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America Honors Her Fallen Allies on Memorial Day



U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, assisted by MPs, lays a wreath on the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier during Memorial Day exercises yesterday morning at the Arc de Triomphe. At right is Maj. Gen. Ralph C. Smith, military attache at the American embassy in Paris.

Levant-French Dispute Flares Into Small War

The fight being waged by Syria and Lebanon to retain their independence of France became a battle of guns and planes yesterday as well as one of words.

United Press said that French mortars had plastered Damascus, and that French troops had fought their way into the Syrian Parliament House after blasting the building's front gate with a 75mm. shell. One French plane dropped a couple of bombs and strafed the city, UP reported.

Heavy fighting was in progress, according to UP, at Deraa, near the Syria-Transjordan border. Syrian regulars were reported to have launched strong attacks against the French garrison, killing at least five troops and capturing nine others. The French commander rejected a demand that he surrender the Deraa fortress.

A reliable source reported that the Transjordanian consul to Syria had been wounded during the fighting when his car was raked by French fire as it sped along a highway.

On the diplomatic front, the Syrian and Lebanese legations in London warned that if France did not recognize the two nations as independent "this crisis is bound to increase in tension and become less amenable to settlement."

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, in Paris, countered with a statement that France was ready to withdraw her troops from the Levant "after settling a number of outstanding questions." Chief among these, he said, was France's desire to make sure that her cultural and economic interests were protected.

Zhukov to Represent Soviet on Reich Board

MOSCOW, May 30 (UP).—Marshal Gregory Zhukov, commander of the First White Russian Army, will represent the Soviet Union on the Allied Control Commission for Germany, Radio Moscow announced today.

New S and S Magazine

The Stars and Stripes Magazine, a new eight-page weekly supplement of the daily paper, will be issued for the first time Sunday, June 3, containing feature articles and illustrations by staff members. It will succeed Warweek and Tomorrow, which have been discontinued.

Memorial Day, 1945 Services Throughout World Honor U.S. Soldier-Dead

By David I. Gordon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Americans throughout the world paused yesterday to pay Memorial Day homage to the thousands of U.S. servicemen who have fallen in two world conflicts in the last 28 years.

In the ETO, the Pacific and cities and hamlets throughout the U.S., servicemen and civilians gathered in memory of the nation's soldiers, sailors and marines who have been killed fighting the enemy.

French Seek S.F. Changes

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30 (ANS).—The United Nations Conference ended its fifth full week of work yesterday with the Big Five representatives meeting again at the request of the French delegation to consider French amendments to the United Nations charter.

France was trying to reopen and broaden the section of the charter allowing nations to act immediately in defense against aggression by dropping the limitation imposed by the phrase "enemy states of this war" and make the bilateral defense treaties applicable to any aggressor.

No decision was forthcoming immediately from the Big Five and, aside from the reported willingness of the U.S. delegation to back a Norwegian request that Denmark be admitted as the 50th nation at the meeting, only committee meetings marked the day's activities.

7 More Jap Admirals Killed

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30 (UP).—Tokyo radio reported today that seven more Japanese admirals had been killed in battle.

'Queens' to Dock At Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON, May 30 (UP).—The Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, with several former French liners, will begin using Southampton in mid-July as their chief port for transporting American troops back to the States.

Soldiers will be dispatched from Le Havre to Southampton in smaller vessels and in the beginning will sail from here at the rate of 24,000 a day.

Henri-Chappele, Belgium, the largest U.S. military cemetery of World War II, honored the memory of 17,283 Americans buried on a high plateau near the northeast frontier separating Belgium and Germany.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Charles Sawyer, U.S. Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg, attended services along with more than 10,000 Belgians who had journeyed from nearby cities, towns and villages.

The Supreme Commander placed a wreath at the foot of the flagpole in the center of the cemetery. At Suresnes, near Paris, U.S. Am-

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As If We Didn't Know

Wants GIs Overseas Assured There Are Girls at Home, Too

WASHINGTON, May 30 (UP).—"I want to tell every American soldier and sailor that we have fine American girls here waiting for him to come home," Rep. Hubert S. Ellis (R.-W.V.) told the House yesterday.

Declaring he was disturbed by a report that the State Department was trying to make it easier for girls engaged to American servicemen to enter the U.S., Ellis declared this might have grave consequences. Europe has four or five women to every three men, he said, and "everybody is clamoring" to come to America. If the entrance of girls betrothed to servicemen is made simple, Ellis went on, "there is the possibility we'll open the door for wholesale engagements, with the families of the brides wanting to come, too, and the problem snowballing."

"American girls are beautiful and healthy," Ellis said, "and they want to marry American men and raise American children. Let our

Marines Capture Naha City, Breach Shuri's Defenses

GUAM, May 30 (ANS).—The entire western side of the Jap lines on Okinawa collapsed yesterday as marines took all of Naha and broke through Shuri's formidable defenses to reach Shuri Castle.

Half of Tokyo Left in Ashes By Superforts

GUAM, May 30 (ANS).—The heart of Tokyo has been burned out by six B29 incendiary attacks, Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay, 21st Bomber Command chief, said today after studying reconnaissance photos of the ruined city.

Confirming Japanese reports that their capital has virtually been razed, LeMay revealed that 51 square miles—46 percent of the city's built-up area—had been reduced to ashes.

His disclosure came as Yokohama, 18 miles south of Tokyo, was still burning after yesterday's Superfort raid.

15,000 Tons Dropped
Enemy broadcasts said 60,000 homes had been destroyed and 250,000 persons made homeless in Yokohama, which was described as virtually isolated from the rest of Japan.

In six raids, which stretched from Feb. 25 to May 26, more than 2,200 Superforts dropped 15,000 tons of explosives on Tokyo and "destroyed all the target area we had set-out to destroy," LeMay said.

At least some damage was inflicted on all major targets in

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Tokyo Claims B34 Shot Down

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30 (UP).—Tokyo radio announced today that a new American super-bomber made its combat debut Wednesday over southern Honshu.

The enemy broadcast identified the plane as a B34 Super-Liberator and said it had been shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

Two months ago the War Production Board disclosed that the B32 Dominator was in production. The Dominator was described as a bigger version of the B24 Liberator, just as the B29 Superfort is a larger version of the B17 Flying Fortress.

A climactic American assault to crush completely southern Okinawa's "Little Siegfried Line," stretching from Naha on the west coast to Yonabaru on the east, appeared to be under way.

North and northeast of Shuri two infantry divisions and one marine division were heavily engaged against tank-supported Japs, who apparently were fighting to cover an enemy withdrawal from Shuri.

All day Japanese vehicles and troops moved southward from Shuri, their routes blasted by American artillery.

Sixth Marines Seize Naha

Naha, the capital of the Ryukyu Island, fell to Sixth Div. marines who previously had brought under control all of the city north of the harbor, which was cluttered with sunken enemy ships.

Brig. Gen. William T. Clement, assistant commander of the Sixth Marine Div., said Naha (population 66,000) was the largest city ever invested by marines in the corps' 169-year history.

Naval gunfire and artillery fire had reduced the city to complete rubble. Not one building was standing and a few dead civilians were the only trace of the capital's pre-invasion population.

Drive Surprises Japs

The First Marine Div.'s drive to Shuri Castle was so swift that the Yanks surprised Japs swimming in the moat surrounding the fortress. It was not known whether the Leathernecks actually had entered the castle, which formerly was Japanese military headquarters.

Japanese attacks on American shipping off Okinawa on Saturday night and Monday cost the enemy 115 "suicide aircraft," Adm. Nimitz announced today. The previous estimated total had been 77.

Yesterday, Navy search planes sank three small vessels which sought to supply the Jap garrison on Okinawa.

2 U.S. Divisions Join In Drive on Luzon

MANILA, May 30 (ANS).—Two American divisions have joined forces to drive into northern Luzon's Cagayan Valley, where the last major Jap garrison in the Philippines is concentrated.

The 25th and 32nd Divs. linked up along Villa Verde Trail, which flanks the main highway into the valley, after smashing the last organized enemy resistance in the mountains to the east.

To the south, the 38th Div. took Wawa Dam and completed American control of Manila's vast water supply system. Capture of the dam, which lies northwest of the capital, smashed the last Jap stronghold on the enemy Shimbu Line, in the Sierra Madre Mountains.

On Mindanao, the southernmost Philippine island, the 31st Div. made deep penetration into interior enemy positions east of Malaybalay, and the 24th Div. pressed in on three sides against a Jap pocket between the Davao and Talomo Rivers.

4,270 Sailors Killed, Missing on Okinawa

WASHINGTON, May 30 (UP).—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal revealed today that Navy casualties in the Okinawa operations from March 15 to May 23 included 4,270 killed or missing.

He said 15,000 skilled workers were needed on the West Coast to repair warships suffering damage in Pacific operations. Describing the intensity of Japanese Okinawa plane attacks, he said that at one time 150 planes, including suicide units, attacked the U.S. destroyers Hadley and Evans. The Hadley downed 23 planes and the Evans 19, but both ships suffered damage.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Speak for Yourself

We are fighting mad at Col. Gabreski's article in the S & S, dated 26 May, 1945, about "Give the men 30 days and they will be good as new and ready to fight the Japs." This as he left on a 60-day furlough.

The men in this tent have been PWs over one year and we don't want any part of any more fighting. We feel we have had enough. —T/Sgt. Leo L. Greggs, Camp Lucky Strike.

(All returned PWs will get 60-day furloughs in the States.—Ed.)

Being in the same camp for over twice as long as Lt. Col. Gabreski, we have talked to the same men and possibly more.

No man that we talked to feels that he can get along with any less time on leave than the colonel received.—Forgotten Bomber Men of Stalag I.

If an ace like him needs 60 days, I'm sure the rest of us are liable to need the same.

Many of us would like to get a crack at those Japs and yet we also think that there'll be enough for every one and we'd just as soon have our leave before taking a crack at that theater of operations. —Lt., Stalag I.

As Priscilla said to John Alden, "Speak for yourself, Colonel." —Lt. Arlo E. Warp.

The majority of the PWs at Barth was by far the boys that flew the bombers. We carried the ball and the war into the backyard of the Jerries. We didn't ask for publicity and received none from the Krauts. The interrogators didn't greet us by name, because we were not of fame, such as it is, but simply were the bomber boys and treated as the common herd.

He must have been talking to the goats.—Capt. J. W. Coffin, Cas. Det.

He never talked to any one in my barracks about going to the South Pacific.—S/Sgt. W. H. Snider, Camp Lucky Strike.

