

# 3rd Army Opens Attack Along 22-Mi. Front

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# 'Big 3' Map Victory Drive At Black Sea Conference

They Meet Again to Talk of War and Peace

## 4 Divisions Enter Reich At 7 Points

Four U.S. Third Army divisions launched a new attack on a 22-mile front in Eastern Luxembourg yesterday and drove into the Reich across the Our and Sauer frontier rivers at seven points between the Duchy's northern tip and the city of Echternach.

North of the new attack, U.S. First Army's Ninth Div. pushed to within 500 yards of the Nazi communications center of Gemund. Stubborn enemy resistance between Gemund and Schleiden was slowing the American advance.

In Alsace, the U.S. Third Inf. Div. of the XXI Corps captured the Rhine town of Neuf-Brisach, east of Colmar. Attacking doughs used scaling ladders to force the town's medieval moats and walls. Franco-American forces, meanwhile, continued to mop up the broken halves of the former Colmar pocket.

### Resistance Stiffens

Third army's attack in Luxembourg erupted yesterday morning. Enemy resistance which was light at first stiffened during the day.

On the northern segment of the attack arc, Sixth Armored Div. men crossed the Our, four and one-half miles northeast of Clerf. South of them, doughs of the 17th Airborne Div. crossed the river due east of Clerf.

Kicking off at 0300, elements of the 80th Inf. Div. crossed the Our eight miles northwest of Echternach and made another crossing of the Sauer near Wallendorf. The 80th attacks followed a 90-minute artillery barrage.

On the southern flank of the attack, Fifth Inf. Div. troops drove across the Sauer at three points northwest of Echternach. They pushed on for a half mile into the German border country.

Doughs of the 90th Div. who had fought across the border ten days ago broke up a German counter-attack of 500 infantrymen in the Siegfried Line town of Brand.

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Marshal Stalin



Prime Minister Churchill



President Roosevelt

## Nazis Counter-Attack In Effort to Stem Reds

Fighting desperately to avert a Russian breakthrough, the German High Command yesterday threw heavy counter-attacks against two Red Armies stabbing at the fortified approaches to the German capital. The Reds were across the Oder at a dozen scattered places on two points 100 miles apart.

In the "Berlin Bulge," Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army troops, reported by the Germans to have possession of seven bridge-heads 35 miles east of Berlin, fought off enemy counter-blows north of Kuestrin and southwest of Frankfurt.

The official Soviet command is still maintaining a news blackout on operations in the "Berlin Bulge" but Moscow dispatches last night said that Zhukov's troops had crossed the river and was advancing toward Berlin.

Enemy broadcasts have admitted for three days that the river had been crossed in this area and said

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### Blow It Out

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—The Army disclosed today that 18,000 plastic harmonicas will have been delivered overseas by Feb. 15. They are designed, the War Department said, to "boost the morale of war-weary fighting men."

## Innkeeper Held For Using Girl To Obtain Gas

RENNES, Feb. 7 (UP).—U.S. military authorities today held a Rennes innkeeper who had been charged with compelling a girl who owed him 18,000 francs (\$360) to have relations with two American soldiers to obtain gasoline from them. Rennes police arrested the innkeeper, along with his chauffeur and the girl, and turned them over to the military authorities. The names and unit designations of the soldiers were not given.

Meanwhile, a French court took steps to halt the growing gasoline thefts in Brittany. One influential farmer was sentenced to a year in prison and fined 9,600 francs for the theft of 32 five-gallon cans of gas. Three railway employees received one-year sentences for plundering cases of rations.

## Reich Told Of Peril of 'Deadly Fall'

LONDON, Feb. 7 (UP).—Germany's position is comparable to walking on a tight rope and a fall is possible "at every step," Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, principal spokesman of the German High Command, said tonight.

Quoting Frederick the Great, who once said near the end of the Seven Years' War, "I shall have to go on walking on a tight rope trying to avoid a fall, but I shall also see that I hit out at the enemy now and then with my balancing stick," Dittmar reminded Germans: "Only extreme calm and assurance of a sleepwalker can prevent our deadly fall."

### Hitler on Way Out?

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7 (AP).—Reorganization of the German government, with Hitler giving up his title of Fuehrer and president of the Nazi Reich, and Von Papen becoming chancellor, was reported imminent today by Der Aftonbladet. The paper attributed the information to "rumors in Berlin which reached German circles here."

The Associated Press declared the report had all the earmarks of a German trial balloon designed to sound out Allied reaction as to whether a revamped government would have any chance to sue for armistice terms.

According to the rumor, Franz von Papen would be designated chancellor.

## Chiefs Gain Accord On Joint Plans

President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin are meeting somewhere in the Black Sea area and have reached complete agreement on joint military operations in the final phase of the war against Germany.

The second meeting of the Big Three was disclosed officially last night for the first time in announcements made in Washington, London and Moscow.

Accompanying the three leaders are their chiefs of staff, the Foreign Secretaries of the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union and other advisers.

Announcement of the historic conference was followed, by disclosure in London that at least 10 persons, and perhaps 15, were killed on Feb. 1 when a plane carrying some members of Prime Minister Churchill's staff crashed en route to the meeting place.

### Talk of Secure Peace

Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, who first met at Teheran, in Iran, late in 1943, have begun discussions of the problems involved in establishing a secure peace.

It was announced that these discussions would cover joint plans for occupation and control of Germany, political and economic problems of liberated Europe, and proposals for the earliest possible establishment

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## Officer Freed In Looting Case

1/Lt. Ario D. Dal Porto, of Tracey, Calif., the second officer to be judged in the current black market trials, yesterday was acquitted by a Paris court martial. He was charged with wrongful disposal of Army property and with neglect of duty. It was the second acquittal since the trials began Jan. 9. The first acquittal was that of an enlisted man. The first officer tried, 1/Lt. John Springer, of Sparks, Nev., was given 35 years.

Porto denied he took clothes or rations from trains. He asserted that 50 pounds of beef, which he was charged with appropriating, was used to feed his men.

## Ernie Pyle Is Back In Print—from Pacific

Ernie Pyle has gone back to the wars. This time he's writing about the Joes and the fighting on the other side of the world. His first column on the Pacific battle front appears on page two.

## Angels of Bataan Walk Again in the Sun

SANTO TOMAS PRISON CAMP, Manila, Feb. 4 (Delayed) (UP).—The long ordeal of the Angels of Bataan and Corregidor, the American Army nurses who cared for American and Filipino wounded in the black days of the Japanese invasion, has ended at last and all are accounted for.

American troops who liberated this civilian internment camp found them. But for all their reasons to celebrate, the nurses would not pause in their newly-found work of caring for the wounded brought in from the fight to free Manila. Instead, by way of rejoicing, they reveled at again having clean bandages and an abundance of drugs brought to them by the first Cavalry units.

They had heard nothing of penicillin. They thought soldiers were joking when they promised that a large American hospital unit would arrive within a few hours, and that their work would thus be ended.

Two of those happily working tonight

survived Japanese bombings on Bataan. They were Rose Marie Hogan, of Chattanooga, Okla., and Rita Palmer, of Hampton, N.H. Some of the nurses freed at Santo Tomas were taken there after unsuccessful attempts to escape.

About 100 Army nurses were caught in the Philippines when the war began and every effort was made to evacuate them. When it became clear that the islands were lost, two groups reached freedom, one by submarine and another by Navy flying boat.

A third group got as far as Mindanao Island before their flying boat was disabled. Many months later they were brought to the Santo Tomas camp, where they joined other nurses in caring for the sick.

Silver-haired, frail Capt. Maude Davison, of Washington, D.C., and her first lieutenant, Josephine Nesbit, of Parlin, Col., who commanded the huge Hospital No. 2 on Bataan, still head the nurses.

Nurse Ruby Bradley, who was long stationed

at Bataan's little Bagulo Hospital, was only recently transferred here. Eleanor Allen, of Jacksonville, Ill., recently was reunited here with her husband, Capt. Garrett Francis Alexander, when he was transferred from a war-prisoner hospital to Santo Tomas.

They were married on Bataan, but were separated when she moved to Corregidor.

Vivian Weissblatt, of Portland, Ore., wife of Frank Weissblatt, United Press correspondent, the only correspondent captured by the Japanese on the battlefield in this war, was found doing nurse duty at the camp. Her husband, who was wounded and captured in the early days of the Bataan campaign, is in a PW camp on Luzon.

Mrs. Weissblatt was at Bataan and Corregidor for more than two years. She handled the diet for internment camps, feeding several hundred small children and trying to keep them nourished from only a small variety of available foods.



# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## Long & Short of It

Howie Schultz, the basketball star, was rejected because he is over the armed services maximum height of 6 feet 6 inches. What the hell am I doing in the Army? My height? Six feet seven inches.—Pfc Charles Maeurer, 355 Q.M. Rhd Co.

Have been informed soldiers over 6 feet six inches are being discharged. If true, inform me on correct procedure. because I'm 6 feet and 8 inches.—Cpl. Joe Moore, 574 Q.M. Rhd Co.

(T. S., Boys. Now that you're in, the medical department says height alone is insufficient reason for discharge. You'd have to show that it seriously impairs your efficiency in your present work, or in any to which you could be assigned.—Ed.)

