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Reds Mass For Big New Push—Nazis

Berlin Sights Giant Thrust From South and Center; Enemy Attacks Fail

Red Army reserves moving westward along the roads of the Ukraine are being massed along a 400-mile front—from the Dniester to the Pripet marshes—for a new drive into central and southeast Europe, Berlin reports said last night.

The Germans said the battle already had started at Jassy and on the Dniester, where the Soviet command was reported to have thrown in six divisions, about 60,000 men, on a front of 19 miles.

Reuter reported these forecasts last night as the Germans pounded the third day at the hinge of the Soviet front around Stanislov, 60 miles southwest of Tarnopol, in a counter-attack apparently designed to break up offensive preparations. Recapture of Otynia, 15 miles southeast of Stanislov, was claimed in yesterday's German communique.

Tell of Large Regroupings

Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, German Overseas News commentator, reported large-scale Soviet regroupings between the Dniester estuary and the Pripet marshes, and Col. Ernst von Hammer, German News Agency military commentator, said the Russians were continuing to move up fresh forces to the area between the Dniester and the Pruth.

High spot of the last 24 hours' counter-attacks in the Stanislov region was an attempt by the Germans to outflank Marshal Gregory Zhukov's positions at the northern end of the 200-mile sector between the Dniester and the Pruth. This bid failed, as did two frontal attacks in the previous 48 hours, according to Soviet front-line dispatches.

Meanwhile, in the Crimea, the Russians captured more ground overlooking Sebastopol (the spelling preferred by the Soviet embassy in London) and closed in around German positions in the port. Heavy artillery was said to be pouring a stream of shells into the city.

Soviet front-line dispatches reported the port was blazing, coal wharves on the water front on fire and clouds of smoke spiraling into the sky.

Thousands Drowned

They said German escape convoys were completely at the mercy of Russian planes and ships of the Black Sea fleet and that thousands of Axis troops had been drowned in the last 72 hours attempting to escape between Sebastopol and the Rumanian port of Constanza.

In the north, the Germans launched a series of heavy counter-attacks against the Narva bridgehead in an effort to drive the Red Army from its springboard. The Axis blows were described as "spoiling" attacks to disrupt preparations for what the Nazis expect to be a fresh drive into the heart of the Baltic states.

Michigan GOP Backs Dewey

DETROIT, Apr. 21—The Michigan Republican convention adopted a resolution yesterday describing Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who was born at Owosso, Mich., as the "overwhelming" favorite of the party for the GOP presidential nomination. The resolution did not bind the state's 41 delegates, however, to support Dewey at the convention.

War Today

Air War—Germans' Atlantic Wall battered for third day by U.S. medium and light bombers in wake of record RAF night assault in which 5,040 American tons were dropped on Cologne and other rail targets in France and Belgium.

Russia—Berlin reports tell of Russian massing of troops along 400-mile front for new drive into central and southeast Europe; German counter-attacks continue in Stanislov area; other attacks between Dniester and Pruth fail; Red Army edges closer to Sevastopol, shelling city heavily and wrecking escape craft.

Pacific—More widespread bombing assaults include attacks on Rabaul, two islands in the Truk atoll, at Madang, New Guinea, and along New Guinea coast; Jap claim to have captured Kohima, in Burma, is unconfirmed by Allies.

Italy—Venice, site of shipyards and arsenal, receives its first raid as Allied bombers hit numerous other targets in a total of 2,000 sorties; active patrolling and gunfire exchanges mark land fighting.

Blast Atlantic Wall 3rd Day in Row; RAF Dumps a Record 5,000 Tons

The MPs Will Land on the Invasion Beaches, Too



Amphibious military police—traffic cops for the beachheads—leap from their invasion "patrol wagon" with guns in hand to take up their beats.

Bombers Paste Truk, Rabaul, Other Targets

N. Guinea Coast Ravaged From Air; Japs Claim Kohima in Burma

Bombers of Gen. MacArthur's command pounded the Japs in New Britain and New Guinea yesterday, while from Adm. Nimitz's headquarters came word of a new attack on the Truk atoll and Ponape by the Seventh Army Air Force.

Liberators dropped 46 tons of bombs on Moen and Dublon islands in the Truk group Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Also on Tuesday, Libs and Mitchells bombed Ponape, in the Carolines; a single Liberator blasted runways at Wake Island, and 40 tons of bombs were dropped in the Marshall Islands.

The New Britain raids saw another 100 tons of bombs plastered on battered Rabaul by medium and light bombers in daylight attacks. Three planes were lost. The Japs for some time have been moving back into the Gazelle peninsula on which Rabaul is located, and a United Press dispatch from MacArthur's headquarters in New Guinea interpreted the renewed air offensive as an indication that the Allies may be planning to clean up remaining Japanese still holding out on the northern tip of New Britain.

Allied planes, also giving increasing support to ground troops in New Guinea, have caused heavy damage at Madang, where the Japanese are trying to retain a foothold. A Japanese freighter, a small tanker and five loaded barges were sunk in raids along the New Guinea coast.

On the India-Burma front, a Japanese news agency claimed that Kohima, important Allied base, had been taken Apr. 15.

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Patton, Ex-Chief of 7th Army, Revealed to Be Here for Duty

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, who last commanded the U.S. Seventh Army in the Mediterranean, is in Britain for duty, it was officially disclosed last night.

Whether the 59-year-old general, familiarly known as "Old Blood and Guts," will be or has been given command of an invasion force was not revealed.

Patton commanded troops in the North African and Sicilian campaigns, led the successful attack at Gafsa, beat off the Nazi Tenth Panzer Division at El Guettar and took part in the final drive in Tunisia.

Long known for his emotional outbursts and fiery declarations, Patton told his Army after the conquest of Sicily: "Born at sea, baptized in blood and crowned with victory, you have destroyed the prestige of the enemy. Your fame shall never die."

Regarded as one of the ablest of U.S. leaders in combat, Patton established the first American tank school at Langres, France, in 1917, later led the Army's only World War I tank brigade, the 304th, at St. Mihiel.

Amphibious Cops Trained, Set For Bigger Job on Bigger Beat

By Bud Kane

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SOUTHWEST COAST TOWN, Apr. 21—Amphibious MPs—men trained intensively for two years to handle the complex traffic problems of invasion beaches—are waiting today to take up their "beats."

For week after week they have practiced riding Ducks in the wake of the assault troops, learning the terrain where the landing barges set them down and directing landing units to cover and motorized units to a point free from interference—all with the speed and efficiency of a New York cop hustling taxis through Times Square.

Police Hunting Matt Capone

CHICAGO, Apr. 21—Tender (sic) memories of another era were stirred this week when police ordered the arrest of Matt Capone, 35, youngest brother of Al Capone, racketeer leader in the palmy days of Chicago gang wars. Matt was wanted for questioning in the fatal shooting of James D. Larkin, 52, gambler from Davenport, Iowa, whose body was found Tuesday in a West Side alley.

Police said an unidentified witness reported seeing Larkin in an argument in Capone's Cicero (Ill.) tavern.

Also wanted in connection with the slaying was Jack Guzik, alleged leader of the remnants of the Al Capone bootlegging gang, who disappeared mysteriously last week. Larkin reportedly had worked at "The Dome," an elaborate Cicero gambling establishment closed by police last October. Operator of "The Dome" was Hymie (Loud Mouth) Levin, a crony of the missing Guzik.

Larkin's death was believed connected with a gangland struggle for control of Cicero's vice rackets.



Lt. Gen. George S. Patton

Mediums, Lights Follow Up Big Night Blow

With RAF air fleets operating by night and U.S. armadas by day, the appalling Allied aerial offensive to cripple the Luftwaffe and disrupt German invasion defenses passed its third consecutive day of almost constant operations yesterday afternoon.

American light and medium bombers again pounded the Nazis' Atlantic Wall in sharp sequel to a night in which British Bomber Command sent more than 1,100 aircraft—probably a number never before equalled—to drop a record 4,500 British tons (5,040 American measure) on Cologne and three other railroad centers in occupied France and Belgium.

A fleet of more than 300 Marauder mediums and A20 Havoc light bombers of the Ninth Air Force kept the Allies' greatest aerial offensive alive yesterday afternoon with repeated attacks on the same stretch of the anti-invasion wall that Fortresses, Liberators and virtually every other type of American plane had smashed heavily the day before.

Battle Flak, Fighters

The Ninth's bombers had to battle their way through heavy flak and a small force of fighters, the first to come up against them in that area in nearly a month. Five bombers failed to return. All of the RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfires which gave them cover came back safely.

As the Marauders and Havocs smashed at Hitler's Atlantic Wall, U.S. heavy bombers from the Mediterranean apparently were striking again at strategic targets in the south in support of the Russian offensive. The German News Agency announced that Bucharest, capital of Rumania, had been attacked heavily by American forces. There was no announcement from Allied headquarters at a late hour.

In dropping more than 500 tons of bombs yesterday afternoon, the Ninth Air Force already has broken its month's record for bomb tonnage. In March, the biggest month till now, 4,500 tons were dropped, and the figure for April now stands at 4,800.

The fighter attack, made by about ten FW190s and Me109s, came just as the medium and light bombers were driving in for their targets. Claims made by Marauder gunners are being assessed.

The German fighters were not unusually aggressive, most of the crewmen reported. None came closer than 300 yards.

"I got hits on two FW190s," said S/Sgt. Ralph B. Webster, 1517 Fourth Ave., Beaver Falls, Penn. "One attacked from above and another below; I started on them when they were 800 yards away, and kept firing till they peeled off at 300 yards."

Nazi Transport Battered

The British had sent a vast armada of more than 1,100 bombers, perhaps the biggest ever put into the air, to smash the Nazi anti-invasion transport center of Cologne, in Germany, and three other rail targets in France and Belgium Thursday night.

Whether the bombing force actually was a record one could not be told from the official communique, which said that the aircraft numbered "over 1,100." The largest force ever disclosed previously to have engaged in a single night's operations was the 1,130 craft which Prime Minister Churchill said participated in the Cologne raid the night of May 30, 1942.

The crushing assault—latest in the RAF's unprecedented series of night blows at rail lines supplying the German defense forces massed in the west—was carried out with a loss of 16 aircraft.

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Nazis Say Allies Mass Invasion Ships, Troops

German radio said yesterday the U.S. and British Navies were massing "the greatest shipping concentration since Dunkirk" in British home waters in preparation for invasion.

"Troops are leaving London, which is becoming more and more deserted by British, U.S. and colonial troops," the broadcast added.

"Every day now, troop trains are leaving London stations taking men to the Channel ports and to ports on the south and east coasts."

A Smart Rumania Would Quit in a Hurry, Hull Says

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21—Secretary of State Cordell Hull told his press conference today that if the Rumanians were wise they would get out of partnership with Germany at the earliest possible moment.

He was replying to a question concerning reports that Rumania had been offered favorable peace terms.

Maine OKs Federal Ballot

AUGUSTA, Me., Apr. 21—Legislation which would permit servicemen from Maine to use a federal ballot if state absentee ballots failed to reach them overseas in time for the presidential election has been signed by Gov. Sumner Sewall.

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A Faster Pace

The smash at Sumatra by a naval task force of Lord Louis Mountbatten's Southeast Asia Command strikes a bold exclamation mark after Prime Minister Churchill's recent assertion that it looks now as if Tojo's defeat will follow Hitler's more quickly than was previously estimated.

It demonstrates that the British, with their Australian and Dutch naval allies, are able to duplicate against the western side of Japan's island-defense perimeter some of the blows which the United States fleet has been delivering against the eastern side.

A communique from Lord Mountbatten's new headquarters on Ceylon reported that harbor installations and shipping were blasted at two Sumatran key points to the eastern Bay of Bengal and the Malacca Straits, waters which now must be considered as unhealthy for Tojo's fleet as the Americans have made the seas to the northeast.

But the principal significance of the communique may lie not so much in its report of heavy damage inflicted as in its indication of British naval strength in the Far East. The aircraft carriers launched planes with 1,000-pound bombs. The carriers were escorted by "a powerful Allied fleet of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines."

The German radio reported yesterday that the British fleet was massing in home waters in preparation for the invasion in "the greatest concentration since Dunkirk." If British naval strength has now grown to such proportions that the exigencies of the European war can be met with a margin to spare for large-scale operations in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, where the bulk of the American fleet is known to be concentrated, then the time of Japan's reckoning is brought immeasurably closer. And the optimistic estimate of Britain's sea-loving Prime Minister is well justified.

The situation is further pointed up by the declaration yesterday of F. M. Forde, Australian Army Minister and Acting Prime Minister, who said flatly: "While the second front is being launched in Europe there will also be major moves in the Pacific."

Italian Airfields

Allied air forces have successfully bombed aircraft works in Austria by day and railway installations by night. And from the same Italian fields our bombers struck at the big marshalling yards in Budapest, important targets now that the German armies on the southern sector of the eastern front are completely isolated from those fighting in Poland.

Reinforcements and supplies for Axis troops in the Carpathians and in Rumania must come from the Reich, but the only routes over which they can move are railroads that almost all go through Budapest. Budapest is the key railway center of central and eastern Europe; lines from there feeding the Carpathians and the Galatz Gap, upon which von Kleist's 6th Army is attempting to fall back. A small amount of material might be sent to the front in barges sailing down the Danube; but shipping is also being attacked from the air and sunk by mines laid by bombers.

The successful bombing of the industrial works at Neustadt also shows that even German armaments industries, which were removed to the air raid shelters of Austria or built up there, are exposed to systematic destruction. Allied bombers are now hitting factories in Austria and southern Germany as successfully from Italy as west, central and northern Germany are bombed from Britain.

Bombers can now fly from airfields in southern Italy to the Russian front and be back in just a few hours. Their range also includes Bucharest and Sofia, which they have bombed, as well as oilfields at Ploesti which they have bombed once again.

German propagandists have been making frenzied efforts to impress on their more gullible listeners that the Allied campaigns in Italy have been a costly failure. They have even stated that we would abandon Italy if we could without heavy casualties and loss of prestige. But history will probably stress the fact that the Italian campaign has, up to the present moment, achieved a threefold success. First it has immobilized some 20 German divisions; secondly, it has assured airfields for raids on vital German war industries that used to be safe, and thirdly it has made it possible for the Western powers to play a vital part in breaking the German arms in the East.

Hash Marks

Most fascinating newspaper ad. of the week. (Taken from an Ohio newspaper). "Owner of truck would like to correspond with widow who owns two tires. Object: Matrimony. Send picture of tires."

We like the story from the Naval Air Station News, Anacostia, D.C., about the meeting between a new sailor and a crusty



old admiral. Apologetically, the young recruit said, "I'm only a reserve, sir." The admiral's eyes flashed, he wagged his finger, said sternly, "Never use the word only when you describe your status. The U.S. Navy, as such, never won a war; nor has the Regular Army won one, except with the aid of reserves pressed into service from civil life. Always remember this: You win the wars, we simply keep the guns clean during peacetime."

Civilian Philosophy: A man appearing in court commented, "There's one thing I like about this place—I can talk without being interrupted by my wife."

Greeting Cards, 1944 Style. On the 55th anniversary of his birth, Allied bombers saw to it that Hitler received many unhappy returns of the day!

Just offhand we'd say this conversation, as quoted by our spy on the home front, holds plenty of food for thought: A GI sitting with his girl on a park bench turned and said, "Darling, will you marry me?" "Yes, dear," she sighed. Then there was a LONG period of silence. Finally the girl asked impatiently, "Well, why don't you say something?" With a slightly dazed expression on his face, the Joe moaned, "Gosh, I've said too much already!"

This Week's old gag (from Winchell via a neutral source). A housewife opened her refrigerator one day and was



surprised to see a rabbit inside. She screamed, "What are you doing here?" The rabbit replied calmly, "This is a Westinghouse isn't it?" "Yes," she said. "Well," said the bunny, "I'm just westing!"

Pfc Henry Modes reports that after only six months in the ETO a lot of guys in his outfit are addressing their letters home, "The United States of AH-merica."

J. C. W.

Crashed Planes Father New Aerial Blows at Foe

The days when Mom contributed her old pressure cooker to the scrap pile outside the fire station, alongside Junior's favorite toy plane or tank, are a far cry from today's tremendous salvage drive taking place in war-time Britain.

It's still "Scrap to Beat the Axis," but it's a far more grim and grisly task. The planes they're scrapping and salvaging from British fields aren't toys—they're crash-landed Fortresses and

Liberators, Lightnings and Thunderbolts, returned battle-torn from the fighter-infested skies over Nazi Germany. They've come back with tail fins shot away, motors coughing, gaping shell holes sieving wings and fuselages—barely able to remain airborne to friendly ground.

Many have crash-landed. They play for keeps over here. But brave, skilled pilots, however, have coaxed injured planes back to peaceful English meadows, jockeying the crippled craft to a safe landing.

The story of how valuable parts of these battle-damaged planes are utilized to wage war on the Nazis is a tribute to the high degree of cooperation between the RAF and the AAF operating in Britain. Maintenance units of both have joined forces in the greatest salvage drive the world has ever known.

As U.S. liaison officer to the RAF's 43 Group, Lt. Col. Paul S. Anderson, of Washington, is mainly responsible for the smooth and efficient joint operations now taking place throughout the United Kingdom in the reclamation of crashed aircraft.

"Our biggest problem in the beginning was personnel," explained Col. Anderson. "With the RAF's cooperation, however, we have been able to completely clear away crashed aircraft within 48 hours after they were reported."

"In spite of the fact that these aircraft crash-land on hillsides, farms and village greens, they are dismantled and salvaged practically on the spot by either RAF or AAF maintenance personnel. Neither ally says: 'It's your plane—get it out yourself!' Both American and British planes receive the same priority."

When a report of a crashed plane is received, either an American or a British estimator (depending upon the plane) is sent to the scene immediately. It is his job to determine the ship's damage; whether it should be repaired on the spot or dismantled and returned to an air

depot. If he decides that it would prove impracticable to repair, RAF or Air Service salvage men are dispatched to the scene.

They swarm over the fallen bird like hungry ants. Blow-torches, hammers and chisels soon reduce the plane to easily transportable units, and truck-borne cranes swing the sections aboard 60-foot low-loaders in jig-time.

Upon reaching a nearby salvage depot, the scrap is deposited in a "bone yard" where all re-usable items, from wings and fuselages down to nuts and bolts, are carefully removed and sorted. Eventually each finds its way back into battle as part of a Liberator or Fortress, or one of our fighter planes. The balance of the metal is melted down at a refinery.

"Military security prevents the release of the actual number of parts salvaged to date," continued Col. Anderson, "but I can say this: The genuine spirit of cooperation existing between our two great Air Forces has made an important contribution to our supply facilities. Without the RAF's help our hands would be completely tied. They have supplied us with equipment, men—they have given unselfishly of their time and efforts—and, most important, they haven't measured their efforts against ours."

Greasy-overalled WAAFs, working at man-sized jobs in the RAF depot, armed with the tools of their trade, go beyond the business of salvage. Ex sub-debs rub shoulders with former shop girls at the lathes and work benches, replacing essential worn-out sections with parts salvaged from fallen planes.

With the increased tempo of our air invasion of Festung Europa, the load of the RAF's 43 Group and the maintenance mechanics of the Air Service Command may grow. However great the burden, Allied airmen can rest assured that the RAF and the AAF salvage experts will "keep 'em in the scrap."

The Infantry Tunes Things Up

Music Hath Charm to Soothe The Savage Gripe of the GI

By Tom Hoge

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN INFANTRY DIVISION HQ. Apr. 21—Soldiers training on the bleak moors now have their schedule brightened by frequent songfests and music recitals.

Clerks in division headquarters, typing lengthy reports in triplicate, find their fingers made more nimble with the lilting strains of crack American dance bands. Infantry platoons trudging in from the field have music with their chow and music in the long evenings in camp.

Music while you work and music while you relax has become the policy of this outfit.

Under a division directive, 25 glee clubs have been formed and these take turns singing in the mess-halls, in the hospitals and in the churches.

A public-address system has been set up in division headquarters, with American Forces Network programs broadcast throughout the day.

"The idea of a singing army has been a hit," said Cpl. Jean Lowenthal, of Baltimore, member of the Special Service Section. "I'm told it has done a lot to boost the efficiency of the men."

Which, when you consider the fact that the outfit has been training for more than three years, is saying plenty.

The English who live in the neighborhood also have shared in the new program. Each Sunday a half dozen glee clubs are sent out to sing in the community churches. Many have been invited to make return engagements.

For the benefit of soldiers confined to the station hospital, the choral groups, working in rotation, pay several visits a week to brighten up life in the wards.

As one veteran officer put it: "It's all very well to be GI about training, but it never hurts to sugar-coat the pill a little."

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Hasn't our dry cleaning come in yet?"

This Is The Army

A 46-YEAR-OLD staff sergeant, Andrew G. Hogstrom, of Long Island City, N.Y., who soldiered with Joyce Kilmer, the poet, in World War I and fought on Father Duffy's Fighting 69th boxing team, now is fire chief at an army base section headquarters in Britain.

"He was just another guy, a swell fellow," said Hogstrom of Kilmer, who died at Chateau Thierry. "Many times he gave me his poems to read. Once, in the Champagne sector, when I liked one particularly well, he told me to keep it. I lost it in Germany."

Hogstrom was just a few feet from the poet, a sergeant in headquarters company, when he was killed.

A retired New York fireman, Hogstrom was wounded twice by shrapnel in World War I. At the Argonne he was captured, but escaped and made his way back to the American lines two days before the armistice.

Discharged in May, 1919, Hogstrom re-enlisted in 1923 and served a three-year hitch with a tank unit. In January, 1942, he volunteered again and he later chose to stay in the service when the Army was discharging men more than 38.

According to Hogstrom, the American soldiers of today are "every bit as good" as those of the last war. "They may be civilians at heart," he said, "but put them in uniform, give them proper training and equipment and they make real fighting men."

From an ETO first sergeant's wife living in Chicopee Falls, Mass., comes a challenge by letter to anyone who can top her husband for faithful correspondence. Mrs. Sidney Victor claims the 1/Sgt. during the past 14 months has written to her 1,980 V-Mails, 370 air mails and 55 cables, a total of 2,405 missives

THREE U.S. soldiers stationed in North Ireland put on a peat-hauling show at a Red Cross contest which, they boast, broke all records ever set in Ulster.

As 76 natives, three dogs and a black cat watched, 14 barrels of peat in ten minutes were hauled by the winning trio—Cpl. Joseph P. Caufey, Meridan, N.C., Pfc John M. Ecard, East Freedom, Pa., and Pfc John Hoyt, San Helen's, Ore.

A peat hauler team consists of a digger, a filler and a wheelbarrow man.

Notes from the Air Force

THE son of the Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army is piloting an A-20 Havoc bomber here, the Ninth Air Force announced yesterday. He is 1/Lt. Allen W. Gullion Jr., son of Maj. Gen. Allen W. Gullion, of Washington.

Lt. Gullion, 20, has participated in five missions over occupied Europe, and is one of the youngest pilots to fly the twin-engined light bomber. He graduated from West Point in June, 1943.

1/Lt. Alex Shulman, of Detroit, intelligence officer at a Fortress station, is almost a one-man air force.

Recently he briefed his group on a mission, took off with the unit as gunner in one of the aircraft, interrogated some of the crews immediately after he returned, then made out full reports on the mission for his division headquarters.

Just to keep in trim, he played a couple of games of ping pong before going to bed.

During a Ninth fighter-bomber attack on a French railway yard Thursday Lt. Col. Cecil Wells, of Edwardsville, Ill., group commander, was diving on the target when a Ju88, flying at 1,000 feet toward a nearby airdrome, flew into his gunsight. Dropping his bombs, the group leader sighted on the bomber, fired and watched it overshoot the airdrome, crash into a hillside and explode.

ONE officer and three enlisted men at an Eighth Service Command station have been awarded Soldier's Medals for saving several lives and putting out the fire when a burning Fortress crashed in the station's ammunition area last January.

The awards were made to 1/Lt. Howard A. Dickson, of Cheyenne, Wyo., Sgt. Raymond Wierzbicki, of Kenosha, Wis., and Pfc Jack Miles, of Modesto, Cal., and George Hughes, of Hartford, Ala.

ARMY POETS



Devon Timber-yards!

Our town was once a quiet place, a village by the sea, Where drowsily it nestled long—"dropped straight from Heav'n it be"! Then, with the coming of the Yanks, it wakened from its sleep; So now instead of fish for sale, there's timber going cheap. Those Yankees dumped a pile of stuff in an adjoining field— Some crates packed tight with "movie gear," that's what was soon revealed. The crates were quickly emptied, and the captain heard to say: "They're useless now. Just break 'em up, and take the lot away." That's all our folks were waiting for—a sort of "starting-gun"— For in a flash the locals moved, like lightning ev'ry one; All men and women (kids as well!) got going with an axe. And soon reduced the lumber with some good and hearty cracks. Those crates, soon lopped to firewood, were as swiftly whisked away, A handy stack of kindling cut for cheerless, bitter day; Old gardens bloomed as timber-yards, for punctual each night, You'd catch the sound of saw on wood as long as there was light. More work was done each busy eve than many did all day. A man most often does his best when 'tis for self, they say! Us Devon folk were surely pleased for all we could acquire, Should coal be short, came wintry days, with wood we'll feed our fire. The memory of aching arm and back will disappear As heartily we wish the Yanks the best of luck and cheer: One day they'll sit round stoves again in home-towns in the States, While some of us in Devon burn their timber in our grates!

"Woodchopper."

Five Ground Force Boxing Champions Crowned



Don Grate, the high-scoring Ohio State forward who was the mainstay of the Buckeye hoop attack, is equally proficient as a pitcher. Last spring as a freshman he tossed Ohio State to the Big Ten title and wants to play pro ball when he gets out of school. He'll probably wind up with the Dodgers as Branch Rickey, Ohio native, usually gets most of the Buckeye talent. Grate has no draft worries, being 4-F.

When George Strickler, publicity man for the pro football league, finally located former Green Bay luminary Blood McNally and sent him some statistics on the past season, he received this wire from Johnny: "China is hole at end of line. Received letter, dope, Paulette Goddard same day. Got football broadcasts on super pro receiver. We called it Don Hutson. Thank you for dope. Thank Chaplin for Goddard. Thank God for Uncle Sam. Thank your stars this is not collect. Signed, John J. McNally."

Danny Doyle, firebrand guard for the Oklahoma Aggies in the Invitational basketball tourney, didn't report to the Boston Red Sox after the cage carnival. Though he was a member of the Red Sox, and has carried on the roster while at A and M, Danny's contract was taken up by the man with the whiskers for armed force duty.

When Cas Mysinski, the Army football captain, was graduated from the Point, Ohio Congressman George Bender lost no time in giving the Academy another good Ohio football prospect. Bender appointed Dean Sensenbaur to the vacancy. Sensenbaur is the freshman who sparked the Ohio State attack last year and shared East-West Shrine honors with Indiana frosh Hunchy Hoornschemeyer.

The Hercules Powder Company has come up with a preparation that is supposed to make soil waterproof, thus rendering baseball fields immune to the wet weather bugaboo. It was tried out on the Phillies' Wilmington training ground.

Gunder Haegg and Arne Andersson, the Swedish mile record-breakers, meet for the first time this year at Gothenburg, Sweden, in June.

Despite all urging, Gil Dodds still refuses to make a try at lowering Glen Cunningham's 4:04.4 mile time set on Dartmouth's giant oval. Dodds even refuses to run on the Dartmouth track which is five laps to the mile instead of the usual 11.

Vice Adm. Ben Morell, the youngest man of that rank in the Navy at 51, was captain of the track team and the star back on the Washington University (St. Louis) football team in 1913.

With Fat Freddie Fitzsimmons returning to the mound for the Phillies this year, the oldest battery in the game will be in operation. Merv Shea has been put back on the active list and will catch Fred. They last formed a battery in Brooklyn in 1938.

Marine Lt. Nick Padgen, one-time Creighton and Chicago Cardinal center, is an artillery commander on New Britain. . . . The Washington Senators will play no less than 43 night games this year, almost half the league's 106 night tilts. Maybe that's because the Cuban ball players see better at night.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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Finalists Refuse To Compete in Three Weights

Louis Referees Two Bouts In Tourney Windup At Bristol

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BRISTOL, Apr. 21—Joe Louis laid aside the gloves last night to act as referee in two bouts as five Ground Force ring champions were crowned in the finale of a three-day punch tourney at Colston Hall. Three titles remained vacant as men from Pat Gallagher's Field Force team monopolized the feather, welter and middleweight pairings in the title sessions and would not scrap against each other.

Gallagher's outfit walked off with the team laurels for the competition, winning 27 of the 32 tournament bouts.

Best fight on the bill was the heavy-weight bout in which Pfc Pete Morelli, burly Stockton, Cal., scrapper, outpointed Pvt. George Albert, Waynesburg, Pa., 12-bout winner for the title. However, the spectators were more interested in the referee—the Brown Bomber—than the contestants.

Opening Stanza Close

The opening stanza was nip and tuck, with Albert, who Tuesday night TKOed ETO champ Vince Kozak in 1:58 of the opening stanza, using his long reach in an effort to keep Morelli at a distance. Morelli got into plenty of trouble in the second when Albert belted him about the head with lefts and rights.

Both scrappers came out fast in the third and began throwing leather in an all-out effort with Morelli staging a terrific finish.

"I think that is one of the best finishes I have ever seen," Louis commented later.

In the other bout which Louis refereed, Southpaw Pfc Charles Endlich, 173-pound New Yorker, captured the light heavy honors when he drew a close but popular decision over the highly-touted Cpl. Art Tatta, of New Haven, Conn.

Tatta got off to a bad start and dropped the opening round, but gained the advantage in the second with his body punching in close. Endlich came back in the third to work Tatta to the ropes several times and land lefts and rights to the head.

First Defeat for Webber

Pvt. Jimmy Dunn, of Chihuahua, Mexico, two-time winner of the Mexican National Golden Glove title, gained the bantamweight championship with a close decision over Pfc Don Webber, Roanoke, Va., ETO featherweight titlist. It was Webber's first defeat in two years.

After building up a slight edge in the opening round, Webber suffered a bad second stanza in which Dunn carried the fight to him.

Fighting his best scrap of the tourney, although suffering a cut nose in the second stanza, Pfc Henry Huerta, Peoria, Ill., 136-pounder, outpointed Pfc Lynnwood Craighead, 134-pound — Infantry Division scrapper from Roanoke, Va., to gain the lightweight title.

Pvt. Caesar Romero, Los Angeles senior welterweight, drew an easy decision over T/5 Chet Aleski, 154-pound knockout artist from Brooklyn.

Minor League Results

International League
 Montreal 7, Newark 1
 Syracuse 2, Rochester 0
 Toronto 8, Jersey City 9
 Baltimore 6, Buffalo 5

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Montreal	1	0	1.000	Newark	0	1	.000
Syracuse	1	0	1.000	Rochester	0	1	.000
Toronto	1	0	1.000	Jersey City	0	1	.000
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	Buffalo	0	1	.000

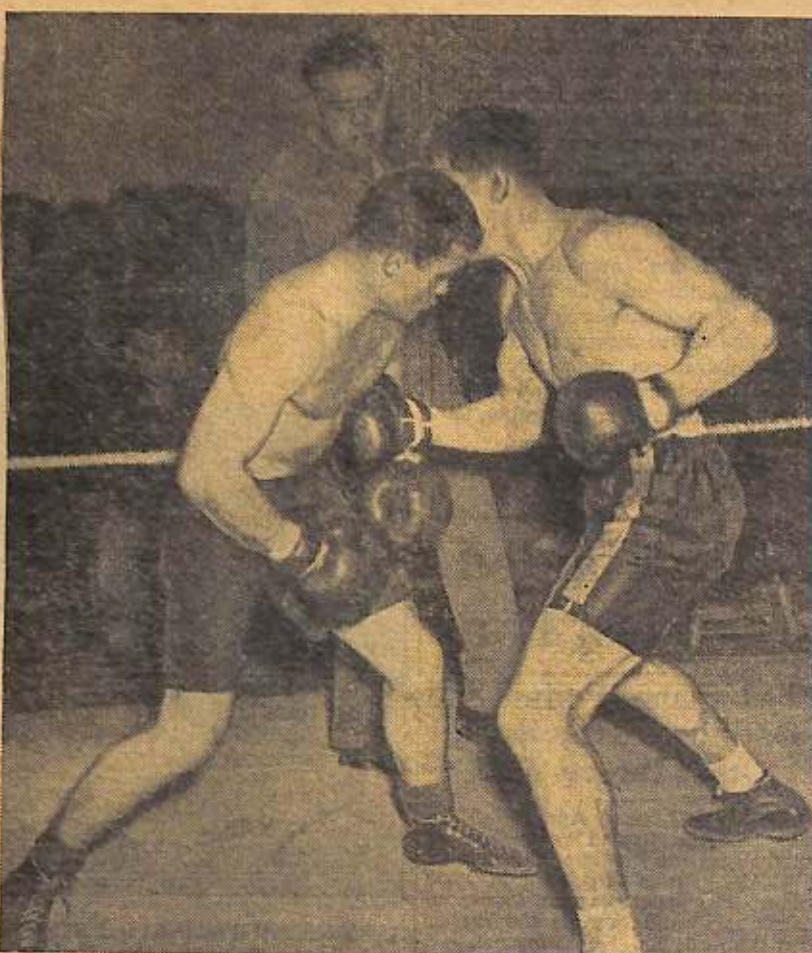
American Association
 Minneapolis 15, Kansas City 2
 Louisville 4, Columbus 2
 Other games postponed.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	Columbus	1	1	.500
Toledo	1	0	1.000	Indianapolis	0	1	.000
Minneapolis	1	0	1.000	Kansas City	0	1	.000
Louisville	1	1	.500	St. Paul	0	1	.000

Pacific Coast League
 Los Angeles 2, Hollywood 1
 San Francisco 9, Oakland 4
 San Diego 3, Seattle 2
 Portland at Sacramento postponed

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Los Angeles	9	2	.810	Seattle	6	7	.461
San Francisco	8	4	.666	Portland	5	6	.455
San Diego	8	5	.615	Oakland	3	9	.250
Hollywood	6	7	.461	Sacramento	2	7	.222

Joe Acts as Middleman



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
 With world champion Joe Louis refereeing, Pfc Pete Morelli of Stockton, Cal., took the Ground Force heavyweight crown from Pvt. George Albert, of Waynesburg, Pa. Here, however, Albert is landing a stiff right to Morelli's stomach.

British Meet Flier Ringmen In Six-Bout Card Thursday

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

British Army glovers are sharpening their heavy artillery and hoping for revenge when they match punches with an Eighth Air Force ring team next Thursday night at Teddington. In the first Anglo-American fight show, staged in London's spacious Albert Hall, last June 10 the Yanks rallied sharply to win, 6—5.

Two British boxers who competed that night again will be in the lineup Thursday, while the American squad will be comprised of an entire batch of new faces. In all, there will be six four-round contests governed by Olympic rules.

Fans who saw the first show will remember Sgt. Ernie Shackleton, former British amateur light-heavy champion, who pounded his way to a decision over Cpl. Bill Eck, of Allentown, Pa. Ernie will have his hands full Thursday, however, because his foe will be hard-hitting Cpl. Hal Raskin, popular 175-pounder from Chicago. Raskin won the Eighth AAF crown last year and holds one of three victories scored by ETO fighters over Pvt. Vince Kozak, heavy king from Hazleton, Pa.

Sgt. Cyril Gallie, British Army welterweight champion, received rude treatment from Pvt. Bill Garrett, of Braddock, Pa., in their Albert Hall affair, losing the decision, and he intends to even accounts at the expense of Pvt. William Wright, 145-pounder from Youngstown, Ohio. Wright is one of five on the American team who triumphed when the Yanks toppled the Canadian Ack-Acks, 8—3, at Hampton Court last month, outpointing Cpl. Gordon Woodhouse, of Vancouver.

Pfc Ray Wzykiewicz, 126-pounder from Buffalo, N.Y., boasting two TKO victories at Rainbow Corner and the judges' nod against his Canadian foe, is matched with Sapper A. E. Butler, the lone Canadian wearing British colors for the evening. In the lightweight bracket, Pfc Herbie Williams, crowd-pleasing Negro slugger from New Orleans, will be pitted against the British Army champion, Cpl. E. Dennington.

Pvt. Frank Brescovicz, 155-pounder from Trenton, N.J., holding a win over his Canuck rival and a clean slate after one try at the Corner, will tackle Cpl. J. Taylor in the middleweight tiff. The heavyweight headliner will send Cpl. Leo Matricianni, Baltimore 210-pounder who decisioned Canadian Pvt. Al Hayes, of Montreal, into action against Sgt. W. Walters, 203-pounder of the Royal Engineers.

Giants Shade Braves, 10-8; Reds Triumph

Bucs Fall Before Cards; Browns Claw Bengals; Nats Blank A's

NEW YORK, Apr. 21—Major league teams hit the road last night for the first time this season and teams which participated in opening day festivities away from home Tuesday make their debut for the benefit of hometown rooters today.

As the action shifts to new locales, only four clubs—two in each league—still have unblemished slates. The St. Louis Browns are unbeaten after three starts and the Chicago White Sox won their only test to head the American League, while the New York Giants, with three triumphs, and the St. Louis Cards, with two, are ahead in the National League.

Three home runs paraded the Giants to a 10—8 decision over the Braves in New York yesterday.

Mel Ott slapped his second round-tripper of the infant season in the first with Johnny Rucker aboard; Ernie Lombardi blasted another to score Joe Medwick and Phil Weintraub in the same inning, and Medwick duplicated the trick in the sixth with the bases empty. Lefty Cliff Melton started for the Giants and lasted until the eighth when he was replaced by Americus Polli, who gave up three runs before Harry Feldman saved the day, Melton getting credit for the win.

Three-Run Barrage Chases Barrett
 Charlie Barrett, who started and was charged with the loss, was chased by a three-run outburst in the fifth. Carl Lindquist and Armand Cardoni also twirled for the Braves.

The Reds shaded the Cubs, 2—1, at Cincinnati with the same trio producing the winning run for the second day in a row. Eric Tipton's single, a double by Eddie Miller and a single by Ray Mueller broke a 1—1 deadlock in the ninth to give Tommy Delacruz the nod over Les Fleming, Delacruz allowing five hits, Fleming six.

The Pirates shelled Mort Cooper for two runs in the seventh, but George Munger stopped the rally and the Cards took their second victory in St. Louis, winning, 5—3. Art Cucurullo started for the Pirates but was also kayoed in the seventh, giving way to Xavier Rescigno, who was tagged with the defeat when Walker Cooper singled and Ray Sanders followed with a two-bagger in the seventh to clinch the verdict. Munger was the winning pitcher.

Dodgers Subdue Phillies, 8—2
 The Dodgers patted Charlie Schanz for four runs in the fourth and clipped Bill Lee for three more in the seventh to trounce the Phillies, 8—2, as Fritz Ostermueller survived 13 Philly hits. The Dodgers collected 14 off Schanz, Lee and Bernie Mussill.

Only two games were played in the American League yesterday, the Browns dumping the Tigers, 8—5, for the third straight time and the Senators blanking the Athletics, 5—0, to gain a split in their two-game series.

Sigmund Jackucki, 31-year-old rookie, went the route for the Brownies, scattering nine hits. Hal Newbouser, Tiger starter, was ushered out in the third after giving five runs on five hits, being followed on the mound by Forrest Orrell and Elon Hogsett. Vern Stephens continued to pace the St. Louis attack, driving in three runs with a double and a single.

The A's whitewash was handed out by Early Wynn, husky 24-year-old Nat right-hander who won 18 last year. He shackled Ossie Bluege's club with two hits while his mates pounded Russ Christopher, Charlie Scheib and Bill McGillen for ten. Three Philadelphia miscues made Wynn's task easier.

By Al Capp

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Air-Sea Base Built on Adak, In the Aleutians

Magnuson Hails Seabees For Work on 'Amazing' New Outpost

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (Reuter)—Allied navies now have a base on Adak "which will take care of anything we will ever use in the Aleutians," Rep. Warren G. Magnuson (D.-Wash.) reported to Congress following his recent inspection of the North Pacific island chain.

"Why the Japanese did not establish themselves on Adak—in the center of the Aleutians—is a mystery," said Magnuson in revealing the existence of this fleet anchorage built by Seabees, U.S. Navy construction battalions.

"Possibly the best explanation," he continued, "is that for years on our maps we designated Kiska as 'Naval Reserve—Keep Out'; therefore, subtle Japanese thinking must have led them to Kiska instead of to one of the finest potential bases in the Aleutians.

"Adak is the main advanced base in the Aleutians. It is an amazing place which has been built up to fighting strength in one year. They (the Seabees) have gone out on these barren islands and in sleet, slush, rain, cold and snow have built some of the finest airfields, air facilities and piers that exist anywhere in any advanced base in the world.

"At Adak they drained a small lake and provided a fleet anchorage. They have just about completed a Navy airfield. They have built roadways and all other things necessary for this vast naval facility, all in ten months, starting from scratch.

"The Army airfield at Adak is unique, with a very long runway. It was accomplished by a bright young engineer who discovered a lagoon with a narrow entrance from the sea and merely drained the lagoon by building a dam at the entrance. They drain the water in or out at will, leaving a fine hard-surface airfield.

"Since the removal of the Japs from Attu, both the Navy and Army have made tremendous strides in the development of the base. The Navy has an excellent airfield with adequate strips for landing the type of aircraft now used in the area. It is hoped that further development of the Navy field will allow the Army joint use."

Penicillin Battles Syphilis

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 21—Dr. Chester S. Keefer, of Boston, civilian allocator of penicillin, told the American Philosophical Society today there was "good grounds for saying penicillin will be extremely useful in the treatment of syphilis." He said early experiments were "extremely promising."

American Forces Network

Major league ball games will be broadcast in the ETO twice each week, AFN announced yesterday. An American League game will be broadcast Wednesday evenings at 8:15 and a National League game will be heard Sunday mornings at 11:15.

"Take the Air," the AFN feature heard tonight at 8:10, will present five Air Force men. Among them they have bombed all three Axis capitals—Berlin, Rome and Tokyo.

1/Lt. Waldo J. Bither, a bombardier on the Tokyo raid two years ago this week, and Lt. Col. John E. Fitzgerald, a member of the Technical planning staff for the Jap raid, will be interviewed.

T/Sgt. Kurt J. Hermann, who has bombed both Rome and Berlin in his 75 bombing missions, will describe his experiences. Others on the program will be 1/Lt. Dan Haggarty, a bomber pilot who switched to fighters, and two fighter pilots who participated in a ditching drama last week, 1/Lts. Jack Terzian and William McGuire.

The "Your Town" program Sunday at 11 AM will feature Hattiesburg and Vicksburg, Miss.

On Your Dial

1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Saturday, Apr. 22

- 1100—Spotlight—Tommy Dorsey.
- 1115—Personal Album—Kate Smith.
- 1130—Yanks Radio Weekly.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Bag.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Crosby Music Hall.
- 1400—News Headlines and Downbeat.
- 1430—Hello India, China and Burma.
- 1500—Music While You Work.
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1630—NBC Symphony and Program Resume.
- 1730—Waltz Time.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—Harry James.
- 1830—Atlantic Spotlight—(NBC and BBC).
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1910—Dinah Shore Program.
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly Roundup of News from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Take the Air.
- 2030—GI Journal.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—All Time Hit Parade.
- 2145—The Male Man—with Pvt. Pauline Anderson of the W.A.C.
- 2200—Xavier Cugat.
- 2230—One Night Stand with Les Brown.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours, Sunday, Apr. 23.

Eater of Light Bulbs Is Put Out for 30 Days

CHICAGO, Apr. 21—Paul Blow, who once made his living as an entertainer eating things only billy goats might select, was in court on a larceny charge—alleged to have misplaced a ring owned by Mrs. Alice Humphreys.

Blow denied the charge and a policeman supported him with a statement that a fluoroscopic examination disclosed nails, tacks, wires and chinaware in Blow's stomach, but no ring.

"Why, I don't even like rings," Blow told the judge as he took a couple of photographer's used flash bulbs and started chewing the glass.

The judge, not completely convinced, gave him 30 days and added a warning not to go around eating up the country's light bulbs.

"After all," he said, "there's a war on."

Venice Raided For First Time

Allied Planes Pound Site Of Shipyards, Arsenal; Other Targets Hit

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 21—Allied heavy bombers attacked Venice for the first time yesterday as one of a number of widely scattered targets hit in 2,000 sorties. The famous lagoon, known to tourists the world over, is the site of naval shipyards and a huge arsenal.

Fortresses struck at the railroad yards in the Adriatic port of Ancona, while other bombers attacked the submarine and air base at Monfalcone near Trieste, the Fano railroad yards northwest of Ancona and railway bridges at Casarsa, at the head of the Adriatic, where lines come into Italy from Austria.

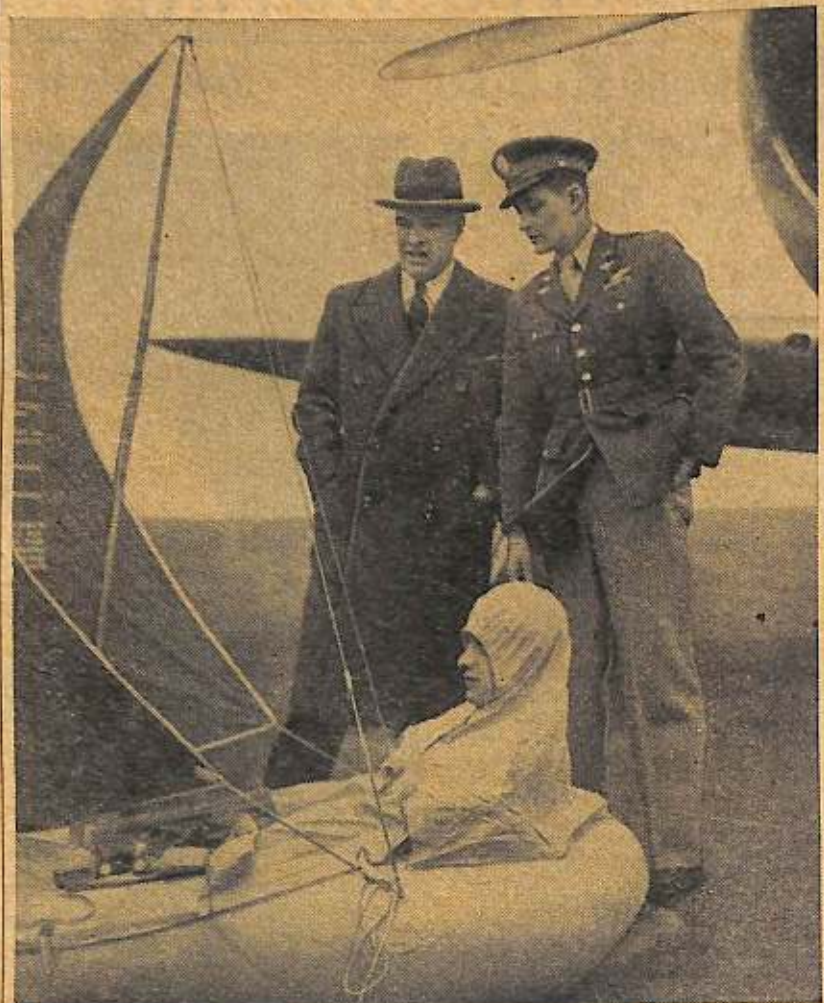
All the Italian battlefronts were marked by active patrolling and gunfire exchanges. In the Anzio beachhead the Germans reacted sharply to all Allied movement, directing particularly heavy gunfire against the right sector, where they were apparently apprehensive of an attack.

