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Frankfurt Falls to Third

Buck Rogers Captures a Holed-Up Jerry



Lt. Roy L. Rogers, of Island Park, Minn., leader of the famed Buck Rogers' Raiders, covers a German soldier emerging from a hideout on the Ninth Army front.

4th Armored Div. 90 Mi. Past Rhine

BULLETIN

Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany's ninth largest city, fell to the U.S. Third Army at 1600 hours yesterday. Troops of the Fifth Inf. previously were reported as having cleared most of the city. Emmerich also was taken by Allied forces after heavy fighting.

Tanks of three Allied armies kept on rolling into central Germany yesterday against virtually no opposition. American armor was 90 miles into the Reich by official reports, but farthest advances of the racing tanks remained hidden under security wraps.

It was learned at SHAEF that when the veil finally is lifted "exciting news" would be revealed. It was apparent from field dispatches that the breakthrough was mounting to the proportions of the rush through France last August.

The security lid was lifted partially with a report from Stars and Stripes Correspondent Pat Mitchell, with the Third Army, that one Fourth Arm. Div. column which swung east from Giessen drove 20 miles to reach Lauerbach, 90 miles east of the Rhine and 140 miles inside the Reich.

Big Towns Are Nice, But Frankfurt...

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE SIXTH ARM. DIV. INSIDE FRANKFURT, March 29.—The men of Baker company were fooled by the smiling Germans and the proffered bottles of wine as their half tracks rolled through the southern suburbs of Frankfurt toward the damaged bridge over the Main River.

The lead second platoon track swayed gently and its passengers commented, "The war is over for these people." The cobblestone roads were lined with German women, children and old men. The men said, "Hello," and the young women smiled and waved, because that's the way of young women.

A sergeant reached down from a heavy machine-gun position and grabbed a bottle on the fly. He opened it and after sampling it said, "It's okay," and passed it around the track. Then he turned to platoon leader, 2/Lt. Richard G. Persotin, East Liverpool, Ohio, and said, "Where are we going, lieutenant?"

Persotin was thinking of the casualties when he answered, "Into (Continued on Page 8)

Stimson Reports Nazis At End of Their Rope

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—The German army on the Rhine is beaten beyond hope of anything except unconditional surrender or piecemeal collapse, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today.

However, he said the Nazis might find some temporary line for their inner core of resistance when the Allied armies reached the end of their supply lines.

U.S. Casualties 872,862

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP).—American combat casualties reported through March 21 have reached 872,862. Army losses are 780,043, and Navy losses 92,819. The total represented an increase of 13,275 over the preceding week.



American armor, rushing eastward, is carving central Germany into islands of surrounded and surrendering Germans. Frankfurt and Marburg fell yesterday.

Soviets Reach Austria, Take Koenigsberg

Red Army troops at opposite ends of the 750-mile-long eastern front yesterday reached the Austrian border at a point 53 miles almost due south of Vienna and liquidated the stubbornly held Koenigsberg pocket in East Prussia.

An hour before Marshal Stalin announced the arrival of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army troops on the Austrian border, a transmitter calling itself "Free Austria Radio" said Tolbukhin had not only reached but crossed the border.

Austrian Towns Reported Freed

Stalin's second order of the day, announcing that Marshal Alexander Vassilevsky's Third White Russian Army had taken Koenigsberg, the East Prussian capital, said that the Germans lost more than 80,000 killed and more than 50,000 prisoners between March 13 and March 29. The order also said 605 tanks and more than 3,500 guns were taken.

Free Austria Radio said that in the southern fighting Tolbukhin had already liberated several Austrian places. The Free Austrian movement in London issued a similar statement.

Stalin's first order of the day said the Red Army reached the Austrian border at Koszeg, 31 miles south of Wiener Neustadt, after capturing the northwestern Hungarian rail junction towns of Szombathely, 64 miles south of Vienna.

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Naked Backs Spell Rescue

Human Sign Saves POW's

WITH FIRST ARMY, March 29 (UP).—One thousand American and British prisoners of war took off their shirts for six hours in a desperate attempt to warn off attacking U.S. dive-bombers. The naked backs spelled out "POW" in giant human letters.

"The Thunderbolts dived straight for us. We just prayed," said one of the group in a hospital after liberation by U.S. tanks.

The men had been aboard an unmarked prisoner train. The P47s ceased attacks after recognizing the sign but killed and wounded some in earlier attacks. The German guards fled when U.S. tanks arrived.

French to Get Huge New Tax

A new sliding scale tax to raise 390-billion francs for the 1945 budget was announced yesterday by French Finance Minister René Pleven before the Consultative Assembly in Paris.

The tax levy is designed to finance the biggest budget in French history.

War expenditures alone were estimated at 175-billion francs. Pleven said France's 1945 deficit is between 200 and 250-billion francs.

The finance minister indicated France hoped to find new sources of foodstuffs in South America.

Laborite Warns of Famine

LONDON, March 29 (Reuters).—Arthur Greenwood, deputy leader of the Labor party, warned commons that unless food was quickly sent to the liberated countries the Allies would face a problem the like of which the world had never seen.

Clay Is Named Deputy to Ike

WASHINGTON, March 29 (Reuters).—Maj. Gen. Lucius Clay has been appointed deputy to Gen. Eisenhower, "to have charge of civil affairs when the Supreme Commander assumes control according to agreements decided on for the occupation of Germany."

Clay formerly was deputy director of the U.S. Office of War Mobilization. He was graduated from West Point in 1918, was a member of Gen. MacArthur's staff in the Philippines in 1932 and was in charge of construction at Red River Dam, Texas, from 1933 to 1940.

Ike Will Give the Word

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson indicated today that Gen. Eisenhower would give out the first news of cessation of hostilities in Europe. He said the War Department would be prepared to "furnish supplemental information to that which emanates from the theater."

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Busy Latrines

Why didn't someone tell us before? After eight months of front-line litter bearing, we are told that we are eligible for transfer to the ground forces because our Collecting Company is considered a service unit. After sweating out 88's and mortars and dodging snipers and MG fire, this order classifying us as a 4-F outfit burns our collective posterior.

None of us wants to be the wounded doughboy when a litter squad with flat feet and assorted heart murmurs starts on a three-mile haul under enemy fire.—Co. "B" Litter Bearers (30 signatures.—Ed.)

(At ease, men... It isn't so. Maj. Gen. Paul L. Hawley, Chief Surgeon, ETOUSA, states that present policy considers medical soldiers in combat divisions as essential in their current assignment.—Ed.)

Make It Unanimous

The idea of having any applications for transmission of funds made of record and having such records checked periodically to detect excessive transmission of funds sounds pretty good, but why exempt majors and above from its provisions and make it applicable only to EM, lieutenants, and captains?

Are majors, colonels and general officers assumed to be "lily whitters" who would not stoop to any unlawful means of swelling their bankrolls? Why isn't this rule applicable to all personnel so that the finagling will be stopped entirely rather than only 50 0/0 or less?—Capt. F. C. Moore, QMC.

HeineHuggers' HomeFolks

A fine does not mean much to the average American soldier, especially when in a country like Germany, where there is nothing to buy.

Here's a suggestion that would aid the enforcement of the non-fraternization policy. When an officer or enlisted man is found guilty of fraternizing, send a letter to his nearest kin stating the facts of the case, bringing to their attention how the soldier is aiding Hitler. Send a letter to his home town newspaper, too.

A little shame in the eyes of the

home folks would make the enforcement of non-fraternization a lot easier.—Captain, Ord. Dept.

Choo Choo Blues

It is suggested that the 757th Railway Shop Battalion, which complains of lack of recognition, obtain the services of the Public Relations Officer of the 740th Railway Operating Battalion. Then the 757th would get beaucoup publicity and credit for everything.—T/4 D. E. Halbin, 720th Ry. Op. Bn.

Unsung Hero

On the night of Feb. 27, a medical unit driver believed to be assigned to the 84th Div. rendered an invaluable service in an heroic manner to this organization, and, I feel, to the service as a whole.

A high explosive hit a truck carrying gas, ammunition, grenades and mines. Several other vehicles were jammed together with the burning and exploding vehicle.

Only two men from this unit were left on the street; the others being driven inside by the explosions and heat. This unknown soldier immediately joined these two men and, without regard for his personal safety, gave help without which they would never have been able to remove the other vehicles from the inevitable danger of being also set afire. The calm and efficient manner in which he worked deserves the highest commendation.

For his personal aid, I wish to express my profound gratitude and the thanks of the men whose vehicles and equipment he helped to save. He is, in our opinion, one of the unsung heroes of this war.—1/Sgt. Allen D. Stone, Cav. Co.

Wattaman!

I am a single man, but, due to several past indiscretions, I am now supporting three women, each one having a child. Will these illegitimate children be counted as points toward a discharge under the demobilization plan?—Pt. J. H. D., Inf.

(The demobilization plan merely says dependent children under 18. There has been no announced ruling as to whether this will include illegitimate children.—Ed.)

