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British Set To Act in Syrian Row

As heavy fighting continued in Damascus and throughout Syria yesterday, Prime Minister Churchill requested Gen. Charles de Gaulle to order French troops to cease fire and return to their barracks to avoid collision with British forces. Churchill told De Gaulle that the British government "with profound regret" had ordered the commander-in-chief in the Middle East to intervene to prevent further bloodshed.

At the same time, the U.S. sent a note to France, urging the De Gaulle government to review its Levant policy.

Churchill's note, read in Commons by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, stated that "we have not acted until our overall responsibility was so serious that we simply had to act or stand by and see a situation develop which would have shamed us all."

He apparently ruled out any further diplomatic talk on the subject with this statement in his note to De Gaulle: "Once fighting has ceased and order been restored,



we shall be prepared to begin tripartite discussion here in London.

"The situation has deteriorated still further since last night," Churchill wrote. "Our minister in Damascus reports there was heavy firing and shelling during the night, and that two great fires were burning in the center of the city."

Both the British and French cabinets held emergency meetings during the day, the third in 24 hours for Churchill's ministers.

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U.S. Troop Evacuation From Persia Begun

The U.S. began withdrawing its troops from Persia before the Persian government requested that British, Russian and American forces be evacuated as a result of the war's end, the Associated Press said yesterday.

Enraged Father Kills Girl For Dating Returned Veteran

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31 (ANS).—Pretty Lulu Mae Davis, 19, was all excited over her first date in three years—with her high-school sweetheart, Pvt. David Sharp, 23, who had just come back from the CBI.

But Lulu's father objected. He killed her.

That was the story told today by police as they kept Sharp under guard for fear that Lulu's enraged father, Ray E. Davis, 42, might try to murder the CBI veteran also. Meanwhile, a full-blown manhunt for Davis was in progress. Davis shot his daughter with a .38-cal. revolver after she threw herself in front of her soldier sweetheart when her father threatened him Tuesday night.

Sharp ran from the house, and Davis, in a fury, turned the gun on his daughter, police said. Davis fled before the arrival of police, leaving a note which called the soldier a "skunk" and declared:

Mama by Proxy Obliging ATS Sprouts Baby for Wedded Officer

LONDON, May 31 (UP).—The Daily Mail disclosed today that a son was born several weeks ago to an ATS telephone operator and Herbert Leak, former British Army lieutenant. Leak's wife, unable to bear children, agreed to his having sexual intercourse with the girl in order to have a child.

The former lieutenant's wife was with the ATS girl when the "proxy baby" was born, it was said. The child is being taken care of by his paternal grandmother in London, according to the paper.

Leak was court-martialed and cashiered last year when his association with the girl came to light. At the time, Mrs. Leak testified in his behalf. Testimony developed the fact that the ATS girl's husband, in service overseas, also gave his assent to the "proxy baby" deal.

ETO Generals Get Furloughs To the States

Twelve of the ETO's top generals, including Gen. Eisenhower, were scheduled yesterday to return to the U.S. within the coming month for a series of welcomes and receptions before they come back to occupation duties or continue on to the Pacific.

First to leave and first to return to Europe will be Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the 12th Army Gp. SHAEF said he would depart within a few days. Mayor Bernard Samuel of Philadelphia announced that Bradley and nine other generals would be the guests of his city next Monday.

No dates were set for Eisenhower's and Gen. George S. Patton's departures, but a War Department announcement said that they would leave in June and that the Supreme Commander would make appearances in New York and Washington, among other cities.

At least three other top-ranking generals already have arrived in the U.S. from Europe. They are Gen. Mark W. Clark, 15th Army Gp. commander in Italy, last reported in Chicago; Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, First Army commander, last reported in Atlanta, Ga., and Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth Air Force commander, last reported in Miami, Fla.

Hodges and Doolittle will go to the Pacific, it has been announced, while Clark is expected to return to the Mediterranean, presumably in connection with occupation duties.

Generals to accompany Bradley are Gen. Carl Spaatz, Maj. Gen. S. Clarence Huebner, Leland Hobbs, Anthony C. McAuliffe, Maxwell D. Taylor, Thomas B. Larkin, Elwood R. Quesada and Paul Williams and Brig. Gen. John Doyle.

Bill Would Have U.S. Foot Furlough Cost

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—Overseas veterans on furlough in the U.S. would be provided with transportation to their homes and allowance for quarters and subsistence under a bill introduced by Sen. George A. Wilson (R., Iowa). Allowances for quarters and subsistence would be equal to those to which a soldier would be entitled if travelling on official business.

6 U.S. Picnickers Killed By Jap Long-Range Bomb; Pincers Closing On Shuri

Juncture Will Trap Foe Still Left In Fortress

GUAM, May 31 (ANS).—U.S. forces on Okinawa today were little more than a mile from a juncture below the fortress city of Shuri, where yesterday marine units raised the flag over ancient Shuri Castle after smashing through Japanese defenses from the west.

Maj. Gen. John R. Hoge, XXIV Corps commander, said that the enemy's main defenses on the island had been "busted" after 60 days of fighting. "I think we've got them," he told correspondents.

Strong patrols of the First Marine Div. entered Shuri from the west, and Brig. Gen. Pedro Del Valle, division commander, announced that his troops controlled all of the ruined city although "actual physical occupation" had not been completed. Jap suicide squads still held on to strong positions inside the city and along a north-to-south-east arc around it. Dispatches said these enemy forces will be trapped when two U.S. divisions close a pincers behind them.

Linkup Expected Soon
 These divisions were the Sixth Marine and the Army's Seventh Inf., which are pushing toward a juncture southeast of Naha, Okinawa's west coast capital, which fell to the marines two days ago. The Leathernecks now are driving for the mouth of the Kobuka River, below Naha, while the Army forces were only a mile and a quarter from Okinawa's west coast.

(The United Press said that these forces probably would link up within 24 hours.)
 Adverse weather made tough going for ground troops, but it (Continued on Page 8)

Japanese May Quit Corridor in China

CHUNGKING, May 31 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of American forces in China, said today there was a possibility the Japanese might abandon their trans-continental corridor across China.

Asserting he was "very optimistic" about the future of military developments in China, Wedemeyer said: "We are now on the upgrade."

His statement came as Japanese forces in Kwangsi, the southernmost Chinese province, fired the former 14th air base city of Liuchow and fled northward before Chinese troops who have captured 180 miles of the Jap lifeline to French Indo-China.

Aussies Seeking A 'Husband Ship'

CANBERRA, May 31 (INS).—Acting Prime Minister J. B. Chifley said today that the Australian House of Representatives should consider ways of obtaining transport to Australia as soon as possible for discharged American soldiers married to Aussie girls.

This week a "bride ship" will leave an Australian port for the U.S. with 400 Aussies wives of American servicemen—the first large group of brides to make the voyage since last August.

Chiang Resigns Premier's Post In Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 31 (AP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has resigned as premier of the Chinese government and has been succeeded by T.V. Soong, who has been acting premier since Dec. 12.

Chiang remains president of China and head of the state. It is generally presumed here that Chiang resigned his premiership to devote himself primarily to his main job as supreme commander of Allied forces in the China theater.

His resignation as president of the executive Yuan (premier) was announced this morning at a meeting of the newly-elected central executive committee of the Kuomintang Party.

Mail Burned, Major Fired

LONDON, May 31.—Maj. D. C. Jernigin, an Army postal officer, has been relieved of command for permitting parcel post packages to be burned, it was disclosed today.

The action came on the heels of an investigation touched off by newspaper reports that valuable material, including cigarets and edible foodstuffs, had been destroyed by APO personnel.

Announcement that Jernigin had been relieved as commander of the base post office at Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, was made by Brig. Gen. E. F. Koenig, CG of the United Kingdom Base, who said that the major had failed to follow Army regulations governing disposal of badly damaged or unidentified parcels.

It was added that only "a very small amount of undamaged items" had been destroyed. Army regulations forbid destruction of goods that can be consumed or salvaged.

Mother, 5 Children Die While on Fishing Trip

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP).—A mother and five of her children have been killed in a western state by a bomb from Japanese long-range balloons, Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson announced today.

Patterson gave no details of the deaths, except that they occurred during a fishing trip when one of the children began playing with an unexploded bomb dropped from the enemy balloon. He said the woman's husband and a sixth child were the only survivors.

When reporters pressed for further information, Patterson merely replied that he had cited the incident to stress the need for precautions against the terror weapon.

(Presumably these were the first civilian deaths in the continental U.S. due to enemy action in this war.)

The Japanese bomb-carrying balloons travel up to 125 miles an hour, are launched with great ceremony at a Nippon war factory and usually take between 80 and 120 hours to cross the Pacific.

According to official announcements, the balloon releases its first bomb when it drops to a height of 27,000 feet—which it would fall to somewhere over the U.S., if the Japanese figured right.

"The balloon goes back up, then down again and another incendiary is released and so on as it travels across the U.S.," Lyle F. Watts, chief of the U.S. Forest Service, has explained. "When the last incendiary is dropped, a fuse is ignited automatically and sets off a demolition charge which destroys the balloon."

Domei 'Tells All' On Human VI

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31 (INS).—Domei (Japanese) news agency said yesterday that the Japanese human rocket bomb was merely an adaptation of the German V1 to Pacific warfare and had been designed specifically "to smash the enemy at sea before he makes a landing."

The broadcast said experiments on the bombs had begun before U.S. landings on Leyte Island in the Philippines last fall. Jap munitions experts had decided that American forces would invade the Philippines and believed that it would be "virtually impossible to hit a mere speck in the sea," like a warship, with a pilotless bomb. They determined then that the bomb must be guided by a man.

Marines Give Okinawa Japs Phosphorous Treatment



First Div. Marines wait on the crest of a slope as barrage of phosphorous shells explodes among Jap positions on another hill. The picture was taken during the southward drive on Naha, island capital.



Solve-All?

Here's a plan to get combat men back home. It covers the military occupation of Germany and peacetime compulsory military training.

1. Have compulsory military training for a period of one year for all men reaching their eighteenth birthday.

A-Deferments may be granted of not more than two years for completion of schooling.

B-Men not physically fit will go on limited assignment making up administration of part II.

2 Reception centers will retain men for processing not more than 30 days.

A-Processing will consist of inoculations, initial clothing and supply issue and orientation, etc.

3. Training camps will be set up in Germany, receiving the men upon completion of processing for complete Infantry basic totalling five months.

A-Camps will be distributed, and located near potential trouble points.

B-Training will be conducted by cadre of volunteers, preferably combat veterans.

4. Men will spend the second six months in duties of occupation.

A-At the termination of this period men will be discharged in Europe.

1. They may remain in Europe (self-sustained) for residence, travel or education.

2. Return home at any time on government transportation.

-Pfc Everett J. Nieuwenhuis, 310 Inf.

