

# Russia Ends Neutrality Pact With Japan

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## Jap Cabinet Resigns as Soviets Act

Russia yesterday repudiated her neutrality pact with Japan—an action viewed by some sources in Washington and London as one of the final steps preceding Soviet entry into the Pacific war—and in Tokyo the Japanese Cabinet resigned because of the "gravity" of the war situation.

The resignation of the Cabinet came a few hours before Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, had handed the formal Russian note to Japanese Ambassador Sato in Moscow, the United Press reported.

As reported by the Moscow radio, the Russian statement said: "The neutrality pact between the Soviet Union and Japan was concluded April 13, 1941, that is before the German attack on the Soviet Union and before the outbreak of war between Japan, on one hand, and Great Britain and the U.S.A., on the other. Since then the situation has radically changed.

### Jap Aid to Nazis Cited

"Germany has attacked the Soviet Union, and Japan, Germany's ally, has been lending assistance to the latter in her war against the Soviet Union. Furthermore, Japan is waging war against the U.S. and Britain, who are allies of the Soviet Union.

"Under such circumstances, the neutrality pact between Japan and the Soviet Union has lost its mean-

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### Norway Evacuation Hinted

LONDON, April 5 (AP).—Indications that the Germans plan a "Dunkirk" from Norway were reported by Brussels radio which said that the Nazis have requisitioned all Danish ships for evacuation of troops.

## 'Werewolf Lili' Is Really a Howl

LONDON, April 5 (UP).—The German "Werewolves" radio last night introduced the guerrillas' new theme song, named for and sung by "Lili the Werewolf."

Lili sang in a howling wolf-like voice: "I am so savage I am filled with rage, Hoo! Hoo! Lili the Werewolf is my name. Hoo! Hoo! Hoo! My werewolves bite the enemy and then he's done. Hoo! Hoo! Hoo!"

## Russian Army 3 Miles from Vienna's Heart

Red Army troops have almost reached the city limits of Vienna and have engaged German forces in street fighting in the southeastern outskirts of the city after overrunning suburb after suburb, Reuter reported last night.

The closest approach to Vienna was made by troops of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army, advancing after capturing a town only two and a half miles to the south. One Soviet force appeared to be about three miles from the heart of Vienna, the Associated Press reported from Moscow.

### 2rd, 3rd Armies Link Up

Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army greatly increased the threat to Vienna from the east after capturing Bratislava and linking up with the Third Ukrainian. Marshal Stalin announced that Malinovsky's men had taken Bruck, 17 miles southwest of Bratislava and 19 southeast of Vienna.

Malinovsky also was developing a threat to Vienna from the north. His forces captured Malacky, 22 miles above Bratislava and 33 miles northeast of Vienna, Stalin reported. They also captured Previdza and Banovtse, described by Stalin as important German strongpoints in the Carpathians.

Other German reports indicated

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# Allies 25 Mi. from Hanover; Bradley Again Leads Ninth

## Germany Unlikely To Yield Outright, FDR Told by Ike

WASHINGTON, April 5 (ANS).—Gen. Eisenhower has informed President Roosevelt that "a clean-cut military surrender" of the Nazis is improbable.

In a letter to the chief executive released by the White House today, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe foresaw extensive guerrilla warfare.

Eisenhower wrote:

### General's Letter

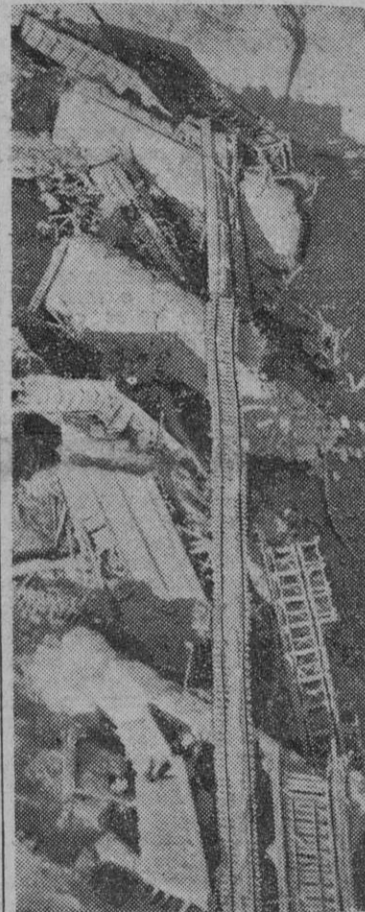
"Dear Mr. President: "The further this campaign progresses, the more probable it appears that there will never be a clean-cut military surrender of enemy forces on the Western Front. Our experience to date is that even when a formation as small as a division is disrupted, their fragments continue to fight until surrounded.

"This attitude, if continued, will likely mean that a Victory-in-Europe Day will come about only by proclamation on our part rather than by any definite and decisive collapse or surrender of German resistance.

"Projecting this idea further, it would mean that eventually all areas in which fragments of the German Army, particularly paratrooper, Panzer and SS elements, may be located will have to be taken by application or threat of force.

"This would lead into a form of guerrilla warfare which would require for its suppression a large number of troops."

### Knockout



Ninth Air Force Photo

The Bad Munster rail bridge after an attack by B26 Marauders of the Ninth Bombardment Div.

## Pressure Increased On Ruhr Pocket; Foe's Attacks Fail

Allied airborne troops and armor drove up to the Weser River 25 miles from Hanover and crossed it at two points, front reports said, as Germans, pounded by Allied warplanes, retreated eastward in a driving rain across North Germany to the Elbe, their last major river barrier before Berlin.

AP front reports said tanks of the U.S. Ninth Army crossed the Weser south of Hamelin while elements of the British Second Army's 11th Armd. Div. made another crossing at an undisclosed point, 35 miles northeast of Osnabruck.

Minden and Osnabruck fell to British troops, late front reports said last night.

Bradley Commands 4 Armies Supreme Headquarters announced, meanwhile, that Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army had been returned from the operational control of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st Army Group to Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley's 12th Army Group.

This placed under Bradley's command for the first time four American armies—the Ninth, the First, the Third and the new 15th.

It was the first time an American general has commanded four U.S. armies in the field.

As Simpson's Ninth attacked southward across the Lippe River

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## Two Russian Armies Close In on Austrian Capital



One Soviet army has almost reached the city limits of Vienna on the south, and another is driving toward the Austrian capital from the east after capturing Bratislava.

## S & S Published in Germany For First Time in Two Wars

The first edition of The Stars and Stripes published in Germany in the newspaper's two-war history was distributed yesterday morning to Yanks of the Third and Seventh Armies.

It rolled off the presses of a shop in Pfungstadt, 30 miles south of Frankfurt, where Nazi Party literature used to be turned out.

This edition is the 24th new edition of The Stars and Stripes since the first War II number was published as a weekly in London on April 17, 1942. It marks another step in the travels of this newspaper from England to Africa to Sicily to Italy to France to Belgium—and now to Western Germany.

When it became apparent the speed of advancing U.S. Armies posed a difficult circulation problem, a typewriter-toting task force from the Paris office headed for Frankfurt to survey possibilities of a Germany edition. They found equipment there a useless mass of wreckage.

The shop of a bombed-out Frankfurt printing establishment had been transferred by the German owners to Pfungstadt, and it was here that the advance staff headed.

An announcement printed in Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Germany edition said:

"This edition won't be good. We are wrestling with strange equipment, much of it with key parts missing. The dispossessed civilians helping this GI staff speak a dozen languages, none of them English. We are short of materials, we haven't yet liberated an engraving plant and, damn it, we can't find the Mauldin cartoons.

"However, we're going to press, thanks to the help of a lot of GIs in a lot of units in the Third and Seventh Armies and the Ninth AF.

"We'll increase our press run as fast as possible to serve those of us east of the Rhine with up-to-date news. And just about the time we get going good, we'll move again—farther into Germany."



**Confidence in Command**

We have seen plenty of action since we've been in combat. Our officers are damned good! The present ones have been with us for some time, and we have the highest respect for them as leaders and gentlemen. They have shown they have what it takes.

Recently we've had a breather after driving from the Roer to the Rhine, and spent some of our idle time playing softball. Our officers, being Americans, also participated in the games. Today an order came out prohibiting officers from participating in sports with the enlisted men.

If these officers have gained our respect and admiration in battle, I'm damned sure that a game or games of softball won't destroy it... and they are damned good ball players!—S/Sgt. F. Lambert, Inf.

**Dance Music**

The S & S said, "... the 29th Div., which had cleared the Julich fortress (cheek), was moving ahead and had wiped out the Germans at Pattern by afternoon." I'll be go to hell, straighten up and fly right, Ed. Co. L. 330th, 3rd Bn., 83rd Div., bled and sweated out Pattern, then waltzed thru a 1,500-yard field ("88" time) to take Sevnich.

By printing this, a dozen or so doughs with my emergency medical tags would feel their efforts acknowledged.—P. D. Ryan, Inf.

**Rush Job**

We read that the British and American offensive will go on until it is forced to stop by reason of the armies overreaching their supply lines. Why not take all available trucks and drivers from us tail-end outfits and shoot 'em up to the front with gas, oil, food and even reinforcements?

