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U.S. Carrier Blasted by Jap Plane

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—More than 1,000 crew members of the aircraft-carrier Franklin were killed or wounded March 19, when a Japanese dive-bomber scored two direct hits and exploded the ship's magazines, the Navy Department disclosed yesterday.

Although the attack turned the cat-top into a "floating hell," survivors kept the 27,000-ton mass of flaming, twisted wreckage afloat and brought her to Brooklyn from the scene of the tragedy, only 60 miles off the Japanese coast.

The casualty toll was the largest ever suffered by an American naval vessel in a single engagement, United Press reported. It included 341 dead, 431 missing and more than 300 wounded.

Hit Off Japanese Coast

Now the charred and battered hulk, once the flagship of Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's Tokyo-busting task force, is in the New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, after a voyage of 12,000 miles, mostly under her own power.

Operating off the Japanese coast, the Franklin was preparing to dispatch her bombers and fighters on the day's first mission when a lone Jap dive-bomber came out of the clouds and dumped two 500-pound bombs squarely on her flight and hangar decks.

The bombs detonated 200,000 pounds of rockets and bombs and ammunition, which in turn exploded fuel tanks and sent flaming gasoline cascading over the ship from bow to fantail.

Chaplain Is Hero

"Large bombs exploded and threw men and planes the length of the ship," the Navy's account said. "Airplanes disintegrated, as did their pilots and crewmen."

The ship's chaplain, Lt. Comdr. Joseph O'Callahan, of Boston, was described by the skipper, Capt. Leslie Gehres, of Coronado, Calif., as "the bravest man I ever saw." Ignoring flying shrapnel, shells and flaming gasoline, he administered the last rites to the dying, organized fire fighters and helped to throw hot bombs and shells into the sea.

U.S. Casualties Near Million

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—The total of Americans killed, wounded, missing or taken prisoner in this war was nearing the million mark today.

The Army and Navy announced that, as of last night, American casualties in all services totalled 986,214, an increase of 13,560 over last week's total. Of these, 878,939 were Army casualties, and 107,275 were Navy.

The Army figure included 544,249 wounded, of whom 294,208 have been returned to duty, and 89,152 prisoners, of whom 19,876 have been officially listed as exchanged or returned to U.S. military control.

Sweden Apologizes For Article on Stalin

STOCKHOLM, May 18 (AP).—The Swedish government has expressed its regret to the Soviet Union for an article that appeared in a Swedish weekly, giving an unfavorable impression of Marshal Joseph Stalin, according to an authoritative source.

The article, printed several weeks ago, prompted the Soviet government to lodge a formal protest and request that the issue be confiscated.

Archeologist Is Suicide

PHILADELPHIA, May 18 (UP).—Officials listed today as suicide the death of Dr. George C. Vaillant, director of the University of Pennsylvania museum and archeologist and lecturer. His body was found near a swimming pool on his estate near Devon, Pa.

9th AF Queen



WAC Cpl. Sally Helmer smiles nicely for the cameras after being chosen the prettiest member of the WAC detachment at 9th AF Hq. Sally (we don't like to call pretty girls "corporal") comes from Wilkesburg, Pa., and is the daughter of a staff sergeant fighting in the Philippines. Her vital statistics—usually announced when a "prettiest" girl is chosen—are not available.

Truman to Present 100th CMH Award

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—President Harry S. Truman will appear before a joint session of Congress Monday to present the 100th Congressional Medal of Honor.

Senate majority leader Alben Barkley (D, Ky.), who announced arrangements for the joint session, said that Monday's ceremonies will "do honor to all those who have been awarded the Medal of Honor in this war."

The recipient of the 100th medal will be T/Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, of Lucedale, Miss., an infantry platoon leader in the 16th Reg. of the First Army's First Div. The War Department recently announced that he was being returned to the U.S. to receive the medal awarded for gallantry in action near Hamick, Germany.

Test Plane Visits Pole

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The specially-built RAF Lancaster bomber Aries, which is engaged in instrument research, was over the North Pole yesterday, the Air Ministry announced. The experimental plane returned to a base in Iceland after the flight.

Yanks Reach Naha Center, Attack Shuri From 3 Sides; Jap Peace Bid Is Denied

Foe's Industrialists Reported Asking To End War

Leading Japanese industrialists were reported yesterday to have launched a "peace offensive" aimed at getting Nippon out of the war short of unconditional surrender, but there was no official confirmation and a Radio Tokyo commentator dismissed the rumors as "propaganda."

"Japan has now established a clear-cut structure according to which she is now on completely friendly terms with the Soviet Union and on an all-out fighting basis with the Anglo-Americans," the enemy spokesman said.

In Washington, Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson pointed out that such peace rumors might be expected, but added that he did not believe that Japan had made an offer to surrender. In fact, he said, he looked forward to continued stubborn Japanese resistance.

Source Close to Soviet Quoted

Reuter, one of two agencies circulating the "peace" story, quoted a source close to the Soviet delegation at the San Francisco conference as saying that Japanese businessmen had sent a peace feeler through Soviet diplomatic channels. The industrialists, Reuter said, declared that Emperor Hirohito was willing to enter into negotiations for cessation of the war, possibly through overthrow of the Japanese militarist government.

The Allies took no cognizance of the bid because it fell short of the stipulated unconditional surrender, the Reuter correspondent said.

The Associated Press said it was learned in Washington that individual Japanese in neutral countries are fishing for signs of peace short of unconditional surrender, but thus far no official peace bid had been received.

The reported peace "feelers" came slightly more than a week after President Truman, in his V-E Day proclamation, had reiterated the U.S. and Allied stand that unconditional surrender—and only unconditional surrender—could end the war in the Pacific.

Truman Defines Statement

Reporters later asked the Chief Executive to define what he meant by unconditional surrender. "It means," said Truman, "the end of the war. It means the termination of the influence of military leaders who have brought Japan to the brink of disaster. Unconditional surrender does not mean the ex-

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U.S. to Transfer to France Part Of Occupation Zone in Reich

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—President Truman conferred today with Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, and told him that the U.S. was willing to relinquish to France a part of the American occupation zone in Germany.

The President said in a statement after the conference that details of the relinquishment were "in the process of being formalized." He said that the U.S. and its people "will continue to take such measures as lie within their power to facilitate the recovery of France and her people."

Mr. Truman expressed a desire to meet Gen. Charles de Gaulle, and added: "There is a full appreciation by the American government of the part which France could and should play in the settlement of world and European interests."

Reporters asked Bidault whether he and Truman had discussed sug-

First U.S. Draftee Now 48-Point Pfc

FT. LEWIS, Wash., May 18.—Remember John Edward Lawton, of Everett, Mass.?

He was the first man inducted under the Selective Service Act. A former plumber's helper and sign painter, he was inducted Nov. 18, 1940, mustered out in November, 1941, and later re-drafted.

Well, Pfc Lawton has been stationed in this country ever since, and now, at Fort Lewis, all he can claim are 48 points toward discharge.

31 Yanks Die In Week From Poison 'Booze'

A new high in deaths from wood alcohol has been reported since American troops invaded Germany, the ETO Chief Surgeon's office disclosed yesterday.

Col. John E. Gordon, Preventive Medicine chief, said 31 soldier deaths in the theater were traced to wood alcohol poisoning in the last week officially recorded. Eight died after soldiers stationed in Eschwege, Germany, opened a tank car and sampled contents. They had drunk fluid used in charging buzz bombs.

Two more deaths resulted when soldiers drank canned heat, he said.

No single specific area in Germany has been a center of the poisonings, he said. He indicated that an increase in the number of alcohol deaths among Com Z troops also had been recorded recently.

Warning against drinking in unauthorized taverns, small bars and brothels, and from refilled bottles with contents not checked, Gordon recommended that officers and EM be "certain" of what they were drinking before they "take chances with their lives."

He advised drinking only recognized brands of bottled and sealed liquor or drinking only in bars whose reliability was known.

Alcohol poisoning deaths declined sharply during the late fall and early winter. Deaths increased sharply and steadily since troops moved from areas where they had been for some time and began the dash across Germany.

RAF Libs Hit 40 Jap Ships

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND Hq., May 18 (Reuter).—RAF Liberators of the Indian Ocean AF have destroyed or damaged nearly 40 Japanese ships in the Bay of Bengal in the last three months.

Planes, Warships Blast Japanese Fortifications

GUAM, May 18 (ANS).—The Okinawa campaign was slowly shaping into its last phase today with the Sixth Marine Div. battling to broaden its bridgehead in Naha and three divisions steadily closing in on the fortress city of Shuri from three sides.

Now 48 days old, the Okinawa battle already ranks as one of the Pacific war's toughest and there still is no evidence suggesting any collapse in the grim defense being put up by an estimated 34,000 Japs, the survivors of the original garrison force of 80,000 or more troops.

In its costly fight for Naha, the Sixth Marine Div., progressing slowly, penetrated to the heart of Naha across a small bridgehead over the Asato River. Leather-necks said the city appeared deserted as far as they probed, but tough fighting was expected from Japanese believed to be hiding in ruins farther along.

Marines Erase Salient

Other Sixth Div. marines, coordinating their assault with troops of the First Marine Div., straightened out a sharp enemy salient into the U.S. lines north of Shuri. The Sixth captured Sugar Loaf Hill, 700 yards north of the village of Takimotoji, while the First, its way cleared by tanks, drove into the town of Wana, some 500 yards east of Shuri's northern fringe.

Launching one of the few American night attacks of the Pacific war, the 77th Div. reached the outskirts of Ishimmi, a town only 2,000 yards north of the heart of moated Shuri. The assault was made without benefit of a preliminary artillery barrage.

On Love Hill, 1,400 yards due east of Shuri, the 96th Div. was engaged in bloody fighting.

Planes, Ships Support Drive

All ground troops were supported by aerial bombing and strafing and by continued heavy bombardment by warships, which have fired 25,000 tons of shells into enemy fortifications.

Capture of Okinawa, only 325 miles from the southern Jap home islands, will begin the final neutralization campaign against enemy airfields on Japan proper. American bombers are ready and waiting for field room on the island.

Okinawa's best airfield, Naha airdrome, lies about one mile southwest of Naha. Already in American hands are Yontan and Katena airfields in central Okinawa, and a four-strip field on Ie, off Okinawa's west coast.

14th AF Aids Chinese To Repel Japs in Hunan

CHUNGKING, May 18.—Supported by the 14th AF, Chinese troops in western Hunan have forced the Japanese back to points 25 and 20 miles northwest of Paoching, the Chinese high command announced today.

There was no news of the progress made by Chinese troops fighting outside the port of Fochow, from which they were driven Sunday by reinforced Japanese after a bitter two-day battle.

Curfew for Troops in China

CHUNGKING, May 18 (AP).—British authorities imposed an 11 PM curfew on all British military personnel in China yesterday, two days after one imposed on American and Chinese forces. Troops will be permitted to stay out until midnight on week-ends.



Grateful

It's too bad that you [Pfc Arthur Kern] should have to pay a few cents for your coffee and doughnuts at the Red Cross. After spending some months in a German stalag depending upon ARC packages, medical supplies and clothing to exist, I'm sure the home public is not being led astray when they believe we receive services free.

If coffee and doughnuts at a permanent ARC is the only connection you've had with the Red Cross you wouldn't understand the many ways it has helped the GI. We know it's not the money, it's the principle of the thing. It's the principle of the thing with us, too. We don't like to see someone bite the hand that fed us.—P.O'd, Ex-PWs.

The Test

We have millions of German PWs. A large percentage of them claim not to be Nazis. Why not give them a chance to redeem themselves and let them volunteer to fight the Japanese with us, thus saving many American lives.—T/5 K.M., Mitu.

Eye for Eye

In answer to S/Sgt. Cogswell's letter: Would you want a piece of skin grafted on you from a German SS? Would you want an eye from one who knew only war and atrocities? Would you want some of their nice red bloodless blood in your veins? Well I wouldn't! I don't want anything to remind me of any part of them.

I do think it's a good idea to use them as guinea pigs, but let's leave the rest out of our lives.—T/4 Wm. H. Arnold, Arm'd Corps.

The record has shown innumerable cases where the Germans have drained the blood of children in occupied countries to fill their blood banks. Surely the supermen can provide us with the same and all the other things the good sergeant suggested.—Ten Purple Hearters.

We think he has the right idea.—Capt. G. R. Newman, QMC (and three other officers.—Ed.)

There are both good and bad ideas; and frankly, old boy, I think yours stinks.

You recommended that if I considered your idea too brutal, I could go to hell. Believe me, if your idea were made effective, I would put in an application for said hot spot immediately. It would be infinitely preferable to the type of world and earthly civilization you advocate.