## Once Out—Always Out

Here's a suggestion to the "Big Tree":

In order to expedite the unconditional surrender of the Germans, let's tell them that every square inch of German soil we have to fight for will be taken from them in the coming peace and let's actually make that one of our policies, too. They'll surrender pretty fast when they see their country slowly being dissolved by Hitler himself.—Pvt. Dennis A. Hofman, GFR Pool.

## Meetin's About to Begin

What to do with servicemen when the war is won?

First, the question is: What will servicemen do with the world when the war is won? not what the world will do with us.

We appreciate the G1 Bill of Rights. We're glad to see the things being prepared for our welcome return to civilian life. But, we deeply resent being looked upon as a bunch of returning sheep, as a mob of adolescent kids who don't know what they want. After this war is won, we know what we want.

We do not want a world where two or three men get together and plan what to do with us. We want a world where the millions of us get together, and plan what we want for America and the world.

Now, GIs are thinking about "organization," forming some sort of club where we can get together; where we can speak a million voices for the future.

### Clubs Organized

Buddy, that club's been organized for hundreds of years. It started way back when man first said "I am free," when he said "I can print anything." Yes, it started with the Bible, when man first said: "I will pray to God. No one can stop me." That club's been meeting every day, every year. It's democracy.

A lot of us didn't know what kind of a club this was, this democracy, till we got away from the "club-room" for a while, and came over here. A hell of a lot of us didn't realize then just how good it was to belong, to enjoy the benefits of membership. A whole lot of us didn't even know we were a part of that membership.

Now we know. We see a lot of folks who don't belong to our club. We see their kind of "clubs"—and we don't like 'em much. We know ours is better.

How many of us failed to vote when we had the chance, thought it a waste of time to vote, because the deal's fixed, the cards stacked?

So you want to organize, do you? Well, Buddy, let's get the club going our way when we come home... make sure that this club gets started on the right foot.

We must not be satisfied with just a swell wife, a houseful of kids, when in another twenty years we must leave that home or have our kids sail over oceans to such a hell of a mess as we're mixed-up in now. We must not be content with just a classy car with sharp togs. Then some day trade 'em in for a new-fangled type of jeep and uniforms.

### We'll Set It Straight

You are right. We will organize. We'll take over this democracy club; and—dammit—we'll set it

straight. If we don't like the way some guys are running things, we go up there and run 'em ourselves. And, why not? Why shouldn't you be Mayor of the ol' home town? And you, John, yes, you, why not you for Sheriff? And you, over there, why shouldn't you run for City Clerk? Look around, Buddy, look around. Yes, our future President could well be in that foxhole next to you. Why ya' smiling? I'm not kidding. Who, in the name of Heaven, has a better right to lead America in her search for peace, than the GIs who fought... saw his best friend die...?

We enjoyed this club for a long time. Now, we're paying our dues. Yes, Buddy, the question seems to me to be: What will servicemen do with the world when war is won?

### You Are a Member

You don't have to organize. You are already in the club. So, settle down around that can of "C" ration, start thinking about this club of ours. You're the guy that's going to be the boss. You're going to run the club. A lot of folks are banking on you doing a good job.—T/3 C. J. Becwar, Inf.

## GI in Zoot Suit

I've observed EM dressed in "Zoot Suit Jacket." It can be seen at any WAC or Red Cross dance, and is a cut-down blouse with fancy trimmings. I'm anxious to know if AR 615-40, 9b, (3) stating "alterations which result in a material change... will not be made in any article of uniform" is still in effect. If so, why aren't offenders punished, instead of being allowed to disgrace our uniform?—T/Sgt. Benjamin Baron, 13th Traffic Reg. Gp.

(It is still in force. Cir. 391, Sec. VII, 1944, amended by Cir. 12, Sec. VI, 1945, authorizes wearing of the GI-short, belt-length jacket, without "fancy trimmin's." It does not authorize altering blouse.—Ed.)

## Last Man Home

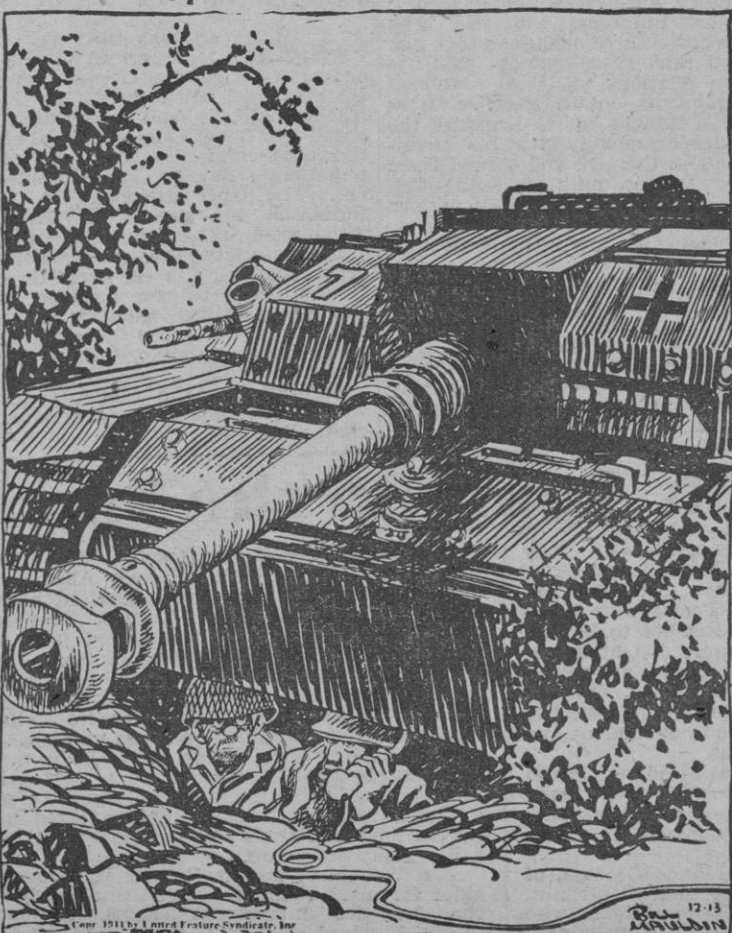
Mr. Kay offers \$1,000 to the first soldier to enter Berlin!!! Why not a similar award to the last Yank to leave the damn place?—Pfc W. C. Hart, FA.

## Bronze Star Medal

Flying officers have received the Bronze Star Medal. Certain awards pertain to certain services and ground forces hold those awards dear to them. Flying personnel rightfully get their share of honors. Can the award of this medal to flying personnel be justified?—Capt. N. R., Air Corps.

(This medal is awarded for heroic or meritorious service "not involving participation in aerial flight" against an enemy. However, if flight personnel perform such service while not in flight, they could receive the award.—Ed.)

## Up Front With Mauldin



"Able Fox Five to Able Fox. I got a target, but ya gotta be patient."

### An Editorial

# The Man Who Makes the News

OUTSIDE of ammo, chow — and a letter from home — nothing means as much to a soldier as news.

When the last sniper is captured or killed — when the cellar is swept and the dirt details are done — he wants to know what gives. How he did. What the other boys up and down the line delivered. Where the Reds are. What happened at home yesterday. And what about Pansy Yokum's grandmammy?

Last year's Volkischer Beobachter lining the cupboards of the beat-up farmhouse doesn't fill the bill. There is no radio. The nearest newsreel is miles away. So are the nearest map, bulletin and newsstand.

The bread to satisfy a soldier's news hunger is The Stars and Stripes. We print a lot of them. But it's a big army. And the distance from the press to the pill-box is great.

There's only one way to be



sure the Joe in the snow gets the news.

That's if every general, colonel, major, captain and lieutenant — every sergeant, corporal and plain GI — shares his copy with three or four other guys. And if

someone takes the time and trouble to take the bulk — intact — to the front.

Let's deliver the news to the man in the line. After all, he's the guy who makes it.

## Ernie Pyle Writes ...

# At Least It'll Be Hot in Pacific

This is the first column by Ernie Pyle since the one he wrote in France to say goodbye and good luck to soldiers in the ETO. That one appeared on Sept. 5 in the first Stars and Stripes to be printed in Paris in World War II. Ernie Pyle now is writing his column from the Pacific and it will be published from time to time in The Stars and Stripes.

### By Ernie Pyle

SAN FRANCISCO.—Well, here we go again.

It's been four months since I wrote my last column from France. In four months of non-production a writer gets out of the habit. He forgets the rhythm of words, falls into the easy habit of not making himself think or feel in self-expression.

This first column is a mankiller. Your mind automatically resents

the task of focusing itself again. Your thoughts are scattered and you can't get them together to go on to paper. Words come hard. You have to think again. You curse the day you ever took up writing to make a living.

So, until I'm once more immersed in the routine of daily writing and transported once more into the one-track work of war, I'm afraid you'll have to be tolerant with me.

### No Pleasant Prospect

There's nothing nice about the prospect of going back to war again. Anybody who's been in war and wants to go back is a plain damn fool in my book.

