

## Comeback In Italy Nets Allies Gains

### British Take Key Bridge; German Hopes Fading, Stockholm Says

With tremendous support in the skies above the Italian bridgehead, British troops driving toward Campoleone have taken a strategic railroad bridge west of Carroceto and left the area strewn with German dead.

Allied and German communiqués yesterday both claimed "successful local attacks" and "improved positions." However, a fierce battle was said to be raging to the east of Carroceto, where the Germans reoccupied a fortified factory which already has changed hands four times.

German military authorities, quoted by the Berlin correspondent of Stockholm's Svenska Dagbladet, admitted that the Fifth Army had regained the initiative in the Carroceto area and said that the great advantage of the Allies in material made it doubtful whether the Germans would be able to stem a new Allied offensive.

#### Allied Planes Active

Allied bombers and fighters, again hammering at Marshal Kesselring's massing troops, were blasting Nazi communications and positions along the bridgehead perimeter.

Almost 800 sorties were flown on Sunday alone as medium and light bombers made almost continuous attacks on the Campoleone and Cisterna areas.

In contrast to the Allied aerial activity, only about 30 German aircraft were seen above the bridgehead yesterday. Four of them were destroyed and seven damaged. Only two Allied planes were lost.

Northwest of Cassino, along the main Fifth Army front, a savage German counter-attack was thrown back. Meanwhile, American troops advanced another 200 yards within Cassino itself in fierce battles in streets and buildings.

#### Still Holding Monastery

The Germans are still holding out in the Benedictine Monastery on Monastery Hill overlooking Cassino. Although they are still firing on American troops from the monastery, there were no reports that the Allies had bombarded it.

Along the Nettuno bridgehead, more prisoners were taken by the Allies yesterday, raising the number of Germans captured since the landings to more than 2,000. Among them were many men from the 715th Infantry Division, which was rushed from France to oppose the Allied advance.

In spite of the fierce German attacks all last week, the bridgehead yesterday was described as substantially the same as it was 11 days ago. One report even said that the Allies had gained ground.

In the battle for the railroad bridge along the road leading from Anzio to Campoleone, the British advanced after repelling wave after wave of German assaults. Only after heavy casualties were inflicted on them did the Germans fall back.

## Blinded, Handless, Pilot Today Sees, Flies Once More

KIMBERLEY, South Africa, Feb. 14 (AP)—In an air force camp here a young South African pilot lives today to tell the tale of how he escaped death and blindness and how he got a new face and hands in a miracle of plastic surgery.

In 1942, his blazing plane crashed in Abyssinia and was burned to a cinder a short way from the place where he tumbled out.

An enemy soldier saw him, turned him over, and finding his clothes, his body, face and hands burned, believed him dead. He lay for a long time until South Africans, one of whom saw him stir, picked him up.

He was flown to a hospital and was unconscious for weeks. When he regained consciousness he was totally blind and his hands were useless. He was told that if he lived he would be blind.

After two months he was sent to South Africa.

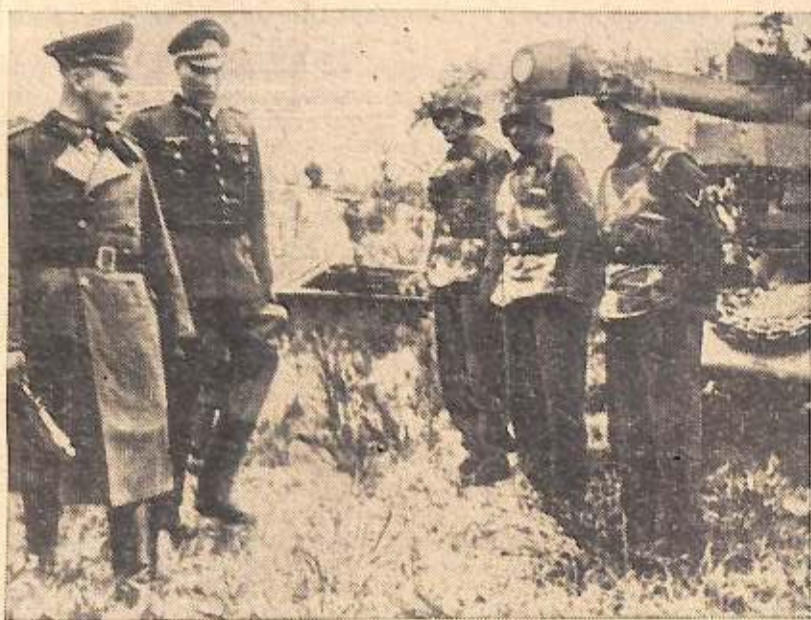
Then began a miracle of plastic surgery which by now has given him total sight and sent him back again flying. Grafted skin from his body has given him new hands, a new face, new eyelids and eyebrows. Piece by piece, the patching took two years.

His eyebrows were taken from his head, and now when he has a haircut he must also have his eyebrows cut.

#### Congressman Found Dead

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Rep. Leonard Schuetz (D-Ill.), 59, was found dead yesterday in his apartment. Natural causes were blamed.

## Rommel Inspects Tanks in France



Planet Photo

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, reported to be Gen. Eisenhower's German counterpart for the invasion of western Europe, inspects Nazi tank units stationed along the French coast. Yesterday Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, German chief in France, said many armored divisions were grouped in readiness to meet the Allied invasion.

## From Diapers to Long Johns

### U.S. Air Power No Longer RAF's Little Brother—Wilson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter)—American air strength in the ETO, grown tremendously in recent weeks, no longer has "little brother status" in relation to the RAF, Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of WPB, said today.

Wilson declared that attacks by the USAAF had reduced German fighter-plane production by 40 per cent, and that recent raids, not included in official Army announcements, would increase that figure still higher.

## Dutch Airfield Is Hit by P47s

### Fighter-Bombers in Blow At Gilze-Rijen; Calais Area Pounded Again

Thunderbolt fighter-bombers carried on the assault against Europe yesterday, hammering a Luftwaffe airfield at Gilze-Rijen in Holland without loss, while RAF and Allied medium bombers kept up the raids on the Pas de Calais.

P47 fighters escorted the U.S. Strategic Air Forces fighter-bombers, and the entire 400-mile-an-hour assault was smashed home and done with before a single German fighter could get up for interception.

The Allied raids came after a night in which German raiders struck again at London and southeastern England. Some 50 or 60 raiders crossed the Channel, the Air Ministry announced, but the Nazis broadcast a claim that "several hundred" bombers had "made a concentrated attack on London." A thunderous flak barrage and RAF night fighters accounted for six of the raiders, which dropped hundreds of incendiaries.

