

FDR Asks Manpower Draft for War Jobs

Forts, Libs Again Bomb N-W Reich

Travelers in Stockholm Say Berlin Attacked By Lone Planes

Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked targets in Germany in daylight yesterday.

The first official announcement last night said only that the bombers "hit targets in northwest Germany," but Berlin radio reported a heavy attack on areas in the central Reich as well.

It was the fourth day of operations for the U.S. heavy bombers in the new year. Attacks on Jan. 4, 5 and 7 also included targets within the Reich itself.

In Stockholm, travellers arriving from Berlin said the German capital was bombed by isolated planes between 11.30 AM and 12.15 PM yesterday. German radio said American bombers were over central Germany about that time.

While some Fortress and Liberator groups, cruising above the clouds in northwestern Germany for targets of opportunity, reported almost no fighter opposition, other formations came back to British bases with descriptions of some of the most bitter dogfights of the war.

German radio reports told of intense battles across wide stretches of Nazi sky and claimed that the bombers, making their first penetration of central Germany since the Schweinfurt attack of last Oct. 14, were "dispersed with heavy losses."

Unescorted, Nazis Say The German reports said the U.S. bombers which went to the central Reich were not escorted by fighters, and that Nazi interceptors backed at the formations all the way from the coast.

While the heavies were over Germany Allied medium bombers and fighters were reported crossing the Straits of Dover in large formations. Spitfires and bomb-carrying Typhoons launched the day's attacks over the Channel, and medium bombers followed. There was no official announcement of the attacks at a late hour last night.

While reports on the heavies' bombing were slow in coming in last night, crews of some Fortress formations described pin-point hits on targets despite bitter opposition from Nazi fighters and heavy U.S. losses.

Brig. Gen. Robert Travis, of Savannah, Ga., combat wing leader, described a successful attack on a target despite almost desperate fighter intervention.

"The fighters kept coming in bunches," Gen. Travis said. "They came straight through the formation from all angles. Haphazard flak was a welcome relief from fighters."

He said the Nazi interceptors obviously were out to stop the bombers at any cost. Combat crewmen in the formation reported good bombing despite the opposition.

The official German report on the day's assault, which likewise mentioned no specific targets, said: "A strong U.S. bomber formation at noon today made the attempt—not dared since October—to penetrate deeply into central Germany without fighter escort."

"The attack, apparently directed against central German towns, met heavy opposition over sea and land from German fighters. The American attack was thus dispersed and was therefore directed against several places with comparatively weak effect. Fierce air combats developed as the Americans approached and as they turned back.

"First reports indicate that a great number of planes were brought down." Mosquito bombers kept up their hit-and-run intrusions Monday night, setting (Continued on page 4)

FDR Bans Congressmen From the Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—Advised by Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle that simultaneous service in the armed forces and Congress is unconstitutional, President Roosevelt has banned Congressmen from giving active service in the armed forces.

Soviets Crash Forward, Imperil Nazi Life-Line



Russian columns thrusting west imperiled the twin rail junctions of Sarny and Rovno. Other forces near Lwow-Odessa railway at Zmerinka and two great armies drove south and west on either side of Smyela.

Russians 90 Miles from Rumania in Twin Push Aimed to Sever North-South Railroad And Trap Nazis in Dnieper Bend

A double Russian threat to the Nazis' lateral rail line running north and south through Sarny and Rovno in Poland developed yesterday as units of the First Ukrainian Army crashed to within 90 miles of Rumania and within dive-bomber range of the German rail life-line from Lvov to Odessa.

As the Red armies in the Dnieper Bend slowly closed a trap on an undetermined number of Germans holding the Smyela salient and the Russians launched a new attack against the enemy in the Crimea, the Soviet command aimed two spearheads at the Nazis' last remaining lines of communication short of the Rumanian border and the 1939 Russo-German line of demarcation in Poland.

The Germans meanwhile reported heavy fighting west of Rechitsa, on the northern fringe of the Pripet marshes, and admitted that heavily reinforced Russian forces had driven big holes in the Nazi positions defending Vitebsk, northern anchor of their White Russian front.

Nazis Claim Reds 135 Miles Inside Poland The German-controlled S.T.B. agency in Stockholm said a Russian force had penetrated to "the neighborhood of Kovel, 80 miles west of Sarny on the railway to Warsaw and 135 miles inside the Polish border," but there was no confirmation of this in Moscow.

The last Russian report placed Gen. Nicolai Vatutin's forces still five miles away from Sarny, 35 miles west of the old border. Capt. Sertorius, German military commentator, asserted last night, however, that local fighting for the town had been in progress since Monday.

The position of the Red Army columns striking for Rovno was not clear but Moscow dispatches said last night that capture of the key road junction was imminent. Rovno, 50 miles south of Sarny and 20 miles west of the old border, is a meeting place for lines from Berdichev, Lvov, Warsaw, Brest-Litovsk and Minsk.

The Red thrust southwest toward (Continued on page 4)

U.S. Fighters Destroy 4 for 1 In One of Most Bitter Battles

EIGHTH FIGHTER HQ, Jan. 11—American fighter pilots outscored Nazi interceptors nearly four to one over Germany today in one of the most bitter dogfights of the war which saw 1/Lt. Glen D. Schiltz, P47 ace from North Canton, Ohio, destroy three enemy fighters for his second triple.

Schiltz shot down three Me109s, bringing his total to eight, while driving enemy planes away from the bombers in what Lt. Col. David G. Schilling, of Traverse City, Mich., called "the greatest dogfight ever."

Schiltz scored his first triple last Aug. 17, the day of the shuttle-raid to Regensburg and Africa, when he destroyed three FW190s. The only other U.S. pilot credited with a pair of triples is Capt. Walter Mahurin, Fighter Command's leading scorer.

Col. Schilling reported he was able to destroy an FW190 at 9,000 feet because Maj. Horace C. Craig, of Summerfield, Ohio, covered his tail all the way down to a point admittedly dangerous for the high-altitude American fighters.

One P47 group came back with a score of 12 German planes destroyed without loss to themselves.

1/Lt. Michael J. Quirk, of Washington, became an ace when he shot down an Me109 for his fifth victory.

Maj. James H. Howard, of St. Louis, who was credited with shooting down six Jap planes while with the Flying Tigers in the Pacific, got a double today—an Me110 and FW190—bringing his score of Germans to three.

1/Lt. James T. Bradley, of Brownwood, Tex., also got a double with two FW190s.

