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Man Spricht Deutsch

Wo ist Hitler?  
Vo ist Hitler?  
Where is Hitler?

Ici On Parle Français

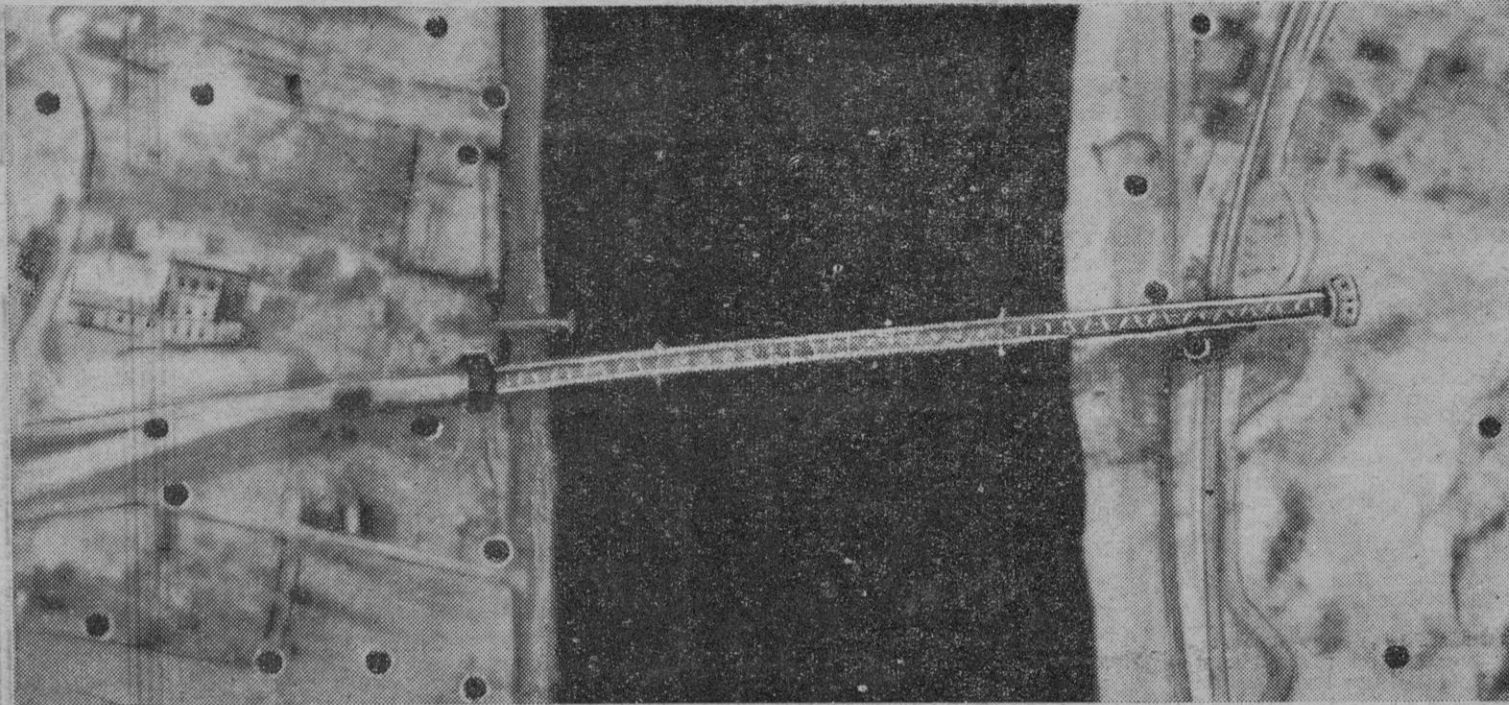
Voyez-vous cette maison?  
Vwa-yay voo set mays-own?  
Do you see that house?

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# Widen Rhine Bridgehead

This Is the Bridge Which Opened Path to Heart of Reich

## Third Joins With First Along River



The Ludendorff railway bridge at Remagen, which U.S. troops captured intact to make their first crossing of the Rhine, photographed by a Ninth Air Force pilot. Troops who crossed the 900-foot span widened their bridgehead yesterday. The east bank of the river is at the right.

**By Robert L. Moora**  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

12TH ARMY GROUP HQ., March 9.—Fanning out from a railroad bridge captured intact at Remagen, 25 miles below Cologne, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army troops today held a substantial bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine River and were steadily enlarging it against weak resistance.

Although more than 48 hours had passed since this first hole was punched in Germany's main line of defense, the enemy still was unable to muster strength for a sufficiently strong counter-attack.

**Two Armies Join**

Meanwhile, the 11th Armd. Div. of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army swept up to join the First Army in the region of Brohl and Andernach, both of which they captured along with 2,000 prisoners. S and S Correspondent Pat Mitchell reported.

Brohl is eight miles south of the First Army bridgehead across the Rhine at Remagen, and Andernach is four miles south of Brohl. Mitchell reported that an unknown number of Germans were trapped to the west of the Rhine by the link-up.

Erpel was the first town east of the Rhine to be captured, S & S Correspondent Dan Regan reported. It is at the other end of the bridge from Remagen.

[A Reuter dispatch said that the bridgehead was at least five miles deep and ten miles wide, while the Germans declared that the bridgehead forces had reached the outskirts of Linz, two miles southeast of Remagen, but had been stopped.]

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## Reds Reported In Street Battle Inside Kustrin

Red Army forces were fighting last night in the streets of the German bastion of Kustrin, 40 miles east of Berlin, the Nazis reported, while other Soviet armies were battling for the great Baltic ports of Stettin and Danzig.

By German report, Kustrin had been bypassed by Soviet troops who pushed across the Oder and established several bridgeheads, one of them extending to Seelow, 28 miles from Berlin.

Nazi commentators made no further mention of the bridgeheads yesterday, and Moscow still had not broken its silence on central front operations.

German spokesmen did report that Kustrin was under attack from all sides and speculated that Marshal Gregory Zhukov was seeking to liquidate the stronghold before throwing the main weight of his forces into an all-out drive for Berlin.

Zhukov's northern wing was putting the squeeze on Stettin, and Moscow reports said that Soviet assault forces had penetrated the first anti-tank belt guarding the port. Other statements placed Zhukov's troops in the suburbs.

One dispatch from Moscow said Soviet planes had inflicted heavy

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## Hitler Visit to Oder Reported by Nazis

LONDON, March 9 (AP).—The German radio reported today that Reichsfuehrer Hitler had visited the Oder front and "convinced himself personally of the fighting spirit of the German soldiers" there.

The German report added that a "number of photographs of the visit have been published in the German press."

## Rhine Crossing Hailed by U.S.

**By Joe Fleming**  
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 9.—News of the crossing of the Rhine yesterday shattered the dignified procedure of the House and Senate, brought forth restrained comments from military experts, and caused Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to point out that simultaneous European and Pacific offensives have put great pressure on the Army to meet battle-front needs.

President Roosevelt, at his press conference, parried questions pertaining to the European war. He labeled as a "crystal ball question" an inquiry as to whether Germany

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## 15th U.S. Army Now in ETO; French Honor Gerow, Its CG

**By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer**

12TH ARMY GROUP HQ., March 9.—Presence on the Continent of the 15th U.S. Army was revealed here today at ceremonies in which Gen. Alphonse Juin, French Chief of Staff, presented the Legion of Honor to its commander, Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, and seven other American generals for "operations for the liberation of France."

There was no indication of the 15th Army's exact location, of its immediate task, or whether it has been in action, but the announcement of its presence came appropriately at a time when the First Army has elements securely across the Rhine and the Ninth and Third Armies have reached the river. It came, too, exactly one month after the beginning of the co-ordinated offensives which have cost the Germans 94,000 men in prisoners alone—roughly the equivalent of an army and a half.

**Under Eisenhower's Command**

The 15th takes its place as the fifth American Army under Gen. Eisenhower's command.

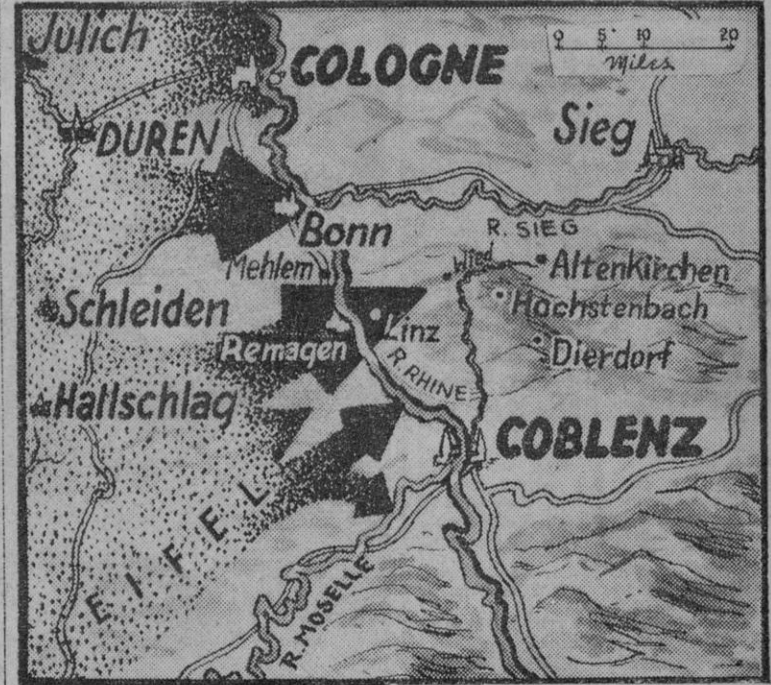
Gen. Juin bestowed these honors: Lt. Gens. Omar N. Bradley, now commander of 12th Army Group but who led the First Army in the Normandy campaign; Courtney H. Hodges, current commander of the First Army; George S. Patton, Jr., Third Army commander, and James H. Doolittle, Eighth AF commander.

