

# Reds Invade Czechoslovakia on 170-Mi. Line

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# Hitler Rallies Guerrillas

## Nazis' Last Hour Near, Russ Aver

Russian forces have invaded Czechoslovakia from southern Poland along a 170-mile front, sweeping in force through seven passes in the Carpathian Mountains, Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day last night.

Details were lacking but Stalin said the Soviets had advanced from 12 to 30 miles in various sectors. Simultaneously, another Moscow report said Russo-Rumanian troops, farther south in Transylvania, had reached a point only three miles from the Czech frontier.

### Moscow Warns Reich

Announcement of the Czechoslovakian invasion coincided with a special Moscow Radio broadcast to the German people, saying:

"Central Germany will be a battlefield tomorrow. There is nothing that Hitler, Goering or Himmler can possibly do to stop the final Allied onslaught against the Reich. The German nation is being called to arms solely for the purpose of facilitating the escape of high Nazi officials. The Nazis' last hour has come."

Meanwhile, as the eastern war drew closer to the Reich itself, Free Austria Radio yesterday called for an immediate "people's war" against Germany, telling "Austrian patriotic groups" to "act now" by sabotaging German transportation, communications and supplies in Austria.

### Demands Austria Revolt

The broadcast said: "After the collapse of Hungary, the war will be at our frontiers in a matter of days. Unless Vienna emulates Paris, Austria is doomed. Austrian patriotic groups everywhere—act now and save our country!"

Moscow was still silent yesterday on the war in Hungary, the East Prussian border and the Baltics, but the guns of the Russian capital prepared to salute the liberation of Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia. Marshal Tito's Partisans were reported to be in control of Belgrade except at isolated pockets of German resistance.

## Phantom Cannon Hasn't Ghost of Chance at Metz

METZ, Oct. 18. — A phantom super-cannon, reminiscent of the Paris siege gun which lobbed shells into Paris in 1918, has been shelling the Third Army front in the Metz sector for the past two weeks, elusively changing position to avoid detection, it was revealed today.

Censorship held up news of the weapon which has been playing hide-and-seek in an area between Metz and Nancy. It has been firing every few hours from varying locations and is believed to be railway mounted.

The Germans brought up the gun when the Metz front stabilized, and it is believed to be firing at ranges of more than 30 miles. Reports indicated the gun was so inaccurate that hits were seldom within a mile of objectives.

## Soviets Roll On



## Dewey's Latest Claim Refuted

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. — The White House today refuted Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's charges that the Administration had advocated "delayed military demobilization after the war," as voiced in the Republican candidate's speech in St. Louis Monday night. A Presidential spokesman declared the quotation was "only a part of a long report" which included such other language as "smooth and rapid demobilization."

At the same time, Democratic headquarters announced President Roosevelt would speak at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, Oct. 27, after his foreign affairs talk in New York Saturday night. Dewey is slated to speak in Pittsburgh tomorrow night.

## British Seize Rail Junction As 1st Crushes New Attack

Supported by U.S. tanks, British Second Army troops captured the important Dutch road and rail junction of Venraij yesterday and pushed two miles beyond to liberate the village of Overbroek.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gen. Courtenay B. Hodges' First U.S. Army infantry repulsed a German tank and infantry counter-attack on the Aachen ring.

Infantry of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third U.S. Army pushed 1,500 yards beyond Nancy-sur-Moselle to within four miles of bitterly-defended Metz.

U.S. Seventh and First French Army troops continued heavy pressure against German positions in the Vosges Mountains in the drive to outflank the Belfort Gap, but no significant progress was reported.

In the Scheldt pocket, gateway to the great port of Antwerp, Canadians captured Ijzendijke and shot spearheads to less than seven miles from the boat terminal of Breskens, where explosions were heard as the



Germans began demolishing port facilities.

Venraij fell after a week's fighting. German opposition in the sector appeared to be weakening, although terrain and weather held up the advance of the British infantry and U.S. Armor lent from the First U.S. Army.

First U.S. Army troops occupying the eastern half of Aachen continued the cleanup of German resistance inside the city, flushing Germans out of cellars and subterranean passages dating back to Roman times.

## G-5 Reveals Plans for Reich; Death Decreed for Partisans

By Lester David

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

Germans blocking the progress of Allied armies through the Reich will face firing squads under the complete plan for the military government of Germany revealed for the first time yesterday by Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes, deputy assistant chief of staff of SHAEF's G-5 section.

A massive array of proclamations, laws and ordinances aimed at the destruction of Nazism lie ready to be unleashed against Reich regions the moment they are crushed by invading troops. The cleansing process already is under way in a few towns, Gen. Holmes asserted.

Gen. Holmes emphasized that the plans apply only while fighting continues, after which the Allied governments will fix and administer zones of occupation.

The gates of concentration camps will be swung wide to liberate interned Jews and Gestapo prisoners locked up for purely political crimes, the general declared.

Gen. Holmes also revealed that the French First Army, now deploying with the British and American forces facing the Germans, will follow the same military government pattern and use the same methods as the Yanks and Britons, under the Supreme Command.