Justice & Example

For some time, here in Germany, I have been fuming inwardly, but up until the present I have been able to control myself. The cause: Our treatment of PWs; our meticulous adherence to the Geneva Convention; and finally, our delay in bringing war criminals to trial and to justice. I have watched with restrained anger such reports as the ones stating that German PWs receive much more food than English civilians; that it will take months to assemble enough evidence to bring Goering to trial; and that GIs will be taken to the Pacific as labor crews for unloading vessels when PWs could be used. However, the pay-off appears in today's (May 23) S & S, dealing with the anti-Nazi demonstration in Cologne by other Germans. These people protested that we are treating the Nazis too mildly and were dispersed by GIs firing over their heads.

Does it take an earthquake to awaken us? Can't someone see what is happening? These are not American civilians protesting because PWs are receiving cigarettes, nor Britishers "browned off" because a Jerry receives more meat than he does, nor GIs bitching because of a picture showing the comforts enjoyed by the PWs back in the States. These are not Czechs, Poles, French or Dutch whom you might point to and say that hatred born of torture has triumphed over reason. These men and women in Cologne are countrymen, neighbors and relatives of the beasts who have put untold grief into millions of hearts and inflicted suffering on millions more for years to come. When such a group rises in protest, isn't it logical to assume that we are erring somewhere in our methods?

The greatest weapon that we have at the present moment against the Japs is the example of what can happen to a country which, although beaten, refused to accept unconditional surrender. One portion of this picture, the ruined cities, the stench of dead and starving living, was paid for in blood. Men lying beneath the soil of Germany itself died not merely to whip an enemy. The Huns were beaten before the Allies entered their country. Rather, the lives of these men were sacrificed in order that we could gain some "marginal profit," the difference between a compromised peace and unconditional surrender. The greatest part of this "profit" is the picture that we can show to future generations of Germans and to the present citizens of Japan.

The picture is not complete. The unfinished part should show what happens to those criminals who,

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He Fought in Berlin-Rest Is a Blank

Pfc Walker (He Thinks) Is Amnesia Victim; Woke Up a PW

By Earl Mazon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Pfc. William Walker, who fought his way into Berlin with a unit of Cossacks and therefore was the first American into that city—can give a detailed street-by-street account of the battle for Berlin, but what happened to him long before that is mostly a blank.

Fact is, he's not sure William Walker is his name.

"Pfc William Walker keeps running through my mind, so I guess that's what I'm called," he said. "And I figure I'm from New York, because whenever people talk about that city I recall the streets and places. Boy, I guess I've got a wife or family or somebody back home, they think I'm dead... may be I am."

Walker's story begins on the Normandy Beaches, he thinks. "I remember the big ramp of a landing boat hitting water... and a lot of noise and hollering and shooting... then I woke up all bandaged up in a German hospital."

There were marks where his ring and a watch had been, but the watch and ring were gone. Everything had been taken, including his dog tags. "That's why I'm not sure who I am... the Germans didn't know either."

Beaten by Guards

After three months of moving from hospital to hospital, Walker ended up in a PW camp near Berlin, and though he was still sick, the Germans put him on a road-building gang "and worked me and the rest of the fellows—mostly Americans—like a bunch of slaves. When we slacked off a little those bastards would jab us in the behind with bayonets. Several times they came through the camp and beat up a bunch of guys just for the hell of it. Once they made me run their gauntlet. It was the damndest thing you ever saw. We prisoners had to go through this double line of Germans who were armed with everything up to clubs. They beat hell out of us and squealed like a bunch of crazy kids. One of them hit me on the head again and I was laid up for three weeks."

First indications of the rapid Russian advance came when the Soviets shelled Walker's camp area. "Those brave guards, who had beat hell out of us, ran off like a bunch of scared monkeys. I got out over the barbed wire fence and headed for the Russians. When they saw me they started shooting. Finally they captured me and started to send me back with the rest of the PWs, but I kept saying 'American, American' and one of the officers talked to me and asked me if I wanted to join his outfit. I said 'hell yeh,' so he gave me a horse and a pistol—and I became a GI Cossack."

Walker's story continues with details of his time as a prisoner of war, his escape, and his subsequent capture by the Russians. He describes the harsh conditions of the German POW camps and his eventual escape to the Russian lines, where he was taken to a hospital and then to a POW camp near Berlin. He mentions being beaten by German guards and the loss of his personal effects.



Pfc William Walker

"When we got to the suburbs of Berlin the whole damn place looked like it was burning. Right in front of my crowd of Cossacks was a huge graveyard which the krauts were defending something awful. We dismounted in the dark and attacked. It was a helluva fight. Us and the Germans and a bunch of bones and corpses. I'd sneak around a tombstone and run right into a kraut. I killed three of them that way."

"After the first couple of days on the Berlin outskirts the fight for that place became just a series of attacks on snipers. I guess the scariest people I ever saw in my life were the German civilians. They huddled together in cellars like a bunch of cornered rats. We didn't bother them. Hell, they looked harmless enough."

When the battle for Berlin was almost finished, Walker worked his way to Tempelhof airport where he heard a couple of American planes had landed.

"It was two Mustangs piloted by Lts. Sullivan and Shepherd. They

Recalls D-Day Dimly; Freed by Russians, Joined Cossacks

ran out of gas, but the Russians didn't have any to give them, so they just stayed there in Berlin with us. The next day a Cub landed with a fellow named Lt. Col. Webb. He gave me the first American cigaret I had had in months. It made me feel like a new man.

The Wild Party

"On May 1 we had the wildest party I ever attended in my life. Me and a young Russian pilot were together. I drank one water glass of vodka and almost passed out. While I was drinking that one he drank seven—yeh, seven! Then he took me flying with him in a little biplane... boy, I never want to fly again!"

A few days later, Walker and Webb were hanging around the airfield when a C47 swooped in. "We just wanna see Berlin," said the pilot.

"You'd better get the hell out of here," said Webb, so he and Walker boarded the C47, and took off for the American lines.

At an American hospital Walker was given a lot to eat and after an examination doctors said he had "temporary amnesia."

"I hope to hell it's temporary," he said. "Suppose I go home and some good-looking baby rushes up to me and says: 'Darling, you're back!' and I don't even recognize her? That'd be terrible."

Then Walker thought awhile and added: "You know, since I've been back with the Americans I've heard a lot of bitching. I tell you one thing, after you've been a German PW you appreciate this Army of ours. In fact, I like it so much right now that if the doctors straighten me out I'm going to volunteer for the CBI—amnesia and all."

This London Bridge Didn't Fall Down

LONDON, May 31 (INS).—The bridge that now spans the Rhine at Remagen should be a familiar one to Londoners. It's the temporary Waterloo Bridge, used for 17 years in London until the permanent Waterloo Bridge was opened in 1942.

After the capture of Antwerp, the bridge was dismantled and shipped across the Channel, ready for emergency use. When the Remagen bridge collapsed, the temporary Waterloo Bridge was rushed to the scene section by section and within a week it was in use.

Paris MDs Reveal Possible TB Cure

Two Paris physicians of the famous Pasteur Institute have evolved a method of treating tuberculosis which may help to wipe out that disease, INS reported yesterday.

Dr. Vital Chorine and Dr. Bernard Sureau tried their method, injections of vitamin PP, on a tubercular whose condition was regarded as hopeless. The girl became well.

Treatment of 20 other apparently incurable TB victims met with excellent results. Both doctors, while optimistic, still do not regard their findings as positive proof.

Wants GI Deposits Paid in Portions

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—Legislation authorizing GI Joe with money on deposit with the Treasury Department to be repaid in three or six equal monthly installments after his discharge is being sought by Rep. Cole (R-Kan.).

Under present law, the entire deposit is paid on the day of discharge.

"Usually he has no immediate need for this money," Cole said. "If it can be paid to him after he returns home, he will be less subjected to pressure of unwise spending."

Conn. Beaches to Reopen

HARTFORD, Conn., May 31 (ANS).—Hammonasset, Rocky Neck and Sherwood Island bathing beaches, closed since early in the war, will be reopened this summer.

Art Treasures To Be Returned

Priceless treasures that made the Louvre, in Paris, a mecca for art lovers the world over will be returned from some 70 hiding places in France as soon as the U.S. Army can spare trucks and gasoline, UP reported.

Directors of the Louvre, where the "Mona Lisa" and "Winged Victory" were viewed by thousands weekly before German occupation, plan to return the collection piecemeal so GIs can view them before leaving for the U.S.

Special coal rations were necessary to heat the cellars of chateaus where the paintings and other objects of art were stored for almost six years. Maintenance of costly guard staffs was given as another reason for returning the art collection.

In evacuating the 4,000 paintings and several thousand pieces of sculpture from the Louvre in August, 1939, it was necessary to cut wires so the huge trucks could pass and by-pass low clearance bridges.

Omaha's Mayor Retires, 40 Years in Politics

OMAHA, May 31 (ANS).—Dan B. Butler was a private citizen again today after nine years as Omaha's mayor and forty years of public service. He was defeated two weeks ago for re-election. His successor, Charles Leeman, took office yesterday. Butler, 66, gained prominence on several occasions by banning books and stage plays.

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Table with 2 columns: Today's radio programs (1200-Duffie Bag, 1300-News, etc.) and Tomorrow's programs (0600-Yawn Patrol, 0700-News, etc.).

Up Front With Mauldin



"Yer dern tootin' my sniffles is serious. I been drawin' mortar fire."

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And Some Goes to the U.S.A.



After a lapse of four years, 9,000 cases of cognac have reached New York from France. Customs men look over some of the bottles.

The American Scene:

Boom in Real Estate Values Gives U.S. a New Headache

By William R. Spear

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, May 31.—Officials are concerned over rising prices of residential property throughout the country. The boom in values is attributed partly to activity of speculators and partly to increased buying of real estate as a hedge against possible postwar inflation.

In war production centers housing values have risen in some cases as much as 200 percent. Greatest increase has been in the lower price bracket.

A recent War Production Board order relaxing some of the restrictions on residential construction may help the situation somewhat by encouraging building. But now Ned Brooks, of the Scripps-Howard Washington staff, reports that the Office of Economic Stabilization is considering a plan to require purchasers of residential property to make down payments of at least 35 percent to curb speculators.

If such regulations were imposed and no exemptions were granted war veterans, it would largely nullify the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, which permits home purchases by veterans with no cash down.

The only control over down payments on home purchases now in force is an OPA regulation which requires 20 percent down payment on purchase of property which is occupied by tenants. This requirement is designed to protect tenants from being evicted by phoney sales of property.

Three of the four new Roosevelt Memorial postage stamps have been authorized by Postmaster General Frank C. Walker. They are of one-cent, two-cent and three-cent denominations, and each bears a picture of the late President, who is identified merely as "Roosevelt," with no first name or initials. The fourth stamp in the series, of five-cent denomination, is being designed. The three-cent stamp carries a picture of the White House in Washington. The two-cent stamp shows the "Little White House" at Warm Springs, Ga., and the one-cent shows the Roosevelt home at Hyde Park, N.Y.

