

# Allies Encircle Stuttgart; Nuremburg Cleared

**Man Spricht Deutsch**  
Waffen niederlegen!  
Va-fen nee-der-lay-gen!  
Throw down your arms!

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Vous êtes bien aimable.  
Vooz eht beeyen ehmahble.  
You are very kind.

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## Reds in Berlin's Suburbs

### 7th, French Closing On Stuttgart

#### BULLETIN

**NUREMBURG, April 20 (Reuter).**—All organized resistance in Nuremburg ended late today.

Gen. Eisenhower's drives against the northern and southern German fronts gained momentum yesterday as his armies on the central sector before Berlin continued to build up for the assault on the capital and the link-up with the Russians.

On the southern front, combined forces of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh and Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny's French First Armies were enveloping Stuttgart. One French column struck deep into southern Germany 30 miles from Lake Constance and the Swiss frontier.

In an Order of the Day, Gen. Eisenhower announced that the Battle of the Ruhr had ended with complete success. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th Army Group eliminated 21 enemy divisions, including three panzer, one panzer grenadier and three parachute divisions in the Ruhr pocket, the Supreme Commander's order said. More than 317,000 prisoners, including 24 generals and one admiral, were captured.

In the north, armor of Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's British Second Army neared the suburbs of Hamburg and other British forces closed up along the Elbe River for 15 miles southeast of the port.

Not much change was reported (Continued on Page 8)

### Berlin Worth \$1,000 To Some Lucky GI

A prize of \$1,000 awaits the first Ottawa County, Okla., GI to reach Berlin, and prove it—according to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of Miami, Okla.

The organization requests that the Oklahoman submit his name, rank, serial number, and APO number, along with the time of his arrival in the German capital.

A similar award awaits the first Ottawa County GI to reach Tokyo.

### Yanks Unleash Vast Drive at Okinawa Japs

**GUAM, April 20 (ANS).**—The greatest American offensive force ever employed in a single Pacific sector was flung early yesterday against fiercely defended Japanese positions along a four-mile front guarding Okinawa's capital city of Naha.

By noon, three U.S. Divisions—the Seventh, 27th and 96th, numbering perhaps 45,000 men—had scored gains of 500 to 800 yards in a campaign which officers conceded would be tough and slow.

Hours before the big drive started, battleships, cruisers and other fleet units joined Marine and Army artillery and rocket-firing Marine planes in pouring thousands of tons of steel into the enemy's defenses. Adm. Nimitz called the bombardment one of the largest ever made in support of amphibious troops.

The Japanese fought the Tenth Army from interlocking trench and pillbox systems, blockhouses, caves and other positions. The extremely rough terrain was well suited for such defensive tactics.

First gains included the capture of Machinato village, on the west coast.

### Nazis Admit Russian Gains; Report U.S.-Soviet Linkup



Defenses of Berlin proper have been entered by Soviet troops, according to enemy sources, at points seven and eight miles away.

German sources last night said that Russian troops had entered the defenses of Berlin proper.

Red spearheads were reported to have reached the suburban towns of Hangelsberg and Strausberg, seven and eight miles respectively from the outskirts of the city, German radio said.

Moscow did not elaborate yesterday on its previous announcement that the Oder and Neisse Rivers had been

#### Linkup Reported

Moscow Radio reported last night that Soviet motorized columns had contacted U.S. Third Army scouts near Dresden. The report, picked up in New York by International News Service, was not immediately confirmed by either Berlin, Moscow or SHAEF.

crossed, but unofficial front-line reports reaching Moscow said that two Red armies were pouring over both river barriers and were spearheading out to threaten Berlin and Dresden in several sectors.

#### Reds 16 Miles West of Cottbus

After tearing open the Neisse and Spree defenses, the Russians swung north and entered Calau, 16 miles west of Cottbus and 45 miles south of Berlin, the Germans said.

Heavy attacks also were reported on the lower Oder between Greifenhagen and Stettin, where the Germans have acknowledged that all defensive forces had been withdrawn to the west of the river.

German sources had admitted earlier that Red troops driving for a linkup with the Americans had captured Bautzen, only 25 miles northeast of Dresden.

It is in the Dresden area, German commentators have stressed repeatedly, that the Yanks and Reds will join forces.

Significantly, Russia, in its Thursday communique disclosing its new drive on Berlin, spoke of Soviet forces moving from their Neisse bridgeheads in the direction of Dresden.

On both the Oder and Neisse fronts air battles were said to have reached a peak of fury.

### Senator Proposes The S&S Help In Naming GI Frisco Delegate

**WASHINGTON, April 20 (ANS).**—Sen. Warren R. Magnuson (D.-Wash.) proposed yesterday that The Stars and Stripes draw up a list of qualifications for an enlisted man to be sent as GI representative to the San Francisco conference, and select a man after the holding of an Army-Navy lottery.

### French Open Bordeaux Port

The Port of Bordeaux is open for shipping, and military operations on the Pointe de Grave are coming to an end, the French radio said yesterday. The German garrison at Port Verdon, covering the southern shores of the Gironde estuary, surrendered.

An order of the day issued by Gen. de Larminat, announced that 10,000 prisoners were taken from the fortress of Royan and from Pointe de Grave.

The historic French battleship Lorraine, one of the oldest capital ships, took part in the two-day bombardment of German positions.

### Burma British Gain 70 Miles

**ADVANCED HQ, Southeast Asia Command, April 20 (Reuter).**—The 14th Army has smashed its way 70 miles south of Meiktila toward Rangoon.

### Order of the Day

General Eisenhower issued the following Order of the Day yesterday:

To every member of the AEF:

The battle of the Ruhr has ended with complete success. Following hard upon the final destruction of the German forces west of the Rhine, the 21st Army Gp. thrust powerfully across that river with the U.S. Ninth Army under command. Simultaneously, rapid drives across the Rhine and from the Remagen bridgehead by 12th and 6th Army Gps. provided the southern arm of a great double envelopment which completely encircled the entire German Army Group "B" and two corps of Army Group "H," whose mobility was rendered almost zero by our magnificent and tireless air forces. Thereafter, in the pocket thus created, the 12th Army Gp. eliminated 21 enemy divisions, including three panzer, one panzer grenadier and three parachute divisions. Over 317,000 prisoners of war were captured, including 24 generals and one admiral. Many tanks and more than 750 guns were destroyed or taken. Booty is immense and still being counted. The enemy's total losses in killed and wounded will never be accurately known.

The rapidity and determination with which this brilliant action was executed tore asunder the divisions of Field Marshal Model, and enabled all Army groups without pause to continue their drive eastwards into the heart of Germany.

This victory of Allied arms is a fitting prelude to the final battles to crush the ragged remnants of Hitler's armies of the west, now tottering on the threshold of defeat.



Gen. Eisenhower

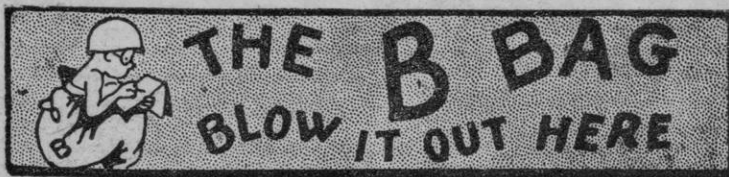
#### ASTP—Nazi Style

### German Spy School Captured

**MOSCOW, April 20 (AP).**—Russia revealed yesterday the discovery of a large Nazi spy school in Falkenburg, Pomerania, designed and equipped to train secret agents, fifth columnists and saboteurs on a mass scale.

The school, called the "Ordenberg Academy," had a well-equipped library of reference books and maps and was housed in a huge, four-towered structure elaborately camouflaged with hay. Its hundreds of rooms and long corridors were littered with documents and propaganda papers abandoned by the Nazis as the Red Army drove toward them.





**A Good Word**

I've read several complaints by GIs in B-Bag about the reinforcement system.

I have just graduated from a repple depple and would like to say that never have I seen better officers and noncoms than those under whom I trained.

To such men as Capt. Montie Wofford, and Sgts. Scholwinski, Newman and Tezak of the 6960 Reinf. Depot. I want to express my appreciation for the trouble they went to in training me in the ways of a combat soldier.—Pfc J. Burdick, 423 Inf.

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**Aac vs Aab**

S & S Reporter Andy Rooney states that the War Department has notified a Pfc Herbert Aach that, alphabetically, his name comes first on their records.

Perhaps it would be a good idea if somebody notified the War Department that Cpl. Darwin T. Aaberg of this unit should come before him.—Sgt. R. F. Crase, 239 Gen. Hosp.

I ran across a letter addressed to —"Pvt. Arthur Aaby, 36909849, 4321 Hosp. Plant."—Pfc. D. Johnson, GFRS Postal Det.