No heavy bomber operations were announced yesterday, the first time in five days the heavies had been idle.

## Group Insists Roosevelt Make Peace Aims Clear

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The National Council for Prevention of War in an open letter has urged President Roosevelt to broadcast America's peace aims before the invasion, declaring that "the American people do not know what they are fighting for."

The letter added that Americans would be bitterly disappointed if control of Europe should merely be transferred from Hitler to Stalin, and declared, "There are strong grounds for believing that there are many people in England who would regard such an outcome as a death blow to Britain as a great power."

## Browder Urges Support Of a 4th Term for FDR

BOSTON, Feb. 14—Earl Browder, Communist party general secretary, declared in a speech last night that "patriotic men and women must unite to convince President Roosevelt that the country demands his continued leadership."

#### Basic Training First

FORT DEVENS, Mass., Feb. 14—Pvt. Al McDonald, of Providence, R.I., works in the post headquarters message center. Interviewed in regard to reclassification and asked about his duties, he replied: "I sort the mail and put it in various pigeon holes." When his military occupational specialty reclassification came through it was No. 560—pigeon trainer.

# Soviets Are Closing On Pskov in North; Nazis in Full Flight

## 'Good Army, but It Must Be Better,' Devers Insists

ALGIERS, Feb. 14—Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding U.S. troops in the Mediterranean, has returned from a tour of his command believing he has "a good army but it has to be better," Chris Cunningham, Mutual Broadcasting Corp. commentator, said in a broadcast today.

"He told his officers that he wants action, not reports, especially what he termed 'lazy reports,'" Cunningham said.

## Trapped Divisions In South Lose More Ground

Russian forces, after a 50-mile advance in five days down the eastern shore of Lake Peipus, pressed the last 40 miles toward the Nazi Baltic base at Pskov with giant strides yesterday as massed guns in the Ukraine opened the final phase of the battle to annihilate ten surrounded enemy divisions.

Moscow dispatches asserted the Nazis on the Baltic front were pulling back in full flight after the fall of their base at Luga and the Soviet success in clearing the last of the enemy from the forests and marshes east of the lake.

One report from the front said German resistance had melted almost away and that the Russians were pushing ahead at will—limited only by their ability to negotiate the difficult country of rolling hills, small streams and swollen rivers at the southern end of the lake.

#### Gateway to Latvia

The speed of the Red Army twin thrusts, along the edge of Peipus and southwest from Luga, held the answer to whether large numbers of Germans might be cut off from retreat in the Lake Ilmen and Staraya Russa sectors. Pskov, gateway to Latvia and Estonia, commands six trunk railways and four main highways. Riga is 175 miles away.

In the Ukraine pocket, the annihilation battle rose to new fury as the still unyielding Nazis smashed again and again at the steel ring closing in. Moscow Radio said one Red unit repelled no fewer than 23 counter-attacks in three days.

At one point, three German columns supported by tanks and self-propelled guns tried to recapture a large village which had been taken by the Russians. Before the battle broke off after four hours, hundreds of Germans had been killed and the Soviet forces had driven forward another four miles, Moscow said.

#### 150,000 Men Declared Trapped

In a broadcast to the German people over Moscow Radio yesterday, a former German major now a member of the Free Germany Committee in Russia declared that the encirclement of ten divisions meant:

The loss of 150,000 men, 35,000 horses, 12,000 motor vehicles, including 3,000 trucks, 1,000 guns and each soldier's individual equipment multiplied by 150,000.

Guerrillas, veterans of hit-and-run warfare against the Germans for more than two years, played a large part in the success of the renewed offensive on the northern front. Moscow credited them yesterday with cutting all German communications behind the front when the Leningrad battle developed, attacking smaller enemy positions and leading Russian infantry through the maze of forests and swamps to their objectives.

Highpoint of their usefulness came last Tuesday when the Germans began moving up men from Pskov along the railway to Luga. The guerrillas moved out against the line, blew up several trainloads of reinforcements, cut the road at several points, destroyed all telephone and telegraphic communications and isolated garrisons all along the line.

The enemy never did get reinforcements through in spite of efforts to send an alternate relief column to Luga by highway. The guerrillas fought a pitched battle and wiped it out.

## Willkie Urges Action Now To Spur Trade With Allies

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14—Wendell L. Willkie suggested in a radio talk last night that "immediate trade ties with China, Russia and Australia" be established now—"without waiting for any post-war golden age"—so that the nation may reap benefits from the U.S. fighting man's spreading of American civilization "into the hinterlands of the Orient."

## 'Invasion Coast' Controls Extended to South France

German occupation authorities beginning today will exercise the same strict system of military control over the Mediterranean coast that now applies to the northern France "invasion coast," Paris and Vichy radios announced yesterday.

Vichy said the step was taken "to strengthen the defenses of the coastal zones," but Paris explained it was "to insure the security of the German troops in the defense zone."

## Libs Hammer Jap Airfields in Timor, Celebes

### Huge Fires Set in Indies Raid; Rabaul Given Another Blow

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Feb. 14—Fifth Air Force Liberators, in an 1,800-mile roundtrip night flight, extended the growing offensive against Japan's Southwest Pacific airfields yesterday with attacks on Celebes in the Dutch East Indies and Dili, in Portuguese Timor, Gen. MacArthur's communique said today.

Despite intense enemy anti-aircraft fire, the Libs scored many direct hits, starting fires, visible for nearly 100 miles on the Kendari airdromes in the Celebes.

Rabaul, New Britain, got its 12th attack in two weeks in a noontime onslaught carried out by all types of bombers with a strong fighter escort. Other U.S. bombers hit military installations at Vunapope, in Blanche Bay, New Britain.

Only 20 to 30 Jap fighters came up to meet the Allied air fleets and only a few succeeded in breaking through the fighter formations. Three enemy planes were shot down, with four probables, while the Allies lost two.

In the only report of land fighting, today's communique said Jap troops had made a hasty withdrawal from the Borgen Bay area of New Britain, leaving behind large quantities of equipment and ammunition.

## Fliers Mark Anniversary Of 10th AF by Blasting Foe

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (AP)—American fighters and fighter-bombers marked the second anniversary of establishment of the Tenth Air Force Saturday by flying 120 sorties.

Many Jap vehicles were destroyed or damaged and fires were started over a wide area, today's communique reported.

## OK on Food Subsidy Ban By Congress Held Certain

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter)—A joint House and Senate conference committee today considered the Bankhead Bill forbidding the payment of food subsidies after June 1.

Conference approval was believed certain, but it was believed likely that the President would veto the legislation.