When the Allied forces blast

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## Aerial Armada Blasts Cologne

Marshalling yards and industrial targets in Cologne, supply and reinforcement city for Aachen defenders, were attacked yesterday by 550 escorted Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses and Liberators—their fourth raid on the Rhine river city in five days.

The heavy bombers, escorted by more than 40 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, also bombed factories and rail targets at Kassel, located 100 miles east of Cologne. At a late hour last night, no further details of the attack had been released by USAF officials.

The aerial pounding of German troops holding out in Aachen was continued by Ninth Air Force fighter bombers. In one attack, 30 Thunderbolts concentrated their bombs on a group of buildings in the northwest section of the beleaguered city.

More than 200 fighter bombers operated in the First Army sector, attacking without loss German railway targets and troop concentrations.

## Willkie Is Buried As Son Returns from Sea Duty

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Oct. 18. — Wendell L. Willkie, Republican candidate for President in 1940, who died last week, was buried here yesterday, after interment ceremonies were delayed to permit his son, Lt. Philip Willkie, to return home from convoy duty on the Atlantic.

## 'Pitchfork' Army Told To Prepare

Adolf Hitler proclaimed yesterday that a German "people's army," fighting if necessary with knives and pitchforks, would defend the Reich in a last ditch guerrilla struggle.

In a proclamation broadcast by Berlin Radio, Hitler said the People's Army, under Heinrich Himmler, would wear arm-bands and would include men—and perhaps even women—between 16 and 60. Himmler has been appointed commander-in-chief of the German forces of the interior.

Hitler's proclamation was followed last night by a nation-wide broadcast by Himmler, who, speaking from East Prussia, made his first major address since 1937.

### "Fury of a Fanatic"

Emphasizing that the People's Army members were a part of the Wehrmacht and therefore entitled to treatment as regular belligerents, Himmler said:

"Ever and again German resistance will flare up in the rear. Every farmstead in the countryside and every tenement block in the cities will be defended by men who do not fear death—and, if they fall, by women and girls."

Himmler continued: "Wherever the enemy enters the soil of our country, the Volksturm (People's Army) must be ready to engage him . . . with the fury of a fanatic. . . Every house, every ditch, every bush, every cluster of trees will have to be defended."

Himmler recalled the formation in 1813 of Landsturm to combat Napoleon, when "every possible implement—pitchforks, straightened out scythes, pikes and swords—all were declared official weapons."

### Text of Proclamation

(A Stockholm report last night said the Nazis in recent weeks had been building up secret depots of arms, ammunition and foodstuffs for "fanatical partisan warfare.")

The Hitler proclamation said: "I hereby order that in all districts of the Reich German Volksturm, comprising all able-bodied men from ages 16 to 60, be set up. This Volksturm will defend the home soil with all weapons and means suitable.

"Secondly, gauleiters will be entrusted with the establishment and

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## Hitler Will Settle For a Safe Peace

Hitler, who a few years ago filled his speeches with demands for new territory, yesterday indicated he would settle right now for a peace which kept Germany itself intact. Said he: "We must and we shall succeed not only in breaking the enemy's determination to destroy us, but also in driving the hostile forces back and keeping them out of the Reich until a peace is guaranteed which safeguards the future of Germany and her allies—and therefore Europe."

## B-Bag Gets 'Action' For GI

Another GI blew it out of The Stars and Stripes B-Bag the other day, and it looks like the explosion will blast him right into the front lines, where he wanted to be in the first place.

Pvt. E. Philip Malin, who described himself as "1A in a 4F outfit," wrote the B-Bag complaining about his rear echelon duties, and asked why—trained for combat—he couldn't get into a line company and see some action.

Yesterday The Stars and Stripes received a letter from Maj. Gen. C. H. Gerhardt, commander of the 29th Infantry Division, saying:

"The undersigned has read with interest . . . a letter . . . by a soldier who desires combat service. The 29th Infantry Division can use that soldier and any like him who desire combat. I would be glad to have him as a member of this command. Can you give me his name and present organization?"

Needless to say, Malin's name, rank, serial number and organization went to the general.



Prosit: On Uncle?

We are in Germany now and cannot trust any of the stuff we drink. We don't know how long our stay here will be. Therefore we would like to know if we have any rationed liquor coming to us.—Muddy Old Combat Engrs.

Prudent Crap Shooter

I won a few hundred dollars in the crap game the other day and all they'll let me send home is \$60. Why can't I send it all home?—Sgt. De Mooy.

(You may send it all home. The easiest way is by a "Personal Transfer Account." Just deliver the cash to the personnel officer and tell him where you want it sent. That's all there is to it.—Ed.)

MPs Want Break

We're fed up with the so-called funny stories concerning MPs we find in Hash Marks. We're a combat outfit. . . under shell fire have lost some mighty swell men by enemy mines. We don't lay any claim to glory nor ask for any credit or recognition.

Just ease up, will you?—A Disgruntled MP Sgt.

Time, Please

I'm certainly in favor of having a good time, but when men at the fighting front clamor for clothing and supplies and transportation is at a premium, how in the world can officers of our U.S. Army have the nerve to get liquor shipped to them from England and other sources. Yes, liquor shipped on trucks, boats, etc! This is a waste of much-needed shipping space and services of men and equipment, which could certainly be doing much more important tasks and helping to get this damn mess over.—Cpl. J. T., Sig. Sec.

