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**Ici on parle argot**  
(French slang)  
Je suis fauché.  
Juh swee faw-shay.  
I'm broke.

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# Yanks 70 Mi. From Berlin, Reach Elbe; Essen Falls

## Clean-Up Under Fire in a German Town



An infantryman of the 12th Armd. Div., U.S. Seventh Army, crouches beside a wall in Erbach watching for snipers firing from the vicinity of a burning building, which was set afire by tank hits. Disregarding the sniper fire, a tank dozer clears rubble from the street.

## Allies Spurt Forward on Entire Line

The Second Armd. Div. of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army shot 55 miles in 24 hours and reached the Elbe River near Magdeburg, 70 miles from Berlin, yesterday as the entire Allied front surged forward from the North Sea to the Black Forest.

The 30th Inf. Div. smashed into the heart of Brunswick, Stars and Stripes front reports said, and met bitter opposition in the streets.

Essen, sixth largest city of Germany and home of the Krupp munitions works, fell to the 17th Airborne Div. in the Ruhr pocket. Southward, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army armor and infantry picked up speed and were reported by pilots of 19th TAC to be nearing Halle, 14 mi. west of Leipzig, according to S & S Correspondent Ernest Leiser with 9th Army.

Gelsenkirchen in the Ruhr was captured by the 35th Inf. Div. of the Ninth Army, and Dortmund was toppling. Far to the northeast, the British were at the gates of Bremen.

Paratroopers who captured Essen, which had a 1939 population of 659,871, were working with Ninth Army elements compressing the Ruhr pocket.

The 507th Parachute Inf. Regt. entered the Ruhr's biggest city Tuesday after crossing the pontoon bridge over the Rhine-Herne Canal. Civilians milling through the streets of Essen were jubilant. Many of them presented bottles of wine to

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## Soviet Forces Hold Nearly All Vienna

### Reds Reported Moving Up for Berlin Assault

Russian troops, after seizing nine-tenths of the city of Vienna, fought their way across the Danube Canal yesterday and took the southeastern half of the city district which lies between the canal and the Danube River.

The Soviet communique reported the canal crossing and announced the capture of more than 2,300 Germans in the Austrian capital, as well as large quantities of booty.

With Nazi troops still holding out in only two of Vienna's 21 districts, the Soviet high command was reported moving up reinforcements for an assault on Berlin from the Oder River front, 40 miles to the east.

While Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army forced the Germans into Vienna's easternmost fringe—the districts of Brigittenau and Floridsdorf—Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army, according to front-line reports, completed the encirclement of the city by taking the eastern suburbs of Oberhausen and Muehleiten.

Invasion of Moravia, central province of Czechoslovakia, by Malinovsky's troops, at points less than 35 miles from Brno, also was reported in dispatches from the front.

German reports yesterday insisted the Nazi garrison was continuing to resist at numerous points within central Vienna, but a Soviet

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### Every Able-Bodied GI in U.S. To Go Overseas, Stimson Says

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—Every able-bodied soldier in the U.S. who has not seen service overseas is earmarked to go abroad just as fast as he can be replaced by a returning veteran, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said in a communication made public yesterday by Rep. George H. Mahon (D-Tex.), member of the House Appropriations Committee.

### Ike Restates News Freedom

By Virgil Pinkley  
United Press Correspondent

To facilitate the fullest, fastest presentation of news, Supreme Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has reiterated that all forces under his charge apply "censorship only as demanded by requirements of military security."

The latest directives are in keeping with Eisenhower's policies of protecting to the maximum a free press and freedom of speech in wartime.

Eisenhower told this writer: "Fighting men of America and Britain who are comrades in our Armies are reared on the ideals of free press and free speech. These are two great principles we are fighting to preserve. They are among the basic rights of mankind. Public opinion wins wars, especially in democracies. Public opinion must be honestly and fearlessly informed."

In recent instructions issued to

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### Five Million Now Overseas

"According to February figures, there were approximately 8,050,000 men in the Army, 5,150,000 of whom were overseas. Of 2,900,000 on duty in the U.S., almost half (roughly 1,400,000) have already been earmarked for overseas duty and are being trained accordingly, either in tactical units or as individual replacements in replacement training centers, training regiments and schools.

"One hundred and eighty thousand others were in Army hospitals."

Stimson declared that the remainder, some 1,365,000, are in essential administrative and service jobs.

He added that "every one of these soldiers, except those who have already seen overseas service, or who are physically disqualified, is earmarked for foreign service as soon as he can be replaced by an overseas veteran, or a limited service man."

### 8th Crushing Nazi Defenses In Po Valley

ROME, April 11 (AP).—German Po Valley defenses east of Bologna today were buckling under the assault of Eighth Army troops who had already overrun three strong-points of the elaborate defense belt north of the Senio River.

As British and Empire troops consolidated their bridgeheads and drove deeper into the marshy country 25 miles east of Bologna, U.S. infantry of the Fifth Army captured Massa, anchor of Ligurian coast defenses 17 miles below Spezia. Still further action was reported below Bologna where Fifth Army troops took a hill.

British and New Zealand troops, paced by flamethrowers, seized the towns of Lugo, Fusignano and Cagnola during the first stages of their offensive across the Senio. Today's communique said they had fanned out from the three key towns to overrun many square miles of the enemy's interlocking defense belt and capture more than 1,200 prisoners.

### Policy on Spain Set—Eden

LONDON, April 11 (AP).—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden asserted today that whether Spain declared war on Japan was her own business and would not affect Britain's attitude toward the Franco government.

### Berlin 'Dead City' To American Pilots

LONDON, April 11 (UP).—Six American recon fliers took a low-level joy-ride over Berlin yesterday in perfect visibility and reported that they did not draw a single burst of flak from what appeared to be a "dead city."

They looked down into the streets where not a single person or vehicle appeared to be moving. They reported that the heart of the capital disclosed great areas bombed out of existence.



**Grin and Bear It**

Things are getting warm. V-Day is just around the corner. Now is the time for definite postwar planning. Here is a suggestion, one that I know will be greeted enthusiastically by a large number of GIs over here. On the other hand, there will be an equally large number of GIs who will be extremely vehement in their condemnation of said plan.

If you happen to be one of the narrow-minded, mean individuals who fall into the latter category, please weigh the merits of this plan, which I call "My plan for happy postwar planning" or "How to satisfy some of the people," carefully. Don't condemn it without due and considerate thought.

I think the Army of Occupation should be composed of men who have been in the ETO two or more years. These lads have been away so long now they have undoubtedly forgotten the ease and comforts of life in the USA so a few more years away shouldn't make any difference.—Cpl. P. J. Steffen, AAA AW Bn. who's been over here only four months and knows what he's missing, you bet!

**Neatness vs Safety**

This afternoon, only a few hours after four men were injured as a result of fairly heavy shelling in this area, our outfit was called out to police the grounds because an inspecting general had remarked that this entire town was dirty.

A bouquet to that general, for having kept the plans for the war against K-ration cartons and Hershey wrappers deeply secret. The Heinie G-2 was unable to discover the plan of attack. We were not shelled during the actual time of bending over and picking up.—13 Garbage Collectors, FA.

**We Constitutionalists**

Now, of course, as a puppet-publication, you are not interested in honest soldier-opinion. Your editorial for the 25th titled "Hope for the Future" is proof of that. After quoting Commander Stassen's un-American and un-constitutional statement in regard to our giving up "a limited portion of our national sovereignty," you had the gall to end up with the words "things are looking up."

This United Nations exists only in a military sense. There is no political United Nations demanding any of our nation's sovereignty and there may never be. Right now the United States' relations with the rest of the Allies are based on military contracts and no treaty has been passed by the Senate to set up a government of nations. It might be well, therefore, for the S & S, an Army publication, to follow the laws of the land rather than the dictates of the "slightly left of middle" new Deal. There is no question but that Commander Stassen's speech should be reported in your paper. . . . It was an important talk, but there is a great deal of question whether it should be used in editorial form with the comment "Things are looking up."

We Constitutionalists (Nationalists is not as good a term) are, of course, in favor of a lasting peace, but we do not believe that the surrender of even part of our national sovereignty will aid that objective.

Our national sovereignty is a reflection of the people's laws for governing themselves and for their relations with other nations. If we were to give up, for example, to the

United Nations our sovereign right to declare wars and make treaties, our elected administrators of the people's laws would no longer represent the people's views in relation to world affairs, but instead would constitute only a minority viewpoint. Thus, our constitutional right to govern ourselves and control our relations with others would be lost.

A lasting peace can better be accomplished if we control ourselves through the exercise of our complete sovereignty. If a well-informed America administers itself with the knowledge that its welfare and peace is inseparably linked with all other sovereign nations, there can be lasting peace. If a politically handcuffed America is forced, instead, to be only an interested spectator in the affairs of the world . . . bound by its lack of sovereignty to bow to the political manipulations of a world of varied interests, there can only be the end result of another, and far worse, war.—Sgt. A. Noyes, 65 Inf.