Unmentioned in the colonel's statement are a few thousand bomber pilots and officers, most of whom spent many months awaiting the arrival of our aces at Barth. Bomber and fighter pilots unanimously join in "congratulating" Gabreski on his 60-day (repeat 60-day) furlough feeling deeply touched by his efforts to afford the rest of us 30 (repeat 30) days at home and a quick trip to the CBI. As the colonel seems to diagnose and understand our mental and physical condition so well, we suggest that he be awarded an MD, and transferred at once to the Surgeon's General Staff.—P.O. D Ex-PWs., Camp Lucky Strike

Wants Ernie's Movie Here

Ernie Pyle was our best front-line reporter. At least give us a chance to see the picture over here, because we don't agree with Mr. Hays that the language is too strong. The Army can get his picture released to them, even though it isn't released in the States. And maybe that will exert a little pressure so the people at home can see a little more of what the war is about.—K. G., Reinf. Depot.

Parachute's End

At the end of hostilities, we airborne troopers found ourselves disappointed and with a blood-thirsty look in our eyes, sitting in a marshalling area at an airbase here in France. As for the disappointment of not getting into combat after becoming "hot," then "cold" three times in marshalling areas; we can face that and hope to get to take out our pent-up feelings on the Japs. But we do resent the idea of an "attempted conversion" of our units into a guard brigade.

We were sent into garrison as an Engineer Battalion and an Artillery Bn. More than half of a com-

pany or battery goes on guard detail at a time. And with a company's turn coming around from every four to six days, some of us are on nearly continual guard duty, which, of course, comes in addition to other company or battery details. We in no way seek to evade our share of the work in protecting the property of our Army and government, yet we don't feel that the German treasure trove of gold or any garrison in German territory now occupied by our troops is as heavily guard-patrolled as is this area.

We'd like to see a continued display of that chummy, "foxhole buddy" attitude from our officers which was so much in evidence in our marshalling areas. For we're still men, just as they are and we enjoy their recognition of our privileges just as we recognize their privileges as our leaders.—Pfc Alfred S. Wheaton, 129th Preht. Engr. Battalion.

To the Races

How about some G1 boat races—sailing, rowing, etc? Many racing enthusiasts over here would jump at the chance to participate or watch.—Walter B. Page.

What This World Needs

Do you know what this glibble, ignorant world needs most? A good listener; a sort of clearing house for personal, social and industrial problems and ideas of the people. Someone to talk to. Sometimes our "insurmountable" problems only need a bit of fresh practical thought for them to materialize into clear objectives.

Many is the time I personally remember having a problem or idea that I was left to grope aimlessly with, only for the want of a suitable and capable counsellor.—Sgt. R. E. H., 90 Sig. Bn.

Howdy, Neighbor

Why couldn't the Army authorize patches bearing the names and/or colors of the respective states? This state insignia could be worn immediately above the Army insignia.—Cpl. B. J. Desloges, 3005 Ord.

Looking Ahead

Being a "schoolmarm in OD," I am aware of the inadequacy of the civilian educational facilities and personnel to cope with the problems. Also the experiences of those who returned in the postwar period of 1918-1920, plus the experiences of those already returned from this conflict, indicate a definite need for teaching staffs and methods adaptable to the specific needs of the time.

Why not train the educators, personnel guidance specialists, and others who are qualified within the ranks to aid in this pertinent problem?—T/4 M. H.

Plane Industry Eager to Start On Airliners

WASHINGTON, May 30 (AP).—Latest cutbacks in warplane production schedules virtually assure the early manufacture of some commercial aircraft, for which more than \$200,000,000 in orders have been placed. Industry is eager to start on a dozen announced transport models.

Aviation officials drew this picture: Cutbacks announced last month carried a promise of commercial production in that some materials were to be available, but as a practical matter output could not be started for other reasons.

Many Obstacles Cleared

Labor ceilings could not be exceeded, care had to be taken to avoid any intimation of interference with military production, engineering talent engaged in military work could not be used, employees in the 18-29 age bracket deferred because of their jobs could not be used, and some essential materials and equipment such as engines were out of reach.

The newest revision of schedules appears to end the manpower and most of the materials problems. It may help to clear another headache in commercial production plans—cost of manufacture—if it brings about a return to the 40-hour week, without overtime.

Industry is awaiting decisions on postwar model prices. Only two landplanes, the Douglas DC4 Sky-master and the Curtiss Wright CW20 Commando, will bear much resemblance to transports flying at the time of Pearl Harbor.

All Have Orders on Hand

Douglas Aircraft at Santa Monica, Calif., has orders for its DC4-DC6 (a large version of the DC4) and the giant DC7. Lockheed at Burbank, Calif., has orders for its speedy Constellation; Curtiss Wright at Buffalo, N.Y., has orders for the Commando; Consolidated Vultee Aircraft, of San Diego, Calif., has orders for the largest landplane yet announced, its 200-passenger Model 37.

Boeing Aircraft at Seattle has been showing its huge strato-cruiser double-decked conversion of the B29, which will carry about 100 passengers and now holds the transcontinental speed record of six hours four minutes. The Glenn L. Martin Co., of Baltimore, is offering a small transport, the Mercury, and a giant flying boat of the Mars type. Douglas has the Skybus and Lockheed the Saturn in the Mercury class. Fairchild, of Hagerstown, Md., will offer its new ship, the C82 Packet, a large two-engine job.

Nazi Sub Sank U.S. Carrier

WASHINGTON, May 30 (UP).—The escort carrier Block Island, only U.S. carrier lost in the Battle of the Atlantic, was sunk one year ago by a German sub. The destroyer Barr, damaged by the same sub, sank the U-boat and rescued more than 950 of the carrier crew.

Up Front With Mauldin



Even on Guam—Bobby Socks!



Back in the American stride, literally, these teen-age Chamorro girls saunter along a Seabee-built road toward their Seabee-built school on Guam. American from head to foot, such youngsters were put to work in the fields during Jap occupation and taught only Nippon-approved subjects. Now they enjoy both the three Rs and Four Freedoms.

Deep in Heart of the EIO Japs Are PW's of 3rd Inf.

By Houston Boyle

Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH THIRD INF. DIV., in Austria, May 30.—The entire staff of the former Japanese Embassy in Berlin, 131 persons including the arch war criminal Ambassador Hiroshi Oshima, Army Observer Lt. Gen. Komatsu and Naval Attache Rear Adm. Kojima, has been placed in custody at Bad Gastein by the 15th Infantry's cannon company, commanded by Lt. Randolph M. Summerrall, of Isola, Miss.

Families Included

Now situated securely under heavy guard in the twin hotels near the peak of a mountain overlooking Bad Gastein, the entourage, including families and servants, has been allowed to exercise by walking near the hotels. They eat at the hotel and the Japs don't like the short German rations and have sought the right to fish in a nearby stream. This has been denied.

One member, when cautioned that more than the agreed number of seven were taking exercise at one time, told guard Pfc Steve Pittman, of Louisville, Ohio: "Don't worry about any of us attempting to escape. We could have left Bad Gastein three months ago if we had so desired." All refused to comment when asked why the group had obviously decided to await our arrival when within a few hours they could have moved to a territory under the present jurisdiction of a power with which Japan is at peace.

Mail Order Clothes

Wearing the latest-style Seare Roebuck clothes, allegedly obtained through Switzerland, English-speaking members have occasionally approached guards, attempting conversation in breezy American slang and offering the guards a choice of Chesterfields, Camels or Lucky Strikes.

One day a Jap, jokingly tabbed Mr. Moto by the guards, stopped and said disarmingly: "Well, so you are members of the famed Third Division?"

"How did you know that?" demanded Cpl. Frank Herack, of Duquesne, Pa.

"You see," replied Mr. Moto, "we knew all about your division in Berlin and I can tell you the Germans considered you a good unit."

"Crack" is the word," said Pfc Lester R. Schwartz of Fond du Lac, Wis. Then, casually, Mr. Moto asked when they thought the division would see service in the Pacific.

Studied Soldiers

"Wouldn't you like to know!" laughed Sgt. Harold J. Robinson, of Earlville, Ia. Later Mr. Moto let a dubious guard in on a little secret. The Jap said he had made an intensive study of the fighting qualities of different soldiers. With the fascination of one listening to Anzio Annie in Italy the guard decided to hear what the guy had to say.

It seems the German soldier gives up too easily. Americans are good fighters but care too much for movies and ice cream sodas. But the Japanese soldier fights for his soul in the hereafter in Japan, said Mr. Moto. Furloughs are unknown in the Jap army and would be considered effeminate. The war in the Pacific will end when America decides to quit, said he.

The Japs seem anxious for news. They listen attentively to the BBC.

Construction Curbs Relaxed

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—WPB relaxed controls today on construction activities and promised to abolish restrictions completely as soon as materials become more plentiful.

It increased five-fold the dollar value of work which may be done within one year without specific WPB authorization. Twenty-three types of minor construction were exempted from control regardless of cost.

The new policy, effective immediately, will permit preparatory work on such projects as highways and airports. The WPB move does not lift any of the restrictions which now govern sale of lumber and building materials, but it does permit an owner to undertake five times as much construction, repair or alteration as before—if he can get the materials.

500,000 Germans Await Discharge

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, May 30.—Nearly 500,000 German soldiers, travelling in their own vehicles and with their own members acting as MPs, have made their way to assembly areas near Munich where they will be discharged from the Army.

Instead of Germans trying to escape, the problem in the south Germany trek was to handle the thousands of troops who sought to join the convoys as they moved through the country toward Munich. One corps of the 1st German Army started out with 30,000 men and ended up with 50,000.

Discharging is expected to begin this week. First priority will go to 2,500 women Wehrmacht officers. The next to soldiers living in the American Seventh Army area and who are essential workers such as farmers, miners and railroad repair men.

On discharge, the Germans will be given one day's rations and 40 marks for an enlisted man and 80 for an officer. All will be thoroughly screened before release.

Stratemeyer Nominated For Rank of Lt. Gen.

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—President Truman has nominated Maj. Gen. George Stratemeyer, of the AAF, for promotion to lieutenant general.

Also nominated for promotion to the rank of major general were Brig. Gen. Douglas L. Weart, CE, and Col. William N. Porter, OWS Chief.

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Family With Three Sons in Service Evicted From Home



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Machuzaks sit beside their household goods outside the house in Elizabeth, N.J., from which they have been evicted. They have ten children, three of whom are in the armed forces. Their landlord said they had lived in his house for five years and had had several months to find a new home. They said they had been unable to find another place to live.