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**You Just Can't Win**

I am a man with bad teeth—those I have left. I have tried several times to get the Army dentists to pull my teeth and make me some false ones, without success.

Today, my lunch included a piece of bread with a very hard crust, and a piece of ham that was burnt and also was so hard I couldn't chew it. I proceeded to throw away a very small piece of each in the garbage can but was caught doing so and was fined \$10 for throwing away eatable food.

Can't something be done to ease this situation so the rule won't be so dratically enforced?—Pvt. H. B. Nichols, Engr. Depot Co.

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**Open Season**

I have just finished reading the letter captioned "Red Hot and How" and it really made me hot. I'm just one of the thousands of triple A men in the Ninth Army who are proud of the job they're doing.—Pvt. John Eastman, AAA Bn.

Don't judge all AA by the few guns that are around you and think twice before opening your mouth.—Sgt. Joseph M. Foti, AAA Aw Bn.

Our identification of aircraft classes never stopped just because we came into combat. They are still going on.

You are covering too much territory when you say all the ack-ack and FA machine-gunners are a bunch of damn fools and bums. Please specify which outfit you are talking about. Remember Kansan, there are a lot of ack-ack and FA outfits in the Ninth Army, and don't judge them all by one or two.—T/5 Norman Piper, AAA Aw Bn.

Has the Kansan ever asked the infantry boys their opinion of us. Until he does why doesn't he go and dunk his head in ice water and cool off.—Pvt. R. C. H. Jr., 132nd AAA Gun Bn.

We are the so-called fools of AA battalion. We have shot down 23 planes in our battalion and they were enemy, not Allied. As far as being bums are con-

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cerned, we think we are equally as good as you.—Cpl. Charles T. Ro-deback, AAA Aw Bn.

We would like to know your name. We knew you were from Kansas because of the way the wind blew.—Cpl. H. Weiss, Btry C, FA Bn.

I'm not in the Ninth Army, but I know one of those outfits. They're . . . damn good.—Lt. D. C. McGuire, 143 AAA Gun Bn.

We are doing our best and you sticking your damn nose in our business doesn't help us any.—Seven Gun Crew, AAA Bn. (13 signatures.—Ed.)

We never knew there was such stupidity in this man's army as you've displayed in your letter.—Sgt. R. D. T., 127th AAA Bn.

Too bad your letter wasn't printed in B-Bag on the first of April instead of the second; it only takes a fool to write something like you did.—Bums from an Ack-Ack Btry, AA.

By the way, are you so damned ashamed of your own rear echelon outfit that you won't mention it?—Pvt. S. M., AAA Aw.

(The "Red Hot Kansan" is a member of a Ninth Army FA Battery.—Ed.)

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**A Point of View**

Why not stop this nonsense of trying to impress the German people with the fact that they are being beaten by an army of super-militaristic individuals.

To attempt such an act is just playing into their hands. It is like a ham actress trying to put on a performance for Katherine Cornell.

The present program is just going to make us look ridiculous in the eyes of the German people. If they aren't impressed with the terrific beating they are taking from us, how can we hope to impress them by such things as marching in strict formation to the recreation field, movies, etc.

Educate them to the TRUTH and that is, that they are being beaten by an army of individuals who can think for themselves and not an army of militaristic robots.—Pfc F. Walker, 1260 Engr. C Bn.

**Congress Calls For Action in Atrocity Cases**

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Resolutions were introduced in both the House and Senate yesterday calling upon the nation to take swift action against any captured German or Japanese responsible for war crimes. Sponsors cited the brutal treatment of American prisoners in Germany.

American indignation at enemy atrocities was expressed in the capital even as, in London, Prime Minister Churchill disclosed that a formal statement on German atrocities was being prepared for the signatures of President Harry S. Truman, Marshal Stalin and himself.

He said the statement would be issued in a few days, after Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden agree on a text.

**4 Rivers in SW At Flood Stage, Conditions Serious**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 20.—Waters of the Neosho, Missouri, Grand and White Rivers were at flood stage in sections of Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas today. The extreme lower part of the Grand River was 12 feet above flood level, and the mouth of the Missouri at St. Louis was expected to attain four to seven feet above the overflow limit before dropping.

The Neosho, in Kansas, was seven feet over the flood mark, and from Chanute to the Oklahoma line conditions were serious.

In Louisiana, the Mississippi River rose slightly while improvements were reported along the lower Red River, where the stream had passed its crest at Alexandria, La.

**Pacific 'Community' Urged**

CHICAGO, April 20 (ANS).—Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, head of the nine-man Philippine delegation to the San Francisco conference, yesterday advocated a "community of the Pacific" to supplant the Japanese idea of a "co-prosperity sphere of greater East Asia."

**Up Front With Mauldin**



"Bloody immoral army. They get that red ribbon if they stay out of trouble for a bloody year."

**An Editorial**

**Thanks, Anyway**

A LOTTERY to select an enlisted man from the Army or Navy as the typical GI representative at the San Francisco conference has been proposed by Senator Magnuson of Washington.

He has asked that The Stars and Stripes draw up standard qualifications for the representative and pick one from a list of 50 names to be drawn by lot.

This suggestion is motivated by a sincere interest in the welfare of the armed services and in their right to help plan the peace. The Stars and Stripes, which represents but one large segment of the overseas fighting forces, appreciates the compliment of the invitation.

It is with some reluctance, therefore, that we say, "Thanks, anyway, Mr. Magnuson."

The San Francisco conference is planned as a diplomatic meeting of the representatives of many nations. The problems they face are deep-seated, complex and controversial.

America will be represented by eight men and women selected for their judgment, their background of information and their sincere interest in the welfare of their country. As such, they represent Amer-

ica's fighting men as well as those who support the fighting.

A "typical GI," drawn hurriedly from a combat theater and with little time for serious study, would find himself bewildered and confused by the complexity of the problems. He would arrive in the States with pomp and ceremony. He would be exploited as an eighth wonder of the world. He would be wined, dined, cheered and flattered. He would have words placed in his mouth by every demagogue with an axe to grind, and would be a two-headed calf at a world conference set up for a dignified study of a confusing situation.

He would have a wonderful time, but it is doubtful if he could contribute much but ballyhoo to the epochal meeting.

The Stars and Stripes, Yank and the Army News Service have detailed enlisted reporters to cover the conference at first hand and supplement the world press with special stories from the soldier's point of view.

We reiterate our faith in our nation's representatives. They do not represent the GI alone but they represent all of America and that's good enough for us.

**Yanks Find Nazi Souvenirs Made From Skin of Prisoners**

WITH FIRST ARMY, April 20 (AP).—Lampshades, book-bindings and wall ornaments made from the skin of Nazi victims who died in the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp were found near Weimar.

"We heard about this when we were in England," said Capt. J. Dabney Penick, of Montclair, N.J., "but I just couldn't believe it. I chalked it up to war propaganda. But I saw them with my own eyes."

"They were sort of a fad which was started by the wife of the pri-

**2,400 Victims Freed From Boxcar Prison**

WITH NINTH ARMY ON THE ELBE, April 17 (Delayed) (UP).—Twenty-four hundred starving men, women and children, mostly Jewish, were rescued today near Magdeburg when Americans overran a prison train consisting of 48 box-cars.

The Germans were transporting the prisoners from Hanover to the South. They had eaten nothing for six days.

son commandant," Capt. Penick said.

Some German had seen the figure of a nude woman tattooed on a prisoner's chest. A section of the prisoner's skin, including the nipples and tattooing, was removed and mounted on a board, apparently for wall decoration, Capt. Penick said.

**Sidlaw New 12th AF Head**

ROME, April 20.—Maj. Gen. B.W. Sidlaw has been named commanding general of the U.S. 12th AF and the Mediterranean Allied Tactical AF.

**Nazis Say They Plan Bitter Denmark Defense**

STOCKHOLM, April 20 (Reuter).—General Lindemann, German commander-in-chief in Denmark, will defend the country "to the last bullet," Nazi Police Chief Pancke has advised all police of his command.

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**PROTESTANT**

Sunday services at Holy Trinity Church, 23 Avenue George V, 0930; Dufayel Barracks, Boulevard Barbés, 1030; American Union Church, 65 Quai d'Orsay, 1100 hours. Communion (Sundays and weekdays) Holy Trinity Church, 0700 and 0800 hours.

**CATHOLIC**

Sunday mass at: Madeleine Church, Place de la Madeleine, 1800; Chapel (Com Z), 5 Avenue Kleber, 1130 and 1730 hours; St. Pierre de Chaillot, 43 Avenue Marceau, 1015 hours. Daily mass: Madeleine Church, 0700 hours; Chapel, 5 Avenue Kleber, 1130 and 1730 hours. Confessions at Madeleine Church Saturdays, 1700 and 1930 hours, and before masses; and at 5 Avenue Kleber, before masses.

