

Key Railway West of Kiev Russian Goal

Reds Fan Out in 55-Mile Arc Past City; Soviets Gain on All Fronts

The Russians' strong drive west of Kiev to separate the German armies of the north and south made continued rapid progress yesterday as the Red Army fanned out in a 55-mile deep arc around the liberated Ukrainian capital.

Hitler's armies had only one thin connecting link left to them—the railway which connects Vitebsk, Orsha and Mogilev to the north with German-held cities in the south.

West of Kiev the Russians rapidly were approaching this railway near Korosten, capture of which would mean the Nazis' only remaining link would be through Poland.

Another Russian goal was the Odessa-Lwow-Warsaw railway, only 100 miles from Soviet spearheads. Seizure of the line would force the Germans to fall back deep into Rumania in order to save their forces being driven from southern Russia.

Column Driving South
One prong of the Soviet advance west of Kiev was driving southward in the direction of the Kremenchug salient and the Krivoi Rog sector. The possibility of Nazi forces within the Dnieper Bend being encircled grew hourly, and even Berlin recognized the peril.

Sertorius, German commentator, pointed out the obvious Russian aim of encirclement, and said that German reserves had been thrown into the sector southwest of Kiev, slowing down the Red Army advance.

Heavy fighting continued within the Dnieper Bend, where the Germans were still holding out around Krivoi Rog and southward in the vicinity of Nikopol, along the Dnieper.

Snows and rains drenched many sectors of the Russian front, but southwest of Nevel the Red Army maintained its offensive, driving new wedges into the German lines and moving on toward the Polish and Latvian borders.

In the Crimea, where the Germans were faced with the twofold problem of holding back the Russians driving down from the Perekop Peninsula and in the Kerch area at the eastern end of the Crimea, new Soviet successes were announced.

Moscow reported that bridgeheads near Kerch had been widened and four German counter-attacks north of the city had been beaten back.

Allies Sink 60 Subs in 90 Days

In the last three months more U-boats have been destroyed than Allied merchant ships, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill said yesterday in a joint statement dealing with operations in the Battle of the Atlantic. Sixty German subs were sunk in August, September and October, the Allied chiefs said.

The Germans are using new U-boat weapons and tactics, but thus far Allied ships have been able to cope successfully with them. The record for the last three months shows fewer German subs are operating and fewer targets were open to the sea and air forces escorting most convoys.

No Big Naval Operations Going On With Japs—Knox

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox denied the persistent reports that a big naval battle was in progress in the Southwest Pacific in his press conference today, but declared naval blows in the past week have left the Japs in "a critical position."

The Navy chief said that "for the Japs to lose a total of six heavy cruisers was nothing short of disaster." In a review of last week's operations he announced the Japs have suffered three serious naval defeats: (1) at Bougainville, (2) in the waters nearby Bougainville by surface warships, (3) at Rabaul by the devastating U.S. air attack.

He said there was no truth in the Tokyo report that they had sunk several big U.S. warships. He described it as merely a "fishing expedition."

Whiskey Rationed in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (AP)—The whiskey shortage is so great here that at least one well-known theatrical district restaurant is limiting customers to one drink. The president of the United Restaurant Dealers of Manhattan asserted that 35 per cent of the city's smaller bars lacked whiskey.

Stork Gets Tangled Up In Some High Finance

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER STATION, Nov. 9—Sgt. Perry A. Nebergall, 24-year-old P47 crew chief from Roodhouse, Ill., wants to know what goes on back home.

When he left the States his wife was expecting a baby and they agreed that if the child was a girl Mrs. Nebergall would cable him \$10; if it was a boy, she would send \$20.

Nebergall just received the money order—for \$50! The question: Is he the father of (1) five girls; (2) two boys and one girl; (3) three girls and one boy?

SS Goosesteps Into Vienna as Unrest Mounts

Armed Clash Earlier Is Reported; Hitler's Talk Censored in Reich

Once gay Vienna, increasingly restless since the Moscow Conference promise of independence for Austria, was forced last night to waltz to a martial tune, and Adolf Hitler was the fiddler.

German SS divisions goosestepped into the Austrian capital and took control, according to a broadcast by the Nazi-controlled Bratislava radio, amid mounting unrest that obviously was worrying Hitler and Satan's liaison man, Himmler.

The broadcast said the troops had been sent into Vienna for a "special training course," which evidently was to entail the strict control of elements rising against Hitler's control.

Further indication of Nazi moves to tighten the hold on Austria was seen in Hitler's promotion of two of his Austrian governors—gauleiters Siegfried Uiberreither and August Eigruber—to the rank of full general in the SA.

Armed Clash Reported
From Stockholm came a report of an armed clash in Vienna between Nazi SS troops and the local population last Saturday, when mass demonstrations against Hitler and Germany were staged.

Hundreds of persons were said to have been arrested and many injured. The United Press said that reliable reports reaching London Austrian Socialist circles told of the beheading of hundreds of anti-Nazi Austrians each month. The bodies were being dumped into communal graves, these reports said.

Meanwhile, one paragraph in Hitler's Monday night appeal to the German people for loyalty apparently had been considered too callous even for Germans to swallow and was cut out in the German News Agency version of the speech for home and European consumption.

This was the sentence: "If the German people should break under the present test I would not shed a tear for them, for then they would deserve their fate."

Berne reported that a purge in the German High Command was under way, many key positions, including some in Intelligence and Internal Defense Departments, having been placed under Himmler.

Numerous arrests were reported to have been carried out at headquarters of the German armed forces, and the Gestapo was said to have taken over many German cities. Desertions from the German army were reported increasing on all fronts, including northern Italy.

Hamburg Docks Half Repaired
STOCKHOLM, Nov. 9 (UP)—Half the normal traffic is now flowing into Hamburg's bombed docks, a Swedish traveler just returned from Germany said. He added docks were being repaired at amazing speed.

Nazis' Stupidity Amazes Nelson

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—Addressing a rally on the 10th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, Donald M. Nelson said he was "amazed at the stupidity of the German leaders who continue to fight against the hopeless odds that are mounting steadily against them."

"I do not think that the Nazi High Command have any hope left," Nelson said, "but if they should have even a shred of hope, the greater will be their disillusionment. American war production of crucial weapons of war is reaching new peaks."

Nelson, who returned recently from a tour of war fronts, including Russia, said that Stalin assured him that "any obligation undertaken by this government will be repaid in full—and not by token payments."

Nazi Might Already Smashed, Last Supreme Effort Is Needed To Win in '44, Churchill Asserts

The Lights Begin To Go On



Slipping off her robe of darkness, the glory of New York at night is revealed once more, though still slightly subdued as compared to the days before the sparkling glow from the city provided an outlining backdrop against which Allied shipping was silhouetted for enemy submarines. The Navy will permit this "brownout" to replace the blackout as long as marauding U-boats are kept from U.S. shores. This scene is Times Square, as if you didn't know.