Up Front With Mauldin

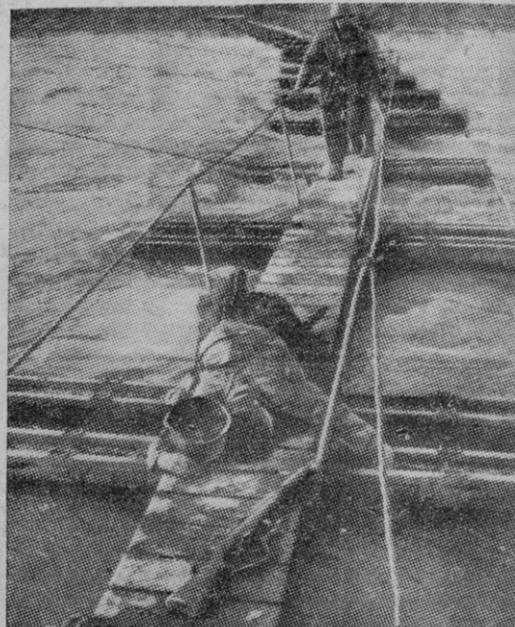


'Grab his pistol, Joe—I know where we kin trade it for some combat boots.'

An Editorial

We Cannot Afford to Fail

REP. Emily Taft Douglas (D-Ill.) placed this peace plan in The Congressional Record. It was written by Pfc Robert Osterberg, 19, of Chicago, who died in action in Germany on Nov. 27. They were the ideals of one American soldier, and Mrs. Douglas said she believed they were shared by many American fighting men.



Life Magazine Photo

The young soldier's peace plan follows: "There can be no portion of the world isolated from any other portion.

"There should be friendly commercial intercourse of nations.

"There should be equal opportunity for all in the field of education, which must be compulsory and in which a common universal ideal is taught.

"Each nation will have the right to choose its own form of government . . . But regulated so that this government remains within the limits of its own boundaries.

"There should be a great reduction in armaments and an international police force composed of all nations.

"A world court will settle disputes justly and peaceably.

"There must be tolerance of nations, creeds, races, colors, faiths and ideals.

"A group of the most brilliant doctors

and scientists will work together in a body for the betterment of world health.

"Our world must be one of construction and not destruction—tolerance and not intolerance. The future world will eulogize less the feats of war and more the arts of peace.

"The future of the world rests largely in the hands of young America. We cannot afford to fail."

Background of the War

U.S. to Occupy Nazism Birthplace

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, March 29.—When it's white flags all the way and the last islands of Nazi resistance have been washed under by the flood of onrushing Allies, there will be a considerable reshuffling of armies. Forces of the four major Allies—the U.S., Russia, Britain and France—will occupy Germany.

Eisenhower's declaration, "We come as conquerors," will determine the pattern of occupation.

At Yalta, the Big Three said that the "forces of the three powers will each occupy a separate zone of Germany," and added that "it has been agreed that France should be invited, if she should so desire, to take a zone of occupation."

When President Roosevelt returned from Yalta, he said that the U.S. would take over the southern area of Germany. The American zone would take in the territory below the bend of the Rhine at Mainz, including the Provinces of Baden, Bavaria and Wurtemberg, with a supply corridor to the sea at Bremen. The President added, however, that this was subject to change.

The Russian zone will occupy the eastern sector of Germany almost as far west as the Baltic port of Lubeck. From there the line will go south to the Elbe River, following that river and the Saale River and ending at the western tip of Czechoslovakia.

Berlin is in that zone, but it is believed that the capital will be under a joint Allied control. It will be the site of the Allied Occupation Commission.

Britain will probably be assigned the northwestern sector, bordered on the north by the sea and Denmark, on the west by the Rhine, on the east by the Elbe and Saale Rivers, and on the south by a line extending from north of Frankfurt-on-Main to Czechoslovakia.

There is no clear picture of how much the French would occupy. France will almost certainly be allotted the western bank of the Rhine, but it is believed that Gen.



de Gaulle is pressing for territory on both sides of that river.

On the assumption that these will be the occupation zones—or approximately so—it is possible to give a guide to territory that will be occupied by our troops. Estimates of the number of American troops that will be needed for this task vary from 200,000 to 500,000, and while some observers believe that troops that have done the conquering will do the occupying for at least the first six months, others think unseasoned soldiers will be used.

There have been reports that fanatical Nazis will try to continue guerrilla warfare in the mountains of Germany. The American zone contains the most likely terrain for such tactics.

Chief cities in this zone are Munich, Nuremberg, Karlsruhe, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Mannheim, Augsburg and Wurzburg. The terrain is some of the most beautiful in Germany, excluding towns which have been bombed, and is known for Alpine and lake scenery.

The area is roughly 40,000 square miles and has a normal population of about 13,000,000, although refugees may have increased this figure considerably.

It is a territory full of history. It harbors Garmischpartenkirchen, the scene of Olympic winter sports; Bayreuth, where the annual music festival was held, and Berchtesgaden and Berghof—Hitler's hide-outs.

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This Happened in America Yesterday:

Civilian Defense Office Turns From Air Raids to New Tasks

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NEW YORK, March 29.—The Office of Civilian Defense, having whipped the country into shape to meet sudden air raids, has now swung its attention to less dramatic but equally important objectives: supplying information for returning war veterans, for the efficient running of war bond campaigns and for the proper care of victory gardens.

OCD had 1,500 full-time employees at one time, and busily trained air raid wardens, fire watchers, airplane spotters and rescue squads. Maj. Gen. William N. Haskell (retired), director of OCD, thinks there may be a psychological advantage in keeping it going. He says that as long as people still toil at voluntary war tasks, they won't be bothered by a war-is-over complex. Meanwhile, OCD is trying to collect some of the \$54,000,000 of equipment it distributed on loan—mainly fire-fighting pumps.

Even before the premature peace spree that took place Tuesday, playful soldiers at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., had startled a buddy by awakening him in the middle of the night and showing a copy of the local newspaper under his nose.



A foot-high headline read: "Armistice Signed, Germany Surrenders." He was out of bed, half-dressed and running for a midnight celebration before his friends halted him. It was a 1918 newspaper.

AT San Diego, Cal., two naval dental corps officers told of a new technique in treating trench mouth with penicillin. Comdr. C.W. Schantz, of Madison, Wis., and Lt.

C.A. Scrivner, of Ottawa, Kan., gave the histories of 200 patients treated with penicillin, and said in all cases microscopic examination showed a complete absence of causative organisms after four penicillin treatments within 24 hours.

Sauerbraten, a 1,200-pound steer, rebelled at slaughter at the United Meat Co. in Brooklyn and tried to make a getaway. After a chase, Sauerbraten gave up the ghost, with 12 bullets fired by a cop having clinched the argument.

THOUSANDS of orthodox Jewish families had to waive the traditional use of a chicken neck or wing in Passover ceremonies because of the nation-wide meat and poultry shortage. Rabbi Julius Goldman, secretary of the Rabbinical Association of Chicago, said pieces of chicken are used instead of the shoulder or shank of a lamb employed as a symbol of the paschal lamb. The association told orthodox Jews to use other types of meat, if it can be found, during the ceremonies.

Senators grappling with the nation's problems were warned by Dr. George W. Calver, capital physician, to get some exercise. He thinks walking would be fine.

REMEMBER the bag of jelly beans citizens could once buy at Easter time for a nickel? An Erie, Pa., correspondent reports that times have changed, and that a pound of the beans now costs 85 cents.

Pan-American Airways announced that a Lockheed Constellation transport plane had flown, non-stop, from Los Angeles to Miami in eight hours and five minutes, thus clipping 38 minutes from the previous record. Capt. Victor Wright was the pilot.

NEW YORK bootblacks were interested to hear that down in Buenos Aires the bootblacks have organized a union and are petitioning government for minimum pay, severance pay, sick-leave benefit and vacations with pay. A spokesman said: "We, too, would like to go to the seashore each summer and be able to have someone else shine our shoes."



Chicago, New York and points between had temperatures in the eighties, which encouraged many girls to saunter out in bright summer dresses. The accent seems to be on the middle this year, with bathing suits and play dresses featuring bare midriffs. Pink—a pale, wishy-washy pink—is the color of nail polish and lipstick this spring. No objections by the male population are expected.

FBI men collared six New York business executives in their thirties and revealed a racket by which the men worked a few hours daily in a war plant and thus had themselves classified as "essential war workers." They took the jobs in the winter of 1943-1944 when work-light legislation was on everybody's lips, and later quit.

Greenwich Village residents in New York complained over the proposed erection of a 30-story apartment house on the north side of Washington Square, saying it would ruin the sunny square where kids and pigeons play. Now, the city is considering a ban on the future construction of skyscrapers along parks, a proposal which has the support of Park Commissioner Robert Moses.

Touhy Opens Fight Officer Is Blamed To Gain Freedom For Death of Wife

CHICAGO, March 29 (ANS).—Roger Touhy, one-time gangland leader, today began another attempt to obtain his release by filing a 62-page petition in the U.S. District Court.

Touhy asked that he be issued a writ of habeas corpus on the grounds that he was wrongfully convicted of the kidnapping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor. Touhy is serving a 99-year sentence in the Stateville Penitentiary.

Warden Joseph E. Ragen said that Touhy, after studying law books in the prison library, drew up the petition himself. It cites nearly 100 federal and state cases to support the argument for a writ.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 29 (ANS).—A coroner's jury today held a young Army officer responsible for the death of his pretty schoolteacher wife, Mrs. Mary Lee Epes, whose body was found in a foxhole in February.

The jury recommended that the husband, Lt. Samuel C. Epes, be tried for murder, after determining, according to its report, that she died from an overdose of a drug administered by him.