**JEWISH**

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

**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quaker)**

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

**BAPTIST**

Ave. du Maine Church, 48 Rue de Lille (Métro du Bac), 1900 hours.



**This Happened in America Yesterday:**

**U.S. Generosity in Giving Away Old Clothes Worries Officials**

By Richard Wilbur

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

**NEW YORK, April 20.**—The War Production Board clamped harsh controls on the garment industry as all signs indicated that after victory in Europe there would likely be a critical shortage of such items as shirts, shoes, house dresses, children's overalls and infants' underwear.

William Elliott, director of the WPB's office of civilian requirements, said that the Army's large requirements would not diminish after V-E Day. He added that requirements of many items would increase this year because of the Pacific war.

The WPB is wondering whether to start a new campaign for civilians to patch and save their clothing. Some officials are worried lest traditionally generous Americans give away for foreign relief garments they will need for themselves.



Some burglars have no sentiment. Down in Shelbyville, Ky., burglars saw a sign under a wall safe in the office of a bottling company, which read: "This safe contains records only. All money is in the vault." The burglars cut the 400-pound vault loose and carried it away—with \$400.

VETERANS hospitals which have been suffering from a shortage of nurses, while the armed forces have been campaigning to recruit women, need 1,000 nurses now, and

perhaps 3,000 by the late summer, the New York World Telegram reported from Washington.

Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, at a dinner honoring four British women trade unionists here on a nation-wide tour, estimated that the number of women in American trade unions tripled during the war to more than 3,000,000.

**One Man Who Gave Plenty**

WORKERS in a collection center for the Allied clothing drive at Summit, N.J., looked questioningly at a woman who burst in to contribute a man's coat and vest. "I'll be back with pants as soon as my husband goes to bed," she said, hurrying out.

THE Navy reported that The Mars, world's largest flying boat, shattered all previous records for monthly operations in March by flying 20 scheduled trips over the Pacific, plus two test hops. The 72-ton flying boat, which operates on a regular Naval air transport run between Alameda, Cal., and Pearl Harbor, carried more than 400,000 pounds of cargo and 473 high priority military passengers during its 290 scheduled hours in the air in March.

Residents of Snowshoe and Clarence, Pa., circulated petitions asking for the Army release of Dr. W. H. Dreibelbis—an Army captain in the Philippines—from active duty so he can resume practice at home. Since the death last month of a physician, the two small towns have been without a doctor.

A radio survey showed that President Truman's speech to Congress won the third highest daytime rating in history, with 32 percent of the nation's homes tuned in, according to C. E. Hooper, Inc., radio measurement company.

THE American Can Company, New York City, says that five-gallon tin cans, in which food, gasoline and other products are shipped to the armed forces, are serving in India as seats in movie theaters, measures for fish and grain, and, filled with sand and cemented together, as building blocks. Indians buy the cans for about 12 cents in American money—a third of a native's daily pay—and sometimes attack each other with knives in battles over cans discarded by the Army.

An increase of 100,000,000 pounds in catches of Massachusetts fishermen this year is predicted by Patrick McHugh, secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic Fishermen's Union. He says that new boats have been put into service and things are "pretty nearly back to normal, although we haven't the same manpower."



THERE'LL be droughts in the Northwest in 1975 and 2020, so severe that they will seriously lower the level of the Great Lakes, according to Dr. Charles G. Abbot, 73, astrophysicist and retired secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Abbot, famous for his original research on solar radiation, bases his forecasts on the theory that the weather on earth is controlled by day-to-day variations in the sun's heat.

Plans have been made to erect a million-dollar memorial hospital in Denver in honor of the late Maj. Gen. Maurice B. Rose. It will be dedicated for "the benefit of mankind" and will be known as the Gen. Maurice B. Rose Memorial Hospital.

**Mrs. Roosevelt Says Goodbye To Capital's Women Reporters**

WASHINGTON, April 20 (ANS).—Eleanor Roosevelt said goodbye to the women's press corps of Washington yesterday, and told them that from now on she will be a competitor—not a news source.

Wan but smiling, Mrs. Roosevelt said that she would continue her newspaper column, "My Day," and her question and answer column in the Ladies Home Journal.

She revealed that Rep. Mary T. Norton (D-N.J.), dean of Congress

women, had suggested that she go to the San Francisco conference. Her answer, she said, was a definite no.

Mrs. Roosevelt also said that she had never aspired to public office, and did not wish to start now. Nevertheless, Chairman Adolph J. Sabath (D-Ill.) of the House Rules Committee, told reporters that he intended to visit President Truman and urge that Mrs. Roosevelt be offered some high post.

**Harry S. Truman From Childhood to the Presidency**



The new President at the age of four, right, with his brother, J. Vivian Truman, then two, now an FHA official in Kansas City.



As a high school student at 15. He had to wear glasses early.



As a first lieutenant in Btry. F, 129th FA, during the World War.

**Truman Finishes First Week; Heavy Work Schedule Goes on**

WASHINGTON, April 20 (ANS).—President Truman, continuing the prodigious work schedule he has followed since he was sworn in, finished one week in office yesterday with a demonstration of his intention to work with Congress.

The President moved vigorously into the current legislative picture by telling visitors he stands fully behind the general legislative program of President Roosevelt. He indicated his co-operative attitude toward Congress in meetings with Democratic leaders of both houses.

Two parts of the Roosevelt Legislative program are now before Congress:

1—The Administration proposal to extend reciprocal trade legislation and to permit tariffs to be cut 50 percent in exchange for concessions from other nations.

2—An extension of the Selective Service Act, with the War Department and President Truman opposing amendments to forbid the combat use of 18-year-olds who have had less than six months' training.

**Many Callers in Week**

The President's list of callers during the week illustrated the range of his labors: Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio); Democratic legislative leaders; the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Senate Chaplain; Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan; Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff; the Turkish ambassador and the Lebanese minister, the Philippine president, the Secretaries of War and the Navy, the Chinese foreign minister, the French foreign minister and members of the cabinet.

President Truman also sent his first veto to Congress, appointed Spruille Braden, present ambassador to Cuba, ambassador to Argentina, and accepted the first poppy in the Veterans of Foreign Wars drive for relief funds.

The veto applied to a minor bill involving a \$1,000 refund in bonding litigation.

**Halsey Has Idea To Punish Japs**

NEW YORK, April 20 (ANS).—Adm. William H. Halsey has called for the death of a Japanese officer "two ranks higher" for every one of "our men who were murdered" in the Pacific war.

This retribution would be the peace price for Japanese atrocities in a postwar plan which would also impose an indefinite armistice without a peace treaty, and military rather than civil control.

This plan to control Japan was evolved out of discussions with his staff and Halsey refers to it as "this plan of ours." It is published under his name, as told to Frank D. Morris, Colliers' Pacific Fleet correspondent, in the current issue of the magazine.

Halsey proposes punishment of "all Japs guilty of war crimes without respect for rank or high position." Singling out Field Marshal Juichi Terauchi, "the beast who was in command during the death march of our prisoners on Bataan," and Gen. Yamashita, who commanded the Japanese forces in the Philippines.

**Gary Cooper to Get Degree**

GRINNEL, Iowa, April 20.—Gary Cooper, motion-picture star and member of the Grinnel College class of 1926, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts by his alma mater. The degree will be conferred at a special convocation.



Mr. Truman stepping through the White House door to begin his duties as the new Chief Executive.

**Still Found in Prison**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 20.—A 30-gallon whiskey still was discovered in the prison powerhouse here today. Officials said the still was empty, though it showed evidence of recent use.



## Marching Through Reich

### Nazis Wreck 300 of Own Planes; OCS Head Changes His Text

By James Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SIXTH ARMD. DIV. IN SAXONY, GERMANY, April 15 (Delayed).—All the way from Langensalza the villages burned on the Thuringian plain, and today the flames licked through the towns of Saxony, where flak-firing groups of Nazis made desperate stands. These tankers have travelled 120 miles in four days, thrusting deeper into Germany than any other American troops and these are some of the things they will never forget:

**300 Planes Destroyed; Vast Airport Discovered**  
WILCHWITZ.—Near here, in the Forst Leina, the tankers came upon 300 Nazi planes destroyed in the thick woods before their crews retreated. Beyond the broken Ju88s, Heinkel 129s, FW190s and Me109s was a vast airport, undiscovered by our bombers. The control tower, the administration buildings and hangars were permanent installations. Maj. Eugene Pitts, of Clarksdale, Miss., the Sixth's air support officer, said it was the biggest airport we had overrun in Germany.

ZEITZ.—The city of the great benzine works, was protected by 400 88s and 105s. There the commandant of a Nazi OCS gave his students a last problem to run. They were to demonstrate how a Nazi officer dies.

