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3rd Army Captures Kassel

Crossing the Rhine As the Shells Whistle Overhead



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Troops of the 89th Inf. Div., U.S. Third Army, crouch low in their assault boat as it plows across the Rhine at Oberwesel under German fire.

Bratislava Falls; Reds At Vienna

Soviet troops of Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army yesterday captured the Slovakian capital city of Bratislava, about 30 miles east of Vienna, Marshal Stalin announced, while assault forces of the Third Ukrainian Army stormed into the suburbs of Vienna itself.

Bratislava, which already had been by-passed by some of Malinovsky's forces, was described in Stalin's order of the day as an important industrial and communications center and as a powerful stronghold in the German defenses along the Danube.

Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's troops swept on Vienna in a thrust from Baden, 11 miles south of the city. The Soviet drive already had carried into the fringes of greater Vienna, the Associated Press reported. A Soviet communiqué announced the capture of Moellersdorf, nine miles from the Austrian capital.

By capturing Bratislava, Malinovsky's army opened up the Bratislava Gap, traditional invasion gateway to Austria. Malinovsky's troops were moving westward on both sides of the Danube and already had

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Senate Confirms Vinson As U.S. War Effort Chief

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Fred M. Vinson as director of war mobilization and re-conversion, succeeding James F. Byrnes, who resigned. The approval came on a voice vote, without dissent.

Nazis Put New Plane In Air—2 Shot Down

FIRST TAC pilots yesterday destroyed two of the first German Arado 234s believed seen in the air.

1/Lt. Mortimer J. Thompson of Milwaukee, and 1/Lt. Andrew Kandis, of La Porte, Ind., knocked out the newest German twin turbine aircraft 30 miles south of Ulm. The German Arado 234 is used as a fighter-bomber.

Move to Set Up New Mandates Begun at Yalta

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANS).

—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. revealed today that the Big Three agreed at Yalta to consult with France and China on a plan for international trusteeships of certain territories, including possessions wrested from Japan and Germany in the war.

Stettinius' announcement followed his statement yesterday that the U.S. would ask for one seat in the assembly of the proposed world security organization, instead of three as announced in a White House statement March 29.

Senators, with few exceptions, joined in expressions of approval of the one-seat decision of President Roosevelt, the Associated Press said.

Stettinius, while saying that a trusteeship formula would be presented at the San Francisco conference

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GHQs Reported Merged

STOCKHOLM, April 4 (UP).—The so-called Free German Press Bureau said, quoting a military source, that the German Army has combined its western and eastern headquarters at Meissen, about seven miles northwest of Dresden.

VFW Says Army Will Boost Furloughs to U.S. After V-E

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANS).—Jean A. Brunner, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said that information supplied by the Army indicated that furloughs home for combat troops would be stepped up greatly after Germany's defeat.

He said that Maj. Gen. J. A. Ulio, adjutant general, had advised the VFW that 40,000 to 50,000 front-line soldiers were being sent home each month and that the rate would be definitely increased "during the months ahead."

Present monthly total from the ETO is 8,000, ETO headquarters said yesterday.

Brunner, however, cautioned families "not to expect wholesale shipments of men back to the U.S. when V-E Day arrives," and he added: "We must take into consideration the future conduct of the war against Japan and the vast problem of policing conquered Germany."

Reply to VFW Request

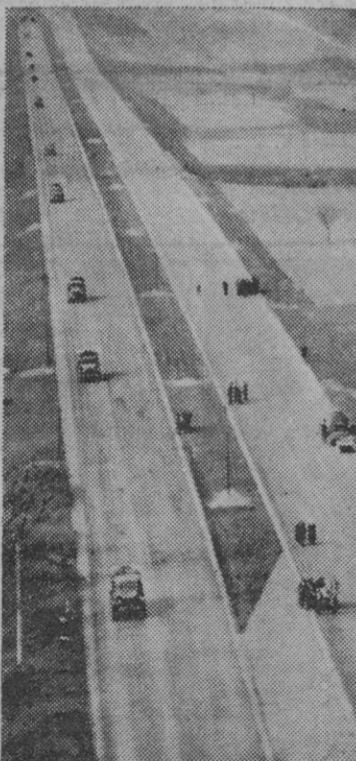
He said that Gen. Ulio declared in a letter that the War Department would expand its rotation furlough plan "when the military needs permit." Brunner said the letter was a reply to the VFW's request that 30-day furloughs be given to combat troops with 18 months or more of service overseas.

The general pointed out that a shortage of qualified reinforcements was the greatest factor barring increased rotation. Other limiting factors, he said, are restricted shipping space, the necessity to continue increasing overseas strength, and the "pace and vicissitudes of war."

French Minister Quits, In Protest of Tax Policy

Pierre Mendès-France, French Minister of National Economy, submitted his resignation to the French Provisional Government yesterday as a protest against the price stabilization and tax proposal of Finance Minister René Pleven. Left-wingers contend Pleven's program, which the government has accepted, would delay the nation's recovery.

Hitting the High Road



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Trucks of the Ninth Armd. Div., U.S. First Army, roll eastward in Germany on an autobahn—one of Hitler's prized "super-highways."

Debt Limit Boosted

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP).—President Roosevelt today signed legislation increasing the public-debt limit from \$260,000,000,000 to \$300,000,000,000.

4th Armd. At Gotha in 18-Mi. Push

Kassel, which had a pre-war population of 217,000, fell to Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army yesterday, while tanks of the Fourth Armd. Div. slashed 18 miles deeper into the Nazi heartland to Gotha, at the edge of Thuringian plains.

Second biggest city after Frankfurt, of Hesse-Nassau, Kassel was taken by doughs of the 80th Inf. Div. after one of the toughest battles the Third Army has fought since it crossed the Rhine.

Germans fought fanatically to hold the city. United Press front-line reports said they kept their tank and airplane factories going even under fire from U.S. guns.

185 Miles From Russians

At Gotha, Patton's armor was 75 miles west of Leipzig, 80 miles from the Czechoslovakian frontier and 185 miles from Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army.

Meanwhile, Anglo-American forces battled for Hamm and Osnabruck and tightened the ring around the Ruhr cities of Dusseldorf, Duisburg, Essen, Dortmund, Wuppertal and Gelsenkirchen.

Aschaffenburg and Wurzburg, according to AP front reports, fell to Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army, while on the south flank of Gen. Eisenhower's offensive the French First Army of Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny took Karlsruhe.

280,000 Prisoners Taken

Meanwhile, official tabulation of the Wehrmacht's destruction showed that in two weeks the Allies have taken 280,000 prisoners, bringing the total of prisoners since the Rhine offensive began to well over half a million.

In the north yesterday, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army broke through the Teutoburger Hills and reached the Weser River. The Fifth Armd. Div. rolled up to the river's west bank northeast of Bielefeld and found the autobahn bridge blown up.

Tanks of the Second Armd. Div. rolled ten miles east of Bielefeld in advances which placed Simpson's armor more than 100 miles

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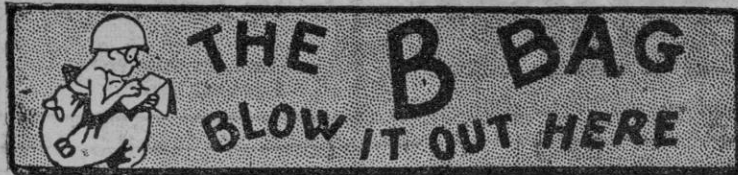
Germans Told To Quit Towns

LONDON, April 4 (Reuter).—Gen. Eisenhower, in a broadcast tonight, told town dwellers in western Germany:

"Get out of factories. Stay away from railroads and main highways. Hide yourselves and your families. The end is not far off."

"Cease working and take refuge with your family in the safest place you can find," the general said. "Factories, mines and rail centers are death traps."

"Act at once. Delay may mean death. "Avoid at all cost being enrolled into the Volksturm. Untrained and ill-armed, for you the Volksturm will mean a useless last-minute death."



More Constructive Gripes

I've been in the Army long enough to have had or have many a gripe, usually against higher authority. I've also been in the Army long enough to know that more often than not, not only do these gripes ultimately prove to have no real basis, but that many an apparent "wrong," with patience and intelligent understanding, has proved to be a "right."

We well know that ours is a large Army with personalities as varied as animals in a zoo, and the necessary bugbear of discipline obstructing our every individual tendency. Someone's feelings are naturally bound to get hurt. Remember that the law of minor concessions applies just as strongly in Army life as it does in civilian life. So, the already dissatisfied enlisted man and officer alike blows his gripe right into your paper and you allow him to publicly display his moral indignation—in itself a form of inner self-satisfaction which now becomes unmoral and only breeds discontent and disgruntlement. We all admire your open-air market for gripes, but suggest you get tough and print only more honest, intelligent and constructive gripes; otherwise your paper will become known as "The Stars and Gripes."—Maj. L. R. Weiss, 45 Field Hosp.

Thieving PW

Our company has been pulling guard duty at a PW labor enclosure. These prisoners are used in port work and they pilfer everything they get their hands on. When one of these prisoners is caught he appears before the prison officer. The most severe punishment a PW can get under the Geneva rules is 30 days confinement on reduced rations. After serving this sentence he goes right back to pilfering. What happens when one of our boys gets picked up with extra rations of smokes? He gets sent up for months or even years.

Can't something be done with these Germans? I'm certain our boys in the Jerry PW camps wouldn't receive just 30 days for stealing German supplies. Those poor Joes would be lucky to get off with their lives.—Lt. Nazi Hater.