Would Ban Strikes, Fix 'Realistic' Tax, Control Food Prices

Bill Now in Congress Would Call Up Men 18 to 65 and Women 18 to 50 for Factory or Work on Farms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—A five-point legislative program, headed by the enactment of a National Service Law permitting total mobilization of man-power by the government, was recommended by President Roosevelt in his annual message on "the state of the union" to Congress today.

The President proposed a National Service Act for the duration to "prevent strikes" and with some exceptions "make available for war production or for any other essential services every able-bodied adult in this nation."

A bill already in Congress sponsored by Sen. Warren R. Austin (R., Vt.) and Rep. James W. Wadsworth (R., N.Y.), provides the machinery for calling up men from 18 to 65 and women from 18 to 50 for work in war factories or on farms.

Other points included a realistic tax law, a "cost of food law," the re-enactment of the Economic Stabilization Act and the continuation of the law permitting the renegotiation of war contracts.

To Concentrate Energy The legislative program, the President said, was proposed "in order to concentrate all our energies and resources on winning the war and to maintain a fair and stable economy at home."

The five measures, he said "form a just and equitable whole."

The message, which President Roosevelt was unable to present in person because he is recovering from his recent illness, dwelt largely on domestic problems, but he also spoke of the war and its progress.

The President said he was convinced a National Service Act was necessary. "Although I am convinced we and our Allies can win without such a measure," the President said, "I am certain that nothing less than total mobilization of manpower will guarantee earlier victory."

'Not All Are in War' The President said that the Americans "are not all in this war" and that the Service Act would be the means whereby every citizen could make the fullest possible contribution to victory.

The President said that a "realistic tax bill" would be one in which unreasonable profits would be taxed, thus reducing the ultimate cost of the war.

Mixed Reception to Plan The proposal for National Service legislation met with mixed reception, although it is known that a bill to this effect is pending in both houses.

Congress' dubious attitude was voiced by Sen. Johnson, of the Military Affairs Committee, who predicted such a measure could never get out of committee.

Robert Patterson, under-secretary of War, Adm. Emory Land, head of the maritime commission, and the American Legion were among the backers of the proposal, but the plan was opposed by a spokesman for organized labor.

The American Stock Market appeared to be frankly pleased at the President's proposals. Leading steels, rails, gold mines and specialties went up fractions to two or more points before the move was stemmed by profit-taking.

Continuation of war contract negotiations, the President said, also would pre- (Continued on page 4)

U.S. Air Forces At Their Peak

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—U.S. air forces have reached their maximum strength and gradually are shifting to a replacement and training basis. This explanation was disclosed officially because of the closing of 69 air bases throughout the States—a figure estimated by the air forces to represent between five and seven per cent of all air force installations in the U.S.

The closing of the bases is the latest in a series of steps cutting air force training activities.

For several months the air force has been allowing contracts with private schools for training radio operators, mechanics, etc., to expire.

(The Washington disclosure, it was pointed out in London, did not mean that the air forces here had reached their maximum strength, but that the situation in the States now was such that reinforcements and replacements could be kept flowing steadily to this and other theaters.)

Soldiers' Pants Too Tight, An Army Survey Shows

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—Two out of five soldiers questioned on Army likes and dislikes complained that their OD trousers were too tight, according to a survey released today by the War Department.

The department ruled that soldiers' trousers could be altered without charge.

Most soldiers, the survey revealed, are satisfied with both the quantity and quality of their food. Many expressed a desire to continue their education.

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Secret Weapons

For months German propaganda releases have talked about secret weapons, rocket guns and all the rest. Perhaps some of the Nazi inventions are on a par with a few of those conceived by some of our own part-time geniuses. Army Ordnance reports that 1943 was a banner year for screw inventions. Some of the fancier ideas submitted to the War Department included a device for paratroopers to drop their tents from planes with a sharp pole attached so that the tents would unfurl . . . the pole would stick in the ground . . . and the tired paratroopers could go to sleep in the tent the moment they hit the ground.

Then there was the "Super Torpedo Scooper" for warships. Huge steel scoops on the front of the ships would snag the torpedoes, turn them around, and send them right back to destroy the enemy vessel that fired them. Another genius came up with the "Fly Paper Plan" to trap the advancing enemy by spreading a "sticky petroleum product" on the highways. (This idea was rejected because the enemy by some strange coincidence, might decide to go around the trap.)

For pilots, there was the "Jack In The Box" parachute which would pitch the aviator out of the way of his falling plane and make parachuting a pleasure by releasing compressed springs under the flier's seat, sending him UP to pull the rip cord. By jumping up instead of down, the chutist would eliminate the wrench when the parachute opens as it does in the present style of jumping.

And then there was the 64 dollar idea . . . a leather zip-on "Super Man" flying suit to enable an aviator to fly without an airplane by simply attaching an improved outboard motor to his back.

But despite this long list of "screw loose" secret weapons, Army Ordnance says . . . send in your idea. Who knows it might be the one that hits the jackpot . . . good as the jet-propelled airplane.

Ready for the Kill

It was on Sept. 18, 1931, over 12 years ago, that China's long war really began. A bomb exploded in a railroad station in Mukden. It was just the excuse the Jap war lords were looking for, perhaps had planned. They used the "incident" and by Christmas their troops were swarming all over Manchuria.

Twelve years is a sixth of a long lifetime; but if you check up on some of the recent battles in the Far East you will see a new trend has developed. Since June of last year there have been Rendova Island, Ichang, China, Woodlark and Tobriand Islands, Nassau Bay, Munda, Vella Lavella, Kiska and Attu, Wewak, Salamaua, Lae, Bougainville, Wake, Tarawa, New Britain, and the Marshall Islands battles. All these were land, sea and air victories for the Allies, and if you study a map you'll notice they were fought all over the page—north, east, south and west of Japan.

Military experts have a lot to say about what this indicates. Look at Japan and you will see it is not very big. But look at a line from fighting China through the jungles of Burma, south to Singapore to the Netherlands Indies, and east to New Guinea and on past New Britain to the scattered Gilbert Islands, north to the Marshalls and Wake, still farther north across great seas to the Aleutians and back to Paramushiro. Quite an empire! But it does not take a military expert to see that anything so small as Japan will have a hard time keeping an eye on this whole vast perimeter.

Because Japan has over-extended, the decision seems to be to attack from all directions at once. We are used to seeing pincer or two-directional attacks made against Hitler and his Festung Europa, but in the west we do not confine ourselves to two horns. No, attack all around the compass is what is ordered for the Far East, and our forces are gathering for the kill.

Tally Ho or Sumpin'

Navy blimps, on the lookout for enemy subs and surface craft in northwestern American waters, are also helping the war food program.