Knockout Blow to Be Costly to Allies, He Warns

The German military juggernaut has been beaten "to an extent which may well prove mortal," but the Allies must brace themselves for a last supreme and victorious lunge against Germany in 1944, Winston Churchill asserted yesterday.

In a speech at a banquet for London's Lord Mayor—his first speech since the Russian armies smashed Hitler's line along the Dnieper River and the first since the accord reached at the Moscow conference—he indicated that even with good fortune the Allied war effort must run well into 1944. He warned also that the Allies must expect new and more terrible Waterloos for the British and new and bloodier Gettysburgs for the Americans. All, however, unquestionably would end in Germany's ruin, he declared.

Mr. Churchill rated the Anglo-American aerial offensive against Germany as "one of the prime causes of extending the ruin of the Hitler regime."

Most Severe Test Ahead
"I am proceeding on the assumption that the campaign of 1944 in Europe will be the most severe and, to the western Allies, the most costly in lives we have yet fought," the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Churchill began by saying: "Since we were last gathered here a year ago we and our Allies have had a year of almost unbroken victory in every theater and on every front."

"The Soviet Armies have inflicted deep and dire injury on the whole life and structure of the whole German military power. That monstrous juggernaut engine of the German might and tyranny has been beaten and broken, outfought and outmaneuvered by Russian valor, generalship and science and it has been beaten to an extent which may well prove mortal."

Dealing with the 1944 campaign, Mr. Churchill said: "We must all brace ourselves for the task and strain every nerve for its successful accomplishment. This is no time for relaxation or soft thoughts on the joys of peace and victory. The hazards of great battles lie before us. We cannot exclude the possibility of new forms of attack upon this island."

Pointing out that the U-boat war had been won, Mr. Churchill predicted that 1944 would see the climax of the European conflict.

Climax in 1944

"Unless some happier event occurs on which we have no right to count and the hand of Providence is directed by some crowning mercy, then 1944 will see the greatest sacrifice of life by the British and American armies, and battles far larger and more costly than Waterloo or Gettysburg will be fought. Sorrow will come to many homes in the United Kingdom and throughout the great Republic of the United States."

Mr. Churchill's speech supported the belief in Washington that the dates for impending blows against Germany, including invasion of Europe from Britain, had been specifically fixed within narrow limits.

The Prime Minister's statement that 1944 would see the climax of the European war coincided with Stalin's declaration that a second front was not far off and

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Berlin's Show Hailed by 2,000

New Song 'British Buddy' Is a Hit at Preview; Premiere Tonight

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The curtain went up for the first time in the ETO last night on Irving Berlin's all-soldier musical "This is the Army" at the London Palladium.

Officially it was not the premiere. That will come tonight at 6.30. It was the final dress rehearsal, but more than 2,000 American and Allied servicemen packed the house to see it and gave the GIs who had struggled to knock the show into shape a tremendous send-off. They had rehearsed more than 20 hours, starting at 7 PM Monday and lasting through most of the night and yesterday afternoon.

An army spokesman warned the audience before the curtain went up that the cast wasn't fully prepared yet to swing into it as they did in the States, but he need not have bothered. It was a hit.

Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, SOS commander, went backstage after the final bow to congratulate the company.

Because of their late arrival in London the cast have been working against time ever since they dropped their barracks bags and were rushed off to the theater. They had to borrow 150 pairs of shoes and socks from the navy—the originals got lost in transit—for the navy number at the end of the first act. They arrived by air just in time.

Soldiers have been going through their routines at the theater in any quiet corner they could find, while on the stage sergeants wearing fatigues have been polishing

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63 Japs Bagged In Air Attacks

Rabaul Gets Worst Blow In Widespread Raids On Enemy Bases

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Nov. 9—U.S. Navy torpedo bombers together with heavy Army bombers yesterday destroyed 63 more Japanese planes in a series of furious attacks in the widespread area from western New Guinea to the central Solomons.

Heaviest blow to the Japs came at bomb-scarred Rabaul where Army heavies flying in bad weather hurled 84 tons of bombs on one of the base's airports, destroying 12 bombers on the ground. The Japs, desperate to stem the increasingly powerful U.S. attacks, sent 50 Zeros to ward off the U.S. bombers but escorting fighters shot down 23 of them. Five Allied fighters were reported missing.

In New Guinea Fifth Air Force fighters destroyed seven Jap fighters near Madang while in the Markham valley other U.S. fighters bagged seven bombers and six fighters attempting to bomb Australian positions in this sector.

Navy planes, supporting Marines moving inland on Bougainville island in the Solomons, sank five small Japanese cargo vessels, a corvette, and two barges off Buka. Two more Jap planes were accounted for in this attack. The Marine anti-aircraft batteries during the day destroyed five Jap dive-bombers.

Last night navy torpedo bombers executed two low-level bombing attacks on a heavy cruiser and two destroyers off the Bougainville coast, scoring "hits" or "near misses" on both destroyers.

Seize Nazi Base Off Greenland

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (UP)—A powerful German radio and meteorological base established on an island off Greenland has been destroyed by U.S. forces, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox disclosed today. Two prisoners were taken.

This is the second German station destroyed in the Greenland area, Knox said. U.S. Army planes and two coastguard cutters carrying Army troops and guardsmen cooperated in the mission.

The station was found by Danish hunters, he said, and it was evident that the Germans had planned to remain permanently.

Besides the radio station and transmitter, the base included a power house, an emergency generator and defensive machine-gun emplacements, Knox said. A small supply ship anchored in the harbor was connected by telephone with all the principal shore points.

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Hash Marks

It can happen here. When the GIs at a Liberator station over here lined up for pay day they all got their pounds and shillings except one guy, S/Sgt. John J. McDonald, of New Orleans—he was red-lined. McDonald said there ain't no justice, but the rest of the guys thought it was funny as hell—because McDonald is the chief pay roll clerk!

Signs of the Times. Even hold-up techniques change during wartime. Chicago police are looking for a thug who scares



women by waving a wriggling snake in the face; then takes their pocket-books when they faint.

As a follow up to our recent comment of "Basic English" or "how words might be spelled," Capt. H. A. Sprinkle writes in urging that TURNER be spelled PTHYRRHGNOL! (Pth as in phthisic yrth as in myrrh, gn as in gnu, and olo as in colonel.) What's your favorite?

S/Sgt. Harry G. W. Johnson is now eyed with the greatest respect by fellow GIs of his engineer unit. Leaving for an eight-day furlough at Cambridge University, Johnson found himself standing at the station looking forlornly at HIS train pulling away from the platform. His buddies raised such a racket that it sent the aged stationmaster double-timing down the platform. The stationmaster's shouts finally stopped the train and Johnson was last seen leaning out of the carriage window grinning like a Brooklynite at a Dodger victory. And if you think this is a small-time accomplishment, we have it on the word of several British officers that to have a train wait for you (much less stop) is miraculous—a privilege reserved for royalty, no less.