**A Tanker Thinks**

Having driven the M5 AI light tank in battle, here are some of the things we've found wrong with it: gun is too small, the armor is too thin, no room inside, too high silhouette, AAA gun is too small and in the way. If we are going to get fired at we would like a gun to fight back. In other words, we want the M24.—Sgt. Ernest C. White, Tank Commander, F Co., 36 Cav Rcn Sqd, Mez (and five others.—Ed.).

**Magic Hath Its Limits**

My job in the Army is entertaining with magic. When I came, I brought my own stuff. Most of this was destroyed by fire. At present, the troupe I am with is entertaining front-line outfits of the XIII Corps. I have been able to improvise enough for our present show, but we are preparing a new show, and I am in dire need of additional equipment. No doubt some of the larger cities of Germany have magic shops. If you should run across one of these shops, try to find a channel to send those funny looking gadgets to me, or drop me a note telling me where this equipment is.—T/4 Wesley Whitehouse, 19th S.S. Co.

An Editorial  
**The Private and the General**



Germany, March 11, 1945.  
General Brehon Somervell,  
Commanding General, Army Service  
Forces, Washington, D.C.

Pfc Timothy Taylor, 3475193,  
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Taylor:

I have just seen your letter of March 11. It brings up questions many soldiers are asking, and I shall try to answer them. Because I command the Army Service Forces, I know well the magnificent job you men are doing. I know how difficult your task is and what labor it entails, and how many heroic Service Forces men have died by enemy fire. I know the splendid contribution all you Service troops are making toward victory.

I know, too, that while you work often in great danger, your accomplishments rarely are recorded in the headlines. However, you men of the Service Forces have a share in each victory.

Your letter asks what will happen to Service troops after the war in Europe and whether you will get furloughs home. This is hard to answer because so many jobs must be done in so many places that it is not possible just now to pick out any one man or one organization and say "you stay here" or "you go there."

After hostilities cease in Europe our task there will become no easier. We must reverse the flow of munitions, equipment and supplies which you now are pushing forward. We must establish new depots, build up ports of embarkation, must sort, pack, mark and ship as much materiel as possible to our soldiers in the Pacific. At the same time we must keep an even flow of supplies to our Army of Occupation in Germany. We must handle units leaving the European Theater for the Orient and see that each man and each organization has enough of everything to carry on the battle there.

Some service troops will perform this exacting and difficult task and some will go to the Pacific war. It will be necessary to speed some of these latter units to their new assignments so that there will be no slackening of our pressure on the Japanese. Service units will be needed to build the airfields and the ports, the hospitals and the warehouses, to handle communications and transportation and to man the depots. These jobs can't wait. Wherever possible troops will



be sent by way of the United States and will receive furloughs en route.

A few men will be discharged fairly soon after the fighting stops in Europe; it will be necessary for others to stick at the job. You all know the plan chosen by the GIs themselves whereby length of service, overseas service, battle decorations and number of children will determine in what order men are released. Few will be discharged soon because it will require everything we have to defeat Japan quickly and with smaller losses to ourselves. Every soldier who is needed will be kept in the Army, but I assure you that not a single one who wants discharge will be held a minute after it is possible to release him and to transport him home.

I am sure that no real soldier would want to come home at once if he knows his job is not yet finished and that by doing so he may endanger the lives of his comrades and lengthen the war.

Sincerely,  
Brehon Somervell,  
General, Commanding.

**Up Front With Mauldin**



"We come up from Italy to git some publicity."

**Argentina Wins Recognition,  
Back in Family of Americas**

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—Argentina was back in the family of American nations today, almost 13 months after being excluded for co-operating with the Axis.

Resumption of diplomatic relations followed Argentina's declaration of war on Germany and Japan and her adherence to the inter-American agreements adopted last month at Mexico City.

The recognition of the regime of Gen. Edelmiro Farrell, which came to power in March, 1944, and which then was rebuffed by former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, was explained here as being due to anti-Axis steps by Argentina.

Officials in Washington contend recognition did not constitute a reversal of Hull's policy, but represented an evolution of policy. They pointed to what the Argentine government has done in the last month—Argentina has declared war, signed 61 resolutions adopted in Mexico City, interned Axis nationals, suspended pro-Axis newspapers, registered enemy aliens and restricted their activities, and has controlled and seized Axis assets.

Washington officials also believe that recognition will have a tremendous effect within Argentina and will lead to elections there, possibly this fall.

It is now expected that a new ambassador will be sent to Buenos Aires soon. Speculation has centered on Spruille Braden, ambassador to Cuba.

**Newsmen to Get  
Names of Freed  
PWs Immediately**

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP).—The War Department has announced that the names of American prisoners of war liberated by Allied armies in Germany would be released immediately to newsmen in the ETO.

Liberated prisoners will be permitted to write to friends and family immediately.

Official notification of the next-of-kin will continue to be made, but in many cases the first notice the family will receive will be through newspaper or radio reports. These reports, the department said, will be based on reliable information from American sources.

**85,485 Vets Placed**

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—The United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission placed 85,485 veterans in jobs during February, the WMC reported today.

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**Hidden Church Art of Germany Discovered**



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Pvt. William Scollie, of Chicago, a First Army infantryman, examines a figure of Christ on the Cross and other statues from the cathedrals of Aachen and Cologne, found in a cave at Siegan.

**Fifth Column Plot to Starve Paris Charged by French Aid**

By Allen Davidson

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A Paris newspaper report alleging a fifth column conspiracy to assassinate Gen. de Gaulle was denied yesterday by Claude de Kemoularia, press attaché of the Ministry of Interior. He did, however, reveal that conspirators attempted to starve Paris.

The French newspaper Le Populaire, reported Tuesday that Air Minister Charles Tillon had ordered the arrest of 15 men charged with "conspiring against the security of the state." The men were alleged to have been in possession of a "detailed plan to assassinate Gen. de Gaulle."

"Contrary to the newspaper report," De Kemoularia said, "no plot against the life of Gen. de Gaulle was discovered when the arrests were made."

**Situation Called Serious**

He added: "The situation is very serious, however. It is very true that a fifth column organization is actively engaged in subversive propaganda designed to incite the people of Paris."

M. de Kemoularia asserted that the conspiracy was designed to aggravate the "serious food situation in Paris."

"We cannot reasonably deny that the food situation in Paris is very acute and has been largely caused by inadequate transportation facilities.

The terrorists, or fifth columnists, attempted to completely shut off Paris' food supply and hoped to incite the people against the government," he stated.

The 15 men were arrested Monday. They are accused of impersonating French Air Corps officers, wearing French uniforms, bearing arms and inducing civilians to stop food trucks en route to Paris.

In an official communique Air Minister De Tillon stated that "the false officers of the French Army Air Corps are responsible for this condition. We have arrested 15 men and hope to prevent further incidents of this nature."

Paris police said that the men arrested belonged to a terrorist organization believed to be connected with the 17 fifth columnists apprehended last week for attempting to reconstitute the Doriot Fascist "Parti Populaire Français."

**UNRRA Tells Europe Help May Be Delayed**

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP).—The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration told liberated Europeans today, in the second quarterly report on its activities, that the help they need may be delayed by the necessity of wiping out pockets of Nazi resistance.

**Hitler Is Too Busy To Mark Birthday**

LONDON, April 11 (Reuter).—

Hitler's so busy with "other things" he won't even have time to celebrate his birthday.

The German radio announced today that there will be no public holiday this year for Hitler's 56th birthday, April 20. The reason given was "requirements of war work in government departments and in offices of municipal and other authorities."

**Max Schmeling Reported Held**

By Wade Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH NINTH ARMY, April 11.—Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight champion, is locked up in a German prison camp on orders of the Nazi party, a captured German soldier said today. The prisoner did not know the specific charges against Schmeling.

Also in the camp were Willy Forst, the "Clark Gable" of German moviedom, and Adolph Hauser, former German middleweight boxing champ.

The informant said the prison held persons who had resisted Nazi measures.

**It's a Screwy War in Bavaria**

By Peter Furst

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SOMEWHERE IN BAVARIA, April 8 (Delayed).—It's a screwy war in the Bavarian Mountains. You drive for miles through beautiful sunny forests without meeting a single American. Suddenly, you realize that the place may not have been taken yet.

Germans step out of the woods fully armed and you make your peace with the world because a jeep and a Luger aren't much good against a platoon of Krauts. But the Germans stop you only to surrender.

A Wehrmacht lieutenant gets into the jeep with you and he tells how fed up everyone is with the war and says he can't understand why some units are still fighting instead of doing what he and his group are doing. You deliver him to an MP, and the MP gets sore and asks what the hell is he supposed to do with another bunch of Germans when there's not room enough for the ones he already has.

German civilians come with blacklists of Nazis, and Nazis who get picked up give you a sad tale of how they were forced into it all. Germans and Russians and Poles and Frenchmen come running up with information on Wehrmacht supplies and ammunition lying around.