**Top Infantry Tactician**

Commander, Legion of Honor—Lt. Gens. Gerow, who commanded the V Corps in the First Army in the Normandy operations; William H. Simpson, Ninth Army commander; Lewis H. Brereton, commander of the First Allied Airborne Army, and Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Ninth AF commander.

Gerow is a professional soldier, described as one of the top infantry tacticians of the U.S. He was born in Petersburg, Va., the son of a railroad conductor. The family name was Giraud, but was changed

by members who fled France to escape the Huguenot persecutions. Gerow was graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1911, won the DSM in the last war. He has served in China and the Philippines. From December, 1940, to February, 1942, he was a member of the War Department's war plans division. He came to the ETO in 1942 as commanding general of the 29th Inf. Div.



While the bridgehead across the Rhine expanded opposite Remagen, First and Third Armies joined forces on the Rhine's west bank.

## Some in ETO to Get Furloughs In U.S. Before Shift to Pacific

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Army plans to bring at least part of the troops now in Europe back to the U.S. for furloughs before sending them on to the Pacific, it was disclosed today by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell.

Somervell, in a broadcast on the third anniversary of the ASF, declared that some discharges were planned.

He said that the problem of re-employing forces after the European victory would be the most difficult yet faced by the War Department.

"We will face a big load in moving troops back to this country, handling their furloughs, re-equipping them and shipping them to the Pacific," the general declared.

He added that there will be a movement of men and supplies directly from Europe to the Orient.



The Book Says

It was my understanding that all clothing and equipment in a combat zone are expendable and would be replaced without charge. Word has been passed down to us that any shortage of clothing or equipment will result in the signing of a statement of charges. Is this in accordance with the ARs?—**Sgt. Dorris Thompson, Inf.**

(The safeguarding and care of government property is the responsibility of any member of the armed forces who may have such in his possession no matter where he is.)

ETO Circular No. 2 8 Jan. 1945, par. 4, a, (3) states: "Individual responsibility for property will be enforced by disciplinary action. Pecuniary responsibility will be enforced by a statement of charges (AR 345-300) or a report of survey (AR 35-6640)."

A soldier confronted with a statement of charges has a right under the ARs to request a report of survey before signing the statement of charges if he does not think it just.—Ed.)

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Satisfied Customer

To the men responsible for the organization of the (censored) corps camp, may I present my thanks and those of the men who accompanied me there. We appreciate their efforts immensely. A special white orchid to Mrs. Joan Leiser, the Red Cross worker at the corps camp, for her smiles, her friendly manner and for her assistance in mailing some gifts to the folks back home.—T/4 Eric Eckberg, Sig. Co.

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Prepare for a Slow Job

... I'm luckier than a lot of Joes for I was in Germany as a student nine months before Hitler came to power, and stayed five months afterward. I know the German method—I saw the intrigue, deceit and ruthless disregard for any of the rights of man.

Don't be fooled and let yourself be taken in! That's the way they prepared themselves and the world for the chaos you have seen. They will have the world believe that Hitler and his gangsters forced themselves on the German nation; that they were forced to go along with him or die; that they never approved of the barbarism and violence; that they were heart-stricken with grief at the news of Rotterdam, Lidice; the annihilation of Jews, etc, etc. Don't believe it!

They revelled in it. They thrilled with the sight of German massed bombers, of German might bringing Germany to her proper place as Masters of the World... That is their way and Hitler was their leader.

Certainly most of the early SS and SA troops were scum and hoodlums. They were only the strong-arm men. The top men were from the highest walks of German life—industrialists, scientists, educators. They were too smart, and afraid to come out until Hitler was strong enough. They waited to see how much the German people would take at one sitting—and, brother, they took it! They ate it up, for that was just their dish... They knew what they were doing... They would use every trick to conquer the world. And they wanted it... They worked for it.

The German laughed at America, England, France in 1933—"What fools they are, look how easily we've lulled them to sleep while we prepare to cut their throats!" Yes, they laughed openly, boastfully to my face. The world has had a rude

and costly awakening. Let us stay awake!

They still think it's like the good old times when all they had to do was to tell the soft American anything and he believed it. The hell he will from now on!

He's seen the dividends in dead buddies, in murdered civilians, in bombed defenseless cities, in starving women and children, in medics shot down in cold blood.

When that great day of being homeward-bound comes around, don't forget that little job you did. Keep it in your mind and even in your heart or it will need redoing. The seeds of hate have been thoroughly planted; yes, at home! And they've been growing. Look about you now, now while Tony and Pete and Jake are slugging it out with you at your side, and make up your mind that no would-be 100 percent American patriot is going to make it up for you!

The ideals you fought for are right beside you and they fought with the same thoughts, with the same guns, and the same courage. You believe in the American way of life, you fought for it, many died for it. Those at your side did too, because they, too, believe in the good American way of life and they want to come back to it, and live it, with you still at their side.

—Capt. B. W., Arty.

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One for the MPs

On a trip to Rheims and Paris, four enlisted men, another officer and myself needed night billets. MPs near Philippeville sent us to their headquarters where the sergeant and his men found comfortable billets in private homes, voluntarily assumed the guarding of our vehicle, provided a dandy breakfast and invaluable road information. At Rheims, officers and men of the Oise Section also went out of their way to provide billets, apologizing because they had nothing but a day room to offer. To us, even a day room is indeed a treat. There also, the MPs treated us with every courtesy and received our men like long-lost brothers. The same goes for MPs and men in Paris. Their kindness, courtesy and thoughtfulness is appreciated. With all the ribbing and razzing MPs get, we think they're pretty swell Joes.—1/Lt. J. H. Haakenson and 5 Others, T.D. Bn.

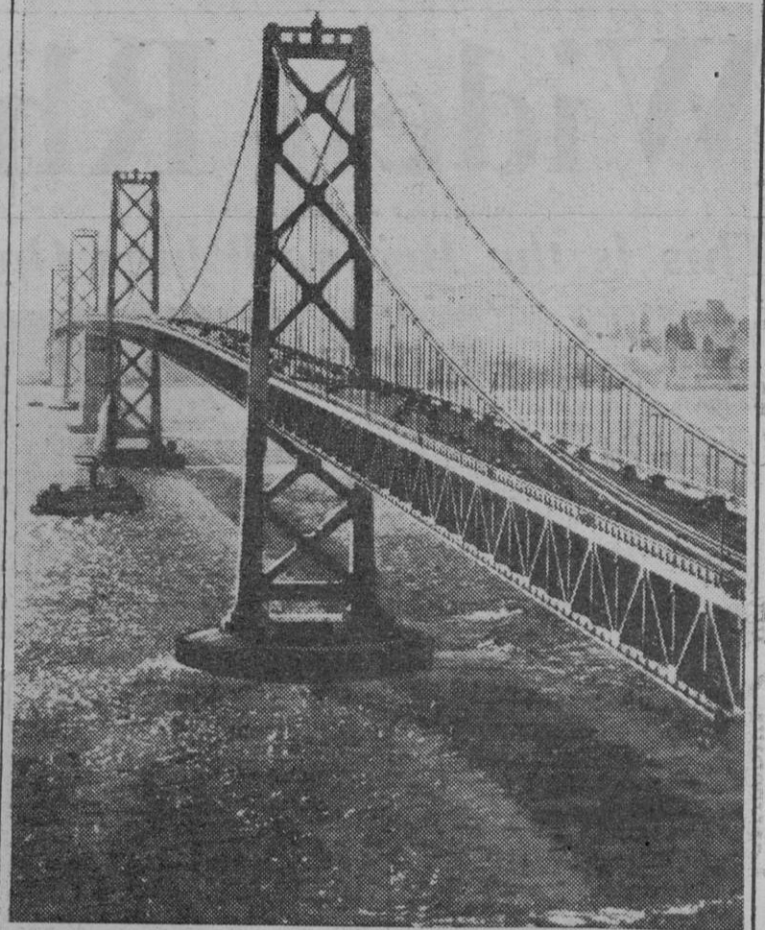
FROM The New Yorker of Feb. 24, edited by a Stars and Stripes man of World War I:

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"... An arresting fact about warfare is that it is now unpopular with the men who are engaged in it and with the people who are supporting it. Only a minority approve of the broad general business of armed slaughter and destruction. And if a thing is unpopular, there is always the amusing possibility that it may not, then, be inevitable.

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"The delegates to San Francisco have the most astonishing job that has ever been dumped into the laps of a few individuals. On what sort of rabbit they pull from the hat hang the lives of most of us, and of our sons and daughters. If they put on their spectacles and look down their noses and come up with the same old bunny, we shall very likely all hang separately—nation against nation, power against power, defense against defense, people (reluctantly) against people (reluctantly). If they manage to bring the United Na-



tions out of the bag, full blown, with constitutional authority and a federal structure having popular meaning, popular backing, and an overall authority greater than the authority of any one member or any combination of members,

we might well be started up a new road.

"The pattern of life is plain enough. The world shrinks. It will eventually be unified. What remains to be seen... is whether the last chapter will be written in blood or in Quink."