They barricaded themselves in the six concrete buildings, 2,000 young Nazis and their flabby commander, and held out against the tankers and infantrymen of the Second Bn. of the 407th Regt. of the 76th Div.

After every burst of our fire some of the candidates would trickle out with their hands on their head—until there were only 200 left after 48 hours. The last 200 came out under a white flag. They were led by the commandant, who tried to suck in his stomach and look very military.

The commandant decided that the school solution of the last problem was incorrect. He decided that a Nazi officer dies in bed—if he can arrange it.

NEUENMORBITZ.—As they came down the road into this deserted village, girls in khaki threw apple blossoms and tulips at them and clambered up on the vehicles to kiss them. T/4 George H. Meyer, of Richmond Hill, N.Y., said that he thought that he was back in Normandy. Pfc Harry Wollmann, of Chicago, said that he thought he was in heaven.

**Girls Throw Flowers, Climb On Tanks to Kiss Yanks**  
The girls were Poles, slave laborers in a munitions plant, and there were 127 of them living in barns. Some were Polish Wacs. But most were civilians. They ran after the tanks in the dust, throwing flowers and waving until the column went over the hill and out of sight. They seemed very sad about the tanks not stopping. The girls all wore sweaters and khaki jodphurs. Most of them had the prominent features of Lana Turner.

LANGERLEUBA.—On a hill outside the town of Langerleuba-Oberhain, the tankers saw one of the greatest crimes ever committed against humanity. They came to a concentration camp for Jewish women. The camp had been guarded by the SS Women's Auxiliary.

The SS women had fled, taking with them 800 inmates. The 80 who remained were either crazy or dying from starvation. They were merely bones covered with mottled skin. Most of them could not rise from their dirty cots. All they had to eat when the tankers came was a half pail of garbage left over from the SS mess. Two of them died today—starved to death.

The women, quivering inside bundles of rags in the spring warmth, scratched and slapped each other over a can of C-rations the tankers had thrown over the barbed wire as they went by. One woman bit another, her decayed teeth immense in her shriveled face.

Girls who said they were from 18 to 24 had the wrinkled look of people who have lived 100 years. All of them seemed to be fighting their way out of a long sleep as they begged for food in voices that could not be heard a foot away.

**Nazi Officer Decides Not To Die With His Boots On**

**They Beg—Voices Can't Be Heard a Foot Away**

## Vichyite, Accused of Treason, Begins Defense in Paris Trial

Gen. Henri Fernand Dentz, military governor of Paris in 1940 when the Germans entered the city, began his defense in the Paris Supreme Court yesterday after State Prosecutor Andre Mornet demanded his execution for treason.

The 64-year-old Dentz, also Vichyite high commissioner for Syria in 1941 when British and Free French were struggling to keep the Nazis out of the Middle East, is accused of having placed Syrian airfields at the Nazis' disposal and causing a civil war between Free French and Vichy troops.

Prosecutor Mornet has produced evidence that the U.S. protested to Marshal Petain in 1941 against the Vichy government's assistance to this Nazi program in the Middle East.

Mornet said the general had appealed to Vichy for dive-bombers to keep Allied forces out of Syria. Mornet also read Dentz' farewell speech to his troops in which he urged them to resist the British and Free French.

### Three GIs Executed

Three U.S. soldiers were hanged April 19 in Normandy, Com Z Hq. announced yesterday. They had been sentenced by a U.S. Army court martial for the crimes of murder and rape. The sentences were reviewed and confirmed by Gen. Eisenhower.

## Berlin Reported Ripe for Rebellion

STOCKHOLM, April 20 (AP).—Berlin is "ripe for rebellion" but it will be a hunger revolt and not a fight for freedom even though 90 percent of the population wish for a speedy end of the Nazi hierarchy, according to Olle Ollen, Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Morgen Tidningen, who was one of the last Swedish correspondents to leave Berlin.

"When I left the German capital, on April 8, hungry mothers of starving children stormed food shops in the Alexanderplatz, and not even the iron grip of the SS could prevent these raids," he said.

Ollen said Nazi desperadoes would defend the last bastions of Germany while Hitler and his henchmen planned to retire into mountain fortresses.

## Air Power Gets in a Punch



A B26 Marauder skirts the town of Rudolfstadt, Germany, 20 miles southeast of Erfurt, after joining with other Ninth Bombardment Div. medium and light bombers in attacking an ordnance depot for repairing German motor transport.

## Von Luckner, 'The Sea Devil' Of World War I, Happy Again

By G. K. Hodenfield  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HALLE, Germany, April 16 (Delayed).—"I haven't been so happy since I ran the British Blockade in 1916."

With those words, Count Felix von Luckner, famed "Sea Devil" of the last war, greeted Al Newman, former Newsweek writer, today as American troops advanced through this city of more than 200,000 persons and the birthplace of the composer Handel.

## Eighth Seizes Road, Rail Link

ROME, April 20 (Reuter).—Eighth Army troops today held Porto Maggiore, junction of roads and railways between Bologna and Ferrara, after a three-mile advance through the Argenta Gap and hours of house-to-house fighting.

Seizure of Porto Maggiore put Eighth Army troops within a dozen miles of Ferrara and opened Bologna for an attack from the northeast. Today's communique said Allied troops held a solid line from the Comacchio Lagoon to Porto Maggiore.

The Fifth and Eighth Army attack pointed directly at Bologna made little progress yesterday. Eighth Army men above Imola enlarged their bridgehead over the Gaiana Canal while Fifth Army forces to the southwest captured Monte San Michele, nine miles below Bologna.

MAAF flew 3,100 sorties yesterday, many of them against enemy targets in the battle zone.

## Freed Austrian Says Schuschnigg Is Alive

ON THE ELBE, Germany, April 20 (AP).—A former Austrian official who was arrested with Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg said that the former Austrian leader is alive in a concentration camp at Oranienburg.

This official, who was liberated by the Ninth Army, said that Schuschnigg was still in good health. He added that Pastor Martin Niemuller is still alive at Dachau.

## Hitler Slept Here: Now It's Tommy's Bed

WEIMAR, Germany, April 20 (UP).—Hitler's bed in the Haus Elephant has a new occupant.

Since 1940, when Hitler occupied the four-room suite, it has been reserved for his exclusive use. Today, a sick British soldier, who wandered into American lines after he escaped from a German prison camp, flopped on Hitler's bed. A lieutenant colonel had ordered the hotel manager to open the suite.

## U.S. Decision Dims Hope for Poles at 'Frisco

WASHINGTON, April 20 (ANS).—The possibility that Poland will not be represented when the San Francisco conference opens appeared today after American rejection of a renewed Russian request that the Lublin Polish government be permitted to attend. The conference will open on Wednesday.

There was some feeling on the part of American officials that the Big Three might be able to agree on a new Polish government of "national unity" in time to seat delegates late in the conference, the United Press said.

But whether this can be done depends on whether Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, en route here from Moscow, agrees to alter the Soviet Union's attitude.

## Delegates to Work 5 Days A Week; Nights If Needed

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20 (ANS).—The delegates to the United Nations conference, opening here Wednesday, will work from 9 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., five days a week—and nights when necessary—the working program disclosed today.

The general structure of the conference was outlined by John C. Ross, secretary-general. Dumbarton Oaks proposals will form the conference agenda. The working plan is subject to approval by the conference.

The steering committee, composed of all delegation heads, will be the conference's principal group. An executive committee, consisting of a smaller number of delegation heads, will assist the presiding officer.

There will be four main commissions, each to be in charge of a section. The sections will act on delegate proposals referred to them by the steering committee. Commissions will each be organized in three committees to facilitate detailed action on proposals.

The conference will be open to the public on a first come, first served basis.

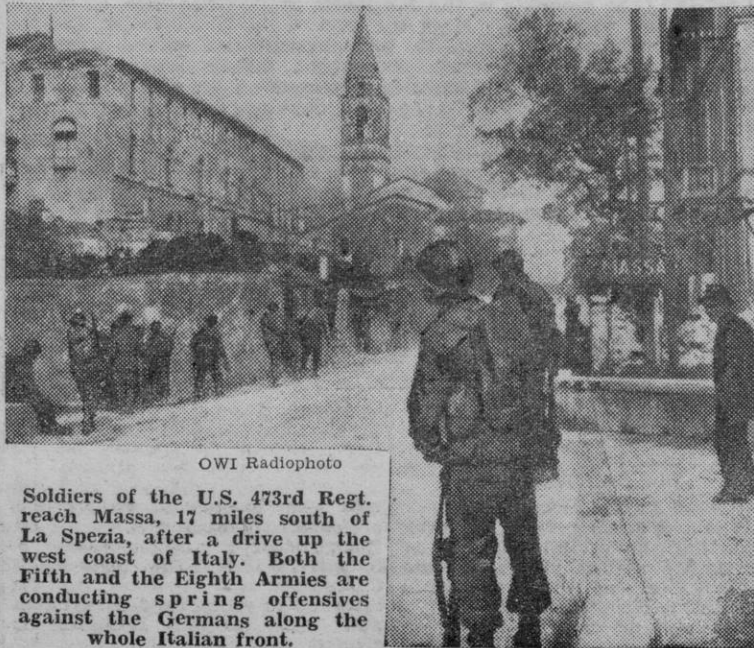
A total of 15,000 persons will be accommodated during the estimated ten plenary sessions in the San Francisco Opera House. There will be 10,000 public admissions to the business meetings in the Veterans Building.