A NEW book out this week puts the burden on women for making romance work and purports to tell them how to do it. It's called "Hold Your Man!", by Veronica Dengel, and sells for \$2.50. It tips women to "avoid round garters on stockings which reach only to just above the knee. Round garters are bad for circulation and they are ruinous to your most charming effect." There are other tips about clothes, hygiene and disposition, and advice that the husband "is the head of the house and you should be able to find happiness in making this position a firm one." In the back of the book are some sealed pages, and what's in them is a secret only for women.

Poll Tax May Produce Sour Note

THE perennial poll tax issue has bobbed up again in Congress to threaten the harmony which has prevailed in Democratic ranks since President Truman took office. Proponents of the bill, which would outlaw payment of a poll tax as a qualification for voting in federal elections, obtained enough signatures on the petition to take jurisdiction of the bill away from the House Judiciary Committee, which had pigeon-holed it, and bring it to the floor of the House. It will come up June 11 with a showdown on its passage expected the following day.

Mary Heller Halliday, three-year-old daughter of singer Mary Martin and writer Richard Halliday, was bitten in the face by a dog in Huntington, W.Va., and the shock caused her mother, who is expecting a baby, to become seriously ill. The Texas showgirl, who won fame with the song "My Heart Belongs To Daddy," has had a number of blood transfusions and her condition is now improving, but still grave.

ALFRED P. SLOAN Jr., chairman of the board of General Motors Corp., told a stockholders meeting at Wilmington, Del., that the public can expect no \$500 car after the war, although GM will try to keep the price of the new Chevrolet as low as possible. The company will produce 95,000 cars of the 200,000-car quota established by the government for the last quarter of this year, but will not produce any "brand new" car for about two years.

Sen. Taft Raps Peace Draft as Freedom Curb

GETTYSBURG, May 31 (ANS).—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) said yesterday that proposals for immediate enactment of a peacetime draft law "strike at the very basis of freedom for which our boys are fighting."

Speaking at a Memorial Day observance at Gettysburg National Cemetery, he contended that "secret" government propaganda is being employed to win support for compulsory postwar military training.

He added: "We are indeed bankrupt of ideas if we cannot provide a method by which necessary military forces and reserves are provided during peacetime by an American voluntary system."

Of the current conflict, Taft declared: "The moment we can achieve a peace which will guarantee prevention of future aggression on the part of Japan it is our duty to all those whom we honor here today to see that peace is brought about, whether by arms or negotiation."

'Secret Meetings Being Held'

Placing major emphasis on compulsory peacetime training proposals soon to be under study by Congressional committees in Washington, Taft said: "Whether we become a militaristic and totalitarian country depends more on this measure than any other."

"The power to take a boy from his home and subject him to complete government discipline is the most serious limitation on freedom that can be imagined."

"There is no doubt the government and particularly the War and Navy Departments are straining every nerve to secure enactment of this legislation before the war ends. Secret meetings are being held in the Pentagon Building and elsewhere."

Taft said that on April 26 officers of "some 40 or more women's organizations" were invited to the Pentagon and "it is said they were addressed by the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Under-Secretary of State, Gen. George C. Marshall, Adm. Ernest J. King and other high-ranking officers."

"Government propaganda is bad enough when it is open," Taft said, "but it is inexcusable when it is secret."

U.S. Supreme Court Postpones Closing

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—The Supreme Court has extended its current term until June 11 to permit the disposition of 42 cases blocking summer adjournment.

Among the important cases awaiting decision are the government's anti-trust suit against the Associated Press, the Alabama and Florida laws regulating labor unions and the deportation order against Harry Bridges, Australian-born West Coast labor leader.

In two formal decisions yesterday, the tribunal upheld the ICC's right to order fare reduction by bus companies in the District of Columbia area, and declined to reopen a NLRB decree ending a labor dispute at the Eagle-Picher Mining and Smelter Co. operating in the Oklahoma-Kansas-Missouri area.

After 2 Months, Wife Realizes She's Married*

* Honest, that's what she says.

CHICAGO, May 31 (ANS).—Mrs. Narlene Pollock Wons, 21, seeking annulment of her marriage to Emil Wons, 24, asserted that news that her first husband had been killed in action shocked her so much that she didn't realize she had married again until two months after the wedding.

In her suit in Superior Court, Mrs. Wons said she married Pvt. Paul Pollock on Sept. 7, 1943, and he was killed in Germany Oct. 24, 1944. She learned of his death on Nov. 8, the suit said, and on Feb. 26, 1945, she married Wons "during a lapse of memory."

The suit further said that on May 15 friends suggested to her that she investigate her relationship with Wons and it was then she discovered she had married him. Until then she had regarded him merely as an acquaintance.

Her petition for annulment said that her husband and her parents attested to the fact that the couple never had lived together as man and wife.

She's No Rung Number



"The Girl We Would Most Like to Sweep Off Her Feet" is the title conferred on Betty Schisler, of Peoria, by crews of U.S. minesweepers. Betty packs K-rations for a living.

Vets' Business Field Limited

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace said yesterday that there will be room for veterans to start only 500,000 to 700,000 new small business enterprises and warned that "it will be unfortunate" if more veterans try to set up new postwar enterprises.

It has been estimated that from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 servicemen intend to go into business for themselves.

Wallace told the House Small Business Committee that business loans to veterans should not be made too freely. "The same precautions must be observed" in making loans to servicemen as to civilians, he said, with the character of the applicant and the purpose of the loan taken into consideration as in the case of any businessman.

Wallace said he favored complete repeal of the wartime excess profits tax "as soon as the danger of inflation has passed." Increased exemption from excess profits taxes would "definitely help small business and help prevent unemployment," he added.

Dirksen Insists Vets Need No Re-Orientation

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.), reporting to the House on his recent overseas trip, made one complaint about the Army. He didn't think returning servicemen needed rehabilitation.

"They don't need long-haired men or short-haired women to tell them not to bayonet anyone on Main Street of Abilene, Tex.," he said.

Servicemen in the galleries joined in the applause.

One N.Y. Housing Problem Untangled by Quadruple Play

NEW YORK, May 31 (ANS).—The Marshall Rosetts, who are expecting an increase in the family, moved into the Sol Wolfman apartment today because it was larger.

The Wolfmans, also seeking more space, moved into Mrs. Suzanne Guggenheim's seven-room suite. Mrs. Guggenheim, who wanted smaller quarters because of her daughter's marriage, took over Carl Kinzler's five-room apartment.

Kinzler took over the Rosett apartment because he needed only three rooms. Thus the first four-way housing swap on record in Manhattan became reality.

7 States Fight Federal Aid for City Airfields

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—Representatives of seven states today denounced a proposal of Mayors Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York and Edward J. Kelly of Chicago to bypass the states and extend federal airport aid directly to cities.

Spokesmen for Kentucky, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Utah, Michigan, Virginia and Massachusetts told the House Interstate Commerce Committee their states have no intention of relinquishing their roles in aviation development.

The committee is considering a bill to appropriate \$650,000,000 in federal funds that would be matched by local money in financing a ten-year airport construction program. LaGuardia and Kelly have proposed that federal funds should pass directly to cities rather than be allocated through states.

A H. Near, of Louisville, Ky., said he doubted if state aviation officials would "glamorize" their role in aviation as do "certain mayors of large municipalities."

But state aviation officials and state aeronautical commissions, he said, have pioneered development of aviation and are prepared to make a large contribution to the postwar airport program.

Stoll Kidnaper Will Die June 8

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 31 (ANS).—Thomas H. Robinson Jr., 37, former Nashville (Tenn.) law student who was convicted of the \$50,000 kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll of Louisville in 1934, will die in the electric chair June 8 at the Eddyville (Ky.) state prison. Robinson was convicted in 1943 under the Lindbergh Kidnap Law.

Robinson was brought to Louisville from the federal prison at Milan, Mich., this week following the U.S. Supreme Court's rejection of his appeal.

In 1936, after pleading guilty to the kidnap charge, Robinson began serving a life sentence at Alcatraz. In prison, he resumed his law studies and on his interpretation of the Lindbergh kidnaping law obtained a new trial. The second trial, however, brought him a death sentence.

Chicago Turns Out To Fete Gen. Clark

CHICAGO, May 31 (ANS).—Gen. Mark W. Clark arrived at Chicago airport from Paris yesterday and was greeted by a cheering crowd that lined a 15-mile Memorial Day parade route.

Congress Plaza, the parade's terminal point, was jammed with thousands of celebrants anxious for a glimpse of the 15th Army Group commander, whose troops cleared Italy of the Germans.

At a news conference later, Clark said he believed the Trieste situation would be settled amicably on the basis of compliance by Marshal Tito with Allied peace conference plans.

He said the Yugoslav leader apparently was ready to allow settlement of the issue at the forthcoming general peace conference.

Cry Baby

CHICAGO, May 31 (ANS).—The Journal of the American Medical Association today said the average baby cries 113 minutes a day, which is more than should be necessary for the normal use of the cry as a signal of need. Crying was defined as "a universal negatively-directed reaction, a reflex act to unpleasant stimuli."

BDUC

'Simple, Orderly Life,' Monty's Aim for Reich

SECOND BRITISH ARMY HQ., May 31 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Sir Bernard Law Montgomery, in his first proclamation to the German people since his appointment as British representative on the Allied Control Commission, told them last night that his immediate objective was "to establish a simple and orderly life for the whole community."

"The first step will be to see that the population has food, housing and freedom from disease. Means of transportation must be restored and postal services must be restarted," the proclamation said.

"Certain industries must be got going again. All this will mean much hard work for everyone. Those who have committed war crimes according to international law will be dealt with in proper fashion."

"The German people will work under my orders to provide the necessities of life for the community and to restore the economic life of the country. There are in the British area very large numbers of German soldiers, sailors and airmen and all these are now being re-assembled in certain areas."

He said German service men will be discharged according to their value as workers in essential trades. "The most urgent need is the harvest," he said, "and therefore workers on the land are going first and men of other occupations and trades will be discharged to work as soon as it can be arranged."

"I will see to it that all German soldiers and civilians are kept informed by radio and newspapers of how the work is going on. The population will be told what to do. I shall expect it to be done willingly and efficiently."

AMG Needs 100 Officers From the States Monthly

BAD HOMBURG, May 31 (AP).—A minimum of 100 new military government officers will be needed monthly from the U.S. to keep AMG machinery functioning in territory taken over by the Army of Occupation, according to Col. H. McE. Pendleton, commander of the European Civil Affairs Div.

"It is a simple matter to recruit new personnel for AMG detachments from combat units converted into troops of occupation, and this already has been done," he said. "But very few of these younger officers are qualified to take over functional assignments such as public utilities, legal affairs, agriculture or other specialized jobs."

