

**Man Spricht Deutsch**  
Der Rueckzug ist abgeschnitten.  
Der Rewktoog ist abgeschnitten.  
The roads to the rear are cut.

**Ici On Parle Français**  
Avez-vous autre chose ?  
Avay voo otre shows?  
Have you anything else?

## Brandenburg and Silesian Towns Fall to Red Armies



Marshal Zhukov's famed artillerymen rumble through a debris-littered town in Brandenburg, Germany, which has fallen to the First White Russian Army.

## Koniev Army Near Cottbus, Nazis Admit

Marshal Ivan Koniev's troops, who have smashed nearly a dozen enemy river lines since the winter offensive began, last night were engaged in stiff fighting at several places along 70 miles of the winding Neisse River in an effort to drive through the southern flank of German defenses protecting Berlin, the Associated Press in Moscow reported.

Only scant information on latest developments in this sector were available in the Soviet capital, but Germans said that Koniev's forward elements were within ten miles of Cottbus, keystone city of Berlin's southern defense arc. Cottbus is on a four-lane super-highway connecting with Berlin, 70 miles to the northwest.

The AP in Moscow said that warmer weather had turned the marshy territory around the Neisse, Bober and Queis Rivers into a sea of mud, seriously hampering Red supply columns trying to catch up with Koniev's troops who have moved 80 miles west in the last ten days.

### Army Reaches Strehlen

A Reuter report from Moscow said that Koniev was moving up to the Neisse "in strength" after gaining substantial ground east of Cottbus and north of Forst in a 24-hour period that ended Saturday night. The southern prong of Koniev's army reached the outskirts of Strehlen, important Silesian town on the main Breslau-Moravia rail line.

West of Breslau, other Koniev troops were reported by the United Press near the area of Lauban, 13 miles east of Goerlitz, largest town before Dresden. This force apparently had driven southwest from captured Bunzlau, the UP said. Lauban is on the Queis River.

Fighting of only local importance occurred on Marshal Gregory Zhukov's front along the Oder, 40 miles from Berlin. Enemy reports said Koniev's troops were applying pressure against enemy defenses north of Ratibor, as well as be-

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## Argentina Charges Hostile Act to Nazis

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 18 (AP).—In its most sharply-worded note since the outbreak of the war, the Argentine government today accused Germany of seeking to bar safe conduct to a number of Argentine diplomats in Sweden. The government declared the retention would be regarded as a "hostile act," calling for measures "in defense of our sovereignty and citizens."

The note, issued by Foreign Minister Ameghino, states that Germany threatens to retain from among 1,200 Argentine consular agents in Sweden a number equal to the number of German agents in Lisbon to whom the British government has refused safe conduct.

### Stettinius Visits Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 18 (AP).—U.S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius conferred with President Getulio Vargas today prior to proceeding to Mexico City for the inter-American conference which opens Wednesday. Stettinius came here from the Crimea conference.



Nearing the outskirts of a German industrial town in Silesia, infantrymen of Marshal Koniev's First Ukrainian Army prowl through a destroyed street in search of German snipers.

## Air, Seaborne Troops Join To Win Most of Corregidor

### Drama of Invasion Told by Eyewitness

The following description of how American troops landed on Corregidor was written by a reporter for International News Service who was at the scene.

By Howard Handelman

CORREGIDOR, Feb. 18.—Paratroops under Col. George Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., began landing nine at a time, at 8:37 AM, Friday, from Douglas DC3s which flew from new Mindoro airfields.

Corregidor's golf course and parade grounds were terribly small targets, too small even for nine men to hit regularly, and a few drifted in the stiff wind to dangle from trees on precipitous cliffs of sail all the way beyond the cliffs to the ocean, where Catalina planes and PT boats attempted rescues.

Transport planes circled over Corregidor's "Topside," dropping men and supplies. Half of Jones' 503rd Parachute Regiment dropped in an hour.

Meanwhile, our convoy of LCMs slowly moved into open sea under the protection of destroyers and LCIs. Our boats were due to hit south dock flatland. One destroyer lay broadside to the island, pouring full salvos of five-inchers on to the beach. LCI rocket boats whipped explosive against the cliffs.

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## Skagerrak Sea Battle Reported By Stockholm

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (UP).—CBS reported today from Stockholm that people living on the Swedish coast had witnessed a terrific Allied sea and air attack against a German convoy in the Skagerrak last night.

A Swedish broadcast said that for four hours Allied ships and planes kept up the attack on the German convoy, which apparently was steaming southward from Norway.

### Hand-to-Hand Battle Follows Landings

MANILA, Feb. 18 (UP).—American troops, fighting hand to hand against Japanese defenders at some points, today had almost completed the reconquest of Corregidor, the fortress island at the mouth of Manila Bay.

The Americans engaged were paratroopers and seaborne troops who had carried out smoothly coordinated landings on Friday.

American planes, softening up the island for the landings, struck one

### The Right View

BATAAN PENINSULA, Feb. 16 (Delayed) (AP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today returned in triumph to Bataan, scene of the gallant but hopeless stand of American forces in 1942.

The general rode in his jeep, then walked to the most forward positions on the east coast of the peninsula where he could watch troops swarming ashore on Corregidor.

of the heaviest air blows of the Pacific war. Ships of the U.S. Seventh Fleet knocked out many Japanese guns in a point-blank bombardment.

As the paratroopers dropped onto Corregidor, the Japanese opened up with machine-gun and rifle fire. The paratroopers, members of the 503rd Parachute Regt., cleared the lightly defended plateau called "Topside" and fanned out to attack Japanese gun emplacements and other objectives from above.

Then infantrymen of the U.S. 24th Div. ferried across from Bataan, swarmed up the southern shore of Corregidor, in the area of San Jose Point, and joined the paratroopers in rooting the Japanese out of pillboxes, caves and tunnels.

In southern Manila, U.S. troops went ahead with the job of destroying trapped Japanese units. On Bataan, American forces rescued 21 Allied officers who had hidden out there since 1942.

# 3rd Army Gains; Canadian First Moves On Goch

U.S. Third Army forces blasted a mile and a half into the fortified fringes of Germany on the central front between Prum and Echternach yesterday, while 150 miles northward Canadian First Army troops were reported to have entered the eastern perimeter defenses of Goch, one of the key bastions at the northern tip of the Siegfried Line.

Between the two wedges into the Western German defenses, the lull continued on the British Second, U.S. Ninth and U.S. First Armies' fronts.

Southward, toward the upper Rhineland, however, Ger-

mans counter-attacked U.S. Seventh Army positions repeatedly near Sarreguemines and Forbach. The enemy attacks were thrown back by infantry and artillery.

Elements of three Third Army divisions struck out along a 28-mile front early yesterday morning. They crossed two rivers, gained up to a mile at four points and deepened the Luxembourg bridgehead to four miles, reported S. and S. Correspondent Patrick Mitchell.

Doughs of the 80th Inf. Div., in a three-pronged attack, reached a point three miles north of Bollendorf.

Fifth Inf. Div. men who crossed the Enz River, a tributary of the Prum River, occupied high ground four miles northeast of Bollendorf.

Men of the 80th Inf. Div. also shot spearheads to the vicinity of Hommerdingen, four miles northwest of Bollendorf, while another thrust stabbed northward to a point two miles north of Wallendorf at the junction of the Our and Sauer.

### Advance Against Artillery

Fifth Div. doughs, driving toward the northeast, advanced against artillery and nebelwerfer fire to within a half-mile of the Prum River. This stream, the next water barrier confronting bridgehead forces, parallels the Luxembourg-German frontier rivers, the Our and the Sauer.

Third Army mechanized cavalry crossed the Our River north of the bridgehead and drove a half mile to occupy the high ground between Vianden and Dasburg. North of Dasburg, doughs of the 90th Inf. Div. reached Kesfeld, a town eight miles from Dasburg.

Pounding the West Front's northern hook deeper into the Rhine elbow, British, Scottish and Welsh troops of the Canadian Army forged a semi-circle around Goch, the

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## Four Landings Tried on Iwo, Tokyo Claims

Radio Tokyo reported yesterday that American forces had made four attempts to land on Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands 750 miles south of Tokyo, but U.S. Pacific Fleet Hq. at Guam said only that Iwo still was under naval and air attack.

Adm. Nimitz, in his communique yesterday, did not mention any continuation of the American carrier-plane assault on the Tokyo area. The Japanese radio said that the enemy homeland had not been attacked yesterday.

A huge American task force sent out wave after wave of carrier planes to strike Tokyo and other targets on Honshu Island Friday and Saturday. But so far there has been no extensive report on the damage inflicted. On Saturday, Adm. Nimitz said the damage was substantial.