Blimps can easily see schools of fish which might take fishermen hours to locate; so a blimp on patrol duty spots the fish, sends a short-wave message to fishing vessels and the fishermen do the rest.

It's working out fine, especially aiding the catch of sardines and tuna, which are scarce these days. It also gives us an idea for a new kind of a job after the war, and imagine the thrill of shouting "Tally Ho! It's a Whale."

Hash Marks

As the Nazi gestapo chief said as he fled across the Russian snow, "No noose is good noose!"

How to Wreck the Post-War World. Let drug store sandwich counters back home sell "cheese and beet-root on rye."

All this news about secret weapons reminds us of the pub-time conversation



between two Pfc's. "Say, look at this," exclaimed one, reading a newspaper. "It says here that they've invented a lie detector that works every time!" "That's nothing to get excited about," remarked the second between sips of mild and bitter. "I've been married to one for ten years."

This Week's Fable. The great big strong lion, padding through the jungle, spied a timid little mouse. Roared the lion, proudly, "Look at me, mouse, I'm big, I'm strong, I'm powerful—I'm king of the jungle. But you, you're small, you're weak, you look scared!" Sighed the little mouse, "I know—but I've been sick."

Ode To A Barmaid. I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Ale.

A true optimist is Lt. William C. Breiner, co-pilot of the Dolly D. He dropped his Zippo lighter through the bomb-bay doors over Kiel and wants to run an ad in Help Wanted to get it back. (Just be patient a little longer, Lt., just be patient.)

Flash from a British newspaper: Here is an explanation of why the American soldier is sometimes called a "Dogface": "The Army is a dog's life. We live in pup-tents. We are given dog tags (identity labels). We live mainly on hot dogs. We usually have a hang-dog expression. They even whistle when they want us."

Appropriate Comments Department. A sergeant cautioned his rookies on the



rifle range thusly. "This new bullet will penetrate nearly two feet of solid wood; so remember to keep your heads down."

Some Medics, headed by Cpl. Phillip Lovejoy, have come through with a "humane" method of rat-killing. They get sleeping powder from the dispensary (so they tell us) and mix it in cheese. The cheese is then placed on a Nissen hut shelf. Curious rats take a nibble and doze off. The medics see to it that they never wake up.

PRIVATE BREGER



"SO! THERE'S where all them hard-to clean pots an' pans been disappearin'!"

Lights, Ice Cream Thrill British Workers in U.S.

American beer doesn't have enough hops in it. . . . New York City is far from being typical of the United States. . . . The standard of living in the U.S. is much higher now than Britain's was even in peace-time . . . and despite the talk of labor troubles America is getting along with the war.

That's the considered opinion of four British war-workers now touring the United States, as expressed to C. V. R. Thompson, New York correspondent of the London Daily Express. The four men are repaying a visit to this country by four Americans engaged in war production.

Two things that have impressed the four probably more than anything else are the bright lights of American cities—and the food still available even in wartime. As the Express reporter put it, the visitors' stomachs "no longer revolt at steaks, chops, lashings of ice cream and long, cool glasses of orange juice."

To Americans in Britain—who thought British beer too warm and who must grope through the blackout—the visitors' comments are interesting.

No Indigestion—So Far

Jim Ward is a technician in an aircraft factory in Coventry.

"You can't imagine," he said, "what it was like coming from a black-out in a blacked-out ship, and then standing on top of a skyscraper and watching the night lights come on. It isn't real. In fact, I turned to a clerk standing beside me and said, 'I'm too old to believe in fairies, but, by golly, now I know how the kids feel.'"

"But, between you and me, there's one thing I miss in this country. I do wish they'd squeeze a few hops into their beer. It is thin stuff, isn't it?"

Ward has been careful to stick as closely as possible to the austerity ration he had in England. And so far, he declares, he hasn't had a touch of indigestion. His big ambition is to buy some bananas for his grandchildren when his time comes to return to his lathe in Coventry.

The Country's Big

Patrick Carey, a skilled metal worker from London, was impressed by three facets of American life: the vastness of the country, the tremendous war effort and the standard of living.

"My biggest surprise about this country," he said, "is its vastness. It is reflected in the minds of men. They think in a big way. There is a lot of big-mindedness."

"People are getting along with it all right over here. The other day, for instance, I saw in a factory that was only half-finished men working without a roof over their heads in freezing weather—much colder than we ever get at home—and they were turning out invasion barges."

"Amenities for the people are much higher here all right. Things we think of as luxuries at home are taken for granted over here. "If I hear anyone say: 'We are going

Allied Engineers in Italy Forced To Build 200 Bridges—So Far

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—The War Department said today that engineers of the Fifth and Eighth Armies had constructed "more than 200 bridges of major importance" since the invasion of Italy began Sept. 9. In the face of expert German demolition, Allied engineers in Italy

"have one of the toughest jobs ever placed before men of any army," the War Department stated.

The report added: American and British engineers are pitting their courage, ingenuity and perseverance against the systematic and scientific "scorched earth" destruction left in the wake of the German Army on the road to Rome. Adroitly, mile by mile, the engineers are rebuilding the route.

Early enemy demolitions showed signs of hasty preparation and execution, but wreckage has become greater and more scientifically obstructive.

The Germans are blasting every span of every bridge, uprooting every railroad line and blocking every road northward. By cratering and by bringing down buildings and trees they are obstructing every defile, no matter how small. Docks, power plants and transformer stations, aqueducts and pumping stations are being demolished. Everything that might conceivably interfere with Allied progress up the Italian "boot" is being done.

In one instance, German demolition crews, working within 16 miles of the front line, wrecked six railways at 51 points.



Notes from the Air Force

DURING a raid on German industrial targets, Capt. Sam Barr, of Leland, Cal., and his B17 crew experienced (1) all four engines dying shortly after bombs were away; (2) three engines taking hold separately between the target and the English coast; (3) three orders to bail out on a prepare-to-ditch warning; (4) loss of altitude from 27,000 to 8,000ft. on one engine; (5) coming in on two engines after No. 1 conked out for the second time. PS—Nobody was hurt.

Add decorations: Silver Star to S/Sgt. Loring C. Miller, B17 waist gunner from Stockton, Cal., for refusing to quit his post after a shell fragment punctured his lung. Former district circulation manager for a Stockton newspaper, the 30-year-old gunner also refused first aid until his pilot ordered him to submit to it.

S/SGT. Johnny Bleau, waist gunner on the B17 Lady Bedlam, is one of the few (?) EMS who ever had an Army nurse waiting for him with open arms when he returned from a mission. Back from a raid on targets in France, Johnny jumped into the arms of 2/Lt. Alberta Bleau, his sister who served nine months in North Africa and another month in Sicily before being transferred to Britain.