Trying to fight evil with more evil, and crime with more crime, is very similar to offering a drowning man a glass of water! It accomplishes nothing except to drown him quicker.

If two neighbors (one of whom is barbaric, and the other is civilized) don't get along very well, it will hardly help either of them to make a better neighborhood, if the civilized one turns barbaric!—Pfc E. S. Mullins, Sig. Sv. Bn.

Hard to Take

It is hard to believe that I was permitted to return to my own outfit without an armed guard after being court-martialed for wearing an unbuttoned field jacket while on Paris pass.—Cpl. Richard Stech, Gen. Hosp.

For Future Reference

Won't someone please investigate the conditions presently prevailing in the Basic Officer Classes at the C.F.R.D. No. 9?

These classes consist of officers from all branches of the service, most of whom were sent here against their wishes. I can readily understand why most of these officers were "volunteered" to this school by their former commanders.

If the job of an infantry platoon leader is as important as the school

is trying to impress us it is, why then do they take just anyone in? Are not the lives of 40 men at stake when these so-called officers are sent forward to take a platoon into combat?

You would think this school was activated to give service units an opportunity to rid themselves of undesirables. Why is the easy way taken by commanders in ridding themselves of undesirable officers? We reduce enlisted men for inefficiency, why not officers?

The infantry is, and always will be the pride of our Army. Let's keep it that way. If for nothing else, let's think of those 40 men.—"Student."

An Ex-PW Speaks

As an ex-PW, I'd like to take a crack at guarding Nazi prisoners. They'll never forget the day my buddies and I took over. I'm a firm believer in "doing unto others..."—Cpl. G. F. C., Ex-PW Casual Det.

Pretty Personal

In our unit, when we return from a pass we must sign as to whether we have had intercourse. Recently, a master sergeant, a married man, refused to sign this register on the grounds that it was an infringement of his personal liberty. He was broken for this refusal. This sergeant definitely had not had intercourse.

Put yourself in the position of a man who has just entered "yes" in the "have you had intercourse column?" Say he is married. He has admitted in writing that he has committed adultery—grounds for divorce. Something should be done to prevent the issuing of such unlawful orders.—Sgt., Hq. Channel Base Section.

Chiselling

As mail clerk I purchase the money orders for our company. We use marks which cannot be broken down below the equivalent of five cents. When I take a group of money orders I total them up and take this amount to our APO. If this is an odd figure I would gladly make up the necessary two or three cents. Our APO takes each money order individually and if it does not come out to an even figure it charges the next higher five cent figure. Thus, if it comes to .17 we are charged .20. This on each money order. When I have several money orders this totals to a considerable sum. The APO states that it must show an average. Why should GI Joe have to take this loss?—Cpl. Enburg, 172 Engr. Combat Bn.

(APOs are being advised by the chief of the Postal Division to effect exact change by using small denomination postage stamps for change. There is no regulation that an APO show an average in its money-order accounts; however, it is a requirement that all overages realized incident to the conduct of business must be remitted for deposit.—Ed.)

As at the End of First World War, Trieste Again Becomes Danger Spot

Territory Long Disputed, Fated by Geography To Cause Trouble

By William Spear
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
NEW YORK, May 18.—GIs of World War II are reading these days about a squabble over Trieste. GIs of World War I read the same thing when they got through fighting. For Trieste seems to be one of those places fated by location to be a trouble spot.

Trieste, a free port in the 19th century until Austria-Hungary took it over, and nearby Fiume are important ports on the Istrian Peninsula at the head of the Adriatic Sea. After the last war, the Istrian Peninsula went from the Austro-Hungarian empire to Italy.

The late President Wilson suggested that Italy be satisfied with Trieste and Pola, near the tip of the peninsula, and that Fiume go to Yugoslavia.

But, while diplomats were trying to reach a settlement, Gabriele D'Annunzio, Italian poet-soldier, led a military force into Fiume and grabbed it for Italy.

Occupied by Tito
Various settlements were attempted, and, finally, Italy was allowed to keep Fiume. Yugoslavs, however, were granted certain rights there, but the situation has always rankled Yugoslavia.

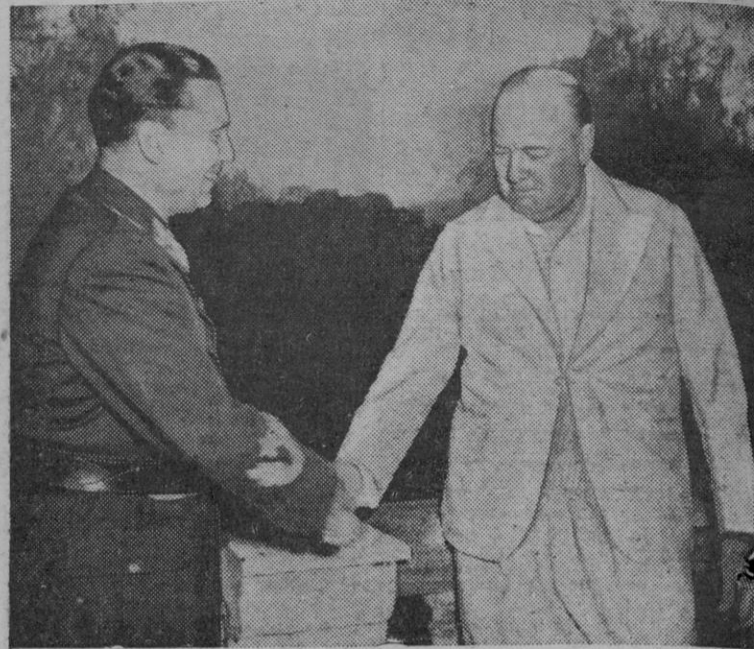
Now Marshal Tito's Yugoslav forces have occupied Fiume, have established themselves in Trieste to the west, and have placed armies in Italy, even westward of Trieste—across the Isonzo River and as far west as Udine. But late reports today said that Tito had ordered his men to withdraw to the east side of the Isonzo River, which is still west of Trieste.

In Trieste itself, Yugoslav troops have occupied all administrative buildings, installed their own police chief, placed Trieste on Yugoslav time, an hour later than Italian time, and renamed one street Corso Tito in the marshal's honor.

The United States and Britain insist that Trieste and all other territorial questions arising out of the war must await settlement at the peace conference (not the San Francisco Conference, where international organization is being set up but another conference). Therefore, they rebuked Tito and requested him to remove his troops from Trieste.

Moscow Silent So Far
British warships have been sent to Trieste. Official explanation of this is that they are just carrying on normal duties and opening the heavily-mined port, but unofficially the warships are undoubtedly meant to emphasize the Anglo-American warning to Tito.

Moscow officially has said nothing so far. But Tito is "in" with Stalin and Yugoslavia apparently counts on Russian support. The new Yugoslav ambassador to



Wide World Photo
Now divided on the issue of Trieste, Marshal Tito (left), Yugoslav chief, is shown shaking hands with Prime Minister Churchill during the latter's visit to Italy in August, 1944. It symbolized Tito's political victory in his battle to lead Yugoslavia.

Moscow, Vladimir Popovitch, has said that: "I believe that we shall meet with full understanding in official circles in Moscow and that the U.S.S.R. will support all our justified aspirations."

Some observers express the view, however, that Moscow will give no more open support to Yugoslav occupation of Trieste than it did to the revolt of Communist-dominated EAM resistance in Greece last winter.

Italians naturally still claim Trieste, but Italy's exact status is still far from clear—is it a defeated Axis nation or an ally? The two most influential political parties in Italy now are Socialists and Communists, and they both have adopted the line that a big part of the trouble over Trieste has been stirred by reactionaries and diehard Fascists who hope to cause trouble between the Anglo-Americans and Russians.

Frauleins Bent on Sabotage Are Crying Rape, Army Fears

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH U.S. NINTH ARMY, May 18.—The question of whether some German girls are attempting subtle sabotage by accusing American soldiers of rape is being discussed seriously by Army officials.

Officers of one division cite as a typical case three German girls who charged rape, selecting three U.S. soldiers at random as their attackers. All three girls said they had been virgins before being "attacked," but medical officers found two were still virgins while the third apparently had not been a virgin for many years.

While the number of rape accusations in Germany is not on a big enough scale to cause concern, sufficient cases are being reported weekly to set up a pattern.

It was pointed out that many German girls, who yield willingly, shout "rape" to save face when they are found out by neighbors.

Grounds For Abortion
Some frauleins who charged rape did not know what the word implied. In several cases, girls admitted thinking rape meant serious fraternization. One girl, who had been with an American soldier three days and nights, had an argument with him and accused him of rape. When informed what her charges meant she became alarmed and repentant.

Under German law, rape is one of the things for which a woman can claim legal abortion. For that reason some German women have been charging rape first to their doctors and then to American officers.

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2nd Armored's Enlisted Men Won Two-Thirds of Medals

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH THE SECOND ARMORED DIV., May 18.—A line on how European war decorations have been distributed among officer and enlisted personnel can be had from the score of this division, which fought from Normandy to Germany.

To date, 1,091 officers and 2,146 enlisted men have been decorated for gallantry or meritorious achievement during the European campaign. Additional decorations have been recommended but not yet approved.

The breakdown follows: Congressional Medal, one enlisted man; Distinguished Service Cross, 15 officers and nine men; Legion

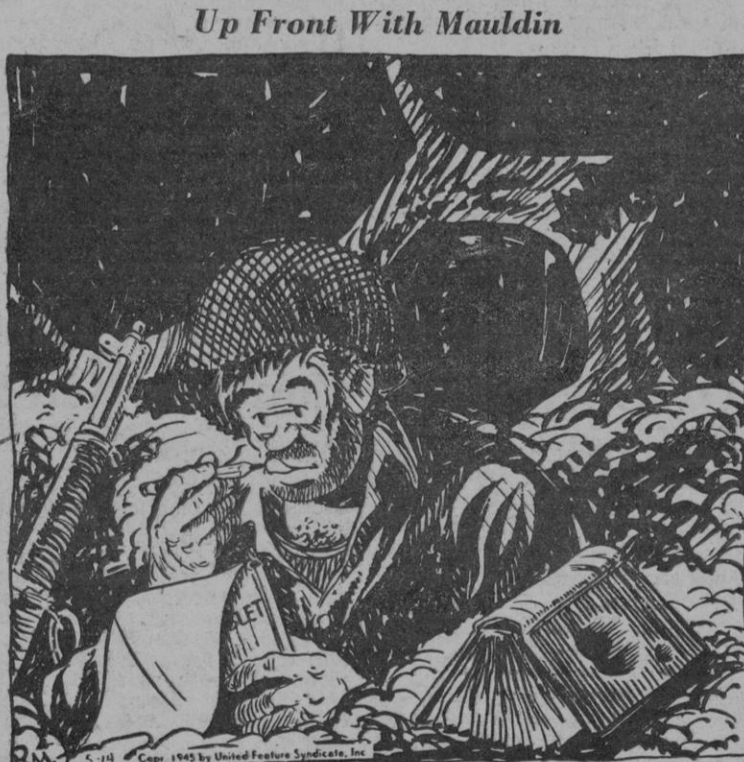
Bishop Begins Tour of ETO

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
RHEIMS, May 18.—Maj. Gen. William R. Arnold, Assistant Inspector General and former chief of Army chaplains, began a tour of inspection of chaplains' activities in the European and Mediterranean Theaters of Operations yesterday by visiting Gen. Eisenhower here at SHAEF.

Chaplain Arnold, accompanied by Chaplains Lt. Col. Herman H. Heurer and Maj. Atyeh Lev and Col. A. S. Goodyear, administrative assistant in the Office of Chief of Chaplains in Washington, arrived in Paris by plane Tuesday.

The delegation will tour the ETO for about six weeks before going to the MTO.

Chaplain Arnold was appointed a titular bishop and delegate of the Military Ordinariate recently by Pope Pius XII. He will assume his new ecclesiastical duties on Aug. 1.



Somewhere in Italy
Dear, dear Miss Mitchell,
you will probably think this is an awful funny letter to get from a soldier, but I was carrying your big book, 'You with the Wind', under my shirt, and a

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This Happened in America:

ARC Leader Appalled By GI Neurosis Fears

By William R. Spear
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, May 18.—Latest testimony that no special psychology or "isms" are necessary in dealing with returned GIs comes from Mrs. Harvey D. Gibson, 75, who has just returned here after three years of directing Red Cross Rainbow Corner Clubs in London and Paris.