The American Scene:

Labor's Restlessness Reflects Bleak Employment Prospects

By William R. Spear

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, May 30.—The prediction of War Production Board Chairmann J. A. Krug that war production will require 2,900,000 fewer workers in June, July and August and that some 1,100,000 of them will be unable to find jobs was pointed up by labor unrest in many parts of the country.

Workers have been manifesting increasing uneasiness over the twin prospects of decreasing employment opportunities and decreasing pay as overtime work slacks off with cutbacks in war production. One demand being made more and more is for 48 hours' pay for a 40-hour week.

More than 10,000 workers employed at the Ford Willow Run bomber plant face layoffs with the closing of the plant June 30, but officials are reducing the output there gradually in order to cushion the impact.

At the Bell Aircraft Corp. plants in Buffalo and Niagara Fall, N.Y., where 70,000 are scheduled to be laid off this month, workers are staging a unique "stay-in" strike, remaining in the plants after work as a demonstration against the company's policies.

At the same time there are strikes over pay rates and other grievances. At the Dodge Chicago plant of the Chrysler Corp., where engines for Superfortresses are made, 560 AFL unionists in the forge division quit work demanding a general wage increase, which had been denied by the War Labor Board. On the other side of the picture, President Truman ordered the Army to seize and operate the cotton mill of Gaffney Manufacturing Co. at Gaffney, S.C., where the company's alleged refusal to comply with a WLB order led to a strike. There were other strikes at Mc Donnell Aircraft Corp. in St. Louis, Mo. and American Can Co. at Jersey City, N.J., but the question of whether labor or management was at fault was a complex one.

Election, Harvest Time May Clash

GOVERNOR John J. Dempsey of New Mexico may or may not call a special election to fill the seat of Representative-at-large which Clinton Anderson will vacate when he becomes Secretary of Agriculture July 1.



"I haven't made up my mind," Dempsey said. He pointed out that any special election called around July 1 "would come right at harvest time when it would inconvenience a good many people."

At "Sheridan's Shamrock Dairy"—her ranch near Hollywood—film star Ann Sheridan has turned to dairying for wartime recreation. "There's no fun like farming," she said when snapped milking directly into one of her personal "handi-square" bottles.

Ann Sheridan, dairymaid ... no fun like farming.

tion for War say people just won't believe fuel oil still will be scarce despite the ending of the war in Europe, so they're planning an illustrated picture book to explain the situation. But they don't have much hope it will work. They reported an "alarming" increase in the number of applications to convert from coal to oil for home heating. In the last few months 36 percent more applications were filed than in the corresponding period of 1944.

S/SGT. Lawrence C. Gillen of the Ninth AF came home from the ETO with 121 points after 64 missions and was sent to Fort McPherson, Ga., to be discharged. But Gillen left his records in his automobile and his automobile was stolen from in front of his home in Atlanta. "As far as I know," Gillen mourned, "I'm stuck here until my records turn up."

The bobby sox coed of 1945 is going to be perpetuated in bronze at the Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, Okla. Eighty-four seniors who were graduated left \$275 in war bonds to erect the statue to remind future students of the bobby soxer in sloppy sweater and slacks.

No Sub Peril, Convoys Ended

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—With the end of the U-boat menace in the Atlantic, merchant ships operating in non-combat areas are sailing fully lighted and without naval escorts.

Suspension of convoy regulations effective last Monday night, was announced simultaneously by the U.S. Navy and the British Admiralty.

The convoy suspension indicated either that the few German subs still unaccounted for are presumed sunk or did not constitute a serious enough threat to warrant continuation of convoys. A naval spokesman said 11 U-boats are believed to be still at large—although they all may have been sunk. The estimate is based on the number of subs at sea at the time of Germany's surrender. There have been no cases of offensive action by German subs since then.

Hometown Honors Shanghai Editor

HANNIBAL, Mo., May 30 (ANS).—Yesterday was "J. B. Powell Day" here and Hannibal's most illustrious son since Mark Twain hobbled back to the county of his birth minus much of both feet, which he lost in a Japanese prison camp.

"I want to resume my work where I left off just as soon as possible," Powell said. He indicated he intended to re-establish his famed China weekly review published in Shanghai for many years prior to Dec. 7, 1941, the editing of which won him the hatred of the Japanese forces and nearly cost him his life.

Powell was returned to the U.S. on the first Gripsholm trip nearly three years ago, more dead than alive after five months of torture at the hands of the Japanese. He still needs crutches and a wheelchair, but has hopes of a full recovery, although his feet are only stumps.

It's Hedy Lamama Now



HOLLYWOOD, May 30 (ANS).—A girl weighing seven and a half pounds was born yesterday to Hedy Lamarr, at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. The child was the first born to Miss Lamarr, who wed Actor John Loder two years ago.

Bomb-Toting Balloons Launched From Japan

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—Japan's bomb-ferrying balloons are being launched against the U.S. from the Japanese home islands, Lyle F. Watts' chief of the U.S. Forest Service, said in a radio interview last night.

The unmanned balloons, Watts explained, travel up to 125 miles an hour and take from 80 to 120 hours to reach this country.

Land Prices Soar, Threaten Farm Disaster

KANSAS CITY, May 30 (ANS).—Lush farm profits are leading many a dirt farmer down the path to foreclosure, just as they did in 1918.

That's the opinion of I. W. Duggan, governor of the Farm Credit Administration, who warned that national disaster is coming unless the ballooning price of farm land can be curbed.

He said farm land prices are soaring at an even faster clip than they did during World War I, despite the fact that prices of farm products are far below the \$2.50-a-bushel wheat era of 1918. Then the small landowner who had hocked everything to make a down payment on an adjoining farm found the pinch too tight ten years later when he had to meet his notes from sale of 25-cent wheat.

Over the entire U.S., Duggan said, there has been a 53 percent jump in farm land prices from the 1935-1939 level. In Kentucky and South Carolina sale prices have doubled and in 18 other states the figure has risen 60 percent. In the Pacific coast area 24 percent of the farms sold in late 1944 had been held less than two years.

Duggan is encouraging farmers to pay off mortgages, to put surplus cash into war bonds and operate on their own capital for production purposes, to stay out of debt and above all not to speculate on land.

Hershey for Aid 'Where It's Needed'

CHICAGO, May 30 (ANS).—Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service chief, said yesterday he believed the returning veteran should do "everything possible for himself before asking government aid" in rehabilitation.

"I preach the theory the Federal government can provide only limited amounts of aid," he said. "Let's use it where it is needed."

Speaking before the eleventh annual conference of Veterans' Employment Representatives, he outlined the following program for employment of ex-servicemen:

1. Allow the veteran to do as much as possible for himself before asking government assistance.
2. Encourage community and state efforts for a program of veteran rehabilitation.
3. Give free rein to the government operation of its veterans' program.

Army Way is The Long Way

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., May 30 (ANS).—A bus token and a transfer would have taken M/Sgt. Bob Davis the six miles from Kirtland Field, where he is stationed, to his home in Albuquerque when he was discharged. The Army sent him on a 600-mile train trip to the separation center at El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Davis went along for the ride.

Watts said the hydrogen-filled balloons attain heights of 25,000 to 35,000 feet, where they reach air currents which travel constantly from west to east. Each time they descend to 25,000 feet from loss of gas a barometric pressure switch automatically drops a sandbag, he explained, and the balloon rises again to about 35,000 feet.

A spokesman for the Forest Service, which has been assisting the Army in preventing damage from the enemy weapon, added that the Japs are using the attacks for domestic and frontline propaganda purposes.

"They take a couple of balloons to a war factory, make a lot of speeches, stir up the workers to a frenzy, then launch the balloons from the war plant for their trip to the U.S.," he said.

The attacks were disclosed last week in a joint Army-and-Navy statement which called them a "fantastic" attempt at long-range bombing. No property damage has occurred thus far. It is believed the primary objective is to start forest fires.

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Air Patrol Increased

"If the Japs have figured right," Watts said, "the last sandbag has been dropped only after the balloon has reached this country."

A second automatic switch which controls the bombs then takes over, he explained.

"When the balloon drops to 27,000 feet a bomb is released. The balloon goes back up, then down again and another incendiary is released and so on as it travels across the U.S. When the last incendiary is dropped, a fuse is ignited automatically and sets off a demolition charge which destroys the balloon."

Watts said the unorthodox weapons consist of five layers of silk paper 34 feet in diameter. The only balloons to reach earth without exploding are defective ones in which the demolition charges have failed to go off.

The Forest Service, he said, has increased its air patrol to sight as many as possible in the air and shoot them down. It also has increased the number of fire-fighter parachutists.

"There is a point I'd like to make," the forestry chief said. "We are less worried about this Japanese balloon attack than we are with matches and smokes in the hands of good Americans hiking and camping in the woods."

2 Curtiss-Wright Plants To Close at End of July

NEW YORK, May 30 (ANS).—G. W. Vaughan, president of the Curtiss Wright Corp., announced today that Army cutback production schedules would close the company's plants in St. Louis and Louisville by the end of July.

Production schedules for the Columbus (Ohio) plant are unchanged. Vaughan said, while two plants in Buffalo, N.Y., will reduce their output gradually to about two-thirds of their present peak production.

The company's output of Commando transport planes will be concentrated at Buffalo. The Columbus plant manufactures Hell-diver dive-bombers and other Navy aircraft.

Two Old Bucks in Congress Tangle Horns, One of 'Em Says

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—Sixty-five-year-old Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.) reported he had a fist fight yesterday with Rep. Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.), who is 66 and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. However, Cannon said: "It's all news to me."

Taber had a slight lip cut to back up his story—also a blow-by-blow description of the battle he said occurred in the committee office. Evidently there were no witnesses.

Cannon was unmarked, but Taber explained: "I wouldn't hit him. I'd kill him if I did, because I'm so much stronger than he is."

Taber said the fight started after he made a speech on the House floor attacking the Appropriations Committee "method" in giving House members an extra \$2,500 a year for expenses. Cannon called

him into the committee office, he said, and "started to say things that weren't true."

"He called me names," Taber said, "obviously trying to get me to hit him. I refused to do that, of course, and started to walk out of his office. He called me back and said: 'Are you running away?'"

"I said 'No,' and then he proceeded to try to hit me. He landed only one punch when I grabbed him and bent him back over a couch. He kicked and frothed at the mouth like a wild Indian. After awhile he calmed down a bit and I left."

Cannon professed to know nothing about the fist fight.

"There is no reason why Mr. Taber and I should have any disagreement over this \$2,500 expense account," he said. "We both voted the same way when it was on the floor."