This outfit could shut down construction, never be missed and use the gas saved daily to haul 50,000 gallons of fuel 400 miles in twenty hours.—Lt. J. K. Farnsworth, Engr. Avn. Bn.

**Take Heed**

Just wondering how many of these kids are going to have to be killed before the GIs who throw them candy while riding in trucks and convoys wise up.

It adds up like this: Joe likes kids, so he saves his candy, and when he passes a bunch of them scatters sweets to them. The kids get in the habit of running out whenever they see an American vehicle.

Result: a child hurt or dead. It isn't the fault of the kids and in most cases it isn't the fault of the driver. I know, I'm usually there. But it is a bit difficult to try and explain that to the parents or to try and straighten out some nerve-wracked driver who, although he had observed the traffic regulations, still feels it is his fault.

There it is, so the next time you throw out your candy figure out just what you are giving them.—Lt. H. P. Vallow, 783 MP Bn.

**Unit History**

Recently we received a story of the history of the Fifth Armored Division, and are still wondering why! This artillery battalion was not mentioned even one time, although it played a very important

role in the Victory Division's actions thus far.

We are not looking for the Knox Artillery Trophy or trying to take credit from any other divisional outfits, but we would like a little credit from our own commanding general.—Pvt. F. W. S., FA Bn.

(We checked with the unit which prepares these booklets and this is what they tell us: Your booklet, as all other unit histories, was compiled from information furnished by the Division PRO. We know this won't help you, but it will put others on their toes.—Ed.)

**What's Up?**

After several months of combat, during which we were showered with the doctrine of dispersion, we found ourselves doing "by-the-right-flank" and counting cadence in sight of the Germans just across the Rhine. Our only consolation was that it perhaps puzzled the German observers. But, we want to know: "What's up?"—Cpl. J. R. Jarrell, FA Bn. (also signed by 18 others.—Ed.)

**Depowderized Eggs Next**

A discovery of mine that takes that "canned" taste away from powdered milk:

Mix the milk according to recipe and later add two teaspoonfuls of bacon grease. Stir it thoroughly and strain. You'll find that it will taste like fresh milk. The men of my company were sure it was!—T/4 F. Reese, 811 TD Bn.

(The Subsistence Division of QM gave your suggestion a test, and advised that they agree entirely with your suggestion, and furthermore, your recipe is being passed along for the use of all personnel in the field by publishing it in the Theater Menu for May.—Ed.)

**Not Rested**

The division was pulled off the line for a rest. Since that day we have been having reveille, retreat, close order drill and physical training. We even police the yards around the empty houses in this town. We have cleaned the houses which we stay in so well all the German people will have to do is move in. Isn't this enough to do for the Germans without cleaning all their places.

Then there is one more item we would like to know about. We understand there is a ruling in ETO against mass formation larger than a platoon. But I guess our regiment can't be satisfied.—S/Sgt. R. L. S., Inf.

**Top Officers Knew Slain Gen. Rose As One of Best Armored Leaders**

By Andy Rooney  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD ARMD. DIV., April 5.—Maurice Rose, the Third Armd. Div. major general whom a German tanker killed Saturday night, was a leader down where they fight.

American newspapers may not have known him. But professional soldiers and the men in his Spearhead Div. know that the U.S. Army has lost one of its three most capable armored commanders. Eisenhower knew him, Bradley knew him and Hodges knew him. They gave Rose and his division some of the toughest jobs of the war. They gave him St. Lo, the Ardennes and Paderborn.

Two nights before his death Gen. Rose asked four correspondents into the room he had fixed as his overnight headquarters.

The general stood when the men came in. He was a handsome man. At 45, he looked eight years younger. He stood six feet two in his high-topped Texas-type boots with flat heels. He weighed about 185 pounds. His hair was close-cropped, gray. His face was flushed with color and, when he smiled, he seemed to hold his lips as though they were puckered.

The general and the correspondents talked informally about the drive which was taking the Third Armd. out on a strong steel limb to Paderborn.

"When do you hope to reach your objective, general?" one of the correspondents asked. "Tomorrow," he replied with a smile.

"You think you'll be there tomorrow—better than 100 miles?" "You said hope. I can hope, can't I?"

"Yeomans will probably be the first man on the objective the way things look now," the general continued. "He'll get there and then radio me some caustic note like, 'The first team is here. When is the division coming?'"

Yeomans is a task force commander of the Third Armd. Gen. Rose took command of the



Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, left, before the Cologne Cathedral, with two members of his staff, Brig. Gens. Hickey, center, and Budinot.

Third Armd. in the middle of the breakthrough action at St. Lo. He had formerly been chief of the Second Armd.'s CCB. He was the close friend and star pupil of Maj. Gen. Ernest N. (Old Gravel Voice) Harmon. As colonel in North Africa he was Harmon's chief of staff with the First Armd. Div. On one occasion in the Tunisian campaign, Rose was well forward in his jeep in the middle of a tank attack. The jeep was hit by an 88, but Rose miraculously escaped unhurt.

"Would there have been any time during this operation when horse cavalry would have been of use, general?" a correspondent asked him. "No." "What do you plan to do after the war?" someone asked. "Oh, I'd like to go back to some nice permanent post like Ft. Bliss, Texas, and command a horse cavalry troop," the general said. "I have a four-year-old boy at home to get acquainted with, too. That will take a lot of my time."

**Postwar Jobs for All, Baruch Says**

By A. Victor Lasky  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, April 5.—Bernard M. Baruch picked up the phone at Claridge's in London after his secretary had told him the Prime Minister was calling.

Although the 75-year-old elder statesman—here on a Presidential

mission—was very busy, he found time earlier in the day to sit on a bench in Hyde Park and chew the fat with two GIs.

Later, Baruch—to whom a park bench is as good a place as any to settle world affairs—discussed for an hour problems facing soldiers.

The GIs had told Baruch, when he asked them, that they were mainly concerned with getting "a good job after the war and settling down."

"I don't think those boys have much to worry about when they get home," Baruch said later. "No matter what is done or not done, for five or seven years after the war ceases there'll be more work in the U.S. than there will be minds or hands with which to do it."

**He Ought to Know**

Bernie—as he prefers being called—ought to know. When it comes to such matters, the President often calls him in from his Lafayette Park bench across the street from the White House.

In the last war he was President Wilson's right-hand man, having mobilized and run U.S. industry. In this war he has been advising mainly on such subjects as postwar economic demobilization and the rubber shortage.

"Make clear in your story," the white-haired Presidential adviser requested, "that what happens after those five or seven years depends on the peace the big boys are preparing for us now."

Baruch said that when he returns to the U.S. he will check charges that rehabilitation plans and hospitals for veterans are inadequate.

**Should Be More Effective**

"The GI Bill of Rights has to be made more effective than it is at present. When a veteran is discharged he should be told his rights—rights which aren't charity dis-



Bernard M. Baruch

pensed by a beneficent community, but rights which he earned. He should be protected from super-salesmanship designed to sell him everything from a piece of useless property to a used car.

"He should be advised authoritatively what he can do with the money he borrows. He should have the definite assurance—not some vague provision—that he can get his old job back or a better one. And he should be given enough time to make his decisions.

"In other words, when the veteran returns to the U.S. he should have at least one place to which he can go in dignity. There's too much shunting around at present. That's my hope and determination."

About the Hyde Park bench. "Benches are pretty much the same all over the world, I guess," the park bench statesman observed.

**HUBERT**

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"No fuss, no bother, no dish-pan hand!"

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**This Happened in America Yesterday:**

# 365,000 PWs in U.S., Most of Them Germans

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, April 5.—The number of prisoners captured by American armed forces on the fighting fronts and subsequently shipped to the U.S. has been increasing. As of April 1, the War Department said today, the number is almost 365,000.

Breaking down the total, the department said that 311,000 were Germans, 50,000 Italians and 3,200 Japanese. They have been distributed among 140 base camps and 300 branch camps located near work projects. About 35,000 Italians are members of service units engaged in war work.

A Detroit brewery staged a publicity stunt which created a bomb scare in the city. Reports flashed back to the cops that bombs had been found on the doorsteps of bars, restaurants and grocery stores. The cops finally bagged one of the "bombs," and found, inside of what appeared to be a giant firecracker, a bottle of beer plus advertising matter headed: "Crash! Boom! Bang!"

## A Cultured Blues Singer Sues

INDIGNANT is the word for Dale Belmont, a New York blues singer known to her friends on the Great White Way as "The Sweater." "The Sweater" is suing a Broadway publishing firm for using this picture of her to promote sales for a book called "The Complete Guide to Bust Culture." Somewhere in the background of the suit (not the picture) lurks a press agent.



Dale Belmont  
hot under the collar.

Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell will participate in the official opening of the Seventh War Loan drive May 14 at Buffalo, N.Y. There will be a rally at Buffalo stadium, which will be nationally broadcast, and 36 infantry combat teams will present some of the doughboys' tasks, such as attacking a pillbox. The teams will later scatter throughout the country to push the drive.

DOWN in Albuquerque, N.M., the gendarmes are fascinated by the request made by a worried traveler. "Please find my six-legged pig," he begged them. He explained he lost it while delivering it to a circus.

From Marblehead, Mass., comes word that William S. Sweet, 73, a lobster fisherman who won \$50,000 on Theroma, a third-place horse in the Irish Sweepstakes of 1934, is still fishing peacefully. Every nickel—except for taxes—is in the bank, and his interests haven't changed. His only splurge was a trip to Colorado.