I'm certainly not going because I've got itchy feet again or because I can't stand America or because there is any mystic fascination about war that is drawing me back.

I'm going simply because there is a war on and I'm part of it and I've known all the time I was going back. I'm going simply because I've got to—and I hate it.

This time it will be the Pacific. When I left France last fall we thought the war in Europe was about over. I say "we" because I mean almost everybody over there thought so. I thought it was so near the end I could come home and before the time came to go again that side of the war would be finished and only the Pacific would be left.

### Old Friends in Europe

But it didn't turn out that way. Now, nobody knows how long the European war will last. Naturally, all my friends and associations and sentiments are on that side. I suppose, down in my heart, I would rather go back to that side. For over in Europe I know the tempo of battle. I feel at home with it, in a way.

And yet I think it's best to stick with the original plan and go to the Pacific. There are lots of guys in that war too. They are the same guys who are fighting on the other side, only with different names, that's all. It isn't belittling my friends in Europe to desert them and go to the Pacific for a while.

I'm going with the Navy this time, since the Navy is so dominant in the Pacific and since I've done very little in the past on that part of the service. I won't stay with the Navy for the duration—probably two or three months—and then back ashore again with my noble souls, the doughfoots.

### To Go Aboard Ship

Security forbids telling you just what the plans are. But I can say that I'll fly across the Pacific and join ship on the other side. Aboard ship I'll be out of touch with the world on long cruises. It may be

there will be lapses in the daily column simply because it is impossible to transmit these pieces. But we will do our best to keep them going steadily.

I haven't figured out yet what I'm going to do about seasickness. I'm one of those unfortunates with a terrific stomach ache on land but one that turns to whey and jelly when I get aboard ship. I know of nothing that submerges the muse in a man as much as the constant compulsion to throw up. Perhaps I should have taken along my own oil to spread on the troubled waters.

Friends warn me about all kinds of horrible diseases in the Pacific. About dysentery and malaria and fungus that gets in your ears and intestines and that horrible swelling disease known as elephantiasis.

### God's Gifts to Germs

Well, all I can say is that I'm God's gift to germs. Those fungi will shout and leap for joy when I show up. Maybe I can play the Pied Piper role—maybe the germs will all follow me when I get there and leave the rest of the boys free to fight.

So, what with disease, Japs, seasickness and shot and shell—you see I'm not overwhelmed with relief at starting out again.

But there's one thing in my favor where I'm going, one thing that will make life bearable when all is darkness and gloom. And that one thing is that out in the Pacific I'll be damned good and stinking hot. Oh, Boy!

## Births

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

S/SGT. Herbert P. Barnett, Falsomville, Ind.—Herbert Paul, Feb. 2; Cpl. Eugene L. Mantle, Passaic, N.J.—Robert Eugene, Feb. 2; T/4 Harry Overhaul, South Haven, Mich.—Harry Lee, Jan. 28; CWO Frank J. Faraci, New York—girl, Feb. 2; Lt. Robert D. Sanger, New York—Edward Monroe, Feb. 4; Pvt. Estil Taylor, Bucler, Ind.—girl, Jan. 30; Pfc Duane K. Boyd, Chicago—boy, Feb. 3.

PVT. Samuel Gendler, New York—Cobert Lawrence, Jan. 26; Cpl. Emmett Wayne Weaver, Ellijay, Ga.—Emmett Wayne, Feb. 2; Lt. Irwin Weiner, New York—Jonathan, Jan. 26; CWO Arthur P. Randal, Wichita, Kan.—Ann Braley, Jan.; Cpl. M. Casias, pro, Marlborough, Wils.—Robert Michael, Jan. 18; Sgt. George Yoelson—twins, boy, girl, Dec. 13; S/Sgt. Harry J. Fischer, San Fernando, Calif.—Richard James, Dec. 15; Lt. Francis T. Lukes, New York—boy, Jan. 18.

PFC Jack E. Smith, Wheeling, W.Va.—Richard Floyd, Jan. 30; S/Sgt. John C. Maloney, New York—Christopher Allen, Feb. 2; Lt. Francis Melary, Seattle—boy, Jan. 8; 1/Lt. James G. Arnold, Danville, Ill.—Sandra Sue, Jan. 29; S/Sgt. Lawrence Jordan, Brighton, Mass.—girl, Jan. 24; Cpl. George V. Wiener, Corona, New York—George, Feb. 2; S/Sgt. William M. Joyce, Walden, Mass.—William Michael, Jan. 24.

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**This Was America Yesterday:**

**High School Music Camp Called 'Unfair,' Blacklisted by Petrillo**

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The feud between James C. Petrillo's American Federation of Musicians and the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Mich., reached a new climax today with disclosure that the union has blacklisted Interlochen Camp as "unfair."

The union action was regarded as a move to strip the school of its faculty and to present a barrier to resumption of concerts by the National High School Orchestra.

Since most teachers at the camp are union members and have regular winter musical jobs, the action applies to them. The union move came after a two-year controversy with the school, and followed passage last Friday of a bill offered by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) intended to prevent interference with radio concerts such as those offered by Interlochen.

HERE follow some notes to give you an idea of how far away spring is in the States, or something:

For one thing, Brazil, Indiana (which they pronounce 'Bray-Zil out there) comes up with startling news that George and Martha Washington are parties to a divorce action. Neither is a parent of his country, though. They live in Brazil, and seem to have tired of doing so—together, that is.

**Newest Queen Maid of Cotton**

AND they're still selecting queens. This one, Jennie Erle Cod, of West Point, Miss., is 1945 Maid of Cotton and she's described as "lithe, lovely, 19-year-old lass with a penchant for boogie woogie." Like other queens nowadays, she'll sell war bonds.

INTERSECTIONAL difficulties originating about 1860 popped up in Minneapolis, where Mrs. Phoebe H. Cawthon, former Georgia resident, was in an auto mishap. In court she admitted calling the other motorist, "A damned Yankee."

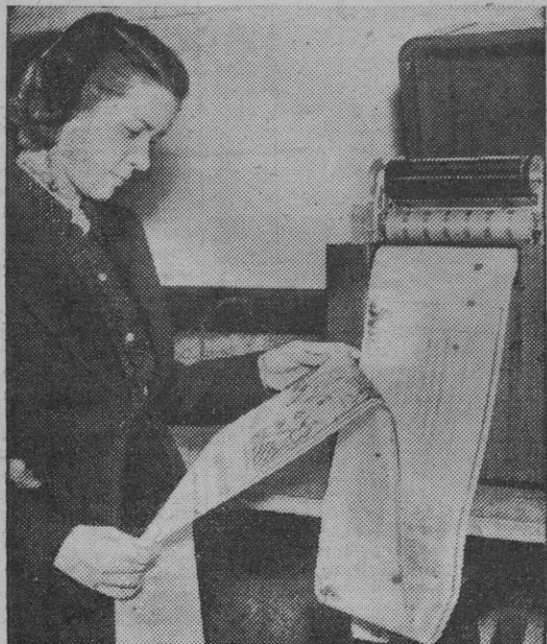
"That's what we always call them in the South," she told the judge.

His Honor must not have liked it—fine, \$25.

IN Stokowski's New York apartment, Tommy Dorsey let him have a long, earsplitting trombone note that rattled the windows and won the conductor's approval for "Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra" to be performed Feb. 15. Nathaniel Shilkret, in whose orchestra Dorsey once played, authored the composition, which is supposed to "lie halfway

between symphonic and swing music." The conductor himself played piano accompaniment for the Sentimental Gentleman of Swing.

IN St. Louis, something different happened in the newspaper world. They made a tryout of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch wireless-facsimile newspaper, which was successfully broadcast from experimental Station W9XZY, owned by the Post-Dispatch. Using electric eye principles, which no truthful person would claim to understand, the gadget gives you a facsimile paper at home—and you don't even have



Now they're 'sightcasting' news via air waves.

to turn the dial. Skeptics, however, say the contraption will never replace the horse.

In Philadelphia, the curious will of Henry G. Freeman Jr., an attorney, revealed a provision to pay the wife of future Presidents of the United States \$12,000 annually. A court accounting revealed there are ample funds to pay the bequest, which takes effect after death of present beneficiaries. Freeman provided the annuity in his will because "I feel the President of the United States receives such a miserable pittance for a man holding the greatest position on earth." He died in 1917, left \$1,700,000.

IN New York, 22 men are still missing from the tankers Springhill and Panchlo, which collided in New York Bay Monday. Gasoline and oil cargos caught fire, and at least 18 persons were killed and more than 100 were injured.

There was, fortunately, no panic when fire broke out in the downtown Colonial Theater at Harrisburg, Pa. The theater was filled, but patrons filed out quietly. The fire destroyed the theater, threatened an entire block.

**Compass Invented for the Blind**

THE Philadelphia Naval Hospital announced last night the invention of a compass that enables the blind to "see" directions. Invented by Reginald E. Beauchamp, display engineer, the compass includes a sphere which the user holds suspended from a two-inch nylon thread. It comes to rest within 30 seconds, point aimed northward.

**U.S. Soldier Sentenced to Death After Refusing Order to Drill**

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif., Feb. 7 (ANS).—Pvt. Henry Weber, 27, of Vancouver, Wash., is under sentence of death as a result of his refusal to drill, the Associated Press said.