Staff Memo

We are in a supply outfit and here is our beef:

You go to the QM, Medical Supply, Ordnance, CWS and other supply branches of the Army and try to obtain supplies, and you are always given the same old line. They don't have the supplies as shipping space is so limited. But we notice they have plenty of space for blouses, ties and shoe polish for the soldiers in France.

We feel that if the space taken by these items were allotted to critical supplies it would help end the war sooner. Not that we object to looking like USO Commandos, but we feel it would help the combat men in the front lines, who don't have time to worry about sharp-looking uniforms and shined shoes.—M/Sgt. Luscomb, T/Sgt. Myrick, Cpl. Appleby.

And One for Congress

My suggestion for a fitting award for the praiseworthy combat medics is: Take the regular combat infantryman's badge and the enameled Red Cross insignia as worn on the ARC overseas cap and spot-weld the cross on top of the badge so that it is centered in the wreath. No new designs, red tape for moulds, etc., are necessary. Merely a signature from somebody with enough authority and ambition to see justice fairly distributed as a go-signal.

Oh yes, a \$10 per month raise would be very appropriate, too. Or is that asking too much for the lad who walks in the same mud, sleeps in the same rain, dodges the same bullets, works for the same victory, and if need be, pays the same price—his life—as the combat infantryman?—H. W. S., 1st Lt. Inf.

Hash Marks

Two Joes were returning sadly to camp after a furlough which had thrown them into the clutches of the MPs. Grumbled one Joe, "Why the hell did you have to get drunk in the first place?" Said his pal meekly, "Remember, I didn't—it was the last place."

It happened in Arizona. A grizzled old miner was called to the witness stand and asked, "Can you read?" "Wal," he replied, "I can read figgers purty well but I don't do so well with the writing."



"How's that?" asked the puzzled lawyer. "Wal," said the miner, "take these here signs along the road. When I want to go somewheres, I can read how far—but not whurto."

And then there was the GI who went to the Medics to get a cure for his cold.

The lovely young miss gazed up at her swain as they strolled through the park, and sighed, "If you and I were thinking of the same thing, darling, would that be telepathy?" A moment's pause, then the GI muttered, "No, dearest—just plain luck."

Says Don McNeil, "Middle age is that period in a man's life when he'd rather not have a good time than have to get over it." (And how are you over-38's feeling today?)

Is there any truth to the rumor that if you stay over here long enough you get an oak leaf cluster on your ETO ribbon?

Our nomination for the prize headline of the week was one that appeared in a camp newspaper.



The story told how trustworthly dogs were proving on sentry duty. Some wit headed the article "Dogs Won't Quit Post."

It's a general belief that our gallant Allies the Chinese are a long-suffering race and we've just found another fact to prove it—centuries before America was discovered the Chinese were eating spinach.

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



An Editorial

Millions of Jerricans Go AWOL

WHAT does a Jerrican mean to you, soldier?

It means this to the American Army: The Jerrican is one of the chief reasons we're now on the Siegfried Line instead of the Seine.

That's how important the Jerrican is.

It takes Jerricans to get the gas lifeblood of our fighting machinery up to the front. Every gallon of that red stuff gives our armies more speed and punch in our advance along the road to Berlin. Every extra gallon means more power to transport munitions and food and clothing and cigarettes to the combat and supply troops.

A Jerrican is as much a weapon as a rifle. Yet, several millions have disappeared from circulation since D-Day.

Where are they?

Just look around you.

It isn't hard to see where they are.

How about all those guys who insist on a private water supply? Add to them the Joes who use Jerricans to set their shaving stuff on; while pouring water from another one. . . Perhaps you're sitting on an empty to read this editorial.

Look along the roads. You'll find them discarded on the side behind hedgerows.

How about those civilians we see carrying them. Did they find 'em along the road or back of a hedgerow? Or did some thoughtless Joe make a trade?

How about those gas hounds who carry several Jerricans in their jeeps?

Every GI has a personal responsibility to turn in Jerricans found AWOL, or being



used for personal convenience. Unit commanders should see that all stray cans in their areas are rounded up. The can should be given to the Joes who haul the gas so they can be put back into circulation.

We're anxious to get moving. Maybe gas isn't the one and only thing that's holding up the works. But every gallon will count going down the home stretch.

Let's find those Jerricans!



Lucky 13th

Friday, Oct. 13, worked out nicely for Leo A. Zolinski, of Edwardsville, Pa. The 29th Division infantryman received his battlefield commission that day and a Silver Star for gallantry in Normandy while he was still a T/4 with a cannon company.

Advertisement

A book called "Air Gunner," written by two Stars and Stripes staff writers, Bud Hutton, of New York City, and Andy Rooney, of Albany, N.Y., was

published in the States today by Farrar and Rinehart. The book, about gunners in the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces, sells for \$2.50, the staffers advise.