Saving four lives in a bomber over enemy territory with the temperature at 46 below, with flak bursting and enemy fighters firing, is the heroic feat achieved by 28-year-old S/Sgt. Harold W. Luttrell, waist gunner on the Fort Wolverine. After their oxygen electric heating systems went out, Luttrell revived his tail gunner, radio operator and left waist gunner after they lost consciousness. While Luttrell worked on his co-fliers, two of the bomber's engines died and the pilot, 2/Lt. Robert C. Randall, of West Branch, Mich., was forced to make an emergency landing.

"What I did was my duty," commented Lt. Randall. "It was nothing in comparison with Luttrell's job. He risked his own life for the others."

T/SGT. Thomas V. Brock, now with a station complement squadron in the ETO, contests the record of M/Sgt. Carl C. Matson, recently published here for having soldiered in the States under a good section of the present Army's big brass back in "them days."

The list includes: Maj. Gens. Lewis H. Breerton, Millard F. Harmon and Hugh J. Knerr, then just majors; Maj. Gen. Willis Hale, then a captain, and Maj. Gens. Muir S. Fairchild and Hugh Drum Jr., and the late Brig. Gen. Kenneth N. Walker, then first lieutenants.

A prized possession of Sgt. Harry A. Cohen, of Manchester, N.H., parachute rigger at a P47 base, is a Gibraltar 10s. note given to him by a pilot who signed the bill with "Thanks for saving my life." The pilot was the fourth to come back without his ship and tell Cohen "the damn things work."

This Is The Army

"If you haven't got it, make it," says S/Sgt. Raymond J. Stover, of Kansas City, Kan., chief clerk of a general hospital unit in the ETO. Not only does Stover believe in the slogan, but he performs little miracles of salvage to prove it.

When his organization needed some office supplies, he constructed message boxes, ash trays, index files, filing trays and other such items from odds and ends found in the junk box. He calls his shop "Ye Old Arte Shoppe."

Back in Texas, when in basic training, drinking cups were not available for the water stand. Stover came up with a "Dripless Drinker," by fitting de luxe paper scrap models with celluloid (discarded X-ray film) edges.

To make the Nissen huts which Stover and his pals now call home more bearable, he has turned out coffee pots, toasters, a popcorn popper, flat irons and knick-knacks for bicycles—all from "nothing."

Trouble on the home front again—Lt. James C. Brown, of a Signal Construction outfit in the UK, has a bountiful supply of gasoline rationing coupons. Meanwhile his wife in Boynton, Fla., is gnashing her teeth at the Office of Price Administration and the family jalopy sits in the garage. Mrs. Brown requested the coupons four miles from home—and the precious tickets turned up in the ETO.

A SLIDE rule which converts ship tons into long tons (2½ ship tons equal one long ton) and also can show how many square feet will be needed for storage of material has been devised by Maj. Leo K. Stone, an SOS officer from Columbus, Ga.

Use of the rule saves 50 per cent of the time formerly taken for the work. It's particularly useful for ordnance, medical, quartermaster, engineer and signal units. T/Sgt. Paul E. Guenther, of Pittsburgh, assisted the Major.

Sale of 25 miniature torpedo boats by 1/Lt. William R. Nolan, of Spencer, La., has swelled The Stars and Stripes War Orphan fund \$25. The ships were made from scrap wood by Pvt. Sylvester H. Jakubowski, of Knoxville, Tenn., and James W. Galbreath, of Hamilton, Ala. Purchasers were not able to keep the ships, however. They were turned over to British children who were guests of Lt. Nolan's battalion at a party.

Division Ring Team Slams 5-3 Victory Over Eagles

Gun Sels Take Tenth Straight In Depot Loop

Silvey Stars Romp Past Bucs to Stay Tied For First

By Irv White

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
 GENERAL DEPOT, Jan. 11—The tempo of play stepped up as overtime sessions and close scores marked the 11th week of this station's basketball tournament. In contrast with the easy 38-23 victory of the Silvey Stars over the Barrel House Bucketees, the Gun Sels had to fight all the way to eke out a 30-27 triumph over the scrappy Grady Boys. As a result of their victories, the Stars and the Sels continued to share first place, for the sixth successive week.

The second place Claywell Cardinals topped the Hot Shots, 23-22, while the Hawks beat the Carolina Rebels, 20-17, to hold the third slot. The Cossacks romped over the Tread Rollers, 23-10, and moved into a three-way tie with the latter and the Grady Boys.

Wizz Kids Whip Tigers
 Fifth and sixth places are occupied by the Emery Fire Controllers and the Wizz Kids respectively. The former moved up by overcoming the stubborn Hell Cats, 27-23, while the latter drubbed the Tigers, 36-26. The lowest score and the longest contest of the season was provided by the Adanacs and Commandos, with the Adanacs winning, 14-12.

Registering their tenth success in as many games, the Silvey Stars took a 21-8 lead at the half, and slugged the Bucketees at ease. Five field goals and one foul each were contributed by Sgt. J. Joseph, of Uniontown, Pa., and T/5 Steve Benedict, of North Tarrytown, N.Y., while T/Sgt. Charles Robinson, of Weirton, W. Va., added eight points to his team's victory. The losers were led by T/Sgt. Joseph E. Podany, of Allentown, Pa., with ten points.

Last Minute Decides
 The Gun Sel-Grady Boys game hit the highest point of excitement in the current season, with the outcome in doubt until the last 30 seconds. The Sels led at half, 13-11, but the Grady Men tied it up, 19-19, at the end of the third quarter. Then the slam-bang battle began. T/5 Jack A. Spriggs, of Coalville, Utah, put the Gun Sels ahead, 21-19, but T/5 Robert E. Culp evaded the count on a long shot. A foul shot by T/Sgt. Stanley M. Waskins, of Grand Haven, Mich., and a field goal by Sgt. Daniel S. Carli, of S. San Francisco, made the count 24-21.

T/Sgt. Walter E. O'Connor, of Melrose, Iowa, countered with two points and then passed to T/4 Wm. "Blackie" Gault, of Campbellsville, Ky., for two more to give the Grady Boys the lead again. Carli made good on a foul shot to knot things again at 25 all. With five minutes to go, O'Connor looped one from the right side, and the Grady Men were ahead, 27-25. Waskins retrieved the ball after a shot and had a clear field. As he attempted the shot O'Connor fouled him. With 45 seconds left Waskins made the count 27-26 with the first of his two foul tries. He missed the second, and when O'Connor got the ball off the backboard it looked all over for the Gun Sels. Spriggs, blocking O'Connor into the left corner, forced him to pass the ball. Spriggs intercepted the pass and with no one to stop him put the payoff shot into the basket. Jack added two more to make the final score 30-27. He topped the scorers with 11 points while Waskins made ten. Gault led the losers with ten, while Culp tallied six.