U.S. Denies Ship Sinking As Deliberate

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—The U.S. has denied Japan's charge that the sinking of the Japanese relief ship Awa Maru was deliberate and has warned against any retaliatory treatment of Allied prisoners of war.

The State Department disclosed this yesterday, making public an exchange of notes over the incident, which occurred in the Straits of Formosa, April 1. The Japanese said more than 1,000 passengers perished, with only one survivor being picked up.

The Japanese protest, received through the Swiss government, charged that a U.S. submarine had "deliberately and willfully sunk" the Awa Maru while it was returning to Japan after delivering relief supplies to American and Allied prisoners of war and internees in southern Asia. The note called the sinking "the most outrageous act of treachery, unparalleled in the world's history of war."

America's reply said the Awa Maru was unlighted, contrary to the Japanese claim, and that she was 40 miles off her agreed course. The submarine commander has been ordered tried by court martial, nevertheless, the U.S. note said, to determine responsibility.

In an apparent threat to retaliate against American prisoners, the Japanese note said that "the U.S. government is to be deemed to have abandoned its former desire relating to the treatment of U.S. prisoners of war and civilian internees in Japanese hands."

The American reply warned: "Any retaliatory acts against Allied nationals in Japanese custody will be a matter of gravest concern to this government, and any persons issuing or executing orders in this connection will be severely dealt with at the appropriate time."

UK Furloughs Given Ex-PWs

Freed U.S. prisoners of war are being flown to England for seven-day furloughs at the rate of 1,000 men daily, while awaiting passage back to the States, COM Z announced yesterday.

The first planes to carry the furloughing RAMPS took off Tuesday from a Nazi-built airstrip near the RAMP camp in Normandy Base Section.

Most of the passengers were members of bombing squadrons based in England who had been shot down over Europe and had been imprisoned in Germany, some as long as two years.

Those men who were formerly stationed in England will be landed as near as possible to their old bases. Others will land near London. The men will return directly from England to the U.S.

100,000 Nazi PWs To Clear Mines

About 100,000 German prisoners will clear mines from French holiday beaches where 54 children have been killed in one month, Director of Mine Clearance Raymond Aubrac announced yesterday.

He said "all our beaches are extremely dangerous owing to German minefields. We face years of work. At present we have nine French mine-clearing parties, augmented by 10,000 German prisoners, but 100,000 more were just handed over to aid in this formidable job."

Mine clearance also is helping anxious fishermen. Several ships and crews have been lost by mine action.

Russian Youths Face Call-Up for Army

MOSCOW, May 30 (AP).—A nationwide call-up of all Soviet youths, aged 15 and 16, for army training is scheduled to begin June 1.

Lt. Gen. N. Pronin, general training chief of the Defense Commissariat, said military training "in the present period should be conducted on an even higher level than in the days of the war. . . the peaceful period into which our country has entered should not lessen our attention to the problems of defense."

Food Ship Reaches Rotterdam

Radio Luxembourg announced yesterday that the first U.S. ship to enter Rotterdam since 1940 had arrived with a cargo of 5,000 tons of food.

He's Their 'Pied Piper of the Pacific'



It's not the "beaver crop" of whiskers but the novelty of accordion tunes that draws this group of evacuee youngsters around Coast Guardsman Harry Randall, boatswain's mate 1c, of Seattle. The children, some of whom had never seen a squeeze-box before, were freed from a Jap internment camp in the Philippines and are shown en route back to the States.

Reich Political Moves Stopped Thorough Probing Leaves But Few Unidentified Dead

WITH 15th ARMY, May 30 (UP).—Scattered but increasing political rumblings inside Germany were discounted today by 15th Army military government experts as "the natural instincts of any people for self-control."

All political or semi-political groups uncovered by the Allies so far have shown definite anti-Nazi tendencies, but regardless of their policies or beliefs they are being disbanded or refused permission to operate, in accordance with a SHAEF directive.

For instance, in Berg Gladbach an active political organization was dissolved by military government officials. "It had been gathering political and other information, assisting displaced persons and studying relief plans for the food shortage. In the village of Weissenthurm, in the province of Coblenz, villagers were refused permission to elect a board of councillors for handling the civil government."

Senate Group To Visit Reich

One Senate committee in the ETO got ready to visit American occupying forces in Germany yesterday, while another left Paris for the Mediterranean after checking on international radio communications.

The Reich-bound committee is headed by Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.).

"We want to find out just what the Army intends to do for the men in the Army of Occupation," Russell said. "We are also interested in the redeployment program. We want to find out if the men think it is fair, and whether it is being handled efficiently."

Nazi 'Doodlebug' Now GI Runabout

Putting a Nazi baby tank through its paces is T/5 Jerry Brown, of Akron, Ohio, at the base of the 10th Photo Group, Ninth Air Force. Men of the group found this remote-control "doodlebug" in Germany, removed its explosives, and now use it for joy-riding.

Ninth Air Force Photo



Because of "a miniature FBI organization dedicated to the task of identifying every dead American soldier," comparatively few U.S. "unknown soldiers" will lie on the European battlefields of World War II, Com Z said yesterday.

The group in charge—the Graves Registration and Effects Division—is headed by Maj. Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn, ETO chief quartermaster.

He reported that of the 117,502 U.S. soldiers killed and buried in this theater during this war, only 1.46 percent remain unidentified, compared to 5.5 percent in the last war. Littlejohn said the number of unidentified World War II soldiers might drop to one percent as his organization completes its work.

The unidentified percentage reached a peak of slightly over three percent shortly after the Ardennes breakthrough last December, but since then has declined steadily.

As long as a single clue exists, investigators follow it up to obtain convincing proof of identification that removes all possible doubt in the minds of the soldier's family, it was explained. Identification tags, fingerprints and tooth charts are the main sources of identification, but when these are lacking, a ring, letter or other personal effects taken from the dead soldier on the battlefield often yield the necessary evidence.

The hunt for isolated graves and subsequent identification is the group's top-priority job at present. Sources of leads include local people, Allied military authorities, U.S. forces and repatriated PWs.

Attention West Pointers

1/Lt. Charles D. Puckett, of Los Angeles, would like to meet all members of the June, 1943, U.S. Military Academy class stationed in the Normandy area for an informal reunion dinner at Deauville on Friday, June 1. He can be reached by phoning Normandy Base 129.

Gunner Given Highest Award

WITH THIRD ARMY IN BAVARIA, May 30 (AP).—The Congressional Medal of Honor was pinned on Sgt. Josef Lopez, of Brownsville, Tex., today by Maj. Gen. James VanFleet, commander of the III Corps.

The award was for an action Dec. 17 when Lopez, a Second Div. machine-gunner, fired more than 5,000 rounds of ammunition from his weapon in a seven-hour battle with German infantry and tanks.

Knocked from his position twice by direct tank fire, he retrieved his machine-gun both times, held up the German attack, killed 35 of the enemy and allowed his company to re-form and drive the Germans from the area.

Gets Posthumous Award

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 30.—Pfc Carl V. Sheridan, of Baltimore, Md., a Ninth Div. infantryman, has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for giving his life in an attack on a German-held castle near Weisweiler, Germany, last Nov. 26.

Exposing himself to the fire of 70 German paratroopers holding the castle, Sheridan walked onto a bridge across the moat circling the building and blasted the gate open with three bazooka projectiles. He was fatally wounded leading the assault through the gate.

Milwaukee Holds Lead In War Bond Contest

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—The Treasury announced today that Milwaukee was still holding the lead in the seventh war bond drive's individual bond contest among six cities.

Milwaukee has sold \$13,723,365 worth of bonds, for 46.4 percent of its quota. Other cities, in the order of standing are: Pittsburgh, Washington, Brooklyn, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Total individual sales for the country were announced as \$2,663,000,000.

Share the Butts

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., May 30 (AP).—Smokes are on a "put-and-take" basis here. A lunchroom put a box on a counter with a pool of 12 cigarettes and a sign: "If you have cigarettes, leave one; if you haven't—take one." The manager said the pool fluctuates, but there have been as many as 35 cigarettes in the box at one time.

Ezra Pound Faces Treason Trial in U.S.

Ezra Pound, the American poet who was one of the leading Fascist propaganda broadcasters in Italy during Benito Mussolini's heyday, yesterday was earmarked for trial on treason charges in the U.S.

Attorney General Francis Biddle said in Washington that Pound, who was captured in Italy two weeks ago, would be returned under an indictment entered several years ago against the alleged traitor and seven other Americans who supported the Axis cause. The seven others have not been apprehended.

Similar charges confront Britisher William Joyce, the Nazi radio's former "Lord Haw Haw," according to the London News Chronicle. Joyce now is at British Second Army Headquarters in Luneburg, Germany, in critical condition as the result of bullet wounds received during his capture near Flensburg earlier in the week. His German wife was taken into custody at the same time.

Wounded Twice

A British officer challenged Joyce, who moved a hand threateningly toward his trouser pocket. The officer drew his revolver and shot the Nazi broadcaster, wounding him in the thigh and buttocks.

British troops surged up to Joyce's ambulance as it arrived at Luneburg, and there were cries of "Bloody traitor!" ". . . in our hands at last!" and "Why not make him walk?"

The London News Chronicle said that Joyce would be flown to London within the next few days, and speculated that he would be indicted under the Treason Act of 1935 and perhaps under the Treachery Act of 1940, the latter carrying a possible sentence of death.

As the roundup of Axis bigwigs continued, the U.S. Seventh Army captured Christa Schroden, Hitler's woman secretary. No further details were given.

Violence flared near Nancy, France, yesterday when a crowd broke into a police station and lynched four Italian Fascists following the funeral of a deportee who died as the result of treatment he had received in enemy hands.

Denmark to Retain Bornholm-Eden

LONDON, May 30 (AP).—Russian occupation of the Danish island of Bornholm in the Baltic is only provisional, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Commons today.

Eden explained that Gen. Eisenhower originally intended to send a force to accept the surrender of the Germans on the island and made contact with the Russians to inquire if that would conflict with Soviet plans. The Russians replied, Eden said, that in view of the fact the island was in the Soviet sphere of operation and because food was needed there they would prefer to accept the surrender.

Eden repeated previous statements that the Red Army would not interfere with Bornholm's administrative matters and that the island would be occupied provisionally until the German postwar position is determined.

War Correspondents Rap Censorship by British

WITH BRITISH SECOND ARMY, May 30 (UP).—War correspondents with the British Second Army today adopted a resolution condemning censorship in cases where military security is not involved.