Notes on what the well-dressed man isn't wearing this season. Frank Sinatra, always 1-A with the girls and now 1-A

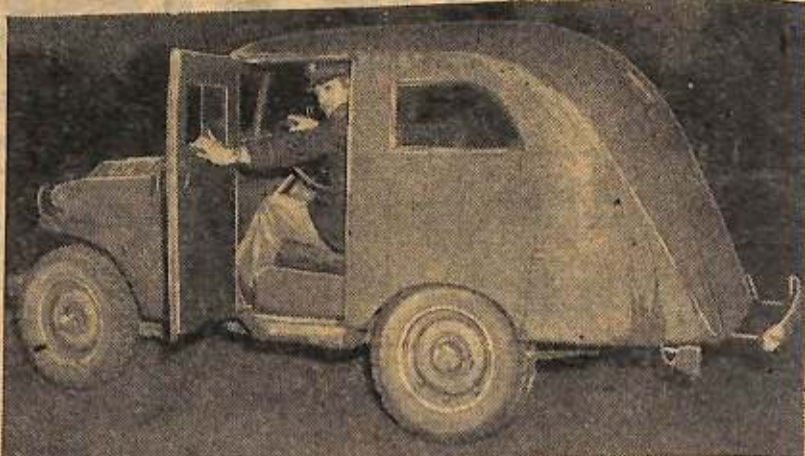


with the Army, lost his shirt in aiding the third war loan drive. He auctioned off his clothing to the females buying the most war bonds. Some gal got his shirt for a \$500 bond; his shoestrings went for 100 bucks; his wrist watch for \$10,000; and his shorts for 1,000 smackers. PS: This war bond striptease revealed the King of Swoon doesn't wear undershirt or garters. J. C. W.

Just a Shack in Old Shanty Town

Unit Finds a Home In Army—After Building It

By Philip Bucknell Stars and Stripes Staff Writer AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE ORDNANCE DEPOT, Nov. 9—Shanty Town, England, should be the address of this outfit, perhaps the most ingenious bunch of GIs in the ETO. Three companies of ordnance men who do vehicle and issue maintenance for the Eighth Air Force are working in a wealth of English mud,



The "sports sedan" out of which steps Capt. Homer P. LaViolette (top), post commander, actually is only a jeep he has converted with scrap metal. At left some of his men in the ingenuity-minded Air Force Ordnance depot have their steins in their home made pub. (Pianist, T/3 Paul Vanvoore, Moline, Ill.; L to R: Pfc John Blum, Portland, Ore.; T/4 J. M. Wheeler, Denver, Colo.; Pfc John R. Riley (barman), Troy, N.Y.; Pfc Melvin Clark, Chapel Hill, N.C., and Pvt. John F. Brady, New York.



and 1/Sgt. Leo Dunn, both of Wichita, Kan., oversee the job of assembly.

At the moment the assembly unit is putting up M22 Bomb Lift Trailers, long reptilian craft that sneak along the ground loaded down with heavy bombs and puff themselves up hydraulically for loading when under the belly of a Fort. S/Sgt. Soly Singer, of Chicago, has the worries connected with the receiving and issuing of vehicles that come in and, from the look of the graph in his office, his worries are increasing.

A respectable looking series of Nissen huts shelters the Automotive Parts Warehouse but, true to type, the outfit has converted used bomb fin crates for storage bins which hold upward of 15,000 different parts. 1/Lt. Robert Moore, of Webster Springs, W.Va., assisted by T/Sgt. Millard W. McIntyre, of Dayton, Ohio, T/3 Rex Price, of Claverack, N.Y., and T/4 Arthur Selmar, of Detroit, run the warehouse.

Installed Own Plumbing

"Don't," said Selmar, "say exactly how many parts we carry. We service so many depots and stations, if we tell 'em too much they'll always be bothering us."

But all this ingenuity, praiseworthy as it is from the army viewpoint, is all the more appealing when set to the purposes of GI comfort. The barber shop is fitted with an adjustable chair—born from a scrapped hydraulic jack.

In their headquarters in an old house, where some of the outfit sleep, modern plumbing has been installed by the men. The officers' day room is fitted with a bar made from spare wood, and linoleum with decorations of old rope.

The best story, though, comes from the old vaults below headquarters where Pfc John R. Riley does the job he used to back in Troy, N.Y. Citizens of Troy will remember him as barman in the Emerald Club—that, more or less, is how the men here know him now.

The GIs have fitted themselves up a bar, beamed (again with salvaged timber) to look like an olde English Pubbe. The bar is curved, a real rail goes round it for restless heels, beer comes up under pressure. It is very like an English pub, but the glasses are sterilized after washing.

A room opening out of the bar has tables, chairs and a piano. "Every night we have community sings," said Riley. "More than 80 men are always in."

"And," added Capt. LaViolette, "we have three pass nights every week, but the quotas are never filled. They prefer to stay here."

ging up her child. "Over there," he points out, "is a jig for running in transmissions. Four jigs for running motors are there, and here is a stand (looking like a music stand), adjustable and used for the repair of radiators. Outside we have a machine for straightening frames—all home-made."

1/Lt. Glenn W. Knupp, of Somerset, Pa., is the master builder, the packing case magician. In the third echelon shop, where soldiers were banging things, riveting and otherwise making noise, he has erected an office from the sides of packing cases where 2/Lt. Edward Schwall, of Detroit, and M/Sgt. John J. Stachera, of Erie, Pa., can superintend the minor repairs on all kinds of Air Force road vehicles from large trucks to bomb carriers. Next door, another of Knupp's wooden structures conceals T/5 John Mills, of New York.

King of the Salvage Pile

"Was an infantryman in the last lot," says Mills. "Now I'm tool shop man in this. The army? They don't seem to be able to make it any better."

Salvage king of the outfit is 2/Lt. Ross A. Manganaro, of Omaha, Neb., whose job it is to inspect scrap for condemning or, and more often, to recommend parts of beaten-up trucks and jeeps for other uses. Not only do a lot of salvaged parts go back into service, but all around the depot there are trolleys and bogies made from odd bits that save the Joes a lot of hauling.

Most of the wood used comes from the packing cases in which Air Force vehicles come here for assembling. For several months (they think they started assembly work even before SOS Ordnance) the USAAF has been drawing trucks and other road jobs broken down and packed. In a large hangar, 1/Lt. Dolan H. Welsh

eight miles from the nearest town, in workshops and offices they have built themselves from timber salvaged from packing cases.

The post commander, Capt. Homer P. La Violette, of Green Bay, Wis., not having an official staff car, set the standard for ingenuity by having his jeep fitted with a sports sedan body made out of salvaged metal. In it he slides through the mud and supervises his bunch of ordnance improvisers.

Men Invent Own Tools

A few hundred yards from his headquarters is the fourth echelon maintenance shop, a 150-foot-long structure, fitted with large sliding doors, built entirely from packing cases. From the side the building looks like a patchwork quilt; its supports and beams are like a spider's web. But inside there is a smooth-running shop that not only does the usual fourth echelon work—the taking down and reconditioning of motors—but does it with tools largely invented by the men who work there.

