consideration at the San Francisco Conference. The memorandum said that France opposed postwar disarmament and would be willing to accept even greater limitations on her sovereignty than proposed at Dumbarton Oaks for the sake of world security.

France also proposed that small nations possessing only slight military resources be restricted in their participation in the security council.

Across One More River ... The Story of Fighting Yanks

By Joseph Driscoll

N.Y. Herald-Tribune War Correspondent

- The Rhine, the Roer and the Ruwer.
- The Saar, the Sauer and the Sure.
- The Marne, the Seine and the Aisne.
- The Meuse, the Maas and the Mayenne.
- The Kyll, the Nims and the Prum.
- The See, the Sarthe and the Somme.
- The Seille, the Vire and the Aure.
- The Ourcq, the Orne and the Loire.
- The Aire, the Oise and the Eure.
- The Arz, the Bar and the Our.
- The Vanne, the Saône, the Rhône.
- The Mosel, the Moselle, the Madon.
- The Meu, the Mainz, the Meurthe.
- The Loue, the Rive, the Ourthe.
- The Seiche, the Tille, the Morlagne.
- The Scheldt, the Suippes, the Vilaine.
- The Douve, the Yonne, the Vesle.
- The Aube, the Allier, the Bresle.
- The Blaise, the Omain, the Vaire.
- The Ognan, the Argentan, the Cher.
- The Ohre, the Oust, the Gay.
- The Glan, the Petrusse, the Lessay.
- The Odet, the Semnon, the Rance.
- The Erst, the Lys, the Nieder France.
- The Oder, the Elbe, the Ems.
- The Vaux, the Alzette, the Thames—

Across one more river.

WITH U.S. FORCES, in Germany, March 28.—Many of the Americans fighting in Europe were trained in England and crossed the Thames on their way to the Normandy beachheads. Since then their progress through France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany has been a story of crossing one river after another.

Back home, most rivers of like size would be called creeks. There is not one Missouri or Mississippi among them. Nevertheless, these little rivers should figure prominently in American military history, for the waters of most of them have been colored with American blood.

But each river crossed in Europe takes these fighting Americans that much closer to the little creek back home.

Senate Lacks Pep as Show, Member From Idaho Says

WASHINGTON, March 28 (ANS).—Sen. Glen Taylor's secretary is about to draw a new assignment—finding out what people in the visitors' galleries think about the Senate. The Idaho Democrat suspects their views are not very complimentary.

If the checkup verifies that suspicion he may push for some reforms.

As the Senate's only professional showman, Taylor considers the usual day's proceedings pretty thin fare for spectators, with no zing to the program, deplorable acoustics and none of the showmanship which he was used to in tent-show days and later as banjo-plunking leader of a cowboy band.

"I think I'll have my secretary circulate through the gallery and ask people four or five questions each," he said.

He has the corrective program pretty well thought out:

- 1.—Redesign the chamber acoustically so members can make themselves understood.
- 2.—Enclose gallery in soundproof glass and install loudspeakers to pipe in debate to visitors.
- 3.—Hire an experienced man to stand in the gallery and explain the meaning of various parliamentary maneuvers.
- 4.—Hand each visitor a leaflet explaining some of the members are unable to be present because of committee meetings, official business elsewhere, and maybe a few of them are just out playing golf.

Taylor applauds the suggestion by Sen. Sheridan Downey (D-Calif.) calling for a daily broadcast of two hours of Congressional "time-wasting" speech-making.

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This Happened in America Yesterday:

Where the Meat Goes: It Seems People Eat It

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 28.—Seeking to learn where all the meat has gone, the United Press found today that American civilians ate more meat last year than the British or Canadians but less, per capita, than the Australians.

Of 32,250,000,000 pounds of meat available to the U.S. and the British Empire last year through their own production and purchase in South America, official figures showed the following per capita consumption: U.S. civilians, 150 pounds; U.S. armed forces, 300 pounds; British civilians, 108 pounds; British armed forces, 185 pounds; Australian civilians, 175 pounds, and Australian armed forces, 350.

Overall figures showed that U.S. civilians got 18 billion pounds; U.S. armed forces, four and a half billion pounds; British civilians, four and a third billion pounds, and British armed forces, one billion pounds.

DR. J. P. SHALLOO, of the University of Pennsylvania, attributes some juvenile delinquency to "knowledge of black markets, of unnecessary driving, and of continual cursing of Roosevelt and criticism of the Administration." He told the Crime Prevention Administration that "such anti-authority influence certainly is not lost on these juvenile delinquents."

"Ruth the Gleaner," a follower of Father Divine, sent \$760 to Chicago Mayor Edward J. Kelly, explaining that while working as a chambermaid in Chicago, she was awarded \$2,200 for injuries she received when a taxicab struck a hole in a Chicago street in 1925. All she actually received was \$760, she wrote, and now Father Divine's "spirit and teaching is causing me to go back and right every wrong of that old life."

Nora Eddington Flynn is in Los Angeles with her daughter, Deidre Eddington Flynn, after flying from Mexico City. She wouldn't talk when reporters asked her about rumors of a possible divorce from Errol Flynn, film star.



Nora Flynn leaving plane with her baby.

could take some of these young men, rejected because of emotional instability or physical immaturity, and by feeding them and subjecting them to regularity, turn them into passable soldiers."

ALL through the South and along the Eastern Seaboard, police are searching for a motoring family to tell them their three-year-old daughter should be treated for a rabid dog bite. The child was bitten just before Mr. and Mrs. McAllister Marckes began a trip five days ago in Augusta, Ga., and the dog has now been found to have been infected with rabies.

The Marseillaise and the Star-Spangled Banner were played and the Tricolor substituted for Old Glory as the first in a series of cargo ships was turned over to the French government at Houston, Tex.

SKUNKS—almost 300 of them—crossed the four-lane Albany-Schenectady road at Albany, N.Y., and caused motorists hastily to close their windows. It was believed brush fires forced the skunks to migrate.

Mrs. Louis Is Granted Divorce As Joe Doesn't Contest Action

CHICAGO, March 28 (ANS).—Marva Trotter Louis was granted a divorce from the world heavyweight champion, S/Sgt. Joe Louis, today. She told the court that Louis had deserted her Oct. 2, 1943.

The Brown Bomber was in the court for the hearing, but did not contest the action and said nothing.

Attorney Sol Strauss, of New York, representing Louis, said that in an out-of-court settlement included the payment of \$200 monthly for

the support of Louis' child, Jaquelin, 2, and also provided for the creation of a trust fund for the child.

Strauss said that the judge granted Louis the right to see the child whenever he wished and to have custody of the girl for two months of the year.

Mrs. Louis, now a night club singer, said that she always had been a dutiful wife and that the champion had been a kind husband, "when he was at home."

California Laundry, Cafeteria Style



Back in the States it's no easy matter to get your laundry done. But in California they've tackled the problem by starting a cafeteria-style self-help laundry. Two enterprising brothers in the plumbing business in Los Angeles bought as many washing machines as they could find and now rent them for 60 cents an hour.