Mussolini Visits Front

ROME, March 9 (AP).—Benito Mussolini recently visited the First Bersaglieri Regt. on the Italian front, deserters from the German lines told Allied officers. They said that Mussolini promised the troops "the enemy would be defeated."

Up Front With Mauldin



"Hope I meet that guy in civilian life..."

Empire World Security Bloc Likely to Emerge at 'Frisco

LONDON, March 9 (UP).—British Commonwealth delegates to the San Francisco conference of the United Nations will form a bloc of six votes to support the Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta world security proposals and guard the Empire's territorial integrity, it appeared today.

Prime Minister Churchill's government is fully committed to the world security plans, and delegations from the Dominions can be expected to follow its lead on broad issues. The same is expected of India.

A seventh vote—Egypt's—probably will be attached to this bloc. Egypt is an independent kingdom, but has close political and military links with Britain.

The Dominion delegations will meet in London in mid-April for

preliminary discussions of Empire policy before going to San Francisco. Few serious differences are expected, since the Dominions and Churchill's government constantly exchange ideas and viewpoints.

A united empire front probably will emerge from this meeting, although some Dominions, like Canada and Australia, may stress increasing links between them and the U.S. in defense and economic matters.

The British delegation will carry to San Francisco a unanimous vote of confidence from Commons and the intention to participate in world security organization without any ifs, ands or buts.

Unlike the American delegation, the British will have no divided opinion back home to consider. There is no isolationism in Britain like that in the U.S. because geography makes it impossible.

WD Describes Medics' Badge

WASHINGTON, March 9 (ANS).—The War Department today described the badge which has been authorized for medics attached or assigned to infantry outfits. Enlisted personnel and officer personnel below the rank of major are eligible to receive it.

The badge is of silver metal, elliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia and a Geneva Cross superimposed on a litter, surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. It will be worn on the left breast above decorations and service ribbons.

A regimental surgeon, regardless of rank, may receive the badge. The regimental commander is authorized to make the award for "satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions."

Chinese Expect Soviets To Join Foes of Japs

ANKARA, March 9 (UP).—Chinese diplomatic circles here are confident that the Soviet delegates to the San Francisco conference will represent a nation at war with Japan.

The Russians have expelled all Japanese diplomats from Balkan countries occupied by the Red Army and these diplomats—not granted visas to return home via Russia—now are interned in Turkey.

It is pointed out that Marshal Stalin dubbed Japan an "aggressor" in a recent speech.

These indications, plus the belief that the date of the San Francisco conference was not picked at random, but was chosen to coincide with the expiration of the Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact, are the basis for the Chinese diplomats' opinion.

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This Happened in America Yesterday:

# Bataan Vets Come Home --And the Mist Is Heavy

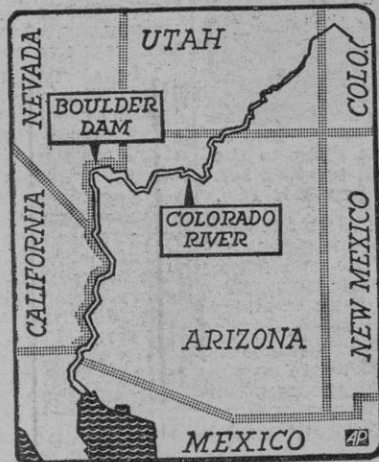
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 9.—It was a big blur for a while to 272 Bataan veterans lining the rails of a ship entering San Francisco Harbor. Their eyes were filled with tears as boat whistles and sirens pierced the air, bands played "California, Here I Come" and thousands of relatives jammed the Embarcadero outside the pier.

The vets had spent three years in a Japanese prison until some tough Rangers broke into the Cabanatuan camp in the Philippines Jan. 30 to free them. There was laughter, too, among the vets and the citizens on the shore, but it was a laughter shaken by heartstrings touched by a homecoming.

Another Bataan vet, James W. Atwell, is back home in Kansas City after three years as a colonel in the guerrilla army in the Philippines. Jimmy is also back to his old rank of buck private.

UNLIKE Jimmy, former Rep. Joe Starnes (D-Ala.) has whizzed up to the rank of full colonel in 24 hours, according to Columnist Drew Pearson. Joe went into the Army with his National Guard rank of lieutenant colonel Jan. 4, arrived at Ft. Benning, Ga., that afternoon, was promoted to a silver chicken and then toured the fort to see an infantry-tank combat team and flame-thrower in action. Two days after lectures, Joe was sent to the Command and General Staff School.



People in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona are worried about the Colorado River and are urging a treaty which would limit Mexico's share of the Colorado to 1,500,000 acre feet annually. (One acre foot of water is the amount needed to cover one acre to a depth of one foot.) The majestic Colorado supplies the life blood to large areas in the arid Southwest.

THE War Department, which was severely criticized for its \$134,000,000 Canol petroleum project in Canada, will shut most of it down

by June 30. Many of the project's facilities will be put on the block for sale to Canada or other bidders.

Back to Colorado for a moment with a piece about Pueblo, where Dr. William Senger launched a clean-up campaign with several speeches called "Pueblo Stinks." Someone in Chicago sent the doctor a skunk, addressed to "President of Pueblo Stinks."

A youth conference in Collingswood, N.J., says the proper place for the pesky kid brother, when Sister comes home with her date, is in bed. They also say that holding hands on the street is okay, but putting arms around each other is undignified.

The American Newspaper Publishers Association is doing an eager-beaver act on its waste-paper sale drive to raise funds to comfort sick and wounded vets. Churches, clubs and other groups will use part of the proceeds to get radio headsets, movie equipment, books and games to vets in hospitals.

AUSTEN LAKE, Boston American columnist, devotes an entire column to a blast against the War Department on the ground that "our soldiers in France are taking a painful licking from the exchange rate between French francs and U.S. dollars." Austen says that "honest parity, based on French buying values, should place Army script at 300 francs to the dollar."

District Judge William A. Anderson is up in arms about the underworld in Minneapolis, and says: "Something must be done to rid the city of underworld characters who apparently have been given free rein to carry on their lawless activities." The judge charged that 500 city cops ought to be able to recognize this crime wave, and "if they don't, they are either dumb, crooked or taking orders from higher-ups."

THE War Manpower Commission plans to shift 10,000 workers in Philadelphia from "less essential" to highly critical war industries in the Philly area. First "less essential" firms to be hit by this labor drain are confectionery, hat, brewery, taxicab, lace, "fancy" baking and soft drink bottling establishments.

A CHIEF petty officer transferred to Kansas City, Mo., went to the War Housing Board to find housing and was tickled pink when they sent him to a large mansion. The owner was wintering in Florida and had left word to let a serviceman's family use his home while he was gone.

## Pope Replies to Two Questions Paper Asked in Call From N.Y.

NEW YORK, March 9 (ANS).—In a cablegram to the New York Daily News, Pope Pius XII, through a member of the Vatican Secretariat of State, today answered two of three questions put to him last Saturday by a News reporter in a telephone call to Rome.

The first question was: "Has His Holiness any ideas on greater co-operation between the Vatican and the United States for postwar security or for planning of postwar peace?"

The Pontiff replied: "The Vatican is willing and anxious at all times to afford the fullest co-operation to any undertaking aimed at establishing just and enduring peace and at advancing the welfare of human society."

The second question was: "How

are conditions in Italy and what, in the opinion of His Holiness, can the United States do to ameliorate or help conditions there?"

The Pope answered: "The Vatican is deeply concerned over the tragic fate of poor, unfortunate victims of war everywhere and would view with particular satisfaction and appreciation any efforts expended toward improving their lot and toward providing them with the possibility of a decent livelihood."

The last query was: "Would His Holiness care to make any comment on the results of the Yalta Conference as announced by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt?"

His Holiness answered: "No comment."

# Senate Passes a Work Bill

Calls for Devotional Services on V-E Day



Remembering that there will still be a war in the Pacific to win before all of the men come home, the Rev. Gilbert Bellshaw, pastor of San Francisco's Calvary Baptist Church, nails a sign on his church suggesting to 'Frisco citizens that devotional services will be the best way to observe V-E Day, instead of noisy celebrations.

## House Assent On Provisions Not Expected

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP).—A Senate-approved manpower bill, with penalties aimed at employers who hoard labor, went to the House today after the Senate approved it, 63 to 16.

The bill authorizes the War Manpower Commission to set labor ceilings and provides that employer violators shall be jailed for a year or pay a \$10,000 fine. The penalty provision, deleted from the bill Tuesday, was re-inserted yesterday.

The House, which approved a stiff manpower draft measure—the May-Bailey bill—on Feb. 1, is expected to refuse the Senate substitute and instruct its members of the conference committee to hold out for its own bill when the differences are threshed out.

While the Senate bill aims essentially at voluntary co-operation by labor, management and government, the May-Bailey bill would empower draft boards to crack down on men 18 to 45 who refuse either to remain in their present jobs or to take more essential jobs. Induction, a five-year jail sentence or a \$10,000 fine would be the penalties.

### Senate Committee Split on Nurse Bill

The nurse draft bill passed by the House came before the Senate Military Affairs Committee, where opinion is divided.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col.) and Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), citing the pressing need for nurses to attend sick and wounded soldiers, viewed the House bill favorably, but Sen. Albert B. Chandler (D-Ky.) called for its defeat and concentration on voluntary recruitment.

### Roosevelt Still Wants Work Bill With Teeth

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP).—President Roosevelt today expressed preference for manpower legislation with authority in it, rather than a program which would rely on voluntary methods. He told a news conference the U.S. is still short of men.