## It's Just One Great Big War

### Only Chinese Flying in ETO Bags His First Nazi Fighter

A MUSTANG BASE, Feb. 14—It took him 12 missions, but 2/Lt. Wau Kan Kong, of Honolulu, only Chinese fighter pilot in the ETO, finally bagged an enemy plane.

Flying a P51B Mustang bearing two names, Chinaman's Chance on one side and No Tickee—No Washee on the other, Lt. Kong made his kill last Friday while escorting heavy bombers over Frankfurt. He was on his way home when he sighted a FW190 to his right at about 27,000 feet.

"The Jerry was out of range of the bombers," said Lt. Kong, "but he was firing at them to beat hell. I turned into him and he peeled off into a diving turn."

Lt. Ridley E. Donnell, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., in front of Lt. Kong, peeled off with him. As they closed in, Lt. Kong cut his turn short "so I'd be in position for an overhead shot when Jerry turned into me. When he came around I gave him 25 rounds from 1,000 yards."

Then the enemy fighter leveled off at 17,000 feet, with Lt. Kong on his tail. "I let him have everything I had . . . and I saw his front wheels fall down. I had to pull up to avoid a collision," the Chinese pilot said.



2/Lt. Wau Kan Kong, only Chinese fighter pilot in the ETO. Wash drawing by S/Sgt. Nathan Glick, of Montgomery, Ala.



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Finns Move for Peace

It was reliably announced in Stockholm yesterday that M. Paasikivi, ex-Finnish Premier, is in the Swedish capital to seek peace with Russia. Paasikivi was sent to contact the Soviet government, and it was understood that Finland had officially informed the United States government of this fact.

Washington, on the other hand, in recent statements has made it clear that the United States government isn't offering to interpose a bridge over which the present Finnish leaders can extricate themselves from the appalling position into which their alliance with Germany has plunged them. American sympathy for the Finnish people has always been strong, but in their attempt to regain territory lost in the first war with Russia the Finns bound themselves to the German war machine, and until they are free from Nazi influence and the seven German divisions now in Finland are liquidated America can make no promise of diplomatic support.

Commenting on the Finnish position, the New York Times states: "The Finns can always justify their present course on the grounds that the overwhelming Nazi might in Finland leaves them no alternative. These grounds are now being removed by the Russian armies and the Anglo-American air assaults.

"The Nazi press is beginning to shriek its threats against Finland in direct proportion to the decline of Germany's power to enforce them. The moment when Finland can leave the war is approaching, while the bill which the Russians can and will exact for delay is mounting with each passing week."

These are the plain facts and apparently the Social Democrats, composing Finland's largest party, recognize their truth, for they are exerting heavy pressure on the government in favor of peace now. The collapse in the East is just beginning.

From The Horse's Mouth

Back in the days of peace policy holders always received the annual report from the family insurance company. In that report a long list of figures was usually followed by an optimistic statement issued by the president in which solvency of the organization was stressed and its growth and greatness extolled.

This year it's soldier insurance that interests most of us and once again the figures are staggering. GI policies total more than 100 billion dollars, for the average GI carries \$8,500 worth of insurance.

According to the Veterans Administration the armed forces own 13,754,000 policies, and under terms of the program \$20,255,000 has already been paid out to beneficiaries of 44,296 policy holders. And that is the part we wish to emphasize this year, for every nickel of that twenty million represents family protection.

That's our annual report. You can rest easy in the certain knowledge that, come what may, your family is protected by a policy as sound as the government of the United States.

Our Uncle's Judgment

Uncle Sam isn't as poor a business man as some would have you believe. For example, there was the Louisiana Purchase and Seward's Folly, real estate deals that paid off in big dividends. These were followed by construction of the Panama Canal, Boulder and Coulee Dams and development of T.V.A. Decried by the wisecracks, these deals have also proved profitable.

But when Uncle Sam constructed the Petagon building in Washington the critics and jokesters hit an all-time high. Recently their criticism eased off a bit for, oddly enough, the value of that strange structure began to be demonstrated.

Now the War Department claims that the Petagon building will pay for itself in about eight years if you figure what the government would have had to pay in rent for an equivalent amount of Washington office space, had it been available.

When you can improve efficiency and save money at the same time—it's a sign of good judgment; so once again our Uncle Sam enjoys the last chuckle.

Hash Marks

London Scene. Some of these uniforms doormen wear are really swanky. It's quite a sight to watch a "one star" doorman flagging a cab for a two-star general.

Greater love hath no man—this week a Cpl. got into a red hot poker game and his losses ran up so fast he was stymied. A pal loaned the two-striper his false teeth to hock and raise the needed dough.

One guy back in the States expressed his part in the war effort this way, "I



have already given two cousins in the war and I stand ready to sacrifice my wife's brother."

Boy was there a crowd at the football game near London Saturday. Everybody tried to jam into the subway at once, the car was so packed a man fainted—but couldn't fall over. He had to faint "standing up."

Oddities in the news. Allied military government agents in Naples made this report: "Black market wines here have been found to contain high octane gasoline." Nuff said!

Recruits at an induction station in Oregon were asked their names and choice of service. "I'm wild," said one and I want to join the Navy. "I'm Wilder said the next and I want to join the Marines. Ain't it so!"

Overheard in the blackout. "I understand your wife came from a fine old family." "Come is hardly the word, brother—she brought it with her!"

And then there was the GI who used to like the WACS then he went overboard for a Wave.

Fun on the domestic front. In Honolulu a 32-year-old woman quarrelled with her husband—threatened to jump from a



second story window in their home. "Go ahead and jump," said hubby calmly. She did—and broke a leg. "I didn't think she'd do it, her husband said—still calmly.

And now we understand the Signal Corps pigeon corps experts after crossing a pigeon with a parrot have gone a step further and bred the product with an owl—now the "bird" can deliver verbal messages and fly by night.

The other day a GI asked a Land Army girl, "What's your rank, name and shovel number?" J. C. W.

An Accolade Earned in Sicily 'Chutist Medics' Bravery Wins Paratroops' Acclaim

By Philip H. Bucknell Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

There are no "pill rollers" in the U.S. paratroop battalion which led the Allied invasion of Sicily. To the rest of the men in the battalion, their medics are respectfully known as para-medics, medical aides—and just plain paratroopers.

Reason for the para-medics being spared the long-familiar taunts of "pill roller" is told in official reports and other accounts reaching Britain from the Mediterranean.

A month after the paratroop landing behind enemy lines in Sicily the Army adopted the unusual procedure of issuing a citation for "gallantry in action" to an entire medical detachment. The medics were men who jumped with their fellow 'troopers, suffered the same hardships and administered aid to the wounded under the worst conditions possible in combat. As a result, the medics command a great deal of respect from the rest of their battalion.

