

"We are entering upon a year that should bring us victory in Europe."  
—Winston Churchill

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# Allies Reduce Nazi Salient

## Reds Fight In Heart of Budapest

Word that the Germans shot two Red Army officers sent into Budapest under a white flag to present a surrender ultimatum aroused Soviet troops to a fighting frenzy yesterday which carried them into the center of the Hungarian capital in a house-by-house battle of annihilation.

At the same time twin Soviet offensives westward along the Danube River toward Austria smashed on. The more advanced one, the southern push of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Second Ukrainian Army, was reported by the Moscow newspaper Pravda to be less than ten miles southwest of Komarom, the most important communication center on the route to the Austrian border, 60 miles beyond.

### New Underground Reported

As the Russians drove relentlessly nearer Vienna, a Reuter correspondent in Stockholm quoted reliable Austrian sources there as reporting the rise of an underground movement called the "Red Carnation" which hopes to liberate the Austrian capital as the French freed Paris.

The Russian ultimatum was delivered Wednesday, when Tolbukhin and Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army completed their encirclement of the city. But Moscow said that the Germans ignored the white flag and shot the two officers who carried the message.

The ultimatum was reported to have offered the same terms as (Continued on Page 8)

## U.S. Convoy Hit By Jap Planes

A Japanese aerial attack on a U. S. convoy bound for Mindoro Island in the Philippines was reported yesterday by Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, which said that eight planes were shot down.

The communique made no mention of U. S. losses. Tokyo, which said the convoy was a big one of 30 transports and 20 warships, claimed to have sunk or damaged 33 vessels so far in continuing attacks, including 18 transports, two cruisers and a PT boat sunk, but Japanese naval claims in the past have invariably been wildly exaggerated.

Tokyo also announced the appointment of Gen. Aikichi Ando, military commander on Formosa, as the Island's governor general. The Japanese press explained, according to the German Transoceanic News Agency, that "concentration of military and political power in one hand has become necessary because today Formosa is a front zone."

### BULLETIN

**SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 31 (Reuter).**—A Southern Pacific passenger train crashed into the rear of another train in marshes along the borders of Great Salt Lake today. First reports said 40 to 50 persons were killed.

## Reinforcements 'Sweat It Out' in Cold Ride to Front



Huddled under blankets to help protect them from the cold, Pvs Williard W. Knippenberg, of Montrose, Ill.; Nunzio Formith, of Brooklyn, Vincent Marks, of Philadelphia, and Jake Leonhardt, of Racine, Wis., ride on an open truck on the way to the front while . . .



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos  
... not quite so warm, T/5 Leon Willett, of Limestone, Me., peers up from his snow-fringed fox-hole on the Belgian countryside.

## C47 Pilot, On Bastogne Run, Bails Out; Joins the Fight

AT THE 441st TROOP CARRIER BASE, Dec. 31.—The German flak over Bastogne was as thick as sheets of upside-down rain. 1/Lt. Robert L. Anstey, of Scottsbluff, Neb., had just dropped a load of ammunition from his C47 to surrounded troops of the 101st Airborne when his transport was hit and burst into flames.

His four-man crew bailed out immediately, but Anstey stayed aboard "to tidy up the ship" and make sure nothing usable would fall into the hands of the Nazis. His delay kept him from being killed or taken prisoner, because the crew jumped out over German territory. They haven't been heard from since.

When he bailed out, the C47 (Continued on Page 8)

## Yanks Retake Barga On Italy West Coast

ROME, Dec. 31.—U.S. Negro troops have recaptured the village of Barga near the west coast of Italy, which the Germans took in their abortive drive down the Serchio Valley last week, Allied Headquarters announced today. Activity on the rest of the Italian front was confined to patrols.

## 1,300 Bombers Pound Reich in Year-End Raid

An armada of more than 1,300 Flying Forts and Liberators delivered their own particular brand of New Year's greetings to the Reich yesterday, and wound up a year in which Allied planes have subjected Germany to the most intensive bombing the world has ever known.

It was the second straight day that 1,300 Eighth AF heavies have pounded the Reich, and the ninth day of ceaseless bombing of targets behind the bulge.

The bombers were escorted by more than 700 Mustangs and Thunderbolts as they attacked six rail bridges over the Rhine, Moselle and other rivers opposite the battle area, oil refineries and U-boat yards at Hamburg, an airplane plant and airfields at Wenzendorf, and communication centers leading to the penetration zone.

### Totals for Year

Yesterday's attacks brought the Eighth AF's total for the year alone up to 196,314 bomber and 160,958 fighter sorties against the Germans. The heavies have struck with nearly 900,000,000 pounds of high explosives and incendiary bombs at industry and at armies and communications. More than 7,000 enemy planes have been shot down by Eighth fighters and bombers alone during 1944, and others destroyed on the ground.

Eighth losses for the year were 2,632 bombers and 1,446 fighters, as they damaged or destroyed 27,818 rail cars, 5,595 locomotives, 7,051 motor vehicles, 266 armored vehicles, 148 tanks and 146 ammunition and fuel dumps.

Greatest proportion—32 percent (Continued on Page 8)

## U.S. Takes Rochefort, Hits 'Bulge'

Allied armies which have gained the initiative in the Battle of the Bulge continued pounding in the shrinking German salient in Belgium as the New Year came to the freezing Western Front. But intensified enemy patrol activity north of the bulge along the Dutch River Maas suggested the possibility that Field Marshal von Rundstedt might try a new attack in the north.

The western point of Von Rundstedt's arrow-headed salient was reduced further yesterday when, according to Reuter and Associated Press front reports, Americans captured Rochefort. This Belgian road center is 35 miles from the German frontier on an east-west line running through the center of the bulge.

At its high-water mark, the German counter-offensive had rolled more than 50 miles into Belgium.

### Seek Soft Spot

Continuous probing by German patrols into Allied positions on the Maas led to the belief that the Germans were hunting for a soft spot in Allied lines. Patrols were met north of Tilburg, Holland, but withdrew when Allied guns opened up on them.

On this front above the bulge, where battle lines have been comparatively stable, a Nazi force estimated at two companies attacked and captured the village of Tripzath, two miles north of Gellenkirchen. Allied forces regained the village and restored previous positions in a counter-attack.

The capture of Rochefort, while (Continued on Page 8)

### Exchange of Notes

## Said the General To the Private: We Aim to Please

WITH 35TH INF. DIV., Dec. 31.—Pvt. Norton C. Addison is the perfect guest. He always thanks the host when he has a good time at a party.

Addison, who comes from Chicago, recently had a four-day pass at a Third Army rest camp. He saw many movies, danced a little and tied the doughnut-eating record.

So Norton C. dropped a note to the host and explained what a nice time he had. The host, amazed at the consideration of his guest, answered the note:

"My dear Addison . . . have been trying to look out for the health and happiness of soldiers for 35 years . . . However, your letter is the first time . . . I have ever received written thanks, and I am very appreciative of your having taken the trouble to write. I trust that you and your grand outfit will have continued success and wish you and them a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Victorious New Year."

It was signed: —Truly yours, G. S. Patton, Jr., Lt. Gen., U. S. Army, Commanding."



## Should Auld Acquaintance . . .

By Charles White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NEW YEAR'S in other, better days used to be fun. . . horns tooting, people tooting, everybody sort of tense 'till the whistles started blowing. . . And about noon on January 1 the Associated Press always came through with a story or two about lovelorn cashiers who counted up the shortages Dec. 31 and hung themselves during the night. . . always made it a complete New Year's, around a newspaper office, anyway.

Maybe it'll come up again this year. Maybe it'll be Adolf. Somebody better remind him. . .

Not necessary, though. Here's to New Year's, 1945, which Rundstedt told his boys they'd spend in Paris—and to a lot of people going the other direction, with a lot more after them. The hanging, like Heaven, can wait.



**THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE**

**Dear Sammies**

This letter was left under the door of our Civil Affairs motor pool and really touched the hearts of all our men:

Dear Sammies,

Today is a beautiful day; or more exactly, should be a beautiful day for everybody on earth. Alas! This terrible war is not over and you are far from your families and traditional cheerful Christmas rejoicings. Maybe you are a little blue today.

But a little French girl who is 15 years old and who has much admiration for you has thoughts of you. May these few lines say her gratitude and her thanks to you and in spite of my mistakes read in this letter a lot of wonderful things she wishes you from the bottom of her heart.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, dear Sammies!! Your friend, Marie-Rose.—Cpl. B. S. Tiraboschi, nine others.

**GI Laundry**

We members of an Ordnance auto maintenance outfit are very proud of the work done by Ordnance, but are ashamed and pretty sore about a condition that everyone seems to ignore.

We visit lots of Ordnance control points in communication and combat zones and we see hundreds of good tires lying in the mud, rotting, driven over by other vehicles, sitting half inflated on wrecked vehicles and even used as dunnage in sink holes. We think it is time someone did something.

Perhaps it is not good for any branch of the service to wash its dirty sox in public, but we hope that someone with a lot of brass will recognize the need for some good strong soap.—1/Sgt. R. G. Nelson, 80 others.