## Aircraft Output Tops Goal

WAR Production Chief J. A. Krug announced that the March output of aircraft totaled 7,053 planes and included 2,544 bombers. This topped the month's goal by 199 planes, he said, adding that planes rolled off assembly lines at the rate of 261 per day.

Newspapers carried figures on the value of the franc in foreign exchange, as of April 3. The franc was worth 2.019 cents, while Britain's pound was worth \$4.04.

CHARLES DORIES, 56, of Brooklyn, who had worked on many a skyscraper as a structural iron craftsman, was doing a minor repair job on the three-story building in which he lived. He fell, was impaled on a picket fence, and died later in a hospital.

Roscoe Patterson 33, of Wickliffe, Ky., went into the Army, thus leaving the town without local telephone service. Patterson was owner of the Wickliffe Telephone Co., serving 190 subscribers, and with his departure, it closed.

## Sailors Put on Their War Paint



Gunners of a U.S. Navy destroyer daub their faces with anti-flash-burn cream before reporting to battle stations. The cream protects the face from gusts of flame that often accompany firing of the guns.

## 1918 Vet's Eye Overseas Again

ST. JOSEPH, La., April 5 (ANS).—John W. Amos' eye is doing duty in the second World War, but the eye is overseas and Amos is here.

He received a letter today from Frank Chabina, of Hammond, La., to whom he gave the uninjured retina of a blinded eye several years ago, when the two men became acquainted in a New Orleans hospital.

The letter said: "Now, pop, you can tell people that your eye—I mean 'our eye'—is back in the fight again. It's remarkable, isn't it, that you were in the last World War with your eye and now I have that same eye in this war? If luck stays with me I'm coming back with it."

## Steel Output Hit by Outlaw Coal Strikes

PITTSBURGH, April 5 (UP).—Outlaw soft coal strikes, centering in the rich Pennsylvania fields, cut into vital steel production yesterday.

Pickets were reported roving western Pennsylvania fields in automobiles, threatening miners who were going back to work. At Perryopolis, in Fayette County, three cars filled with pickets halted truckloads of miners and forced them to "turn around and go home." A truck driver reported that revolvers and shotguns had been pointed at him.

With the situation tense, the Solid Fuels Administration in Pittsburgh looked for a crisis tomorrow.

### Workers Vote to Return

Late today, 1,100 employees of Jones & Laughlin Company's Vesta No. 5 mine voted to return to work in the morning and it was believed that workers in three other company mines soon would follow suit, easing the situation in western Pennsylvania.

Work stoppages involved 61,000 miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and Alabama and a smattering in West Virginia. Production was off 284,000 tons yesterday. Much of this was high-test metallurgical coal, produced at "captive" pits of steel companies. On Tuesday, the production loss totaled 450,000 tons.

In Pennsylvania, 28,000 miners were idle and production was off 116,000 tons. Ohio reported 6,600 men on strike and production off 33,000 tons; Kentucky, 12,000 men and 60,000 tons, and Alabama, 15,000 men and 75,000 tons.

United Mine Workers officials met with little success in efforts to get the men back to work.

## Dismissal Notices Mailed to Striking Movie Employees

HOLLYWOOD, April 5 (ANS).—Nine major film studios yesterday mailed dismissal notices to all employees who have been on strike for the last 25 days.

The action, announced after a meeting of producers, came as the result of an ultimatum two days ago, in which 14,000 studio workers were ordered to return today or lose their jobs.

Herbert K. Sorrell, president of the Conference of Studio Unions, which is leading the walkout in a jurisdictional dispute between AFL unions over the control of 77 set designers, declared:

"Our picket lines are firm. Our members are still out. No new faces have crossed the picket lines at the studios today in reply to the producers' ultimatum."

A spokesman for the producers said that Richard Walsh, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, attended the producers' meeting and promised aid in keeping the studios going.

# Midwest, West Lashed By Heavy Snow, Gales

CHICAGO, April 5 (ANS).—Spring took a holiday yesterday as heavy snow, bitter cold and high winds threatened fruit crops, blocked highways, closed rural schools and disrupted traffic in the midwest and west.

The snowfall reached 17 inches in Minnesota which had its worst April storm since 1938. Northern and western Iowa had as much as 16 inches, while there was a 14-inch fall in Nebraska, eight inches in northwestern Wisconsin and eight inches in upper Michigan.

A storm in the Rocky Mountains brought 14 inches of snow to Colorado and Wyoming, accompanied by 17-below-zero weather at Laramie, Wyo., and 14 below at Leadville, Colo. Snow also fell in New Mexico, Texas, Missouri and Kansas. The freezing weather extended as far south as Texas, where a low of 12 was reported from Pampa.

Meanwhile, the Mississippi, in flood stage from Iowa to the Gulf of Mexico, rose further with heavy rains, while Army engineers in the lower valley prepared to blast open the great Morganza floodway within ten days to prevent a repetition of the 1927 flood disaster. Hundreds of families already have been driven from their homes along the big river's tributaries.

Refugee Camps Flooded  
The greatest immediate danger and damage existed along the swollen tributaries—the lesser Arkansas and Louisiana Rivers among them—whose crest waters will pour into the Mississippi in the next two weeks. Seven breaks were reported in Jackson Bayou levee. The Red River was rising as well.

Many farms and refugee camps were flooded, and livestock drowned, along the Arkansas and Louisiana Rivers. Sandbag crews worked steadily on the levees. A 24-hour patrol was being kept at all main line levees from Cairo, Ill., to the Gulf.

Chicago Hit by High Winds  
Chicago, which experienced a fast temperature drop from 64 Tuesday to about 30 early yesterday, was hit by winds which reached 60 miles an hour in gusts at the municipal airport. One woman was injured when she was hurled by the wind from an elevated railroad platform to the tracks. Trees were knocked down and store display windows smashed.

Storm warnings went up at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., where lake steamers anchored above the locks to ride out 45-mile winds.

Gloria Vanderbilt Silent On Wedding Rumor  
RENO, Nev., April 5 (ANS).—Gloria Vanderbilt DiCicco went into seclusion today and could not be reached for comment on reports that she would wed Leopold Stokowski, famed orchestra conductor.

The New York Daily News said that Stokowski left yesterday for Mexico and that Gloria would join him there after securing a divorce decree from Pat DiCicco, of Hollywood.

War Mother Dies  
KANSAS CITY, April 5 (ANS).—Mrs. Margaret N. McCluer, 76, former national president of the American War Mothers, who in 1933 was named the "typical national war mother," died Monday in Hollywood.

## In the Dough



Ensign S. Jerome Tamkin, 18, who revealed in Chicago that he is receiving \$10,000 a year royalties for his invention of a gas vapor detector, is shown with his wife, Rita, also 18, on his way to Annapolis, Md., where he is assigned to jet-propulsion research.

## Smith Boosted For Loan Post

WASHINGTON, April 5 (ANS).—Budget Director Harold Smith, who has dealt with more billions of spending than any man in history, may become the new federal loan administrator.

Officials high in the government, the Associated Press said today, are supporting him for the job vacated by Fred M. Vinson, director of war mobilization and reconversion.

Others mentioned as possible successors to Vinson include Leo T. Crowley, foreign economic administrator; Edwin W. Pauley, of California, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee; Gov. Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, and Emil Schram, former head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and now president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Observers, meanwhile, wondered whether Vinson would remove some of the home front restrictions ordered by his predecessor, James F. Byrnes.

Vinson may be influenced toward removing the ban on horseracing by the fact that the English tracks are operating, the United Press said.

His views on other restrictions—the midnight curfew and the brownout—have not been revealed.

## Poll Tax Ban Favored

COLUMBIA, S.C., April 5 (ANS).—The House Judiciary Committee reported favorably today on the Senate bill to eliminate South Carolina's poll tax by a constitutional amendment. If the House passes the bill, the voters will decide the issue in 1946.

# Circus Opens as It Awaits Ruling on Prison Terms for 5

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau  
NEW YORK, April 5.—The Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey "greatest show on earth" opened its 1945 season last night in Madison Square Garden.

The circus' future was uncertain because today, in Hartford, Conn., Justice William J. Shea was to rule whether five key officials must begin immediately prison sentences imposed as a result of the circus fire which killed 168 persons in Hartford last July.

The circus contends that it

cannot go through its summer tour without the services of the five men. If it does not spend the summer on the road, it asserts, it will have to go into receivership and there will be little chance of Hartford claimants collecting death and injury awards of more than \$3,600,000.

The circus this year has a new big top which has been fireproofed by the same chemical process used by the Army and Navy.

The show will move to Boston after a 42-day engagement in New York.

## They Were 1,200 Women Slaves

**Crematory Cut Number to 900;  
6th Armd. Sets Jewish Group Free**

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SIXTH ARMD. DIV., April 3 (Delayed).—In the beginning there were 1,200 Hungarian Jewish women and girls, hand-picked by the SS slave hunters to work in Nazi munitions factories. But some sickened, some became pregnant, others weakened from overwork and malnutrition. Nine hundred were freed Good Friday when the Sixth Armd. Div. raced north 100kms. toward Kassel.

