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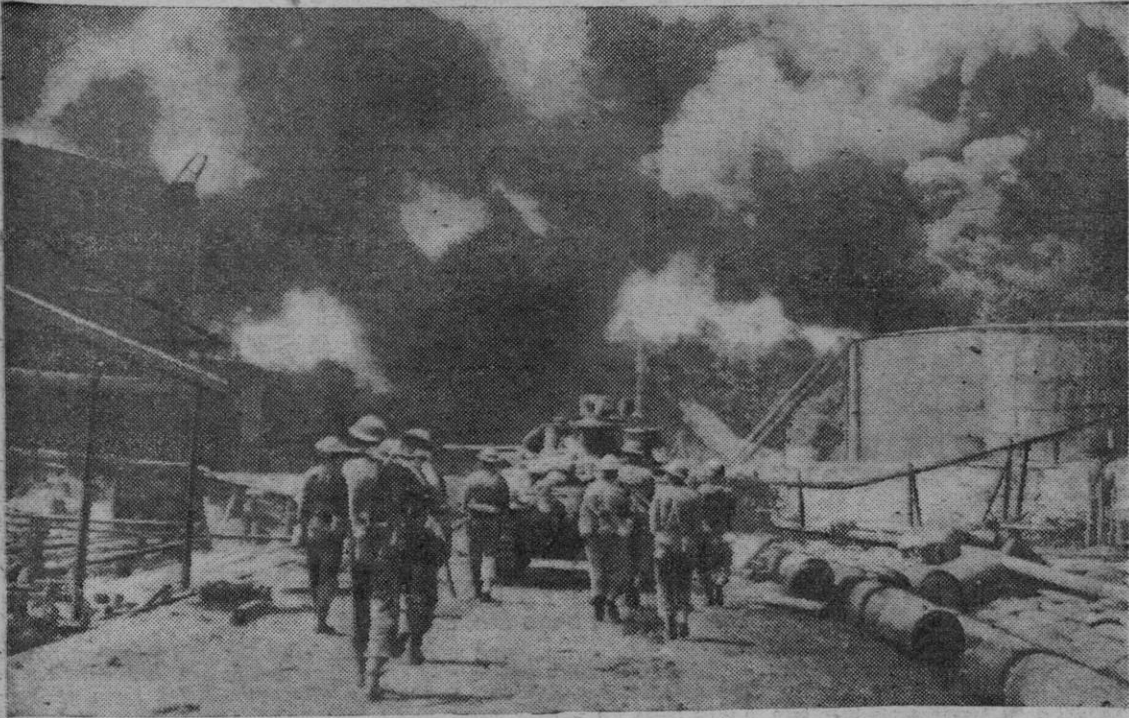
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Aussies Mop Up Around Blazing Balikpapan Refinery



Infantry of the Seventh Australian Div. move up into dense clouds of oil smoke as they hunt down pockets of Japs still resisting in the vicinity of the Royal Dutch Shell Oil refinery near Balikpapan on Borneo.

200 Planes Give Shanghai Worst Pounding of War

MANILA, July 20.—The war's heaviest air raid against Shanghai and the capture of the Sambodja oil fields in Borneo were announced today by Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.

It was also disclosed that Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten and his staff came here from New Delhi, India, last week for three days of conferences with MacArthur to arrange for complete coordination of their Southeast Asia and Southwest Pacific commands. It was the first meeting of the two leaders. An interchange of plans and strategy for the two theaters was indicated.

200,000 GIs Discharged by Point System

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson disclosed today that the Army was now releasing troops at the rate of 4,000 daily and that some 200,000 have already been discharged under the point system. He said the Army was returning to civilian life about twice as many men as it was taking through induction, this rate being attributable not only to the point system but also to over-age and medical discharges.

800,000 New Troops
By June 1, 1946, the Army expects to have released 2,000,000 and to have taken in 800,000 new troops.

No more than this 2,000,000 can be discharged, Patterson emphasized, without reducing the Army strength below the level considered necessary to insure Japan's defeat at a minimum cost of lives. The Associated Press noted that the first division redeployed from Europe through the U.S. probably would not reach Pacific combat zones until about Dec. 1. This was indicated with the disclosure that eight weeks of retraining has been prescribed here. Troops of the 86th Div., first back from Europe, will assemble Aug. 1 at Camp Gruber, Okla., for Pacific training. If the eight-week schedule is followed, the AP said, this means the 86th will not be ready to move (Continued on Page 8)

Any further operations of Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet, last reported at the entrance to Tokyo Bay, were cloaked in silence, but Tokyo said it still was roaming off the coast. And there was no further word from either enemy or American sources of a naval task force assault upon Japanese-held Wake Island, which Tokyo radio had reported.

200 Planes Hit Shanghai
More than 200 Liberators, Mitchells, Invaders and Thunderbolts of the Seventh AF made the first full-scale raid ever launched on Shanghai. They bombed and strafed airfields and the harbor. There was no fighter opposition but ground fire was heavy; losses, if any, were not announced.

The great Kiangnan airdrome, north of the city, containing the largest concentration of Japanese planes in China, was one of the chief targets. Crews reported that all their bombs landed on the target area. Other planes, from the Seventh and Fifth AFs, struck the manufacturing city of Kagoshima in the southern section of Japan's southern Kyushu Island. They hit refineries, munitions factories and submarines.

Oil Wells Rich Prize
The Sambodja oil wells and refineries were the richest prize yet to fall to the Australians on Borneo. The Japanese pulled out after setting great fires, as the Dutch had done before they were driven out in 1942, but it was likely that the damage could be repaired. Sambodja, 28 miles northeast of Balikpapan, produced 7,000,000 barrels of oil annually from about 400 wells before the war.

Other Australian troops northeast of Balikpapan fought along the highway to Samarinda, a second major oil center 36 miles north of Sambodja. Dutch East Indies troops repulsed a three-pronged counter-attack south of Soengawain, in the Balikpapan area. Fliers returning from an early morning raid on Honshu Island cities by more than 600 Superfortresses reported that great fires were started in all the target cities.

The Japanese-controlled Batavia radio reported that defense preparations had been completed for expected Allied landings on the Japanese mainland and in Malaya. The Tokyo radio said that 1,500,000 schoolchildren would be mobilized to reclaim land in order to increase food production.

Entire 44th Div. Disembarks at N.Y.

NEW YORK, July 20 (ANS).—The 44th Inf. Div. arrived en masse today from France aboard the Queen Elizabeth. They were among 28,340 soldiers arriving in New York today aboard six vessels, the largest number of American troops to disembark here in a single day. More than 34,000 troops arrived here July 11 but many were Canadians. Other ships due are the Monticello, Le Jeune, Bret Harte, Nishmaha and Frances Y. Slanger. They are bringing home the 23rd and 38th Rgts of the Second Inf. Div., 11th of the Fifth Inf. Div., 1,561 casualties, 12 liberated Air Force prisoners and members of scattered units.

Truman Sees Capitol's Flag Raised Over U.S. Hq. in Berlin

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, July 20.—The American flag which flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington when war was declared against Germany was raised today in this conquered German capital city as the Commander-in-Chief, President Truman, looked on.

In a brief speech before the flag was hoisted atop an 80-foot staff in the cobbled courtyard of the U.S. Group Control Council Hq., the President said it was a fitting symbol of victory over "our greatest adversary" and that it showed that "a free people can look successfully after the affairs of the world."

The same flag was raised in Rome on July 4, 1944 and, according to an official statement, it will next be unfurled over Tokyo.

The President said the flag was raised "in the name of the people of the United States, a people who are looking forward to a better world."

"Fighting for Peace"
He added: "Let us not forget that we are fighting for peace. There is not one piece of territory or one thing of a monetary nature we want out of this war. If we can put our tremendous machine to work for peace, we can look forward to the greatest age in the history of mankind. That's what we propose to do."

The President was accompanied to the ceremony by the top men in the team of commanders which led the victory against Germany—Gen. Eisenhower, Omar N. Bradley and George S. Patton, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy to Eisenhower on the Allied Control Council, also were in the party.

The President's address was the first public appearance of any of the Big Three during their current meeting.

Other developments at the Potsdam conclave today included the announcement that Adm. Emory S. and U.S. War Shipping Administrator had arrived at the conference in response to a special summons from the President.

Britain's Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden returned to work today (Continued on Page 8)

Truman Plays Piano At Big Two's Request

POTSDAM, July 20.—The President of the U.S. played the piano last night at the special request of Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin. After Sgt. Eugene List, American soldier and a well-known concert pianist, had finished a recital, the two members of the Big Three, who were guests of Mr. Truman, asked him to play something. The President, whose mother was a piano teacher, obliged with Beethoven's Minuet in G.

Black Marts In Berlin Hit

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BERLIN, July 20.—A four-nation drive to wipe out the fast-growing black market in Berlin has been ordered by the Allied Kommandantur, with black-market operators given a No. 1 criminal priority by the combined American, British, French and Russian military authorities. The German civilian police also have been directed to participate in the drive.

Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, U.S. Berlin district chief, disclosed that the campaign was decided on by a unanimous vote of himself, Maj. Gen. Lewis Lyne, the British representative; Col. Gen. Alexander Gorbatov, Soviet delegate and Kommandantur president, and Gen. Geoffroy Beauchesne, the French representative.

Plans to stamp out the illegal traffic, termed by Parks as a "growing menace," were formulated at a meeting of the Russian, American, (Continued on Page 8)

U.S. Casualties Reach Total of 1,053,101

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—American casualties since Pearl Harbor have reached 1,053,101, the War Department announced today. The increase of 3,997 in the last week was one of the smallest in weeks. Army casualties are 917,442, an increase of 1,724. Navy casualties are listed at 135,659, an increase of 2,273. The Philippines campaign cost 59,656 casualties.

For the Body Clean—an Army Form

DETACHMENT "A"
GROUP II, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
ETOUSA APO 367

PERSONAL HYGIENE REPORT _____ 1945

This is to certify that the following named Enlisted Man bathed and changed their undergarments twice during the week from _____ 1945 to _____ 1945

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.

ROOM No. _____ ROOM LEADER (Signed) _____

By E.O. McQuaid
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
Have you taken two baths this week? Do you smell all sweet and pretty, and is your underwear fresh and clean? If your answer to these questions is yes and if you fill out a form certifying that this is true (a notary public is not necessary)—you will be considered fit to sleep in the U.S. building out at Cité Universitaire in Paris. The men who live there must fill out this form, called a "Personal Hygiene Report," every week. It is the responsibility of the ranking non-com in each room to see that this form is filled out each week and turned in to the first sergeant. 1/Lt. Israel Noodelman, commanding officer of "A" Detachment in the U.S. building, said he was "more or less" responsible for the form, although the idea that men should take two baths a week and change their underwear a like

number of times originated with HQ Command, ETOUSA, he said. Last winter when the weather was cold, the men had neither heat nor hot water in the building, he said, and the medics complained—after a few "Physicals"—that certain individuals were becoming lax in matters of personal cleanliness. The ETOUSA order resulted, Noodelman said. The officer said he thought up the form because it seemed to him a more efficient way of carrying out his superior's wishes than going around personally, chasing each man into the showers and standing over him while he changed his unmentionables. "Recently, though," the Lieutenant said, "we haven't been following through." The Lieutenant said the men have hot water now. T/4 William Elwell, of Vineland, N.J., the acting first sergeant, said, however, that the forms still were collected each week. Asked what action was taken when a man was

reported as taking only one bath a week, or, heaven forbid, no baths a week, Elwell said: "The first time he may be given a lecture, but if he is reported a second time, disciplinary action probably would be taken." Elwell said that he didn't know of any case where a final resort was found necessary. As a matter of fact, Elwell said he didn't know of a time when a man had to be lectured. "The men seem to know when to take a bath," Elwell said. Interviewed in the spacious lobby of the U.S. building, now renovated in typical GI style with red "butt" cans surmounting wooden stands in place of potted palms, a few GIs agreed with the sergeant that they knew pretty well when to bathe. "Sometimes we don't even have to be told to change our underwear," one said. "Did you ever have that dirty feeling," another asked. "You feel just like taking a bath and changing your underwear."