When asked whether he preferred the work-or-jail bill as passed by the House or the measure just enacted by the Senate, the President suggested reading his last annual message to Congress in January, in which he called for a national service act to permit "total mobilization of all our human resources for prosecution of the war."

The President added that it would be unnecessary to discard the voluntary processes already in effect but said that inadequate tools were being used—such as expedients like manpower ceilings and use of priority and other powers to induce men and women to shift from non-essential to essential war jobs.

## Curfew Enforcement Gains As N. Y. Cops Move on Speaks

NEW YORK, March 9 (ANS).—Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine today ordered the arrest of all patrons found in speak-easies on charges of disorderly conduct.

Valentine's action put teeth into the national midnight curfew ordered by War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes and revived memories of raids in prohibition days.

A Seattle official's remark before the Byrnes order became effective Feb. 26—"The curfew shall ring, but for whom the bell tolls we know not"—is being contradicted as police throughout the country move to enforce the order.

Detroit police say the curfew has brought a 300 percent decrease in assault and battery cases between midnight and 6 AM. Enforcement elsewhere turned up such cases as these:

Pueblo, Col.—Four men arrested for playing cards in a cigar store after midnight.

Philadelphia.—27 patrons pinched in a bar.

San Francisco.—A tavern operator, his wife and five others arrested, but released when they squawked they were having a private party.

New York.—15 persons, seven of them women, fined \$5 each for "congregating in a place commonly known as a speakeasy." Proprietors held in \$2,500 bail for trial next Friday.

Termed the "Byrne Out" by a Detroit bartender, the curfew is changing the habits of cafe society. New York's wine-and-dine people with blue blood and beautiful francs are exploring small all-night beereries. Old customers, night-shift workers, find it difficult to get used to dinner jackets and dazzling evening gowns.

One New Orleans bartender gave his views: "It's a relief to get the chronic barflies out and have the joint nice and clear and orderly. No more hanging around with a few guys weeping in their beer until all hours and spending nothing."

In Champaign, Ill., student government representatives objected to a University of Illinois faculty proposal that the weekend bedtime hour for coeds be changed from 1 AM to 12:30 AM because of the curfew. Robert H. Jarrell, student representative said, "After all, we don't want much light in sorority living rooms anyway."

## House Boosts Limit On Debt to 300 Billion

WASHINGTON, March 9 (ANS).—The House passed and sent to the Senate today legislation which would increase the national debt limit from \$260,000,000,000 to \$300,000,000,000. Vote was 358 to 4 after the House had rejected an amendment to set the ceiling at \$280,000,000,000.

### 'Indecent' Pictures Bring Capital Ban on Magazine

WASHINGTON, March 9 (ANS).—District Attorney Edward M. Curran today banned from all Washington newsstands the March 20 issue of Look magazine. Curran said the action was taken because of three "indecent" pictures of almost nude women.

The pictures were carried in connection with an article entitled, "Do We Know There's a War On?" They bore the caption, "Gay Miami night life is geared for escapists."

### President Sees Envoys From Italy and Belgium

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP).—President Roosevelt received Italian Ambassador Alberto Tarchiani, the first Roman envoy to visit the White House since before the U.S. and Italy went to war in December, 1941.

The President also received the new Belgian Ambassador, Baron Robert Silveruys.

### FBI Nabs Escaped Convicts

DETROIT, March 9 (ANS).—FBI agents yesterday captured Thomas N. Norris and John F. Box, long-term convicts who escaped last Tuesday from the Texas State Prison Farm at Angleton.

## Porter Found Nailed to Cross As Sacrifice 'for World Peace'

CHICAGO, March 9 (ANS).—Fred Walscher, 44, a porter, was found early today nailed to a cross in an almost exact duplication of the Crucifixion of Christ.

Spikes were driven through each of his hands and a crown of thorns rested on his head, above which a crudely printed sign said, "Peace on earth, the brother of Jesus is chosen and sacrificed for the noblest and greatest and finest inspiration for world peace. Let's all follow for the good of all mankind." It was signed by "Unknown World Controllers."

Police who found and removed him after hearing his tortured cries said he also had a wound in the left side from which blood was streaming. Walscher was clad only

in trousers and a shirt and his body was lashed to a nine-foot-high cross which was tied to the uprights of an elevated railway near the North Side.

Police estimated he had been on the cross from ten to 30 minutes. He told them three men had asked him if he was "willing to die for his ideals," but police doubted the story.

They said several pamphlets outlining a new economic plan for a world utopia and some pro-Nazi literature were found in Walscher's room, in the basement of a tavern where he was employed.

Walscher was still conscious when he was registered at St. Joseph's Hospital, where his condition was described as serious.



**SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE**

**The Pfc and the Topkick's Daughter**  
PFC WALTER TUGWELL, of Farville, N.C., a doughboy in the 103rd Inf. Div., thinks he has his topkick over a barrel. "You see," explained Tugwell, "the sergeant's daughter and myself correspond regularly. Should I ever have trouble with the orderly room, I am obviously in a position to exert, shall we say, 'family pressure.'"

1/Sgt Alfred V. Schultz, the topkick, took another position, however. "I gave that Pfc permission to correspond with my daughter as long as he stayed on the ball in this outfit. Need I say further?"  
Recently, when 1/Sgt. Schultz had occasion to ream Tugwell in line of duty, Tugwell inquired pointedly, "Does your daughter know you have such a temper, sergeant?" The topkick roared. "Young man, I have two personalities—an Army personality and a home personality. But right now I'm not at home."  
Schultz, in his forties, hails from Detroit. His daughter, Bobby Anne, is 18 and quite a pinup.

**Real-Life Terry in ETO**

Another real-life character from Milt Caniff's comic strip, "Terry and the Pirates," is serving in ETO. He is Cpl. Bery Davis, of the 203rd AAA Bn., the original "Terry." Col. Phillip Cochran, the strip's "Tip Corkin," was assigned to ETO several weeks ago.  
Caniff hired Davis as a model in the late '30s, but while Terry bounced around the Far East with such sinky gals as Burma and the Dragon Lady, Davis married and settled in Silver Springs, Md.

**Horse Wasn't Nazified**

PVT. JOHN F. MILLER Jr., of Evansville, Ind., has found a friend in Germany. It's all well within the non-fraternization regulation.  
The friend is Murgatroyd, a dappled gray horse of uncertain lineage that Miller took in tow when his unit, Co. A, 309th Inf., of the 78th Div., was in an assembly area near shell-flattened Schmidt.  
Murgatroyd hauled supplies and equipment. In return, he got some sugar every day and as much hay and oats as Pvt. Miller could find.  
Then one night, Co. A moved out, was gone five days in fighting around the Schwammenauel Dam.  
When Miller got back, Murgatroyd was still around, looking for sugar and ready to do business.

**German Pleads With Medics**

Just as Cpl. Eugene Tallman and his squad of Hitler bearers from the 110th Med. Bn., of the 35th Inf. Div., were about to evacuate a badly-wounded German from the lines, enemy shells tore into the earth. Realizing that it would be impossible to attempt the evacuation, they decided to leave the Nazi until the shelling ceased.  
The German overheard them. In perfect English he pleaded: "Don't leave me here! Take me with you and when I get to America, I will buy a War Bond every week."

**Its a Torch-urous Predicament**

PFC Patrick J. Summers, of Waterbury, Vt., says he's having a tough time convincing his supply sergeant that he didn't lose his GI flashlight.  
The sergeant sticks his tongue in his cheek every time the Pfc tries to tell him Lt. Gen. George Patton walked off with it.  
It happened when Summers, member of the 449th AAA AW Bn., of the Fifth Inf. Div., was an innocent bystander while Gen. Patton was inspecting a pillbox near a bridge which was named after the general.

When the party got inside, the general asked his aide for a flashlight. He didn't have one, so he asked a major who asked a captain who saw Pfc Summers standing in the doorway.  
Yes, Summers had a flashlight. He sent it to Gen. Patton through channels, the party had a good look at the pillbox which had been disguised as a house, left the place and got into their jeeps. The general took off, still hanging on to Summers' flashlight.

**Buck Fever No Hindrance**

"Buck fever" was mounting in the 65th FA Bn., and it helped to improve shooting. Near a German forest well stocked with deer, the battalion sent a hunting party almost daily and it usually returned with a three or four-point buck or a deer.  
Pfc Walter W. King, of Ringgold, Texas, and Pfc Bennie Gallegos, of Bernalillo, N.M., got two apiece.  
And the hunting gave 1/Sgt. Vincent E. Van Dyke, of Brooklyn and C Biry., his chance to squeal any guy hitting him up for a touch. Said the sergeant: "Nobody got a chance to borrow any dough around here. We'd tell 'em, 'Gwan out in the woods and find yourself a couple of bucks.'"

**He's in It—and Fast**

TWO days after arriving in France Pfc Herman Stone, of Maywood, Calif., was engaged in house-to-house battling in Saarlautern and helped capture four prisoners. He left the States on Dec. 15 and joined the Fifth Inf. Div.

**First Army's Surprise Leap Across the Rhine Result of Seeing—and Taking—Chance of Lifetime**

**Mission Didn't Call For Spanning of Water Barrier**

By Chris Cunningham  
United Press Staff Correspondent

ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RHINE, March 8 (Delayed).—"Hell," the officer said, "if you have something given to you the best thing is to take it."  
He was talking on this "pay dirt" side. Shells were hitting all around, but there was victory in the air, as if it spelled the beginning of the end.  
It was the question of a quick decision on the part of 2/Lt. Emmet J. Burrows and his A Co. For security reasons this correspondent is unable to tell how it was done. But, judging from the way the Germans are throwing in some of their heaviest stuff at us tonight, they surely know when, where, how and why we got across the Rhine.