(According to the Geneva Convention, PWs shall be subject to the laws, regulations and orders in force in the armies of the detaining power.)

PWs are subject to the disciplinary power of commanding officers and to trial before a summary, special or general court martial. If the case is ordered tried before a summary court, the greatest punishment that a court can impose is confinement for 30 days. If, however, the PWs were convicted of larceny before a special court martial, confinement at hard labor up to six months could be imposed.

When a charge against a PW is referred to a special or general court martial, the representative of the protecting power must be given notice at least three weeks before the opening of the trial.—Ed.)

Dangerous

Recently, at a railyard, a replacement with a troop movement tried to board a moving train at two in the morning and was thrown beneath the wheels. A doctor finished the amputation there on the ground. This isn't the first accident of this nature and there will be many more unless train commanders and train guards enforce the "on board" rule more strictly.

Trains over here have no bells or headlights, and even we who work the trains don't know the

yards too well. To us a fellow is asking for an accident when he leaves his train to go stumbling over tracks in the pitch-dark when he doesn't know—nor can he see—what is approaching. Get off your train only when it is next to a station platform and get back on before it starts to move again. It seems that no two railroads are built alike over here and none are like those in the States. Even though you may have been a real "train hopper" at home, don't think you can do it over here.

Those foolish ones in transit who leave their train in a strange place to get a cup of coffee in some yard kitchen are the guys who are keeping the artificial limb plants going full blast.—Pfc D. W. Brown, 734th Ry. Op Bn.

Tough Goin' Ahead

After traveling 42 miles, about 35 of which were on foot, from the Roer River to the Rhine, we were relieved from the line for a few days' rest at a nearby city. After being there for one day, a training schedule was announced which included a two-hour march daily.

I can understand an hour or so of calisthenics a day, but what in the hell do they expect us to gain from a two-hour march?—Pfc S. Lowenkopf, 335 Inf.

It Would Be Appreciated

I just happen to be one of the men whose job it is to patrol a certain town on the front lines hunting Jerry patrols.

We often have to put out lights thoughtlessly left burning by some GI joker. It would be much appreciated if the men would make sure that all lights were out before leaving the building. This is not a gripe, just a request.—Pvt. G. L. Cuning, 406 Inf.

POW Packages

I ran across an American Red Cross package intended for our prisoners of war in the German home where I am "stationed." There have been other cases of men finding them and I know for a fact that this is more than coincidence. At first, I thought that there might have been a PW camp here, but now I am sure that there wasn't.

The reason I am so interested is because I have a brother who is a PW in Germany and in the past seven months he hasn't received a letter, let alone a package.—S/Sgt. J. R. FA.

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



Remember, no fraternizing!

An Editorial

America's Debt to France

WHILE convalescing in a hospital in France, I have been thinking that most Americans do not appreciate the enormous debt they owe to France.

Probably nowhere else in the history of the United States can another blessing like this be found: that France, who was no more weak than we, should suffer closest physical proximity to Germany, that she should fall, and that her soil and not ours should have been the battleground. In undergoing this ordeal, she suffered the destruction of her economy, the enslavement of her manpower and an unparalleled destruction of her cities and her real wealth. And all this has been suffered more cheerfully than can be imagined easily.

Our cities and homes are standing, our people do not live in the cellars. The near future may subject us to monetary crises but our real wealth is intact.



Thus it is only incidentally that we are liberators of France—and not gratuitously, but necessarily—not for luxury but for our mere survival.

This is why France claims

—and ought to have—the role of a great power. This is why only a niggardly ingratitude would refuse the credits so necessary for reconstruction.

—S/Sgt. Edward Edelman.

Nazis Mobilize Ruhr Guerrillas

By Robert Lloyd
Reuter Staff Correspondent

LONDON, April 4.—Frantic last-minute efforts to turn the sealed-off Ruhr into a model area of guerrilla resistance have been started by SS Gen. Albert Hoffmann, gauleiter for southern Westphalia.

Since last night, emergency regulations have been pouring out from the command radio of the district which comprises the whole eastern part of the mining area and towns such as Bochum, Dortmund and Hagen.

The provincial chief of the labor front, Kurt Sonnenschei, called on the workers to form "workers battalions" for the defense of their cities. Men in the area which is already overrun have been told to

"go into the woods and join the 'Werewolf' freedom movement." Swift punishment is threatened those who surrender, collaborate with the Allies or shelter German deserters.

Similar emergency measures are now apparently in preparation for the other areas in the path of the Allied advance.

The Stuttgart radio announced last night that operation of "Schwabentreue" (Swabian Loyalty) would

begin immediately for all districts on the upper Neckar.

Gauleiter of Hanover and Brunswick SS Gen. Hartmann Leutnerbacker will broadcast emergency orders today.

Evidently German leaders were caught unawares politically as well as in a military way by the speed of the Allied advance and by the recent easy surrender of many German towns and the mass display of white flags.

Mandate Idea Born at Yalta

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ference April 25, emphasized that no discussion was held at Yalta, will be held prior to the San Francisco meeting, or will be presented at the meeting, regarding specific territories, Reuter reported.

"This trusteeship structure, it was felt, should be designed to permit placing under it territories mandated after the last war and such territories taken from the enemy in this war as might be agreed upon at a later date and also such other territories as might voluntarily be placed under trusteeship," Stettinius said, according to a Reuter dispatch.

In making the one-seat announcement yesterday, Stettinius said that he and some other members of the American party at Yalta were fully informed at all times. The President has not withdrawn his promise of support for Russia's request for three assembly seats, if such a request is made at the San Francisco meeting, Stettinius added.

Explains Original Position

The Secretary of State also declared that, aside from military agreements and council voting procedure (the latter of which was recently made public), "the only other decisions reached at Yalta and not made public in the Crimea Conference communique related to initial membership in the international organization when it meets and to territorial trusteeship."

Explaining the original American position on assembly seats, Stettinius said, according to the Associated Press: "In the circumstances, the American representatives at Yalta believed it was their duty to reserve the possibility of the

U.S. having three votes in the general assembly. Soviet and British representatives stated their willingness to support a proposal, if the U.S. should make it, to accord three votes in the assembly to the U.S."

Stettinius said that Russia, in making a request for three votes, attached great importance to it, and that the U.S., in agreeing to it, "had in mind primarily the heroic part played by the people of the Ukrainian and White Russian Republics."

British Empire Opens Pre-Security Parley Talks

LONDON, April 4 (UP).—The Empire Conference opened in secret today, with formal speeches stating the Dominions' attitude on the San Francisco conference.

Nearly 20 delegates from the Dominions and the United Kingdom are participating in round-table discussions, which are expected to last at least one week. It is expected that early attention will be given to the Canadian proposal for recognition of the "middle powers."

Regular Meals Available For GIs in Paris on Pass

Soldiers on one-day pass in Paris now can get regular hot meals for ten francs from 11 AM to 3 PM and 5 PM to 8 PM at the ARC Boulevard Club, 6 Blvd. des Italiens.

Formerly only C-rations were provided, in exchange for a complete C-ration unit brought in by the soldier.

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150-Mile Death March Comes to End As 6th Armd. Liberates 800 Yanks

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SIXTH ARMD. DIV.—A 150-mile march, similar to the infamous death march made by American and Philippine soldiers captured by the Japanese on Corregidor, was ended when Sixth Armd. Div. tanks liberated 800 GI prisoners of war.

Taken prisoner during the Ardennes breakthrough, the doughs had been more than three months on the road, stopping only when Nazi transportation officials had pirated their ranks, forcing the Americans to fill bomb craters and haul trestle lumber.

The PWs, fed one-sixth of a loaf of black bread and one can of potato soup daily, suffered from dysentery and had lost up to 80 pounds in weight. They had received no medical treatment.

Caught in sub-zero weather, the men told of seeing their comrades stumble and fall during long forced marches, to lie alongside the road until frozen to death. One said, "One day I buried 22 of my buddies who were too ill, too tired and too cold to live."

Look Like Skeletons'

Lt. Col. Albert N. Ward, of Westminster, Md., whose armored infantry battalion liberated prisoners of war in Hattenrod, north of Friedberg, said, "As we entered the town the doughs, looking like walking skeletons, staggered out to meet us. They were thin and emaciated and they wept.

One dough, describing their poor treatment, said that after they had deposited their excreta on a manure pile the Germans had dumped potato peelings on the same heap. The men were so hungry they removed the potato peelings, strung them on a wire and cooked and ate the spud skins.

One PW from the East Coast said, "They made us arise at 4:30 AM and go out and work on a bombed-out railroad. But we were too weak and sick to do much good for them."

A soldier who lost 80 pounds during the three-month labor-trek said, "They did everything possible to make life unbearable—threatening us with bayonets and firing small-arms over our heads whenever we fell out of the column during marches."

Liberated Briton Tells of Horrors Of 600-Mi. March

By Arthur Dakeshott

Reuter Special Correspondent

BAD ORB, Germany, April 3 (Delayed).—Indescribable sufferings of some 2,200 British PWs who were forced to march almost 600 miles through snow were described today at a large camp near here.

The first-hand details of this "horror march" from prison camps in Upper Silesia to Bad Orb were given by a doctor who had been in captivity five years.

The pitiful procession set out in a snowstorm Jan. 10. Day after day the men struggled on. Many fell at the roadside and died. Others were clubbed by rifle butts or prodded with bayonets until they staggered to their feet.

