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West Wall Cracked Again; Soviets Cross Oder River

Nazis Say Reds Open New Drive

Red Army tank columns, grinding northwest around the battles raging for Frankfurt and Kuestrin, yesterday drove into the northern "elbow" of the Oder River to reach a point slightly more than 30 miles northeast of Berlin.

Along the Oder in Silesia, according to the Germans, the Soviets had opened the "second phase" of the winter offensive.

Violent armored clashes at Kienitz, on the west bank of the Oder, 23 miles northwest of Kuestrin, were raging for a bridgehead from where the Reds were attempting to break through to the open plains before Berlin, German reports said.

With long-range guns pouring an endless barrage of steel on to German fortifications on the west bank, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's troops probed for weak points on the Oder River line. Assault troops, according to enemy reports, held a half-dozen bridge-heads across the river on a 100-mile front from south of Frankfurt north to a point near Kuestrin.

German radio said that Zhukov is massing thousands of troops between Kuestrin and Frankfurt, building up for a "frontal assault"

First pictures of the Red Army offensive will be found on pages 4 and 5.

on the German capital while armored forces were being moved into the Oder "elbow," where an effort will be made to outflank Berlin from the north.

Marshal Ivan Koniev's troops, possibly throwing a "left-hook" at the 300-mile defense arc around Berlin as a prelude to Zhukov's frontal assault, gained 14 miles in a push west from an Oder bridgehead at Brieg, German official reports said last night, describing the attack as the beginning of the "second phase of Marshal Stalin's winter offensive."

DNB said Koniev had concentrated powerful tank and infantry formations in the Brieg area between Breslau and Oppeln. Heavy battles were reported in progress for the communications town of Grottkau, 23 miles northwest of Oppeln on the west bank of the Oder.

In East Prussia fighting reached a decisive stage as Red Army troops, tightening the noose on the Prussian province, captured Landsberg and Bartenstein, two of the last four big cities still in German hands.

Koenigsberg was in flames as
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German Collapse Soon Regarded as Possibility

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—A War Department spokesman last night expressed the opinion that the end of organized resistance by the German Army might be expected in a few days.

If the German command fails to strike effective counter-blows before the Russians infiltrate into the Frankfurt-Steinau area, the German military position will be hopeless, the spokesman maintained.

Artillery Speeds Jap Flight on Luzon



Manila, key city of the Philippines, was liberated after savage infantry attacks that swept Japs from the high ridges in front of the city. Roads like the Damortis-Rosario highway (above) were scenes of action as American artillery shells exploded (left) in lines of withdrawing Japs.

Yanks Free Half of Manila, Liberating 3,700 Prisoners

First Cav. Leads Troops Into City

LUZON, Feb. 5 (ANS).—The American flag flew over half of Manila today and U.S. forces pressed forward against little more than sniper fire toward complete liberation of the capital.

Troops of the First Cavalry and 37th Infantry Divs. won control of the northern part of Manila a few hours after they had entered the city late Saturday night. On Sunday they penetrated as far south as the wide and deep Pasig River, which divides the city.

First Cavalry units, in an encircling move at night, drove to the Santo Tomas internment camp from the east and liberated 3,700 civilian prisoners, most of them American women and children who had been held there since May 1, 1942.

The First Cavalry—fighting in memory of its former commander, Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who was captured by the Japanese in 1942—was first into Manila.

There was no major opposition from the Japanese as the First covered more than 140 miles in a little more than 60 hours, racing down to Manila on the highway that skirts the central Luzon plain on the east.

A dynamited bridge prevented
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Allies Gain North of Pisa

ROME, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Fifth Army troops in the Serchio Valley captured Galliciano, a mountain village 25 miles north of Pisa. On the Eighth Army front patrols were active along the Senio River.

Allied medium and fighter-bombers pounded enemy communications in north Italy, flying more than 1,100 sorties. Ten planes failed to return.

Rescued Internees Go Wild With Joy

MANILA, Feb. 5.—An American tank Saturday crashed the gate of Santo Tomas University and liberated 3,700 civilian internees, mostly Americans, who for more than two years suffered there in dread Japanese imprisonment.

Unbounded joy, verging almost on hysteria, greeted the liberators, even as they fought from room to room to wrest the last building held by the Japanese garrison.

The American flag was hoisted over the building for the first time since Jan. 3, 1942. Men, women and children, even the tough doughboys who had fought their way to the city, wept and hugged each other in happiness.

The internees, hollow-eyed from malnutrition, unashamedly asked for food. Hysterically they reported that for the past five months they had been starving to death. From a daily diet of 1,400 calories in 1942 the meals had dropped to 750, one prisoner said.

Barbara Clear, a British internee, told how the rescue, accomplished
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Sir Keith Park Is Named Chief of SEAC Air Arm

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Air Marshal Sir Keith Park has been appointed Air Commander-in-Chief for the Southeast Asia Command to replace Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh Mallory, missing en route from England to take up the post. Air Vice Marshal C. E. H. Medhurst has been named Air Commander-in-Chief for the Middle East to succeed Park.

Third, First Reunited Under General Bradley

Elements of the U.S. Third and First Armies pierced the main Siegfried Line defenses at points 25 miles apart between the German cities of Gemund and Prum yesterday as the First Army was reunited with the Third under Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th Army Group.

Third Army troops battled their way through the main fortified zone in the Schnee Eifel Forest, five miles northwest of Prum, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Patrick Mitchell reported from that front. The zone there is less than two kilometers deep.

French Expect De Gaulle to Go To 'Big 3' Talks

By the Associated Press.

French official circles predicted today that Gen. Charles de Gaulle would be invited to sit in on the second half of the political portion of the Big Three conference which would "most probably" be followed by a visit by President Roosevelt to the French capital.

Although Gen. de Gaulle is known to feel that such a "last minute" invitation is not befitting France's right to a voice in high Allied councils, persons close to the general said that they thought he would make the trip if and when the call came.

Participation Held Vital

Several officials asserted that the Allies could not decide the fate of Germany, in which France is so vitally interested, or pick France as one of the Reich's post-war guards without obtaining French consent. They conceded that the French would not need to be included on the military phase of the conference dealing with strategy for the defeat of the Nazis.

De Gaulle and other ministers have repeatedly asserted France's interest in the settlement of German questions and her right to participate in post-war occupation forces. In his last press conference, De Gaulle said that France would not finish the war until her troops were stationed on the banks
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Stars and Stripes Correspondent Russell Jones with First Army said Ninth Inf. Div. doughs slugged through the second line of Siegfried defenses on the southern shores of the Urft Lake, northwest of Gemund, but had yet to encounter more fortifications running eastward for miles.

First Army's return to 12th Army group erased the last effects of Field Marshal von Rundstedt's winter offensive which had split the 12th Army group. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army was transferred at the time to the command of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st Army Group. Frontline reports of Siegfried Line penetrations were not confirmed last night by SHAEF.

Score Classic Victory

Franco-American troops in Alsace scored a classic military victory by shearing through the Colmar bulge to pin remnants of three Nazi divisions against the eastern slopes of the Vosges.

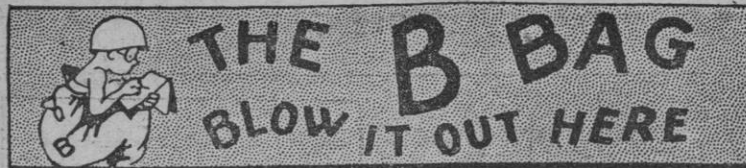
The cut was made early yesterday, when the U.S. 12th Armd. Div. of the XXI Corps, driving south from Colmar, met units of the First French Army's Fourth Moroccan Mountain Div., driving north from Cernay. The junction was made at Rouffbach, midway between Colmar and Cernay, after each force had advanced about four miles.

Five miles south of the Third Army break-through, other infantry advanced a quarter of a mile to take the town of Brandscheid, northwest of Prum, Mitchell reported. The town, which was taken after street fighting, is in the fortified zone.

First Army troops entered the forested waterway system formed by the Urft and Roer Rivers east of Monschau and into the eastern belt
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Stars and Stripes Map by Baird. First Army forces push into Siegfried Line defenses between Gemund and Hollerath as Allied lines move deeper into the Reich.



You Have Been Warned!

The Germans have begun a widespread use of the wavelength of the BBC to sow their propaganda. Let this serve as a caution to you to be positive you are listening to a bona fide BBC broadcast before you accept as Allied the news you hear.

Seven times in the past forty-eight hours we have monitored these German newscasts masquerading as BBC originations. It is difficult to detect them from the real McCoy. Their announcers are usually women with a typical English accent. Their timing in switching is perfect. Their phrasing of the news is skillful.

Yesterday, (Jan. 24), at the eleventh stroke of Big Ben, the Jerries began their news. It ended exactly with sufficient time to switch back to the BBC as the announcer in London said, "Here is your Duffle Bag."

Be positive you listened to an authentic BBC broadcast when you quote the news.—T/4 Robert Wasdon, FA Bn.

B-Bag Fatigue

There is a new evil by-product of total war which threatens to materially affect our fighting efficiency. Similar to battle fatigue, this particular neurosis, not yet recognized by the Medical Corps, will be referred to as B Bag fatigue. The alarming spread of this malady among Army officers in this theater makes this expose imperative.