She said she was a little appalled to learn that women here have been given so many dos and don'ts in preparation for the soldiers' home-coming. Her experience in watching GIs on leave abroad convinced her that they would have no trouble taking up normal life again.

"Those men just want to come back to what they left," she said. "They'll want their wives and mothers to act exactly as they acted before they went overseas. The thing they hope for most is that nothing will be different."

Mrs. Gibson said the Red Cross planned to open another Rainbow Corner in Berlin, probably in the Haus Vaterland, and she thinks there may have to be some relaxation of the non-fraternization rule to allow U.S. soldiers to dance with German girls, unless American or French girls can be imported.

"Unexpectedly enough, quite a few of our French girl volunteers in Paris have expressed a desire to move into Germany," she reported. "And more American girls are arriving overseas all the time; 100 arrived in Paris shortly before I left."

In case the girl friend didn't get the souvenir you sent it's probably in Uncle Sam's hands along with 12,000 or so other items. The New York Post Office and the U.S. Appraiser's Stores are overflowing with stuff that GIs sent home but which was undeliverable because of wrong addresses, broken wrappings or other reasons.

Postmaster Albert Goldman doesn't know what he's going to do with it all. It probably will be auctioned off and if it is, collectors will reap a harvest. Goldman emptied one huge box picked at random from the collection. Out poured a German helmet, a heathen idol, a Chinese lifesaver, a Turkish knife, a German battery, a Burmese handbag, a swastika flag, cartridges, lighters, a German belt buckle, assorted doilies and scarves and a badge from a London hobbie's helmet.

Fala Refuses to Be Fenced In

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT is having her troubles with Fala. She related in her newspaper column that she built what she thought was a perfect pen for him by running a fence across a point of land projecting out into a brook along which he liked to run and poke his nose. But "ten minutes later I found him walking around the lawn. He had calmly swum out into the brook and walked up on the other side of the fence. His expression was one of complete triumph." Mrs. Roosevelt guessed she'd have to build the fence out into the water.

M/Sgt. Joseph Watt of Burbank, Calif., is another GI who may owe his discharge to the stork. He was sweating it out at La Junta, Colo., airfield with 74 points and his wife expecting a baby—and the clock ticking away toward midnight May 12, the deadline for claiming credits. But the stork got there at three minutes to midnight with 12 points, putting him over the 85-point barrier with one to spare.

He's Their (Bobby) Pinup Boy

WOMEN in Depue, Ill., are calling Sgt. Robert Kruchinski their pinup boy. Kruchinski heard about the shortage of bobby pins, so when his unit came across a bobby pin factory in Germany he boxed a quantity and sent them to his mother, Mrs. Peter Kruchinski. She's passing them around to her friends.

West Virginia Congressmen report that widespread work stoppages in coal mines are threatened unless an acute meat shortage is relieved. Reps. E. H. Hedrick, Cleveland M. Bailey and John Kee, all Democrats, conferred with OPA officials on the situation. Hedrick reported 300 or more miners at the town of Earling already had stopped work in protest. He said: "One man told me he had had no meat, butter, lard or sugar for 14 or 15 days and that he was losing his strength and could not possibly work under those conditions." OPA has promised an investigation.

Maine Changes Child Labor Law

GOV. HORACE A. HILDRETH of Maine, signed a bill increasing from 14 to 15 the minimum age at which children could be employed in Maine manufacturing plants, laundries, bakeries and bowling alleys.

In Washington, the House of Representatives, without a dissenting vote, sent to the Senate legislation permitting the naturalization of Filipinos. The Filipinos have been nationals of the U.S. but not citizens, since the acquisition of the islands.

Darryl Zanuck, writing in the Bulletin of the Society for Prevention of World War III, said that it is impossible to draw a line between the German munitions industry and the film industry which manufactures propaganda weapons. "They must, for the future safety of the world, be treated in exactly the same manner," he said.

The Maritime Commission has ordered a 24 percent cut in tanker construction. Acting at the direction of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, the commission cancelled 30 of 126 ships which had been scheduled in January. The cancellations involve shipyards at Mobile, Ala., Norfolk, Va., Chester, Pa., Sausalito, Cal., and Portland, Ore.

Miners, Owners Vet Sues GM Agree on Pay For \$1,183,500

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—John L. Lewis and anthracite coal mine operators accepted a proposal by Interior Secretary Harold Ickes yesterday to raise miners' daily wages by \$1.37 1/2 as a basis for resuming contract negotiations.

This was a compromise between the operators' original offer of \$1.03 and the United Mine Workers' demand of \$1.79.

More than 72,000 miners have been idle since May 1 when their contract expired. Ickes took over the mines for the government on May 3 after Lewis failed to extend the old agreement at the request of the WLB.

Powdered Eggs for UK

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—The War Food Administration yesterday cancelled the lend-lease allocation of 1,000,000 cases of eggs to Britain because of a shortage in the United States. Britain will get instead 10,000,000 pounds of dried eggs.

CHICAGO, May 18 (ANS).—A discharged serviceman sued the General Motors Corporation and the General Motors Acceptance Corporation today for \$1,183,500, charging that their alleged monopolistic practices had forced him out of business.

The suit was filed in federal court by William Smason, doing business as the Smason Motor Sales and Newton Motor Sales, Inc. Smason recently was discharged from the Navy after three years' service.

His suit actually asked for \$394,500, but Federal antitrust laws automatically provide for triple damages.

Smason said he was forced out of business in August, 1937, when the General Motors companies terminated contracts with his firms because he did not deal exclusively with the General Motors Financing Corporation. Smason's firm sold General Motors automobiles exclusively.

Girl-Sharing Plan Aids War Work



These girls do war work for a radio company four hours a day and office work for an insurance company four hours, under a unique labor-sharing plan to increase war production. Clerks and typists for an insurance company in Newark, N.J., they volunteered for part-time jobs assembling miniature electron tubes used in radio and radar equipment. They are working, above, in a "factory annex" of the insurance company's building.

Meat Situation Grows Worse, U.S. Prepares to Take Steps

By Army News Service

New York, the nation's greatest consumer of steaks and fresh eggs, was eating cold cuts, or nothing, Friday, while in Washington, Congressmen predicted that the government was about to take drastic steps to relieve a growing national meat shortage.

The Associated Press said that War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson was drafting a new program to alleviate the meat shortage, and, at the same time, throttle the black market. The hub of the program was expected to be a six-month freeze of ceiling prices on all meats.

Congressmen said that the new program would include two other incentives to farmers to produce beef: (1) A 50-cent a hundredweight subsidy to feeders of live cattle, as an inducement to hold cattle on feed lots until they develop into prime beef, and (2) the requirement that all cattle worth \$14.50 a hundredweight be sold directly to slaughterhouses.

The shortage in New York was far from famine, but it was prompt confirmation of what government leaders had predicted—that the food situation at home would grow worse with the end of the war in Europe.

Many butcher shops closed throughout New York's five boroughs. Housewives stood in line for two hours to get hamburgers and hotdogs, and hotdog stands ran out of frankfurters for the first time within memory.

Paul Henkel, president of the New York Society of Restaurateurs, predicted that more than 300 restaurants will close by June 1 and that the number will be tripled in a month, unless there is more food.

Federal agents and food dealers alike blamed the black market for part of the shortage, but the city inspectors stopping inbound poultry trucks early Friday reported no violations. Shipments into the Long Island City poultry terminal dropped to 30,000 pounds, the lowest day's receipts in history.

Eggs, New York's mainstay on meatless Tuesdays and Fridays, have become scarce, although there is a fair supply of cheese and plenty of fish.

Dogs That Killed Woman Doomed

MIAMI, May 18 (ANS).—Twenty pet bulldogs belonging to Joe Munn, a former Orange, N.J., newspaperman, were sentenced to death by their master today for killing a neighbor and involving Munn in a manslaughter charge.

Munn's dogs clawed and bit to death Mrs. Doretta Zinke, an eccentric neighbor, who had \$25,000 of bonds in her home but scrubbed floors and waited on tables for a living.

Arrested at his Miami Springs residence, Munn, 43, rejected suggestions that the dogs be sold to raise money for his defense and ordered them killed.

Bridges Hits More Lending

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—Sen. H. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) charged yesterday that the State Department was making a "studied attempt to continue lend-lease on the pretext of a military situation no longer directly connected with the war in Europe."

Bridges, in a Senate speech, said that recent statements on lend-lease had given him "an uneasy feeling."

He asserted that a statement by Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew on future lend-lease policy "is clearly intended to lay the foundation for interpretation of lend-lease just as the State Department wishes to interpret it and not as Congress intended the act to be used."

Dimes Will Bear Likeness of FDR

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—The likeness of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt is going to be on new dimes, which eventually will replace all U.S. 10-cent pieces in circulation.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. also announced that Mr. Roosevelt's picture and a "suitable quotation" would be on a war bond to be issued later this year for the Eighth War Loan drive.

He said that the new dimes would be ready for distribution about the end of the year.

"We have had literally thousands of requests to honor Mr. Roosevelt in some way during the Seventh War Loan drive now going on," Morgenthau said. "But we were so far along with this drive that we couldn't do justice to it. It will be done in the next drive."

PO Sets Mailing Date For Xmas Gifts to GIs

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—Postal officials announced yesterday that Christmas presents to servicemen and women overseas must be mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15.

The announcement was made at this time to encourage early mailing because of the problem which will be created when men are transferred from Europe to the Pacific.

Heavy Rains Hit Crops, Peril Food Program

NEW YORK, May 18 (ANS).—The 1945 planting season has been one of the rainiest on record in most of the Midwest and parts of the South and East, and crop experts said today that only time and nature could determine whether the nation's "Food for Victory" program has been affected seriously.

Some sections have been plagued by unseasonal frosts as well as rain. Parts of the Far West, however, received heavy rains with thanksgiving because they had been threatened by drought.

Experts said that crop prospects would be good if sunshine reappeared.

These were the highlights of the situation throughout the nation:

Only 7 Per Cent Ground

Only seven per cent of the intended corn crop was in the ground in Nebraska. Wisconsin plowing and planting have been delayed, and meadow and pasture growth retarded. Wisconsin's strawberries and fruit trees have suffered from frost.

Ohio's orchards and vineyards have been hit hard by frost, pastures retarded and plowing delayed. Michigan plantings were set far back after considerable frost damage. Field work was slowed in South Dakota. In Minnesota, frost damaged fruits and berries. Spring seeding in the Red River Valley was ten days late.

Illinois "urgently needed" warm, sunny weather. The state's soybean and corn planting have been delayed seriously. Some seed potatoes were rotting in the ground. Chicago has had six inches of rain this month, and indications were that the May, 1883, record of seven inches would be broken.

Indiana Plowing Late

Indiana's plowing and corn planting have been delayed, but Hassil E. Schenck, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau, predicted that farmers would overcome this handicap.

In Missouri, only five percent of the corn was planted. Cotton planting was delayed.

Corn was rotting in the fields of Iowa, and planting was only 25 percent completed.

North Dakota, for a change, reported some early wheat and pastures affected by a lack of moisture. The outlook for wheat was favorable in Idaho and Utah. Some Utah fruit suffered from frost.

Eastern Oregon stock farmers, who had been worrying about dry ranges, were jubilant over a heavy downpour, which also benefitted southern Oregon's orchards and field crops, except alfalfa. The extreme southern California onion crop was three weeks ahead and the weather was warm.

Wettest May in History

The western part of Washington State was having its wettest May in history. In central Washington, asparagus and spinach harvests and fruit spraying have been delayed.

Maine potato planting was somewhat delayed, and there was a considerable loss of early potatoes in Massachusetts.

Rhode Island reported some crop delay, but said that the weather was helping the hay crop. Spring planting was delayed in New York State; farm work slowed in Virginia with some cottonseed and corn rotting in the ground. Kentucky farmers, particularly corn and tobacco growers, have been seriously delayed.

Large scale replanting of cotton in Georgia may be necessary. Alabama cotton growers have been delayed. Arkansas corn and cotton planting was two weeks to a month late. The oat crop was greatly reduced and commercial potatoes completely rained out.

Tennessee tobacco and cotton planting was slowed.

In central and southern Florida however, drought has curtailed spring vegetable production. Louisiana reported that its crop conditions were normal, but some cotton land in the northern part of the state might have to be replanted because the land was too dry.

War Loan Drive Reaches \$1,382,000,000 Total

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—The national sales total in the Seventh War Loan Drive, which opened this week, reached \$1,382,000,000 dollars today. Ted R. Gamble, national director of the drive, said that \$1,065,000,000 of that amount represented sales of "E" bonds, or bonds bought by individuals.