W/O Birl Fleming, ten years in the army, runs the shop, and, with his senior noncom, S/Sgt. John W. Talbirt, of Columbia, Tex., shows off the home-made gadgets like a fond mother brag-

Black Friday

As Germany nears her "Black Friday" . . . November 11th in the fifth year of war . . . signs of strain grow hourly more apparent within the Reich.

During the past 12 months her armies and her people have been forced to undergo one defeat after another. The U-boat, her main hope, has lost the Battle of the Atlantic. In the air, the Allies hold a superior hand. On land, the ratio favors the Allies by about three to two and our troops are fresh and eager, the Reich's tired and defeated.

But, despite the success of Allied armed forces, many of our experts and wisacres have continued to warn us that there has been "no appreciable deterioration in German morale," and that in consequence of this and other factors it is going to be a long war in Europe.

This may prove true; but a study of conditions in Germany today as compared with 1918 discloses many similarities. Only in food supplies are the Germans in better shape now than in 1918. But against that improvement is the terrible destruction wrought by aerial bombardment. We are told, for example, that thousands of Germans perished in Hamburg's shelters in a single night because the flames had devoured every atom of oxygen. Thousands of survivors, apparently, are still homeless from those raids and with winter approaching their troubles will increase, their morale will suffer.

And it is contrary to all historical evidence to suppose that the morale of a population in a state of siege tends to improve as the siege progresses. This seems all the more improbable when we consider the frightful nature of the siege of Germany . . . the losses in Russia and Italy, the fear of war leaders facing responsibility for their crimes, the fear of satellite loyalty, the fear of an uprising of war slaves now employed within the Reich. Under such strain it is absurd to suppose there has been no "deterioration of morale."

And while the hysteria and despair of German civilians may not impede or disrupt German war production and cause a military collapse today or tomorrow, still there are definite signs that Germany's next "Black Friday" is on the way, and many eagerly await its arrival.

Conditions at Home

Any estimate of the situation within Germany should be followed by an analysis of conditions at home, and in a single sentence the folks at home are surprisingly well off and they're doing a grand job producing materials of war. Boys and girls and men and women employed in war industries are adjusting themselves to the new situation in a remarkable manner. Out on the ways in the shipyards and along the assembly lines in the factories they swarm by, over and around each other. A girl welder, rigged in leather clothing and dark-glassed helmet, and wielding a blue-brazed arc-tip will have some husky as a helper. And she sometimes is flat on her back, her heavy shod feet braced wide as she makes an overhead on a steel bracket her helper holds in place.

But despite all this unusual association, morals and morale are both good. At noontime when you would suppose that a lot of pairing would occur, quite the reverse is true. Sometimes a group of girls are off by themselves or they may be mixed helter-skelter with men; but conversation is pretty much about things back home, as workers hail from many states. More and more of them now talk of loved ones on some far-away fighting front with a wish that is half a prayer that the lousy war will soon be over.

Production is good and getting better. It's not as fast as most workers would like to have it, for delays do creep in. Sometimes lack of material or a change of plans to fit this ever-changing war causes the delay; but that's to be expected. Sometimes absenteeism slows production, and that charge was hurled at our workers until they saw red. Investigators finally got their fingers on a small percentage of chronic absentees and kicked them out and found the balance to be people who were compelled to lose an occasional day or two in catching up with work at home, as it is impossible to hire anybody for gardening, building and odd chores.

Most of our workers are putting in considerable overtime, and investing their surplus cash in war bonds, for they're determined that we'll have the weapons we'll need to beat the enemy in every theater and in the shortest possible time, and they know now we're going to win soon.

These are the facts as gathered by officers, civilians and newspapermen newly arrived from home, who urge us not to be misled by sensational headlines that scream of strikes, high prices, scarcity, rationing and political bickering.

PRIVATE BREGER



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"It's from Colonel Cole. Says how about some gin-rummy tomorrow night?"

ARMY POETS



Evening Fire

A fire that crackles and clutters, Old ashes and embers in hue, And sends off smoke a-hissing Up the chimney's broken flue. And surges around the kettle Slung on the creaking hob, And moulders and melts its tongues Of flame on the iron nob. While puss in the corner muses, And Jock retreats in dreams The rabbit warren's orry, And yelps beside old streams. These are moments when friendly books Lilt in the hand and sing, And wisdom sobs an ancient song, And beauty drops its chalice ring. The fire crackles and crumbles, The kettle sighs and steams; My head is nodding wistfully, And Jock is lost in dreams.

Consolation

There are green lands yet in England, Old hedges in the sun: The oxen stumble, creek and stare At ducklings in the ancient weir Where wrinkling waters slowly run. There are oaks and elms in England, Thickets sprinkled with dew, Where ash and thorn and woodland sprite Link their dwellings with the night, And the owls call to-whit to-whoo. There are grassy slopes in England, And spires on the hills, That stand and speak their sounding knells With distant, swelling vesper bells To ease men of their heavy ills. And if the cities of this land Are gutted from the air, Its loveliness will stem and grow That man's delight may ever know— Beauty holds strong fastness here.

B. P.

Seeking Cause of Walks Issued by Reds

Cincinnati Hurlers Gave More Free Passes Than in '42

By Tom Swope

From The Sporting News
NEW YORK, Nov. 9—It has been more than a month since the baseball season closed, but numerous questions concerning the pennant race, particularly the Cincinnati Reds, have fans searching for answers. Foremost among unanswered questions is "What made McKechnie's pitchers so wild?"

It would be easier to answer if wildness had been a trait of all big league pitching this season. Had that been true, lack of control on the part of Red pitchers could have been laid to northern training. But big league pitchers walked fewer batters in 1943 than the year previous. That is all pitchers except the Red hurlers.

For instance, 4,068 bases on balls were issued in the National League in 1942 while only 4,031 this year. The American League count was 4,137 in 1942 and 4,308 this year.

Red pitchers, however, walked 580 this year in 1,403 innings and passed 526 in 1,411 innings last year.

Beggs and Starr Excepted

Six mainstays of this year's Redleg staff, Elmer Riddle, Bucky Walters, Johnny Vander Meer, Ray Starr, Joe Beggs and Clyde Shoun issued 539 walks this year in 1,274 innings. Last year the same six toiled 1,096 innings and walked 417. Beggs and Starr were the only ones who didn't walk more men this year than last. Beggs passed only 25 in 115 innings in 1943 compared to 33 walks in 89 innings last year. Starr walked 106 in 277 innings 1942 and passed 90 in 217 innings this year.

Vander Meer walked 60 more this year than in 1942 and pitched only 44 more innings.

While McKechnie's pitchers were handing out passes with a lavish hand, opposing pitchers set a good example for Cincinnati hurlers by handing the Redlegs only 446 walks as compared with 483 in 1942. If anyone can tell why wildness struck the highly regarded Redleg mound staff this year, while pitchers on other clubs were improving their control, the information doubtless will be useful to McKechnie in the next campaign.

