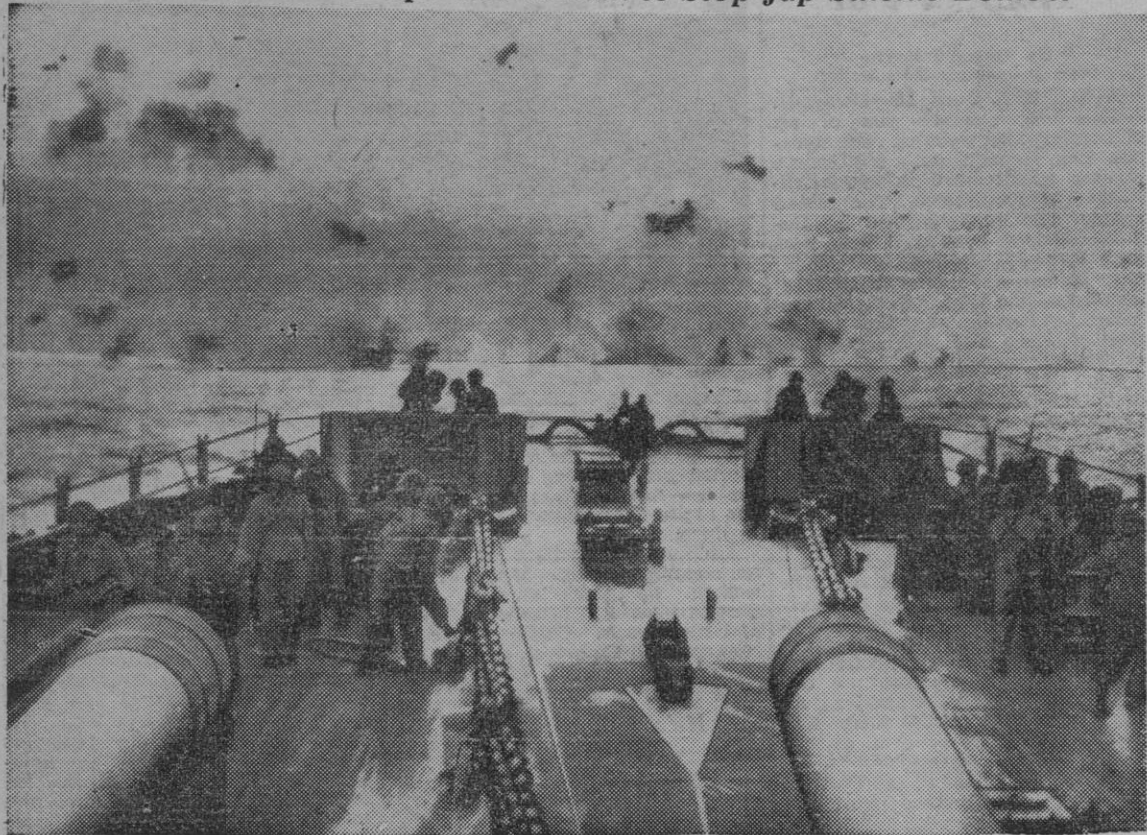


Battleship Throws Up Flak Curtain to Stop Jap Suicide Bomber



A U.S. battleship protecting a task force of aircraft carriers off Okinawa throws up heavy anti-aircraft fire against a Jap bomber (center) attempting a suicide dive on one of the ships in the group. U.S. fighters and ack-ack guns downed 59 Jap planes over the island last Thursday and Friday.

Tokyo Says Allies Invade Isle 50 Mi. West of Okinawa

GUAM, June 27.—An Allied invasion of Kume Island, 50 miles west of Okinawa, was reported by the Tokyo Radio today as enemy broadcasts reported more Allied fleet movements only 150 miles from the Japanese homeland and further jittery speculation on future Chinese coast and Jap

Yanks Uncover Body of Japs' Okinawa CG

OKINAWA, June 27 (ANS).—The benedaled bodies of the Japanese commanding general on Okinawa and his chief of staff, who had slit their stomachs in harakiri ceremonies, have been found in shallow rock graves at the southeastern tip of this American-won island. Col. Cecil W. Nist, of Salem, Ore., staff officer of the XXIV Army Corps, said the bodies, in full field uniforms with medals and insignia, had been positively identified as those of Lt. Gen. Mitsura Ushijima, CG of the 32nd Japanese Army, and Lt. Gen. Isamu Cho, his chief of staff.

The harakiri ceremony for Ushijima and Cho was held at the entrance to a huge headquarters cave on Hill 89, while U.S. Tenth Army soldiers were in foxholes 100 yards away.

(The Tokyo radio said last Sunday that Ushijima "had conducted the final offensive," and troops of the 32nd Regt. had searched unsuccessfully for his body since the campaign's end.)

The story of the harakiri ceremony was told by a Japanese prisoner who said he had been a cook for Ushijima. His story:

Face Pacific Ocean

About four o'clock on the morning of June 22, both generals appeared in full field uniforms, with their medals pinned to their blouses and their boots highly polished. They were accompanied by aides and followed by staff members to the narrow edge of the cave's seaward entrance.

The two generals conversed in low tones. A heavy comforter was placed on the ledge. Over it was laid a white sheet, symbol of death.

Ushijima knelt with his knees on the sheet, his head bent slightly forward. Cho knelt on his left. Both faced the Pacific Ocean. The narrowness of the ledge prevented them from facing north toward the Imperial Palace.

An aide held two knives, each wrapped in white cloth. An adjutant with drawn saber stood on Ushijima's right. Both generals bared their abdomens. As Ushijima plunged a knife crosswise into his stomach, the adjutant swung

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mainland landings. The reports found no confirmation in Allied quarters.

According to enemy broadcasts, Allied troops went ashore on Kume Island Tuesday and fierce fighting is in progress.

(Kume, shaped like a dog's head pointed toward the China coast, is due west of Okinawa's capital of Naha and within 300 miles of Formosa. On the west side, from its tip southeastward, its coastline is eight miles long. One height on the north end rises more than 990 feet and another, near the south end, up to 920 feet. An all-weather highway traverses a large part of the islands.)

At the same time, Radio Tokyo asserted that an Allied "invasion" fleet of 200 ships was nearing the islands of Amami and Kikai, halfway between Okinawa and Japan and 150 miles from the Japanese homeland. Other Allied ships, it declared, continued to mass at Okinawa anchorages.

In other respects the Jap radio reflected the same type invasion jitters that gripped the Germans before the Allies landed on the Continent. A Jap military commentator said frankly that "everybody is talking of invasion—everybody is theorizing." Another conceded that American troops could gain a foothold on the Japanese mainland but declared they later would be hurled back into the sea.

A third commentator said the "American plan for a grand finale seems to be first to shatter all Japanese industrial centers in the large cities and then to launch their final attack."

Luzon Fighting Nearing Finish

MANILA, June 27 (ANS).—Organized Japanese resistance in the Philippines rapidly is approaching an end.

On Luzon, less than 20 miles separate American soldiers and Filipino guerrillas converging from north and south toward a junction in the flat river bottom above Tuguegarao, Gen. MacArthur reported.

The Japs apparently are not fighting to the end. About half of the 20,000 Japanese on north Luzon are trying to withdraw to the mountain wilderness of Sierra Madres on the east, leaving rear guards for delaying action.

The same situation is true on Mindanao, where dispatches report that west of Davao the harried enemy has reached his last prepared positions in Talomo plain.

Australian forces now are in complete occupation of the Miri oil fields on north Borneo.

July 4 to Be Holiday For Troops in ETO

Independence Day—next Wednesday—commemorating the 169th anniversary of the U.S. republic, has been declared a holiday in the ETO by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, temporary CG of the theater.

Chiefs of general and special staff sections will suspend all but essential duties and functions for the day, the order stated. Offices will operate on a holiday schedule with skeleton crews.

British 2nd Army Dissolved

21ST ARMY GROUP, June 27 (AP).—Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's British Second Army, which fought from Normandy to the Baltic, has been dissolved and will return to England. Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery announced today.

Interim Group Of New League Meets 1st Time

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—A preparatory commission to plan interim operations until the world charter is formally ratified by governments of the United Nations held its first session today, after the United Nations security conference had closed with President Truman's speech and signing of the charter by the delegates.

The President, declaring that delegates had "created a great instrument for peace," promised them that he would present the charter to the U.S. Senate immediately. He said that he was "sure that the overwhelming sentiment of the people of my country and of their representatives in the Senate is in favor of immediate ratification."

Signing of the charter of the new world league to maintain peace began at noon (9 P.M., Paris time) yesterday under the glare of klieg lights and with dozens of movie cameras recording the historic scene.

Chinese Sign First

Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese delegate, was the first to sign, using a brush to paint the character of his signature. Behind the table at which he sat was a semicircle of the flags of the United Nations. The other Chinese delegates then filed to the table to sign.

Loudspeakers called for the Soviet Union and then the United Kingdom, whose representatives signed the charter. Then, despite elaborate arrangements, the plan for the succession of signers went awry, and Argentina signed instead of France. France's Joseph Paul-Boncour, who appeared annoyed at the mix up, then signed, and the

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Truman to Address Senate on Charter

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP).—President Truman will speak before the U.S. Senate Monday in presenting the charter of the new world league for ratification, officials said today.

The majority leadership plans hearings for two weeks in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. One senator said another two weeks on the floor should bring the issue to a decision.

(The United Press reported that Sen. Burton Wheeler (D-Mont.), widely regarded as the Senate's staunchest prewar isolationist, had announced there would be no organized fight in the Senate against ratification "as far as I am concerned.")

Score Needed for Discharge Expected to Drop in Few Days

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Congressmen said today that they expect the War Department to announce the lowering of points required for Army discharge from 85 to either 80 or 78 within the next few days.

(At Com Z Headquarters in Paris it was said that no information had been received on the final critical point score. The general expectation was, however, that it would be lower than 85.)

Part of 104th, 95th Div. Home

NEW YORK, June 27 (ANS).—Advance detachments of the 104th Timberwolf Div. and the 95th Victory Div. arrived in New York yesterday aboard the Navy transport Monticello. There were 6,866 men aboard the Monticello. The Army hospital ship Acadia, with 780 patients aboard, also docked yesterday.

Four brigadier generals were aboard the Monticello. Harry F. Meyer, who commanded the 74th AA Brig.; James C. Pickering, assigned to the Eight Div.; Don C. Faith, assigned to the 95th Div., and William R. Woodward, assigned to the 104th Div.

Also on board were elements of the Seventh AA Brig., the 18th

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Patton Shrugs Off Mauldin Remark As 'Mosquito Bite'

HAMILTON, Mass., June 27 (ANS).—Gen. George S. Patton Jr., commander of the Third Army, yesterday dismissed criticism of him by Bill Mauldin, creator of "Up Front With Mauldin," as "just one of those mosquito bites you are bound to get."

Mauldin, former Stars and Stripes cartoonist, who was discharged from the Army three days ago, had said in Denver that Patton "tried to tell me what I should think and what I should draw, what the G's should think and what the American people should think."

Mauldin said that Patton made his comments at a meeting with him last March after the general had threatened to halt distribution of The Stars and Stripes in the Third Army area because he considered that cartoons and photographs showed soldiers in "unsoldierly" appearance.

Patton said that he is leaving July 2 for Europe to resume command of the Third Army, which has been assigned to occupation duty.

According to reliable information reaching the House Military Affairs Committee 40 will remain the age for automatic discharges.

The decision on how much to reduce the points will be made on a basis of reports being received from field commanders by the War Department.

Committee members have been informed that the Army insists that its strength be not reduced below 6,986,000 for the war against Japan, and not more than 1,500,000 be released through the point system.

The rate of discharges will be increased to 200,000 monthly starting in January, the Army informed the Committee. By the end of next June all men eligible for discharge under the point system will have been returned to civilian status.