An Editorial

Two Types of Discipline

THERE were two schools of thought on post-combat military discipline in the European theater.

The first held that during the trying days of redeployment and readjustment, in which millions of men would be shifted through processing centers to the Pacific or the States, and hundreds of thousands converted from field to garrison status, emphasis should be placed on recreation, athletics and education, with a minimum of close-order drill.

The other held that with the end of hostilities, there should be a general "tightening up" on courtesy, discipline and training, lest our naturally carefree army, released from the restrictions of combat, degenerate into a mob.

It is this latter interpretation of command authority, practiced in some areas, which offends the basic dignity of the reasonable, intelligent citizen-soldier who forms the bulk of America's wartime army.

It is this difference in interpretation which is causing some areas to be famed as liberal, friendly places in which to serve, and others to be known for harsh discipline, severe training schedules, emphasis on spit-and-polish and other manifestations of quixotic authority which the soldier calls "chicken."

As pointed out in yesterday's discussion, the professional army, as distinguished from the civilian army, is faced with a tremendous responsibility in the months ahead.

The sheer magnitude of the task is staggering, but the fact that 500,000 men were redeployed to the States within 65 days after V-E-Day—one of the great achievements of logistical history—indicates that the job is being well done. The over-all picture is gratifying.

It is presumed that the War Department desires universal conscription and a strong standing army after the war. This desire can never be realized without strong popular support from the civilian population. Army authorities should seriously consider the implications of this in relation to the attitude of our present soldiers returning to civil life.

On the treatment the soldier receives in assembly areas, at ports of embarkation and on static assignments throughout the theater depends to a great extent the attitude he will carry back into civil life, and the support he will give the military in the all-important postwar defense program.

This treatment is for the most part reasonable and considered, but if we may judge by letters from troops in the field, there are some places in which training and discipline goes to lengths which seem ill-considered and unnecessary in the accomplishment of the mission.

OUR "B-Bag," a democratic safety-valve through which both officers and men can let off steam, seems to indicate a trend toward "chicken" in certain sore spots within the theater.

From London comes the complaint that one Air Force unit—which presumably puts in a full week of hard work—devotes every Sunday to a full-dress parade.

From the assembly area at Rheims comes a complaint from one unit awaiting redeployment that athletic facilities are non-existent but that the men either work or drill seven days a week while German PWs work only six under the Geneva Convention. These writers suggest, with a certain irony, that the Geneva Convention might well be applied to our own forces.

From Paris comes the complaint that headquarters employees—undergoing conversion to garrison life with few garrison privileges—were routed out of bed at 5:45 AM, stood reveille at 6:15 followed by calisthenics, stormed mess-halls that weren't geared for the rush and then killed time until 8:30 when their departments opened. This reveille formation has now been set three quarters of an hour later, but few soldiers enthusiastically accept such a regime as necessary in the accomplishment of their mission.

Again from the assembly area come protests from nurses that they must wear Class A uniforms after 5 PM, despite the ruinous effect of the dirt and dust and the complete lack of ironing, pressing or cleaning facilities.

Another unit protests that only five percent of the personnel are issued passes at one time—which means a man escapes his camp once in 20 days.

AND so it goes. Each area, it would seem, interprets its basic mission differently. This discussion is no attempt to embarrass any specific command, but to call attention to the overall need for liberal, considered use of command authority.

No one who has seen the gigantic task being carried out at Rheims, at Le Havre, at Marseille, can fail to appreciate the difficulties under which officers as well as men are laboring. There are bound to be gripes. Athletic supplies fail to arrive, the water supply breaks down, men are quickly alerted and moved, and then sit for weeks waiting for something to happen.

These are normal snafus in a difficult program. But since we are returning to civilian life thousands of Americans who have fought well and bravely, and who can appreciate the distinction between good treatment and bad, commanders all along the line should strive for the accomplishment of their mission with a minimum of unnecessary and querulous restrictions.



Toupee or No Toupee

The care given members of the U.S. Army has been superb but one thing sadly neglected is toupees for the bald-headed man.

He is continuously kidded about his lack of hair and has two strikes on him when he tries to console some lonely mademoiselle. You say that a man over 30 can take the kidding and that he is too old to do much consoling of the mademoiselles. Untrue! I know that the kidding is not too harassing but the other thing is a severe headache.

Imagine how one feels after he has just given a mademoiselle a bit of his choicest line including a little white lie about his being only 25 and then comes the time for removal of his beret. Then comes your feeble efforts to explain about baldness being hereditary and that you are a victim of heredity.

Please, Uncle, get us a GI-toupee! —Hairless Harry.

Pajama News

I have just returned from the clothing store where I have again been refused summer pajamas. All women serving with the American Army (as far as I can learn) except the enlisted WAC can buy summer pajamas.—T/4 G.S.

Editor's note: Arrangements have been completed so that within the next two weeks, enlisted women will be permitted to purchase two pairs of summer pajamas.

Misinformed

I am an ex-combat man who has been reassigned to ordnance because of injuries. Yesterday my CO informed me that I could no longer wear my combat badge. Why can't I wear a decoration which I have earned?—Cpl. 862 Ord. H.A.M. Co. (According to WD Cir. 408, 17 Oct. 1944, you are entitled to wear the badge.—Ed.)

Wants War Guilt Tax

If the German people as a whole has committed the horrible crime of war and torture, the same entire people must be punished and not scolded. Levy a "war guilt" income tax of 15 to 20 percent, exempting only those who actively opposed the Nazi regime prior to 1942. The war guilt tax to be effective for at least 20 years, with the right of the Germans to earn termination after 15 years through good behavior.—Capt. Martin A. Sherry, 6824 DIC-MIS.

Class Liquor

Today it was announced in our company that liquor rations could be purchased, but by T/5s on up only. What in the hell goes on? Since when are T/5s on up better than the rest of us?

Doesn't the Army think that us poor pfc's and pvts. like a drink now and then as well as the "other ranks"? Does it mean that we have to pay exorbitant prices for our drinks, while the "on ups," that draw more than we do, get theirs cheaper? Pourquoi?—Disgusted Pfc, 467 Ord. Evac. Co.

Many of us here in Com Z are wounded ex-combat men—mere privates or pee eff sees—from infantry rifle companies. Being non non-coms we don't get a cut in on the liquor ration.

To the persons responsible for this plan we pose this question: Is this the thanks we get for risking our lives, and being incapacitated for the rest of our lives?—(Five signatures.—Ed.)

I am writing this letter for my squad, which contains the biggest rummies in the First Division. Before the Rhine crossing we were promised by Gen. Eisenhower that each man would receive a bottle of whisky if he crossed the Rhine.

Today, months after months after crossing the damn river we received our quota. Five bottles for 12 men. What did we get? Beat up wine, green champagne and a poor excuse for whisky. This is our gripe. What did we cross the river for?

We are still sober.—"The Rummies," 1st Engr. Bn.

Honest Looting's OK—But

I'm burned up about this major who sent his wife Hitler's silver service looted from an apartment in Munich. Not that I don't believe in a little honest looting myself, but I recall that the War Department has found much evidence of looted articles in servicemen's mail and has decreed it to be illegal and has forbidden it. Can we deny the GI his modest loot and let officers get away with it on a grander scale?

Lt. Col. Hubert W. Amundsen, 8th Traf. Reg. Gp.

The American Scene:

Re-education of Nazis Worries Movie Chiefs

By Philip H. Bucknell
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, July 20.—Four film chiefs have just returned from Europe dripping with pessimism at the chances of converting the Nazis, Variety reports. They spent four weeks, at the invitation of the War Department, helping formulate cinematic entertainment for the liberated countries and until they have made an official report to Gen. George C. Marshall they can't say anything. But Variety's correspondent reports that their feelings about Germany are gloomy.

"An impression that seems dominant," the writer says, "is that the Nazi youths have been so indoctrinated that it will be difficult to re-educate them; that while the Allies won the war, the Nazis act as best-dressed people in Europe, and that conceivably, the next generation or two of Germans will foment World War III."

"A partial cure might be achieved if the Allies starved the Germans for five years, just as the latter starved the people in Russia, the Balkans, Poland, the Lowlands, France, etc.," in the opinion of the film men, according to the reporter.

A modest evaluation of the forecast of Hollywood top men (Jack L. Warner, Harry Cohn, Sydney Buchman, Darryl F. Zanuck) is given in a later paragraph: "The grapevine has it that if the Allied military might and diplomatie are having their headaches shaping the Nazi postwar future, how can the American movie-makers prognosticate what to do? However, whatever their recommendations, they will have to be part of their official report."

Sin Is Dull, Says Dorothy Dix

If you have been missing your daily Dorothy Dix, the following advice from the heart expert will show that things are still thriving in the problem department. It seems a 17-year-old wrote Dorothy, confiding that an elderly sugar-daddy wanted to support here in "lavish style," and what should she do.

Dorothy doesn't hesitate a moment. "At your age," she writes, "the idea of being a rich man's mistress probably seems very alluring. You picture yourself as leading a glamorous life with thrills, wickedness, champagne, fine clothes and jewels, with nothing to do but amuse yourself." But Dorothy slaps that idea down. "There's nothing so dull as a life of sin," she says. "Don't do it."

Miss Dix can make with the modern stuff too. To a 16-year-old, who bemoans that despite her beauty and personality she can't get a date, Dorothy remarks: "Well, I don't see what you can do about it, if the attraction you have doesn't wow the woves."

Hometown Corner: Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, visiting his mother, received the townspeople in his shirtsleeves. "I had to have my blouse pressed," he apologized.

Parlor cars with free pillows and footstools will replace sleeping cars on the Boston-New York train, the Owl, when government restrictions against sleepers for trips of less than 450 miles go into effect Sunday, the New Haven Railroad Co. announced. The Owl, as usual, will leave Grand Central at 12:30 AM. Some cars will be reserved for women, some for men.

Fifth Avenue Double-Deckers May Be Doomed

New York's Fifth Avenue double-decker buses are doomed if the present dispute between the operating company and the union is not settled. The company wants vehicles converted for one-man operation and the union refuses to consent to the change.

In Hartford, Conn., Anthony Paolillo, former New Haven draft board official, was declared guilty of disclosing confidential Selective Service information to a newspaper by Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas J. Birmingham at the end of a seven-day hearing. Paolillo asserts that the Selective Service director, John J. Robinson, had given him permission.



Sweatin' It Out

By Mauldin



"Ya gotta git rid of him. We don't want this place involved in no scandals."

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Bretton Woods Plan Wins Final Approval

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP).—The House voted unanimously today to accept minor Senate amendments to the Bretton Woods monetary legislation, completing Congressional action on the bill and sending it to the White House. Congress thus became the first parliamentary body among the great powers to approve the 44-nation agreement.

The Senate late yesterday voted its approval of the Bretton Woods plan, which is designed to stabilize the postwar monies of the world and help finance reconstruction. The vote was 61 to 16.

Nineteen Republicans and one Progressive joined 41 Democrats in voting approval after four days of bitter debate. Two Democrats, Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas and Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, went along with 14 Republicans who voted against it.

U.S. To Put Down \$2,750,000,000

The plan puts the U.S. down for a \$2,750,000,000 share of a proposed \$8,800,000,000 fund to stabilize world currencies and a \$2,175,000,000 capital subscription to the \$9,100,000,000 bank to make loans for reconstruction and development.

Administration forces were in control of the final day's debate as the Senate rejected every attempt to alter the plan. Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky gave the Senate its cue by arguing that any amendment to the agreement would kill the entire proposal and necessitate another monetary conference such as last year's meeting of 44 nations at Bretton Woods, N.H.