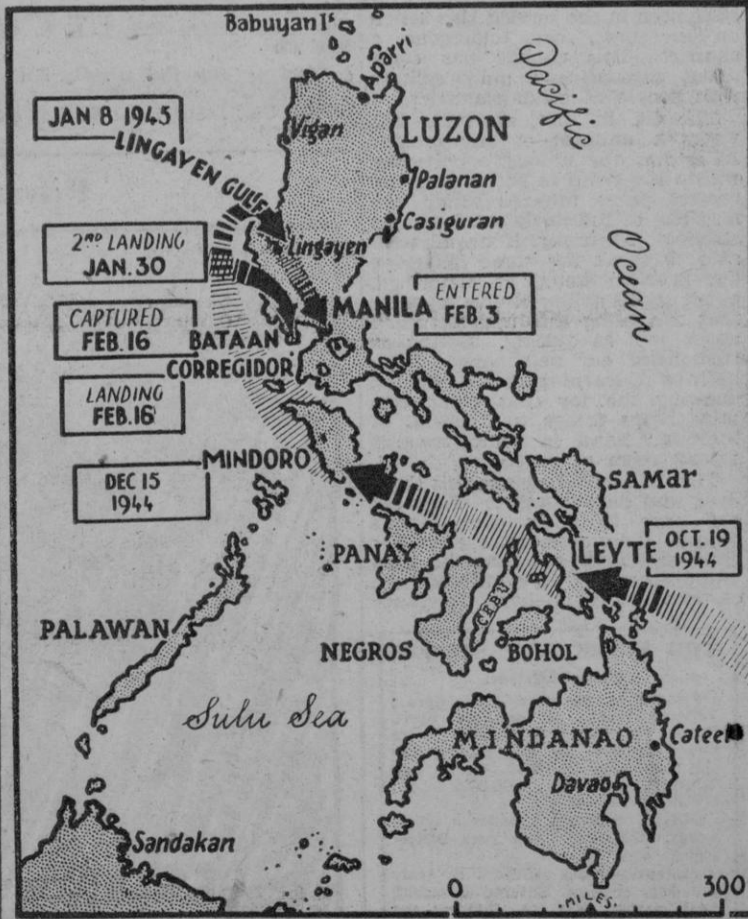
Radio Tokyo, in reporting four American attempts to land on Iwo Jima, said that all of them had been repulsed.

Warships of the U.S. Fifth Fleet began their pounding of Iwo on Friday and they were still at it yesterday.

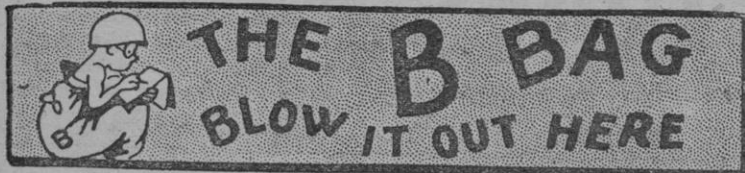
### New Party for Japan

In the wake of the American carrier plane attacks on Tokyo, a Japanese broadcast yesterday stated that the powerful Imperial Rule Assistance Committee would meet with Premier Koiso and consider formation of a "new political party."

## Steps in the Philippines Show



MacArthur's drive to free the Philippines, which began at Leyte last October, picked up speed with the start of the new year.



Poor Man

For quite a long time I have been harboring a really serious complaint, but only recently has it finally become unbearable—namely because of the Army Signal Corps picture "Pickup."

When I entered the Army, I was instructed in the dangers of loose sexual contacts, and the results were, I believe, beneficial. But as time went on and I was exposed to more and more and more lectures, booklets and films on the subject, I noticed a distinct neurosis developing in my attitude toward women—all women.

Observe the change which has come over me now. Lovely blondes accost me with "Hello, Babe." But no thrill runs up and down my spine. Instead, the memory of the poor sucker in the film "Pickup" and the lunatic who continually stroked his hair and muttered gibberish, rise up before me.

Surely you can see the menace in this policy which is undermining the traditional pedestal upon which all good red-blooded Americans have always placed their ideals. Please, dear B-Bag, before it is too late—do something. Leave no stone unturned—there may still be time.—S/Sgt. N. Shapiro, Signal Co.

Fire!

In the beginning of your column, "Somewhere in the ETO," you have three GIs in a jeep chasing Hitler. They have been chasing a hell of a long time now. I suggest they take a few shots at him. Maybe one will connect, kill him and end the war.—T/5 Leroy C. Williams, Port Co.

The Road to Peace

I'd like to commend and recommend for all to see the timely short entitled "27 Men" featured in the current showing of the GI Weekly.

It was my belief that it would be necessary to have a universal language before perfect understanding between nations could be accomplished. However, since I have been in the service, this belief, on my part, has undergone a change. This change has come about through my daily contact with people of other countries.

The GI, in fact, everyone who wears a uniform of any of our Allies has the unique opportunity within his grasp to accomplish the perfect peace towards which the majority of the world is at present striving. Naturally, if we all were able to speak the same language, our problem would be simplified, but it is the ability to live together that can bring this understanding about just as quickly.

The "27 Men" shown in this short lived and died together. They did not have to know each other's tongue, they observed each other daily and grew to know the likes and dislikes that daily entered each of their individual lives. Tolerance

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must be practised in our observation of the different ways of life to which many of us have been subjected.

I do not use the word "tolerance" to mean that we should "look down" on anything strange we witness because it does not happen to be our way, but that we must be tolerant in our observations and always remember that there is always something to learn from the other fellow. The Army has proven this by the great spirit of co-operation shown between our Allies. Why cannot the same spirit of co-operation be carried over into the peace?—T/3 Harry W. Kienzel, Sig. Sect.

Overcharge

At the PX today, I paid 8 cents each for cigars. The manufacturer's price 6 cents, was marked plainly on the box.

Our PX officer gave me the "that's the price they gave us" answer. Maybe you can tell me who's making the extra money?—Sgt. Don Lewis, Sta Comp Sq.

(We checked with Army Exchange Service, which advises that the right price is 4 cents and that steps will be taken by your area exchange officer to correct this obvious error.—Ed.)

By the Numbers

We recently read in The Stars and Stripes where Capt. Bergl and Pfc McNutt demonstrated a method of loading a 6x6 with 252 Jerricans and were congratulated by a brigadier general for their system. What do they do with all the extra space? Haul "C" rations? Send them around and we will show them how to load any amount between three and four hundred Jerricans.—Drivers, 194 QM Gas Supply Co.

We can load 280... and with the canvas raised about a foot, we can load 400...—Cpl. Spinelli, Reinf. Bn.

Our standard load is 345 cans and in case of emergency... 364.—Pfc J. J. K., Sup. Co.

This unit taught PWs to load 280 Jerricans on a standard 6x6. We realize that this is an overload for a 2 1/2 ton 6x6, but in an emergency we have loaded as many as 375.—H. W. Green and 8 others.

Our drivers load 297... This is how: Between the upper and lower layers of Jerricans, lay a row of cans... Four cans will fit lengthwise between the layers, giving a total of 44 extra cans for 11 layers. You can get 11 cans to stand up in the bottom layer and 12 cans in each of the upper layers, making a total of 27 cans per section of 11 sections or 297 cans in all.—Lt. G. L. S., Sig. Co.

We have been hauling 320 Jerricans since we have been operating in the ETO.—Pvt. T. L. E., QM Trk. Co.

(And so say Pvt. P. C., 2252nd QM Trk Co.; Pfc J. G. Moore, 634 MPEG Co.; 1/Sgt. Vern Beal, 90 QM Co.—Ed.)

Private Breger



"Dear Dave: Here's the sunburn lotion you asked for..."

An Editorial

The Squad and Society

IN the squad there was a sergeant, James H. Davenport of Hodgenville, Ky. The guys who draw the funny cartoons about sergeants never met Davenport. His tongue was as quiet as his eyes. He was just a thin kid of twenty. He hardly ever told anyone to do anything. He'd simply start doing it and in no time the others were in there pitching by his side.

The others were pfc and privates. But they didn't seem to want to pile on stripes. Because that meant something would have to happen to Davenport. And nobody wanted that.

So that the promotion bug didn't seem to gnaw away at the squad. Nobody polished apples or kissed rumps. Nobody played politics. Not that the men lacked ambition. But keeping the team together seemed more important than the extra stripes and dough.

Cigarettes meant more than money up there anyway. Money wouldn't buy anything in Konzen. There was nothing to buy. No one to sell it. The guy with the



most butts was the richest guy in the world.

But no one ever pulled out his pack without passing it to the next guy. No one ever lit up alone. No one was ever out of butts in the squad. Either they all had butts. Or none had butts. It was that way in the squad.