Epes, a member of a prominent Richmond, Va., family, has been held by the police since he led them to the grave at nearby Ft. Jackson.

Pay GIs in Dollars, Congress Urged

Charter Given For Industrial Peace in U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—Representatives of labor and industry agreed yesterday upon a proposed charter designed to lay the foundation for industrial peace in the U.S.

Eric A. Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Philip Murray, CIO president, and William Green, AFL president, were the sponsors. They offered a "partnership" charter, which guarantees rights to both management and labor, at a joint press conference.

The preamble of the charter says that management-labor unity, which has lifted war production to record heights, must be continued after the war "in the national interest."

Only through such working partnerships can the U.S. attain its peacetime goal of a vastly expanded economy with "unlimited opportunities for every American," the preamble says.

Provides for Committee

The charter provides for a joint committee of 15 or 20 representatives of business and labor to promote the "acceptance and sympathetic understanding" by organizations concerned of the principles contained in the charter code.

The code would recognize and preserve the right of labor to organize and engage in collective bargaining and the "inherent right and responsibility" of management to direct the operations.

Other principles are:

1—The rights of private property and free choice of action under the system of private competitive capitalism must continue as the foundation of the nation's economy.

2—A vastly increased foreign trade must be achieved through expanding markets and elimination of arbitrary and unreasonable trade practices.

For World Security Group

3—An international security organization must be established to prevent aggression and assure a lasting peace.

4—Labor and management together must build an economic system for the nation that will protect the individual against the hazards of unemployment, old-age and physical impairment.

5—Improved productive efficiency and technological advancement must be constantly encouraged.

Labor and management are agreed that their primary duty now is to win the war and "we also agree that we have a common joint duty in co-operation with other elements of our national life and with the government to prepare and work for prosperous and sustained peace."

Curbs Relaxed By Curfew Board

NEW YORK, March 29 (ANS).—The Curfew Control Board relaxed restrictions today to allow a few more restaurants to remain open after midnight.

The board ruled that restaurants which formerly stayed open most of the night, closing only for a few hours to clean up, may continue to operate under such arrangements.

The ruling will not affect the military curfew for servicemen, however. Servicemen may not be served beyond midnight in any establishment with a bar, even if the bar is closed.

John F. Finn, trustee of Childs Restaurant, said that the strict military curfew caused many civilians to remain out of restaurants for fear of hampering the war effort.

Rodeo Champ Killed

SALINAS, Calif., March 29 (ANS).—Marine Sgt. Fritz Truan, all-around cowboy champion of the Rodeo Association of America, was killed on Iwo Jima Feb. 28, according to word received from his wife.

1945 Poppy Girl



Jean Sullivan, a Hollywood actress, has been selected as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Poppy Girl of 1945. Her husband is a lieutenant and her father a colonel.

Miners' Vote Favors Strike

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—Soft-coal miners voted yesterday to strike at John L. Lewis' call, bolstering his position in the deadlocked wage negotiations.

The present contract expires Saturday at midnight, but the better than eight-to-one margin in favor of a strike does not necessarily mean that Lewis will call out his United Mine Workers.

Complete returns from 88 of 90 areas polled by the NLRB yesterday showed 206,589 yes votes and 24,908 no votes on the question: "Do you wish to permit an interruption of war production in war time as a result of this dispute?" Efforts to reach a new agreement before the present one expires Saturday night seemed destined to fail.

Lewis, however, could withhold a formal strike call pending new efforts to win 18 wage and working benefits, including a ten-cent-a-ton royalty payment that would net the union about \$60,000,000 a year, or the government could seize and operate struck mines.

Navy to Name Ship In Honor of Bastogne

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—A Navy escort carrier will be named in honor of the heroic stand made by the Yanks at Bastogne during the German breakthrough last December.

The carrier, under construction at Tacoma, Wash., will be christened by Mrs. Anthony C. McAuliffe, wife of Maj. Gen. McAuliffe, who commanded the 101st Airborne Div. during the Bastogne fighting and who answered "nuts" to the German demand for surrender.

Pay Cut in Half By Franc Rate, Kilday Asserts

WASHINGTON, March 29 (A.P.).—A bill providing that servicemen abroad be paid in American dollars, or at the current New York exchange rates if paid in foreign currency, was introduced today by Rep. Paul J. Kilday (D-Tex.).

Kilday declared that servicemen in France are being paid at the rate of 50 francs a dollar while the New York exchange rate for francs is about 100 francs a dollar.

"This means they have been getting only half their pay," Kilday asserted. His bill would also give reimbursement to all servicemen who have suffered financial loss through payment in the past in foreign currency.

Army's Position Is Recalled

In reply to repeated complaints by soldiers in France, Brig. Gen. Edward W. Smith, deputy chief of the War Department's liaison and legislative division, said on Feb. 1 that they were being paid the "full amount" allowed by law either in U.S. currency or its equivalent in francs.

He said that if soldiers in France were paid in American currency, they would either have to obtain francs at the official rate or through black market channels, "which would be in violation of the law of France."

Expect Passage Of Work Bill

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP).—Administration forces in the Senate, headed by Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.), majority leader, expressed confidence today that the compromise manpower bill would be passed and sent to the President for his signature.

Barkley, taking issue with Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), who felt the bill would be rejected, said he had checked possible votes on the measure and "I feel pretty confident."

Meanwhile, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt indirectly threw his support to the present measure. He said that while the employment situation showed a "positive betterment," an extra push was needed to get more workers to transfer from non-essential to war jobs.

Hot Time in New York

NEW YORK, March 29 (AP).—Yesterday was the hottest March day on record here, with the thermometer rising to 81 degrees.

Hunter Takes to Air

CHARLES CITY, Iowa, March 29 (ANS).—Ray Henry, an airport operator, obtained a permit for low flying a couple of months ago. Since then, Henry and his "gunner" have killed 115 foxes. Henry gets a \$1 bounty for each fox and \$6 for each pelt.

The Chinese Have Nothing on Them



When officials in Chungking demonstrated an old Chinese legend that eggs would stand on end on the first day of spring, the fad spread to the U.S., where it was found that the day of the year didn't matter. Trying out the trick are, left to right, Dorothy Fox, Dorothy Gardiner, Dorothy Marshall and Marilyn Sable, New York models.

IX Air Defense Command Year Old; Formed to Protect Allied Gains

Organization, Largest Of Its Type, Began D-Day Plans in '43

A NINTH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND UNIT, March 29.—Tomorrow will mark the first anniversary of the organization of the IX Air Defense Command, established to protect our D-Day invaders and subsequent continental operations. Today its sphere of activity extends over all the ports, bases and lines of communication used by air, ground and service forces from the English Channel to the Mediterranean Sea and the German front lines, the largest organization of its type in any theater. Planning dates back to 1942-3 when preparatory experiments were held for a team to include day and night fighters, ack-ack, searchlights and air warning units. Brig. Gen. William L. Richardson was chosen to organize, train and direct this command. In December, 1943, he began the final preparations for D-Day.

High Priority Target

The first important assignment after D-Day was the defense of the Cherbourg peninsula. Cherbourg was a high priority target for the Luftwaffe, but the work of bringing in and unloading supplies was never impeded.

The command's troops followed the advance through Granville, Morlaix, Rouen, Paris, Le Havre, Liege and Antwerp.

The problem of defense was complicated by the thousands of heavy Allied bombers crossing to pound Germany. To solve the problem of identification, a movement liaison section was set up. As a result there were only rare cases of AA shooting at friendly aircraft.

Fighter aircraft and anti-aircraft weapons of the command have destroyed hundreds of standard enemy aircraft, jet-propelled planes and buzz-bombs since D-Day.

In addition, they have assisted infantry and anti-tank units. In the Nazi counter-offensive of December, 1944, units of the IX Air Defense Command received commendations



A 40mm. gun of the IX Air Defense Command in action in a night air raid. Such guns have been used both against aircraft and against pillboxes and fixed gun installations of the Germans.

from the armies for their aid in driving back the enemy.

Searchlights deployed for the illumination of enemy aircraft for 40mm. and 90mm. gun fire, assumed the mission of providing beacons for lost friendly aircraft. Many pilots and crew members of the Ninth AF have been saved by these lights. The searchlights have aided more than 3,000 planes.

Among the officers who helped set up the organization were: Brig. Gen. N. A. Burnell, of Westbrook, Me.; Col. C. R. Ford, of Vebtner, N.J.; Col. W. I. Brady, Independence, Mo.; Col. J. C. Brewer, of Douglas, Ga.; Col. L. S. Morrill, of Fort Madison, Ia.; Lt. Col. J. A. Bowman, of San Antonio, Texas; and Lt. Col. G. L. Poor, of Wanette, Okla.

Bradley Lauds Ninth AF Job

NINTH AF HQ, France, March 29.—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Gp. commander, today praised the Ninth AF for its part in "driving our foe back to and across the Rhine."

In a letter to Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Ninth AF commander, Bradley said:

"I have noted the recent reports of the record number of sorties by the Ninth Bomb. Div. and the tactical air commands of the Ninth AF, and take this opportunity to forward my heartiest congratulations to you, your unit commanders and most particularly to your combat crews. On behalf of the fighting men on the ground, I would like to convey to all your men fighting in the air our personal admiration for their large part in our jointly-sustained attacks against the enemy.

"I feel that the close co-operation existing between your tactical air commands and our armies has been a principal feature in driving the forces of our foe back and across the Rhine."