Taft Chief Foe

Leading opponent of the agreement was Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) who vainly sought to limit use of the stabilizing fund and to eliminate entirely U.S. participation in the bank.

His test amendment—denying any nation access to the world stabilization fund if it retains trading restrictions on its own currency—was voted down 53 to 23 after Barkley declared it would "kill the entire agreement."

Republican opposition during the debate generally was directed along two lines: That the U.S. \$6,000,000,000 participation would be "just pouring \$6,000,000,000 down a rat-hole" and that the U.S. should retain control of its monies available for foreign loans through such an existing instrumentality as the Export-Import Bank.

Forest Blaze Perils Towns

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20 (ANS).—Only a few miles of green timber stood today between two small towns and the raging forest fire that already had enveloped 55 square miles of Northwest Oregon and at one point almost trapped 415 sailors who were fighting it.

The sailors, part of more than 2,000 men working desperately to stop the Wilson River blaze, were surrounded when flames spread swiftly through trees above a point where they were working. Falling to the ground they radioed for help and spunkled the surrounding area with extinguishers.

They finally escaped minus some of their gear by heading for a road below while the fire licked over their heads.

The hamlets of Glenwood and Gales Creek were only three and four miles respectively from the eastern edge of the fire but neither had been evacuated, and it was hoped firefighters could check the blaze when it hit slower-burning green timber.

The Wilson River fire, which started eight days ago on logging operations from an undetermined cause, had crossed a Southern Pacific freight line and threatened to merge with the Salmonberry River fire which broke out of fire trails after being controlled temporarily.

So far only 160 acres of green timber—an "island" left after two previous fires in 1933 and 1939—have been destroyed but an expanse of timber along the coast lies in the path of the conflagration.

Vandalia City Fathers Ban Shorts on Streets

VANDALIA, Ill., July 20 (ANS).—The city council has banned women over 16 wearing shorts on the city streets and decided that men will not be allowed to go around without shirts. An old ordinance provides fines for persons who appear in public improperly dressed.

December, Ill., also has a ban on women wearing shorts.

Senator Asks Limitation on Charter Power

WASHINGTON, July 20 (UP).—In the first formal move to restrict U.S. freedom of action on the World Security Council, Sen. E. H. Moore (R-Okla.) today introduced a resolution that would prohibit the American delegate's sanction of armed force without the specific approval of the President.

Moore's resolution would require that the President notify Congress whenever he authorizes the delegate to vote for armed force.

Moore argued the resolution would provide proof of good faith to other members of the United Nations and allay "the fears that many people entertain that the charter may be implemented by methods contrary to the Constitution."

Other senators predicted the charter would be ratified without restriction and suggested that whatever limitations on military force are written into the charter later will depend on decisions of the "Big Three" at Potsdam.

Kaiser Seeks Health Plan

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20 (ANS).—Support of a program for nationwide voluntary prepaid medical care came today from industrialist Henry J. Kaiser.

Kaiser said a bill permitting establishment of group medical facilities through the Federal Housing Agency had been prepared by him and would be introduced in Congress by Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.).

The bill, which would be filed as an amendment to the National Housing Act, is the outgrowth of Kaiser's experience in providing group health insurance to 125,000 employees monthly through the Kaiser permanent foundation.

"This is not socialized medicine in the sense of social experiment," Kaiser said, "but provides a method for stabilizing and rationalizing the economics of medical practice within the system of free private enterprise."

Kaiser's proposed measure would: (1) Guarantee local bank loans to groups interested in setting up facilities for prepaid medical care; (2) provide technical assistance to FAH by the U.S. Public Health Service in determining the need and likelihood of success of such individual projects; (3) put limitations on the FHA administrator barring him from any supervision or control over facilities, except where specifically provided by law; (4) give preference to the use of existing private or public facilities.

Divorce No. 3



Carole Landis, blonde movie actress, was granted a divorce from AF pilot Maj. Thomas C. Wallace, at Las Vegas, Nev., yesterday. They were married in London in 1943 while she was on a tour of Army camps. It was Miss Landis' third divorce.

When Iris' Eyes Are Smiling



The title of the picture in which Iris Adrian appears is "The Trouble with Women." Only trouble with Iris is she's way off in Hollywood.

Who Has Preference for Job, War I or II Vet? WLB Asked

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—The WLB, confronted with a King Solomon's role in deciding whether a veteran of the second or first World War is entitled to job preference, has called for help.

The War Labor Board scheduled a public hearing in the case yesterday by mistake. It later disclosed that before setting a new date for the hearing it will await a Justice Department interpretation of Selective Service Act provisions guaranteeing returning veterans their old jobs.

The case arose from a World War II veteran's return to the Bell Band plant of the United States Rubber Co. at Mishawaka, Ind. The veteran had worked four months for the company in 1942 before he was drafted.

Honorably discharged last December, he returned and found that the four-to-midnight shift he formerly worked had been abolished. The same job on the first shift was held by a World War I veteran with 12 years' seniority in the company.

The older veteran was displaced and the United Rubber Workers Local 65 (CIO) protested.

Opinion or Law?

The union asked that the matter go through grievance machinery but the company, board records show, refused to arbitrate on the ground that the question was one of law under the Selective Service Act. A memorandum by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, interpreted the law as providing for rehiring of veterans in their former jobs without regard to seniority.

The union replied that the Hershey memo is just his opinion and not law. It also contended that the job in question was abolished when the second shift was done away with.

Board records show the company has a letter from the State Selective Service system saying the company has not violated the rehiring section and that a man is entitled not only to his former job but to any other job of like status, seniority or pay.

Senate Confirms Snyder

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—The Senate today unanimously confirmed the nomination of the St. Louis banker, John W. Snyder, to succeed Fred M. Vinson as War Mobilization and Reconversion director.

U.S. Supplies 72 Percent of UNRRA Funds

WASHINGTON, July 20 (UP).—The joint Congressional Economy Committee heard today that the U.S. had, thus far put up 72 percent of the costs of UNRRA, while two Congressional committees prepared to investigate UNRRA and lend-lease in stricken countries.

Eleven Representatives—six Democrats and five Republicans—left by plane today for a 40-day visit to the British Isles, the European continent and the Middle East, while a second committee of four will travel to Europe in September.

U.S. Supplies 3/4 of Funds

Before the Economy Committee, Roy Hendrickson, acting director-general of UNRRA, revealed that the U.S. was supplying almost three-fourths of UNRRA's funds, while Chairman Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) declared that only nine of the 44 nations associated in UNRRA were living up to their agreements to supply one percent of their national income to UNRRA.

The nine are Australia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Iceland, New Zealand, Panama, the United Kingdom and the U.S. Others have turned over less than one percent of their incomes and some nothing, Byrd added.

U.S. Leads in Most Cases

Byrd released figures showing that the U.S. supplied all lard, margarine, soybean products, milk and eggs distributed by UNRRA thus far, and shared with Canada in the meat contributions. He showed that the U.S. also led in giving farm machinery, with Canada second, and the United Kingdom third.

Meanwhile, in a report submitted to the UNRRA Committee on Supplies, Hendrickson said that U.S. military surplus stocks in Europe worth \$65,000,000 may be bought by UNRRA in the next six months.

Thomas Sees Strike Wave

MINNEAPOLIS, July 20 (AP).—R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO, said in an interview today that victory over Japan would signal the start of strikes in "every plant where the present grievance continues to exist."

He declared that the major cause of postwar strikes would be the "fact that employers in the motor industry simply have not accepted the union."

Bill Would Give Vets \$150 Worth of Clothes

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—Under a new bill pending in the Senate, discharged servicemen would receive \$150 worth of clothes along with their discharge pay.

The bill would provide each dischargee with \$150 in negotiable Treasury coupons to be used to pay for a new civilian outfit when he discards his uniform.

Smokie Ain't Got No Table Manners



Smokie, Sgt. Hay W. Moore's pet skunk, digs into some watermelon for dessert at dinner with his master and Sgt. Moore's wife, Helen, at their home in Chicago. Smokie was adopted when a pack of dogs killed his mother. An Army veterinarian made him socially acceptable.

Army Assailed For Rail Crisis By Sen. Mead

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—Charging that the Army had done "little long-range planning with respect to redeployment," Chairman James M. Mead (D-N.Y.) of the Senate War Investigating Committee yesterday offered two measures which he said might ease the rail transportation crisis.

Proposals Listed

Mead's proposals were:
1—The possibility of choosing cities in Georgia and Alabama as terminals for southern trans-Atlantic air traffic instead of Miami. This, he said, would eliminate the long rail haul through Florida.

2—A suggestion that soldiers being flown over the north Atlantic and destined for the West could be taken to Chicago from Newfoundland, saving rail traffic from eastern terminals.

Mead also charged that government agencies vitally concerned with redeployment were "generally not consulted and were apparently even in ignorance of some of the plans made by the Army."

He based his charges on evidence gathered in closed sessions by a subcommittee investigating the transportation shortage. He said the group soon will hold open hearings so the public "may be fully informed of the facts."

No Comment From WD

The War Department would not comment on Mead's criticism, nor would Director J. Monroe Johnson of the Office of Defense Transportation.

Mead held out little hope for civilian travelers, saying rail travel even for essential requirements "will be severely curtailed for many months to come."

He added the committee had been told that increased ability to carry freight to the Pacific Coast will be in direct proportion to the number of trained workers who can be obtained.

Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt, on an inspection tour of the Pacific area, meanwhile, appealed to all railroad workers to remain at their jobs and asked all experienced men not now employed by railroads to apply for jobs.

CHURCH SERVICES

PROTESTANT

Sunday services at Holy Trinity Church, 29 Avenue George V. 0930; DuFayel Barracks, Boulevard Barbes, 1030; American Union Church, 65 Quai d'Orsay, 1100 hours. Communion (Sunday and weekdays) Holy Trinity Church, 0700 and 0800 hours.

CATHOLIC

Sunday mass at Madeleine Church, Place de la Madeleine, 1800; Chapel (Com Z), 5 Avenue Kleber, 1145 and 1645 hours; St. Pierre de Chaillot, 43 Avenue Marceau, 1015 hours. Daily mass: Madeleine Church, 0700 hours; Chapel, 5 Avenue Kleber, 1145 and 1745 hours. Confessions at Madeleine Church Saturdays, 1700 and 1930 hours, and before masses; and at 5 Avenue Kleber, before masses.

JEWISH

Friday, 1930 hours, Synagogue, 24 Rue Copernic; Saturday, 1030 hours, Marignan Theater, Champs-Elysees; Sunday, 1030 hours, Synagogue, 44 Rue de la Victoire.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quaker)

12 Rue Guy de la Brosse (Metro Jus-sieu), Thursday at 1800, Sunday at 1015.

BAPTIST

Ave. du Maine Church, 48 Rue de Lille (Metro du Bac), 1900 hours. Fellowship meeting, 2000 hours, Thursday; 2015, Sunday.

Hotel Louvois, Rue de Richelieu, Sunday school, 1030 hours; evening services, 1930.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ Scientist, 10 Avenue d'Iena, 16c. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1900.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, 58 Boulevard Flandrin, 16c. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1900.

Third Church of Christ, Scientist, 45 Rue La Boétie, 8c. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1930.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

27 Rue St. Guillaume (Metro Sévres-Babylone), 1930 hours, Sunday, Bible study and Communion.

LUTHERAN

Service Center, 105 Rue de l'Abbé-Groult (Metro Vaugirard), Communion Services, 1100 hours. Vesper communion, 1930; Fellowship meeting, 2000 hours.

LATTER DAY SAINTS (Mormon)
Hotel Louvois, Rue de Richelieu, Sunday school, 1030 hours; evening services, 1930. European Theater Conference after each session. Hugh B. Brown, speaker.

Rheims Area

PROTESTANT

Protestant Temple, 13 Blvd. Lundy, Service, 0900 hours; Communion, 0945 hours; Service, 1845 hours.

Christian Science, 89 Rue de Vesle, 1030 hours.