Long Rangers

Two sergeants of the 35th Infantry Division killed three German soldiers with their M-1s from a distance of more than 800 yards. The two men, T/Sgt. Walter Soltanek, of Chicago, and Sgt. Marshall Locke, of Dayton, Tenn., used a pair of German binoculars to do the job on the Jerries, who thought they were out of range of the American rifles.

Army Band in Verdun

The United States Army Band, under the direction of Capt. Thomas M. Darcy, of Washington, played Tuesday in Verdun in front of the Verdun World War Memorial.

In a brief address before the concert, Brig. Gen. C. R. Doran told the audience that Verdun was the actual birthplace of the band, because it was at Verdun that Gen. John J. Pershing activated the organization.

As a member of the 18th Infantry Regiment of the First Division in the last war, Darcy was wounded in the fighting near Verdun, and was awarded the Silver Star for his part in the action.

Sad Sea Story

Here is a sad story about a sailor from the Bronx who gave up a commission in the Naval Reserve to get away from the sea and ended up in an Army tugboat.

CWO Mariano L. Trivella joined the Army because for 14 years he had seen nothing but the sea and was sick of it. During the first months of the war he was first mate on a Liberty ship run to Murmansk. The ship

was torpedoed off the coast of Nova Scotia, and Trivella spent ten hours in the water. Well, he'd had the sea, so he bought a little farm in Lisle, Ill., sight unseen, so he'd have something to come back to, then he joined the Army.

But the Army needed experienced sailors so in a year Trivella jumped from private to warrant officer and was put back in the drink again in command of a U.S. Army Harborcraft company in France.

Grounds for Gripe

A tank destroyer crew near the Siegfried Line was making coffee when a German counter-attack began. They set the open coffee pot on the floor of the TD and went to work. By the time the attack was over, their coffee was cold. They warmed it up, poured it out and drank it. Very tasty coffee they all commented. After the second round, the crew found two 50-cal. shells and one carbine shell on the bottom of the pot.

KOs Two Tanks

Alone and armed only with a bazooka, Pfc James J. Beck, of Philadelphia, saw two German tanks 200 yards away. Firing from a kneeling position, he knocked both out of action with three shots and was wounded by the tank's automatic fire. He received the Silver Star for "gallantry in action."

Marine Carpentry

Hitting the nail on the head under water seems like an impossible task but it's a daily occurrence with the ship carpenters of the U.S. Transportation Corps. "Never start the hammer blow above water," Cpl. William E. Hendrix, of Columbia, S.C., explains, "or the water will deflect the blow and you will miss the nail's head. The ideal technique is a short choppy stroke beneath the water."

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# Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

WHILE crippled athletes with taped limbs and punctured ear drums continue to bolster homefront morale for fabulous salaries, plenty of former big-name sports figures are serving in the armed forces. And this doesn't refer merely to isolated cases like Buddy Lewis, the former Washington infielder who has been flying in the Chinese theater, or young Bobby Feller, whose powerful right arm manned an ack-ack gun on the convoy run to Murmansk.

Right here in the ETO there are several athletes talented enough to hold their own against the current performers in the States—if they weren't fighting Jerry on the Continent. Just like the bookkeepers, shoe clerks, soda jerkers, etc., they were well along in their trade when a hand dipped into the fish bowl and came out with their ticket.

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SOLDIERS who weren't in England during the past football season may remember Tommy Thompson as the gent who churned up dust on the peacetime gridiron for the Philadelphia Eagles. Those who were in the ETO will know he led the 29th Infantry Division Blues to a spectacular undefeated season. But he was only one of several capable athletes who became just another guy named Joe when the landing barges started beaching in Normandy.

Although the Blues monopolized the scene in England, they'll have to share their laurels now that the 35th Infantry Division is on the scene because the 35th has more than a few well-known athletes on its morning report.

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LANKY Pvt. Howie "Spud" Krist, who won 26 and lost four during six years with the Cardinals, including ten straight in 1941, and Pvt. Murry Dickson, who notched an enviable record while twirling for Columbus and also spent time with the parent Redbirds, are on the 35th roster. S/Sgt. Bob Patrick, another infantryman, patrolled the Detroit outfield for three games before Uncle Sam called.

When it comes to football, the 35th has S/Sgt. Rhoten Shetley, the Brooklyn Dodgers' quarterback during 1940-41-42, while Cpl. Bob Rensberger, former Notre Dame All-American, is the 35th's basketball wizard. Among the boxers, Pvt. Gene Thomas pasted Buddy Baer on the same card when Louis lulled Brother Max to sleep, and the pro debut of T/Sgt. Saul Joseph, Chicago Golden Gloves welterweight king, was nipped by the draft.

Someday, perhaps athletes from the 35th and 29th will be within competitive distance of each other. We'd like a ringside ticket for that.

## Illini Scatbacks Jeopardize Four Collegiate Grid Marks

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Oct. 18.—The speed-crazy University of Illinois football team probably won't win the Big Ten title this year because the Illini already have bowed to Purdue, but they are carrying out a sustained assault on the record books.