Superforts KO Japs' Largest Oil Refineries

GUAM, May 18 (ANS).—Superforts knocked out Japan's greatest oil storage area, including both the army's and navy's biggest concentrations of fuel, in one full-scale raid on Tokuyama, Honshu, it was revealed today.

Reconnaissance photographs today showed 85 to 90 percent devastation was wrought by more than 400 B29s in the May 10 raid. It was the first of the war directed solely at destroying the major source of the Japanese war machine's gasoline and oil.

Mitsubishi Works Afire

[In Washington, the 20th AF announced that Wednesday's attack by more than 500 B29s left aflame Japan's biggest aircraft factory, the Mitsubishi works, and the entire southern third of Nagoya.]

Twelve storage tanks were destroyed and 85 per cent of the Tokuyama target area devastated by the task force. The adjoining Tokuyama coal yards and synthetic fuel factory, the army's greatest, were so badly damaged that a 21st Bomber Command spokesman termed them "inoperative." Tokuyama is 48 miles southwest of Kure.

60 Storage Plants Hit

Sixty of 65 storage tanks of the Oshima naval storage center, the fleet's largest, also were put out of operation. The Oshima station is on the island of that name in the Tsushima Strait.

The Otake oil refinery, one of Japan's largest, also has been forced to cease operations, photographs show. The Superforts covered the target area so effectively that only two small pockets in the extreme corners of the plant remained undamaged. Otake is on the western shore of the Inland Sea, 27 miles northeast of Tokuyama.

Not one B29 was lost in these attacks.

Converted B29s Used As Photo Craft in Pacific

DAYTON, Ohio, May 18 (INS).—Converted B29s are now being used in the Pacific as photo reconnaissance planes, the AAF announced today.

Designated as F13As, the huge photo planes, in addition to carrying synchronized cameras and technicians, can transport almost as heavy a bombload as the B29 and match its range and speed.

PW Doomed For Pep Talk

Col. Henry R. Spicer, of San Antonio, Texas, former Eighth AF fighter group commander, was sentenced to death by the Germans for giving a pep talk to Americans in a PW camp.

The airman was saved from a firing squad by the arrival of Russian troops who overran Stalag Luft One, near Barth, Germany. His story was told after more than 9,000 Allied prisoners, most of them American airmen, had been evacuated from Barth in three days by Eighth AF Fortresses.

Before his rescue, Spicer was kept in solitary confinement in a tiny cell for six months, while other American officers in the camp sought to have the death sentence lifted.

Spicer was captured after parachuting into the English Channel on May 3, 1944. He was sentenced to death several months later.

"All I did was explain to the men that things were pretty bad to keep up their morale," the colonel declared, describing his pep talk.

OPA Raises Point Cost Of Cooking Fats, Oils

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—The problem of feeding liberated Europe touched U.S. kitchens today as the Office of Price Administration raised the ration value of lard, shortening and cooking and salad oils four points.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles pointed out that a recent report by the Inter-Agency Committee on Foreign Shipments said that this country must share its food supplies "to aid morale in the United Nations and to prevent unrest and chaos in the liberated countries." That report said that Americans would have to reduce substantially their consumption of fats and oils to meet the European deficit. It was expected that Americans would now get about 36 pounds of fat a year, compared to the pre-war average of 44 pounds a person.

104-Point Sergeant To Stay Till Job's Done

WITH U.S. 35th DIV., May 18.—Add S/Sgt. William D. Stern to the list of GIs who wouldn't accept a discharge even if he could get it—and he probably could with his 104 points.

Stern, who is from Scotts Bluff, Neb., and is mess sergeant of Co. E of the 134th Infantry, gives this as his reason: "There are so many fellows in the outfit who have gone through the whole thing with me that I don't feel right leaving. Anyway, I'd like to stay with the regiment until the job is done. I have a half-brother fighting the Japs. He's not getting out, so I guess I can stick, too."

Plane Reserve Urged for U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce urges that the nation maintain a strategic reserve of military aircraft equipment—possibly a year's supply—as a safeguard against future emergencies and as a partial solution of the war-surplus problem.

The organization's report recommends that not less than 25 percent of such reserves of aircraft engines, propellers, instruments, etc., should be replaced by new models each year.

"This is necessary," it says, "to maintain the reserve capacity of a strong industry and to make sure that this country does not lose itself (as it did after the first World War) in a false sense of security which would arise from a large stockpile of obsolete equipment."

The ACC estimates that 50,000 new and unused engines may be on hand when war contracts end and warns that postwar commercial demands would use up but a small portion of them.

Conservatives Back Churchill Policies

England's Conservative party yesterday issued an election platform calling for "strong support" of Prime Minister Churchill in waging war against Japan and for co-operation with the United States and Russia to keep the post-war peace, the United Press reported.

The statement said Conservatives would put 600 candidates into the general elections for parliament. A parliamentary correspondent of the British Press Association said it was assumed by many that the election will not take place until autumn.

Meanwhile Conservative candidate Lt. Comdr. Bell was elected in Monmouthshire in the first parliamentary by-election since V-E day.

Roustabouts Avert Disaster at Circus

GREENSBURG, Pa., May 18 (ANS).—Performers in the Clyde Beatty Circus escorted some 3,500 spectators to safety last night just before the Big Top collapsed in a high windstorm.

The show went on while tent poles swayed, ropes snapped and the canvas blew wildly.

Ticket sellers, ushers, cooks, drivers and candy butchers calmly led spectators out into a downpour of rain just before the tent collapsed.

As the last customer left, electric lights were cut off to guard against fire. As if that were a signal, the big canvas swooshed down.

Dough and Bayonet Take Place Of Tank in War Against Japs

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS). Tanks provided the principal offensive medium in the European war, but in the Pacific it will be up to the infantryman and his bayonet, in the opinion of War Department authorities. Army circles informally sized up the problem this way:

Europe was good tank country, with Gens. Patton, Hodges, Simpson and the rest co-operating in wide flanking movements, big pincers operations and lightning stabs. The Pacific, on the other hand, is totally different. Japanese home islands do not lend themselves to tank warfare, and it is

China's Little Fort Benning



Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, CG of U.S. troops in China, addresses a group of Chinese at an OCS school being operated by the U.S. Army in Yunnan Province, China.

Little Ft. Benning Turns Out Leaders for Chinese Army

Y-FORCE OPERATIONS STAFF HQ, China, May 18 (AP).—Little Ft. Benning, China, is closer to the front line than the Georgia infantry school after which it was named, but Japanese bombs have not halted the American type of infantry training offered here.

The Chinese Benning was set up by the Y-Force Operations Staff of the American Military Mission to China. It instructs Chinese soldiers who, in turn, go back to their units as instructors.

Although the size of the operation is secret, it has been revealed that several thousand commissioned and non-commissioned Chinese officers graduated from the school in one six-month period.

A Japanese-occupied air base is so near that students and instructors have to dive for the nearest slit trench occasionally.

Little Ft. Benning, located near the Indo-China border, has comparatively new buildings, with paved walks between them—a necessity during the monsoon rains.

The grass squares enclosed by the walks are fine places for sun bathing—something the Chinese do not understand, however. They also look askance at the American soldiers' pin-up girls. The Chinese soldiers' idea of a pin-up is a smiling infant.

Electric lights are usually available, and there is a shower—well water carried by coolies to gasoline drums on a high platform.

There is also a theater, packed with Chinese whenever one of the rare films arrives, for their grapevine carries word of the film's arrival to the nearby town before Americans on the post learn of it.

Food, supplied from the rich valley around the school, is of the best. Besides instruction at the school itself, teams of American officers travel extensively over wild trails where "the hills go up and down, but mostly up," and there is frequently a 1,000-foot drop at the edge of an 18-inch path. These instructor teams carry basic military instruction to Chinese Army units.

German Breweries Operated by Army

With an eventual goal of six 12-oz. glasses of 3.2 beer and three bottles of coca-cola a week a man, captured German plants are now being operated by the Army Exchange Service for American troops in forward areas, Com Z announced yesterday.

Breweries in Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France turned out 1,250,000 glasses of beer especially for U.S. troops in April, it was revealed, but the monthly goal has now been set at 25 million pints. Four million bottles of coca-cola were distributed during the same month from plants in France, Belgium and Germany.

American malt and hops are being used in 40 French and Belgian breweries to produce beer and more plants are being set up. Nine "coke" plants are operating on the Continent, refilling bottles sent from the States.

questionable whether even the broad plains of China do. The principal tank weapon in use against the Japs is the deadly flamethrower on wheels. But in a campaign where the terrain is overcome by the yard instead of by the mile, it is the foot-slogging doughboy with rifle and bayonet who must carry the burden.

There has been no sign of what future assignments, if any, will be granted Europe's successful tank generals, although there has been speculation that they might be placed under Gen. MacArthur for a possible invasion of Japan, or perhaps under Gen. Joseph Stilwell, now Army Ground Forces commander, for a drive into China.

White Russians Ready To Try War Criminals

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18 (UP).—Foreign Commissar Kuzma Kiselev, of White Russia, announced here that trials of German war criminals in that country are about to begin. Kiselev heads the White Russian delegation at the United Nations Conference here.

"We are resolved to bring them all to justice even if it takes months to find those who have gone into hiding," Kiselev said. "We estimate it will take a whole year before the trials are over."

Asked if White Russia would ask the extradition of war criminals now in British and American hands, he replied that an exchange would certainly take place.

Arrival of Americans Lessens Reich Hoarding

WITH U.S. OCCUPYING FORCES, May 18.—Deposits in banks at Bad Godesberg have jumped from 3,000,000 reichsmarks to 7,000,000 since the arrival of the Americans.

Local bankers told military government officers that the increase represented hoarded currency and that pegging of the mark at 10 to the dollar had restored confidence, despite a widespread feeling that German money would be worthless.

7th Uncovers Art Treasure Stolen by Nazis

U.S. SEVENTH ARMY HQ, May 18 (UP).—Four large and valuable caches of art treasures looted by the Germans from occupied countries were uncovered by Seventh Army men.

Hundreds of items whose exact value can only be guessed at the moment were included in the find. The loot, when put together in one place, filled 15 rooms.

Lt. James Romer, the Seventh's monuments, arts and archives officer, said he had learned from Mlle. Rose Vallant of the Galerie du Jeu de Paume in Paris that Reichsmarshal Goering had visited the gallery 16 times to make personal selections. The looting was ordered personally by Hitler and Goering and was carried out by a special group under Alfred Rosenberg, head of the Nazi spiritual and ideological education group.

One of the caches uncovered by the Seventh Army was hidden in a tunnel, three-quarters of a mile long, somewhere in the Austrian Alps. Another was found in the Nuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria, and included famous paintings from the Munich museum, the old royal residence and the Bavarian royal Wittelsbach family collection. There also were untold quantities of loot from the occupied countries, such as antique paintings and the extraordinary silver collection of David Weill, who was president of the national museums in France until the war.

At Carthusian, Bavaria, 72 cases of art treasures were found. This cache included the Weill collection of miniatures and paintings by Largillere and other 18th-century masters. The fourth cache, numbering about 300 cases of art from France, Russia and Munich, was found on an island in the Versailles-like palace of Ludwig, the "mad King of Bavaria."

Famous Jewelry Designer's Molds Are Found Intact

René Lalique, considered one of France's greatest artists in jewelry and glass, died last week at the age of 85, but the molds that represented his life's work have been discovered intact by the U.S. Seventh Army. His family said yesterday in Paris that works of art fashioned indirectly by his own hands will continue to appear.

News of the discovery of Lalique works in Alsace reached Paris a day before Lalique died. Lalique wore the Cross of the Commander of the Legion of Honor and many lesser decorations.

General Denies King Leopold Is Ill

SALZBURG, May 18 (AP).—Reports that King Leopold of the Belgians is in poor health and too ill to return to Brussels were dispelled yesterday by Lt. Gen. Wade Haislip, commander of the 15th Corps.

Haislip had dinner with the Belgian monarch three nights ago and said "the King is in excellent health."

Leopold made no reference to his return to the Belgian throne, Haislip said.

Reuter said the King and his family were living quietly in the same place the Duke of Windsor and his wife stayed. Since Leopold had been in virtual ignorance of world events for the last five years, books, papers, and magazines are being sent to him, and his family has been provided with every variety of food by the American Army.

Laval Whereabouts Remains Mystery

Who has Pierre Laval, former French premier, and where is he remained a mystery, yesterday, the Associated Press said.

The Spanish presumably placed him aboard a British warship Thursday. Since surrendered German U-boats still are believed to be in the Channel, the British commander declined to notify the French government at which port he intended to land.