Latter Day Saints (Mormon), 13 Blvd. Lundy, 1400 hours.

CATHOLIC

Mass daily at Cathedral 0700 hours; Sunday, 0900-1000 hours. Confessions, Saturday, 1600-1800 hours, 1900-1930 hours; Sunday, 0800-0845 hours.

JEWISH

Synagogue, 49 Rue Clovis, Friday, 1900 hours; Saturday, 0900 hours, 1930 hours. Sunday, Bible class, 1000-1100, 1100-1200.

Pool Sharks Shove a USO Girl Behind the Eight Ball



GI's at the new American Red Cross club in Nuremberg give USO trouper Janet Evans a dunking in the "Yankee Doodle" pool during informal opening-day activities. The club was the Linde Stadium in Nazi days.

Some of 5th, 2d 2d Regt. Welcomed Home— Land at Boston With Delousing, 2 Dousings

By Carl W. Larsen

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BOSTON, July 20.—Elements of the veteran Fifth and Second Divs. arrived yesterday on the first lap of their scheduled redeployment to the Pacific, after a seven-day voyage from Le Havre aboard the Army transport General Richardson.

The 5,633 troops disembarked in five hours to trains, which took them to Camp Myles Standish, this area's redistribution center. They will get 30-day furloughs.

Maj. Gen. Albert E. Brown headed the Fifth Div.'s contingent of 542 headquarters, band and quarter-master troops. Second Div. units included 5,091 officers and men of the Ninth Regt., the 15th FA Bn. and the Second Signal Co. Col. P. D. Ginder, of San Diego, Calif., commanded the Second Div. units.

Brown said upon disembarkation that "the Fifth Div. had a high personnel turnover and there are very few men in the division now who left the U.S. with it to go to Iceland. High casualties and the transfer since V-E Day of 6,000 over-85-point men has given the division a thorough face-lifting."

The Fifth incurred 11,000 battle casualties in 10 months.

Sgt. Walter Kulebokon, of Medford, Ill., who has accumulated 140 points since he left the U.S. with the Fifth in September, 1941, has volunteered for service in the Pacific. Kulebokon plays a baritone horn in the band.

On the other hand, S/Sgt. Gerald Berman, of New York, landed in France in May and was headed for the front as an infantry replacement when Germany capitulated. Less than two months after joining the Fifth, his first assignment overseas, Berman boarded the Richardson to return to the U.S. He has only 29 points and regards himself as a cinch for the Pacific.

Two brothers from Grand Rapids, Mich., were reunited for the first time in two years aboard the vessel. T/4 Joseph A. White, of the Fifth, and Pfc. Peter White, of the Second, met on the sundeck after the ship had been out less than two days.

After furloughing, Fifth Infantry troops will reassemble at Camp Campbell, Ky., for training for the Pacific. The Second Div. will train at Camp Swift, Texas.

NEW YORK, July 20 (ANS).—A trip through the delousing chamber and a double dousing, once by a heavy downpour as they marched through the streets and when automatic sprinklers on a pier were accidentally set off, fouled the homecoming of the Fifth (Red Diamond) Division's Second Regt. yesterday.

"Jeepers what a welcome," one GI griped.

About 3,000 officers and men of the Second arrived aboard the Navy transport General Greeley at Pier 88 on the Hudson River. Another transport, the Sea Porpoise, arriving at the same time, brought home 3,100 men of the Fifth Div.'s 10th Regt.

Just after the General Greeley docked, medical officers ordered all personnel of the Second Regt. sent to a nearby pier for delousing. Three men aboard the Greeley had been discovered with lice.

Many of the GIs aboard the Greeley had put on fresh uniforms in anticipation of landing.

Amid the griping over having to march four blocks to the second pier for delousing, an accidental fire alarm set off automatic sprinklers on the pier where the Second Regt. debarked. Many of the men were drenched. On top of that, rain caught the men as they were marching through the streets to the second pier. Then came the steam and white powder used in the delousing.

The 10th Regt. landed without incident farther up the river and the men were transferred to Camp Shanks, N.Y.

Sex Immorality Gaining, British Methodists Say

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 20 (AP).—The Methodist conference in a resolution today condemned sex immorality in Britain. It said also that drinking and gambling were increasing.

Charging that there had been a "moral decline in personal conduct," the resolution said: "Illegitimacy and the practice of contraception outside marriage have given evidence of widespread irregularity in sex relations, and the increase in divorce indicates a weakened sense of the sacredness of marriage and growing measure of unfaithfulness within the marriage relationship."

9th AF Pushes Redeployment

BAD KISSINGEN, Bavaria, July 20.—Ninth AF Hq. today announced that 39 more units, totaling 6,892 officers and enlisted men, are scheduled to be cleared through the Assembly Area Command at Rheims for redeployment through the U.S. before Aug. 1.

The principal units leaving the ETO this month are the 386th Bombardment Group, which will fly its A-26 Invaders to the U.S., and the Second Air Service Area Command. The latter group is already at the assembly area awaiting shipment.

Other units in the July redeployment movement include the Nineteenth Air Depot Group, the 19th Depot Repair Squadron, 19th Depot Supply Squadron, 480th, 489th, 498th and 499th Air Service Groups, 898th, 997th, 916th and 917th Air Engineering Squadrons, 722nd, 731st, 749th, and 741st Material Squadrons, 96th, 99th and 318th Station Complement Squadrons, 103rd, 814th, 819th and 867th Air Operations Chemical Co., 761st Depot Aviation Chemical Co., 878th Signal Depot Co., 393rd Signal Co. Wing, and 1230th, 1256th and 1255th MP Cos.

In addition to the redeployment of units, 1,374 Ninth AF men with adjusted rating scores of 85 points or more are being processed at Rheims for return to the U.S.

During June more than 13,000 flying and non-flying members of the Ninth were shipped to the U.S. for redeployment and 687 men for discharge.

Queen Wilhelmina III

LONDON, July 20 (AP).—Queen Wilhelmina has been suffering for some days from an acute lung illness, the Netherlands radio reported yesterday.

Failure of Plot To Kill Hitler Speeded Defeat

By George Tucker

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, July 20 (AP).—One year ago today the bomb plot against Hitler's life went awry—and saved future headaches for the "men of good will" who are charged with stabilizing the world's peace, according to USFET G2.

If the plot had succeeded, G2 points out, it would have meant the perpetuation of the German General Staff. It turned out, however, that the plot backfired, resulting in wholesale executions which altered the German Army's entire chain of command and accelerated the rush of the Reich toward its final defeat.

Details of this, one of the most significant plots in history, have finally been pieced together by officers and men of the occupation intelligence division.

Called a 'Perfect Plan'

"After the disgrace of Stalingrad," said Capt. Leroy Vogel of San Antonio, Texas, "the Staff realized that if anything was to be saved for the future, Hitler would have to go and some sort of peace be negotiated while the Russians were still outside the Reich's borders."

As the plot expanded, it spilled out of the ranks of the Wehrmacht clique into the Civil Service and included many executives high in public life but opposed to Hitler. Its code name became Valkyrie, after the old Norse myth of Odin's handmaidens who selected the warriors to be killed in battle.

According to Lt. Ernest Miller of Astoria, N.Y., "it was a perfect plan, seemingly fool-proof, but it failed because of three trivial incidents that could not be foreseen."

In the first place, the regular briefing room which Hitler used daily was abandoned on this day of days, for a larger one upstairs in his East Prussian headquarters at Rastenburg.

Failure Termed Fortunate

When Col. Von Stauffenberg of the General Staff came in, he placed his brief case, containing a time bomb, next to Hitler's desk.

The briefing officer, in one of those unforeseeable incidents that sometimes alter history, then mentioned a place name that Hitler wanted to check. Der Fuehrer got up from the desk and walked over to a wall map. This move put the massive oak desk between Hitler and Von Stauffenberg's brief case.

The rest is history. No one knows the precise number of aristocratic Wehrmacht officers who were hanged for their part in the plot, but it must have been close to 2,000 high ranking professional soldiers—the cream of the Wehrmacht.

"Many people lamented the failure of the plot," commented Miller, "but, from our point of view, it was fortunate. It delivered the Wehrmacht into Himmler's hands and he kept it in the field, goading it to suicidal resistance until it was practically destroyed. This resistance cost us some lives, but on the other hand, it made certain the destruction of the officer clique whose sole mission it was to plan world wars."

Gun for 5-Ton Shells Discovered in Germany

NEW YORK, July 20 (ANS).—A super-heavy, 32-inch gun capable of firing five-ton shells, has been unearthed by American ordnance experts in Germany.

Brig. Gen. Stewart Reimel, chief of the New York Ordnance Department, who announced the discovery, also said that investigations at Hallersleben and Bad Blankenburg led to the discovery of artillery ammunition with a range of 94 miles. Caliber of the long-range German shells was not specified.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Paris Accidents Involving GIs Show Decline

Paris traffic accidents involving U.S. Army vehicles or personnel declined from 789 last November, first month in which complete figures were compiled, to 378 in May, last month for which figures are available, the Seine Section Provost Marshal's office said yesterday.

In the same period deaths from accidents declined from 15 in November to three in May.

Most of the accidents were due to speeding, according to the Provost Marshal. Speed limit for Army vehicles in Paris is 20 miles an hour.

Thoroughfares having the highest accident frequency are the Champs-Elysees; the Place de l'Etoile, where the Arc de Triomphe is situated; the Place de la Concorde; the streets extending from the Concorde past the Church of the Madeleine, the Opera and Montmartre to the Place de la Republique; and the intersection of the Rue Lafayette and the Boulevard de Magenta.

In the week ended July 13, 32 enlisted men and 13 officers were hailed before Army authorities for traffic violations in Paris. In the week ended yesterday, the total was 27 enlisted men and three officers.

The accident figures included soldiers struck by civilian vehicles. To an overwhelming extent, however, the total is composed of accidents involving only Army vehicles.

Breakdown by months follows:

Month	NO. OF ACCIDENTS	DEATHS
Nov.	789	15
Dec.	542	14
Jan.	550	3
Feb.	469	5
March	385	5
April	321	3
May	378	3

Preliminary reports indicated the June figures would be about the same as those for May, Army officials said.

Postwar Jeep Is Shown Off

NEW HUDSON, Mich., July 20 (ANS).—Charles E. Sorenson, president of Willys-Overland Motors, Inc., demonstrated a post-war version of the jeep on his farm yesterday as a multiple purpose farm vehicle and power source. He put the model through all the jumps including plowing, cultivating, threshing, hauling, digging post-holes, spraying orchards and operating an electric light plant.

The new version retains the same engine and four wheel drive but carries some changes to make it more suitable for the farm. The major one is a special power take-off which can be used with a spine shaft for direct power or with a pulley to transmit up to 30 horsepower to a buzzsaw or thresher.

New gear ratios are designed to provide maximum efficiency at a farm-speed of three to seven-and-a-half miles an hour. There is also a gear ratio to give road speeds of up to 60 miles an hour.

Other changes include a larger clutch, greater chassis frame rigidity, improved shock absorbers and springs and steering post gear shift lever.

U.S. Presses Britain to Take Suez Tolls Under Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP).—The U.S. is again pressing Britain to absorb under reverse lend-lease Suez Canal tolls on American ships, it was disclosed in correspondence between Rep. Charles R. Robertson (R-N.D.) and the Foreign Economic Administration.

It was learned that the U.S. has paid \$11,345,390 in Suez tolls from start of the war to Jan. 1, 1945, and has also paid about \$9,000,000 in

New Weapons Supply Artillery's Punch to the Footslogger



Lack of recoil permits this 57mm rifle to be fired from the shoulder for tossing a three-pound high explosive shell a distance of two miles. The 61-inch rifle is operated by two men although when necessary, one man can handle it alone, as Cpl. Harry Watkins demonstrates.