S/Sgt. Claus Mayer, of New York, attached to headquarters of the Sixth Armd., said:

"I have read about these things but this is the first time I have seen such results of atrocity.

"These women were all between 16 and 35. They were slave-drafted by the Schutzstaffel and taken to the town of Auschwitz, where they were screened. They were forced to undress and undergo physical exams. Immediately many of the original 1,200 were weeded out because of pregnancy and signs of middle age."

The women were then formed into two groups and sent by freight car to Birkenau, ten miles east of Mannheim, where they were further screened. The larger group, consisting of young,

**Younger Ones Put to Work in Plants;  
Some Died of Starvation, Exhaustion**

healthy women, was put to work in ammunitions and poison gas factories, the sergeant said. He continued:

"The other group was led away to the infamous crematory at Birkenau. Those surviving told me their women SS guards pointed to the fuming smoke stack of this furnace and laughed.

"The women in the factories were forced to sleep naked. They were fed one bowl of soup and two pieces of black bread daily.

"If they became pregnant or caught some disease, even such a trifling one as measles, they were immediately stripped and thrown into a van with those who died of starvation and physical exhaustion. Then they were carted away, the quick and the dead, to the crematory."

As truck-borne infantrymen raced after the armor and artillery, the liberated women stood by the roadside, waving to the doughs. They didn't say much, and they didn't beg. Their faces were thin and their clothes threadbare.

Word of the 900 slave girls and women had passed from mouth to mouth around the sector, and as the doughs whizzed by the smiling groups of women, they tossed them their own lunch and dinner rations.

## Negro Doughs Join 1st Army's Eastward Push

By Allan Morrison

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE FIRST U.S. ARMY IN GERMANY, April 5.—Negro doughboys are participating in the eastward sweep by Gen. Hodges' forces.

Committed to support rifle companies of veteran First Army divisions as extra rifle platoons, the infantrymen, practically all of whom volunteered for combat, have been in action east of the Rhine with the First, Second, Ninth, 78th, 99th, and 104th Divs.

Most of these ex-Com Z reinforcements are now full-fledged line troops, having tasted battle action and killed and captured Germans. Scores of them now proudly wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge. All but one member of the First Division's 18th Regiment recently were awarded the badge.

Plan Called Success

If comments of white personnel of these divisions are any indication, the plan of mixing white and colored troops in fighting units, a departure from previous U.S. Army practice, is operating successfully.

Negro reinforcements reported a sincere, friendly welcome everywhere. They also spoke of excellent relations with their white fellow-doughs, of the making of inter-racial friendships.

The integration of the Negro platoons into their units was accomplished quickly and quietly. There was no problem.

The Negro doughs operate as separate platoons but they are commanded by white officers and platoon sergeants. The latter will lead until Negro non-coms are selected.

Several of these platoons have earned praise from unit commanders for performances during their baptism of fire. Noteworthy was the first action of the Negro platoon of K Co., 394th Regt. of the 99th Div at Honningen, on the Rhine.

This platoon led the company assault on the town, cleared about one-fourth of it and captured more than 250 prisoners.

Captain Is Damned Glad

"I was damned glad to get those boys," said the CO of K Co., Capt. Wesley J. Simmons, of Snow Hill, Md. "They fit into our company like any other platoon, and they fight like hell. Maybe that's because they were all volunteers and wanted to get into this."

Another platoon of the 393rd Inf. Regt.'s E Co., saw its first action on March 25 during an attack on German positions in a woods near Jahrfeld. Led by Lt. Roy Brown, of Chihuahua, Mex., they advanced in marching fire order and routed the Germans, knocking out a Mark IV tank and a flak wagon, killing 48 of enemy, capturing 60, and gaining their objective—Hill 373—after being cut off by 150 Germans.

**Seyss-Inquart Reported  
To Have Fled Holland**

LONDON, April 5 (UP).—Arthur Seyss-Inquart, the Nazis' hand-picked ruler of Holland whose economic oppression left that nation dying of starvation and disease, has fled to Austria with 9,000,000 gulden looted from the Amsterdam Bank, according to reports here.

## War-Flattened Munster Once Hub of Culture

By George Dorsey

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. 17th AIRBORNE DIV., April 5.—A few intact houses in the outskirts—and that's all that remains of Munster, once a great German center of culture and in the war picture a highly important transportation hub.

American soldiers who have seen both say that the devastation of Munster is more complete than Cologne.

The population of the city has fallen from a prewar figure of 144,000 to something under 20,000. No one can be sure what it is today, because people are still edging warily out of the cellars beneath the Munster ruins and others are filing silently in from the surrounding countryside.

The 17th Airborne Div., backed by the Sixth Armd. Coldstream Guards, captured Munster and more than 4,000 Nazi soldiers by charging into the city from three sides.

Cathedral Blasted

Fires from Sunday's big softening-up air raid still flickered among the ruins in the heart of the city. Munster's Gothic cathedral, after surviving 98 previous raids, was wrecked in this one.

A warehouse containing a million dollars worth of food and liquor supplies was the scene of a wild looting bee staged by German civilians and displaced persons until military authorities intervened.

The city's none-too-capable defenders were men who originated from 80 different units. They ranged from boys to old men, ack-ack crews to Volksturmers, and at least eight of them had artificial limbs.

**Vandegrift Confirmed  
As Four-Star General**

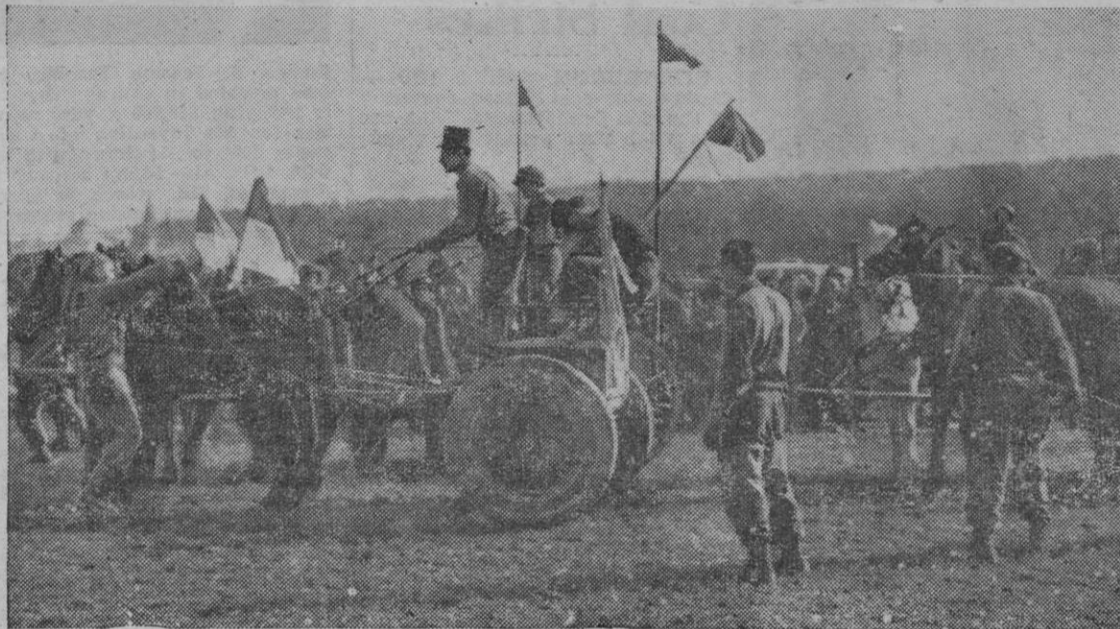
WASHINGTON, April 5 (ANS).—The Senate confirmed yesterday the promotion of Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps commandant, to the rank of full general.

Three vice admirals were promoted to admiral—Richard S. Edwards, deputy chief of naval operations; Henry K. Hewitt, commander of the Eighth Fleet, and Thomas C. Kinkaid, commander of the Seventh Fleet.

**Lend-Lease Act Extended**

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously approved yesterday a one-year extension of the lend-lease act, including the amendment passed by the House specifying that it must be for "military use only." Leo Crowley, Foreign Economic Administrator, assured the committee he has neither the intention nor the authority to make commitments for postwar relief.

## Yank Charioteers in the Rhine Rodeo



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

A top-hatted driver shouts instructions to a hostler just before the start of a chariot race staged by men of a First Army Division during a rest in Germany. They called the games the Rhine Rodeo.

## Gibraltar Spy Post Found Just Before FDR Passed By

CEUTA, Spanish Morocco, April 5 (AP).—American intelligence agents wiped out a Nazi spy post overlooking Gibraltar just eight hours before President Roosevelt's ship passed through the Straits of Gibraltar on the way home from the Yalta conference.

The Nazis, using Spanish Falangists, had an elaborate plan to tip off waiting U-boats. For some time prior to the raid, the Nazis were suspected of organizing an espionage service in Spanish North Africa to trail Allied convoys, employing Falangists to spy for them.

As the Roosevelt convoy approached Gibraltar, officials of the U.S. Legation at Tangier rushed to Tetuan, where they interviewed friendly Spanish government officials concerning Axis espionage. The Spaniards are reported to have expressed skepticism, but agreed to provide a military escort.