This disease usually attacks serious-minded young officers after two or more readings of B Bag articles by enlisted men complaining of the latest corrupt practices among the commissioned set. Symptoms vary from extreme melancholy to wild, incoherent ravings accompanied by dilated pupils and apoplectic frothing at the mouth. The latter type victim will storm about his organization with chin thrust forward and arms akimbo, doing nasty things like checking equipment or insisting upon proper military courtesies, and then darning his men to write the B Bag in complaint.

Others have become completely cowed. They are afraid to drink their liquor ration, or notice pretty nurses or even use the officers' latrine. This type will often voice regret at ever having become an officer.

Many of these victims of B Bag fatigue have in the past given their enlisted men passes while they remained behind on duty. They have watched the boys promenade with all the pretty village girls, meet the local families, and drink the local beverages. Never once did these officers complain about wearing neckties, attending interminable lectures and meetings, answering by indorsement. What escape valve for their pent up emotions? How ironic, this sudden wave of abuse!

Believe me, the situation is critical and demands action similar to the campaign which reduced trench foot and brought in jerricans. Recent editorials in The Stars and Stripes have made us all more conscious of the need for unity among the Allies in our common fight against Nazism. Couldn't officers be included in this united front?—Lt. Tungincheck, C. E.

(You had us worried Lt., until we read your signature!—Ed.)

Pans Planned Parenthood

I read the article appearing in S & S dated Jan. 6, entitled "Planned Marriages Urged" which—not even subtly—suggests teaching soldiers the workings of birth control. It is a very sure and definite step toward starting returning soldiers on their way to degradation and a bigger and better war in a few generations.

Has any of these "noted" gentlemen, who are so concerned about the headlong rush of returning soldiers into the holy state of matrimony, ever considered that this, for some of us at least, is a God-given right and that their interference is not fooling anyone?

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This war was caused primarily by the fact that people in the last two decades have been turning from God and religion and losing their sense of justice and the respect of the right of their fellow men. The pleasure and greed of life have become the god of mankind.

Now these gentlemen would have the returning soldier begin life again with an even more flagrant disregard of the laws of God... —Pfe N. J. Donohue, G. F. R. C.

The Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., is in for a bad time when the GIs return. Most of the married men I have talked with who have not started a family plan on doing just that as soon as they return.

The Federation suggests that young couples "should have a chance to find out whether they can make marriage succeed before they begin to have children." Most GIs I have talked to think that having children is one of the best guarantees for a successful marriage. I wonder who is right.—Chaplain Joseph F. Hogan, FA.

'Equals'

Your 12 Jan. issue carries a notice that 2nd lieutenants now can make 1st regardless of TOs. Which makes a Pvt. wonder why his promotion cannot be based on qualification but must be choked by the red tape of a TO... —Pvt. W. B., G-2.

(A similar rule applies to TO-stuck privates. See Letter AG 220.2 MP, Hq ETOUSA 17 Dec. 44, which announces change in AR 615-5, 30 June 43.—Ed.)

War Book

I have a suggestion which I think would be an excellent idea, if practical. Would it be possible to publish S & S in a book form, which GIs could purchase, upon return to the U.S.A.? Cpl. John A. Ritz, FA Bn.

(An excellent idea; let's talk it over as soon as Hitler surrenders.—Ed.)

Back and Forth

At long last, a pitifully few of the men overseas can get back to the States for thirty-day furloughs. There's not supposed to be any shipping space available to bring over replacements for these men but there's no shortage to bring back these same men, and that with millions in the States who have never left. Or do they intend to toss a line over the stern of the ship and have these ETO veterans hang on for the trip back?

When is this unfairness going to end and the overseas soldier given a square deal?—Cpl. L. H. B., Eng.

Ritzkrieg

A helluva note: telling fighting men who ask for necessary replacement parts. "Sorry, Bud, you'll need a release from Corps," or if you come late, to be told, "Sorry, Bud, we close at 5 p.m. come back tomorrow."—Sgt. H.M. Balfanz and 6 others, FA Bn.

Private Breger



"Okay, it's a deal! For three candy bars, two packages gum, bar of soap and package cigarettes, one of them is your prisoner!"

MacArthur Fulfills Pledge

General MacArthur has fulfilled the pledge he made during the dark days of the Pacific war. His troops have returned to Manila, the city that is known as the Pearl of the Orient. It is the biggest city that has been liberated thus far by American forces in their war against Japan.

Once MacArthur and his men got ashore on Luzon—on Jan. 9—it took them just 26 days to make their way into Manila. Three years ago the Japanese took exactly the same number of days to advance from their landing points and enter Manila, which had been declared an open city.

Their Historic Defense

Manila fell to the Japanese on Jan. 2, 1942, and Gen. MacArthur's forces fell back on the Bataan Peninsula and Corregidor for their historic defense. But the small American forces faced hordes of Japanese, and the battle ended when Corregidor fell on May 9, 1942.

To regain control of Manila, Gen. MacArthur pitted elements of at least ten divisions against elusive Japanese divisions under Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita. The U.S. divisions were the 43rd, 25th, Sixth, 38th, 27th, 40th, 24th, 37th., 11th Airborne and First Cavalry. The Sixth Ranger Battalion and the 158th regimental combat team also went in on Luzon.

These forces opposed Japanese divisions identified as the Second Armored, 10th, 12th, 18th, 23rd, 103rd, 150th, plus the 58th Independent Brigade, marine and naval organizations, and garrison and service units.



An a.r view of Manila.

The prize was Manila and control of Manila Bay, one of the finest harbors in the Far East. As a commercial-naval key, it occupies a commanding position in navigation to southern China, French Indo-China, the Netherlands East Indies and Australia.

The city of Manila underwent extensive modernization after the

United States acquired the Philippines. Americans assisted in modernization of the harbor, effected sanitary improvements, built bridges, boulevards and installed the city's famous open-air trolley system. The city grew into a metropolis of 14 square miles with a population of 633,362 when the last census was taken in 1939.

Legislators Didn't Visit CBI. Editors of Roundup Lament

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 (ANS).—The CBI Roundup, newspaper of American soldiers in China, Burma and India, has needled congressmen who omitted those theaters from their itinerary, the United Press said today.

In the Jan. 4 edition, Staff Writer Dyolf Retlaw wrote a lament under the heading, "It's a Rough War for Us GIs." He had a special word for "beau-teous Rep. Clare Boothe Luce," who made the trip to the Italian front despite "the torture of ear-ache." (Dyolf Retlaw is Floyd Walter spelled backward. Walter is editor of the Roundup.)

"None have knocked at our humble doors," Walter wrote, "and the Roundup has now sadly surrendered the last flickering hope that they might. Mind you, this is not a complaint that the IBC theaters have been ignored. Indeed we can picture the globetrotting legislators fretting because they couldn't drop into our neck of the war for a spot of tea, but after all their time is strictly rationed."

"From various authoritative sources, including our old friend the Swedish traveller, we learn that the halls of Congress are bulging with

new bills of more varieties than claimed by Heinz, so just regard it as tough luck, men, decreed by harsh fate. Chin up, let's have no display of wounded feelings."

From New York, Clare Boothe Luce gently chided the GI Roundup.

"Tut, tut, boys," she said. "I was in the China, Burma, India area long before you were—in 1940, 1941, and 1942. I even wrote for your paper—remember? I waited a long time for you boys to get out there. You can wait a little while for me to come back."

List 3 Candidates For Philippines Job

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Selection of a new High Commissioner of the Philippine Islands is under discussion by government officials as the American armies enter Manila, it was announced today.

Three men have been mentioned for the job, which pays \$18,000 a year. They are Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, who formerly held the post; J. Weldon Jones, former Auditor General of the Philippines; and Wayne Coy, member of the Philippine Rehabilitation Commission and now assistant publisher of The Washington Post.

Injured Vets Find Little Need For Rehabilitation Courses

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Disabled veterans are being absorbed into war jobs so rapidly that comparatively few are applying to the Veterans Administration for specialized training, Public Relations Director Edward M. Lewis told the United Press yesterday.

While 9,359 veterans were taking rehabilitation courses at the end of 1944, another 150,000 entitled to training didn't submit training application forms. Lewis said that they apparently found war plant salaries more attractive than the Administration's "pension while learning" plan.

War jobs have been "tremendous morale builders" because veterans not only earn good pay but have the satisfaction of boosting the war effort, declared Lewis. He believes, however, that when war output tapers off many veterans will seek vocational training.

Such applications may be filed up to two years from the date of discharge or two years from the date Congress declares the war ended, whichever is later.

After World War 1, 128,000 dis-

abled veterans completed rehabilitation courses under Administration sponsorship. Many mistakes were made then from which authorities are trying to profit now in counselling those being discharged.

"Now we have an extensive counselling system through 52 field offices—at least one in every state—and we try to provide training which the man will enjoy, for which he has aptitude," said Lewis.

Doolittle Lauds Air Teamwork

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Teamwork between the U.S. Eighth AF and the RAF was credited as the basic factor in the effective bombing of Germany in a transcribed overseas broadcast last night by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth AF commander.

He reported that 500,000 tons of bombs had been dropped on the enemy, and 12,000 of his aircraft destroyed, in the three years since the two air forces joined.