Fearing attempts might be made on Laval's life, the French placed extra guards at every major Atlantic port and a number of minor ones.

Reds Publish in Berlin

The Russians now are publishing a newspaper, the Taegliche Rundschau, in Berlin. The paper details the rehabilitation plans and other items about resumption of normal services and life in the capital.

Cruiser Sunk In Crash With Queen Mary

LONDON, May 18.—The giant ocean liner, Queen Mary, collided with a British cruiser at top speed, shearing the escorting vessel in half like matchwood and sending it to the bottom, the British Admiralty revealed yesterday.

It was one of the worst naval disasters of the war, kept secret since Oct. 2, 1942, when a U-boat attempted to sink the ocean queen in the North Atlantic, en route from the States.

The cruiser, the 8,700-ton Curacao, went down within five minutes, with 338 casualties. The Queen Mary, crowded with 15,000 American troops, suffered only a big dent in her prow and continued on safely to the Clyde, Scotland.

It was impossible for the huge transport to pick up survivors, since the disaster occurred in the middle of the U-boat zone.

Racing Under Forced Draft

At the time, the Queen Mary was racing under forced draft, escorted by two cruisers. A lookout reported a submarine on the port bow. As the majestic liner swerved to starboard, the Curacao started for the U-boat, cutting directly in front of the Queen Mary, it was believed.

The transport, over 80,000 tons of metal travelling at nearly 30 knots, knifed squarely into the side of the smaller vessel. Nothing could have withstood such a shock.

The Curacao broke in two and was carried along for a considerable distance, with one half clinging to each side of the liner.

Shaking clear of the pieces, the Queen Mary tore ahead at top speed. Temporary repairs were made when she reached the Clyde and a new bow was fitted when she returned to New York. There was no interruption in her sailing schedule.

The disaster took place in mid-afternoon.

Casualties' Kin File Suit

As an aftermath of the accident, it was reported yesterday, claims totalling 750,000 pounds sterling have been filed against the Cunard Company, owners of the Queen Mary, by dependents of the men who lost their lives on the Curacao. The lawsuit, one of the most unusual in maritime history, is scheduled for trial on June 12 and may last several months, as witnesses will have to travel from all over the world.

In announcing the sinking of the Curacao, the Admiralty also disclosed the loss of a number of other British ships whose sinking had been withheld until the end of the war because Germany was unaware of their destruction.

The list included an escort carrier, ten destroyers, eight submarines, two armed merchant cruisers, one sloop, one frigate, three auxiliary boarding vessels, 13 mine sweepers and 61 trawlers.

Training Areas Returned to UK

The last of the training areas in England, Wales and Northern Ireland—one-thirteenth of the total area—where U.S. troops staged dress rehearsals for the invasion of Europe, are being returned to the control of the British War Office.

The return of these 3,036,332 acres has been proceeding since D-Day. Less than 50,000 acres now remaining under American control are used for the training of infantry replacements. Cost of the property damage caused by "live" ammunition exercises was handled by the British government.

A monument will be dedicated next month at Slapton Sands, Devonshire—the site where amphibious landings were practised—as a tribute to the hardships accepted by Britons who were obliged to evacuate their homes in the Assault Training Area.

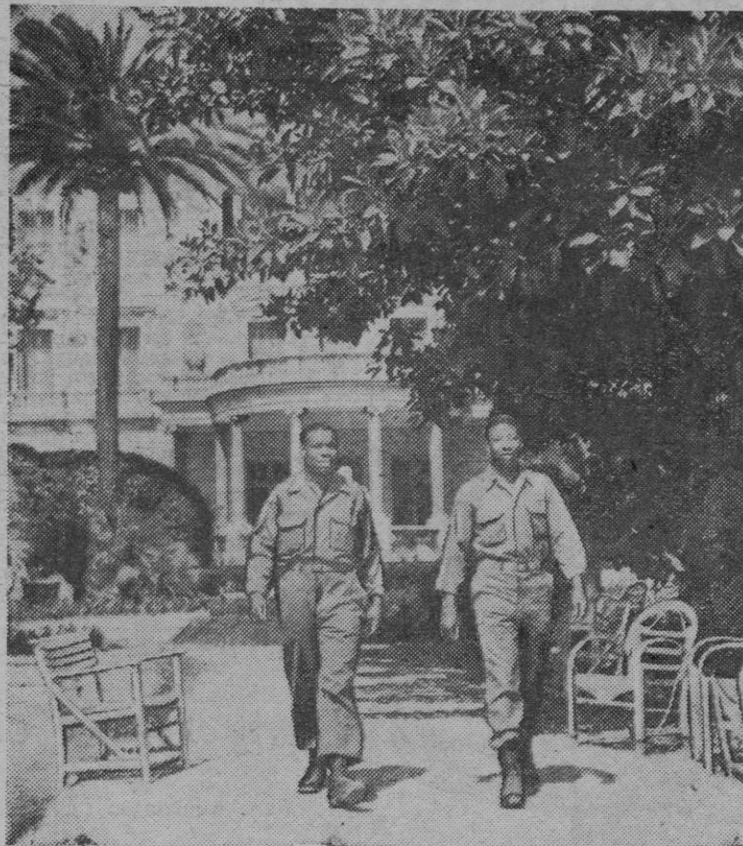
The village church and churchyard, several hundred years old, where the vicar posted an appeal to U.S. troops, stands undamaged.

V-Bombs Kill 5,000 In Belgium in 6 Months

BRUSSELS, May 18 (UP).—More than 5,000 Belgians were killed and 21,000 injured during a half year of V-bomb attacks, the SHAEF mission to Belgium revealed.

In the Antwerp and Liege areas more than half the houses were destroyed or damaged. In a ten-mile radius around Antwerp there were 2,342 V-bombs, of which 2,131 were V-2s. Liege suffered mostly from V1 attacks.

Resting on the Riviera



Cpl. Roy J. Smith, left, and Sgt. Sylvester Jenkins, both of East Chicago, Ill., quartermaster troops who had been serving in Germany, take a walk through one of the parks of Nice during a seven-day rest furlough at the U.S. Army Riviera Recreational Center.

Nazi Who Saved Duce Boasts Of Plot to Slay Eisenhower

By Ed Lawrence

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD INF. DIV., May 18.—Lt. Col. Otto R. Skorzeny, scar-faced, 6 foot 4 professional Nazi kidnaper and killer, today boasted to his Third Div. captors of having master-minded a plot to slay Gen. Eisenhower last winter and of having engineered the escape of Benito Mussolini in September, 1943.

Mines Imperil Ocean Travel

LONDON, May 18.—Ocean travel near Europe is likely to remain risky for a long time. The sea is strewn with mines. Nobody knows where they are, and it will take an estimated year and a half to clear the ocean lanes.

Captured German naval officers are being quizzed as to the location of minefields, but there is believed to be a large difference between the number of mines laid by the enemy to stop invasion and the number already swept up or destroyed.

Work of clearing the North Sea and the English Channel is expected to be as great as that in the Mediterranean, where mine sweeping has been going on for 18 months and is still not completed.

The job is far greater than after the last war, because of the larger amount and variety of mines, particularly magnetic and acoustic mines dropped by airplanes. However, fairly safe channels to all ports are expected to be cleared within the next few months.

Hospital Veterans Past 42 Go Home

Seventeen "old timers," ranging from 42 to 50 years old, were on their way to the U.S. yesterday following a farewell party given for them at the 108th General Hospital in Paris by the enlisted men's club. They will be discharged under provisions of a War Department circular affecting men 42 and over. One of the group was Cpl. Beryl Fogle, 46, who helped Gen. Funston chase Pancho Villa in Mexico in 1916 and fought in four major battles of World War I.

1,000,000 Germans Killed on East Front

More than 1,000,000 Germans were killed and 800,000 others captured from the start of the Red Army winter offensive on Jan. 12 through last Tuesday, the Moscow radio reported.

Quoting Izvestia, the official Soviet newspaper, the radio also disclosed that in the same period the Russians had seized or destroyed 6,000 enemy planes, 12,000 tanks and self-propelled guns and more than 23,000 field guns.

Game of Catch Costly When Girls Play It

NEW YORK, May 18 (ANS).—It was balmy in New York yesterday and Catherine Deen and Muriel Wells, clerks at the Household Finance Corp., felt playful.

They started to play catch with a bulging canvas sack containing the day's receipts.

Back and forth went the bag until Catherine missed and the bag sailed out the window, landing at the feet of a startled bobbysoxer who, the girls said, picked it up, pecked inside and raced off.

The bag contained \$150,000.

U.S. Will Seek Pact on Cartels

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton indicated yesterday that an agreement would be sought among the leading powers on the control of cartels, the United Press reported.

The subject will be discussed at an international trade conference next year, Clayton said, adding that the question would not be taken up at the San Francisco World Security conference.

Clayton appeared before a joint hearing of the special Senate committee investigating petroleum reserves and the Senate Judiciary Committee. The hearing is on a bill by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-W.O.) to require all foreign trade agreements to be registered with the Department of Justice.

Attorney General Francis Biddle had testified earlier that many cartel arrangements disrupted by the European war were being resumed. Urging the passage of the O'Mahoney measure, he cited an agreement which had lasted as late as 1939 between American and Japanese companies.

The American firm, he said, had felt obligated to turn over some secrets for making aviation fuel.

"We must insure that never again will a German cartel such as I.G. Farbenindustrie be able to stop the development of synthetic rubber in this country," he added.

U.S. to Help States Plan for Future

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—The government is ready to distribute \$17,500,000 among states to finance blueprints for huge post-war public construction.

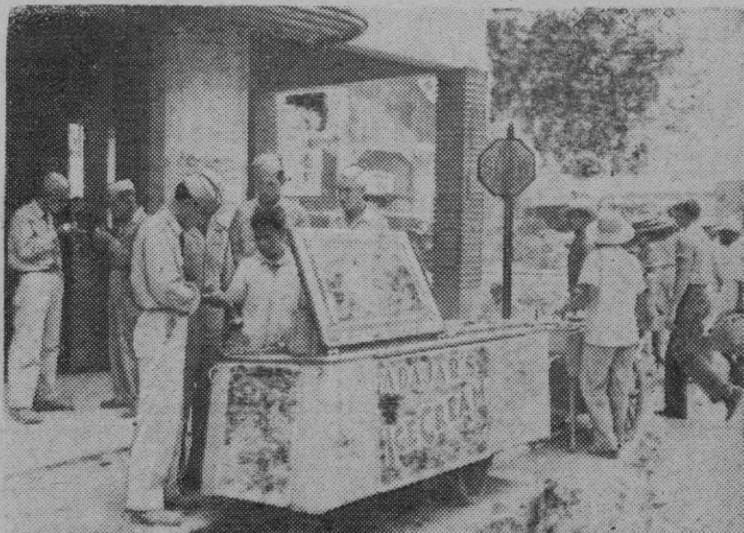
Maj. Gen. Philip E. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator, disclosed that the money can be used for architectural plans for such projects as schools, hospitals, city halls, court houses, police and fire stations, armories, community buildings and parks.

Fleming said that \$7,500,000 would be administered by the bureau of community facilities, of which George H. Field is commissioner. Applications for money are to be made through eight division offices of the bureau, located in New York City, Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Chicago; St. Paul, Minn.; Ft. Worth, Texas; Berkeley, Cal.; and Seattle.

First India-Burma CMH

CALCUTTA, May 18.—Lt. Jack Knight, of Weatherford, Tex., has been awarded posthumously the India-Burma theater's first Congressional Medal of Honor. He was killed in action on Feb. 2 north of Lashio.

They'll Take Vanilla in Manila



A young Filipino busily sells ice cream to GIs on a street in the Philippine capital. The block in the background is bomb-damaged.

SHAEF Bans Interviews of Nazi Leaders

SHAEF has decreed there will be no more press interviews with Hermann Goering, Kurt Dittmar, Gerd von Rundstedt and other high ranking German captives, Reuter reported yesterday.

No official reason was advanced for the ban but it was indicated there had been unfavorable reaction to the interviews in Allied countries. A general official inclination to follow the Russian policy of keeping prisoners under cover also was cited.

To Follow Geneva Convention

The high ranking German captives will continue to be treated according to the Geneva Convention—but no better.

Franz von Papen, Germany's No. 1 diplomat, is under investigation by the United Nations War Crimes Commission in London, according to UP, and his indictment as a war criminal is regarded as a virtual certainty.

Von Papen's exact whereabouts in England is a secret as is the whereabouts of Willi Messerschmitt, the German plane designer, who has been removed from London to new quarters.