At this camp, which they reached March 10, all the prisoners are infested with lice, as German de-lousing arrangements were utterly inadequate. There was only one toilet for each 300 men. Soup made from potato peelings, bean flour and water was their prison fare.

GIs Rule Castle

HEIDELBERG, April 4 (AP).—Nine GIs headed by Cpl. Evertt F. Bollman, of Welge, Ill., temporarily are masters of Heidelberg's most prized tourist showpiece—the famed schloss, or castle.

Where once knights in shining armor and their fair ladies attended tournaments and received homage from liegemen, these Americans in ODs see to it that no harm comes to the castle or its numerous historic treasures.

The castle is off-limits, as is customary with all important structures and monuments.

Former Slaves Jam Roads Leading Out of the Reich

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

GERMANY, April 4.—Tens of thousands of French, Russian and Polish laborers are jamming the roads leading out of Germany today.

The refugee laborers have been freed in such numbers by advancing American armor and infantry that they are interfering with military traffic.

Most of the uniformed laborers are making their way on foot, but some are making the long trek in German trucks, buses and tractors they have picked up.

American Military Government personnel have set up stations along the major roads in some places and are corralling the refugees as they stream down the highway. Military police stop west-bound convoys and load the migrating workers on empty trucks.

Seek to Spur Traffic

To enable military traffic to travel unhampered authorities are trying to get all the workers over to the west side of the Rhine and into displaced persons camps in Germany and Belgium for screening.

Most of the laborers, some of whom have their families with them, carry small quantities of stale bread. Some take food from the Germans along the road. Dead horses, and cows killed as the battle passed the area have been stripped to their skeletons by the travelers.

Germany held an estimated 12,000,000 foreign workers of 15 nationalities. The vast majority were French, Polish and Russian. The French are making an 800 to 1,000-mile walk toward home, but the Poles, Russians and Czechs are headed away from their homelands just to get out of Germany.

Lived in Barracks

The foreign laborers lived usually in bare wooden barracks. Clothing, identifying them as foreign labor, was supplied by the Germans and the workers were given their food. They were supposed to receive a small allowance, but most of them report that they were almost never paid.

Several German factory owners and superintendents, in territory taken by the American troops, have reported that the foreign laborers did fairly good work and that few evidences of sabotage were found.

The foreign workers are almost invariably happy to see the American forces, but as yet there have been no signs of revolt by the thousands of foreign workers before the entry of Allied troops.

Ike Asks Medal For Dead Yank

Pfc Carl V. Sheridan, Co. K, 47th Inf., who was killed near Weisweiler, Germany, after paving the way for his outfit to take an important objective, has been cited for conspicuous gallantry and recommended for posthumous decoration by Gen. Eisenhower.

Fighting toward an objective, Sheridan's company found the way blocked by German paratroops fanatically defending a castle gatehouse. The only way to it was through a strongly barricaded oak door.

Sheridan left cover, moved through intense fire and fired his rockets to blast a hole through the barrier. Then he charged straight into the entrance and was killed.

The next day his company attacked through the gap and took the castle.

Surrounded by Joes Wherever He Goes



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower talks with men of a quartermaster salvage repair depot during a tour.

Deluge of Mail, Gifts Reflects Feeling of GIs, Civilians for Ike

By Jules B. Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SUPREME COMMANDER'S HEADQUARTERS, April 4.—Gen. Eisenhower, the "Idol of the Fan-Mail Front," receives almost as many letters as Frankie Sinatra. From every corner of the free world people write him for autographs and pictures. One little boy asked for a "genuine Tiger tank."

Hundreds of letters pour into his headquarters every week. Scores are from frontline troops in Germany. Some are penny postcards. Others are written on expensive stationery.

But no matter who they are from, they all get the same personal attention. The Supreme Commander of the AEF takes time off to answer each one, even if it means working at night.

Correspondence Grows

The general has many "steady" correspondents like Mary Louise Koehnen, of Dayton, Ohio, who is one of his favorites. The little girl has been writing Eisenhower since 1942 when she made a strange request:

"I read in the papers," wrote Mary, "where we should adopt boys in the service. I would like to adopt you."

The general was then neck-deep in logistics. The invasion of Africa

was almost set. But he took a few minutes off to write back that he was flattered. He asked his "adopted mother"—age 13—to keep writing.

And so Mary wrote her famous "son" once a week, then twice weekly until the correspondence between the two threatened to fill a huge filing cabinet.

You'd think such a full-size job of handling the Supreme Commander's mail would require a battery of stenographers. But a second lieutenant and a staff sergeant manage very well by putting in a nine-hour day, seven days a week.

Requests for Autographs

"Requests come mostly for autographs, SHAEF patches, pictures of the general and official letterheads," said 2/Lt. Kay Summersby, Eisenhower's secretary-aide. Some ask for the general's battle-jacket, a five-star cluster, his necktie, campaign ribbons and decorations (all three rows).

Former cop-and-robber youngsters who now play "Nazis-and-Americans" write for German souvenirs like helmets, uniforms and Luger pistols. But the general replies that he cannot send such enemy materiel because it's the property of the government. The children settle for autographs.

Sweater For Ike

The Supreme Commander, said S/Sgt. Sue Sarafian, of Detroit, probably receives more gifts from well-wishers than any other general in the world. All articles except those of a personal nature or from old friends, are turned over to hospitals for combat casualty troops.

Mrs. Phyllis A. Hull, of Hamilton, Ont., recently sent the "boss" a hand-knit sweater with "Ike" embroidered over the pocket. The general wears it under his jacket. One of his most surprising presents came from Egypt, today. A teacher at the Kishk Secondary School in Tefta wrote that his latest son had been christened Dwight David Eisenhower Elashmawy.

German Princess Unhappy as GIs Move Into Palace

By Edward Connolly

United Press Correspondent

WITH NINTH ARMY IN NORKIRCHEN, NEAR LUDINGHAUSEN, April 4.—The German Princess Valerie Marie was disturbed when Americans moved into her 300-room palace.

Armored columns reached the 16,000-acre estate Sunday morning, and the princess fussed because she and her husband were told to leave their private suite and occupy two buildings, which had at least 14 rooms. She wanted the Americans to move into a dirty part of the building, which German soldiers had occupied.

The princess says she is the great granddaughter of the late Queen Victoria and a distant cousin of King George VI. Her husband is Prince Charles Arenberg Ingelbert.

The prince, who showed a colonel through the many tapestried rooms, said Goering "was nice to me. I think, had he been chief of Germany before the war, the English would have got on very well with him."

Foreign Criticism Assailed by Franco

MADRID, April 4 (AP).—Gen. Francisco Franco lashed out yesterday at foreign criticism of his regime. He spoke to members of the Madrid municipal government in connection with the sixth anniversary of the end of the civil war.

Amid Rubble of Mannheim

Pfc Finds Mother and Father

WITH THIRD ARMY, April 4 (AP).—Pfc Richard A. Levy, 23, found his father and mother in Mannheim, where scarcely a house remains standing.

Young Levy was born in Mannheim but left there in 1940. Now an American citizen, Richard said that he bribed a Nazi official for a permit enabling him to reach the U.S. He was there only a few months when he was drafted and eventually sent overseas.

The senior Levy told his son he was jailed by the Gestapo a few months ago when accused of "smiling during an American air raid," but was released through the influence of friends. His property was confiscated.



Stars and Stripes Photo by Riordan. A 16-year-old Volksturm member who surrendered gives his identification record to Pfc Paul Trey, 104th Inf. Div. MP, from Parkersburg, Iowa.

This Happened in America Yesterday:

Army's Policy on Food Defended by Patterson

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, April 4.—Answering Congressional criticism of the Army's food purchasing activities, Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson asserted today that the Army does not have a stockpile, and added that it does not subscribe to the theory that "military requirements must invariably be given first priority."

Patterson said that the possibility of an early end to the European war does not mean a cut in the Army's needs. The job of feeding liberated and occupied areas "will increase tremendously and troops in Europe will require increasing quantities of perishable foods such as meat and fresh dairy products," he said.

The Associated Press said that the country's farmers might have to slaughter breeding hogs in order to meet current needs. A Senator investigating food shortages expressed fear that a further cut in civilian supplies might spur black market operations.

Pvt. Tommy Wadleton of Indianapolis, who wrote his first book, "Army Brat," when he was 16, is awaiting publication this month of his fourth book, "Silver Buckles On His Knee." Book No. 4 was written before he entered the Army. Wadleton, who is now learning to be an MP at Camp River Rouge, Mich., says that he hasn't had time lately to write any books.



Pvt. Tommy Wadleton

In the first large-scale experiment of its kind, Turkish tobacco will be planted on 150 North Carolina farms this year, State Commissioner Kerr Spott said. The Turkish type of tobacco brought \$1 or \$2 a pound before the war.

Down in Montgomery, Ala., two dogs, Jet and Jeep, rushed to the aid of 18-month-old Donald Kocour, son of Lt. Col. E. J. Kocour of Maxwell Field, and attacked a copperhead snake. The snake bit the dogs, but a veterinarian said they'd recover. The child was not bitten.

POLICE Blotter Note: The FBI out in Springfield, Ill., reported capture of the third of the trio which robbed \$20,000 from the First National Bank at Greenville, Ill. The other two were caught in a cornfield near Litchfield, Ill.