With but a half minute remaining in the Cardinal-Hot Shot game, Pfc John "Lefty" Procovic, of Garfield, N.J., scored the winning goal for the Cards on a long pass from Pvt. Sid Weber, of the Bronx, N.Y. The lead changed hands many times during the game and so intense was the defense that the 15-15 count at the half was unchanged at the beginning of the fourth quarter. A pass from T/3 A. O. Jackson, of Muncie, Ind., to Pfc Jim Steigerwald, of St. Albans, N.Y., put the Hot Shots ahead, 22-21. Procovic with but three minutes to go. Procovic and Weber, with eight and six points respectively, led the winning scorers, while Hot Shot Pvt. Robert Morrison, of Long Island City, N.Y., led all with nine markers.

Popular Pick

By Pap



Herb PENNOCK

—THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PHILLIES WILL RUN THE CLUB WHEN PRESIDENT BOB CARPENTER IS CALLED INTO THE SERVICE



WILL WE PLAY NATIONAL OR AMERICAN LEAGUE BALL?
 WINNING BALL
 ALL OF HIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN WITH THE AMERICAN LEAGUE BUT HE HAS A SOLID BACKGROUND THAT SHOULD MAKE HIM A SUCCESS IN ANY LEAGUE
 HIS DITCHING CAREER COVERED A SPAN OF 22 YEARS AND SAW HIM STAR WITH THE YANKEES AND RED SOX

Bill Terry Quitting Diamond; Baseball 'Too Cheap for Me'

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 11—Bill Terry, former first baseman and manager of the New York Giants, asserted here that baseball is "too cheap for me," and he is through with the game for life and entering the cotton business.

The 45-year-old former star first baseman was on the diamond sidelines last year after being manager and later general manager of New York's National League entry. Heretofore he had maintained that he would return to the game if the right proposition were made.

"It's too cheap a business and it's getting cheaper all the time," Bill said. "With the low salaries they're paying managers and front office men now, there's nothing in the game for me."
 Asked his opinion on baseball's future, Terry concluded, "No business in the world has ever made more money with poorer management. It can survive anything."

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Rotary Dinner
 AMERICAN Rotarians serving in the U.S. Armed Forces are invited to attend a dinner given by the London Rotary Club, Connaught Rooms, Jan. 25, 1944.

Beau Jack's Manager Adopts Old Chant: 'We Wuz Robbed'

NEW YORK, Jan. 11—The loud aftermath of Friday's ten-round fight at Madison Square Garden when Beau Jack defeated Lulu Costantino will reach its conclusion here this afternoon when Jack's manager, Chick Wergeles, answers a summons issued by John J. Phelan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

Wergeles popped off after the fight, stating that it was impossible for Beau Jack to get the breaks around New York and that he would refuse to go through with the contract calling for Beau to fight Sammy Angott Jan. 28 in a ten-rounder at the Garden.

Injury to Cowley Was Deliberate, Bruin Boss Says

TORONTO, Jan. 11—Manager Art Ross, of the Boston Bruins, has accused the Toronto Maple Leafs of making "a savage and deliberate attack" on Center Bill Cowley, the National Hockey League's leading scorer. Cowley is confined to a hospital here as the result of a shoulder separation suffered Saturday night when defenseman Jack McClean body checked him.

Hospital authorities said that Cowley probably will be out of action for four weeks. His absence seriously threatens the Bruins' chances for a playoff berth and makes it practically impossible for him to set a new modern scoring record. Cowley was aiming at the 73-point mark set by Cooney Weiland 14 years ago and tied last year by Doug Bentley, of the Black Hawks.

Ross threatened three-for-one reprisals when the Leafs visit Boston on Jan. 18. He added that he had warned the League before that any team responsible for an injury to Cowley would have to pay threefold.

Asked why he didn't appeal to Referee Marmal Lampert, Ross said, "What's the use, I might as well talk to the blind man on the corner."

Judges Bob Cunningham and Marty Monroe gave Jack five rounds, Costantino four and called one even, Referee Eddie Joseph gave Lulu eight rounds and Jack two. Wergeles asserted that Beau won by more than the judges wanted to admit and he called Phelan on the telephone, complaining about Joseph.

Phelan says that Wergeles made some serious charges concerning the commission's officials and also violated the rule which says that the fighters must be at the Garden by 8 PM. Phelan added that Wergeles will get a full chance to explain his grievances and also to explain Beau Jack's late arrival at the Garden.

Barney Ross Headed For Medical Discharge

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (UP)—Sgt. Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight champion who is suffering from recurrent malaria, a diseased nerve in his right arm and an injured right knee, may receive an honorable discharge soon from the Marines.

Ross was awarded the Silver Star and a presidential citation for killing more than a dozen Japs while standing guard over his wounded mates in a Guadalcanal foxhole. He was sent home after suffering shrapnel wounds and an attack of malaria. He has had 30 malarial attacks since he has been back.

Jug McSpaden Annexes Open

Philadelphia Pro Breaks Course Mark; Bulla Is Second

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11—Harold "Jug" McSpaden, Philadelphia golfer, shot a sizzling five sub-par 66 to win the first prize of \$4,375 in war bonds in the \$12,500 Los Angeles Open with a total of 228 which cracked the Wiltshire Club course record by three strokes and par by six.

After completing his round, McSpaden had some anxious moments as Johnny Bulla, Atlanta airplane pilot, was still out under par. Bulla, however, shot a 71 to wind up second with a total of 281. Bulla was tied for the lead on the next to the last round with Leonard Dodson, of Kansas City.

Dodson, Craig Wood, of Mamaroneck, N.Y., and Byron Nelson, of Toledo, tied for third with 284. Olin Dutra, home club pro, tied Jimmy Hines, of Great Neck, N.Y., with 285.

Sammy Byrd, former big leaguer, who led during the first day's round with a 66, fell apart as the play progressed and wound up with 287.

Lazzeri to Fight Baron Ouster

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11—Tony Lazzeri, former infielder of the New York Yankees and last year manager of the Wilkes-Barre Barons of the Eastern League, confirmed reports being circulated that his resignation had been requested by Wilkes-Barre officials. Lazzeri said he would fight the ouster attempt.