**They Don't Ever Put Up a Fight**

On a lonely mountain road, you are hailed by a German civilian who says he has some important information and asks if he can see an intelligence officer. It turns out that the information he has is really good. A Kraut deserter wanders into town and says he just saw 15 SS men camping in the woods a few kilometers away. Someone goes out

to get them and they don't even put up a fight. Corps' advance is forward of the division and corps' rear can't be found at all. You drive 100 kilometers to where you think is a press camp to file a story, and when you get there the place is deserted and no one knows where it went. Everyone asks where is the Fourth Armd. Div. and no one can tell, and every German you meet has a new rumor that the war is over or that the Russians are in Berlin or that Patton has linked up with the Red Army in Prague or Leipzig or Erfurt or Dresden.

**Every German Has a Rumor**

There are peace rumors and displaced persons and there seems to be no limit to either. You pull into a town where the smoke still rises from the rubble and men and women walk up to you with the Order of Lenin and the Red Star on their lapels and want to know when they can go home or where they can get a gun to fight the Nazis. Civilians with red flowers or pieces of cloth in their lapels aren't German Communists but Russians.

No one knows the right road to anywhere. When you get to the Main River, the bridges are blown, and no one can tell you how and where to get across. Civilians say that Americans went through on "ships with wheels" and didn't bother to build a bridge, and so you're stuck. There must be a dozen small "kessels"—pockets—around, but every time you run into one the whole place seems to try to surrender. The GIs are disgusted because there appears to be a shortage of Lugers and Walther pistols in the German Army—and everyone is hunting souvenirs.

And non-fraternization is no problem—because everyone is moving too fast.

**9th's Spearhead Strikes Out Toward Berlin Once Again With Weather On Its Side**

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH NINTH ARMY SPEARHEAD, April 10 (Delayed).—They're off again—in a cloud of dust and exhaust fumes.

This time it's not just an armored wedge, but armor flanked by a pair of fast-rolling infantry divisions and they're busting loose toward the Elbe and Berlin, now less than 130 miles away.

The wraps are off the 30th and 83rd and the Second Armd. Divs. and they're gassed up to swing with their Sunday punch.

**Weather Is Perfect**

It was perfect weather for a takeoff this morning, with the sun shining brighter than it has since the jumpoff near the Rhine. Already the air cover—arriving in shifts every hour on the hour—is swarming busily over the tank and truck columns which are raising sky-high clouds of dust as they roar east.

The pause in the eastward swing has given the dog-tired tankers and doughs a chance to rest up and they're ready to move—for the last time, they hope.

It's a perfect spring day and it was a great temptation, even to the most resolute non-fraternizers, as the armor rolled by smiling Frauleins in their painted prettiest.

**Fine Day For Ride**

As the 30th and Second Armd. headed through Hildesheim even the bomb-killed town smashed flatter than Aachen in a 20-minute raid a few weeks ago seemed to recognize that it was spring, with the war sun bouncing off the fragments of buildings.

"It's a shame to fight a war in weather like this," said Pvt. Paul Kruger, a Second Armd. Joe from Baltimore. "But it's a fine day for a ride in the country. I hope that's all it will be."

**U.S. Army Gets Coal from Ruhr**

HAMBORN, Germany, April 11 (UP).—Rhineland coal mines which fed Ruhr war factories are working today under new management and producing for a new master—the U.S. Army.

The only smoke not from bombs and shells in the wrecked Ruhr industrial area rises from smokestacks of Fritz Thyssen's mine north of the Rhein-Herne Canal.

AMG officers and the burgo-meister of Hamborn report 4,500 miners are back in the pits.

**Where Speed Counts**



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Two infantrymen of the 45th Division, Seventh Army, run through a debris-strewn backyard in Aschaffenburg to root out Germans who defended the city house by house after it was bypassed by armor.

## Marines Take Jap Navy Base On Okinawa

GUAM, April 11 (ANS).—U.S. marines yesterday captured the Japanese Unten Bay naval base on the west coast of Okinawa, and U.S. Army troops landed on the tiny island of Tsugen, guarding the entrance to Nakagusuku Bay, Adm. Nimitz announced.

Yanks of the 24th Army Corps, who landed on Tsugen against light opposition, killed the entire garrison of 150 troops after a pre-landing naval bombardment had knocked out most of the enemy's artillery, mortars and machine-guns.

Seizure of Tsugen, about 10 miles off Okinawa's east coast, gives the Americans control of Nakagusuku Bay, former Japanese fleet anchorage. Its excellent harbor now can be used for unloading supplies and equipment for developing Okinawa into a U.S. air base only 325 miles from the Japanese homeland. Marine fighters already are based on Okinawa.

### Marines Gain 2,500 Yards

Meanwhile, marines fighting in rain and mud on Okinawa gained up to 2,500 yards in the northern sectors, but Army forces in the south were virtually stalemated for the sixth straight day amid the fiercest artillery duel of the Pacific war.

Several Japanese counterattacks, supported by artillery and mortar barrages, were thrown back in the south. They resulted in heavy Japanese casualties, materially increasing the Japanese toll of dead, which stood at 5,000 at midnight Sunday. The Americans have captured 222 Japanese.

In one counterattack, the Japanese recaptured a ridge near Kakazu. They struck with great quantities of artillery and large-caliber mortars. The terrain in that sector is a maze of caves, which the enemy used to good advantage.

### Only Outer Shell Penetrated

Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, commander of the 24th Corps, said that the Japanese artillery on Okinawa was stronger and more accurate than any encountered before in the Pacific. He said that his troops had penetrated only the outer shell of the enemy defenses, which extend for almost four miles to the outskirts of Naha, the capital city.

Marines in the north smashed two small counterattacks on Motobu Peninsula, meeting their first important opposition. Their advance of 2,500 yards was the smallest marine sweep of the 11-day campaign, but it took Unten Bay on the north shore, where Leathernecks captured submarine pens so heavily pounded by artillery and bombings that they were of little use.

The Japanese continued their small-scale nuisance air attacks. A U.S. destroyer and two landing craft were attacked by six enemy planes off Okinawa last night, but five were shot down by U.S. fighters and the sixth ran for home.

### Peace Government Hint Ridiculed by Jap Radio

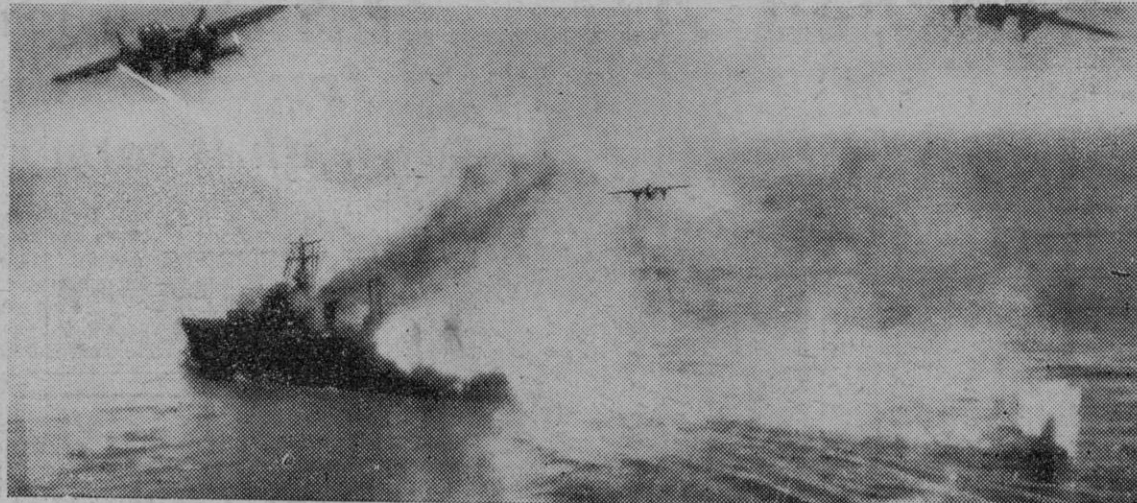
Radio Tokyo ridiculed yesterday suggestions that Premier Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki's new cabinet is a peace government and said that the cabinet would devote itself to winning the war, the United Press reported.

The Japanese News Agency reported that the Japanese government had asked the U.S., through Switzerland, a neutral, for any information concerning the relief ship Awa Maru, which took supplies to American prisoners held by the Japanese and was reported missing on her return journey. The ship had been guaranteed safe conduct by the U.S., Reuter said.

### Penna. Senate Backs Year's Pay for Vets

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—Sen. Joseph F. Guffey (D-Pa.) told colleagues today his bill to give veterans up to one year's pay had the unanimous approval of the Pennsylvania Senate.

## Burning American Bomber Attacks a Japanese Ship



With one engine on fire, a Fifth Air Force B25, at upper left, makes its bombing run on a Japanese escort vessel off the South China coast. Other U.S. bombers are at center and upper right.

## War Gains Lead U.S. to Leave 12 New Tank Plants Unfinished

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—Because of the successful progress of the war, the War Department has decided not to complete 12 new tank plants.

The War Department, however, emphasized in a statement yesterday that existing tank plants would have to "continue to meet production schedules in full."

The War Department stressed that this was not a cutback in tank production but elimination of a planned increase in output.