Weber's conviction by a general court martial on charges of violating the 64th Article of War, dealing with striking and wilfully disobeying an officer, was announced by the PRO, which gave no further details.

Weber was a foreman in a Vancouver shipyard before his induction in Portland, Ore., last year. The AP said it had been learned that the court martial followed his refusal, after 45 minutes of argument with two officers, to join his squad for drill.

In Washington, Sen. Burton K.

Wheeler (D-Mont.) demanded a Senate investigation.

"It is inconceivable to me that Army officers would sentence a man to death simply because he refused to drill," Wheeler said. "If the Military Committee does not take up this matter, I shall introduce a resolution calling for an investigation."

Weber's wife, Grace, said in Vancouver that her husband held convictions against killing that stemmed from membership in the American Socialist Labor Party. She said the party teaches that killing is wrong.

She also said that Weber had announced his views when he registered, when he reported for his physical examination and when he was inducted.

**Heavy Snows Turn New York Highway Into Canyon**



Outside Albany, N.Y., bobsleds glide down the highway with milk for children inside the city. This scene is typical of the northeastern part of the nation these days where the heaviest snowfall in ten years has tied up transport and slowed production.

**RFC Measure Approved by House Group**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—Henry A. Wallace's prospects of becoming Secretary of Commerce brightened today after the House Banking and Commerce Committee unanimously approved the Senate-passed George bill.

The bill would take the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and subsidiary loan agencies out of the Department of Commerce. Opposition to the nomination of Wallace has come chiefly from congressmen opposed to giving him the loan powers.

Favorable committee action on the George bill came yesterday after Democrats defeated Republican-sponsored amendments intended to fence in Wallace still further. Repeal of the President's war-time power to reshuffle Federal agencies was among the Republican proposals.

**Sees Other Factors**

Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, the House Republican leader, contended that unless the George bill were amended President Roosevelt could give Wallace control over 25 or 30 other federal agencies not mentioned in the bill. Rep. Jesse P. Wolcott (R-Mich.), who sponsored the amendments defeated in committee, said he would carry the fight to the House floor.

Meanwhile, the Senate Agriculture Committee was disclosed by an Administration poll to be almost equally divided on the question of recommending confirmation or rejection of President Roosevelt's nomination of Aubrey Williams as head of the Rural Electrification Administration.

Williams, former head of the National Youth Administration, was questioned by the committee yesterday. He said that he neither belonged to nor subscribed to the principles of Communist organizations, and that he regretted having told the Workers Alliance in 1938 that "we have got to keep our friends in power."

Williams, whose nomination is being opposed by virtually the same forces that are fighting Wallace, also said that he didn't believe in redistribution of wealth through legislation, but wanted "redistribution of opportunity."

**Sweden Gets U.S. Smokes To Keep Market Open**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—Officials of the Foreign Economic Administration said today that licenses for the export of 20,000,000 cigarettes to Sweden were granted several months ago. A dispatch from Stockholm yesterday said the shipment was en route.

FEA officials said 20,000,000 cigarettes were not an excessive amount in comparison with the 1944 production of 329,000,000,000 cigarettes. They said small commercial exports have been made throughout the war to keep markets open.

**Furloughed to States, But to Him It's TS**

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Feb. 7 (ANS).—Sgt. Gregory B. Tissier, home from France on 30-day furlough after four years of service without more than a weekend pass, isn't too happy about it.

Tissier wanted to go to England. Here's why: The 24-year-old sergeant, who married an English girl in Southall, Middlesex, on Feb. 19, 1943, moved to France, July 19, 1944, and hasn't seen his wife since—or their two-month-old baby.

Tissier said he made three unsuccessful attempts to get a furlough to England, and on the fourth trial he got a furlough, but it was for East St. Louis, instead of Southall.

**Draft Nurses For War Needs, Parran Urges**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—"Luxury nursing" and 24-hour nursing service for rich families were cited yesterday by Surgeon General Thomas Parran as reasons why the nation needs a draft law applying to all graduate nurses up to 45 years of age.

Dr. Parran, who is head of the Public Health Service, told the House Military Committee that he not only favored a draft to provide nurses for the Army and Navy but also believed that Selective Service should be utilized to fulfill civilian needs.

Nurses not selected for military duty, Dr. Parran said, "should be required at least to utilize their skill in tasks which will contribute best to safeguarding the nation's health."

Dr. Parran told the committee that he knew of "rich families who insist upon and secure a nurse on each of three shifts a day to care for an illness which is not serious, while in the same hospital war patients are suffering for a lack of nursing."

**1944's Killed-in-Action Placed at 2,000,000**

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (ANS).—More than 2,000,000 men of all nations were killed in action during 1944, according to estimates of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company statisticians.

The estimate of Allied casualties was based on official reports, with allowances for deaths among the wounded and missing and for delayed reports. The Axis total was based on a study of engagements, plus reports from other sources.

A breakdown of estimates showed: United States, 145,000; British Empire, 125,000; Russia, 550,000; China, 50,000; France, 10,000, and other United Nations, "many thousands."

For the Axis: Germany, 800,000; Japan, 350,000; Axis satellites, 100,000.

**Gary Cooper and Hedy Lead 'World's Most Beautiful' Lists**

BOSTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—Experts have selected the ten most beautiful women and the ten most handsome men in the world, and you are not included.

Katherine Ward Lane, famous Boston sculptor, lists her ten handsomest men, putting Gary Cooper first for "the wonderful shape of his head, his size, and his simplicity." Others: Philip Merivale, Adm. Richard Byrd, Gregory Piatigorsky, Fredric March, Gen. Mark Clark, Raymond Massey, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Cary Grant, Paul V. McNutt. Miss Lane said Eng-

lishmen far surpass Americans "just for straight looks."

And now to the women. Joseph A. Coletti, noted sculptor and artist, gave first place to Hedy Lamarr—"real beauty, enchanting, unique and completely ravishing."

After Miss Lamarr: Greer Garson, Ingrid Bergman, Greta Garbo, Katharine Cornell, Vivien Leigh, Ethel Barrymore, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Esther Williams and Madeleine Carroll.

The artist said Congresswoman Clare Booth Luce almost got on his list, but he decided it was just clothes.





What's Buzzin' (20) Cousins?

FAMILY REUNION DEPT.: Shipping overseas meant a return to his boyhood home for Cpl. Henry E. Champagne...

Another Yank with a flock of relatives in the ETO is Lt. R. A. Andre, a SHAEF press censor...

Egg Hunt Ends in 'Chic Sale'

TOP kicks are supposed to know all the angles but three of them in the 346th Regt. of the 87th Inf. Div. were set back on their haunches...

GI 'Ice Cube' Laughs at Frostbite

Guy with frostbite don't get much sympathy from T/Sgt. Emanuel G. Aronis, 45, of Salina, Kan. Aronis doesn't know the meaning of cold...

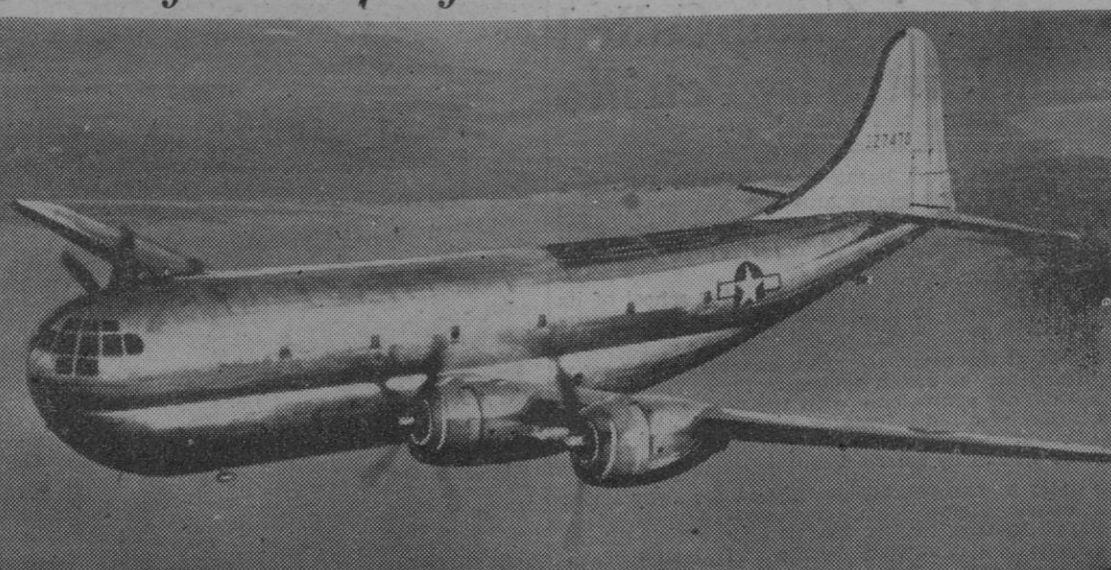
Bessie Was Stiff But She Thawed Out

COWS don't get stuck in the mud very often—but anything can happen in the ETO, so when the Luxembourg farmer came in to the Sixth Cav. Gp. CP area...