They found a secret observation post at Ceuta, hidden in a private house perched high on the cliffs overlooking Gibraltar. In it were a radio used to communicate with U-boats, and German code books.

Maxwell and his buddies were standing off a heavy German assault on an advanced observation post near Besançon when a grenade landed among the four Americans.

Then, according to Pvt. James P. Soblesky, of Petoskey, Mich., "during that split-second while we were lying there sweating, Maxwell jumped. . . and landed on top of the grenade. He had no more than covered it when it exploded, and by some stroke of luck he wasn't killed."

The other men were T/4 Cyril F. McColl, of Pittsburgh, and Pfc James P. Joyce, of Kansas City, Kans.

**Hero Gets Medal  
For Saving 3 by  
Falling on Grenade**

WASHINGTON, April 5 (ANS).—The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded to Cpl. Robert D. Maxwell, of Larimer County, Colo., who saved the lives of three comrades in France last fall by throwing himself on a live German hand-grenade.

Cpl. Maxwell is now at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Wash. The citation said he would be maimed permanently.

**Nazi Press Now Prints  
29th Division's Paper**

WITH 29th INF. DIV., Germany. —A flatbed press which several weeks ago was turning out a daily Nazi paper, now prints the Blue and Gray Div.'s weekly, 29-Let's Go.

The two-page paper is being handset by Pfc David McMillan, of Los Angeles, and John Van Gelder, of Albany, N.Y.

**Yank and a .45  
Knock Out Nazi  
88 and Crew of 3**

WITH 17th AIRBORNE DIV., Germany.—An airborne version of the old David and Goliath story occurred during the Rhine crossings when a gliderman of the 17th Airborne Div., armed with a .45, knocked out the crew of a German 88mm. artillery piece.

Pfc Marvin "Baldy" Baker, 20, of Minneapolis, was in a glider that crashed into a fence and nosed into the ground. He broke out of the glider, only to be greeted by machine-gun fire and a grenade. The glider had landed on an artillery position.

Baker drew his pistol and shot one fleeing gunner. He got another with a grenade. A third was killed as he looked up from the 88.

A white phosphorous grenade dropped down the barrel of the 88 ended its usefulness.

## Art Cache Uncovered in Reich

WITH FIRST ARMY, April 5 (AP).—Priceless art treasures from Germany and France have been found in a dank, dark tunnel which civilians used as an air raid shelter on the First Army front. Paintings, including works of Rembrandt, Reubens, Van Gogh and Van Dyke; sculptures and other invaluable works of art from museums, cathedrals and private collections were moved from one hiding place to another by Germans until they were found by doughboys overrunning enemy positions in the Siegen area.

How much of the cache is legitimately German art and how much is from France—or what possible value might be placed on the collection—cannot be determined until an inventory is taken.

The treasures are under the care of the former curator of the Aachen museum but even his efforts failed to prevent the paintings from being affected somewhat by dampness in the underground passage.

## Chiefs Praise Soldiers, Warn Against Letup

WASHINGTON, April 5 (ANS).—Top Army leaders told U.S. men in khaki around the globe that they were doing a magnificent job, but that there must be no letup until both enemies are beaten to their knees.

The Army leaders warned that hard fighting was still ahead.

The statements were made in advance in observance of Army Day, April 6, exactly ten months after perhaps the greatest Army achievement of all time—the invasion of France.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson voiced gratitude to the troops for a job well done.

### Cannot Relax Pressure

"In these days of crisis the Army cannot pause to take full part in observance of the occasion," he said. "Our efforts are directed to pressing home the attack on our enemies in Europe and in the Pacific. The pressure must not be relaxed."

Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, said that the war against Germany was moving "toward the successful conclusion for which we have worked and fought so long."

"In the Pacific, our forces have already virtually liberated the Philippines and have been brought to bear against the last outposts of the Japanese homeland, but the urgency of the military situation requires that we increase pressure on the enemy by every means within our power," Marshall added.

### 'New Luster' Added

Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Commander of the AAF, said that the fighting men in all branches are "adding new luster to our military history and are giving Army Day an enhanced meaning."

Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of the Army Ground Forces, paid tribute to the doughboys.

"By our brilliant, deep-cutting armored attacks, by the fierce, steady advance of our infantry and by the shattering concentration of our artillery . . . by all these, combined with the warfare of a bigger team, we have destroyed German armies, German cities and German hope," Stilwell said.

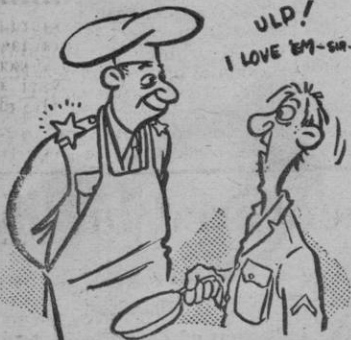
Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, commander of the Service Forces, said that the satisfaction with progress in Europe must be tempered by the realization that a long Pacific war is ahead.

"Great battles remain to be fought and won," Somervell said.

## And KPs Admit It General Proves His Point Exactly

**AIR TECH. SERV. COMMAND HQ.**—Any GI can eat powdered eggs, but not every GI can have them prepared and served to him by a general.

KPs at an ATSC station in France were skeptical when Brig. Gen. Wilbur H. McReynolds,



Air QM of the AAF who was visiting their mess hall, asserted that the powdered eggs, properly prepared, compared favorably with fresh eggs.

The general took off his blouse, put on a white apron and went to work. EMs who sampled the finished product admitted they were the tastiest powdered eggs they'd ever eaten.

## Rhine Bridge Carries a Double Load



German prisoners file on to and across a pontoon bridge over the Rhine as U.S. supply trucks move toward the front. U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

## Starving Soviet PWs Rip Open Cans With Bare Hands After Liberation

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

With 82nd RECON. Bn., April 5.—More than 8,500 emaciated, hunger-crazed Russian PWs were liberated when a southward slice of the 82nd Recon. Bn. overran a Nazi prison camp on the fringe of the Teutoburger Forest west of Detmold.

The Russians, plus nearly 2,000 French and Belgian prisoners, had been in the camp for as long as five years and were scarred and ragged when motorcycles and scout cars from battalion headquarters and Dog Co. roared up to the camp.

They greeted their liberators with wild cries. When the Second Armd. Div. recon men shot and wounded one of the resisting Nazi guards, the prisoners finished him off by choking him.

### Storm Food Storehouses

When the Yanks forced the surrender of the Nazi prison guards the famished Russians stormed the heretofore closely-guarded food storehouses and groveled on the ground eating raw flour from a sack they tore open with their fingers.

Cans of powdered milk were smashed open and torn apart with bare hands, and sacks of dried beans were fought for by the suffering, maddened prisoners.

Maj. Charles Gerard, battalion executive officer, said, "It was horrible. They'd cut their hands tearing the cans open and wouldn't even seem to notice."

### 98 Percent Dead

Gerard added that the Russian commandant of the prisoners told him that 98 percent of the original prisoner population of the camp had been shot or had died of disease and that succeeding contingents were treated like beasts.

Theoretically the Russians are under internment until SHAEF can arrange for their repatriation, but today large numbers of them were wandering around the Teutoburger Forest area, living in German houses, strawstacks or in the woods and foraging for their food from the countryside.

## U.S., France to Sign Pact Easing Travel

An accord to facilitate travel between the U.S. and France is to be signed by Ambassador Jefferson Caffery and Foreign Minister Bidault at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Foreign Ministry.

The accord provides for immediate issuance of entry visas into France and the U.S. for French and American holders of diplomatic, special and service passports, and also for bearers of ordinary passports who present letters from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs or U.S. Department of State establishing that they are proceeding on tasks of national importance.

## First Servicemen's Ticket Loses in Illinois Elections

By Phil Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent

AURORA, Ill., April 5.—The nation's first local election with a Serviceman's Party on the ticket found three World War II veterans badly beaten by incumbents today.

But people here do not consider the results to indicate a rejection of the principles for which the party stood. Rather, it was a vote in favor of experience against inexperience—and many voters feared that the candidates were not strong enough to stand against the pressure from some of their backers.

The present mayor, 73-year-old Andrew J. Carter, who had service in the Navy in World War I, polled 7,358 to the 2,279 accorded Lt. Richard K. Holmstrom, Silver Star veteran of the Italian campaign, who is awaiting his discharge. A third party—the Victory party—came in a close third.

The election aroused little interest and no mud-slinging, although there was a certain amount of smear work against local out-of-office politicians, who were known to be advising the Serviceman's Party. The general feeling is that it was too early to try to promote a GI party.

As the mayor said: "We have 7,000 men in the services. Wait till they come back. Lots of them have administrative experience and we know that they'll take over and that's the way we want it. Them poor boys who ran against me were misled."

It did look a while back that this election might indicate the significance of the serviceman's interests, but it didn't. Of the nine candidates, eight were vets of either this or the last war. But it was just politics.

In Oak Park, Ill., a serviceman, Capt. Herbert Redding, ran for the office of city clerk. He was beaten two to one by the incumbent.

### Danzig Under Polish Flag

MOSCOW, April 5 (UP).—The Polish Provisional Government in Warsaw has decreed creation of Danzig Province and has formally incorporated it into Poland, the Soviet news agency Tass reported. The Poles said that parts of Silesia also had been given to Poland.