Before the medical detachment was cited it was first proposed to decorate five or six medics for their "beyond the call of duty" action in the invasion, but the major commanding the battalion reported that "every one of them rates a medal."

When the paratroopers dropped over Sicily the weather was against a successful operation. Wind drift took the C47s miles off their course, but the invaders, including medics laden with 50 pounds of equipment, bailed out before dawn.

One T/5 came close to being left behind. He was the last man in his "stick" and something happened to the man in front of him so that he couldn't jump. The T/5 unhooked his static line from the anchor and went back to the pilot.

"You've got to go back," he yelled after the plane had passed the spot over which the paratroopers dropped. "I'm the only medic in my bunch and I've just got to be with 'em."

The pilot went back and the medic jumped. He found his men, too.

Scattered All Over When daylight came the 'troopers were scattered all over the unfamiliar terrain, but, fighting their way in twos, threes and platoons, most of the battalion reached their first objective—Biazzia Ridge. The mission was to hold the ground which commanded the railroad and road junctions inland from where Allied amphibious landings were taking place at Licata and Gela.

That is where casualties in the battalion ran high and where the medics earned the lasting gratitude of wounded paratroopers.

The Germans threw everything they had at the defenders of Biazzia Ridge. The Hermann Goering Panzer Grenadiers brought up tanks, artillery, mortars, machine-guns and repeatedly tried to move the paratroopers with infantry attacks.

According to the book, medics stay in foxholes until a lull in the fighting. These para-medics probably didn't read the book, because they were in the middle of the fight from beginning to end. They

even went on patrols with scouts, contrary to orders, in order to administer immediate aid to wounded.

Typical of the medics was one who crawled 200 yards ahead of his own lines, and within 40-yards of enemy posts, to treat a wounded naval ensign who had jumped as an observer. While machine-gun bullets whined over his head, he sat on the edge of a shell hole and dressed the ensign's wounds. It would have been nice to say that the ensign lived to thank him, but the ensign died.

Another medic, a Brooklyn captain, went up to within a few yards of a German Mark VI tank to aid an injured paratrooper. The tank opened machine-gun fire on him. He just pointed to his Red Cross brassard, and told them in good Brooklynes to get the hell out of there. They did, and he carried on with his job. He later was in an ambulance which was virtually blown up. He received two wounds and was seen running around the battlefield dressed only in shorts and with a towel draped round his head, tending the wounded.

Face German '88'

The doctors seemed pretty unlucky all around with ambulances. The battalion surgeon who had commandeered an Italian ambulance, was told there were wounded men over a hill beyond the American lines. He and a staff sergeant hopped into the stolen truck, said "Nuts" to the guys who tried to stop them, and beat it up the hill.

It still seemed a good idea to the captain and the sergeant, even with bullets flying about, until they shot over the crest of the hill to find themselves looking right into the mouth of a German 88 mounted on a Mark VI. They both made a dive for it. The sergeant reached cover of a concrete block just as a shell hit it, and he escaped with a cut nose from flying chips. The captain suffered wounded dignity, nothing more. He caught his foot under the clutch pedal as he was jumping down and landed in the road in a manner which would have disgraced him for ever had it happened back in Springfield.

The doc didn't think he did anything much. "Blew up the only damn truck we had," he was recalled as having said.

The Bazooka

This isn't the story of the battle of Biazzia Ridge, however; that is one that will be written in full some other time. A story of how at one time 48 men held up a German attack. How bazooka teams went out to counter-attack. How privates took command of platoons, and how one-man skirmishing parties went out against heavy odds. This is just a very incomplete record of what the medics did in situations where, naturally, casualties were many.

The paratroopers did hold the ridge, and the end of the day's fighting finished with almost a movie touch. When things were at their very worst, a number of Sherman tanks came in from the beaches and swept into Goering's panzers and that was the last those Germans saw of that part of Sicily.

But the work of the medics was not yet done. The wounded had to be evacuated through considerable artillery fire to the beaches.

The medics, apparently, do not talk much about their job that day, and other like days. They don't boast, except for one thing—the fact that not one wounded man died in the aid posts. They were all able to be removed to a hospital, although some did die later.

The things they talked about were matters removed from the line. Like the time a captain acted as midwife to a Sicilian woman; and the time a corporal removed a bullet from the back of a nursing mother.



Dedicated to our American Comrades If we would fight for truth and right We must expect some scars, And we must learn to bear the Stripes If we would wear the Stars. Anon.

Finland's Big Fear Is Soviet's Occupation

By Robert Sturdevant Associated Press War Correspondent

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 14—A guarantee against Russian occupation of Finland—which the Finns fear more than anything else—would be the first essential in any peace negotiations with the Soviet government, in the view of Finnish circles here.

There is no doubt the Finnish nation wants peace. It has been disillusioned by a partner in arms whose fortunes grow steadily worse.

It has been confronted by another stern warning from its one-time good friend, the United States, that the time has come to stop collaborating with the Nazis.

Yet its government is as reluctant as ever to pursue the matter. Its attitude is still the same as it was when the little republic chose to cast its lot with Germany against the so-called "Red menace."

To the Russians the present Finnish government is anathema. President Rysto Ryti, a banker, and Vaino Tanner, acting Premier, a Social Democrat boss and a fierce critic of the Soviet Union, both steadfastly declined to make concessions prior to the winter war of 1940-41 and thus, in the Russian view, were responsible for that war.

War Within a War

To the average Finn, the Russo-Finnish war is a thing apart from the world conflict. He considers Finland as simply a co-belligerent of Germany in a "war within a war." The Finns resent any suggestion that their country is a satellite of the Axis—despite the presence there of seven Nazi divisions.

In some quarters there is a suggestion that Finland now is willing to accept the 1940 boundaries established after the winter war defeat. It would resist, however, any renewed Russian demand for the naval base at Hangoe, which the Soviet Union obtained on a 30-year lease under the 1940 peace terms.

If Finland went to the 1940 frontier, she would relinquish Vipuri, vital port for the wood products of eastern Finland, and also the greater part of her fertile agricultural land, in a country predominantly forest and glacial rock.

Regardless of what Finland does, the chances are the Germans will not withdraw. This would mean another Italy, except that the Finns certainly would hesitate to accept any assistance from the Russians in throwing out the Germans, as the British and Americans are attempting to do in Italy.

One of the main reasons why the Germans must remain in the country is their need to protect the nickel, copper and molybdenum resources in northern Finland. Concentrated in the north, they would doubtless form a defensive line across Finland, protecting the Petsamo mines and the Barents Sea outlet through which ores pass down the Norwegian coast to the Reich.