Yesterday's drive south of Cologne was virtually unopposed, and that's why we are across the Rhine tonight. Now the tactical move is to exploit that lucky grab, and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges is doing it to the hilt.  
Plenty of Stuff Across  
Although there is security, it's a safe bet to say that we have plenty of infantry and guns across the river. The first Yanks across quickly advanced to a high hill which stands out like Gibraltar.  
The final decision on whether to cross the river was up to Lt. Col. Leonard Engemann, from Minne-



Stars and Stripes Photo  
Some of the first Yanks to smash across the Cologne Plain to the Rhine were these men of the 634th TD Bn., who helped the 83rd Inf. Div. capture the town of Neuss. They man one of the new M18 Tds.

sota. The time was 1550 yesterday. Ten to 15 minutes later we had at least one company of infantry across, and rapidly followed up with everything in the First Army's books. Tonight the bridgehead is rapidly expanding eastward, to the north and to the south. It reminds me a great deal of the Anzio beachhead in Italy, only this time there isn't even the threat of our getting kicked out of it.  
The only reason that we got

across was that the Germans were caught napping by the same outfit that took it on the chin during the Belgian bulge. It now really has its tail up for more work.  
No Prepared Defenses  
The countryside hereabouts is untouched by war. There are no prepared defenses. On the east side of the river, the terrain goes up and up into rich, green woods. On the west side it is as flat as a Kansas cornfield.

**Rumania Aims At Democracy**

Petre Groza, new Premier of Rumania, has sent messages to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, saying that the process of turning Rumania into a democracy has started. Bucharest radio reported last night.  
Groza said that Rumania, "impressed by the great mission which the Soviet Union has undertaken to annihilate Fascism, undertakes to proceed with the immediate and all-out contribution of Rumania to fight for the destruction of Fascism." He said Rumania intended "to maintain the closest and warmest relations" with Russia.

**British Give Haven To Deposed Premier**

LONDON, March 9 (UP).—A British Foreign Office commentator confirmed today reports that Gen. Mihai Radescu, deposed Rumanian premier, had been granted asylum in the British Legation at Bucharest after expressing himself as fearful of attacks upon his life by "political opponents."  
"Gen. Radescu felt his life was endangered and applied to us," the spokesman said. "We considered his appeal justified and he was allowed into the building of the British Legation. We have informed the Russian and American governments and the Allied Control Commission in Rumania."

**Peasants Take Land**

LONDON, March 9 (AP).—Thousands of Rumanian peasants have already sliced up a number of large estates and look to the new government to approve their action, a Tass News Agency report from Bucharest said.  
In response to a call by "a central committee of the land front," issued Feb. 2, to distribute the land to the peasants without waiting for sanction, "village committees" of former Premier Radescu undertook large-scale reforms.  
The 130,000-acre holdings of Count Struzd at Piatra-Neamt have been divided among 10,000 peasants, while at Bacau, 30,000 acres of woodlands have been parceled out.

**Looking at Nazi Rout to Rhine From Behind Enemy's Lines**

By James Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FOURTH ARMD. DIV., On the Rhine, March 8 (Delayed).—Two captured 90th Div. infantrymen, freed when tankers of this armored division caught up with their captors, today described the German rout to the Rhine behind the Nazi lines.  
"We were forced to push a two-wheeled cart with prisoners of every nationality," said one, a staff sergeant. "The Germans were hysterical. All they wanted to know was how far away our tanks were."  
"All they had were horses, and very few of them," said the other, a Pfc. "The horses were dying from exhaustion. Just fell dead from pulling heavy loads."  
"You couldn't call this a retreat," said the staff sergeant. "They didn't take off in columns or anything like that. One guy would take off this way and another that way. It was every man for himself and the hell with the next guy."  
"Discipline has broken down in the German Army altogether," said the Pfc. "The soldier practically tells the officers to go to hell. An officer has to yell himself hoarse when he wants a soldier to do anything."  
"When you do see a truck it is always towing another," said the staff sergeant. "Every half-track we saw was being towed. They have no communications except field phones and some of them aren't working. They don't seem to know where they're going or what's what."  
"No one has anything to eat," said the Pfc. "In the three days we were captured, the ration was three-quarters of a loaf of bread and a pat of lard. We saw a few trucks carrying supplies that were marked with the Red Cross."

**Sunken Crane Raised, Saved**

By Norman H. Pader  
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

NORMANDY BASE SECTION.  
—The 971st Eng. Main. Co. isn't a heavy shot unit—but the outfit saved Uncle Sam about \$100,000 recently by throwing away the rule book.  
Working at a major Allied supply port, here, the men rebuilt a 45-ton crane, raised from below 50 feet of water. New parts weren't available, so they built their own from scrap metal in the company machine shop.  
The giant crane had fallen into the harbor. It took three days to retrieve it and tow it to the shop.  
Nineteen company specialists working under M/Sgt. William C. Rimert Jr., of Lewisburg, Pa., stripped down the machine and rebuilt it, using 45 major new parts made from scrap metal. A new boom also was installed and the crane was rolled on to the docks in A1 condition.  
It is now on 24-hour duty, a vital link in the supply chain from the ports to the front.

**Carries Out PW Exchange**  
WITH FIRST MIL. RY. SERV. HQ.—This Transportation Corps unit recently supervised movement of Allied and German prisoners exchanged with the co-operation of the Swiss and French governments. Several thousand sick and wounded German PWs were moved in Swiss trains from southern France through Switzerland and into Germany in exchange for Allied soldiers.

**Ship Unloading Sets Record**

WITH 483rd PORT BN.—The 656th and 658th Port Cos., working alternate shifts, unloaded a Liberty ship carrying 431 tanks, trucks, armored cars and jeeps in the record time of 28 and one-half hours.  
The ship was reloaded for the return trip in 34 and one-half hours.

**Gen. Rogers to Speak**

Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, Seine Base CG, will be guest speaker at the "Texas in the ETO" Club meeting March 12 at 7:30 PM in the French Classroom, ARC, Rainbow Corner.

**Speedy Yank Drive To River Caught Enemy Napping**

There were a few barges in the Rhine. One of them was full of Germans, who raised a white flag of surrender, and now they have been sitting there for over 24 hours and getting hungry with their own shells plopping all around them.  
In going across with the infantry, "my" outfit suffered "a number" of casualties. Some of them were killed, others wounded badly.  
In contrast, one GI walked into battle quite tipsy on "liberated" cognac.  
Maj. Frank Norfleet, of Memphis, told the story of the crossing.  
"We just couldn't pass up this opportunity, even though our mission wasn't to cross the Rhine."  
1/Lt. Carl Timmerman, of West Point, Neb., said that most of the opposition came "from snipers" and a few 20mm guns. Near the end of the crossing, the riders ran into heavy machine-gun fire.  
I saw many Nazi soldiers coming back into our rear lines without a guard, and it was explained that those in the machine-gun area were too busy to take care of prisoners, telling them to go on back.  
At 1445 today Maj. Ben Cothran told me:  
"We are just now beginning to get the reaction to this business. Hear all them shells coming in. But the whole story of this thing is that we landed this side of the Rhine and now we have to do something about it."

**Rhine Crossing Hailed by U.S.**

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had reached a point where the war might end suddenly.  
Stimson, praising the vigor of American attacks, singled out for special tribute infantry divisions which have been fighting in the line almost constantly since last July.  
"The same units which captured Aachen, which met Von Rundstedt's drive into the Ardennes and abolished his salient, are now along the Rhine at Dusseldorf and Cologne, hammering the Germans in the outskirts of Bonn and driving into his stronghold at Coblenz," he said. "Their morale and performance have been magnificent, and I should refer especially to the 106th Div., which made a deep thrust into the enemy's lines yesterday."  
Stimson also reviewed the Pacific operations, saying "the Philippine campaign has gone forward with machine-like precision and great rapidity, forecasting reconquest of the islands at a much earlier date than we had ever thought possible."  
The Senate rule against hand-clapping or other demonstrations was waived when the senators heard the news of the crossing. The House also suspended its deliberations to voice enthusiasm.  
The stock market in New York was affected, breaking sharply in the last hour with the announcement of the crossing. Of the total volume of 1,860,000 shares, 1,000,000 came in the last hour.  
Military experts believed the crossing showed either the complete disorganization of the German Army or its inability to cope with Allied power.  
The German radio reported that Gen. Guderian had declared in a message to Nazi troops that the strain was "well nigh intolerable."

**Medic Dashes Through Rubbled Streets...**



With smoke and dust still rising from the street in what's left of Saarlautern, Germany, a medic attached to the 26th Inf. Div. dashes forward to rescue an infantryman, wounded when a German shell exploded nearby. To the right, a bazookaman, dug-in in the rubble, sends a projectile into a German position to protect the advance of the medic who took advantage of the help to save the casualty.

**...To Save Casualty in Saarlautern**



Crouching as close to the ground as possible, the medic helps his ban daged comrade to the rear. The dust has cleared from the street now, improving the vision for other infantrymen edging forward near the buildings. These remarkable pictures were taken last week by a U.S. Army Signal Corps cameraman attached to the 26th (Yankee) Div. of the Third Army. Yesterday the Third, under the command of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., had driven way beyond Saarlautern to near the town of Brohl to join the First Army.