"Because most of the proposed operations would have been in critical labor areas, this change in plans will ease the present and expected labor shortages in these areas," the statement added. Four of the proposed plants would have been in Detroit.

Other plant expansions affected are those of the American Steel Foundries Cast, the Armour plant, East Chicago Ind., Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich.; the General Motors Fisher Body division, Flint, Mich.; the Oilgear Co., and its subcontractors, Milwaukee Ordnance Steel Foundry plant and Cities Tank Arsenal; International Harvester, Bettendorf, Iowa; the Waukesha Motor Co., Waukesha, Wis., and the Standard Steel Spring Co., Coraopolis, Penn.

Meanwhile, Army ordnance men at Chicago announced a change in the 1945 ammunition program. The new schedule contemplates a ten-percent reduction in the entire artillery program authorized last December. That was planned at a time when the Von Rundstedt breakthrough made the situation dark on the Western Front.

The Surplus Property Board's monthly report for February showed that 80 government-owned war plants and their sites have been declared surplus or excess. They cost an aggregate of \$552,474,000. All of these are aluminum and magnesium plants.

The measure as approved prolongs the lend-lease law until June 30, 1946, but provides that nothing in the act shall be construed as authorizing the President to enter into an agreement with any foreign government for postwar relief or rehabilitation.

Taft agreed with the provision, but sought to delete additional language stating that contracts providing for the disposal of lend-lease goods no longer needed for mutual defense should not be deemed to be for postwar relief and rehabilitation purposes.

### Special Delivery



Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles, of the First Service Command, delivers flowers to Kay Runnals in Boston at the request of her boy friend, Cpl. Ben Mitchell, of the Airborne Engineers in France, and follows up with a kiss.

## Chaplin Refused To Wed, Joan Says

HOLLYWOOD, April 11 (ANS).—Joan Berry, 24, testified yesterday that Charlie Chaplin became "beligerent" when she told him she was going to have a baby.

It was the third time that Miss Berry had told the story of her intimacy with Chaplin, who, she charges, is the father of her 18-month-old daughter, Carol Ann.

Miss Berry said that she was intimate with Chaplin in December, 1942, and that she notified Chaplin of her impending motherhood in May. Chaplin refused to marry her when she asked him to do so, she said.

## British Empire Places Casualties at 1,305,505

LONDON, April 11.—British Empire casualties since the outbreak of war in 1939 total 1,305,505 dead, wounded and missing Prime Minister Winston Churchill disclosed in Parliament yesterday.

Civilian casualties resulting from enemy action, his report revealed, were 114,542 killed and wounded.

## Jobs for 30,000,000 Predicted by Kaiser

CAMP LEE, Va., April 11 (ANS).

—The construction industry and furnishing of everyday needs for Americans will make jobs for 30,000,000 persons in the immediate postwar period, says shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser.

This would employ "well over 50 percent of the labor forces of the United States," said Kaiser, writing in the Camp Lee Traveller.

## Gloria Dickson Killed in Fire

HOLLYWOOD, April 11 (ANS).

—Film actress Gloria Dickson, 27, died from suffocation yesterday in a fire that gutted her two-story home.

Miss Dickson, born Thais Dickerson in Pocatello, Idaho, appeared in several Warner Bros. films, most recent of which were "Lady of Burlesque" and "Rationing."

Miss Dickson was married to Perc Westmore, makeup artist, in 1938. They were divorced in 1941, after which she became the wife of Ralph Murphy, film director. The second marriage ended in divorce last year.

## AAF Is Returning 6,000 Each Month

FT. WORTH, Tex., April 11 (ANS).—About 4,500 enlisted men and 1,500 officers of the AAF are returning each month from overseas to new training assignments under a rotation system, the AAF Training Command Hq. announced today.

This system is designed to give all qualified personnel an opportunity for overseas service and to give war-weary men a rest from battle.

## Stassen to Name 2 Combat Vets As His Assistants at 'Frisco

PEARL HARBOR, April 11 (ANS).—Two discharged servicemen will be assistants of Cmdr. Harold Stassen, one of the U.S. delegates, at the San Francisco conference, he announced here today.

Stassen, preparing to leave for Washington, said the assistants would be a soldier and a marine who have had combat experience so that the point of view of fighting men would be represented.

However, the former Minnesota governor said at a press conference that he did not expect to represent the servicemen's viewpoint at the conference, because he believes that the delegates should represent all of the people instead of any one group.

In discussing the San Francisco conference, Stassen said that he envisioned a new world in the mak-

## U.S. Delegates To Vote as Unit At S.F. Parley

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—The American delegation to the San Francisco conference will act as a unit, its position on each issue being determined by a majority vote, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., said yesterday.

Stettinius also revealed that some neutral countries had asked about sending observers to the conference, but that it had been impossible to accommodate them. This evidently includes such countries as Sweden and Switzerland and probably Italy.

A total of 242 civic, professional, agricultural, labor, business and other organizations have been invited to appoint one representative and one assistant each to act as consultants to the eight members of the American delegation.

### Still Hopeful on Poles

Stettinius said that he was still hopeful that the proposed Polish "national unity" government would be set up at Warsaw in time to provide representation for Poland.

[The Associated Press reported that the American delegation might postpone final decision on policy until it could canvass the potential objections of other countries. There were strong indications that the majority of the colleagues of Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) have agreed with his demand that the proposed league be authorized to review wartime political decisions.]

[Official circles in Washington believe that the Russian delegation is likely to oppose giving the league any real authority to force alterations of treaties, the AP said. French demands that room be made within the league structure for bilateral pacts, such as the French treaty with Russia, have been discussed by the American delegation.]

[The French believe, the AP added, that since they are in the front-line danger zone of possible future European aggression, they ought to be allowed to bring security agreements into immediate operation without waiting for possibly slow international machinery to function.]

### Decisions Must Be Reviewed

Stettinius, discussing the current sessions of the American delegation, said that it was not possible to give day-to-day information on the trend of the discussions because tentative decisions reached today must be reviewed in the light of subsequent discussion of other subjects.

Two of the eight delegates—former Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Cmdr. Harold L. Stassen, who is on active duty with the Navy—have been absent from the sessions. Hull, recuperating from a long illness, still hopes to go to San Francisco. Some observers think that while Hull may not be able to attend the opening sessions in San Francisco, he will be able to reach the conference some time during its deliberations, which are expected to last at least a month.

ing, in which peace was not an impossibility.

He said that a strong world police force would be required because he has no confidence that Germany would not start future wars. Likewise, he said, a close watch will have to be kept to make sure that no nation attempts undercover preparations for war, especially such preparations as may be conducted in the secrecy of scientists' laboratories.

Stassen declared that he was confident the various national viewpoints represented at San Francisco would not be an insurmountable barrier.

Every citizen of the world, he added, will have a valuable stake in San Francisco, because it is the little fellow's only hope for prevention of future wars.

# Coal Pact Reached After U.S. Seizes Mines

This Happened in America Yesterday:

## Seven Peals of the Liberty Bell Open Seventh War Loan Drive

By William R. Spear  
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, April 11.—America opened its Seventh War Loan drive to the tones of a Liberty Bell broadcast from Philadelphia over a nation-wide radio hookup. Mayor Bernard Samuel of Philadelphia struck the bell seven times to open the drive, which has a goal of two and a half billion dollars.

The first phase will be devoted to industry. Bond sales to the public start May 14, and continue through June 30. A "Father Bond Drive" will celebrate Father's Day, June 17.

Friends of John J. Pershing are urging that he be given six stars to preserve his superior rank over new five-star generals. There is some confusion as to whether Pershing, who wore four stars when he last appeared publicly, is now outranked by new generals of the Army—Marshall, Eisenhower, MacArthur and Arnold.

WHAT'S going to be done with that \$100,000,000 Nazi nest egg the Third Army found in a salt mine is the question agitating a lot of people. While Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. said the Army would hold the gold and art until the Allied nations

decide what to do with them, certain sections of the press are yelling, "Finders, keepers," and demanding that the U.S. keep the dough, since it was Americans who captured it.

Out in Grizzly Gulch, near Helena, Mont., 73-year-old Dan Haupt is still panning gold—"flour" gold—within a stone's throw of his mountain cabin. "Flour" gold is too fine to be recovered by any method that would make it commercially profitable. Nugget, Dan's dog, keeps him company.



Dan Haupt and Nugget  
That's gold in the gulch, but no riches.

ALONG the labor front, there are minor strikes in progress at five Detroit war plants, but principal interest now centers on current drives to unionize foremen in automobile plants. The National Labor Relations Board has ordered an election in Packard plants to determine whether foremen wish to join the union. Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors, served notice that the company would use every legal method to prevent the unionization of its foremen.

A 45-year-old woman in Del Norte, Col., is being held in Rio Grande County jail while the Army and the FBI investigate how a German prisoner of war from a camp at Monte Vista was able to leave the stockade nightly for a tryst in her home.

DR. ERNEST K. BERNBAUM, English professor at the University of Illinois for 29 years, announced his resignation in protest against "neglect of cultural values in education." He said that "lots of money is obtained for an airfield and for a sports building for the encouragement of adolescent hysteria," but that "big executives fall short when it comes to raising to a decent level the salaries of teachers of pure science and the humanities."