Doolittle spoke in observance of the third anniversary of the landing of the first Eighth AF personnel in Britain. In that period, he said, 500,000 aircraft were sent out, five thousand failed to return and "some 20,000 of our men have been killed or are missing."

Admiral Gets DSM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Rear Admiral Ralph Christie has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "services as commander of naval forces in Western Australia, commander of the submarines of the Seventh Fleet, and commander of a task force."

Births

- Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:
- BILL Tortorella, Chicago—Caryl Jeanne, Feb. 2; Cpl. Norman Elias, New York
 - Linda Marcia, Jan. 27; Capt. Thomas J. Brett, El Paso, Tex.—girl, Jan. 1; 1/Lt. Jerome P. Kane, Bronx—boy, Jan. 30; Sgt. Isidor Rotfeld, Chicago—boy, Dec. 23; 1/Lt. Clarence J. Barwick, Pierson, Iowa—Sharon Belle, Jan. 30; Sgt. James Sullivan, Steubenville, Ohio—James George, Nov. 24.
 - PFC W. Jay Grapes, Detroit—Gerold Wayne, Jan. 30; Pvt. Eugene Furst, Brooklyn—William Theodore, Jan. 31; Opl. Emmert Shaver, Phoenix, Ariz.—boy, Dec. 2; 1/Sgt. Louis Campo, New York—Barbara Louise, Dec. 18; Lt. Herbert S. Orr, Tulsa, Okla.—Patrieta Sue, Dec. 9; 1/Lt. Harold M. Anderson, Ottumwa, Iowa—Janis Lee, Nov. 19; Cpl. Henry Peresic, Ford City, Pa.—boy, Dec. 3.

This Was America Yesterday:

Yanks' Entry Into Manila Steals News Spotlight in U.S.

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—It requires little imagination to picture the excitement here over the Yanks entry into Manila. Radio commentators are having a field day. Even Gabriel Heatter, who usually sounds like the Voice of Doom, trumpeted triumphantly last night.

Buried in the columns about all phases of Manila's relief is a small piece of personal drama. Frank Hewlitt, United Press correspondent who wrote the story of the freeing of 3,000 American internees in Santo Tomas Internment Camp, had a joyful reunion with his wife, whom he left in Manila three years ago to go with Gen. MacArthur to Bataan. She had insisted on staying in Manila as a nurse.

Apart from the relief of Manila, newspapers played up the continued advance of the Russians, the Western Front offensives and an increasing batch of peace rumors from the Reich.

Occupying small space in today's Herald Tribune was a report from Vatican sources that Hitler has taken refuge in a monastery outside Salzburg, Austria. Three Jesuit priests who tell the story say he is afraid to go to his prepared hideout in Berchtesgaden.

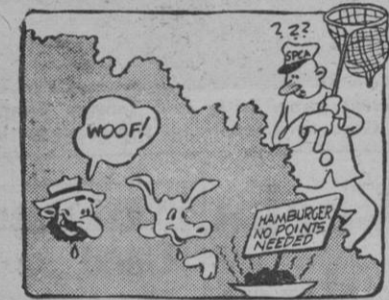
IT'S an old Maine custom—when a new legislator makes his first speech he passes out cigars. When State Rep. Mayo Payson recently made his initial appearance he did the best he could. He bowed, gave the chairman one stogie and a bag of gumdrops for the boys.

CITY Park Commissioner Raymond Rosen, of Philadelphia, is concerned about the pigeons in fashionable Rittenhouse Square Park. The birds, some 6,000 strong, have the edge. "The square has either got to be a place for pigeons or for people," he declares. "And right now it's no place for people." Mass slaughter would solve the problem, but an old city ordinance makes this illegal.

Flatbush Drama

AND Mrs. Daniel Tierney, 37, probably will get her divorce in Flatbush. She told the judge it was bad enough for her husband to throw things at her, but what was worse, he used a five-pound steak, for which she stood in line three hours.

The 490th victim of Boston's Coconut Grove fire died this week. She was Mrs. Helen Moses Gross, 40, who succumbed after a two-year losing battle with burns suffered in the night club conflagration. Her husband died in the same fire.



IN Culver City, Calif., the SPCA used her four puppies as bait to entice a mother dog out from under a bush where she had fled. This appeal to motherly love didn't work. So they resorted to hamburger, and she came out.

JOE C. ANSWELL, of St. Louis, hasn't made up his mind as to what he thinks about the city's police force. When his car was stolen he notified the law and in a short time they called him to go down to the station and pick up his flivver. Answell thought this was pretty smart operating, but when he got into the car and started to drive home, the cops arrested him for driving a stolen vehicle.

ALL is not well in Hollywood. Greta Garbo, whose devotion to the vegetarian diet has been so well publicized, was seen yesterday eating a three-dollar steak without any vegetables. . . . And Ann Sheridan claims she is 12 pounds under the normal oomph weight. She says she is eating like a horse in order to bring back to the screen what she used to offer before her six-week suspension for refusing to make a picture she didn't like. The ban is about to be lifted and she will appear in "The Man who Died Twice" with Claude Rains.

Style note: In Buffalo, N. Y., and probably other places where they're experiencing record cold weather, young women are rushing clothing stores for red woolies, which they cunningly wear to knee lengths. Another case of Reds inside the outskirts, etc. . . . And that, gentlemen, ought to be something to come home to.

Visiting 'Auditor' Finds a Gold Mine: It's a Bank

HERE'S a moneymaking idea to remember when you get home, but don't try it in Los Angeles. A well-dressed young man strolled into a bank there, removed his coat, and strolled over to a counter where he helped himself to \$10,000. Nobody did anything; everyone thought he was a visiting auditor. That was only half right. He was visiting, but he wasn't an auditor, and now where is he?

They're having a circus in Hammond, Ind. But OPA officials there aren't enjoying it. The circus—Pollack Bros.—got stranded there, and can't get gas, under OPA rules, to leave town. The trouble is, the animals have been parked in a steamheated civic building next to the OPA office, and the price experts can't get used to increasing odors of elephants and other circus stars.

THE other day an item appeared here criticizing an advertisement by a New York store describing a pinup picture as "what GIs are fighting for." On Friday, two D-Day soldiers, one a Ranger and the other a paratrooper, went to see the manager about it. The advertisement has been withdrawn.

Admits One of 12 Wives Was Own Stepdaughter

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Francis Van Wie, the marrying street-car conductor, was back in jail today after failing to post a \$3,000 bond on bigamy charges, and after admitting that one of the twelve women he "married" was his own stepdaughter.

The 58-year-old Romeo admitted to District Attorney Edmund Brown that his fifth wife, Mabel Joyce, was the daughter of his first wife, Elizabeth.

He said in a signed statement that she was born one year after his marriage to Elizabeth in Wisconsin in 1904. He married her in 1925 when she was 20. She wasn't really his daughter, he claimed, adding "she happened to be born after a man named Joyce stepped between my wife and me." He said he lived with Mabel until 1939, when he left her.

Island Votes to Secede From New York State

FISHERS ISLAND, New York, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Residents of this island in Long Island Sound voted at a mass meeting yesterday to secede from New York State and ask the Connecticut Legislature to make them part of that state. It was agreed to seek introduction of bills into the legislatures of both states calling for the appointment of a joint commission to study the feasibility of annexation to Connecticut.

Proponents of the plan have emphasized that the island lies closer to Connecticut coastal communities than to those of the New York shore, and consequently most of the island's business activities are carried on with Connecticut merchants.

Senators Seek Check on Govt. Corporations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Senators Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) and Hugh Butler (R-Neb.) will introduce this week a bill to "clip wings" of multi-billion-dollar government corporations and make all of them responsible to Congress, according to the United Press.

Byrd said Congress never sees itemized expenditures of many corporations. The Byrd-Butler bill, besides forbidding agencies to create government corporations except by direct Congressional action, also would make such corporations accountable to Congress for their financial transactions and require them to submit annually a work plan or budget.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press predicted that the House might scuttle the Senate-approved George Bill, which would divorce the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and other agencies from the Commerce Department.

Would Force Action on Wallace

This would force the Senate to take action on President Roosevelt's nomination of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce, replacing Jesse H. Jones, while the Cabinet post still carried with it the loan powers.

Another Presidential nomination appeared to be headed for trouble. The appointment of Aubrey Williams, former head of the National Youth Administration, to head the Rural Electrification Administration may bump into the same Senate coalition that sidetracked the Wallace nomination.

Williams' nomination comes up before the Senate Agricultural Committee tomorrow.

East Is Hit Anew By Snow; Midwest Faces Cold Wave

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Fresh snowfalls today hit New England, and more cold weather was expected in the Midwest. Snow in northeastern states was as deep as 29 inches in Syracuse, and drifts impeded traffic.

In New York City, Mayor LaGuardia still called the situation "critical." There also is a severe food shortage.

Appreciable relief for Pennsylvania was predicted by the regional Solid Fuels Administration, which said 150,000 tons of anthracite were mined Saturday when miners worked a full instead of half day.

Michigan Traffic Tied Up

Highway traffic in Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin was partially paralyzed.