**Mexico Parley Ends With Bid To Argentina**

MEXICO CITY, March 9 (ANS).—The 16-day Inter-American Conference on problems of war and peace ended last night shortly after U.S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. had personally called upon Argentina to join the United Nations "in our common struggle against aggressors."

U.S. Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted that the resolution on Argentina would receive the approval of the entire hemisphere. Connally praised the Act of Chapultepec, under which all signatories guarantee each other's frontiers and political independence.  
In Line With World Setup  
"The Act of Chapultepec shows no indication of a conflict with plans for world organization," he said. "What we do in this hemisphere in the way of collective security will be done in subordination to and in complete harmony and unity with the purposes and principles of the world organization."

Stettinius summed up conference accomplishments as follows:  
"1—Reaffirmation of war-time collaboration in the common struggle against the Axis, together with measures to stamp out Nazism in this hemisphere and to deny refuge to Axis war criminals.  
"2—Endorsement by the 20 American republics which participated here of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals as the basis of a charter for the world organization which is expected to be created at the San Francisco meeting in April.  
"3—Provision in the Act of Chapultepec for machinery for united action by American states in face of aggression or the threat of aggression, whether from within or without this hemisphere.  
"4—Adoption of sweeping and specific measures toward strengthening and reorganizing the Inter-American system and preparing it for whatever new responsibilities it may assume within the world organization.  
"5—Rededication of American nations to American principles of humanity and to raising the standards of living of our people so that all men and women in these republics may live decently in peace, in liberty and in security.  
"6—Adoption of a resolution calling upon Argentina to unite with us in our common struggle against aggressors and so to guide its policies that it may become eligible to sign a declaration by the United Nations and to adhere to the final act of this conference."

**Moscow Meeting On Poles Watched As Key to Unity**

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP).—Senators today watched U.S.-British-Russian negotiations in Moscow on the Provisional Polish Government for signs of the kind of Big Three co-operation they may expect at the forthcoming world security conference.  
Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) declared the American people will support the decision on the Polish government only if it is "a truly representative coalition."  
The Republican delegate to the San Francisco conference in April, approved British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden's warning to the Soviet-backed Lublin regime not to molest supporters of the London Polish government.  
"This is the acid test of our ability to co-operate with the Russians and British on questions of international security," said Vandenberg, who has declared that a successful Polish settlement must permit Poles fighting with the Western Allies as well as those who formed the underground in their native land to have home and country under the new provisional government.

## Indiana Flood Spoils Initial Cubs' Workout

FRENCH LICK, Ind., March 9.—The opening day of the 1945 spring training season for the Chicago Cubs was all wet, as far as Manager Charley Grimm and the nine players on his current roster were concerned. Floodtides from the Lost River completely covered the Cubs' training field and Grimm had to take his athletes indoors for training.

Grimm's spirits were further dampened by receipt of word from Philadelphia that Outfielder Dom Dallesandro, who hit 305 last year, had been inducted. Charley Gasaway, 17-game winner for Milwaukee in 1944, has notified Grimm he won't report this year, preferring to remain at his Tennessee State Police job.

Catcher Tommy Livingstone was the only one of the first nine players who has seen military service. He has an honorable discharge.

### Heath Gets \$1 Offer

SEATTLE, Wash., March 9.—Jeff Heath, Cleveland outfielder, said last night he had been offered a one dollar per year contract by the Indians, and his quotable remarks amounted to the fact he didn't like the idea.



Jeff Heath

The contract includes provisions, Heath said, "for a monthly stipend to be agreed upon," after he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Cleveland officials that his knee, operated on last fall, is in good shape again.

### Gotham Series Planned

NEW YORK, March 9.—Plans were announced today for a "Metropolitan Baseball Championship" among the Yankees, Giants and Dodgers for the benefit of the Red Cross, before and during the coming baseball season.

The first game involves the Dodgers and Giants at Ebbets Field, April 11, and the Dodgers play the Yankees at the Stadium the following day. The finale will be played at the Polo Grounds, July 9, between the Yankees and the Giants.

### Wyatt Balks at Cold

BUCHANAN, Ga., March 9.—Whitlow Wyatt, Brooklyn pitcher, wants to train in the sunny South and intimated today that unless Branch Rickey comes through with enough shekels to finance a one-man training jaunt to Florida, he'll stick to his farm. Wyatt feels that training at Bear Mountain, N. Y., with the Dodgers will do his arm no good.

### GIs Buy Wrong Tag But 'Twas Right Nag

SOMEWHERE ON THE WESTERN FRONT, March 9.—Entry into Cologne was secondary to a horse race in Paris, at least to Cpl. Nicholas Parise, of Bellwood, Ill., and Pvt. Louis Couture, of Ewett City, Conn.

They were doing the rounds in Paris last week and attended the horse races. They played a hot tip on the steeplechase, but using their



weak French they got a ticket on what they thought was the wrong horse—a rank outsider.

"We tried to change the ticket," Couture said, "but those guys wouldn't allow it, so what happened? You guessed it—that nag we had the ticket on won."

"Damidus was his name," added Parise. "We left the track 500 bucks ahead, but champagne costs at least as much as we left Paris."

## Yankees to Start Working for These New Bosses Tomorrow



Larry MacPhail



Del Webb



Dan Topping

When the New York Yankees report tomorrow for their first spring training workout at Atlantic City, N. J., they'll meet this trio, who purchased the vast baseball empire for \$2,900,000. All baseball fans know MacPhail as the former Brooklyn Dodgers' impresario. Topping still owns the Brooklyn franchise in the National Professional Football League. Webb is a Phoenix (Ariz.) contractor.

## Barlund KO'd By Joe Baksi

MIAMI, Fla., March 9.—Joe Baksi, of Kulpmont, Pa., scored a TKO victory over veteran Gunnar Barlund of Finland in the tenth and last round of their heavyweight boxing bout here last night.

Baksi was in command throughout, but Barlund kept coming in and taking it. The Finn went down under left hooks twice in the final round before the referee stopped the bout. The Pennsylvania heavy had the Finn down for counts of five and two in the third round, after opening a cut over Barlund's right eye in the second round. Baksi weighed 216, Barlund, 201.

### Zurita's No (Pa.) Champ

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—The Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission ruled today that the boxing match scheduled for April 9 between NBA Champion Juan Zurita and Ike Williams, of Trenton, cannot be advertised as a lightweight championship contest because Zurita is not recognized here as the titleholder.

The commission also has notified Matchmaker Pete Moran that the bout cannot go more than 12 rounds, although it was signed for 15. Only title bouts are allowed to go 15 rounds.

## Horsemen's Spirits Buoyed by Byrnes

NEW YORK, March 9.—Maj. Thomas McCreery, head of the Horsemen's Protective Benevolent Association, said today that War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes had agreed upon a plan for a limited resumption of horse racing in the United States, "as soon as war conditions in Europe are sufficiently improved to warrant it."

McCreery said his group feels that when the ban is lifted it will be nation wide, with racing permitted a few days each week. "The government probably would frown upon regional racing," he declared. "They do not want to do anything that smacks of discrimination."

## Trosky, of White Sox, Retires; Keeps War Job

CHICAGO, March 9.—Hal Trosky, Chicago White Sox first baseman, is the latest baseball player to retire for the season, Harry Grabiner, vice-president of the club announced today. Trosky, who retired once before because of migraine headaches, while with the Cleveland Indians, will stay on his Amama (Iowa) war job.

Trosky worked his Iowa farm during 1943 and tried a comeback with the White Sox last year, after being sold by the Indians for a reported \$20,000. He hit .241 in 135 games last year.

## Majors Send Three More Into Services

NEW YORK, March 9.—Three more big league managers went to the wailing wall today as the Armed Services lassoed a pitcher, an outfielder and an infielder.

Eddie Joost, Cincinnati Reds, infielder, formerly classified 4F, has been inducted but now has a 21-day leave to straighten out his civilian affairs. The Cubs' Dom Dallesandro is in the Army and Pitcher Ellis Kinder, St. Louis Browns' rookie, purchased from Memphis last season, has been accepted for military service.

## Pro Golf Aces Best in Miami

MIAMI, Fla., March 9.—Favored professional teams captured first-round 36-hole matches in the \$7,500 best-ball golf tournament here yesterday with Sammy Snead, of Hot Springs, Va., and Bob Hamilton, National PGA champion, displaying the best form. That stellar pair eliminated Stanley Horne and Jesse Kohut, 10 and 9, after 27 holes. They toured the first 18 holes with a best-ball score of 64 and had a four-hole advantage when they knocked off for lunch.

Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden erased the team of Willie Klein and



Bob Hamilton



Sammy Snead

Otey Cristman, 6 and 5, after belting out a 65 over the first 18 holes.

Lt. Ben Hogan and Ed Dudley, PGA president, eliminated Ky Lafoon and Jack Grout, 8 and 7, with Hogan providing the best shot of the day when he holed a 105-yard approach shot for an eagle 2 on the No. 10 hole of the Miami Springs course.

Other results: Claude Harmon and Chick Ruten defeated Mike Turnesa and Willie Goggin, 7 and 6; Craig Wood and Tony Penna defeated Joe Kirkwood and Sam Schneider, 3 and 2; Denny Shute and Sammy Byrd defeated Steve Warga and Morrie Gravatt, 2 and 1; Frank Strazza and Joe Zarhardt defeated Len Dodson and Bruce Coltart, 2 up, and Henry Picard and Johnny Revolva defeated Leonard Ott and Gene Kunes, 2 up.