It took the State Department and Army a while to agree, but now it's settled and there's going to be blackout protection at the San Francisco conference, in case of an air raid.

## Ward's Charges Army Men With Misconduct in Stores

CHICAGO, April 11 (ANS).—Some Army officers at two of Montgomery Ward and Co's government-seized stores are charged with misconduct, in a letter to Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, in charge of the Federal-controlled Ward properties.

Complaints against unidentified Army officers at Ward stores at San Rafael, Calif., and Jamaica, N.Y., were outlined in the letter to Byron by Harold L. Pearson, Ward vice-president and treasurer.

Pearson said that there were several instances of misconduct at the two stores. Among those he cited were drunkenness on the part of Army officers in the stores, entertainment by the officers of women friends in the stores after hours, and improper advances to women employees.

### To Investigate Charges

Pearson declared that the doors of the San Rafael store had been "left unlocked after business hours," that one night an Army officer was "admittedly intoxicated

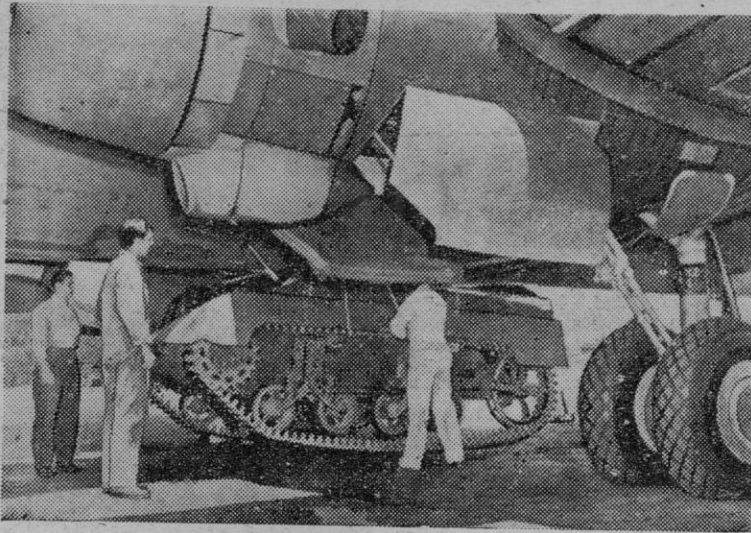
when he reported for duty," and that another night "an intoxicated woman" was admitted to the store "in the company of an Army private and Army lieutenant, who also was intoxicated."

Col. R. Parker Kuhn, in charge of Ward's seized properties in Byron's absence, said that he had reported "the matter to the proper authorities in Washington and a full investigation will be made of the charges."

Pearson's letter said: "Ward's has affidavits supporting each of the charges. Affidavits covering other instances of reported misconduct could not be obtained because the witnesses have husbands or sons in the Army and fear retaliation."

Ward properties were seized last Dec. 28, after the company had failed to comply with a War Labor Board directive. The Army's seizure has been ruled illegal in Federal Court, but the decision has been appealed and the government has continued its control pending disposition of the case.

## A Tank Sprouts Wings



A T9 tank is hoisted to a special rack beneath a C54 Skymaster at Santa Monica, Calif., for quick delivery to a fighting front. Slings the tank to the plane takes less than six minutes. The tank's 2,000-pound turret is placed in the ship's tail.

## New Levee Breaks Appear As Red River Nears Crest

NEW ORLEANS, April 11 (ANS).—Overlapping and crumbling of levees in spots worsened the flood situation today, as the Red River neared its crest in central Louisiana.

Residents of the thickly populated farm area between the Cane and Red Rivers, near Natchitoches, prepared to leave their homes.

## Absenteeism In Senate Hit

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—Absenteeism in the Senate was condemned yesterday by both Democrat and Republican leaders and the issue brought a warning from Sen. Robert La Follette (Prog.-Wis.) that members could be docked a day's pay for being absent without good cause.

(Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) gave his colleagues a severe scolding for "chronic absenteeism," complaining bitterly that quorum calls usually fail to produce the necessary 49 members on the floor. Minority Leader Wallace H. White (R-Me.) agreed, declaring that the "legislative branch of the government has fallen in esteem," and that empty seats would not restore its prestige.

Barkley said that visitors got a bad impression from the empty seats and that members who wished to debate important legislation are discouraged when they face a deserted chamber. Then, when the Senate gets ready to vote on a measure, too many Senators "come trooping in here and ask somebody at the door what we're voting on," he added.

### N.Y. Vets Get Emblem

ALBANY, April 11 (ANS).—New York State will provide a special emblem for its honorably discharged World War II Veterans, under a bill signed by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

## Roosevelt Acts As Fuel Lack Hits Steel Mills

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—A new contract for soft-coal miners was agreed on last night a few hours after the government had taken control of 235 mines in seven states. The agreement, reached by operators and President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, will go before a full contract negotiating committee for ratification.

The agreement followed nearly six weeks of negotiations. Lewis had agreed to a month's extension of the old contract, which expired March 31, but in the field thousands of miners were idle.

The government seized the 235 mines after wildcat work stoppages had forced a partial shutdown of plants producing steel vital to the war effort. The UMW disclaimed responsibility for the strikes, which did not affect most of the nation's 3,418 mines.

### Ickes Acts Swiftly

President Roosevelt ordered Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, to assume operation of any or all mines where stoppages existed or were threatened. Ickes acted within an hour, thus putting the government into the coal business for the fourth time since the U.S. entered the war.

Secretary Ickes issued an order taking possession of idle soft-coal mines in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Alabama. He ordered those mines opened for work tomorrow morning and designated executive heads of the mining companies involved as federal operating managers.

Ickes called on workers to return, to speed the winning of the war.

"Stopping work at this time is intolerable and unpatriotic," Ickes declared. "It is threatening production of munitions and war equipment just when our armies need our full support to win victory in Europe. Suspension of operations in the mines serving the iron and steel industry is already estimated to be cutting into steel production at a rate which represents approximately 100,000 tons of steel output weekly.

"The War Production Board has informed my office that 13 blast furnaces for the production of pig iron and 31 open hearth furnaces where the iron is turned into steel, are closed," Ickes asserted. "Other plants will be affected similarly unless the production of coal is resumed immediately."

## Missouri Valley 'TVA' Opposed as Socialism

OMAHA, April 11 (ANS).—A joint meeting of Missouri River Water Resources Development Associations adopted a resolution here opposing the Murray Bill, pending in Congress, for creation of Missouri Valley Authority, declaring that the legislation "would amount to an experiment in state socialism."

The meeting was attended by more than 100 persons from ten states.

## Nora, Love Gone, Wants to Divorce Errol

HOLLYWOOD, April 11 (ANS).—Nora Eddington said today that she would sue for divorce from screen actor Errol Flynn.

"All the love I had for Errol is gone completely," Miss Eddington said. "What I want to do now is get a job; then I'll file suit for divorce, probably right here in Hollywood."

Flynn had nothing to say. He never has talked about his romance with the beauty who was selling cigars at the courthouse when Flynn was on trial two years ago for statutory rape.

Miss Eddington, in her divorce announcement, didn't answer the question that has bothered Hollywood for more than a year: Where and when were she and Flynn married? She said that they were married, but Flynn wouldn't admit even that much.

Flynn has made no financial settlement yet, Miss Eddington said, and she wishes none for herself. However, she added: "I feel that Flynn should make adequate provision for our child." The child, Deirdre, was born last January in Mexico City.



Errol Flynn and Nora Eddington  
Their life is full of trials.

# Browns Slap Cardinals, 7-2, To Lead Series

ST. LOUIS, April 11.—Homeruns by George McQuinn and Mike Kreevich paraded the Browns to a 7-2 victory over the Cardinals yesterday as the American Leaguers moved to a 2-1 lead in games in their exhibition City Series. The Browns combed Al Burkhardt, Max Lanier and Bill Trotter for 13 hits, while Al Hollingsworth and Weldon West scattered nine Redbird safeties.



George McQuinn

## Red Sox Pummel Giants, 14-3

NEW YORK.—The Red Sox routed the Giants, 14-3, in the season's first game at the Polo Grounds. The Sox splattered Ray Harrell for 13 hits in the three innings. Manager Mel Ott permitted him to linger.

## Newhouser Halts Chisox, 7-2

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Hal Newhouser set down the White Sox with eight hits as the Tigers won the deciding game of their five-game series, 7-2. Manager Jimmy Dykes of the Sox was more concerned, however, about the impending induction of Wally Moses, his star outfielder, than about the outcome of the contest.

## Yanks Rap Trenton, 15-2

TRENTON, N.J.—The Yankees battered Trenton of the Interstate League, 15-2, in a game marred by an accident to Joe Riley, Trenton outfielder. Riley crashed into the wooden fence chasing Johnny Lindell's fly and sustained a couple of broken ribs, concussion of the brain and possible skull fracture. The impact of his body made a three-foot hole in the fence.