The boys hadn't bathed for weeks. In the damp cellar the smell was bad. There was hardly enough room on the floor for them all to stretch out. But when a runner came in and asked if he could grab a little

shuteye, they moved over and he fitted himself in around the curves and corners of the squad. The runner stank too. But somehow the place smelled sweet.

They didn't have much of anything in the squad. What belonged to each guy—his money, his pictures, his watch and personal stuff—that was sacred. But the rest was shared. The fire. The smokes. The danger. The dirt. The good will.

The good will that somehow made up for the absence of everything else.

Ernie Pyle Writes...

Perspective in Pacific Is Different

By Ernie Pyle

HONOLULU, Feb. 18.—Covering this Pacific war is to me going to be like learning to live in a new city.

The methods of war, the attitude toward it, the homesickness, the distances, the climate—everything is different from what we have known in the European war.

Here is a beginning. I can't seem to get my mind around it or my fingers on it. I suspect it will take months to get adjusted and feel this war.

Distance is the main thing. I don't mean distance from America so much, for our war in Europe is a long way from home too. I mean, distances after you get right on the battlefield.

Different Perspective

For the whole western Pacific is our battlefield now, and whereas distance in Europe are hundreds

of miles at most, out here they're thousands. And there's nothing in between but water.

You can be on an island battlefield and the next thing behind you is a thousand miles away. One soldier told me the worst sinking feeling he ever had was when they landed on an island and were fighting and on the morning of D plus 3 he looked out to sea and it was completely empty.

"Our entire convoy had unloaded and left for more," he said, "and, boy, did it leave you with a lonesome and deserted feeling?"

As one admiral said, "Directing this war is like watching a slow motion picture. You plan something for months, and then finally the great day comes when you launch your plans, and then it's days or weeks before the attack happens because it takes that long to get there."

As an example of how they feel, the Navy gives you a slick sheet of paper as you go through here, entitled, "Air-plane distances in the Pacific." And at the bottom is printed, "Our Enemy, Geography." Logistics out here is more than a word. It's a nightmare.

Here's another example of their attitude toward distances in the Pacific:

At Anzio, in Italy, just a year ago the Third Div. set up a rest camp for its exhausted infantrymen less than five miles from the front lines, within enemy artillery range. But in the Pacific they bring men clear back to Pearl Harbor to rest camps—the equivalent of bringing Anzio headhead fighters all the way to Kansas City for a two-week rest.

Monotony Another Enemy

And there is another enemy out here that we did not know so well in Europe—that is monotony. Oh, sure, everywhere war is monotonous in its dreadfulness. But out here even the niceness of life gets monotonous. Days are warm and our established island base's food is good and the mail service fast and there's little danger from the enemy and days go by in their endless sameness and they drive you nuts. They

sometimes call it going pineapple crazy.

Our high rate of returning mental cases is discussed frankly in the island and service newspapers. A man doesn't have to be under fire in the front lines to have more than he can take without breaking.

He can, when isolated and homesick, have more than he can take of nothing but warmth and sunshine and good food and safety—when there's nothing else to go with it and no prospect of anything else.

Different Attitude

And another adjustment I'll have to make is the attitude toward the enemy. In Europe, we felt our enemies, horrible and deadly as they were, were still people.

But out here I've already gathered the feeling that the Japanese are looked upon as something inhuman and squirmy—the way some people feel about cockroaches or mice.

I've seen one group of Japanese prisoners in a wire-fenced courtyard, and they were wrestling and laughing and talking just as humanly as anybody. Yet they gave me a creepy feeling. I felt in need of a mental bath after looking at them.

I've not got to the front or anywhere near it to find out how the average soldier or sailor or marine feels about the things he's fighting. But I'll bet he doesn't feel the same way our men in Europe feel.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

APOs WANTED

S/SGT. Hays, Streator, Ill.; Pvt. Earle M. Haynes; T/5 John Helbo, South Plainfield, N.J.; Irvin Heisey, Millersville, Pa.; Francis Hochrieter, Ashley, Pa.; Robert C. Holden; Joe Kansas; Chaplain Eugene Kelly; Joseph Krawczynski, Kledelberg, Pa.; Sgt. Alex Karichkowsky, Troy, N.Y.; Furman M. Morgan; Dorcas Miller; William Muzek, Gary, Ind.; T/4 James H. McCarty; S/Sgt. Bill McCracken, Tampa, Fla.; Kenneth May; Pvt. Lawrence Mendosa, Los Angeles; Frances Morrison, Dallas; Kinny Madiell, Somerville, Mass.; Pfc Abnan S. Montoya; Pvt. John Price, Smithville, Mo.

PVT. Otto Turner, Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. Clifton Turner, Baltimore, Md.; Cpl. Alvin Teigen, Stoughton, Wis.; Pvt. Ralph Wolf, Milwaukee, Wis.; Pvt. Charles R. Woolfront, N.J.; Sgt. Robert H. Walters, Cleveland, O.; Pvt. Raymond Webber, South Bend, Ind.; Cpl. William (Doc) Young, Wrightsville, Pa.

**This Was America Yesterday:**

**10 States Seek New Controls On Pinball Games, Jukeboxes**

By Phil Bucknell

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—If you have a nickel when you get home, it may be hard to use it in the time-honored slot machine and jukebox way. Here are some of the bills introduced in state legislatures:

Iowa—a bill to ban food, pinball and slot machines and dancing from places that sell beer. Maryland—three bills reported; one bill to license "certain mechanical games of skill and chances." A bill to repeal state licensing of vending machines. And a bill to apply state fair trade laws to vending machines.

Other states whose legislatures are wrestling with one or more kinds of pinball laws: Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Idaho, Washington.

Newspapers the world over are steadily "fashioning their news freedom into a framework of their own constitutions and nationalities," Lloyd Stratton, Associated Press vice president, told an American Nobel Committee dinner in New York.

The important thing, he said, is "honest journalism, leaving specifications and form to the individual nation."

During the dinner, honoring the memory of Wendell Willkie, presentations were made to Kent Cooper for his crusade for free international news exchange; Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, president of Radio Corporation of America, for expansion of world radio, and Darrel F. Zanuck for production of cinema, creating world understanding.



Mrs. Suranofsky and fourth set of twins.

THEY'RE doing their best at home to keep population up despite the war. Take Mrs. Peter Suranofsky, for instance. The Northampton, Pa., woman gave birth to her fourth set of twins, her 13th and 14th children. That ought to make the Japs stop and think.

ALTHOUGH there has been an almost dead stop on conventions in the U.S., the war committee in charge of them today ruled that up to 50 persons from out of town may attend those of a "purely local" nature. Previously the limit had been five. One catch, though—there must be no extra hotel space required.

IN Lancaster, Pa., railroad officials announced resumption of service on one of four tracks blocked by a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger express collision. No one was seriously injured.

AND in South Dakota the pendulum is swinging back to Ye Old Time Saloon. The legislative liquor committee of that state has introduced a bill to put all forms of liquor sale under one roof and behind one door. There would be no family entrance to South Dakota's ideal bar. And no barmaids, as the bill requires employment of male help over 21.

**Sees Place for WAC in Post-war Army**

REGARDLESS of what anybody may think about women in the home, Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, national WAC advisory committeeman, wants them in the U.S. Army after the war. Visiting Des Moines, Ia., for a conference with WAC officers, she declared there are certain things a trained woman can do better than a man, and said "WACs will have a definite place" in post-war programs.

Another meanest thief walked off with Pvt. James Shattuck's valise today when the soldier was en route from a hospital to his home in Lowell, Mass. The bag contained addresses of the mothers of Shattuck's companions killed in the Sicilian campaign, and his own artificial hand.

COLUMBUS, Miss., isn't waiting for Congress to act on the work-or-jail bill. It has its own methods. Every working man or woman is required to carry a card bearing his or her name and that of the employer, plus the number of required working hours per week. At the end of each day's work the employer must indicate on a card how much time the worker has put in. Anyone found without a card is liable to prosecution as a vagrant. In addition employers must file a monthly report on absenteeism.

CHICAGO will always be Chicago. Cops there were tired but content today after tussling with a 250-pound Amazon last night. The bulky gal, Mrs. Ollie Oliver, with her husband got into Sam Garafolas' cab and Ollie started to do some backseat driving. Sam pulled up and told Ollie and his spouse to get out. When he asked for fare Mrs. Ollie punched him in the nose and knocked him down. He got up and she punched him in the nose and knocked him down again. Two youths went to his rescue. She grabbed one by the neck and threw him away, and slugged the other with a right, cutting his lip. On arrival of seven cops she mixed it with them awhile, then lay flat on the ground refusing to get up. Finally they lifted her into the patrol wagon.

What did the husband do? What do you think a husband with a wife like that would do?—Nothing.

**Assorted Soldiers Help Design New Combination Field Pack**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).—Development of a new all-purpose field pack which soldiers themselves helped design was announced today by the War Department.