U.S., France Phone Service

WASHINGTON, June 27 (UP).—The War Production Board announced today that radio-telephone service between the United States and France and Norway was expected to be available for the public late this year.

Army Tells How It Will Allot 1,300,000 Discharges to Forces

By William R. Spear

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
WASHINGTON, June 27.—Of the 1,300,000 soldiers to be discharged on points by June, 1946, 500,000 will come from the Ground Forces, 400,000 from the Air Forces, 300,000 from the Service Forces and 100,000 from hospitals, training centers and replacement depots.

These and other figures on the Army's redeployment plans were given to the House Military committee by Maj. Gen. S. G. Henry, assistant chief of staff, G-1, on June 19 and were released for publication yesterday.

In addition to the men released on points, the Army will discharge 700,000 others, including over-age soldiers and wounded veterans, the War Department announced previously.

The Ground Forces will be reduced by 900,000, from 3,200,000 to 2,300,000, Henry said. In addition to the 500,000 ground troops to be

discharged on points, 400,000 will be shifted to the Air and Service Forces.

The Service Forces will be reduced by 100,000, from 1,700,000 to 1,600,000. But, with 300,000 men getting out on points, 200,000 replacements will be needed from the Ground Forces and new draftees.

The Air Forces will be cut by 200,000, from 2,300,000 to 2,100,000. With 400,000 men being discharged, the Air Forces will need 200,000 replacements.

Henry also released figures to show the effect on Army strength if the age limit for discharges were lowered below the present 40 years. He said a reduction could not be made without depriving men with long and arduous service of discharge priorities.

"It would cost the Army 300,000 men during the year if the age for automatic release were reduced to 38," he said. "It would cost 700,000 soldiers if the age were reduced to 35."

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An Editorial

Our Russian Ally

WHEN Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, in his recent Los Angeles address, assailed that American minority which has been whooping up talk of a war with Russia, he voiced a sentiment which finds quick response among American fighting men.

For some reason which we find a little hard to understand at this distance, a certain vociferous group within the American press and public has already started talk of a war with Russia, while our comrades are dying in the Orient and the blood has scarcely dried on the battlefields of Europe.

With the signing of the San Francisco charter, in which fifty nations pledge themselves to work for peace, Russia together with America has taken the first step toward settlement of the many complex problems which plague this sick earth.

IT seems a good time to re-evaluate our own position in the scheme of things, and to pledge ourselves to a sympathetic, considered attitude toward our friends and neighbors.

It is admitted that most Americans find the Soviet political philosophy incompatible with American traditions. It is understandable that our Russian allies may view our democratic form of government as foreign to their needs and background.

We are assured by our government that its contacts with Russia have never been more cordial. Those who interpret every Soviet move in screaming headlines as diabolical and warlike gestures, and who egg on this "hostility which leads to war" are playing directly into the hands of those warmongers who cannot, it would seem, visualize a world in which the strong as well as the weak can live together in harmony.

CERTAINLY the men who fought from the west while the Red Army was driving from the east, have nothing but affection for the Russian people.

In this confusing period, with the world upside down, its nerves on edge and its passions coloring its every attitude, there are many who find certain Russian gestures hard to understand.

Big, bluff, rugged Russia, just awakening to its strength, is playing a diplomatic game with its bare knuckles showing. The game, however, differs little from the well-gloved diplomacy practised by other nations for many years.

But as they develop in their strength and maturity, the Russians seem to be awakening also to their responsibilities in the family of nations.

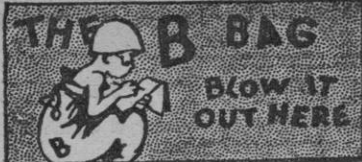
AMERICA'S fighting men, on whom would fall the personal tragedy of any war, have no antagonism toward Russia. On the contrary, they admire and respect the Soviet forces which assumed so great a role in the victory over Germany.

We have been comrades on the battlefield. American and Russian blood, together with the blood of many nations, has been shed to win the European peace.

Men who can fight together can plan together. Ivan and GI Joe can get along. Our diplomats can get along. Let's not have a lot of volunteer trouble-makers in between succeed in separating us through suspicion and intolerance.

2 Port Units Win Plaques

ANTWERP, June 27.—Antwerp's two main harbor organizations, the 5th and the 13th Major Ports, Army Transportation Corps, have been awarded Meritorious Service Unit Plaques for "superior performance of duty in the execution of exceptionally difficult tasks." The awards were made for the successful completion of missions prior to Antwerp assignments.



War Without End

Every now and then a long delayed letter pops up from gals we met way back—as far back as our basic training days. Since those days each new location meant a new girl. Now for the 64 dollar question. A lot of us will be home one of these days and will the APO SNAPU us by forwarding these letters to our home and wives or will they make arrangements to return any letter to their sender if so requested.—A Restee.

(You will not be able to make arrangements for the APO to check your mail and separate those letters sent by girl friends from correspondence that you don't mind your wife seeing. Suggest that person in this dilemma arrange to have all of his Army mail (when he becomes a civilian) forwarded to some trusted friend's address.—Ed.)

Stung?

They're finally giving the GI a break. He has his own Paris night club. Cognac at 50 cents a shot, champagne \$8 a bottle, orangeade 40 cents a glass. O, death, where is thy sting?—T/5 Tommy Connally (and 11 others.—Ed.), Hq. OCE.

Hitlerian Art

For the past few days German PWs have been washing the ceilings and walls in our billets. Yesterday, after they left, I noticed that a swastika had been smeared on to a yet unwashed portion of the ceiling. I informed the sergeant in charge of the quarters and he in turn notified an officer. The officer looked at it and said, "It's not very noticeable. Forget it," and walked out.

To me, that seems like the very attitude that caused us to be caught with our pants down at Pearl Harbor, and will catch us again if we are not careful.

Germans have been forbidden the use of Nazi emblems and even the Nazi salute. In keeping with that order, I think that some sort of punishment should be given the entire group responsible for the aforementioned action. Everyone agrees that the German must be taught that we mean business. To relax about little things now means a great deal of trouble for ourselves in the future. We will have failed again.—Pfc J. L. Hisey, 17 BPO.

He Prefers Jacket

The most comfortable wearing garment issued to the EM is his field jacket. On this post the CO has strictly forbidden us to wear them. The ruling also pertains to officers—who think it's a crock... The CO, though, goes everywhere in his jacket! In all of the neighboring towns—officers and EM are authorized to wear the jacket, which looks much better on a soldier than his blouse.

Won't someone do something about this silly ruling?—Disgusted, Channel Base Section.

Sweatin' It Out

By Mauldin



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Budapest--A Trod-on Wedding Cake

Only 32 GIs—and Plenty of Girls To Meet 'Em

By Howard Byrne Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BUDAPEST, June 20 (Delayed).—This city reminds you of an elaborately iced wedding cake someone has stepped on. Budapest's creamy architecture is now shell-stained and crumbled. The famed bridges that once spanned the Danube between Pest and Buda now lean listlessly into the river. Elizabeth Bridge, which is only partially destroyed, has been ingeniously repaired by Russian engineers and is now crowned with huge portraits of Molotov and Stalin.

Col. Dallas S. Townsend, who drove Associated Press correspondent Abe Goldberg and myself through the city, said that thousands of corpses were still buried under Budapest's collapsed buildings. We could smell them.

Col. Townsend pointed at two corpses, which had drifted down the Danube and now rested against the remnants of a wharf near the bank. He said they were probably bodies of victims of Hungarian Nylaxis, who had murdered thousands of Budapest citizens and thrown their bodies into the Danube. Everyone in Budapest agrees that the Nylaxis, whose insignia is crossed arrows, were even greater thugs than the Nazis.

Out in the middle of the Danube, a small Russian gunboat was making its way upstream, but otherwise no traffic moved on one of the world's longest waterways, now badly clogged with sunken barges and German mines.

GIs a Rare Sight

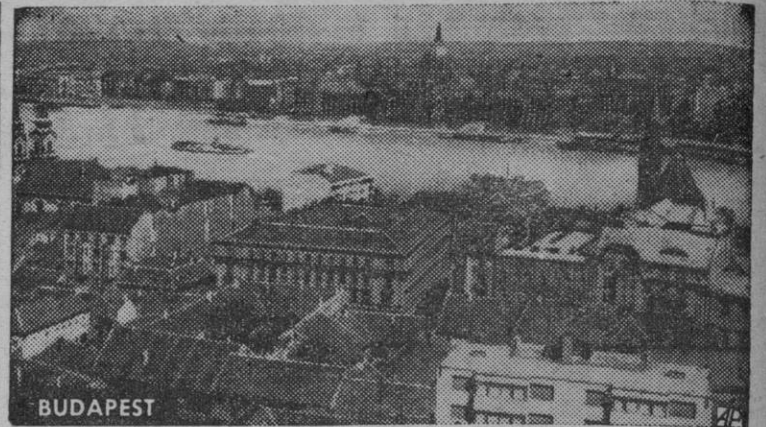
About the rarest sight in Budapest, aside from an undamaged building, is an American soldier. Thirty-two GIs and 16 officers comprise the American section of the Allied Control Commission, which is headed by Maj. Gen. William S. Key, who commanded the 45th Inf. Div. back in the U.S.A., and who is also a veteran of the Aleutians battle.

Gen. Key was out of town during our visit, and Col. Townsend was acting commander of the American mission.

Budapest is filled with Russian soldiers and Hungarian troops who guard the headquarters of Russia's famed Marshal Voroshilov, senior officer of the Allied Control Commission.

The only other Americans in town, aside from the military mission, are a handful of GIs and civilians who work for the American State Department under U.S. Minister Arthur Schoenfelds.

In Budapest everyone walks in the middle of the street to avoid being buried alive in case of falling buildings. Considerable progress has been made in clearing debris, but work has been badly hampered by the lack of transport. The work is much further advanced in Pest than in Buda, which suf-



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fered heaviest from the bombing and shelling.

The siege of Pest lasted two months, after which the Germans retreated across the Danube and blew the bridges, which enabled them to hold out for five weeks longer. The terrific artillery duels, carried out at point blank range, are the main reason Budapest is one of the most chewed-up capitals in Europe.

All Budapest civilians must work on cleanup details. Many of the women we saw laboring with shovels worked in afternoon dresses and high heels. Costumes are incongruous in Budapest, because you wear whatever part of your costume you have been able to salvage.

He's Sick of Women

The amazing thing about Budapest girls is that in spite of the horror they have lived through, they are as chic and immaculate as the women of Paris. Their costumes are gay, and somehow they manage to add a touch of gypsy. It is quite a problem apportioning our 32 GIs to several hundred thousand Hungarian girls who are anxious to meet them.

"I am sick of women," said Seaman Dan Webster, of Los Angeles, who is attached to the Naval section of the American mission.

Budapest, like Vienna, has lost most of its shopping district and fine hotels, including the Luxor, Bristol, Carlton, Hungaria and St. Gellert. Only the Britannia Hotel remains, and it, like the Hotel Imperial in Vienna, now billets Russian officers.

As Col. Townsend drove up Budapest's famed Andrassy Street, which corresponds to the Champs-Elysées, we noted that the huge monument which commemorates 1,000 years of Hungarian history is still intact. But along Budapest's famed Stéphan Street, and in the park which adjoins it, damage is heavy. The museum and Exposition Palace are both sad sights.

Children were playing in the park, and Russian soldiers strolled about, looking things over, but they were more interested in flirting with the Hungarian girls than in viewing the ruins.

Russians in Opera Line

We drove past the Budapest Opera House where a long queue of Red Army men waited to buy tickets. Marshal Voroshilov occasionally drops in at the opera with visiting firemen and occupies the center box, which is always reserved for him. Three tommy gunners guard him while he enjoys the performance.