## Air Monopoly Unwise, Say Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—The U.S. must maintain a vast civil aircraft industry and transport system in the interest of national security, the War and Navy Departments told Congress yesterday in opposing legislation to set up a monopoly airline for foreign operations.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said in a letter, read by Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary for Air, that he was "strongly of the opinion that it would be infinitely wiser" to retain the competitive system to the maximum extent that economics would allow.

Artemus Gates, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, said in a statement: "The concentration of power and influence in foreign affairs which would be vested in such a private corporation, would, in the opinion of the Navy Department, be inconsistent with the national interest and would not promote the maximum development of our air and transport system."

Both Lovett and Gates stressed the need, from a security standpoint, of the constant development of new types of commercial aircraft which have military counterparts. A monopoly airline would not provide the necessary market to spur such development, they said.

Maj. Gen. Harold George, who as head of the Army Transportation Corps runs the biggest airline in history, said that current estimates of postwar over-ocean traffic were "rank conservatism."

He said that the number of planes that would cross the Atlantic would "stagger the imagination." He noted that the ATC has carried 3,000,000 passengers all over the world. He said that flying conditions were better anywhere in the world than in this country, where the "weather is miserable."

## U.S. Will Drop Argentina Ban

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP).—The State Department, preparing to re-establish relations with Argentina, has decided to remove economic restrictions against that country, it was learned today.

BUENOS AIRES, April 5 (AP).—The Argentine government, which has declared war against the Axis, today confiscated all property in Argentina belonging to the German and Japanese governments, with the exception of diplomatic establishments.

The Foreign Ministry has been instructed to intern Japanese diplomats and their families pending an exchange.

## Along the Road Into Germany



An armored division of the U.S. First Army knocked out this enemy tank in its thrust into the Reich and left it with this ironic sign: "This don't work. Spearhead caught it. Too bad." U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

# WMC Dims Baseball's 'Green Light'

## Draft Boards Can Induct 'Job Jumpers'

CHICAGO, April 5.—Baseball's on-again, off-again "green light" was shrouded by a semi-brownout today when the War Manpower Commission announced local draft boards can induct athletes who leave war jobs.

This is a complete about-face from an earlier WMC edict which said athletes—primarily baseball players—could return to the diamond without fear of being termed "job jumpers."

The latest reversal was brought to light today when it was learned that Nick Etten, Yankee first baseman, had been reclassified 1-A by his Chicago draft board. Etten had remained at his war job with the Chicago American Gears until WMC announced ball players could return to their normal occupation without any change in their draft status.

### WMC Explains System

A WMC spokesman explained his agency's decision meant only that players did not have to go through U.S. Employment Service channels when changing jobs, but that the ruling "certainly was not binding on local draft boards."

Heaviest toll was reported from the Pittsburgh Pirate camp, where three players received draft notices on the same day. Third Baseman Bob Elliott, previously classified 4F, was ordered by War Department to undergo a three-day hospitalization period for observation; Pitcher Fritz Ostermueller was instructed to report for induction after the War Department reviewed his deferment, and Hank Camelli has an appointment April 30 with some GI supply sergeant.

### New Ruling Foils Rickey

Deacon Branch Rickey, Dodge president, fumed when Pitcher Cy Buker was dumped in 1-A by his Sturgeon Bay, Wis., board for discarding his schoolteaching job at Eau Claire, Wis. The Deacon threatened to appeal to WMC, but today's decision saves him the trouble of knocking his head against a stone wall.

On the other hand, Mike Kreevich, of the Browns, yesterday was reclassified 2-A by his Springfield, Ill., board and deferred for six months after being termed 1-A when he left his war job to join the American League champions.

## Golden Gloves Ends in 8-8 Tie

CHICAGO, April 5.—The eastern team captured five of eight championships as New York and Chicago Golden Glovers battled in their annual inter-city series, but the westerners came back to win five of the eight alternate duels before a capacity throng in Chicago Stadium last night.

In the championship class, Francisco Garcia, Puerto Rico, copped the flyweight crown by stopping Jackie Floyd, Chicago, in the third round, while Chicago's Luke Baylark annexed the heavyweight title by putting Jerry Conway to sleep in the first round. These were the only quick finishes on the card.

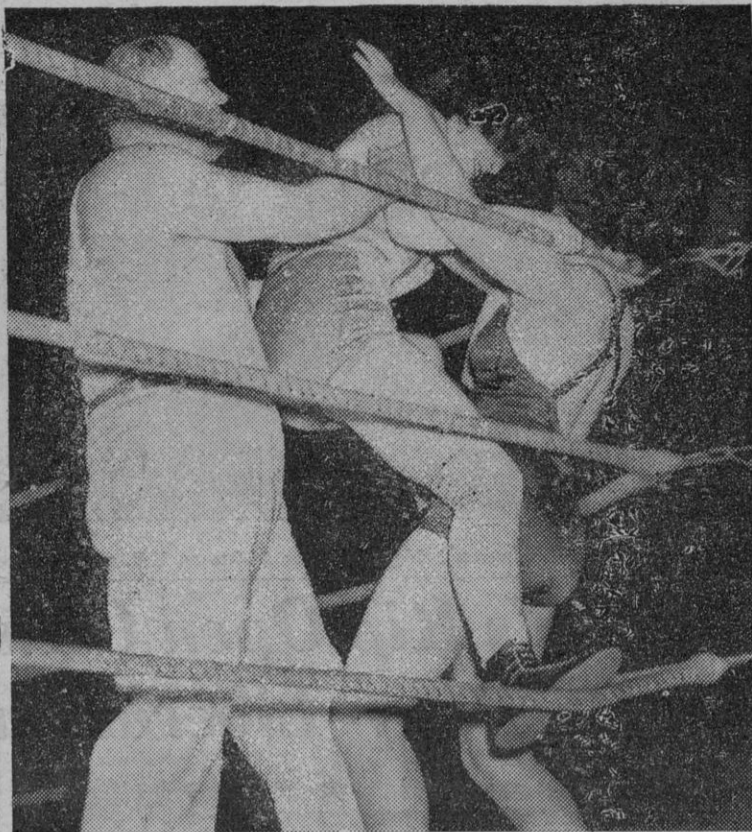
The New York team took only flyweight, lightweight and welterweight decisions in the alternate fights.

## Minor League Standings

### Pacific Coast League

Los Angeles 8	Seattle 5	Portland 5	Sacramento 4	San Diego 5	San Francisco 2	Oakland-Hollywood, not scheduled
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Portland..... 5 1 .830	Hollywood.. 2 3 .400	Seattle..... 4 2 .667	San Diego.. 2 4 .333	Los Angeles 4 2 .667	S.Francisco 2 4 .333	Sacramento 3 3 .500
Oakland..... 1 4 .200						

## Who Said 'Weaker Sex'?



Eye gouging and slapping have replaced dancing and sewing on the homefront—if the gal you left behind has joined the wrestlers' union. Here, Ann Miller (petite charmer suspended in air) locks a dainty stranglehold on Nell Stewart, while Referee "Cowboy" Littrell tries to restrain her. Littrell once fought Jack Dempsey, but that was sissy stuff compared to tangling with female grunt 'n' groaners.

## Wingers Swat Flyers, 48-33, To Reach USSTAF Finals

USSTAF HQ., April 5.—The Airway Communications Fifth Wingers, one of three clubs representing the UK, reached the championship flight of the USSTAF cage whirl by waltzing through the Troop Carrier High Flyers, 48-33, tonight in the opening semifinal test.

The Wingers may very well encounter another UK color-bearer for the crown tomorrow night because their neighboring ATSCE Bearcats went to the post against the Ninth AF Headquarters in the second semifinal game. The championship contest tomorrow night will be preceded by the consolation duel between the High Flyers and the loser of the Bearcats-HQ game, first game starting at 1900 hours.

The outcome of tonight's early contest never was in doubt after the opening whistle. With Norman Geske, Milwaukee, and Roscoe Branch, Little Rock, Ark., hitting the hoop from all angles, the Wingers rolled up an impressive 31-10 lead at the intermission and

simply coasted the rest of the way.

Although the Flyers spurted momentarily in the third quarter to pour 19 points through the nets, their deficit was too much to overcome. They lapsed back into submission during the fourth period, collecting four points while the Wingers counted ten.

Geske's ten field goals was high for the game, Branch contributed five baskets and five freethrows to the cause, while Doug Ertwistle, W. Orange, N.J., led the Flyers with 13 points.

### Box score:

5th WINGERS (48)			HIGH FLYERS (33)		
	B	F		B	F
Jacks f.....	2	0	Wright f.....	3	0
Beattie f.....	0	2	Travaglino f.....	2	2
Krovatch f.....	1	0	Kaelin f.....	0	0
Hoffman c.....	2	1	Demint c.....	3	1
Branch g.....	5	5	Mikies g.....	0	1
Geske g.....	10	0	Ertwistle g.....	6	1
			Dellago g.....	0	0
Totals.....	20	8	Totals.....	14	5

## Hanson, Mikan Top '45 Cage Scorers

NEW YORK, April 5.—A final tally of the year's basketball scorers reveals Vince Hanson, of Washington State, was high man, but DePaul's George Mikan was the most consistent.