Fifty soldiers of different sizes and weights marched ten miles for seven days, carrying various combinations of packs and equipment, before the new design was selected. It is a combination of combat pack and cargo pack. The combat pack, containing toilet articles, mess kit and two days' rations, is normally carried into battle. The cargo pack, which carries extra blanket, tenting equipment and similar articles, is left in the rear until needed. The cargo pack resembles an ordinary week-end bag.

**Bail by the Jar**

COQUILLE, Ore., Feb. 18 (ANS).—When the cops arrested Carter Lee and his bail was set at \$250, he dug up a fruit jar buried in his back yard. It contained \$250. Re-arrested on another charge which called for higher bail, Lee dug up another fruit jar and produced \$3,000.

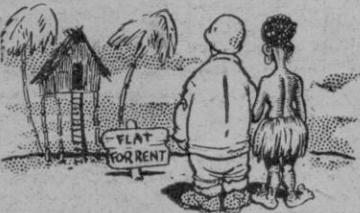
**The Mrs. Claims He's Bucking**

**Pfc Eyes South Seas Crown**

ELYRIA, Ohio, Feb. 18 (ANS).—Mrs. Sarah Willemson, 37 years old, has filed suit for divorce from Pfc Leo Willemson, 29, alleging the former coal miner who now is in the Pacific wrote her requesting freedom so he could marry a native girl and become king of an island group.

Charging cruelty, Mrs. Willemson claimed her husband said he did not love her and frequently asked for a divorce. Mentioned in the complaint was a "photograph of himself with a dark-complexioned native of either

the Fiji or Borneo islands, with the appearance of being a hula



hula dancer or native stripteaser." Meantime, Walter Michaski,

calling himself a former sailor and wise to the ways of sailors and the world, sent the wife a message urging her to delay the action. He said he himself had his picture taken with a grass-skirted girl, and styled the whole thing a joke. He had a picture to prove it.

But Mrs. Willemson spurned the would-be cupid's good offices. She hinted there were girls in the States too, and not hula dancers, and declared her husband had written her every two weeks asking for a divorce.

**U.S. Plants May Get Work-Fight Draftees**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).—Men physically unfit for Army duty but drafted under the recent work-or-else order will be given four weeks of basic training and may be assigned to work in government-owned plants, the War Department said today.

Those physically unfit will take their training at Camp Ellis, Ill. If assigned to work in plants, they will wear Army uniforms and will receive Army pay.

**CIO in Accord With U.S. Steel**

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 18 (ANS).—The U.S. Steel Corp. and United Steelworkers of America, CIO, today announced completion of a new contract in a pattern outlined by the National War Labor Board. The agreement, climaxing 14 months negotiations, incorporates "fringe" wage adjustments awarded the union by WLB Nov. 25, and provide for a permanent three-man board of conciliation and arbitration.

Creation of the board with headquarters in Pittsburgh, was hailed by the union as "a momentous advance in management-union relations."

**Doctor Certifies Drafting 9th Son Imperils Mother**

LEIGHTON, Pa., Feb. 18 (ANS).—Mrs. Russell McFarland is "quite nervous" and "her condition will probably grow worse" if her ninth son is inducted into the armed forces, Dr. J. L. Bond said today.

Dr. Bond examined the 49-year-old mother after Congressman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) declared today that if a physician certified her health would be jeopardized by drafting of her ninth son, Marcus K. Smith, the state Selective Service headquarters has the power to grant deferment. Mrs. McFarland has watched eight sons—one was recently reported missing in action in France—go into military service.

Her appeal to have her ninth son deferred has been supported by Leighton residents, many of whom have sent telegrams to President Roosevelt. Mrs. McFarland's husband, her second, said, after a doctor's examination: "My wife is too nervous to come to the telephone. It has made her heart bad."

**12 on Death List In Tacoma Fire**

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 18 (ANS).—The death toll in the fire which swept the four-story Maefair Apartments here mounted to 12 today.

The Red Cross announced that many unaccounted-for apartment residents have been reported safe, and that the list of missing has now been reduced to 17.

Three of the dead were identified as Mrs. Jack Schoenberg, 33, wife of a serviceman in the South Pacific; Dale Little, 14, and Mrs. Helena Yanti, who came here recently from Kellogg, Idaho.

The cause of the blaze was undetermined.

**75 Soldiers Hurt in Crash**

MANDAN, N.D., Feb. 18 (ANS).—At least 75 soldiers were injured when nine cars of a train left the tracks and overturned 12 miles west of this town yesterday. Five men were in critical condition and a number of others were seriously injured.

**Krug Appeals for Work Bill As Hope for Passage Fades**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).—Belief grew today that there is little chance for the passage of the work-jail bill, the United Press said, while War Production Chief J. A. Krug opened a last-ditch administration drive to save the bill.

Krug, in a radio speech, insisted that production of war materials must increase ten percent between now and June 1 to meet requirements of immediate campaigns planned by the Army and Navy.

In the past, voluntary methods could work because there was not a manpower shortage, he declared. Now, he added, the problem "has gotten beyond procedures of voluntary co-operation."

**Favorable News a Factor**

Some Congressional observers doubted that even a modified substitute of the bill, as contemplated by the Senate Military Affairs Committee, could pass. Many Senators thought the current favorable news from the fighting fronts was lessening the bill's chances for passage.

Two other developments entered the manpower picture:

1—The House Military Affairs Committee delayed the draft of civilian nurses by voting to wait until all qualified graduates of the war-created Cadet Nurse Corps have been inducted. The number of graduates is believed to be comparatively small.

2—A limited number of men under 30 who hold key jobs in industry will be deferred under a new procedure set up by Selective Service and the War Manpower Commission. Government procurement agencies will certify men in this category to the local draft boards.

**485-Million Hot Dogs**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).—American soldiers on the Western Front like hot dogs, the War Department says. Up to Dec. 5, they ate 485,000,000 "dogs," according to the WD. Other items included in 78,794 tons of perishable foods shipped to the front were 467,000 turkeys and 2,500,000 chickens.

**Chicago Tries Out Something New in Manning War Jobs**

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (ANS).—This busy war production center has tackled the manpower problem with a new idea that may prove an effective substitute for work-jail legislation, the United Press says.

The plan, put into effect Jan. 18 by the War Manpower Commission after tryouts on a small scale in Milwaukee and other cities takes ten per cent of the number of workers in non-essential work and funnels them into war plants.

Under the order, all employers of non-essential workers with eight or more employees must release them for war work. It calls for a split quota of releases—five per cent on Feb. 19 and the other five per cent on March 15.

**Cold Wave Sweeps South, Midwest**

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (ANS).—A cold wave, which turned the nation's first breath of spring into cold chills today thrust south into Texas and Louisiana and east as far as Pennsylvania.

Amarillo, Texas, had 66 degrees above zero Thursday but was down to 25 Saturday night. Similarly, Fort Worth, Texas, dropped from 70, Friday, to 38. The temperature at Shreveport, La., and Vicksburg, Miss., tumbled from 80 down to 43. The cold wave struck Montana and the Dakotas Wednesday and gave Bemidji, Minn., 31 below zero; Park Rapids, Minn., 33 below, and Land of Lakes, Wis., 23 below.

**Coal Co. President Hauls Own Coal**



The shortage of fuel has forced Kenneth Johnson, president of the Wright Coal Co. of Chicago, to work as a laborer on one of his trucks. His hours are 8 AM to 9 PM. Here, he shovels coal into the Union League Club basement while the doorman looks on. Johnson is a member of the club.



### Behind the Sports Headlines

**LAHORE, India.**—The Calcutta boxing team under Maj. Tony Ortenzi, of Baltimore, Md., recently won the all-Indian boxing tournament. Pvts. Jesse Dean, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Jimmy Rouse, of Albany, N.Y.; Joe Frischerz, Sacramento, Calif.; and Johnny Miller, of Stockton, Calif., won individual championships. The tourney was fought under local British rules, with the referee outside the ring and no noise allowed except between rounds. Tea was served to ringsiders each of the six nights of scrapping.

**NEW YORK.**—The Tami Mauriello-Lee Oma heavyweight battle, scheduled for Friday, March 30, was called off. Seems no one thought to figure ahead and discover it was Good Friday. Tex Sullivan said his fighter, Oma, won't fight on that date. . . . **ATHENS, Ga.**—Tom Nash, one of Georgia's great ends in the late 20s, resigned as assistant coach of the Bulldogs to enter business. Nash starred for the Bulldogs in 1926-27. . . . **NASHVILLE, Tenn.**—Larry Gilbert, manager of Nashville of the Southern Association, is the loop's top record holder. Gilbert is the only manager to serve 20 or more years in the Dixie circuit. This year he'll be starting his 22nd. He's won the most pennants, eight, and has never lost a split-season play-off, winning four. He's the only manager to win more than 100 games. Gilbert did it with New Orleans in 1926, and Nashville in 1940. In six years at Nashville he has won three titles.