At least 26 pedestrians suffered broken bones or lacerations in Chicago yesterday as freezing rain iced sidewalks and streets. Sleet and rain pushed eastward in a belt extending through the lower Ohio valley, southern Appalachians and into West Virginia and Maryland, where bus schedules were disrupted by glazed highways.

Head-On Collision

LANCASTER Pa., Feb. 5 (ANS).—The Pennsylvania Railroad Iron City Express and a locomotive and tender collided head-on two miles east of here today, shaking up and bruising scores of passengers. No one was seriously injured.

Smoke Situation Back Home Has Come to This



In Charlotte, N. C., a customer in a cigar store is told that there are no cigarettes available. But instead of real cigarettes there is "rabbit tobacco." Some tobacco stores in the South have started selling the weed, a favorite smoke of boyhood days.

Gets 4 Million Soon



Gloria Vanderbilt (De Cicco), who on Feb. 20 becomes owner of a \$4,500,000 fortune when she reaches her 21st birthday, sweats out the last three weeks before the event in New York night spots. Last week she startled friends when she announced that she and her husband, Pat De Cicco, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, had separated by mutual consent.

GOP Tightens Congress Front

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Five Senate and House Republicans have forged a new liaison, and the result may be a tighter GOP front in Congress.

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), chairman of the Senate minority conference, said leaders of both branches had agreed to confer at least twice a month. He indicated that this was part of the general plan of solidifying Republicans on which National Chairman Herbert Brownell, Jr., has been busy himself in Washington.

Thus far Republicans have devoted most of their attention to such domestic issues as the President's nomination of Henry A. Wallace for Secretary of Commerce and the House-approved manpower control bill now pending in the Senate, but liaison plans extend also to international issues.

Vandenberg himself plans to reopen foreign policy discussion in a speech tonight in Detroit.

WD's Support Of Manpower Bill Assured

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (ANS).—The proposed manpower law "would tell our fighting men that they will get the weapons and supplies that they must have," Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said last night.

Patterson reaffirmed the War Department's support of the May manpower bill, which has passed the House and is pending in the Senate. He described it in a broadcast as "imposing on all men between 18 and 45 an equality of obligation in the war effort."

The Under Secretary pointed to an estimated requirement of 300,000 men in critical war plants, and an Army and Navy need of 900,000 men in the first six months of this year.

Asks For Reason

"If present methods of supplying workers to war plants are adequate to solve the manpower problem, as opponents of national service claim, why does this acute shortage exist?"

The May Bill, named for Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), of the House Military Affairs Committee, would make selective service registrants between 18 and 45 subject to jail sentences if they declined to stay on war jobs or transfer to them. The bill is before the Senate Military Committee.

As passed by the House, the bill would leave the enforcement to Selective Service. The Senate committee previously had voted to amend the House bill and place the directing powers in the hands of War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes. But the question boiled down to just what part Byrnes, who is assistant president so far as the war effort is concerned, will play in the law's administration. Under the House bill, the local draft boards would be responsible for reclassifying deferred registrants and assigning them to critical industry in shortage areas predetermined by the Byrnes office. Senate legislation, as amended in the committee, would give the task of essential job assignment to Byrnes or some appropriate agency designated by him.

Ten Are Injured in Ohio Rear End Train Wreck

VAN WERT, Ohio, Feb. 5 (ANS).—Between 10 and 15 persons were injured last night seven miles east of here when a westbound Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train, The Rainbow, crashed into the rear of the second section of The Golden Arrow, also a passenger train.

Neither train was derailed, and only one person, James R. Wells, of New York, a dining car employee, was seriously hurt.

Crosby, Fitzgerald Nominated For Oscars for 'Going My Way'

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 5 (ANS).—"Going My Way," Paramount's heart-warming story of two Catholic priests, and its stars, Crooner Bing Crosby and the Irish actor Barry Fitzgerald, were nominated yesterday for gilt Oscars by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

About 9,000 members of the film industry will participate in voting to select final winners, who will receive the coveted Oscars on the

stage of Grauman's Chinese Theater March 15.

Fitzgerald became the first actor in Academy history to be nominated for both "best performance by an actor" and "best performance by a supporting actor."

Others named for top performance by an actor were Charles Boyer in "Gaslight"; Cary Grant in "None But the Lonely Heart"; a newcomer, Alexander Knox, in "Wilson." None of the actors nominated were previous winners but three of the actresses nominated for best performances were.

The Swedish star, Ingrid Bergman, nosed out last year by Jennifer Jones, was named for her performance in "Gaslight." Veterans nominated by their fellow players were 1934 Oscar-winner Claudette Colbert for "Since You Went Away," two-time Oscar-winner Bette Davis for "Mr. Skeffington," Greer Garson for "Mrs. Parkington," and Barbara Stanwyck for "Double Indemnity."

Pictures Nominated

Productions nominated for best picture of the year were "Going My Way," "Double Indemnity," Paramount; "Gaslight," MGM; "Since You Went Away," Selznick International; "Wilson," MGM—20th Century Fox.

Cited for best performance by an actor in a supporting role were Hume Cronyn in "The Seventh Cross," Claude Rains in "Mr. Skeffington," Clifton Webb in "Laura," Monty Woolley in "Since You Went Away," and Fitzgerald.

Nominated as the best actress in a supporting part were Ethel Barrymore in "None But the Lonely Heart," Jennifer Jones in "Since You Went Away," Angela Lansbury in "Gaslight," Aline MacMahon in "Dragon Seed" and Agnes Moorehead in "Mrs. Parkington."



Night Life Brings GI Jitter.

NIGHT life at the front is like a spooky movie— or perhaps a visit to the zoo—according to many doughs who know from experience...

Not so slow on the draw was Pvt. James White, of Westbrook, Mass., when he spotted a roving black figure on the snowy horizon one evening...

And three 84th Div. doughs say they don't want to hog any undeserved credit, but as long as this is all about animals, they're like to squeal on themselves...

Heaven Can Wait—This Is Paradise

As commandant of the Fifth Inf. Div. rest camp, Capt. Gerald Breakstone has all sorts of strange doughs. One of them was helping a tipsy private find his way to bed the other night.

The captain found the GI weaving around the street, wearing one shoe and carrying the other.

The soldier opened his eyes, looked bleakly at Capt. Breakstone, closed them again and said happily: "I must be in heaven. A captain is taking off my shoes!"

Oscar's Love-Life—a Fowl Story

THE kitchen setup was left behind during the 736th FA Bn's dash across France and the outfit had to "improvise" many a meal.

Oscar was a fearless rooster when he first met up with the 736th. He was slated for the pot when the outfit was ordered to move on—just in time to spring the rooster.

From then on, Oscar was definitely not considered in terms of drumsticks and giblets. He never strayed from the outfit and he took a liking to war.

The beautiful friendship lasted two months until a dame broke it up—a neighbor's hen who came strutting by, admired Oscar's fearlessness in battle and gave him that come-on look.

It was the last bottle of a shipment the shop received in 1940. The proprietress told the men she had hidden it in her cellar and although the Germans had done a pretty thorough job of looting, they had missed this one bottle.

"We split the coke," said Cox, "so each of us could get a taste. It was kinda flat, but still mighty good."

Thanks to a bottle, a French kid and an MP, Mrs. Amery Perkins, of Middlebourg, Va., finally received a message her son sent two years ago—in a bottle.

"We are in a difficult situation and beg of you to help us. Our bread is almost finish. We must go to Oberhofen (then and now inside German lines) to fetch drinkwater but now it is impossible. The soldiers shoot on us.

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First Pictures of the Soviet Onslaught Toward Berlin



Russian artillerymen, following close behind fast-moving Soviet infantry, give their riflemen support in the drive that has been featured by Red concentrations of heavy guns.



Smoke rises from the East Prussian city of Tilsit as the Germans withdraw before a Red attack that saw bombs and guns smash into the Prussian stronghold.



Red infantrymen move forward in a savage attack that swept the Germans before them on the Second White Russian Front.



Soviet self-propelled guns, with Red tommy gunners on board, drive into German defenses on the road to the Reich.

200 Patients Trapped Two Weeks In Cellar of Shell-Wracked Asylum

Eight Die in Siege In No-Man's-Land Before 7th Army

By Wade Jones Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Feb. 5.—Two hundred patients of an asylum for the insane in no-man's-land southeast of Haguenau huddled for two weeks in a black, filthy cellar while heavy shellfire crumbled the building over their heads and four of their number died of wounds.

A recent U.S. advance placed the institution 2,000 yards behind the lines. Preparations were under way to evacuate the survivors of the tragic siege, evidence of which lay everywhere today about the grounds.

of the institution and inside its battered buildings. The bodies of three children were at the bottom of a trench, their upturned faces blue and drawn beneath the water in which they lay. The Germans had shovelled dirt over the body of another child in the same trench. Two of the four were killed by mortar fire and two by a hand grenade with which they were playing.

Others Starved Four more persons died of malnutrition. Dozens of shell holes were evident in the thick stone walls and the roofs of the three main buildings and the chapel. In the building where the fear-shaken inmates and their few attendants crowded for protection, splintered beds and furniture littered the floors and the cold rain dripped through great holes in the roof. Down in the cellar, the men, women and children patients crunched two to a bed. The place reeked with their filth.