## Legless Spitfire Pilot Freed From PW Camp

SHAEF, April 20 (AP).—Wing Commander Douglas Bader, legless RAF Spitfire pilot, has been freed by Americans after more than three years in German prison camps.

No details were given of the liberation of the Battle of Britain hero. He had thrice escaped German camps and each time was recaptured until the guards finally took his artificial legs away at night.

## Allied Spring Offensive in Italy Is Under Way



OWI Radiophoto

Soldiers of the U.S. 473rd Regt. reach Massa, 17 miles south of La Spezia, after a drive up the west coast of Italy. Both the Fifth and the Eighth Armies are conducting spring offensives against the Germans along the whole Italian front.



# Once Flashy Nuremburg Stadium Just a Frowzy Hanging Garden Now

By Howard Byrne  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NUREMBURG, April 19 (Delayed).—The great Nuremburg Stadium, in which some of the world's flashiest spectacles have been staged, was as silent as a tomb today. Rows of tall swastika-crowned spikes which surmount the amphitheater were still erect and the great swastika over the rostrum from which Hitler browbeat the world glistened in the afternoon sun.

But the frowzy condition of the endless tiers of cement seats was an open confession that Nuremburg Stadium had been unused for quite awhile. Grass and weeds had taken root in the dirt-filled cracks, giving the stadium—one of the largest in the world—the appearance of a great hanging garden.

The reason no German had troubled to put the place in operation again was quite obvious.

Great bomb craters pocked the acreage which the stadium surrounds. One of the bombs had landed on the bleachers only 50 feet from Hitler's box. It may have been dropped during the famous Nuremburg raid when he was reported to have almost been killed.

Although no matinee was being held in Nuremburg Bowl, around it swirled the greatest show Nuremburgers would ever behold as the 45th Div. doughboys doggedly fought their way into town.

### Filled Craters

Pfc Albertus J. Russel, of Sturgis, Mich., and of the 120th Engrs. was filling the largest craters now with his bulldozer.

"I often used to see this place in the newsreels" he said. "I thought Soldier Field in Chicago was big, but this place beats it."

Capt. Jim Kersey, executive officer of the First Bn. of the 180th Regt., already had pushed with his men a mile-and-a-half beyond the stadium and was reaching for the Pegnitz riverline, where he hoped to meet the Third Inf. Div. coming down from the north.

A heavy explosion shattered the afternoon air and a great sheet of flame erupted from the next block. Doughboys stopped firing and looked questioningly at Capt. Kersey.

"That's probably the Second Bn. moving up on the left wing of the tank to clean up the snipers on the next street" the captain said. "At least I hope it is. When fighting gets close like this you never know whether it's your own people or Krauts."

### Clean-Up Job

But even after the fight for Nuremburg seemed near the end and enemy artillery began to fade out, German machine-gunners, bazookamen and snipers still clung to their houses. The doughs now inherited the slow, costly job of clearing them out.

Back at corps, the commanding general was getting a big bang out of looking at the situation map.

"We've got this town sealed up so tight I don't think a single rat can get out. You know what I'd like to do when we clean the town out. I'd like to stand up in that box where Hitler spoke and tell some of those American doughboys what I think of their guts. They're terrific."

### Publisher's Son Killed

AKRON, Ohio, April 20 (ANS).—1/Lt. John S. Knight Jr., son of John S. Knight, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and publisher of Knight newspapers, was killed March 29 when ambushed by Germans near Muenster.

### Ready to Meet Ivan

## 5th Armd. Takes No Chances

By George Dorsey  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIFTH ARMD. DIV., April 20.—Taking no chances on any accidents when its troops meet the Red Army, this division carries a Russian liaison officer.

He is a Soviet infantry lieutenant who was liberated at Tangermunde by Brig. Gen. Eugene Regnier's Combat Command A.

Captured more than two years ago during the Red Army counter-offensive at Stalingrad, the lieutenant suffered the usual vicious treatment that the Nazis gave the Russians.

Tankers do a little rubbernecking when he drives down the road in a captured German car given to him by Capt. Thomas A. Ryan, of Appleton, Wis. The car has "Russian Liaison" painted on both sides.



The Nuremburg Stadium in its heyday, with swastika flags flying.

## Halle's Many Hospitals Help Save City From Destruction

By G. K. Hodenfield  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH TASK FORCE ROUGE, Halle, Germany, April 18 (Delayed).—From here you can go to Berlin by rail for a little more than nine marks. But it would probably be safer and nearly as fast to travel those 168 kilometers with the men from the 104th Div. who have nearly mopped up this central Germany communications and hospital center.

## All or Nothing, Lewis Demands

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP).—John L. Lewis has asked the War Labor Board to approve all or nothing in his new contract with the nation's soft coal operators.

Signed April 11 after 41 days of negotiation, the contract must be passed on by the WLB as the first step before it can become effective.

The United Mine Workers, president made his position known to the board last week when he declared that each of the points was agreed upon in relation to the whole contract and that if the board cannot approve it entirely it should reject the whole agreement.

Right now the enemy is pinned down in the southern end of the city with no hope of escape, because there are roadblocks on every highway and by-way out of town. Sweating it out in the southern suburbs is a high Wehrmacht officer who would probably surrender if he could shake those two SS men, reported trailing him with drawn pistols.

Most of this city of 200,000 persons has been spared—for two reasons. First, there are at least 30 hospitals in the town, many containing sick and injured Allied PWs. Then, too, the civilians here pleaded with the German commander to get the hell out of here so the city wouldn't be flattened.

Partly because of the civilian pleas, but mostly on account of the doughboys from the 414th Regt. of the 104th Timberwolves, the commander has got the hell out of most of the city.

German civilians here in Halle would be making a liar out of Hitler if he hadn't done that job so thoroughly himself. They keep running up to the soldiers to tell them where the Gestapo is hiding and where the snipers are, and to point out the German soldiers who made a quick change into civilian clothing.

They would treat the Americans like liberators if these men, most of whom toured the political prisoners' death-house in Nordhausen, would let them. They crowd into streets less than two blocks from the fighting and watch it all with a curious detachment. As is the case in other places, the Germans can't be too good to Yanks now.

## Americans Will Take Hitler Prisoner 'If He Doesn't Resist,' Stimson Declares

WASHINGTON, April 20 (ANS).—American troops who find Hitler will bring him in as a prisoner of war "if he doesn't resist," Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told reporters today.

"You may be sure that our troops will do their duty," Stimson said. "Hitler will be made a prisoner of war like other Nazi officials if he doesn't resist."

If Hitler does resist, the United Press said, the implication was that the captors will use their own discretion.

Stimson was asked about the Army orientation film which showed pictures of Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito and which said: "Remember these faces well and if you ever see them, don't hesitate." He admitted that the film might lead soldiers to misinterpret their duty to bring the Axis leaders back as criminals.

### Up to British Soldier

In the House of Commons last month, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said that he was content to leave the decision of shooting Hitler or bringing him in alive "to the judgment of any British soldier."

Stimson revealed that large quantities of Red Cross supplies are being delivered to Americans in German prison camps. According to Supreme Allied Headquarters, an average of ten freight cars of food parcels a day are being shipped to northern ports.

Discussing the Allied offensive, Stimson said: "Whatever Army enters Berlin first will have due credit. We are all fighting as Allies against the Nazis and every step taken toward their complete defeat should be a matter of mutual congratulations. In any event, the objective is to crush the German Army and Nazi regime rather than take geographical locations."

## Gas Workers End Strike

LAKE CHARLES, La., April 20 (ANS).—The strike at the government-seized Cities Service high octane refinery ended last night when citizens of nearby Maplewood voted to return to their jobs.

Company officials said that it would be about ten days before full production was resumed because the giant catalytic crackers used in the refinery had to be reconditioned.

Workers left their jobs at midnight April 9 in a dispute with the nearby Maplewood Housing Project over increased rents. Neither the company nor the Lake Charles Metal Trades Council, bargaining agent for the workers, was involved in the controversy. The workers said that they would continue their efforts to obtain rent reductions.