Senators Will Come to Europe For War, Economic Inquiry

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP).—A group of senators will go to Europe next month to survey military operations and economic conditions, to give the Senate first-hand information on war-end problems.

The chief objective of the group, members said, will be to find out what the Army intends to do with billions of dollars in equipment and supplies when German resistance collapses and the full weight of the war is shifted against the Japanese.

Tentative arrangements to make the trip have been made for Senators Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), Lister Hill (D-Ala.), Albert B. Chandler (D-Ky.), Burnet R. Maybank (D-S.C.) and Styles Bridges (R-N.H.).

The War Department has said that as much equipment and as many supplies as feasible will be shipped to the Japanese fighting zone. A shortage of shipping, however, may force extensive re-equipment in this country of troops in transit from one theater to another.

Gen. Hill also said that the group would inquire into the relative merits of American and German tanks, planes and guns.

Hill added that the group would look into complaints that this country has lagged behind the Nazis in production and battle use of jet-propulsion planes.

5-to-4 Deadlock Ties Up Work of Dies Successors

WASHINGTON, March 28 (ANS).—On the basis of FBI reports, the House Committee on Un-American Activities has rejected all applications for jobs as committee investigators. This, coupled with the disclosure of a five-to-four membership split on major issues, leaves the group far from a start in taking up where the defunct Dies Committee left off.

Members who told of the committee division said that, on major matters, the majority consists of Reps. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.), J. Hardin Peterson (D-Fla.), J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.), Gerald W. Landis (R-Ind.) and Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.).

Actor Jon Hall May Shed Sarong for Army ODs

HOLLYWOOD, March 28 (ANS).—Jon Hall, who has spent most of his eight-year movie career in Sarongs and swimming trunks, has passed his Army physical examination.

His draft board, which previously had kept him in 4F, said that it would have to study doctors' reports before deciding whether to reclassify him.

Coal Miners Vote on Strike

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP).—Four hundred thousand soft-coal miners voted today on whether to strike for John L. Lewis' contract demands, including a \$60,000,000-a-year union royalty.

The government sought to avert a mine shutdown by speeding a new contract before Saturday midnight, when the present contract expires, or by extending the agreement until May 1.

The strike vote, required under the Smith-Connally War Labor Disputes act because Lewis filed notice of a dispute in the industry, was taken on this question: "Do you wish to permit the interruption of war production in wartime as a result of this dispute?"

Both Lewis and the operators have indicated that a work stoppage would be averted if possible, and the expected affirmative vote in today's election would not necessarily be followed by a walkout.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, who conferred yesterday with Lewis and the operators, said that both sides made new proposals and that she suggested an overall wage increase as a starting point.

Meanwhile, it was reported that the operators offered a flat dollar-a-day increase, compared to the 51 cents previously conceded by them, but that Lewis scorned the offer.

Dewey Signs Bill For Plasma Program

ALBANY, March 28 (ANS).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today signed a bill authorizing a \$100,000 state blood plasma collection and distribution program. The plan will make available plasma and blood derivatives in areas where local programs do not exist.

The governor also signed a measure continuing to July 1, 1946, provisions allowing marriages of members of the armed forces and U.S. Merchant Marine within 24 hours after issuance of the license.

Draft Extension Approved

WASHINGTON, March 28 (ANS).—The Senate Military Committee, acting at Army urging, approved the House measure extending the Selective Service act until May 15, 1946. The present act expires May 15, 1945.

Curfew Riots Feared by MPs In Manhattan

NEW YORK, March 28 (ANS).—Fearing riots by angry servicemen barred from restaurants after midnight, MPs are patrolling the Times Square area in "unprecedentedly" large numbers, The New York Post said today.

The Post said it was told by police officials that they had no doubt that the Army and Navy ruling barring servicemen from all-night eating places which sell liquor prior to midnight would result in disputes between servicemen and civilians, servicemen and their own authorities, and between servicemen and restaurant operators.

The naval adviser to the British Information Services in New York announced that all British naval personnel in Manhattan had been ordered to observe the midnight curfew. No announcement was made about British Army personnel.

Owners Offer Plan

The New York Daily News said that the strict military interpretation of the curfew had caused servicemen to take out their resentment on cafe owners. As a result, the cafe owners propose that the Stage Door Canteen be kept open from midnight to 4 AM, the News asserted.

The Post also said that police report a large increase in prostitution. The prostitutes know that servicemen have no place to go after midnight and sense a ready market, the Post said.

So serious has the problem become, the police told the Post, that patrolmen were ordered into Navy uniforms to break up the expanding vice traffic.

Meanwhile, War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes declared that he would withdraw or modify the midnight curfew "as soon as the war's progress permits." However, he added that he did not believe "any useful purposes would be accomplished" by holding a hearing now on the appeal of New York night club and restaurant proprietors for a later closing hour.

N.J. Alters Liquor Laws

NEWARK, N.J., March 28 (ANS).—New Jersey liquor regulations have been amended to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages between midnight and six AM to insure compliance with the government's curfew request. The amendment moves up the closing by one hour but permits opening one hour earlier.

New Post for Ike Sought

TOPEKA, Kans., March 28 (AP).—Gen. Eisenhower's home state wants him appointed to represent the fighting men at the peace table. A resolution asking President Roosevelt to name Gen. Eisenhower to this position is being circulated at the Statehouse.

Even the Joint Jumps When 350 Heccats Begin to Cut a Rug

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y., March 28 (AP).—The town fathers established a youth center in a building that dates back to Colonial times.

About 350 heccats showed up for a dance. Rugs were being cut on



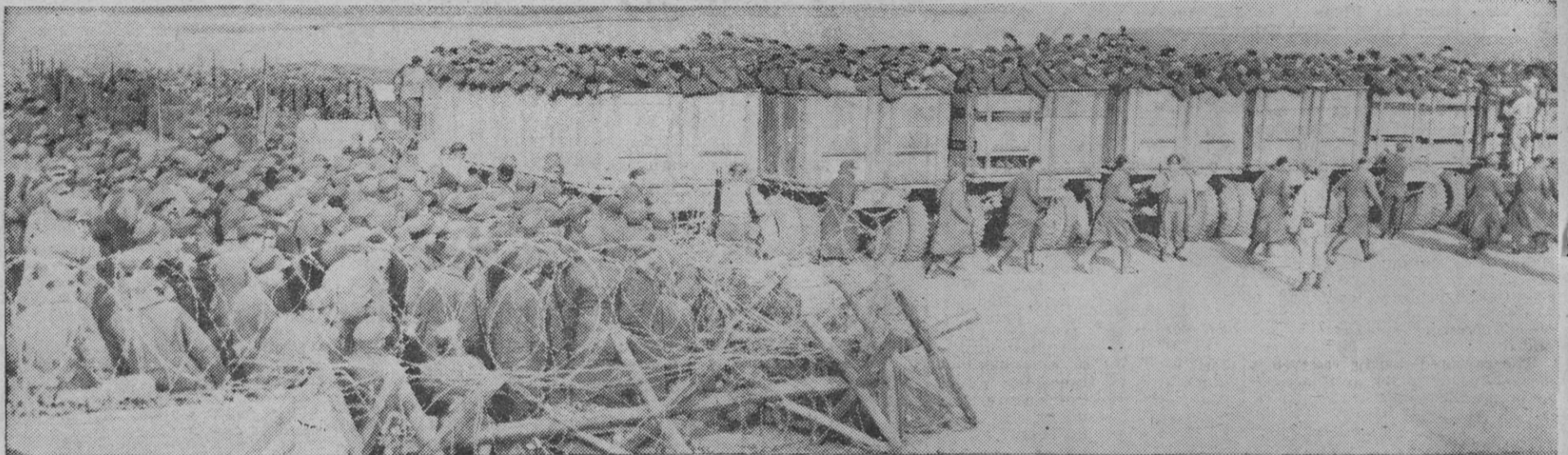
the downbeat. Then someone yelled:

"Hey, the joint's jumping." Sure enough, the old building was trembling. Alarmed officials hunted up some pillars to prop up the place.