Big Supply Problem

One great stumbling block to peace with Russia is Finland's problem of supply. Germany has contributed much to her sustenance. In 1943 the Finns got their full quota of 2,000,000 tons of coal and 250,000 tons of coke from the Germans. In addition, vital food supplies were provided.

Finland's current reserves are estimated to be sufficient to last until September. Without the German supplies Finland's food and fuel position would be extremely difficult.

The Allies would be unable to supply Finland if Germany pulled out. Sweden, although undoubtedly willing to do her best for her sister nation, probably could offer only limited help.

Notes from the Air Force

A Fortress navigator, 2/Lt. Theodore W. Bozarth, of Mt. Holly, N.J., was offered relief from further combat duty after he had completed one mission more than the regular tour, but he declined the offer.

"The navigator, more than any other member of a combat crew, increases his skill and knowledge with each mission," Bozarth explained. "That's because he becomes more familiar with landmarks in enemy territory, and so can more easily guide the pilots."

"I believe the things I have learned should be put to use for the crews which are continuing to hammer Nazi targets."

A routine test flight over their Fortress base nearly ended in a serious injury for Sgt. James R. Abrell, of Vincennes, Ind., top-turret gunner, and it caused a lot of seating for the pilot, 2/Lt. John W. Mayek, of Stevens Point, Wis. Abrell got his arm caught in the lower turret door, and the crew had to keep flying in circles for more than two hours until they were able to release him. Otherwise, his hand would have been clipped off when the bombe landed.

Mayek tried cracking the turret door open with a fire extinguisher, and then tried juggling Abrell's arm. Finally, disengage the gears by step on how to crew members loosened the door and released the arm. "I'd just as soon fly 25 missions over Germany," Mayek said, "than go through that experience again."

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Psst! Navy, I would a word with you!"



Cage Roundup

Unlucky '13' Trips Iowa As Purdue Takes Lead



Four Major Conferences Crown Champions; Cadets Unbeaten

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—The "13" jinx caught up with Iowa's Hawkeyes over the weekend and when the shooting ended Iowa was nestled in a four-way tie for second place in the Big Ten basketball race instead of firmly atop the field.

The Hawkeyes, gunning for their 13th straight victory, fell before a second-half rally by Ohio State, 63-49, Friday, and followed the same pattern again Saturday, losing 56-42.

Iowa State is unbeaten in the Big Six and probably will remain that way unless Oklahoma is able to reserve a previous score and force a playoff for the title when they meet Feb. 28.

North Carolina sailed through the informal competition of the Southern Conference and Washington and California have clinched the northern and southern halves of the Pacific Coast.

Dartmouth made a clean sweep in the Eastern League and was the first team in the nation to grab a conference title. This marks the seventh consecutive year that the Hanover Indians have captured their circuit crown.

Aud Brindley, Dartmouth captain, survived a belated bid by Princeton's Mike Shinkarik to win the individual scoring championship.

Although no official standings are being tabulated in the Southeastern Conference, Kentucky definitely is the class of the loop with 13 victories and one defeat. Georgia Tech has 11 and two and Tulane 12 and three.

Great Lakes and the Olathe Flyers boast 19-game winning marches, while the Norfolk Naval Training Station added the scalp of North Carolina to its impressive list. Camp Grant whacked Northwestern as Otto Graham, the Wildcats' All-American grid and cage ace, bowed out of collegiate competition to start naval training at Colgate.

The week's biggest surprises were Illinois' triumph over DePaul, 55-33, and Doane's success against Iowa Pre-Flight, 51-38. The Oklahoma Aggies bumped into more service trouble, losing a sizzler to Hutchinson Naval Air Station, 27-26.

On the Pacific Coast, Gonzaga got sweet revenge for an earlier humiliation by stopping Whitman twice, 59-32 and 57-41. Eastern pace setters, in addition to Army, include St. John's of Brooklyn with 12 and two, Muhlenberg with 16 and two and Canisius with 13 and three.

Army Rejects Leonard, Nats' Knuckleball Ace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—The selective service news shows that Emil "Dutch" Leonard, Washington Senator knuckleball pitcher, has been rejected by the Army due to an old ankle injury.

Jake Early, Washington first-stringer catcher, passed his physical at Camp Croft, S.C. Bill Lee, former Cub pitcher sold to the Phillies last year, has notified the club he has been reclassified 1-A.

Tulane to Play Notre Dame NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14—Tulane and Notre Dame will open a home-and-home football series next fall, Dr. Wilbur Smith, Tulane athletic director, said.

Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features

Can Pukka Gin Break Sonny's Jinx?

Whitney Still Seeks First Winner In Derby

(This is the first of a series of stories on outstanding candidates for the Kentucky Derby to be run at Churchill Downs, Ky., May 6.)

By Frank Eck Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—They may have put the hex on Lt. Col. C. V. "Sonny" Whitney's Pukka Gin by tabbing the long-striding son of Firehorn as a good thing for the Kentucky Derby.

C. V., who came through the battle of El Alamein without a scratch in 1942, hopes he doesn't have to apply the word scratch to his two-year-old star of last season. The colonel has had all kinds of luck in racing, but when it comes Derby Day it's all bad.

Few forget the best two horses he has ever owned—Equipoise and the filly Top Flight, two of the greatest of all time. Both were made Derby future book favorites, but neither reached the barrier.

Ekkie, still among the all-time money winners with \$338,610 won on the strength of 29 triumphs in 51 starts, was all set to cop the 1931 Derby, but on the eve of the race he wrenched his back in his stall.

He didn't go to the post the rest of '31, but he proved his greatness in 1932 by winning his first seven starts, losing his eighth by a neck when he gave away 23



Sonny Whitney

pounds to Plucky Play in the Arlington Handicap. "The greatest horse I ever raced," says Whitney. Ekkie's mile in 1:34 2/5 at Arlington still stands as the fastest on record.

Then there was Top Flight. She won all seven starts as a two-year-old in 1931,

Hamas to Referee Tonight's 11-Bout Card at Rainbow

The usual order of procedure will be reversed at the Rainbow Corner tonight with the third man in the ring taking a large share of the spotlight. Reason for this switch is that tonight's referee is Capt. Steve Hamas, former contender for the world heavyweight crown now Special Service officer at an Eighth Air Force Service Command Station.

Revolta Ahead In Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 14—Johnny Revolta, Evanston, Ill., pro, posted a 72 yesterday to maintain his lead in the Texas Open golf championship with a 54-hole total of 205. Byron Nelson covered the rangy course in a sizzling 68 to climb within one stroke of Revolta.

Craig Wood, Willie Goggin and Ray Gafford clubbed out 67s for the best performances of the day. Harold "Jug" McSpaden, winner of the recent Phoenix Open, shot a 71 for a total of 210.