20,000 UK Brides To Get Free U.S. Trip

LONDON, March 29 (UP).—Uncle Sam will pay the transportation costs of 20,000 British brides of American servicemen to their husbands' home towns.

The Adjutant General, ETOUSA, will set up a priority list in anticipation of shipping that is not yet available.

B29s to Double, Triple Blows By Summer, Japan Warned

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—Japan received warning today that Superfortress blows against her empire would be doubled or tripled by summer.

The warning came from Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the Army air forces and boss of the 20th Air Force, which already has raked the Land of the Rising Sun from top to bottom.

Overseas Woman Makes Its Debut

Highlighting the first issue of Overseas Woman, an illustrated magazine for nurses, Wacs and Red Cross girls which will make its debut April 1, are messages from Gen. Eisenhower and Mrs. Roosevelt to American women serving in the ETO.

Published by ETO Special and Information Services, Overseas Woman aims to be a link with the home front, a means of introducing America's continental allies and their countries and a bond among all American women stationed here.

Wartime fashions—military and civilian—book and theater reviews, cartoons and tips on how women can make Army life more comfortable are in the first issues. The magazine also contains servicewomen's news from the other war theaters.

Aid Men Rotated

WITH 76th INF. DIV., Germany. —A rotation plan devised by the 385th Med. Det. of this division permits members of battalion aid groups to be sent back from the lines for rest periods. The plan applies chiefly to aid men and litter bearers, whose places are filled by technicians from other stations.

GIs Find Ike's Chit Amid Manila Ruins

MANILA, March 29 (ANS).—A faded piece of paper, known in the service as a "chit," reminded American doughboys in Manila that seven years ago Dwight Eisenhower wore the silver leaf of a lieutenant colonel while on a tour of duty in the Philippines.

Poking through the ruins of what had once been the Washington grocery in Manila, doughboys found a bundle of chit receipts for 1938. One was signed by Dwight Eisenhower, lieutenant colonel, for an order of groceries.

U.S. Battleships Continue to Rip Ryukyulands

GUAM, March 29 (ANS).—Some of America's biggest battleships continued their attack on the Ryukyu Islands between Japan and Formosa through Wednesday. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today. He said nothing about enemy reports that Yanks already had landed in the area or that carrier planes had hit the naval base at Kure, in Japan, today.

Planes of the U.S. Fleet ranged 500 miles over the Ryukyus Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, destroying 38 enemy planes and 19 or more ships, three of which were destroyers or destroyer escorts.

That made 11 days of action for the carrier group between Japan and the Ryukyus and five days of surface bombardment.

More than 200 Superfortresses hit Kyushu on Tuesday.

Nimitz reported some fleet units were damaged by Japanese air attacks.

The communique also announced rocket and machine-guns attacks by Navy Venturas on Tomari Zaki in northeastern Paramushiro and the bombing of Kataoka on Shimushu Tuesday. These points are in the Kurile Islands, north of Japan proper.

Japs Flee Into Hills After Fall of Cebu City

MANILA, March 29 (ANS).—Doughboys pursued the Japanese into the hills north of Cebu City today after that demolition-wrecked second city of the Philippines was captured in a brisk two-day drive from the Yanks' beachhead on the east coast.

Troops inside the city fought scattered battles, but for the most part the enemy was reported to have abandoned well-prepared defenses and fled before Maj. Gen. William S. Arnold's Americal Div.

The city of 150,000 was badly damaged by the Japanese scorched-earth policy. Its important harbor area, however, was taken virtually intact.

Gen. MacArthur said the fighting on Luzon had abated in the central and southern sectors. Japanese resistance, he added, remains strong in the north around Baguio and across the valley near Balete Pass.

Bombers ranging the China Sea sank seven freighters, some used as transports, and damaged 16 others. The Japanese-occupied port of Legaspi, on the southern tail of Luzon, took the heaviest aerial bombing of the day—180 tons.

Signal Corps Renews Reel-Recovery Drive

Renewal of the U.S. Army Signal Corps' drive to recover 300,000 empty wire reels in France is announced by Maj. Gen. W. S. Rumbough, ETO Chief Signal Officer. The French Ministry of Posts, Telephones and Telegraph and the Ministry of Education are co-operating. U.S. soldiers are requested to bring reels to the nearest Signal Corps depot, while civilians are asked to bring them to the nearest post office.

Nine Airmen Praised for Tactical Skill

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Nine fighter-bomber pilots of the Ninth AF, each a specialist in a phase of tactical air operations, have been accorded special recognition by Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Ninth AF CG, the War Department. The nine pilots are: 1/Lt. Bruce W. Carr, of Union Springs, N.Y.; who destroyed 65 locomotives; Capt. Wilfred B. Crutchfield, of Madisonville, Ky., who blasted 350 rail-



Lt. Hamilton Capt. Crutchfield



Lt. Garry Capt. Peterson

road cars; Capt. Kent C. Gyer, of Borgia, Tex., who knocked out 80 rail cuts; Capt. Francis P. McIntire, of Savannah, who sealed six tunnels.

Capt. Irving I. Ostuw, of Passaic, N.J., destroyed 65 buildings; 1/Lt. Henry B. Hamilton, of Winnetka, Ill., smashed 300 motor transports; 1/Lt. William J. Garry, of Winona, Minn., knocked out 32 tanks and



Capt. Ostuw Lt. Carr



Capt. McIntire Maj. Peppers

other armored vehicles; Maj. Frank H. Peppers, of Brooklyn, destroyed 15 single and double-track railroad bridges in 24 months, and Capt. Carroll A. Peterson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., (reported killed in action over Luxembourg Jan. 23) silenced 75 gun positions.

Declaring that the effort of the individual pilot on a tactical mission is "worthy of special recognition," Gen. Vandenberg pointed out that the personal achievement of these nine pilots reflects the "initiative and battle wisdom of all our tactical airmen" who have learned how to knock out enemy ground force materiel.



Capt. Geyer

Pied Piper in Khaki

Seven Yanks Cross the Rhine in Row Boats
And Duisburg Is Theirs Without Asking

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE NINTH U.S. ARMY, March 28 (Delayed).—Seven doughs took a little trip across the Rhine today to the suburbs of Duisburg—and were greeted with the keys of the city by the war-weary civilians from the formerly great Ruhr industrial center, which had a pre-war population of 431,000.

The Germans in Ruhrort, the industrial suburb of Duisburg, didn't surrender—because the Army says civilians can't surrender—and according to S/Sgt. Melvin Renner, of Crete, Neb., one of the doughs, "They told us that the regular soldiers defending Duisburg had pulled out this morning, and when the soldiers pulled out, the Volksturm threw down their arms."

The civilians didn't surrender, but they kissed the feet of the "conquerors," followed them in throngs of thousands through the city, begged for the artillery and bombings to stop and said they were tired of the war and the Wehrmacht.

The fabulous story of the storming of Duisburg, a story which sounds more like the Pied Piper of Hamelin than modern warfare, began a couple of days ago when troops posted along the west bank of the Rhine, south of the bridgehead, noticed a few white flags hanging out of buildings on the opposite bank.

Today, the white flags went up again. One was even hung atop the church steeple in Ruhrort.

Battle-commissioned 2/Lt. Frank W. Pew, of Framingham, Mass., Fox company platoon leader, saw them. He had orders to patrol across the river. This, he decided, would be a fine time to patrol.

He picked out six men, and split them into two groups. On the right flank, he took Renner, Sgt. Robert Waldo, of Pittsville, Wis., and Pfc Walter F. Graf, of Chicago. In the other group were S/Sgt. Steve Stepien and Pfc William Cole, both of Pittsburgh, and Pvt. Adrian Hackabee, a medic from Fort Worth.

In telling the story of his group, Pew said, "We went along the bank until we found an old boat and a pair of homemade oars. Graf rowed us across. When we finally reached

the opposite bank, two jokers in snazzy uniforms and a corpulent, official-looking guy were waiting for us. One of them obligingly grabbed the line of our boat. The other two snapped into a salute. They were in regular uniforms but they said they were only military policemen.

"The one who grabbed the line said, 'Good afternoon, gentlemen,' in English. I sent Graf and Waldo back with the other two and Renner and I went on into the city with the one who grabbed the line. He said he was a town official of Duisburg.

"I felt like the Pied Piper. After a quarter of a mile there were thousands of people following Renner and me. A guy with a Red Cross on his arm came up and told us—Renner speaks German—that there were hundreds of wounded civilians in the town.

"He took us to an air raid shelter where there were 80 wounded people. There wasn't anything we could do, so we left.

"By the time we got upstairs there were so many people around that it looked like the Boston Commons on Tea Party Day. I decided it was time for me to make a speech, so I made one—in French. There were some forced laborers from France there and they translated it to the crowd.

"I told them I thought they wouldn't be bombed and I guessed they wouldn't be shelled any more. The Artillery Cubs and the fighter-bombers flew over just then and, boy, did we keep our fingers crossed. If a bomb or shell had come in then, they would have murdered us.

"Anyhow, we decided we'd better get back, so we went down to the river, ordered them to get us a couple of boats and headed for our side, Renner in one boat and this official in my boat."

Stepien, in charge of the other group, had a shorter, but just as exciting a story to tell. He said:

"We were greeted by the mayor, police chief and postman of this suburb. People were kissing our feet and pretty gals were waving handkerchiefs out of the windows and people were smiling. Just like France.