Friedrich Schaffer Named Head of Bavaria

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BAVARIA, May 31.—Friedrich Schaffer, pre-Hitler head of the Bavarian Peoples party and well-known Catholic layman, has been appointed temporary Minister-President of Bavaria by Col. Charles E. Keegan, regional military government officer.

Schaffer will be responsible, under the direction of military government, for the removal from public office of all active Nazis and Nazi sympathizers and for making new appointments. He has been instructed that he must act without regard for race or creed.

Schaffer also will recommend to military government four men to serve as temporary ministers of Bavaria. The new Minister-President is a Munich lawyer who was formerly legal advisor for German Catholic convents and church corporations. During the Nazi regime he was twice imprisoned, in the concentration camps of Stadelheim and at Dachau, both times without trial.

Allied Control Group Set Up for Berchtesgaden

A Supreme Headquarters control party (Oberkommando Luftwaffe) has been established for Berchtesgaden, Hitler's former mountain retreat, similar to the control party (OKW) at Flensburg.

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Harper, director of the air division in the U.S. Group Control Council, commands the Berchtesgaden control party, which includes members of both the British and U.S. Air Forces.

Connecticut to Mark June 15 as Infantry Day

HARTFORD, Conn., May 31 (ANS).—Designating June 15 as Infantry Day, Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin called upon the people of the state to observe the day "in honor of the many thousands of Connecticut men in this war who are doing their full share to bring victory by serving in our infantry forces."

Truman Visit Gets DeGaulle's Tentative OK

Gen. De Gaulle, head of the French provisional government, has accepted "in principle" an invitation to visit President Truman in Washington, but the date of the meeting is contingent on the assumed forthcoming conference of the Big Three, a French government spokesman said yesterday.

It was suggested that De Gaulle might wish to confer with Truman after the projected Big Three meeting.

There are a number of questions which the French feel could be smoothed out in a meeting between the two chiefs of state.

The French want to know to what extent the U.S. intends to participate in postwar European settlements. This involves a clarification of the U.S. attitude toward helping France get back on her feet and toward France's claim for the policing of the Rhineland and the exploitation of the Saar coal mines.

Other problems which the French believe might be discussed at such a meeting are France's position in Syria and Lebanon, where a surge to throw off French influence has created the most serious diplomatic crisis for France since liberation, and the continued maintenance of French troops across the Italian frontier.

Provisional government officials feel that closer relations between the U.S. and France would come out of the meeting and make no secret of the hope it might result in more American aid in reconstruction.

Hopkins Binds U.S.-Soviet Ties

MOSCOW, May 31 (AP).—The visits of Harry Hopkins as President Truman's personal representative to Marshal Stalin will have a far-reaching effect on tightening the collaboration between the U.S. and Russia, well informed diplomatic sources predicted today.

Hopkins, who has just held his fourth conversation with Stalin, was said to carry with him the knowledge that Soviet leaders know he not only came to Moscow offering aid in Russia's darkest days but went home with assurances that the Red Army would hold and defeat Germany.

Hopkins' reception by Soviet leaders has been most cordial and their personal faith and confidence in him was reported counting for much in the official discussions.

Junkers 88s Junked by 9th AF's Raiders



Battered skeletons in a Luftwaffe closet—that's all that remains of these Junker 88s strewn about a Leipzig-Mockau hangar, where they were wrecked by Ninth Air Force fighter-bombers in April. Ninth Air Force Photo.

Okinawa Development Called War's No. 1 Construction Job Argentina Goal Of Ribbentrop

OKINAWA, May 31 (ANS).—Commodore A. G. Bissett, commander of all construction troops on Okinawa, said today that development of the island is "the biggest construction job ever attempted in war—including Europe and the Pacific," despite the fact the 65-mile long island still is the scene of bitter fighting.

Werewolves Prowl In French Zone

HQ. FRENCH FIRST ARMY, May 31 (UP).—Shootings, werewolves and SS maquis plague authorities daily in the French zone of occupation.

A few days ago a French officer was shot, allegedly by a German youth who escaped. Twenty miles from here, a French patrol was ambushed and two poilus were killed before the SS attackers could be wiped out. In Breisgau, the commander's headquarters was blown up by a time bomb, and during a recent visit of French War Minister André Diethelm, a wheel was unscrewed at night from his automobile. Diethelm narrowly escaped death.

French officers complain that the U.S. policy of discharging German prisoners has led to trouble, since many return to their homes in the French zone. Suspected trouble makers have been arrested by French military police, despite discharge papers signed by U.S. officers.

Corpus Christi Day Observed

COLOGNE, May 31 (UP).—Archbishop Joseph Frings today expressed his gratitude to Maj. Gen. Ernest N. Harmon after Catholics had been granted permission to hold processions in observance of Corpus Christi Day.

"The biggest part of the air base work," he said, "will be finished within a few months."

To Build 500 More Miles of Road

Seabees and Army Engineers have built more than 100 miles of road, Bissett estimated, and they will build another 500.

Bissett said captured Japanese airfields had to be completely rebuilt to handle heavier American planes. Japanese fields "were no engineering jobs in any sense of the word."

Maj. Gen. Fred C. Wallace, island commander, said that despite Japanese air raids and stubborn fighting in southern Okinawa, the island is becoming a great naval and air base "much quicker than anticipated."

Airfields hold first priority and many are being built on the island.

Despite a pinch on construction workers and equipment, Wallace asserted he was completely satisfied with the progress of construction, which began soon after assault troops hit the beach.

Cost in Lives Lower

"Enemy air raids really haven't hurt us too much," he declared. "Our loss in men and material is far less than expected." Roads have been built so fast that "I doubt if even engineers could tell accurately how many miles have been built."

Wallace said Okinawa harbors, with dredging, could handle fleets of the largest ships.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, last of the Nazi big shots still at large, was said by German foreign office associates yesterday to be in Austria, heading for Switzerland.

They thought it likely that he would try to go from Switzerland to Argentina, where he is reported to have sent part of his fortune in 1943.

One informant said the former German ambassador to Turkey had been posing as a farmer after buying a mountain cabin near the Italian border.

An AP dispatch from London said that "Lord Haw Haw," William Joyce, the American-born Britisher who was a radio propagandist for the Nazis, would be brought back to England by plane today.

Joyce and Norman Baillie-Stewart, former British Army officer who also broadcast for the Nazis, will be treated as civilian prisoners and will be arraigned in London's Bow Street Court upon arrival. It was thought that both might claim German citizenship. If they can establish this they will be dealt with not as British who aided the enemies of the Crown, but as war criminals.

Reuter reported from Second British Army headquarters that doctors operated on Joyce yesterday for gunshot wounds in his legs. The operation was described as simple and it was said Joyce could be moved "in a few days."

BBC quoted Milan radio as saying that Ermano Amicucci, former Italian undersecretary of state and editor of Corriere della Sera, had been sentenced to death by a special Milan court. He was accused of collaborating with the Germans.

Dick Tracy

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By Chester Gould



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff



GIs' Brides Arrive to Start a New Life in the New World

'Frisco Parley Confronted by New Conflicts



European brides of American soldiers, some with their babies, wave a greeting from a troop transport after docking in New York.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—The United Nations Conference ran into fresh snags yesterday on the trusteeship issue and the formula for electing the top administrative officer of the proposed world organization while making progress toward seating Denmark as the 50th nation at the conference.

A single paragraph in the trusteeship plan caused the differences. Russia objected to a section previously agreed upon by the four other major powers which reads that nothing in the trusteeship formula for the dependent peoples shall be construed as changing "in any manner the rights of any state or any peoples in any territory."

The conference commission on the General Assembly got the bulk of its report approved by all United Nations, but Russia again objected to one section. The commission proposed that the Secretary-General of the new world organization be elected by the General Assembly, with nominations for the post coming from a majority of any seven of the 11 Security Council members. The five major powers, in other words, could not block the nomination with a veto.

Denmark Likely to Get OK
The Russian delegates disapproved this part of the report, saying they had already taken the matter up with the conference steering committee, which is composed of the chairman of all 49 delegations, and were awaiting a reply.

Possibility that the 49 United Nations will become 50 was heightened with the unofficial announcement that a Denmark delegation may be seated in a few days. The steering committee was reported called into session to consider Denmark's admission with no opposition in sight.

War Crimes Conference On

LONDON, May 31 (AP).—The number of war criminals listed by various Allied nations totals 2,657, of whom all but 133 are Germans, it was disclosed today at the opening session of the United Nations War Crimes Conference.

The group of 133 non-Germans consists of 110 Italians, two Albanians, 17 Bulgarians, two Rumanians and two Hungarians. France accuses 1,116 Germans and ten Italians. Poland accuses 544 Germans and "several groups with an unknown number of persons." Britain accuses 127 Germans, 27 Italians and two Rumanians.

The conference, which is being attended by 16 nations, will discuss methods of speeding up and improving methods of detection of both German and Japanese war criminals. The talks will be secret, since much discussion will be given to Japanese criminals not yet apprehended.

Anzio Battle Cost U.S. At Least 6, 614 Dead

ANZIO, May 31 (AP).—The toll of American dead on the Anzio beachhead in Italy last year—hitherto one of the "unmentionables" of the war—was revealed yesterday to have been at least 6,614.

That is the number buried in the U.S. cemetery here, according to a list posted on the bulletin board at the burial grounds where Memorial Day services were held. It also revealed that 2,723 Germans are buried at Anzio.

Gen. Knudsen to Retire As WD Production Chief

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP).—Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen will retire Friday as the War Department's production director.

The 66-year-old Danish-born production expert left the presidency of General Motors five years ago to become a government dollar-a-year man and later accepted an Army commission. He is undecided whether he will return to General Motors.

Canucks Get Out on Service

OTTAWA, May 31 (ANS).—Operational service, wounds, age and service in World War I will be considered under new regulations governing the discharge of Canadian Army personnel, defense headquarters announced today.

The scoring system was applied primarily to establish priorities for bringing men back to Canada. Today it was announced that men with scores of more than 180 points can apply for discharge on arrival home, subject to requirements of the service.

Others who may apply for discharge:

- 1—Men with four years' service outside the Western Hemisphere, with at least six months in an actual theater of operations.
- 2—Men with at least four years' service outside the Western Hemisphere who have been wounded.
- 3—Men with at least four years' service who are 42 years old.
- 4—Men who also served in World War I.

RCAF Sets Future Training Needs at 100,000 Men

OTTAWA, May 31 (UP).—One hundred thousand Royal Canadian AF personnel will be needed for the Pacific war, occupation of Europe and training and administrative work, Air Minister Colin Gibson announced. Service will be on a voluntary basis. Units in the Pacific under Canadian command will retain their identity. Men with the RAF will be withdrawn and absorbed by the RCAF.

Canadian sailors volunteering for Pacific duty will travel in air-conditioned transports. Air conditioning units are being installed in Canadian and American shipyards.