'Master Race' Jams PW Cages as Yanks Advance



Bedraggled prisoners in a Third Army PW cage. Total of Germans captured by the Third is around the 300,000 mark. U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos



Captured Germans are taken from a barbed-wire enclosure on the Third Army front and loaded on trucks for shipment to rear areas.

Everyone on Edge

Foe 'Collapse' Is Hailed by London Press

LONDON, March 28 (AP).—London's most sensational headlines in months virtually shouted this morning "This is the collapse" and "Germany is whipped."

The News Chronicle said the British war cabinet was standing by in view of Prime Minister Churchill's return from the Rhine with the message that "the end is now in sight." From now on, the paper said, cabinet members will be within easy distance of recall for the moment of Germany's collapse.

Air Raids on Berlin Bring Change in Evacuation Plans

LONDON, March 28 (Reuter).—German News Agency today announced new arrangements for the evacuation of Berlin civilians "in view of the air terror."

(An Associated Press dispatch from Stockholm said a decree had been issued allowing women, children and others regarded as non-essential for the defense of Berlin to leave the Reich capital without special formalities.)

German Peace Feelers Reported on the Increase

LONDON, March 28 (UP).—The number of German peace feelers put out to the Allies has increased sharply during the last week, it is learned in excellently informed quarters.

Many of these have been made to British subjects in neutral capitals by so-called anti-Nazi representatives.

Parked Jeep or Cub Is the Same to MPs

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, March 28.—It happens every day to jeeps, but Lt. G. L. Adams, of Houlton, Me., who pilots an artillery Cub, never thought it would happen to his plane.

When he found himself running out of gas, he landed on the first stretch of highway which might be near a station. Leaving the plane parked at the edge of the road, he went for fuel.

He returned to find that the MPs had impounded the plane. They explained that it was an Army vehicle parked without a guard in an unguarded area.

Seized Krupp Steel Helps Allies Push East

Steel captured from Krupp works at Rheinschoven and Krefeld is helping U.S. forces cross the Rhine. Army engineers are using 25,000 tons of structural "I" beams and other products in the extension of current bridgeheads, according to a Com Z report.

Also taken were 1,000 tons of ferro-manganese and ferro-silicon, used in making steel. This is being shipped to mills in Luxembourg for manufacture.

Iceland Retains President

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, March 28 (AP).—The Icelandic Republic's first popular election of a president, scheduled for June, has now become unnecessary as all parties have issued a declaration supporting the incumbent Sveinn Bjoernsson, who was named by the Althing for a one-year term on the republic's founding last June.

Yank and Nazi Medics Meet — Together They Save Lives

By Bud Hutton
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 17th AIRBORNE DIVISION, March 26 (Delayed).—German and American medics worked side by side, treating wounded, friends and enemies alike, when Lt. Col. Edward F. Kent's Third Bn. of the 513th Parachute Inf. Regt. overran a Wehrmacht casualty station.

In an old Rhineland castle the Nazi doctors and medical aides were caring for their own when the ancient Schloss was taken. As soon as they could, parachuting American medics, led by Captain Arthur F. Young, of Cleveland, rolled up their sleeves and went to work in the same place.

"The Krauts had some stuff we couldn't bring in by chute," said Young, "and we had some stuff they didn't, so we worked together, treating Germans, Americans and British. The Kraut medics did a good job. We gave them the basement for their wounded, and we took the first floor." The Schloss was the best house the battalion had hit since it went into the Ardennes. Telephones and lights went out with the pre-drop bombardment, but luxurious furnishings, thick rugs and oil paintings made a curious background as some 75 Germans and about 140 British and Yank wounded lay in the hospital awaiting evacuation.

Capt. Phillip O. Nice, of Colorado Springs, Col., said that one of the German medics went back to the Nazi lines with a flag of truce but the Germans refused to listen to his suggestion that they all give up. They said no, "so the killing and the hurting goes on," the young Nazi doctor told Nice when he came back.

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The routed Germans who finally fled from the path of the 513th Parachutists left one unit

payroll. Pfc John Dobridge, Jersey City, N.J., 2nd Lt. Peter Scotese, Philadelphia, and Pfc Kenneth A. Braun, Brooklyn, took over a Wehrmacht payroll equivalent to \$40,000, and it's valid money if they can find anything to buy.

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Before the airborne invasion of Germany, Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Booth, of Fort Smith, Ark., commanding officer of the 466th Parachute Artillery, picked out on a map what he hoped would be his CP. He studied aerial pictures of it. When Col. Booth slipped his chute into a landing in an orchard, there was something familiar about the buildings beyond the trees. It was the command post he had picked. After the Nazi defenders were licked, he moved in.

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For a long time, Major C. V. Hadley, executive officer of the 466th Parachute Artillery, has been looking for a luger. After he bailed out of the C46 as we hit the Germans behind their Rhine defense line, the major started hunting for one and he carried two .45-caliber pistols and a sub-machine-gun to consummate the deal.

Eventually, when Hadley got back to the CP with no luger, he found Cpl. Bob Hayes, message center GI from Fort Sill, Okla., waiting there with a closet full of luges.

Switch to War May Win Favor For Argentina

WASHINGTON, March 28 (ANS).—Early termination of the "diplomatic quarantine" of Argentina by the United States and other nations was forecast today following the Buenos Aires government's declaration of war on Germany and Japan.

The refusal of the government headed by Gen. Edelmiro Farrell to break with the Axis had all but ostracized Argentina from the family of nations.

The formula through which harmony between Argentina and her sister republics might be re-established was drawn up at the Mexico City conference. This formula "deplored that the Argentine nation has up to the present time not found it possible to take steps which would permit her participation" in the Mexico conference, but at the same time it invited Argentina to sign all agreements provided she did certain things. These consisted principally of declaring war and joining the United Nations.

With yesterday's declaration, Argentina finds herself at war for the first time since her struggle with Paraguay, which ended in 1876.

Postwar Platform

LONDON, March 28 (AP).—Post-war socialization in Britain of public utilities, coal mining and inland transport was urged today by Herbert Morrison, home secretary and Labor leader, in an address at a party meeting in the East Lewisham district of London. He said that would be one of the principles on which the Labor party would make its stand in the post-war general election.