### Wilks Rejects Terms

ST LOUIS, March 9.—Ted Wilks, St. Louis Cardinal star hurler, who led both leagues in winning percentage last year, returned his 1945 contract today unsigned, remarking, "I thought I was a major league success till I looked at the terms."

## Wings Deflate Ranger Hopes For Playoffs

DETROIT, March 9.—The New York Rangers virtually kissed their playoff chances goodbye here last night, when they absorbed a 7-3 pasting from the Detroit Red Wings in a National Hockey League game. The Rangers were in a good spot to move into fourth place until the last three minutes of the second period, when the Wings broke a 3-3 tie and went on to score four more goals in the final chapter.

Joe Carveth and Steve Wochy scored twice each for Detroit, and Eddie Bruneteau, Herb Lindsay and Carl Liscombe notched the other goals. Bucko McDonald hit for the Rangers in the opening period and Fred Hunt tied it at 2-all in the second frame. Fred Thurier scored the last goal for the Rangers in the final period, after Detroit had established a five-point lead.

### Canadiens Beat Bruins

MONTREAL, March 9.—The Montreal Canadiens defeated the Boston Bruins, 3-2, last night leaving fourth place in the League a two-way tie between the Bruins and the Chicago Black Hawks.

The first period was scoreless, but Elmer Lach went through all alone at 11:17 of the second to open the scoring for the Canucks. The Canadiens clinched in the third frame when Defenseman Emile Bouchard converted, with Buddy O'Connor and Fernand Gauthier getting assists, and Fern Mosdell hit on a pass from Pete Fillion to give Montreal a 3-0 lead.

Bill Thoms made Boston's first goal at 7:55 and Herb Cain produced the final tally of the night with help from Pat Egan, six minutes later.

### Hockey Standings

National League			
	W	L	T
Montreal	34	7	4
Detroit	29	12	4
Toronto	22	20	4
American League			
	W	L	T
Boston	14	28	3
Chicago	12	27	7
New York	10	27	10

## NYU Is Third Entry in NCAA

NEW YORK, March 9.—New York University's basketball team, which powdered City College Wednesday night at the Garden, has been added to the NCAA Eastern Division tournament. Already enrolled are Kentucky and Ohio State. New England has not yet produced a representative for the eastern tourney, while the Pacific Coast is still not represented in the western tournament at Kansas City.

Oklahoma Aggies, Arkansas and Utah, have accepted invitations to the Kansas City event.

### Mountaineers to Play

NEW YORK, March 9.—West Virginia accepted an invitation to participate in the National Invitational Tournament at Madison Square Garden, it was announced today, leaving but one spot to be filled in the eight-team basketball field. St. John's, Tennessee, Muhlenberg, DePaul, Rhode Island State and Bowling Green had previously signed.

## Covering GI Sports

XIX TAC HQS, France.—The six-day basketball tournament being conducted here entered its fourth round Thursday. The Century Fighters mauled the Hq. Spitfires, 38-19; 367th Lightning Bugs drubbed the 14th Hedgehoppers, 43-27, and the 932nd Wiremen disposed of the 83rd Buzzers, 33-26. Pfc Roger Devers, of Springfield, Ohio, dumped in 16 points for the Century Fighters, while Pfc Francis Dalton, of New York contributed seven points for the losers.

The 10th Ganders defeated 371st Jive Bombers, 29-15, for their 25th straight victory. T/Sgt. Bob Anderson, of Franklin, Ind., was high with 13 markers. Sgt. Bill Heller, of Oak Park, Ill., scored eight points for the Bombers. The 368th Thunderbombs defeated 932nd Wiremen, 40-18. Sgt. Harry Heath, of East Chicago, Ill., poured in 24 points.

Finals are to be played tonight in the 14-team tournament. The winner will advance to the Ninth AF tournament, scheduled for March 26-28.

## Former Athletics' Pitcher Shines in New Role



SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY.—Capt. Jim Eastman, of New York, is shown dusting off the new gold bars of Jack Knott, former Philadelphia Athletic pitcher, who recently received a battlefield commission. Knott, who hails from Brownwood, Tex., won 15, lost 21 in 1941 and 1942 seasons. He is with the 104th Timberwolves Div.



Overheard in the blackout. "I caught my husband flirting." "Yeah, that's how I caught mine, too."

Pfc E. G. Toney sez a certain Dutch girl has her own opinion of a certain sergeant in the Ninth Army. The girl sez the sergeant has a head like a doorknob—any girl can turn it.

Latest rumor that "the war is nearly over." Cpl. George Weingarten got a letter from his wife



saying that she is sending him a key to the house just in case he returns home and she is out.

While serving in Oahu, Hawaii, Pvt. Guido D'Arpino asked a little boy what his nationality was. Quick as a flash the lad quipped, "Half Portuguese and half staff sergeant."

This little verse was left in our typewriter by T/4 Milton Cohen:

A crossword puzzle  
And a woman's brain;  
One you can figure,  
The other's in vain.

Comment in a bistro: "Every time I hear some woman getting wound up I know somebody is going to get run down."

And then there is the Pfc who calls his girl "MP"—because she is always "checking his pass."

J. C. W.

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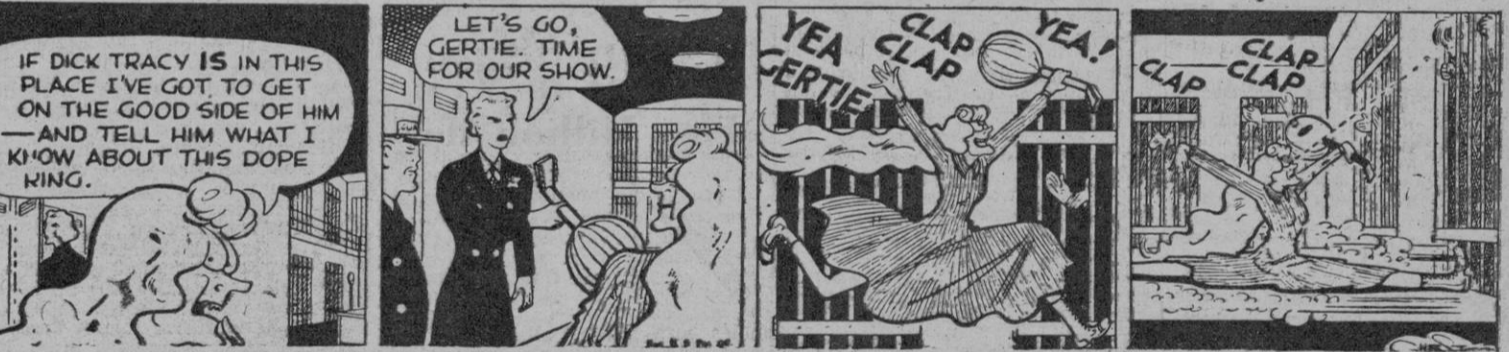
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# Rhine Foothold Widens As First, Third Link Up

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It is obvious that the First Army's sudden, lucky coup, in which a spearhead of Maj. Gen. John V. Leonard's Ninth Armd. Div. discovered and seized a double-tracked bridge which the Germans had planned for its entire length for the passage of armor and trucks, caught the Germans entirely by surprise, with few enemy troops in the threatened area.

Counter-attacks which have been mounted on both the north and south edges of the bridgehead have been feeble and easily repulsed. Anti-aircraft fire shot down all four of the German planes—three JU88s and a Messerschmitt—which were sent through the muck yesterday to bomb and strafe the bridge area.

### Prepare For Counterblows

Despite the weak opposition, the bridgehead forces were preparing hastily today to meet powerful blows by armor and infantry, for it was only a matter of time before the Germans would strike with all their force to plug the gap, only 35 or 40 miles south of their Ruhr Valley war industries.

The bridgehead, 11 miles below Bonn, is 50 miles below Dusseldorf and the Ruhr Valley. A railway and a good motor highway follow the Rhine northwards toward the Cologne area and Dusseldorf, but inland from the river the terrain rises sharply, is wooded and rough and is therefore difficult for offensive fighting.

The seizure of the bridge led one First Army officer to declare it was a "lucky break which will shorten the war," Regan reported.

The Americans were as surprised by their good fortune as the enemy was by the crossing. Combat Command B, commanded by Brig. Gen. William Hodge, reached the bridge at 1630 hours after a lightning dash across country from Euskirchen, 20 miles away. A comparative handful of German troops were guarding the span and these were cleaned up in short order.

### First Since Napoleon's Day

Co. A, of the 27th Armd. Inf., commanded by Lt. Carl Timmerman, of West Point, Neb., then raced across the bridge to tear the first gap in Germany's great Rhine River line—and to mark the first time since the days of Napoleon that an army had crossed the river by storm.

The enemy's inability to defend such an important objective as a large railroad bridge—a three-span steel structure 1,300 feet long—when he had few bridges left to defend, and his failure to launch an immediate counterthrust in force, provided striking proof of the extent to which the First and Ninth Armies had mauled the German forces west of the Rhine.

### Bonn Is Captured

Today all the Germans west of the Rhine had been defeated from Remagen to Cologne. The First Inf. Div. took Bonn, although some mopping up was reported in the southern part of the city. The bridge at Bonn was blown by the Nazis last night. The Ninth Inf. Div. captured Bad-Godesberg.

On the Ninth Army front, S and S Correspondent Ernie Leiser reported substantial progress was made as the Canadians and British pushed into the Wesel bridgehead from the north and west while Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army infantrymen gained slightly in the Ossenber area. Xanten has been cleared by Canadian First Army troops.