Hockey Results

Cleveland 9, Providence 4 Buffalo 5, Hershey 1 Indianapolis 3, Pittsburgh 1

Connie Mack Doesn't Want Oldsters Playing for Athletics

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14—There'll be no oldsters on hand to keep him company this year, Connie Mack, 81-year-old patriarch of the Philadelphia Athletics, declared today.

Mack, the oldest active field manager in baseball, asserted there is no room on his team for retired players who quit baseball several years ago and now desire to return because of the manpower shortage.

"We don't need them and we don't want them," Mack declared. "I would rather try to get along with 15-year-old boys."

With tongue in cheek, the Ole Man of baseball said he feared some of the old timers might "get beaten by fly balls if they attempt to come back after years of inactivity."

"Don't worry about baseball this year and don't worry about the brand of ball," he predicted. "The teams will be just as good as they were last year and the competition will be pretty even."



Connie Mack

Equipoise and Top Flight Were His Best

and her \$219,000 in earnings was tops that year. But when the run for the roses rolled around in 1932 Top Flight wasn't ready to argue with colts.

Placed back in competition with the fillies, Top Flight took down five purses out of nine and in her brief career of two seasons she won \$275,900.

Dad Won Derby Twice She was better than Regret, the only filly ever to win the Derby. Regret, incidentally, ran for Sonny's father, Harry Payne Whitney, in the same famous Eton blue and brown-topped silks. She scored in 1915. Whiskery, 1927 Derby winner, also was owned by Sonny's father, whose colors won four million dollars in 25 years and led the turf's money winners six different times.

Sonny's aunt, Mrs. Payne Whitney, owner of the famous Greentree stable, also has won the Derby twice—with Twenty Grand in 1931 and Shut Out in 1942. Now Sonny comes up with Pukka Gin, his best possibility since the days of Equipoise and Top Flight.

Pukka Gin may not belong in the same breath with Ekkie and Top Flight, but the Gin impressed in several races last fall. He made Platter look like a plater in the mile Champagne at Belmont and other trailers in the race were Occup; the Futurity winner, Pensive and Pressure. Later in the Ardsley, at Jamaica, Pukka Gin bowed to Weyanoke but came on fast after being about 15 lengths out of it.

Canucks' Rally Ties Hawks, 2-2

Loss Keeps Chicago From Climbing to Fourth Place in Loop CHICAGO, Feb. 14—The League-leading Montreal Canadiens rallied in the final period to gain a 2-2 standoff with the Chicago Black Hawks here last night in a National Hockey League game. The late Montreal surge kept the Hawks from climbing into a fourth place tie with the Boston Bruins.

Mush March drove the Hawks out front midway through the first period

Hockey League Standings table with columns for team, W, L, T, Pts.

when he scored on a pass from Cully Dahlstrom, and George Allen registered the second Chicago goal. After a scoreless second period, Leo Lamoureux sparked the Canadiens as they skated to a pair of rapid counters. He scored unassisted at 7:29, and passed to Maurice Richard for the tying goal.

Leafs Come Back To Stop Rangers, 6-3

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—The Toronto Maple Leafs toyed with Gotham fans by spotting the hapless New York Rangers a two-goal margin in the first period, then handed the Rangers their 29th defeat of the current National Hockey League season, 6-3, here last night.

Ott Heller and Jack Mahaffy grabbed an early lead for the Rangers with quick goals in the first period. But the Leafs bounded back on markers by Herb Kennedy, Johnny Morris and Gus Bodnar during the last five minutes.

In the second stanza, Lorne Carr counted for Toronto; Heller scored again for the Rangers, and Bill Boothman added a point to the Leaf side of the ledger. Carr tallied the final Toronto goal.

Wings Smack Bruins, 4-1

BOSTON, Feb. 14—The high-riding Detroit Red Wings, who have lost only two games in their last 14, capitalized on defensive lapses to beat the Boston Bruins, 4-1, before 14,000 fans at Boston Garden last night.

Bill Jennings and Hal Jackson tallied for the Wings in the first period, and Bill Quackenbush and Carl Liscombe added a pair of goals in the third stanza. The lone Bruin marker came in the closing minutes of the last session.

For a long-distance forecaster, we give you Seaman Danny Varga, the Navy tailback in the annual Army-Navy Lily Bowl game in Bermuda. Four days before the game Varga applied for a three-day pass. The reason for his request was, "to celebrate the Navy victory." Navy won it, 19-0, and Varga was a big factor.

During an off night, the Detroit Red Wings went up to Kingston, Ont., and took on the Kingston Frontenac Army in an exhibition hockey game. The Wings trailed all through the game till the final period when a Kingston defenseman piled Detroit's star, Mud Bruneteau, into the boards with undue harshness. Detroit hung up nine counters in the closing minutes to blast the Army boys, 11-3.

Lt. Bo Molenda, who coached San Diego Naval Training station, which beat Southern Cal., has been transferred to duty in the South Pacific. . . Lt. Buddy Lewis, who once starred in the Washington Senator infield, is now a pilot of a paratroop-carrying transport overseas.

The high-scoring trend in basketball took a nose dive the other night in two games. Purdue ran all over Minnesota in a Big Ten game, 43-17, with the Gophers hitting only four field goals during the entire game; but Penn State and Pitt did even better or worse, depending on how you look at it. Penn State beat Pitt, 15-12, and only seven field goals were tossed in by both clubs, State getting four and Pitt three.

Texas oil millionaires have offered to put it on the line to expand the Cotton Bowl Stadium to a seating capacity of 100,000 after the war. . . The real effect of Navy and Marine trainees on the continuance of Big Ten football was realized when it was announced that no less than 268 of them played in the loop during the season.

And on the shifting personnel front, the Naval Armed Guard Gunners are members of the metropolitan hockey league in New York. They have used 55 players since the season opened in November. Only two of the original squad are still on the team. . . Frankie Sinkwich, who was discharged from the Marines and played in the Detroit pro Lions backfield, says that he was faster this past season than ever before.

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By Al Capp



# No Man's Land Of Mines Left At Leningrad

### Scoured Areas Combed By Sappers; Eyewitness Tells of Devastation

By Duncan Hooper  
Reuter Staff Correspondent

LENINGRAD, Feb. 14—The biggest single stretch of no-man's land on the world's fighting front is just outside Leningrad. I have just been over it—a vast area littered with German equipment worth thousands upon thousands of dollars.

ARP workers from Leningrad—the people who withstood the German siege—and Red Army sappers swarm over it trying to clear the wreckage of war from a huge stretch of countryside extending over scores of square miles, thick with mines, with not a single habitable house and without a cultivated field.