10,000 GIs, 62 War Brides Sail Into Gala N.Y. Welcome

By Phil Bucknell
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
NEW YORK, May 31.—Five ships carrying more than 10,000 GIs steamed into New York harbor to a serenade of tugboat whistles and the deep-throated greetings from sirens of ships at anchor. Among the khaki-clad figures that lined the decks of one ship, the Thomas H. Barry, were 62 British wives of American soldiers with 19 young children. It was the largest single day's arrival of the war.

As the ships moved into gaily-bedecked docks Army bands played welcomes. There were some march tunes which got polite whistles from the returnees—wounded, liberated prisoners and rotationers—but when the bands switched to swing, the decks came alive with rhythm. The wounded beat time with their crutches and canes, and others precariously perched on high places got into the groove.

Women Steal the Show
Red Cross girls, Wacs and women reporters were offered dates as the ships tied up, but the boys really got to howling when some of the girls working around the docks appeared in sweaters and slacks. The soldiers had fun with the male dock workers, too. They threw them cigarettes and watched 'em scramble.

The trip had been a good one, with 2,623 liberated prisoners getting their first big thrill of the homecoming trip within an hour or two after boarding ships. Fearing there wouldn't be enough food, most of them smuggled cans of C rations aboard, but when they answered the first chow call and saw heaping tables, hundreds of little cans were thrown into the sea.

On the last night of the voyage, convoy restrictions were lifted and instead of strict blackout regulations, which had been in force for

nearly five years on the Atlantic, every ship was a blaze of light.

The girls had taken a lot of kidding from the troops about conditions awaiting them when they reached their destinations. They were told to expect Indians, cowboys, gangsters, pipe-smoking Pansy Yokums—and one girl bound for Arkansas was told she would have to learn to go without shoes.

News for Husbands Here
A rough guess would indicate the Eighth Air Force had been the most successful with English girls; because it seemed that every second bride arriving said her husband was one of the bomber boys.

And here, husbands in the ETO, is a list as complete as we could make it of wives who arrived:

Sgt. Eldon Bernsten, 423rd Signal, Doris Joan is en route to Chicago; Lt. Lester Eastman, Fifth Div., Joy is en route to Kewanee; T/Sgt. Arthur Grist, ATSC, Betty is en route to Brookfield, Ill.; Lt. Walter Hainzen, COM Z Hq, Lillian and Suzan en route to Philadelphia; Cpl. Malcolm Hord, 835th Engineers, Muriel and Ray "Jitterbug" en route to Ft. Scott, Kan.; S/Sgt. Denson Lack, Eighth AF, Dorothy en route to Jackson, Miss.; T/Sgt. James H. Kos, AMG, Connie en route to St. Paul, Minn.

Sgt. Thomas Rylee, Eighth AF, Grace and Patricia en route to Commerce, Ga.; Lt. C. G. Sage, Eighth AF, Joyce en route to Wild Rose, Wis.; T/Sgt. Frank Schifino, Medics, Joan and Geraldine en route to Riverside, R.I.; Cpl. Arthur Schmer, APO, Joan and Sheila Lynn are in the Bronx; Pfc Wilmer Scholidor, 32nd MPs, Mary en route to Arcadia, Wis.; M/Sgt. Donald E. Stringer, Eighth AF, Phyllis en route to Mountain View, Calif.; Sgt. Lawrence G. Weidner, Eighth AF, Betty to Chicago.

French to Vote This Year

France's Provisional Government was reorganized yesterday under Gen. de Gaulle, who immediately announced that general elections would be held before the end of the year.

The reorganization and announcement of France's first national election since formation of the Popular Front in 1936 grew out of a special cabinet meeting.

The French denied British press reports that Foreign Minister Georges Bidault had resigned or was in any way involved in the reorganization. They also denied that the Syria-Lebanon crisis had been discussed at the special session.

Deny Mid-East a Factor
It was stated officially that the reorganization had nothing to do with the situation in the Middle East. Instead, the government said, it was the result of criticism of the three ministries involved—Food, Information and Justice—and fulfilled De Gaulle's pledge to revise the government in accordance with political trends as shown by the recent municipal elections.

Food Minister Paul Ramadier, a member of no particular political party, was replaced by Christian Pinau, whom the government described as a trade unionist, but without political affiliation. Deported to Germany as a political prisoner, Pinau returned to France last month.

Minister of Information Pierre Henri Teitgen was appointed Minister of Justice in place of François de Menthon. Both are Christian Socialists.

Coney Island Opens

NEW YORK, May 31 (ANS).—Coney Island officially opened its summer season yesterday with a holiday crowd of 750,000 persons crowding the beach and boardwalk.

Joe Palooka

By Courtesy of McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher



Yankees, Tigers Split Twin Bill; Dodgers Snap Pirate Streak at 9

NEW YORK, May 31.—The front-running Yankees maintained their two-game margin over Detroit in the American League whirl by dividing yesterday's holiday twin-feature with the Tigers at Yankee Stadium before the season's largest crowd, 67,816 fans. The Tigers took the opener, 3-2, and the New Yorkers salvaged the windup by the same score.

Aided by three double-plays, Stubby Overmire twirled the Bengals to victory in the early game to break the Yankees' winning spurge at eight in a row. Walt Dubiel was the victim, serving up the clinching tally in the ninth when Jimmy Webb's squeeze bunt permitted Doc Cramer to score.

A single by Snuffy Stirnweiss drove in two runs in the sixth inning to save the windup for the Bronx Bombers and inflict another loss on Hal Newhouser. The Tigers almost pulled the game out in the ninth when they got men on second and third with no outs. But Jim Turner relieved Allan Gettel and retired Bob Maier, Roy Culbaine and Rudy York without damage.

Lee, Christopher Win

After Thornton Lee and the White Sox defeated Bobo Newsom, 5-2, for Lee's sixth success of the year, the Athletics bounced back behind Russ Christopher, who registered his seventh triumph, to win the afterpiece, 4-2. Bobby Estelle headed the attack on Johnny Humphries in the second game with three hits, including his third homerun of '45.

The Senators chastised the Browns in both ends of their twilight-night doubleheader, grabbing the opener, 3-2 in 13 innings, and repeating, 5-0, behind Chick Pietretti's five-hit pitching. Santiago Ullrich, the fourth Griff pitcher, won the first game nod when Joe Kuhel scored on Mike Guerra's single off Tex Shirley, who traveled the distance for the Browns.

Potter Suffers Defeat

Pieretti's cautious hurling stymied the Browns throughout the second game. The Nats clustered two runs in the third off Nelson Potter, added another pair in the fifth and finished the night's scoring with one run in the seventh.

Six runs in the eighth inning carried the Red Sox to a 7-6 decision over Cleveland, after the Indians captured the opener, 4-3. Frankie Hayes, who joined the Tribe yesterday after being traded by the Athletics, caught both games and belted two homeruns in the second game.

Ben Steiner muffed a fly in the ninth inning of the first game, allowing the tying run to score, and Pat Seerey followed with a double off Mike Ryba for the winning run. Pete Center was the victor. Vic Johnson won the second decision when the Bosox started their eighth-inning spree against Jim Bagby and continued against Ed Kliehman, the eventual loser.

Cransford Replaces Calland
SAN DIEGO, May 31.—Lt. Cmdr. Charles Cransford, former Pennsylvania and Temple athletic star, today was appointed recreation officer of the 11th Naval District. He succeeds Lt. Cmdr. Leo Calland, former San Diego State football coach who is soon to be placed on the inactive list.



American League

Chicago	5-2	Philadelphia	2-4
Cleveland	4-6	Boston	3-7
Detroit	3-2	New York	2-3
Washington	3-5	St. Louis	2-0

(twilight-night, first game, 13 innings)

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	12	.647	—
Detroit	18	12	.600	2
Chicago	17	15	.531	4
St. Louis	15	16	.484	5 1/2
Cleveland	14	16	.467	6
Washington	15	18	.455	6 1/2
Boston	15	19	.441	7
Philadelphia	13	21	.382	9

Chicago at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Washington
Detroit at New York
Cleveland at Boston

National League

Pittsburgh	13-10	Brooklyn	5-14
New York	8-3	Chicago	6-11
Cincinnati	3-9	Philadelphia	0-8
St. Louis	4-2	Boston	2-9

(first game, 12 innings)

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	26	11	.703	—
Pittsburgh	19	15	.559	5 1/2
Brooklyn	20	16	.556	5 1/2
Chicago	18	16	.529	6 1/2
St. Louis	19	17	.528	6 1/2
Cincinnati	14	18	.438	9 1/2
Boston	13	19	.406	10 1/2
Philadelphia	10	27	.270	16

Boston at St. Louis
New York at Chicago
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at Cincinnati

NEW YORK, May 31.—The Giants failed to improve their National League lead by splitting with the Cubs in Chicago yesterday before 42,565 customers, one of the largest crowds in Wrigley Field history. The Giants won the opener, 8-6, while the Bruins triumphed in the second contest, 11-2.

Bill Voiselle, Giant ace, was the victim in the late game as Bob Chipman shackled the Ottmen with three hits and Andy Pafko rifled a three-run homer in the fourth to ignite a six-run rally. Rookie Bill Emerich, who replaced Andy Hansen in the third, won the opener when Ernie Lombardi walloped his 12th homerun off Ray Prim in the seventh.

The Pirates extended their winning string to nine straight by spanking the Dodgers, 13-5, but the Bums clubbed out a 14-10 victory in the windup. Rip Sewell had an easy time winning his sixth game in the opener after his mates climbed on Les Webber and Tom Seats, the loser, for nine runs in the fifth inning.

Five hurlers were unable to stop the Dodgers in the second game, with Roy Pfund drawing the hill nod over Xavier Rescigno.

The Reds swatted the Phillies twice, 3-0 and 9-8, sailing through the opener behind Ed Hausser's four-hit pitching. Whitlow Wyatt was the loser. The Phillies jumped to an 8-3 lead in the second game on homeruns by Coaker Triplett, Jimmy Foss, Vince DiMaggio and Jimmy Wasdell, but the Reds picked away at Vern Kennedy and Anton Karl to tie the score in the eighth, and Frank McCormick's double chased the winner across in the ninth. Slim Bosser won the verdict.

Two stout batting rallies produced a 9-2 win for the Braves in the nightcap after the Cardinals had emerged from the 12-inning opener with a 4-2 victory on Ray Sanders' two-run homer. George Dockins, who relieved Ted Wilks in the sixth when the starting pitcher injured his elbow, was the first game winner over Johnny Hutchings.

The Braves battered Ken Burkhart for three runs in the third inning and added five more in the sixth off Bud Byerly, Al Jurisich and Stan Partenheimer in the second game. Jim Tobin, although allowing 11 hits, kept them well-spaced over the route to earn credit for the win.

221,173 Attend Holiday Ball Games

NEW YORK, May 31.—A total of 221,173 fans turned out for the eight Memorial Day major league doubleheaders yesterday, with the throng of 67,816 at Yankee Stadium topping the list. This was an increase of 61,153 over last year's holiday attendance.