Wounded American PWs, Starving and Filthy, Reflect Wehrmacht Surgeon's Hatred

By Ed Lawrence
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SEVENTH ARMY, East of Rhine, March 27 (Delayed).—A tow-headed 19-year-old American dough looked at the piece of chocolate and wept.

Through fever-parched lips, he revealed the brutality of a Wehrmacht surgeon who "hated Americans' guts."

"The Germans just left us here to rot," he said.

Lying in filth and covered with dirty bandages, the 250 Americans rescued by the Seventh Army were too weak to leave their beds. One man managed to hobble over to a window, shouting his welcome weakly.

Someone across the room whispered that the soldier munching his first chocolate bar in months had no hands or feet.

"We dreamed of K rations and C rations. All we ever talked about was food. Some of the guys used to make up menus of all the things they like to eat, like strawberry shortcake with mountains of whipped cream," said one man.

But the Nazi doctor had starved them while a storehouse in the basement held boxes of food and bandages from the American Red Cross Chapter in Detroit, Mich.

The men rested on soiled rags. They had endured the bitter cold of winter, lying under two thin blankets. Many were naked because they had traded clothes for cigarets and bread.

"We wouldn't have minded the cold, if we had had enough to eat," said the tow-headed kid. "But they didn't give us much. They fed us one loaf of bread and a bowl of potato-peelings soup for ten men at dinner and supper. Once a week we got cheese or boiled carrots," he added.

The captured doughs reserved a special reverence for an American major and lieutenant of the medics. These two men, although starving with the rest, labored ceaselessly to keep the 250 American doughs alive.

"We wouldn't be here, if it weren't for them," the Americans said unanimously. "They'd slip us morphine and would visit us every night trying to cheer us up."

The young soldiers, matured beyond their years, with bearded faces and emaciated bodies, spoke tenderly of the American medics

who, like themselves, were prisoners. "Once I saw a movie," said a soldier with long-matted hair, "about a Joe called Dr. Wassel. Did you see it? Well, the major is our Dr. Wassel."

The tow-headed youngster growled weakly, "That sonuvabitch of a Nazi doctor starved us. D'ya want my idea of a real war criminal? He's downstairs now. I hope they hang him."

"The men in this hospital have a different slant on how to treat German prisoners," said a skinny second lieutenant. "The guards here tortured us with stories of how much food Jerry PWs were sending to their families from the mess halls in the States."

The men revealed that the Serbian, Polish, French, Italian and Moroccan prisoners at the hospital were well treated and cared for. But Americans got nothing.

Nazis Murder Aachen Mayor

AACHEN, Germany, March 28.—The murder of Franz Oppenhof, 41-year-old attorney who served as burgomaster of Aachen for nearly five months, was announced today.

Oppenhof was at a neighbor's house on March 25, when his maid called and said three men wanted to see him. Returning home with his neighbor, he found three uniformed Luftwaffe members. They said their plane had crashed and they wanted food, shelter and protection.

Oppenhof told them he was obliged to turn them over to the U.S. Army. As soon as the neighbor returned to his home to tell both their wives that the burgomaster would be delayed, the Germans shot Oppenhof through the head and fled.

With War Moving On, Germans Return to Homes in Occupied Area



Residents of Liblar, Germany, return to their homes with their belongings, while troops of a U.S. division which captured the town in the First Army's drive to the Rhine wait to continue their advance.

Japs Fire Cebu As U.S. Troops Push Near City

MANILA, March 28 (ANS).—American assault troops, swarming ashore on Cebu Island, Monday, against elaborate beach defenses, swept almost to the outskirts of Cebu City, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters reported today. The communique said that the Japs already had set the second city of the Philippines aflame.

Shortly after Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold's Americal Div. hit the beaches, the first big fire appeared in the heart of the city. Then came thunderous explosions and sheets of flame as Japanese demolition crews went to work on the port, as they did in Manila.

Buildings Blasted

Installations at a modern air-drome just northwest of the city, a fine wharf area, a municipal electric plant and a huge cocconut refinery just across the harbor on Mactan Island—the largest refinery in the Philippines—all were burned and blasted.

The landing, under cover of air and naval bombardment, was made near Talisay, about five miles south of Cebu City. This is about midway along the east coast of the big stringbean-shaped island, which lies between Japanese-held Negros and American-occupied Leyte, in the center of the archipelago.

MacArthur's communique said the Japanese defenders had been caught off guard, but front-line dispatches made clear that the beaches had been prepared to repel invasion. Associated Press Correspondent Richard Bergholz, with the invading force, wrote that the enemy "had everything ready for a long, tough fight."

He said Japanese mortar fire pinned down the first amphibious vehicles to hit the shore.

Iwo Jima Japs Quit Caves To Launch Surprise Attack

GUAM, March 28 (ANS).—One hundred and ninety-six out of more than 200 Japanese were killed Monday on Iwo Jima after they assembled from cave hide-outs to make a surprise attack, Adm. Nimitz announced today.

The attack caught U.S. Marines off guard and 200 of the enemy succeeded in breaking into a bivouac area used by Army fighter pilots and aviation service troops.

The enemy had planned the attack well, using grenades, rifles, revolvers and American bazookas. The fighting carried to a beach southeast of the central airfield before the Japs were killed.

Submarines Lost

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP).—The submarine Albacore, overdue from a patrol, was presumed lost, the Navy announced today. Last week the submarine Barbel was reported missing.

When Nazis Take Vengeance

Fraulein Aids Wounded GIs

WITH FIRST INF. DIV., March 28 (AP).—There was no \$65 fine for fraternizing with Trudy, a 20-year-old fraulein.

The German girl who gave first aid to wounded Americans was shot by vengeful Nazis who burned her home. She now lies in a Yank field hospital, her bed surrounded by gifts of candy and cookies.

Capt. Maxie Zera, of the Bronx, told the story of Trudy's battlefield nursing on March 24 while Co. C of the 16th Inf. was fighting the savage battle for Griesbach at the northern end of the Remagen bridgehead. Several Yanks had been wounded.

"This girl was watching from the window of the farmhouse," said Zera. "She ran out to do what she could. With shell splinters and rifle and machine-gun bullets flying over the area, she bandaged the wounded and helped the infantrymen to improvise litters."

The platoon was forced to pull back but some hours later the town was cleared.

"They found the farmhouse burning to the ground and the girl lying there, twisting in pain," Zera said.

Navy Hammers 600 Iwo Vets Back in U.S. Ryukyus Anew

GUAM, March 28 (ANS).—Battleships and swarms of carrier planes which opened up on the Ryukyu Islands last Friday blasted those southern stepping stones to Japan again Tuesday, Adm. Nimitz announced today.

Nimitz made no mention of action on Sunday—the day the Japanese communique said American landings were made on tiny islands near Okinawa, 325 miles southwest of Japan. A Japanese broadcast reported "savage battles" raging in the Keramas, 15 miles west of Okinawa.