In the center is the former German defense belt in which a series of strong-points in some sectors went back more than 25 miles.

#### Ancient Palaces Looted

On either side are stretches of marshland and blistered country in which ancient palaces, counted among the most treasured of Russia's links with the past, are looted and in ruins.

I have spent two days touring this no-man's land where the slightest deviation from trodden-out snow paths is likely to mean instant death.

From only three miles of roadway Russian sappers lifted more than 5,000 mines. In the work of clearing the most essential highways for traffic to the front they have so far lifted within sight of the city 200,000 mines, and according to Red Army officers specializing in this work the grand total eventually will eclipse Stalingrad's 1,000,000 mines and unexploded shells.

Near the highways leaving the city, gangs of women are engaged in the double task of removing barricades and putting up wire fences to prevent civilians straying on to known minefields which cannot be cleared immediately.

My tour of the battlefield was conducted in single file with frequent warnings to tread in the footprints of the person in front and punctuated by the boom of mines exploded by demolition squads.

#### Girls Help Clear Area

Groups of girls wearing the Leningrad defense medal, with cheeks reddened by biting winds from the Gulf of Finland, are helping to remove and stack up the mines.

I drove out of Leningrad past shell-torn houses, passed through a series of huge barricades of logs, earth and stones and within a few minutes was standing in the former German advanced positions, which at this point were only just under three miles in a direct line from the center of the city—the nearest the Germans ever got to Leningrad.

The Kirov arms factory, which carried on throughout the heaviest shelling, was silhouetted within sitting-bird range. The Germans hurled up to 1,500 shells a day into Leningrad, and during one particularly vicious 24-hour bombardment of the city the records showed a total of 2,600 shells.

German batteries emplaced in heights and in woods shelled the city over a range of 20 miles. The biggest guns were 406 mm., which were in the rear with lighter artillery in forward positions. In the woods southwest of the city I examined a huge German gun firing 200-pound shells. It had been practically split in two by a direct hit from a Soviet shell or bomb. There were hundreds of guns of varying calibers used for bombarding the city in this sector.

#### 3 Postmaster Nominations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—President Roosevelt nominated the following to be postmasters: Martin A. Baggall, Hays, Kan.; Albert R. Hinkle, Clearfield, Pa.; and Wayland B. Eathered, Pampas, Tex. Nominations must be confirmed by the Senate.

#### AFN Radio Program

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**Tuesday, Feb. 15**

1100—GI Jive.  
1115—Personal Album with Jean O'Neill.  
1130—Happy Norman's Ranch House.  
1200—Band of H.M. Royal Marines.  
1230—Andre Kostelanetz.  
1255—Quiet Moment.  
1300—World News (BBC).  
1310—Barracks Bag.  
1400—Visiting Hour—Aldrich Family.  
1430—Sign off until 1700 hours.

1700—Sign On—Spotlight on Boyd Raeburn.  
1715—Showtime with Linda Darnell.  
1730—Program Resume and Gay Nineties.  
1800—World News (BBC).  
1810—GI Supper Club.  
1900—Seven O'Clock Spots.  
1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.  
1930—Boxing Bout—From the Rainbow Corner, with Sgt. Marty Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.

2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.  
2010—Fred Waring Program.  
2025—Miniature.  
2030—Burns and Allen.  
2100—World News (BBC).  
2115—Music in Three Quarter Time.  
2125—Into Battle—A BBC Dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.  
2135—Duffy's Tavern.  
2200—March of the Movies (BBC).  
2230—One Night Stand with Henry Busse.  
2255—Final Edition.  
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Feb. 16.

# Pacific's Hot Pilot



Associated Press Photo  
Marine 1/Lt. Robert Hanson, of Newtonville, Mass., shot down four more Jap planes last week to bring his total to 18 and become one of the leading U.S. pilots in the Southwest Pacific. Early last month Hanson had his first "field day" when he was credited with five planes destroyed in a single operation.

# Russians Find Bodies of 1,200

### Two Ditches Yield Grisly Evidence of New Nazi Mass Murder

MOSCOW, Feb. 14 (Reuter)—Two deep ditches containing the bodies of 1,200 Russian citizens murdered by the Germans have been discovered by Red Army men northeast of Zvenigorodka, south of the Kaniev trap, Moscow Radio said today.

"The men and women were evidently deprived of their clothes and shot with machine guns, while the children were buried alive and died of suffocation," the report added. "In the market place of Zvenigorodka the Germans publicly shot 130 Soviet men who had escaped from forced labor. In all, 2,100 peaceful citizens were shot by the Germans in Zvenigorodka, while 6,000 were driven away for slave labor."

# U.S. Clinic Set Up To Turn Drunkard Into an Ardent Dry

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 14 (UP)—The first American clinic to cope with "the serious problem of war-time drinking" has been established here. It is sponsored by the Yale Laboratory of Applied Psychology and the Connecticut Prison Association.

Dr. E. M. Jelinek, director of the laboratory's section on alcoholic studies, said the main objects of the clinic were to:

- 1—Cure the drunkard and help him regain his usefulness to the community.
- 2—Ease the economic burden imposed by the present treatment of drunkards.
- 3—Ease the crowding of state prisons.
- 4—Acquaint the public with the after-effects of habitual drunkenness.

The clinic will be staffed by psychiatrists, a psychologist, a social worker and a clerk. Yale emphasized that the clinic would not be a hospital in which drunkards would sober up.

# Beckham Awarded DSC For Heroism on Oct. 10

Maj. Walter C. Beckham, P47 pilot and leading ace in the ETO with 18 enemy planes destroyed, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action over Europe Oct. 10, 1943, while serving as flight leader on a mission escorting withdrawing bombers.

"Maj. Beckham destroyed, at unfavorable altitude, two enemy aircraft as a result of his aggressiveness and the viciousness of his attacks," the citation said. "Though almost out of ammunition and with a dwindling fuel supply, he voluntarily engaged two additional aircraft. One of the planes he destroyed with the last of his ammunition and the other he drove from the combat area by simulated attack."

# Terry and the Pirates



# NEWS FROM HOME ARC Striving To Get Aid to Japs' Captives

### It Admits Enemy Policies Must Change, However, if Effort Is to Succeed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—The American Red Cross gave assurances tonight that it would spare no effort to get relief supplies to American prisoners in the Orient.

However, the Red Cross admitted that Jap policies would have to change drastically if the efforts were to be successful. In the first 13 months of the war, 167 cables pertaining to relief for war prisoners were sent to Japan, but none was acknowledged.