Hanson dunked 592 points in 37 games for an average of 16, while Mikan, who registered 558, had an average of 23.2, according to the Associated Press tabulations. Ernie Calverley, of Rhode Island State, and Red Lewis, of Eastern Kentucky, were tied for third in total points, each with 549.

Mikan converted 122 freethrows to lead the nation in that scoring department.



George Mikan

## Homefront Honors GI Killed in ETO

CAMP LEE, Va., April 5.—Baseball officials, including Ford Frick, National League president, will participate in ceremonies here tomorrow when "Nowack Field" is dedicated.

The field is being named in honor of Sgt. Hank Nowack, former St. Louis pitcher from Buffalo, N.Y., who was killed in action in Belgium on New Year's Day. Before going overseas with the infantry, Nowack pitched for the Camp Lee team.

## Hawk Pilot Resigns Post

CHICAGO, April 5.—Paul Thompson, 38-year-old manager of the Chicago Blackhawks, informed President Bill Tobin today that he was resigning to enter private business in his home city, Vancouver, B. C. Thompson said he will manage an ice skating rink, and hopes eventually to enter a club from his home town in the Pacific Coast Hockey League.

Thompson, who was a star player before taking over management of the Hawks six years ago, has been in the National Hockey League 19 years, 14 with the Hawks and the rest of the time with the New York Rangers.

Johnny Gottselig's name was brought up as a possible successor to Thompson. Gottselig has had experience at managing in Kansas City and during Thompson's absences from the Hawks on scouting trips.

### Irish Sign Jacunski

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 5.—The Notre Dame football coaching staff was completed today with the addition of Harry Jacunski, Green Bay end for the past six seasons, as end coach. Head Coach Hugh Devore was end coach at Fordham when Jacunski played there in 1936-37-38.



GEORGE FIELD, Ill., April 5.—Bill Dietrich and Joe Haynes

spun a four-hit affair here yesterday as the White Sox shut out the Tigers, 8-0, in a seven-inning exhibition tilt. The Chisox pummeled Art Houtteman and Walt Wilson for 15 hits.



Marty Marion

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Yankees thumped the Red Sox, 8-3, yesterday to take a 3-2 lead in their exhibition series. Oscar Grimes clinched the verdict for Emerson Roser, who yielded three hits in six innings, with a three-run inside-the-park homer in the eighth.

NORFOLK, Va.—Eight errors, four by each team, marred the game as the Senators outlasted Norfolk Naval, 8-7. A six-run outburst in the seventh gave the Griffs their winning margin.

ST. LOUIS.—Cardinal President Sam Breadon disclosed today that Marty Marion, brilliant shortstop, has inked his contract.

CURTIS BAY, Md.—The Phillies suffered their first defeat of the spring exhibition season when they fell before Curtis Bay Coast Guard, 10-6, yesterday.



Lou Klein

Lou Lucien twirled for the Phils... HAGERSTOWN, Md.—The Athletics defeated Toronto for the second straight day, winning 2-1. Luke Hamlin pitched five hitless innings for Toronto, but the A's went to town when Harry Jordan took over. Jess Flores and Carl Scheib shared the Philadelphia mound assignment, and the game was played before wounded patients of the Newton Baker General Hospital.

## Chicago Cubs 1945 Major League Picture

(This is the 16th in a series on major league prospects for 1945).

FRENCH LICK, Ind., April 5.—The Chicago Cubs, who spent the early part of last season trying to climb out of the National League cellar after their sensational 13-game losing streak, think they can do better than finish fourth this summer. At least Charlie Grimm, the world's outstanding southpaw banjo player who started his second managerial tour of duty when Jimmy Wilson tossed in the towel last year, thinks so.

Herr Charlie believes part of his team's troubles last year were due to complacency and, as a result, there has been a steady stream of players riding the rails from Chicago to Los Angeles. Not the least noteworthy was Lou "Mad Russian" Novikov, who can murder the ball but hates to go home at night.

The Bruins have a hustling infield in Phil Cavarretta at first base, Don Johnson at second, Roy Hughes at shortstop and Stan Hack at third. All holdovers, the quartet has a group batting average of more than .275, which is a very respectable figure.

The Cubs have been strengthened greatly behind the plate with the return from the Army of Mickey Livingston, their No. 1 catcher in 1943. Dewey Williams and Joe Stephenson are capable understudies for Livingston.

The outfield has suffered with the induction of Dom Dallessandro, but there is still plenty of power on the roster. Bill Nicholson, the big gun, is back, and other fly-chasers include Peanuts Lowery, owner of a GI discharge; Andy Pafko and Frank Secory.

Claude Passeau again will head the Cubs' unpredictable pitching staff. Paul Derringer arrived in camp 20 pounds lighter and mumbling vaguely something about winning 20 games this year, while others in the fold are Hank Wyse, Bob Chipman, George Woodend, Hy Vandenberg, Eddie Hanyzewski and Ray Prim.

With this crew, Grimm hopes to lure 90 victories, the figure he has chosen as sufficient to win the National League pennant.



Bill Nicholson

## Navy to Ship Athletes To Pacific War Theater

GREAT LAKES, Ill., April 5.—The Navy's star-studded athletic talent will be concentrated this summer in Pacific combat areas, Cmdr. Robert Emmet, commandant at the naval training station here, said today. Lt. Bill Dickey, ex-Yankee catcher, will be in charge and will be permitted to call for any athletes now in the States.

### Bears Top Cleveland, 5-3

CLEVELAND, April 5.—The Hershey Bears squared their American Hockey League playoff series with the Cleveland Barons at one victory apiece by trouncing the Barons, 5-3, here last night. Goals by Peg O'Neill and Bill Gooden in the closing minutes produced victory for the Bears.



Our spy on the home front sez many a rural romance has started off with a gallon of corn and ended with a full crib.

GI Philosophy. Some people try to chisel a niche in life instead of carving one.

Overheard in a department store: Clerk: "Shopping bags?" Girls: "No, just looking around."

Who said that? A woman's ideal is a man who is clever enough to make a lot of money—and foolish enough to spend it freely.

Overheard in the blackout: "Sure, I like you, sergeant, but save your maneuvers for the infantry."

Silly conversation, reported by our spy on an island in the Pacific: New missionary: "What happened to my predecessor?" Cannibal: "He made a trip into the interior."

J. C. W.

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Births

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

PFC William B. Simpson, Hamilton, Ohio—boy, March 7; Cpl. Elwood M. Brake, Ionia, Mich.—Brenda Jane, April 1; Lt. Col. Robert Walton, Washington, D.C.—Rosemary Alden, April 1; Maj. Robert W. Candler, Atlanta—boy, April 3; Sgt. Robert R. Ingold, Newark, Ohio—Robert Arthur, April 1; S/Sgt. John T. Mottola, Newark, N.J.—boy, March 31.

SGT. Louis Romolo, Brooklyn—Nicholas, March 20; Pvt. William Jack Lewis, Meridian, Miss.—Marguerite Gibson, March 26; Pfc Earl M. Ritter, Pottstown, Pa.—boy, March 29; Pfc Dominic Schmidt Wyandotte, Mich.—Susanna Kathleen, March 22; Sgt. Bernard Ness Berwyn, Ill.—Bernard Joseph, March 26; T/5 Donald J. Lamore, Pardreville, Wis.—Donald, March 5; T/5 Morris I. McCoy, Wildrose, N.D.—Marilyn Emily, March 13; Pvt. James P. Small, Portland, Me.—Mary Louise, March 15; Lt. Matthew Oliver Marks, Youngstown, Ohio—girl, March 17; Cpl. Rufus Binford, Paducah, Ky.—boy, April 1.



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## 10th Army Presses On, Rules Sixth of Okinawa

### Japs Offer Only Light Resistance

GUAM, April 5 (ANS).—U.S. Tenth Army forces swept ahead on Okinawa Island yesterday against only scattered Japanese resistance and by nightfall had about 80 square miles—or one-sixth of the island—under their control.

Yanks of the Seventh Inf. Div. consolidated their positions on the coast of Nakagusuku Bay, former Japanese fleet anchorage on the eastern shore, while to the north troops of the Marine Third Amphibious Corps established a line across the neck of a narrow isthmus just north of Yontan Hill.

The American line now measures 15 miles, from Yahan in the north to Kuba in the south. The southern end projects into Japanese pillbox positions only four miles from the capital city of Naha, largest in the Ryukyu chain, and a big airfield near Naha.

#### Mines Slow Yanks

Some Japanese opposition was encountered along the west coast road above Naha. Enemy artillery and land mines slowed the advance of the 77th Inf. Div., but the enemy withdrew under fire from U.S. field guns.

American aerial reconnaissance warned the 77th and the Seventh Divs. that the enemy had a line of trenches and pillboxes protecting Naha and the Machinato and Yonabaru airfields.

The two fields form part of Naha's defenses. Machinato is on the west coast, five miles north of Naha, and Yonabaru is on the east coast, six miles east of the city. The Yanks were about three miles from the fields.

#### Navy Supports Troops

While U.S. soldiers pushed southward and marines went northward, American warships and carrier planes provided close support. A small force of enemy planes raided American positions and four were shot down.

An American carrier task force attacked Japanese aircraft and installations in the Amami group of islands, in the southern Ryukyus, on Tuesday.