Nimitz, whose reports have recorded bombardments by fast battleships and raids by Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers on Friday, Saturday and Monday, said in his communique today:

"On March 27, carrier aircraft of the U.S. Pacific Fleet continued to attack enemy forces and defense installations in the Ryukyus and surface units attacked coastal objectives with naval gunfire." Nimitz also disclosed that Navy search planes had ventured within 150 miles of Tokyo on Monday to attack small ships near Hachijo Island.

Lull for Regrouping Indicated in Burma

SOUTHEAST ASIA HQ, March 28 (AP).—A lull for regrouping after the capture of Mandalay and the entrapment of Japanese troops in the Meiktila pocket was indicated today as fighting in Burma assumed a local character in various sectors.

The Japanese are continuing their attacks on the perimeter of the Meiktila holdings and bitter fighting is going on northwest of the main airfields in that area. The Japanese are making a desperate effort to break out of the pocket but so far they have not been able to dent the solid Allied grip.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28 (ANS).—Six hundred wounded and weary marines arrived here by ship from fighting on Iwo Jima, and all described the savage struggle as the worst they had ever seen.

Many are veterans of several Pacific campaigns. Japanese snipers deliberately shot at the legs of stretcher bearers, so that both they and the men they were attending would be helpless, marines said.

"Returned veterans," said Eugene Williams, 25, Boaz, Ala., a medical corpsman whose leg was pierced by a Jap bullet, "had only one word for Iwo—'awful'."

"It was like being in hell without a drink of water," said Pvt. Conrad Roy Taschner, 18, Lansing, Mich.

All the men are convalescing at the Naval Receiving Hospital here.

AMA Journal Hits Care Given to Vets

CHICAGO, March 28 (ANS).—Declaring that Veterans Administration medical care appeared "especially poor" compared to that in the armed forces, the American Medical Association Journal today suggested an independent investigation by a committee reporting directly to President Roosevelt.

Meanwhile, at Washington, the House passed a resolution authorizing its committee on veterans affairs to investigate the Veterans Administration.

Passage of the resolution came after Rep. Philip J. Philbin (D-Mass.) failed in an attempt to have it voted down in favor of his own proposal for a broad inquiry by a special 11-member committee.

The AMA Journal reported a charge that the chief administrator of the Veterans Administration had "little sympathy with a high quality of medical service."

An Addition to the Attractions of Paris



Allied servicemen and women on the Champs-Elysees crowd the entrance to the Paris Stage Door Canteen, three weeks old Saturday.

Aggies Encounter DePaul Tonight

Kurland Faces Mikan in Duel For Cage Title

By Jay Barnes

Army News Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK, March 28.—Seven-foot Bob Kurland will have a chance to square accounts with All-American George Mikan tomorrow night when the Oklahoma Aggies, NCAA champions, ring down the year's basketball curtain against DePaul, invitation ruler, in the annual Red Cross charity game at Madison Square Garden for the mythical national collegiate title.

Kurland dropped 22 points through the Garden meshes last night as he led the Aggies to a 49-45 victory over game NYU for the NCAA diadem and a return engagement with Mikan & Co. In their earlier meeting, DePaul, which drubbed Bowling Green, 71-54, for the invitation crown Monday night, victimized the Aggies, 48-46.

Kurland Holds Mikan

In that game, Kurland battled Mikan to a standstill, each hard-court giant scoring nine points until closing minutes when Kurland departed on fouls. Mikan registered three rapid-fire baskets before the final whistle to take scoring honors for the night.

Kurland was all over the floor last night as the Aggies steamed to a comfortable lead, then slapped down a belated Violet threat. He was the key to every play, feeding his mates and controlling the ball from his pivot position, in addition to topping scores of both teams.

The Aggies held a 26-21 advantage at the half, after the lead had changed hands ten times. Kurland was chiefly responsible for the edge, contributing 15 of his points before the intermission.

Violet Spree Falls Short

The Violets stumbled momentarily as the second half got under way and by the time they recovered, Oklahoma was in front, 43-33. Then Don Forman registered on a push shot, Al Grenert connected from the side and Adolph Schayes and Frank Mangiapane hit freethrows to reduce NYU's deficit to 43-39. But Kurland set up two quick field goals by Cecil Hankins to pull the Aggies out of danger.

Adolph Schayes, Violet center whom Kurland had blanked from the field, then slipped through for two baskets as Kurland just let him go with the game in the bag.

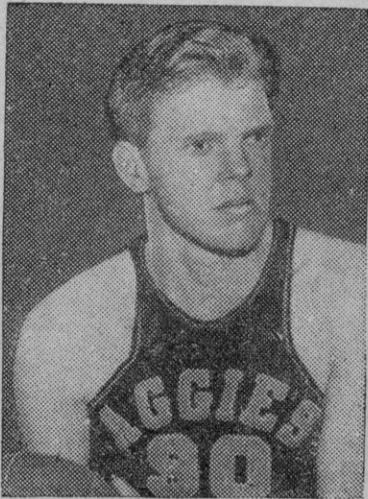


NINTH AF HQ., March 28.—Service Command and HQ. advanced to the finals of the Ninth AF basketball tourney to determine a representative in next week's USSTAF meet by winning their semifinal assignments last night. The title game and a consolation preliminary will conclude the three-day whirl tonight. Service Command outlasted the Bombers, 59-53, and HQ shaded ADC, 36-34, in the semis.

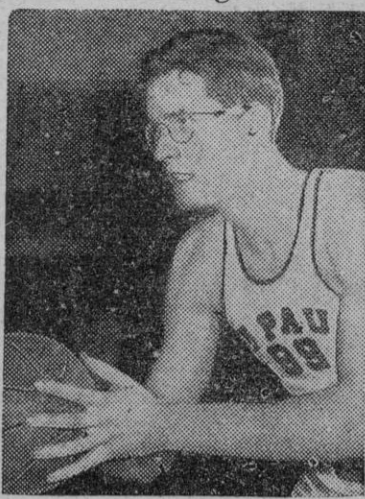
HQ., OISE SECTION.—The 361st Engrs. defeated 1313th Engrs., 33-28, in the opening round of the Oise Section regional No. 8 basketball tournament. Other first-round scores: 227th Hosp. 40, 195th Hosp. 19; 1343rd Engrs. 32, 189th Hosp. 29; 221st Hosp. 39, 226th Hosp. 19; 228th Hosp. 39, 648th Ord. 26; 261st Engrs. 39, 250th Hosp. 24.

In the main bout of the weekly boxing show at Oise Section, Pvt. Leroy Peterson, Philadelphia, knocked out Pvt. Curtis Neal, New Orleans, in 1:45 of the first round. Pfc Isaac Greer, Cleveland, took ten seconds longer to kayo Cpl. Tommy Howard, Philadelphia.

Rivals in 'Battle of Giants' Tonight



Bob Kurland
Gunning for Revenge



George Mikan
De Paul's All-American



COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 28.—The Braves shoved across six runs in the eighth inning yesterday to thump the Senators, 8-3. Nate Andrews, Al Javery and Rookie Charlie Cozart chucked for the Braves and limited the Griffs to five hits. . . . CURTIS BAY, Md.—Five runs in the eighth produced an 8-5 verdict for the Giants over Curtis Bay Coast Guard. Ernie Lombardi, beefy Giant catcher, clouted his third homer of the spring season when his drive cleared the fence in the sixth inning.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—With Sigmund Jakucki and Earl Jones twirling five-hit ball, the Browns topped the Toledo Mudhens, 6-5.