Other figures:

- AMERICAN LEAGUE**
Chicago at Philadelphia—25,241
Cleveland at Boston—18,356
St. Louis at Washington—24,000
- NATIONAL LEAGUE**
New York at Chicago—42,565
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh—27,029
Boston at St. Louis—9,984
Philadelphia at Cincinnati—6,182

Happy Favors Saving Preps

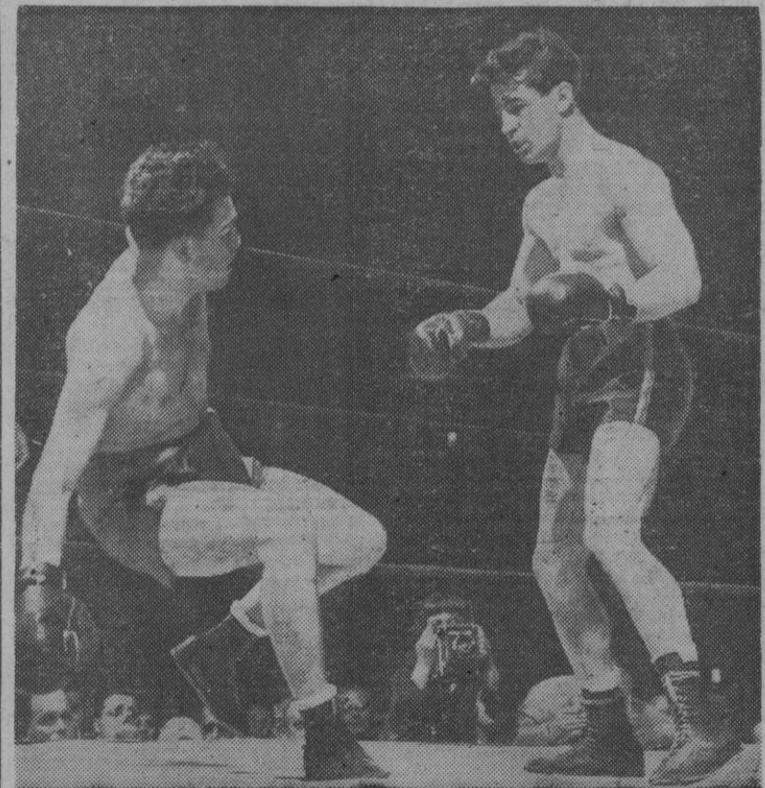
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 31.—Happy Chandler, baseball czar, yesterday discussed with local high school authorities the major league practice of luring athletes away from school.

"Boys should be encouraged to get as much education as possible before they enter organized baseball," Happy told Homer L. Thomas, director of athletics for public schools here. Thomas had asked Chandler to forbid baseball clubs from signing prepsters.

Card Hurlers Recover

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Manager Billy Southworth of the Cardinals was in a jovial mood today because the epidemic of sore arms which has plagued his pitching staff the past few weeks is over. He said his five Card starters now will be Ted Wilks, Charley Barrett, Harry Brecheen, Blix Donnelly and Jack Creel.

Canvas Rises to Meet Bummy



Al "Bummy" Davis, hit by a jolting right in the first round of his scheduled ten-rounder with Tommy Graziano, starts the first of several punishing trips to the canvas at Madison Square Garden.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

DESPITE equipment shortages and other obstacles, the hard-hitting 94th Infantry Division hasn't wasted any time getting its V-E Day athletic program under way. Supported by a sports-minded general, Brig. Gen. Louis J. Fortier, the 94th has taken over spacious Dusseldorf Stadium, commandeered Nazi paraphernalia and started an ambitious schedule.



Capt. Gene Walsh, Los Angeles, goes over last obstacle in winning 120-yard high hurdles event in 94th Division preliminaries.

First on the docket is a division track and field meet, which will be held next Tuesday. More than 8,000 experienced athletes and novices competed in preliminary tournaments to seek qualifying positions in the finals. In addition, 2,000 men enjoy swimming daily in preparation for the championship swimming meet on June 15-16, and 112 softball teams and five baseball teams are pointing toward league competition.

ALTHOUGH A German laborer has helped to solve some of the puzzling problems encountered by Capt. James A. Roy, division athletic officer from Baton Rouge, La., the unit itself has demonstrated sufficient initiative and imagination to serve as an example for other outfits in the ETO.

The 94th, which spent 203 days in the battle line, is not still shunting sports to a secondary position now that the war is over. Although the unit still is obliged to fulfill military obligations—they have rifle inspections, guard duty, etc.—every man is encouraged to participate in some athletic event. And time is allotted for training whenever practicable, which helps to induce the GIs to compete.

WHAT'S more important than actual launching of the program is the fact the 94th has succeeded in overcoming mysterious handicaps. For example, when they discovered there is barely enough equipment available in the ETO to fully equip a six-man marble team, they went out and rectified the condition, at least partially, on their own. They had the Germans manufacture 500 pairs of track shoes, 1,000 pairs of baseball shoes and all the javelins, discus plates, etc., they required.

Until the equipment snafu is straightened out, the 94th should serve as a good example for other organizations. A swimming meet is the easiest type of event to plan, which would at least start the ball rolling in the right direction. And if you can't find enough bathing trunks for the contestants, either put MPs on the doors to keep women away—or recruit the services of a camouflage company. But a sports program can be started, if someone rolls up his sleeves and goes to work.

Minor League Results

International League

Montreal	4-2	Rochester	2-12
Jersey City	6-0	Newark	3-1
Buffalo	11-15	Toronto	1-14
Baltimore	6-8	Syracuse	1-12

W	L	Pct	Syracuse	W	L	Pct	
Montreal	23	12	.647	13	15	.464	
Jersey City	15	11	.577	Rochester	13	15	.464
Newark	15	14	.517	Buffalo	11	16	.407
Baltimore	14	14	.500	Toronto	11	17	.393

American Association

Minneapolis	4-2	St. Paul	3-10
Kansas City	8-4	Milwaukee	7-3
Columbus	10-4	Toledo	4-6
Indianapolis	4-4	Louisville	3-6

W	L	Pct	Toledo	W	L	Pct	
Milwaukee	18	11	.621	15	17	.469	
Indianap.	18	14	.563	Kansas C.	14	17	.452
Louisville	17	14	.548	St. Paul	13	16	.448
Columbus	18	19	.486	Minneapolis	13	18	.419

Eastern League

Hartford	11-4	Scranton	2-2
Utica	9-4	Williamsport	7-6
Wilkes-Barre	2-12	Albany	1-1
Binghamton	7-3	Elmira	4-5

(Tuesday night, second game)
Williamsport 2, Binghamton 1

W	L	Pct	Scranton	W	L	Pct	
Wil'sport	13	8	.619	11	11	.500	
Hartford	11	9	.550	Albany	10	11	.476
Wil-Bar	12	10	.545	Utica	10	12	.455
Elmira	10	9	.526	Bingh'ton	7	14	.333

Pacific Coast League

San Francisco	6-5	Oakland	5-4
Hollywood	9-0	Los Angeles	0-4
San Diego	5-1	Sacramento	2-4
Seattle	3-2	Portland	2-4

W	L	Pct	S. Diego	W	L	Pct	
Portland	36	22	.621	30	31	.492	
Seattle	34	23	.596	Sacram'to	28	31	.475
Oakland	31	29	.517	L.Angeloes	27	32	.458
S. Francisco	29	29	.500	Hollywood	20	38	.345

Southern Association

Atlanta	7	Birmingham	2
Mobile	13	Memphis	6
New Orleans	5	Little Rock	4
Chattanooga	5-4	Nashville	1-3

W	L	Pct	LittleRock	W	L	Pct	
N.Orleans	23	8	.758	12	19	.387	
Chatt'n'ga	21	10	.677	Nashville	10	21	.323
Atlanta	21	10	.677	Bir'gham	9	23	.281
Mobile	21	13	.618	Memphis	8	23	.258

National League

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Boston				X		11
Brooklyn				3		10
Chicago				5		3
Cincinnati				2		12
New York				P		3
Philadelphia				P		1
Pittsburgh				P		4
St. Louis				P		8

American League

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Boston				6		10
Chicago				8		4
Cleveland				P		1
Detroit				P		10
New York				P		5
Philadelphia				P		2
St. Louis				P		0
Washington				P		X

Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



By Chic Young

Behind The Sports Headlines

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—The Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League have just learned that the fence circling their ball park is illegal because it closes off a street. The fence has been there for two years . . . **CLEVELAND.**—James Doyle, of the Cleveland Plain Dealer sports staff, recently wrote: "If Carroll Widdoes, of Ohio State, should enter the contest to find a name for Paul Brown's Cleveland entry in the All-America (professional) Football League, he'd probably submit the name 'The Ohio State Raiders.' Or have you forgotten the torrid verbal battle about raiding the Buckeye campus for gridiron huskies?" . . . **WASHINGTON, D.C.**—George Binks, Washington's freshman outfielder-sluggier, retired from baseball several years ago while playing with a Class D team because he wasn't getting anywhere. Last year, when Milwaukee needed a first baseman to replace Heinz Becker, Coach Red Smith remembered Binks and got him to leave his Chicago job and return to baseball. He went so well Washington bought him. All he has done so far is hit above .300 and field like a Joe DiMaggio.

LOS ANGELES.—When Santa Anita reopened its gates for the first day of racing since the turf ban, 35,000 race-starved Californians mobbed the place and shoved \$1,505,000 through the mutual windows, mostly after guessing because there was no accurate line on the horses after the prolonged layoff. Not to be outdone by horse racing, the Biscayne Kennel Club resumed dog racing in Miami, and on opening night packed in 7,000 for a record crowd. The handle was more than \$150,000 . . . **NEW YORK.**—When William Helis nominated seven horses, the largest one-stable entry, for the Kentucky Derby, he had an investment of \$162,000 in horseflesh. As 2-year-olds, however, they won only \$50,000. Pericles, his \$66,000 beauty that never started as a 2-year-old, probably will have to pass up the Derby because he pulled up lame in a recent workout.

MAJOR LEAGUE Leaders

American League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Cuccinello, Chicago	31	109	18	39	.349
Stirnweiss, N.Y.	34	132	30	44	.333
Stephens, St. Louis	28	105	23	34	.324
Eiten, New York	34	124	20	40	.323
Case, Washington	29	116	17	37	.319
National League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Holmes, Boston	33	143	32	56	.392
Ott, New York	38	130	30	50	.385
Kurovski, St. Louis	36	137	28	52	.380
Olmo, Brooklyn	35	137	21	50	.365
Reyes, New York	38	139	19	50	.360
Home Run Leaders					
American	—Stephens, St. Louis, 8; Johnson, Boston, 6; Hayes, Cleveland, 5.				
National	—Lombardi, New York, 12; Weintraub, New York, 8.				
Runs Batted In					
American	—Johnson, Boston, 24; Eiten, New York, 23.				
National	—Lombardi, New York, 34; Kurovski, St. Louis, 33.				
Leading Pitchers					
American	—Ferriss, Boston, 6-0; Borowy, New York, 6-1.				
National	—Feldman, New York, 5-1; Velselle, New York, 8-2.				