"They took us to an air raid shelter, too, where 3,000 people were holed up. They'd been living like that for months. There were 30 of them wounded, so Hackabee set up an aid station right there, helped by two Catholic sisters. By this time Cole had come out and captured eight German soldiers.

Just like that.

Congress Angered by Atrocity Of Nazis in 53 Yank Deaths

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—Congress reacted angrily today to the disclosure that 53 American soldiers had died at a prisoner-of-war camp in Heppenheim, Germany, because of brutality by a sadistic Nazi commander. The commander let them perish of starvation and medical neglect.

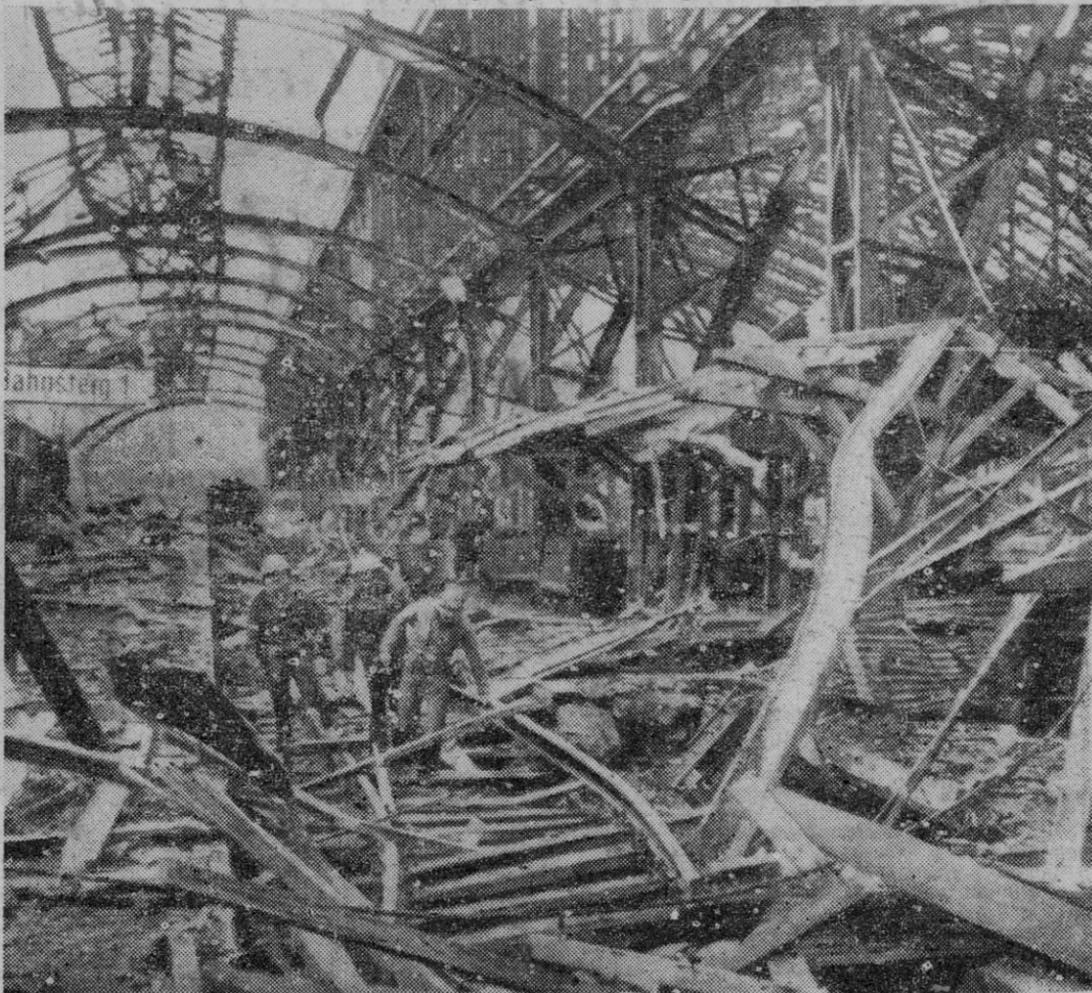
Some members demanded that the U.S. protest immediately what they termed outright violation of the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners. Others

called for strong action against "war criminals."

Representations are expected as soon as an official report reaches the War and State Departments.

Conditions at the Heppenheim Camp were exposed when American armies liberated prisoners. Those familiar with conditions in Nazi prisoner camps said Heppenheim apparently was an exception, and that American prisoners generally have been treated in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

What the Bombers Left of the Cologne Railway Station



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Three doughs pick their way through piles of twisted steel and lumber in the devastated main railway station at Cologne after the city's capture. Although the famed cathedral, near the station, was standing, most of the rest of the city was reduced to rubble.

'High U.S. Officer' Sees End Of Organized War by April

WASHINGTON, March 29 (Reuter).—A "high-ranking U.S. officer" today firmly forecast that no effective German resistance could be expected in the west after April 1. All organized German resistance would end by April 15 or earlier, he prophesied.

He said he believed the front in the east also would crumble within a very few days as news of the disintegration in the west reached German soldiers in the Oder region.

Swiss Say Berlin Abandoned As Hub of Nazi Government

BERN, Switzerland, March 29 (Reuter).—Political quarters here say the German government has officially left Berlin and withdrawn to an unspecified place where the ministries already have been installed for some weeks. Gestapo headquarters, it is added, have moved to Constance on the Swiss frontier.

Reich on Verge of Revolt Despite Goebbels' Pleas

LONDON, March 29 (AP).—Germany is seething on the verge of revolt, Turkish radio said last night as Nazi propagandists fought to prevent panic with a steady stream of exhortations to the home front to disregard reports that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces had driven to Nuremberg.

Giving a picture of a steadily worsening situation inside Germany, the Turkish broadcast said: "The German people are exhausted and weary and await peace at any price, in spite of Goebbels' statement that peace conditions would exterminate the German people."

Berlin streets, said the Turkish report, are "filled with barricades set up by Nazi leaders not for military defense of the capital but to defend themselves against possible revolt."

German Refugees Swell Behind-Lines Confusion

STOCKHOLM, March 29 (AP).—More than 50,000,000 bombed out or refugee Germans are milling behind the disintegrating German lines impeding defense

and creating confusion, sources in a position to know conditions inside Germany said today.

Allies Fully Prepared To Handle Surrender

LONDON, March 29 (UP).—The secret terms and conditions to be imposed upon the Germans at the moment of unconditional surrender were ready for instant application today.

Plans are that Supreme Headquarters will have control of the Anglo-American area of Germany in the immediate post-surrender period. Later SHAEF's control will be dissolved and the entire power vested in an Allied Control Commission.

Hitler Is Reported Ready To Make Important Speech

LONDON, March 29 (UP).—The Evening Standard reported today that Adolf Hitler will make an important speech during the next few days, according to high-ranking Argentine diplomats reaching Lisbon aboard the exchange ship Drottningholm.

Senators Tell War End Views

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—Five Senators today offered their opinions on how Germany's end would come. Some said they believed there would be a sudden collapse. Others said they expected guerrilla warfare.

"Hitler and Goebbels and their gangs may take to the hills," Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.) said. "We'll have to clean them out on a large scale just as once, on a small scale, we cleaned Dillingers and their gangs out of peacetime America."

Sen. Harold H. Burton (R-Ohio) felt that the fall of the Ruhr means the fall of Germany "because the Ruhr furnishes arms to the German forces" and "you can't fight a war without supplies."

Hitler may try a grandstand play by surrendering for trial and testifying that he "sought only to gain rights for the German people," Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) said.

Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D-Ill.) believes Berlin's fall will finish Germany, while Sen. Thomas C. Hart (R-Conn.) thinks the end "will come gradually with defeat and surrender of one unit after another."

Keeps Ninth Army Rolling

An average of 294,000 gallons of gas a day has been supplied Ninth Army troops by the 218th QM Bn since the beginning of the current offensive. The peak figure was 449,450 gallons for one day. During a seven-day period the battalion issued 2,056,000 gallons, an average of 64,000 five-gallon jerricans a day.

Cologne Jews at First Service

By Joe Weston
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

COLOGNE.—About 100 of the nearly 280 Jews who have been hidden here by German friends since 1939 came out of their cellar and cave hideouts to attend their first religious service since the outbreak of the war.

The service was held in the burned-out Roonstrasse Synagogue, fired by the Nazis in 1938, and was conducted by Capt. W. Gunther Plant, of Cincinnati, and Robert Marcus, both rabbis.

There had been no previous announcement of a service. The Jews just wandered into the synagogue.

While the congregation prayed and cried and while a home-made blue and white flag with a Star of David emblem waved outside, a group of Germans watched and gaped silently.

Bums Sell Whit Wyatt To Phillies for \$10,000

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., March 29.—Sore-armed Whitlow Wyatt, veteran pitcher whose 22 victories led the Brooklyn Dodgers to the 1941 National League pennant, was peddled down the river to the Phillies yesterday for a reported \$10,000.

Wyatt, 36, is starting his 18th season in organized baseball. Club Prexy Branch Rickey previously had said he would string along with Wyatt's damaged right arm, but when the hurler declared he was a "determined holdout," Rickey lowered the boom.