**HARRISBURG, Pa.**—A bill has been introduced in the State Legislature to fine athletes \$3,000 and three years in the clink for soliciting or accepting bribes. . . . **SPRINGFIELD, Ill.**—The Illinois State Legislature also has started action against gambling. Sen. Albert Schwartz has introduced a bill providing \$10,000 fine and five years in prison for bribing athletes. . . . **WASHINGTON.**—Frank Filchock, who outpassed Sammy Baugh for the Redskins last year, underwent an operation on his nose in an attempt to get back in the Navy. Filchock, former Indiana star, has busted his beak nine times. . . . **MONTREAL.**—The latest name mentioned for the National Hockey League presidency, almost as hard a job to fill as the baseball commissioner's, is Lt. Gen. P. J. Montague, Chief of Staff in the Canadian military headquarters in London. . . . **WACO, Texas.**—Baylor University's cage team, achieved some sort of a record for major college fives, when the Bears lost 17 straight with th opposition averaging 64 points.

**NORMAN, Okla.**—Oklahoma University's cage coach, Bruce Drake, is carrying on a feud with Hank Iba and the Oklahoma Aggies. It was mainly the efforts of Drake that started the anti-goal tending rule last year after seven-foot Bob Kurland of the Aggies had ruined Drake. This year, when the Sooners played the Cowboys, Drake sent Red Dinkins on the court with stilts under his sweatpants during the warm-up, so he towered six inches over Kurland. Then, when the game started, Drake sent in his five-foot-five star Scooter Hines to jump center against Kurland. The Aggies won, as usual.

**ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.**—New Mexico University is claiming the cage title of the dormant Border Conference on the record of 14 straight against college competition. . . . **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**—Lt. Rex Enright, former Notre Dame star and South Carolina grid coach, on leave, reported to the Naval Air Technical Training Center as a physical training officer. He succeeds Lt. Marty Karow, former Texas Aggies backfield coach. . . . **LEXINGTON, Ky.**—All Southeastern Conference teams, except Vanderbilt, will enter a team in the basketball tournament starting at Louisville, March 3. Kentucky defeated Tulane for the title last year.

### GI Fight Fans See McSpaden, Snead New Faces Tonight Tied at Gulfport

A 12-man boxing team from Fourth Port will highlight tonight's fight card at Palais de Glace, Paris. They will meet punchers from the 19th Reinforcement Depot, Ninth ADC and 366th Engineers.

Of the 24 boxers, all are new to GI fans with the exception of Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Detroit Negro, and Pvt. William Grady, of Chicago, who made his Paris debut last week. Matthews seeks his sixth win, Grady his first.

**The Program**

Pfc Hiram McCoy, 120, Logan, W. Va., vs. Pvt. Rufus Bishop, 125, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pvt. Johnny Stevens, 175, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Pvt. Joe Traynor, 175, Philadelphia; Pfc Oscar Hamp, 175, Gary, Ind., vs. Cpl. Lonnie Scott, 170, Kansas City, Mo.; Pfc Nolen Tolbert, 132, Toledo, Ohio, vs. Pvt. Harvey Matthews, 128, Detroit; Pvt. James Tasker, 135, Newark, N.J., vs. Pvt. William Grady, 135, Chicago; Cpl. Rosario Prestigiacomo, 134, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Pvt. Johnny Boyd, 135, Chicago; Cpl. Jack Battley, 118, St. Louis, Mo., vs. Pvt. Donald English, 115, Bemidji, Minn.; Pfc. Jerry Stevens, 160, St. Louis, Mo., vs. Pvt. Michael Constanza, 160, Chicago; Cpl. Bat Ross, 147, Oglesby, Ill., vs. Pvt. Domenick Gloria, 147, Port Chester, N.Y.; Pvt. James Riley, 189, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Pvt. Glenn Lee, 180, Grand Island, Neb.; Pvt. Lonnie Perry, 189, Durham, N.C., vs. Pvt. Hascal Humes, 185, New York; Pvt. Bennie Neal, 130, San Diego, Calif., vs. Pvt. Frank Tessallo, 128, East St. Louis, Ill.

**Scores 60 Pts. in Game**

**LOGAN, W. Va., Feb. 18.**—Charley Porter, of Logan High School, established a state scoring record when he tallied 60 points in the game against Bigtree High. Logan won, 98-36.

### Lena Should Keep Wolf from Her Door

**HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 18.**—Lena, the purebred foxhound who was the star of the recent Madison Square Garden dog show at Madison Square Garden, along with her world record litter of 23 pups, is at it again. Lena delivered ten little foxhounds last night and Dr. F. E. Maxon, veterinarian, said Lena's not through yet.

"It appears that she may now be going into normal labor, and she may have several more," Dr. Maxon said.

Lena's first ten arrivals were about eight hours premature, Maxon said. He thought it might be because of the tough truck ride from New York Thursday night.

Lena's doing okay. This is old stuff to her.

**GULFPORT, Miss., Feb. 18.**—Harold "Jug" McSpaden and Sammy Snead were tied at the end of 36 holes for the lead in the \$5,000 Gulfport Open golf tournament with scores of 136. Snead shot 71 yesterday, while McSpaden shot his second 68.

Byron Nelson and Claude Harmon were tied one stroke behind the leaders. Leonard Dodson and Ky Lafoon were next with 138.

Snead shot a six under par 65 in the opening round to tie the course record.

### Wins Baxter Mile



**NEW YORK, Feb. 18.**—Jim Rafferty sped to his third mile victory of the season in Madison Square Garden last night when he captured the Baxter Mile, feature of the New York Athletic Club Games, in 4:13.9. Rudy Simms was four yards behind at the finish and Don Burnham, Navy trainee, was a poor third.

Navy Lt. Charley Beetham captured the Halpin 800, and Barney Ewell nosed out Herb Thompson in the 60-yard dash.

### Richard Gets 44th Goal for Hockey Record

**TORONTO, Feb. 18.**—The Montreal Canadiens scored their 32nd National Hockey League victory of the season here last night defeating the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-3, with Maurice Richard winning the game and breaking a league record with his 44th goal of the year in the third period. Cooney Weiland, of Boston, set the modern record of 43 in 1930.

After a scoreless first period, Elmer Lach tallied for the Canadiens and Nick Metz tied it for the Leafs four minutes later. Fernand Gauthier put Montreal ahead before the second period ended, then Mel Hill and Art Jackson put Toronto in the lead, 3-2. Glenn Harmon deadlocked the score at 13:47 of the third period and two minutes later Richard made his record-breaking shot on a pass from Lach.

**Clapper Paces Bruins**

**BOSTON, Feb. 18.**—Veteran Dit Clapper belted three goals into the Ranger nets to lead the Boston Bruins to a 6-1 victory over New York in their fight for the fourth-place playoff spot.

Frank Mario, Bill Jennings and Herb Cain delivered the other Bruins tallies, while Bill Moe made the only Ranger goal on a pass from Grant Warwick.

**National Hockey League**

W L T Pts		W L T Pts	
Montreal	32 5 3 67	Boston	11 23 2 30
Detroit	24 11 4 52	New York	8 23 8 24
Toronto	19 18 2 40	Chicago	8 25 5 21

### Coast League Ousts Ludwig

**LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.**—Harry Ludwig, principal stockowner in the Sacramento Baseball Club of the Pacific Coast League, has been asked by League President Clarence Rowland, to sell his holdings immediately and get out of baseball.

Suspicion that Ludwig, recently deposed as club president and league director, was connected with a gambling enterprise, was confirmed by Rowland.

### Bobby Ruffin Declares He'll Retire from Ring

**NEW YORK, Feb. 18.**—Bobby Ruffin, lightweight contender, announced tonight he was retiring from the ring. Ruffin was scheduled to fight Chalky Wright, Los Angeles Negro, in Madison Square Garden, March 30, which is Good Friday. He gave no reason for retirement, but ringsiders intimated it was merely a maneuver to avoid fighting on Good Friday.

**Nagurski Retires to Farm**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 18.**—Bronko Nagurski, former all-American at Minnesota and for years an outstanding back in the National Professional Football League while playing with the Chicago Bears, said today he is through with football and will devote all of his time to his farm at International Falls.

**Brandt to Write BB Tome**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 18.**—William E. Brandt has resigned as publicity director of the National Baseball League to write a history of the game. Brandt took over the league publicity office ten years ago, succeeding Ford Frick, when the latter became league president upon the retirement of President John Heydler.