**O! My Aching Bag**

I read a B-Bag letter Dec. 17 that marked the start of the destruction of a noble and useful Army institution. When a chaplain has to take his troubles to The Stars and Stripes, it's time for every soldier to sit up and take notice. No longer will a GI be able to take his TS card to the chaplain to be punched. Any day now we'll be hearing as a retort to complaints: "Tell it to The Stars and Stripes the chaplain gave B-Bag his punch."

Who the hell does The Stars and Stripes take its troubles to?—Pvt. Joseph N. Switkes, F.A. (And have we got troubles!—Ed.)

**Digs—Without Shovels**

We landed on the beaches through five feet of water before the echoes of the invasion guns were swallowed by the storm. Our trucks came through OK. Before the St. Lo explosion we got the salt water kinks out of them. That was the last maintenance work done on them before we met resistance on the German border.

We gassed our tanks under fire. We traveled that odd mile back to Paris and raced back overnight to our waiting tanks. You remember the gas shortage?

The old story: little sleep, short rations and rugged life. All this time our trucks were on the go, no breakdowns. We were happy because it meant a quicker victory.

We got into a static stage for a short time and the "Birds" came around and put a buck slip through channels; "muddy trucks, untidy, general appearance, bad." That was the only slap on the back we received. Never an official good word before that. You should have

seen the faces of our men when that "reprimand" was read to them.

Well, the trucks were cleaned and painted inside and out, to prepare our entry into Germany. You should see the trucks now, buried in mud!—Combat Drivers.

**German Solution**

What should be done with Germany after her ultimate defeat?

The real solution is to take a good share of Germany and keep it. Make a state, territory or colony of it, but make the German people live under our flag and government.

Start out with the little children, teach them English and our way of living. Yes, it will take money, but what better industrial gold mine could be had than a part of this country that is known the world over for its scientific and industrial achievements?

Who is going to stay over here to help reconstruct our new territory? Why, men like myself who would be willing to bring our families over here for a period of years to work, making sure that our sons are not over here in the next 20 or 30 years to take up where Dad left off.—1/Lt. Robert H. Palmatary, Ord.

**Health Notes**

We "Flak" fellows can't understand why convoys keep their lights on while being strafed.

When you guys see AA burst around you, it's not that we're doing it for show purposes. Something is up there meaning business.

Recently, we had to station a man on the road and order "Lights Out."

As soon as the convoy got over the next hill on went the lights and down came Fritz, strafing.—"Warfield's Warriors."

**Team Work**

The enclosed article is from my home town paper:

At the Hebrew New Year's service at the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, the altar was loaned by the Catholics, the candles were given by the Presbyterians and the flowers were the gift of the commandant, an Episcopalian. Where else could this happen except in America? —Pfc I. L. F., Inf.

A basketball game was played between a Negro and a white team. Throughout the game the highest quality of sportsmanship was maintained by all members of both teams, much to the enjoyment of the spectators, who were members of both races. More events such as this one tend toward closer co-operation between white and Negro troops.—T/5 Melvin A. Greene, Sig. Bn.

**Private Breger**



"...And now we take you to Times Square, where thousands of joyous merrymakers await the stroke of twelve to usher in the New Year...."

**An Editorial**

**Hitler, Count Your Men**



FROM an old soldier comes this New Year's letter:

"There is no such thing as a little battle; conversely, no big battle was ever won except through winning a lot of little battles. Every engagement is a big one to the men who are being shot at, even if it is a four-man patrol. Every battle which has or will become famous in world history has been won or lost because a few individuals at a particular point had what it takes while their opponents did not. Their small local successes with other small local successes elsewhere in the battle area combined to make a smashing victory."

At Bastogne they had what it takes. They had what it takes at a thousand other

lonely outposts where Rundstedt's panzers poked out of the morning mists in their last bid for glory.

How many Bastognes... how many "local successes" it will take to win this war... no one knows. How much higher we must pile the German dead... how many more hande hochs... how many more bids and bloody rebuffs before the finish—are questions veiled in the months to come.

But this New Year's Day is filled with promise. Promise that the free man's love of peace may not be long denied. Promise of victory in the West. Of unconditional surrender. Of Hitler counting his men. With none to answer.

**SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE**

**Potential Privates**

In the Seventh Army's recent PW haul was a former German officer who had been busted for speaking his mind about the Nazi party. He said that if all officers in the German Army were to express their political opinions, there would be "enough privates to form a division."

**Creep-and-Crawl Express**

He was the company mail clerk and he knew that registered mail should be delivered by hand. So Pfc Robert A. Brown, 36th Div. soldier from

Detroit, got a tommy-gun and a couple of grenades from his first sergeant and crawled under small-arms fire to an outpost to get a letter receipted by the addressee.

**Seeing Stars**

There were plenty of stars around when Leland S. Osmun, of Haddon Heights, N.J., received a field commission as a second lieutenant. Maj. Gen. Louis Craig, Ninth Inf. Div. commander, pinned on a Silver Star and cluster and a Bronze Star and cluster in addition to Osmun's new bars. The lieutenant already has six battle stars on his ETO ribbon.

**Send a Wire**

Two members of a Fifth Inf. Div. wire crew have discovered a new way to get a wire across a river. Sgt. Wesley Shell, wire chief from New Holstein, Wis., and Pvt. Peter A. Rodriguez, of San Fernando, Calif., tied a wire to a grenade and fired the grenade across the Seille River without pulling the pin. A wire party on the other side of the river took the line and completed the connection.

**The (Roving) Raider**

On Nov. 11, 1942, in Safi, French Morocco, The Raider, newspaper of the Ninth Inf. Div.'s 47th Regt. made its first appearance. Cpl. Robert Dunn, former Philadelphia Record reporter, gathered the news from BBC broadcasts received over a small portable battery radio taken from a Special Service recreational kit. Today, in Germany, Dunn still edits The Raider and he still uses the same radio.

**Stationary Traveler**

"I was born in Germany, brought up in France, spent four more years in Germany, and now I'm in France

again. Yet I've lived all my life in Sarrebourg."

That's what one 40-year-old resident of the city told a 44th Div. doughboy. Although it sounds like one for Ripley, it's really quite simple. After the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, the German conquerors took Alsace-Lorraine and it remained German until France recovered it after World War I. In 1940, the Reich grabbed it again. Now the city, liberated by the XV Corps, is back in France.

**Time to Leave**

Pfc Marr D. Simons, of Delta, Utah, a 102nd Div. doughboy, wandered up to a nearby dugout one dark night to find out the time. He almost fell over two soldiers, one of whom was fumbling around in the darkness on hands and knees. "What's up?" Simons asked. "We're



looking for the safety pin off a grenade," came the mumbled reply. Simons waited patiently several minutes, and then, to relieve the silence, asked, "Where's the grenade?" "In my hand," answered the GI who was standing up. Simons left without finding out the time.

**Births** Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

- CAPT. James J. Donnelly, Clarksville, Tenn.—James Jr., Dec. 3; Pvt. Harold Sanford, New York—Paul, Dec. 24; Pvt. Edward J. Zakzeski, Bethlehem, Pa.—boy, Oct. 20
- PVT. Bernard Seigel, Rochester—Linda Joy, Dec. 12; Lt. Wilburn C. Missey, St. Louis—Sharon Anne, Dec. 8; Lt. Frank T. Bennett, Dallas—girl, Dec. 26; Milton Claude Livingstone, MAM 2/c, Baldwin, N.Y.—June Ida May, Dec. 14

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This Was America on the Last Day of '44:

# Old Year Shuffles Out In Hail of Popping Corks

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

**N**EW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bands will play, corks will pop. People will get in fights, guys and gals will fall in love, they think, and elevator boys get lots of tips tonight. The bell hops will get theirs tomorrow, when America takes its New Year's headache powder and returns grimly to the task of whipping 1945—a job they're all in deadly earnest about despite holiday appearances.

The 79th Congress convenes next Wednesday, hoping its main job will be shaping the plowshares of peace from the instruments of war forged during the last four years. It faces many challenging problems, most of them dealing with that transition, but one of the toughest jobs it will tackle is directly related to war—universal military training.

**I**N addition to peacetime conscription, these subjects are on the Congressional list: broadening of social security, revision of war taxes, reconversion, peacetime employment, wage stabilization, price controls, national debt, and possibly the drafting of a "lasting peace" plan.

Compulsory peacetime training of some sort is a probable, with indications it will be one year of GI learning at the age of 18 or shortly thereafter. And almost a certainty is some kind of legislation on full peacetime employment.

**O**UT in Hollywood (notice how an item from filmland always pops up about this spot every day? That's because we like good typography and topography. Get it?) . . . Well, Esther Williams' bathing suit "gave" 'til it hurt. The same one she wore in "Bathing Beauty" has been taken over by 200-pounder Royce Parker, of Bellevue, Ill., who won it with a War Bond purchase.

