

1,500 Japs Drowned, 5 Ships Sunk

5th Air Force Wipe Out Entire Convoy on Way To New Guinea

About 1,500 Japanese soldiers were drowned in the Bismarck Sea Sunday when a Fifth Air Force air fleet pounced on a Jap convoy of five vessels trying to sneak through the Allied blockade to bomb-battered Wewak, New Guinea, and sank every ship, Gen. MacArthur's communique said yesterday.

Late Saturday night a naval reconnaissance plane spotted the Jap fleet steaming toward the New Guinea coast from the direction of the Philippines and by Sunday noon 200 aircraft—including Liberators, Mitchells, Bostons and fighters—had sunk two troop-packed transports of about 6,000 tons each and three destroyer-corvette escorts.

Pilots returning from the attack reported that the sea was strewn with debris and Jap troops struggling to keep afloat with life-jackets.

Fired Back With Pistols

One pilot said: "We were the last to leave the scene and saw no lifeboats, only Japs feebling firing at us with pistols."

This loss in personnel is believed to be larger than any single enemy loss in a sea engagement in the Pacific since the first battle of the Bismarck sea last March when 18,000 Japs were killed.

For the ninth consecutive day, Allied bombers have pounded Wewak. This time 113 tons of bombs rained down on shore targets there, bringing the total bomb tonnage for the last nine days up in the neighborhood of 1,400 tons.

Scores of Zero fighters have been destroyed both on the ground and in the air over the base.

Stilwell's Men Seize 2 Points in N. Burma

Capture of two Japanese strongholds in northern Burma was announced yesterday by Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's headquarters as about 325 miles to the southwest in the area west of the Chindwin River a Jap column advancing toward the Indian frontier was engaged by an Allied force.

With the capture of Sumprabum, one of the strongholds captured yesterday, which lies about 50 miles from the Indian frontier in the region through which the proposed new Burma road to China will run, the Allies drove to within 80 miles of the Jap rail junction of Myitkyina.

The fall of Jambu Bum, another north Burma stronghold, gave Gen. Stilwell complete control of the Hukawng Valley and access to the Mogaung Valley, in which is located the village of Mogaung, northern terminus of the railroad to Rangoon.

The Jap hill position of Jambu Bum fell to Chinese troops after a two-day battle. After artillery had softened up enemy installations, the Chinese made a frontal assault on the hill as another unit carried out an outflanking movement.

There were few details of the battle raging west of the Chindwin River in the Chin Hills sector between Allied forces and Jap troops who launched an offensive apparently designed to capture air bases in Assam from which the Allies are supplying China.

A Jap communique reported that their forces had crossed the Chindwin near Homalin.

On the Arakan front, British and Indian troops, supported by tanks, enclosed in further still on Jap troops entrenched in tunnels along the Maungdaw-Buthidaung road.

Battleships Shell Marshalls

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (UP)—U.S. battleships and carrier-borne aircraft bombarded Mili Atoll in the eastern Marshall Islands on Saturday, the Navy Department announced in Washington.

15 More Japanese Vessels Sunk by U.S. Submarines

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—U.S. submarines in the Pacific have sunk two Japanese transports, two tankers and 11 freighters, bringing to 642 the enemy's losses to undersea boats since the beginning of the war, the Navy Department announced today. Nineteen U.S. submarines were lost in that period.

Report From Nicaragua Tells of Sextuplets' Birth

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Mar. 21 (AP)—Sextuplets—four boys and two girls—are reported to have been born to Paula Esquivel in Potosi, near Rivas, and that the family is "doing well."

Nazi Grab of All of Balkans Looms; Germans Stiffen in Dniester Battle

400 Planes Hurlled Into Fray; Reds 7 Mi. From Balti

German resistance stiffened beyond the Dniester yesterday and Berlin reported that the Luftwaffe had thrown in 400 tank-buster battle planes to stem the Soviet onrush toward the Bessarabian rail junction of Balti.

From Berlin also came word that the Russians were now engaged in house-to-house fighting for the Polish railway city of Kovel, most westerly point of the Red Army advance.

A high command spokesman quoted by German Overseas News Agency claimed that a Soviet column which entered the town had been wiped out. Kovel stands 72 miles southeast of Brest-Litovsk, through which the Russo-German partition line was drawn in 1939.

While Marshal Gregory Zhukov's troops fought their way to the approaches of Brody, 58 miles northeast of the German base at Lwow, Marshal Ivan Koniev's armored spearheads 200 miles to the south pressed within seven miles of Balti, from which a rail line runs to Jassy, where Marshal Fritz von Manstein until recently had his headquarters, and thence to the Danube port of Galatz.