Sig Jakucki

Five Mudhen errors aided the Browns. . . . COLUMBUS, Ga.—Elmer Riddle, Cincinnati's sore-armed pitcher who won three and lost two last year after winning 21 games in '43, will pass up baseball this summer to remain here on his recreation job, he notified Bill McKechnie today. . . . ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The draft boards slapped the Yankees where it hurts most, with Second Baseman George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss, Third Baseman Oscar Grimes and hard-hitting Outfielder Johnny Lindell apparently headed for the services.



George Stirnweiss

There was one encouraging note in camp, however, when Manager Joe McCarthy disclosed Nick Etten had changed his mind about staying in a war plant and would report before the season opens.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—Long-distance hitting by Bill Nicholson and Phil Cavarretta, plus Claude Passeau's excellent physical condition, has Manager Charlie Grimm dreaming of a first division berth for the Cubs this season. . . . NEW YORK.—T/Sgt. Bill Endicott, serving on the Continent with the Signal Corps, was slated for a spot in the Cardinal outfield before he enlisted, according to Arthur "Red" Patterson, National League publicist.

Duke Grigger Killed

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 28.—Roger Amerigo, marine sergeant and former Duke University football star, has been killed on Iwo Jima, his mother disclosed today. Amerigo played on the 1942 Duke Rose Bowl team.

Minor Loop Delays Action

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 28.—The Southern Association today decided to postpone indefinitely action on its intention to gain AA rank instead of its present A-1 minor league rating, League President Billy Evans announced.

Boston Red Sox 1945 Major League Flag Prospects

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

PLEASANTVILLE, N.J., March 28.—Manager Joe Cronin of the Red Sox is looking forward to the 1945 baseball season with a recurrence of the headaches that seized him when he lost Pitcher Tex Hughson and Second Baseman Bobby Doerr to the armed forces last summer.

Cronin's entire catching staff joined Hughson and Doerr on Uncle Sam's payroll during the winter. With these losses and no appreciable additions of major league caliber, the Bosox aren't likely to improve their position over last year when they finished fourth.

Before coming down here to conduct spring training, Cronin remarked that he might have to play some himself. And a glance at the Red Sox roster confirms this beyond the shadow of doubt. The only athletes available to compete for infield posts are Jimmy Butcher, Eddie Lake, Nick Polly, Bob Steiner, George Metkovich and Cro-

min. Skeeter Newsome will be in service when the campaign opens. Polly and Steiner came up from Louisville where they both played good ball last year. Steiner, a second baseman, batted .316 in 149 games.



Joe Cronin



Bob Johnson

while Polly, expected to play short-stop although he is a third baseman by trade, is a promising youngster. Butcher probably will handle third, while Cronin and George Metkovich are likely to share the first base assignment.

Pete Fox and Bob Johnson, who were among the league's leading

hitters in '44, are outfield fixtures, with Leon Culbertson, Tommy McBride and Steve Barath battling for the third berth. Barath, also acquired from Louisville, swatted 329 in 111 games for the Colonels last year.

Another Louisville refugee is right-hander Jimmy Wilson, whose 147 strikeouts and 237 innings pitched led the American Association. He won 19 and lost eight, and Cronin is putting a great deal of faith in him for the oncoming season.

There are three southpaws—Clem Dreisewerd, Oscar Judd and Vic Johnson—on the roster. In addition, Joe Bowman, Mike Ryba, Yank Terry and Emmett O'Neill are back from last year and Rex Cecil, who won 19 at San Diego, is aspiring to a permanent position.

For relief purposes, Cronin will lean on George Woods, Frank Barrett and Clem Hausman, while Smokey Joe Wood Jr. is up from Louisville for another trial.

Don't expect too much from Cronin's athletes this summer.

Spurrier on Cards—If He Makes Grade

S/Sgt. Junior James Spurrier, the 134th Inf. Reg. Congressional Medal of Honor winner from Bluefield, W. Va., will have "every chance in the world" to earn a position on the St. Louis Cards pitching staff after the war, Owner Sam Breadon cabled The Stars and Stripes last night.

Breadon's cable to the one-man-gang, who said his post-war ambition is to pitch for the Cards, also was signed by Manager Billy Southworth.

Toronto Raps Canucks Again

TORONTO, March 28.—The Toronto Maple Leafs skated to within one game of eliminating the National Hockey League Champion Montreal Canadiens from the Stanley Cup playoffs by shading the Canucks, 4-3, in overtime here last night for their third upset romp in four games.

The Leafs clinched their victory on Gus Bodnar's solo dash at 12:36 of the sudden-death overtime period.

Montreal rushed to a 2-0 lead within three minutes of the opening faceoff on goals by Elmer Lach and Maurice Richard. But the Leafs climbed back into a tie in the second period when Melvin Hill fooled Goalie Bill Durnan after taking a pass from Ted Kennedy at 2:43, and Dave Schirner did likewise on a pass from Bodnar at 16:15.

Wings Shade Bruins To Knot Puck Series

BOSTON, March 28.—The Detroit Red Wings came from behind twice last night to subdue the Boston Bruins, 3-2, and deadlock their Stanley Cup semi-final series at two victories apiece.

Murray Armstrong jammed the puck past Goalie Paul Bibeault at 17:15 of the third period for the winning goal.

Hershey Drops Capitals

HERSHEY, Pa., March 28.—The Hershey Bears advanced to the finals of the American Hockey League Governors Cup playoffs by defeating the Indianapolis Capitals, 3-2, here last night for their fourth victory in five games. The Bears will face the winner of the Cleveland-Buffalo series.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

A strange collection of doddering old men in American League suits will offer half-living evidence of what the nation's draft boards have done to baseball since the Browns snatched the pennant away from Detroit last October. In all, there are 14 ancients who have passed their 38th birthdays still kicking around, and if conditions don't improve soon, more will join the fold.

Boston, Detroit and Washington, each with three limping veterans of better days, lead the parade toward setting up an old people's home under the big tent. Only St. Louis and Philadelphia will attempt to play out their 154-game schedules without any over-38's.

ON days when 39-year-old Mike Ryba, Boston's one-man-team, is in the box, the Red Sox will have three oldsters in the lineup. Outfielder Bob Johnson is 38 and so is Manager Joe Cronin, who expects to lay aside his crutches and take to the field. In Washington, Joe Kuhel and Rick Ferrell are 38 and Johnny Niggeling tops them by a full year.

Walter "Boom Boom" Beck, senior member of the Detroit cast, has ducked more than his share of whizzing line drives in his 40 years. But he's still around to bolster confidence of fellows like Roger Cramer and Charley Hostetter, each a frisky 39. Cleveland's lone member in the life-begins-at-40 club, Joe Heving, has the added distinction of being the only grandfather in the majors. He lacks a couple of months, however, to be the oldest player in the league, bowing to Paul Waner of the Yankees, who will be 42 next month, in that department. The Yanks also have Jim Turner, 40.