Georgie Kochan Outpoints Vic Dellicurtti at St. Nicks

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—Georgie Kochan, of the Coast Guard, slugged out an eight-round decision over Vic Dellicurtti, recently released from the Army on a medical discharge, at St. Nicholas arena last night.

Dellicurtti took the first and third rounds and Kochan the other five in an exciting contest. Kochan, who registered his 16th victory, weighed 163½, Dellicurtti 160. Dellicurtti had Kochan's left eye closed by the eighth round.

Podhs Blank Flashes, 12-0

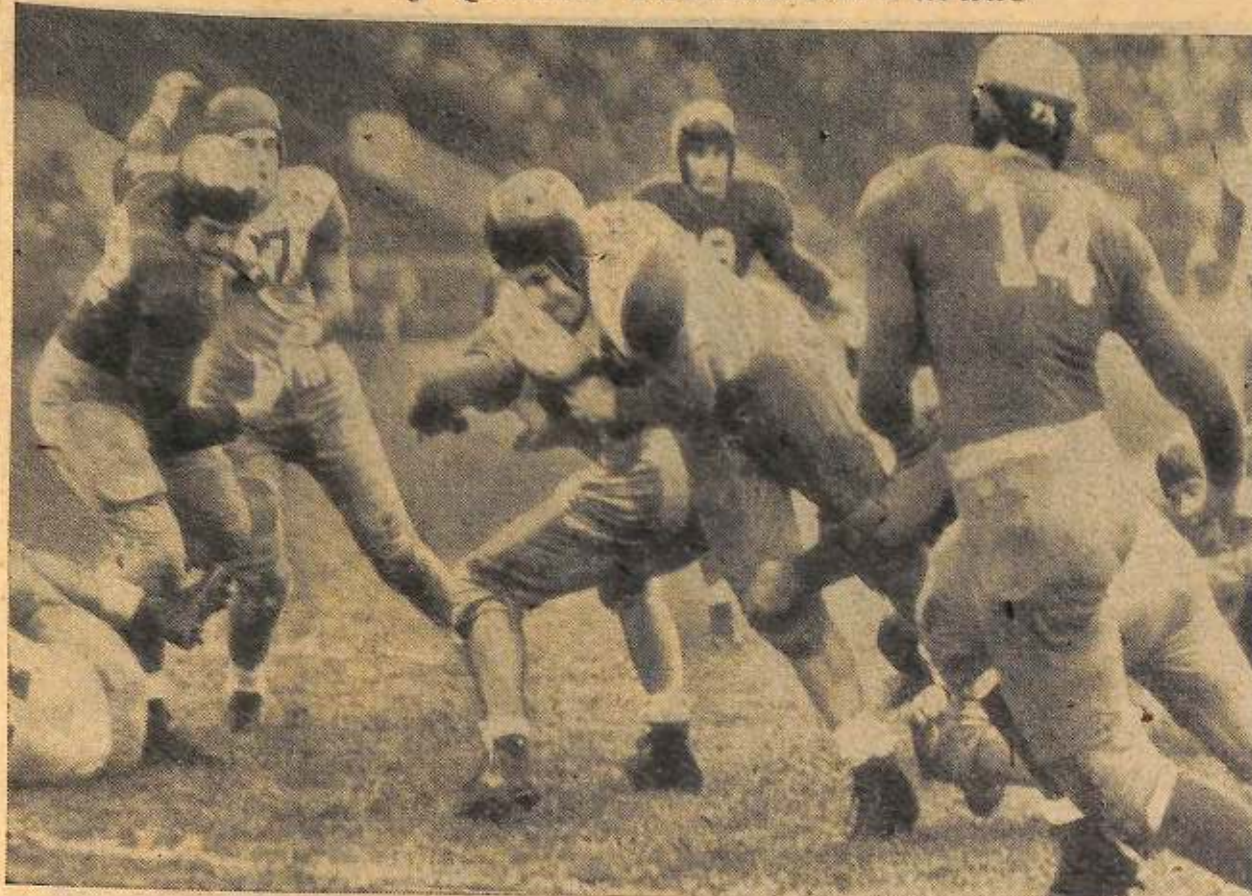
BOMBER STATION, Nov. 9—This station's Podhs downed the Flashes, 12-0, in an inter-bomber station touch football game here yesterday. Cpl. Clarence Geiger, of Defiance, Ohio, right tackle, entered the game in the third period to score both touchdowns.

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College Reunions
A reunion dinner for men of Iowa University, Iowa State College and Drake University will be held at 6:30 PM Nov. 20 at the No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club, London. A similar dinner for Yale men will be held Nov. 27 at the same place. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Reservation Service, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4.



Johnny Small (center) driving for the goal and the first Pennsylvania score against Yale at Franklin Field in a game the Quakers won, 41-7. Cipolaro, Eli tackle (behind 14), is making a vain attempt to halt Small. No. 14 is Tim Hoopes of Yale.

Steuber Paces Grid Scorers

DePauw Back Far Ahead Of Van Buren in Race For Honors

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—Bob Steuber, former Missouri All-American who is now a Marine trainee at DePauw College in Greencastle, Ind., took a firm grip on first place among the collegiate grid scorers over the week-end as he tallied four touchdowns and five conversions against Fort Knox. Steuber now has a raked up 129 points on 19 touchdowns and 15 conversions.

Nearest to him is Steve Van Buren, backfield ace of LSU's Tigers, who has scored 98 points on 14 touchdowns and 14 conversions. Although Tony Butkovich played his last game for Purdue a week ago Saturday, he is still third high in the scoring ranks with 96 on 16 touchdowns.

A long way behind is Elroy Hirsch of Michigan with 66 points on 11 tallies. Six points behind him is Cornell's Howie Blose who has raked up ten touchdowns. Trailing in the rear are Bob Brumley, Oklahoma, 57 points on seven touchdowns, 12 conversions and one field goal; Bob DalPorto, Colorado University, seven touchdowns for 42 points; Pete Susik, Washington, 42 points on seven touchdowns; Fred Grant, Wake Forest, 42 on seven scores, and Ralph Park, Texas, 40 points on five touchdowns and ten conversions.

New Zealanders Ask Tunney About Heeney

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Nov. 9—New Zealand sports fans turned out here yesterday to welcome Cmdr. Gene Tunney who retired from the ring after knocking New Zealander Tom Heeney in 1928.

Tunney is here on an inspection tour of Navy physical training facilities. New Zealand soldiers and sailors asked about Heeney. Tunney explained that Heeney, a naturalized American, has been in the Navy several years.

Scribes Plan Grid Carnival

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—The Football Writers' Committee is planning a war bond round-robin of professional teams here on Nov. 25.

Although George P. Marshall, owner of the champion Washington Redskins, has announced that he will not allow his team to participate in the affair, the New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Steagles have signified their willingness to play.