Track Down Gestapo Agents

Hugo Eckener, the noted German dirigible commander who never bowed to Hitler's will, was reported yesterday to be living quietly and unmolested at his home in Friedrichshafen.

Meanwhile, police and public safety department men of the 21st Army Group continued to track down Gestapo agents in the Reich, with "fairly substantial numbers" of them already having been captured.

Blame for War Put on Junkers

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., May 18 (ANS).—Joseph Pulitzer Jr., editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, said today that most of the guilt for the second World War was upon the shoulders of the German General Staff.

Pulitzer spoke before the Missouri legislature. He was one of 17 American editors and publishers who recently made a War Department-conducted tour of German concentration camps.

He listed four groups of German war criminals: the Gestapo, SS men, financiers and industrialists and the General Staff.

"These Junkers, with their Heidelberg education and their Heidelberg scars, essentially are the guiltiest of the four groups," he said.

As regards the major question of erasing German bellicosity, Pulitzer said he thought it would require complete Allied occupation of Germany "for at least one and possibly two generations."

Fascist 5th Column In U.S. Reported

SALO, Italy, May 18 (AP).—Definite evidence of a Fascist fifth column functioning within the U.S. has reportedly been uncovered here by troops of the U.S. Fifth Army.

The troops found a confidential file of Fascist propaganda being used in America, whose contents were guarded so closely that officials refused to admit its existence. Banners of Fascist chapters bearing the names of U.S. cities also were found.

At the villa formerly occupied by the minister of popular culture in this lakeside resort—the last playground and headquarters of Mussolini's Fascist republic—great piles of propaganda were uncovered, including the works of Ezra Pound, the U.S. poet accused of treason, and John Amery, son of a British statesman. It is alleged that both of them have been broadcasting for the Nazis for more than a year.

Norway Resumes Parade On Independence Day

OSLO, May 18 (UP).—Norway staged its greatest Independence Day celebration in history yesterday, despite a drenching rain.

Prohibited for five years from observing the day, 25,000 youths marched through Oslo's streets in a three-hour-long procession, shouting: "We are free."

The parade wound up at the palace, where Crown Prince Olav greeted marchers.

Pirates Snap Dodger Streak at 11

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

BEING an avid student of the Articles of War, the writer will confine today's discussion to Happy Chandler, the baseball commissioner, and not to Albert B. Chandler, the good and trusted senator from Kentucky. After all, Article 96 has too much mention of inefficiency, confinement and being boiled in oil, while the major league by-laws don't even touch the subject.

In his dual executive role, Happy the Czar will have to be careful so as not to offend Sen. Chandler. A congressional investigation of baseball obviously would not do the national pastime any good. And since Sen. Chandler happens to be a member of the Military Affairs Committee, a pitched battle between Congress and baseball would find Sen. Chandler lobbing mortar shells in the general direction of Happy Chandler. One of the Chandlers might get hurt.

WHEN the late Judge Landis held sway as baseball commissioner, he got rough occasionally with players or moguls who didn't stay on the ball. He didn't care whether the wayward gent was from New York, California or Texas. His decision invariably was for the "good of baseball."

Happy may find himself in trouble adhering to the same policy, especially so long as Sen. Chandler is in office. For example, Happy may bump into the following conversation the first time he tries to lower the judicial boom on a player from Kentucky:

"Why did you jump your contract, son?" Happy might say.

"Jes, cause I didn't feel like playing, Happy, ole buddy."

"You know I can suspend you from organized baseball for a long time, don't you?" the jolly czar points out.

"You know I have 12 brothers and 14 sisters old enough to vote in the next election in Kentucky, don't you? What would Sen. Chandler say about that?"

THE last time Sen. Chandler toured the ETO, he occasionally sang a few songs for the servicemen in their messhalls or theaters, making quite a hit with the GIs because his voice is, if not mellow, at least robust and far-reaching. If he ever comes again, would we be listening to Sen. Chandler or Happy Chandler? Take it from one who has heard the singing—it makes a difference.

And if Happy Chandler ever ventures to Washington to lobby for baseball in Sen. Chandler's office, the conversation undoubtedly would put to shame anything script writers for Bob Hope, Jack Benny and Charlie McCarthy could whip together for a combined comedy show. The Chandlers might even sing a duet.

NOTE to Judge Advocate: Please remember all this has been about Happy Chandler, the baseball commissioner, and not about Albert B. Chandler, the Kentucky senator.

Max Schmeling Held in Hamburg

HAMBURG, May 18.—Max Schmeling, former world's heavyweight champion from Germany, has been arrested here by British MPs for Nazi activities, the Associated Press reported.

The big German was picked up in civilian clothes, the AP said.

Free for All Wins Easily At Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 18.—Free For All, classy Derby candidate owned by John Marsh, inaugurated his three-year-old campaign yesterday with a convincing four-length victory in the Keeneland meeting feature at Churchill Downs.

Free For All, unbeaten in five starts as a juvenile last year and already established as betting favorite in the Derby, had little trouble winning yesterday over a field that included several other Derby eligibles. The fleet runner led from start to finish.

Despite being saddled with top weight, Free For All went to the post a 1-10 favorite in the mutuels.

Bill Nichols Boots Home 3 Winners at Sportsman's

CHICAGO, May 18.—Jockey Bill Nichols dominated racing at Sportsman's Park here yesterday, booting home three winners on the eight-race card.

Nichols guided Mister Rabbit under the wire ahead of the field in the day's feature event to reward \$2 bettors on his mount with \$5.40 each. He also won on Ebony Ridge at \$7.80, and on Shasta Man at \$4.60.

Alexis Outfoots Field In Pimlico Feature

BALTIMORE, May 18.—Christiana Stables' Alexis boosted his Derby stock by scampering to an impressive victory over three other classic hopefuls at Pimlico yesterday.

Alexis outsped Brookfield, The Dodge and Bobanet, returning \$6.60 for \$2.

Son Admiral Repeats At Narragansett Park

PAWTUCKET, R.I., May 18.—Son Admiral, three-year-old son of War Admiral, registered his second straight victory of the Narragansett Park meeting by running to a two-length triumph in the featured Hartford Purse.

Son Admiral was a well-backed \$4.40 to \$2 choice.

ODT Refuses Aid to Dewey

WASHINGTON, May 18.—If Gov. Thomas E. Dewey wants to open the racetrack at Saratoga Springs, as he announced yesterday, that's up to him, said ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson. But the course "won't get any special transportation," Johnson added.

"There's no ban on racing," declared Johnson, "so I can't tell anyone not to open a track. But no one will get any more transportation. We haven't got it."

Johnson caused a rumpus in sporting circles last week when he announced the ODT had ordered travel curtailments which would eliminate the World Series and New Year's Day and inter-sectional football contests.

Farrell, Baseball Peer, Dies at Age of 80

AUBURN, N. Y., May 18.—John H. Farrell, 80, founder and secretary-treasurer of the National Assn. of Professional Baseball Leagues for four decades prior to his retirement 15 years ago, died here yesterday.

All-Around Ace

By Pap



Bainbridge Naval to Abandon Football Unless Japan Folds

BAINBRIDGE, Md., May 18.—Football will be abandoned at the Naval Training Station here next fall unless the war against Japan is near completion, Commodore C. F. Russell announced today.

The grid sport is out, Russell reported, because emphasis will be on getting men to the Pacific fleet as soon as possible. The rapid expansion of the fighting forces will leave "little time for a gruelling sport like football," he said.

"Baseball and basketball are different," Russell said. "Men can do a full day's training and still play baseball or basketball without impairing their efficiency the next day. But football requires too much effort and time."

Barring quick developments in the Japanese war, Russell's edict brings to an end one of the shortest and most brilliant football records in history.

Bainbridge gridders, facing the most fearsome competition in sight, rolled up an enviable record of 17 consecutive victories over a two-year span.

Eagle by Bobby Jones Earns Golf Standoff

LAKELAND, Fla., May 18.—Bobby Jones, the retired "Emperor" of golf, proved he was still there in the clutch yesterday when he fired an eagle three on the last hole to finish all square against Sammy Snead and Cpl. Bobby Walker in an exhibition match for the War Bond drive.

Jones and Earl Ritiansen, Miami policeman, were one down going to the last green. Then Bobby chipped from 25 yards off the green and the ball bounced into the cup, squaring the match.

Eddie Wright Twirls No-Hitter Against Blues

KANSAS CITY, May 18.—Eddie Wright, rookie Indianapolis right-hander, fashioned a no-hit no-run game to beat the Kansas City Blues, 2-0, in an American Association game yesterday. Wright issued three walks and faced only 30 batters.

Cooper Returns To Cardinals

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—Hold your rain checks, men, here we go again. Mort Cooper, Cardinal ace suspended yesterday for jumping the team in Boston, arrived here today and learned he had been nicked \$500 for the act.

Mort went into conference with his lawyer. Then they both talked to President Sam Breadon on the telephone, arranging a parley. Cooper said he would quit baseball unless his demand for \$15,000 was met.

Minor League Results

International League

Newark	12	Baltimore	0			
Others postponed, rain						
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Jersey City	11	3	Newark	9	10	.474
Montreal	13	7	Rochester	5	9	.357
Baltimore	10	8	Syracuse	5	11	.313
Toronto	9	8	Buffalo	4	10	.286

American Association

Minneapolis	3	Columbus	2
Indianapolis	2	Kansas City	0
St. Paul	22	Toledo	9
Louisville at Milwaukee, postponed, rain			

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Louisville	12	3	Columbus	10	15	.435
Indianap.	13	8	Minneap.	8	11	.421
Toledo	12	8	Kansas C.	7	11	.389
Milwaukee	9	7	St. Paul	5	11	.313

Pacific Coast League

Sacramento	12	Oakland	1			
San Diego	16	Hollywood	1			
Others postponed, rain						
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Portland	30	13	L.A. Ange	21	23	.477
Seattle	23	18	Sacramento	21	24	.467
Oakland	25	21	S. Franisco	20	25	.445
S. Dego.	24	23	Hollywood	13	22	.389

Eastern League

Wilkes-Barre	6	Williamsport	5			
Hartford	9	Utica	4			
Others postponed, rain						
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Albany	7	3	Will'sport	5	5	.500
Scranton	7	4	Utica	5	6	.455
Hartford	7	4	Elmira	2	5	.286
Wilkes-Bar	6	6	Bingh'ton	1	7	.125

Southern Association

Little Rock	6	Chattanooga	1			
Others postponed, rain						
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
N. Orleans	16	3	Little Rock	8	9	.471
Atlanta	14	3	Birmingham	7	11	.389
Mobile	12	8	Nashville	2	15	.118
Chat'nooga	10	7	Memphis	2	15	.118

Runs for the Week

National League	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Boston	X	7	9	4			
Brooklyn		4	6	3	3		
Chicago		5	4	0	5		
Cincinnati		5	7	2	4		
New York		6	5	6	8		
Philadelphia		4	3	6	2		
Pittsburgh		1	3	1	15		
St. Louis		X	8	5	7		

American League

American League	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Boston							P
Chicago							P
Cleveland							P
Detroit							P
New York							P
Philadelphia							P
St. Louis							P
Washington							P

Max Baer Still Ailing

NEW YORK, May 18.—Sgt. Max Baer, former heavyweight king who has been hospitalized continually since March, 1942, was transferred from Governor's Island Hospital yesterday to Kelly Field Hospital, Texas, the hospital he first entered for spinal treatment.

Giants Drub Chicago, 8-5; Cards Triumph

NEW YORK, May 18.—After winning 11 in a row, the Dodgers stumbled against the Pirates yesterday, 15-3, and the setback cost the Flatbush club a full game in the National League race as the Giants completed a sweep of their four-game series with the Cubs, 8-5.

The Pirates splattered four Dodger pitchers for 15 hits, while Nick Strincevich, who snapped Luis Olmo's consecutive hitting streak at 14 games, was credited with the verdict. Tom Seats started for the Bums, but departed in the third inning after serving up five straight hits, including Bob Elliott's triple. Clyde King, Cy Coker and Les Webber also toiled for Brooklyn.

Giants Rap Four Pitchers

Four Cub pitchers—Claude Passeau, Hy Vandenberg, Bob Chipman and Mack Stewart—were unable to subdue the Giants in the eighth inning and the New Yorkers clustered six runs to win. Andy Hansen opened for the Giants, but was chased in the midst of a fifth-inning Cub spurge, and reliable Ace Adams won the nod.

Roy Hughes, Chicago shortstop, was injured in the eighth when Billy Jurges slid into him at second base to break up an attempted doubleplay. Hughes was carried from the field and taken to a hospital for examination.