Larry MacPhail

Larry MacPhail, Yankee majordomo, disclosed that Frank Crosetti and Ernie Bonham are en route to the training camp and will join the team before the season opens.

## Braves Win

WILMINGTON, Del.—The Braves shoved across three runs in the 11th inning to trip the Phillies, 5-2. The telling blow was a long double by Tommy Nelson that drove in Phil Masi and Eddie Joost. Tom Early, Armand Cardini and Ed Schacher toiled for the Braves.

## Bainbridge Mauls Griffis

BAINBRIDGE, Md.—Twelve runs in the fifth inning enabled Bainbridge Naval to massacre the Senators, 18-7. Seventeen sailors marched to the plate during the big inning.

## Bums Snap Losing Streak

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y.—The Dodgers scored their first earned runs in 37 innings to defeat Montreal, 5-0, as Otto Nicholas and Pete Stephens handcuffed the minor leaguers with five hits.

## Toronto Blasts A's, 11-4

HAGERSTOWN, Md.—Toronto treated Bill Dettrey and Jim Reidy, two rookies under Connie Mack's wing, rudely to humble the Athletics, 11-4.

## Minor League Results

Pacific Coast League		W L Pct
Seattle 4	Hollywood 3	
San Francisco 6	Portland 3	
Oakland 2	San Diego 1	
Sacramento 3	Los Angeles 0	
Seattle	San Diego	5 7.417
Portland	Los Angeles	5 7.417
Oakland	Sacramento	5 7.417
Sacramento	Hollywood	3 9.250

## 1945 AL Schedule To Appear Tomorrow

The complete 1945 American League baseball schedule will appear in tomorrow's edition of The Stars and Stripes.

The National League schedule will be printed in the Saturday edition.

## Yanks Absorb Tiger Squad

NEW YORK, April 11.—The Brooklyn Tigers and Boston Yankees, National Football League elevens, completed a merger yesterday, with the Tigers losing their identity completely.

This came as a direct contradiction to Tom Gallery, Tiger business manager, who announced previously that all negotiations for the merger were called off.

Under the new set-up, Herb Kopf, who coached the Boston squad last season, will remain as head coach of the combined aggregation, and all home games except one will be played in Boston. The lone exception will be a game with the New York Giants at Yankee Stadium.

Owners, after a long discussion, passed a resolution that no National League team may sign for an exhibition unless it receives permission from four-fifths of the rival club owners. However, no permission is necessary for exhibitions with teams from the American Association or Dixie League pro circuits, which have working agreements with the National.

## Cleveland Wins Hockey Crown

HERSHEY, Pa., April 11.—The Cleveland Barons won the Frank Calder Cup and the American Hockey League championship by trouncing the Hershey Bears, 5-4, here last night in the sixth game of their best-of-seven series.

Lou Trudel and Tommy Burlington, leading scorers during the regular league season, came through again last night to clinch the title, each contributing two goals to the cause. Burlington's second goal was notched midway through the third period and proved to be the winner.

## Al Blozis Reported Killed in ETO Action

N. BERGEN, N.J., April 11.—Lt. Al Blozis, former champion shot-putter who later played tackle for the New York football Giants, was killed in action in France, Jan. 21, the War Department advised his mother yesterday. Previously, he had been reported missing.

Blozis appeared in a few games last fall, playing with the Giants while on furlough. According to the report, he was killed when he went out to hunt for a patrol he previously had sent on a scouting mission.

## Reds Option Nuxhall

FRENCH LICK, Ind., April 11.—The Reds have optioned Joe Nuxhall, 16-year-old southpaw hurler from Hamilton, Ohio, to Syracuse of the International League.

## Catchers Flirting With New Records

NEW YORK, April 11.—While most fans keep their attention fixed on Master Melvin Ott, who will break a record each time he scores a run, lures a walk or hits a homer, few are aware of the number of catching marks that probably will be broken this summer.

Four catchers will be competing for a crack at numerous marks that are ripe for the kill. The quartet consists of Spud Davis and Al Lopez of the Pirates, Rick Ferrell of the Senators and Frank Hayes of the Athletics.

Barring injuries, Lopez is certain to erase Gabby Hartnett's mark for

## From Baseball to Bedlam



Babe Ruth pitches in to apply his own version of a neck lock to Manuel Cortez, 200, after the Boston grappler failed to heed the Babe's warnings against unnecessary roughness. This bout at Portland, Me., marked the Babe's debut as a grunt 'n' groah referee, but he tossed in the towel two nights later. "This racket isn't for me," was the former homerun king's parting salute.



ATLANTA, Ga., April 11.—Jack Sawyer, too old to work, has rigged up a contraption to retrieve golf balls from local club lakes and has made \$300 in three weeks. The machine cost Sawyer \$4.

HEMSTEAD, N.Y.—Andy Varipapa, New York bowler, held an 83-pin lead over Buddy Bomar, national match game champion from Chicago, at the halfway mark of their 54-game match for a \$4,000 side bet.



Bing Crosby

PALM SPRINGS, Cal.—Bob Hope and Bing Crosby mixed gags with golf at a servicemen's benefit exhibition match and Hope bested his crooning rival. Hope and Capt. Jack Anderson defeated Crosby and Sgt. John Olver as Hope clubbed 72 and Crosby came home in 77.

LARAMIE, Wyo.—Coach Irv Shelton of Wyoming is going to do something about the school's cage situation. National champions in '43, out of action in '44 and far down the list last season, the Cowboys will welcome back their star center, Milo Komenich, who has been playing semipro ball the last two years.

LEWISBURG, Pa.—When Dr. Herb Spencer was installed as president of Bucknell, he said in his acceptance speech, "No institution of which I have been head ever has lost a football game. He forgot to tell them his only previous job had been as president of the Pennsylvania College for Women. . . NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—When the local ball park pressbox burned down last winter, a gang of carpenters was turned loose to build a new one. They did a wonderful job, but faced it to the wide open spaces—and boarded up the side facing the playing field. Yes, Newport is a Dodger farm.

League, shared the spotlight with Ray Mueller of the Reds last year by catching in all of his team's 155 games. If Hayes appears in the first 61 games, he will erase Mueller's two-year record of catching in 217 consecutive tilts. Last year he and Mueller broke George Gibson's previous best of 133, established in 1909 for the Pirates. Davis gets his opportunity to eclipse records not behind the plate but with the bat. He swatted 301 last season to become the first National League catcher to exceed 300 for ten years, and is only one season short of tying Bill Dickey's record. Hayes, iron-man of the American

## Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

GI members of the we-told-you-so fan club are invited to clip this column and pin it up on a conspicuous part of ye olde latrine wall. Then, if and when the Cardinals and Tigers nosedive, readers will be able to chuckle and write threatening notes to the writer. For those are the teams which will march through their respective races this summer—it says here.

The Cardinals, who have replaced the Yankees as baseball's most colorful gang, have been winning National League titles with such monotonous regularity lately, there's no reason to vote against them this time. Manager Billy Southworth still has an abundance of talented athletes, despite the number of Redbird heroes sprinkled through the fighting forces.

If the defending champions suddenly collapse at the seams, Cholly Grimm's Cubs, Mel Ott's Giants or Frankie Frisch's Pirates are likely to rule the roost. These three clubs have plenty of punch at the plate, but their pitching staffs are not what they could be. Other teams in the circuit apparently are just going along for the ride.

ONCE again the American League whirl undoubtedly will be a wide-open affair, with any of the eight squads conceded to be a contender. This doesn't mean the league is powerful in all cities; it merely indicates what the manpower shortage has done to everybody in the Yankee League.

With Rudy York, big Indian slugger, and pitching twins Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouser prominently among those present, the Tigers loom as a mild favorite to wrest the crown from the Browns. However, the Browns are no weaker than they were last season when they nipped the Detroiters' at the wire, and the other teams have succeeded in bolstering a few of their weak spots.

In our book, this is how the teams will finish their 154-game marathon:

NATIONAL	AMERICAN
1—St. Louis	1—Detroit
2—Chicago	2—New York
3—New York	3—St. Louis
4—Pittsburgh	4—Chicago
5—Brooklyn	5—Boston
6—Cincinnati	6—Cleveland
7—Philadelphia	7—Philadelphia
8—Boston	8—Washington

## Connecticut Board To Combat 'Ringers'

HARTFORD, Conn., April 11.—Boxers will not be permitted to appear in Connecticut in the future unless they show Selective Service registration cards as identification, Athletic Commissioner Frank Coskey ruled today.

The order came as a result of a complaint that Mario Torres, who will appear before a hearing, recently fought at Holyoke, Mass., and appeared at Hartford the next evening under the name of Mariano Paccoco.