"If they want to get rid of me," Lazzeri said, "they'll have to throw me out."
 Lazzeri kept the Barons in second place last year until the closing weeks of the season when they fell to fourth. The team was eliminated in the playoffs. Lazzeri said the team, controlled by the Cleveland Indians, was in good financial condition.

"If they wanted to be nice about it, they could have told me sooner," Lazzeri said, "but the winter meetings are over now and all the 1944 jobs are gone."

Mullin, Former Tiger Mound Ace, Is Dead

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 11—George Mullin, Detroit Tiger pitching star of 1907, '08 and '09, has died here. He had been ill for several years.

Mullin won 20 games or more five times and was a consistent batter as pitchers go. He achieved his greatest success with the Tigers while a team mate of Ty Cobb.

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Catholic University 57, Gallaudet 27
 Fairmont State Teachers 42, Davis-Elkins 37
 Floyd Bennett 47, St. Francis 34
 Georgia 44, Clemson 40
 Iowa Navy 63, Simpson 25
 Gonzaga 60, Eastern Washington 43
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 Provo Stealers 49, Fort Douglas 45
 Salt Lake Air Base 62, Bushnell Hospital 24
 Virginia 39, VMI 25
 Washington State 45, Oregon State 41

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Li'l Abner



Infantry Outfit Gets 1st Defeat In 13 Matches

Schnappauf, Spontak Dish Out 2 Kayoes On Fight Card

Two undefeated records collided in the middle of Rainbow Corner ring last night, and after eight hard-fought, crowd-pleasing bouts, the Infantry Division, which last year ruled all soldier boxing teams in the ETO, emerged with a narrow 5-3 triumph over a rival Infantry outfit, fighting under the name of Screaming Eagles.

For the Eagles, the setback was their first in 13 matches. Winners of the Piedmont and Carolinas' Golden Gloves' tournaments, together with the Southern Servicemen's tourney, they had won 13 straight matches before last night's setback.

Four straight victories, from the fourth through the seventh bouts, was the rocket on which the Division rode to victory. Its crack welterweight pair, Pvt. Charley Schnappauf and Cpl. George Spontak, provided the winning sparks with knock-outs.

Schnappauf stopped Sgt. Ted Kaus, and Spontak flattened Pvt. Glen Ferguson—both bouts ending in the second round. Pvt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Division Middleweight, supplied the clincher by outpointing Pvt. Stan Marchinski for the victor's fifth and deciding triumph.

Scurto Takes Decision
 The division boxers got off to a good start in the opening bout with Pvt. Sal Scurto, Baltimore flyweight, earning a clear-cut decision over Pvt. Al McEuen, of Phoenix, Ariz. Counter punching his way to an advantage in all three heats, Scurto finished with a flurry of right hand punches under the heart.

A lean Mexican from Los Angeles, Pvt. Louie Martinez, put the Eagles even-up when he outpointed Pfc Lynwood Craighead, of Whitehouse, N.J., in the first of two lightweight scraps.

Craighead started off fast, using a left jab which he flicked constantly to Martinez's head throughout the opening round. However, Martinez came back in the second and third, concentrating on Craighead's face with a barrage of rights and lefts.

Twice in the last frame he might have done more damage, but he, like Craighead, refused to follow up any advantage. Both boys failed to hook and neither showed any of the finesse which characterized the Scurto-McEuen contest.

Tippens Whips Shikoluk
 The Eagles swept the lightweight competition when Pfc Hewett Tippens, Brunswick, Ga., whipped Pfc Johnny Shikoluk, Whitehouse, N.J., in the third bout and gave his team a 2 to 1 edge. Tippens, a cool sharp shooter with only one loss on a 15-fight record with the Eagles, found an early solution to Shikoluk's aggressive rushing style.

Evans Count at 2-2
 Schnappauf's knockout of Kaus came in the fourth bout and left both sides tied at 2-2. Slamming lefts and rights into Kaus' head and body from the outset, the Scranton, Pa., welter gave an early indication of the outcome.

Kaus, from Dunkirk, N.Y., went down for a nine-count under a left uppercut to the chin after 1:13 of the opening round. In the second round Schnappauf had his game opponent on the floor for seven before a whistling left uppercut to the jaw brought down the curtain after 31 seconds.

Spontak Scores Kayo
 Spontak, Pittsburgh 144-pounder, followed up Schnappauf's victory with his knockout win over Pvt. Glen Ferguson, of Kokomo, Ind., in 1:17 of the second, putting the Division ahead, 3-2.

Spontak literally hooked Ferguson to defeat. After a savage first round during which not more than three blows were thrown at long range, Spontak came out fast in the second, moved in close and started the hooking barrage again. A series of these midway in the round softened Ferguson up and he went down under a right.

The Division middleweight titlist, Pfc Jim Grantham, Pulaski, Va., 158-pounder, assured his team of at least a tie with a hard-won decision over Pfc Ralph Pombano, 160-pounder from Brooklyn. After a slugging first round, during which he gave as much as he got, Pombano slowed up in the second, and by third was just hanging on.

Clinch Team Honors
 The Division battlers clinched team honors and snapped the Eagles' streak in the seventh bout with Marcinkiewicz, hard-working middleweight from Kulpmont, Pa., getting a unanimous verdict over Marchinski. It was Division's fourth straight win. The Eagles' entry, from Hartford, Conn., traded blow for blow with Marcinkiewicz, but the Division boy hit harder and more often.

Flores' victory was anti-climactic after Marcinkiewicz had copped the team decision. A 166-pounder from Houston, Tex., Flores had to come from behind in the first to stop Benski, also a 166-pounder from Philadelphia. Benski used a straight left in that opening stanza which annoyed Flores and floored him at 39 seconds but did little damage.

Fifth Air Force Libs Raid Jap Base in Celebes

Big Tank, Artillery Assault On New Britain Slows Enemy Resistance

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Jan. 11—U.S. Fifth Air Force Liberators struck deep into Jap territory in the Dutch East Indies to blast a Jap plane repair plant at Kendari, in the Celebes, and destroy six and possibly ten fighters, today's official communique says.

Switching from New Guinea and Solomons to the well-protected Jap islands far to the west, Libs scored many hits on the Kendari airdrome and on the barracks area. U.S. Marines, meanwhile, drove ahead on Cape Gloucester and cleared the Japanese from the main peaks surrounding the Cape's airfield network.

Official accounts of the Cape Gloucester battle today said the Japs had lost more than 2,000 men killed in the latest engagements, while U.S. losses for the same period were only 300 killed and wounded.

The huge weight of U.S. tanks and artillery is steadily beating down weakening Jap attacks in the area.