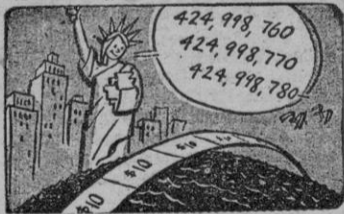
Butch LaGuardia's Hat Goes to GI

ONE of the dramatic black hats Mayor Butch LaGuardia of New York loves to wear was raffled off at an Air Transport Command base in Goosebay, Labrador, and brought \$1,275 to the Red Cross, Pfc Jack Havener, of Vienna, Va., won the hat.

Maj. C. Spencer Phipps clung to his front door key through three years of battle, planning to slip in one day and surprise his family. The major rolled into Baltimore, hustled to his home—and found the front door wide open.

THE Dade County Conservation Council in Florida has protested against the proposed sale of 589 acres of Biscayne Bay bottom land by the state to real estate men. An offer of \$700 an acre, reported to have been made, is being used, the Miami Herald says, to boost the value of Virginia Key submerged land sought by the city in a condemnation suit.

The money soldiers have sent across the Atlantic by personal transfer accounts would reach across the ocean a few times if it pisted end to end. Some statistician has calculated that a line of \$10 bills from France to the U.S. would add up to the \$425,000,000 in PTA that's been handled through the New York finance office alone.



THE National War Labor Board announced the formation of a national commission to judge the wage dispute between five major packing companies and unions. Packers and unions will each have a member on the board.

Ali Abdullah Alierza, a varsity soccer player at the University of California, has been appointed Saudi Arabia's delegate to the San Francisco conference. Alierza, son of an Arabian dignitary, says he has been stunned by "the way history has moved into my life."

Valley Folk Ordered to Move From Path of Flood Diversion

NEW ORLEANS, April 4 (ANS).—Old-time residents of the Morganza Floodway in eastern Louisiana shook their heads when they learned yesterday that the floodway would be opened within ten days to divide Mississippi River flood waters and reduce the menace to the lower valley.

Col. George S. Hudson, district Army engineer, gave the order to open the floodway, which means that residents must move their livestock outside of the guide levees and consign their homes to the flood.

The entire population of more than 100 at Bayou Cheney, in St. Martin Parish, within the lower floodway basin, must move, but

outside of that only scattered families and squatters are affected. Engineers said that the water is turned into the floodway north of Baton Rouge, nearly 100 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

Regular crews, aided by German PWs, strengthened levees on portions of the Mississippi system and along the swollen tributary Red River in Central Louisiana.

The U.S. river forecaster in New Orleans predicted that high water in the lower valley would prevail until mid-May. He said that the stages would approximate the 1937 flood, when the Bonnet Carre Spillway at New Orleans was first used, and that it would be comparable to the big valley flood of 1927.

Industries Pledge Positions for Fighters

Vet Offers Plan to End Job Worries

CHICAGO, April 4 (ANS).—A marine veteran of 22 months in the South Pacific today outlined a plan which he hopes will end the job worries of fighting men.

James H. Simpson, Jr., a Chicago attorney recently returned to inactive status as a Marine Corps captain, described the work of "Industry for Veterans," incorporated as a non-profit organization in Illinois.

The organization, of which Charles G. Dawes, former vice president of the U.S., is a director, seeks pledges from Illinois industries that at least 25 percent of postwar jobs will go to veterans.

Simpson, whose father is board chairman of Marshall Field and Co., said that pledges assuring 37,500 postwar jobs for Illinois veterans already have been signed. He added that "Industry for Veterans" plans to expand nationally.

Simpson said at least 40 percent of American servicemen and women were too young to have jobs when they put on uniforms and therefore are not covered by re-employment clauses of the Selective Service Act.

"We want them to feel that something definite is being done now about their chances to get work when the war is over," Simpson said.

The incorporators included Simpson, Dawes, who is board chairman of the City National Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago; Gen. Robert Wood, chairman of the board of Sears Roebuck and Co.; Albert A. Sprague, chairman of the Sprague, Warner, Kenny Corp.; Joseph McNabb, president of Bell and Howell; V. A. Wadsworth, executive vice president of the Wescott Valve Co. of East St. Louis, Ill., and George B. Stolley, General manager of Standard Brands in Pekin, Ill.

Headache Due For Congress In Peace Draft

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANS).—Congress probably will tackle what may be its most difficult problem in years—universal military training—shortly after the current House recess ends in mid-April.

Hearings have been set tentatively for early May by a special House Committee on postwar Military Policy.

Some committee members believe that before then President Roosevelt will send Congress a special message asking for legislation to require every able-bodied youth to take a year of military or naval training.

This message would be the basis for the hearings, which Chairman Clifton A. Woodrum (D-Va.), has said will be long and public.

Tied in with the peace-time draft proposal is legislation putting ceilings on the strength of the regular Army Unless Congress orders otherwise, the war's end on all fronts will find the Army reverting by law to its pre-war size of 280,000 men. Some military spokesmen on Capitol Hill believe that the old limit can be retained if compulsory training is ordered and men kept in a reserve status after training.

"The first step is to determine whether we are to have peace-time training," said Rep. James W. Wadsworth (R-N.Y.) one of the leading advocates of the postwar draft.

"We must face that issue soon. Once we determine whether we are to have it, we must have available a large reserve of trained men. Then we can decide on how large the professional or standing forces should be."

Raleigh Socialite Dies Mysteriously

RALEIGH, N.C., April 4 (ANS).—Mrs. John V. Higham, 71, wealthy Raleigh civic and club leader, was found dead yesterday in her home which had been destroyed by fire. Her body was charred and her skull fractured.

Coroner Roy said that the circumstances were "very mysterious." He added that she kept a box of valuable jewels in the bedroom where the fire started. Some jewels, he said, were kept by her for servicemen overseas.

Mrs. Higham frequently entertained servicemen at home on week-ends. Banks said she had no guests over the last week-end.

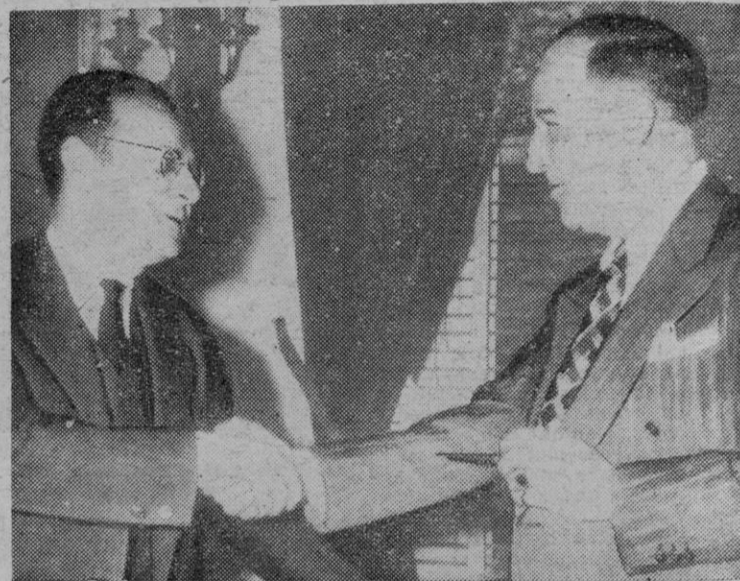
AAF's Manpower Needs Close 'Winged Victory'

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANS).—The AAF stage play, "Winged Victory," will close with an engagement at Richmond, Va., April 21.

Gen. Henry H. Arnold, AAF commander, said that the play was being closed because of the necessity of utilizing "every available man in the AAF in an operational capacity to help hasten the end of the war."

"Winged Victory" has been seen by an estimated 900,000 persons and has earned nearly \$1,500,000 for Army relief.

A Change at the White House



Stephen T. Early, right, resigning after 12 years as President Roosevelt's secretary in charge of press relations, shakes hands in his office with Jonathan Daniels, who is taking over the position.

Manpower Bill Believed Dead Despite Move for New Parley

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANS).—Legislators believed today that the compromise manpower bill was dead. The bill was rejected by the Senate yesterday in a 46-29 vote.

The Senate approved a motion by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) to seek a further conference with the House, but in view of the difficulty experienced in reaching a House-Senate compromise, few Congressmen believed there would be a reconsideration.

The last hope of passing the bill faded when Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), one of the original sponsors, joined the opposition. Basing his position on the resignation of War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes, who had urged passage, Johnson said: "It is a poor time to freeze other people to their jobs."

Hatch Defends Byrnes
Sen. Carl A. Hatch (D-N.M.) defended Byrnes, saying he stayed the job "longer perhaps than his health and welfare permitted." Hatch called for approval of the bill by pointing to the need to support the President and the military authorities.

Sen. Forrest C. Donnell (R-Mo.), making his first major speech, said he felt compelled to vote against the bill because of the record of war production and the assertion by management and labor that voluntary methods would produce more war weapons.

10 Convicts Dig Way to Liberty

PHILADELPHIA, April 4 (ANS).—Ten convicts, two of them serving life terms for murder, escaped today from the State Eastern Penitentiary here by burrowing under the wall from the cell block to the street.

Six, including the two lifers, were recaptured quickly.

The four still at large escaped in a dairy truck after they knocked the driver to the street and threatened to cut his throat.