## City Doomed, Leipzig Nazis Poison Selves

WITH FIRST ARMY LEIPZIG April 20 (Reuter).—A wave of suicide among Nazi officials swept Leipzig as the noise of First Army guns approached the city. The burgomeister, his wife and 18-year-old daughter, and the deputy burgomeister and his wife poisoned themselves in a suicide pact at a wine party in the town hall.

The deputy district leader of the Nazi party shot himself and the managing director of the Schneider armaments factory blew himself up with a large section of the factory.

One high Nazi official who was taken prisoner reported that at the "suicide party" the burgomeister said: "It's all over. Tomorrow the Americans will be in the city."

The party broke up and the burgomeister and his family went upstairs and drank poison. They were followed by the deputy and his wife. All died.

## Souvenir Craze Hits G-2 Work

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, April 20.—Souvenir-hunting soldiers are unwittingly impeding Army intelligence officers seeking information in captured Gestapo and Nazi army headquarters, officials said today.

Vital files have been lost or destroyed by rummaging soldiers who failed to realize their importance. In one case, intelligence officers had to search for three days through a pile of rubble in a yard of a Gestapo headquarters to find lists thrown out of windows by soldiers.

### Nominates Envoy to Argentina

WASHINGTON, April 20 (Reuter).—President Truman has nominated Spruille Braden, now American Ambassador to Cuba, to be Ambassador to Argentina. Diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Argentina were resumed recently after a break since June, 1944.

## Through a Nazi Stronghold on the Eastern Front



Three Soviet soldiers pass along a street in Kustrin, east of Berlin, after the city was captured from the Germans by the Red Army.



# Yankees Sweep Series; Giants, Braves Divide

## Bosox Lose Again; Benton Blanks St. Louis

NEW YORK, April 20.—The Yankees swept their three-game series with the Red Sox by winning, 4-3, and the White Sox protected their unblemished slate by drubbing the Indians, 14-6, to feature yesterday's American League activity.

The Tigers nipped the Browns, 1-0, and the Senators edged the Athletics, 4-3, in 12 innings, as they played their second overtime game in two days.

Herschel Martin, Yank outfielder, was spiked on the upper lip and needed three stitches to close the wound after colliding with his teammate, Johnny Lindell, in the outfield. Walt Dubiel held the Bosox to seven hits but was hampered by poor support in the field. The winning run was shoved across in the ninth when Mike Ryba hit Lindell with the bases loaded.



Walt Dubiel

### Ex-Sailor Benton Wins

Al Benton proved that years in the Navy hadn't affected his pitching as he spun a four-hitter against the Browns to notch the second straight whitewash administered by the Tigers against the American League champions. Singles by Eddie Mayo, Rudy York and Doc Cramer produced the game's only run, against Nelson Potter in the ninth.

Luke Sewell benched Pete Gray, his one-armed outfielder, in favor of Babe Martin, but Martin went hitless.

The Chisox powered their way to eight runs in the first four frames against Jim Bagby and then cruised to victory without trouble as Bill Dietrich, the victor, and Johnny Johnson held the Indians in check. The Chicagoans rapped out 17 hits, four by Johnny Dickshot.

George Case lined a homerun into the leftfield stands in the 12th inning to win for the Senators. Chick Pieretti, diminutive speedballer who was born in Italy, appeared in his first big league contest and went the route for the Griffis, despite 14 hits accumulated by the A's. Jess Flores started for the Mackmen, but gave way to Jittery Joe Berry in the seventh. Berry was charged with the setback.

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### Atkinson Deferred

NEW YORK, April 20.—Ted Atkinson, leading jockey of 1944, has been advised by his draft board that he has been granted a deferment until the third week of June.

### Gillhooley to Pilot Irish

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 20.—Frank Gillhooley Jr., son of the former Yankee and Red Sox outfielder, has been named captain of the Notre Dame baseball team.

## Mel Ott Protests Second Tilt; Cards Win

NEW YORK, April 20.—The first squabble of the National League campaign occurred in Boston yesterday as the Giants and Braves observed Patriots' Day by dividing a doubleheader. The Giants copped the morning contest, 4-3, while the Braves won the afternoon duel, 13-5, with Manager Mel Ott protesting the afterpiece.

The disputed play arose in the Brave half of the third inning when Chuck Workman's grounder struck Carden Gillenwater, who was running from first to second, and Umpire Bill Stewart called Gillenwater out. Umpire George Magerkurth reversed Stewart's decision, ruling the ball had bounced off Pitcher Ewald Pyle's glove. Ott lodged his protest; on the grounds the decision should have been reversed before Pyle pitched to the next batter.

### Cards Topple Cubs

In other National League games yesterday, the Cardinals broke into the win column by stopping the Cubs, 8-5; the Dodgers shaded the Phillies, 3-1, and the Pirates tripped the Reds, 5-1.

Johnny Rucker's homerun ignited a four-run rally in the eighth inning off Red Barrett to clinch the opener for the Giants. Andy Hansen was the winning pitcher. Jim Tobin coasted to victory in the nightcap while his mates pummeled Pyle, Jack Brewer and Ray Harrell for 15 hits. Ernie Lombardi, lumbering Giant catcher, clubbed a homer with the bases full in the fifth.

Errors by Don Johnson and Len Merullo opened the door for five unearned runs in the fourth inning and enabled Harry Brecheen to set down the Cubs. Ed Sauer homered in the second for the Bruins. Walker Cooper slapped four hits to lead the assault on Southpaw Ray Prim.

### Butcher Stops Reds

Max Butcher paraded the Pirates into the victory column when he handcuffed the Reds with four hits, while the Bucs bunched four of their six hits off Walt "Boom Boom" Beck to score twice in the first and twice in the third. An error by Bob Elliott ruined Butcher's shutout bid.

Two-hit pitching by Hal Gregg—singles by Rene Monteagudo and Jim Wasdell—stifled the Phillies. The Bums climbed on Charley Sproull, making his first major league start, for three runs in the third.

## Quakers Announce 8-Game Grid Slate

PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—Pennsylvania University's eight-game 1945 football schedule was announced after the athletic office straightened out its Thanksgiving Day argument with Cornell. The game originally had been scheduled for Nov. 29—but Thanksgiving is a week earlier so the matter was settled by re-scheduling the game to Nov. 24.

Penn's schedule: Sept. 29, Brown; Oct. 6, Dartmouth; Oct. 13, North Carolina; Oct. 27, Navy; Nov. 3, Princeton; Nov. 10, Columbia; Nov. 27, Army, and Nov. 24, Cornell.

# Major League Standings

American League			
Washington 4	Philadelphia 3	(12 innings)	
Chicago 14	Cleveland 6	New York 4, Boston 3	
Detroit 1, St. Louis 0			
WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct
New York 3 0 1.000	St. Louis 1 2 .333	Chicago 2 0 1.000	Philadelphia 1 2 .333
Washington 2 1 .667	Cleveland 0 2 .000	Detroit 0 2 1 .000	Boston 0 3 .000
St. Louis at Chicago			
Cleveland at Detroit			
Philadelphia at Boston			
New York at Washington			

National League			
Brooklyn 3	Philadelphia 1	New York 4-5, Boston 3-13	
St. Louis 8, Chicago 5			
Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 1			
WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct
New York 3 1 .750	St. Louis 1 1 .500	Cincinnati 2 1 .667	Philadelphia 1 2 .333
Brooklyn 2 1 .667	Pittsburgh 1 2 .333	Chicago 0 1 1 .000	Boston 0 1 3 .250
Boston at Philadelphia			
Brooklyn at New York			
Chicago at Pittsburgh			
St. Louis-Cincinnati not scheduled.			

# Yankees' Barrow Turns Down Offer to Succeed Judge Landis



Ed Barrow

NEW YORK, April 20.—Ed Barrow, beetle-browed wizard of baseball who built the Yankees into the game's most fearsome team, today rejected an offer to take over the position of baseball commissioner as successor to the late Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

Age and illness forced him to turn down the bid, Barrow announced. "I'm definitely out of the running," Barrow said. "I've been in baseball for 50 years and am too tired to start this new venture. If I was ten years younger, I'd really like it. But you know I'll be 77 next month."

The former president of the Yankees, relegated to a secondary position with the dynasty he built when Dan Topping, Del Webb and Larry MacPhail purchased the club in January, revealed he had been offered the berth by Will Harridge, president of the American League.

Harridge had sounded out Barrow so he could make a report when club owners meet in Cleveland next week. The moguls were unanimously in favor of Barrow, according to Harridge, and their vote would merely have been a formality to approve the choice.

"My personal choice for the job still is either Ford Frick, president of the National League, or Jim Farley," Barrow said. "But, of course, I don't have anything to say about who is named."