Not to mention liars in the same column as Congressmen, but the Burlington, Wis., Liars Club caused it. They awarded year's honors to a WAC Captain, Hope Harrin, of Conway, Ark. Hope said she had her girl-friend shipped overseas, conveniently dehydrated. All she had to do was pour water on her.



Esther, Royce and swim suit

**T**HE 101st Airborne Div. is getting all the headlines in the U.S. today. On every front page is the story of Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor's dramatic flight from Washington to Bastogne, and next in prominence is Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe's reply, "Nuts!" to the Germans. Remember when the 82nd Div. said the 101s were "amateurs"?

## Gloria Couldn't Spend Her Income

**A**ROUND the nation's big cities there isn't very much news. From Cleveland, Ohio, comes the plea of Carl E. Newton, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway—"We believe there is a real demand for a through continental passenger service." In New York Gloria Vanderbilt couldn't spend her income . . . bank account as of Wednesday was \$4,363,099. Soldiers in Philadelphia are trying to settle the shortage of dockside labor. Only half the required number of stevedores are available.

From Ft. Madison, Iowa, comes the story of a conscientious objector who was a trifle off the beam. Stanley M. Kaster, who evaded the draft because he "didn't want any part of a killing," died on the gallows at the state penitentiary for slaying a guard.

## FBI Probes Houston Dock Blaze

**D**OWN in Houston, the FBI began preliminary investigation of a dock fire which destroyed the terminal of the American Liberty Pipe Line Company, two oil barges and fire-fighting apparatus on the Houston Ship Canal with an estimated loss of \$250,000.

**I**N Springfield, Mass., the Museum of National History has a new exhibit—a cigarette. The inscription on the card reads, "It is becoming rare."

**I**F you've got an enemy from Chicago, give him the latest crime figures blowing in off the lake. This year they raked up 176 murders, against 169 for 1943, and the crime total for 11 months of 1944 was 32,087, against 30,862—with New Year's still to go.

**O**N the police front, the Army is winning. A patrolman at Phenix City, Ala., was suspended for being rough with a soldier. So seven other members of the department quit—leaving eight cops to keep 27,000 people and any more soldiers from Ft. Benning in line.

**G**EORGE GALLUP, appearing before the House committee on campaign expenditures, denied he snitched in favor of Dewey, then admitted he did. That is, two percent's worth. He said he believed there would be a light vote, and knocked off the two percent from Roosevelt returns. And thus another American Ideal goes galloping—at least two percent of it.

## A&N Journal Denounces Charge of 'G2 Blunder'

**W**ASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (ANS).—The Army and Navy Journal, in an editorial on the German offensive, said, "This is no time to cry about blunders and errors, to denounce the failure of American intelligence, as did Gen. Peyton March, Chief of Staff of World War I."

March had said in an interview that a complete breakdown of Allied military intelligence had preceded the German breakthrough. The Journal said that the past performances of Eisenhower and the Allied leaders must be kept in mind.

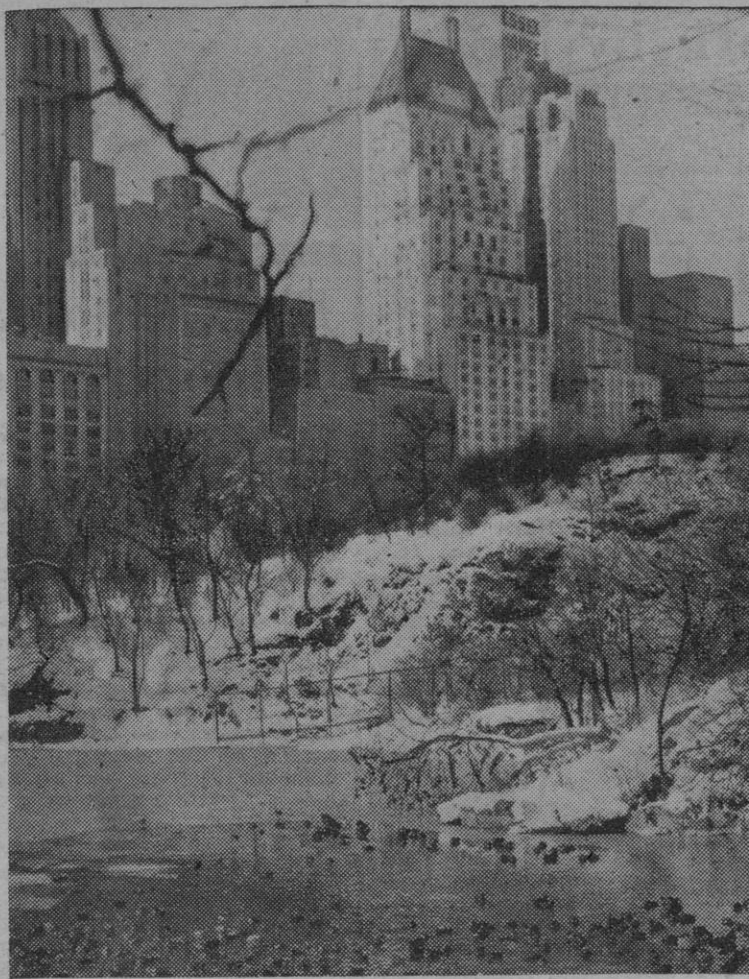
## UNRRA Aid for Poland

**W**ASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (ANS).—UNRRA relief for Poland and Czechoslovakia is ready and awaiting Russian assurances that it will be forwarded, Director Herbert Lehman announced upon his return from London.

## Saying It With Music

**D**ENVER, Dec. 31 (ANS).—As the Army took over Denver's Montgomery Ward store yesterday, a woman clerk played "The Army Has Made a Man Out of Me" at the phonograph counter. She said she thought it "very appropriate."

## Winter Sets In—New York City



Ah! Snow! Not Western Front snow, but the U.S.A. variety as it looks today on Central Park. Picture was taken last Christmas Day, overlooking one of the park's lakes, facing Central Park South.

## Freak Weather Rampant In the States During 1944

**W**ASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (ANS).—Freak weather made 1944 a year for old-timers of 50 years hence to recall. Those in Great Lakes states can say, "Remember January of '44? It seemed like summer. Buds began to swell."

A temperature of 62 at Alpena, Mich., on Jan. 26, was the highest in 98 years. In the one-time dust bowl, '44 can be remembered as the year it rained so long and so hard that the wheat harvest was delayed and crops damaged. In much of the usually well-watered Ohio Valley, last summer was one when many farmers were hauling water because of the drought.

The weather also made this other news, as recorded by the Weather Bureau:

Hailstones three inches in diameter fell on Memphis during March thunderstorm; the Mississippi crested at St. Louis on April 30 at 39.1 feet, highest since 1844; in May the Mississippi rose to the highest stage ever recorded from Keokuk, Iowa, to Hannibal, Mo.; June tornadoes striking in Pennsylvania and West Virginia killed 154, caused \$5,000,000 property damage; September hurricane lashed 900 miles of the East Coast from Hatteras northward, killed 390 and did \$100,000,000 damage; October hurricane hit Florida, caused heavy damage to fruit crop; much of eastern half of country right now is struggling out from under the most widespread ice storm in years.

## Boston's Booksellers Gain Censorship Victory

**B**OSTON, Dec. 31 (ANS). Boston's method of book censorship received its first setback in its 63-year history yesterday when a municipal judge refused to convict a woman bookseller of selling an allegedly obscene novel, Erskine Caldwell's "Tragic Ground."

"I am getting tired of books being banned," said Judge Elijah Adlow, dismissing the case against Miss Margaret Anderson, 46, charged with possessing and selling indecent literature.

## Former Gob 'Confesses' To Hollywood Murder

**S**AN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 (ANS).—A man in his early 20s walked into police headquarters and confessed that he killed Georgette Bauerdorff, 20, Hollywood oil heiress, in her apartment last October.

He gave his name as John Lehman Sunter, and told them he had spent some time in a mental hospital. Officers said he was discharged from the Navy for mental disability. He carried a detective magazine describing the murder, and told police, "Read all about it in there."

## Army Sets Up Its Own Office To Run Wards

**C**HICAGO, Dec. 31 (ANS).—Apparently seeking to avoid a repetition of the incident of last April when two GIs carried Board Chairman Sewell L. Avery bodily out of his office at Montgomery, Ward and Co., the Army set up its own offices yesterday from which to operate the seized plants.

Six-by-sixes unloaded office furniture at an auditorium not far from the office where Avery defiantly sat in his swivel chair. A completely separate Army switchboard was set up with a WAC tech sergeant, Marie Kuzma of Pittsburgh, in charge. Marie was the telephone operator in charge of the switchboard for the Roosevelt-Churchill conference in Quebec.

Over the New Year's holidays, the government won round one by gaining access to the company's books.

## Business-Man General Army Boss of Wards

**W**ASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, who moved in and took charge of Montgomery Ward's mail order house last week, is a business-man despite his two stars and an Army title. Byron's present job with the Army Service Forces involves, among other things, the running of a billion-dollar-a-year PX business which tops Ward's \$600,000,000 a year business.