More than a ton-and-a-half lighter than the conventional field artillery piece of equal bore, this 75mm recoilless rifle which weighs 100 pounds can hurl a 14-pound HE shell more than four miles. Two men operate the 82-inch-long piece, one aiming and firing and the other, loading.

Group Rejects De Gaulle Plan

By Richard Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

France groomed itself yesterday for its biggest political tussle since liberation as the provisional government's plan to submit the issues of constitutionality and form of the future government to a referendum this fall met determined opposition in the consultative assembly.

The assembly's commission for state reform rejected late Thursday some features of the plan as undemocratic and dangerous.

By a vote of 14 to 8, assemblymen specifically rejected the referendum idea. A coalition of Conservatives, Radicals and Communists said they feared the referendum might open the way to personal power and would prolong the present unconstitutional government.

The vote in the commission did not follow party lines. Socialists were split on the issue, as were Radicals and Conservatives.

The reform commission's ruling will be followed by general debate in the assembly next week. Meanwhile, De Gaulle's cabinet opened new discussions on the possibility of amending the plan.

Under the government's referendum proposal, the voters would decide whether they want a single-chamber constituent assembly to draft a new constitution or whether they prefer to return to the constitution of 1874 and its dual-chambered legislative body.

Bitting Gets ATSC Post

DAYTON, Ohio, July 20 (ANS).—Col. Kenneth H. Bitting, until recently director of personnel for United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, has been named chief of administration for Air Technical Service Command, the ATSC headquarters at Wright Field announced today.

GI Dons Civvies and Returns To Switzerland and Family

By Thom Yates
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

THUN, Switzerland, July 20.—Reunion was the order of the day here today as an American GI stationed at Cherbourg visited his parents and two brothers 11 years to the day after he left his native Switzerland to make his fortune in Canada and the U.S.

Sgt. Julius Lissenheim of the 417th Ordnance Evacuation Co. returned to Switzerland on a special seven-day furlough approved by Capt. Ralph W. Gunwaldson, his CO, and Lt. Gen. John C.H. Lee, CG of Com Z.

Attired in civilian clothes because the land of his birth is neutral, Lissenheim found his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Lissenheim, and his brothers, Herman and Charles, little changed in the time he had been away. His mother had spent the entire day preparing a typical Swiss meal for Julius' homecoming. It consisted of beef broth, a variety of fresh vegetables, hot cheese cake, apple pie with whipped cream and a bottle of white wine.

Lissenheim, who arrived overseas last January, was 25 when he left Thun. He went to Montreal where he met and married his present wife, Anna, who now lives in Chicago. He has a paint and wallpaper store in Chicago.

The only sour note in the homecoming was the fact Julius owes the Swiss government \$65 for failure to take compulsory military training in Switzerland from 1939 to 1943. Switzerland has a ruling that every native-born male must serve a period in the army each year or pay a tax based on his salary if unable to serve, even though he is not living in the country any longer. Payment of the tax has been suspended in Lissenheim's case until the end of the war, but then he must pay up or be barred from further family reunions like that of today.

Seven Years in Army Net Him Only 63 Points

CALAIS, July 20.—First Sgt. Mike Neiznay, of Heights Rural Station, Pa., is about ready to take some of his own advice and "go see the chaplain."

Neiznay has seven years of Army service to his credit, but only 63 points; he's now at the Calais staging area waiting for the ship which will redeploy him to the Pacific.

Since pre-war service is not considered under the Army's point system, Neiznay's 27 months of pre-Pearl-Harbor overseas service is not paying off. He came to the ETO three months ago with the 1474th Engr. Maintenance Co.

Windsors Plan Trip to England

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP).—The Duke of Windsor, who said he had been "out of a job," since he resigned as Governor General of the Bahamas, told reporters today he expects to confer next month with his Brother King George and the British Prime Minister.

The presumption was that the former King Edward VIII will ask what he can do next in Empire administration.

The duke said his American-born duchess, twice divorced former Wallis Warfield Simpson, for whom he gave up his throne in December, 1935, will accompany him to England. He has been there briefly only twice since his abdication.

The former king said he had no plans for either "a future home, or occupation." When asked whether he might be appointed Governor General of Canada, he shook his head, but admitted he would accept if the post were offered him.

Halifax Fires Continue; Death Figures Revised

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, July 20 (ANS).—Fires still smoldered today at the Royal Canadian Navy armament depot after almost 18 hours of continuous explosions in which at least two persons were killed, an estimated 12 others missing and 8,000 driven from their homes in fright. First reports had said 13 were killed.

The blasts smashed hundreds of windows in Halifax. Officials believed the threat to the main magazine, where hundreds of thousands of tons of explosives are stored, had passed and that the flames were now under control.

Polio Outbreak Feared

MILWAUKEE, July 20 (ANS).—Shorewood, a Milwaukee suburb which had a poliomyelitis epidemic last year, has placed all children under 13 under quarantine following discovery of the season's first new polio case.

Pétain Trial Delay Blocked

A last-minute effort by some members of the consultative assembly to postpone opening of the treason trial Monday of Marshal Henri-Philippe Pétain until next month was quashed by the government yesterday.

Assemblymen asked the delay to permit the consideration of a courtroom larger than the chamber of the first court of appeals at the Palace of Justice, where only 70 reporters and 20 citizens can be seated.

Elaborate arrangements have been made to house the press, which has been divided into three categories.

The first includes the wire services, which will have their representatives there each of the 18 days the trial is expected to last.

Radio services, large British and U.S. dailies and foreign newspapers published in Paris, including The Stars and Stripes, are in the second category and will rotate their seats so that each of them will be represented 10 out of the 18 days.

The third category includes small foreign journals, whose reporters will have three to four days in the courtroom.

U.S. Fighter Plane Climbs 44,940 Ft.

BURBANK, Calif., July 20 (ANS).—A P38 Lightning fighter plane with a new type pressure oxygen mask has flown to a height of 44,940 feet, unofficially breaking the American altitude record, the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. said today.

The plane was flown by Chief Test Pilot Joe Towle, with Col Randolph Lovelace, chief of the Army's aero-medical laboratory at Wright Field, Ohio, in the piggyback seat. Towle said they wanted to test the new mask at 45,000 feet but 60 feet from the goal trouble developed in the outside temperature gauge. The test was made in April, 1943, but kept secret until today.

A B17 Flying Fortress test plane two weeks ago flew to 43,499 feet. The official American altitude mark is 43,165 feet reached by a special Army plane in 1930. The world record is 56,046 feet set by a special Italian Caproni plane in 1938.

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Short Wave 6,000 MEG.

Ferry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

Hank Wyse Captures 13th Verdict As Cubs Swat Bums to Widen Lead

NEW YORK, July 20.—The cruising Cubs opened another half knot over the National League fleet yesterday as they sank the Dodgers, 3-1, to increase their margin to three and a half games over the second-place Cardinals.

The Cubs gained on the pack behind the good right arm of Hank Wyse, who spun

Breaks Record



Jockey Johnny Longden, who will be aboard Thumbs Up in the Stars and Stripes Handicap today, set a new all-time American riding record when he rode his 61st winner at Santa Anita recently to lift his total of winning jaunts to 2,343.

a five-hitter for his 13th decision of the year and his seventh straight. Wyse had the Bums blanked until the ninth. Vic Lombardi was the victim.

The Cards had to come up with seven runs in the eighth inning of the nightcap to obtain a split with the Phils, winning, 9-4, after a 3-2 defeat. Charlie Sproull, the loser, Tony Karl and Izzy Leon were clubbed in the big eighth of the finale to give Ken Burkhardt his tenth win of the campaign. The Phils tapped Jackie Creel for all their runs in the curtain-raiser, with Oscar Judd winning.

Bill Salkeld Homers

Rip Sewell racked up his 11th success as he twirled the Pirates to a 4-0 nod over the Giants. The Bucs bagged the game in the opening inning off Harry Feldman when Pete Coscarart scored on a fly after walking and moving to third on Jim Russell's double. Feldman matched Sewell thereafter until the eighth when Ace Adams came in and served a homerun ball to Bill Salkeld with two on.

The Braves and Reds battled to a draw as the Redlegs took the 3-2 opener, then dropped a 10-inning 6-5 afterpiece. Mort Cooper started for the Braves in the first game and retired with the score tied in the seventh. Johnny Hutchings came in to blow the game in the ninth as Ed Huesser grabbed the win.

The Braves came from behind to salvage the finale, Butch Nieman's homer with two in the seventh knotting the fray at 5-5. Howie Fox, picking up for Frank Dasso, was the victim in the tenth, while Ira Hutchinson, who relieved Al Javery in the fifth, was the victor.

Thornorton Lee walked seven men but managed to tighten in the pinches to get the nod over Emmett O'Neill as the White Sox humbled Boston, 5-3, in the day's lone American League test. Johnny Dickshot clubbed a homer in the ninth in behalf of Lee.

Navy Bids For Series In Pacific

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The 1945 World Series, which loomed as an ODT casualty, virtually was assured today as the result of a request by James F. Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

They asked Baseball Commissioner Happy Chandler to make arrangements to send the World Series winners "on a 90-day tour of the Pacific Ocean to play Army and Navy teams at advance bases."

Forrestal is so enthusiastic about the possibilities of such a tour, he commented in a letter to Chandler that "it may persuade more Japs to surrender, because one thing they all want to know is who is leading the leagues."

"This shows how eager the boys in the service are for a series to be played," Chandler said today. "There no longer appears to be any valid reason for not playing the annual fall championship."

Earlier in the year the ODT said it would try to block the series due to transportation difficulties, unless teams from the same city won their respective league championships.

Turf People Take to Water

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Transportation of race horses by barges and tugboat appeared tonight to be the way around the ODT and Interstate Commerce Commission bans against moving animals by rail or truck.

Chairman George P. Mahoney of the Maryland Racing Commission announced a plan to move horses from New York tracks by that method to assure the fall racing season in Maryland.

An ODT spokesman, when questioned about this counter-measure to the ban, said the order did not cover movement of horses by barges or tugboat. He pointed out that if the animals can be transported by water without taking transportation space from military and essential civilian personnel, no objection could be offered.

HIGH STEPPER by PAP



Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

HASTY decisions occasionally backfire, and that's exactly what happened yesterday when the writer suggested Bruce Woodcock, 24-year-old railroad employee who annexed the British Empire heavyweight boxing crown last Tuesday, was reaching for glory far beyond his capabilities. Woodcock happens to be a first-class gentleman and a great humanitarian.

Fight fans in the States would be the first to agree with this statement. They happen to be slightly punch-drunk from watching the current batch of wartime excuses for sturdy ringmen, and Woodcock came to their aid in grand style yesterday.

Not that anybody is convinced the British fancy-dan could put on a good show against Joe Louis or Billy Conn, because they still are skeptical. But by agreeing to fight Arturo Godoy, roly poly South American, late next month or in September—in England—Woodcock earned a word of praise from every true boxing lover in the U.S.

GODOY, a husky, plug-horse type of fighter, reached the zenith of a mediocre career in 1940 when he opposed Louis twice, losing a 15-

round decision in February and being rocked to dreamland in the eighth round in June. Since then he and a gent named Roscoe Tales have been feuding at regular intervals, trading punches in Buenos Aires three times, in Santiago twice and in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. Arturo has one decision and two draws to show for the seven bouts.

Al Weill, his manager, lured Arturo the Bull back to the States recently to pick up some easy money. After a couple of lethargic waltzes against unknown second-rounders, Godoy went home for a triumphant tour, intending to make another invasion of the States soon.