## THE QUESTION BOX

T/4 Ira Osteen—Winners in the Denver Live Stock Show and Rodeo: Bronco riding, Bill Lindman, Red Lodge, Montana; Calf roping, Toots Mansfield, Big Springs, Texas; bareback bronco riding, Paul Gould, Deming, N.Mex.; steer wrestling, Claude Morris, Moorhead, Okla.; Brahma steer riding, Dick Griffith, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Lt. A. W. Pattermund—Rule 5, Section 2 of the official NCAA football rules reads as follows: A player may be submitted for another at any time, but such player may not be withdrawn from, nor the outgoing player returned to, the game until one play has intervened. An incoming substitute must report to the umpire. Until an incoming substitute has been accepted by his field captain he shall not communicate with any one other than the officials. Supplemental notes: After a player has reported to the umpire and the change has been approved by his field captain, the substitution shall be considered complete. Special note: Coaches may mutually agree to any one or all of the following: (1) Accept responsibility for the legality of all substitutions; (2) Permit incoming substitutes to report to any official; (3) Dispense with the acceptance of substitutes by the field captain. When a defending man intercepts a forward pass in his end zone and is downed, it is a touchback and there is no score.

# PUP TENT POETS

## 'Mother's Day'

On this day,  
I kneel and pray,  
And thank the Lord, for you my  
mother;  
Whose love and kindness fit none  
other.

Your gentle smile, but patience  
worn,  
Because of me, your heart was torn,  
Believe me, dear, when now I say,  
I'm very sorry, 'til this day.

Time has spaced us far apart,  
But you're always in my heart,  
There to stay, you'll always be,  
The true light, for me to see.

I've caused thee much pain and  
sorrow,  
'And if I could but kindness borrow,  
I would kiss thee, Mother dear,  
And thus dispel all your fear.

So again, this day has come.  
Reminding me of all you've done.  
There shall never be another.  
God bless you, my dearest mother.

-1/Lt. Salvatore F. Petinga.

## Births

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

**T** 5 Edgar Elmo Dewitt, Birmingham, Ala.—Mary Elizabeth, April 1; Pfc Mack B. Ray, Mars Hill, N.C.—Carolyn Lenora, March 20; Cpl. James C. Humphrey, Paducah, Ky.—James Dale, March 29; Cpl. F. P. Hamill, Bronx—Catherine Madeleine, April 3; Lt. Harold J. Runz, Patterson, N.J.—Carolyn, April 4; 1/Sgt. Richard K. Parker, Boston—Richard Davies, April 3.

**P** FC Lawrence P. Tracey, Taftville, Conn.—boy, April 3; Sgt. Joseph Colella, Philadelphia—girl, March 13; Cpl. Edward Puritz, Brooklyn—Marc S., April 3; Sgt. Earl C. Troup, White Plains, N.Y.—Suzanne, April 1; Pvt. Russell Kortendrick, Racine, Wis.—Russell, Jan. 22; Lt. Raymond C. Rice, New York—girl, April 1; Capt. Zeke Tipton, Houston, Tex.—girl, April 3; Sgt. Williams Crocker, Nashville, Tenn.—Madeline Dian, April 1.

**P** VT. Ray C. Van Wyngarden, Stuart, Iowa—Ray, March 22; Lt. Tibor A. Vince, Laurelton, N.Y.—Paul William, April 3; Pfc. Bernard A. Milligan, Bronx—girl, April 5; T/Sgt. Russell J. Mallory, Topeka, Kan.—Larry Russell, April 3; S/Sgt. Irving R. Stotter, Shaker Heights, Ohio—Richard Lee, April 5; Sgt. Fred B. Towell, Cumberland, Md.—boy, March 28; Cpl. Paul Shapiro, Brooklyn—Linda Honey, March 21; Lt. Robert H. Wright, Glenridge, N.J.—Constance Jean, April 5.

**S** GT. Gilbert O. Hernandez, Brownsville, Texas—girl, April 3; Pvt. Victor Sumereau, West New York, N.J.—girl, April 9; Pvt. Nathan Hirsch, New York—Merryl Diane, April 5; Capt. J. L. Almeida, Charleston, S.C.—John Leonard Jr., April 9; Pvt. William Lipinsky, Riverside Park, N.J.—Virginia Louise, April 3; Lt. Francis J. Wadsworth, New York—boy, April 9; Clyde Woods, Carnegie, Pa.—girl, April 4; Pvt. Ralph Fucetola, Orange, N.J.—boy, April 7; S/Sgt. Martin C. Deitsch, Brooklyn—Robert Ted, March 31; Sgt. Joseph A. Nordella, Bronx—boy, Feb. 16.

**P** VT. Lyle J. Litzen, Gleason, Wis.—Thomas Lyle, March 16; T/5 Vern H. Charbonneau, Superior, Wis.—boy, March 29; Pfc. I. Girshenhorn, Bronx—Linda Helen, March 8; Pfc. Frank G. Laplaca, Brooklyn—boy, April 3; T/Sgt. Vincent J. Marinello, Teaneck, N.J.—Joan, April 1; Lt. Raymond F. Mylott, Westhaven, Conn.—Frank E., April 3; Cpl. Albert Cytryn, Brooklyn—Paula, April 4.

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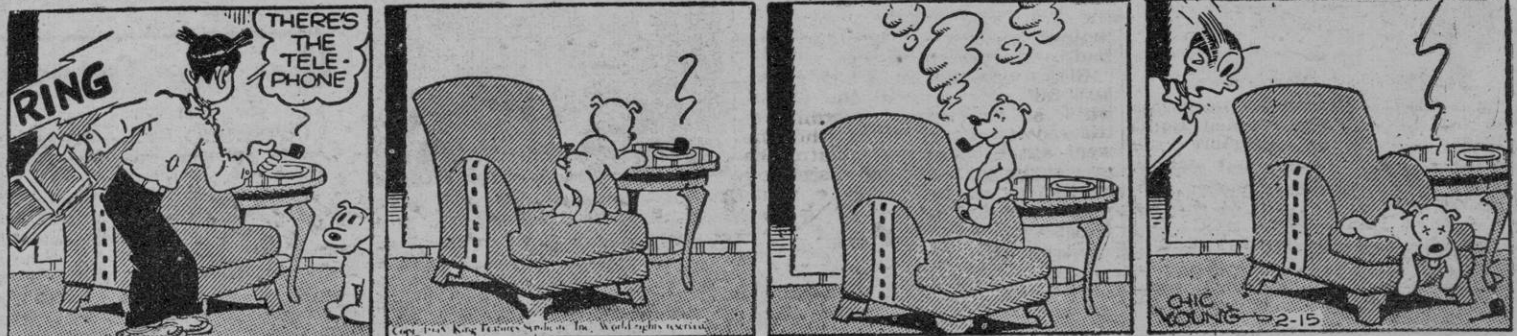
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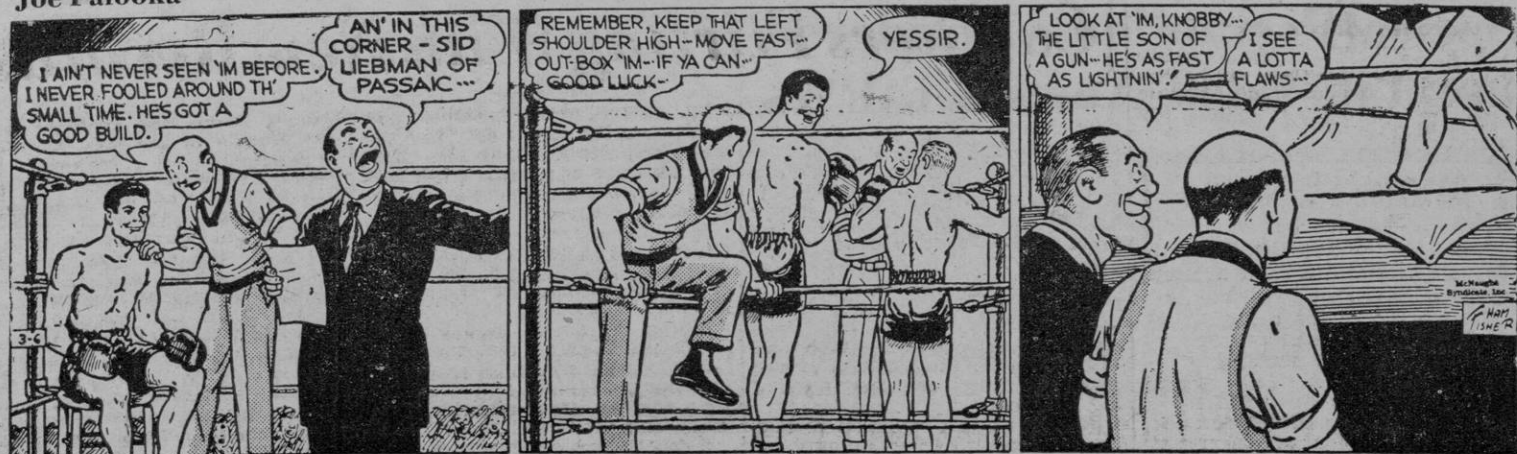
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# Legislators Act To Fix Army's Postwar Setup

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—The House Military Committee began laying the foundation today for a legislative program to determine the Army's postwar size and composition.

Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) asked that Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson designate a group of officers to represent the War Department at committee meetings next Tuesday "for the purpose of discussing the program that will be necessary to co-ordinate general problems with which we will all be concerned."