Budapest's pre-war population of 1,600,000 dropped to half that figure during the bitter battle for the city, which took a heavy toll of civilians. People are now trickling back, which strains the Budapest bread ration, now just three and one-half ounces a person daily. Anything else must be bought on the black market, at insane prices.

The Russian government has forbidden the slaughter of livestock, which takes fresh meat off the market completely. Milk is unheard of in Budapest, even for

children, and few vegetables can be found because farmers lack transportation for bringing them into the city. Though the grain stands waist high in the fields, the peasants say they will be unable to harvest the crop because most of the farm tools have disappeared. Only 25 percent of the usual crop was seeded last spring.

Signs of Gayety

But in spite of the privation and the uncertain outlook for Hungary's future, there are signs of gayety in Budapest. Gypsy orchestras are beginning to tune up again in tiny restaurants. The proprietors apologize because they can serve you nothing but good gypsy music and bad coffee.

The political talk in Budapest cafes is that elections for the Hungarian parliament will be held in September, after which a five-man council representing various political parties will rule Hungary. Count Karolyi, expatriate anti-Nazi still living abroad, is expected to return shortly and will be a council member.

The American Mission is living in palatial style because property owners are glad to have the Americans rent free in the finest apartments to prevent them from being looted.

One young lady whom we asked for directions in the street begged us to come and share her apartment during our stay in Budapest. She said she stayed alone with her mother and would be glad to have us around for protection from vandals.

Power and Water Turned On

Esther Kohajda, American girl from South Bend, Ind., now working for the American Mission, said thousands of civilians had died of starvation during the Battle of Budapest in addition to those killed. She herself had spent the entire period in a basement and had lived on dried beans and horsemeat cut at night from rotting carcasses in the street. The water supply was cut off and people suffered terribly from thirst.

The Russians now have the power and water turned on again in Budapest and even have a few street cars running.

The happiest soldier in the American detachment is Cpl. John Cukor, who was born in Hungary. When the American Mission was first set up in Debrecin, in East Hungary, an exhausted woman presented herself to Sgt. William Wheeler, of Omaha, Neb., and said she had travelled for 48 days by rail, horse and foot on the chance that the Americans would enable her to contact her son, who had visited the U.S. before the war and whom she thought might be in the American Army. Sgt. Wheeler said he would forward the inquiry to the War Department if the woman would write out the name and last known address of her son.

The name which the woman handed back was John Cukor. Sgt. Wheeler opened the door to the next office and called his buddy, Cpl. Cukor, in to see his mother

Entertainment Today

Paris Area

MOVIES
ENSA-PARIS—"Objective Burma," with Errol Flynn. Métro Marbeuf.
MARGIGNAN—"Hangover Square," with Laird Cregar and George Sanders. Métro Marbeuf.
OLYMPIA (midnight show at 2330)—"Hangover Square," with Laird Cregar and George Sanders. Métro Madeleine.
STAGE SHOWS
OLYMPIA—"A Gay Promenade," French variety show. Métro Madeleine.
EMPIRE—"Passing Through Paris," French variety show. Métro Etolle.
ENSA-MARIGNY—"Old Vic company from London in Shaw's "Arms and the Man," Métro Marbeuf.
MADELEINE—"Jeep Jamboree," with Mickey Rooney, Bobby Breen and Jim James Band. Métro Concorde.
MISCELLANEOUS
STAGE DOOR CANTINE—Floor show at 1930 and 2130. Dancing 2000 to 2300, partners provided. Métro Etolle.
COLISEUM NIGHT CLUB—65 Rue Ro-

cheouart. EM only. One civilian guest allowed. Métro Anvers.
L'ARMORIAL NIGHT CLUB—14 Rue Magellan. Officers only. One civilian guest. Métro George V.

Rheims Area

MOVIES TODAY
PARAMOUNT—"Barbary Coast Gent," with Wallace Berry and Binnie Barnes. Rue Thillois.
MODERNE—"See My Lawyer," with Olson and Johnson. Rue Barbatre.
STAGE SHOWS
MUNICIPAL THEATRE—"Flying High," musical comedy. Place Myron Herrick.
MISCELLANEOUS
RECREATIONAL CENTER—Beer, ice cream and cokes. Civilian guests allowed.
RHEIMS TENNIS CLUB—Racquets and balls available. 9 Blvd Pasteur.
POLAR CLUB—Night club, dancing and soft drinks. Open to EM and civilian guests. 82 Rue Gambetta.
CHATEAU CLUB—Snack bar, game room, beer and soft drinks. Opens at 1100 for EM. Blvd Henry Vassier.

The American Scene:

Should Yanks Use Gas? U.S. Debates Hot Issue

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

NEW YORK, June 27.—Gas! Should the U.S. use it against the Japanese? Some say yes and some say no, and the whole question is generating a lot of gas in the U.S. itself these days.

It's not exactly a military argument. Not a single responsible official in the Army or government has opened his mouth on the hot issue so far. But the question has been debated to great lengths in newspapers.

The loudest proponent of using poison gas has been the New York Daily News, which has been plugging for it in editorials. Maj. George Fielding Eliot also has urged the use of gas in his newspaper column. The arguments for it are the obvious ones: that it would save American lives and speed the end of the war, and that it's no more inhumane than burning Japs to death with white phosphorous or flame-throwers. The proponents argue that the Japanese, holed up in caves such as those on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, could be wiped out more effectively by gas than by flame, which has to be discharged from a relatively close range and at the cost of more American casualties.

But the opponents of the use of gas are equally vocal, basing their argument principally on the question of humanity. The New York newspaper PM summed up arguments against gas in a full-page editorial, contending that gas might prove worthless after the first surprise since a well-trained Japanese army would be prepared for defense against it and the only result might be to add "a new element of horror" to the war. Opponents also contend that the U.S. would forfeit the high esteem of the world and its position as champion of international morality if it should resort to the use of gas except as a retaliatory measure in event the Japs used it first.

White pennies, made from substitute metal because of the copper scarcity and which resemble dimes, have plagued the home front for some time. But now the Philadelphia mint reports that they're being recalled from circulation. New copper pennies are going to be made from the metal reclaimed from cases of expended shells and cartridges.

SOLDIERS and Seabees loaded mail and supplies on two transports in Boston after 63 longshoremen walked off the job in a labor dispute. The controversy arose over the disposition of two winchmen and a signalman while loading the ship through the side gangway instead of into the hold through the deck.

Ex-Secret Service Men Do It by the Numbers

FORMER Secret Service men who were personal guards of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt are getting Army training the regular way—as GIs. Called to duty June 15 from the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the men who once kept a watchful eye on President Roosevelt are now under the watchful eyes of reception center non-coms at New Cumberland, Pa.



Ex-Secret Service Men at New Cumberland.

Pa.; James H. Griffith, Grove City, Pa.; Robert R. Hastings, New York; (second rank): Robert F. Lowery, Syracuse, N.Y.; Frank B. Wood, Pittsburgh; Burrill A. Peterson, West Union, Ia.; (third rank): Roland M. Savage, Everett, Mass.; Rodger Williams, Long Beach, Calif.; and John A. Marshall, Harrisburg, Pa.

Bourbon to Be Made During 'Holiday'

Although the War Food Administration has banned the use of corn acquired after June 11 of this year in making whisky, the distillers are going to make a "relatively sizable amount of bourbon during the July whisky 'holiday.'" Bourbon has been the scarcest of all liquors. Allied Liquor Industries, a trade group, said that most producers had fair stocks acquired before the ban.

The Milwaukee Railroad will acquire 30 new Diesel electric locomotives between July and October, officials announced. Five will be high-speed passenger locomotives to draw streamliners between Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

HELGE JOHNSON, of Joliet, Ill., faces a fine of \$12,000,000 to \$120,000,000. He owns 400,000 bees and was brought to court under an ordinance imposing a fine of from \$1 to \$10 for each day each animal, fowl or bee is loose. Justice of the Peace Anthony Mackay gave Johnson until Tuesday to round up his swarm of bees, or else.

With the Columnists:

LOUIS SOBOL, *New York Journal-American*.—A lot of the brasshats are floating into town. I don't know how they've behaved over there—but once they get into the New York nightspots they mellow and beam and act gracious all over the lot. As a matter of fact, the two-starrers and three-starrers are meeker than most of the first looles you run across. What makes a first loolie so tough?

EARL WILSON, *New York Post*.—Col. James Stewart has told men in his bomber squad he likes aviation so much he may not return to the movies after the war. Judy Garland with bridegroom Vincente Minnelli said at El Morocco: "Honeymooning in New York is fun." What does she mean—just in New York?

ERSKINE JOHNSON, *New York World-Telegram*.—MGM's postwar plan is a remake of "Hell's Angels" with Clark Gable, Jimmy Stewart and Lana Turner. Betty Hutton may accompany Garry Moore on a South Pacific USO tour. Doctors nixed the trip for Jimmy Durante.

WALTER WINCHELL, *New York Mirror*.—After the last war an American Army officer stated that it was a tragic error not to force Germany to fight a decisive battle on its own soil. He believed that the Germans would interpret the armistice as a tactical victory saving them from disaster and begin preparations for another war. The Army officer pointed out: "The Germans must be beaten on their own ground, their own fatherland must be conquered and their military spirit broken before they will settle down as a peaceful people." Of course, his convictions turned out to be correct—Gen. Eisenhower.

BOB HOPE, *New York Journal-American*.—I did a benefit for the Los Angeles police department recently and they're the easiest people to work for I've ever known. They said they didn't care what I did, I could do a monologue or six months. But I really do know a few policemen out in Hollywood and I don't say they're affected by all those beautiful girls out there. But they're the only cops in the country who pound the pavement with their heads.

Oklahoma Harvests Its Winter Wheat



A combine operator cuts the last row of winter wheat at the Charles Loftus farm near Frederick, Okla. The crop averaged more than 20 bushels to the acre

House OKs Army Supply Bill With Much Ado About Points

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—The House passed the \$38,500,285,951 Army supply bill for the fiscal year of 1946 yesterday with virtually no debate on the huge money items in the measure, but spent two hours discussing the Army's point system of discharges and the relative merits of butter and oleomargarine in the fighting man's diet.

Strikers' Wives Urged to Act

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—Housewives in Detroit were urged today to solve their city's meat shortage by "taking rolling pins or frying pans in hand and laying down the law to their striking husbands."

The advice came from Rep. Clare Hoffman (R-Mich.), who referring to news stories from Detroit last week, told the house: "The CIO was marching on the city hall protesting the lack of meat, while in other parts of the city, a slaughtering house union was on strike."

"If the federal government cannot get those who obstruct the slaughter and delivery of meat so that the housewife can feed her children, I am sure that she will take the situation in hand and solve it without delay," the Congressman said.

Lend-Lease from France Totals 400 Millions

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP).—The Foreign Economic Administration has announced that France had provided an estimated total of \$400,000,000 reverse lend-lease up to June 1, 1945.

France provided such services as billeting American troops, paying the salaries of 150,000 French civilians working for the U.S. Army and providing buildings, construction materials and railway transport.

Victory Smile



Lt. Comdr. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., commander of a destroyer-escort, flashes a victory smile after returning from a 78-day cruise during which his ship bagged a Jap sub in the Philippines and four planes at Okinawa.

U.S. Tightens Belt as Food Gets Scarcer

NEW YORK, June 27 (ANS).—American civilians tightened their belts today in what loomed as the worst food shortage in history, as reports came from all over the country of restaurant and market closings, coupled with widespread instances of cattle and chicken thefts.

While the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration warned that Europe was confronted with the greatest food shortage in modern times, America was feeling the pinch in a virtually nationwide meat scarcity. Among the incidents reported were:

In Houston, Tex., nearly 1,000 meat markets remained closed for the second day in what operators described as a protest over ceiling wholesale prices.