Ten of the patients were wounded, and forty were bed-ridden from illness. First word received by American forces on conditions at the institution came when a demented employee of the place arrived in Bischwiller with a note. The note was from the director of the Sonnenhof Asylum, located across the Moder River on the outskirts of Bischwiller, and was addressed to the American military commander of Bischwiller.

U.S. Troops Take to Skis to Stalk Foe



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Right Number, Wrong Time

A NINTH AIR FORCE BOMBER BASE, France.—When flak hit the "Tiger Stripes," B26 Marauder piloted by 2/Lt. John Davis, of Pulaski, N.Y., in a mission over St. Vith, Belgium, a fragment lodged just above his head. It bore the number 717—the same as his airplane.

Nazi Battle Flags Used as Aprons Protect Medics

Harry J. McLaughlin Stars and Stripes Special Writer WITH 94th INF. DIV.—Yank medics of this division, as it faces the Germans in the Saar Triangle, are wearing remnants of Nazi flags in an attempt to improve the eyesight of Jerry riflemen who seem to have trouble separating our medical and combat personnel.

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Daring Zhukov Sweep to Oder Called Greatest of Offensives

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Observers here are calling Marshal Gregory Zhukov's drive from the Vistula to the Oder River the "greatest of all offensives," and are stressing his daring strategy in risking long supply lines, even though at the end his armies will face a defender whose main base is at his very back.

It is predicted that the main battles for Berlin will be fought on Zhukov's flanks, with the Russian success in protecting them determining the fate of the Reich capital. The German strategy has been to try to stop the Russians on fronts other than directly before Berlin. Thus, more than 20 divisions are in Latvia and East Prussia, 28 divisions are in Italy, and there have been no serious withdrawals yet from Norway or Denmark.

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They Help Weave the Fabric of Aerial Assault on Japan



New assignments bring three generals together on Saipan as Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay (left) assumes command of Saipan's XXI Bomber Command, relieving Brig. Gen. Haywood (center), while Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey takes over Gen. LeMay's XX Bomber Command post in China.

An Irrepressible Jeep Arises After a Fall

WITH SECOND INF. DIV., Belgium.—A U.S. jeep, run down by a German tank, "rose like a down pillow" after the tank had passed on.

All four tires remained inflated and were later removed and placed on another vehicle. No one was injured, the sudden appearance of the German tank causing Maj. Vivian G. Paul, of Lake Worth, Fla., and his driver, T/5 Joseph L. Skladzien, of Wanamie, Pa., to dismount hastily.

FFI Organized In Brittany by 94th Officers

THIRD ARMY HQ, Feb. 5.—With the 94th Inf. Division participating in the Siegfried Line assault, the story of how its commanding general, Maj. Gen. Harry Malony, of Dundee, N.Y., and Col. Roy Hagerty, Omaha, Neb., one of the regimental commanders, organized the FFI forces in the Loire and St. Nazaire sectors in Brittany is revealed.

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112 Houses in Kesternich—Yanks Blasted Every One In Two Days' Savage Fighting

By Ernest Leiser Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH 78th INF. DIV., Germany, Feb. 5.—When the infantry started to slug its way through Kesternich, the village had 112 houses. When they finished, not a single house was intact. Within almost every building, Germans were hidden from attic to cellar. The fighting was rough, and the Second Bn. "Wolf Cubs" of the 311th Inf. weren't taking any additional chances in the town they had already nicknamed "Little Aachen."

So, after battling their way down the main street to the far end of town in the face of fixed Nazi guns, cutting the town off, and setting up perimeter defenses, they started to wack the houses off one by one.

Lt. Joseph Klimkiewicz had prepared a map of the village, in which each house was numbered. Casualties Were Many Radio-carrying infantrymen moved in on each house. When they cleaned out one, they'd move on to the next. As they went on, they'd radio back the number of the next house to the tanks and artillery on the edge of the town, and the bigger guns would dust it off before the doughs started in. The radio-map combination was also used to report the location of wounded back to the medics, so that they wasted little time in reaching them.

And there were plenty of casualties at Kesternich, during the jumbled two-day battle. A number of the men were evacuated with their gloves frozen tight to their numbed hands.

Lt. Col. Richard Keyes, of Houston, the "Old Man," was up with his men. When the radio contact with the tanks failed and one was needed to blast a house, he ran out into the blazing inferno, jumped on top of a tank and directed it to a MG nest in the house.

Four Got Through The original spearhead that broke through the town and didn't stop until it came to the other side was led by 1/Lt. Clyde Trivet, of Reading, Ohio. He got through with only three men, T-Sgt. J. C. Cerner, of Quitman, Ga., T/Sgt. Elmer Hamilton, from Alabama, and 1/Lt. Earl Coburn, who lived near Pittsburgh. Trivet assumed command of what was left of Easy Company the next day.

Easy had it the direst of all the companies in the attack. When they finished, and the last two houses had been knocked out by the artillery, they had only two officers and a few non-coms left.

But their job had been done. "Little Aachen" was more completely demolished than big Aachen.

Top ETO Ace Hurt In Auto Accident THE Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Lt. Col. John C. Meyer, a top-ranking ETO ace, was injured Jan. 19 in Belgium in an automobile accident, it was learned here today.

Pilot of a P-51, Meyer was credited with destroying 24 planes in the air and 13 1/2 on the ground. Participating in over 125 missions, he was injured once before.

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Expect Continued Fight "Berlin's fall will mean a great moral defeat to the Germans," the thin, balding mayor said, "but will not end the war. Even if the Americans advance to the Rhine River and the Russians extend their front to a north-south line running through Berlin, the German General Staff will fight on."

"Why? Because the German people, though almost exhausted, have no other recourse but to carry out Nazi orders."

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Steel Tycoons Defend Sports As Work Aid

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—A ten-man committee, representing 30 steel companies, appealed to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes yesterday that "major sports events such as baseball, football and boxing should be allowed to continue not only as an aid but as a great stimulus to war production."

The committee, whose companies employ more than 250,000 war workers, sent the letter to Byrnes asking for an appointment to plead its case and that of wartime sports. The committee believes the curtailment of sports would force war workers to seek less desirable recreation, thereby causing an increase in absenteeism and consequently a drop in production.

Reardon Reduced AWOLs

The letter stated "the committee was formed at the suggestion of 30 executives, who represent the largest fabricators and producers of steel in this section of the country. Their action in suggesting this was prompted after they were appraised of the great results obtained by a sporting celebrity, who had just returned from a tour of battlefronts in the Southwest Pacific, and who talked to workers on production lines of four plants here.

"The celebrity was John 'Beans' Reardon, National League umpire. After Reardon had worked in and out of plants for two weeks, absenteeism was reduced 80 percent. The committee would like also to go on record as a body which highly endorses the continuation of sports for the duration as one of the major sources of recreation for our workers."

The letter was signed by Howard M. Reineman, chairman of the ten-man committee and general manager of the Industrial Metal Fabricators, Inc., and asked for an appointment with Byrnes "so that I may convey to you on behalf of this committee its ideas in reference to the preservation of sports. It is our aim to be helpful and we seek your co-operation to that end so we shall be able to produce faster the essentials of war."

KOs Highlight Paris Fights

Five knockouts in eight bouts, three of them first-round brevities, provided the highlights of the weekly Red Cross-Special Service boxing card at the Palais de Glace, Paris, last night. Three other fights ended in decisions.

The wind-up affair saw Sgt. Jimmy Treadwell, light-heavyweight from Newark, N. J., kayo Sgt. Johnny Murdoch, of Philadelphia, in 1:55 of the opening round. Other first-round knockouts were scored by Cpl. Wilton Temp over Pvt. Frank Bullock and Cpl. Charles Medary over Pvt. George Murray. Second-round kayos were credited to Pvt. Arlee Chandler over Pfc John Thompson and Pfc Jose Rivera over Pvt. Ivan Davis.

Pvt. Harvey Matthews avenged an earlier defeat when he decided Sgt. Tommy Hogan.

The Results:

Cpl. Charles Medary, Orange, Va., knocked out Pvt. George Murray, St. Louis, 1:02, first round; Pvt. Arlee Chandler, St. Louis, knocked out Pfc John Thompson, New York City, 1:57, second round; Cpl. Wilton Temp, Riverside, N.Y., knocked out Pvt. Frank Bullock, Longview, Tex., 1:10, first round; Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Detroit, decided Sgt. Tommy Hogan, Ontario, Canada; Pfc Jose Rivera, New York City, knocked out Pvt. Ivan Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1:55, second round. Pfc Earl Judge, Gary, Ind., decided Pvt. Jimmy Potts, Newark, N.J.; Pvt. Vern LaCross, San Francisco, decided Pvt. John Lester, Los Angeles.

A \$1,000 Birthday Prize

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Feb. 5.—Byron Nelson, Toledo professional and biggest money-winner in the golf realm during 1944, celebrated his 33rd birthday yesterday by annexing the \$5,000 Corpus Christi Open. His 72-hole total was 264 and he shot a five-under-par 64 on the final round to finish four strokes ahead of Jug McSpaden.

McSpaden blew a chance for the \$1,000 first prize by going over par on the final round. He drew \$700 for second place while Ky Lafoon and Sam Schneider, who tied for third, each received \$500.