Between 1933 and 1935, Byron helped set up the NRA's leather goods code. At this time he was running his own leather goods business, having quit his earlier army career.

## Steel Workers Get Pay Raise

**W**ASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (ANS).—Steel workers received an OK from Stabilization Director Fred Vinson last night for War Labor Board approved wage increases estimated to average five to seven cents an hour.

Announcing his decision, Vinson said that the Office of Price Administration had advised that this boost for more than 400,000 workers in iron and steel industry would not necessitate general increases in prices of steel products.

WLB decided the steel wage case Nov. 25, but said at that time pay changes it approved should not become effective unless the OPA found that they would not necessitate an increase in steel prices or unless Vinson ordered pay changes into effect.

## Ickes Pledges U.S. Aid To West Coast Nisei

**W**ASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (ANS).—Secretary of Interior Ickes today declared in a statement directed to American soldiers of Japanese ancestry that the War Relocation Authority will give "all assistance" to Japanese-Americans who leave relocation centers under recent lifting of the order which barred them from the West Coast.

## Chaplin Comes Out Second In Kicking Bout With Door

**B**EVERLY HILLS, Dec. 31 (ANS).—Charles Chaplin, whose paternity trial has provided him with three hectic weeks in court, injured his leg last night, when he attempted to kick in the door of his home after losing his keys.

Police Chief C. H. Anderson reported that the 55-year-old comedian, accompanied by his wife, 19-year-old Oona O'Neill, reached home at a late hour and, finding his keys missing, tried to gain entrance with his foot.

He was taken to a Beverly Hills emergency hospital and then to Cedars of Lebanon Hospital for treatment of a severe cut on the leg, Anderson said.

Verbal hostilities in the paternity suit, recessed over New Year's

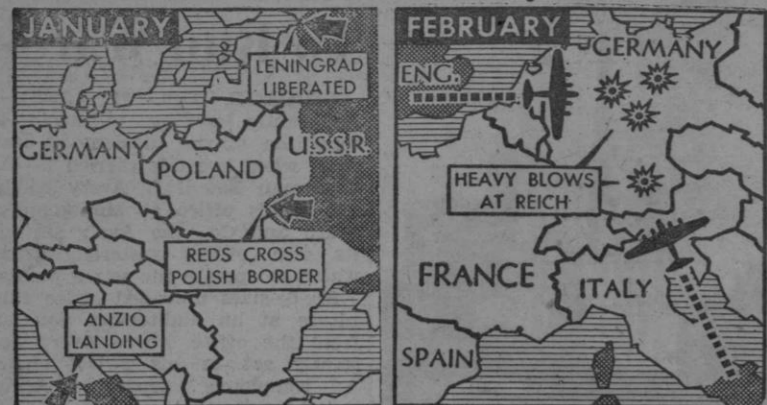
Day, will be renewed Tuesday. Charles E. Millikan, Chaplin's attorney, will then receive his chance to tell the jury his version of the case of 24-year-old Joan Berry, the comedian's former protegee, who is demanding the actor be adjudged the father of her 14-month-old baby.

Millikan's argument will be followed by rebuttal from Miss Berry's attorney, and then Superior Judge Henry M. Willis will instruct the jury and send it out to deliberate.

In Boston, The Pilot, official newspaper of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, editorially assailed Chaplin, asserting that "through the foulness of his example" he has lowered the respect which people naturally hold for his high position and advancing years.

On the European Fronts

The War Month-by-Month



Reds move on Ukraine front, free Leningrad after a siege of 29 months. Yanks land at Anzio.



Bombing destroys estimated 80 per cent of Nazi fighter output in strikes from England and Italy.



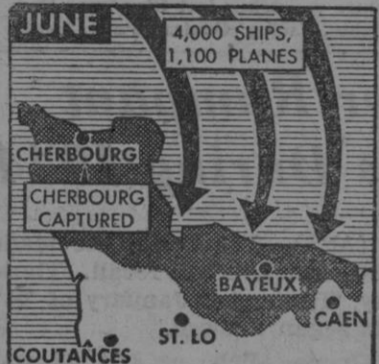
Reds cross Bug River, take Cernauti, 15 miles from the Tartar pass, the Balkan gateway.



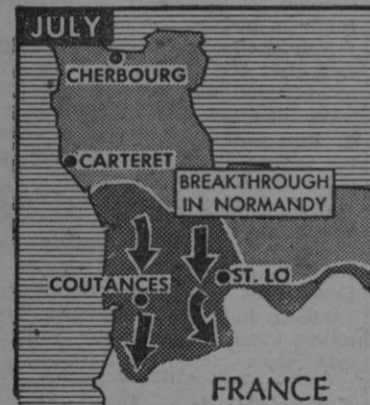
Reds smash into Rumania. U.S. 15th Air Force bombs Bucharest and Ploesti from Italy bases.



Allied offensive in Italy opens. Cassino is taken. Bombs fall on railroad yards in Rome.



D-Day arrives. Cherbourg falls June 21. Nazis hit Britain with the robot bomb, casualties heavy.



Allies break out of Normandy at St. Lo. German generals fail in attempt to kill Hitler.



Eisenhower overruns France faster than the Germans did in 1940. Paris is freed Aug. 25.



Allies invade Germany. Gothic line in Italy caves. Reds sweep into Czechoslovakia and Hungary.



Allies plod through flooded Dutch lowlands, reach Maas River. Aachen is pulverized by U.S. troops.



Winter offensive on Reich opens Nov. 16. Advance is slow, costly. Germans fight fanatically.



Yanks and Tommies inch slowly to the Rhine. Nazis open counter-blows, pierce U.S. lines.

Invasion Day Biggest Story, Editors Agree

THE invasion of Normandy was the greatest story of 1944 in the opinion of 176 American newspaper editors who participated in the AP year-end poll.

The first "break" in the year's biggest story came early in the morning of June 6, when German broadcast that Havre was being shelled and the Atlantic Wall being assailed.

The story was quickly confirmed in London. An armada of 3,200 transports and landing craft, guarded by 800 warships, swept across the narrow, turbulent Channel under an umbrella of 11,000 aircraft.

It was history's greatest amphibious operation and it was carried out according to plan. Gaining a firm foothold, the troops turned west and in three weeks captured Cherbourg. Stale-mated for a time within the Norman hedgerows, the Allies broke out at St. Lo in mid-July and swept through France.

On Aug. 15, another invasion force from the Mediterranean swept up the Rhone valley toward the Rhine.

Election in Wartime

Americans were in these jump-off positions when the U.S. newspapers devoted their next biggest headlines to a domestic story—first U.S. wartime election campaign since 1864. It was a precedent-making campaign and one of the hottest in half a century.

Organized labor took a hand in national politics for the first time. The soldier vote was an indispensable factor.

When the smoke of E-day cleared away, Mr. Roosevelt had carried 36 states with 432 electoral votes; Dewey won 12 states and 99 electoral votes.

MacArthur's Return

The third most important story was Gen. MacArthur's return to the Philippines.

In one week, off Luzon and Formosa, a mighty task force under commandant of Admirals Halsey and Mitscher sank or damaged 146 Japanese ships and destroyed more than 800 planes. In the second naval battle of the Philippines, the U.S. Third and Seventh fleets sank 24 more Japanese warships, probably sank 14 and damaged 22 others.

The B29 raids on Japan (fourth greatest story of the year) began July 7.

Hitler Plot Ranks Fifth

The attempt to assassinate Hitler was fifth on the editors' list. One man was killed and others seriously wounded, but Hitler reportedly escaped with slight injuries.

The Nazis' vaunted secret weapons, V1 and V2, rated sixth in the editors' file. V1, a jet-propelled, pilotless plane with a range of about 150 miles, descended on Britain ten days after D-Day.

The seventh story was domestic—the tragic circus fire in Hartford, Conn. On a sunny July afternoon, flames leaped through the big-top of Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey, spreading panic in an audience of 6,000, including many children. The death toll was 168, with hundreds seriously burned.

Russian Drive Cited

The massive Red drive which cleared Russian soil of Nazis was the next most important story of the year.

The death of Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican 1940 presidential nominee, in October, on the eve of elections, was the third domestic story to rate in the first ten.

The dramatic Balkan crackup was voted tenth place. Primarily, as a result of the Russian drive, Rumania quit the war Aug. 23, Bulgaria Oct. 11, and Greece was completely liberated shortly thereafter by the British.

A Review of 1944

What's in Store for 45

EVERYBODY back home with a political appointment better than Justice of the Peace or enough money in his pocket for entry fee at Harry's was asked this week for a 1945 prediction. The results were various, but most of the predictions were optimistic in the long range view. There is such a determination not to be fooled into over-optimism, however, that forecasts were on a note somewhat grimmer than usual at this time of year.

Not Producing Fast Enough

Robert P. Patterson, Under-Secretary of War, saw "nothing to support the notion we can dispose of Japan in short order, once Germany is beaten." He foresees no miracles. "We will have to defeat them the hard way."