Out of 12 major restaurants in Mattoon, Ill., eight were closed because of what owners said was a shortage of red points.

The charge was denied by the OPA, which rushed two beef carcasses to the community of 15,000 population and declared it would set up an emergency canteen for diners if the restaurants did not reopen.

Michigan state and county police reporting a marked increase in chicken and cattle thefts, said three men were caught herding 30 cows into a corner of a pasture.

Police said chicken thieves were using chloroform and gas to prevent chickens from awakening their owners. In one instance, 150 chickens were found dead in their coops from what was believed to have been an overdose of gas.

In Detroit, a war plant worker and a 16-year-old youth were arrested on charges of stealing a 200-pound calf from a pasture.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the War Food Administration announced that a shipment of 18,000 tons of lend-lease potatoes to Belgium had been canceled because of inability to find adequate refrigeration. The shipment was intended to compensate for potatoes being consumed in Europe by the Allied forces.

Dying Mother Of 5 Vets Robbed

CHICAGO, June 27 (ANS).—Police today sought a thief who robbed the mother of five overseas veterans as she lay dying in the street, victim of an automobile accident.

Her body remained unidentified for 12 hours in the county morgue because her purse and identifying papers was stolen. She was identified by her husband, James as Mrs. Catherine Byron, 58. He said she had also been robbed of a diamond wrist watch, a gift from her five sons.

The driver of the automobile told police a gust of rain jammed his windshield wiper and made visibility impossible for a few seconds before the accident. Police said he told them he left the scene to notify them of the accident while a passerby stood guard and when he returned the "guard" was gone.

3-Cent Postage Retained For First Class Mail

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—Congress agreed today to continue the three-cent postage on first class mail another two years.

Return to old two-cent rate would have been automatic June 30 without the continuing action in the form of a House resolution which the Senate approved.

States to Regain Control of Jobs

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—The Senate voted today to require the government to return jurisdiction over the U.S. Employment Service to the states within 90 days after the end of the war.

Action was taken through adoption of a rider to the \$1,123,749,241 appropriation bill for the Labor Department and Federal Security Agency for the 1946 fiscal year.

The employment service was taken over from states by the late President Roosevelt's proclamation early in the war to speed channeling of workers to war industries.

Lack of Trained Help Blamed For Discrepancies in Vet Care

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—Doctors in veterans' hospitals generally make "diligent and earnest" efforts to give the best service they can but some of them "might be considered misfits on the outside," Dr. George M. Piersol, of Philadelphia, told the House Veterans Committee yesterday.

Dr. Piersol, a member of the Medical Advisory Council of the Veterans Administration since 1924, said that Veterans Administration doctors have been trying to perform an "almost impossible task" since 1940 because of the shortage of trained help.

The civil service employment of Veterans Administration medical staffs is "definitely unsatisfactory

and should be abandoned as soon as possible," he said. Under the system, he asserted, veterans' officials cannot dismiss incompetent doctors without complicated legal action.

He also recommended:
1—Creation of a medical organization within the Veterans Administration similar to the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.
2—More frequent inspection visits to hospitals by Washington headquarters officials.

3—Separation of Veterans Administration regional offices—which handle compensation claims and similar details—from the hospitals proper, so doctors can devote their full time to hospital patients.

World, Press Leaders Hail League Charter

NEW YORK, June 27.—Signing of the charter of the new world league brought approving comment yesterday from leaders and newspapers of many nations, who regarded the charter as an achievement in securing peace, but one that needed constant attention to preserve its effectiveness.

The American press praised the charter and urged its speedy ratification by the U.S. Senate. The British press pointed out that a great advance had been made in seeking world peace, and hailed American and Russian participation in the new organization.

The Soviet press and radio devoted much attention to the charter, with Izvestia, government newspaper, saying that the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition born of war "will become the soul of the new organization and will be able to bring peace to the peoples of the world."

One discordant note came from Egypt, where the newspaper Al Waft el Misri, spokesman of the Wafd party, largest political group in Egypt, urged the Egyptian Parliament to reject the charter because "there is no advantage to Egypt from the charter," but "great harm for us and the Arab League."

Comment by newspapers and leaders follows:

The New York Times—"We have tested the principle of co-operation, and, finding that it works in war, we are convinced that we can make it work in peace."

The New York Herald Tribune—"The charter carries a surer promise of success" than the old League of Nations covenant.

Prime Minister Churchill (in a message to Lord Halifax, head of the British delegation at San Francisco)—"You have made an invaluable contribution to the re-establishment of a hopeful basis for the future of peace, understanding and goodwill among nations."

Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull—"The San Francisco conference will live in history as one of the great milestones in man's upward climb toward truly civilized existence."

The Times of London—"The charter by itself is nothing if it fails to rally the loyalty of the major powers who alone can give it body and life."

The London Daily Herald—"Upon the spirit in which the charter is implemented as much as upon the strict interpretation of its terms the world's hopes for future peace depend."

The London Daily Telegraph—"The world must not be over-optimistic and must remember the disappointments caused by the old League of Nations, when there was a kind of Utopian South Sea bubble."

The London Daily Mail—"The charter's 'limitations must be recognized. . . It would be fatal to pretend that words can take the place of deeds."

Dr. Wellington Koo, head of the Chinese delegation at San Francisco—"This instrument will, I believe, prove itself to be an epoch-making document and will rank in its contribution to international justice and peace with the Magna Carta and the Constitution of the U.S. in their contribution to political liberty and representative government."

Joseph Paul Boncour, head of the French delegation at San Francisco—"Thanks to the efforts of 50 nations . . . the eventual aggressor knows he would have immediately opposed to him the forces of the United Nations."

Turks Spurn Proposals For New Soviet Pact

ANKARA, June 27 (UP).—The Turkish government has turned down Soviet proposals for a new treaty, according to unofficial reports.

The Soviet government, it was understood, demanded the return of the Kars, Ardahan and Caucasus districts, ceded to Turkey after the first World War, and a large measure of control of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles.

The Turks reportedly have consulted London and Washington, and prefer to deal jointly with the signatories of the 1936 Montreux Treaty governing the Straits.

Indian Parties Confer

SIMLA, June 27 (UP).—The Simla conference marked time until Friday, while the Indian National Congress conferred today with the Moslem League on the number of seats each will have in the executive council under the new British plan for increased self-government for India.

Czechs, Poles Renew Dispute Over Teschen

MOSCOW, June 27 (Reuter).—The Teschen border dispute between Czechoslovakia and Poland was renewed today as each country made public why it should not yield the territory to the other.

Vladislav Gomulka, vice-premier of the Polish provisional government at Lublin, said Teschen was historically and ethnically Polish.

Zdenek Fierlinger, Czech prime minister and leader of the Czech delegation to Moscow, replied: "There are most important ethical and economic reasons why we cannot discuss any cession of this territory with the Polish government. However, we are ready to agree in friendly settlement an exchange of population."

The disputed region lies on the common border of both countries and was given to Czechoslovakia at the end of World War I. After the Munich settlement in 1938, Polish troops occupied Teschen, and the Czech government accepted Polish demands.

(Fierlinger told the United Press, however, that as far as Czechoslovakia was concerned "Teschen isn't any problem." He pointed out that "there cannot be any discussion of the revision of the pre-Munich Czech frontier," adding that the Soviet Union, Britain and the U.S. agreed to nullify the Munich pact and restore the pre-Munich borders).

Belgians to Aid In Occupation

LONDON, June 27 (AP).—One thousand Belgians will join the RAF Second Tactical AF for police duties in the British sector of occupied Germany.

The group will be known as the Belgian Auxiliary Air Police Service and will be enlisted by the Belgian Ministry of National Defense. Although part of the Belgian Army, it will be placed under the command of the RAF.

This command, however, will be exercised as far as possible through the Belgians' own officers and NCOs.

The Belgians will have the same duties as and will work jointly with the RAF occupation force.

Still Legal Government, Poles in London Insist

LONDON, June 27 (AP).—Poland's exiled government, claiming full support of the Polish armed forces, insisted today it would remain the country's lawful government "even when recognition will be withdrawn from it."

"The future of Poles will not be alike everywhere," the London group said. "While most will suffer, in Poland the cruel realities of a police regime will become evident. Others will remain in a free world to be spokesmen of those who must remain mute."

Officer's Wife Who Shot Sailor Says Dead Vet's Brother 'Lies'

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 27 (ANS).—Mrs. Imogene Stevens, wife of an Army major in Germany, burst into tears and shouted: "That's a lie" today to testimony that she failed to give a warning before firing three shots which killed Albert Kovacs, a 19-year-old sailor.

Her outburst highlighted a 50-minute coroner's inquest into the death of the Pacific veteran, whom Mrs. Stevens says she shot in self-defense when she discovered him in a neighbor's home apparently without permission.

James Kovacs, 26, brother of the dead youth, said they both had gone to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milton to call on the family maid, Faith Coombs. Mrs. Stevens came in, carrying a revolver, and

On the Beam—But Not Strictly



Here's something new in cure-alls—a machine which develops colored light beams which are supposed to rejuvenate lagging sex desires and relieve almost anything from a hangover to snakebite. The government was rather skeptical of inventor Dinshah P. Ghadiali's claims, so Ghadiali was asked to bring his Spectro-Chrome from his Malaga, N.J., home to Brooklyn Federal Court to prove its worth.

Dupuy, PRO, Is Off to U.S.

Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, SHAEF public relations officer who supervised the briefing of war correspondents in the ETO from D-Day to VE-Day, has left for the U.S. for duty with the War Department's Bureau of Public Relations.

Dupuy's SHAEF duties as operations branch chief of the Public Relations Div., under Brig. Gen. Frank A. Allen, will be assumed by Lt. Col. Burrows Matthews, officer in charge of the press section, who becomes acting chief of the branch.

Dupuy helped to plan the Army's public relations organization for war correspondents when the war started. He formerly was news bureau chief for the War Department and public relations officer at West Point.

OPA Sleuths Told To Get Health Card

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., June 27 (ANS).—Two OPA investigators were ordered out of a public food locker today by Health Officer Claude Murray until they obtain health certificates.

Investigators armed with written authority from their superior, William Bryan, district OPA official in St. Louis, went to the locker and had opened three or four drawers when Murray learned of it.

"I found the men unwrapping meat, handling it and weighing it," Murray said. "I told them there was a state as well as a city law which provides persons handling food and drinks must have a health card. They got hard with me and I had to threaten to have them locked up."

Billion Profit In Franc Swap

A total profit of \$1,000,000,000 was realized by the French Treasury in the recent exchange of old currency over 50 franc denomination by Allied forces and French civilians, it was announced yesterday.

In making the announcement, René Pleven, Minister of Finance, stated that the "fifty milliards" of francs not turned in represented, in a large measure, the profit of black marketeers and others who failed to exchange the money "lest their illegal gains" subject them to an investigation. Some of the money, however, may have been destroyed by the Germans or may have become worthless through deterioration, he explained.

The exchange, Pleven said, indicated to the French government the whereabouts of at least \$24,000,000,000 of national currency. The operation, during which the French population was urged to invest as much as possible in French Liberation or Treasury bonds, resulted in an important decrease in the amount of francs in circulation.

Egypt Premier's Slayer Will Ask for Mercy

CAIRO, June 27 (Reuter).—Police surrounded the courtroom yesterday when Mahmud Issawy, 26-year-old Egyptian lawyer, appeared on a charge of murdering Ahmed Maher Pasha, former Egyptian Premier, as he left the Egyptian Parliament building after announcing Egypt's declaration of war against the Axis last February. The case was adjourned to July 10.