Nelson lost by one stroke to Sammy Byrd 10 days ago in the San Antonio Open, blowing a three-stroke lead on the final 18 holes. The week before that, in the Tucson Open, he was nipped on the final hole by Ray Mangrum, of Los Angeles.

It Wasn't So Peaceful in Sunday Night's Game



The action above shows the New York Rangers and Boston Bruins in Madison Square Garden's rink two weeks ago. They met again Sunday night with slambang results, fistfights featuring the 3-3 tie. Bob Dill (4) and Joe Shack (18) fight for the loose puck (above) as Bill Cowley (10) and Norm Calladen, both of Boston, and Goalie Ken McAuley, Kilby McDonald and Bill Moe, of the Rangers, look on.

Rangers Trade Punches With Boston Bruins

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—The Boston Bruins and New York Rangers played a 3-3 tie here last night in one of the roughest National Hockey League games of the season. A crowd of 10,000 enjoyed the fistfights more than the hockey in the third period when Grant Warwick, Ranger wing, swapped punches with Tony Rozzino and Roy Gladu, of the Bruins.

After being chased to the penalty box, the rough Ranger fought with a spectator and drew a bloody nose for his efforts before police broke up the melee.

Seven Penalties Called

Bill Cupolo scored in the first period for Boston and Kilby McDonald tied it a few minutes later on a 40-foot shot. The Bruins led again in the same frame when Herb Cain scored. In the second period, Ken Smith took a neat pass from Cupolo for a 25-footer and Boston led, 3-1.

The game suddenly became rough with four penalties meted out to the Rangers and three to the Bruins. Both teams had two men in the penalty box when Warwick scored the second New York goal. Fred Thurier's drive into the net with four minutes remaining deadlocked the score.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Gunder Haegg, the flying Swede, reached London en route to the States just about the same time little Jimmy Rafferty was chugging to the tape in the Wanamaker Mile at Madison Square Garden. Perhaps the two items aren't connected, but with Parson Gil Dodds on the retired list, Rafferty's performance is significant.

During Haegg's colorful domination of the seven events he participated in on his last visit to the United States, Dodds was considered the No. 1 miler to defend America's honor. He failed to even approach the "Sizzling" Swede's speed and track addicts quickly decided Haegg was in a class by himself. In fact, Haegg was ridiculed once for turning around in the middle of a race to see where his trailers were; it was interpreted as a cocky gesture of disdain.

BY WINNING the Millrose Games' feature race by 20 yards Saturday night, Rafferty becomes the obvious challenger of Haegg, but the 29-year-old New York Athletic Club colorbearer hardly can be considered a formidable threat to the barnstorming Swede.

Rafferty's successful romp was his second in as many weeks. The last time he donned running shoes was in the Metropolitan AAU mile, which he navigated in 4:15.7. Haegg can surpass that mark without evening bothering to unzip his sweatpants.

Unless the AAU unveils a sensational newcomer before Haegg & Co. reach the scene, the flying Swede won't even be required to shift into high to show his heels to the homefront hopefuls.

SHORTSHOTS—Andy Cohen, who in 1928 was tossed into Rogers Hornsby's shoes as the New York Giants' secondbaseman, just returned from two years with an Army Engineer outfit in North Africa and Italy. He has an honorable discharge and is seeking a baseball job again. . . . To combat gambling, International League officials voted not to disclose the starting pitchers in advance of games. . . . The New Yorker Hotel officials apparently don't believe baseball has the "green light" for '45. When the National Leaguers hadn't finished their preliminary gabfest at 3 PM Saturday, the hotel's banquet manager asked Prexy Ford Frick to move his men into another room. Their place was taken over by an amateur football association. . . . It's still a good bet Frick will be elected to the commissioner's seat within a month.

Brooklyn Cagers Appeal Decision

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The five Brooklyn College players who were expelled from school for accepting \$1,000 of the \$3,000 bribe to throw the game with Akron at Boston, announced they will appeal to the Municipal Board of Education for reinstatement.

Bob Leder, team captain, Stanley Simon, Jerry Green, Larry Pearlstein and Buddy Barnett, each will make individual appeals in writing to Harry Gideonse, college president, who will submit the cases to the city board.

It was learned that sportswriters, coaches, promoters and others connected with sports will be called by the grand jury next week. The grand jury was given an extension in order to investigate gambling in professional and amateur sports.

LaGuardia Blasts Basketball Bettors

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia charged that the practice of throwing college basketball games is widespread. He said "It just happened that Brooklyn College was the school that was caught, but Brooklyn College is not the only one."

LaGuardia spoke for 21 minutes overtime on the air, devoting practically all the excess time to gambling. He charged newspapers were partly responsible for giving encouragement to gamblers and rapped churches which hold Bingo games and places fostering gambling on horses.

Benton Returns to Tigers

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 5.—Three years in the Navy hasn't handicapped Al Benton's effectiveness as a pitcher and he is prepared to leave for Detroit and his first season with the Tigers since 1942. The big righthander was discharged from the Navy last November because of a sinus ailment.

Mumps Puts Richmond Cagers in Quarantine

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 5.—The University of Richmond basketball team is confined to the campus because of an outbreak of mumps, which has afflicted three varsity players.

Civilian and V-12 Trainees have been quarantined, too, and two games this week were cancelled. Games with Maryland, North Carolina, William and Mary and West Virginia may also be called off.

Scribes Cavort At Annual Fete

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The New York Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association held its annual eating and oratorical contest at the Hotel Astor last night with its usual lampooning of everybody connected with baseball.

The only part of the program seriously received was the presentation of plaques to Dixie Walker, Brooklyn Dodgers' outfielder, as "Player of the Year," and to Bill McKechnie, Cincinnati Reds' manager, who got the Bill Slocum Memorial for "having done the most for baseball over a period of years."

Fun was poked at Vince DiMaggio, who created a furore in Pittsburgh last summer when he turned in a bill for one meal totalling ten dollars. A writer depicted DiMaggio devouring a huge boar's head, stuffed with roast turkey and dessert.

A play on the 4F situation was received with glee. Two induction center doctors, accompanied by an MP, looked over some spavined ballplayers and finally drafted Connie Mack, Ed Barrow and Bob Quinn, whose combined ages go over the 200 mark.



Dixie Walker

USSTAF WACs Win

The USSTAF WACs defeated the (-) WACs in basketball, 35-10. Pfc. Joanna Hamby, of Charlotte, N.C., was high scorer for USSTAF with 14 points, while Pfc Alice Kenney scored eight for the losers.

Montreal Keeps Rolling

DETROIT, Feb. 5.—The Montreal Canadiens scored a goal in each period to defeat the Detroit Red Wings, 3-1, here last night. It was Montreal's 17th victory in 19 games against Detroit since Feb. 14, 1943.

Detroit kept pace with the league-leaders in the first period only when Carl Liscombe scored the equalizer after Elmer Lach put Montreal ahead. Maurice Richard scored his 39th goal of the season in the second period and Ken Mosdell stowed the game away with a deft shot in the final period. A crowd of 13,000 saw the game.

Leafs Nip Black Hawks

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Ted Kennedy scored three goals as the Toronto Maple Leafs defeated the Chicago Black Hawks, 4-3, his final goal breaking a 3-3 tie in the last period. Dick Metz registered the other Leaf goal in the first period.

Johnny Grosso, Bill Smith and Bill Mosenko scored for the Hawks, the first pair in the opening period and the latter in the second.

To Confer With Canadians

MONTREAL, Feb. 5.—Maj. Connie Smythe, of the Toronto Maple Leafs, revealed last night that at his suggestion the National Hockey League would appoint a committee to confer with Canadian officials "in an effort to clarify for the future what players are eligible for National League play."

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	28	5	3	59
Detroit	22	10	4	48
Toronto	18	15	2	38
Boston	12	21	2	26
New York	7	19	8	22
Chicago	6	23	5	17

The Question Box

Cpl. R. Pamorski—Michigan and Minnesota played a scoreless tie in 1933. Michigan lost yearly to Minnesota until 1943 when the Wolves triumphed, 49-6.

Cpl. Len Waldman—Mike Karakas never won the Vezina Trophy for the best National Hockey-League goal-tending record.

Lt. H. Haller—The Wilkinson brothers are playing currently with the Iowa basketball team after leading Utah to the National title, they are Clayton and Herbert. They were born in Hurricane, Utah. Neither nick-named "Lefty."

Lt. Leo Fenster—If there was a perfect throw or relay to the plate, and no error involved, a runner starting from second base could never get safely home on a fly to the outfield. It has been done, but always there was some circumstance that favored the runner. Can't tell you fastest speed of Bob Feller, but fastest pitched ball on record is Aley Donald's, of New York Yankees, clocked at 139 feet per second, or 94.7 miles an hour. There's no official record of the longest baseball throw, but Bob Meusel, of the Yankees (early '20s) was accepted as the player with the strongest arm in baseball at that time.

T/5 Harry Bortnick—Cage scores requested: Army 48, Columbia 31; Iowa 29, Michigan 27; Rhode Island 91, St. Joseph's 63; West Virginia 39, Penn State 34. No result available on Temple-Quonset game.