In spite of Von Manstein's use of Luftwaffe reserves to attack the Dniester crossings and hold back the main body of Koniev's armies, Moscow reported that more and more Soviet troops were pouring across the river into Bessarabia, where the Red Army now holds a 50-mile stretch of the west bank.

To the east, the German bulge on the left bank of the Bug River was reported shrinking steadily and Soviet forces were said to be only 15 miles from Pervomaisk.

Finland Rejects Soviet's Terms

Red Shock Troops Then Attack Near Isthmus; Peace Hopes Slim

Finland announced officially yesterday that it had rejected Russia's armistice terms.

Soon afterward it disclosed that Soviet shock troops had attacked Finnish troops in the western part of the Karelian isthmus and the central sector of the eastern front.

Russia's insistence that its five armistice terms, including a break with Germany and internment of German troops, be accepted by Finland before any discussions leading to cessation of hostilities gave Finland no opportunity "to explain her own point of view before accepting the conditions," a communique said.

As a result, it added, "the Finnish government thought it impossible to agree to terms which would deeply affect the nation, without having any security as to their interpretation and as to their contents."

President Has a Cold

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—President Roosevelt was confined to his quarters today with a head cold. Secretary Stephen Early said the President had no temperature but his physician advised him not to leave his study.

London ARC Clubs Set Up Raid Plan

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A new system of control, approved by the Army, has been put into effect at Red Cross clubs in London to insure that the instructions of officials and ARP leaders are followed smoothly by American soldiers during raids on the capital.

A senior NCO, appointed daily at each club and instructed in his duties by the director, will assume command of troops during alerts, and persons failing to comply with his orders will be subject to military discipline, according to a memorandum issued to all London clubs. The senior officer will take charge at officers' clubs. Notices to that effect have been posted.

Social functions will cease at the alert and men will disperse to ground floors or shelters, the memorandum added. Rescue work and the care of any casualties

Hungary Victim of Old Squeeze Play



Spotlight on the war's big events covered this general area of southeastern Europe last night. Hitler took drastic steps to seal the doorway into Hungary by occupying that rich Balkan country with troops. Russian armies from the Ukraine continued their swift westward advance, reaching the foothills of the Carpathian mountains which separate Transylvania (Hungary) and Rumania.

Libs, Mustangs Strike France From the Pyrenees to Calais

Liberator bombers and Mustang fighters teamed up yesterday to give the Nazis in occupied France a trouncing from the Pas de Calais to the Pyrenees.

The Liberators struck once again at the Pas de Calais, now becoming one of the most bomb-battered areas in the world. Escorted by P47s, the B24s flew through moderately heavy flak to bomb military targets despite solid cloud. No losses were reported, and no enemy fighters challenged the raiders.

Eighth Fighter Command sent out the former Eagle Squadron group of Mustangs in a deep penetration of France at roof-top level.

The Mustangs slashed across France from one Nazi airdrome to another, shooting up ground installations and climbing whenever a Luftwaffe pilot offered opposition. The U.S. airmen reported that French farmers looked up from their spring plowing to wave as the white-starred planes flew over.

From the Pyrenees mountains, near the Spanish border, north to Paris, the ex-Eagles carried out what they called "a rharbarb" when they were RAF airmen, and the Luftwaffe had to fight. When the 51s returned to base they reported 20 enemy craft destroyed in the air and on the ground for the loss of seven U.S. pilots.

The American raids followed another night precision attack by a small force of RAF bombers which hit the explosive-manufacturing works at Angouleme, 60 miles north of Bordeaux, in France. At the same time, Mosquito bombers hit targets in western Germany, all without loss.

Reconnaissance photographs yesterday showed that the Marauder bomber attack on the Creil railway yards north of Paris had scored direct hits on the bridge carrying mainline traffic across the Oise River and had destroyed or damaged some 50 freight cars in the sidings.

25 Bodies of Bus Victims Remain in Passaic River

PASSAIC, N.J., Mar. 21 (Reuter)—Divers lowered into the Passaic River estimated last night that 25 bodies still remained in the bus which plunged into the river yesterday during a sleet storm. Three bodies had been recovered earlier.

Hungary Occupied, Move in Bulgaria Is Reported

An atmosphere of rising military crisis pervaded the world last night as Adolf Hitler, in a desperate thrust to bolster his southeastern flank against the onrushing Soviet armies, commenced the occupation of the Balkans, where Germany's collapse in 1918 began.