J. A. Krug, War Production chairman: "... More War Production. The blunt truth is that we are not producing war goods fast enough." (Even though America is making five billion dollars worth a month.)

Dewey Will Build Up Power

Politically, fortunately, will be comparatively quiet. Republicans watching for Democratic mistakes, planning a Congressional comeback. Dewey building his fences for the 1946 governorship race, with an eye on 1948. CIO reaching out for new fields of influence.

Russia Dominant European Power

The editors of Associated Press, in better position to know than most, brought forth predictions that look pretty good... IF. The IF is coupled with WHEN Germany is beaten. They think it will be in 1945, but noticeably fail to say how early in that year. But that won't bring peace. It will release a flood of politico-social upheavals, some of them bloody, which will sweep Europe. War with Japan will reach its peak, they say, but it will be a miracle if

the Allies achieve victory short of 1946. China will hit bottom, they say. And note this: "Russia will assume her new title of dominant power of Europe and Asia."

V-E Plus Six for Reconversion

In Industry, reconversion depends entirely on the same IF and WHEN, AP's men divine. They estimate it will be six months after V-E Day before folks back home will get refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, etc. A few new passenger cars, maybe, in the second half of the year. With the fall of Germany, organized labor will have its problems, membership falling off. CIO, it is pointed out, already is planning to meet this.

Farmers, AP predicts, will have to look out and prepare against a break in prices such as occurred after World War I. The food outlook generally is sound. Some shortages expected, but nothing serious. Points and stamps will continue for meat, butter, sugar, canned foods.

Best Derby bet? Pick a Shetland Tahr.

Notable Dates On the Home, Battle Fronts

JAN. 3: Federal grand jury charges 30 with plot to incite mutiny in armed forces, unseat the government and set up a Nazi regime.

Jan. 13: Roosevelt sends \$99,769,000,000 victory budget to Congress, calling for appropriations to finish off the Axis.

Jan. 22: Allies land 20 miles south of Rome.

Jan. 29: USS Missouri, "most formidable warship in the world," launched.

Jan. 31: U.S. invades Marshalls.

March 4: Louis Lepke electrocuted.

March 20: Nazis occupy Hungary.

March 24: German occupation of Rumania confirmed.

April 3: Russians invade Rumania.

April 4: Yanks bomb Bucharest.

April 12: Soviets free Kerch peninsula.

April 17: Airliner crosses country in six hour 53 minutes, setting record for eastbound flight.

April 22: Yanks land at Hollandia and Aitape; simplified tax program approved by Ways and Means Committee.

April 27: Sewell L. Avery, Montgomery Ward chairman, forcibly removed from Chicago plant when troops take over after Roosevelt order is rejected.

April 28: Secretary of Navy Frank Knox dies.

May 10: Reds take Sevastopol.

May 18: Cassino falls.

May 20: Communist party of the U.S. dissolves itself.

May 27: U.S. invades Biak.

June 4: Allies take Rome.

June 6: Allies invade Normandy.

June 14: Yanks land on Saipan.

June 16: Robot bombs smash at Britain.

June 20: Reds capture Vilpuri.

June 21: Yanks reach Cherbourg outskirts.

June 22: Roosevelt signs GI Bill of Rights.

June 27: Yanks take Cherbourg.

June 28: Dewey and Bricker nominated for presidency and vice presidency at Republican convention.

June 30: U.S. severs relations with Finland.

July 6: Hartford circus fire takes toll of 168 lives.

July 7: B29s attack Japan.

July 8: Americans complete Saipan campaign.

July 20: German generals attempt to assassinate Hitler. Yanks invade Guam. Roosevelt nominated for fourth term.

July 22: Truman nominated as Democratic candidate for Vice-President.

July 27: Reds reach Vistula River.

July 29: Roosevelt, MacArthur and Nimitz end three-day parley.

Aug. 10: Guam conquered.

Aug. 15: Allies invade France between Marseilles and Nice.

Leading Personalities Of 1944



Last Day of '44 Saw Frankie Quit Radio

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Fold up your foxholes, boys, it's safe to come home now. The Voice will not be with us in 1945. Last night's Hit Parade show was his last appearance on the radio for a while. He's going to Hollywood to make some more movies.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, commander-in-chief of the U.S. armed forces and the nation's fourth-term President, has been voted "The Man of 1944," by newspaper editors throughout the United States.

The President won two of the ten individual titles in a national year-end poll conducted by AP Newsfeatures and participated in by 176 of its member editors. In addition to being newsmaker of the year, Mr. Roosevelt was selected as the outstanding politician of 1944.

Mr. Roosevelt, a key figure on the world stage and victor in the second wartime election of the nation's history, dominated the year's domestic and war news. The editors gave him the "Man of 1944" title virtually without opposition. The poll gave F.D.R. 132 votes—almost a seven-to-one ratio over Gen. Eisenhower, with 19 votes.

FDR Also 'Politician of Year'

The President was designated the "Politician of 1944" by nearly as wide a margin. He received 115 ballots to achieve better than a four-to-one lead over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, with 27 votes, while Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, was third with 19 votes.

Gen. Eisenhower, supreme Allied invasion commander, walked away with the race for military man of the year. He was named by 137 editors, as against 19 for Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, colorful commander of the U. S. Third Army. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, with seven ballots, ran third.

Clare Boothe Luce, Congresswoman from Connecticut, was voted the outstanding woman of 1944 by a margin of 98 to 18 over Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Third place went to Dorothy Thompson, columnist.

Henry J. Kaiser, shipbuilding colossus who also whips out planes and a host of other war material, was a 96-to-35 choice for industrial man of the year over Eric Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Charles E. Wilson, former executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, was placed third.

Sidney Hillman Outstanding Labor Man

Hillman ran away with the race for "Labor Man of 1944" by amassing 149 votes. Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers tied for second with 8 each.

To Dr. Alexander Fleming, who discovered the drug, penicillin, went 35 ballots and the title of "Scientist of 1944." Although his discovery was made in 1929, it was not until this year that penicillin achieved widespread use. The still anonymous German scientist who perfected the robot bomb and the rocket, V1 and V2, were rated second with 10 votes, followed by Dr. Vannevar Bush, U.S. scientist primarily responsible for the devices which cracked the Nazi U-boat drive, with six.

Ernie Pyle, author of the best sellers, "Here Is Your War," and "Brave Men," won 36 votes to receive the title of literary figure of the year. Nine editors voted for Yan Wyck Brooks, "The World of Washington Irving," and nine for Lillian Smith, "Strange Fruit."

Luke Sewell, who piloted the St. Louis Browns into their first American League baseball pennant, was voted the outstanding sports figure. Bob Hope stood head and shoulders above the field for entertainment leader of the year.

Tribute to the Farmers:

Food Production Records Set

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard paid a year-end tribute to American farmers "for breaking all food production records this year" and promised they would maintain full production next year.

Wickard emphasized the tremendous wartime need for food and other farm products but he promised nevertheless that "farmers would not relax their efforts to bring a speedy victory and lasting peace."

Year's Output Breaks Record

WASHINGTON.—The end of 1944 finds the U.S. with the achievement of producing more war goods than the rest of the world combined—but with the realization that continued all-out production will be necessary up until the very day of Germany's surrender.

Although the actual peak of overall production was reached in late 1943, industries, nevertheless, increased their 1944 output in certain branches of war goods.

Total aircraft production was the greatest of the war, just passing 96,000, according to WPB figures. Ship deliveries reached 1,680 vessels, aggregating more than 16,000,000 deadweight tons.

Steel mills turned out approximately 89,400,000 tons of ingots, against 88,800,000 in 1943. Synthetic rubber plants passed production expectations. Other records were set by oil and coal production companies.

The national income was boosted to \$154,000,000,000 as against \$142,000,000,000 last year.

Americans in England proved themselves good judges by choosing a blonde, Cpl. Ruby E. Newell as WAC of the year.



Toni Seven... Cheesecake of the Year

# Once Over Lightly

(B-Bag letters on sports will appear in this column from time to time in the future. If you have something on your mind about sports blow it out in Once Over Lightly.)

IN his Nov. 23rd column, Andy Rooney does Illinois and Bob Zuppke a grave injustice by omitting Zup's name from his list of all-time great football coaches. A check will show that Zuppke invented the T-formation, for which Rooney gave Clark Shaughnessy so much credit. Zup's teams at Oak Park, Ill., High School used the T around 1911, and set a state record of 45 straight victories. George Halas, who learned a great deal of football at Illinois, says his system was patterned after Zuppke's. Zup also invented the huddle and the spiral pass from center, used the "flea flicker" and other famous plays back at Oak Park.—Lt. (j.g.) Jim Fender, Illinois '42.

(Ed. Note: Zuppke is certainly one of the greatest of football coaches. The T-formation, as Zup used it, however, was as different from Shaughnessy's as day is from night.)