### Depends on War

These problems, May said in a letter to Stimson, "will be determined largely by developments from month to month in the theaters of war and, particularly, following the fall of Germany."

May asserted he believed that the Nazi collapse "is in all probability close enough that we ought to be planning these things at least this far in advance."

After the war, he continued, there will be problems of general demobilization and rebuilding of the regular Army. The size of the regular Army, he said, "will affect the question of necessity or non-necessity for universal military training."

### Army to Revert to Old Size

Unless Congress decrees otherwise, the regular Army will revert to its prewar size of 280,000 officers and men after the war.

Chairman Clifton A. Woodrum (D-Va.), of the House Committee on Postwar Military Policy, has indicated that the hearings on peace-time conscription will be started after the forthcoming United Nations conference at San Francisco. Most members of Woodrum's committee, the Associated Press said, favor a peace-time draft rather than a large standing army.

# Civilians View Battle of Tanks

HANOVER, April 11 (UP).—Civilians flocked around and watched while tanks exchanged shots here yesterday morning.

A Ninth Army private remarked: "It makes me feel silly crouching around, trying to get a shot at a sniper while civilians pedal bikes and women and children tag along, just watching."

Starving slave workers from rail yards and tank factories embraced the Americans and broke open the food stores while the German owners frantically appealed to the Americans to stop them.

The Americans simply replied: "Just like you did in Poland, France, Greece, isn't it?"

The Hanover gauleiter had warned the citizens Friday: "Whoever hoists the white flag will be shot," and not a single white flag was observed in the city. Thousands of inhabitants stood in the streets and watched the battle, ignoring the handbills which were plastered on the walls throughout the town saying: "The nation springs to arms."

# Special Promotions Considered For Liberated American PWs

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—Special consideration for promotion will be given Army and Navy officers and enlisted men who have been prisoners of war, the War and Navy Departments said in a joint statement today.

The purpose of the action is to give returned prisoners an opportunity to obtain the rank, grade or rating that they probably would have earned in normal service.

They will be considered for immediate promotions of one rank,



Ninth Army reaches the Elbe River near Magdeburg, while pilots report Third Army columns nearing Halle, 14 miles from Leipzig. Russians have all but one-tenth of Vienna and menace Berlin from the east and southeast. Barely 125 miles now separate Allies and Russians. PM Map

# Yanks 70 Mi. From Berlin, Reach Elbe River

(Continued from Page 1) the air-doughs. Paratroops passed through the blackened skeleton of one of the greatest industrial concentrations in the world and moved down an avenue where white flags fluttered from windows of buildings which were still standing.

Essen's police station was blasted. Parks and boulevards were a shambles. Overtaken streetcars and smashed pilings blocked railroad underpasses.

Small bonfires were burning in the city's square. The paratroopers said citizens were gathered around the fires singing.

In the north troops of Gen. Henry G. Crerar's Canadian First Army swung to the west, made assault crossings of the Issel River and drove into western Holland in a surprise attack on 100,000 trapped Germans.

Beyond the Issel, the Canadians advanced toward a series of "flood lines"—area: which the Germans could flood to stem the advance. The Canadians, after only a few hours, were forcing the Nazis to retire toward Amsterdam and The Hague.

The Fourth Armd. Div., thrusting up the Ems River, neared the great port city of Emden. Deventer was taken.

Between the Ems and Weser

Rivers, the German Seventh Parachute Div., one of last elite fighting units still in the line, faced entrapment. British forces, including the Sixth Guards Armd. Brig. and infantry, hammered this force from the southwest, while a column of the British Seventh Armd. Div. shot up behind the Nazis on the northeast.

One Canadian unit and three British were advancing through the North German province toward the North Sea. Latest reports placed Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's British Second Army still on the outskirts of Bremen.

Driving east of the Weser River British Sixth Airborne troops thrust toward Celle, northeast of captured Hanover, 125 miles from Berlin.

Earlier reports showed three American armies advancing along a solid front 140 miles long from Brunswick to Gotha.

### Third Armd. Surges Ahead

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army, on the right flank of Simpson's Ninth, struck to within 115 miles of Berlin as elements of the Third Armd. Div., in a 40-mile advance, entered Nordhouse, 55 miles east of Kassel and ploughed on farther east for five miles.

On Hodges' south flank, three of Third Army armored and six infantry divisions surged forward, their forward elements under a news blackout. AP front reports said the Fourth Armd. stabbed 12 miles and the Sixth Armd. drove 15 miles.

Southward, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Army enveloped the communications center of Schweinfurt. Units of the 42nd Inf. Div. drove into the city while the 14th Armd. Div. riveted a ring of tanks around it.

### Air Forces Keep Up Pounding of Germany

Following Tuesday's record attack on Luftwaffe bases, 1,300 Eighth AF heavies with an escort of 830 fighters bombed enemy targets near Nuremberg, Munich and Regensburg yesterday. Two airfields, five marshalling yards and two oil storage depots and an explosive fac-

tory were hit. RAF heavies bombed the same area.

The RAF reported that its attack on Kiel, Monday night, resulted in the sinking of the German pocket battleship Scheer.

Enemy railways between Dessau and Chemnitz and nine airfields, one in Czechoslovakia, were attacked by Ninth AF fighter-bombers which flew more than 1,100 sorties up to early evening yesterday. Two German planes were destroyed in the air and 33 on the ground by Ninth AF pilots.

The First TAC flew 167 sorties yesterday, attacking German ammunition and fuel dumps at Geisslingen. A large dump at Ulm was reported destroyed.

# Ike Restates News Freedom

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all land, air and sea units. Eisenhower said: "Enforced delays in transmission of news should be prescribed only when the enemy can gain probable advantage through immediate publication... I merely want to point out that trepidation should not lead us into the mistake of a constant use of negative methods, not only to the irritation of correspondents and of the public, but frequently to the damage of morale of our troops."

"It must be remembered that censorship denies to the fighting soldier the immediate opportunity to see that his service exploits are recognized and appreciated. The soldier likes to read about his unit and about his local commander."

"Correspondents should be encouraged rather than discouraged to mention by numerical designation and by name of the commander the identity of the units actually in the line when these have obviously been previously identified by the enemy. As a rule it would appear that, after a unit has been in the line for 48 hours, there is little need of pretending that the enemy is ignorant of its presence."

Summing up his attitude on censorship and the handling of news, Eisenhower said: "The freest pos-

# Seizure of Gold Called Critical Blow to Reich

WASHINGTON, April 11 (ANS).—Seizure of 100 tons of German gold at the Merken salt mine is bound to paralyze Germany's financial operations, according to Dr. Melchior Palyi, of Chicago.

Palyi, former chief economist of the Deutsche Bank of Berlin and adviser to the Reichsbank, is a financial consultant to an insurance company. Palyi, now a naturalized American, left Germany in 1933.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. said the gold will eventually be returned to rightful owners.

### Patton Named No. 1 Gold Digger

The discovery of the salt mine treasure trove brought Lt. Gen. George S. Patton another decoration—a lifetime engraved invitation to the annual Gold Diggers' ball in Phoenix.

The invitation, the text of which was cabled to Patton, said: "You are established as the world's biggest gold digger."

The man who is now guarding the treasure with a band of tanks wasn't chosen for the job on the basis of civilian experience, his Gary, Ind., neighbors say. Lt. Col. Vladimir Kedorovsky was a salesman in a Sears-Roebuck store in Gary before he entered the Army as a private in 1940.

# Most of Vienna Held by Soviets

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communiqué claimed possession of all territory west of the Danube Canal.

To the north, troops of the Second Ukrainian Army reached Gaenserdorf, 16 miles northeast of Vienna.

Still farther north, Malinovsky's mountain troops made an advance to capture Trenchin, on the upper Vaag River, 80 miles north of Bratislava.

German reports for the most part ignored the Vienna battle and concentrated on the front east of Berlin, where, according to German dispatches, large forces of Soviet cavalry were on the move. For several weeks, Nazi commentators have been predicting an all-out assault on the Reich capital.

The German News Agency also predicted a drive southeast of Berlin in a report quoting a message from Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner, German commander on the Eastern Front, that Marshal Ivan Koniev's forces, stretched along the Niesse River, were about to launch an offensive.

sible flow of news is not only in keeping with our traditions, it is the best way to keep the public accurately informed and working in support of the war effort. Saving of lives and military success are normally the only sound reasons for interference."

Throughout the war Eisenhower has insisted that service newspapers, especially The Stars and Stripes, be permitted the greatest freedom of action as long as the war effort is not hindered.

He has held that The Stars and Stripes must be fair at all times and accurate and that it must not be used by officers or its editorial staff to foster some pet idea. He has opposed the attempt by any general or other officer to dictate a policy to The Stars and Stripes.

When asked by The Stars and Stripes representatives how the publication should be operated, he replied, "Along the lines of an ordinary commercial newspaper." He heartily supports the B-Bag column.

Eisenhower reads The Stars and Stripes and other service publications each morning. He believes that, in addition to being interesting and enjoying complete freedom compatible with wartime conditions, they should be devoted to helping win the war.