It also was disclosed at the scribes' meeting that the annual East-West game at San Francisco will be played.

Chandler, Yankee Ace, Voted Most Valuable Player in A.L.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—Spurgeon "Spud" Chandler, ace New York Yankee right-hander, has been chosen by the Baseball Writers' Association as the American League's most valuable player for 1943. Chandler polled 246 points and 12 of a possible 24 first-place votes.

The 34-year-old right-hander, with a specialty of a sinking fast ball, won 20 and lost four for the champions this year and achieved an era of 1.67, the lowest in the League for 23 years. He capped his most successful season with two World Series victories over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Chandler was graduated with honors from the Georgia University School of Agriculture where he was a star football and

baseball player for the Bulldogs. Chandler was discovered in a semi-pro game at Toccoa, Ga., in 1931, by Johnny Nee, Yankee scout, who was attending the game to scout Johnny Nee. Chandler tossed a no-hitter and left Toccoa with Chandler's autograph on a contract. The following year Chandler entered professional ball with Springfield of the Eastern League, and arrived at the Yankees five years later.

Luke Appling, Chicago shortstop, was second in the balloting with 215 votes. Rudy York, Detroit first baseman, was next with 152. Rudy "Bill" Johnson, Yankee rookie third baseman, was fourth, Bob Johnson, Washington outfielder, fifth, Dick Wakefield, Detroit outfielder, sixth, Nick Etten, Yankee first baseman, seventh, Bill Dickey, Yankee catcher, eighth, Vern Stephens, St. Louis, shortstop, ninth, and Lou Boudreau, shortstop-manager of Cleveland, tenth.

Chandler has probably finished baseball for the duration, as he was classified 1-A by his home town (Moultrie, Ga.) draft board.



Spud Chandler

11 Teams Keep Perfect Slates

Trojans, Drake, Arkansas Aggies, Cape Girardeau Leave Select List

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—Four teams—Southern California, Drake, Arkansas Aggies and Cape Girardeau Teachers—fell from the ranks of the nation's untied and unbeaten elevens over the weekend, leaving 11 squads with perfect records.

Leading the top 11 are Purdue and Notre Dame. The Bojermakers in eight games have amassed 207 points to their opponents' 55. In seven games the South Bend Irish have racked up 287 points against 31 for the opposition.

Rounding out the first five are Iowa's Seahawks, Randolph Field and Franklin and Marshall. The Pre-Flighters and Randolph Field have notched seven victories each, the fliers scoring 204 points to 71 against them while Randolph has garnered 189 points to 16 scored against it. Franklin and Marshall has won six contests for 104 points against 30 for the opposition.

Others with perfect records, giving games won, points scored and opponents points, are: Bainbridge Naval—6, 267, 7; Colorado College—5, 129, 27; Bunker Hill Naval—5, 115, 37; Doane—5, 127, 34; Washington—4, 150, 32; Pittsburg (Kan.) Teachers—4, 99, 7.

Hans Crescent Linksmen Play Cambridge Nov. 14

For the first time since its organization 65 years ago the Cambridge University golf team will play an international match when it tangles with the ARC Hans Crescent Club linksmen on the Royal Mid-Surrey course at Richmond on Nov. 14. The tee-off will be at 11 AM.

The GIs have a record of 21 wins against one loss. Fourteen golfers took part in Sunday's matches, and starters for the challenge match with Cpl. Dick Austin, of Lynn, Mass., as captain, will be decided this week from the following: Cpl. Rick Famin, Glen Cove, N.Y.; Cpl. Stan Remsen, Long Island, N.Y.; Sgt. Walter Kupiec, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; Sgt. Frank Cormaci, Omaha, Neb.; Cpl. Joe Fiore, New York; Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Cpl. Don Piene, Springfield, Ill.; Lt. W. G. Clark, Ridgewood, N.J.; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Sgt. Bud Helmar, Springfield, Mass.; Sgt. Don Slayton, Fargo, N.D.; Pvt. Stan Raymond, Rockaway, N.J.; and Pvt. Joe Doyle, Long Island, N.Y.

Universal Five Triumphs

BOMBARDMENT STATION, Nov. 9—Led by Lt. Red Berge, of Litchville, N.D., and Lt. Paul Ingolstadt, of Chicago, who racked up 12 and 13 points respectively, the Universals defeated the Outcasts, 35-29, here last night, to go into first place in this station's basketball league. In another game the Vultures downed the Gamblers, 37-31, behind Cpl. Al Hobson, of Brigham, Utah, and T/Sgt. Sug McLean, of Greensboro, N.C. Each scored ten points.

Williams Gets Off Floor to Win Decision

Nine Fighters Gain Finals Of Service Command Tournament

Nine Eighth Air Force Combat Support Wing boxers qualified for the Service Command Wing finals later this month as the two-day fight tournament ended at the Rainbow Corner last night.

Outstanding fight of the two-day elimination was the sixth contest last night when Pvt. Herbert Williams, a pint-sized welterweight from New Orleans, came back after being floored in the first frame to wallop out a popular decision over 1/Sgt. Wesley Welch, of Charleston, W. Va.

Of the nine entrants, who will be representing all the Negro units of Service Command, two reached the Command finals by defaults. They are Cpl. Homer McGrew, 169-pounder from Los Angeles, and T/4 Bradford Grant, of Everett, Mass., 183.

Welch, who scored two knockouts in Monday's prelims, dropped Williams with a smashing left at 1:15 of the first and seemed to be well on his way to a knockout victory. However, little Williams rallied near the end of the first, and for the next two rounds had the crowd on its feet as he lambasted his tall and heavy opponent all around the ring. Twice in the second stanza Welch went down under hard lefts for nine counts.

There was evidence in the opening bout last night that the finals were going to follow the same line as the preliminaries in which 11 knockouts were scored.

McLaurin Wins in 1:55

Pvt. Freddy McLaurin, of Gary, Ind., chilled Cpl. Bruce Edwards, of Pittsburgh, in 1:55 of the first round of the opener. It was a 145-pound class event.

After an initial minute of sparring in which neither boy threw more than two punches, McLaurin lashed out with a hard, hooking left to Edwards' jaw. Edwards fell flat on his back along the ropes for the count.

A Pfc Wins

The second bout of the night, first of the non-title affairs, saw Pfc Jackson Matthews, of Bellville, Tex., 159, who lost a close decision Monday night, outpoint Sgt. Clarence Simms, 166-pounder, from Little Rock, Ark.

The first round was slow with Matthews using his long left to an advantage and Simms missing lefts and rights. Both boys mixed it a little in the second, Matthews pushing the fight and landing a hard right to the face late in the round. Although he went to the floor early in the third for no count, it was Matthews' fight all the way.

'He Didn't Want to Play'

The second non-title bout of the evening saw Pvt. Issiah Murphy, 174-pounder from Donaldsonville, La., take one of the strangest decisions yet rendered in the Corner ring.