Under the guidance of Ray Eliot, who has modified the T-formation to suit his own lightning backfield, Illinois has rolled up yardage records in beating Illinois Normal, Indiana and Iowa, tying Great Lakes and losing to the Boilermakers. Their aggregate of 190 points against 90 has established the Illini as an unpredictable team.

The starting backfield of Quarterback Don Greenwood, who does some passing and all the punting; Paul Patterson, workhorse who does his share of running and most of the passing; breakaway sprinter Claude "Buddy" Young, and blocking back Jerry Cies are endangering four different national collegiate offensive records.

The record of average gain per rushing play is 5.7 yards, set by Missouri in 1941; the Illini are currently gaining at the rate of 7.9 yards. The mark for average rushing gain per game over a full season is 324.5, established last year by Iowa Pre-Flight; Eliot's athletes, are maintaining a 360-yard pace.

The national championship Ohio State eleven of '42 set a record for average gain per forward pass attempt at a flat ten yards, but the Illini are getting 12. Finally, the overall average gain per play—whether running or passing—is 6.8 yards, turned in by Tulsa's 1942 squad. Eliot's scatbacks are getting an average of 8.3.

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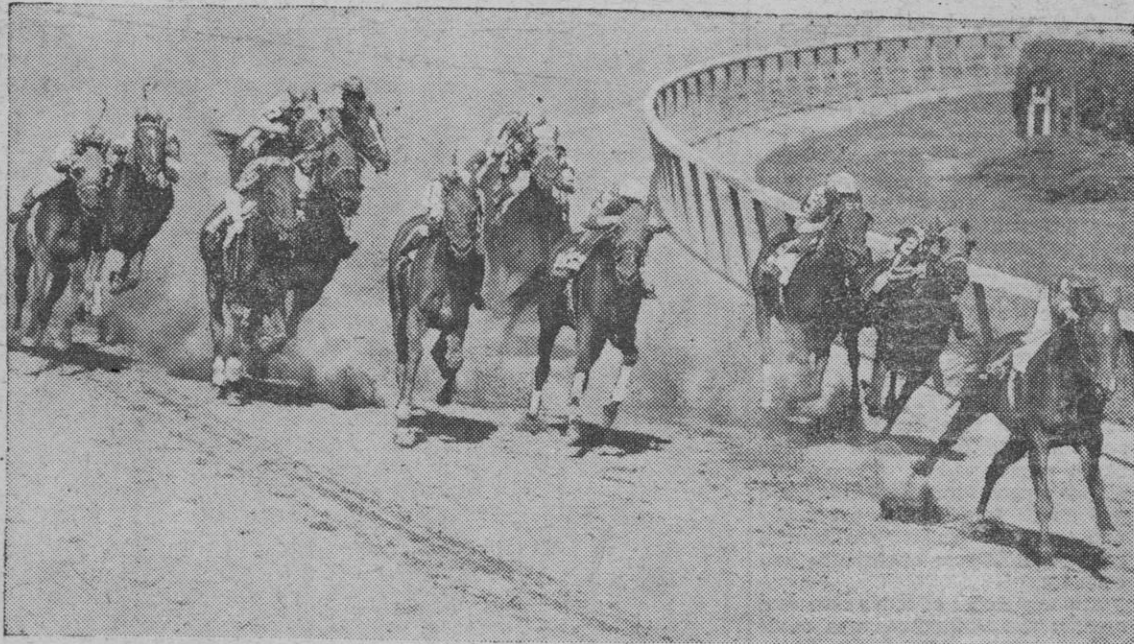
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## Why Horse Bettors Die Broke



Reformatory (far right) with Bobby Merritt aboard leads the field as it makes the turn for home in the second race at Belmont Park. But when the numbers are posted, Reformatory is just another also-ran. Winner is Scotch Trap (3), ridden by Teddy Atkinson, while Frontier Jane (2) also fails to finish in the money.

## Clock Watching Pays Dividends In Nutmeg State

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 18.—John Cluney, Waterbury Democrat sports editor who referees boxing bouts around the Nutmeg State, had a rather novel experience here recently, but he got in the last word and the Connecticut Boxing Commission now has a clearer idea of a referee's function during a bout.

Comm. Coskey fined Bobby Ruffin \$25 for belting Brother Cluney on the whiskers when Cluney stopped a fight before Ruffin could finish his man. The commission then reversed itself, refunded Ruffin's \$25 and censured Cluney for stopping the bout with only two seconds remaining in the round.

"I was looking at the beaten fighter, commissioner," Cluney retorted, "not at the clock."

## Buckeyes Risk Record Against Unbeaten Gobs

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 18.—While Notre Dame and Army are monopolizing the headlines, Coach Carroll Widdoes' Ohio State squad is quietly moving along the unbeaten path, and Buckeye partisans are predicting that their favorites will finish an ambitious slate without a loss.

However, if the Buckeyes intend to co-operate with their fans, they'll have to pack a potent wallop come Saturday when they match touchdowns with the equally as formidable Great Lakes Naval eleven. The Bluejackets also are unbeaten, and this week's winner is likely to continue its schedule without farther worry. The Buckeyes already have subdued Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin, while the Bluejackets have scuttled

Purdue, Illinois, Northwestern and Western Michigan.