A double by Ken O'Dea in the fifth inning with the bases full enabled the Cardinals to set down the Braves, 7-4, before the smallest crowd of the season—only 685 cash customers. Ken Burkhardt was the winner; Nate Andrews suffered the loss.

Sanders Clubs Homerun

Ray Sanders swatted a three-run homer for the Cards in the first inning and Butch Nieman hit one with two men aboard for the Braves in the lower half of the frame. Buster Adams homered for the Redbirds with nobody on base in the ninth.

Franck McCormick's homerun with Gee Walker on base handed the Reds a 4-2 victory over the Phillies. Walter "Boom Boom" Beck won the mound decision over Whit Wyatt, checking the Phils with five futile hits.

All American League games were rained out for the fourth straight day.

HOW THEY STAND.

National League	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	15	Brooklyn	3	
New York	8	Chicago	5	
St. Louis	7	Boston	4	
Cincinnati	4	Philadelphia	2	

New York	20	5	.800	—
Brooklyn	16	7	.696	3
St. Louis	11	12	.478	8
Boston	10	12	.455	8 1/2
Chicago	10	12	.455	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	10	13	.435	9
Cincinnati	9	12	.429	9
Philadelphia	6	19	.240	14

St. Louis at Philadelphia	2
Chicago at Brooklyn	2
Pittsburgh at New York	2
Cincinnati at Boston	2

American League

All games postponed, rain	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	6	.667	—
New York	13	7	.659	—
Detroit	11	7	.611	1
St. Louis	9	9	.500	3
Washington	10	12	.455	4
Philadelphia	9	12	.429	4 1/2
Boston	8	12	.400	5
Cleveland	6	13	.316	6 1/2

Boston at Chicago	1
New York at St. Louis	1
Philadelphia at Cleveland	1
Washington at Detroit	1

League Leaders

National League	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Ott, New York	26	85	27	35	.412
Holmes, Boston	23	93	24	38	.409
Kurowski, St. Louis	23	84	14	31	.369
Weintraub, N.Y.	26	89	23	32	.360
Reyes, New York	26	93	13	33	.355
Olmo, Brooklyn	21	76	10	27	.355

American League	G	AB	R	H	Pct
Cuccinello, Chicago	17	60	9	22	.367
Stephens, St. Louis	17	61	17	22	.361
Case, Washington	22	89	15	30	.337
Etten, New York	20	74	13	24	.324
Kell, Philadelphia	18	70	8	22	.314

Homerun Leaders	National	Ott and Weintraub	24
	National	Ott and Weintraub	24
	National	Ott and Weintraub	24
	American	Stephens, St. Louis	6
	American	Stephens, St. Louis	6
	American	Stephens, St. Louis	6
	American	Stephens, St. Louis	6
	American	Stephens, St. Louis	6

Runs Batted In	National	Lombardi, New York	24
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	American	Derry, New York	18
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Brass Behind the Plate



Brig. Gen. M. M. Beach, 53rd TCC Wing CO from Detroit, catches first ball in game between 434th Golden Eagles and 436th Group for Wing title—and a week's exhibition tour of the Riviera. Batter is S/Sgt. Dick Rhodes, of Plymouth, Ind. 434th won, 3-1. All Eagles' runs were counted on homers by Sgt. Al Negrete, Union City, N.J., and Cpl. Jim Richardson, Syracuse, N.Y. TCC Photo

600,000 in ETO Eligible to Win Contest Prizes

More than 600,000 men in the ETO already are making Class B (War Bond) allotments and are eligible to enter the war bond contest, said Col. J. H. Fulton, theater bond and insurance officer, yesterday.

The letter-writing contest on the subject, "My Savings and Post-war Plans," is open to all Army personnel in the theater who purchase a bond or make a bond allotment.

Letters are limited to 250 words. Ten new Chevrolet automobiles or trucks and ten seven-or nine-cubic-foot Frigidaires are offered as prizes.

Huge Program Started by REA

ST. LOUIS, May 18 (ANS).—Officials of more than 900 rural electric systems financed by the Rural Electrification Administration have been instructed to start work at once on delayed power line construction projects totalling \$100,000,000, according to William J. Neal, REA administrator.

Neal said the REA faces the "biggest power line construction job in history."

Under a War Production Board order liberalizing wartime restrictions on building of power lines much construction for which the REA already has allotted loans can proceed as rapidly as manufacturers can deliver materials and REA systems can let contracts and hire labor, Neal said.

Authorized construction will create 50,000 man years of employment nationally, REA officials estimate.

The latest REA survey shows about 2,700,000 farms, or nearly half in the U.S., are electrified, as compared with 750,000 in 1935.

Europe to Receive More Grain, Vegetable Seeds

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—The Foreign Economic Administration said today that 130,000,000 additional pounds of grain and vegetable seeds are being shipped to liberated countries of Europe, where they will be distributed by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association.

CHURCH SERVICES

- PROTESTANT**
 Sunday services at Holy Trinity Church, 23 Avenue George V, 0930; Dutayel Barracks, Boulevard Barbès, 1030; American Union Church, 65 Quai d'Orsay, 1100 hours. Communion (Sunday and weekdays) Holy Trinity Church, 0700 and 0800 hours.
- CATHOLIC**
 Sunday mass at Madeleine Church, Place de la Madeleine, 1800; Chapel (Oom Zi), 5 Avenue Kléber, 1145 and 1645 hours; St. Pierre de Chaillot, 43 Avenue Marceau, 1015 hours. Daily mass. Madeleine Church, 0700 hours; Chapel, 5 Avenue Kléber, 1145 and 1745 hours. Confessions at Madeleine Church Saturdays, 1700 and 1930 hours, and before masses, and at 5 Avenue Kléber, 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 Jussieu), Thursday at 1800, Sunday at 1015.
- BAPTIST**
 Ave. du Maine Church, 48 Rue de Lille (Métro du Cap), 1900 hours.
- LATTER DAY SAINTS (Mormon)**
 Hotel Louvois, Rue de Richelieu, Sunday school, 1030 hours; evening services, 1930.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**
 First Church of Christ, Scientist, 10 Avenue d'Iéna, 16e. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1900.
 Second Church of Christ, Scientist, 58 Boulevard Plandrin, 16e. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1900.
 Third Church of Christ, Scientist, 45 Rue La Boétie, 8e. Sunday, 1115; Wednesday, 1930.

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Time	TODAY
1200-Swing Session	1900-Sports
1230-Dance Music	1905-Hawaiian Seren.
1300-World News	1915-Movie Music
1315-Swingtime	2000-Pacific News
1330-Carm. Cavallero	2015-Ai Ease
1400-Boston Sympho.	2030-Ch. McCarthy
1500-World News	2100-World News
1510-Harry James	2115-Ring Up Curtain
1530-Victory Diary	2200-U.S. News
1545-On the Record	2235-Jubilee
1630-Strike Up Band	2235-Latin Serenade
1700-World News	2300-World News
1705-Dance Band	2305-Satur. Serenade
1755-U.S. Sports	2335-Suspense
1800-World News	2400-World News
1805-Bing Crosby	0015-Night Shift
1815-Yank Bandstand	0200-World News
1830-GI Journal	

News Every Hour on the Hour

Li'l Abner By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp

IN ONE OF MILLIONS OF HORROR-PROGRAM-LOVING AMERICAN HOMES

AND NOW HA HA HA! WILL FORCE THIS POISON DOWN YOUR THROAT!!

EK! GURGLE!!

AT THE BROADCAST, RADIO EXECUTIVES LISTEN IN-

EGAD!!-THE VICTIM'S AGONY SEEMS REAL! WHAT MARVELOUS SOUND EFFECTS!!

SOUND EFFECTS MY EYE!!-AS A DOCTOR, I RECOGNIZE THAT AS A REAL REACTION TO REAL POISON!!

I'M THE PROF MAN. ORSON WAGGON INSISTED ALL HIS PROPS BE REAL!!-GENTLEMEN- THAT WAS REAL POISON!

I SHOULD VE SUSPECTED SOMETHING WHEN HE SAID THIS'D BE THE ULTIMATE IN HORROR PROGRAMS!!

HAS HE MURDERED A MAN IN THAT STUDIO!!?

Terry and The Pirates By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

SWING INSHORE, TERRY! ...THE MAST OF A VESSEL IS SHOWING ABOVE THE TREES... IT MUST BE AT ANCHOR AROUND THE BEND!

THIS RIVER SEEMS TO HAVE SEVERAL OUTLETS TO THE SEA... WHY COULDN'T AN OCEAN-GOING JUNK SAIL UP ONE AND INTERCEPT THE FOOD BOATS BOUND FOR A JAP-HELD TOWN ON THE MAIN STREAM BELOW?

SORT OF A HIJACK DEAL? IN THAT CASE, SUCH A CRAFT WOULD BE NO FRIEND OF THE JAPS!

RIGHT, TERRY! IT IS A TRICK THE DRAGON LADY USED WHEN SHE WAS A-- AH-- IN BUSINESS BEFORE THE WAR...

OH-WHAT YOU ALMOST SAID...

WHEN IS A PIRATE NOT A PIRATE? ANSWER: WHEN SHE IS BEAUTIFUL AND ON OUR SIDE AGAINST THE JAPS! -EVEN IF SHE DOES GO IN FOR KIDNAPING PILOTS!

DO YOU ENJOY SEEING ME WRITHE UNDER THE WHIP YOU HOLD?

YOU HEAR THE DARDEST THINGS ON THESE NIGHT BOATS!

Gasoline Alley By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By King

NINA! I'M SO HAPPY TO KNOW YOU ARE ALL RIGHT.

I'M JUST FINE! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, MOTHER!

AND AUNTIE BLOSSOM!

HOW IS THE BIG, HANDSOME BOY? WE'RE ALL HAPPY ABOUT IT.

CHIPPER'S BIRTHDAY! IT WAS SOME HOLIDAY! EIGHT POUNDS, TEN OUNCES! I'VE GOT TO SEE HIM.

THEY'LL LET YOU SEE HIM THROUGH THE NURSERY WINDOW, UNCLE WALT. YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!

Dick Tracy By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By Chester Gould

PAPRIKA SHOULD BE BACK BY THIS TIME. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS KEEPING HER?

WHY, MR MEASLES, YOU SEEM WORRIED.

MY PAPRIKA HAS GONE TO THE STORE FOR ME MANY TIMES IT IS NOT TO WORRY. SHE WILL RETURN.

YOU'RE RIGHT HERE SHE COMES, NOW

AND IN THE RAILROAD YARDS.

YOU SEE, YARDMASTER, THIS MISSION MAY BE A LITTLE DANGEROUS. I'D LIKE THE FIREMAN AND ENGINEER TO KNOW JUST WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST

I WILL CALL THEM

YOU SEE, FOUR OF US WILL BE IN THE BOX-CAR, ARMED. THE ENGINE WILL PULL US UP TO A POSITION OPPOSITE THE SECTION HAND'S SHACK, THEN-

Blondie By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young

I'LL TAKE TEA

DAGWOOD-- DO YOU WANT COFFEE OR TEA FOR SUPPER?

I'M SORRY DEAR, BUT I FIND WE HAVE NO TEA-- YOU CAN HAVE COFFEE OR COCOA

I'LL TAKE COFFEE

THE PERCOLATOR TOP IS BROKEN, DEAR-- YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE COCOA

OKAY, I'LL TAKE COCOA

THAT'S ANOTHER NICE THING ABOUT MAMA -- SHE ALWAYS GIVES ME MY CHOICE

Joe Palooka By Courtesy of McNaught' Syndicate, Inc.

By Ham Fisher

TOM'SH'S MAIN BOUT BRINGS TOGETHER TOMMY MARLOWE THE PHILADELPHIA FLASH AND ANGIE SCOTT OF ST. PAUL---

REMEMBER WHAT I TOLE YA--- GOOD LUCK, KID.

THANK YOU, MR. WALSH.

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WHUF??

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE--

Republican Chiefs Of Spain to Meet

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18 (AP).—The broadest meeting of Spanish Republican leaders since defeat of the Republic in the Civil War is expected to take place here soon.

Juan Negrin, last premier of republican Spain, is flying here from London. Senor Aguirre, exiled president of the Basque Republic, is also on his way to San Francisco. Meanwhile, former Defense Minis-

ter Indalecio Prieto is already here and has conferred with many delegates to the United Nations conference.