YOUR article concerning the proposed GI Olympic Games after the defeat of Germany should have been in "Hash Marks" instead of the sports page. One of our boys with six years of semi-pro football experience and all-state recognition in high school, plus action with three Army post elevens, recently answered an appeal for football players in the Paris area. He was turned down without a trial because he never had played college football. It is hoped that the Big Ten officials are proposing a more democratic setup in their Olympic Games. They might also present a more plausible reason than "to give athletes in service an opportunity for international recognition." Germany's unconditional surrender will have given GI Joe the "international recognition" he deserves.—Sgt. Paul Berube.

THE lineup of the All-America Service football teams compiled by Paul Horowitz failed to mention Capt. Don F. Scott, Ohio State captain in 1939 and the 100th Buckeye to give his life in World War II. Don was killed in England last year while test-hopping a B26. The University's new airfield is appropriately named Don Scott Airfield.—T/Sgt. James Gaffney, Cpls. Robert Horton and Robert Stine.

ANOTHER candidate for your All-America Service team: Nile Kinnick, picked on every All-America in 1939 and winner of the Heisman Trophy, who was killed trying to land his crippled plane aboard a carrier in the Pacific. Nile was "playing coach" of a great Iowa team which beat both Notre Dame and Michigan in '39.—S/Sgt. Carl Neubauer.

WHEN the N.Y. Giants defeated the Green Bay Packers during the professional football season your account of the game gave a lot of credit to Steve Owen, Giant coach, for stopping Don Hutson. It seems to me that Owen only played a small part in bottling up the Packers' star end. The player assigned to him had the toughest job, I'm sure. Owen can tell a man what to do but the man has to be good enough to do it.—Capt. George L. Donnelly.

(Ed. Note: Howie Livingston, Giants' freshman back, did most of the work to stop Hutson. He was aided considerably by Mel Hein, veteran center. The man who received no credit at all, however, is Red Smith, Giant backfield coach who was an assistant Packer coach for several years and who was the logical man to furnish a "stop" on Hutson.)

## Canadiens Top Conn Features Rangers, 4-1 Fights Tonight

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—The Canadiens increased their National Hockey League lead here last night by defeating the New York Rangers, 4-1, after breaking a tie in the second period and closing with a pair of goals in the third.

Buddy O'Connor's goal on an assist from Emile Bouchard in the first period put the Canadiens in front until the 14th minute of the second chapter when Ab DeMarco, Ranger wing, skated through and beat Goalie Bill Durnan to tie the score. Less than a minute later, however, Elmer Lach put the league-leaders ahead for good when he took a pass from Maurice "The Rocket" Richard and made it 2-1. Third period scores by Frankie Edols and Fernand Gauthier clinched the Canadian victory.

### Leafs Blank Hawks

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The third-place Maple Leafs picked up ground in the NHL standings by blanking the Chicago Blackhawks, 4-0, last night. Ted Kennedy established a 1-0 lead for the Leafs in the first period before Nick Metz, Mel Hill and Bob Davidson poured it on the cellar-dwelling Hawks in the final round.

### Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	16	4	2	34
Detroit	13	6	3	29
Toronto	12	3	2	26
Boston	9	11	1	19
New York	3	18	5	11
Chicago	3	14	3	9

American League				
EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Buffalo	15	11	3	33
Hershey	14	11	3	31
Providence	9	16	2	20

WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Indianapolis	15	8	5	33
Cleveland	14	8	5	33
Pittsburgh	13	12	4	30
St. Louis	5	18	3	13

### Vandy's 1945 Schedule

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Vanderbilt's return to football next year includes a man-sized schedule of games with Mississippi, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Alabama and Tennessee, it was announced yesterday by school authorities.

Highlighted by a three-round exhibition bout between Cpl. Billy Conn, former light-heavyweight champ, and Leo Matriccianni, ETO heavyweight king, the weekly GI boxing show at the Palais de Glace, Paris, will be resumed tonight.

Nine other bouts have been arranged by George Carrington, Red Cross boxing director. Vern LaCross, of San Francisco, who has won his last three starts, meets Pat Flannigan, of Jamaica, L. I., and Tommy Hogan, of Alberta, Canada, mixes with Jimmy O'Brien, of Mansfield, La., in feature matches.

### The card:

Steve Ampellas, San Antonio, Tex., (132) vs. Willie Boyd, Herten, Tex., (133); Hogan vs. O'Brien (135 each); Lee Guessford, Chicago, (135) vs. Earl Martin, NYC (134); LaCross (153) vs. Flannigan (154); William Duchon, Cleveland, (160) vs. Charles Stallings, Greenville, S.C. (162); John Thomson, NYC, (165) vs. Caesar Walls, Minneapolis, (166); A. W. France, Akron, O., (176) vs. William Hart, Pittsburgh, (175); Jimmy Johnson, Fort Worth, Tex., (174) vs. Edgar Orris, NYC, (175); Joe Ranson, Chicago, (190) vs. Joe Smith, Detroit, (199).

## Byrnes Denies Request For Racing Extension

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes yesterday served notice that he meant what he said when his directive last week "requested" all race tracks to shut by Jan. 3.

Byrnes flatly denied a request of Fairgrounds Track in New Orleans to extend the deadline for closing until Jan. 31 "to avoid distress and hardship to persons involved in the industry."

## Haegg Flight Canceled

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Gunder Haegg, Sweden's miracle miler, must make other plans for his trip to the United States, for his scheduled airplane trip has been canceled. Military requirements make the flight impossible, but negotiations are under way to have the runner flown here later.

Haegg was to have opened his indoor tour in the States, Jan. 27th.

## Two Points!



Bill Levine (16) gets off a spectacular left-handed shot from side-court which gave CCNY two points during a basketball doubleheader at Madison Square Garden, but Arkansas outlasted the Beavers, 59-47.

# Buckeyes Nip Michigan In Big 10 Cage Opener

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 31.—Ohio State's defending champions were forced into overtime here last night to defeat Michigan, 44-41, in the opening game of the Big Ten Conference basketball season. Michigan held a 25-19 half-time lead, but the Buckeyes rallied to tie it at 39-all at the end of regulation time.

Arnold Risen, six-foot nine-inch center, was Ohio State's star with 17 points, three of which came in the extra period to ice the defending champions' sixth straight triumph in four years over the Wolverines. The victory was State's fourth in five starts this year and broke Michigan's non-Conference winning streak at seven straight.

## Redmen Keep Slate Clean

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—St. John's University of Brooklyn, only undefeated college quintet in the Metropolitan area, kept its record clean by beating Dartmouth, 53-38, before 18,000 fans in Madison Square Garden. Ed Leeds, 17-year old Dartmouth center, paced both teams in scoring with 22 points.

In the opening game of the doubleheader, NYU topped Colgate, 57-36. Marty Goldstein and Sid Tanenbaum for the Violets, and R. D. Neher for the Raiders scored 14 points apiece.

## Okla. Aggies Tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 31.—The Oklahoma Aggies won the all-college basketball tournament for the fourth time in eight years defeating Arkansas, 43-34. Bob Kurland, seven-foot Aggies center, was awarded a trophy as the tournament's most valuable player.

Kurland blanked six-foot ten-inch "Shorty" Kok of Arkansas and scored ten points himself.

Rice took third place beating Oklahoma's defending champs, 43-28, and West Texas won the consolation round defeating Denver, 44-35.

## Great Lakes Nips 'Cats

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 31.—Paul Cloyd, ex-Wisconsin player, and Luke Majorki, who starred at South Side high school in Chicago, pulled the Great Lakes quintet from behind in the closing minutes to defeat Northwestern, 41-38. The lead changed hands 16 times and the Wildcats led; 36-35, with less than four minutes to play.

Randy Clark scored two points for the Sailors and Majorki and Cloyd added clinchers.

## Badgers Trip Missouri

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31.—Frank Mathews, diminutive substitute forward, tossed in 13 points to lead Wisconsin to a 52-37 victory over Missouri. The second-stringer filled in for Ray Patterson, sidelined with a cold.

## Richmond Takes Grant

# South Whips North, 24-7; Trippi, Layden Lead Rebs

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 31.—Southern hospitality operated in reverse here yesterday when the all-star team from colleges and service centers from below the Mason-Dixon Line overpowered the North, 24-7, before 22,000 in the annual Blue-Gray football game.

## 400,000 Expected At Bowl Contests

The curtain call to the United States' football season is expected to draw 300,000 fans to various bowl games today. Assorted overseas bowl games, including the Mud Bowl in Cherbourg, Spaghetti Bowl in Italy and Riviera Bowl in Marseilles are figured for another 100,000.

Here are the estimated bowl crowds in the States:  
Rose Bowl—93,000 (SRO); Sugar Bowl—70,000; Orange Bowl—35,000; Cotton Bowl—35,000; Sun Bowl—18,000; East-West game—60,000.

## Infection Puts Hutson In Green Bay Hospital

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Don Hutson, Packers' end, is in Bellin Hospital at Green Bay, Wis. suffering from an infection of his right arm. National Football League headquarters revealed last night. Hutson suffered a cleat scratch during the Packers-Giants championship game, Dec. 17th, which the Packers won, 14-7. He disregarded the injury at the time and the infection developed several days later.