Notre Dame is a prohibitive choice to victimize Wisconsin this week, but here, too, an unblemished slate might very easily die a sudden death. The Badgers were unbeaten until they fell before Ohio State a week ago, and they'll be gunning for revenge against the Ramblers.

Even the most optimistic sailors in the ETO wouldn't dare wager that the Coast Guard Academy has enough weapons to throttle Army, while Tulsa should be able to show its heels to Mississippi.

Meanwhile, Randolph Field, which is idle this week after having rolled over three Southwest Conference teams, has been invited NOT to participate in the Cotton Bowl Game at Dallas on New Year's Day.

Four conference coaches said that if bowl officials chose the Southwest Conference champion as host team, Randolph Field would not be an advisable opponent. "They don't belong in the same league with college teams," the beaten coaches lamented.

## Tigers Rank High On Any TS Ballot

DETROIT, Oct. 18.—The Detroit Tigers front office has demonstrated a commendable sense of humor and sportsmanship in sending to sports writers World Series lapel buttons and pencils with the following message:

"Although the club's efforts for the championship were unavailing, you might wish to receive the button and pencil as remembrances of one of the most interesting pennant races in American League history."

## Hoss Goes to Pasture

# Last of 'Gas House Gang' Hangs Up Glove

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 18.—The active career of one of baseball's most colorful players ended officially today when Sam Breardon, president of the Cardinals, handed John "Pepper" Martin his unconditional release.

It was no surprise as Martin had indicated his desire for free agency when he rejoined the Redbirds as an active player at the start of the 1944 season after three years as manager in AA leagues.

Martin belongs to that small group of sports heroes who shot from obscurity like a bolt of lightning. The stage for Martin's ascendancy to full star rating was in the 1931 World Series, when he swiped five bases, batted .500 in seven games and literally stole the show from Connie Mack's fence-busting Athletics.

Every time Mickey Cochrane looked up from behind the plate, Martin was enroute to the next base. The way he ran and slid captured the fans' imaginations immediately. He'd put his head down and, while his arms waved wildly, his legs would churn up a tremendous cloud of dust as he moved down the baselines.

His picturesque maneuver was climaxed when the Wild Hoss of the Osage would go into a death-



Pepper Martin

defying head-first dive for the bag and come up dirty from the tip of his cap to his shoetops. Through it all, however, Pepper's expansive toothy smile would be immediately evident.

No stylist, either at bat or afield, he was nevertheless a fierce competitor. One of the original Gas House Gang, Martin was an outstanding member of that rollicking

crew and among his hobbies while with the gang was driving fire engines and midget autos. He also was the noble director of that never-to-be-forgotten chamber music ensemble, the "Mississippi Mudcats."

Martin instituted a new type of infield play in '33 when he moved from the outfield to third base. He stopped everything that came his way with his massive chest, whether it was a baseball or a baserunner. While the Cards were in the thick of the pennant fight in '34, someone asked Frankie Frisch, then managing the club, what he thought of his team's chances.

"We'll do all right as long as Martin's chest holds out," Frisch replied. It did and the Cards won the flag that year.

Martin, always the clown, had a ready reply several years ago when he was interviewed on the radio and asked whether he had intended to be a major leaguer when he was a boy.

"Nope, I wanted to be an Indian when I was a kid," he answered, "because all the Indians down home in Oklahoma have oil wells and plenty of money."

Umpires used to get the same conversation when they condescended to debate with Pepper on the diamond.

## Lil' Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.

By Al Capp



Paul Yeager, Pittsburgh.

## Planes Blast Anew at Japs In Philippines

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 18.—The greatest American air-sea offensive of the Pacific war entered its tenth day today with swarms of U.S. carrier planes again blasting Jap defenses in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, a Chungking communiqué revealed that Monday's raid against Jap shipping in Hong Kong Harbor, carried out by bombers of Maj. Gen. Claire V. Chennault's 14th Air Force, had sunk eight ships totaling 40,000 tons and damaged seven ships totaling 23,000 tons.

This report indicated the raid was much larger than previously announced, when it was said a total of 48,000 tons of shipping had been hit.

Announcement of today's air raid against the Philippines was made by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, but no details were given. Tokyo Radio reported that Jap army and navy circles were emphasizing the need to be "fully on guard" against an invasion of the Philippines.

Also disclosed by Nimitz today was a landing, Sept. 20, on the island of Ulithi, in the western Carolines, east of the Philippines, by U.S. Army units. Nimitz said the landings were unopposed.

## Greek Premier Back in Athens

The people of Athens, long-suffering capital of Greece, rejoiced yesterday as British seaborne troops, landed at the small port of St. George, poured in to join up with paratroopers who several days ago helped to liberate the city. The Greek Premier, M. Papandreou, has arrived with members of his cabinet on the Greek cruiser Averoff.

Correspondents reported that, although Athens escaped destruction, the Germans instituted a reign of oppression, perhaps unequalled anywhere, designed to humiliate and starve the citizens into a state of physical desperation.

## ETO Transit Problems Take Ross to London

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Maj. Gen. Frank Ross, ETO Transportation Corps commander, is taking part in a conference in London on inland European transport problems expected to arise after the occupation of enemy territory. He is a member of the American delegation headed by Ambassador John G. Winant.