After shuttling back and forth between the majors and minors since making his debut with Evansville in 1928, the Georgia farmer finally hit his big league stride under Lippy Durocher at Flatbush in 1939 with eight wins and three defeats. A year later he won 15 and dropped 14. He suffered ten defeats against his 22 victories in '41, working several times weekly, as the Bums captured their first pennant in 20 years.

Wyatt's arm trouble started in 1943, but he sputtered late in the season to finish with ten wins and 14 setbacks. Last year he won only two and lost six, remaining away from the team most of the season to undergo treatment on his ailing arm.

Before arriving in Brooklyn, Wyatt was a much-traveled athlete, serving time at Evansville, Detroit, Chicago (White Sox), Kansas City, Cleveland and Milwaukee.

Man o' War 28 Years Old

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 29.—There were extra carrots and extra oats today for Man o' War, king of the American turf, who observed his 28th birthday at Samuel D. Riddle's Faraway Farm, where the aged thoroughbred lives in sumptuous equine luxury.

Turf rules say every thoroughbred celebrates its birthday on Jan. 1. But Big Red is still the exception among racehorses as he was in the days when he crossed under the wire first in 20 of 21 races.

After leaving active competition, Big Red became one of the country's outstanding sires. He sent 257 sons and daughters to the races, including War Admiral and Clyde Van Dusen, Kentucky Derby winners; War Relic, American Flag and Crusader.



Eight GI bouts and one French exhibition match will comprise the weekly SHAEF boxing show to-night.

The program:

Lesoli Honoré vs. Marcel Ramdano; Pfc Sal Albano vs. Pfc Charles Clark; Pfc Jack Murray vs. Pfc Billy Jenkins; Pfc Mike Mignano vs. Pfc Jim Staxwell; Pfc Dave Olovitch vs. Pfc Kermit Johnson; Pfc Thomas Self vs. Pfc Jack Nowitski; Pfc John Thompson vs. Pfc Bob Amundson; Pfc Terry McGowan vs. Pfc Lafayette Drummond; Pfc Eddie Sumey vs. Pfc Joe Trainor.

NINTH AIR FORCE HQ.—Paced by sharpshooting Eddie Comitz, who dumped in 26 points, Service Command, won the Ninth AF cage crown by defeating Hq. 45-35. By winning, Service Command qualified for next week's USSTAF tourney.

HQ. ATSCE.—The BADA Bearcats qualified to face the Blockbusters in the ATSCE cage finals by tripping the BADA Truckmasters, 48-27, while the Busters eliminated the CADA Carvers, 47-28. Both BADA squads were flown over from England for the tourney.

ST. QUENTIN.—The 228th Hospital defeated 648th Ordnance in the finals of the Oise Section regional basketball tournament.

War Attracts Gals To Ushering Ranks

CHICAGO, March 29.—Chicago ball parks will feature girl ushers this season because there are only 150 men on hand to patrol Wrigley Field and Comiskey Park, Andy Frain, boss of Ushers, said today.

If the 300 damsels are as pretty as the nine who had their pictures in Chicago papers today, things certainly are picking up in the Windy City.

Irish Dodges Salary Probe

NEW YORK, March 29.—Ned Irish, basketball promoter and acting president of Madison Square Garden, was perfectly willing to divulge facts and figures about Garden gate receipts but he flatly refused to discuss his own salary figures when he testified about the Brooklyn College cage scandal in Kings County Court yesterday.

After Irish reported Garden doubleheaders had attracted about \$1,700,000 since their inception ten years ago, Judge Samuel Leibowitz asked the promoter how much he personally made on the venture.

"I refuse to answer that question, in the belief my personal income has no bearing on this case," Irish retorted. Leibowitz then ordered Charles N. Cohen, assistant district attorney, to seek the information through other sources, which Leibowitz said, "would be compelled to answer."

Cage Coaches Adopt Two Rule Revisions

NEW YORK, March 29.—The NCAA basketball rules committee made two revisions in the cage code and rejected another today.

The rule which nullifies a basket when an offensive player touches the ball was changed, and so was the one which takes the ball away from a player who inadvertently steps into the backcourt while playing the ball in the forward area. A motion to allow coaches to walk out on the floor to instruct their players during timeouts was voted down.

Carnera Slugs Nazis In Barroom Squabble

ROME, March 29.—Primo Carnera, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, today is in the doghouse with Nazis in North Italy for the second time.

When Carnera's wife was reprimanded by the Germans in a saloon for talking native dialect, Da Preem started swinging and floored several Nazis.

Pittsburgh Pirates

1945 Major League Flag Prospects

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

MUNCIE, Ind., March 29.—Funnyman Frankie Frisch is the only major league manager who has all of his '44 personnel back for another fling at dethroning the Cardinals, which means the Pittsburgh Pirates loom as an important pennant factor because the Bucs were the hottest team in baseball last September.

On paper, the Pirates have everything this year. They have a fearsome pitching staff with five dependable starters, a veteran infield, speedy outfield and excellent catching in their two venerables of mitt and pads—Al Lopez and Spud Davis.

Truett "Rip" Sewell already has proved his "eephus ball" is

blooming as sharply as ever. Other starters will be Max Butler, Preacher Roe, Freddie Ostermueler and Nick Strincevich, while Art Cuccurullo, Xavier Rescigno and Ray Starr comprise a formidable bullpen array.

Babe Dahlgren is a fixture at first base and Bob Elliott is cemented to third. There is plenty of talent fighting for the keystone positions and it's just a question of choosing the best combination. Veterans Pete Coscarart and Frankie Gustine apparently will win, leaving such gents as Lee Handley, Frankie Zak and Victor Barnhart, who batted .310 for Albany last year, on the reserve list.

Jim Russell, whose .312 average topped the Pirates in '44, has been shifted by Frisch from left field to

center, with Frank Colman, whose bat led the belated autumn spree, occupying left field and Jack Barrett, another veteran, in right. Others competing for garden jobs include: Al Gionfrido, .330 hitter at Albany last year; Bill Rodgers, another .330 slugger from Albany; Tommy O'Brien, who hit .250 for the Pirates in 85 games, and antiquated Paul Waner.

What's more, Frisch has one of the game's best outfielders as trading bait. Vince DiMaggio is still at his California home, peeved at the Pirates and moaning he won't play unless they trade him. DiMa's trouble with the club dates back to the costly midnight snack he enjoyed at club expense last year, and he hasn't been forgiven yet.

Mountain Comes to the Men



Wide World Photo

A new Man Mountain Dean, beardless and streamlined and listed on GI rosters as M/Sgt. Frank S. Leavitt, demonstrates a few of the holds he has used during 37 years of wrestling to members of the physical reconditioning instructors' school at Fort Lewis, Wash.



WEST POINT, N.Y.—Ralph Branca issued a walk with the bases loaded in the tenth frame to hand the Cadets a 5-4 verdict over the Dodgers. Ben Chapman chucked the first three innings for the Bums, yielding one run. ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Although still unsigned, First Baseman Nick Etten and Pitcher Bill Zuber arrived at the Yankee training camp today, bringing the squad to 28.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—The Toledo Mudhens mauled Al Hollingsworth for eight hits and four runs in the last three innings to gain a 6-6 deadlock with the Browns here yesterday. Nelson Potter, Tex Shirley and Hollingsworth each pitched three innings for the major leaguers. George McQuinn, St. Louis first baseman, was struck on the knee by a line drive in the third and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

ST. LOUIS.—Billy Southworth, Cardinal manager, disclosed today that Marty Marion, his star shortstop, had phoned from Atlanta, Ga., to say he was satisfied with terms and was en route to St. Louis. The Regulars defeated a team composed of pitchers, 10-4, yesterday. CURTIS BAY, Md.—The Coast Guard Cutters blasted the Giants, 15-10, peppering four Gotham pitchers—Ewald Pyle, Walter Ockey, Frank Rosso and Bill Emmerich—for 16 hits. Ex-Giant Sid Gordon led the sailors with a homer, triple and single, while Phil Weintraub sparked the Giants with a homer, triple and two singles.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Senators shoved across two runs in the top of the ninth to whitewash the Braves, 2-0, in an exhibition game yesterday on the Georgetown University diamond. George Case walked and eventually scored on Walt Chipple's single. Then Chipple also raced home on an error by Second Baseman Arnold Drews. Each team collected four hits as Roger Wolff and Dutch Leonard toiled for the Griffs and Johnny Hutchings and Jimmy Wallace hurled for Boston. Meanwhile, Manager Ossie Bluege of the Nats announced that Outfielder Stan Spence, who hit .313 last year, had been inducted into the Navy, and Shortstop Johnny Sullivan had been taken by the Army.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

DESPITE homefront moans about manpower shortages, last night's championship basketball game between De Paul and the Oklahoma Aggies in Madison Square Garden served as a fitting finale to a highly successful collegiate cage season. At no time during the campaign was there any evidence of the game suffering from lack of talented hard-court stars, and schools which dominated the national scene before Pearl Harbor were just as successful this winter.

Excluding Army and Navy, which were barred from post-season tournaments by authorities in Washington, NYU, Penn and St. John's headed the eastern parade, with high scoring in-and-out Rhode Island State and Muhlenberg trailing close behind. Tennessee and Kentucky were the south's big wheels, while Rice, unbeaten in 18 games, led rivals a merry chase in the southwest. Oregon emerged from a mediocre crop of west coast quintets as king of the hill.