After being floored at 50 seconds of the first round, Murphy saw his opponent, Pvt. Woodrow Wilcoxon, of Canton, O., 184, retire to his corner and refuse to fight. Wilcoxon was unhurt and there was no apparent reason for his quitting. He just didn't want to play.

Pvt. Willie Allen, of Philadelphia, 161, decided Pfc Willie Brooks, of Montgomery, Ala., 169, in the fourth bout on the card to take the title in that division.

It was a slow, waltzing affair until the third, when Allen began landing lefts that he had been missing earlier. He drew blood from Brooks' nose midway in the frame, and from then on worked on his face with roundhouse lefts, taking an easy victory and the wing title.

The best fight of the night also was nothing to write home about. Although the winner, Pfc Arthur Franklin, of Detroit, 161, did all that he could, like Wilcoxon, Pvt. James Bates, 163-pound Philadelphia, had no liking whatsoever for the proceedings.

Franklin dropped Bates three times in the first round, the bell saving Bates on the last knockdown. Franklin came out in the second, shot one left to the jaw and Bates dove. And he didn't show any inclination to get up until he was sure they had counted at least ten.

Sgt. Robert Philpott, of Atlanta, Ga., who tips the scales at 134 pounds, took the lightweight title by outpointing T/4 Melvin Bowen, of New York, 133, in the final title affair last night. It was both scrappers' first fight in the tournament.

Both men sparred in the first round, threw a few punches in the second and mixed it plenty in the third. Philpott took the offensive late in the second and got Bowen on the ropes twice in the third, jarring him with a right to the head late in the round and was crowding him when the final bell sounded.

SBS Court Loop Opens

SBS HQ., Nov. 9—An eight-team basketball league got under way at the district Red Cross club here last night with the Company A five of the — Engineers scoring a one-sided, 43-14, victory over the — Headquarters quintet and Company I of the — QM Truck Battalion winning a 34-33 thriller over the — Medical Laboratory.

Pirates, Cubs Choose Sites

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 9—The Pirates are returning to Muncie, Ind., for spring training. The Cubs will return to French Lick Springs, Ind.



Nazis Digging In On 'Winter Line' Hit Back Hard

Allies Thwart Counter Attack West of Venafro. Drive Enemy Out

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Nov. 9 (AP)—Penetrating five miles into enemy positions, the British Eighth Army today seized positions overlooking the Sangro River and the heights beyond which the Germans are establishing their "winter defense line."

Simultaneously, the enemy massed heavy formations of troops and guns in the area of Mignano in an effort to hold the drive of U.S. forces towards Casimo, along the main road to Rome.

Determined to hold the American drive through the mountains west of Venafro and on both sides of Mignano, the Nazis yesterday concentrated a powerful striking force for a counter-attack and tried to push Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army back into the area west of Galluccio, five miles southwest of Mignano.

Their activity was observed before the counter-attack was launched, and a terrific curtain of artillery and mortar fire laid down by Allied guns dispersed the enemy.

Official dispatches from the front said German prisoners taken in recent days unanimously disclosed that the Nazi command intended to dig in for the winter along the front against which the Fifth and Eighth Armies are already in contact in most sectors.

Winter Defense Line

On the west side of the Apennines, this winter defense line would, if the Germans were able to realize their hopes, be anchored on the Garigliano River and the Aurunci mountains overlooking the Gargiano Valley.

It would then go through the mountains flanking Mignano, on which American troops already have gained strong footholds, across the Apennines, and along the Sangro River, which is backed by heights on which the enemy can establish a succession of strong points.

On the Adriatic end of the front Gen. Montgomery's troops came up against the winter line when they smashed along the coastal sector and captured the towns of Torino di Sangro, four miles northwest of Castelbaldino, and less than two miles from the river. The speed of this Eighth Army surge obviously cost the Germans dear.

Allied forces fanning out in areas near Isernia recorded gains, with an Eighth Army unit occupying a village eight miles northeast of Isernia in a mile and a half advance. Other formations pushed five miles west of Isernia.

In the vital sector of the Fifth Army front immediately north of Venafro, the enemy staged a number of counter-attacks, all strongly supported by artillery and mortar fire. In addition, the Americans encountered a very great number of mines, among them deadly anti-personnel mines which, when detonated, spring into the air and explode, sending steel pellets and shrapnel in all directions.

Every Building Blasted In Turin Bearings Plant

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Nov. 9 (AP)—Photographs taken during yesterday's raid on the Fiat ball-bearing factory at Turin showed every building was demolished or damaged.

Considerable damage was also done to railway yards and repair shops adjacent to the Fiat plant. (Ralph Howard, NBC correspondent broadcasting from Allied headquarters in North Africa, said that smoke rising from the destruction was visible to returning airmen 80 miles away.)

"The attack was such a surprise to the enemy," Howard said, "that not one German fighter attacked the Fortresses or the escorting Lightnings and only a few bursts of flak met the bombers as they flew over the target. All our Fortresses and fighters returned safely."

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- 1215—Pfc John Dooly.
- 1230—Paul Whiteman Presents.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bag—A Grab-bag of entertainment.
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- 1800—World News (BBC).
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- 2015—"This is the Army."
- 2025—Miniature—a musical spot.
- 2030—Kay Kyser and his orchestra.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Melody Roundup—Western Music.
- 2130—Fibber McGee and Molly.
- 2200—Meet the Band—Count Basie.
- 2220—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Thursday, Nov. 11.

Irving Berlin Speaks to Ladies of the Chorus



Back stage during a rehearsal of "This Is The Army." Irving Berlin speaks to "ladies" of the chorus and others in the cast: (left to right) Cpl. Larry Weeks, Salem, Mass.; Sgt. John Mendes, Brooklyn; Pvt. John Joseph Fretwell, Miami Beach; Pvt. "Red" Hederman, Brooklyn; M/Sgt. Robert Sidney, New York, and Pfc Hank Henry, of Liberty, N.Y.

Bomb to Victory Plan Gets a Test

Airmen Given Time Limit; If They Fail, Ground Forces to Invade

By George Zielke

Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9—The "victory through air power" theory is getting the acid test against Germany with a definite "deadline"—a time limit after which, if the effort fails, the ground invasion of western Europe will go forward.

The actual time-table is a secret. But the deadline is the invasion date which has been communicated to the Russians. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, USAAF chief, and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris have until then to try to force Germany's surrender by air power alone.

The theory here is that if 40 per cent of German productive capacity is knocked out she must give in.

The use of Russian bases for shuttle bombing may be involved in an all-out assault which is expected to reach its climax shortly.

The cost of the aerial blitz is not too great in the opinion of Allied commanders. Gen. Arnold, commenting recently on losses, said he had trained crews and planes ready to make good such losses.

Another factor besides air power is involved. A Russian break-through might produce either capitulation of the Germans in an effort to keep the Russians off their home soil or a ground invasion of western Europe ahead of time-table to crush Germany in a nutcracker.