One hundred thousand German troops occupied Hungary, and a quiescent government was installed. Reports that the Germans also had taken over all telephone, telegraph and radio communications in Bulgaria began to trickle last night from neutral sources.

There still was no news of German occupation of Rumania, but with the Russian armies already in Bessarabia and only 40 miles from the border of Rumania proper, such a move was expected hourly. Bolstering such expectations was the announcement by Germany's own Foreign Office spokesman that Germany was "striving to co-ordinate all resources and forces in southeastern Europe against the common Russian threat." The developments in the Balkans, he said last night, were not yet completed.

"A Great Turning"

Germany's strategic position was regarded in London as turning steadily from one of seriousness to one of great gravity. William Smith White, Associated Press correspondent here, wrote: "It is far too early to begin to recall memories of 1918, when the collapse of the Kaiser's Balkan allies began to toll the bell of German defeat. It is plain, however, that the rush of events in the last seven days—above all the unbroken advance of the Russians into Bessarabia—has made one of the great turnings in the course of the war, not to be fully assessed until history has spoken."

German troops occupied Hungary following an apparent Nazi failure to squeeze of the faltering ally the manpower, supplies and other aid urgently needed to strengthen the Balkan barrier.

Neither Hungary nor Germany made official announcements, but Swiss, Swedish and Turkish reports said that

Allies Preparing Drive In Balkans, Swiss Hear

ZURICH, Mar. 21 (Reuter)—Large-scale preparations for Allied troop landings in the Mediterranean zone are under way, according to reports circulating in Italy. Some information indicated that an attack on the Balkans was imminent. Strong forces were said to be massing in Sardinia and Corsica.

The arrival in Cairo today of Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied supreme commander in the Mediterranean, for consultation with Allied authorities was reported earlier.

Hungarian Army units had resisted German occupation troops near the Rumanian border. Neutral sources anticipated a declaration of war, following many casualties and arrests.

Adm. Horthy, Hungarian Regent, and his War Minister and Chief of Staff were reported prisoners in Germany, where Hitler had summoned them for conference. Stockholm reports said that Franz Basch, Nazi minority leader in Hungary, was installed as head of the new quiescent government.

A Budapest newspaperman in Turkey said that Nazi troops were fanning out over the entire country, occupying all strategic points, particularly railway stations.

According to Berne dispatches, the Hungarian crisis developed after the (Continued on page 4)

WACs With Air Forces May Wear AAF Insignia

All WACs in the ETO assigned to the Air Forces have been authorized to wear the Air Forces insignia instead of the Pallas Athene, insignia of the WAC.

WAC officers and enlisted women assigned or detailed for duty to various services of the AAF are not necessarily an integral part of that branch or service, according to ETO interpretations. If the commanding officer of a branch or service to which WACs are assigned wishes them to wear the insignia of that branch or service they may do so.

in clubs will be handled by the British Civil Defense Service. Capt. A. L. Barge, ARC Civil Defense Officer for Britain, said yesterday that the system would help maintain fire-fighting at the same high pitch of efficiency that was demonstrated Tuesday night a week ago, when three clubs between them dealt with at least 26 fire bombs without outside assistance. The work, he said, was on a par with the old blitz-style fire-fighting of many Londoners, who prided themselves on putting out "their bomb" without calling on the fire brigade. GIs put out incendiaries promptly and expertly. Although the raid gave many American soldiers in London practical experience in fighting incendiaries, it showed that the majority were anxious to learn more about "correct procedure," Capt. Barge said. One building was hit by a phosphorus bomb, and because it was tackled the right way a serious blaze

was averted. An NFS divisional officer expressed great satisfaction at the job. On the other hand, when a couple of bombs fell elsewhere, the nearest GIs didn't know where to start until two British girls quickly told them how, and then the incendiaries were smothered without damage. Soldiers can learn a lot from people who were around during the blitz, and the latter will be only too glad to answer questions, according to Capt. Barge, who is a former deputy ARP Controller and Chief Warden of one of London's heavily-hit boroughs. He supplied these "blitz tips" for GIs: "Keep away from windows and skylights, and don't congregate in doorways to see what's going on. Blast from a bomb can get you if you're in the door, but you may be OK if you're inside. Disperse as much as possible. "Make sure the blackouts are tight, (Continued on page 4)

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Hungarian Rhapsody

Hitler's system of gangsterism is crumbling. The warlord who has consistently shown his satellites that they cannot rely on him is learning in a time of crisis that he cannot trust his lesser partners.

Hungary, who profited in the early stages of the game by posing as an Axis stooge, is today an occupied country because she refused to do Hitler's bidding.