In South New Britain, just above the Arawe Peninsula, Texan troops under Gen. Krueger slogged slowly forward against Japs firmly entrenched among razor-backed ridges. More sharp air attacks hit the Jap troops.

Waves of U.S. fighters and fighter-bombers bombed and strafed the Jap-held village of Didmop, lying inland from Cape Merkus promontory, on the eastern side of the Arawe Peninsula.

Libs Continue Raids On Marshall Islands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—U.S. Army and Navy planes, continuing an almost unbroken series of raids on Japanese positions in the Marshall Islands in the central Pacific, visited three islands of the group over the week, U.S. Navy Department announced today.

An announcement released in Pearl Harbor said, "Navy search Liberators bomber Kwajalein Island on Jan. 9. No enemy fighters were encountered and A.A. fire inflicted no damage."

Stage Star Dies On ETO Tour

Charlie King, 57-year-old veteran of the American musical comedy stage and star of Hollywood's first musical, "Broadway Melody," died yesterday in a U.S. Army hospital in Britain of pneumonia contracted while traveling to entertain troops here.

First casualty among USO-Camp Shows entertainers in the ETO, King caught cold on the Atlantic transport where he sang and danced for the soldiers.

King served in the Navy in the last war. Later he starred in such hits as "Little Nellie Kelly," "Present Arms," "Hit the Deck," and several of Ziegfeld's Follies.

This was his second trip overseas for soldier shows. Last year he toured camps in America with a Billy Rose show.

King will be buried with military rites Saturday at the American military cemetery at Brookwood.

Raids - - - (Continued from page 1)

Berlin's sirens wailing and also hitting objectives in western Germany, all without loss. It was the eighth night in the first ten of the new year that the fleet, wooden RAF bombers had been out. On three of those nights they hit Berlin, from which the jittery and bomb-nervous civilian population was reported still fleeing to safer areas.

From Paris radio came a mysterious report that four American four-engined bombers had been shot down over France in daylight Monday. No U.S. operations were reported on Monday, however.

AFN Radio Program

1402 kc On Your Dial 1420 kc
213.9m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 211.3m.

- 1100—GI Live.
- 1115—Hymns from Home.
- 1130—South American Way.
- 1200—Jvy Benson (BBC).
- 1230—Andre Kostelanetz.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Barracks Bag—A grab-bag of entertainment.
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Spotlight on Jan Savitt—Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1850—What Do You Know, Joe?
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 1905—Carnival of Music.
- 1930—Kate Smith Program.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—Miniature.
- 2030—Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Melody Roundup—Western Music.
- 2120—Marching On (BBC)—Dramatized News of the Week.
- 2155—RAF Symphony Band.
- 2225—Final Edition.
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours, Thursday, Jan. 13.

Entertaining Wounded U.S. Fliers



A peek at pretty entertainer Maria Amapola does injured or ill fliers more good than an extra dose of vitamins at Hamilton Field, Cal., where a rehabilitation program bridges the chasm between a flier's medical cure and his return to active service. At the base theater the men forget the war with cures like Amapola.

ETO Poll on '44 British Decorate 18 U.S. Generals

Spangler Reveals Officers Sampled EM's Votes; Convention in Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 11—The Republican National Committee, meeting a few hours after Chairman Harrison Spangler had stirred a small hornets' nest by revealing four U.S. Army officers in England had sampled soldier-voters' opinions for him, decided today to hold its 1944 Presidential convention in Chicago beginning June 26.

The committee first fixed upon June 25 for the convention opening date, but changed it to June 26 when informed the 25th was a Sunday. Previously it adopted a resolution urging enactment of federal and state laws to facilitate absentee voting by men and women in the armed forces.

Spangler's disclosure earlier that four officers in four scattered battalions, "all members of the Republican organization," had surveyed troops in the European theater and found them "prevalently Republican" in their political sympathies, loosed a storm of dissension.

Spangler's critics, quick to profess indignation at the introduction of politics into the military service, seized on the episode to accuse him of "stupidity" and a "colossal blunder."

Some Republican newspapers said the national chairman, at the outset of the 1944 Presidential campaign, had saddled the party with a "headache." New Deal editorialists took the theme: "Who is mixing politics up with the war now?"

Spangler's slip occurred at a press conference during a lull in the National Committee meeting.

Asked about ballots for overseas soldiers and how the army vote might affect the Presidential election, Spangler beamed and declared: "We have surveyed the situation. They are against the administration, 56 to 44." Where was the survey conducted? Newsmen demanded in quick question and answer. "Among the American troops in Britain," Spangler replied.

What inquiries were made? "Soldiers were asked whether they would vote for or against the administration in November."

Was the War Department aware of the survey? "Oh, no."

Spangler declined to name the four officers because of the possibility they might be accused of violating War Department instructions against political activity in the army.

Lt. Gen. Bradley Among 31 Yanks Given Awards By King's Order

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 11—Eighteen U.S. generals and 13 other officers and enlisted men have received British decorations for meritorious service by order of the King. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, new supreme commander in the Mediterranean theater, presented the decorations to the generals still present in this theater.

Maj. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, received the Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath; Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, Fifth Army commander, became a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire; Lt. Gen. George C. Patton, Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, and Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, each received a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

Other generals to receive decorations were: Maj. Gens. Ernest N. Harmon, Charles W. Ryder, Lowell W. Rooks, Alfred M. Gruenther, Lucian K. Truscott Jr., and Manton S. Eddy. Brig. Gens. Robert McClure, Clarence L. Adcock, Archelaus L. Hamblen, Julius Holmes, Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Thomas Davis and Ben M. Sawbridge.

Enlisted men received awards such as the Distinguished Service Medal for heroism in the Africa landings.

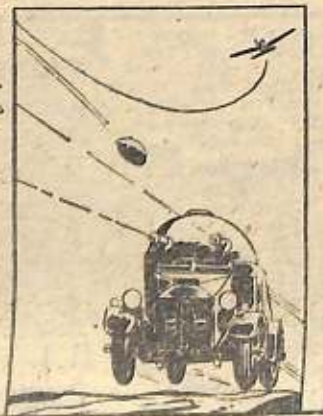
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Rumania brought Vatutin's army within five miles of the Bug River through the capture of Nemirov, 26 miles southeast of Vinnitsa.

Inside the Dnieper Bend the First and Second Ukrainian armies closed within 60 miles of each other after annihilating five German divisions north of Kirovograd. More than 8,000 men, remnants of three tank, one motorized and one infantry division, were wiped out, the Russians said, and 90 tanks, 114 guns and other booty captured.