Camp Upton Converted

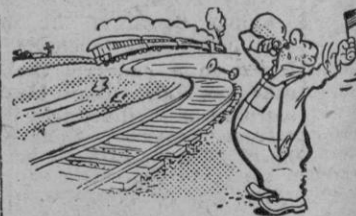
CAMP UPTON, N.Y., April 4 (ANS).—A \$2,000,000 reconstruction program, converting Camp Upton, Long Island, into one of the country's largest Army rehabilitation centers, will be completed about May 15.

Whistle Was a Fizzle as Newscaster

Ol' 887 Celebrated Too Early

KANSAS CITY, April 4 (ANS).—The engineer of Missouri-Kansas-Texas freight locomotive 887 pulled his whistle for a crossing in southern Kansas last night. It stuck, and the train screamed 75 miles across the country, leaving a trail of confused citizenry who thought that the war was ended.

Before the bellowing engine pulled into the Kansas City roundhouse numerous telephone calls preceded it. Trainmen said that the whistle



could be heard for 15 miles and estimated that 2,250 square miles were covered with confusion.

First Veterans' Party Launched As Ex-GIs Take Stump in Illinois

By Phil Bucknell
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

AURORA, Ill., April 4.—If servicemen returning to this town are not taken care of after the war, it will mean that a lot of candidates who claim to know all the problems and all the answers have slipped off the beam. Eight of the nine candidates for mayor, city clerk and city treasurer are servicemen of either World War I or II.

Congressmen Want Inquiry In Rose Slaying

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANS).—Congressmen yesterday called for an Army inquiry into the slaying of Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, killed by a Nazi machine-gunner while surrendering to a German tank crew near Paderborn Saturday.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, (D-Colo.) said: "We must insist that the Army make proper investigation and bring criminals responsible for this apparent violation of military law to justice." Johnson, a member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, termed the slaying "terribly unfortunate in view of the treatment we accord enemy troops who are surrendering to us daily."

He was joined in the demand for an investigation by Elbert Thomas, (D-Utah), Military Affairs Committee chairman; Lester Hill (D-Ala.), and Eugene Milliken (R-Colo.). The latter called for "careful investigation to establish whether or not this was cold-blooded murder."

The War Department declined to make any statement pending official reports. Military personnel were inclined to regard it as an "understandable accident" which might occur in the heat of battle.

Rep. William M. Colmer (D-Miss.) regarded the act as "deplorable and atrocious" and Rep. Earl C. Michener, (R-Mich.) declared he hoped "the American people will not forget what happened to Gen. Rose."

Father Calls Rose Death Sacrifice For All Peoples

DENVER, April 4 (ANS).—Services will be held tomorrow in Beth Ha Medrosh Hogodol Synagogue for Maj. Gen. Maurice B. Rose, Third Armd. Div. commander who was killed Saturday by Nazi tankmen.

Commenting on the death of his son, Rabbi Samuel Rose, 89, said:

"It is well that since this had to be it happened in the week of the Passover. As Jehovah said, 'When I see the blood I will pass over you.' He spoke not only to Jews but to all peoples, to Gentiles, to Americans, to Germans, to all peoples."

"And so may Jehovah accept this sacrifice and see the blood and pass over all peoples for their sins at this Passover time for my son's sake."

"Jewish people have demonstrated their love of liberty and freedom for all peoples since the days of Abraham, Isaac and Joseph, and I am proud that they are still demonstrating it in the wars of the world at this Passover time in deeds and in the death of my son."

Stale Cake Complaint Brings Fresh Answer

NEW YORK, April 4 (ANS).—Sidney Seigal of the Bronx told police that when he protested in a cafeteria that his cake was stale. Ralph Mazario, a counterman, flung six squishy pies, including a plate of chocolate cream, right in his face.

Mazario was taken to the police station, charged with disorderly conduct. Seigal was taken to the cleaners.

In fact, this city of 47,000 has made history in being the first community to present a Serviceman's Party ticket.

Lt. Richard K. Holmstrom, 34, who wears the Silver Star and Purple Heart earned in Italy, is running for mayor while awaiting a medical discharge, and he has two ex-servicemen on his ticket—marine parachutists Richard E. Gieser and Eldon D. Roadruck, both of whom were wounded in the Pacific.

Somebody Sees a Bergen

Basically, their platform is that of young, vigorous men, knowing the town and knowing the servicemen's problems and wanting to do the job, but their opponents say that they are more or less Charlie McCarthys to the politicians' Bergens.

The servicemen's ticket spokesman, a lawyer, said the present administration refused to do a thing for servicemen. He declared he wouldn't accept a free roll of honor or consider establishment of a serviceman's canteen.

The present mayor, seeking reelection on a united party ticket, is 73-year-old Andrew J. Carter, who divided his time among a brass spittoon, corn-cob pipe and the interviewer while replying to charges that he was too old.

"Postwar planning is a lot of bunk," insisted the wiry, white-haired incumbent. "No use doing anything about it till you come to it."

His Honor thought that the serviceman's ticket was made up of nice guys, but said "it is deplorable to think of anybody exploiting them poor boys for his own greed."

Servicemen on His Ticket

In case anybody should think that Carter isn't in favor of servicemen, he points to his city clerk, on leave to the Pacific, Seaman First Class John P. Thill, who seeks reelection, and Elmer A. Hermes, the treasurer, a War I veteran.

And that is probably the consensus. Around town it was impossible to find anyone to speak against the Serviceman's Party candidates, but a lot of the folk said that no matter how warm they were towards the idea of servicemen running things, they weren't certain that the candidates on the Serviceman's ticket were capable of doing that.

Party Against Everyone

A third party—The Victory Party—is against everybody. Its members agree with Carter about the Serviceman's Party candidates, but are even more outspoken about the "sinister figures behind the soldiers." They don't like Carter because they think he is too old and hasn't done anything for the town, and when it comes to the problems of the ex-servicemen, the Victory Party points to mayoral candidate Ray L. Marshall, past master of the Legion Post; Fred J. Nuyen, city clerk candidate, another World War I vet, and Robert J. Weiland, who is running for treasurer after being invalidated out of the Air Force.

As an Aurora bartender summed it up:

"Don't seem to matter who gets in, but with all this talk about the rights of servicemen, heaven help them that's in if they don't do all what they say they're going to."

Legion to Survey Graves

INDIANAPOLIS, April 4 (ANS).—National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling announced that the American Legion would undertake an immediate survey of the 30,000 European graves of World War I servicemen and begin registration of the graves of World War II dead on all fighting fronts.

She Knows the Ropes



This is Miami Beach, and the gorgeous hunk of femininity is Evelyn Carmel. She is a model. She is married. Life is like that.

Film Strikers Get Ultimatum

HOLLYWOOD, April 4 (ANS).—Nine major film studios yesterday warned the AFL union officials involved in the 22-day-old jurisdictional movie strike that unless their members returned to work by Wednesday they would lose their jobs.

The ultimatum declared that the producers would have no alternative but "to fill jobs from other sources."

Producers signing the ultimatum were Paramount, MGM, Universal, RKO, Columbia, 20th Century Fox, Warner Bros., Republic and Samuel Goldwyn studios.

Strike leader Herbert Sorrell, head of the Conference of Studio Unions, declared: "It looks as if the strike is really beginning to hurt." He said that he thought the ultimatum was a "sign of weakness."

17,600 Nisei in Army

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4 (ANS).—Inductions of Japanese-Americans into the U.S. Army since Nov. 1, 1940, total 17,600. Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, reported today. Half came from the States and half from Hawaii.

Output of Coal In U.S. Cut by Work Stoppage

PITTSBURGH, April 4 (UP).—A wave of unauthorized post-holiday work stoppages cut sharply into the nation's soft-coal production yesterday, hitting bituminous mines in five states.

Approximately 90,000 miners were idle in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky and Ohio, despite a temporary extension of their wage contract.

Production loss for the day mounted to about 450,000 tons. The Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. called off plans to restore a blast furnace to production at the Duquesne Works and announced that eight other furnaces would be shut down unless coal production improves.

The chief causes of the stoppages appeared to be a spontaneous extension of the Easter holiday and the miners' annual holiday, observed Monday, in honor of John Mitchell, the man who brought the eight-hour day to coal fields.

In Washington, soft-coal labor and management conferees and the Solid Fuels Administration agreed that the mines would be back in full production by Thursday.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, sent telegrams to the miners, urging them to stay on their jobs.

Michigan Votes Republicans In

DETROIT, April 4 (ANS).—Republicans swept minor state offices this week in the most apathetic election in Michigan history, and even carried Wayne County (Detroit) for the first time since before the 1932 Roosevelt landslide.

Preoccupation with the war, rainy weather and a lack of clearcut contests were blamed for the small vote, probably less than 400,000. The state cast a record 2,300,000 ballots in the general election last fall.

The only Democrat to survive the Republican sweep was Chief Justice Raymond W. Starr. He was re-elected in a non-partisan State Supreme Court election. His Republican fellow-justice, Walter H. North, also was re-elected.

Democrat George A. Dingman, Wayne County Drain Commissioner, who refused to campaign because of the war, trailed Republican incumbent Charles M. Ziegler by a 2 to 1 margin for State Highway Commissioner.

In the other principal contest, Dr. Eugene B. Elliot, Republican incumbent seeking a fifth term as Superintendent of Public Instruction, had a 2 to 1 edge over Democrat E. Burr Sherwood.

Bowron Retained as Mayor In Los Angeles Election

LOS ANGELES, April 4 (ANS).—Fletcher Bowron was returned to office as Mayor of Los Angeles by a landslide majority today, on the basis of returns from yesterday's municipal election.