## Spies Pose As Hitch-Hikers, CIC Warns Soldier Drivers

By Dan Regan  
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Warning that spies posing as homeless civilians are a genuine threat in France and Germany, the Army's Counter-Intelligence Corps yesterday re-emphasized the importance of obeying the order against giving civilians lifts in Army vehicles.

Though the CIC recognized the temptation to give rides to hitch-hikers, it pointed out that one phony out of 50 seemingly legitimate riders could seriously impede the war effort.

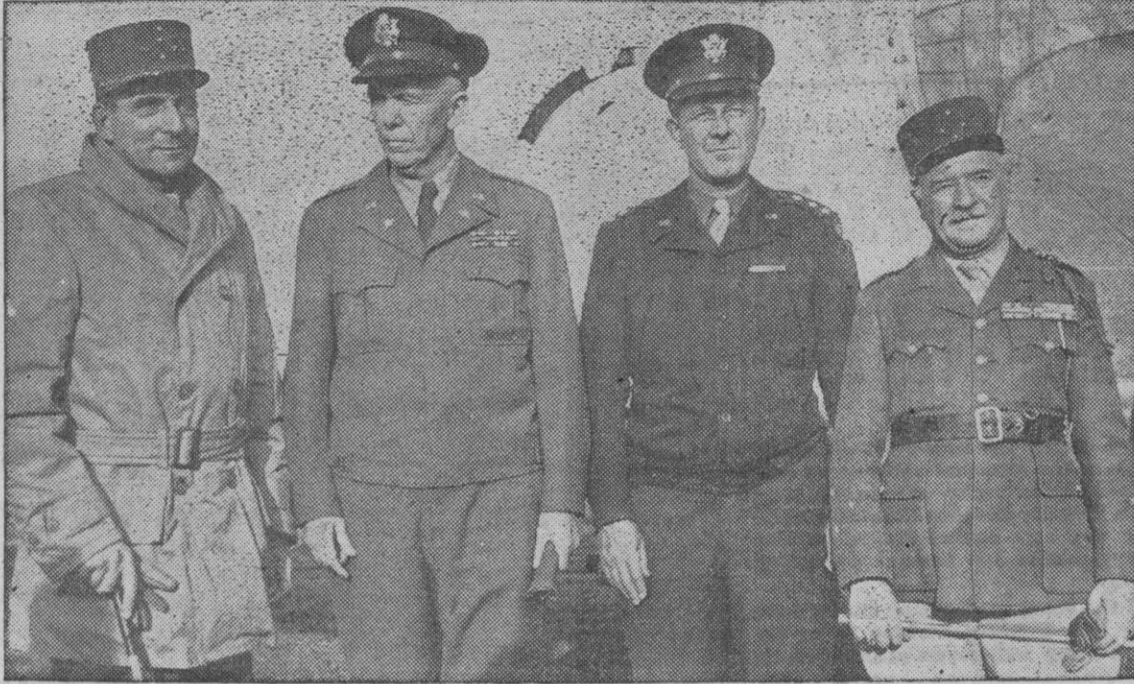
To demonstrate the importance of the ruling, the CIC cited two true cases.

Recently two enlisted men from a XIX Corps unit were lost, and they accepted the invitation of a "civilian" to direct them to their outfit. He led them, instead, to a German CP. They managed to escape from the German prison camp to which they were sent and told the story.

Another case involved a GI truck that gave a man a lift from Cherbourg to Paris. The "civilian" was armed with a carbine and pistol. In Paris he aroused their suspicions, so they turned him over to the MPs. He turned out to be a German soldier.

The CIC said the enemy agents

## Seven U.S. Stars Meet French Army Chiefs



Gen. George C. Marshall has returned to Washington after completing an inspection tour of the Western Front. Here, Gen. Marshall (second from left) is shown with (l. to r.) Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny, First French Army commander; Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, U.S. Sixth Army Group commander; and Gen. Goisard de Montsabert, commanding French units attached to Sixth AG.

## Hell, They Just Gotta Wait!

## 4 Million Single Gals in U.S. And Not Half Enough Guys

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Servicemen overseas don't need worry too much about the girls back home, according to the Census Bureau, which just gave information showing there are only about 1,700,000 unmarried men between the ages of 20 and 34 to some 4,000,000 unmarried women in the same age group.

For the first time in history this erstwhile he-man Republic has a female majority.

WACs, however, may look at things differently—the bureau says there are 600,000 more women over 21 than there are men. They figure the war boom in marriages is about over until the boys come home, and then if the trend of World War I repeats itself, look out.

The bureau's latest figures show the median age of bridegrooms last year was 24.8 years and of brides 21.8. This means statistically that when Johnny comes marching home he's apt to fall for some little babe down the street, rather than one of his former high-school classmates.

For girls who want to do something constructive about getting a husband, the charts point toward the West rather than the East and the small towns rather than cities.

In Washington, D.C., for instance, competition is pretty rugged with only 91.9 men for every 100 women.