## Colman, Timm Added To Princeton Staff

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 31.—Richard W. Colman and Judson A. Timm have been added to Princeton's football coaching staff, it was announced yesterday. Colman had been line coach at Williams since 1939 and Timm a backfield coach at Yale for the last three years. Charles Caldwell and Wes Fesler were previously appointed head coach and assistant.

## Murtaugh Now in Infantry

DENVER, Col., Dec. 31.—Danny Murtaugh, Philadelphia National's second baseman, who entered the Army late in '43, has been transferred from the Air Corps to the Infantry.

## Former ND Star Dies

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 31.—Sam Dolan, 60, former Notre Dame football star and Pacific Coast gridiron official for 26 years, died last night after several months' illness.

The running and passing of Charlie Trippi, Third Air Force back out of Georgia, plus the line-busting of Pete Layden, Randolph Field and U. of Texas, led the South's attack which piled up a four-touchdown lead before the North scored in the fourth quarter.

The Rebels scored in the first period when Trippi plunged over from the three-yard line after getting loose on runs for 17, 15 and 11 yards. Trippi and Layden generated another scoring drive in the second before Layden went over from close up. Before the half ended, Trippi fired a 37-yard touchdown pass to Bob McCain. Jack Tittle covered the last five yards for the Southerners' fourth TD in the last chapter after Layden and Trippi led the team downfield.

Three passes from Bob "Hunchy" Hoernschmeyer, of Indiana, to Jack Morton of Purdue, Tony Minisi of Penn and Ernie Bonelli of Pitt covered 54 yards for the North touchdown, Bonelli scoring on a 13-yard toss.

Pete Layden

Warriors Rip Raiders In London Tea Bowl

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Air Service Command Warriors defeated the Eighth AF Raiders, 13-0, before 35,000 fans in the Tea Bowl game at White City stadium today.

Cpl. Henry Pilper, to Chicago, Warriors' tailback, passed for the first score and plunged over from the two-yard line for the second. Pfc Leonard Ercotte, of New Haven, Conn., left end, caught Pilper's touchdown pass.

Both teams were undefeated in ten games prior to today.

## Meagher Signs Pro Contract

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 31.—Lt. Cmdr. Jack Meagher, Iowa Pre-flight athletic director and former Auburn coach, yesterday disclosed he had signed a two-year contract to coach the Miami entry in the recently organized All American (professional) Football League. Meagher said he will take over his new job when he gets out of the Navy.

## CAGE RESULTS

- Bunker Hill Naval 61, Western Michigan 46.
- City College, N. Y., 41, Panzer 33.
- Cornell 64, Western Kentucky 53.
- Fort Custer 36, Detroit 31.
- Great Lakes 41, Northwestern 38.
- Indiana 65, Nebraska 42.
- Iowa 66, Michigan State 29.
- Kentucky 45, Temple 44.
- Minnesota 43, Marquette 40.
- Muhlenberg 42, Penn 38.
- NYU 57, Colgate 36.
- Notre Dame 49, Purdue 47.
- Ohio State 44, Michigan 41.
- Oklahoma Aggies 43, Arkansas 34.
- Rice 43, Oklahoma 28.
- St. John's 53, Dartmouth 38.
- Tennessee 40, Ohio University 36.
- Union 39, Hobart 37.
- West Texas 44, Denver 35.
- Wisconsin 52, Missouri 37.

## St. John's Cagers

### Best Garden Draw

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Among the New Year resolutions made by Ned Irish, acting president of the Madison Square Garden Corp., is to be nice to St. John's University of Brooklyn.

The Garden's books show that the arena has reached its 18,000—odd capacity figure for basketball on 20 occasions since Irish inaugurated cage doubleheaders there and St. John's has been the main attraction 16 times. In all, the Willoughby Avenue Indians have played before 240,000 people in the Garden.

Tracy Goes After Abner

Anybody seen Li'l Abner? He's still AWOL, despite our promises to forgive all and print the missing numbers. To make it worse, Dick Tracy was assigned to the case, and he's missing, too. A certain pub in England is under surveillance—meantime Abner and Tracy fans will have to play mumbly peg or something. Solution of all this expected soon.

Hash Marks

1944 Predictions

At this season of the year practically every editorial writer, press association, VIPI, bartender, tea-leaf reader, columnist, radio commentator and midwife back in those States comes out with his/her prediction for the new year. Not to be outdone and refusing to be scooped by anybody except Harpers Bazaar, Hash Marks has gazed into a crystal bowl of cognac and comes up (or comes to) with the following prognostications:

A total of 2,638,848 GIs will, during the course of the year, shout, "Get up them stairs, babe!"

A total of 2,638,847 babes will get up them stairs.

Forty-two EMSs will write to B-Bag, urging a bourbon ration for EMSs and one GI will write complaining because there is no toothpaste with the K-rations.

Forty-three sergeants in 43 rear echelons will start long conversations beginning, "Now I'm not saying Ike isn't a good guy, but if I were running this war..."

Hash Marks will print approximately 365 gags about powdered eggs. However, the editor will reject an equal number of gags about spam.

Three bottles of French perfume will break in U.S.-bound mailbags and four hundred GIs whose letters to their wives are in the same bags will never be able to explain.

One hundred and eighteen men, asking directions to Dijon in their own French, will get their faces slapped.

Dorothy Dix will receive 4,000 letters beginning, "Dear Miss Dix: Last summer I met a paratrooper who..."

A total of 647,893,986 cookies mailed from home will arrive smashed, broken or merely dented.

Fourth of July will fall on a Wednesday. (This prediction is a wow—we looked it up.)

There will be crime waves, black market waves, Navy waves, trench-foot waves, salvage waves—but no Ocean waves.

A guy in a Replacement Center—No, reinforcement Unit—will say, "All they do here is push you around," and probably be right about it, and a guy assigned to a unit will say, "I was trained to be a radio technician and here I am with this broom."

Forty-seven cooks will say, "I didn't want to be a cook in the first place. I put in to be a bombardier, but..."

There will be serious talk of deflation of the franc, international angles and mysteries, but a pound note will still buy you about 20 bitters if you can git thar.

The first Yank to enter Berlin will have his picture taken, if Berlin is still there.

Hash Marks Office will install swinging doors, signifying "Come on in, whaddaya holding?" J. C. W.

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Time TODAY 1361-N.Y. Philharmonic, 1930-Comedy Caravan, 2135-Duffy's Taverna, 2207-California Melodies. (News every hour on the hour.) TOMORROW 0925-Music America Loves, 1830-Blondie and Dagwood, 2105-Charlie McCarthy, 2207-Hit Parade. (News every hour on the hour.)

Terry And The Pirates

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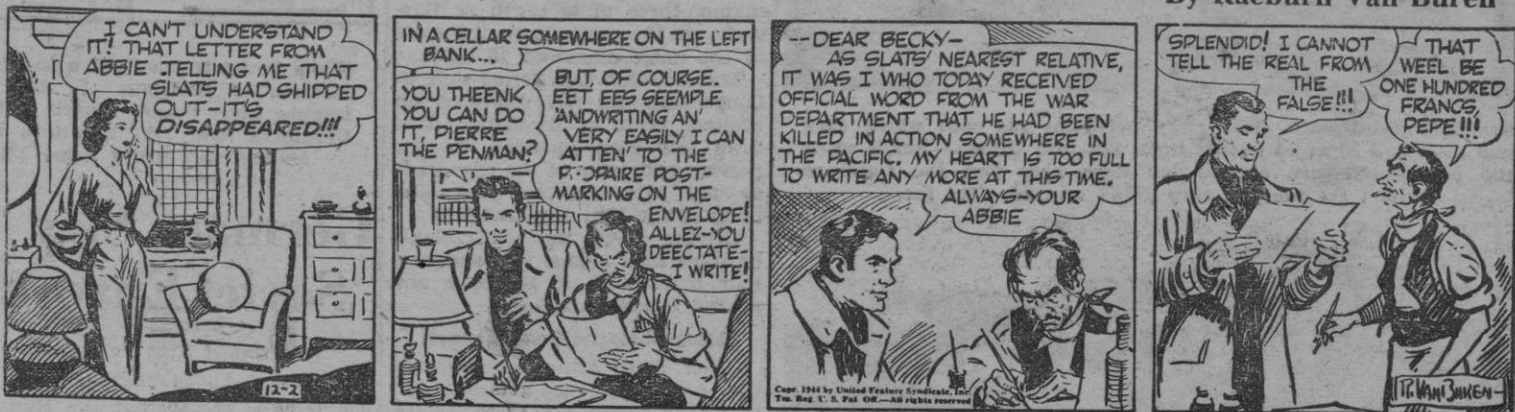
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Abbie an' Slat

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Male Call

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Blondie

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Jane

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Latest Pictures From the Front



Armored infantrymen clear away burnt-out gas cans which they had destroyed to avoid letting them fall into German hands when the counter offensive opened ten days ago. But the Germans didn't get the gas, they didn't advance that far.