Barrow had a fiery temper in his younger days. Once he punched Sandy Ferguson, leading New England heavyweight, for jostling a friend at the ringside. A few days later he accepted \$150 to meet Jim Corbett, heavyweight ruler at the time, but the bout was cancelled.

Barrow quieted Ruth. And when Babe Ruth, then a young pitcher, violated training regulations, Ed invited him to trade punches in the clubhouse. Ruth refused, but obeyed both training rules and Barrow, whom he always called "Mister Ed."

Barrow broke into organized baseball in 1895 when he purchased Wheeling of the Interstate League. He became manager of the Detroit Tigers in 1903, was later elected president of the International League, and became manager of the Boston Red Sox in 1918, winning the pennant and World Series that same year. He joined the Yankees in 1921 as general manager, then later became president of the club.

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Joe Cronin



Walker Cooper

## Cronin Breaks Leg

BOSTON, April 20.—Joe Cronin's ill-fated comeback as an infielder apparently was over for all time today as the Boston Red Sox opened their home season against the Athletics with their skipper sidelined by a fractured right leg.

The 39-year-old manager, who has appeared only infrequently in the lineup since 1941, suffered the career-ending injury yesterday in the seventh inning of Boston's game with the Yankees at New York. He tripped and fell running from first base to second in the seventh inning and his spikes caught in the turf, pinning his right leg under his body.

Cronin became a player-manager in 1933 when he succeeded Walter Johnson as pilot of the Senators. He moved to Boston in 1934 and has been managing the Red Sox ever since. During his playing days, Cronin appeared in the 1933 World Series with the Nats, played in seven All-Star classics and compiled lifetime batting average of .303.

He was named the most valuable player in the American League in 1930, and made The Sporting News All-Star major league team in 1930-31-32-33-34-35-36.

## Army Puts Finger on Walker Cooper

ST. LOUIS, April 20.—Walker Cooper, talented Cardinal catcher, has been ordered by his draft board to report for Army induction on April 30, he informed Manager Billy Southworth today.

Walker and his brother, Mort, are currently involved in a battle with the Cardinal front office over salaries. The brothers signed contracts for \$12,000, then threatened to strike unless they received new pacts for \$15,000 each after learning Marty Marion, the team's shortstop, had been given \$13,500.

## Red Wings Shut Out Leafs, 2-0, To Remain in Hockey Playoffs

DETROIT, April 20.—The Detroit Red Wings came through in the final frame here last night and scored twice to blank the Toronto Maple Leafs, 2-0, in the fifth game of the Stanley Cup finals. However, the Wings still trail the Leafs, 3-2, in games.

The series will be resumed here tomorrow night. Detroit forced the play from the start but failed to dent the Toronto offensive. Goalie Frank McCool turned back every threat in the first two periods of the well-played game that saw only two penalties called against each team.

At 8:21 of the final period, Flash Hollett took a pass from Joe Carveth and scored for the first Red Wing tally, and at 16:16 Carveth sank a goal on a pass from Bill Quackenbush.

## NBA Names Conn As Only Challenger

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The National Boxing Assn. today announced its quarterly rankings, listing champions in each division and logical contenders. Cpl. Billy Conn, currently in the ETO, was designated as the only logical challenger for T/Sgt. Joe Louis' heavyweight crown.

Champions and contenders in other classes:

FLYWEIGHT.—Champion, Jackie Patterson. Contenders, Alex Murphy, Joe Curran, Dade Marino.

BANTAMWEIGHT.—Champion, Manuel Ortiz. Contenders, Rush Dalma, Kui Kong Young, Little Dado.

FEATHERWEIGHT.—Champion, Sal Bartola. Contender, Willie Pep.

LIGHTWEIGHT.—Champion, Ike Williams. Contenders, Juan Zurita, Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Willie Joyce.

WELTERWEIGHT.—Champion, Freddie Cochrane. Contender, Ray Robinson.

MIDDLEWEIGHT.—Champion, Tony Zale. Contenders, Jake Lamotta, George Abrams.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT.—Champion, Gus Lesnevich. Contenders, Lloyd Marshall, Freddie Mills.

Ernie Bonham Signs  
NEW YORK, April 20.—Ernie Bonham, Yankee right hander who won 12 and lost nine last year and who reported to the club Tuesday after a holdout siege, signed his contract after passing a physical exam by a Yankee physician. It is believed since his health is satisfactory he will receive his last year's salary—about \$15,000.

## Truman Says 'No' To Racing People

WASHINGTON, April 20.—President Truman yesterday refused to lift the ban on horse racing "until at least V-E Day, because the midnight curfew, brownouts and racing ban had done a lot for the country's moral well-being."

Friends say, however, that Truman's decision does not mean he will be harsh to sports, but that he intends to keep sports in their proper perspective with other matters as war conditions change. This was the idea fostered by Jimmy Byrnes before he resigned as War Mobilization Director.

## Minor League Results

International League			
Newark 3	Toronto 2	Jersey City 5, Rochester 4	
Syracuse 19, Buffalo 5			
Baltimore 9, Montreal 5			
WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct
Baltimore 1 0 1.000	Buffalo 0 1 .000	Jersey City 1 0 1.000	Montreal 0 1 .000
Newark 1 0 1.000	Rochester 0 1 .000	Syracuse 1 0 1.000	Toronto 0 1 .000
American Association			
Milwaukee 10, Minneapolis 5			
St. Paul 5, Kansas City 4			
Indianapolis 3, Columbus 3			
Louisville at Toledo, postponed			
WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct
Louisville 1 0 1.000	Indianapolis 1 1 .500	St. Paul 1 0 1.000	Toledo 0 1 .000
Milwaukee 1 0 1.000	Minneapolis 0 1 .000	Columbus 1 1 .500	Kans. City 0 1 .000
Pacific Coast League			
San Diego 11, Los Angeles 4			
Sacramento 9, San Francisco 4			
(10 innings)			
Oakland 6, Seattle 4 (10 innings)			
Portland 21, Hollywood 2			
WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct	WL Pct
Seattle 12 6 .667	San Diego 10 9 .526	Portland 12 6 .667	S. Francisco 8 11 .421
Oakland 10 8 .556	Los Angeles 7 12 .368	Sacramento 10 9 .526	Hollywood 5 13 .278





A signal repair company sends us this one. Famous last words of a clothing salesman after the war: "Now here's something nice in a brown."

Worst pun of the decade. The little moron sez Hitler has ordered his men to change their socks. He smells de-feat.

It happened at a cocktail party. A sweet young thing turned to a handsome major, eyed his insignia, and cooed, "I just love fliers." "But I'm not a flier," said the officer, "this is the insignia of the



Medical Corps. It's the winged staff of mercury with two serpents twined around it." "Well," replied the sweet young thing amiably, "I love wings anyway—even on snakes."

Our spy on the home front writes: Rub a dub, dub Three men in a tub—Hotels are sure crowded these days.

Daffynition (By Cpl. John Sorich): A sergeant is the guy who cusses you out after the Army swears you in.

J. C. W.

Births

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

Lt/Comdr. Russel P. Moon, North Wilmington, Mass.—Margaret Anne, April 7; 1/Lt. Ener H. Nelson, Waco, Texas—Patricia Evelyn, March 25; Lt. James M. Souter, Dallas—James Stephen, April 1; Lt. James E. Hoon, Hamilton, Ohio—boy, April 12; Capt. J. D. Sturgis, Elkhart, Ind.—Marylu, April 17; Pfc Wm. T. Dyson, Commerce, Texas—William Thomas, March 19; Pvt. Robert M. Nawlin, Waco, Texas—Bobbie Arlene, April 13; Pvt. Eugene R. Leatherwood, Dallas—Juliet Eve, April 16; T/Sgt. Ray Pritchett, Leonard, Texas—Marcus Ray, March 22; Lt. William J. Winkler, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Patricia Cleone, April 9.

PFC Marvin E. Johnson, Amarillo, Texas—Marvin Dale, April 12; Pfc Alvin Master, Kingston, Pa.—boy, April 5; Sgt. Charles Fitzrandolph, Benton, Wis.—Heide Sue, April 16; Sgt. Leroy M. Rumsey, Trappe, Pa.—Gary Lee, April 3; Pfc Matthew J. Plunkett, St. Louis—boy, April 14; Pvt. Albert Gillham, Independence Mo.—boy, April 18; Sgt. Ralph P. Noah, Wichita Falls, Texas—boy, April 18; Pfc Ben Fast, Brooklyn—girl, April 18; Cpl. Joseph A. Connelly, Ft. Lee, N.J.—Richard Joseph, April 12; 1/Sgt. Harry A. Henderson, Chicago—Susan, April 14; Capt. Edward Weh, New York—girl, April 16; T/Sgt. Ralph E. Howitt, Sacramento—William Dorn, April 15.