## Bologna Attack Pressed by 5th

American Fifth Army troops on the central Italian front yesterday reached a point eight miles from Bologna with the capture of Monte Belmonte, and British and Indian troops on their right flank cleared the Germans from several heights. In the Adriatic sector British Eighth Army troops are continuing their advance into the Po Valley, mopping up along the Rimini-Bologna highway, and closing in on Cesana from the east.

The German garrisons on the islands of Crete and Rhodes, their last important strongholds in the Mediterranean, have been isolated after an unopposed British landing on the neighboring island of Scarpanto.

## Hitler....

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command of the German Volksturm.

"Thirdly, I herewith appoint Chief of Staff Scheppmann inspector of rifle training, and Corps Leader Krans, of the National Socialist Motorized Corps, inspector of motorized technical training.

"Fourthly, all members of the Volksturm are soldiers under army code.

"Fifthly, these orders do not affect affiliation of members of the Volksturm to other organizations.

"Sixthly, Reichsfuehrer SS Heinrich Himmler, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of German forces of the interior, is responsible for the military organization, instructors, equipment and armament of the Volksturm."

## Disclose Plan To Rule Nazis

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across the Reich, Gen. Holmes declared, they will exercise the law of conquerors, suspending the German government and ruling under military government dictates tempered by the moral laws of decent humanity, all under the absolute sway of the commander.

The commander's authority will be exercised to insure the safety and health of the occupying forces, maintain public order, care for and repatriate Allied prisoners of war, apprehend war criminals, protect Allied and United Nations property and to establish a suitable civil administration.

German laws involving discrimination on grounds of race, religion or political opinion will be ripped up, the general said, and the rule of justice and equality before the law will be restored.

Military Government Law No. 5, Gen. Holmes stated, dissolves the Nazi Party and all its subdivisions, offices and institutions. All further activity will be prohibited except as is necessary to preserve intact all funds and records, which will be taken into custody. The death penalty may be invoked against Germans convicted of destroying party records, he said.

Military government courts will be set up, said the general, for the trial of violators of all proclamations, laws and ordinances. They may impose sentences of fine, imprisonment or death in accord with the crime charged. Parallel with this, he explained, all regular German civil, military and administrative courts will be temporarily suspended until they can function on lines of decent and humane justice.

Offenses carrying the death penalty under military law, he said, include espionage, armed resistance to the United Nations, unauthorized possession of firearms, looting and pillage, sabotage and theft of war materials, misleading Allied troops and the destruction of party records.

Fines and imprisonment may be imposed for inviting any member of the armed forces off limits, breaking curfew regulations, holding public gatherings without permits and malicious gossip.

## Send Wounded Home First, VFW Declares

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 18 (ANS).—Demobilization procedure giving combat disabled veterans first discharge preference is the policy to be supported by the National Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jean A. Brunner, V. F. W. commander, said today.

The council has approved a program of basic policies, one of which calls for demobilization procedure giving discharge preference in the following order: combat disabled veterans; those with the longest periods of combat service; those with longest periods of foreign service; those with longest periods of home service, along with hardship and dependency cases.

The council also approved policies "which will permit the U.S. to participate as the sovereign power in a world association to maintain peace, using force if necessary, and to inform our people through full publicity as to the preliminary negotiations between the U.S. and the Allied nations.

Other policies included "adjusted service pay for World War II veterans through a credit of \$3 per day for home service and \$4 per day for overseas service with an extra credit of \$500 to those wounded in active service in line of duty; with a maximum of \$3,500 for home service only and \$4,500 for overseas service, exclusive of credit for wounds.

## TEXAS CALLING PARIS

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct. 18.—Military police here were nearly ready to turn in their brassards and white gloves last night. Their radio prowlers were dashing through the night to non-existent barracks or to arrest GIs who couldn't be found. Meanwhile, at Ellington Field, Tex., the same strange things were happening. The explanation was a freak atmospheric condition that put both shortwave stations on the same frequency.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Oct. 18.—A plan was under consideration tonight to utilize German war prisoners in the manufacture of dry cell batteries. Empty barracks at nearby Camp Grant would be used to employ 750 prisoners, providing a satisfactory agreement can be made among the Sixth Service Command, the War Manpower Commission and a citizens' committee on employment.

## SENDS HIMSELF GIFTS

SALISBURY, N.C., Oct. 18.—Sgt. Allen R. Hartman is one GI who knows he will receive some presents this Christmas. Home on a 30-day furlough from his post in Trinidad, Hartman helped his wife carry parcels to the post office for mailing to him at his station. He won't know what his wife sent him until he gets them about Christmas.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18.—Ex-King Carol of Roumania was confined aboard an Argentine vessel off New Orleans tonight by an official order which will not permit him to land. Carol is accompanied by his "companion," Mgada Lupescu, and an undetermined number of dogs, some 40 trunks and 75 suitcases. He is enroute from Mexico to Brazil.

## EXIGENCIES OF WAR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 18.—Richard Arens, legal secretary of Gov. Forrest C. Donnell, passed out matches instead of cigars in announcing the birth of a daughter. "Wartime scarcities," he explained, but promised cigars later.

## Terry And The Pirates

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