#### Fighter Lands on Okinawa

YONTAN AIRFIELD, Okinawa, April 5 (ANS).—Ensign William Marbel, 22, of Jefferson, Ind., yesterday became the first pilot of an American combat plane to land on this Japanese island. It was a forced landing, made because of engine trouble.

## Reds End Jap Neutrality Pact

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ing, and its continuation becomes impossible.

"In view of the aforesaid and in accordance with article three of the pact, which foresees the right of denunciation one year before the lapse of the five-year term of the pact, the Soviet government herewith informs the government of Japan of its wish to denounce the pact dated April 13, 1941."

The denunciation of the pact becomes effective April 13—just 12 days before the opening of the San Francisco conference, the Associated Press pointed out.

#### Action Foreshadowed

While State Department officials in Washington were not notified formally in advance of the denunciation of the pact, the AP said, the Russian step was foreshadowed in a general awareness that the denunciation would be based on the conclusion that Japan—at war against Russia's allies and on the side of Russia's enemies—could no longer constitute a neutral.

London received the news jubilantly, the United Press reported, and observers there predicted that it would be followed shortly by war by Russia against Japan.

In Washington, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) said he regarded the Russian action as indicating the

### New Landing In Philippines

MANILA, April 5 (ANS).—Troops of the U.S. 40th Div. invaded Masbate Island in the central Philippines on Tuesday, Gen. MacArthur announced today in a communique proclaiming that an American blockade of Japanese shipping was in "complete operation" from the northern end of Luzon to the southern tip of the Sulu Archipelago—a distance of 1,000 miles.

MacArthur also reported that escorted U.S. heavy bombers had carried out the first concerted strike at the great shipping base of Hong-kong, hitting the Kowloon and Tak-koo dock areas with 126 tons of bombs. No planes were lost.

Twenty-eight Japanese vessels, including a destroyer escort, were sunk or damaged by American air action in the China Sea and waters to the south.

The Yanks who invaded Masbate, a sugar-producing island just west of Samar on the main shipping line through the central Philippines, were aided by Filipino guerrilla forces.

MacArthur said that the American blockade, which already had sunk hundreds of thousands of tons of Japanese shipping, came into complete operation with American seizure of the enemy's Tawitawi base, only 30 miles from Borneo.

"The Dutch East Indies," he added, "are now isolated, not only for exploitation but for enemy reinforcements and supplies. It is the culmination of one phase of the campaign."

### Canadian Naval Force To Join in Pacific War

OTTAWA, April 5 (AP).—Canada plans to send two cruisers, two aircraft carriers, a number of destroyers and frigates into the Pacific war as "a good deal more than a token force," Navy Minister MacDonald told Commons yesterday.

He said that Canada's navy numbers more than 95,000, including 6,000 in the women's auxiliary and the number of fighting ships has risen in a year from 250 to "about 370."

### British Fleet Reported on Move

A Reuter dispatch yesterday quoted the Japanese News Agency as reporting that a British fleet, consisting of ten units, has left the Red Sea bound for the Indian Ocean to take part in operations for the reconquest of southern Burma and Malaya.

### Foot Soldier Gives His Dogs a Rest



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Pfc Jasper Champ, of Pontotoc, Miss., takes time out to wash his tired feet in a puddle after the mopping up of Bendori, Germany. Champ was instrumental in the capture of 22 enemy soldiers in the town.

## Ninth, British Cross Weser; Allies 25 Mi. from Hanover

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on a broad front to compress the Ruhr pocket from the north, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army tightened the squeeze from the south.

Encircled Germans hurled ten counter-attacks which were smashed by the First Army. One of the enemy's thrusts overran U.S. forward positions and reached the outskirts of Siegen, according to Reuter, before it was smashed.

The advance of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army continued toward the borders of Czechoslovakia, Leipzig and a link-up with Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army. In Moscow, a Russian military spokesman disclosed a link-up was expected shortly, but did not specify where.

Three Third Army armored divisions were driving relentlessly eastward.

One of these, the Sixth Arm. Div., cleared Mulhausen and drove eight miles northeast to within 137 miles of Berlin, the nearest point the Allies have yet reached to the Reich capital.

This armored wall was advancing on a 40-mile front, 25 miles west of Weimar and 60 miles from the Czech frontier. It extended from Mulhausen on the north, which was entered by the Sixth Arm. Div., to Suhl on the south, into which the 11th Arm. Div. had driven two days ago.

#### Fourth Arm. Passes Gotha

In between, rolling beyond Gotha, was the Fourth Arm. Div., headed toward Leipzig when last reported and about 180 miles from Koniev's troops. Yesterday's reports on the Flying Fourth disclosed its tanks had been heavily strafed near Fulda several days before.

The Third Army advance was not only netting thousands of enemy prisoners but liberating men the Nazis had held captive for years.

On the southwestern segment of the great Allied arc, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army met heavy enemy resistance at Heilbronn on the Neckar River, 125 miles west of Munich.

The 100th Inf. Div. crossed the river and descended on the city from the north while the Tenth Arm. Div. closed in from the northwest.

Heavy fighting was in progress northwest of Wurzburg as the 14th Arm. and the 45th and Third Inf. Divs. closed up to the Sinn River.

At the tip of the Allied arc, Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny's French First Army reached Weingarten, five miles northeast of Karlsruhe.

## Heavies Batter Southern Reich

Ordnance depots and rails targets deep in Southern Germany were pounded by more than 1,200 Eighth AF heavies yesterday. The Forts and Libs were escorted by 600 fighters.

Targets included the Ingelstadt ordnance depot, probably the largest in southern Germany; the Grafenwehr depot; rail lines in Nuremberg, Plauen and Bayreuth and a jet-plane base at Unterschlaersbach, south of Nuremberg.

There were "a few" isolated attacks on the formation by enemy jet-fighters. Eighth AF crewmen reported observing purple-colored flak bursts instead of the usual red.

Today's raid by U.S. heavies—71st this year against Germany—followed the RAF's biggest raid in a month Wednesday night when more than 1,000 bombers hit targets from Berlin to Leipzig.

Ninth AF pilots flew 600 sorties against enemy vehicles and troops in the Ruhr pocket and also hit rails and roads in Hanover, Leipzig and Nuremberg. In attacks on ten airfields in the Weimar area, 57 planes were destroyed on the ground and 55 were damaged.

## Vatican's Appeal to Reich To Quit Is Re-Broadcast

LONDON, April 5 (Reuter).—The Vatican's appeal to the Germans to cease resistance has been relayed to Germany by BBC at intervals for a 24-hour period, the Daily Telegraph said today.

"It is hoped that the message will reach many thousands of Germans who may not have heard the original broadcast," the newspaper said.

## Stettinius Sure Big 3 Will Iron Out Difficulties

WASHINGTON, April 5 (ANS).—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., revealed yesterday that the U.S. was engaged in "very active efforts" to resolve the recent "temporary difficulty" among the Big Three. He said he was certain difficulties would be overcome.

In an address to the Council on Foreign Affairs, he assured Americans:

1—"The United Nations have repeatedly overcome other difficulties and dangers 'far more serious in the past three years.'"

2—"Vital interests of the U.S. and of each of our Allies are bound up in maintaining and cementing in peace our wartime partnership."

3—"The extent of our agreement is far wider and more fundamental than the extent of our differences." Difficulties to which Stettinius referred include the failure to form a Polish government of national unity, Russia's request for separate representation for two of her autonomous republics, Russia's request that the Lublin Poles be invited to San Francisco, Russia's decision not to send her foreign minister to San Francisco, and recent difficulties in Rumania.

Stettinius declared that, despite all difficulties, "we are going right ahead with our plans for the San Francisco conference and we are resolved to make it the success it must be."

The address—the first major one in the country since he became Secretary of State—was devoted to an appeal to Americans to reject economic nationalism in the future as they have abandoned political isolationism.

The job of preventing or suppressing aggression is only half of the proposed world security organization's task, Stettinius said. The organization has also the task of removing "the political, economic and social causes of war," he said.

## Probe Ordered In PWs' Death

SHAEP, April 5 (AP).—Gen. Eisenhower has ordered an immediate and full investigation into the death of an undisclosed number of German PWs during a rail movement in the American zone of operations March 15-16.

The official SHAEP statement disclosing the deaths, which occurred during the movement from the forward area to the PW camps in the rear, said Eisenhower had informed the German high command of the incident and of the steps taken to insure proper investigation.

The Swiss government, as a protecting power, has been invited by the Supreme Commander to designate an official to participate in the investigation.

## East Front . . .

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that the German high command had decided to sacrifice Vienna in street-to-street fighting. A Moscow dispatch said that high Nazi officials already were fleeing the city—including Hitler's Austrian gauler, Baldur von Schirach, who only three days ago exhorted the Viennese to give their lives in defense of their city.

A Soviet advance on another front was disclosed by Marshal Stalin, who announced that the Fourth Ukrainian Army had captured the Czechoslovak city of Ruzomberok, on the Vah River, south of the Central Carpathians. Stalin's order revealed that Gen. Yermenko, former commander of the Second Baltic Army, had succeeded Gen. Petrov as commander of the Fourth Ukrainian.

At the northern end of the Eastern Front, the Second White Russian Army completed destruction of a German force pocketed north of Gdynia.