It is reported that Negrin, in a visit to France, made considerable progress in reconciling exiled Spaniards, who had been divided on methods of restoring the Spanish

British Order Germans To Clothe Ex-Slaves

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—The Exchange Telegraph Agency report-

ed yesterday that the British military government has ordered every man, woman and child in Germany's Luneburg province to provide a complete set of clothes, to be given to former slave workers.

Col. G. G. Wood, military governor of Luneburg province, said similar clothing levies would be imposed on German civilians throughout Westphalia and that he also would demand games and knitting material.

Military government authorities in Luneburg province have 83,900 eastbound displaced persons under their control at present.

Births

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

PVT. Michael Mulley, Rochester—girl, May 14; Pvt. Fred E. Downes, Poteet, Tex.—Ronald Edison, May 3; Pvt. John D. Anderson, Fort Worth, Tex.—boy, May 1; Cpl. Raymond Unger, Cincinnati—girl, May 14; Capt. Ray E. Fischer, Sacramento—boy, May 13.

Sgt. James J. O'Brien, Elmhurst, N.Y.—Mary Alice, May 14; Lt. Anton P. Lennest, Newark—Dennis Arthur, April 22; Lt. Paul D. Erickson, Minneapolis—boy, May 14; Sgt. Louis P. Attard, San Francisco—Peggy Jo, April 7; Pvt. Clyde Smith, Rockwall, Tex.—Janet Ann, Feb. 24

Yanks Move To Bar Loot Near Trieste

Background Story on Page 2.

TRIESTE, May 18.—American soldiers were holding roadblocks today in the Gorizia area, 20 miles northwest of Trieste, to prevent Italian followers of Marshal Tito from moving loot to the eastern side of the Isonzo River.

Tito's Yugoslav forces agreed on Thursday to evacuate that part of northern Italy that they had occupied west of the Isonzo. The United Press quoted British military quarters here that the evacuation was being carried out slowly. However, Yugoslav troops were still in disputed Trieste, along with British units and a few Americans.

Guns Set Up

U.S. troops, who hold Gorizia and the area immediately around it, had machine and anti-tank guns set up. They were searching walking soldiers and heavily-loaded vehicles for goods stolen in heavy looting west of the Isonzo during the last few days. Some Yugoslavs were involved, but most of the looters were members of the Italian "Garibaldi Division."

The Yugoslav-controlled Italian newspaper, "Il Nostro Avvenire," of Trieste, said: "The united forces of our people, who have conquered Trieste, will know how to defend it against all comers."

Accuses Italian Imperialists

It charged that the "campaign of the Italian imperialists against the new Yugoslavia of Tito is a typical example of the maneuvers of international reactionaries based on the defense of western civilization against the Slav and Bolshevik danger."

The already acute food situation in Trieste took a turn for the worse when the British refused the Yugoslavs permission to mill grain on the western side of the Isonzo and then return the flour to the Trieste area east of the river. The bread ration earlier had been cut to 150 grams daily. Some civilians in Trieste waited in breadlines for five hours yesterday without getting bread.

Patterson Cites ETO Problems

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson told his news conference today that many problems remain to be solved in the ETO and the Army's job there would not be finished for many months.

"Among our problems," he said, "are the consolidation of our occupation of Germany, the institution of policies of over-all Allied control and the administration of a stern government of Germany that will provide a program of denazification."

Patterson said he believed every U.S. commander in Europe without exception wanted to go to the Pacific, but that it was too early to say which commanders and which units would fight the Japanese. Redeployment plans are well advanced, however, and the Army plans to use "a major part" of ETO materiel in the Pacific, he said.

Referring to 500-plane attacks on Nagoya this week, he declared: "It is safe to say there will be almost daily strikes against Japanese industries."

30 Quit Okinawa Foxholes for U.S.

OKINAWA, May 18 (ANS).—Thirty veterans of the Pacific war were taken from their foxholes last night and told to get ready for home immediately under the Army's discharge point system.

They were scheduled to leave Okinawa at once and be back in the U.S. not later than May 24.

Most of the 30 were veterans of Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte, Guam and Okinawa. None had less than 120 points—well above the 85 needed to qualify.

Of the 30, 23 were from the Seventh Div. Others were from the 77th and 96th Divs.

Within the next few days, Col. W. H. Biggerstall, 24th Army Corps adjutant said, 200 more men will be taken from the line and sent home under the point system.

Claudette Colbert Collapses

HOLLYWOOD, May 18.—Actress Claudette Colbert returned to work yesterday after a ten-day siege of influenza, but the strain was too great. She collapsed on the set and had to be taken home again.

Sexpert Mae Warns Yanks Are Coming

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 18 (ANS).—"American men are going to return to the States sexier than they've ever been before," Mae West said today.

The screen and stage star warned America's female population that it has a big adjustment to make. "A lot of loving is coming back from war and the lady who has been stepping out had best begin to polish off her low talk and shifty ways before 'he' arrives..."

She said that the impulses of Yanks would be speeded up by the atmosphere of war.

For affection-hungry women, Mae recommended tact, patience, kindness and affection—with the emphasis on affection.

"A girl needn't worry about holding her man," she pointed out, "if she realizes the surest way to hold him is her arms."

U.S. Difference With Britain on Poland Denied

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius told United Nations conference reporters today that there was "no question of any differences" between the U.S. and British viewpoints on the formation of a new Polish coalition government.

His remarks were prompted by a New York Herald Tribune dispatch asserting that President Roosevelt, before his death, had informed Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin that the U.S. position on the Polish dispute differed from both the British and Russian views. The Herald Tribune said that the President's letters, which have not been made public, suggested at least the basis for a compromise "which has apparently not been worked on since the late President's death."

Russian Reply Awaited

Settlement of the Polish question at the conference is awaiting a reply to a joint demand by the U.S. and Britain that Russia explain the arrest of 16 Poles who had gone to Moscow ostensibly to negotiate with the Russians on the formation of a new government for Poland.

The United Press reported that Stettinius had informed President Truman that the conference was making "very satisfactory progress" despite the delay in settling the trusteeship and regional arrangement problems.

U.S. May Not Wait

The Associated Press reported that the U.S. might not wait much longer for an expression of Russia's stand on the trusteeship question, in which case the U.S. would "take matters in its own hands and attempt to press for conference decisions by two-thirds vote over Russia's head."

The trusteeship committee already has begun discussions of the "working paper" submitted yesterday by Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen of the U.S. delegation. Stassen's report embodies the ideas of many nations on proposals for governing mandated and former enemy territory.

The "working paper" pretty much aligns the U.S., British, French and Chinese views on trusteeship. Russia's attitude is not known, and New Zealand and Australia were expected to oppose the plan.

Marlene Finds Sister

LONDON, May 18 (AP).—Marlene Dietrich, who has been entertaining troops in the ETO, found her sister in the Nazi horror camp at Belsen, Germany, Ronald Citrine, British Labor leader's son, who attended camp patients, reported.

Hitler Wanted to Kill All PWs

The Swiss Radio confirmed yesterday reports that in the last days of the war Adolf Hitler ordered all Allied prisoners of war shot.

Heard by BBC in London, the radio quoted Dr. Burkhardt, president of the International Red Cross. He said that the Wehrmacht had refused to carry out the order and that in March he had met representatives of Heinrich Himmler and obtained permission for the Red Cross to enter PW camps and prevent any last-minute executions.

Last March, at the time of Dr. Burkhardt's visit to Germany, reports that Allied prisoners in Germany would be killed were widespread, but Himmler was blamed at that time. The reports never were officially recognized because of Allied concern over what might happen if Burkhardt's mission were a failure.

Dr. Burkhardt also said that Hitler always had wanted to renounce the international conventions relating to prisoners of war, and that toward the last days of his life, his temper steadily grew worse.

Aussies Advance in the Invasion of Tarakan



Men of the Ninth Australian Imperial Forces Division move inland after their landing on Tarakan, Borneo. They are approaching an oil tank set afire by bombardment.

U.S. Forces Closing Pincers On Luzon, Mindanao Japs

MANILA, May 18 (ANS).—Traps were closing today on sizable Japanese garrisons on Luzon and Mindanao in the Philippines. In central Luzon, the biggest enemy force yet enveloped in the archipelago was hemmed in by the 43rd Div. near Ipo Dam, Manila's chief water source.

Stork Carries Point-Shy Pfc Over the Hump

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP HQ., May 18.—The stork came through just in time to lift Pfc Peter Caprone, of Barberton, Ohio, over that crucial 85-point hurdle.

No matter how he made with the points, Caprone, a rifleman with the 106th Div. in Germany, couldn't figure out more than 75. That was on May 10, the day the demobilization plan was announced.

Later in the day he received a telegram presenting him with 24 more squealing points—twin daughters named Joanne Lynn and Patricia Anne. The twins were born April 27 but the news didn't reach him until V-E Day, plus one. Pappa Caprone is a very firm believer in the institution of fatherhood.

United Nations Medal Proposed by Churchill

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—Prime Minister Churchill today suggested in Commons that a United Nations medal be given every Allied soldier after the Pacific war ends.

At the same time, however, Churchill cautioned against wholesale issue of British service ribbons because of the "limit of the human breast."

Senate Group in London

LONDON, May 18.—A party of Senate communications committee members, headed by Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) and accompanied by U.S. Army, Navy and Federal communications chiefs, inspected today the headquarters of London's wireless and cable facilities.

British Hoax Of Nazis Told

LONDON, May 18 (AP).—How a British light cruiser, disguised as the French cruiser Leopard, mined Leghorn harbor, in Italy, under the noses of Germans and Italians in 1941 was told today.

Rear Adm. R. K. Dickson, skipper of the cruiser Manxman, said that a false superstructure had been built on his ship, which also had a reshaped bow and stern much like that of the Leopard.

The Manxman sailed along the Riviera coast in daylight unmolested by German pilots patrolling the area, who evidently believed the cruiser was part of the French fleet taken over by the Axis. The British ship entered Leghorn harbor at night, sowed the mines and escaped in a fog without detection.

Fritz Kuhn Ordered Deported to Germany

WASHINGTON, May 18 (UP).—The Justice Department announced today that Fritz Kuhn, former leader of the German-American Bund, has been ordered deported to Germany as an undesirable alien. Kuhn, who served half of a five-year prison term for larceny and forgery in connection with Bund funds, is now interned as an enemy alien at Ft. Stanton, New Mexico, where he is in the "trouble-makers' stockade."

Put the Bite on Mechanic

HOUSTON, May 18 (ANS).—J. W. Long was indicted by the county grand jury today on a charge of "maliciously depriving mechanic Herbert Randall of his ear by biting off the said ear." Long said that Randall refused to repair his automobile.

Bid for Peace Denied by Japs

(Continued from Page 1) termination or enslavement of the Japanese people."

Truman's statement, the AP said at the time, was widely viewed in Congress as easing the way for the Japanese to end their futile struggle. Some Congressmen interpreted it as lending credence to rumors then prevalent that Tokyo had initiated peace overtures.

Particularly since the fall of Manila, a number of Japanese have urged neutrals to learn "the real American attitude," but these Japanese specify only that unconditional surrender is impossible for Japan and suggest no definite terms, AP reported.

Asked about reports that the Office of Strategic Services had received a definite peace bid, officials in Washington who are familiar with Japanese affairs said they knew of nothing of the kind.

They stressed the futility of informal personal peace feelers, representing as they do no authority from the militarists who still control Japan's destiny. All evidence in American hands, AP said, indicates this element has no self-interest in facing the prospect of unconditional surrender and probably will not face it until the Japanese military pride has been brought considerably lower.

The Reuter report from San Francisco said it was understood that Japan would be willing to give up her conquests but wanted to continue under its imperial constitution. It was said to have offered complete reversal of Japanese policy, including free elections for democratic government.

The offers were said to be contained in a memorandum taken to Moscow for individual industrialists such as Mitsubishi. The memorandum, Reuter said, affirmed that Japanese war strength was still very great and the nation was capable of carrying on a long war, but it said that innumerable lives could be saved if agreement were reached for an end of hostilities.

The source close to the Soviet delegation told Reuter that acceptance of the offer would create the possibility of another Japanese aggression.

WPB Drops More Items From Restricted List

WASHINGTON, May 18 (ANS).—More items came off the WPB restricted list today as that agency okayed the production of trolley cars, civilian planes, farm machinery and fire alarms. In addition, an order limiting the output and delivery of buses and bus bodies has been cancelled.

Stewart Commands B24 Wing

LONDON, May 18 (AP).—U.S. Eighth AF Hq. announced today that Col. James M. Stewart, former actor, who came to England almost two years ago as a captain, has been named commander of a Liberator bomber wing. Stewart's first duty in the ETO was as a bomber pilot and squadron commander.