That's why Woodcock is being praised now. If he happened to be in New York today, he undoubtedly would receive the keys to the city—for keeping Godoy away from the United States.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League			
Chicago 3, Boston 3			
Others postponed, rain			
	W	L	Pct
Detroit	46	32	.590
New York	41	36	.528
Washington	40	38	.513
Boston	42	38	.525
Chicago	41	40	.506
St. Louis	37	38	.493
Cleveland	37	39	.487
Philadelphia	26	51	.338
Chicago at Boston			
St. Louis at New York (2)			
Detroit at Washington			
Cleveland at Philadelphia (2)			
National League			
Chicago 3, Brooklyn 1			
Pittsburgh 4, New York 0 (night)			
Cincinnati 3-5, Boston 2-6 (second game, 10 innings)			
Philadelphia 3-4, St. Louis 2-9 (twi-light-night)			
	W	L	Pct
Chicago	39	31	.557
St. Louis	48	36	.571
Brooklyn	47	37	.560
New York	45	42	.517
Pittsburgh	42	41	.506
Boston	40	42	.488
Cincinnati	38	40	.487
Philadelphia	24	65	.270
New York at Pittsburgh			
Philadelphia at St. Louis			
Brooklyn at Chicago			
Only games scheduled			

Stars-Stripes On Tap Today

CHICAGO, July 20.—Thumbs Up, Louis B. Mayer's 6-year-old winner of the Santa Anita Handicap, moved into the limelight as the outstanding favorite for tomorrow's running of the \$50,000 Stars and Stripes Handicap when it was announced that Equifox, star of Howard Wells' barn, had been scratched.

Wells said Equifox suffered a leg injury and would be out for the remainder of the season.

Thumbs Up will meet sternest opposition from Pot o'Luck, War Jeep, War Date, Durzanna, Daily Trouble and Sir D. The Mayer veteran has been assigned the top impost of 130 pounds for the mile and a furlong test.

Thumbs Up will be shooting for the \$300,000-mark this season, having earned \$239,299 thus far.

In the 1943 running of The Stars and Stripes Handicap, Thumbs Up ran second to Rounders.

Big Empire Payoff

NEW YORK, July 20.—The plungers had another feast at Empire yesterday as a daily double of over \$1,000 was cashed for the second afternoon in a row. Happy Indian won the second race at \$196 to provide a double of \$1,023 with High Tint, victor in the first.

Valdina Craft breezed to victory in the mile and a sixteenth feature at Suffolk. Guided by Eddie Robert, Valdina Craft sported a four-length margin over Towakee at the finish.

Relious made it two in a row at Garden State by beating Friend Or Foe by three lengths in the Marlton Purse. Tiger Rebel won by four lengths in the six-furlong feature at Washington Park.

Clowns Tip Com Z, 7-0

Cpl. Bill Kufta, 6-ft. 2-in. fastball artist from New Britain, Conn., hurled the Seine Section Clowns to their 28th win in 32 starts with a two-hit, 7-0 victory over the Com Z All-Stars at Stade Jean Bouin, Paris, before 3,000 spectators. Cpl. Roy Tiller paced the Clowns at the plate with four bingles in four attempts.

Runs for the Week

National League						
	M	T	W	T	F	S
Boston	0	2	x	3		
Brooklyn	5	5	0	1		
Chicago	4	1	10	3		
Cincinnati	x	1	x	3		
New York	3	2	10	0		
Philadelphia	x	3	3	6		
Pittsburgh	4	2	5	4		
St. Louis	2	3	11	11		
American League						
	M	T	W	T	F	S
Boston	2	1	6	3		
Chicago	7	p	2	5		
Cleveland	3	6	2	p		
Detroit	9	p	11	p		
New York	4	p	p	p		
Philadelphia	9	p	2	p		
St. Louis	12	p	p	p		
Washington	4	p	4	p		

Minor League Results

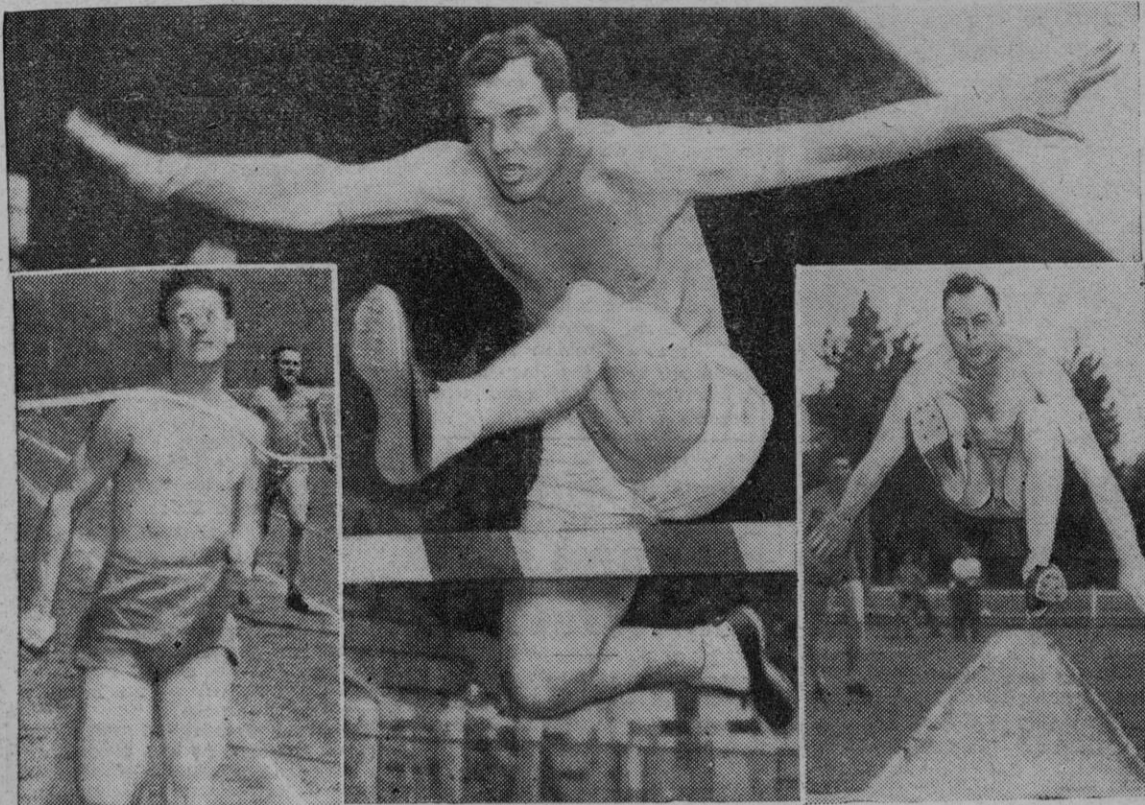
International League			
Syracuse 4-1, Jersey City 0-10			
Toronto 5, Buffalo 4			
Others postponed, rain			
	W	L	Pct
Montreal	61	26	.701
Toronto	41	43	.486
Newark	43	38	.531
Rochester	34	47	.420
Baltimore	44	39	.530
Syracuse	33	46	.416
Jersey City	43	41	.512
Buffalo	30	49	.380
American Association			
Indianapolis 3, Toledo 1			
Columbus 3, Louisville 0			
Kansas City 10, Minneapolis 4			
St. Paul 2-7, Milwaukee 0-9			
	W	L	Pct
Indianap.	56	35	.615
Toledo	42	49	.462
Milwaukee	34	36	.486
Minneapolis	41	48	.461
Louisville	51	42	.548
Columbus	40	42	.435
St. Paul	43	42	.506
Kansas City	32	55	.368
Eastern League			
Scranton 6, Albany 5			
Wilkes-Barre 8, Hartford 7			
Williamsport 7-7, Binghamton 1-0			
Others postponed, rain			
	W	L	Pct
Utica	41	33	.554
Williamsp.	37	39	.487
Hartford	40	33	.548
Scranton	35	37	.486
Wilkes-B.	42	35	.545
Albany	32	40	.444
Binghamt.	28	44	.389
Southern Association			
Birmingham 8, New Orleans 2			
Nashville 17, Mobile 10			
Chattanooga 7, Little Rock 2			
Memphis 4, Atlanta 3			
	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	58	28	.674
Memphis	36	48	.429
N. Orleans	51	35	.593
Nashville	35	51	.402
Chattanooga	50	35	.588
Little Rock	32	51	.386
Mobile	30	37	.447
Birmingham	30	55	.353
Pacific Coast League			
Portland 8, Hollywood 6			
San Francisco 5-4, Seattle 1-10			
Oakland 6, San Diego 3			
Sacramento 6, Los Angeles 4			
	W	L	Pct
Portland	49	41	.547
Oakland	55	36	.606
Seattle	41	46	.468
Los Angeles	39	49	.440
Sacramento	55	35	.610
San Diego	50	41	.550
Hollywood	45	46	.495

Gasoline Alley



17th AB Wins XVI Swim Crown

Seine Trackmen Qualify for Com Z Championships



T/5 Joe Cook, of Baird, Texas, who captured four first places in recent Seine Section track and field eliminations, clears high hurdle obstacle in winning event in :16.2. Cpl. Kenneth Strange (left), of Meridian, Miss., breaks tape in 100-meter preliminary, while Pfc Martin Lowrey (right, above), of Knox City, Ky., sails through air in running broad jump.

Champs Score 93 Points To Beat 66th

By Dave Gordon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Scoring strongly in late events, the 17th Airborne Div. came from third place to pile up 93 points and capture team honors as the two-day XVI Corps swimming championships ended at Amiraux Pool, Paris.

The 66th Inf Div. finished second with 83 points, the 89th Inf. took third with 81, the 75th Inf. was next with 66 and the 13th Airborne trailed with 35.

The 17th, a big, powerful team, overwhelmed opposition, with Capt. Oscar A. Fodor of South Bend, Ind., setting the pace with a triumph in the 400-meter free style and a dead-heat for top honors in the 100-meter free style.

Holmwood Beats Holloway

In the 50-meter free style, Pfc Donald Holmwood of Buffalo and the 75th splashed to victory over his teammate, Pfc Clifford Esson of Racine, Wis., covering the distance in: 28.6. T/5 Billy Holloway of Kansas City and the 13th wound up a disappointing fifth.

Fodor started the 17th on the move in 400-meter free-style, shading Pfc Wyndham F. Gary of Louisville and the 89th in 6:09.1. Fodor's win and a third and a fifth gave the 17th 18 points.

T/4 Edgar C. McVehill of Canton, Ohio, kept the 89th in the team race by reversing the tables on Pfc William T. McDonald of Chicago and the 66th in the low-board diving. McVehill earned 130.66 points, McDonald, 130.33. Back stroke specialist Holloway showed the way at 100-meters for a 13th win in 1:19.3, but the 17th forged ahead to stay with a second, third and sixth in the same event.

Nelson Ties Fodor's Time

Pvt. Johnny Nelson, 21-year old 75th color-bearer, finished all-even with Fodor in the 100-meter free style. Racing against time, both hit the finish line in 1:05.6. The 200-meter breast stroke was won by 1/Lt. Robert H. Cowan of Danville, Ill. The 89th ace edged out Pfc William F. Bridgeman of Pittsburgh and the 17th in 3:23.1. In the relay events, the 66th bounced back with Mitchell, Seidler and Tretaway in the 300-meter medley to whip the 89th and 17th in 8:08.6. The 75th combination of Holmwood, Morton, McGovern and Nelson had a 20-second winning margin over the 17th and 89th in the 800-meter free style. Time for the distance was 11:26.3.

Cochrane to Duel Graziano Again

NEW YORK, July 20.—Welterweight champion Red Cochrane and Rocky Graziano have been signed for a return 10-round non-title bout in the Garden Aug. 24. Promoter Mike Jacobs announced today.

Graziano recently stopped Cochrane in the tenth and last round of their Garden bout.

By Chester Gould

ETO SPORTS MIRROR

THE 67th Bn., which recently copped the 19th Repple Depple softball championship, is hailing the prowess of its hurler, Kranky Karankiewicz of Detroit, who has five no-hit games thus far this season, three of them in consecutive games. In his first three games of the season, Kranky whiffed 50 batters, gave only one walk and allowed one man to reach first. Two singles with two out in the seventh spoiled Joe Heffernan's attempt for a perfect game as he hurled Control Division, HQ Com Z, to a 3-1 victory over the 41st Evac. Hospital, champs of the Ninth Army.