Silver Bars Among the Cold...

Lt. Oliver J. Bussen, of St. Louis, was shaking when they pinned on his silver bars, and it wasn't from nervousness...

Modified Superfort Carries Big Cargo



The Army's mightiest plane, the Boeing B29 Superfortress, has been modified to carry cargo...

France to Buy U.S. Supplies For Civilian Use

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—The U.S. has shipped 1,150 locomotives to France for military use, has 631 awaiting shipment and has authorized France to purchase in this country for her own use 700 more...

Big Import Increase For France in February

Allied imports to France this month are expected to reach 400,000 tons—four times the amount of goods sent to France between the liberation and Dec. 31...

Plan Continued Schooling

About 1,200,000 of approximately 6,750,000 EM now in the Army plan to continue schooling after the war...

Mitten-Maker First Class

WITH 45th INF. DIV., Feb. 7.—Pfc Sydney Noak, infantryman, used to be in the clothing business...

Doughs' Brogans Sound Through School Where Hitler's Chosen Walked

By Russell Jones Stars and Stripes Staff Writer ORDENBURG VOGELSANG, Feb. 7.—"Vogelsang" means "bird song" and it was here that Hitler set up the school in which the leaders of his "thousand-year state" were to be taught...

Sunday Contrast: War and Peace As Colmar Falls

By Ralph G. Martin Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH THE 28th DIV. IN COLMAR, Feb. 5 (Delayed).—It was Sunday in Colmar and the people were all dressed up in their best clothes...

Didn't Notice Him

But except for a small semicircle of kids staring at the dead Kraut, the civilians did not seem to notice him, just as they did not seem to notice the shells or tanks or planes...

Old Friends of Last War Meet; He Was Major Then, She Was 19

By Ralph G. Martin Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Feb. 7.—It had been a long time—twenty-six years...

GI Braves Blazing Hotel To Rescue Equipment

WITH 84TH INF. DIV., Belgium. —Pvt. William C. Connolly, of Trent, Mich., entered a burning building while hand grenades were exploding and rescued the communications equipment of his whole battalion...

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France. APO 887. FOUND WALLET and personal items belonging to Sgt. Theodore Maryniak, 23261665, T/4 W. K. Hartless...

Daughter Answered Door

It was the Madame's daughter who answered the door, looking very much like her mother looked when the general knew her. Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch and the Guitre family had much to reminisce about...

TDs Double as Artillery in Night Barrage on German Positions



M10 tank destroyers, serving as artillery, fire at night on enemy positions in France...

Berlin's Fall Will End War, Nazi PWs Tell 3d Army Men

By James Cannon and Pat Mitchell Stars and Stripes Staff Writers WITH THIRD ARMY, Feb. 7.—American troops in this area said today that many German prisoners believe the war will be over as soon as Berlin falls to the Russians...

Colonel's ARC Wife Gives Birth to Boy

A German soldier captured by T/Sgt. Willard M. Taylor, of Detroit, a platoon leader in the second battalion of the 357th Inf. Regt., cried like a baby Taylor said...

Family in Danger Area

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Nazis Stopped Within 3 Mi. of Duchy Capital

By J. Edward Murray United Press Correspondent SOMEWHERE IN LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 7.—With Luxembourg again liberated, it is now possible to reveal that the Von Rundstedt offensive penetrated to within three miles of the Duchy's capital...

Rifles vs. Tanks—But Engineers Held Bulge Road

WITH 168th ENGR. COMBAT BN.—Rifles stacked up against Tiger tanks—those were the odds against Lt. Col. William Nungesser's 168th Combat Engrs. Bn. during those first hours of the Nazi breakthrough in December...

Avoided Panic

Fraser said the SHAEF Mission as well as other Americans in Luxembourg when Von Rundstedt struck sat tight to avoid panicking the already-excited population...

Cermak Kin Awarded DSC for St. Lo Action

S/Sgt. James J. Cermak, of Westmont, Ill., a nephew of Chicago's late mayor, was awarded the DSC for heroism during the St. Lo breakthrough last summer...

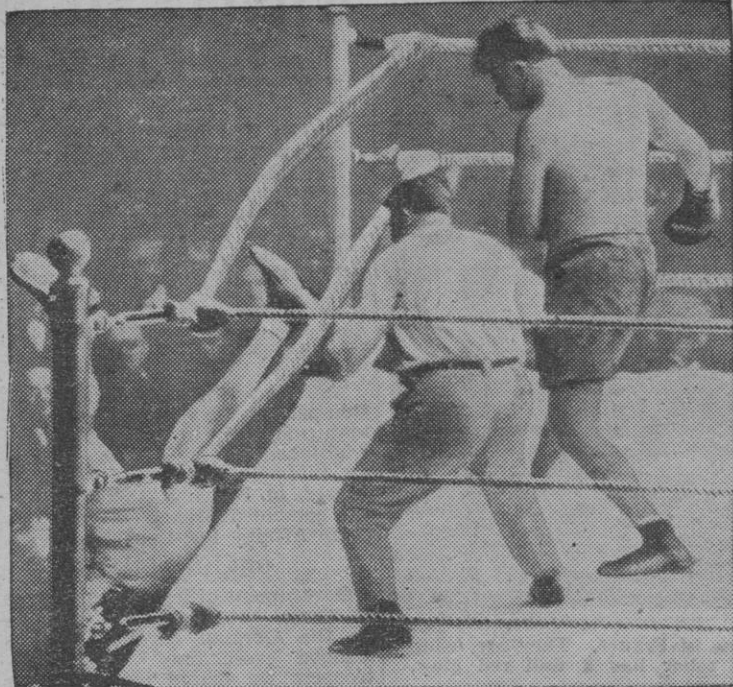
Engineers Honor Departed Bastogne Comrades in Memorial Service



Co. C of the Ninth Armd. Engr. Bn., Ninth Armd. Div., pays homage to its members who were lost defending the bulge. The commanding officer is shown reading the roll.



# Firpo Dreams of Title for Argentina



Luis Angel Firpo, a living legend in Argentine boxing circles, is pictured knocking Jack Dempsey through the ropes in the first round of their memorable 1923 battle. Dempsey flattened him in the next round.



Firpo, who resembles John L. Lewis, is grooming Abel Cestac for a pro career. Cestac has won 70 amateur fights.



The "Wild Bull of the Pampas" is doing all right these days with his cattle ranches, to which he devotes much of his time. He's worth \$750,000 and would spend that much to have a world champ in Argentina.

## Once Over Lightly

By Paul Horowitz  
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

THE AMERICAN sports public likes to holler "Cop" after an exposé such as the Brooklyn College cage scandal. Here are some of the developments since the bribe case came to light:

1. The National Collegiate Athletic Association advocated return of basketball to college gyms and out of the hands of professional promoters.
2. Police in different parts of the country suddenly decided to pounce on oldtime offenders. At Mason, Mich., Floyd Fitzsimmons, Benton Harbor sports promoter, was sentenced to three to four years in prison for attempting to bribe a member of the State Legislature in 1941 to keep in committee a bill regulating horse-racing and pari-mutuel betting. And New York cops pinned a rap on Sam Boston, Broadway gambling king, for taking bets on the Willie Pep-Allie Stolz fight in the Garden back in 1943.
3. The Big Ten issued two ultimatums to its member schools. They must play all their games on college campuses, except when special permission is granted to play elsewhere, and they cannot include in their game programs statistical data of value to gamblers.
4. The International League officials voted not to disclose the starting pitchers in advance of games, thus hoping to curb gambling.
5. Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia spent 21 minutes over his regular Sunday broadcast time to comment caustically on the bribe scandal in Brooklyn.

WE CAN'T spare the space to comment on all five developments, so we'll pick out the fourth, which has more loopholes in it than a fishnet.

Gamblers would welcome such a move, for the "suckers" who bet on the games wouldn't have as much chance of winning as they did when probable pitchers were announced the day before a game.

BOOKIES could keep a file on pitchers' performances and within a month after the season's opening they'd know the rotation of mounds-men without bothering to go to the ball park.

To insure such knowledge, a spotter in the stadium could note what pitchers were warming up 20 minutes before game time and relay the information by phone. The big money wouldn't be covered until just before the first pitch, in that event.

And the payoff is that the International League, and any other circuit that adopts such a practice, would be hurting its own gate. Fans who go to games when a favorite pitcher is due to fling might stay away if his probable appearance weren't publicized.

Gambling will go on regardless of restrictions, rules and edicts. The bookies are a wiser crowd than the promoters of athletic events. They've been fooled too often.

### Brooklyn Cage Gambler Seeks Bribe Loophole

BROOKLYN, Feb. 7.—Harvey Stemmer, accused of bribing five Brooklyn College basketball players, made the first attempt to destroy the State's conspiracy case against him today. Stemmer's attorney filed papers in the motion to permit him to withdraw a plea of not guilty and interpose a demurrer to the indictment.

This means Stemmer claims the conspiracy law doesn't apply to the bribery of athletes and therefore there is no basis for indictment. The District Attorney's office is hopeful the presiding judge will agree Section 580 will apply. The statute defines conspiracy as "to commit any act injurious to public morals."