Or Lack of It MacFadden Pins Divorce Claim on Wife's 'Figure'

MIAMI, Fla., June 27 (ANS).—Physical culturist Bernarr MacFadden testified in his divorce suit hearing today that the failure of his wife to keep her "body beautiful, trim and healthy" in the later years of their married life caused frequent bickering.

With his wife sitting only a few feet away, the 77-year-old millionaire told Special Master J. C. Gramlin that when they were first married she complied in every way with his teachings and helped him to become a success.

"Later, however, she did not follow my instructions," he said. MacFadden was married to the former Mary Williamson after she won a beauty contest in London 32 years ago, and the romance was hailed as "a perfect union." "I weighed 145 pounds then and my wife weighed about the same," he said. MacFadden refused to guess her weight now.

Chinese Army Wants Part in Japan Invasion

KUNMING, China, June 27 (AP).—China would welcome Russia's entrance into the war against Japan, Ho Ying-chen, chief of staff to Chiang Kai-shek, told reporters here.

He added that simultaneously it would like to see Americans invade the Japanese homeland, and suggested China wanted to reconquer her country herself, as well as regain Formosa and Manchuria.

The chief of staff also said he hoped Chinese forces could land on Japan and participate in the suppression of military Japan and the destruction of Jap industry.

Predicting the war in Asia would last another year, he said that Chinese advances in South China were the beginning of a great counter-offensive.

(Chungking reported Chinese troops had occupied Tapuchen, eight miles north of Liuchow, and penetrated Japanese defenses at Lungnan, on the main corridor leading to the Hankow-Canton railway).

Fourth Inf. Gets Gifts for N.Y.C.

The U.S. Fourth Inf. Div., a veteran of D-Day, soon will head for the U.S. and eventually the Pacific, with two Paris souvenirs: a piece of the cornice from the fifth column of the Hotel de Crillon and a section of the Tuileries Park gate.

These were presented to the division yesterday by the president of the Paris City Council, André Le Trocquer, both as a gift for the people of New York City and in recognition for the division's role in the liberation of Paris last August 25.

The cornice, with American, French and German shell fragments still embedded in it, and the section of the Tuileries gate, which closes off the great park from the Place de la Concorde, will be presented to Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York by Maj. Gen. Harold W. Blakeley, the Fourth's CG.

French in Syria Fire on Arab Chief

BEIRUT, Syria, June 27 (AP).—The home of the Arab district commissioner, located in the town of Aleppo, was fired on Monday night by troops from the French garrison, British headquarters announced today.

The firing, in which two British soldiers were reported to have been slightly wounded, continued intermittently for 90 minutes. British military authorities said they had requested French officers to order their troops to cease firing soon after the first shots sounded.

The same night Syrians fired at a French supply depot in the eastern section of Aleppo. The fire was returned by French soldiers and British patrols.

The incident provoked a demonstration yesterday by 3,000 persons in sympathy with the Arab district commissioner, the highest Syrian local authority.

ETO War Loss Of Cargo Listed

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—More than 500,000 tons of planes, tanks, artillery and other Army cargo were lost at sea during the European war when 105 vessels were sunk and ten others damaged, the War Department disclosed today.

U-boats sank 77 ships, mines six, and eight went down in bombing attacks. Fifteen ships were involved in collisions, two blew up and six were lost in storms or went aground. Four were lost to unknown causes.

Fahy Named Legal Head Of Reich Control Council

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—Solicitor General Charles Fahy was named yesterday as director of the Legal Division of the U.S. Group Control Council in Germany.

The White House announced the selection, made by Gen. Eisenhower, with approval of President Truman.

Fahy will go to his new post shortly, taking leave from the Solicitor Generalship. He will be accompanied to Berlin by Joseph W. Madden, of the U.S. Court of Claims, and Herman Phleger, San Francisco attorney, as principal advisers.

Battles Lacking In N.Y. Primary For Mayoralty

NEW YORK, June 27 (ANS).—Primary party contests for the nomination of Mayor of New York were eliminated today with the Democratic nomination of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn and the Republican nomination of General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein. The deadline for filing of nominating petitions was 5 P.M. yesterday.

Neither candidate will be opposed within his own party in the primary. Early political negotiation had thrown the forthcoming election campaign into a tangle, since Goldstein is Democrat, and Newbold Morris, City Council president, a Republican, refused to run for re-election on the Goldstein ticket.

O'Dwyer, who had headed the economic section of the Allied Control Commission in Italy with the rank of brigadier general, also won the American Labor Party mayoralty nomination. He returned to civilian life early this year.

Goldstein will receive the nominations of the Liberal and City Fusion Parties through independent petitions to be filed Aug. 15. The city's primary elections will be held July 31.

After 12 years in office, Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia announced last month that he would not seek re-election. The State Legislature advanced the primary election date to the end of July from the usual mid-September date to facilitate mailing of ballots to servicemen.

Crops at 70 Pct. West of Rhine

WITH U.S. 15TH ARMY, June 27.—Food production in this area will be approximately 70 per cent of normal, according to Army officials.

The estimate, based on reports submitted by local food and agriculture officials under AMG supervision, covers the district of Trier, Coblenz, Saarland, Pfalz and Hesse west of the Rhine. The region, with an estimated population of 2,551,475, of whom 98,991 are listed as farm population, comprises the XXIII Corps area of Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow's 15th Army.

In addition to the field crop estimates the report lists various requirements to place food production on a normal basis. For 1945 the estimates for net field crop production are in metric tons as follows:

Wheat, 43,804; barley, 67,691; rye, 80,493; sugar beets, 238,960; oil seeds, 4,961 and oats, 17,930.

Net production was explained as that remaining after all farm retention is deducted.

A number of factors are responsible for food production being below normal, the report said. These include non-planting or late planting because of combat conditions in the spring, lack of fertilizer, minefields, shortage of farm labor and equipment.

EM Paris Curfew Now Set at 1 AM

The Paris curfew and bedcheck for enlisted men and women holding Class B passes has been extended from midnight to 1 AM, Com Z Headquarters announced yesterday.

The curfew extension also applies to British civilians who are employed by the U.S. Army in Paris and who hold Class B passes. As in the past, Com Z said, there will be no curfew restriction for officers.

Soldiers and Wacs affected by the new provision are the ones regularly stationed in and around Paris, to whom Class B passes are issued. The announcement contained no mention as to curfew regulations for troops visiting Paris on pass or furlough, and officers on duty at the city's Provost Marshal's office declined to discuss the matter.

In the past, however, troops visiting Paris have experienced little or no restriction in the way of curfew regulations. There was no indication that this would be changed.

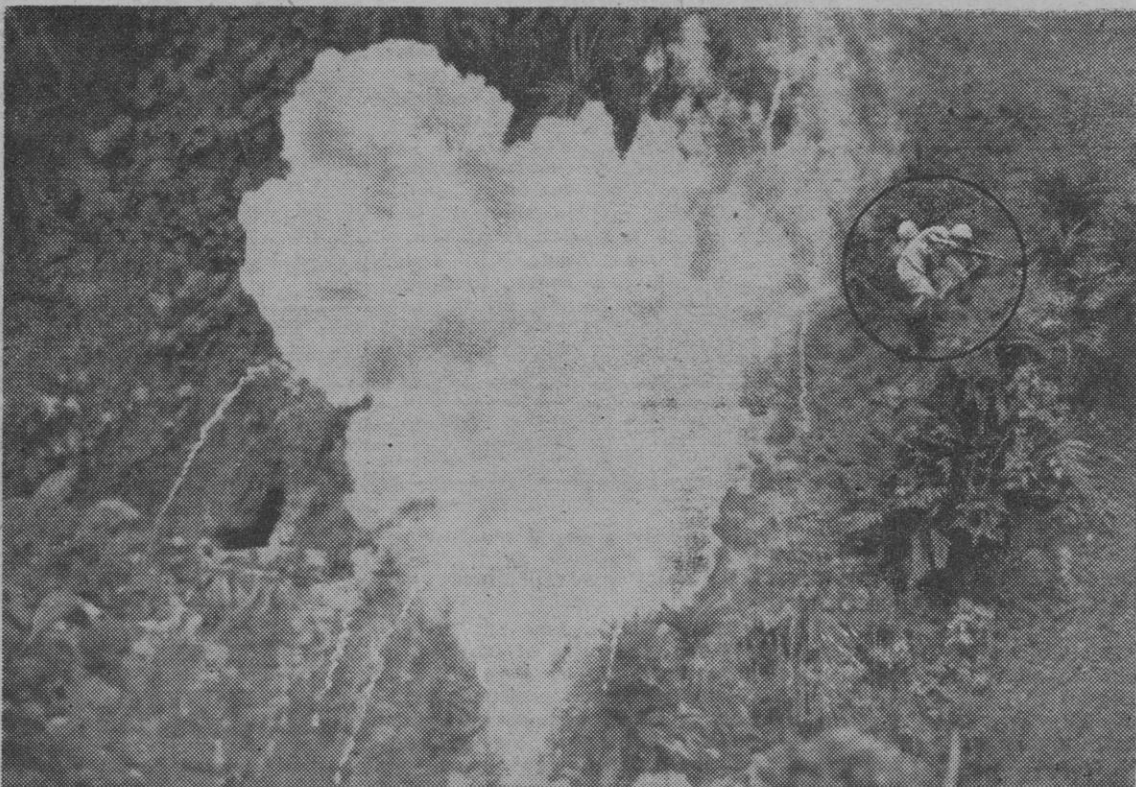
Experimental Bombs Fired on Poles by Nazis

NORDHAUSEN, Germany June 27.—German scientists here have revealed that British censorship of V-2 bomb damage forced the Nazis to fire experimental rockets into Poland to determine their accuracy and effectiveness, according to Maj. William J. Bromley.

How Yanks Smoked Out Holed-Up Japs



Jap soldiers holed up in caves and subterranean forts hollowed out of Okinawa hillsides have prolonged the battle for the island by slowing down U.S. advances with fire from their well-protected and well-concealed positions. In this series of three pictures, a couple of Yanks of the U.S. Tenth Army eliminate a dug-in enemy resistance point—three caves in a hillside. The American soldiers, carrying explosives and smoke bombs, stealthily approach the Japs' underground hideout.



Explosives for blowing up the caves and phosphorous bombs for smoking out any Japs who may try to hide in the deep interior are planted directly in the mouths of the caves. Seconds after the Yanks (circle) have scrambled to safety, the charges go off, shaking the hillside and sending up billowing white clouds of smoke from the phosphorous bombs.



Wisps of smoke still curl from the ruins as the two soldiers return to inspect their job. The three cave mouths have been blasted but from previous experience with Jap trickery, the Yanks probe the ruins to make sure no Jap will escape by "playing possum." Jap resistance from isolated pockets kept Yanks battling on Okinawa for 82 days before the island stronghold fell on June 21.

Tory Victory Means a Britain Like U.S.—Eden

LONDON, June 27 (ANS).—Rising from a sick bed to make his only speech of Britain's blazing political campaign, Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, tonight urged his people to vote Conservative and elect the party that stood for the same "free enterprise" that made America great.

Pointing to the wealth and strength of the United States, which he termed as "the greatest industrial country in the world," Eden declared that Britain needs the same private enterprise and individual initiative if it is to flourish in the postwar world.

He urged the return of Prime Minister Churchill on the grounds that his war leadership was needed to finish the "still formidable" fight against Japan.

Meanwhile, the 70-year-old Premier was "stumping" on his own behalf on the second day of a 1,000-mile pre-election tour of England and Scotland.

Churchill, standing hatless in the rain at Crewe, declared:

"I disagree so strongly with socialism not so much on the grounds of property but on grounds of liberty. I do not see that it is possible to have a universal, total system without every kind of infringement of personal liberty, by having everything ruled and ordered by officials."

Earlier, at Halifax, Churchill asserted that he would be "bound to speak with a weakened voice in the councils of the world" unless his Conservative party received a substantial majority.