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Li'l Abner

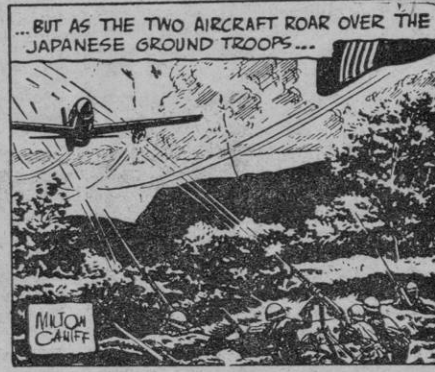
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# Yanks Seize Second Isle Near Borneo

MANILA, April 20 (ANS).—Capture of the island of Balabac, 45 miles north of Borneo, and of Catabato, capital of the southern Mindanao province of the same name, was announced today by Gen. MacArthur.

An unopposed landing on Balabac, Wednesday, by 41st Div. troops gave the Yanks a second jump-off point for possible operations against oil-rich Borneo. Tawitawi Island, 30 miles east of Borneo, already has been taken.

With American forces thus poised on two islands near Borneo, MacArthur announced that the "enemy's oil supply from this area has ceased." He presumably referred to the aerial blockade by Philippines-based aircraft. Nevertheless, heavy bombers struck petroleum installations at Tarakan, on Borneo, wrecking storage tanks.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff's 24th Div., which landed on the west coast of southern Mindanao Tuesday, drove 22 miles to within 52 air miles of Davao, a major Philippines port.

The amphibious operation brought the doughboys into Catabato and Tamontaka, towns controlling the dual mouths of the Mindanao River, largest in the Philippines.

Jap counter-attacks in the Baguio sector of northern Luzon were repulsed. Artillery fire increased on this front, and rain slowed the progress of the 33rd Div. toward Baguio, Philippines summer capital.

Little Carabao Island, in Manila Bay, the 45th island to be seized in the Philippines, was taken by 33rd Div. troops after a naval bombardment drove an estimated 300 to 500 Japanese underground.

# U.S. Casualties Reach 912,200

WASHINGTON, April 20 (ANS).—U.S. combat casualties increased 12,810 in the past week to reach an overall total of 912,200, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced yesterday.

Stimson also revealed that the largest concentration of U.S. prisoners is at Stalag 7, at Moosburg, 25 miles northeast of Munich. He reported that U.S. casualties in Europe during March "were limited" to 47,023, including 6,214 killed, 35,443 wounded and 5,366 missing.

Ground force losses in Europe since D-Day total 473,215, of which there were 79,795 killed, 334,919 wounded and 58,501 missing.

Army losses total 813,870, including 162,505 killed, 496,803 wounded, 83,926 missing and 70,636 prisoners.

# Dubose Now in ETO As Naval Chief of Staff

HQS, U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE, April 20 (UP).—Admiral Laurence T. Dubose, of Annapolis, Md., has arrived from the Pacific area to assume the joint duties of chief of staff to Admiral Stark and U.S. Naval attaché, Admiral Dubose succeeds Rear Admiral George B. Wilson, who performed both duties since May, 1943.

# Lt. Will Rogers Jr. Wounded in Action

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP).—Lt. Will Rogers Jr., son of the famed American cowboy-humorist, has been wounded in action in the ETO.

Lt. Rogers, a former Representative from California, telegraphed his wife that he was hospitalized, but said his wound was not serious. He is with the First Army.

**Nazi Radio Station Silent**  
LONDON, April 20 (UP).—Deutschlandsender, Germany's most powerful long-wave radio station, near Berlin, went silent Wednesday night and has not yet resumed broadcasting.

# East, West, South—Allies Tighten Squeeze on Germans



# Pyle Is Buried On Islet Where He Met Death

IE ISLAND, April 20.—An accompaniment of chattering machine-guns and barking mortars marked the burial of Ernie Pyle today.

Pyle was laid to rest with military honors as battle-grimed Yanks, holding pistols ready and keeping their helmets on for fear of possible sniper fire, stood at attention.

Attending the funeral on this tiny island near Okinawa were Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce, 77th Div. commander, and Lt. Col. Joseph B. Coolidge, of Helena, Ark., who was with Pyle on Wednesday when he was killed. Services were conducted in the 77th Div. Cemetery by Chaplain N. B. Saucier, former pastor of a Coffeyville, Miss., church.

After the service, infantrymen slogged up to the front, a few hundred yards away.

Pyle's remains are in a wooden casket, made by Cpl. Landon Seidler, of Richmond, Va. Seidler also fashioned a wooden plaque to be placed on the spot where the columnist was killed. It reads: "At this spot, the 77th Inf. Div. lost a buddy, Ernie Pyle, 18 April 1945."

A white cross was painted on the casket. A sheaf of grain, with Ernie's dogtags tied to it, was nailed to the casket.

**Eddy, Ill, Going to U.S.**  
WITH THIRD ARMY IN GERMANY, April 20.—Maj. Gen. Manton Eddy, commander of Patton's XII corps, is going home because of ill health. No new commander has been named.

# Allies Encircle Stuttgart

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along the Elbe River front of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's U.S. Ninth Army. In Leipzig, infantrymen of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army wiped out the last resistance.

Ninth Army men were still engaged in subduing by-passed German forces between Brunswick and Magdeburg. Using up to 20 German tanks and some captured U.S. trucks and half-tracks, the Germans, about a division strong, were trying to break through American lines from the rear.

At Dessau, 35 miles north of Leipzig, the Third Armd. Div. of the First Army was closing in on the town's perimeter defenses. Other First Army troops continued clearing up the Harz Mountains in the rear of their lines where some German units have been trapped for more than a week in a small wooded area.

As the main body of the 90th Inf. Div. of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army closed up to the Czechoslovak frontier which American patrols crossed two days ago other forces were swinging south of Bayreuth. The 11th Armd. Div. rolled 16 miles southward to take Grafenwohr, 20 miles southeast of Bayreuth, while doughs of the 26th Inf. Div. pushed 14 miles to Ramlesreuth, 11 miles southeast of the city.

French and American columns which had by-passed Stuttgart on the west and east were 30 miles apart. Their link-up would trap fairly strong enemy forces in the Stuttgart area.

The 12th Armd. Div., moving southwest of Nuremberg, reached points 60 miles north of Augsburg and crossed the Altmühl River, one

# Ike and Monty Meet on Seized Luftwaffe Field

By Jules Grad  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE SUPREME COMMANDER IN GERMANY, April 20.—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery met today on a captured Luftwaffe airfield a few miles from the front.

A squadron of Spitfires swept the sky as Eisenhower and his 21st Army Gp commander talked for an hour in the Supreme Commander's private plane.

Outside, British, Canadian and American soldiers, liberated this week from a German concentration camp south of Hamburg, milled around the plane, waiting for their first glimpse of Eisenhower and Montgomery. At 3:45 P.M. the two ended the meeting and left the plane.

Strolling through the group they noticed some of the curious uniforms their troops were wearing. One American soldier, T/Sgt. Clyde T. Tinker, of Erwin, Tenn., was dressed in olive drab trousers and a Nazi SS battle jacket.

These were a few of the living from Germany's sprawling "Stalag of Death" at Oerbroke.

Tinker described the brutal thrashing he suffered from a Gestapo captain.

"Would you recognize him?" Eisenhower asked.

"Yes, and I'd like to kill him," Tinker replied.

"Just let us get him," said the general. "We'll take care of the rest."

# RAF Planes Attack Nazi Garrison at Dunkirk

The German holdout garrison at Dunkirk, on the French coast, was heavily attacked yesterday by RAF Mitchells, which dropped scores of 500-pound bombs on gun positions, ammo dumps and headquarters buildings. The U.S. Eighth, Ninth and First TAC Air Forces continued to hammer enemy targets in Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Approximately 800 U.S. Eighth heavies, escorted by more than 800 fighter-bombers, pounded rail facilities in a sweeping arc north and south of Berlin.

In a second Eighth AF operation yesterday, more than 200 B24 Liberators bombed targets between Munich and Prague.

Ninth AF airmen attacked an oil depot at Deggendorf, an ordnance depot at Straubing, both in the Bavarian forest, and railway yards at Memmingen, 70 miles west of Munich.

Other Ninth AF fliers attacked a concentration of 15 German tanks at Leitzkau, 15 miles southeast of Magdeburg, while fighter-bombers hammered enemy railways from Pilsen northward to a point just south of Dresden.

First TAF B26 Marauders attacked an ammo dump at Ingolstadt in southwest Germany, while French-flown Marauders pounded the Lautheim airfield 12 miles from Ulm.

Thunderbolts of 12th TAC attacked seven enemy airdromes at Ingolstadt and in areas north of Munich to Ulm. Incomplete reports claimed 70 enemy planes destroyed on the ground and 104 damaged.