The offense for misdemeanor is punishable by sentence of 30 days to three years.

### Five-Club Texas League Slate to Be 'Informal'

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 7.—Plans to operate the Texas League on an informal basis may be completed shortly, it was learned yesterday. Jimmy Humphries, secretary of the Oklahoma Indians, has asked Bill Pitcock, local baseball man, to assist him. Humphries hopes to have a five-team league with no official sanction, but to provide some kind of baseball.

### Generals, Blackbirds Win

The undefeated Generals knocked off Com Z in a "V" League basketball game, 41-39, as the unbeaten Blackbirds went out of the league to trounce the Sullivan Raiders, 52-35. Walter Stockton, of Columbus, Kan., netted ten points and T/Sgt. Tony Jaros, of Minneapolis, scored 25.

## Tout G-Man Hoover for Baseball Czar

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A special meeting of major league club-owners to elect a new baseball commissioner is scheduled to be held



Ford Frick Jim Farley  
They Want the Job—

within two weeks, it was learned late last night. Clubowners feel that the selection should be called before the teams open spring training sessions in March.

Any clubowner in either league can request a meeting and it's no secret that several are for naming

### Phils Put Klein, Shea On Active Player List

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—Coaches Chuck Klein and Mervyn Shea, of the Philadelphia National League club, have been returned to the active list, General Manager Herb Pennock announced today as he mailed 33 contracts to 12 pitchers, five catchers, eight infielders and eight outfielders.

Shea will catch at least 50 games if Johnny Peacock, Phils' firststring catcher, is inducted. It will be the first time Shea has worked regularly behind the plate since 1934.

## Oregon Tosses Hits 400 Mark

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Dick Wilkins, Oregon sharpshooter, passed the 400-point mark last week as he continued to pace the nation's collegiate basketball scorers with a total of 412 on 182 field goals and 48 fouls. He netted 39 points as Oregon broke even with Washington in a two-game series.

George Mikan, of DePaul, collected 40 points against Notre Dame and Purdue, and is second with 360 points. Mikan, however, has averaged 21 points a game to Wilkins' 12.5 a game.

Ernie Calverly, Rhode Island star, in fifth place, has averaged 21.9 points a game. Stan McWilliams, College of the Pacific, and Bill Henry, of Rice, have scored over 300 points.

The scoring leaders:

	G	FG	F	Pts
Wilkins, Oregon	33	182	48	412
Mikan, DePaul	17	142	76	360
McWilliams, Coll. Pacific	19	140	61	341
Henry, Rice	17	131	78	340
Calverly, Rhode Island St.	13	118	49	285
Kurland, Oklahoma Ags.	17	116	48	280
Skinner, Columbia	16	89	47	225
Ferris, Utah	13	88	40	216
Hines, Oklahoma	17	82	51	215
Lindsey, La. State	14	91	31	213
Morris, Northwestern	13	73	33	199
Sokol, So. Carolina	14	87	25	199

## Kennedy Stars As Leafs Win

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—Ted Kennedy, Maple Leaf wingman who scored three goals against the Chicago Black Hawks in his last game, continued his scoring spree against the Boston Bruins with a pair of goals as Toronto beat the home six, 5-1, before 12,000 fans last night.

Bill Jennings, playing his first game since being injured a month ago, scored the only Bruins' goal 47 seconds after the game started. Babe Pratt tied the contest a minute later when his shot caromed off Armand Gaudreault. Kennedy scored in 42 seconds of the middle period, taking a long pass from Pratt, and four minutes later Art Jackson grabbed the loose puck, bluffed Bruin Goalie Paul Bibeault out of position, and scored. Kennedy got his second goal in the third period and then passed to Mel Hill for the fifth Toronto tally.

### Lach, Richard Top Scorers

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—Although Bill Cowley, veteran playmaker for the Boston Bruins, broke into Montreal's scoring monopoly in the National Hockey League by edging Toe Blake out of third place, two Canadians continued on the top rung. Maurice Richard and Elmer Lach are tied with 58 points for the league leadership.

Richard, last week's leader, added three points, but Lach scored four to pull up even with teammate. Richard is far ahead in goals, however, with 39. Lach tops everybody in assists with 41, ten ahead of Cowley. Blake went scoreless last week for the first time this season.

### National Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	28	5	3	59
Detroit	22	10	4	48
Toronto	19	15	2	40
Boston	12	22	2	26
New York	7	19	8	22
Chicago	6	23	5	17

### American Hockey League

Tuesday Night's Result  
Hershey 1, St. Louis 1 (tie).

## Behind The Sports Headlines

DAYTON, Ohio.—In the midst of talk about travel restrictions, the Wright Field Air Tech basketball team, featuring Cpl. John Mahnken, Cpl. Dyke Eddelman, Sgt. Ed Sadowski and Lt. Chuck Taylor, left their home field Dec. 27 on a tour and are expected home in March.

MOBILE, Ala.—United States District Court Judge John McDuffie, a former Congressman, pleaded guilty to a game law violation in his own court and fined himself \$25. The jurist was arrested by a game warden for having in his possession two more doves than allowed by law. A fellow hunter stated the judge was carrying two of his birds, but McDuffie didn't enter a plea to that effect.

DETROIT.—The long arm of Selective Service reached out and plucked Golfer Jimmy Johnson, Motor City pro, right out of the ranks of the Tucson Open field. Johnson, father of one child, returned immediately and was taken into the Army.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Frank "Red" Broyles, Georgia Tech backfield star, received the award as the most valuable player in the Southeastern Conference from the Atlanta Touchdown Club, while in custody. Broyles, a V12 student, was accompanied to the meeting by Chief Petty Officer Bosh Picard, because the entire English Naval unit was "confined to ship" as a disciplinary measure for lax conduct.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—George Mikan, six-foot nine-inch center of DePaul, and Howie Schultz, six-foot seven-inch center of Hamline, put on a scoring duel for Chicago and St. Paul spectators that still has the customers gasping. DePaul won both games and in the first, Mikan hit the nets for 26 points to Schultz' 12. In the second game Mikan scored 17 and Schultz copped honors with 21. NORFOLK, Va.—Jim Gillette, former Virginia University baseball and football captain and backfield star with the Cleveland Rams last year, signed as head baseball and football coach at Norfolk's Granby High School. Gillette, who served 22 months as a Navy lieutenant, was discharged last summer.

### Signal Outfit Hot

The 302nd Signal Operations Bn. has won 34 of 37 games played, the last 32 in a row. The team has scored 1,910 points. Coach is Lt. E. N. Feinen, captain T/5 Don K. Smith. The 302nd claims the 12th Army Group championship.

## CAGE RESULTS

- Central Michigan 57, Alma 36
- Franklin & Marshall 57, Ursinus 46
- Great Lakes 52, DePauw 48
- Illinois 58, Chanut Field 46
- Jacksonville Naval 67, Florida 44
- Kansas 41, Olathe Naval 26
- Loras 44, Cornell College 39
- Marquette 52, Western Michigan 50
- Norfolk Naval Air 56, Bainbridge 52
- North Carolina 64, Catawba 39
- Panzer 51, Wagner 48
- Phillips University 31, Tulsa 30
- Seranton 45, Stroudsburg Tchrs. 41
- Texas Aggies 87, Texas 59



Ed Barrow Leslie O'Connor  
—And These Guys Don't

retired Army colonel, also proposed by various lobbyists.

Leslie O'Connor, chairman of the temporary three-man committee now in charge of baseball, and Ed Barrow, former president of the Yankees, have announced they're not interested in the job.



# HASH MARKS

An Air Force cadet phoned his instructor, "I'm not air-sick—but I'd sure hate to yawn."

We collided with a civilian in the blackout one night. "Pardon," we said, "do you know where we're going?" "Yes," answered the civilian, "into the town lake. I'm just coming out."

Right or wrong, a WAC corporal says this is the lowdown on the fair sex:

A good girl always sticks to "no."

A bad girl usually yesses.

A smart girl makes 'em sound alike.

And holds them all on guesses.

Meanest Man in the ETO. Somebody told him a chameleon would change its color to match any background it was placed against: so the guy put one of the little lizards on a Scotch plaid and watched the puffing animal explode.

Most "honest" GI we've heard about lately is a pf named Benedict. Turning to a not-too-good-



looking girl by his side, he sighed, "Stick around till I down a few more bitters. You are looking better after each one."

Pleasant Rumor: According to French sources the Wehrmacht consumed 60,000 bottles of champagne a day during the occupation of France. But they didn't specify "good" champagne—as a result there is no "bad" champagne left in France. (It says here in fine print.)

Today's verse. "TS," is by Pvt. Sam Elkin.

Hitler, Goering, Himmler, Goebbels, Are mired deep in troubles. Once they had their glory and power. Now they face the inevitable hour.

We have just read of another company of Nazi soldiers who drank a cellar-full of cognac, then



surrendered. Their losses were staggering.

Considering where he is likely to go in the end, we hear that Hitler has requested that he be buried in an asbestos suit.

GI Philosophy. Chivalry is a man's inclination to defend a woman against every man but himself.

Another unsigned verse left in our typewriter last night:

Lips that touch calvados, wine and brew  
Are the first to whisper "I love you."