THE Redshirts of the 2nd General Hospital took the undisputed championship of the Zone 1 League when they turned back the 246th General Hospital, 2-0, behind Danny Hagewood, who gave up two safeties. . . Pfc Wardell Smith of Chicago fanned 20 batters and chalked up his ninth consecutive victory as the 320th QM baseball nine trounced 679th Ord. Ammo. Co., 14-6. Cpl. Robert Robinson of Baltimore, Md., was the power at the plate, driving in four runs for the winners.

Three-Day Com Z Net Meet Makes Debut at Nice Today

NICE, July 20.—Oise Intermediate Section is expected to cut a fancy figure in championship reckoning when the Com Z tennis tournament commences here tomorrow at the Nice Lawn Tennis Club. The eliminations will continue Sunday and Monday.

T/4 Richard McKee, National Public Parks champion in 1940, heads the Oise entourage. He looms as chief threat to S/Sgt. Charlie Hare, former British Davis Cup star competing under the UK banner, for the Com Z singles crown.

McKee will be augmented by Pfc Nathaniel Krassenstein and 1/Lt. Edward Melfor, both of Philadelphia; Pfc Bob Gay, Everett, Wash., and Pfc Cliff Weitzen, Perth Amboy, N.J.

From Channel Base comes Capt. Sam Simon, former Union College player from Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Sgt. Bob Garrett, U. of Missouri netter from Kansas City; Pfc Johnny Makepeace, Waterbury, Conn., and Capt. Ben Lane, Pleasantville, N.Y. The Normandy team consists of Maj. Bill Hester, Mississippi State champion in 1938, and Lt. Elliot Smith, U. of Tennessee ace.

The host Delta squad includes: 2/Lt. Ray Centigant, New York; Pfc Bill Silverman and Capt. Lou Silverman, both of Philadelphia, and T/5 Leonard Bantz, Campaign, Ill.

Com Z Golfers

BRUSSELS, July 20.—Amateur and pro golfers representing seven commands began arriving here for the Com Z golf championships at the Belgium Country Club, Monday through Wednesday.

Entrants in the amateur bracket: T/3 Rudolph Holm, Washington, and 1/Lt. George Sarsfield, Butte, Mont., Oise Intermediate Section; Capt. Robert A. Roos, San Mateo, Cal., and Pfc John W. Kroon, Minneapolis, Bremen Port Command; T/5 Fred Kitchen, Lakewood, Ohio, and T/Sgt. George W. Wagner, Detroit, Delta Base Section; T/4 Paul Kiwanek, Chicago, and T/5 Edmund Stein, St. Louis, Seine Section; S/Sgt. R. E. Stockmeyer, Dayton, Ohio, and Pfc Hans Mehner, San Francisco, Normandy District; S/Sgt. H. E. Childress, Memphis, Tenn., Pfc R. L. Miller, Jacksonville, Fla., and S/Sgt. Thomas McManus, Orange, N.J., Channel District; Capt. Walter J. Luddie, New Britain, Conn., and T/5 Phillip J. Wilson, New York, UK Base.

Pro entrants:—S/Sgt. S. Kusnik, Cleveland, and W/O Joseph G. Roth, Miami, Fla., Channel District; Cpl. G. E. Nowak, Los Angeles, Normandy District; Pfc. Robert Crowley, Quincy, Mass., Delta Base Section; 1/Lt. John R. Gostisha, Waukegan, Ill., Seine Section; Pfc. Dorsey Meade, Danville, Va., Bremen Port Command, and 1/Lt. S. T. Browning, Bangor, Me., Oise Intermediate Section.

Dick Tracy



Blondie



YOU ALWAYS HAD A WEAK HEART, MOTHER, YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TAKE SO MUCH OF THIS DRUG. THIS IS TOO BAD



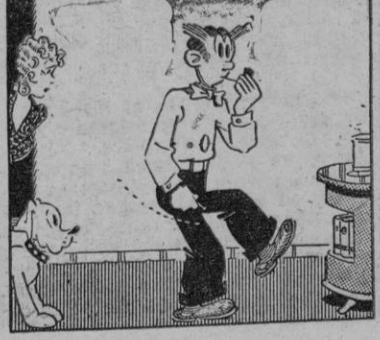
IT WAS A CONTEST TO SEE WHO WOULD STAY AWAKE LONGER. OKAY, I WIN



Blondie



YOU SHOULDN'T STRIKE MATCHES ON YOUR TROUSERS -- IT RUINS THEM AND LEAVES MARKS



WOMEN ARE JUST SORE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T STRIKE MATCHES THAT WAY



XVI Corps Swim Champions	
50-Meter Free Style—Holmwood (75th)	400-Meter Free Style—Fodor (17th)
Low-Board Diving—McVehill (89th)	100-Meter Back Stroke—Holloway (13th)
100-Meter Free Style—Fodor (17th) and Nelson (75th)	200-Meter Breast Stroke—Cowan (89th)
High-Board Diving—McDonald (66th)	200-Meter Back Stroke—Holloway (13th)
400-Meter Breast Stroke—Cowan (89th)	1,500-Meter Free Style—Nelson (75th)
300-Meter Medley Relay—Mitchell, Seidler, Tretaway (66th)	800-Meter Free Style Relay—Holmwood, Morton, McGovern, Nelson (75th)

London Plays Host to Com Z Track Meet

By Mike McGowan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, July 20.—Six star-studded track teams of Continent-based soldiers will invade White City Stadium here Tuesday when the UK Base champs play host for the Com Z track crown.

The seven squads, comprising a minimum of 40 men each, include representatives from Bremen Port Command, Seine Section, Delta Base Section, Oise Intermediate Section and the Chanor Base Section, made up of teams from Normandy and Channel areas, and the UK Base champs.

Winners will form a Com Z team, which will compete for the ETO crown against air force, ground force, Navy and repple depple finalists at Nuremberg, Germany, Aug. 10.

Nineteen events are scheduled, including 11 running, and eight field.

One of the outstanding competitors is 1/Lt. Benjamin C. Smith, of Washington, and the 374th Eng. Bn., who will run for the Delta champs. Smith, a Howard U. trackman, did the 800-meters in 2:05, and the 400-meters in :52.

In addition to the White City meet, horseshoe and archery competitions will be held at Sudbury Hill, Lyons Recreation Grounds, from 0900 to 1200 on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Durgin Heads Channel Base

BRUSSELS, July 20.—The Channel and Normandy Base track teams, which will combine to make a Chanor Base twin-team entry in the Com Z meet in London, July 24, have a double-threat man in Sgt. George Durgin, of Beverly, Mass., who captured the 1,500- and 3,000-meter events in qualifying races here.

Durgin, a member of the 761 FA Bn. and representing Channel Base, was an amateur distance runner before he entered the Army, finishing second in the 1938 National 30-kilometer grind.

Gunder to Run In London Race

LONDON, July 20.—Track fans in the UK will have a chance to see the two fastest milers in the business next month when Gunder Haegg and Arne Andersson compete in a special mile event at White City Stadium, London, Aug. 6.

This will be the first appearance for Haegg outside of Sweden since he set the new world mark of 4:01.4 Tuesday at Malmoe, Sweden. This also will be their first public appearance in Great Britain.

Also expected to participate in the event is Sydney Wooderson, former holder of the world mile crown.

MAJOR LEAGUE Leaders

National League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Holmes, Boston.....	83	348	81	134	.382
Rosen, Brooklyn.....	78	326	68	119	.365
Cavarretta, Chicago.....	82	311	66	110	.354
Ott, New York.....	83	293	47	97	.331
Olmo, Brooklyn.....	80	324	45	107	.330

American League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Cuccinello, Chicago.....	75	264	37	87	.330
Case, Washington.....	72	296	49	96	.324
Stephens, St. Louis.....	73	280	50	87	.311
Estalella, Philadelphia.....	78	281	34	87	.310
Stirnweiss, New York.....	77	315	58	96	.305

Homeruns
National—Lombardi, New York, and Holmes and Workman, Boston, 15.
American—Stephens, St. Louis, 14; Johnson, Boston, 14.

Runs Batted In
National—Walker, Brooklyn, 74; Olmo, Brooklyn, and Holmes, Boston, 70.
American—Johnson, Boston, 55; Etten, New York, 47.

Leading Pitchers
National—Cooper, Boston, 9-1; Passeur, Chicago, 10-3.
American—Ferriss, Boston, 16-2; Benton, Detroit, 8-1.

Senators Told Chennault Case Followed Plan

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—The change in the Air Forces command in China which led to the resignation of Gen. Claire L. Chennault, 14th Air Force chief, was "wholly military and according to plan," Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said today, according to the United Press.

Patterson testified informally before a closed session of the Senate Military Committee which is considering a resolution by Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) to investigate the changes. Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah) said Chennault would be called before the committee upon his return to this country.

The Associated Press quoted committee members as saying that opposition to Chennault by Chinese Communists had nothing to do with the change in commands. Patterson is reported to have said that on recommendation of Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, theater commander, Chennault was placed under Lt. Gen. George C. Stratemeyer because Wedemeyer wanted a man trained in logistics to command the combined Tenth and 14th Air Forces rather than a tactical expert like Chennault.

Patterson was quoted as saying Chennault was superseded for purely military reasons and that the recommendations of Wedemeyer were approved by the Army General Staff.

Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, who accompanied Patterson to the closed meeting, reportedly told Senators Chennault had informed him last April he planned to retire because of the new setup.

Later Sen. Albert Chandler (D-Ky.) said he was not satisfied with the Army's explanation.

Chandler said he thought Chennault might have been "given a raw deal."

Chinese Report Gains Along All Fronts

CHUNGKING, July 20 (AP).—The Chinese high command today announced gains on all fronts.

Striking up the Hunan-Kwangsi railway, Chinese forces have laid siege to Yungfu, 32 miles southwest of Kweilin. Another column threatening Kweilin has captured Laipo.

The town of Yiyang, key Japanese stronghold south of Tungting Lake, has been recaptured.

In Kwangtung Province Chinese troops gained control of a 50-mile stretch of the south China sea-coast.

8-Week Training Course Arranged

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—European veterans on the way to the Pacific via the U.S. will get eight weeks of intensive training in this country, the Army Ground Forces said today. A 44-hour week will include drills, lectures, orientation and movies and will cover Japanese tactics, identification of Japanese weapons, uniforms and insignia, use of weapons adaptable to Pacific fighting and prevention of tropical diseases.

For most aircrews and aircraft being redeployed, the 21st Bomb Wing, with headquarters at Topeka, Kan., is to be the over-all staging unit.

The Army Air Forces said today the wing will include six fields, and will handle crews and aircraft of strategic bombardment outfits, including B29s, all tactical planes except fighters and other aircraft, including cargo planes used by the troop carrier command.