Pfc George Falcone—Gene Tunney won the heavyweight title from Jack Dempsey Sept. 20, 1926, won again in a return match, Sept. 22, 1927. On July 26, 1928 Tunney fought his last fight in

defense of his title, knocking out Tom Heeney in the 11th round, and retired after that bout.

Pvt. O. B. Hanson—Joe Louis is an American Negro. He is called the "Brown Bomber," because his skin is brown and he rocks his opponents like a B29. He is not part Indian. Tennis professionals usually play on a percentage basis. If a tournament draws well, their "take" is greater, and vice versa. We have no access to records showing their annual income from the game.

Sgt. John Cazdell—King Levinsky and Jack Dempsey met in a four-round exhibition bout in Chicago, Feb. 18, 1932, but never fought an official match. You may be thinking of Battling Levinsky, a different man, who was knocked out in six rounds by Dempsey, Nov. 6, 1918, in Philadelphia.

Pfc Mank and Yardbirds—Joe Louis was knocked out in 12 rounds by Max Schmeling in their first meeting. It was not a technical kayo.

Pfc Gordon Cooper and M. R. Horion—Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941. Boston Red Sox finished in fourth-place tie with the White Sox in 1940; second in 1941 and 1942, seventh in 1943 and fourth last year. Bobby Doerr's name was considered for the most valuable player award in 1944. Jim Tobin figured in all three no-hitters pitched during the 1944 season. He tossed two of them, against the Dodgers and Phillies, and was the victim of Clyde Shoun, of Cincinnati, in the other. He had no previous no-hitters during his major league career.

W/O J. M. Fitzpatrick—Bill Dickey started playing with the Yankees in 1928. In 1928 Ty Cobb ended his major league career with the Philadelphia A's.



Byron Nelson



Quip of the Week (from Maj. G. Gauthier) "You've heard of that famous double-play combination, "Tinkers-to-Evers-to-Chance"—well, there's a good one out in the Pacific, "Nimitz-to-Halsey," and they leave nothing to chance."

Observation. Some girls fall head over heels in love with real fellows—while other's hearts reel and they fall in love with heels.

"It doesn't pay, opines GI Joe, "to wave at a WAC in a public place, or whack a WAVE in a private place."

Daffynition (by Lt. Jay Wheeler) middle-age: That indefinite period when a man begins to feel friendly toward insurance agents.

Reflection. One never knows



what the short skirt will be up to next.

We doubt whether Confucius said this, but it sounds like his stuff: "Girls are wise about facts and figures. A girl with a good figure soon learns the facts."

A man we admire is the Texan who recently walked into a Houston bureau and applied for a marriage license. When informed the license cost two bucks, he changed his mind. "Tain't worth it," he remarked.

It happened on one of those icy roads on the outskirts of a town in Belgium. A GI hurrying along, tripped and fell, and slid against a woman who was walking ahead of him. The portly



woman fell on top of him and they slid to the bottom of the pathway. There the GI gallantly explained to the gasping woman, "Pardon me, Ma'm, you will have to get off—this is as far as I go."

Afterthought. A wedding ring is like a tourniquet. It often stops circulation.

J. C. W.



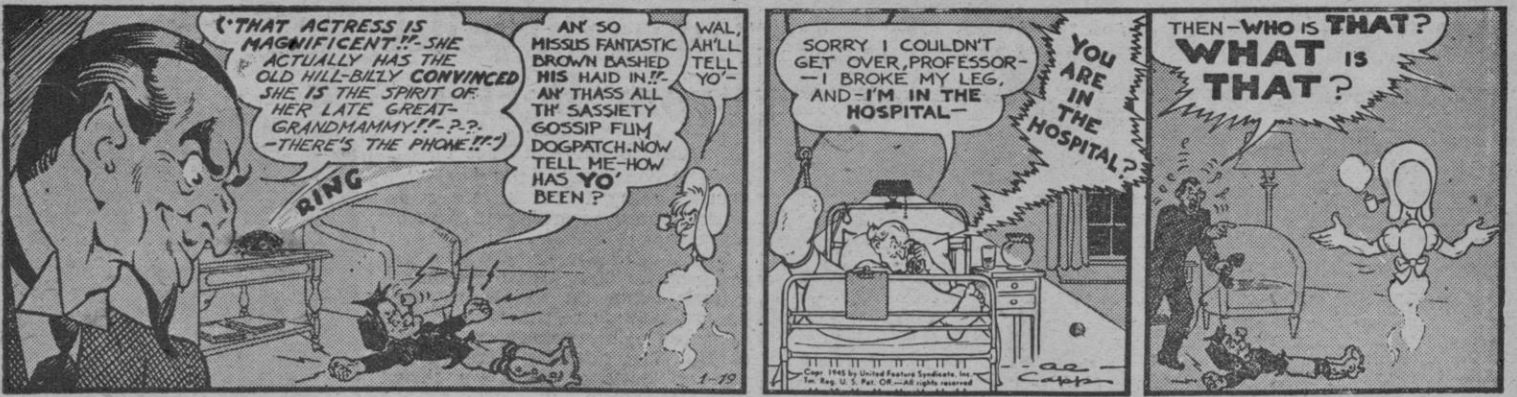
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1200-News	1830-Go to Town	0600-Rise and Shine
1215-Navy Mixture	1900-Raymond Scott	0700-News
1300-Variety Bandbox	1930-Music Hall	0715-Judy Garland
1400-News	2000-World News	0730-Return Eng'm't
1410-Round-Up	2005-U.K. News	0800-Combat Diary
1430-RCAF Band	2010-Canada News	0815-Personal Album
1500-Music	2015-Johnny Mercer	0830-Modern Music
1530-Combat Diary	2030-American Band	
1545-On the Record	2100-News	
1625-I'll Play	2105-Ch. McCarthy	
1700-News	2135-Dinah Shore	
1715-Canada Show	2200-U.S. News	
1800-News	2207-Hit Parade	
1805-Mark Map	2235-Music	
1810-Sports	2300-News	
1815-Brass Band		

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Reich Refugees Are Estimated At 23 Million

By William Werner
Associated Press Correspondent
SHAFF, Feb. 5.—Approximately 23,000,000 Germans—more than one-third of the pre-war population of the Reich—presently are refugees inside their embattled fatherland, according to information available through G5 Civil Affairs Section of SHAFF.

Before the beginning of the latest Russian offensive an estimated 2,000,000 of Hitler's people were homeless or temporarily sheltered away from their home towns. This circumstance was a result of the long hammering of German cities by Allied airmen in addition to the evacuation of towns and villages on the western and eastern frontiers.

Figure Vastly Larger

The figure is believed to have been swelled to 23 million since then by the mass flight of refugees in the path of the invading Red armies.

The plight of these refugees is strictly a German problem. Allied plans for a military government in Germany after that nation surrenders make no provision for outside aid in the rehabilitation of towns, industries or population. Allied aid is for the liberated countries—Germans must help themselves.

Allied governments are, however, vitally interested in the rescue of displaced persons of non-German nationality inside Germany, of whom there were estimated to be at least 6,000,000, without counting French Russian and other Allied prisoners of war.

French prisoners of war alone numbered 1,500,000 in 1940.

West an Illustration

The magnitude of the task of repatriating so many millions is glimpsed in the figures covering what has been accomplished so far in the liberated countries in the west.

So far the displaced persons branch of the Civil Affairs Section of SHAFF, commanded by Brig. Gen. Stanley R. Mickelsen, has supervised the evacuation of 210,000 displaced persons from combat zones in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg to emergency collection centers.

In addition there are 120,000 persons displaced during the Spanish Civil War who are presently in Southern France, plus 414,000 Poles who came to France before the war as laborers and were there when the Germans came.

The enormous task of handling refugees will be greatly enlarged if all of Germany falls swiftly under Allied control. The floodgates will thus be opened and great streams of homesick humanity will seek to rush homeward, impatient of any barriers.

Plans for control of the situation have been laid. Several thousand liaison officers from Allied armies will participate. Military government detachments will funnel the exiles through centers inside Germany, where displaced persons can be housed and fed while liaison officers from their countries sort them out.

Big Job

WITH 82ND AB DIV.—MPs of the 82nd AB Div., with a strength of 34 men and two officers, guarded as many as 4,900 Nazi prisoners at one time during the Holland and Normandy campaigns.

French Expect Gen. DeGaulle To Share in Big Three Talks

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of the Rhine "from one end to the other."

These views, which have the tacit approval of Great Britain and the Soviet Union, evoked "great sympathy" from Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's aid in his conversation with De Gaulle and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault during his recent visit here.

According to French officials, Hopkins brought no news on the possibility of a Roosevelt visit, but these officials pointed out that Roosevelt already has accepted a De Gaulle invitation "in principle," with only the date and circumstances left open.

If De Gaulle attends part of the Big Three conference he will bring the President back with him for Franco-American talks, the officials predicted.

Meanwhile as the Paris press carried only small portions of the address by U.S. Under Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew and withheld comment on his remarks, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman ex-

Big Little Girl



At 13 years old, Pauline Sands (yes that's her, above) is probably the youngest trainer of greyhounds in the United States. Her father has schooled her in the art of training the animals for racing competition.

14 Get Prison Terms In Thefts From Trains

In the swiftest sessions since the opening of the train-looting trials, two Paris courts martial yesterday heard guilty pleas from 14 EM and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from five to ten years.