### Basketball Scores

- Akron 66, Cincinnati 33.
- Albright 43, Muhlenberg 40.
- Arkansas 65, Southern Methodist 49.
- Brigham Young 61, Denver 50.
- Baker 42, Bethany 31.
- Ball State 48, Central Normal 45.
- Baldwin-Wallace 64, Wooster 47.
- Calif. Tchrs. 43, St. Vincent 42.
- Colorado Aggies 55, Colorado Col. 53.
- Cornell 37, Columbia 33.
- Coast Guard Aedy 48, Worcester Tech. 46.
- Canisius 58, CCMY 27.
- DeKalb 46, Illinois Normal 44.
- Drake 47, Schick Hosp. 38.
- Fort Warren 49, Wyoming 38.
- Florida 52, Georgia 36.
- Gettysburg 52, Franklin-Marshall 51.
- Hamline 56, Bemidji 32.
- Iowa State 51, Oklahoma 43.
- Johns Hopkins 53, Delaware 40.
- Kentucky 40, Tennessee 34.
- Louisville 50, Berea 38.
- Montana Mines 63, Montana State 41.
- Minnesota 43, Northwestern 37.
- Marquette 56, Notre Dame 55.
- Maryland 53, William and Mary 46.
- Missouri 55, Nebraska 54.
- North Carolina State 47, Duke 40.
- Navy 42, N.C. Pre-Flight 33.
- No. Dak. Aggies 46, Minot Tchrs. 44.
- Ohio State 63, Indiana 45.
- Ohio University 57, Muskingum 44.
- Penn 61, Army 52.
- Penn State 53, Pittsburgh 36.
- Rensselaer Poly 73, Holy Cross 45.
- Randolph-Macon 35, Galaudet 25.
- Rice 68, Baylor 26.
- Rhode Island State 63, Detroit 45.
- St. John's 63, Brooklyn College 27.
- Sewanee 51, Vanderbilt 38.
- South Carolina 73, Citadel 47.
- Scranton 71, Ithaca 56.
- Texas 70, Texas Aggies 35.
- Utah 30, Utah State 59.
- Valparaiso 56, Ind. State Tchrs. 55.
- Wisconsin 61, Purdue 48.
- Wilberforce 47, Lincoln 37.
- West Va. 78, Bethany 42.
- Wayne 53, Western Union 32.
- W. Ky. Tchrs. 48, E. Ky. Tchrs. 42.
- Wheaton 48, Ill. (Chi. Branch) 38.
- Washington 39, Gonzaga 29.
- Wash. State 69, West. Wash. 54.
- Westminster 84, Carnegie Tech. 51.

### Victory Model



Alan Ford

**NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 18.**—Alan Ford, Navy V12 trainee at Yale University, yesterday clipped four-tenths of a second off Johnny Weissmuller's world record for the 100-yard free style, when he swam the distance in :49.4 in the 20-yard Payne Whitney Gymnasium practice pool. Weissmuller's mark was made 17 years ago. Ford already holds the record for the 100 in the conventional 25-yard tank, :49.7.

### Asks Review Of Racing Ban

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.**—Representative William B. Barry, (D-N.Y.), has written to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes requesting a review of the ban on horse-racing, the Associated Press reported today. Barry inserted into the Congressional Record a letter from David A. Buckley, New York breeder and owner of race-horses, "analyzing the situation resulting from the racing ban."

"If Buckley's facts and contentions are true, I cannot see how the continuance of the ban can be justified," Barry said. He added he was forwarding the original of Buckley's statements to Byrnes for comment.

Buckley argued, "If all the racing bin was scraped to the bottom, there would not be 5,000 war employees secured." He said that manpower absenteeism was practically the only other issue.

According to the Buckley document, he advocated only one track be utilized in New York, Chicago, Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky and California, with New England divided into three divisions with one track each.

"If all winter racing were abolished, it would not be badly missed except by the State of Florida," Buckley asserted.

### Rhode Island Tracks Request Race Permits

**PROVIDENCE, R.I., Feb. 18.**—Naragansett and Pascoag race-tracks have filed applications with the State Racing Commission for 1945 dates despite the nationwide ban on horse racing.

Naragansett requested 34 days in April and May and 36 more in August and September. Pascoag requested two 42-day permits.

### Joost Returns to Braves

**BOSTON, Feb. 18.**—Eddie Joost, obtained in a trade from the Reds, who got Eddie Miller in exchange in 1942, has announced he'll resume his baseball career with the Braves this year. The flashy shortstop played with the Braves during 1943, then retired to work in a war plant. He now has been restored to the active list.

### Army's Streak Ends as Penn Wins, 61 to 52

**PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.**—Army's basketball streak of 27, straight victories, 11 this year, was blasted by the University of Pennsylvania here last night before 11,000 fans at Convention Hall. The Quakers, trailing by four points at the half, rallied to go ahead by ten points early in the second half and went on to win, 61-52.

Howard Dallmar, who captained Stanford's 1942 NCAA champions, and Phillips Harmon, sparked Penn's drive. Harmon tossed in 17 points, and Dallmar featured defensively.

John Nance and Dale Hall scored 16 and 14 points, respectively for the Cadets.

### Navy Beats Cloudbusters

**ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 18.**—Navy came from behind in the last six minutes to defeat North Carolina Pre-Flight, 42-38, for the Middies' 11th straight victory this season.

### Buckeyes Top Hoosier Five

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 18.**—Ohio State kept in the running for the Big Ten cage crown by drubbing Indiana, 63-45, here last night. The Buckeyes, beaten by Illinois the night before, worked up a 20-point margin in the second half and coasted from there on.

Arnold Risen, rangy Ohio State center, scored 24 points, while Al Kralovansky was tops for the Hoosiers with ten.

### Smith Paces Badgers

**MADISON, Wis., Feb. 18.**—Des Smith, Wisconsin forward, hit the nets for 29 points to lead the Badgers to a 64-48 Big Ten victory over Purdue. Eight thousand spectators saw the home team fight off a determined Boilermaker second-half attack, then stage a final rally of its own.

### Iowa State Triumphs

**AMES, Ia., Feb. 18.**—Iowa State went into second place in the Big Six Conference by defeating Oklahoma, 51-43, for its fourth league victory in six games. Jim Myers, Cyclone forward, was high with 23 points.

### Tilden, 52, Returns To Tennis Activity

**NEW YORK, Feb. 18.**—Big Bill Tilden, seven-time winner of the National tennis title, and 52 years old, Feb. 10, last night defeated Vinnie Richards, his former doubles partner, 6-4, then lost to John McGrady, 7-4, returning in the third singles match to beat McGrady, 6-3.

Tilden teamed with Movie Star Errol Flynn against Richards and McGrady, but the latter pair won, 6-2, 6-2.

Five thousand people saw the matches, which were played for the benefit of the Grissinger Canteen Fund.



Bill Tilden

### Eddie Collins Figures In Another Double Play

**WESTON, Mass., Feb. 18.**—Edward Trowbridge Collins, general manager of the Boston Red Sox, and one of the greatest baseball players who ever lived, and Mrs. Emily Jane Hall, of Brookline, were married at St. Peter's Episcopal Church here yesterday. The Rev. Paul Collins, the bridegroom's son, officiated.

Collins, 25 years in the game with the Athletics and White Sox, played second base with Connie Mack's famous \$100,000 infield of Stuff McInnis, Jack Barry and Frank Baker. He is a member of baseball's Hall of Fame.

### Bivins, Bettina Matched

**NEW YORK, Feb. 18.**—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland Negro heavyweight, recently discharged from the Army, and Melio Bettina, of Beacon, N.Y., have been signed by Promoter Mike Jacobs for a ten-round bout in Madison Square Garden, March 23.



Daffynition (by S/Sgt. Bill Priender): The Metro is where the ill-fated sardine takes its basic training.

Overheard in a chow-line: "I would sure like to see how they raise them chickens. They is all necks and wings."

Signs of the times? An Evanston, Ill., woman has asked a court to judge her husband insane because he dared to talk back to her.

Since the cigarette shortage, our spy on the home front sez, "Anyway, a man can still take a 'chew' without feeling he ought to offer it to a lady."

A homeward-bound ETO soldier passed the Statue of Liberty and sighed, "Put your torch down, Honey—I'm home."

An air force mag relates this yarn. Where weighty words are concerned, no one will challenge the monopoly of OWI, especially since an episode that took place recently in the Mediterranean.



A MAAF Bomber, carrying psychological propaganda pamphlets, was bumbling over the Bay of Marseilles when someone accidentally nudged the salvo lever. The entire load scored a direct hit on a German lighter and sank it. The bomber crew claimed credit for the most spectacular typographical error of the war.

Quip of the week (by Cpl. Jack Garber): "She gave him such a dirty glance that she's now a member of the look-of-the-month club."

Overheard in a bistro: "The way to fight that woman is with your hat—grab it and run."