2,000 Hail Berlin Show At Preview in London; New Song Is Hit

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ing up turns, hoofers have been doing their stuff wedged against the scenery, with stage-lights flashing on and off and the orchestra going over numbers time and again.

The big hit last night, not entirely unexpected, was Berlin's new number, "My British Buddy," which he wrote last week after watching Yanks and British servicemen fraternising in London's West End. He said he was so struck by their mutual friendliness that he went back to his hotel and dedicated the song to them. Another of his numbers, "A Kick in the Pants," written last summer, which wasn't included during the American run, went into last night's show.

Officials stressed last night that, as the demand for seats is so great, any soldiers having tickets which they find they cannot use should make sure they are given to other servicemen. The army wants no empty seats at the Palladium.

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETO commander, has written a letter "To Our Allies" for the program cover, explaining the purpose of "This is the Army."

"If you find it entertaining," he said, "it will have served an important purpose. . . I hope the show will play a part in cementing international friendship along the grim road to eventual victory."

Explosions at Raritan

RARITAN, N.J., Nov. 9—A series of explosions in French ammunition brought from North Africa today damaged a magazine and two freight cars at Raritan arsenal. No deaths or serious injuries were announced, although the explosions were heard in New York City, 20 miles away.

Flash! Motorcycles Replace Intercom in New Super B66

The story of the Eighth Air Force's "new super-duper bomber, the B66, which carries 250 tons of bombs and has a gangway one mile long," was nominated yesterday by Virgil Pinkley, United Press war correspondent, for consideration as the ETO's 1943 contribution to the Burlington, Wis., Liars' Club.

Although skeptical of the report, Pinkley requested his New York office to check how close the new USAAF super bombers under construction tally with the following communication received by a refugee government in London from its Nazi-occupied homeland:

"The latest story to circulate inside Germany along our borders tells of a new

U.S. bomber—the B66—which recently took part in a raid over Naziland. The B66 carries 250 tons of bombs and has a gangway one mile long. It employs a corps of motorcycle couriers to run messages back and forth in the plane during bombing operations.

"During the raid, the pilot heard strange noises somewhere in the rear of the plane. He dispatched a motorcyclist who raced to the rear to ascertain the cause. The dispatch rider returned a half hour later, saluted and reported: 'Sir, I finally reached one rear compartment, where I saw an Me109 flying round and round. The crewmen say it flew in through that big porthole in the rear of the plane.'"

Churchill Sees Stiff Test in '44

New Sort of Assault On Britain Possible, Premier Believes

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also with the belief that Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Army chief of staff, would take over supreme command of the British and American forces in the European theater, according to Washington dispatches.

The Prime Minister's reference to the possibility of some new sort of assault upon Britain was not elaborated. Gas has not yet been used anywhere in the European theater, although the Nazis themselves for weeks have been muttering of terrible weapons about to be thrown in by them, including long-range guns capable of firing on London.

Attacking all issues that might cause disunity among the United Nations, Mr. Churchill said that "I am sure I speak for all those on both sides of the Atlantic who mean the same thing—and they are numbered in scores of millions—when I say that our supreme duty, all of us, British and Americans alike, is to preserve the good will that now exists throughout the English-speaking world and thus aid our armies in their grim and heavy task."

"If things are said in one country or another which are provocative, which are clumsy, indiscreet or even malicious and untrue, there should be no angry rejoinder . . ."

"Not only the fortunes of this fearful war but also happiness of future generations depends upon fraternal association of Great Britain and the United States within and without prejudice to the larger world structure that will be erected to secure the peace and freedom of mankind."

Warning again and again that over-confidence in the war's outcome must not be permitted to handicap the current war effort, the Prime Minister declared:

"This is no time for relaxation or for thoughts on the joys of peace and victory. Hitler still has 400 divisions (4,000,000 men or more) under his command or control . . . Hitler and his guilty confederates know that their lives are at stake."

Rubber Output 'In Good Shape'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (AP)—Production of synthetic rubber in the U.S. is in "good shape," Bradley Dewey, rubber director, reported today. The tire situation remains critical, however, and will continue so for at least six to nine months.

NEWS FROM HOME Kaiser Favors Closed Shop for Industry in U.S.

Says Labor-Management Hate Threatens Chaos Akin to Europe's

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (UP)—The United States faces the kind of breakdown which brought about revolution in Germany, Italy and Russia unless the bitterness of labor disputes is assuaged, according to Henry J. Kaiser, the record-breaking shipbuilder.

"There is bitterness abroad in this land today," he said. "We face discord, confusion and complete rupture, such as plagued Germany, Italy and Russia, unless management and labor can learn to live together."

"There is no place for fear between them. It is management's job to sell self-respect and trust for itself to the unions by showing greater interest in its people. It is the unions' duty to get to work and understand the other sides of problems."

"I believe in the closed shop and in giving people all the responsibility they can handle. With a closed shop matters are simplified."

"The behaviour of the men becomes the direct responsibility of the union, and there is nothing like responsibility for keeping people on their toes. It is a challenge, it stirs initiative."

"Many employers sincerely feel that they know what is best for their workers. They don't. I feel the unions know best."

Japs Tried to Burn Camp

TULE LAKE, Cal., Nov. 9 (UP)—Congressional investigators inquiring into a strike of interned Japanese here last week were told yesterday that the Japanese besieged camp officials in the administration building and stuffed oil-soaked sacks and straw under the building intending to burn them out. Camp employees said the internees also stole 1,000 butcher's knives, dismantled government cars to make more knives out of the springs and destroyed camp meat supplies.

N.Y. Police Face a Crisis

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (AP)—New York city's police force will be reduced to less than 12,000 men, compared with an authorized strength of 18,000, if selective service calls up fathers, Mayor LaGuardia told the 43rd annual conference of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police.

Senators Act to Save Jews

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (AP)—Twelve senators today sponsored a resolution recommending the creation by President Roosevelt of a commission of diplomatic, economic and military experts to formulate a program to save the surviving Jews of Europe "from extinction at the hands of Nazi Germany."

Jackie Cooper at Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 9—Jackie Cooper, the film star who won fame as a child actor and who now is 21, reported at the V-12 Training School on the Notre Dame campus. Cooper has been a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve for 11 months.

Crosby Loses 2nd House In Flames Within Months

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9—A forest fire sweeping the Monica mountains has destroyed Bing Crosby's house, the second time this year the crooner has been burned out. Several months ago Crosby's home was destroyed in an accidental fire.

Flames from the forest fire were halted early today only 150 yards from the homes of several other film stars, including those of Richard Dix, Paulette Goddard and George O'Brien.

The fires, described as California's worst in five years, burned over 75,000 acres and destroyed 250 homes, including 150 at Topanga in the Malibu area.

The cinema showplaces were saved by soldiers who burned away a strip of brush around the homes, forming a fire break across which the flames could not jump. In all some 2,500 soldiers and civilians fought the fires.

By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates

