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Two Nazi River Bastions Fall to Reds

U.S. Heavies Strike Close To Frankfurt

B26s, Fighter-Bombers Hit Airfields, Rail Targets in France

Eighth and Ninth Air Force bombers and fighters pounded targets from the Pas de Calais to western Germany in daylight yesterday.

Fortresses and Liberators slugged their way through bad weather and icing conditions to bomb targets in the Frankfurt area of western Germany, with virtually no opposition from enemy fighters.

Six bombers and eight fighters were reported missing.

Marauder medium bombers meanwhile kept up their pounding of military objectives in the Pas de Calais area, and also struck at the Creil railway center just north of Paris, losing two planes.

Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers hit three Luftwaffe airfields in northern France—at Abbeville, Poix and Conches—all without loss.

Second in 12 Hours

As the escorted Forts and Libs roared out in the early morning light, some units were taking the air for the second time in little more than 12 hours. Late Sunday, Fortress and Marauder formations slipped across the Channel to make precision attacks on Pas de Calais military objectives which may have been rocket gun emplacements. One B17 and one B26 were reported missing.

Other Sunday operations included attacks by Eighth and Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers on Nazi airfields in the occupied countries and Eighth Air Force Mustang sweeps over the Continent.

Frankfurt Through Clouds

The Forts and Libs, in what officially was described as "medium" strength, bombed through solid clouds in the Frankfurt area attack and at other targets in western Germany. Several formations flew on instruments the entire time they were over the target.

It was the fourth attack in six days on the Reich itself for the heavies whose blows have been augmented by Fortress and Liberator attacks from Italian bases. On Sunday the strongest force of B17s and B24s ever seen in the Mediterranean theater hit Graz and Klagenfurt, in southern Austria, and Knin and Metrovik, in Yugoslavia.

"It was instrument weather today," said 1/Lt. Thomas J. MacMore, of Houston, Tex., lead bombardier of one Fortress formation. "Our group saw no enemy fighters but the flak was pretty (Continued on page 4)

700 Mi. of Britain's Coastline Restricted as Invasion Prelude

As a prelude to the invasion of Europe, more than 700 miles of England's southern and eastern coastline has been declared a "protected area" with severe limitations on all civilian movements effective April 1. The great Firth of Forth naval base is included in the order, issued yesterday by the British military, which stated succinctly that it was for "operational reasons."

The government also has announced that train service may be suspended in the future without public notice.

With but a few exceptions—and authorities will exercise rigid control over these—no one except persons who reside in the area will be permitted to enter a ten-mile belt which extends from Wash, in the middle of the east coast, to Land's End, England's southwestern extremity.

The order will have the two-fold effect of clearing coastal communications for use by the military moving troops and supplies for invasion, and of keeping snoopers out of the English coastal area opposite enemy-held Holland, Belgium and France.

Persons unable to explain their presence in the "protected area" will be ejected and subject to a \$400 fine and three months' imprisonment.

The order requires all persons in the area over 16 years of age, whether resident or not, to carry his identification card and prohibits binoculars and telescopes.

State Heads Reassure President on Troop Vote

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20—Forty-two governors have replied to President Roosevelt's query about service voting, and the trend of their opinion appears to be that state ballots distributed under federal machinery would permit most servicemen and women to vote.

Virtually all governors emphasized to vote, and expressed their belief that their states wanted the services state ballots would be adequate if the government would undertake to get them overseas.

Meanwhile, New York State and Arizona sent vote bills to their governors, Vermont's governor signed a measure to permit use of a federal ballot, New Hampshire's legislature met in special session to enact a service ballot law, and Gov. Prentice Cooper, of Tennessee, announced "constitutional difficulties" would make it virtually impossible for Tennesseans outside the state to vote.

President Roosevelt's informal poll, asking for information to guide him in his decision whether to approve or veto (veto deadline is Mar. 25) the measure passed by Congress last week, consisted of two questions:

1—Will the use of federal ballots as provided in the bill be authorized by state law?

2—If not, do you (governor) think steps would be taken in time to make use of the ballots legal?

Six state governors replied that they would accept federal ballots from the armed services—California, Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Kansas.

Governors of 13 states said no legislative action was planned to validate federal ballots even if the President signed the measure now before him. They indicated that state legislation would meet the service problem. These were Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, (Continued on page 4)

Icy Wave Fatal To 22 in the East

Traffic Snarled as Heavy Snows Hit U.S. From Seaboard to Utah

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—Heavy snow blanketed the U.S. from New England to Utah today, last day of winter, piling up to a depth of seven inches in Kansas and confronting New York City with the year's worst snowdrifts.

At least 22 deaths from cold were reported as temperatures dropped below zero along the Eastern Seaboard.

At Passaic, N.J., at least 15 people were believed to have perished in a bus which skidded off a bridge and plunged into the Passaic River in a sleet storm early Monday morning. Six passengers were rescued through an emergency door in the rear.

Trains entering New York railway stations from the West were two and three hours late, while traffic was virtually halted because blocked streets were still being cleared late tonight by inadequate city street crews.

All flights from LaGuardia Field were canceled.

The New York Weather Bureau predicted snow and cold winds would continue on the Seaboard most of the day.

Snow fell all night in New England at the rate of an inch an hour. In New York City, where strong winds drifted the all-night storm in high piles, the snow turned to sleet shortly after daybreak to leave ice-coated streets for early-morning workers.

Freezing weather in states neighboring Kansas caused crop experts to fear damage to fruit trees. A blizzard swept Utah, and Texas reported extremely cold winds.

Henry Ford Predicts War Will End in Two Months

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 20 (AP)—Henry Ford said he believed the war would be over in two months, but added, "I can't tell my reasons."

Asked to comment on the post-war problem, he said: "Laziness and idleness are the cause of all the world's troubles. By idleness I mean idle land as well as idle people. There are millions of idle acres in the world. The way I see it, greed, creeds and boundary lines must go."

Some Headache

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 20—Albert Lauve, director of the New Orleans Hospital pharmacy department, and his aides manufacture three and one-half million pills each year for hospital use. "It's a nerve-wracking job," Lauve said. "But we make our own aspirin."

Mogilev and Vinnitsa Seized; Soviets 80 Mi. From Carpathians

Russians Widen Dniester Bridgehead, Press Near Balti; Seizure of Strategic Highway Threatens Foe's Lwow Defense Line

Vinnitsa, the Germans' Bug river base 120 miles southwest of Kiev, and Mogilev Podolsk, the Dniester rail junction commanding the river's principal crossing, fell to the Russians yesterday as Marshal Ivan Koniev's advance forces in Bessarabia widened their bridgehead on the Dniester's west bank and pushed within sight of the Carpathians 80 miles distant.

Even as Koniev's army drove forward across the easy, undulating terrain beyond the Dniester toward the rail center of Balti, 30 miles away, Nazi defenses in Tarnopol were reported crumbling and Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First Ukrainian Army brought its lines closer to the big German base at Lwow, in Poland, by seizing the highway between Dubno and Brody, 50 miles northeast of Lwow.

Meanwhile newsmen in Moscow heard unconfirmed reports that the Germans had begun evacuating the Crimea under pressure of the Russian Black Sea fleet air arm, and Berlin dispatches carried by Axis-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau said the Red Army had nearly completed preparations for a giant new offensive on the northern front.

'Stream of Troops'

"A continual stream of troops and material has been brought up during the last few weeks to the Orsha, Nevel, Polotsk, Pskov and Narva sectors and the Germans expect an offensive at any moment," the agency reported.

Fall of Mogilev Podolsk and Vinnitsa was announced by Marshal Stalin in two orders of the day an hour apart last night.

Mogilev Podolsk, 60 miles south of Vinnitsa, took from the Germans one of

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the three Dniester crossings they needed to withdraw their troops from the Nikolayev and Odessa area; the others are near Slobodka and Tiraspol, 80 and 130 miles downriver to the southeast.

The city, on the Dniester's east bank, is a funnel through which passes the Kiev-Cernavta railway and another line running south to Balti and thence to the Rumanian Danube port of Galatz. Balti, 30 miles southwest of Soroca, on the Dniester, which the Red Army already holds, is a junction for lines from Zimierinka, Jassy (the Nazi GHQ), Slobodka and Odessa.

Vinnitsa, virtually surrounded for two days since the capture of Zimierinka, 25 miles to the southwest, fell to a frontal assault combined with an outflanking movement.

'Giant Encirclement'

Moscow dispatches last night described Koniev's trans-Dniester drive as a "big push to clear the remnants of the Ukraine, outflank Odessa and confront Field Marshal Fritz von Manstein with yet another giant encirclement."

These said Soviet armored columns, including numbers of giant mobile guns, already were in action across the river, battering retreating German units and clearing a path to the Pruth river 40 miles away. The Pruth marked the Russo-Rumanian frontier in 1940 after the U.S.R. took over Bessarabia.

Newsmen in the Russian capital said the speed and daring of Koniev's thrust from Uman beyond the Dniester amazed Moscow. Russians described it as "fantastic" and forecast that it would pave the way for "the long-sought battle of annihilation" against Von Manstein's army.

Warns U.S. Can't Carry Load of Feeding World

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—America cannot be expected to carry the load of post-war relief feeding, War Food Administrator Marvin Jones said last night.

Jones declared that U.S. foods available for export constituted only a small portion of requirements of the United Nations and liberated areas. He said it was necessary to remember that the U.S. "is not the food basket of the world."

Police Killer Captured

THORNTON, Ill., Mar. 20—Chief of Police Richard Loeschler shot it out with and captured Ralph Glover Clark, wanted in Kentucky for slaying a policeman, William Preston Bryant, in Louisville last August. Bryant was slain when he tried to question Clark about a stolen car.

Hitler Reported Sending Troops Into Hungary

Move Is Seen as German Action to Stem Alarm Created by Red Push

Reports from neutral capitals yesterday said that big German troop movements were underway in Hungary in a move to occupy the Balkan nation with troops and nip an "emergency" which might be created by Russian troops surging into Rumania—Hungary's eastern neighbor.

Last night it was stated telephone connections with Hungary were interrupted throughout the day, and since Sunday Hungary Radio has been broadcasting news from German sources only instead of the regular Hungarian news agency.

Heretofore no Nazi troops have been garrisoned in Hungary, but Germany was "accorded" transport facilities for her troops through Hungarian territory.

The Hungarian Regent, Adm. Teza Horthy, is believed to be at Hitler's headquarters getting "high-pressured" for new demands by the Nazis.

Last week a Berlin military spokesman was quoted by Reuter as to have said: "The German military effort in southeastern Europe will be considerably intensified."

Popular Front Seeks A Peace for Rumania

A seven-point program to take Rumania out of the war was announced yesterday by the nation's anti-Nazi Popular Front as Russian forces stream-

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Morgan, Medal of Honor Hero, Lost in First Berlin Day Raid

A FORTRESS' BASE, Mar. 20—1/Lt. John C. Morgan, of Amarillo, Tex., fifth man in the Eighth Air Force to win the Congressional Medal of Honor, failed to return after the first heavy daylight raid on Berlin, it was revealed today.

Over the German capital the B17 in which Morgan was co-pilot was leading an entire air division when it was hit by enemy fire.

According to 1/Lt. Walter M. Haynes, of Sanford, Ore., a close friend of Morgan's who was flying in the Fortress on the lead ship's wing, the crippled plane burst into flames and went into a dive.

Morgan, a six-foot, 200-pound redhead who fitted into the best tradition of American heroism, was awarded the highest U.S. award for valor as a flight officer when he brought back a crippled B17 from Hanover, Germany, on July 26, 1943. With his pilot mortally wounded by a 20mm. shell and deliriously fighting for the controls, "Red" Morgan went on to bomb the Hanover rubber factory. He fought with the dying pilot for 24 hours before his crewmen realized that he was in trouble.

That was the same bomber from which 2/Lt. Keith J. Koske, a navigator, toppled S/Sgt. Tyre C. Weaver out the nose hatch onto Germany after Weaver's arm had been shot off.



Associated Press Photo 'Red' Morgan

Lt. Morgan's family, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. L. Morgan, live on 52nd Street in New York.

To the Ground Soldier: Meet Your Air Forces

For the ground-force soldier who lives by squads, platoons, companies and on up the line, Air Forces' nomenclature doesn't always add up. In the days to come, ground troops are going to see a lot more of the Air Forces; hence, herewith an official glossary to operational terms:

A flight comprises three or more aircraft.

A squadron comprises two or more flights.

A group comprises three or more squadrons.

A wing comprises three or more groups.

A division's composition is unlimited, depending upon the number of groups available to be assigned to it.

A mission is an ordered operation against the enemy—dropping bombs, strafing, dropping parachute troops, diversions (missions intended to draw the enemy away from the main objective), taking photographs, etc.

A sortie is accomplished by a single aircraft when, on an ordered operation, it enters an area where the enemy's defense usually is active, or is on a mission in the course of which the aircraft is subjected to enemy attack. Thus, if 1,000 heavy bombers attack Germany, 1,000 sorties are accomplished.

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The Same Old Story

History is repeating itself again in this war and the Axis and her satellites are paying the cost of the lesson.

The dramatic story which has been unfolding for months came to a head with dramatic swiftness yesterday as Marshal Koniev's Second Ukrainian Army crossed the Dniester on a 30-mile front and started the march through Bessarabia, Rumanian-held territory before 1940.

It is a story of three rivers, the Dnieper, the Bug and the Dniester. Hitler ordered that the Dnieper Bend would be defended at any cost; he later announced the Nazis' intention of standing on the Bug positions which had been built into a supposedly strong defensive by the Todt Organization.

To Nazi generals the orders were strategically foolish and impossible tactically. The payment of Hitler's intuition is now being exacted in full by the Russians.

There has been a swift and deep advance on a 600-mile front. After springing the Dnieper trap, the Red Army advanced from the Dnieper to the Dniester as if the Bug had not existed.

The implications of this achievement are tremendous. Rumania cannot escape the fate that faces her. Yielding either to reason or force she must now soon detach herself from Germany and the parting will seriously reduce the sources of oil at Hitler's disposal and weaken his capacity to meet the all-out campaign that faces the Nazis.

Then, too, as the drive progresses and the last enemy soldiers are on their way out of the Ukraine, that area which provoked Hitler to comment in 1936, "If we had at our disposal the incalculable wealth and stores of raw materials of the Ural mountains and the unending fertile plains of the Ukraine to be exploited under National Socialist leadership, then we would produce and our German people would swim in plenty."

The Germans who saw the Ukraine are swimming—swimming in a sea of disaster that will soon engulf the Fatherland.

Investment in Security

The third anniversary of the Lend-Lease Act has passed with America pretty well agreed that it has been a good investment in security. In money and goods the U.S. has given considerably more than it has received; but with its dividend in American lives saved and in security for American homes thrown in the balance-sheet looks much better.

Commenting on Lend-Lease the New York Times remarked that "We can claim some small part in making effective the skill and courage of the Russian army. Indeed, she has had 27 per cent of all our Lend-Lease exports. The United Kingdom has had a gross total of a little over 42 per cent; but has turned over to us two billion dollars in reverse lend-lease."

And so in a statement endorsed at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, Lend-Lease it was agreed has been an "investment in security" that has paid for itself many times over.

Bells of Freedom

The sixth anniversary of Hitler's occupation of Czechoslovakia has just passed. Commenting on this fact, the New York Herald Tribune speaking editorially stated: "On an autumn night six years ago weeping people heard that their country had been delivered, defenseless, to barbarians. In darkened Prague on that night Czechs raged helplessly."

Now, at last, Czechs hear the call to arms in a world where Hitler and his like have spread war on every side. The Czech government in London appealed to its countrymen to strike for liberation; for "Bells of freedom are ringing almost on the frontier," claimed Czech leaders.

When the bells of freedom were muted in Prague grim silence spread across the face of the world; now that the first glad chimes may be heard again, "almost on the frontier," freedom is strengthened everywhere.

Hash Marks

This Week's Oldest Gag. Overheard in the Blackout: GI Joe: "Wow, you never kissed me like that before, Mary! Is it because of the blackout?" A Sweet Voice: "No, it's because my name isn't Mary!"

It's all in the point of view. A GI, recently transferred into a carrier pigeon outfit, was cleaning out the cages one



morning, singing happily at his work. A passing WAC stopped and commented, "My goodness, don't tell me you enjoy doing that!" "Baby," said the GI with a big, broad grin, "before I came here I was with the cavalry!"

Simile of the Week. As hard as finding a clean spot on a roller towel.

The sun rose today on a sadder but wiser corporal who belongs to a service command squadron. On leave in Scotland, he spotted a charming lass in a pub, stepped up and asked for a date for that evening. The sweet young miss replied that she was a bit reluctant to make the date because she had been stood up by Yanks before. Testifying to his good intentions, the corporal immediately offered to let the girl hold, until the eve, his railroad return ticket. Came dusk, came the corporal—but not the lassie. Lost: One return ticket, price £1 8s.

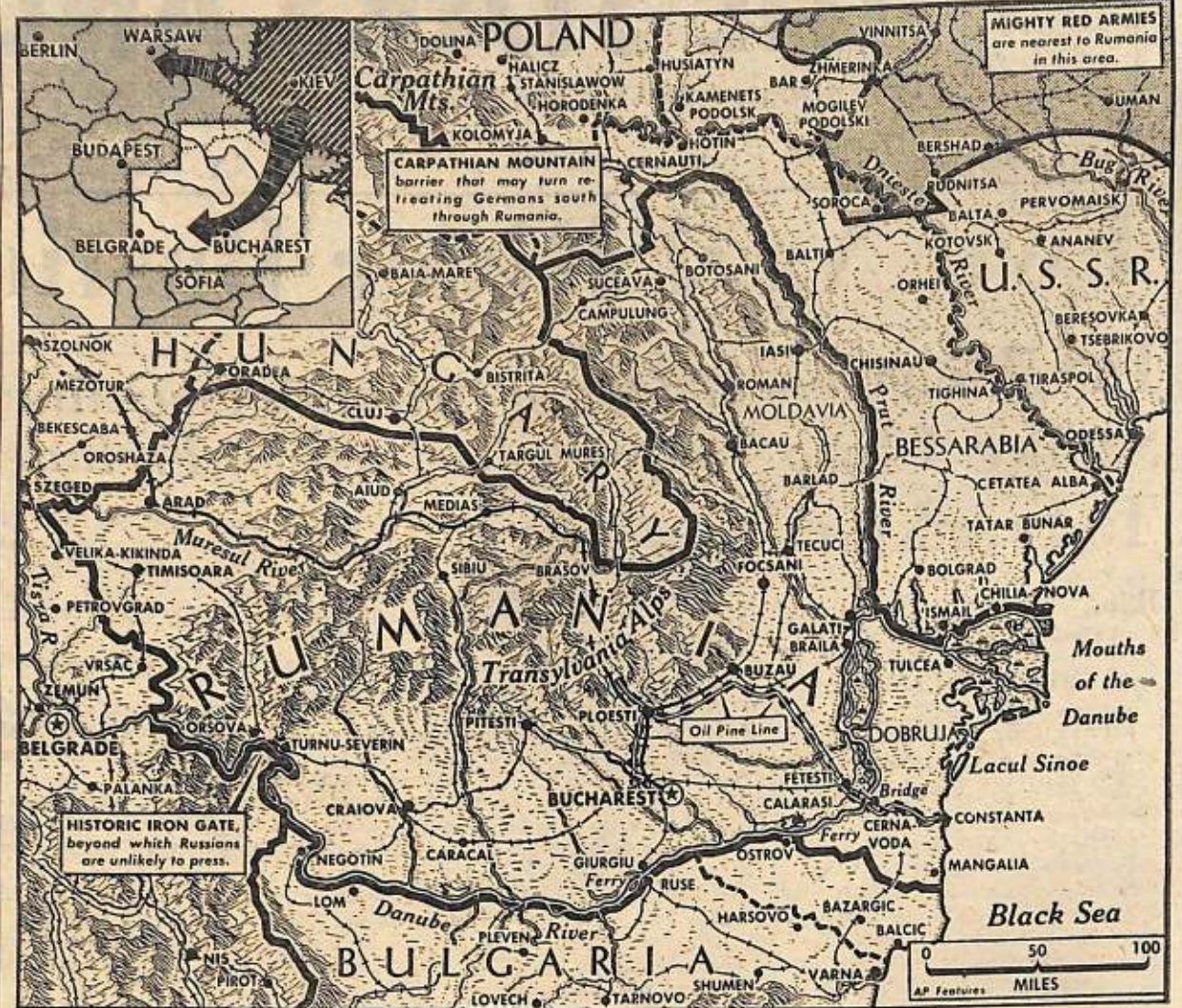
Postwar Dream. An old soldier, probably a frustrated Pfc, had retired from the service and settled down on



civvie street. Each morning a grubby youngster knocked on his door, went in, then came out again. After this had gone on for several weeks the curiosity of the neighbors was aroused. "Tell me," said one of them to the boy, "why do you visit that old soldier every morning?" "Well," replied the kid, "he gives me two-bits if I say, 'The first sergeant wants to see you immediately.'" "And what does he say after that?" queried the neighbor. The lad replied with a smile, "He yells, 'Tell the first sergeant to go to hell!'"

Comment of the Week. A nurse was heard to say, "Basically, men are all gentlemen—but they are usually off base." J. C. W.

Ploesti Comes Within Red Range



Drive Perils German Oil, Food, as Well As Wehrmacht

With Soviet troops across the Dniester on a front 30 miles wide, Rumania seemed almost certain yesterday to find itself once more a military thoroughfare, this time for the avenging Russians, as it was once before for the Goths, Huns and Mongols.

The Red Army drive from Uman past the once highly regarded Dniester defense line—130 miles in eight days—underscored the increasing menace to Rumania's oil and grain.

Germany needs both. And now not only the traffic lines along which they move to the Reich to feed and power Hitler's military machine but also, the oil wells and the grain fields themselves are within range. Ploesti, target for last year's destructive low-level Liberator attack, lies little more than 250 miles ahead of the new front lines.

West of the Dniester the Germans face the danger of being hemmed in against the Carpathian mountains and split in two—one portion forced south into Rumania, the other north and west into Poland.

And once rolling into Rumania, it is likely the Russians will push on down

through the vast L-shaped Prut-Danube valley to envelope at least the Ploesti oil field, Germany's only big source of good lubricating oil, and the lower Walachian grain belt. Already they will have occupied Bessarabia, fertile as the adjoining Russian Ukraine, across the Dniester.

It seems unlikely, unless the western Allies by then have penetrated deeply into the Balkans, that the Russians would attempt to drive on into Hungary and Central Europe. The Iron Gate, historic passage through the southwest Transylvanian Alps, might be a death trap and it is likely the retreating Germans would blow up bridges and tunnels in that area anyway.

Similarly, according to an excellently placed Washington authority, it is not likely the Russians would try to pursue the Germans through the Carpathians and Transylvanian Alps into Transylvania, the grain-growing bowl in northwestern Rumania. The best Rumanian railroad—a double-tracked line—runs north from Bucharest through the gorge-filled mountains, then west to Budapest and Berlin. It would be simple

for the Germans to blow up strategic bridges. The railroads into Bulgaria are so sketchy as to almost rule out any further drive in that direction, Russia and Bulgaria are not at war.

Invasion of Rumania from Russia is not quite as simple as it might seem, at that. For one thing, the railroads of Bessarabia, held for more than a century by Russia, are all "oriented" towards the Russian cities of Odessa, Kiev and Moscow. Comparatively few lines run westward into Rumania—certainly enough, however, to supply an army assisted by truck columns.

The Russians claim for their own all of Bessarabia, which they lost to Rumania after the last war. They have always protested the award, which, incidentally, the U.S. has never recognized. The Russians also might feel compelled at the peace table to claim the upper Dobruja for military reasons. The lower Dobruja, taken from Bulgaria by Rumania after World War I, has already been re-occupied by the Bulgars, even though they are on the same side as the Rumanians.

Draft-Dodger Nabbed by 2 MPs In Ulster; Now He's in ODs

By George Maskin AN MP UNIT, Northern Ireland, Mar. 20—Yanks in the ETO who answered their "greetings from the President" promptly believe there's nothing more heartening than a report from the States that the FBI or local police have picked up another draft-dodger.

However, those home-town coppers have nothing on Sgt. John Donovan, of Boston, and Sgt. Frank Hankins, of Binghamton, N.Y., a pair of American MPs stationed in Ulster. Donovan and Hankins nailed a draft-dodger right here in the ETO.

The man was trapped in Londonderry, N.I., after he had ignored instructions to leave a job as a technician with an American firm here in answer to his draft board's call. As an alternative he could have enlisted in the ETO, but didn't.

Selective Service headquarters caught up to him, and the matter was bucked through channels to the ETO in the Northern Ireland Base Section. That's where Donovan and Hankins, members of the Investigation Squad of their organization, came into the picture.

Donovan paid Londonderry police a visit before proceeding further. The move

paid off. A detective told Donovan the description of the fugitive sounded familiar.

"You might try a cleaning establishment up on the hill," the detective said. "There are a couple of Americans up there, and one of them, I think, is your man. It wouldn't surprise me if the other fellow might also be running away from service in the American forces."

With two suspects on his hands, Donovan called for Hankins to highball it to Londonderry in anticipation of possible trouble. However, before Hankins arrived, Donovan learned that one of the Americans—sensing somehow that the heat was on—had dashed to Scotland, quickly signed up as a merchant sailor and departed for the States.

Donovan and Hankins walked into the cleaning establishment and were greeted with the comment: "I've been waiting for you and expecting this!"

Donovan said the draft-dodger told them he "wanted to get going so I can straighten myself with the government."

Next morning the man signed on the dotted line and took the oath. Now he's stationed somewhere in the British Isles—a GI.



"Gee! Aint Spring wonerful! Birds singin', buds burstin'!" "Buds eh?"



English Vision The ghostly towns of England With shadows in their eyes Lie parched with desolation Beneath the English skies, And slow on slow procession The hours pulverize. (The timbered towns of England With hedges ribbon-wide, And waterways where cygnets In new and feathered pride Drift down the quiet currents By willows canopied.) The ghostly towns of England Turn granulated waste To armor for a spirit The centuries have spaced With brick and stone and mortar By visionaries traced. (The quarried towns of England With cobble-streets smile, And bells that crowd an evening Against the summer's guile Of laughter in the darkness, And clover-scented stile!) The ghostly towns of England Shall rise articulate, Their steeples pierce the heavens With faith predestinate, And all the eyesless buildings Be bricked against a hate! And men shall plan in wisdom The fertile years-to-be, When splintered human reason Outlaws its own decree Of sudden death... and vision Returns to eyes that see! Adele Kelley Thompson.



LAFAYETTE, Ind., Mar. 20—Russ Peters and Roy Cullenbine reported to the Cleveland Indians camp here today...

FREDERICK, Md., Mar. 20—Veteran Al Simmons, making a comeback this year, showed the wise boys he still can pound a baseball here yesterday...

MUNCIE, Ind., Mar. 20—Spring training north of the "Eastman-Landis line" isn't making a hit with the Pittsburgh Pirates...

WALLINGFORD, Conn., Mar. 20—Only 11 players greeted Manager Bob Coleman when the advance Boston Braves contingent reported here for spring drills...

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Mar. 20—With second-string catcher Bobby Bragan classified 1-A and Mickey Owen, No. 1 backstop...

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Mar. 20—Shoe rationing bothered the Detroit Tigers here today as they tried to outfit Ralph Seiwert, 20-year-old Mt. Clemens, Mich., high school player seeking a pitcher's job...

LAKWOOD, N.J., Mar. 20—Mel Ott, New York Giants manager, startled club officials today when he disclosed his draft board has ordered him to take his physical exam...



Mel Ott observers believe Gabby Hartnett, Jersey City farm club pilot, is first in line for the post if Ott is drafted.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Mar. 20—The first injury of the spring training season occurred here at the Washington Senators' camp when Pitcher Roger Wolff pulled a muscle in his side during an extensive workout.

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APOs Wanted. PVT. William Anderson, Westmont, N.J.; Pvt. Frank Alessio, Monessen, Pa.; S/Sgt. Woodrow Atkins, Vienna, Va.; Pvt. Edward Bratezewski; George Carmichael, Jamesport, Mo.; Sgt. Floyd A. Gaither, Monroe, La.; 1/Sgt. James S. Hall, Burlington, N.C.; S/Sgt. Choice C. Haygood, Fort Hamilton, N.Y.; Pfc Edward B. Lovelace; Brewton, Ala.; John Leonard, Avon Lake, Ohio; Cpl. Robert Leek, West Springfield, Mass.; S/Sgt. Roy McDonald, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pvt. James McKay, Frenchtown, Mo.; Aubrey Mitchell, Birmingham, Ala.; S/Sgt. Elmer Nutters, Canton, Ohio; Earl Peterson, Fresno, Cal.; WAC Mertie Richbers, Opp, Ala.; Kelly Stahowski, Batavia, N.Y.; Otha Jack Shields, Jasonville, Ind.; Pvt. William Lester Spencer, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Pvt. William Werner; Sgt. Stanford A. Weiner, Cleveland, Ohio; Lt. Richard Walch, Minneapolis, Minn.; Lt. William A. Young, Huntsville, Ala.

Lost. BILLFOLD containing papers, near Rainbow Corner—Sgt. Robert W. Fellure, 1507485. CAMERA, Zeiss Tenax No. H74523 at ARC Victory Club, London, Mar. 16. Reward.—Sgt. Robert E. Luckenbach, 3658935. GARRISON Cap with my name and ASN on it; taken by mistake at Princess Cafe, Norwich, Mar. 8.—S/Sgt. H. J. Parker "51," my name on PEN and Pencil Set, Liverpool, Feb. 11. both; near Antree Station, CBM. William H. Livingstone, CBM. Wrist watch, "Harmon," gold face with silver frame, in Piccadilly, Mar. 9. Reward.—Pvt. Arthur Trabit, 32793459. Found. CIGARETTE Case, wooden, in London taxi, Mar. 9.—Mrs. Hilda Sillands, 5th Floor, 40 Berkeley Sq., London, W.1. CRACKFIX—I neglected to return it to an American soldier who showed it to me on an East Coast train some time ago. I think he was going to London from Eccles Rd., Norfolk.—Miss J. L. Buck, 173 Brentfield Road, Neasden, London, NW10. COAT: Will the captain who got my gabardine trench coat with "Thomas Saltz" label and brown gloves, in pocket at the officers' mess, Grosvenor House, Mar. 12, let me have his address and I will be glad to exchange the one he left.—and I will be glad to exchange the one he left.—Capt. Frank P. Muto. Mailing Bags for Film. CLOTH Bags for mailing film for censorship and developing are obtainable free by writing to Lt. John H. Vogel, Amateur Film Dept., Army Pictorial Service, APO 887.

Cards, Looking Ahead, Sign Another Beazley

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 20—Terry Morton Beazley, four-week-old son of Lt. Johnny Beazley, former Cardinal pitching hero, today received a St. Louis contract calling for \$400 monthly for the season of 1962.

Hockey Series Start Tonight

Canucks Heavy Favorites To Sweep Stanley Cup Games

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—The Montreal Canadiens, who swept through their 25 games at home without defeat and easily outskated the field during the regular National Hockey League season, today

Hockey League Standings. Table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pts. Rows include Montreal, Detroit, Toronto, Chicago, Boston, New York.

ruled as topheavy favorites to annex the Stanley Cup in the playoffs which get under way tomorrow night. The Canadiens, losing only five of 50 games for one of the finest records in loop history, play host to the third place Toronto Maple Leafs tomorrow, while the runner-up Detroit Red Wings will entertain the fourth place Chicago Black Hawks in the other half of the draw.

Canadiens Rout Rangers, 6-1

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—The lowly New York Rangers absorbed their 39th lacing of the season here last night, losing to the powerful Montreal Canadiens, 6-1, to conclude their worst campaign in National Hockey League history. It was only the third time in 18 years that the Rangers failed to qualify for the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Hawks Blank Wings, 2-0

CHICAGO, Mar. 20—The Chicago Black Hawks finished their National Hockey League season here last night by blanking the Detroit Red Wings, 2-0, in a possible preview of what fans may expect when the teams meet again tomorrow night in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Lowery Field Quintet Advances in AAU Play

DENVER, Mar. 20—Lowery Field rolled over Camp Trinidad, Colo., 98-50, to highlight the first day's shooting in the annual AAU basketball championships here, Stan Fronczak leading the victors with 21 points.

Li'l Abner

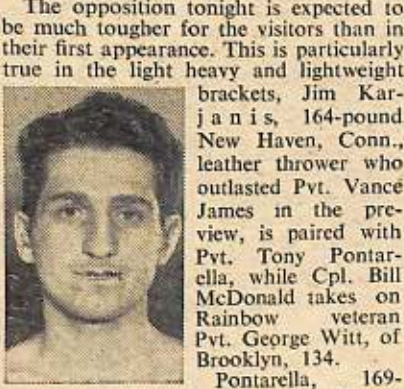


Icelanders Seek Second Victory

Opposition Seen Stronger Than In First Start

Karjanis Meets Pontarella; Drummond Tackles ETO Light Heavy King

By Mark E. Senigo. After their initial preview start at the Rainbow Corner Thursday night when they swept to a startling 6-0 triumph, Iceland's ringmen will be strong favorites to come out on top again to-night when they go through their paces in the regular Tuesday night punch show.



Jim Karjanis, 164-pound New Haven, Conn., leather thrower who outlasted Pvt. Vance James in the preview, is paired with Pvt. Tony Pontarella, while Cpl. Bill McDonald takes on Rainbow veteran Pvt. George Witt, of Brooklyn, 134.

The opposition tonight is expected to be much tougher for the visitors than in their first appearance. This is particularly true in the light heavy and lightweight brackets, Jim Karjanis, 164-pound New Haven, Conn., leather thrower who outlasted Pvt. Vance James in the preview, is paired with Pvt. Tony Pontarella, while Cpl. Bill McDonald takes on Rainbow veteran Pvt. George Witt, of Brooklyn, 134.

Brining Gets Second Shot. Brining, who fought in Iceland before he was transferred here, will get his second shot at his former mates when he goes up against welterweight Sgt. Bill Roach, of Charlotte, N.C. Brining, from Camden, N.J., will be even up with Roach at 137.

In the featherweight go, Pfc William Romano, of New Orleans, 128, is expected to get the nod over Pfc Emanuel Sisneros, 126-pounder from Denver, Col. Sisneros dropped a decision to Pvt. Horace Vick last month in his only Corner show. In the two heavyweight tilts, S/Sgt. Frank Albano, of New York, 185, tangles with Pfc Don Crowton, of Seattle, Wash., 195, while Pvt. Andy Ricardi, of Chester, Pa., 175, will tackle Pvt. Morris Shapiro, 162-pounder from Philadelphia.

In a non-team headliner, Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, St. Louis Negro middleweight slugger, is getting his second try at Pfc Bill Kingsland, ETO light heavy champion from Redondo Beach, Cal. Drummond got a close decision over Kingsland in an upset last month.

Here is the lineup for the remaining bouts: Pvt. Art Persley, New York, 142, vs. Sgt. Mike Tomore, Philadelphia, 142. Pfc Tut Tabor, Oakland, Cal., 163, vs. Pvt. Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill., 165.

Bad Weather Postpones Charlotte Open Finale

CHARLOTTE, N. Car., Mar. 20—Cold, rain and wind postponed the final 36 holes of the \$10,000 Charlotte Open golf tourney here yesterday and gave Sgt. Edward "Dutch" Harrison, who clubbed 136 over the first two rounds, another day ahead—to rule the field.

Reliable Redman



Ring Fans Shell Out Shekels And Beau Gives Them a Show

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—The annals of boxing are crowded with names of fighters greater than Beau Jack, but when it comes to giving the fans value for their money, none can overshadow the former Georgia shoeshine boy.



The Beau has a quality not possessed by many bruisers more richly endowed with ring talent than himself. He always remembers that his first duty to the cash customers is to fight—and fight he does from bell to bell.

Degroot Signed To Boss Skins

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20—Dudley S. Degroot, widely traveled football coach, has been signed to succeed Arthur "Dutch" Bergman, who was promoted into the front office, as head pilot of the Washington Redskins.

Degroot, 44, started his grid career as center on Stanford's eleven in 1922, and later joined the Indian coaching staff as assistant to Glenn S. "Pop" Warner. Then he moved into the head spot at San Jose State Teachers, and spent the last four years at Rochester (N.Y.) University.

Although he hasn't discussed the matter with Marshall, Degroot is a staunch advocate of the T-formation and probably will install the system in conjunction with Clark Shaughnessy, Pittsburgh coach and authority on the T. Shaughnessy recently was hired by Marshall to serve in advisory capacity.

Razorback Stars Injured in Crash; Five Quits Tourney

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Mar. 20—Everett Norris, 26-year-old Arkansas U. athletic instructor, was killed and two members of the school's Southwest Conference co-champion basketball team were critically injured in a highway accident 20 miles south of here yesterday.

Horams Edge Iceland Five

AN EAST ANGLIAN TOWN, Mar. 20—Sgt. Thurman Hopper's failure to convert from the free throw line stymied the Eagles' strong finish here last night and the Iceland basketball champs dropped a bitter 32-31 decision to the Bomb Group Horams. It was the second straight Eagle loss and gave them a .500 average after four appearances in England.

The lanky six-foot, six-inch Eagle center from Ranger, Ga., was way off his steady game as he muffed 11 of 12 throws from the line. Cpl. Jim Shields, captain and star play-maker from Hamilton, Ohio, again headed the Iceland shooters with seven field goals, but the visitors couldn't quite overtake the Horams.

Hockey Results

Hershey 4, Buffalo 4. Indianapolis 4, Cleveland 1.

By Al Capp



News From Home

Billion-Dollar World Airline For U.S. Proposed in Senate

McCarran's Bill Would Merge Firms Under Federal Charter

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—An "all-American flag" international airline designed to be the leading carrier in foreign air transport around the world has been proposed by Sen. Pat McCarran (D.-Nev.) in a comprehensive new civil-aeronautics bill introduced in the Senate.

The airline, a federally-chartered private corporation with a potential working capital of more than \$1,000,000,000, would be made up of air-transport companies now holding certificates under the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, with the exception of services operating exclusively in Alaska.

The line would be prohibited from engaging in interstate transport but, according to McCarran, it would have an "active partner operating throughout the U.S., which would funnel international business into the designated points of entry and departure."

Any one transport company would be prevented from owning a controlling interest in the line.

He's Ahead of Himself

CHICAGO, Mar. 20—If the Bible is right about a "house divided," a delicate situation has arisen in the home of George M. Morris, a University of Chicago law-school graduate. Addressing an alumni meeting on the subject of maintaining peace in the post-war world, he advanced several definite proposals. Rebuttal seemed certain—and came, fiercely, from Mrs. Morris.

First 100 Years the Hardest

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C., Mar. 20—A 77-year-old man breezed into the U.S. Employment Office here seeking a job, saying: "This is no time for anybody to be loafing around." He insisted he was not too old to work, pointing out that his grandfather lived to be 106 and that an aunt who is now 102 drives a car. The manager is looking around for a job for the man.

2 Veteran GIs Die in Fire

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill., Mar. 20—Two veteran army sergeants perished in a fire in a temporary barracks. The victims were M/Sgt. William A. Lee, 50, of Fall River, Mass., and T/Sgt. Guy S. Bleistein, 45, of St. Petersburg. Lee enlisted in 1914, Bleistein in 1917.

Backfire

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 20—Firemen arrived just in time to save WAC Sgt. Katherine Erwin, who had rushed inside a burning house to help others. She did not know that a mother and three daughters already had escaped. Sgt. Erwin was treated for facial burns.

Shoots Woman, Kills Self

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Mar. 20—Angered by his landlady's refusal to ac-

200 Million Letters Sent By V-Mail, Not One Lost

Of 200,000,000 V-mail letters sent overseas, not one has been lost, Army and Navy post offices report. In two months of 1943, when Atlantic ship sinkings were at their peak, 30 per cent of ordinary mail was lost. Original V-mail letters never are destroyed until the film on which they are recorded arrives at its destination and the letters delivered. If the film is lost a new one can be made.

Cunningham in Navy

DES MOINES, Iowa, Mar. 20—Glenn Cunningham, former mile champ and now athletic director at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, has been accepted by the Navy after passing a pre-induction physical at Camp Dodge.

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
215.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
Tuesday, Mar. 21
1100—News Headlines—Spotlight on Frankie Masters.
1115—Personal Album with Dennis Day.
1130—Billy Ternent and the Dance Orchestra.
1150—French Lesson.
1200—World News (BBC).
1205—Barracks Band.
1240—World News (BBC).
1310—Eugene Pini and his Tango Orchestra.
1330—Crosby Music Hall.
1400—Visiting Hour—Aldrich Family.
1430—Sound Off.
1445—Melody Roundup.
1459—News Headlines.
1500—Music While You Work.
1530—Off the Record.
1630—Southern Serenade.
1655—Quiet Moments.
1700—Music From America and Program Resume.
1730—Gay Nineties Revue.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Comedy Caravan.
1930—Boxing Bout—From the Rainbow Corner with Sgt. Mary Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.
2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—Calling APOs.
2030—Carnival of Music.
2100—World News (BBC).
2120—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
2145—Showtime with Dinah Shore.
2200—Duffy's Taverna.
2225—One Night Stand with Freddie Martin.
2255—Final Edition.
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, Mar. 22.

Poker-Faced New Papa Divorced by His Wife

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20—Instead of pacing the corridors of the hospital like other expectant fathers, Louis Schumacher played poker—which was the main point in his 17-year-old wife's suit for divorce.

A friend of Mrs. Schumacher testified that she, not the husband, paced up and down the corridor of the hospital. The divorce was granted.

company him to a party, Roy W. Baker, 44, shot her five times, and then ended his own life in the presence of her two children. The woman, Mrs. Ruby Davis, 33, is in a serious condition.

She Hit the Ceiling Twice

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20—Mrs. Kay Miller, proprietor of a downtown hotel, had just finished a 30-day jail term for rent-ceiling violations when she was brought to court again. Charging assault, a tenant said Mrs. Miller shouted: "You're the cause of all my troubles," and beat her with a broom handle.

Big Bill Thompson Dies

CHICAGO, Mar. 20—Former Mayor William Hale (Big Bill) Thompson, who campaigned in 1927 with a threat to "punch King George on the snoot," died last night after a heart attack. He was 75. He served three terms as mayor.

Chow for the Hound

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—A pet chow dog gets \$10,000 in the will of Edith Grinnell Bowdoin, daughter of a J. P. Morgan partner, whose estate amounts to \$2,000,000. The will has been filed with Surrogate James A. Foley.

Turn About

CHICAGO, Mar. 20—Edward L. Bailey, 32, was robbed of \$127 by two men and a woman in a filling station holdup. The next night he saw the woman bandit, but she fled—after he grabbed her purse and retrieved \$115.

Dog Rescuer Burned Fatally

MINNEAPOLIS, Mar. 20—Returning to his blazing home for his two Pekinese dogs after he had reached the street safely, Dwight Johnson, 43, rescued the dogs, but died of burns ten days later.

Man Bites Dog

LINCOLN, Neb., Mar. 20—The War Manpower Commission for Nebraska has a labor shortage of its own. A call went out for 15 interviewers to replace men and women entering military service.

The Last Whistle

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 20—The City of St. Louis, old-time steamboat equipped with modern Diesel engines, has been ordered scrapped by its owner, Edward C. Koenig.

U.S. Navy Enlisted Men To Get London ARC Club

U.S. Navy enlisted personnel will have their first service club in the U.K. when the American Red Cross opens a new club at 32 Golden Sq., London, W1, Thursday.

Sleeping accommodations will be provided for 250, and dining and recreational facilities will be available in about two weeks. American sailors applying for beds in other clubs will be directed to the new club, although soldiers will be permitted to use its facilities.

Formerly a hospital, the club has been decorated in Navy motif—the floors are called decks and the top floor is the crew's nest. So far, the club is unnamed. George D. Weir Jr., of Brooklyn, is the club director, assisted by Wilma Clizbe, of Detroit.

Cruiser Launched

CAMDEN, N.J., Mar. 20—The 10,000-ton cruiser Dayton was launched here. A cruiser of the Cleveland class, the Dayton cost more than \$31,000,000.

Destroyer Escort Lost

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20—The Navy Department tonight announced the loss of the U.S. destroyer escort Lempold in the Atlantic.

Terry and the Pirates



YOUR REPORT STATES THAT AMERICAN OFFICERS ARE FREQUENTLY A CERTAIN NATIVE BOOBY TRAP TO SEE A DANCER NAMED MADAME SHOO-SHOO!

Germans Gain Some Area in Cassino Battle

Retake Strongpoint; Nazis' Bitter Resistance Is Cited in Dispatches

The Germans were still clinging yesterday to their positions on the western fringe of Cassino and had regained a strongpoint 300 yards from the town in another day of bitter fighting.

Using everything from bayonets to pistols, British troops pressed the foe hard in house-to-house battling in the ruined city streets, and retained the initiative in the struggle on the lower slopes of Monastery Hill to the south and west, where the Germans have the advantage of higher ground.

Capture of the Hotel Continental by New Zealanders was reported. These troops knocked out German tanks which had dug into the ruins. The Allies held firm to the railway station in spite of heavy shelling.

British troops in the Anzio beachhead attacked before dawn yesterday and drove the foe from a deep wadi in fierce hand-to-hand fighting.

Cassino was being called the bloodiest square mile in the Italian campaign. German resistance was described as fanatical. A New Zealand officer said the battle was the "stickiest" his unit had been through since El Alamein. "Snipers are giving us hell," he said. A British sergeant said "every German sniper in town is worth many infantrymen." The United Press reported that special Maori units had begun the job of mopping up snipers.

Germans on the heights of Monastery Hill continued to pour mortar and artillery fire onto Allied positions and some Allied units on the slopes were isolated by the enemy's counter-attacks. These were being supplied by air and under cover of night.

Hangman's Hill, about 100 yards below the wrecked abbey, was held by Gurkha troops. Another hill feature now occupied by Allied forces changed hands four times in two days of fighting.

Vote - - - - -

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Mississippi, Arizona, Wisconsin, Colorado, Minnesota, Ohio and Montana.

Eight governors assured the President that any required changes in their states' laws would be made to allow voting by servicemen. These eight were: Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Nebraska, Vermont, Indiana, New Mexico and North Carolina.

Gov. Walter Bacon said a special session of the Delaware Legislature had been called for Mar. 24 to validate the federal ballot.

Gov. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts said he would call a special session of the General Court to advance state primary dates and permit use of absentee ballots by those in the services.

Gov. Semon Willis said Kentucky would do "everything possible" to assist soldier voting.

Many governors were noncommittal and the White House said no replies had been received from South Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan, Texas, Wyoming or Oregon.

Mr. Roosevelt left no doubt that his decision either to accept or veto the federal ballot law would hinge on the question whether more service personnel could vote under it than by leaving absentee balloting entirely to the states.

The New York State Legislature sent a vote bill to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey after beating down a Democratic attempt to amend it to extend the time limit for returning soldiers' ballots. Earlier, the Senate declined to include Merchant Marine men among those covered.

In Vermont, Gov. William H. Willits signed a law which would permit Vermonters in the armed forces to use a federal ballot. In Arizona the legislature sent to Gov. Sidney P. Osborn a measure which would permit "a spouse, parent or next of kin" to register servicemen and women for voting. It set July 18 as primary day for the duration.

Crerar Heads Canucks

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Mar. 20 (Reuters)—Appointment of Lt. Gen. H. D. G. Crerar as commander of the First Canadian Army was announced today. Lt. Gen. Kenneth Start has relinquished his temporary command.

Navy No Likee



Elevator operator uniforms, like this one worn by Norman Labrie, starter at the County-City building in Seattle, Wash., brought a sharp protest from Rear Adm. S. A. Taffinder, who declared they bear too strong a resemblance to naval officers' uniforms. (Note gold braid on the cuff, service ribbons and buttons.) County Commissioner Russell H. Fluett, who supervises the personnel of public buildings, answered by saying, in part: "I won't be pushed around by political trouble-makers."

Raids - - - - -

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rough. The weather broke just at the target, but not enough to make a visual run. However, we could see our check point and I believe we hit it."

Maj. Arthur R. Briggs, of San Antonio, Tex., who led his group's attack in the ship piloted by 1/Lt. John A. Silvernail, of Curry, Minn., reported that the cloud cover was "about five-tenths over France." He said "it covered over completely when they crossed into Germany and they bombed on instruments." "It was heavy, cold fog above a cloud layer," Briggs said, "with contrails building up thick. We dropped our bombs while going through the flak."

Many Fortress crews praised their "perfect fighter escort" and said the P47s stayed with them all the way to the target. Some crews reported seeing no enemy fighters at all.

Berlin radio last night reported that yesterday's attacks also were directed against towns in southwestern Germany, and, as in recent raids, blamed bad weather for the failure of the Luftwaffe to stop the bombers.

The Marauders, totalling some 250 planes in all, split their forces between Creil, within sight of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and the rocket coast targets. Locomotive repair sheds and closely-packed freight cars on sidings were shattered by their bombs. B26 crews reported after the Creil attack. The bombers going to the Pas de Calais came home to report direct hits despite intense flak which "looked like a black snowstorm," according to S/Sgt. W. R. Mitchell, of Portland, Ore., gunner on the Pospisip.

The RAF sent Mosquito bombers into central and western Germany Sunday night without loss.

Lehmann Fractures Knee

CAIRO, Mar. 20 (Reuters)—Herbert Lehmann, UNRRA director general, who fractured his left kneecap alighting from an automobile in Algiers, has postponed indefinitely his visit to Cairo.

Student Dies in Fire

BOULDER, Colo., Mar. 20—Fire in Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house cost the life of a 19-year-old pre-medical student, Norman Besse.

Japs' Resistance Near Vital Pass In Burma Ends

Hukawng Valley Cleared; Progress of Airborne Units Unknown

Complete end of Japanese resistance in the Hukawng Valley of northern Burma was announced in a Chinese communique yesterday, while reports from the Chin Hills area of central Burma told of a battle likely to develop into the fiercest of the campaign.

Striking out from a captured village called Tasu Bum, in Hukawng Valley, Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's Chinese troops drove to a key pass connecting the Hukawng and Mogaung Valleys as the crack Jap 18th Division scattered before the ferocity of the Chinese advance.

Jap remnants of the 18th Division put up a desperate fight at Jambu Bum in an effort to prevent the Chinese from pouring southward to the Mogaung Valley, in which lies the northern terminus of a railroad which could be used to ship supplies from India to China.

In driving the Japs out of the valley, Gen. Stilwell's forces had captured an area of 1,800 square miles in four and one-half months and killed at least 4,000 Japs, according to an official but incomplete report.

Airborne Progress Unknown

There were no new reports yesterday of the progress of the airborne troops who landed 150 miles behind the enemy lines in the center of Japanese-occupied northern Burma. However, in the first air battles above the landing strip built by U.S. engineers, RAF Spitfires shot down three Jap fighters, probably destroyed one more and damaged six others out of a formation of about 30.

In the Chin Hills sector—wild jungle country in central Burma—where the Japs have sent large units across the Chindwin River in preparation for a large-scale offensive, there was hard fighting in the Tiddim area, 30 miles from the Indian border.

Libs Hit Java Second Time in Three Days

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Mar. 20 (UP)—Fifth Air Force Liberators hit hard at the naval yards of Sourabaya, the naval base in Java, when they attacked it for the second time in three days. Many large explosions were caused and fires could be seen when the bombers were 130 miles from home.

Nearer to Allied air bases the incessant attack on Wewak—the big Jap air base in New Guinea—was maintained. More than 1,200 tons of bombs have fallen on the base in the last eight raids, and scores of Japanese fighters have been destroyed on the ground and in the air.

The Allies, with Lorengau airfield already in their hands, now are completely in control of the Admiralty Islands. Yesterday Lorengau village fell to troops of the First Cavalry Division.

Rumania - - - - -

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ing across the Dniester River onto Rumanian soil panicked the people and government of the Axis satellite.

Moscow radio, quoting Istanbul reports, said that the Popular Front was demanding:

- 1—Immediate withdrawal from the war.
2—Expulsion of the Germans.
3—Overthrow of Antonescu's government.
4—Formation of a national democratic government.
5—Restoration of democratic rights and liberties.
6—Release of all political prisoners.
7—Punishment of war criminals.

Terms to Finns Reported Modified

Peace advocates in Finland yesterday were still hoping for a move to take the nation out of the war in spite of the apparent decision of the Finnish government not to accept the Russian terms.

According to Finnish radio, the Helsinki Sanomat, reporting a better outlook, said it had learned that the Russians had modified their armistice demands and no longer required the Finnish army to withdraw to the 1940 border until after the signing of the treaty.

(Hope that the door to continued Russo-Finnish peace conversations was not yet entirely closed was expressed yesterday in Washington by Cordell Hull, Secretary of State.)

By Milton Caniff



THE JAPANESE ARE ADMIT AT ARRANGING PUBLIC LISTENING POSTS OF THIS SORT... HAVE THE WOMAN AND THE ESTABLISHMENT BEEN INVESTIGATED?

YES, SIR... THE DATA FROM THEIR PAPERS IS ATTACHED TO THE REPORT...

SOUNDS HARMLESS ENOUGH - BUT WHAT IS THE GREAT ATTRACTION FOR THE YANKEES? BEGGING YOUR PARDON, SIR, THE YOUNG LADY IS - AH - MOST DELIGHTFUL TO LOOK UPON!