The middle west had four powerhouses in De Paul, Iowa's Big Ten champions, Ohio State and Notre Dame, with Howie Schultz, of Dodger fame, and his Hamline mates not far off the pace. Midwestern and southwest fans can both lay claim to Bob Kurland & Co. from Oklahoma A. & M., with the loudest talkers winning the argument.

WHEN GIs were kicking around England, waiting for D-Day, they played softball, much to the consternation and amusement of the natives. The same situation has been noticeable for several months in France, and now the apparently is spreading to Germany, despite a conscientious effort by the doughs to comply with "General Ike's" non-fraternization edict.

One of our field correspondents, back from a tour of Germany, describes the audiences at softball games in rear areas west of the Rhine.

"Whenever I came to a rest camp for combat troops," he said, "and there was a softball game in progress, German children would approach as close as they dared, then sit and watch. At one spot, three Nazi women were watching from the window of a nearby house. I don't think the kids understood what was going on, but it wouldn't surprise me if they started playing the game themselves before long." Just so the British keep cricket to themselves, we approve.

Long 'n' Short of It



Even if the Phillies finish far back in the National League race, this pair of rookies will be able to furnish laughs when they get together on the field. The big fellow is Jimmy Spencer, his playmate is Louis Lucier.

PUP TENT POETS

Prisoners of War

Bedraggled,
With hanging head,
Fearful still,
Of whistling lead,
Bent, slumped,
Half-dazed,
Spent, humped,
Half-crazed.

Gray-haired, weary,
Old in years,
All scared, leery,
Some shed tears,
Miled, beguiled,
By costly lies,
The dead piled,
With sightless eyes.

Blackguards, Supermen,
Against unarmed,
Braggards, beating men,
Innocents harmed,
Fool dreams,
Backed by cursing,
Cruel means,
Countries dispersing.

Idolizing,
Pagan days are done,
Realizing,
Judgment day has come,
Once-proud; retreated,
Lost in fright,
So cowed, defeated,
A welcome sight.

—Pvt. Gary Koests.

Births

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

PFC Walter I. Muskam, Rochester, N.Y.—Ruth Ann, March 20; Cpl. Kenneth R. Ritenour, Memphis—Sandra Jean, March 23; Cpl. Frank H. Greenagel, Cambridge, Minn.—boy, March 20; Cpl. Francis L. Dunn, Long Island City—Frances Ann, March 28; Sgt. Robert M. Mummey, Cleveland—girl, March 23; Pfc Harold H. Thresher, Miami Beach—Elisabeth Kragh, March 26; Cpl. William L. Trader, Ottawa, Kan.—girl, March 26; T/5 Kenneth J. Lockard, Stroudsburg, Pa.—Lanette Loreta, March 20.

PVT. Joseph H. Fitzgerald, Moorestown, N.J.—Joanne, March 9; Cpl. Augustus F. Dannie, Brooklyn—Marie, March 25; T/4 Thomas L. Masters, Rochester, N.Y.—boy, March 15; Pfc Robert E. Golden, St. Louis—Robert E., March 2; Pvt. Ben Sharf, Detroit—girl, March 27; Lt. Stanley R. Millard, Bronxville, N.Y.—Sandra Ellis, March 27; Capt. Harry Greenbaum, New York—Jane Anita, March 17; Cpl. Ralph L. Ferebee, Portsmouth, Va.—boy, March 25; Lt. Frank J. McLaren, Staten Island—Terrence, March 25.

SGT. Albert I. Slegel, Bronx—Frederick, March 27; S/Sgt. Darwin Little, Fayetteville, Ark.—Darlu Janice, March 26; T/3 Francis C. Emig, Philadelphia—girl, March 26; Lt. John R. Cooke, Galveston, Tex.—boy, March 27; Pvt. Eugene Bond, Mansfield, La.—Eugene Laurence, March 27; Pvt. Joseph V. DiCarlo, Revere, Mass.—Priscilla Ann, March 26; Sgt. Murphy Lee Davis, Haddon Heights, N.Y.—Robert Lee, March 25.

LT. William O. Rigby, Farmington, Utah—girl, Feb. 14; Pfc Arthur J. Bell, Sayre, Pa.—Kenneth Eugene, March 18; Pfc Norman H. Merlet, Pittsfield, Mass.—boy, March 11; Pfc Gaspar Scimonelli, Brooklyn—girl, Jan. 24; Pfc John J. Davis, Lees Barre, Pa.—John Lee, Feb. 27; Pfc Russell R. Thomas, Burlington, Ia.—Trudi Russelle, Jan. 31; Cpl. Woodie T. Delibero, Whitingville, Mass.—Albin Nelson, March 25; Sgt. Floyd D. Culver, Wichita, Kan.—Alan Dale, March 24; Pfc Earl E. Cramblitt, Baltimore—boy, March 20; Opt. John E. Vansell, Buffalo, Gretchen, March 26; Lt. Howard May, Minneapolis—boy, March 27; Capt. Henry C. Todd, Cleveland—girl, March 26; Lt. Col. Howard B. Hudiburg, Independence, Kan.—Sharon Lyn, March 18; Cpl. Williams Erwin, Los Angeles—boy, March 26; Pvt. Ben Lichtman, Bronx—girl, March 25; Harry Feuerstadt, Bronx—Barbara Jane, March 22; CWO John W. Atamanuk, Brooklyn—boy, March 24.

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1300	Dancing Thru 2005-War Today
1410	Showtime 2015-Johnny Mercer
1500	Strike Up Band 2030-Amer. Band AEF
1545	On the Record 2115-U.S. Army Band
1630	Music Time 2130-Music Box
1715	Rhythm Music 2207-Mildred Bailey
1810	U.S. Sports 2230-To Romance
1815	GI Supper Club 2305-Music We Love
1901	Command Perf. 2335-One Night Stand
1930	Kate Smith 0015-Night Shift
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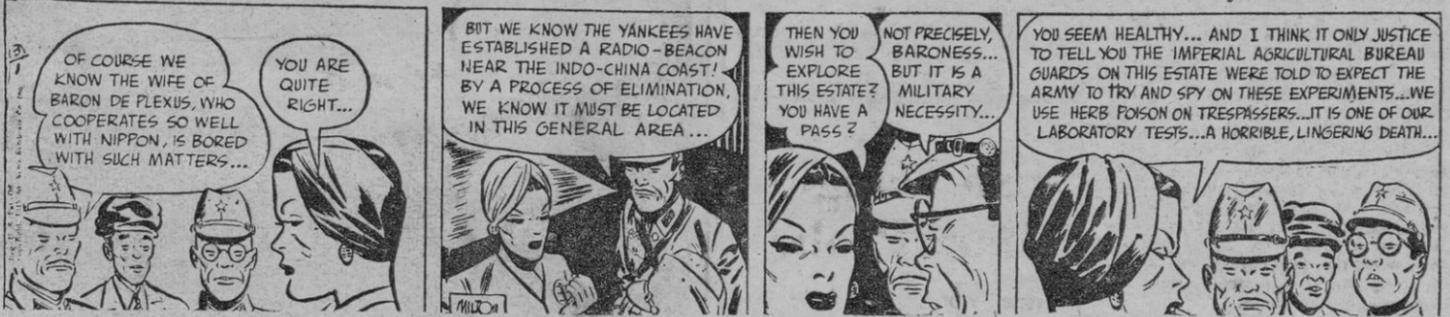


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Senate Votes Approval of Nine Generals

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—The Senate yesterday confirmed the nominations of nine lieutenant generals to full generals. This gave the Army its greatest number of full generals in history—11.

Five of the new generals hold the permanent rank of major general in the Regular Army. They are: Omar N. Bradley, commander of the 12th Army Group; Brehon B. Somervell, commander of Army Service Forces; Joseph T. McNarney, deputy supreme Allied commander in the Mediterranean; Walter Kreuger, commander of the Sixth Army in the Southwest Pacific, and Carl Spaatz, commander of the U.S. Strategic AF in Europe.

The others hold the permanent rank of brigadier general. They are: Jacob L. Devers, commander of the Sixth Army Group; George C. Kenny, commander of the Far East AF; Mark W. Clark, commander of the 15th Army Group in Italy, and Thomas T. Handy, deputy chief of staff.

Generals George C. Marshall, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur and Henry H. Arnold hold the five-star rank of General of the Army.

Vandegrift Nominated To Be Full General

WASHINGTON, March 29 (ANS).—President Roosevelt today nominated Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, commanding general of the Marine Corps, to be a full general. At the same time he nominated Vice-Adm. Russell R. Waesche, Coast Guard commandant, to be an admiral.

Senate confirmation will place four-star officers at the head of the two services for the first time in history.

Stalin Leads Rites For Shaposhnikov

MOSCOW, March 29 (AP).—With Moscow guns saluting the dead and a thousand Red Army men massed in Red Square, Marshal Stalin yesterday led the Soviet Union in a final tribute to Marshal Boris Shaposhnikov, one of the creators of her military power.

The greatest ceremonial event in the capital's wartime history reached its climax as Stalin walked beside Shaposhnikov's ashes when the urn was carried from the tomb of Lenin to a crypt in the high brick wall of the Kremlin.

(Stalin's presence apparently disposed of a report broadcast earlier this week by a German-controlled radio that he had been seriously injured in a plane crash while returning from Yalta.)

Big Towns Nice, But...

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Frankfurt to help out Charlie company. They're one block beyond the bridge which Task Force LaGrew took two hours ago. It's a big town."