It was announced that 1,500 tons of urgently needed supplies for prisoners now were in warehouses at Vladivostok, Russia, where the Japanese agreed to pick them up. The supplies have been there since April, 1943.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—Parents and wives of Americans imprisoned by the Japanese have appealed to the Senate Military Affairs Committee for aid to men held in the Philippines. The appeal was led by Dr. V. H. Spensley, of Albuquerque, N.M., head of the newly-formed National Federated Bataan Relief Organization. The relatives of Jap-held prisoners of war pleaded that "aid somehow be gotten to the boys."

# S.D. Finally Gets Its Chair

SIoux FALLS, S.D., Feb. 14—South Dakota finally is getting the electric chair it has been seeking for four years. In 1939, the Legislature approved capital punishment but failed to provide funds for the chair. Then last year, when funds were voted, the State ran into priority trouble and couldn't get the chair. However, G. Norton Jamesson, warden of the State Prison, said the chair would be installed this week to electrocute Jacob F. Heinzmann, who murdered his wife.

# Still Cloudy

CHICAGO, Feb. 14—Investigators of the murder of Mrs. Adele Born Williams lost a possible clue because of the weather. Police received a phone call from a man who said he had "valuable information" about the three-week-old slaying. A meeting was arranged, then came a second phone call. The caller said: "Due to the weather, over which I have no control, I will be unable to meet you."

# Police Shooed Him Off

MARIETTA, Ga., Feb. 14—Cobb County police are hunting a barefooted moonshiner with a No. 9 shoe. When police overtook his car, the suspect fled, leaving his shoes and 20 gallons of boot-leg liquor.

# President's Kin Under Knife

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14—Mrs. James Roosevelt, wife of Lt. Col. Roosevelt, son of the President, underwent a major operation at St. Vincent's Hospital. Doctors said she would be released in about ten days.

# Fire at Michigan Capitol

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 14—A police guard was thrown around the State Capitol after a fire of undetermined origin raged for an hour yesterday in the waste-paper baling room of the Capitol. Only minor damage was caused.

# The Lisbon Story—Straight From the Ouija Board 80 U.S. Divisions in Russia, Portuguese Colonel Declares

LISBON, Feb. 14 (UP)—Lt. Col. Lelo Portela, a Portuguese military commentator, started Lisbon today with an assertion that 350 Allied divisions were on the Russian front, 80 of which were American.

In an article given great prominence in the newspaper O Seculo, he estimated that in addition to the Americans, 150 Fighting French, 95 British, 15 Polish and ten other divisions were in Russia.

Declaring that the Allies would have a two-to-one superiority in terms of divisions for the invasion, Col. Portela said that the Nazis had 325 divisions in the West, while the Allies had 710.

The decisive battles for Europe, he predicted, would be fought out in Thrace (Greece) and along the Channel coast from Brest, France, to Jutland, off Denmark.

The Allies also will launch several diversionary blows to keep the Axis forces spread out, such as an offensive in the Balkans by way of Yugoslavia, and on Norway and Italy, he said.

Allied air superiority, Col. Portela said, is four to one and their naval superiority is overwhelming. "We see, then," he concluded, "that the Allies have naval, air and land superiority on all fronts, keeping the mass for a breakthrough to follow up a penetration in depth."

# Harmon Anything but Lost Here



Associated Press Photo  
Lt. Tommy Harmon, Michigan All-American, twice lost in the Pacific, greets film-stress Elyse Knox in Chicago on their way to visit his parents at Ann Arbor. Asked about a wedding, Elyse said she'd known him three years but he'd been away two and a half, so . . .

# Charlie Chaplin Gives Self Up

### He's Fingerprinted, Then Photographed—Despite Scowls and Protests

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14—Charlie Chaplin, indicted last week by a federal grand jury on a charge of violating the Mann Act by transporting 16-year-old Joan Barry to New York, surrendered at the U.S. marshal's office today.

After the comedian was fingerprinted, a preliminary hearing was fixed for next Monday.

Chaplin, wearing a cream sports jacket, tan slacks, a yellow pullover and a sports shirt, and carrying a brown overcoat, ran a gauntlet of a double line of photographers, reporters and fans as he went into the fingerprint room.

He scowled at the cameras and told the lensmen, "I don't want my photograph taken while I am being fingerprinted." But U.S. Attorney Carr declared, "He's no different than anyone else," whereupon the cameramen went to work.

As Chaplin came out of the fingerprint room, a few women hissed and a few muttered, "You rat." Chaplin ignored them.

# Mr. O'Brien Comes To Town

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—A Hindu seaman from South Africa kept police busy with his "confession" that he had killed a girl in Scotland. When Glasgow authorities said there was no record of such a crime, the sailor admitted he had been drinking and "dreamed up" the story. He gave his name as David O'Brien—and swore to it.

# Russo-Finnish Talks Reported

### Ex-Minister to Russia Is Said to Have Submitted Peace Plan Already

Despite strict secrecy surrounding the presence in Stockholm of Juho Paasikivi, veteran Finnish statesman and former minister to Moscow, Scandinavian capitals buzzed yesterday with unconfirmed rumors that Paasikivi already had submitted peace proposals to Russia.

The former prime minister ostensibly was in Stockholm with his wife on a private visit, but United Press cabled a flat report, quoting a reliable source, that Paasikivi was sent by the Finnish government to get in touch with Russian officials in an attempt to make peace.

The same source said the Finns informed Washington of Paasikivi's status before he left Helsinki.

Allied newsmen in the Swedish capital presumed Paasikivi was there to talk with Mme. Kollontay, the Russian ambassador to Stockholm. A secretary said the Soviet representative was confined to her room in a hotel at Saltsjobaden, 50 miles from the capital, with a cold.

Meanwhile, a Reuter dispatch, quoting "two independent and usually reliable sources," listed this three-point program as Russia's minimum peace terms: 1—Return to the 1940 line with slight modification in Russia's favor; 2—occupation of all large Finnish towns, but Finnish administration to be maintained; 3—a Finnish cabinet shuffle eliminating the more anti-Russian members.

# Boy With 4 Arms, 4 Legs Made Normal in Operation

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 14 (AP)—Through an operation described as a "miracle of modern medicine and science," a 12-year-old boy, a partial Siamese twin, has become a normal, healthy schoolboy, the Winnipeg Tribune said in a copyright story.

Born with two extra arms and two extra legs, an extra liver and two extra kidneys, but a single head and one heart, he underwent a delicate operation last October at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Six weeks later he was normal, except that he appeared to have the intelligence of a youth of 18 or 19.

# Heaven Forbid

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 14—John Jacob Niles, of Lexington, Ky., an authority on folk ballads, warns that the juke-box jingle "Mairzy Doats" is composed of "so-called nonsense refrains that have been well known for centuries and might hang around for centuries."

# By Milton Caniff