Not only do they build air strips to keep their P47s in the air to support Allied operations, but they have to massage them with a broom now and then. This is a scene at First Tactical Fighter Command, and that's French mud.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos.

After reaching a Belgian town to support their unit, Pvt. Adam Davis, of Philadelphia, and T/5 Milford Sillars, of Morrisville, Ind., take a breathing spell before going back into the line to fight the German counter-blow.

Allies Repulse Enemy Patrols North of Bulge

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firmly reported from the front, remained officially unconfirmed.

While the Allies held the salient's north flank, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army kept battering up into the bulge from the south.

Between Grandmenil on the north flank, where a small enemy force was pocketed, and Longchamp, three miles north of Bastogne, on the south flank, the waist of the bulge measured 16 miles.

The fact that U.S. forces were in Longchamp did not represent an advance north of Bastogne. This town had been included in the perimeter defense of the city made by the 101st Airborne Div. and units of the 10th Armored Div.

Driving along the south flank, Patton's men struck two and one-half miles west of Bastogne and neared Senonchamps.

Arlon-Bastogne Road Cleared

Other Third Army forces cleared the Arlon-Bastogne highway and took the towns of Remoixfosse, Marvie and Lutrebois.

Southeast of Bastogne, Patton's forces reached the outskirts of Harlange.

Between Harlange and Echternach, the doughs closed up to the Sauer River.

From the vicinity of St. Hubert on a line running eastward through captured Moircy and Bastogne, American forces were in contact with well-dug-in enemy positions, supported by tanks and self-propelled guns.

Eastward in Luxembourg, Patton's troops made some gains in the vicinity of Berle, and cleared Notham.

What Von Rundstedt was planning to do with his now stalled offensive remained unanswered yesterday as no significant enemy action in the bulge itself was reported.

In southwestern Germany, behind the bulge, it appeared that the Germans were quiet.

Capt. George W. Porter, of Kansas City, Mo., a Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt pilot, reported:

"The Jerries have gone into cover for the day (yesterday) for the first time since they started their offensive.

"Snow fell in southwest Germany during the night. It wasn't even disturbed on secondary roads which they used extensively during the last few days.

"We flew for miles and miles without seeing a moving train. All marshaling yards in the communications area appear to have been bombed recently. There are fresh craters with the snow blasted away from them."

The measure of Allied air might which played a significant role in stopping Von Rundstedt was approximately 27,000 sorties from Dec. 23, when the mists lifted and the sun came out, up to an including Dec. 27. In these same seven days, the German air force flew about 4,000 sorties.

Germans Fly P47s On 7th Army Front

Nazi fliers, using 11 captured U.S. Thunderbolts, bombed eight towns on the Seventh Army front yesterday, the Associated Press reported. The Thunderbolts bore German markings, the AP declared.

The attack came on the heels of a Ninth AF denial Saturday that the Germans have been using captured U.S. planes to bomb and strafe American troops.

However, the Ninth said yesterday that its statement only dealt with the counter-attack area, and reiterated the assertion that no Germans have been flying U.S. planes against American ground forces in that sector.

Danes Die in Nazi Camps

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 31 (Reuters).—A total of 149 Danes died in German concentration camps from ill treatment and other causes during the year, the Danish Press Bureau reported. Fifteen percent of all the Danish Jews interned in the Resenstadt camp died.

Made Big Haul

The TC Motor Transport Fleet of 14 tank truck companies has hauled more than 125,000,000 gallons of gasoline in France.

-Stabbing Europe's 'Under Belly'



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

While Soviet troops fight a battle of annihilation with the German garrison in Budapest (1), two armies strike westward—up the Danube River toward Austria. Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Second Ukrainian Army (2) is within ten miles of Komarom. Marshal Malinovsky's Third Army (3) has crossed the Hron River.

Germans Slay Soviet Envoys

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those accepted at Stalingrad by Gen. von Paulus, except that the Hungarian troops fighting with the Nazis would be allowed to go home immediately. For the Germans, the Russians promised, as at Stalingrad, to arrange their return to Germany or another country of their choice after the war.

The leniency toward the Hungarians apparently was influenced by the energetic action of the provisional Hungarian government in sending an armistice delegation to Moscow and declaring war on Germany. The Hungarian armistice, arranged by Russia in consultation with the U.S. and Britain, is understood to follow closely the terms granted Rumania and Bulgaria and to provide for Hungarian troops to fight with the Allies.

Pilot Bails Out Over Bastogne

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was only about 300 feet from the ground. His chute didn't open until 100 feet, and Anstey "hit the ground so hard it knocked my shoe off." The low jump probably saved his life again because the Nazis were machine-gunning him all the way down, he said.

He saw "a bunch of guys waving at me. I kinda thought they were in the wrong direction, so I headed the other way." He learned later that the guys waving were Germans.

Later he ran into a patrol of American paratroopers. They took him to their aid station, and treated him for burns.

Went Out On Patrols

Then, said Anstey, "I became a ground officer. The boys were short of officers, so I went out with them on patrols.

"I sweated it out all week, and then tanks of the Fourth Armored came in. We sent some of our own vehicles out, and I went along. Buddy, I was glad to get out of there."

Before he hit the ETO, Anstey was a tail gunner in a Marauder in the Aleutians. He has flown his C47 through the Normandy, southern France and Holland airborne operations, and holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters.

It's Everybody's War, Not 1 Man's—Mrs. Ike

FORT BENNING, Dec. 31 (ANS)—Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today that her husband "has always felt that a leader is only as good as the men he leads."

Here for a visit with her son, John, Mrs. Eisenhower was told about designation of Gen. Ike as "Man of the Year" by Time Magazine.

"This is everybody's war," she remarked, "alone no one man can win it. Ike has always felt that way and I know he feels that way now. I'm sure that is why he said: 'I call upon every man of all Allies to rise now to new heights of courage.'"

U.S. May Assist Greek Election

U.S. officials, pleased at the establishment of the Greek regency, considered the possibility yesterday that Americans would be called in to help supervise elections in which the Greeks will decide what form of government they wish, the Associated Press reported from Washington.

No formal request for U.S. help has been received yet, but Prime Minister Churchill and Greek officials have indicated that an Anglo-American commission to supervise the balloting is likely.

Publication in Athens of the note sent to Churchill by the EAM (left-wing resistance front) confirmed that the EAM sought an end to the hostilities between its ELAS fighters and British troops. The EAM claimed that it had accepted the basic points of the British demands. But the fighting continued.

1,300 Bombers Blast Reich as Year Ends

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—of the Eighth's attacks were flown in direct support of Allied ground forces. Another 29 percent of the raids were directed against aircraft plants, and 13 percent more against the oil industry.

The RAF hurled a strong force of Lancasters yesterday against a marshaling yard at Vohwinkel in the Rhineland. Though the fog and snow grounded Ninth AF bombers, fighter-bombers of the Ninth flew more than 700 sorties and made more than 50 rail and 16 highway cuts, as well as hitting motor and rail transport. They encountered little opposition from the Luftwaffe.

On the Seventh Army front, the First TAF flew 200 sorties, in bad weather, and downed six enemy planes.

Shorty Egged On To Faith in His Hen by Fowl Play

WITH 594th AMBULANCE CO.—"Shorty" Washburn isn't finding any more eggs in his prize hen's nest. His buddies know why, and won't tell, so to start the New Year



right for Shorty, The Stars and Stripes will spill the beans.

Blame the cooks, Shorty. That day you were on KP, they snuck out and kept putting eggs under your pet hen. Sorry to have to tell you your hen didn't break any laying records, but you know how it is.

As a favor, we'd appreciate it if you'd tell us where your cooks get eggs with shells on.

Hospital Bombed, Medical Unit Strafed by Nazis at Bastogne

By Jimmie Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH AMERICAN FORCES, Dec. 31.—Capt. Jacob Pearl, a gentle-mannered, soft-voiced medic from Brooklyn who tended the wounded of relieved Bastogne during the seven days of the encirclement, today declared that the Germans refused to respect the Red Cross.

"The Germans machine-gunned the medical company I was with last Monday," Pearl said. "The place was lit up like a Christmas tree and there is no reason why they shouldn't have recognized it as a medical unit. An officer went up to see if he could stop the shooting. After looking over the situation, he decided to surrender the medical unit because we were surrounded by tanks.

"They gave us 30 minutes to load the wounded and go where they directed. Myself and two others, Capt. John Briener, of the Bronx,

and Capt. Roy A. Moore, a Tennessean, ducked into the woods. We decided the wounded still left in Bastogne needed us badly, so we made a run for it and after three miles came upon some Americans," Pearl added.

On Christmas Eve the enemy bombed the hospital in Bastogne. It was plainly marked, but they hit the building in two flights. Some American wounded were killed. The remainder of the wounded were moved to the cellars of the ruined houses in the vicinity.

There was a shortage of blankets and supplies. The wounded, who praised the medics, said many of them had their wounds dressed only once on the field.

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