S/Sgt. Dave Broughton, of Lawrence, Mass., the squad leader said, "Big towns are nice," and the tracks rolled on.

Two blocks from the bridge, Baker Co. dismounted and began to work its way toward the river. Sniper fire and long-range machine-gun fire forced them to hug walls and go through back gardens.

The men started over the bridge and some didn't get very far. Flak batteries in the hills north of the city were able to observe too well.

The 100-yard-long reinforced stone bridge was so badly cratered that tanks or wheeled vehicles couldn't cross. Lt. Col. Byrd LaGrew, of Lexington, Ky., who took the bridge, had three tanks on the way over when the Germans detonated demolition charges. Two tanks were knocked out and the third forced to go back.

Baker Co. got over, crawling low and moving fast. Able Co. followed and by dusk the complete Ninth Armd. Inf. Bn. had cleared about

GI Scribes Invited To S. F. Conference

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Stars and Stripes reporters will be welcomed at the San Francisco Conference beginning April 25, the State Department announced today.

Cognizant of the soldiers' interest in the United Nations Conference, which is designed to establish a postwar organization to preserve the peace, a State Department spokesman said that Stars and Stripes reporters will be afforded accommodations and facilities on the same basis as civilian correspondents.

Syria, Lebanon Receive Bids to 'Frisco Parley

WASHINGTON, March 29 (UP).—The State Department announced last night that the two former French mandates of Syria and Lebanon, which now claim independence, have adhered to the United Nations declaration and have been invited to the San Francisco security conference.

The statement said the invitations were tendered at the suggestion of the French government—an assertion that met with surprise in some circles in view of the French attitude that the independence of Syria and Lebanon is dependent on the League of Nations, which gave France a mandate over them.

Meanwhile, an official of the Italian embassy said there was a strong possibility of Italy's declaring war against Japan so that she might be "united with the other nations of the world."

Andrei Gromyko to Lead Russian Delegation

MOSCOW, March 29 (AP).—Andrei Gromyko, Soviet ambassador to the United States, has been named head of the Soviet delegation to the San Francisco security conference, Tass Soviet news agency announced today. A second delegate will be K. V. Novikov, head of the second Europe section of the Foreign Office dealing with Anglo-Russian affairs.

Canadian Parliament OKs Security Organization

OTTAWA, March 29 (UP).—The Canadian Parliament last night approved a resolution endorsing the San Francisco conference and a world security organization, 202 to 5 Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King attacked the opposition for refusing to leave the chamber during the vote, so that the result would be unanimous.

Teamwork in the Smash Into Germany



Stars and Stripes Photo by Hutton

American parachute infantrymen of Col. James Coult's 513th Regt. ride a British tank eastward into Germany to exploit the breakthrough of the Reich's last western defenses.

Frankfurt Falls To Third Army Shortage Puts Meat Points Up

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square miles of Germany's last industrial region.

Other front dispatches located Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army armor near Frankenberg, 17 miles north of Marburg, whose fall was announced yesterday.

Armor of Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's British Second Army drove 20 miles beyond Dorsten and front dispatches said leading tank forces had captured Haltern, halfway from the Rhine to the great traffic center of Munster.

Luxembourg radio quoted Allied pilots as reporting that white flags were being displayed in Munster.

Forces of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army, protecting the left flank of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, burst three miles beyond the Main River in new crossings, which put its assault forces 36 miles east of the Rhine.

Battles in By-Passed Cities

As the armor roamed wide and free in the Nazi hinterland without even encountering roadblocks in some sectors, heavy battles raged in by-passed Reich cities.

Mannheim and Duisburg were tottering. Doughs of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army were seven and one-half miles north of the Krupp works city of Essen.

Wiesbaden, famed health resort north of Mainz and seat of the Allied High Commission after the last war, fell to Patton's men policing up the eastern Rhineland.

The Rhine Valley between Bonn and Mannheim was cleared of enemy, except for one pocket east of Mainz. There Germans were trapped by the rapid advance of the Ninth Armd. Div. of the First Army, which had cut off the enemy in a link-up with Patton's cavalry and infantry.

Simpson's Ninth Army men drove into Duisburg, biggest port on the lower Rhine, and seized the dock areas.

The Canadian Third Inf. Div. of the British Second Army battled in Emmerich against the German 346th German Inf. Div.

Reuter reported from 21st Army Group that substantial reinforcements had been thrown in to support the hard-pressed Nazi defenders of the Rhine city.

WASHINGTON, March 29 (UP).—The national meat shortage was reflected today in an announcement by OPA Boss Chester Bowles that effective Sunday the ration value of pork sausages, bacon and other products would be increased one to three points for April.

Bowles said that there would be 2,000,000 pounds less meat available to consumers in April than March, but he added that the public would not really feel the pinch until May and June. Beef, lamb, veal, butter and other red stamp foods will remain unchanged.

Meanwhile, Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) of the Senate Food Investigating Committee, which completed the first phase of its inquiry into the shortage, said that meat packers must be given some sort of relief lest members of the armed forces be deprived of 60 percent of the meat they are receiving now.

Thomas proposed that the OPA and the packers confer in an effort to solve the problem. He said he would ask the OPA for a report after April 1. In reply, an OPA spokesman said the agency was ready to meet with the packers any time.

East Front ...

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and Kapuvap, 10 miles beyond the Raab River.

Tolbukhin's sweep to Austria came as German radio conceded that Nazi troops had given up a bridgehead on the Oder's east bank at Zehden, 37 miles northeast of Berlin and 28 northwest of Kustrin, in the face of fresh Soviet attempts to cross the river in the sector closest to Berlin.

The German communique reported "heavy house-to-house fighting" in the west bank half of Kustrin, 40 miles due east of Berlin, and German news agency's military commentator, Col. Ernst von Hammer, said Marshal Gregory Zhukov was using "powerful artillery and a large number of battleplanes." The Russians have announced the capture of Kustrin.

At the northern end of the front, the battle for Danzig was in its last stages, with the western half of the city in Russian hands. In the south, Berlin said, Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army, north of the Danube, had pushed west to the Nitra River, 80 miles east of Vienna, even as Malinovsky's southern wing below the Danube moved within 37 miles of the Bratislava gateway after taking Gyor.

GIs Will Mark Easter at Front, In Cathedrals

Thousands of American troops will bow their heads in Easter prayer in the cloistered antiquity of historic cathedrals in four liberated nations during Holy Week, while frontline soldiers will hear the Easter message wherever the tactical situation permits.

American Army chaplains will observe and celebrate Holy Week in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland and in occupied Germany. Services will be held in medieval cathedrals, mess halls, barracks, forest groves and on the battlefield.

Troops will attend masses in the magnificent 15th-century Gothic cathedrals in Reims, Liege, Nancy, Ghent and Amiens.

In Cologne, Catholic troops of the First Army will have an opportunity to attend the first High Mass celebrated in a German cathedral during this war.

A Protestant sunrise service will be held at 0700 in the Parc du Champs de Mars at the base of the Eiffel Tower. Chaplain Chester R. McClellan, of Dallas, will deliver the sermon. Other sunrise services

Passover Celebrated In Reich Synagogues

TWELFTH ARMY GRP. HQ., March 29 (AP).—In synagogues long closed by the Nazis and reopened by Allied armed forces, Jewish troops in the U.S. First Army across the Rhine are observing Passover—the holiday which commemorates the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.

The services, which began yesterday, will continue as long as the local situation permits, until April 3.

are scheduled at the Victory Monument in Verdun, in the Parc de la Pépinière in Nancy, and at many churches and hospitals, with soldier choirs and bands taking part.

A Catholic field mass will follow the Protestant service at the Parc du Champs de Mars at 1000 with Theater Chaplain Col. L. Curtis Tiernan, of Kansas City, as celebrant, and a choir under the direction of S/St. Stephen J. Baronowski Jr., of Chicago. The sermon will be delivered by Chaplain Matthew Meighan, of New York.

Good Friday and Easter services for troops in Paris will be held in the following churches.

PROTESTANT	
American Cathedral, 23 Ave. George V	0700
Daily Communion	1930
Evening services	1930
Easter Communion	0600
Easter Day	0930 & 1045
American Church of Paris, 65 Quai d'Orsay	2000
Good Friday service	1400
Easter Day	1000
Swedish Church, 9 Rue Guyot (Lutheran)	1000
Good Friday Communion	1000
Easter Day	1000
St. George's (Anglican), Rue A.-Vacquerie	1100
Easter Communion service	1100
CATHOLIC	
St. Joseph's, 39 Ave. Hoche	1000
Easter Day, Mass.	1000
St. Peter's, 33 Ave. Marceau	1000
Easter Day, Mass.	1000
Friday, Stations of the Cross	1400
Church of Madeleine	1800
Easter Day, Mass.	1800
Chapel, 5 Ave. Kleber	1130 & 1645
Sunday Mass	1145 & 1745
Good Friday, Daily Mass	1145 & 1745
Sacré-Coeur	1600 to 1800
Good Friday	1600 to 1800

Paris Rally Demands Break With Franco

Representatives of powerful labor and resistance movements in France at a mass meeting in Paris yesterday, demanded immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Franco's government in Spain by the United Nations.

Spokesmen demanded that the French government take steps to end concentration camps in Spain and criticized the De Gaulle government for permitting Franco's consular officials to do business in France. These consulates, they charged, were "centers of espionage in behalf of international fascism."