At the moment when Hitler is at his wits' end to find enough troops to cover all the threatened sectors of his European fortress he has had to spare a number of his precious divisions to secure his "back door."

Ironically enough, under the so-called gangster code the Fuehrer had a right to expect dividends when the chips were down—he had given his partner generous portions of territory and let her armies stand by while he fed Rumanian troops to the insatiable slaughter mill on the eastern front.

Until now the chief strategic value of Hungary has been that of a country of transit, all important to German communications with Rumania and the Balkans. Today the situation is different; the Hungarian plains are potentially a decisive battleground, offering an excellent back-door approach to the Reich...

And Hungary, who is learning how a gangster chief deals with traitor henchmen, does not stand alone in the turmoil. Rumania and Bulgaria have been threatened with occupation if they do not fall in with Nazi demands.

Yes, Hitler has written a new "Hungarian Rhapsody," a dirge whose dissonant chords sound the death knell of a rotten system, of its satellite supporters, and of the very nation which spawned its evil structure.

A Screwball Idea

It has now been revealed that the electrifying successes in the Allied drive to reconquer northern Burma were largely the result of Yankee ingenuity—the success of a screwball idea accepted when the textbooks failed to supply the answer.

When Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill and their Chiefs of Staff discussed this year's Burma campaign in Quebec last autumn, they decided that air power could play a really big part. Even the experts, however, were a little vague about what could or could not be done.

Assigned to the Burma theater, Col. Philip Cochran (Flip Corkin of Terry and the Pirates) brought matters to a head with a blunt question addressed to the leaders of Combined Operations: "Why should your men have to walk hundreds of miles through the jungles before reaching the site of their operations? I will fly them there in an hour."

The time gap between this statement and the final successful attack, first military operation of its kind in world history, was filled with tough problems, ranging from overcoming the scepticism of the High Command to flying mules and cattle in gliders.

The first dress rehearsal convinced the High Command that the Air Commandos were a hot fighting force; the repeat performance convinced the Japs.

An important factor in the success of the plan is summed up in the words of Col. Cochran, who said, "It was a screwball idea; but I like to make screwball ideas work."

Thus we have another instance where Yankee willingness to tackle a job when the rule books fail to give the answer has come through with flying colors. It is a quality that is proving a deciding factor in this war, for it is a mental process which the Axis mind, so thoroughly channelized, cannot fathom—until too late.

Hash Marks

Boy, these paratroopers are tough. They fight hard, work hard and, well, play hard. The other night at a bowling alley a GI jumper who had completed his roll turned to his pal and said, "Give me credit for 11 pins." His pal reminded him that there were only 10 set up. "Wow," cried the bowler, "I must have gotten the pin boy!"

And then there was the smart corporal who stepped up to the Land Army girl and quipped, "Milking the cow, miss?"



Quick on the trigger she snapped, "Whaddaya think I'm doing, Yank—feeling her pulse?"

There's a jeep driver in an MP outfit over here whose pals are a little leery of riding with—he gets so homesick sometimes he drives on the right-hand side of the road.

Out at an airbase depot there's a smart Joe who is planning a dire revenge on those proverbial relatives who come to stay for a few days, then remain indefinitely. He's compiling a list of C ration menus to take home to his wife.

Famous Last Words on the London Front. "Let 'em off first, please!"

Assigned to an office which previously had been used as a combat training classroom, an 8th Air Force Composite Command Chaplain did not remove the sign he found on the door when he put up his own. The legend now reads, "Altitude Training—Chaplain Roy M. McLeod."

After months without the "luxuries of the good old USA" we have always had a hunch that the average serviceman is



going to be a pretty tough customer if he gets back and finds that he can't get just what he wants when he wants it. Our fear is somewhat justified by this little item. In Chicago a man walked up to a soda fountain and ordered a double chocolate sundae. When the clerk served it without whipped cream, the guy became so infuriated that he knocked the clerk down and kicked him.

News we thought you'd like to know. At a Newark war bond auction a 300 lb. pig was given to the highest bidder. The runner-up got a picture of Frank Sinatra. J. C. W.

The Atlantic Charter Goes to Work

Oxford Discussion Club Rolls List 28 Nations

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

OXFORD, Mar. 21—Some American soldiers and some men and women from 27 other nations in this city, a world center of learning, have formed the Charter Club, based on principles of the Atlantic Charter, to learn about world citizenship from each other.

"For the first time in history, mankind has a sporting chance—through the Atlantic Charter—of living happily together as a family," these people say in a pamphlet about their club.

"The Charter Club shows one proved way of turning that chance into a certainty."