"The end of the war in Europe has not led to a hoped-for diminution of censorship," the resolution said. "Instead, we find censorship not only maintained without reasons of military security to justify it, but that in certain instances it is intensified."

Prussian Books of State Uncovered in Monastery

WITH 16th ARMD. DIV., May 30.—Men of this division discovered part of the Prussian State Imperial Library, more than 500,000 volumes worth millions of dollars, lying unnoticed in a 748-year-old monastery in Tepl, Czechoslovakia.

Hundreds of prisoners and soldiers in the monastery, now used as a hospital, passed by the stacks of books in a second-floor corridor before their value was discovered. Nowhere in sight was a copy of "Mein Kampf."

ETO Soldiers—594-Points' Worth—Are Homeward Bound



94 POINTS—S/Sgt. Emmet Capito, of Cleveland, fought with the 92nd Inf. Div. in Italy before coming to the ETO, where he was a platoon sergeant with the 121st Regt., Eighth Inf. Div. A Bronze Star and Purple Heart helped to boost Capito's total over the critical score.



118 POINTS—Pfc Robert Bloom, of St. Paul, came to the ETO from Iceland to work with the Third Chemical Mortar Bn. Bloom has three children adding 36 points and three battle stars for 15 more, giving him 51 points toward his total. His foreign service began in August, 1943.



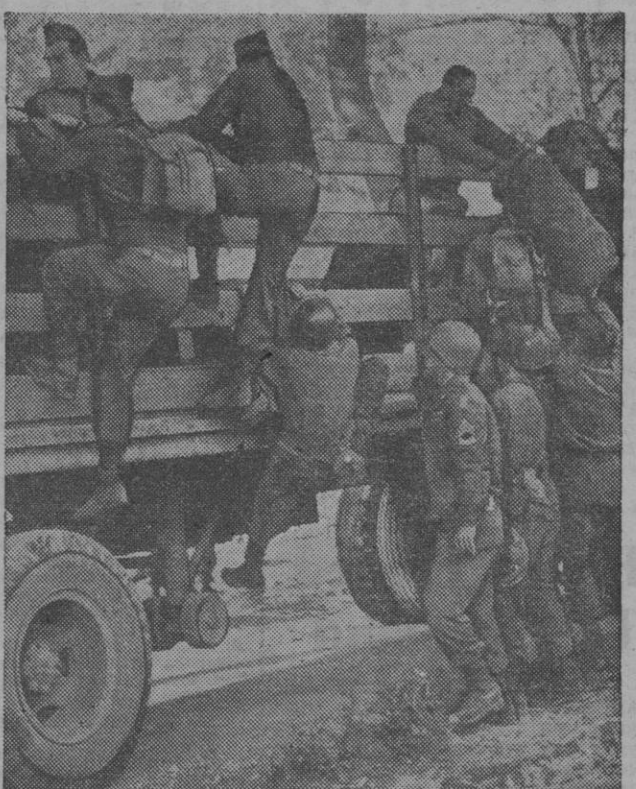
134 POINTS—Three invasion landings—Oran, Sicily and Omaha Beach—a Silver Star and Bronze Star with Cluster account for 30 of Pfc Walter Andrews' 134 points. Andrews, formerly a forward observer with the 33rd FA in the First Div., is going home to Newmarket, N.H.



122 POINTS—S/Sgt. William P. Fagan has a wife and 24-points' worth of children in Bude City, Fla. A section sergeant with the 12th Regt., Eighth Div., Fagan has a Purple Heart and Cluster and three battle stars.



126 POINTS—A set of twins and three battle stars plus overseas service since October, 1943 helped to start Pfc Aubrey Terry on his way home to Madison, Fla. He was a rifleman with the 95th Inf. Div.



ALL ABOARD—Ready and rarin' to go, Yanks who are saying goodbye to the ETO clamber aboard the truck that will take them to the boat at Le Havre—probably the last free boat ride they'll get from Uncle Sam.

Stars and Stripes Photos by Martin Harris

The World in Brief

Briefing

HARTFORD, Conn., May 30 (ANS).—Chased through the busy downtown section after allegedly holding up the proprietor of a valet service, John David Flynn, 27, was captured while purchasing a ticket to a movie. The feature picture was "Men of San Quentin."

U.S.-Franco Pact Reported

BERNE, May 30 (INS).—Swiss radio, quoting reports from Madrid, yesterday said that Spanish Generalissimo Francisco Franco had reached an accord with the U.S. regarding use of Spanish naval and air bases until the end of the war with Japan.

Boy Scouts May Go GI

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—Legislation authorizing the loan or outright gift of surplus military equipment to the Boy Scouts and similar organizations was introduced by Rep. Robert J. Corbett (R.-Pa.). "Lethal weapons" would not be included.

Norwegian Ports Open

Naval authorities in Norway have reported all ports in that country under Allied control now were open to normal routine shipping, SHAEF said yesterday.

Japs Deny Peace Talk

LISBON, May 30 (UP).—The Japanese legation here today denied that Japan had made peace pro-

posals to the United States and Britain. It called such reports enemy propaganda which did not affect Jap determination to pursue the war.

Brazil Honors U.S. Officers

ROME, May 30 (UP).—Twenty-one U.S. officers of the Fifth Army have been awarded Brazilian medals by Gen. Joao Mascarenhas, commander of the Brazilian forces in Italy.

May Lift Italian Veil

WASHINGTON, May 30 (UP).—The U.S. has proposed to Britain and Russia that the terms of the Italian surrender, secret since Italy capitulated in September, 1943, be made public, it was learned today. The proposal is under consideration in London and Moscow.

Italian Envoy Going to China

ROME, May 30 (UP).—Radio Rome announced today that the Italian government was sending an envoy to Chungking as a result of Chiang Kai-shek's statement that he would like to establish diplomatic relations between China and Italy.

Voluntary Censorship

WASHINGTON, May 30 (AP).—The censorship of motion pictures for export and import, including newsreels, will be placed on a voluntary basis on June 9, the Office of Censorship announced today.

Senate Group Supports OPA

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—The Senate Banking Committee approved without amendment today a bill to extend price control—OPA—until June 30, 1946. The committee action, the United Press said, was a first-round victory for President Truman's program to continue OPA intact for another year.

Committee Chairman Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.), in commenting on the committee action, said food rationing and control of food prices would be necessary for some time following the war, probably until 1950.

Estimating that another year will be required for defeat of Japan, Wagner said the government would have to keep close control of food prices for three years afterward to avoid disruption of the nation's economy.

Unexpected surrender of Japan could alter this picture, Wagner said.

The Senate committee voted down an amendment proposed by Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) that OPA be extended for only six months. Taft and Sen. Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) announced they would propose amendments when the bill comes to the Senate floor, probably next Tuesday.

War's Over—Now We Can Be Real Soldiers

WITH U.S. NINT. ARMY, May 30.—If men of the 84th Div. needed any convincing that the war was ended, they got it in their newspaper, The Railsplitter.

On its front page is a full schedule of the division's daily bugle calls, beginning with the first one at 0615. Reveille is 0625, mess at 0700, drill call at 0725. Division buglers blow taps at 2200.

The paper didn't mention whether there would be a bed check.

Prepare for Trial Of War Criminals

LONDON, May 30 (Reuter).—Preparations for trial of war criminals are "progressing rapidly," Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief U.S. war crimes prosecutor, announced today.

Jackson, in announcing he would return to the U.S. for closing sessions of the Supreme Court, said "arrangements have been made so that work of preparing our cases will proceed without interruption under Gen. William Donovan."

At the same time, Britain selected Attorney General Sir David Maxwell Fyfe to prepare its cases. Russia and France are expected to name their prosecutors soon.

London Envoys Set Big 3 Stage

LONDON, May 30 (UP).—U.S. Ambassador John Winant and Joseph E. Davies, special envoy of President Truman, conferred with the Soviet Ambassador here today, opening a new phase in preliminary negotiations for a meeting of the Big Three.

Davies' call at the Soviet Embassy followed lengthy talks yesterday with Prime Minister Churchill and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

The London Times, which sometimes reflects official British thought, said the present meetings may assume an importance not contemplated at first.

"They were begun as soundings in preparation for a meeting of President Truman, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stalin, but may end in drawing up the broad outline of a new policy," the paper said. "Already much good has resulted and there has been a welcome clearing of the air in advance of the meeting of the Big Three."

Churchill has already said he expected an early meeting with President Truman and Marshal Stalin.

[The Associated Press reported from Moscow that Harry Hopkins, who is on a special mission to the Soviet capital for President Truman, has had "most satisfactory" talks with Russian leaders, according to diplomatic circles.]

Yanks Trip Browns; Bucs Win 8th in Row

Donald Takes 4th Decision; Chisox Lose

NEW YORK, May 30.—Five-hit pitching by Atley Donald paraded the Yankees to an 11-9 romp over the Browns here yesterday and enabled the New Yorkers to increase their American League margin over the idle Tigers to two full games.

The Yankees shagged Jack Kramer to the showers in the first inning with a four-run barrage. From then on, Donald had no trouble cruising to his fourth victory and second shutout of the year as the Yankees extended their current winning spurge to seven straight.

Every player in the Yankee lineup hit safely, with Oscar Grimes, Bud Metheny, and Snuffy Stirnweiss each contributing three hits to the cause against Kramer, Eldon West and Sam Zoldak.

Klieman Walks In Run

George Woods opened for Boston, but had to leave in the second inning after suffering a cut on his ankle while running bases and Red Barrett, who relieved Woods, was credited with the victory. However, Barrett needed help from George Hausman in the ninth when the Chisox threatened.

Ed Klieman replaced Allie Reynolds for the Indians in the tenth inning and walked Charlie George to force home the winning run as the Athletics shaded the Tribe, 2-1. Reynolds left in the tenth after walking Jess Flores, Bob Wilkins and Larry Rosenthal. Klieman retired Bob Estalella and Dick Siebert, but couldn't locate the plate when George came to bat.

The Indians moved ahead in the third inning when a single by Felix Mackiewicz drove in a run, but the A's bounced back to tie the score in the fifth on Wilkins' double and Rosenthal's single. Flores, who went the route, was the winner. The Tigers and Senators enjoyed a scheduled day of rest.

Hayes Traded To Cleveland

PHILADELPHIA, May 30.—The Athletics made one of the most surprising trades in recent years yesterday when they sent their iron-man catcher Frankie Hayes to the Cleveland Indians for holdout Buddy Rosar.

Hayes was informed of the deal after he had caught his 189th successive game for the A's. He is in the midst of a bid to set an all-time major league record for backstops, having caught all 155 games the Mackmen played last season. He is only 28 games short of the mark of 214 set by Ray Mueller, of Cincinnati.