The Russian attack in the Crimea, viewed in Moscow as a possible prelude to operations designed to open up the Black Sea for offensive naval operations against the Rumanian coast, was launched from the Soviet bridgehead northeast of Kerch.

Terry and the Pirates



News From Home

Truman Predicts Part of Nation Soon Will Face Unemployment

Cancellation of Federal Contracts May Bring Manpower Surplus

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—Sen. Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.) predicted today that in spite of the nation's gigantic arms production program, many communities soon would face a serious unemployment problem because of the cancellation of war contracts.

Addressing a conference of the Retail Dry Goods Association, Truman said that "almost daily during the coming year you will see newspaper notices of contract cancellations, plant shutdowns or elimination of graveyard shifts." Army and Navy contracts totalling \$8,000,000 already have been cancelled, he said.

Although granting that the nation as a whole would be confronted by a manpower shortage for the duration of the war, Sen. Truman pointed out that many communities would find that in their area there was a manpower surplus.

Food Relief for Europe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The Senate may decide this week whether it wants the United States to take the lead in a joint effort with Allied and neutral nations to feed people in Nazi-occupied Europe. Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D-Iowa) said he expected to bring before the Senate a resolution recommending that the State Department negotiate with Great Britain, Sweden and Switzerland on "the setting up of systematic and definite relief for all stricken and hungry countries where the need is now most acute."

Wilmington Area Shaken

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 11—A mysterious earth tremor—the sixth within the last three months—shook houses and rattled windows in the Wilmington area. Persons from six miles south of the city north to the outlying districts of Philadelphia reported feeling the ground tremble with varying degrees of intensity for 45 seconds. Military and naval officials said there were no explosions in the area and seismographs failed to record an earthquake in the vicinity.

Blizzard Victims Found

DUMAS, Tex., Jan. 11—Searching parties of soldiers and state highway police completed a roundup of persons reported missing in the Texas Panhandle's worst blizzard since 1898 with the discovery of five women in a hotel room here. The women, all wives of Amarillo servicemen, were en route to a ranch in New Mexico when they were stranded by the storm.

Egg Output Sets Record

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—December egg production hit an all-time

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vent exorbitant profits and assure fair prices to the government. The Cost of Food Law would put a reasonable floor under farm prices and a ceiling on the prices consumers pay, the President said, adding it should apply only to necessities.

Unless the stabilization law is renewed, President Roosevelt said, the country can expect a "price chaos by summer."

President Roosevelt touched briefly on the overseas war conferences in the final weeks of 1943, and hailed them as intended to prevent the mistakes made at the conclusion of the last war.

"Of course we made some commitments," the President said. "We most certainly committed ourselves to very large and very specific military plans which require the use of all the Allied forces to bring about the defeat of our enemies at the earliest possible time. But there were no secret treaties or political or financial commitments."

"The one supreme objective for the future which we discussed, for each nation individually and for all the United Nations, can be summed up in one word—security."

You, Too, Can Win a Bond

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Jan. 11—The Hattiesburg American announced that it would award a \$25 War Bond for the best suggestion on how to punish Hitler. The paper said its award would be based solely on the most extraordinary and unusual form of punishment. No profanity is allowed.

Rocket-Propelled Mail Is Latest Scheme in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—A proposal that mail be shipped in the United States by means of rocket-propelled tubes on runways by the side of railroad tracks will be made this week to Postmaster Gen. Frank C. Walker, columnist Drew Pearson predicted in a radio broadcast.

Pearson said that with the use of helium gas, mail could be carried 100 miles in five minutes.

high to boost the 1943 output to record proportions, the Department of Agriculture announced today. The month's milk production was the second highest ever recorded and the orange crop was running nine per cent ahead of expectations.

Captures 4 Nazi Prisoners

ELMDALE, Kan., Jan. 11—Highway Patrolman Galen Bennett captured without resistance four Nazi war prisoners who escaped from a Santa Fe train when it stopped at the railroad station here. Bennett surprised the Afrika Korpsmen in a granary five miles south of Wichita. The Germans stole an automobile in Elmdale but were forced to set out on foot when they wrecked the car.

Newark News Strike Over

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 11—New Jersey's largest newspaper, the Newark Evening News, reappeared on the streets again yesterday after a two-day suspension of publication caused by a labor contract dispute between typesetters and the management.

First Again

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 11 (AP)—Taney County, first in the nation to oversubscribe in the third war loan drive, has done it again. Although the fourth drive has not opened yet officially, the county's \$82,000 quota is oversubscribed.

Picking Her Spots

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 11—Olivia de Havilland went to Brook General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston to cheer up soldier patients there. When the Army doctors looked at her they said she had influenza. She stayed.

Murder and Suicide

SOLON, Iowa, Jan. 11—Ernest Stahle, 54, shot and killed himself after he had killed his 46-year-old wife Marie in the tavern the Stahles ran here.

Col. Hobby Eats Steak and Cake At WAC's Mess

Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, WAC director visiting the ETO, enjoyed two extra special items—steak and cake made from powdered eggs and milk and wartime flour—in her first meal at the WAC's mess hall in London yesterday.

Another luncheon guest of the WACs was Brig. Gen. O. B. Abbott, of San Antonio, Tex., G-1 chief in the ETO.

Both Col. Hobby and Gen. Abbott complimented Cpl. Jessie Wells, of Corsicana, Tex., who baked the cake, and Mess Sgt. Constance Delahoyde, of Bath, N.Y., who supervised the menu of mashed potatoes, stewed corn, salad, cold slaw and hot biscuits, besides the steak and cake.

Col. Hobby also inspected barracks, saw scores of WACs at their jobs, and last night was the guest of honor at a dinner attended by U.S. and Allied officers. At the WAC ward of a hospital she visited its only present patients—Capt. Sedma Herbert, of New York; Cpl. Mary A. Kellerby, of New York; and Pvt. Ora Haynes, of Canton, N.Y.

The WAC director cut the cake at the luncheon and served it to the enlisted members present. Among them were:

- Pfc. Laura Loveland, of Woodstown, N.Y.
- Pvt. Doris E. Meredith, Owensboro, Ky.
- Pfc. Grace E. Landon, St. Louis; Cpl. Betty Flaugh, Williamsport, Pa.; Sgt. Virginia Preble, Detroit; Cpl. Nellie Richards, Tulare, Cal.; Pvt. Oleta Mills, Fort Collins, Col.; Pfc. Virginia Anthaume, Houston, Tex.; Cpl. Josephine Bollman, Albany, N.Y.; Pfc. Helen Foote, Anamosa, Ia.; and Pfc. Adeana Willson, Detroit.

By Milton Caniff