Evidence of Bitterness

Evidence of the bitterness of the campaign was seen in circulars distributed in London, some of which urged "Remember Belsen," while others condemned the Labor party as Socialist and declared that a socialist state needs a "Gestapo and concentration camps."

At Huddersfield, Churchill asserted that England was living "very largely on the bounty of the United States, who are lending us an enormous sum of money without interest and in the shape of goods and food we need."

"We have to get out of that position," he said, "because I am sure you will feel with me that we do not want to be dependant upon anyone—not even on our best friends and comrades. We want to stand on our own feet and be able to look anyone in the face."

The campaign, one of the bitterest in England's history, will end at the polls on July 5. All three major parties, Conservative, Labor and Socialist are agreed that England needs more housing, social security and an employment program.

Attitude on Spain Assailed

Socialism has been attacked by Churchill as impossible without a Gestapo. The Laborites, headed by Clement Attlee, Ernest Bevin and Herbert Morrison, have assailed Churchill for his temperate attitude toward Spain, declaring that a "vote for Churchill is a vote for Franco."

The Laborites split over foreign policy when Churchill asked Attlee to accompany him to the Big Three meeting. Harold Laski, Labor party chairman, said that Attlee could go only as an observer.

Bolstering the Labor party campaign, the National Union of Mineworkers today voted unanimously to campaign for nationalization of the mining industry.

Belgian Paper Fears Uprising

BRUSSELS, June 27 (UP).—A Socialist party publication bluntly asserted today that Belgium was "on the eve of the gravest internal struggle" in her history which could "easily degenerate into civil war."

Miners at 17 Charleroi collieries went on strike following the owners' refusal to permit an anti-Leopold demonstration.

Leopold was conferring with Parliamentary party leaders at St. Wolfgang, Austria, from where it was said the King was attempting to form a new government.

(A source close to Leopold said there still was a possibility he may abdicate and that the King had not asked anyone to form a new Belgian government, AP reported. The King last week authorized a statement that he had no intention of abdicating.)

Communist newspapers in Brussels alleged that Leopold met with Hitler at Berchtesgaden in 1940 in an attempt to regain his throne and push the Belgian frontier southward at France's expense.

Yanks Shave Tigers' Lead to 1-Game

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

New Yorkers Stop Browns At Night, 5-4

ST. LOUIS, June 27.—The Yankees killed their Sportsman's Park jinx last night when they defeated the Browns here for the first time this season, 5-4, and moved to within a game of the pace-setting American League Tigers.

Bill Zuber, picking up for Walt Dubiel in the sixth, won his own game in the eighth when he singled home Tut Stainback with the decisive tally.

The Yanks moved right out with four hits, good for two runs in the opening inning off Al Hollingsworth. After yielding a third tally in the second frame, Hollingsworth gave way to Tex Shirley.

The Browns knotted the count in the third and stepped out in front in the fifth on Shirley's second hit, a sacrifice. Bob Garbark's throwing error and George McQuinn's safety. The Yanks tied the score again in the next inning when Ossie Grimes walked, Bud Metheny singled him to third and Snuffy Stirnweiss beat out a roller.

All other teams in both leagues were unscheduled yesterday.

AL Pitchers Thrive on War

NEW YORK, June 27.—The amazing transformation in the types of play in the National and American Leagues is being attributed by baseball men to the war.

Long recognized as a pitching loop with the accent on defense, the senior circuit has done an about-face with the hitters enjoying a banner season. The American League also has undergone a face-lifting job, switching from a hitter's paradise to a pitcher's haven.

For the first time since 1929, the National League has a distinct edge over the American League in batting—.261 to .246—and 17,300 hitters compared to the AL's eight.

Last year was the first in the past 15 that the National outbatted the American and then it was by a point.

Looking over the reasons for this change, one finds the war has taken from the American League such renowned sluggers, as Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Tommy Henrich, Charley Keller, Joe Gordon, Cecil Travis, Pinky Higgins, Dick Wakefield, Johnny Pesky, Stan Spence, Sam Chapman, Ken Keltner, Bill Dickey, Barney McCoskey and Luke Appling.

With few exceptions, the National League slugging brigade has



Joe DiMaggio Max Lanier

remained, but such name pitchers as Johnny Vander Meer, Clyde Shoun, Harry Gumbert, Johnny Beazley, Howie Pollet, Ernie White, George Munger, Max Lanier, Hal Schumacher, Hi Bithorn, Ken Heintzelman, Bob Klinger, Larry French, Kirby Higbe and Hugh Mulcahy are wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam.

Topflight NL batsmen, such as Mel Ott, Ernie Lombardi, Joe Medwick, Bill Nicholson, Phil Cavaretta, Bob Elliott, Whitey Kurowski, Ray Sanders, Dixie Walker, Augie Galan and Frank McCormick, who for years have been tormenting rival hurlers, are still around.

Another reason for the rise in

NL hitting is the dearth of left-handers. The departure of Vander Meer, Shoun, Heintzelman, Pollet, Lanier, French and Vern Olsen left only Preacher Roe of the Pirates, Vic Lombardi of the Dodgers, Ray Prim of the Cubs, Arnie Carter of the Reds and Bob Logan of the Braves as regular starting southpaws.

That left-handed batters have pounced on this weakness is attested by the fact that four of the five leading hitters are portside swingers. Leader Tommy Holmes has upped his last season mark of .309 to .336. Goody Rosen has skyrocketed from .261 to .366, Cavaretta from .321 to .357 and Ott from .288 to .341.

With most of the AL's star batters gone, the pitchers have risen to prominence. Last year Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout of Detroit set a new modern two-man pitching record of 56 wins. This season they are joined by Veterans Dutch Leonard and Roger Wolf of the Senators; Hans Borowy, Yankees; Allie Reynolds, Indians; Jack Kramer, Browns, and Russ Christopher, Athletics, all of whom are prospective 20-game winners.

In addition, such newcomers as Dave Ferriss of the Red Sox and Marino Pieretti of the Nats have made things tougher for the batters.

WHILE horses are running every Sunday at Longchamps Race Course in Paris for the pleasure of officers—and EMs with 45 francs to buy their way into the enclosure—Oise Intermediate Section is conducting its own race program with GI jockeys, touts, mutual payoffs and what have you. The track, a quarter-mile oval called "Upson Downs," is complete with paddock and starting chutes.

Langres, France, home of Ordnance Depot 6003, is the scene of this Army racing emporium. The mob that witnessed the opening five-race card is convinced Churchill Downs in the States "has nothing on our track."

THE horses were acquired from French farmers in the nearby provinces. Not as slightly as Seabiscuit or Whirlaway, the beasts nevertheless are frisky enough to give everybody a run for their money. Soldiers, garbed in colorful silk and not particularly concerned about their weight, are the jockeys. To date, there has been no rumor of fixing races and Monday morning police-up details haven't found any electric "stimulators" in the back stretch. Which should be some claim to fame.

The opening day headline event was the "Powder Puff Derby" a sprint in which claiming was not allowed, particularly when it came to "claiming" the winning jockey. The winner, in case you haven't guessed, was a lovely lil' gal—Jingles Hughes, ARC hostess from Baltimore. After the race, some enthusiastic Joe made a mistake by putting the flower wreath around her neck instead of around the horse's neck.

JUDGES had the GIs sweating it out plenty after the second race ended in a "photo finish" among three horses. How they finally separated the blanketed runners without a camera remains a mystery, but the hayburner guided by Sgt. Johnny Dobney, of St. Paul, finally was declared winner. Sgts. Herman Humbred, Grants Pass, Ore., and Velton Lovell, Dale, Texas, were aboard the other horses.

Presiding steward of the track is Pfc Pat Ahearn, former Green-tree Stable jockey from Red Bank, N.J., and the paddock judge is S/Sgt. Joe Santucci, Newton Center, Mass.

The track will operate every Sunday, or as long as the swayback horses can elude the glue factory scout.

Feller Hurls Great Lakes To 3-2 Nod Over Red Sox

GREAT LAKES, Ill., June 27.—Bobby Feller looked like the American League ace of old here yesterday as he pitched his Great Lakes sailors to a 3-2 decision over the Red Sox, limiting the enemy to five hits.

The Red Sox gave the Naval Station a look at widely-heralded Dave Ferriss, their freshman star who worked one hitless inning.

Bainbridge Naval Cuffs Cardinals, 9-6

BAINBRIDGE, Md., June 27.—Bainbridge Naval turned back the Cardinals, 9-6, in an exhibition game here yesterday as Ken Rafensberger, former Phillies flinger, worked all the way against the Red Birds. The tars sewed up the game with five runs in the opening inning against Jack Creel.

Sports Make Students Fit for Military Duty

NEW ORLEANS, June 27.—More than 96 percent of athletes who won varsity letters at 199 universities in 1941 were physically fit for military service, according to a survey announced today.

Only 358 of 9,635 students who won varsity letters four years ago were rejected for physical handicaps.

Minor League Results

International League			
Toronto	8-6	Jersey City	2-1
Rochester	4	Newark	3
Syracuse	3	Buffalo	3
Montreal 12-5, Baltimore 2-8			
American Association			
Louisville	12	Milwaukee	6
Indianapolis	11	Kansas City	0
Others postponed, rain			
Eastern League			
Williamsport	7-3	Elmira	4-4
Seranton	3	Wilkes-Barre	4
Albany 7-4, Binghamton 1-0			
Others postponed, rain			
Southern Association			
Atlanta	5	Nashville	2
New Orleans	9	Little Rock	3
Mobile 2, Memphis 1			
Birmingham 8, Chattanooga 3			
Pacific Coast League			
Portland	5	Sacramento	1
Oakland	8	Hollywood	6
San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 4			
Others not scheduled			

Sewell Fined By Harridge

CHICAGO, June 27.—Manager Luke Sewell of the Browns and three of his players drew heavy fines today as a result of last Wednesday night's battle in the White Sox dugout when Carl Scheel, discharged Marine veteran, was battered in a free-for-all.

Sewell was fined \$250 and Pitchers Sig Jakucki, who precipitated the assault, George Caster and Infielder Ellis Clary were nicked \$100 each.

Will Harridge, president of the American League, announced the penalties after studying the evidence of the attack on Scheel, Chisox batting practice pitcher, whom the Browns accused of unfair "jockeying." The report had been forwarded by Art Passarella, the game's chief umpire.

The battle started when Caster threw the ball into the Sox dugout after being shelled from the mound in the eighth inning. When Manager Jimmy Dykes rushed out to protest, Jakucki brushed past the umpires and charged into the Chicago bench with teammates.

Lewis Threatens To Lock Fair Grounds

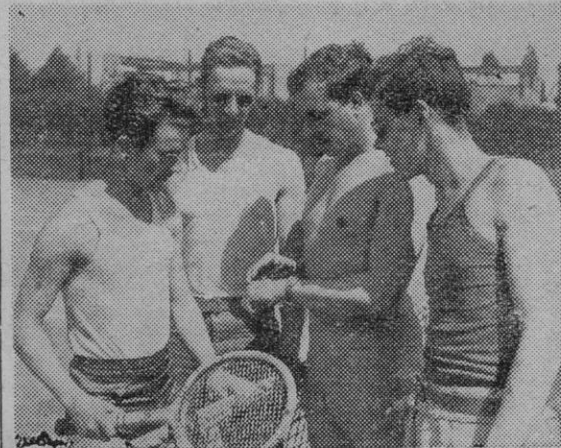
DETROIT, June 27.—General Manager George Lewis of the Detroit Racing Assn., today threatened to discontinue the current Fair Grounds meeting if horse owners and trainers do not show more co-operation.

Lewis pointed out last Friday's program had to be canceled because of lack of entries, and added that "the management is thoroughly disgusted with the attitude of the horsemen."