The Athletics did not reveal whether it was a straight player deal or if cash was involved. Rosar, temperamental first-string catcher for the Indians last year, once walked out on the Yankees in the midst of a pennant drive to take an examination for the Buffalo police force.

Ben Jones Has Faith in Pot O'Luck

(This is the first in a series on outstanding Kentucky Derby candidates.)

By Frank Eck
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK, May 30.—So far this has been a pretty good year for Missouri's sons, and it may be just the luck of Plain Ben Jones, another Missourian, to have Pot o'Luck repeat for Warren Wright's Calumet Farm on June 9, the day they're going to run the 71st Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

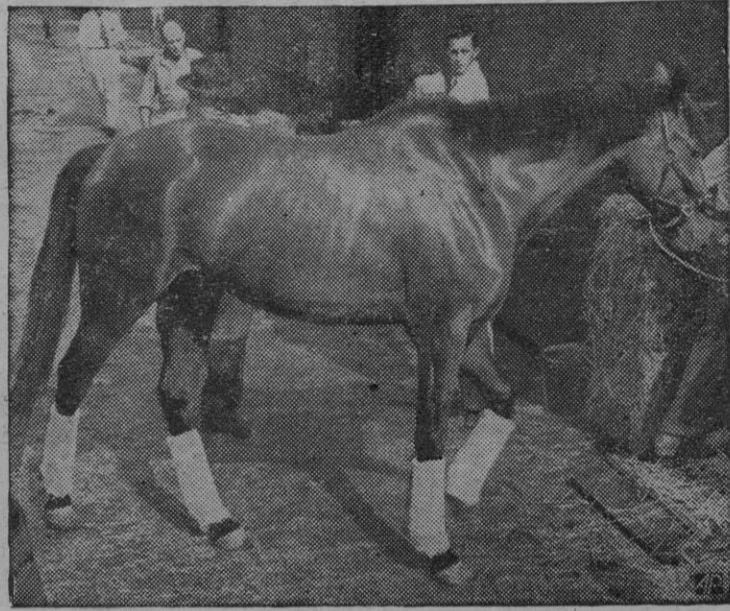
If the Pot wins the pot of gold—\$75,000 added and a gold cup—it will be the first consecutive Derby double since 1933 when Broker's Tip scored for E. R. Bradley, giving the colonel and his trainer, H. J. "Derby Dick" Thompson, their fourth victory in the run for the roses.

Burgoo King won in '32 for Bradley. His other winners were Bubbling Over in '26 and Behave Yourself in '21.

Trainer Jones, too, will have four winners if Pot o'Luck pops down in front. He scored a mild upset with the 7-1 chance, Pensive, last year, won with the great Whirlaway in '41 and took his first big pot with Lawrin in '38. Pensive and Whirlaway were bred by Calumet Farm, while Lawrin came off Herbert M. Woolf's Woolford Farm.

Pot o'Luck definitely is "the horse to beat" in the Derby. He's trained much in the manner of Whirlaway and Pensive, in that he's been kept south all winter and is one of those come-from-behind critters—the type that can go to the outside in that mad scramble down the stretch.

Pot o'Luck went to the post eight times in 1944 and though



Pot o'Luck, Calumet Farm's Kentucky Derby hopeful.

the bay colt by Chance Play-Pothen won only two races, he showed remarkable late foot in all of his starts. He won \$53,180.

He carried the "devil red and blue" Calumet colors almost unnoticed until he finished fifth in the \$69,000 Belmont Futurity last fall. He came from 11th position, trailed Pavot, Alexis, Errard and Dockstader, but showed his heels to such speedsters as Greek Warrior, Floodtown, Plebescite and Sea Swallow.

His first victory came in the mile Champagne Stakes when he beat

Sir Francis by a head. The stable moved to Maryland and Pot o'Luck took the Pimlico Futurity by a head from Plebescite after running second to The Doge only five days earlier in the Bowie Endurance, run in two divisions at Pimlico last November.

Last Friday the Pot demonstrated his staying ability at the Downs and wily Plain Ben believes his thoroughbred is ready for the Derby. And Plain Ben has made few mistakes in his long career as a trainer so tab Pot o'Luck as a serious Derby threat.

Pirates Clout Giants Again; Bums Rap Cubs

NEW YORK, May 30.—The rampaging Pirates ran their victory string to eight in a row by subduing the first place Giants, 4-3, yesterday when Bill Salkeld clubbed a three-run homer off Ace Adams in the last half of the ninth inning.

The Giants collected 12 hits and three runs off Preacher Roe in the first seven frames while Harry Feldman was blanking the Bucs on four harmless singles. Feldman yielded one run in the eighth and gave way to Adams in the ninth after walking Jim Russell and serving up a single to Babe Dahlgren. Adams got past Frank Colman, but Salkeld connected on the second pitch to break up the game.

Gables Wins Decision

Roe was taken out for a pinch-hitter in the eighth and Ken Gables, who tolled the ninth for Pittsburgh, was credited with the triumph.

A 14-hit assault on three pitchers gave the Dodgers a 10-3 nod over the Cubs and shunted the Chicagoans out of third place. Ben Chapman stopped the Cubs with eight hits, while his mates were rapping Mack Stewart, the loser, Jorge Camellas and Hy Vandenberg.

The Bums bunched five runs to route Stewart in the third inning, then chased Camellas in the fifth with three more. Dixie Walker sparked Brooklyn with four hits, while Stan Hack, of the Cubs, continued his errorless fielding streak by handling five chances at third base without a bobble.

Cards Troupe Phillies

Bounding back from Sunday's double-defeat, the Cardinals trounced the Phillies last night, 8-1, behind the four-hit twirling of Red Barrett, who notched his second impressive victory since joining the champions last Friday in exchange for Mort Cooper. Whitey Kurowski, Redbird third baseman, emerged from a three-day batting slump to pound out four hits in five trips.

Dick Barrett, no relation of Red's, started for the Phils and allowed four runs in the four innings he lasted before turning his job over to Rene Monteagudo. The Cards rapped Monteagudo for four runs in the seventh inning.

The Braves and Reds were not scheduled.

Toledo Pounds Feller, Stops Great Lakes, 5-2

GREAT LAKES, Ill., May 30.—The Toledo Mudhens of the American Association handed Great Lakes Naval its first defeat of the season here yesterday, 5-2, on four hits.

All Toledo hits and runs were scored off Bobby Feller in the fifth inning. Denny Galehouse hurled hitless ball the rest of the way. The sailors made ten hits, but four double-plays nipped as many opportunities.

Love Me Now Beats Field In Delaware Park Feature

NEW YORK, May 30.—Love Me Now, recent winner at Pimlico, roared down the stretch to win the Christiana Stakes, which headed yesterday's opening day racing slate at Delaware Park. Favored General Don was second and Blue Dream was third.

It was in the same event last year that Pavot launched his victorious 2-year-old campaign and, although Love Me Now has to prove he ranks with Pavot in class, the way he ran yesterday stamps him as a definite contender for the juvenile crown.

Stymie, betting choice from Ethel Jacobs' stable, sped to an easy five-length victory in the Rancocas Handicap at Jamaica before 27,000 fans. A \$3.80 favorite, Stymie slipped through on the inside entering the stretch and walked away from the field. Transformer was second, while Eye For Eye finished third.

Doctor Jeep and Jamoke won the two divisions of the Nantucket Purse at Narragansett Park, Doctor Jeep paying \$10 after outfooting Wan Page and Jamoke returning \$8 after beating Cream and Gun Bearer.

The featured Buckingham Purse at Hawthorne was won by 7-year-old Full Cry, of the Broilite Farm. Four Deep ran second and Good Bid, the favorite, salvaged third money. Full Cry paid \$13.80. Equifox scampared to victory in the day's headline affair at Churchill Downs, shading Navy Cross and Tropic.

At Santa Anita, Rover and Parasang shared honors, each triumphing on a mile test. Rover outlasted Autocrat by a neck, and Parasang turned on heat in the stretch to lead Dear Judy under the wire.

Minor League Results

International League

Newark 3, Jersey City 2
Baltimore 2, Syracuse 1
Rochester 7, Buffalo 2
Only games scheduled
W L Pct
Montreal. 21 11 .656
Syracuse... 12 14 .462
Jersey City... 14 10 .583
Rochester... 12 14 .462
Newark... 14 13 .519
Toronto... 11 15 .423
Baltimore... 13 13 .500
Buffalo... 9 16 .360

American League

Columbus 9, Toledo 4
Milwaukee 5, Kansas City 3
St. Paul 14, Minneapolis 1
Indianapolis 8, Louisville 4
W L Pct
Milwaukee 18 9 .667
Toledo... 14 16 .467
Indianap. 17 13 .567
St. Paul... 12 15 .444
Louisville 16 13 .552
Minneapolis... 12 17 .414
Columbus 17 18 .486
Kansas City 12 17 .414

Southern Association

Memphis 6, Mobile 3
Little Rock 12, New Orleans 6
Nashville 8, Chattanooga 4
W L Pct
N Orleans. 24 8 .750
Little Rock 12 18 .400
Chatt'n'ga. 20 9 .690
Nashville... 9 20 .310
Atlanta... 19 10 .655
Bir'gham... 9 21 .300
Mobile... 20 13 .606
Memphis... 8 22 .267

Eastern League

Seranton 4-6, Albany 3-9
Elmira 9, Utica 8
Williamsport 8, Binghamton 4
Only games scheduled
W L Pct
Williamsport... 11 7 .611
Wilks.-Bar. 10 10 .500
Seranton... 11 9 .550
Hartford... 9 9 .500
Elmira... 9 8 .529
Utica... 9 11 .450
Albany... 10 9 .526
Binghamton 6 12 .333

Pacific Coast League

San Diego 3, Sacramento 2
San Francisco 5, Oakland 1
Portland 4, Seattle 3 (12 innings)
Hollywood at Los Angeles, postponed, rain
Portland... 35 21 .625
S.Francisco 27 29 .482
Seattle... 33 22 .600
Sacram'to 27 30 .474
Oakland... 31 27 .534
L.Angeloes 26 31 .456
S. Diego... 29 30 .492
Hol'wood... 19 37 .339

THE SCOREBOARD

American League

New York 11, St. Louis 9
Boston 6, Chicago 4
Philadelphia 2, Cleveland 1 (10 innings)
Detroit-Washington, not scheduled
W L Pct GB
New York... 21 11 .656
Detroit... 17 11 .607
Chicago... 16 14 .533
St. Louis... 15 14 .517
Cleveland... 13 15 .464
Boston... 14 18 .438
Washington... 13 18 .419
Philadelphia... 12 20 .375
Chicago at Philadelphia (2)
St. Louis at Washington (2)
Detroit at New York (2)
Cleveland at Boston (2)

League Leaders

Cuccinello, Chicago	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Stirnweiss, N.Y.	32	122	29	41	.333
Stephens, St. Louis	26	96	22	31	.323
Etten, New York	32	119	20	38	.319
Case, Washington	28	110	17	35	.318
Homerun Leaders					
Stephens, St. Louis, 8; Johnson, Boston, 6.					
Runs Batted In					
Stephens, St. Louis, Etten, New York, and Johnson, Boston, 22.					