Clever Observation by Scott Forbes: "When Fred Astaire dances a beautiful expression comes over his feet."

And then there was the guy who was crazy to get married—but he didn't realize it until after he got married.

J. C. W.

# RADIO AFN AEF

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1215-Spotlight	1815-Wish'g you well
1230-Lower Basin St.	1900-HollywdMusic hl
1300-Merry-Go-R'd	1930-American Band
1400-News	2000-World News
1410-AEF on Spot	2005-U.K. News
1430-Alan Young	2010-Canada News
1500-Music	2015-Starlight
1530-Combat Diary	2030-ITMA
1545-On the Record	2100-News
1630-Amos and Andy	2105-Soldier & Song
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0830-Modern Music	

## Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



"YES-THIS IS THE ACTRESS YOU HIRED TO PLAY THE GHOST! I COULDN'T GET THERE BECAUSE--"

IF YOU AREN'T THAT- WHAT IS THAT?

IT'S MERELY MAH LATE GREAT-GRAN-MAMMY--SHE'S BIN DAID FO' SIXTY YARS. SHAKE HAN'S WIF ONE ANOTHER!!"



GLAD T' MEET UP WIF YO'. TALL, DARK AN' LIVIN'."

THERE ARE SOME THINGS THE HUMAN BRAIN CANNOT STAND!!"



YEOWWWW!!"

SEVENTY-TWO S-STORIES T' TH' GROUND!! RECKON AH'LL BE A-SEEN' HIM SOON--"

## Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



MAAM, SGT ALLEN REPORTS TO THE COMPANY COMMANDER...

AS YOU WERE... SIT DOWN, JANE



JANE, YOU KNOW THE RULES GOVERNING FRATERNIZATION BETWEEN OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL IN THIS THEATRE OF WAR...



THOSE ORDERS WERE ISSUED BEFORE THERE WERE WOMEN SOLDIERS-- BUT THEY STILL HOLD, EVEN THOUGH ONE'S HEART DOES NOT RECOGNIZE INSIGNIA OF RANK...



I'M JUST REMINDING YOU, NOT REPRIMANDING... AND IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE A PROBLEM... MY HUSBAND IS A FIRST SERGEANT... AND WE CAN'T EVEN EAT IN THE SAME RESTAURANTS! THAT'S ALL, JANE...

THANK YOU, MA'AM...

## Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



AH THE ROOF! THE VIEW MUST BE MAGNIFICENT-EH, PEPE? YOU MUST DESCRIBE IT TO ME SOMETIME!!"

LET ME GO!!!"



I HAVE NOT LOST MY SURE-FOOTED CUNNING--EH, PEPE?"



STOP! PLEASE STOP!!!"



REMEMBER, PEPE, HOW THE DRUMS WOULD ROLL AS I BEGAN MY FAMOUS TIGHTROPE WALK? YOU WILL BE MY PARTNER IN THIS--MY FAREWELL PERFORMANCE, OLD FRIEND!!!"



## Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.

By Chester Gould



HAVE YOU GONE BERSERK? YOU'LL BE BURNED ALIVE."

GIVE ME THAT AX!"



YOU LUNATIC! THIS PLACE IS GOING TO FALL IN ANY MINUTE."

TAKE OFF THAT SLICKER!"



"LISTEN, YOU AND I ARE GOING OUT, BROTHER, GUN OR NO GUN. UH--!"



THERE'S A BODY ON THE THIRD FLOOR FRONT LANDING. THEY'RE TRYING TO GET IT WITH HOOKS."

WHERE'S RYAN?"

## Blondie

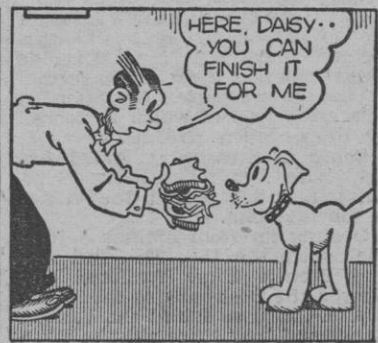
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By Chic Young

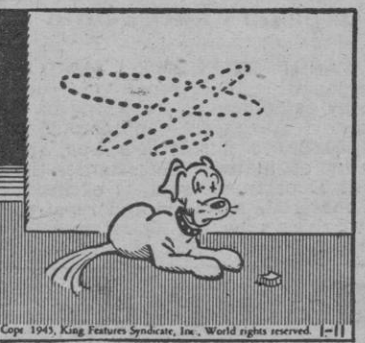


YOUR BOSS PHONED AND WANTS YOU TO COME TO HIS HOUSE AT ONCE--RUSH!"

GOSH! AND ME IN THE MIDDLE OF A DELICIOUS SANDWICH!"



HERE, DAISY-- YOU CAN FINISH IT FOR ME"



VETERINARIAN CAT-DOG HOSPITAL"



## Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



WELL, THIS BED IS TOO, TOO TEMPTING FOR A BENIGHTED ENSA STAR, FRITZ!--"



I FEEL LIKE GOLDIELOCKS BUT I SHALL SLEEP IN IT-- AND, IF THE THREE BEARS DON'T TURN UP IN THE NIGHT, I'LL BRING THE FRONT-LINE FOLLIES HERE TOMORROW MORNING!..."



THIS LOOKS LIKE A BATHROOM!-- I SUPPOSE IT'S TOO MUCH TO EXPECT HOT WATER-- BUT I'LL HAVE A COLD SLUICE..."



# Speed Work-Jail Bill, War Dept. Urges Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—Top officials of the War Department yesterday urged quick Senate action on national service—"work or jail"—legislation on the grounds that it would stimulate morale on the fighting fronts and increase needed war production, the United Press reported today.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Undersecretary Robert P. Patterson appeared before a closed session of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, which is considering a bill that would make every man between 18 and 45 subject to draft for work. The House passed the legislation, known as the May Bill, last week.

The Associated Press, meanwhile, said that it had become apparent in the Senate that some legislators had their eye on European battle reports and were reluctant to vote stricter controls if victory seemed imminent.

Stimson told the committee, according to members, that the Army wanted the legislation as quickly as it could be prepared; that the War Department was not concerned with the bill's form, but that the bill was needed to bolster morale.

Patterson told the senators that "No one is entitled to a free ride in this war," and that "Half-hearted mobilization is not the way to bring about unconditional surrender at a minimum cost in lives."

### Demands Home Support

"The fighting men are doing the hard part," Patterson said. "They should be given all-out support at home."

The undersecretary said that a limited national service law would speed prosecution of the war in these three ways:

"First, it will enable us to reinforce the Army and Navy with the men they need, and at the same time step up the output of munitions.

"Second, it will hearten the men on the fighting fronts... It will give them assurance that their supplies... will be abundant.

"Third, it will serve notice on the Axis that they have no chance of respite, that the momentum against them will be maintained until their final defeat is an accomplished fact."

### AFL Defends Production

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 7 (ANS).—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor reported last night that it had found the war production picture "excellent," despite "poor planning and lack of foresight by military authorities."

Labor and industry had responded "in a remarkable way" to furnish war materials under the voluntary manpower controls now in effect, the council said, hitting at efforts to enact work-or-jail legislation.

The AFL group charged military authorities with doubling and tripling production schedules "overnight," and said that "no law short of magic could keep war production in pace with schedules arrived at on such a basis."

### Secret Hearings Begin On Lend-Lease Extension

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP).—The House Foreign Affairs Committee began secret hearings on extensions of lend-lease to Britain, Russia and France.

The measure expires June 30. There appeared little doubt it will be extended, but specifications of future assistance are expected to come in for sharp discussions.

# S. and S. Takes Rome Paper To Task for Slap at Negroes

The Stars and Stripes Rome Bureau ROME, Feb. 7.—A front-page cartoon in the Socialist weekly, *Pettiroso*, was sharply criticized yesterday by The Stars and Stripes under the title, "We are not amused."

The cartoon bore a caption, "Shoes," and showed a Negro soldier in combat boots walking past a group of barefooted Italians. The Negro is saying: "And to think that I, who am not used to wearing them, am forced to wear them."

The Stars and Stripes called the drawing "shocking and offensive" to Americans, declaring: "For the possible benefit of the editor of *Pettiroso* a few simple facts might be made clear. The thousands of Negro soldiers in Italy are citizens of the United States. Many of them are living in the cold and discomfort of the Italian front and some are being wounded and killed. The Negro soldiers are fighting like all other Americans against

# 'Ike' Travels A Two-Way Victory Road

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WITH SUPREME COMMANDER, Feb. 7.—Gen. Eisenhower yesterday sped eastward on a chewed-up ribbon of road advancing westbound Germans once labeled "Der Weg zum Sieg"—the road to victory.

Pounding over the same crumbling breakthrough route the Nazis used between Houffalize and Marche last December, the Supreme Commander passed silent relics of perhaps the gravest—and costliest—battle of the Western Front.

With Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander, Gen. Eisenhower saw gaping German artillery craters, smashed skeletons of C47s and bomb-wrecked houses his troops used as last-ditch fortresses in the critical Battle of the Bulge.