Camilli Joins Red Sox

CHICAGO, June 27.—Dolph Camilli, former manager of Oakland and National League slugger, joined the Red Sox here today. Manager Joe Cronin said Camilli would work out for a few days before playing first base.

Choosing Teams in Germany



Ninth AF tennis players get together for a match in Germany, flipping a coin to choose sides. The quartet is (left to right): Cpl. Dan Virgil, Trenton, N.J.; Cpl. Jack Lampenfeld, Pittsburgh; Sgt. William Rhodes, New Bedford, Mass., and Cpl. Howard Gurney, Saugus, Mass.

Walker Fined \$75 by Ford Frick

BROOKLYN, June 27.—Dixie Walker, the pride of Flatbush, was fined \$75 by Ford Frick, National League president, for his argument with Ewald Pyle and Phil Masi of the Braves during Saturday night's game.

Walker was banished to the clubhouse after trying to slug Masi for allegedly attempting to trip Luis Olmo on play at the plate.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League				
New York 5, St. Louis 4 (night)				
Only game scheduled				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	35	22	.614	—
New York	34	23	.596	1
Boston	30	27	.526	5
Chicago	31	28	.525	5
Washington	27	28	.491	7
St. Louis	25	30	.455	9
Cleveland	23	31	.426	11
Philadelphia	20	36	.357	14 1/2

National League				
No games scheduled Tuesday				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	37	22	.627	—
St. Louis	33	25	.569	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	32	26	.552	4 1/2
New York	33	28	.541	5
Chicago	29	25	.537	5 1/2
Boston	28	28	.500	7 1/2
Cincinnati	24	30	.444	10 1/2
Philadelphia	16	48	.250	23 1/2

Hogan to Miss Golf Meet

CHICAGO, June 27.—Lt. Ben Hogan of the Army Air Forces, who last year tied Jug McSpaden for first place in the Victory Open and then lost the playoff, will be unable to compete in this year's tournament beginning Friday at the Calumet Country Club. Hogan was unable to obtain a leave.

Wait a Bit Wins '45 Debut

NEW YORK, June 27.—William Zeigler's Wait A Bit made his 1945 debut yesterday by winning the six-furlong Jack Atkin handicap at Aqueduct by three-quarters of a length over First Fiddle, with Brownie third, a head farther back.

Favored Salto, owned by William Helis, was the early leader, but he finished out of the money. Running as an entry with Brezing Home, Wait A Bit raced the distance in 1:12.4 over a slow track. Ridden by Wayne Wright, the winner paid \$10.60.

Showing a liking for rain and mud, Dan Harrington's Magdala captured the Town Lyne purse at Suffolk Downs by two lengths over Merry Sunshine. Magdala covered the six furlongs in 1:13.2, paying \$8.

Yankee Team Takes Shape For Saturday's Net Matches

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Sports Writer

LONDON, June 27.—Capt. Archie Henderson, of Chapel Hill, N.C., and S/Sgt. Bobby Harmon, of San Francisco, two tennis players who were on the upgrade when the war broke loose, have been designated to represent the U.S. service team in two singles duels in the international matches between American and British Empire netmen at famous Wimbledon Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Henderson, ranked 12th nationally in 1941, drew Fl/Sgt. O. W. Sidwell, a veteran Australian racketeer, as his singles foe. Harmon will match strokes with Sq-Ldr. Dan Maskell, for 15 years pro champion of Great Britain and coach of Davis and Whitman Cup teams Harmon, former Pacific Coast champion, was rated seventh in 1941.

The U.S. co-captains, Sgts. George Lott and Charlie Hare, will combine as No. 1 doubles team, opposing F/O E. W. P. Felan, of Australia, and Capt. E. W. Sturgess, of South Africa. Lott had a hand in bringing to America three Davis Cup doubles trophies, while Hare formerly played on the British Cup team.

Maj. Frank Guernsey and Lt. Russell Bobbitt formed the third-ranking U.S. doubles team in 1941. The war separated them in '42, but they will celebrate their reunion Saturday by teaming together against two Canadian Cup aces, F/Sgt. P. J. Pearson and Pvt. Gruyner Raper.

Lt. Ed Loylan, of Trenton, N.J., and Sgt. Dick McKee, of Miami Beach, two members of the younger tennis set back home, will play as the No. 3 doubles team



George Lott

Reynolds Heads 'Owl' Moundmen

NEW YORK, June 27.—Bucky Walters, Cincinnati's major league arc-light pitching king, has been displaced as the No. 1 hurler after the sun goes down. Bucky, who went undefeated last year in night ball competition, has won only two of six nocturnal starts this season and has given way to Allie Reynolds, Cleveland fireballer.

Reynolds has taken all four of his 1945 after-dark starts. Bunched behind the Indian right-hander in second place are Jack Creel of the Cards, Sig Jakucki of the Browns and Van Mungo of the Giants, each of whom is unbeaten in three outings.

Running third with 2-0 are the Dodgers' Clyde King, Ben Chapman of the Phils, Stubby Overmire of the Tigers and Earl Caldwell of the White Sox.

Charley Barrett has racked up 4 and 1 for the Cards, while the Red Birds' Ken Burkhardt and Brooklyn's Hal Gregg have won three times and lost once.

Nebraska Hires Clark

LINCOLN, Neb., June 27.—Lt. Cmr. George "Potsy" Clark, former college and pro football coach, has been named grid mentor at Nebraska for the 1945 campaign, it was announced today. Clark revealed he had signed Dave Strong, former Illinois and Michigan star, as his assistant coach.

Russians Freed In Norway on Journey Home

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

OSLO, June 27.—Everything seemed planned to the minutest detail as the tenth batch of 800 Russians in Norway boarded a Swedish train for the first lap of their trip homeward.

An American band was on hand and the Russians sang as they boarded cattle cars while one commissar, several Red Army officers and a lone Swedish officer hurried around seeing that all went well.

With 8,000 Russian war prisoners and slave laborers already moved from Norway, it is estimated that 60,000 still remain to be shipped over the long, arduous route to a Swedish port, to Finland and finally Russia.

What these Russians experienced here in German hands can be seen in their faces.

The Russians had made many friends despite their captivity. At the camp gates, crowds of Norwegians waved and some women wept. After the Russians boarded GI trucks for the trip to the rail station, people along the route waved feverishly from the streets, windows and tops of vehicles.

The stories the Russians told of treatment at the hands of the Germans matched those of other places. There was brutality until the moment the British and Americans stepped in.

At one place, near Lillehammer, a German camp moved close to a small Russian camp. Strangely enough, all went well until the Russians decided to attack the German stores of cognac. They came at the guards shouting "you better not shoot or you'll be hanged." The Russians in that camp were moved out quickly after that incident.

One of the strangest sights is in a Russian camp near Oslo where German soldiers can be seen doing menial tasks while the Russians smile, sing, play their accordions and sit and watch.

AFN to Air Music By French 'Jivers'

AFN's program, "Beaucoup de Musique," will go on the air this afternoon at 1500 hours—the first all-French jazz program recorded for American listeners in Europe.

The program will feature the music of Aime Barelli and his orchestra.

Barelli, a slim, dark trumpet man, has been termed the Harry James of France. Now 27, he started playing jazz trumpet back in 1933 in his native Nice after hearing Louis Armstrong.

The program was recorded in AFN's Paris studios. The records have been sent to America where they will be rebroadcast. Three Barelli compositions will be heard, "Tres Important," "Flots Bleus" and "Amolouta." "Star Dust" will round out the program.

10 Yale Fellowships Set Up in TrafficControl

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 27 (ANS).—Establishment of ten graduate fellowships in traffic engineering at Yale University has been announced by Prof. Theodore M. Matson, director of the University's bureau of highway traffic.

The fellowships were made possible, Matson said, through a grant from the Automotive Safety Foundation and each, worth \$1,400, provides for a full academic year of graduate study beginning Oct. 1, 1945.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

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Time	TODAY
1201-Duffie Bag	1905-RCAF Show
1300-News	1945-YankBandstand
1305-John C. Thomas	2001-Bing Crosby
1330-Lower Basin St.	2030-Burns & Allen
1401-Radio Theater	2100-News
1501-Beaucoup Music	2115-Danny Kaye
1601-Baseball	2145-GI Bill of Rights
1630-Strike Up Band	2201-Pacific News
1701-Amos 'n Andy	2206-Merely Music
1730-Canada Swing	2301-One Night Stand
1755-Sports	2330-Hot Spot
1800-News	2400-News
1805-On the Record	0015-Midnight Paris
1901-U.S. News	0200-World News

Time	TOMORROW
0555-News	0915-Remember
0601-Yawn Patrol	0930-AEF Ranch H'se
0700-News	1001-Morning After
0705-Yawn Patrol	1030-French Lesson
0800-News	1035-Strike Up Band
0815-Personal Album	1101-U.S. News
0830-Modern Music	1106-Duffie Bag
0901-Raymond Scott	

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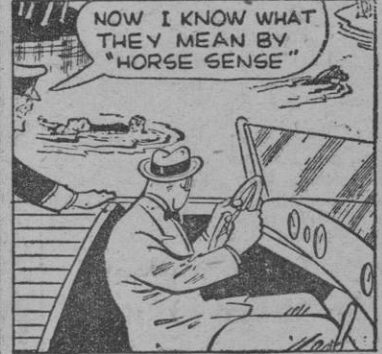
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By Ham Fisher

Protests Fail to Change Quota for New Autos

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—Despite protests by General Motors, Chrysler and Ford of "discrimination," Julius A. Krug, war production chief, will not change the quotas under which ten of the major automobile manufacturers are scheduled to produce 691,018 passenger cars in the nine months following July 1.

Soviet Prelate to Visit U.S.

MOSCOW, June 27 (UP).—Metropolitan Alexis, prelate of the Russian Orthodox Church, will visit the U.S. shortly in an attempt to reunite two factions of the Orthodox Church which were separated by a schism following the revolution in Russia after World War I. Some emigres from Russia have refused to recognize the authority of the Moscow metropolitan since the early 1920s.

Knut Hamsun Denies He Gave Aid to Nazis

OSLO, June 27 (UP).—Former Nobel Prize novelist, 85-year-old Knut Hamsun, denied before a court at Gristad, that he aided the Germans in the invasion of Norway. Although he did not deny having connections with the Germans, he said he knew nothing of German torture methods and atrocities. His trial was set for September.

Births

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

Sgt. John E. McDermott, Jersey City, June 14; Sgt. John H. Greenlee, Rochester, N.Y.—John Henry, June 24; Sgt. Kermit M. Andrews, Abilene, Tex.—Randall Wayne, June 23; Lt. William F. Trenholm, Watertown, S.D.—Roxanne Virginia, June 11; Sgt. Lewis S. Weisblatt, Bronx—Tobyrena, June 23.

Sgt. Michael O'Connell, New York—girl, June 24; Sgt. Paul Ice, Mannington, W.V.—girl, June 26; Maj. E. F. Hartzog, Fort Smith, Ark.—boy, June 25.

Army Folding UK Base Fast, Koenig Asserts

By A. Victor Lasky
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, June 27.—Britain's three super-liners of pre-war days—the Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mary and the Aquitania—will carry at least 50,000 American soldiers back to the U.S. each month, but most of the troops will be those now stationed in the UK, Brig. Gen. E. F. Koenig, CG of the UK disclosed today.

"We're definitely closing down in the UK," Koenig told a press conference. However, he declined to predict when the last Yank would be out of the British Isles.

Another disclosure by Koenig was that the largest number of U.S. troops in the UK at one time was 2,000,000, in January, 1944, less than five months before D-Day.

The general also revealed that there are 245,000 U.S. troops now in England, of whom 12,000 are hospital patients. Few of those hospitalized, however, are battle casualties, Koenig said.