ROTUNDO Jimmy Dykes, White Sox boss, wasn't satisfied with just acquiring 40-year-old Earl Caldwell from Milwaukee so he induced nondescript Clay Touchstone, 40, to come out of retirement. If things get tough enough, Dykes may decide to stage a comeback himself, and he'll never see 40 again.

Our guess is that the busiest fellow on American League fields this summer will be the batboy. In addition to lugging bats to and from the plate, he'll no doubt be required to assist the old men from the dugout to their positions in the field. What's more, he is liable to wind up playing shortstop in Cronin's place at Boston or pitching for Cleveland when Grandpappy Heving breaks down.

Eagan Changes Ring Scoring

NEW YORK, March 28.—Future fights in New York will be judged by a round-by-round system modified by the point method, Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, announced today. Eagan said he hopes the new plan will eliminate all draws.

Each round will be worth four points, according to the new plan. If each fighter has won an equal number of rounds, the points will be added up to determine a winner. A foul blow will result in a penalty of two points, which means the offender can still gain a draw for the round.

The new scoring scheme will be inaugurated Friday night when Lou Nova tests Joe Baksi at the Garden.

Cage Coaches Sanction

Tilts in 'Private' Arenas

NEW YORK, March 28.—The National Association of Basketball Coaches today adopted a resolution approving college participation in privately-promoted basketball games because such participation contributes to the "improvement" of the game, but the group also called upon the press and radio to refrain from publishing odds on forthcoming games.

PUP TENT POETS

My Salute

No mother was there to hold his hand, or kiss him a last good-bye,
 Nor did he have someone who cared, to whisper, "Don't you cry."
 No loving heart or gentle hand to close his startled eyes
 But all throughout that outraged land, were heard the groans and cries.
 We can't bring back those honored dead, or tell them how we feel,
 We can tell the living to go ahead and the wounded we can heal.

—Wesley Williams.

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Parody to 'Mairzy Doats'

Mairzy doats and calvados and lots of wine and cider
 Soldiers like cognac, too—wouldn't you?
 Now if soldiers wine and women dine
 And Frenchmen drink the cider
 Where does the cognac go?
 I don't know.

The boys all say we're feeling rather gay
 Why not, because we're "ACK ACK"

But here's a toast, we love the most
 A great big glass of cognac—so
 Mairzy doats and calvados and lots of wine and cider
 Soldiers like cognac, too—wouldn't you?

Theme song of Btry "C,"
 794th AAA AW BN,
 By Sgt. M. C. Nichols.

Births

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

S/SGT. Eugene E. Oviatt, Seattle—Sharon Lillian, March 18; T/5 Harry R. Menely, Rushville, Ill.—Linda Kay, March 24; T/4 Harry Paul Morehouse, Yonkers, N.Y.—Diana Catherine, March 22; 1/Lt. Charles Ware Blake, Hazard, N.Y.—boy, March 24; Sgt. Joseph Greenberg, N.Y.—Lou Ellen, March 25; Lt. Nicholas Caputo, Richmond Hill, N.Y.—Nicholas, Feb. 24; Sgt. Harold Reeser, Peoria, Ill.—Douglas Bruce, March 20.

PVT. Jerry Kehoe, Detroit—Kenneth James, March 20; S/Sgt. E. Raymond Keyes, Flushing, N.Y.—Bruce Raymond, March 23; Capt. Peter Theobald, Milwaukee—girl, March 25; Lt. Robert R. Beatty, Charlotte, N.C.—Kay, March 13; S/Sgt. George Kolesar, Newcastle, Pa.—boy, March 24; Pvt. Joseph Dicarlo, Revere, Mass.—girl, March 26; Pvt. Robert M. Galle, Annapolis, Md.—boy, Feb. 3; M/Sgt. Alfred Ronald Rivers, Columbia, S.C.—boy, Jan. 18.

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 1301-Tues. Serenade 2015-Johnny Mercer
 1410-AEF Extra 2030-McGee & Molly
 1430-Go to Town 2105-Radio Theater
 1500-Strike Up Band 2200-U.S. News
 1545-On the Record 2207-Navy Date
 1630-Amos & Andy 2235-Reminiscing
 1715-Swing Show 2305-Kay Kyser
 1745-On the Spot 2330-One-Night Stand
 1810-U.S. Sports 0015-Night Shift
 1815-GI Supper Club 0200-News Headlines

TOMORROW

6500-Sound Off 1000-McGee & Molly
 0615-Rise and Shine 1030-Strike Up Band
 0705-Song Parade 1100-U.S. News
 0730-Dance Band 1105-Duffie Bag
 0830-Modern Music 1145-Melody Roundup
 0910-Spotlight Bands

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By Norman Pett



Citation Given 4th Armored By President

SHAFF, March 28.—The War Department, by direction of the President, has cited the entire Fourth Armored Div. for "extraordinary tactical accomplishment from Dec. 22 through March 27."

The Fourth Armored is the second entire U.S. Army division in history to receive a Presidential citation. The 101st Airborne was honored March 15 by Gen. Eisenhower in the name of President Roosevelt for its defense of Bastogne.

Feared and hated by the Germans, the Fourth Armored smashed out of the hedgerows in France on July 27 and charged through Raids to Perier to form the St. Lo-Perier hinge and start the Allies on their race across France.

Nazis Have Name for It

Referred to by the Nazis as "America's Elite Fourth Panzer Div." the infantry and tank teams of the Fourth spearheaded the Third Army's drive across France.

The Fourth has been commanded by Maj. Gen. John S. Wood, Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey and is now operating under Brig. Gen. William N. Hoge, of Lexington, Mo., who gave the Allies their first bridgehead across the Rhine while commanding the Ninth Armored Div.

The Fourth Armored's most recent accomplishments include its move from Saarguemines to Arlon, the great drive to relieve the 101st Airborne at Bastogne, its history-making 60-mile dash to the Rhine River, and its current drive deep into Germany.

U.S. Celebrates...

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papers, city and federal agencies repeatedly had to deny the false report.

Sessions were adjourned in the Chicago Criminal Courts building after a judge announced: "The war in Europe is over." Grain futures on the Chicago Board of Trade dropped two cents.

In Los Angeles, a meeting of the City Council was interrupted when Council President Robert L. Burns gave the "news" and suggested that all the members and the audience rise and take the oath of allegiance.

The deliberations of the New Jersey State Legislature in Trenton were halted by the false report, and a State House custodian was ordered to procure radios immediately for the House and Senate.

OK Labor Bill Quickly--FDR

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 28.—President Roosevelt today sent a letter to Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah), chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, urging quick Senate passage of the compromise manpower bill.

The bill, now before the Senate after winning House approval by a 167-160 vote yesterday, specifies that "every individual not in the armed forces shall have the obligation, when called upon, to serve the nation in an activity essential to the war effort."

"The manpower situation is still serious," the President wrote. "In the days ahead of us, there will be great temptation for workers to leave war plants. Failure to enact this legislation will make our conduct of the war even more difficult."