### 4,000 Allied Planes Pound Nazi Strongpoint, Rails

The tremendous Allied air pressure on western Germany continued yesterday as more than 4,000 planes ripped enemy strongpoints and communications.

More than 1,000 Eighth AF heavy bombers, escorted by 400 fighters, hit five railyards on lines leading to Wesel and the Allies' Remagen bridgehead sectors. Targets were Frankfurt-on-Main, Kassel, Munster, Rheine and Osnabruck. Anti-aircraft fire was intense at some

targets and ten bombers and five fighters were lost.

Ninth AF medium, light and fighter-bombers flew more than 1,600 sorties in the Rhine River fighting areas against increased enemy air opposition, losing nine planes and shooting down 14. More than 600 medium and light bombers hit an ammunition factory and railway at Dortmund and a rail center 40 miles east of Cologne.

# Nimitz Suggests An Army Man May Head Japan Attack

WASHINGTON, March 9 (UP).—An Army man may direct the invasion of Japan, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz hinted today in discussing plans for a new command setup for the Pacific.

Nimitz, here in a surprise visit, said the American Navy is now strong enough to land troops on Japan and "it might even seize the position of Japan," but he hastened to add that it might be difficult to keep such a position supplied unless there were broader bases to protect a supply line into Japan.

Speculation increased on the choice of a supreme commander for the invasion of Japan. Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. George Marshall, chief of staff, have both been mentioned in rumors.

While the Japanese home islands are in the Pacific Ocean areas which he now commands, they constitute large land masses, Nimitz said, "and the prosecution of operations on large land masses is largely a function of the Army."

# East Front . . .

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losses on Germans trying to escape across the Oder estuary in the Stettin area. One of the main crossing points, near Altdamm, was destroyed.

German warships were reported ranging the Stettin lagoon in an effort to support the hard-pressed German ground forces.

Far to the northeast, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's forces were within sight of Danzig, Moscow dispatches said, and were throwing shells into its outskirts from about 10 miles away.

Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day that Rokossovsky's forces in Pomerania had captured Stolp, 30 miles northeast of Keeslin and 10 miles from the Baltic. Thus the Russians have almost cut in two the German pocket in northeastern Pomerania.

### 823,632 U.S. Casualties

WASHINGTON, March 9 (ANS).—Army and Navy statistics showed today that combat casualties since the war's start total 823,632. Dead, wounded, missing and prisoners for the Army totaled 732,922, while the Navy figure was 90,710.

# British Tanks Roll Deep Into Burma



An U.S.-built tank, manned by British soldiers of the 19th Lancers, rolls across a soggy field during an advance on the Burma front.

# Flood Menace Starts to Abate On Upper Ohio

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, March 9 (ANS).—The flooding Ohio River crested here today, with the city still dry behind floodwalls and sandbag dikes. The muddy waters touched a peak of 64.94 feet, 14.94 above flood stage, and were expected to remain stationary for several hours before receding.

Police Chief Ray Brown warned citizens not to return to the low areas of this industrial community of 40,000 inhabitants, as danger still was present.

Reports from Marietta, Ohio, far upstream, said that the river was falling at a rapid rate and that merchants were returning to the flooded city. The river was stationary at Ashland, Ky., 30 miles upstream.

Up-river waters also were receding at Steubenville and East Liverpool, Ohio. After reaching a crest of 68.7 feet at Cincinnati, the river was slowly falling.

### Flood Ebbs at Pittsburgh

At Pittsburgh the flood was ebbing and further danger was not anticipated, barring fresh and heavy rains. A crest of 50 feet was predicted at Paducah, Ky., where German prisoners of war were closing the gap in an unfinished floodwall. Louisville momentarily expected a crest of 47 feet.

Many of the towns on the Indiana side of the river and in Illinois, have yet to experience the worst of the flood. The crest at downriver points was not expected for several days.

Lawrenceburg, Ind., besides being isolated by floods, was hit by a \$300,000 fire. Three-fourths of Aurora, Ind., was inundated and many families were evacuated from homes.

Meanwhile, the threat of serious flood along the lower Mississippi River faded, as river gauges indicated prospective crests low enough to be held by levees.

# PW Bag in West Tops Million Mark

More than 1,000,000 German prisoners were taken on the Western Front in the ten months from D-Day to March 7, when the Ninth Armd. Div. of Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' U.S. First Army crossed the Rhine.

Figures released by Supreme Headquarters yesterday brought the West Front German prisoner total to 1,019,684, including 53 generals. Five admirals were captured in sea operations connected with the great land battles in the west.

From D-Day up to the kick-off of the Rhine offensive, the Allies destroyed 58 enemy divisions, four of them elite parachute outfits. Seventeen were re-organized, including ten panzer divisions, and then destroyed a second time. Enemy tank losses exceeded 4,000.

# Rundstedt Ousted?



Field Marshal von Rundstedt

# Model, Choice of Nazis, Takes Command in West, PW's Say

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WITH U.S. THIRD ARMY, March 9.—Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt no longer commands Wehrmacht forces on the Western Front and has been replaced by Gen. Walther Model, hand-picked front man from the Nazi party, reports from German prisoners of war indicated today.

Von Rundstedt, never a party man, was in command of the Western Front until relieved by Hitler's order July 6. Reinstated in mid-September after the failure of Generals Rommel and von Kluge to establish an effective defense, Von Rundstedt reorganized his forces and, on Dec. 16, lashed back with the Ardennes offensive.

German prisoners of war indicated that the new high command shakeup was in preparation for last-ditch defense by fanatic Nazis. One PW summed up:

"The Nazis will fight until the last man, regardless of that man's political views. There is no other way now and all changes in Wehrmacht generalship merely reflect Hitler's and Himmler's desperate decision."

# Bitter Fighting In Mandalay

British and Indian troops drove through the northern part of Mandalay yesterday, engaging the Japanese in hand-to-hand fighting in three sectors, the Associated Press reported.

The All-India radio said Indians had captured Mandalay's main railroad station. Other Allied sources reported that armored units were only 300 yards from the center of the city, major stronghold in the central Burma pocket, which contains about 50,000 Japanese.

Allied troops were near Government House beside Fort Dufferin, on the race course and on Pagoda Hill. As more British troops poured into Mandalay from the north, other forces crossed the Mandalay Canal, which enters the city from the northeast.

In northern Burma, Chinese troops advanced two miles beyond captured Lashio. Japanese artillery on a hill opened up on Lashio while Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan, U.S. commander in Burma and India, was making an inspection. One shell landed within 35 yards of Sultan and Chinese Lt. Gen. Sun Li-jen, but neither was hurt.

### Dock Workers Return

LONDON, March 9 (AP).—Some 10,000 dockers and stevedores resumed work at London ports this morning after a nine-day strike.

# Biggest Fleet Of Superforts Pounds Tokyo

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Reuter).—The greatest fleet of Superfortresses ever assembled—more than 300—attacked Tokyo today from bases in the Marianas. The War Department announced.

The attack was directed against industrial targets in the Japanese capital, and the Superforts carried the heaviest bombloads in the history of the 21st Bomber Command operations.

Radio Tokyo reported yesterday American landings at Zamboanga and Record, on the southwestern tip of Mindanao Island, in the Philippines.

Gen. MacArthur, in a communique issued before the enemy broadcast, announced U.S. bombers had heavily attacked Zamboanga barracks and supply areas.

The landing was made Thursday after a heavy bombardment by a U.S. fleet which included four battleships and several cruisers, the Japanese said.

# Americans on Luzon Close In on Baguio

MANILA, March 9 (ANS).—U.S. troops on Luzon were closing in today on Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines and now a Japanese stronghold.

Gen. MacArthur reported an advance 12 miles up the west coast to capture Aringay, west of Baguio. This gave the Americans control of a line reaching to within ten miles

# Hon. Banzai Charge Ends in Hon. Death

A Tokyo report relayed by the German radio said that the remaining Japanese troops on Leyte Island, in the Philippines, rallied around their commander last Monday and launched "a surprise attack" during which they all died a hero's death.

of the city. Another American force was last reported five miles south of Baguio.

U.S. troops captured Lemery in a 13-mile sweep east along the good highway fringing Balayan Bay. This increased pressure on Japanese forces being cut off in southern Luzon.

### Gen. Mudge Wounded

Hard fighting continued on the Shimbu Line sector east and northeast of Manila. In three days, U.S. planes have dropped more than 1,000 tons of bombs on enemy entrenchments there.

Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge, commander of the First Cavalry Div., was severely wounded northeast of Manila on Feb. 28. Fragments of a grenade, thrown by a Japanese left for dead, hit the general in the abdomen. Medical officers said his recovery was certain.

Mitchell bombers and Lightnings of MacArthur's command bombed and strafed Hainan Island, off the northern French Indo-China coast, and fought 25 Japanese planes. Five enemy fighters were shot down and four probably destroyed. Three American bombers were lost. Twelve Japanese planes were destroyed or seriously damaged on the ground at the Samah air base.

# Iwo Jima Marines Score Small Gains

GUAM, March 9 (ANS).—Marines on Iwo Jima made small gains yesterday in all sectors. One advance carried Third Div. troops to a clifftop 300 yards from the northeast coast of the tiny island.

The Japanese, compressed into a crescent 300 to 1,500 yards wide, have adopted desperate tactics like those preceding the collapse of organized enemy resistance on Guam and elsewhere.

Front-line dispatches told charges against American tanks by Japanese armed with explosive charges.