Depots Being Closed Down

As evidence of the rapidity in which U.S. Army installations were folding, Koenig pointed out that whereas six weeks ago there were 21 depots functioning in the UK, six weeks from now there will be three.

Earlier at the "redeployment briefing," Col. Charles R. Broshous, deputy chief of staff, reiterated the Army's intention to get all American troops, except those slated for occupational duties, out of the ETO in a year or at the most 18 months, "though it took us three years to get them over here."

Koenig paid tribute to British railroads for their handling of American traffic. He said that British shipping facilities were of utmost importance in redeploying UK-based troops.

Koenig said he recognized the impact of public opinion at home and the feeling of the individual soldier in the ETO who was wondering, now that the European war was over, what he was doing here and why he could not go home.

Koenig told of the Army's information and education program for soldiers awaiting redeployment. He said schools, universities and even factories where GIs can meet their opposite numbers will be used in England to give the American soldier an "international and United Nations" point of view.

Hits Rumors of Destruction

Koenig assailed reports and rumors of destruction of equipment by Americans. "I have yet to find concrete evidence of that except in very minute proportions," he said. "Any rumors that we burn up uniforms or destroy things deliberately are false. Such acts, if they are being committed, are being committed by saboteurs in uniform and I would like to know about it."

"We are often asked," Koenig declared, "why did we bring more supplies to the ETO than we used. You can't foretell in war what the enemy is going to do. The Germans have consistently failed to co-operate with us in our supply problem."

Decision as to what will be done with the surplus equipment will have to be made in Washington by the combined chiefs of staff, Koenig said. "We shall see that no supplies are disadvantageously disposed of."

Economics of England and other countries will be considered in any disposal decisions, he added.

Redeploy...

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Corps and a large number of men being returned as over age.

Men from both ships went to Camp Kilmer, N.J., the wounded being assigned to the camp hospital.

9,070 Arrive at Boston Aboard Two Transports

BOSTON, June 27 (ANS).—The Navy transport Richardson docked last night with 4,370 liberated prisoners and high-point men from the ETO. Earlier the Navy transport Le Jeune arrived with 4,700 service forces personnel.

VII Corps Headquarters Sails for U.S. Sunday

LE HAVRE, June 27.—The VII Corps Headquarters will sail from here Sunday. The organization is scheduled for a short stay in the U.S. before heading for the Pacific theater. Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Collins is commander.

Not So Bad from This Angle, But It's Verboten Territory



Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Div. gawk at a buxom German frau'lein as she strolls toward a bath house at Konigsee where the 101st has its rest center. The gals and the GIs use the same beach—but looking is all that the rules allow.

French Set Up Unit for Reich

The French Provisional Government announced yesterday the creation of a separate supreme command for the French occupation zone in Germany in anticipation of the end of SHAEF occupational control by the end of this week.

The new command would be responsible directly to the government in Paris. Its head provisionally is Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, commander of the French First Army.

Supreme Headquarters, pointing out that SHAEF would not be dissolved before Gen. Eisenhower returns to Europe, said, in a statement following the French announcement, that the French zone would remain under SHAEF control until that body was formally dissolved by Gen. Eisenhower.

Meanwhile it was learned that American, British and French troops have been deployed into their permanent occupation zones. The shift in the control of military government from SHAEF to the home governments of the U.S., Britain and France now awaits only the formality of SHAEF dissolution.

The French supreme commander will represent France on the Inter-Allied Control Commission in Berlin and will administer the zone, subject to orders from Paris. Gen. Eisenhower commands the American zone, and Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery the British zone.

The French zone, which will have its seat of government at Baden, includes the southern half of the Rhine Province, the Saar, most of the Rhenish Palatinate, the greater part of the Duchy of Baden and a corridor through Wurtemberg and Bavaria to Austria.

British, Canadian Column Ready for March to Berlin

BRUNSWICK, Germany, June 27 (Reuter).—A large column of British and Canadian forces is ready to begin a 150-mile march to Berlin.

It was also reported that about 100 ATS girls will go to Berlin when authorities are satisfied with living conditions. However, the first British women to enter Berlin will be eight nurses attached to a hospital section of the occupying forces.

Eisenhower Leaves Capital for Rest

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has left Washington for a few days' rest after a week of homecoming celebrations.

The War Department did not disclose the Supreme Commander's whereabouts, but it was understood that he had gone to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

The general, obviously tired, arrived in the capital Monday from his home in Abilene, Kan., and attended a reception Monday night at the home of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

News Briefs

Russians Honor Stalin

MOSCOW, June 27 (Reuter).—The Moscow radio announced yesterday that Marshal Stalin had been proclaimed a hero of the Soviet Union. He has been awarded the Order of Victory, highest Soviet decoration, along with the Order of Lenin and the Gold Star. He now holds the rank of Generalissimo of the Soviet Forces.

Cyclone Injures 70 GIs

LIBERAL, Kan., June 27 (ANS).—Seventy enlisted men stationed at Liberal Army Air Field were injured yesterday when a cyclone ripped across a portion of the field and destroyed more than 25 buildings. Most of the casualties were slight.

Pittsburgh Strike Settled

PITTSBURGH, June 27 (ANS).—A three-day strike by Pittsburgh press truck delivery drivers over their duties was called off today. Tomorrow's editions will be delivered as usual, the editor announced. Settlement terms were not revealed.

Murderer Sentenced

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—Joseph D. Medley, 43, escaped convict, was sentenced yesterday to die in the electric chair Nov. 30 for the murder of Mrs. Nancy Boyer, 45-year-old divorcee, in her apartment in March.

U.S. Starts Return of PWs

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—The flow of Axis prisoners back to Europe will start in July, but the bulk of able-bodied prisoners will remain here until labor demands are met, Maj. Gen. Archer L. Lerch, Provost Marshal, announced today.

Medics' Extra Pay Nearer

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—The Senate Military Affairs Committee today approved a bill giving combat Medical Corps men a raise of \$10 a month. It also approved a bill creating a medal for all military personnel on active duty since Pearl Harbor.

New Montana Congressman

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—Wesley A. Dewart, Wilsall, Mont., a Republican, took office today as Representative from Montana to fill out the term of Rep. James F. O'Connor, Democrat, who died early this year.

Flu Epidemic in Hawaii

HONOLULU, June 27 (ANS).—An influenza epidemic among civilians on Oahu Island has caused the U.S. Army to declare all civilian theaters off limits. No fatal cases have been reported.

Capone Kin Denied Citizenship

CHICAGO, June 27 (ANS).—John Maritoti, 37, known as Jack Diamond, today was denied U.S. citizenship on grounds he lacked "good moral character." Maritoti is married to Al Capone's sister, Mafalda.

Supers Report Good Hunting

GUAM, June 27 (ANS).—Good to excellent results, despite soupy weather, were obtained on Tuesday's massive strike by 450 to 500 Superfortresses against ten Japanese arms and aircraft factories in four Honshu cities, according to preliminary reports. Five B29s were lost from the force which dropped 3,000 tons of bombs in the biggest effort thus far to wipe out Japanese war industry.

Would-be Jap suicide crashers were evaded or blown from the sky by guns of the Superforts and their two-based escorting Mustangs.

No details were available yet on the mission of 50 B29s in a raid 14 hours later on the Utsube oil refinery near Yokkaichi, 18 miles southwest of Nagoya. This target, Japan's principal remaining aviation gasoline refinery, had never before been a primary objective.

Okinawa...

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his saber downward, severing the general's spinal column. He tumbled forward, dead.

Cho went through an identical ceremony.

Staff members filed back into the cave as three orderlies chopped out coral rock and then partly covered the bodies with stone.

The bodies were found Monday by a patrol led by Col. John (Mickey) Finn, of the 32nd Regt., Seventh Inf. Div.

Meanwhile, enemy casualties on Okinawa reached 111,351 today, as 802 more prisoners were brought in. Headquarters said the trend to surrender continued, with many Japanese displaying leaflets scattered over the island by American forces. So far, 9,498 Japanese have surrendered.

Zhukov Defends Soviet S.F. Role

MOSCOW, June 27 (UP).—Marshal Gregory Zhukov wrote in Izvestia today, that "future historians will establish that it was not the Soviet delegations that retarded the San Francisco conference," but rather that it was the Soviets who were among its most ardent supporters.

Zhukov stated that the representatives of the Soviet Union, the Ukraine and White Russia would be found to be among the most consistent fighters for the best possible instrument of international security.

The Russian position at San Francisco "can serve as a shining demonstration of the Soviet government's profound interest and support in lasting peace and the establishment of cordial business relations with all peace-loving nations," he added.

Minesweeper Lost

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS).—The 945-ton minesweeper Salute has been lost in the Borneo area as a result of enemy action, the Navy announced today.

First German Is Licensed to Publish Paper

Heinrich Hollands, 68, former composing room foreman, was issued the first conditional license to publish a German newspaper in Aachen under the supervision of the Psychological Warfare Division in the Anglo-American zones of occupation, SHAEF announced last night.

Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, chief of PWD-SHAEF, presented the licensing document to Hollands in the press room of the new "Aachener Nachrichten."

McClure told the new publisher, "You are committed to publishing this newspaper in accordance with the well-defined principles of democracy. You are expected to live up to those commitments without fail. If you do not, this licence will be withdrawn."

"If, on the other hand," he added, "through your sincere efforts and integrity you succeed in producing an honest, democratic newspaper, you can look forward to the day when all restrictions will be removed and your newspaper becomes the model for an eventual free press in greater Germany."

Hollands said that he understood the significance of granting the license to him and promised to fulfill its conditions.

The new publisher's newspaper background was entirely on the mechanical end of the business. This means that the PWD press team will be forced to guide him on the editorial side of news publishing.

Hollands' license permits him to print papers at a maximum rate of one copy for every five persons in his circulation area. The paper is published in the former "Politisches Tageblatt" plant where PWD press officers assembled acceptable German personnel to fill the key positions.

'Frisco ...

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alphabetical order was restored.

The plenary session had opened in the presence of the President, who was accompanied by six naval aides. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., signed the charter for the U.S. at 3:16 P.M. (12:16 A.M. Paris time) while the President looked on. The signing was then interrupted to permit the delegates to hear President Truman's speech.

Gets Tremendous Ovation

As Mr. Truman rose, he received a tremendous ovation. Smiling, he extended his arms outward and exclaimed: "Oh, what a great day this can be in history!"

As the President spoke, there were frequent outbursts of applause. Members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, including Wacs, Waves and Spars, stood at attention in a semi-circle behind him.

The President emphasized points in his speech with short, sharp jabs at the rostrum. There was a burst of applause when he declared that united strength forced the surrender of Germany, and that united strength would force the surrender of Japan.

At the end of his speech, everyone rose while The Star-Spangled Banner was played, and the President and his party left the stage. Stettinius then announced the meeting of the interim commission, raised his gavel and said: "I now hereby declare the United Nations Conference on International Organization adjourned." It was 5:29 P.M. (2:29 A.M. in Paris).

Wilson, Roosevelt Praised

Henrik Kauffman, chairman of the Danish delegation, who was one of several speakers at the final plenary session, paid tribute to Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt as leaders who had fought for international understanding in the past. Jan Masaryk of Czechoslovakia also praised the two late Presidents.

"This charter is a compact born of suffering and war," Stettinius said. "With it now rests our hope for a good and lasting peace."

Andrei Gromyko, Russian ambassador to the U.S., said: "Naturally, the very best, most perfect charter in itself is not yet a guarantee that its provisions will be carried out and insure the preservation of peace. To achieve this, it is necessary to have unity and co-ordination of action between the most powerful military powers of the world."

Lord Halifax of Britain declared that "we forged an instrument whereby, if men are serious in wanting peace and ready to make sacrifices for it, they may find the means to win it."