The men, from the 716th and 724th Ry. Opg. Bns., admitted wrongfully disposing of Army supplies and asked for clemency, and another chance to serve as soldiers.

Trial of the second officer involved in the investigation is scheduled to open today.

pressed gratitude for Grew's outline of the sufferings of France.

"France already has America's promises of 26 ships for the first quarter of 1945," said the spokesman. "We know she wants to send more; she knows we want more help, but the question is how much she is able to send under present conditions."

Speculative reports from throughout the world yesterday had in common the belief that the Big Three was already in session. They differed only as to locale.

According to a report from London, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin are meeting either in Rumania or in a Russian port on the Black Sea. A German News Agency (DNB) report claimed that the discussions are taking place aboard a man o' war, but did not say where.

A United Press dispatch from Istanbul cited rumors among diplomatic circles there that the Big Three meeting was being held in Stalingrad.

Russians Cross Oder; 30 Miles From Berlin

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Soviet troops ringing the city threw overwhelming forces at three defense points, according to Moscow dispatches.

Fighting in the Danzig area was in progress for three communications towns on the Danzig-Berlin railway but thaw and rain appeared to have slowed the tempo of the Red advance here. There was no news of Zhukov's thrust toward Stettin in last night's Moscow communique.

Berlin Alert for 'Chutists

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Unconfirmed Swedish reports said today that the German high command has ordered all Berlin on the alert against possible Allied attempts to land paratroopers in the refugee-packed city.

Terror and confusion were reportedly mounting hourly as the Reds approached and Nazi leaders themselves tacitly admitted Berlin's desperate plight by clamping a news blackout on the city and forbidding civilian refugees to leave without special permission.

A trickle of news was still seeping through to Stockholm and these accounts indicated Berliners are beginning to crack under threat of the Russian invasion of the city and the grim reality of Anglo-American bombing.

Swedish sources estimated Berlin's casualties in Saturday's great American raid at 12,000 to 22,000 people.

Civilian refugees and east-bound troops were said to be hopelessly jammed at the city's main railroad stations, and one Swedish account said that German Army deserters and foreign workers are terrorizing parts of the capital.

Perfect Timing Was Major Factor In Raid on Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—A split-second prediction of weather conditions made possible Saturday's 1,000 plane raid on the heart of Berlin, it was officially disclosed today.

The success of the entire operation was threatened by the prediction that rain and poor visibility would close in on American airfields in England in the afternoon and that a weather front of impenetrable clouds would be over Berlin until noon.

A U.S. air force had just time to reach Berlin after the cloud front had passed and return to their bases before they were closed in by bad weather.

A miscalculation in the timing of the bombers or of forecasting the speed of the two weather fronts could have spelled disaster.

Occupation AF Termed Likely

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—An Allied occupation air force is expected to be among the key items in plans for the post-war control of Germany, it is believed in London.

Such a force would be set up on a more or less permanent basis and would consist mainly of fighters and fighter-bombers based at strategic points throughout the Reich. The bulk of the planes and pilots apparently would be supplied by America and Britain.

Fast planes would be able to reach any part of Germany within a few minutes.

The occupation force might be set up as part of an International Peace Patrol plan such as that recently submitted to Congress by Rep. Karl Mundt (R-S.D.). Mundt believes such a force should be manned by volunteers from the present flying forces.

Understanding of China Called Post-War Need

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (ANS).—China in the next 25 years will be the big unknown in world affairs, in the same way in which Russia has been in the last 25 years, Owen Lattimore, former advisor to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, said today.

Lattimore, director of the Page School of International Relations of Johns Hopkins University, appearing in a radio discussion, asserted: "The problem will be how to get together with China and know what she is doing, so that we are not caught as we were before this war, lacking a real understanding of Russia and what she was trying to do."

First Division CG



Brig. Gen. Cliff Andrus commands the U.S. First Div. now fighting in the Siegfried Line.

Siegfried Line Cracked Again

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defenses on the shores of Urft Lake.

Fifth Armored and 78th Inf. Div. forces captured Strouch and Steckenborn, both within two miles of the Rurstauee, the northernmost lake formed by the Urft River dams, Jones reported. Men of the 78th advanced farther into the Hurtgen Forest on the main Monschau-Duren Road, he said.

Ninth Inf. troops on the south shores of the Urftstauee or Urft Lake Reservoir put a patrol across the Urftalsperre Dam and fired at Germans on the far shore, Jones said. Other Ninth elements pushed 1,500 yards toward the Urft River, which flows into the Roer from the southeast. Second Inf. Div. forces were hit by a counter-attack after their patrols entered Hellenthal in this sector and found the town vacated.

Earlier reports said First Army troops penetrated a tight island of defenses near Wollseifen. This town is northwest of Gemund, in the lake district where Ninth Div. elements reached a portion of eastern Siegfried belt defenses along the south shore of the Urft Lake.

The east belt in this area was described as ranging in depth from a quarter of a mile to a mile and one-half.

Four Divisions on Move

Elements of the four First Army divisions—the First, Second and Ninth Inf. and 82nd Airborne Divs.—have slugged through the western belt along a 12-mile arc east of Monschau, from Einruhr, in the north, to Udenbreth in the south.

North of this four-division push into the Siegfried, 78th Div. forces in the Kesternich sector captured Ruhrberg, three-fourths of a mile from the Roer River, in a 3,000-yard gain, and pushed on the remaining distance to the west bank of the river.

There they seized high ground which gave them control of the Paulshoffen Dam, one of the waterworks in the complex system of dams, lakes and reservoirs in this area.

To the south, Ninth Div.'s 47th Inf. Regt. gained control of the Urftalsperre Dam to gain control of the southern bank of the Urft Lake, which is formed by the Urft River.

Close Up to Line

Advancing into the Schnee Eifel highlands from the Ardennes region, Third Army forces were meeting small-arms and mortar fire as they closed up to the Siegfried defenses south of First Army's penetration.

In the area of Schleiden and Gemund, the communications centers First Army is approaching, the ground is fairly high and rough. Eastward and northeastward, it becomes flatter near Euskirchen and Zulpich and levels out toward Bonn to permit armored operations.

Brenner Pass Bombings Cut Nazis' Italy Supplies

ALLIED HQ., Italy, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, today said that all-out bombing of Kesselring's lifeline across the Brenner Pass had reduced the flow of supplies from Germany to Italy to a trickle.

Half of Manila Is Free; Light Resistance Met

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Gen MacArthur from entering the city with one of the first spearheads. He turned back to find another route.

The Japanese in the southern section of Manila were destroying installations there and perhaps preparing for a last-ditch fight.

These enemy troops faced a new threat, from the south. U.S. paratroopers of the 511th Regt., 11th Airborne Div., landed on Tagaytay Ridge, 32 miles southwest of Ma-

Entry Into Manila Is Hailed by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP).—The American entry into Manila was hailed by President Roosevelt in a message which he sent to Sergio Osmena, President of the Philippines.

"Let the Japanese and other enemies of peaceful nations take warning from the great events in your country," Mr. Roosevelt said. "Their world of treachery, aggression and enslavement cannot survive in a struggle against our world freedom and peace."

The President also told Osmena: "The American people rejoice with me in the liberation of your capita..."

nila and caught the enemy by surprise.

The ridge commands a network of highways leading to Manila's back door. Soon after the paratroopers had landed, they were only 18 miles from the city. Behind them were other American forces taking the same route to the capital.

Liberator bombers struck again at the Corregidor fortress and the Cavite naval base. Other Liberators flew to Formosa and attacked an airbase.

Freed Civilians Wild With Joy

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by members of the First Cav. Div., was forecast in a dramatic manner on Feb. 3. Five American aircraft dived over the university grounds; one swooped low and dropped a pair of goggles to which a note was attached.

Unseen by the Japs, an American, James Stapler, picked it up and it read: "Roll out the barrel. We will be here Sunday or Monday." The pilot's 24-hour estimate was too conservative, she related, for about 6:30 that night the internees heard American tanks rumbling down Rizala Ave.

Asked Safe Conduct

Thirty minutes later, a tank with a 75mm gun faced the bolted door of the university turned prison.

"Open up," roared the Yank tank commander.

No hand appeared to slip the lock. "Open the goddam thing or I am coming anyway," the commander shouted again.

Still no response. "Go on in," the commander directed, in a low voice, "but don't shoot unless you have to, and be sure they're Japs."

With that the big tank crashed through.

On an upper floor of one building, while the freed internees deliriously poured on to the campus, the Jap prison commandant offered to surrender the prison in return for a safe-conduct guarantee.

"Tell him nothing doing," the Yank officer told his messenger. "And I'll give him ten minutes."

When the Jap commandant stood his ground, the Yanks swarmed into the building and a room-to-room fight ensued.

No prisoners or American troops were killed, although several were injured. About 270 hostages held by the Japs were released.

Planes from Carriers Hit Japs at Palembang

SEAC headquarters announced yesterday that carrier planes of a powerful British-East Indian naval task force had struck two heavy blows against Japanese oil installations at Palembang, in southern Sumatra.

British naval observers said that the attacks—made on Jan. 24 and Jan. 29—may have deprived Japan of approximately 75 percent of her aviation fuel output.