His closest opponent, cafeteria owner Clifford Clenton, who once was the mayor's political backer, conceded Bowron's re-election after returns from 1,475 of the city's 3,039 precincts had been tabulated.

U.S. Drops Order Giving Services 50% of Candy

CHICAGO, April 4 (ANS).—Manufacturers of five-cent candy bars and packages need no longer set aside 50 percent of production for the armed forces, the regional office of the War Food Administration announced.

Revised estimates by the armed forces made possible the change. WFA officials said the order setting aside half of production for military personnel went into effect Oct. 7, 1944.

The armed forces henceforth will obtain their supplies through normal trade channels, the WFA said.

USSTAF Survivors Move Into Semis

Two UK Clubs Sail Through First Round

USSTAF HQ., April 4.—Two "country cousins" from England and two teams from the Continent swept into the semi-finals of the annual USSTAF basketball tourney by surmounting their first round obstacles today.

The Troop Carrier High Flyers subdued the 1st Tactical Trojans, 31-27, and the Airway Communications Fifth Wingers, one of three UK entrants, nipped the Engineer Bulldozers, who had been recalled from Germany to participate, 42-40, in the afternoon. The Flyers will confront the Wingers in tomorrow night's opener at 1900 hours.

The ATSCE Bearcats repeated over the Eighth AF Franks Yanks 42-37, tonight in a return engagement between two quintets from the UK. Bob Towell, lanky center from Topeka, Kan., sparked the Bearcats with 22 points, while little Dick Gray headed the Yanks with 18.

Bearcats to Face HQ

In the evening finale, Ninth AF Headquarters earned a shot at the Bearcats tomorrow night by defeating the Reinforcement Depot Calvados Wheels, 48-29.

The Yanks cruised blithely through the first half without any apparent difficulty to assume a comfortable 21-11 margin at the intermission. And there was still little indication of what was to follow when the third quarter ended with the Yanks in front, 28-22.

Then the roof fell in. Towell finally found the range from his spot at the line and registered eight of his ten baskets as the Yanks collapsed.

Flyers Come From Behind

In the first afternoon game, the Flyers came through in the fourth quarter to win after trailing, 20-19, at the three-quarter mark. An alert man-to-man defense in closing minutes checked Bob Pollen, Trojan star from Alameda, Cal., who was high scorer for the game with 14 points on six baskets and two free-throws.

A long field goal from midcourt by Roscoe Branch, of Little Rock, Ark., with 40 seconds remaining, produced victory for the Fifth Wingers in the afternoon windup. The Wingers lagged 23-17 at the half and 32-27 going into the final quarter, but Bob Beattie, of Bowling Green, Ohio, knotted the count with a conversion from the line with less than two minutes to play to set the stage for Branch's sensational contribution.

Box scores:

| HIGH FLYERS (31) | | | TROJANS (27) | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---|--------------|------------------|----|---|---|
| G | F | P | G | F | P | | |
| Wright f..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | Pollen f..... | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Travaglini f..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | Daugherty f..... | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Demint c..... | 3 | 1 | 2 | Trach'bg f..... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Mikies g..... | 2 | 0 | 3 | Hanson c..... | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Niehaus g..... | 1 | 0 | 1 | Zergler g..... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ertwistle g..... | 0 | 1 | 4 | Hamilton g..... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals..... | 14 | 3 | 9 | Totals..... | 12 | 3 | 7 |

| 5th WINGERS (42) | | | BULLDOZERS (40) | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|-----------------|------------------|----|---|----|
| G | F | P | G | F | P | | |
| Jacks f..... | 1 | 0 | 3 | Patterson f..... | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Kovatch f..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | Bailey f..... | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| Beattie f..... | 4 | 3 | 0 | Willet c..... | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Hoffman c..... | 5 | 0 | 1 | Powrie c..... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clark c..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | Minkem'g..... | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Geske g..... | 3 | 1 | 2 | Priece g..... | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Otto g..... | 0 | 1 | 1 | Bauer g..... | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Branch g..... | 2 | 4 | 1 | Totals..... | 17 | 6 | 14 |
| Totals..... | 16 | 10 | 9 | Totals..... | 15 | 9 | 8 |

| BEARCATS (42) | | | YANKS (37) | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------------|-----------------|----|---|---|
| G | F | P | G | F | P | | |
| Christalini f..... | 0 | 0 | 1 | Held f..... | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Tworek f..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | Kolz f..... | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gallagher f..... | 1 | 2 | 0 | Kneur f..... | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Martin f..... | 0 | 3 | 1 | Marshuis c..... | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Towell c..... | 10 | 2 | 1 | Kravitz g..... | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Ginsberg g..... | 0 | 1 | 1 | Gray g..... | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| Souza g..... | 3 | 3 | 2 | Totals..... | 15 | 9 | 8 |
| Totals..... | 15 | 12 | 7 | Totals..... | 12 | 5 | 9 |

| HEADQUARTERS (48) | | | WHEELS (29) | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|-------------|-----------------|----|---|---|
| G | F | P | G | F | P | | |
| Comitz f..... | 4 | 5 | 2 | Ennis f..... | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Wilson f..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | Mitchell f..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Patterson f..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | Hapac c..... | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Risinger c..... | 4 | 2 | 2 | Hill c..... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wike c..... | 0 | 0 | 2 | Huffaker g..... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weeksler g..... | 4 | 1 | 0 | Wehrle g..... | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Pfaff g..... | 1 | 0 | 3 | Flynn g..... | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Celtak g..... | 1 | 0 | 1 | Totals..... | 12 | 5 | 9 |
| Totals..... | 19 | 10 | 11 | Totals..... | 12 | 5 | 9 |

Goalie Emerges From Nets to Foil Scoring Thrust



"Mud" Bruneteau, Detroit Red Wing defenseman, is surrounded by Boston Bruins players as Goalie Paul Bibeault (kneeling) moves out on ice to knock puck (arrow) from his grasp. Other Bruin players are Murray Henderson (9), Dit Clapper (5) and Billy Cupold (11). Above action occurred in fourth game of their Stanley Cup playoff series, won by the Wings, 3-2. The Detroiters eliminated the Bruins and qualified to face the Toronto Maple Leafs in the finals by winning Tuesday night, 5-3.

Red Wings Reach Cup Finals By Eliminating Boston Bruins

DETROIT, April 4.—The Detroit Red Wings outskated the Boston Bruins, 5-3, here last night to eliminate the Bruins from the Stanley Cup hockey playoffs and qualify to play the Toronto Maple Leafs, who knocked out the World Champion Montreal Canadiens, in the best-of-seven finals. The title series will get under way Friday night.

Link Gambler With B.C. Bribe

NEW YORK, April 4.—Frank Erickson, one of the nation's big-time gamblers, has been linked with the Brooklyn basketball gambling scandal by Investigating Commissioner Edgar Bromberger in a report to Gotham's Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia.

Bromberger's report revealed that form sheets with past performances of college basketball teams were found in the gambler's headquarters. When police raided the premises they found a fully equipped gambling joint.

Navy Poses Puzzler For Manager Feller

GREAT LAKES, Ill., April 4.—C/Sp. Bobby Feller, who will manage the Navy baseball team, here this summer, has troubles, but his troubles make him the envy of every major league manager.

When Bobby reported to Great Lakes after two years of sea duty, he found two "pretty good" third basemen—Cleveland's Ken Keltner and Detroit's Pinky Higgins—on the squad. Now Bobby has to choose between them.

Rumors Point to Farley As New Baseball Czar

NEW YORK, April 4.—Disclosure that baseball's "sifting committee" is ready to make recommendations on a successor to Judge Landis has started rumors floating through the air again. This time they point directly to James A. Farley, former Postmaster General.

Cleveland Indians

1945 Major League Flag Prospects

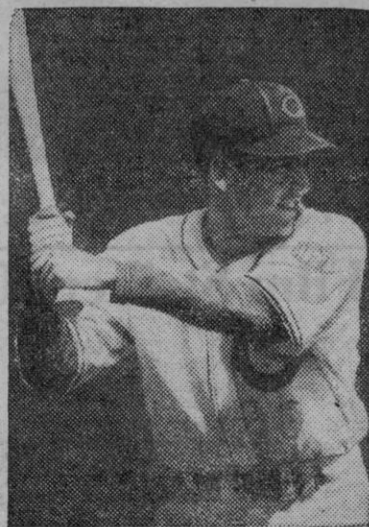
(This is the 15th in a series on major league prospects for 1945).

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 4.—Lou Boudreau's Indians have been able to survive the departure of Third Baseman Ken Keltner and Second Baseman Ray Mack with enough talent to worry their American League rivals this year.

The Tribe's major strength is in the pitching department, where nary a member of last season's staff is among the missing. Jim Bagby, apparently reconciled to a career in Cleveland after trying unsuccessfully to be either traded or sold, heads the formidable hillmen.

Veteran Mel Harder again will be utilized as a "spot" pitcher, a system which gave him 12 victories and ten defeats in '44. Steve Gromek, Ed Klieban, Allie Reynolds and Lefty Al Smith will complete the starting group, with Grandpappy Joe Heving as No. 1 relief artist, if and when he agrees to terms. Then there's Charlie "Red" Embree, up from Baltimore and fighting for attention.

If Buddy Rosar remains at his warplant job, the first string catch-



Lou Boudreau

ing assignment no doubt will go to 36-year-old George Susce, an hold-over from last year. Jimmy McDonnell, Henry Ruzskowski and

Jim Steiner will fight it out for reserve posts.