Our spy on the home front sez the wolves now quip, "Let's park here and save gas for the offensive."

Afterthought: Liquor may be slow poison—but who's in a hurry? J. C. W.



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Table with columns for Time and TODAY, listing radio programs like 1200-News, 1215-Guess Who, 1230-For Chow'ds, etc.

Table with columns for TOMORROW, listing radio programs like 0600-Rise and Shine, 0700-News, 0715-Song Parade, etc.

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

SGT. Roderick Story, Kansas City, Mo.—Roderick Lee, Jan. 26; Cpl. John P. McIntire, Parkville, Mo.—Robert William, Feb. 9; Capt. Jefferson C. Lewis, Rule, Tex.—boy, Feb. 10; Lt. Richard Engard, Abington, Pa.—Karen, Feb. 10; Sperry T/Rep. Shir I. Thompson, Elberon, N.J.—boy; Pvt. Phillip Lang, New Haven, Conn.—girl, Feb. 10; Lt. Freddie Edwards, Bastrop, Tex.—girl, Feb. 12; Cpl. Bernard Natt, Bronx—boy, Feb. 1; Pvt. Norry Nitowsky, Chicago—Linda Valerie, Jan. 28; Capt. Anthony P. Galeski, Salem, Mass.—Peter Paul, Jan. 31; Cpl. I. M. Jacobson, Hoboken, N.J.—Jacqueline, Feb. 3; Capt. Arthur H. Katzmann, Chicago—Anne Helen, Jan. 27; Capt. Vincent J. Braone, Elmhurst, Ill.—Louis Francis, Feb. 8.

T/4 George R. May, Troy, Ohio—Rebecca Joan, Jan. 16; 2/Lt. Robert L. Henricus—boy, Jan. 20; T/Sgt. Bud Bethune, Gastonia, N.C.—Patricia Elizabeth, Dec. 15; Sgt. Robert Halliday, Pelham, N.Y.—Heather Irene, Jan. 17; Lt. E.M. Knonloch, N.Y.—girl, January; Cpl. Irving Pernick, New York—Marylyn, Jan. 14; Lt. Laussat, Clement, Haverford, Penn.—Marion Frances; Sgt. Walter Lewis—Carole Ann, Nov. 26; Pvt. Seymour Korn, New York—Rita Janet, Jan. 15; Lt. James Reap, New York—Patricia, Jan. 15; Sgt. Walter G. Dinley, Canton, Ohio—girl, Jan. 9; Cpl. William A. Hitz, Bronx, N.Y.—William Warren, Jan. 10; Cpl. Matthew Bogush, Philadelphia—girl, January.

Lil Abner

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Terry and The Pirates

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By Milton Caniff



Abbie an' Slat

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By Raeburn Van Buren



Dick Tracy

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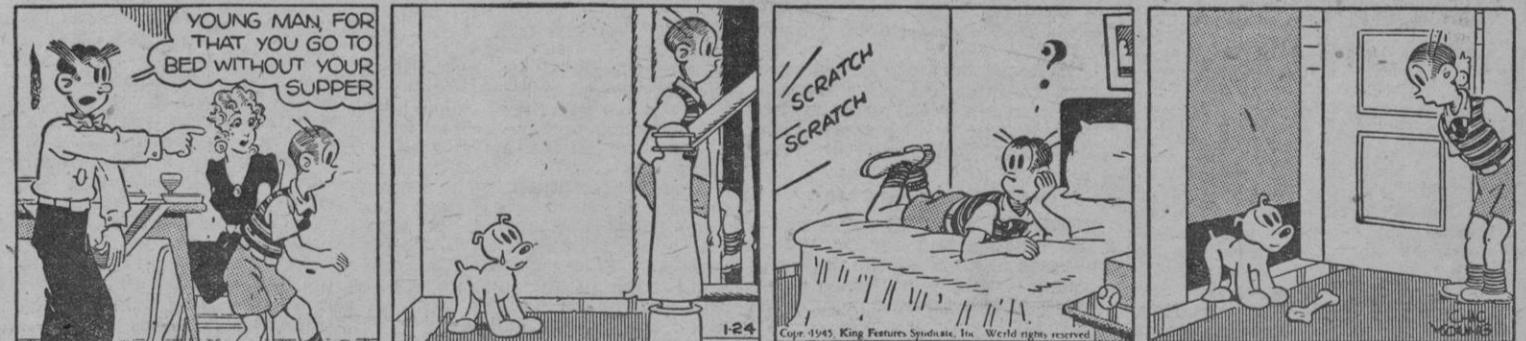
By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



## Burma Coast Landing Made by British, Indians

British and Indian troops made a new surprise landing on the Arakan coast of Burma yesterday, taking all planned objectives against Japanese opposition consisting of two rounds of artillery fire, SEAC headquarters announced yesterday. The landing was made at Tuywa, about 65 miles southeast of Akyab.

Within a short time, Allied troops were astride the Arakan coast road, landings following a 40-minute bombardment from ships and from artillery pieces secretly planted on the coast the day before by Commandos.

On the Irawaddy front in central Burma, 14th Army troops made another successful crossing of the Irawaddy, about 40 miles west of Mandalay. They hold a bridgehead of nine square miles. The Japanese lost more than 300 men in unsuccessful counter-attacks.

Planes of the Eastern Air Command walloped railroads and bridges in Burma and Thailand. Heavy bombers wrecked three bridges on the Burma-Siam Railway, two on Moumein, and destroyed a road bridge nearby. They also smashed six spans on the Rangoon-Mandalay line and one on the railway between Rangoon and Prome.

In the Inching section of south-east China, reinforced Japanese were fighting hard in the area where the Chinese had taken control of a 25-mile section of the vital Canton-Hankow railway.

U.S. 14th Air Force fighters, operating in North China, sank a number of enemy river vessels and destroyed two locomotives. Mustangs damaged three Japanese planes and beat off attempted interception by 20 to 30 Japanese fighters in an attack on the Nanking air-drome.

## Koniev Forces Near Cottbus

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tween Strehlem and Kanth, towns north of the Oder River bend. Moscow said that the Red Air Force was giving full support to Koniev's drive, flying 10,000 sorties a day.

**Fighting in East Prussia**

In East Prussia, Soviet troops were still fighting heavy battles for the extermination of 20 trapped German divisions. The towns of Wormditt and Mehlack, about 40 miles south of Koenigsberg, were the latest prizes which fell to the Second White Russian Army.

Battles flared up yesterday on the Czech plain north of the Danube, where Marshal Malinovsky's forces represent a potential threat to Vienna.

A Reuter dispatch from Moscow said that German dead and prisoners since the start of the Soviet offensive on Jan. 12 total more than 500,000, according to unofficial estimates compiled on the basis of official communiques.

Pravda said yesterday that dozens of German divisions had been smashed.

## Marauders Strike At Vital Rail Bridge

Bad weather on the Western Front yesterday restricted Allied air activity, but 60 Ninth AF Marauders, bombing by instrument, attacked an important rail bridge over the Weid River, at Dottesfeld, 35 miles southeast of Cologne, and targets at Daun, 19 miles east of Prum.

RAF Lancasters, which hit the same target Friday, made an afternoon attack on the communications center of Wesel, 23 miles southeast of Cleve.

On the southern sector, a small force of Thunderbolts of the First TACAF, operating in support of the Sixth Army Group, bombed targets east of the Rhine, in the Freiburg area.

## Nazi War Reaches Final Stage—Monty

21st ARMY GROUP HQ., Feb. 18 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Montgomery, in a personal message to troops today, said that "operations of the Allies on all parts of the front have now brought the German war to its final stage.

"There was a time some years ago when it did not seem possible we could win this war," he said. "The present situation is that we cannot lose it. In fact, the terrific successes of our Russian allies on the Eastern Front have brought victory into sight."

## 3rd Advances; Goch Menaced

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principal fortified town and strong-point south of Cleve.

They now dominate the town from the north, the northeast and the northwest and have the enemy under observed artillery fire.

Enemy defenses on the entire 17-mile front between the Maas and Rhine Rivers lacked co-ordination and resistance varied.

Troops advancing southeast of Cleve found a soft spot in a Nazi divisional sector and smashed through it. Scottish troops broke through for a 1,500-yard advance on the right flank of the attack, enveloping Afferden, near the Maas, on the Gennep-Venlo Road.

A Scottish patrol in this sector crossed the Niers River and returned with 100 German prisoners.

British troops who cut the main Goch-Calear road took 900 prisoners in the 24 hours ending yesterday morning. A number of these were paratroopers, members of the elite Hutz Battalion, a task force dropped two months ago into the Ardennes. The battalion CO was Col. Von der Heide, who gave himself up to the Americans in disgust when he found U.S. doughs still holding strongpoints his superiors claimed Nazis had captured.