German artillery plastered Allied positions at Anzio with shells containing propaganda leaflets—but the wind was blowing the wrong way. When the shells landed and the leaflets burst out in clouds the wind picked them up and carried them back to Jerry.

Group OKs Navy Bill

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (AP)—A subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, acting with unusual speed, has approved a \$32,645,000,000 Navy supply bill, the largest in history.

Stettinius Inspects Dinghy at Air Base



Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. inspects a fighter dinghy, complete with "pilot," on his visit to an air base. In Britain for talks with Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, Stettinius and acting post commander Lt. Col. Everett W. Stewart, of Abilene, Kan., examine the life craft, occupied by Sgt. Fred Estabrook, of Augusta, Me.

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER BASE, Apr. 21—His weighty diplomatic duties abandoned for the day in order to "see the boys," U.S. Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. stood today on the wind-swept control tower at this field and watched the pilots with whom he had chatted a short time before soar aloft over the field.

His civilian dress, in sharp contrast to the beribboned uniforms of his hosts—Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF commander; Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth Air Force chief, and Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, Eighth Fighter Command chief—Stettinius spent a busy few hours here, inspecting men and equip-

ment, eating a luncheon of roast beef and ice cream with the youthful pilots in their mess hall and talking with them.

This station made a tidy exhibit with its P51s orderly aligned with their pilots alongside and neat displays of air force equipment arranged in airdrome buildings. On the field here Stettinius spoke to 2/Lts. John Cotter, Kansas City, Mo.; Herbert Fritts, Washington; Albert H. Debacker, Topeka, Kan., and Leonard Fuller, East Bethany, N.Y.

Earlier in the day, Stettinius and the U.S. air chiefs, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Robert B. Williams, division commander, inspected an Eighth Fortress station commanded by Col. Claude Putnam, of Jacksboro, Tex.

Finland Rejects Russian Terms

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 21—A negative Finnish reply to Moscow's latest armistice conditions was handed the Soviet minister in Stockholm, Mme. Alexandra Kollontay, on Tuesday, it was reliably learned today.

The step presumably put peace negotiations back to their original status, leaving it to Moscow to decide whether negotiations should continue.

Some Swedish quarters considered there was still a chance for Finland to get out of the war, but they did not explain what basis they had for their belief.

Stassen Rescue At Sea Is Bared

MADISON, Wis., Apr. 21—The rescue at sea of Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and Republican presidential "hopeful," was revealed today in a letter written by a Wisconsin sailor aboard a Navy submarine chaser to his father.

The sailor, William Borrett, wrote that "just a few weeks ago we were patrolling near an island when somebody saw a small boat ahead. We took the passengers aboard. One of them was Stassen."

Stassen, who resigned as governor to enter the Navy, has been serving as flag secretary to Adm. William F. Halsey in the Pacific.

At South St. Paul, Minn., Stassen's wife said she had heard of the rescue, but not from her husband. The Navy Department said it had no confirmation of Borrett's report.

Louisiana Formally Elects Jimmy Davis Its Governor

NEW ORLEANS, Apr. 21—Jimmy Davis, politician, composer of juke-box hits and cowboy actor, will be inaugurated as Louisiana's next governor May 9, succeeding Gov. Sam H. Jones.

His election, foreshadowed several weeks ago by his winning the Democratic primary in a state where Democratic nomination is tantamount to election, became official Tuesday when Davis and his entire state ticket swept to victory at the general election.

A Fleet for the Vatican

The Vatican is negotiating for a fleet of 21 coastal vessels to supply Rome and the Vatican with food, German News Agency has declared.

NEWS FROM HOME Knox, Stimson Demand Action To Fill War Jobs

Want a Law if Recruiting Fails; Labor Turnover, Complacency Scored

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (Reuter)—Decrying a "belief that the war is won," Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Navy Secretary Frank Knox called yesterday in a joint statement for some sort of industrial-service legislation to meet the labor shortages in essential industries which they said were partly induced by a huge labor turnover resulting from complacency about the military situation.

The statement suggested recruiting voluntary workers from non-essential industries before resorting to Selective Service principles, but added that the latter "must be invoked in case sufficient volunteers do not answer the call."

Meanwhile, the House Military Affairs Committee recommended last night that men rejected for full military service be inducted for non-combatant duty if they failed to seek war work, and criticized "conspicuous absence" of planned effort to direct such men into essential work.

The Stimson-Knox statement followed a manpower conference attended by representatives of all major industries, including 12 presidents of U.S. railway companies.

Women Ask Voice in Peace

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21—A resolution urging that women be included among government representatives from the Americas at the peace conference was adopted last night by the Inter-American Commission of the Pan-American Union Women's Conference.

Gloria Dickson Wins Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 21—Gloria Dickson, film actress, won a divorce from movie director Ralph Murray. She charged strained relationships and frequent quarrels made their marriage impossible.

6 1/2-Million Concert

NEW YORK, Apr. 21—Music lovers purchased \$6,422,000 in War Bonds to hear Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony in Carnegie Hall Tuesday night. The money will build two Liberty ships and two B17s.

Tribune's Plans Upset

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21—The War Production Board yesterday rejected the Chicago Tribune's application for newspaper to start a new daily newspaper in Milwaukee.

Ford's Windsor Factory Is Shut in Union Dispute

WINDSOR, Ont., Apr. 21—A union dispute with the management of the Ford Motor Company's huge Windsor plant halted operations today, with 1,400 employees locked out because the day shift stopped work yesterday in what the firm contended was an "illegal" strike.

Pickets ringed the plant, and President Wallace R. Campbell of Ford's Canadian company asked police to disperse them. The police declined, however, until the strike "has been proved illegal."

Shortly after yesterday's stoppage, the company announced it was terminating its collective-bargaining agreement with the union and locking all gates.

U.S. Fighter Crashes in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 21 (AP)—An American Mustang was the plane, hitherto unidentified, which crashed last week near Laholm, an official Swedish communique announced today. It was the first American fighter to crash in Sweden.

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but there was no confirmation, Reuter reported from Lord Mountbatten's headquarters that Allied forces were strongly entrenched at key points at Kohima, as well as at Imphal, and were ready to beat off any Japanese action.

It was officially reported from the Kandy (Ceylon) headquarters, however, that the Japanese were sending reinforcements to the Kohima area, midway between Imphal and the Indian railroad town of Dimapur.

Terry and The Pirates