Mickey Rocco, a holdout, eventually will be the first baseman, and Manager Boudreau, last year's American League leading hitter, is, of course, a fixture at short. An effort has been made to convert Outfielder Roy Cullenbine into a third baseman, which Rookie Al Cihocki has been playing second.

Cullenbine is a cinch for the garden if the grand experiment fizzes out, and other outfielders will be Myril Hoag and Eddie Carnett, acquired from the White Sox. Then, too, Paul O'Dea and Par Seery are on hand, Jeff Heath is putting for more money and Stan Benjamin, who hit .301 at Baltimore, is facing an early draft call.

Boudreau is counting on the generally accepted theory many players who say they'll stick to warplant jobs are merely revolted at the thought of giving up their plush salaries to train for nothing, but will come around in time for opening day.

Don't be too surprised if the Indians set the league on fire. Potentially, the club is as strong as any other in the loop.



PLEASANTVILLE, N.J., April 4.—

The Red Sox trounced the Yankees, 6-4, here yesterday with old Mike Ryba and Rex Cecil limiting the Bombers to seven hits, while the Bosox collected ten off Floyd Bevens and Allan Gettel. Bob Johnson swatted a homer and double to lead the Sox, while Mike Garbark homered for the Yanks.



Bob Johnson

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y.—Dodger officials announced today the case of Cy Buker, rookie pitcher reclassified 1-A by his Sturgeon Bay, Wis., draft board as "a job jumper," would be taken to the War Manpower Commission. Buker was nabbed when he left his physical instructor's position, despite the WMC's promise players would not be penalized for rejoining a team.

FREDERICK, Md.—The Athletics dumped Toronto, 8-6, yesterday on Larry Rosenthal's two-run single in the seventh inning.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—The Toledo Mudhenscombed Sig Jakucki for three runs in the first and another in the second to shade the Browns, 4-3. Don Guttridge led Brownie hitters with a double and two singles.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Pirate stock went down today when it was announced that Catcher Hank Camelli and Pitcher Fritz Ostermueller have been ordered to report for Army induction. Third Baseman Bob Elliott may be another draft casualty. The War Department has ordered him to be hospitalized for three days so tests may be made.

Grid Coaches Alter 5 Rules

NEW YORK, April 4.—The NCAA football rules committee today announced five code changes, including a drastic penalty for out-of-bounds kickoffs, at the end of a two-day session here.

Two consecutive out-of-bounds kickoffs will give the receiving team possession of the ball on the opponent's 40-yard line, the point where the kick originated. The first faulty boot still will draw a penalty of five yards.

The collegians scrapped their five-yard-behind-the-line passing rule and adopted a measure permitting forward passing from anywhere behind the line of scrimmage. Professionals have used this scheme for several years.

The third change, involving substitutions, is in two parts. Henceforth subs may report to any official, instead of just to the umpire, while field captains no longer will be permitted to reject subs sent in by the coach. Other revisions call for a center keeping his entire body behind the forward tip of the ball and his feet entirely behind the ball, and players keeping their hands in contact with their bodies when using arms to block.

Minor League Standings

| Pacific Coast League | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|---------------|--------------|---|-------|
| Los Angeles | 7 | San Francisco | 6 | | |
| (10 innings) | | | | | |
| Portland | 5 | Oakland | 4 | | |
| Seattle | 10 | San Diego | 3 | | |
| Sacramento | 4 | Hollywood | 2 | | |
| W L Pct. | | | | | |
| Seattle | 4 | 1.800 | Hollywood | 2 | 3.400 |
| Portland | 4 | 1.800 | S. Francisco | 2 | 3.400 |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 2.600 | San Diego | 1 | 4.200 |
| Sacramento | 3 | 2.600 | Oakland | 1 | 4.200 |

PUP TENT POETS

Parades

We love to watch the flags go by,
And hear the blaring bands;
We love the cadence-quickened step
To cheering in the stands.
But when you're in the endless wave,
The greatest thrill you'll know
Is when you hear the "only one,"
Call out, "That's him! My Joe!"

You're sure to feel a swelling pride,
Despite your rank or grade;
For guys named Joe are tops—we make

The second "Big Parade."
And for the torch we failed to keep,
We'll march and fight and die
Until the light of Liberty
Shines DOWN to touch the sky!

But when the sun comes out again,
Our guns and tanks we'll trade;
The style of uniform will be
For Easter's gay parade.
Along the lanes we used to love,
With "her" we'll stroll and show;
And should a chip fall from the block

Parade with Little Joe!
—Cpl. Paul R. Moore.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France. APO 887.

APOs WANTED

T/3 James Isherwood, New Bedford, Mass.—Janice Rose, Feb. 27; S/Sgt. John Seeley, Buvelton, N.Y.—Carol Marie, Feb. 18; Capt. Harry D. Reed, Baltimore—boy, March 27.

CAMERA EXCHANGE

Sell or Swap: Voightlander Bessa camera, case, 10 rolls film. Pfc T. Shortell. Swap: "New Triumph" portable typewriter case, for Rolleiflex or Zeiss camera with 4.5 or better lens. Cpl. J. Grannan.

FOUND

MONEY, on Paris street, March 31. T/5 Arthur Stecker.

DANCE CALLERS

GI "square-dance callers" able to appear at 8 PM Friday with the ETO Ramblers Hill Billy Band at a square dance at the Paris ARC Columbia Club, Rue de l'Elysee, are asked to contact the program director.

Births

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

PFC Alan T. Howenstine, Huntington, Ind.—girl, Gene Alayne, March 28; Capt. I. O. Kreighman, Elstis, Fla.—Albert Owen, March 29; S/Sgt. Warren Oelschlaeger, East Orange, N.J.—Roy, March 29; Pfc James E. Thompson, Mayfield, Ky.—Trudy Rose, April 1; Cpl. Paul H. Campbell, Amherst, Mass.—girl, March 31; Sgt. Clarence Campbell, Los Angeles—Donald Ernest, March 31; Lt. Fannie Bartholomew, Modesto, Calif.—Patricia Ann, March 30; Lt. Harold K. Allen, Kansas City—Linda Allere, March 27; Lt. Harry C. Gibson, Fulton, Mo.—boy, March 30; Cpl. Paul Munko, Newark, N.J.—Beverly Ann, Feb. 6; Sgt. Peter J. Lasalle, New Orleans—boy, March 6.

SGT. Vernon G. Olson, Springfield, Mo.—David Gustav, March 30; T/Sgt. Victor Rauscher, Newark—Diane Margaret, March 22; Sgt. Paul C. Strong, San Francisco—Barry James, Jan. 13; Lt. Roscine J. Peterman, Lansing, Mich.—Gary Ross, Feb. 25; T/Sgt. George F. Pecor, Maywood, Ill.—Robert George, Feb. 5; T/Sgt. Fuman E. Good, Mangum, Okla.—Ellis Wayne, Jan. 2; Cpl. Harold E. Trask, Rapid City, S.D.—Carol Ann, March 9; Pvt. William H. D. Copeland, Rockland, Me.—Nancy Louisa, Feb. 21; Sgt. Art. P. Fortmann, Chicago—Lynn, Feb. 3.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

Also AEPF (583 Kc. — 514 M.)

| Time | TODAY | TOMORROW |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1200-GI Jive | 1905-RCAF Show | 0910-Spotlight Bands |
| 1215-Music Parade | 1945-Rhythm Accent | 0925-AEF Ranch H'se |
| 1310-U.S. Sports | 2000-Music Hall | 1000-McGee & Molly |
| 1315-Spotlight | 2030-McGee & Molly | 1030-French Lesson |
| 1330-Lower Basin St. | 2105-Your War today | 1035-Strike Up Band |
| 1400-Tues. Serenade | 2115-Rudy Vallee | 1105-Duffie Bag |
| 1510-AEF Extra | 2145-Ninth Skylights | 1145-Melody Roundup |
| 1530-Combat Diary | 2200-U.S. News | |
| 1545-On the Record | 2206-Frank Morgan | |
| 1630-Strike Up Band | 2235-Reminiscing | |
| 1700-Amos 'n Andy | 2308-Music Carnival | |
| 1730-Swing Show | 2335-One-Night Stand | |
| 1755-Mark Up Map | 0015-Night Shift | |
| 1815-GI Supper Club | 0200-News Headlines | |

News Every Hour on the Hour

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.



Male Call

By Milton Caniff



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Another Wedge Driven Across Okinawa Island; Seventh Div. in Action

GUAM, April 4 (ANS).—Troops of the U.S. Tenth Army drove another wedge across Okinawa Island yesterday and took firm control of the south-central section. Japanese resistance to the invasion, which started Sunday, still was negligible.

U.S. marines of the Third Amphibious Corps reached Okinawa's east coast yesterday by advancing 4,000 to 6,000 yards, Adm. Nimitz announced. Infantrymen of the U.S. Seventh Div., who bisected the island on Monday, moved eight miles southward along the shores of Nakagusuku Bay.

Announcement of the Seventh's advance was the first disclosure that it was fighting on Okinawa, only 325 miles from Japan. The Seventh, commanded by Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold, is a veteran of heavy fighting from the Aleutians to the Philippines.

Rapid Gains Reported

Adm. Nimitz reported rapid gains on all the Okinawa sectors. On the southern flank, Yanks were six miles from Naha, the principal city in the Ryukyu Island chain. Near Naha is one of the best airdromes in the islands.