Joe Judge Returns To Nats As Coach

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Joe Judge, star first baseman of the Senators for many years, returned to the club today as a coach to fill the vacancy created when Clyde Milan departed for his Clarksville, Texas, home to undergo an operation. Judge and Milan were teammates on the Senators with Walter Johnson.

Li'l Abner



Jeep, Hoop Junior Win Wood Test

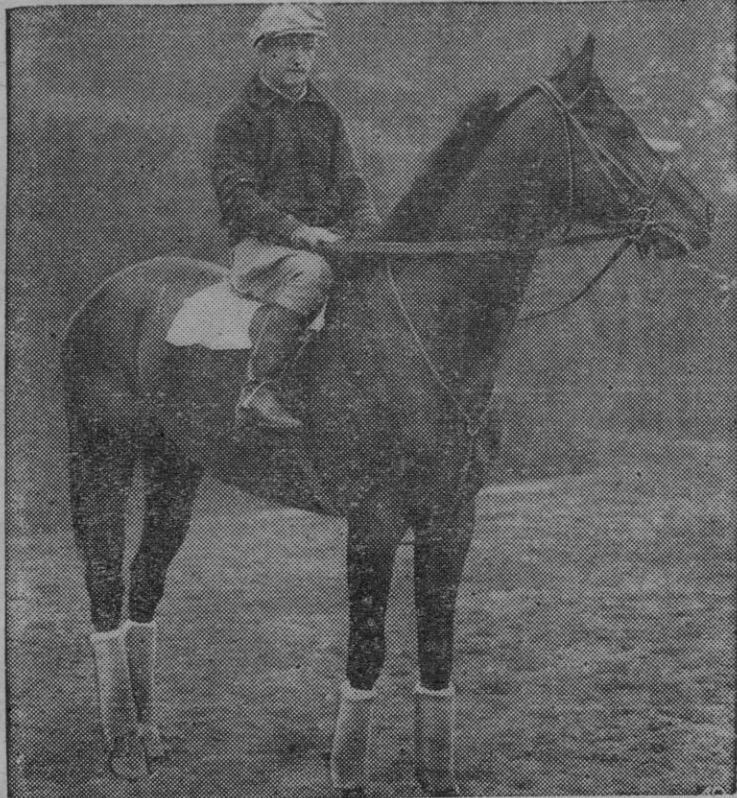
Bulky Entry List Splits Field In Half

NEW YORK, May 31.—Jeep and Hoop Junior became the east's outstanding Kentucky Derby candidates by racing to victory in the two sections of the Wood Memorial handicap at Jamaica yesterday before 64,537 persons, the largest New York racing crowd in history. Jeep outfooted Gallorette and Dockstander in the first section of the east's annual Derby preview, while Hoop Junior crossed under the wire ahead of Alexis and Sir Francis in the second half when an all-time high of \$596,679 was poured through the mutuel machines. With Andy Kirkland up, Jeep returned \$5.20. Hoop Junior, ridden by Eddie Arcaro, paid \$15.10.

Derby Preview

(This is the second in a series on Kentucky Derby candidates.)
By Frank Eck
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, May 31.—They called Jeep "cheap" last fall but now the railbirds have changed their tune overnight and are climbing aboard the Jeep bandwagon for the 71st running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on June 9. It will be as good a time as any for Col. C. V. "Sonny" Whitney to win his first Derby. Sonny, a former polo player of note, is in the Army Air Force and came through the battle of North Africa without a scratch. That last word is one with which



Jeep, Whitney's Derby Candidate.
Whitney is well acquainted. In the past 15 years he has had three winter book favorites for the Derby—Equipoise in 1931, the great filly Top Flight in 1932 and Pukka Gin in 1944. While all were Derby eligibles, none was fit on Derby Day, so they never faced the starter for the mile-and-a-quarter run for the roses.

Whitney's Hopeful Looms as Derby Contender

filly to win the Blue Grass Classic. Jeep looked great at Jamaica last spring, just as the dark bay colt looked on opening day this year when he won the Experimental Handicap. And yesterday he gained more supporters when he still had plenty of scamper left after showing his heels to the mob in the Wood Memorial, a severe mile test for 3-year-olds.

Jeep Likes Jamaica
Jeep won his first two starts last year, both at Jamaica, ran second to Flood Town in the National Stallions Stakes and third to Pavot and Plebescite in the Saratoga Special at Belmont.

Andy Schuttlinger trained the son of imported Mahmoud-Traffic in 1944, but Lydel T. Ruff handles him now. Ruff formerly saddled Whitney horses when they ran in Maryland and in the midwest.

Because Jeep appears partial to the Jamaica strip, which isn't too unlike the footing at Churchill Downs, some veterans feel the Jeep will be fighting for the right of way when the horses hit the Derby stretch. At least Whitney and Ruff think he will.

Pitches No-Hitter

Pfc Earl Cowetzka, of Detroit, fashioned a no-hitter when he twirled the 715th MPs to a 13-0 softball victory over the 306th QM in a Oise Regional Softball League contest.

Elrod, Home Again, Gives Up Football

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 31.—Home again after nearly a year in a German prison camp, Lt. Buddy Elrod, All-American end at Mississippi State in 1940, isn't keen about playing pro football after the war. Elrod, under contract to the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League when he entered the Army Air Forces in 1942, today said, "I don't think I'll play any football after this is over." He was shot down over Croatia a year ago while flying with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

Heath Cools Off; To Join Indians

SEATTLE, May 31.—Jeff Heath, temperamental Cleveland outfielder, who has been a hold-out since the beginning of the season, said today he was leaving for Cleveland "to talk things over with the management." "I want to play ball," Heath said, "and I'm going back on my own in an effort to square things up."

Santa Anita Crowd Sets Mark As Thumbs Up Wins Feature

NEW YORK, May 31.—A record crowd of 76,649 customers watched Thumbs Up, Louis B. Mayer's 6-year-old speedster, romp to an easy four-length victory in the \$25,000 San Pasqual Handicap at Santa Anita yesterday. The crowd eclipsed the old mark of 60,000 set when Seabiscuit won the Santa Anita Handicap in 1940. Johnny Longden rode Thumbs Up, who paid \$4.60. Bizerte finished second and Texas Sandman was third.

Mixer won the seventh running of the Bristol Handicap at Narragansett Park in a thrilling four-way photo finish. Only a neck separated the four horses in their motion-picture stretch sprint, with West Fleet and Windmill finishing in a dead heat for second place. More than 37,000 bettors saw Quizzle and Espino Gold reach the wire in a dead heat in the Peabody Handicap at Hawthorne Park, while Boy Knight and Blue Wings shared honors at Delaware Park, copping the two divisions of the Wilmington Handicap.

Kapter, Ex-Wildcat Ace, Signs With New Pro Loop

CLEVELAND, May 31.—Alex Kapter, former Northwestern grid captain and All-Big Ten guard, yesterday signed a contract with Cleveland of the new All-America Conference. Kapter, a naval air cadet, will not be available until after the war. He played with the Iowa Seahawks last year.

Helis May Pass Up Derby

NEW ORLEANS, May 31.—William Helis, New Orleans millionaire horse owner, said today it is "extremely doubtful" that he will ship any of his seven Kentucky Derby nominees to Louisville for the classic 3-year-old event.

Bucs Option Zak

PITTSBURGH, May 31.—The Pirates today optioned Short-stop Frankie Zak to Kansas City as part of the recent deal for Second Baseman Jack Saltzgarer.

Weaker Sex Makes Crimson's Faces Turn to Crimson



Radcliffe College oarswomen (right) sweep on to victory against men from Harvard in shell race when Crimson paddlers became chivalrous 50 yards from finish line and stopped rowing. Harvard crew wears miscellaneous headgear and coxswain has "radar" equipment atop his straw hat.

Fighting Frank raced to victory in the 44th running of the Bashford Manor Stakes before 19,000 railbirds at Churchill Downs. Thistle Down, Beulah and Fairmount Parks, which usually play host to from 5,000 to 8,000 fans, showed attendance figures above 12,000 for their holiday cards, and even Charlestown, which averages a mere 800 daily, entertained 6,500 fans.

Roderick Takes British Ring Title

LONDON, May 31.—Ernie Roderick, British welterweight champion, added the middleweight crown to his collection Tuesday night when he outpointed Vince Hawkins in their 15-round bout at Albert Hall. Roderick, who gave away ten years and 12 pounds at 148, dropped the East Leigh railroad man for an 8-count in the second round and for two in the 15th. The defeat was the first in '74 starts for Hawkins.

Bramham Halts GI Pacts

DURHAM, S.C., May 31.—William G. Bramham, president of the National Assn. of Professional Baseball Leagues, announced today that baseball players now in the armed forces cannot be signed by minor league clubs until actually discharged from the service.

Hockey Loop May Resume

MINNEAPOLIS, May 31.—Representatives of six clubs of the American Hockey Assn. laid preliminary plans to operate next season, calling a meeting in Chicago on June 19. The group suspended its activity as a war measure after the 1941-42 season.

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp

YO' EYES A-LOOKIN' INTO MINE, MAH EYES A-LOOKIN' INTO YO'URN. YO' HEART BEATIN' AGIN MAH HEART, MAH HEART BEATIN' AGIN YO'URN—

YO' ARMS AROLIN' ME— MAH ARMS AROLIN' YO'— YO' LIPS CLOSE, T' MAH LIPS— AN' MAH LIPS CLOSE T' YO'URN—

WE KISSES!!—AN' TH' WORLD IS FILLED WIF MOOSIC!!— WE KISSES!!—AN' TH' ANGELS SING!!!—



17-Camp Setup To Speed GIs To U.S., Pacific

Seventeen redeployment camps will be established in France to speed approximately 300,000 soldiers on their way home or to the Pacific each month, SHAEF disclosed yesterday. All will be named after American cities.

Camp Baltimore, the first to be set up, will start receiving soldiers during the first half of June. The other centers are Camps Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Norfolk, Miami, Detroit, Chicago, Oklahoma City, Washington, San Antonio, St. Louis and New Orleans.

The 17 centers will be operated by the newly-created Assembly Area Command.

U.S. Sailors in England Redeployed to Pacific

LONDON, May 31 (UP).—Thousands of American sailors, who operated from a string of "smuggler's coves" that served as invasion bases along the south coast of England, have been redeployed for service in the Pacific, Naval headquarters disclosed today.

Of approximately 120,000 who manned the bases, stretching from Land's End in southwest England to the coast near London, only 20,000 are left. The men who have already departed, and the thousands who will leave shortly, are receiving rehabilitation leaves in the U.S. before shipment to the Pacific to carry on the invasion tactics they learned in Europe, it was said.