The car whizzed by ugly mile-by-mile graveyards of mutilated tanks, blasted ME109s and Thunderbolts, charred Nazi troop-carriers and burned-out U.S. six-by-sixes, upset Volkswagons and torn American jeeps.

### Swing into Bastogne

The narrow breakthrough road snaked through tiny Belgian villages—Bande, Raymont, Herbaumont—then widened into what was left of Bastogne.

Where once the air was shattered by the crash of mortars and the boom of Long Toms, where once a one-star general had answered "Nuts" to a German demand for immediate surrender, all was quiet.

In a scarred barracks, the Supreme Commander met Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Third Army Commander. As they talked quietly before a map, the only sound outside was the scraping of wooden cartwheels on the pavement. Bastogne's evacuees were coming home.

Gen. Eisenhower's sedan turned north, sliced through the center of the bulge and into Houffalize, joining point of his First and Third armies a month ago.

Hours later, the Supreme Commander reached an advance headquarters. His face was relaxed, his smile genial.

"Der Weg zum Sieg" was a road to victory, he believed. The Germans just forgot it had two directions.

### Repair Program Saves Taxpayers Large Sum

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—Reclamation and repair of worn Army equipment and clothing have saved taxpayers approximately \$1,500,000,000 during the war, the Army estimates. This figure, the War Department said, is exclusive of materials salvaged and repaired overseas by the Quartermaster Corps.

### All in Favor Say Aye Would Allow GIs' Wives to Go Overseas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (ANS).—Rep. James G. Fulton (R-Pa.), a bachelor Navy man and one of the newest members of Congress, came up with the idea to send wives of fighting men overseas to be with them everywhere but in advance combat areas.

Fulton has just taken over his House seat after serving as deck officer for an aircraft-carrier in the Pacific.

"I don't see why my idea wouldn't work," Fulton declared in an interview reported by the Associated Press. "I know it would be a great

### Joes Prepare to Welcome 'Ivan' from the East



Men of the 102nd Division in Brachelon, Germany, are all set to greet the Red Army—if they sweep on through Germany and meet the Allies on the Western Front.

# Third Army Opens Attack

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scheid, northwest of Prum, after stiff house-to-house fighting.

Men of the 90th then advanced a mile and a quarter to widen their breach in the Siegfried Line. They captured the towns of Hontheim, Sellerich and Herscheid, about three miles west of Prum.

On the First Army front, tanks, tank-destroyers and infantry working with the 78th Div. moved 1,000 yards along the Straugh-Schmidt road to a point 500 yards from Schmidt, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Russ Jones reported.

### Hallenenthal Cleaned Out

The 78th Div.'s 309th Inf. Regt. moved into the outskirts of Kommerseid, 1,000 yards northwest of Schmidt, he said. It was in this area that the 28th Div. attacked last Nov. 3, captured Schmidt the night of Nov. 4 and then was thrown out of the town Nov. 5, he reported.

Jones said the town of Hallenthal south of Schleiden was cleaned out early yesterday after continuous fighting since Sunday night when patrols reported that the town was empty. The enemy speedily counter-attacked after U. S. forces entered.

The Ninth Div.'s 47th Inf. Regt. sent patrols into Malsbenden, which is 500 yards west of Gemund on the Urft River, Jones reported.

### The 7th Army Front Quiet

Other infantry advancing from Bergstein, north of Schmidt, reached Kall River, a tributary of the Roer, three miles from Hansfeld, near the site of the principal Roer dams. In this area, Jones reported, infantrymen were held up by the biggest minefield they ever saw.

The U.S. Seventh Army's Alsatian front was fairly quiet. Doughs cleared most of the Bois de Drusenheim southeast of Haguenau in the only reported operation in this area, most of which is flooded by thaw-swollen streams.

South of Strasbourg, Allied forces drove five miles below Neuf-Brisach and captured the village of Oberasheim.

Coming up from Mulhouse from the south, the U.S. 28th Inf. Div. and French First Armored Div. cleared the west bank of the Rhine-Rhone Canal as far as the Vauban Canal and took three villages south of Colmar.

The Rhinebank remnant of the Colmar pocket has been squeezed into an area 12 miles long and five miles wide. The severed segment to the west in the Vosges foothills has been virtually crushed, with only isolated bands of enemy forces still holding out.

U.S. and French forces have taken 10,000 prisoners in this area since mid-January.

# Big Three Map Victory Drive

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of a permanent international organization to maintain peace.

The three leaders, it was said, were meeting continuously to plan for completion of the defeat of the common enemy and for building with their allies the foundations of a lasting peace.

In the military discussions which opened the conference, the present situation on all the European fronts was reviewed. There was a full exchange of information, it was announced.

The military staffs of the three governments represented at the meeting now are working out the detailed plans.

Announcement that the foreign secretaries also were on hand indicated that Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius was having conversations with his British and Soviet opposite numbers—Anthony Eden and Vyacheslav Molotov.

Another communique will be issued when Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill have concluded their talks. It appeared that until then little more news would be forthcoming from the Black Sea locale of the conference.

On Tuesday, the French Telegraph Agency reported that the Allied leaders were conferring at Sochi, a Soviet Black Sea port 20 miles above Stalin's home province of Georgia. But there has been no official disclosure of the actual site.

Three countries, besides the USSR, border on the Black Sea. They are Rumania, Bulgaria and Turkey.

In the British plane crash, ten persons were killed, five were missing and believed killed, and five were injured. Among the dead were members of the Foreign Office staff, including a woman, and Army officers from the War Office.

Air Commodore Sanderson, of the Air Ministry, was among the injured. Several crew members were on the casualty list.

### Invitation Reported Declined

LONDON, Feb. 7 (UP).—Well-informed sources said tonight that President Roosevelt had declined an invitation from King George and Queen Elizabeth to be their guest, with Mrs. Roosevelt, at Buckingham Palace, after the Big Three conference.

The sources said Mr. Churchill relayed the invitation, proposing that Mrs. Roosevelt fly to England and that the pair stay four days. However, it was said, pressure of U.S. domestic and political problems, as well as international questions, prompted the President to turn down the invitation.

# Yanks Mop Up Last-Ditch Japs Inside Manila

MANILA, Feb. 7. — American troops still were mopping up Japanese resistance inside Manila today, while the enemy shelled the Santo Tomas and Bilbid internment camps, where thousands of Allied civilian internees and prisoners of war were being sheltered after their liberation.

Gen. MacArthur visited the Philippines capital today. He drove with an armored escort through ruined streets in the northern section. Japanese shells had burst over that area only a few minutes before his arrival.

A race developed between American troops trying to clean out the city and Japanese troops bent on destroying it. American artillery, resorting to an extreme measure it had hoped to avoid, began shelling areas of the city south of the Pasig River.

As U.S. troops inside the city dug enemy troops from positions behind barricaded doors and from rooftops, the American forces that sealed off roads leading to the Bataan Peninsula were probing southward along the coast. In northeastern Luzon, Yanks repulsed a Japanese counter-attack northeast of Rosario and inflicted severe losses on the enemy.

American bombers made their heaviest attack thus far against Corregidor. One hundred and eighty tons of bombs were dropped. Tokyo radio reported that U.S. warships had been bombarding Corregidor for two days.

### B29s Hit Thailand

Two fleets of Superfortresses, flying from bases in India, attacked targets in Thailand and French Indo-China yesterday.

Army Liberators struck Sunday and Monday at Haha and Iwo Islands, Japanese bases on the Superfortress route from the Marianas to Japan. Marine Corps planes attacked in the Palaus and Carolines.

In China, the Japanese offensive from the Canton area has forced abandonment of three fighter bases from which American planes had harassed Japanese shipping in the Shanghai-Hongkong route. The bases are Suichuan, Kanchow and Namyung.

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that the Reds had reached points "within 30 miles of Berlin."

Heavy reinforcements are now engaging Zhukov's army in some of the heaviest fighting of the three-week-old Red Army drive.

### Koniev's Army Gains

In German Silesia, Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army troops, intensifying their three-day-old drive from a 50-mile wide bridgehead on the west bank of the Oder, wheeled north yesterday to gain 50 inhabited places in a push northwest of Breslau, the Moscow communique said.

Several German airfields were captured almost intact between Oppeln and Breslau, plus 4,200 prisoners.

In East Prussia, Russian troops fought German pockets resisting desperately. Soviet artillery hammered at Koenigsberg's suburbs.

The Red Air Force, attacking enemy shipping in Danzig Bay, sank three German transports and one oil tanker and damaged an enemy destroyer.

# Cabinet Crisis Arises in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Feb. 7 (AP).—Prince Charles, Regent of Belgium, today accepted the resignation of Premier Hubert Pierlot's Cabinet and tonight he had a government crisis on his hands. The Prince started a series of audiences, presumably seeking advice on whom to designate as head of the government.

This afternoon, while the Chamber of Deputies was debating whether to overthrow Pierlot's government, he interrupted the proceedings with the announcement that he was going to the Regent and resign.

The announcement came not long before the Chamber was scheduled to vote and just after Justice Minister Maurice Verbaet had finished a fervent defense of his handling of the Justice Department—a defense interrupted repeatedly by questioners who asked why he had not prosecuted collaborators more vigorously.