National League

Brooklyn 10, Chicago 3
Pittsburgh 4, New York 3
St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 1 (night)
Boston-Cincinnati, not scheduled
W L Pct GB
New York... 25 10 .714
Pittsburgh... 18 14 .563
Brooklyn... 19 15 .559
Chicago... 17 15 .531
St. Louis... 18 16 .529
Cincinnati... 12 18 .400
Boston... 12 18 .400
Philadelphia... 10 23 .286
Boston at St. Louis (2)
New York at Chicago (2)
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh (2)
Philadelphia at Cincinnati (2)

League Leaders

Holmes, Boston	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Ott, New York	31	132	32	53	.402
Kurowski, St. Louis	36	122	30	48	.393
Reyes, New York	36	139	18	48	.369
Olmo, Brooklyn	34	127	19	45	.354
Homerun Leaders					
Lombardi, New York, 11; Weintraub, New York, 8; Ott, New York, 7.					
Runs Batted In					
Lombardi, New York, and Olmo, Brooklyn, 22; Kurowski, St. Louis, 31.					

Runs for the Week

National League						
M T W T F S S						
Boston	1	X				
Brooklyn	3	10				
Chicago	5	3				
Cincinnati	2	X				
New York	*P	3				
Philadelphia	P	1				
Pittsburgh	*P	4				
St. Louis	P	8				
*—Completion of Sunday's second game included in last week's totals.						
American League						
Boston	6	6				
Chicago	8	4				
Cleveland	P	1				
Detroit	P	X				
New York	P	11				
Philadelphia	P	2				
St. Louis	P	0				
Washington	P	X				

Children Honor Louis

NEW YORK, May 30.—The Riverside Children's Assn. today announced the award of a scroll to heavyweight champion T/Sgt. Joe Louis because "of his work for inter-racial amity and the advancement of the Negro."

Brewers Race Along Road Toward Third Straight Flag

MILWAUKEE, May 30.—After five weeks of intermittent firing, the American Association is in one of the tightest races in years, with only seven games separating the cellar dwellers from the league leaders.

On the final week before the 1945 season opened, sports writers picked the order in which they expected the teams to finish, and so far they haven't been too wrong. In the poll, the writers favored Toledo to oust defending champion Milwaukee for the title—which is one error of judgment according to the current standings—but most of their other guesses have materialized.

Milwaukee's Brewers are running in first place with few of last year's squad on hand. Only Arky Biggs at shortstop and Bill Norman in center field were regulars a year ago, but Manager Nick Cullop is getting good pitching as he points his men toward their third consecutive flag. Joe Rullo, a newcomer at second base, is another reason for Milwaukee's success.

Indianapolis, surprise club of the loop, has soared to second place

under the guidance of Bill Burwell, chiefly on airtight pitching. Eddie Wright has been the mound hero to date with a no-hitter against Kansas City and a one-hitter against Columbus. George Detore, who managed San Diego last year, is a valuable addition as an experienced catcher to keep the pitchers in line.

Third place Louisville offers a lineup of old men and children, with Shortstop Joe Kaney, 17-year-old find, and Ty Laforest, youthful second baseman, playing brilliant ball.

Around the rest of the circuit, only Columbus shows any power. With Manager Charlie Root, former Cub star, taking his regular turn on the mound and having already twirled three four-hitters, the Cardinal farm is doing wonders with a makeshift cast of yearlings and sandlot graduates.

As the situation stands now, Milwaukee is conceded an excellent chance of repeating, but the rest of the league's power lies in the eastern half of the bracket. Regardless of this, however, if the weather co-operates, club owners expect this to be one of the best financial seasons in years.

UNRRA Helps DPs in Reich Govern Selves

By Paul S. Green
Stars and Stripes Correspondent

WIESBADEN DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP, May 30.—The United Nations organization is getting a down-to-earth workout in the operation of hundreds of displaced persons camps like this one.

Fifteen thousand persons of a dozen nationalities are living side by side under the supervision of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

These camps, started by the Army, are gradually being turned over to the UNRRA, whose job is to take care of all non-Germans until they are out of the country. Once they are gone, the organization leaves, too. It has nothing to do with Germans.

UNRRA Teams Run Camps

This camp is run by Director O. Bayer, Czech; Philip Moreland, American; Dr. R. J. Tizon, French medical officer; Miss E. N. Wermig, British welfare officer; F. R. Hall, British administrator officer, and French and Dutch drivers. They are aided by 29 displaced persons, mostly Dutch and Belgians, who are paid by the burgomeister. UNRRA teams like this one will operate each DP camp.

Wiesbaden Camp was started on March 30 by two engineers—Lt. Leon Butler, of Morgantown, N.C., and Sgt. Joe Clifford, of Los Angeles—who found some forced laborers wandering around and housed them in a German barracks.

Within eight days, 10,000 displaced persons were being cared for and the total swelled to 15,000 in two weeks. Eleven thousand have passed through this first camp on their way to repatriation.

Each Nation Has Leader

UNRRA took over at the beginning of this month. Wiesbaden has developed into one of the better-organized camps. Its citizens, mainly Russians and Poles, live in more than a dozen bomb-scarred buildings.

This camp is supplied almost entirely with German food and clothing. The U.S. Army merely provides exterior guards. Inside, all guards are displaced persons.

The camp has its own kitchens, schools and hospital, staffed in part by German doctors. Entertainment and work programs are set up and many men work on Army projects outside of the camp.

Stars Will Air Tracy Wedding

Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Dinah Shore, Judy Garland and Jimmie Durante head a list of stars who will bring to life the characters of one of The Stars and Stripes' famous comics when they broadcast "The Wedding of Dick Tracy" over the AFN network at 2105 hours Friday.

Bing handles the title role, Hope is cast as Flat Top, Frank Sinatra is Shakey, Dinah is Tess Trueheart, Frank Morgan is Vitamin Flintheart, Judy is Snowflake, Cass Daley portrays Gravel Gertie, Jerry Colonna is a chief of police, the Andrews Sisters are heard as the Sommers Sisters and Durante is The Mole.

Economic Royalism

DALLAS, Tex., May 30 (ANS).—A realistic landlady ran this ad in a local newspaper: "For rent, new five-room furnished house; 20-minute ride to town if bus doesn't break down; grass and shrubbery planned, but weeds growing. I didn't buy this for a reasonable price, so can't rent it very reasonably."

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

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Time	TODAY
1200	Duffie Bag
1300	News
1315	String Serenade
1330	Harry James
1400	Gildersleeve
1430	Music We Love
1500	Beanooup Music
1600	Baseball
1630	Strike Up Band
1700	Amos and Andy
1730	Swing Show
1755	Sports
1800	News
1805	On the Record
1900	U.S. News
TOMORROW	
0600	Yawn Patrol
0700	News
0705	Yawn Patrol
0800	Spotlight Bands
0815	Personal Album
0830	Modern Music
0900	News
0915	Remember
0930	AEF Ranch H.
1000	Morning After
1030	French Lesson
1035	Strike Up Band
1100	U.S. News
1105	Duffie Bag

News every hour on the hour.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Gasoline Alley

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

By King



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



Army to Draw on 4Fs, Selective Service Says

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—A limited number of men under 26 who do not meet general service physical standards because of minor defects will be accepted by the Army, Selective Service announced. They will be made available for assignment to what Selective Service called "work of national importance under civilian direction." The number to be inducted was not given.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Send your questions or problems to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, APO 887. In replying to an advertisement, address letter to person signing ad, care of Help Wanted.

CAMERA EXCHANGE

For Sale: 620 folding Belloid, f4.5 lens. —Sgt. G. S. Morton 38565386, H. & S. Co., 843 Engr. Avn. Bn., APO 126; Korella II Reflex, accessories, or will swap for Leica

35mm with rangefinder and case.—S/Sgt. C. A. Rowland, 918 Sig. Co., Depot Avn., APO 133.

Swap: Radio, Zenith, American, 6-tube, for Leica, Contax, Ikoftex III, Ikonta B. Rolleiflex.—Henry F. Williams 33577585, 667 Engr. Top Co., APO 197.

FOUND

Wallets: belonging to Pvt. Malcolm R. Adams 34611523 and T/5 James A. Stinson 35645372, by S/Sgt. D. W. Brown, Hq., 1st Gen Hosp., APO 887. Ted I. Gevaert, by Help Wanted Dept.

PERSONAL

If American Sergeant named Harry, who loaned 500 francs to released POW

Lieutenant in Paris V-E night, will send me his address, money will be repaid.—Fit/Lt. John Slater, RAF, Snosall, Stafford, England.

Births

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

MAJ. John E. Miley, Troy, Ala.—Jeanette, May 29; Sgt. J. W. Morris, Briston, Tenn.—Jaynette Whitfield, May 27; Sgt. James A. McCormick, Brooklyn—Jane Helen, March 6; Lt. Ralph L. Colton, Philadelphia—boy, March 25; Capt. Carl S. Knox, Emporia, Kan.—girl, May 28; Cpl. William Dean, Springfield, Mo.—girl, May 27.

ANC Nearing Full Strength, Relaxes Drive

NEW YORK, May 30 (ANS).—The U.S. Army recruiting bureau disclosed today that voluntary enlistment of Army nurses has reached such a favorable stage that the Army Nurse Corps is expected to near its required strength within the next few weeks.

Dry Martini's Pilot Dons Civvies Under Point Plan

CAMP BEALE, Cal., May 30 (ANS).—Maj. Allen Martini, 25, of San Francisco, pilot of the Flying Fortress Dry Martini, which shot down ten German fighters and damaged one during a mission to bomb targets in Paris on April 4, 1943, was returned to civilian life yesterday and placed in inactive status under the point system.

35,000 Canadians to Stay

OTTAWA, May 30 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced today that Canadian occupation forces in Europe would total 35,000 troops.