**Nazi Attacks Repulsed**

Three waves of counterattacking Nazis rolled toward U.S. Seventh Army positions east of Sarreguemines. They were rolled back after heavy fighting.

The first attack in battalion strength with tanks came in Saturday afternoon and gained ground. It was thrown back after Seventh Army doughs reformed and retook lost positions. The Germans withdrew, leaving three wrecked tanks and SP guns.

A second attack, somewhat lighter, drove in at dark and was beaten off after several hours of fighting. Later Saturday night, a third enemy attacking force formed, but U.S. artillery broke it up before the Nazis could get under way.

First French Army patrols in the high Alps at the southern end of Alsace met increasing enemy resistance in mountain passes. Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, First French Army CG, cited officers and noncoms of the U.S. XXI Corps units for their leadership in the Alsace campaign. Units were the Third, 28th and 75th Inf. Divs. and the 12th Armd Div.

S and S Correspondent Ernest Leiser reported that artillery exchanges across the Roer River provided the only ground activity on the Ninth Army front yesterday, as the river's flood slowly receded into the flood lakes or seeped into the already rain-soaked plains along its banks.

The Roer's current, according to Leiser, continued to surge along at more than six miles an hour as a steady drizzle helped prolong the still-gushing flood from the dams.

**Tax Increase in Germany**

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—Reich Finance Minister Dr. Walter Funk has announced that taxes in Germany would be increased shortly to meet heavier war costs. DNB said today.

## Capture of Iwo Jima Would Provide U.S. With Air Base Virtually on Japs' Doorstep

An American landing on Iwo Jima, a volcanic speck of an island, would put American ground forces within 750 miles of the Japanese capital, their closest approach to date, according to Army News Service.

If Americans will visualize an invasion of the Bahamas, southeast of Florida, it will give them an idea of how Tokyo citizens would feel over a landing on Iwo. The air-mile distance from the Bahamas to Washington, D.C., about equals that from Iwo, in the Volcano Islands, to Tokyo.

Conquest of Iwo, whose area of only eight square miles includes a sizable airfield, would hold grave implications for Japan. It would, for the first time, place American land-based medium bombers and fighters within striking distance of Japan.

## Attacking Nazi Sea Lanes off Norway



With its machine-gun bullets churning the water, a light bomber of the RAF Coastal Command veers away (note upper left) from a burning German ship after jumping an enemy convoy trying to run the Allied air blockade along the Norway coast to Germany.

## CO Set Up 'Shotgun Wedding,' Navy Officer Charges in Suit

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 (ANS).—Navy Lt. Clyde Monaghan charged in an annulment suit filed in Superior Court yesterday that he was forced by his commanding officer into a "shotgun wedding" with a woman expecting another man's baby.

The wife replied the charges were "utterly ridiculous." "The baby has been born and it is his," said Mrs. Nancy Monaghan at the home of her mother, Mrs.

W. R. Hillberg, in Washington, D.C. The 30-year-old Navy pilot, stationed at Floyd Bennett Field, N.Y., said the commanding officer at Atlanta Naval Air Station told him to choose between a "bride and the brig."

He added that his CO had arranged everything for the ceremony, which took place Nov. 16, 1943.

Monaghan said he had never seen the best man before and all the wedding guests were complete strangers.

## Thefts Cutting China Supplies Says FDR Bid Was Rejected

KUNMING, Feb. 18 (AP).—Wholesale thefts of war equipment and supplies have for months bitten deeply into hard-gained tonnage brought to China, despite attempts of American and Chinese officials to establish new safeguards.

In the Kunming area alone since the first of last year, 104 jeeps and three trucks have been stolen from the Americans. Seventy jeeps and one of the trucks have been recovered.

American collusion in the looting cannot be ruled out, since the temptation is great. A 45 automatic brings \$100 in the black market. Sale of machine-guns could make an unscrupulous American wealthy for months, while gasoline brings \$8 a gallon.

An invitation by President Roosevelt to Gen. Charles de Gaulle to meet him somewhere outside France to discuss the decisions of the Crimea Conference was rejected by the French leader, it was learned yesterday, the United Press said.

U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery gave the invitation to De Gaulle last Monday when, together with the British and Russian Ambassadors, he presented the official statement and a secret memorandum on the conference, UP reported.

De Gaulle was understood to have turned down the invitation on the ground that he preferred to see Roosevelt in Paris and also because he wanted some time to study the conference decisions.

## U.S. Sea Strike Causes Talk on Japan Landing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).—The apparent success of the American carrier attack on Tokyo suggests the possibility that an invasion of the Japanese homeland may be attempted even before landings on the China coast, the United Press said today.

Military experts have believed for a long time that landings on the China coast to establish air bases would be a necessary prelude to the invasion of Japan proper. However, the demonstrated ability of Vice-Adm. Mark A. Mitscher's powerful task force to break into enemy home waters has brought about a revision of that view, UP said.

High-ranking Navy officials have said repeatedly in recent months that American forces have perfected the technique of amphibious operations to such a degree that they have no doubt of staging successful landings anywhere, Japan included.

It was considered most unlikely, however, that a landing on Japan would be attempted in the near future.

Radio Tokyo, apparently jittery about possible landings on Honshu, today quoted Japanese Air Defense Headquarters as telling the people that "we may have to spend most of our lives underground in the future."

## Corregidor . . .

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where Japanese sat hidden with machine-guns. One trained his gun on our boat. Bullets crunched through the sides. We were blacked out in a hold of terror.

Finally, the bump of the beach under the boat sent us moving toward the lowering ramp. But there was a new terror on the beach—a Jap anti-tank gun which raked boats, vehicles and men in the soft sand. This was a new kind of American beachhead, one without a single vehicle moving.

One of our medium tanks sat at the water's edge, the crew firing machine-guns and a 75mm. into Malinta Hill targets. As we left the LCM, there was a heavy burst to the right which showered the whole beach with flying debris and shrapnel.

Lt. Col. Edward M. Postlethwait, of Warren, Minn., took personal command as he raced off the boat. As he ran, he shouted to dug-in soldiers, "Get back off the damned beach," and damned beach it was, with Japs pouring everything they had at our vehicles.

There were wounded men on the beach for whom there still were no means of evacuation. Boats were not landing on our beach any more. Somewhere in the rocks on either side of the beach, the Jap anti-tank gun worked over the shoreline. Vehicles coming off LCMs were stopped after a few feet.

After about an hour, someone somewhere found the gun and knocked it out, relieving pressure on the beach. Men now faced only rifles and machine-guns. Men moved more freely and so did shipping.

Now the wounded could be moved to ships. Postlethwait's veteran battalion of the 34th Regt. was over the hump. About 1 PM, the second half of the parachute regiment began landing without drawing fire, and the battle for Corregidor seemed decided.

## Urge U.S. Take Jap Mandates

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—That Pacific islands formerly mandated to Japan should be annexed by the U.S. and governed by it as trustee for the United Nations is advocated in a letter to the New York Times signed by seven prominent Americans.

Signers include former Secretary of State Sumner Welles and John W. Davis, Democratic presidential candidate in 1924. They urge a statement of policy by the U.S. and "governments of other powers" on the question of annexation of mandated territories.

The letter called attention to a speech made by Col. Oliver Stanley, British Colonial Secretary, on Jan. 19 in which he "referred to the mandate system in the past tense as representing 'the old theory of trusteeship.'"

The signers of the letter said that "it might be inferred that he favored abolition of this system." They asked whether "he is now perhaps in favor of annexation of mandated territories by powers administering them."

Seizure of the tiny island would eliminate the principal springboard for enemy air attacks on the Marianas bases of U.S. B29s. U.S. planes on Iwo Jima would also create a grave threat to the enemy's supply routes to Formosa and the south.

American aircraft on Iwo Jima would be within 100 miles of Haha Jima, in the Bonins, where Port Lloyd, sometimes referred to as Japan's Pearl Harbor, is situated. Twenty miles north of Haha is Chichi Jima, another important air-base island.

Iwo is a rugged island similar in shape to a miniature South America. At the southern end, a two-coned volcanic mountain rises and the island boasts several other peaks. Maps show stretches of sandy beaches along the lower eastern and western shores. The island is about two and one-half miles wide at the broadest part.

A landing on Iwo Jima would put American troops on Japanese soil administered as part of the Tokyo prefecture, along with 40 other islands in the chain stretching 800 miles south of the Jap capital.

The Volcano Islands were absorbed into the Japanese Empire in 1891, four years after an official party headed by the Mayor of Tokyo visited the islands.

The Japanese were slow to migrate to the islands, but inhabitants of Iwo are almost entirely pure Japanese, although generally taller than those in the homeland. In 1940, the population was reported as 1,151, most of them fishermen.