The bill gives War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes an enforcement club of jail sentences and fines for either employees or employers who violate his orders.

Byrnes would have the power to fix manpower ceilings, to regulate the hiring or solicitation of new workers by employers, to prohibit or regulate the acceptance of new jobs by workers, and to freeze workers in their present, or new jobs.

Decorated for Bravery



1 Lt. Josilee Vest Callahan.

Awarded Bronze Star For Action in Russia

For bravery under fire, Lt. Josilee Vest Callahan, of Whiteburg, Ky., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Brig. Gen. Clarence P. Kane, Air Technical Service Command Chief, U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

The 25-year-old nurse was chief surgical nurse at an American air base in Russia when Nazi planes attacked the station. While the raid was still on, Lt. Callahan rushed to the aid of a wounded soldier and assisted at an emergency operation which saved the soldier's life.

She left Russia and came to France in January. On Jan. 18, she was married to Lt. Col. Eugene Callahan, of San Antonio, Tex., in a Paris cathedral. Col. Callahan, who was her station commander in Russia, is now deputy commander for administration of the 302nd Transport Wing of the Air Technical Service Command.

Quints Born in Capital; All Die Soon After Birth

WASHINGTON, March 28 (ANS).—Quintuplet girls born to Mrs. Adah Turner, 36, all died early today.

Mrs. Turner, wife of Harold Turner, a receiving clerk at the government Bureau of Standards, gave birth to the quintuplets last night, but one was still-born. Except for the still-born baby, all were fully developed and weighed from one to one and a half pounds. Mrs. Turner has eight other children, the youngest ten months old.

'That Was No Lady, Judge'

Doll in Sarong Just a--Doll

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28 (ANS).—"That was no lady, that was a doll," maintained S 1/c Ray Hurst before Superior Court Judge I. L. Harris in answer to his wife's divorce complaint.

The judge carefully studied the photographs Mrs. Peralta Hurst, 36, had submitted as evidence. They disclosed a very live-looking sarong-clad version of Dorothy Lamour sitting on Hurst's knee in front of a native shack in Honolulu.

"That's just one of those dummies they have in a picture gallery in the islands," Hurst explained. "All the boys from the ship had pictures taken with her."

Then Hurst charged that men with whom his wife had been seen while he was overseas were no dummies. He asked for the custody of their five children,

7th, 3d Meet; British Smash Enemy's Flank

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miles north of Frankfurt, and at other points 69 miles east of the Rhine, rolling on the south-north superhighway from Frankfurt to Hanover and the port of Bremen.

Reports of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army east of the Main River were unconfirmed at Supreme Headquarters. But Stars & Stripes Correspondent Pat Mitchell reported from the front that Aschaffenburg, 20 miles southeast of Frankfurt, had been cleared and that Third Army troops were battling in Frankfurt.

A Reuter report said Patton's forces had captured Wiesbaden, across the Rhine from Mainz.

News from Berlin indicated the blackout was having its effect on the enemy. Transoceanic news commentator claimed Patton's armor was "under control" east of Frankfurt, while DNB's radio commentator announced Patton's armor was moving so fast between Wurzburg and Nuremberg that gasoline had to be dropped by plane to keep the tanks going.

Reports in German Radio

At one point, German radio broke into a program to announce that British tank spearheads were nearing Minden, 200 miles west of Berlin and 110 miles east of the Rhine.

Pierce fighting was raging in Mannheim, according to German Overseas Newsagency. Luxembourg radio said U.S. forces were nearing Munster, where Allied pilots reported white flags in windows.

Neutral radio was quiet after a long bout with rumors and unconfirmed reports. All this served to underline the confusion bordering on panic which seemed to have seized the enemy's Nazi-dominated news outlets.

In the north, Dempsey's Second Army broke the crust of German resistance between Bocholt and Dorsten, which was entered by the Sixth Guards Armored brigade.

Tanks roared eastward toward Borken, 20 miles east of the Rhine, while Kesselring's 15th Panzergrenadier Div. was being thrown in to check the armored thrust.

Movement of Allied forces in the north was so rapid that the bomb-line for Allied planes was changed as often as every 20 minutes yesterday.

The German 15th Army was falling back under the deep armored stabs of Hodges' First Army, now deep into Nassau and Hesse. First Army troops controlled 50 miles of the north bank of the Lahn River from the Rhine to Weilburg, which was captured by the Ninth Arm. Div.

Russian Marshal Dies

Moscow radio yesterday announced that Marshal Boris Shaposhnikov, only Soviet Marshal who had been a member of the Czar's general staff, had died on Monday. Sixty-three-year-old Shaposhnikov, a colonel in the last war, was one of the oldest leaders of the Red Army.

Russian Forces Continue to Smash Ahead



On the Eastern Front, as on the Western, events are moving too fast for mapmakers. Since this map was drawn, the Russians in the north have taken Gdynia and part of Danzig, and the Soviet advance in Hungary has carried to within 12 miles of Austria.

Berlin Ripped Gdynia Taken By 400 B17s By Red Army

The Eighth Air Force aimed twin blows yesterday at Germany's inner circle of war industry. More than 400 Flying Fortresses bombed war plants in suburban Berlin and more than 500 B17s ranged over Hanover, hitting factories and railroad yards. Some fliers over Berlin, where tank, armored vehicle and weapons factories were attacked, reported heavy ack-ack. Thick clouds made bombing by instrument necessary in most cases. Clouds also covered Hanover.

About 350 Mustangs shielded the bombers but ran into no enemy fighters.

Tactical air units, hampered by the weather, had a light day. Two hundred and 50 medium and light bombers of the Ninth Bomb. Div. attacked two oil storage depots deep in Germany at Neuenheerse and at Ebrach.

Ninth AF fighter-bombers flew 772 sorties with six losses, striking at motor convoys east and northeast of Giessen.

Combat Films Shown

Combat films for officers only are shown Wednesday and Friday at 1830 and 1930 hours in the APS theater wing of the Allied Troops Theater on the Champs-Elvsees. Until last week, there had been only one showing on each of those nights.

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barrier before Austria—taking the towns of Csorna and Sarvar, "important railroad junctions and powerful German strongpoints covering the approaches to the Austrian frontier," Marshal Stalin announced.

In a third order of the day, Stalin reported the capture of the Hungarian towns of Komaron and Gyor, in Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's drive toward Vienna.

Csorna, which is west of Gyor, lies 58 miles southeast of Vienna. Sarvar, southwest of Csorna, is 19 miles from the Austrian frontier. Komaron, east of Gyor, is 55 miles from the border.

Meanwhile, German broadcasts admitted the loss of Lebus, seven miles north of Frankfurt-on-Oder, on the front east of Berlin.

Between the Berlin and Hungarian sectors, the combined army groups of Marshal Ivan Koniev and Gen. Petrov are maneuvering along a 100-mile front from southwestern Poland deep into Silesia.

Unconfirmed German reports said that the Soviet armies had mustered powerful tank, infantry and air forces in a bid to break through the Moravian Gap to the Czechoslovak town of Moravska-Ostrava, but that so far the Wehrmacht defenses held.