Tokyo . . .

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metropolitan Tokyo, thousands of small homes and workshops producing war goods were wiped out and perhaps 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 persons were made homeless.

Numerous buildings within Emperor Hirohito's palace grounds were destroyed, reconnaissance photos showed, verifying Jap reports.

Japanese action took a toll of 50 B29s—about one for each square mile demolished. Of the 50, 39 were lost in the last two huge attacks in which 18 1/2 square miles of the capital were set ablaze.

(Reuter said LeMay vigorously attacked the myth of Japanese "tinder cities," pointing out that "you cannot drop a few bombs on a Japanese city and expect it to burn like matchwood."

"You can only burn down Jap cities by spreading out large quantities of incendiaries at specific aiming points within a brief space of time, so that fires spread quickly," he said.

(The Vatican News Service, quoted by the United Press, said that the apostolic delegation building in Tokyo, previously hit by bombs, was destroyed completely in the May 25 raid. No casualties were reported.)

Considerable damage in Yokohama was admitted by an imperial communiqué broadcast by Tokyo radio. Two B29s were lost in the Yokohama assault, and escorting P51s based on Iwo Jima shot down 26 interceptors, listed ten others as probably destroyed and damaged 18. Three Mustangs were lost, but one pilot was rescued.

Chinese Troops Win New Gains

CHUNGKING, May 30 (INS).—Chinese troops cutting into Japan's overland corridor to French Indo-China are threatening Suifu, only 20 miles from the frontier.

Some 100 miles to the north, another Chinese force captured Pingyang in a drive toward the former U.S. air base at Luichow.

In an order of the day, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek thanked the U.S. 14th AF for its support of the Chinese offensive.

U.S., British, Red Troops Asked to Leave Persia

TEHERAN, May 30 (Reuter).—The Persian government has requested the evacuation of British, U.S. and Russian troops from Persia. In a note to the three governments, Foreign Minister Sepah Bodi said: "As hostilities in Europe have ended, it is necessary that a normal situation be re-established in this country."

Storm Damages Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, Ill., May 30 (ANS).—A 25-minute windstorm accompanied by rain and hail damaged many homes here yesterday and flooded downtown streets. Police Chief Edgar Ryan estimated damage at \$500,000.

Georgia Greets Her General—and the General Greets a GI



Atlantans jam "Five Points" along Peachtree Street to cheer Georgia's war hero, Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, First Army Commander, as the general and 49 other Georgia soldiers parade through the downtown section.



Gen. and Mrs. Hodges greet a wounded veteran, T Sgt. E. J. Stefan, of Baltimore, during the celebration at Atlanta.

Writer Cleared Of Contempt

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—The House Veterans Committee rescinded a contempt charge against Albert Deutsch, New York reporter who declined to name Veterans' Administration staff members who told him patients in veterans' hospitals received poor care.

The committee approved by voice vote a surprise motion by Rep. James Domengeaux (D-La.) to dismiss the contempt charge and to recall Deutsch to resume testimony on conditions in veterans' hospitals.

Almost immediately the committee resumed an investigation it started several weeks ago. Committee members who inspected veterans' hospitals during the Congressional recess were asked to report.

Rep. Paul Cunningham (R-Iowa), who visited hospitals in Ohio, Nebraska and Iowa, told the committee he found the institutions generally clean but understaffed. The patients appeared happy, he said, and food in all of them was "good and plenty of it."

Rhine Government To Be Inaugurated

WITH 15th ARMY IN GERMANY, May 30.—The new civilian administration of the Rhine Province under military government will be formally inaugurated June 7 at Bonn.

At a City Hall ceremony, Dr. Hans Fuchs will receive his appointment as over-president of the province from Col. Charles T. Johnson, of MG. Dr. Wilhelm Mark, pre-Hitler Reichschancellor, will speak. A Protestant clergyman and the Catholic Archbishop of Cologne will take part in the ceremony.

The administration is already active.

Great Britain Snubs Austrian Government

LONDON, May 30 (AP).—Great Britain cannot recognize the Austrian provisional government in Vienna headed by the former chancellor, Dr. Renner, Foreign Minister Anthony Eden told Commons today.

Eden said the non-recognition will prevail until Britain's part of an Allied commission in Vienna has had full opportunity of "seeing for itself." Eden expressed the hope that "before long obstacles would be removed and we will have representatives there."

Dutch Promise Pacific Force

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30 (INS).—Availability of about 200,000 Dutch troops for use in the Pacific was forecast today by Hubertus van Mook, who promised more active Netherlands participation in the war against Japan.

Memorial Day Observed

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bassador to France Jefferson Caffery was the principal speaker at an impressive ceremony attended by American, French and British diplomatic and military officials.

"The word memorial should not be an empty slogan," Caffery said. "The heroes deserve more than flowers and monuments and speeches; I believe that the finest contribution each individual can make to the common memorial is to think clearly about the causes of the two wars and about what can be done to prevent another." Earlier, the ambassador had placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Gen. Joseph-Pierre Koenig, hero of France, reviewed American and French troops, walked among graves of the World War I heroes buried at Suresnes.

Religious services were held in Paris at the American Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Pierre de Chaillot Catholic Church, Rothschild Synagogue, and at cemeteries of World War II at Solers and Villeneuve-sur-Auvers.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, Ninth Army CG, was accompanied by 15 of his generals and one colonel representing the corps and divisions of his army at the U.S. military cemetery in Margraten, Holland.

At his Heidelberg University headquarters in Germany, Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commander of the Sixth Army Group, led his troops in paying homage to the dead heroes.

Devers placed a memorial wreath at the base of the university flagpole honoring the 23,303 American and French soldiers of his Sixth Army Group who died in this war.

In the Normandy Base section, services were held at each of the 11 military cemeteries.

In the St. Laurent cemetery just back of Omaha Beach, where the first men to fall in the invasion

landings are interred, services were attended by civilians who brought flowers for every grave.

At Ste. Mere l'Eglise, captured by paratroopers in the early morning hours before the beach landings, and at Blosville, 84-man squads fired salutes over the graves of members of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. Members of the First Engineers Special Brigade conducted special services at Le Cambe.

Russian soldiers joined with Americans, French and British at three cemeteries in Southern France where picked platoons of MPs paraded and Army Ground Force bands played.

At Molenhoek and Son, in Holland, Dutch clergymen joined Army chaplains in services. The Grand Duke of Luxembourg participated in services at Hamm.

In England, special services at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, were marked by an address by U.S. Ambassador John G. Winant, who laid a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey.

In America, work for victory over Japan was continuing in most war plants and government offices as the nation observed the day with parades, religious services and quiet ceremonies.

In New York City nearly 100,000 marchers participated in five parades. Wreaths were placed on two famous graves—on the grave of the Unknown Soldier of World War I in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, and on the grave of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Hyde Park.

Behind the bitterest battle lines of the Pacific in the tiny cemetery in Naha, Okinawa, services were held. The honored dead were six U.S. marines and sailors who entered Okinawa's capital with Commodore Matthew Perry in 1853.

Weather Nips Hopes of Lush Crop in U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 30 (ANS).—Cool, wet weather is upsetting hopes for a lush crop this fall. War Food Administration officials said today, declaring the government has done all it could to help farmers produce abundantly.

Wet weather affects corn and soybean crops which are necessary to produce meat, milk and eggs.

The WFA, marking time until Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) is confirmed as Secretary of Agriculture, hesitated to make policy changes, but scheduled a conference with the War Department June 23 to develop a farm labor program for the remaining months of 1945. Particular emphasis will be put on the harvest months, September and October, Marvin Jones, WFA chief, said.

Reports that war prisoners will be sent to Europe soon are without foundation, Jones said. This year's plans for farm labor were based on the use of 100,000 prisoners, Jones said, but the War Department has made available only 85,000 for May, June and July.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported the demand for farm products has not dropped since V-E Day, while production of meat, sugar, fats and oils has slumped. Potatoes are scarcer than a year ago, but truck crop supplies are one-seventh higher, the Bureau said.

For the first four months of 1945 the production of evaporated milk was up 24 percent, but stocks were 14 percent below those of a year ago because of heavy consumption.

Shops Threaten 'Holiday'

In New York City, fruit and vegetable retail associations, comprising 3,000 shops, threatened a "holiday" in protest against tie-in sales and overcharges by wholesalers. Meat and eggs continued scarce, and the Grange League Federation estimated that only 25 percent of 150,000 eggs shipped to New York last week reached civilians. The federation's entire output hereafter will go to the armed forces.

In New Haven, Conn., a foundry spokesman said moulders, accustomed to meat three times a day before the war, were unable to work because of loss of stamina.

Washington restaurants were reported experiencing difficulty in getting eggs, while in Pittsburgh the meat scarcity was growing worse because of "terrific Army demands on packers," and about 25 percent less meat was available this week than last. The sausage supply was cut 50 percent.

Earl E. Mason, secretary of the Iowa-Nebraska Poultry and Egg Institute, said the black market had been added to operations, causing shortened food supplies in Iowa. The egg situation throughout the state was reported becoming tighter.

Cleveland Packers Close

In Cleveland, a spokesman for 14 packing houses servicing 800 butchers said the concerns would remain closed all week. One official said the packers had exhausted the May supply of meat, but the district OPA director said the packers' action would "have no effect on Cleveland's meat supply."

More meat markets were closed temporarily in Seattle, with lamb the only meat available in quantity. Fish was helping ease the beef and pork shortage. J. L. Sawyer, president of the California Wool Growers' Association, urged the OPA to ease point values on lamb. Many spring lambs, underfed because of feed shortages, will not meet Army requirements, he said, and are available for civilians.

Some Montana markets are closing, while in San Francisco, shortages of pork, fats and poultry continued, with poultry production rising.

Word from Europe said food experts estimated that northern Italy's wheat fields would yield 70 to 80 percent of last year's bumper crops, making a small surplus for distribution to the rest of the country.

Berne reported the Colorado potato beetle spreading across Alsace and northwestern Switzerland as a possible menace to one of Europe's main foods.

Greece has had no salt issue for six months and the black-market price is 70 times the pre-war prices. Salt is now 400 drachmas, or \$1 a pound.

Royal Engagement

LONDON, May 30 (AP).—The engagement of Princess Xenia, 26, daughter of Prince Andrew of Russia, to Lt. Calhoun Ancrum Jr., of the U.S. Army, was announced today. The princess, a British subject, is a grandchild of Grand Duchess Xenia, sister of the late Czar. Ancrum is a son of the late Col. Calhoun Ancrum, USMC.