High-Point Pacific Vets Ready for Trip Home

ARMY HQ., PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS, May 31 (ANS).—Hundreds of veterans of Okinawa, Saipan, Guam, Kwajalein and lonely outposts and atolls, never mentioned in communiques are arriving here to form 1,350 enlisted personnel from the Pacific slated to go home under the Army's scorecard discharge plan.

They have waited in line before, but now it's a pleasure. They wait patiently at the reception center for the final trip back to the States, which some have not seen for 42 months.

Sgt. Robert W. Cox, of Saticoy, Calif., earned 142 points with the Seventh Inf. Div., on Attu, Kiska, the Marshalls, the Philippines and Okinawa and with the help of three stepchildren.

Sgt. David T. Evans Jr., of San Jose, Calif., an Okinawa veteran, said "when the CO told me I thought he was kidding."

100 Forts, Libs Reach U.S.

BRADLEY FIELD, Conn., May 31 (ANS).—A hundred Fortresses and Liberators landed more than 1,300 Eighth and 15th Air Force men here yesterday in the largest flight of homecoming airmen since redeployment started. Fifty-two other planes landed at Dow Field, Bangor, Me., with 500 men.

Delta Base Staging Area Awaits Arrival of First Full Division

By Dan Regan

MARSEILLES, May 31.—The first combat division tested and proved in the European war to enter the Delta Base staging area en route to the Pacific will reach the 100,000 capacity cantonment soon.

Only a comparatively small number of troops has been in the staging area as yet and no soldiers have completed processing in the newly-opened area. Units now being processed are mostly engineering and service outfits which arrived in ETO only a few months ago.

Under the present setup, processing would take anywhere from a week to a month; but when the area is functioning at its best, it is planned to ship out 15,000 men a day, with the total processing time reduced to less than five days.

Last Stop Before Pacific

Since the DBS area will be the last stop before landing in a combat zone, units heading directly to the Orient will be completely checked. Arriving in the staging area, either by 40-and-8s or by their own vehicles, units will be assigned to blocks which have winterized tents with concrete floors and wood frames, mess halls, latrines, showers and wash rooms, post exchanges and other facilities.

All unit vehicles will be immediately turned over to ordnance for

Learn Son Now Has Wife, 2 Kids, Enough Points

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., May 31 (ANS).—The parents of S/Sgt. Jesse Hemphill received a momentous letter from their son yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hemphill were informed that he was coming home, that he was eligible for discharge under the point system, that he now was married and had two children—and that wife and children were coming home with him.

Hemphill explained that after landing in England 30 months ago he married and now had one child 16 months old and another four months old.

"I've been saving it as a surprise," he wrote his stunned parents.

Meat Shortage To Be Worse During June

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—Supplies of meat for civilians will be slightly less in June than in May, the OPA announced last night. Point values of pork cuts such as fatbacks and plate cuts will rise one to three points effective June 3. Except for reductions in certain types of cheese, red point values will otherwise be unchanged.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles estimated that meat available on retail counters during June would be about 13,000,000 pounds less each week than during May.

Food officials predicted that cutbacks in war production and reconversion may team up to ease the strain on the country's food supply by the end of the year.

Another factor viewed as tending to reduce demands is the return of soldiers to private life.

Hopes for more civilian shoes and clothing this year dimmed with an announcement by Production Chief J. A. Krug that military demands for textiles and leather for the Pacific will run higher than last year.

Krug said 50,000 workers were needed immediately for military requirements and another 100,000 would have to be recruited to fill both civilian and military demands. Additional manpower in textile mills will increase the output by 25 percent, he said. He indicated the outlook for an improved supply of shoes was hopeless.

Churchill to Make First Election Broadcast

LONDON, May 31 (AP).—Prime Minister Churchill will make his first election campaign broadcast next Monday following the BBC 9 PM news. He plans to outline the general election issues. Clement Attlee, Labor party leader, is scheduled to speak the following Monday.

complete overhaul and water-proofing.

Each individual will be given a final physical checkup and shots. Those not meeting the physical "profile" minimum requirements will be withdrawn from the shipment. All records will be brought up to date.

Men leaving for the Pacific will receive a complete issue of tropical clothing and other special equipment necessary for military operations in the Pacific areas.

After processing is completed, the men will await their turn to board ship at the Marseilles POE.

Gasoline Alley



Wife of Ike's Double Compares Photos



Mrs. Baldwin B. Smith, of Chicago, compares portraits of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and her husband, Lt. Col. Smith, right. Col. Smith volunteered to ride in the Supreme Commander's car as a decoy when a Nazi assassin's attempt against Ike was uncovered last December.

British Ready Yanks Closing To Act in Syria Shuri Pincers

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cut between Damascus and the coast, and the British minister reported by wireless, Reuter said. An armistice was arranged with French military authorities yesterday afternoon, Reuter added, and the British and U.S. colonies were evacuated from Damascus. After that, the center of the city was subjected to the heaviest and most concentrated shellfire yet directed upon it, the news agency stated.

Associated Press said the French obviously were in no mood to modify their position before the cabinet meeting and quoted what it termed "government quarters" as saying France still insists the dispute should be settled directly, and that mediation would not be welcome.

AP said French circles no longer hide their belief that the situation in Lebanon and Syria was "artificially created," and if pressed they could produce documentary evidence thereof.

In Washington, Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew said the U.S. Government views the strife with "deep concern" and is "proceeding actively with consultations with all parties." President Truman and his advisers reportedly were mulling what action, if any, the U.S. should take in connection with the disorders.

Arab leaders at the San Francisco conference have protested to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. about the French policy in Syria and Lebanon and were told that the U.S. stands by its support of the independence of those two United Nations members.

Stettinius added, however, that the dispute is not a proper subject for consideration at the conference.

Reports Egyptian Protest

An AP dispatch from Cairo said that the Egyptian government also has protested the Syrian situation in notes to Britain, the U.S. and Russia. The Egyptian legation has moved from its Damascus quarters.

Bad communications from the battle area complicated accurate reporting of the conflict, but fighting was reported throughout most of Syria between French and Arab troops with a generally confused situation in Damascus.

United Press said one British officer was killed and another wounded during the French shelling of Damascus. AP added that the streets of the capital now are deserted. Any moving thing is fired upon and the only vehicles to be seen are occasional British armored trucks plainly flying the Union Jack.

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also limited the enemy's air attacks against Pacific fleet ships lying off the island. Adm. Nimitz announced that two light U.S. naval units were damaged in isolated raids Tuesday. Eight enemy planes were shot down.

Furious fighting was reported still going on inside Shuri Castle, former Japanese Army headquarters, where the enemy apparently is entrenched in buildings, underground rooms and a maze of tunnels, from which they must be routed in hand-to-hand fighting.

Unofficial estimates said that between 5,000 and 6,000 uncounted Japanese dead still littered the ruins of Shuri, former residence of Okinawa's royal family. Everything from grenades to 16-inch shells from supporting battleships have blasted the enemy in the last furious week of fighting for the key fortress city.

The 77th Inf. Div., northeast of the city, continued to meet stiff resistance against a network of pillboxes and blockhouse positions and strong ridge fortifications.

Three-Hour Fire Levels 2 Blocks of Mahanoy City

MAHANOCY CITY, Pa., May 31 (ANS).—Nearly two blocks in the business district of this city were leveled yesterday in a three-hour fire. Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000. Fifty buildings, including the four-story Gulman department store, were destroyed and 25 families, occupants of upper-floor apartments, were homeless.

House Group Probes Courts-Martial Policy

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—The House Military Committee called on the Army today to explain some courts-martial sentences and discharges. Representatives of the Adjutant General's Office will appear tomorrow in the inquiry.

15 Dead in Fortress Crash

LONDON, May 31. — Fifteen Americans—10 military passengers and five crewmen—were killed this morning when a Fortress in which they were travelling on a sight-seeing mission to Germany crashed in flames near Bury St. Edmunds. None of the dead was identified immediately.

U.S. Bombers Hammer Japs' Luzon Pockets

MANILA, May 31 (ANS).—U.S. Fifth AF bombers dropped 510 tons of bombs on the last Japanese pockets on Luzon in one of the heaviest air attacks of the Philippines campaign, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

Planes of all types struck Monday against 30,000 enemy troops holding out in the rich agricultural Cagayan Valley of northeastern Luzon and the Marikina watershed east of Manila.

The air blows were in support of three U.S. divisions driving into the main cores of enemy resistance in those two sectors. At the same time, on the Island of Mindanao, to the southeast, other American troops advancing along the Kiwabe-Taloma trail, at a point about 55 miles northwest of Davao were attempting to cut off the last Jap escape route from that city.

Moving Toward Valley Proper

The assault on the southern entrance to Cagayan Valley was being made by the 25th and 32nd Inf. Divs., which have cleaned up Jap remnants around the town of Santa Fe on Highway 5, after killing 150 enemy stragglers. Americans also were mopping up hills along the highway as well as along the Villa Verde Trail to the west.

MacArthur announced yesterday that resistance around Santa Fe had ended and that U.S. forces were moving toward the start of the valley proper ten miles farther north. The valley stretches 150 miles to the northern tip of Luzon.

The 38th Inf. Div. killed more than 200 Japanese and cleaned out the last enemy remnants in the area of Wawa Dam, 20 miles east of Manila.

Formosa Targets Attacked

In other air action, U.S. planes bombed Formosa, Indo-China and targets in China. Approximately 50 medium bombers and 20 fighter planes defied bad weather to hit at alcohol plants, railroads and Jap truck columns on Formosa. Heavy bombers plastered targets in Indo-China for the second successive day, dropping 103 tons on the coastal railroad and strafing enemy rolling stock. Night patrol planes, meanwhile, sank two Jap medium cargo vessels at the mouth of the Yangtze River and battered air defenses near Hongkong.

Other planes ranged far to the south and bombed numerous enemy installations on Borneo. Naval units supported Australian and Dutch troops fighting on Tarakan Island, off Borneo's northeast coast.

Jugoslav Issue Trieste Edict

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31 (UP).—Jugoslavia's delegate to the United Nations Conference, Stojan Gavrilovic, declared bluntly today that Jugoslavia would deny Italy any holdings east of Trieste.

He said that by occupying bases along the coastlines of Dalmatia and Albania, Jugoslavia had taken from Italy the naval sites that helped Mussolini dominate the Adriatic.

Gavrilovic said that Zara and the islands of Lagosta and Sasono, Italian possessions for 25 years, had been taken over by Jugoslavia and would not be surrendered.

Gavrilovic said that Marshal Tito had the interest of the entire Danubian basin in mind by his willingness to allow international local control of Trieste and adjoining regions.

Back to Private Practice

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS).—Attorney General Francis Biddle will return to private law practice some time after July 1. Biddle, whose resignation as attorney general was accepted by President Truman last week, told a news conference today he was first going to take "a long loaf."

By King

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