The marines in the north, crossing difficult terrain, were slowed more by hills and dusty roads than by Japanese snipers. On the east coast, the Seventh Div. reached the town of Kuba.

The sweeping American advances overran scores of little towns and brought hundreds more civilians within the U.S. lines. But there still was no report that any Japanese troops had been captured.

Better Than 'Wildest Dreams'

One U.S. general said the invasion was progressing "far better than our wildest dreams." Headquarters officers reported that the advance was so speedy that they were unable to plot positions accurately.

Although Japanese opposition was confused, U.S. field officers said the hour probably was nearing when the 60,000 or more Japanese estimated to be on Okinawa could be expected to put up a stand—probably in the south.

Meanwhile, American carrier planes attacked targets in the Sakishima group of islands, in the southern Ryukyus. The Sakishimas had been pounded before by British warships and planes.

Three Industrial Cities In Japan Hit by B29s

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANS).—A "very large task force" of Superfortresses of the 20th AF battered industrial targets in three Japanese cities in the Tokyo area yesterday.

The Marianas-based Superfort fleet divided into three forces to blast Shizuoka, 85 miles south of Tokyo; Tachikawa, 20 miles west, and Koizumi, 20 miles north.

A Japanese broadcast indicated that the Superfortress offensive was inflicting great damage on Japanese industry. Thousands of workers' homes are in ashes, the broadcast said, and scores of factories lie in ruins.

At least 29 trains a day are being used to remove refugees from Tokyo, the broadcast added.

Chennault Fliers Aid Invaders Of Okinawa, Blast 122 Planes

CHUNGKING, April 4 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's U.S. 14th AF, striking in support of the American landing on Okinawa Island, destroyed or damaged 122 Japanese planes Sunday and Monday in surprise raids on Japanese airfields in China.

The heaviest blow was delivered at the Shanghai airdrome, where 92 enemy planes were destroyed and 16 damaged. Six of the planes were shot down and the others were wrecked on the airdrome,

Yanks Invade Isles 30 Miles From Borneo

MANILA, April 4 (ANS).—U.S. Eighth Army troops have invaded the Tawitawi Islands, in the extreme southwestern Philippines, seizing airdromes and a Japanese naval base only 30 miles from the great oil and rubber-producing island of Borneo, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

Veteran infantrymen of Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st Div. made this close approach to the Japanese-held Netherlands East Indies in a 200-mile water jump from the Zamboanga Peninsula on Mindanao Island.

Seize Control of Bay

The Yanks landed Monday on Sanga Sanga and Bongao, just off the southern tip of the main island of Tawitawi. They joined strong guerrilla forces and seized control of Tawitawi Bay, former naval base used by the Japanese Fleet. U.S. losses were light.

Gen. MacArthur disclosed that, in preparation for the landings, his naval and air forces had bombarded Japanese positions in the Tawitawi area on a saturation scale for two weeks.

MacArthur said that the landings threatened the main Japanese position in the Sulu Archipelago—at Jolo, which lies between Tawitawi and the Zamboanga Peninsula.

But more important, in the long view, was the threat to Borneo. MacArthur's forces are in position to land on that island, one of the largest in the world, and strike at the heart of Japan's stolen southern empire.

Field Chiefs Back Services Merger

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP).—Field commanders of the Army and Navy are reported to favor consolidation of the armed forces into a single department of national defense after the war.

Their reaction to proposal of a merger—a proposal which the Army advocated and the Navy mildly opposed during recent Congressional hearings—was obtained during discussions with the Army-Navy Committee, recently returned from the European and Pacific theaters.

Among those reported polled were Gen. Eisenhower and MacArthur, and Adms. Nimitz and Halsey.

which is 500 miles from Okinawa. Mustangs bombed and strafed Japanese troops at Singian, north of the Yellow River, and killed approximately 1,200, a 14th AF communique said.

American Mitchells bombed Japanese positions south of Hanoi, in French Indo-China, in support of French troops resisting the Japanese. Other U.S. planes struck enemy shipping, rail yards and refineries in the colony.

The two days of action cost the 14th AF 15 planes,

On 'Sacred Soil'



Stripped of surrounding lands, this is how Hitler's Germany looks as it shrinks between the spreading Allied and Russian salients. Already lost to Hitler are the Ruhr, the Saar and Silesia.

Civilian Goods As Usual a Year After V-E Day

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP).—Within a year after V-E Day, civilian goods—such as automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines and radios—will be pouring out of the factories at a rate reminiscent of 1939, J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, predicted last night.

Krug cautioned, in outlining WPB's reconversion program, that the war against Japan would have first claim on the country's resources. It said it would impose "a tremendous strain on productive capacity" and that many shortages would continue for months in clothing, leather, lumber, chemicals and other lines.

Tax Problem Comes Up

Pressure on Congress developed, meanwhile, for an immediate start on legislation to ease the postwar tax burden on business and thus encourage investments in expanded peacetime enterprises. This came in a unanimous resolution of the civilian advisory panel—representing labor, management, agriculture and the public—of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

There were two other developments which indicated official confidence that the war against Germany would soon end:

1. The WPB's top officials planned to leave tomorrow for Detroit to consult on reconversion and war production with automobile manufacturers. The motor industry represents the biggest reconversion problem of potential unemployment and plant shutdowns.

2. The WPB created a "Committee on Period 1." Period 1 is the official term for the day when Japan will be the only enemy still fighting. The group, with 11 subcommittees, will supervise relaxation of business controls while protecting arms production for the Pacific war.

Berry-Chaplin Case Returns to Court

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau LOS ANGELES, April 4.—The retrial of Joan Berry's paternity suit against Charlie Chaplin opened today, with selection of the jury expected to take the rest of the week and testimony probably starting next week.

The first trial ended with a deadlocked jury in January. Joan, 24, testified that she was intimate several times with the 55-year-old Chaplin and claimed that he was the father of her child, Carol Ann.

Friendly Flak

NINTH AF BOMBER BASE, April 4.—An aerial gunner in the 416th Bomb Grp., the Invaders, is named S/Sgt. Francis L. Flak.

Navy Slashes Its Draft Quota

WASHINGTON, April 4 (ANS).—The Navy has slashed its May draft quota 50 percent and may lower its June quota below that, the Associated Press said today.

As a result, overall Selective Service calls will be reduced 12 percent or more from the current 132,000 men a month. That ratio had been scheduled to continue through June. The Navy will call about 16,000 men in May, the AP said.

The reductions were possible, the AP said, because the enlistment of 17-year-olds in the Navy has been at a higher rate than expected, and peak strength of 3,600,000 men is expected to be reached by July 1.

While there has been some pressure on the Army to cut its draft calls to salvage more men for industry, Army officials have refused to swerve from their call for 100,000 men a month through June.

The Navy slash is expected to be reflected most in the relaxing of calls for men in the 30-33 age group.

East Front . . .

linked up with Tolbukhin's forces north of Lake Neusiedler. South of Lake Balaton, Tolbukhin's forces continued to mop up the German-Hungarian rear and crossed the Hungarian border into Yugoslavia.

Indicative of a German collapse on the southern section of the Eastern Front was the Soviet announcement that in one day more than 23,000 prisoners had been taken by Malinovsky's and Tolbukhin's armies.

At the northern end of the Eastern Front, 2,000 Germans were taken prisoner.

Allied, Soviet Linkup In 10 Days—Rosenman

LONDON, April 4 (UP).—Judge Samuel Rosenman, personal adviser to President Roosevelt, said today that it was his "personal and casual" belief that Allied forces and the Red Army would "meet up in a week or ten days inside Germany." He has just returned from a visit to Cologne.

Kassel Taken By Third Army; Gotha Reached

(Continued from Page 1) east of the Rhine on the roads to Hanover and Bremen. Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British and Canadian forces kept driving to isolate Holland. The Sixth Guards Arm'd Div. reached the Ems River in an advance from Nordhorn, while British infantry drove into Hengelo.

By-passing Osnabruck, where the Sixth Airborne Div. was battling house-to-house, the British 11th Arm'd Div. rolled out of the hills into the broad Weser River plain, their direction unrevealed.

Troops of the Canadian First Army deepened their bridgeheads across the Twente Canal which bisects Eastern Holland and ran into opposition from German paratroop trainees who were fighting as infantry.

Conflicting reports on German evacuation from Western Holland gave a confused picture of that area. While UP front reports said Nazis were evacuating their elite elements, leaving second-rate troops behind to stand and die or surrender, Supreme Headquarters reported that little evacuation had been noted, indicating that elements of two German armies were ready to be swept up by Montgomery's Dutch broom.

Little change was reported from Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army where, according to S & S Correspondent Dan Regan, pressure was being directed westward against the Ruhr pocket.

1,000 Heavies Rip Nazi Bases

More than 1,000 Eighth AF heavies yesterday again blasted submarine yards at Kiel and Hamburg and pounded airfields in northern Germany.

It was the Eighth's second attack on the naval bases in less than 24 hours. Approximately half the planes attacked the Kiel target.

Fighters of the 850-plane escort destroyed 15 enemy planes in the air, including 11 jet-propelled.

Nine heavy bombers and four fighters were lost. Operating from a base east of the Rhine for the first time, more than 800 Ninth AF fighter-bombers attacked the Schweinfurt airdrome and other German airfields northwest of Leipzig in support of the U.S. Third Army's drive.