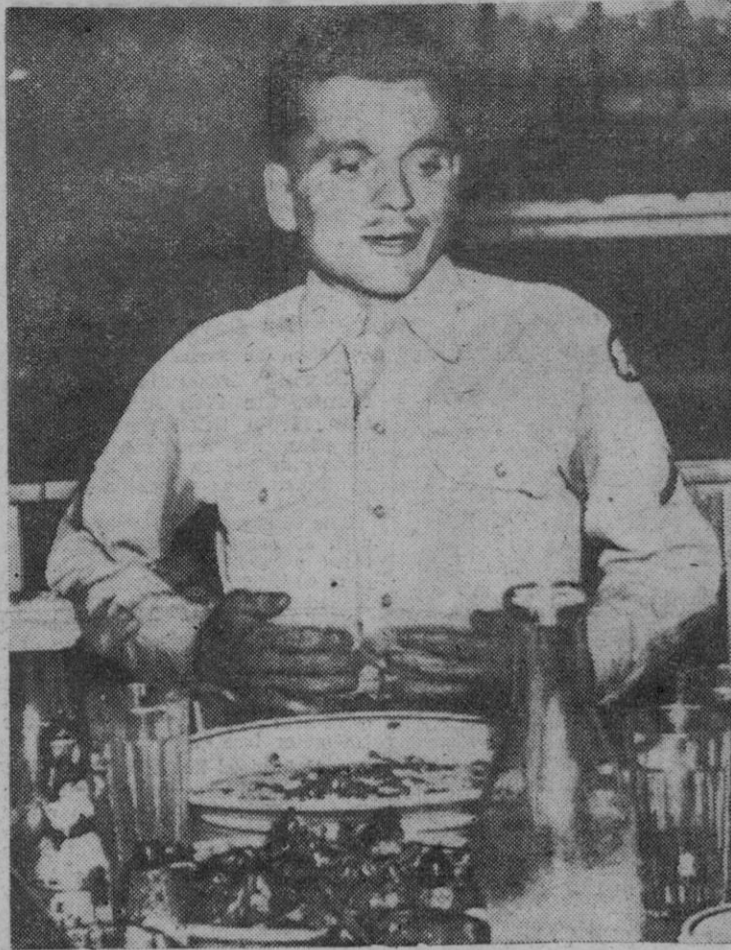
No Point Worries For These Birds

BERLIN, July 20.—A flock of the slicker type of Army feathered personnel, with an unknown number of points, were given the bird today at Olympic Stadium by the Chief Pigeon Officer of the 21st Army Group and started winging their way home to discharges.

The group of 120 demobilized pigeons, which carried messages from behind the lines during the war, included a holder of the "Dickin Dickin" medal—the pigeons' CMH. Fifty-one of the air messengers left for London with greetings to the Colonel-in-Chief of the Army pigeon service, while other farewells were flown to Brussels, the Hague, Venlo, and 21st Group Hq.

Eighty of the birds, still awaiting the discharge whistle, were reported not worrying about transportation.

A Pfc With Plenty of Appetite



The meal Pfc Chester "The Stomach" Salvatori has just finished off at Ft. McPherson, Ala., included: seven orders of chicken, ten orders of potatoes, nine glasses of orange juice, two quarts of milk, five egg salads and one giant-size vegetable salad, five orders of rolls, five slices of pie a la mode, two slices of watermelon, plus olives, coffee and odds and ends. But Chester isn't happy. He claims he's lost 19 pounds. Army medics at Ft. McPherson are trying to find out why.

Sadder, Wiser Reporters Find How Well Big 3 Are Guarded

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

POTSDAM, July 20.—You've never seen military security enforced until you try hanging around the Potsdam compound where the Big Three meeting is in progress.

A pair of correspondents, barred like the rest of newsmen from entering the compound or attending any of the big or small sessions, decided today to talk to an average GI on the outer fringes and find out how he felt about the whole thing.

The GI was Pvt. Earl Brunner Jr. of Hanover, N.J. and the 713th MP Bn., stationed at one of the many gates to the conference area.

The interview was fine, except that Earl hadn't seen or heard much more than guys 500 miles away. "I sure would like to see all three of the big fellows ride down past this gate in an open car," Earl said. "It would make this job worthwhile."

Interview Ends, Story Doesn't
Earl didn't have a lot else to say. He thought he'd seen Adm. King ride by his gate, and a few other fellows whose faces were familiar, like movie stars, but otherwise he didn't know from nothing. He worked his four hours on and eight off and let the world-shaking events go by.

That was the interview, but that wasn't the end of the story. Just as the correspondents finished their quizzing, a British lieutenant and sergeant and a Russian major came up, and wanted to know what all this questioning was about.

The correspondents explained, but the British and Russian officials were still a little dubious, and got much more so when an American correspondent inadvertently took a picture which included a signboard displaying the passes necessary to get into the compound.

Both correspondents were asked their names and what they were doing there, anyhow.

British A Little Dubious

The Russian was satisfied, grinned broadly and shook hands. However, the British were not quite so happy and politely requested the reporters to hang around while they found out the score.

Brunner got a little unhappy, too, and so the correspondents were "detained" at the gate while a telephone investigation of the whole situation went on.

After an hour and a half of sweating in the sun, the reporters were finally "released," although the film in question was confiscated.

Sadder and wiser men, they returned, satisfied of one thing, at least. The conference area was well guarded.

Sentries Soft Pedal Around Churchill

LONDON, July 20 (UP).—Prime Minister Churchill, taking steps to insure a good night's sleep at the Potsdam conference, issued orders to his military guards to wear quarter-inch-thick rubber soles over their hobnailed boots as they patrol around the mansion where he sleeps. He also dictated a six-point "declaration to sentries," explaining how he wished them to carry out their duties, it was reported by a London newspaper correspondent in Berlin.

The correspondent also reported that electric fans have been placed beneath the U.S., British and Russian flagstaves, to insure that the flags will always fly proudly, even when breezes fail.

Japs Continue Okinawa Fight From Hideouts

OKINAWA, July 20 (ANS).—The battle of Okinawa ended officially June 21, but, in the past month more than 13,000 Japanese have been killed or captured and 10,000 are still hiding in the rugged mountains at the northern tip of the island, the Army estimated today.

Two days after organized resistance was declared at an end enemy dead were set at 100,853, with prisoners numbering 9,498.

Dead and wounded in the mopping up the last month would bring total enemy casualties to almost 125,000, more than double the original estimate on the size of the garrison.

The XXIV Corps, mopping up in the Mabuni, Madera and Aragachi pockets at the southern tip of the Ryukyu Island since organized resistance ended, has killed about 10,000 of the "Boicaitai," or national guard conscript army, and more than 2,000 regular soldiers, and captured 1,200.

Of an estimated 410,000 Okinawan civilians, 240,000 are in internment.

No trace has been found of several hundred Americans taken prisoner despite a careful search of the island.

Berlin . . .

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British and French provost marshals, at which it was also decided to enlist the support of the German civilian police.

The black market in Berlin is a two-fold operation—one strictly among civilians and the other between Allied soldiers and civilians.

In the last few days, open "markets" have been flourishing in the center of the city and elsewhere, with British, Russian and American soldiers gathering to trade with each other and with civilians. American soldiers trade PX rations and various kinds of food (particularly K rations) for money, cameras, films and other commodities. In addition, there have been widespread sales of watches by American soldiers to Russians for prices ranging up to \$1,000 in occupation marks. Although officially frowned upon, this exchange is perfectly legal, inasmuch as the soldiers are disposing of their personal property.

During the initial American and British movements into the city, the Yanks and the Tommies had watches, but comparatively little money. Today the Russians have the watches and the Yanks and Tommies have the cash. The trading was brisk recently after the Russians got paid and were "loaded" with marks. Now the western Allies carry around fat bank rolls but must continually ask—the time of day.

Dealing in Food More Serious

Much more serious, however, is the dealing in food with Berlin's hungry civilian population. Not only is the sale of U.S. food—PX rations, K rations and the like—illegal, but feeding German civilians is contrary to the American occupational policy.

The major portion of black-market dealings probably originate with the Germans themselves. Inasmuch, as it is almost impossible to obtain such basic items as potatoes on the legal market, farmers are selling them for fantastic prices through the black market, taking advantage of the complete breakdown of the German government and the confusion of the joint occupation.

Truman Sees Flag Raised

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after a slight illness which forced him to miss last night's intimate "state dinner" given by President Truman at the temporary White House, the first such social affair to be held since the conference began.

The British delegation to the banquet included Prime Minister Churchill, Labor Party leader Clement Attlee and Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Sir Alexander Cadogan. Premier Stalin headed the Russian party, which included Foreign Commissar Molotov, Soviet Ambassador to the U.S. Gromyko and a Russian Foreign Office representative.

American guests who attended were: Secretary of State James F. Byrnes; Fleet Adm. William Leahy, the President's chief of staff; W. Averell Harriman, U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union; Joseph E. Davies, Presidential envoy, and Edward W. Pauley, member of the Allied Reparations Commission.

The dinner began at 8:45 P.M., 15 minutes after the guests assembled. An American band played on the lawn, and afterward Sgt. Eugene List, who performed on the American concert stage before entering the Army, played to the chiefs of state. His selections included Tschaiakowsky's piano concerto, Chopin's "Polonaise in A flat" and three preludes by Shostakovich.

Premier Stalin got up from his chair, walked over to List and congratulated him. He drank a toast and asked the sergeant to play some more. List, obliged with some Russian and American folk music. The party ended just before 11 P.M. It was disclosed today, after an unexplained delay, that President Truman and Churchill had dined alone with Stalin at the "Little Kremlin" Wednesday night.

Colombian President Resigns

BOGOTA, Colombia, July 20 (UP).—President Alfonso Lopez announced his resignation today in a message to the Senate. This followed a year of political agitation during which several attempts were made to overthrow Lopez.

Grew Pledges U.S. Support to Polish Election

WASHINGTON, July 20 (ANS).—The U.S. will do its best to see that elections under the new Polish government are free in fact as well as in name, Joseph C. Grew, acting Secretary of State, promised yesterday.

Grew gave the State Department's position in response to a letter from Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) who said that to him and to millions of others the Polish settlement seemed "inadequate and unconvincing."

"There still seems to be no clear assurance," Vandenberg wrote, that the Polish people will themselves have the final opportunity of untrammelled self-determination under this new provisional government which is imposed upon them by Britain, Russia and the U.S. within Polish boundaries similarly dictated by these external powers."

Obligation to Poles Remains

Grew replied that this country's obligation to the Polish people did not end with the creation of the new government of national unity.

He indicated that it would end only after free elections based on universal suffrage and a secret ballot have been held and Poland is firmly established as an independent democratic state.

His letter stressed the assignment of Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane to keep this government "informed about the situation in Poland."

Grew said President Truman, like President Roosevelt, has called for "a strong, free and independent Polish state" as agreed on at Yalta and American policy continues unequivocally on that basis.

Flood Waters Hit N.Y., N.J.

NEW YORK, July 20 (ANS).—A Pennsylvania railroad engineer was killed, residents were rescued from their homes, two children were plucked from a swollen stream and inundated war plants were forced to close when flood waters fed by five days' rain caused more than \$500,000 damage through parts of southern New York state and New Jersey yesterday.

In the Paterson, N.J., area, damage to factories, homes and stalled cars was estimated at \$350,000. Telephone, telegraph and railroad services were crippled. Some roads were under six feet of water in the southern Hudson Valley area near Newburgh, N.Y. William T. Miller, locomotive engineer, died of burns in a Trenton hospital after a freight train was derailed by a washout near Byram, N.J., 30 miles north of Trenton.

Lee Cornett, 15, and her sister, Mary, 12, of Neshanic, N.J., were rescued from the south branch of the Raritan River. The girls had waded out to a small island in Midstream to round up their father's cattle.

'Red Arrow' Div. Enters 600th Day of Combat

MANILA, July 20 (ANS).—The 32nd "Red Arrow" Div., which claims the highest total combat time amassed by any American division in any war, marks its 600th day in the line tomorrow.

Its men are now in their fourth year overseas and have fought at Buna, Saidor, Aitape, Morotai, Leyte and Luzon—the comeback trail of American forces in the southwest Pacific.

The Division lays claim to killing more than 32,000 Japs in the Philippines alone.

Discharge . . .

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out until Oct. 1. Another two weeks are necessary to get the whole division to an embarkation point. Probably an additional six weeks will be needed before the 86th reaches the Pacific Theater.

The next division to go into training will be the 97th, the second outfit to return from Europe. After 30-day furloughs, its men will assemble in mid-August at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Nine other divisions, all scheduled to be back in the U.S. by the end of July, are ticketed for the Pacific. Divisions arriving here later may move toward the Pacific much quicker once furloughs are completed and troops reassembled.

Training in Jap warfare is being carried on concurrently in Europe, and the divisions embarking later this summer will have a chance to complete a good part, if not all, of their Pacific training in Europe.