Learning from each other chiefly in conversations and informal talks about their different nations, Charter Club members have two hopes—to increase understanding and friendship among the United Nations, and to further the principles of the Atlantic Charter.

These hopes were considered worth \$4,000 to one man, a British glider pilot. When several American members wrote a letter about the club to a London newspaper, he read the letter and sent them a check for £1,000 as a start in forming more branches of the Charter Club.

The glider pilot wrote that he'd worked with American forces in Tunisia and Italy, and added:

"As a slight return of the generous hospitality and friendship I have met with from our American Allies, I enclose a contribution to start such a fund."

"I should be grateful to know whether membership of the club is open to members of our own forces, as I should like to assist as one of the hosts of our Allies, instead of in the capacity of guest of theirs which I have more frequently enjoyed."

Costs 10 Pence a Week

Ten pence a week—the Charter Club told the glider pilot who contributed \$4,000—and recommendation by a member are the only requirements for membership.

Members come from France, Norway, Spain, Holland, China, Russia, Cuba, Poland, Mexico, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Germany, Austria, India, South Africa, Canada, Australia, Eire, San Salvador, Yugoslavia, Gibraltar, Brazil, West Indies, Belgium, New Zealand, Portugal and the U.S.

Man depends on man, regardless of nationality, club members will tell you. They believe that peace will be possible after this war only if men and women of all nations plan together for the benefit of each other, if men and women work together as citizens of the world.

They think that the Charter Club is a practical way whereby people of individual nations may get to know each other, so that the Atlantic Charter—or any improved method that may be evolved later—may be applied practically throughout the world.

No official sponsor started the Charter Club, although it now has an honorary president in Sir David Ross, vice-chancellor of Oxford University. The idea originated with E. R. Appleton, a British writer, who says:

"The Atlantic Charter is pretty good horse sense. It gives a fair idea of what kind of world we want."

"Whatever method may succeed the Atlantic Charter, it won't work unless the nations are friendly and understand each other's problems. I think that, to avoid



Any afternoon at the Charter Club winds up in a gathering of mixed nationalities, six of them shown here watching Stella Appleton experiment with a puppet. Two Americans—Pfc Matthew Duffy, of Rutherford, N.J., and Pfc Stanley Fein, of Brooklyn—are on the left, flanking a WREN.

another war, we have to be internationalists. It's suicidal to ignore the fact that nations are interdependent.

"One basis of the new world must be friendship, and that's what most people want. The masses of people don't want war. They want to dig in the garden and be friends."

There's an easy atmosphere in the Charter Club, located on three floors of a small building opposite Balliol College. Members who are in the Allied forces and members who are refugees from Hitler's Europe appreciate the sense of freedom there to talk and act as they please. In the late afternoon they drop into the club, have some tea and strike up conversations where and when they feel like it on any subject. It's spontaneous, gathering apparently for mutual understanding and friendship.

They find it's great news when Pfc Matthew Duffy, of Rutherford, N.J., hears that his wife has just presented him with a baby. They feel it's a special occasion when Pfc Stanley Fein, of Brooklyn, and a WAAF, of whom he's painted several portraits, decide to become engaged.

Teatime

Between passing around tea and lending a hand in several conversations, Ilona Spitzer—who used to be a newspaper woman in Prague, and who now delivers milk to some 300 customers in Oxford every morning—glances at some American poetry in a book by Walt Whitman. That's a subject on which Cpl. Murray Young, of Brooklyn, is scheduled to give an informal talk.

Cpl. Dave Basten, of Kew Gardens, N.Y., plays chess silently with Bhag Jainabur Gulab Israni, an Indian better known as Rani, who has degrees from the Universities of Bombay, London and Oxford. Basten says that conversations with Rani have straightened him-out on a lot of facts about the British Empire, and have given him a broader viewpoint on the matter.

The time that Sarup Kumar Mukerjea, of Baroda, India, won a pint of beer from an American soldier by naming all the 48 states in the U.S. is a favorite story in the club. Mukerjea says that the soldier, from New Hampshire, reeled off all the New England states, faltered westward as far as "Let's see—there's the Grand Canyon," and then bought the next beer.

The fact that Americans don't like the tendency of some Britons to regard the U.S. as a British colony is pointed out by Sgt. Dick Adams, who used to teach at the University of Kentucky, to Alan

Moray Williams, invalided out of the British Army, who has written a book for soldiers called "Russian Made Easy."

Upstairs in a workroom, a Czech puppet expert, Werner Jackson, shows some volunteers how to make puppets—a British major has made a version of Col. Blimp—with U.S. tools acquired through Lend-Lease. Club members plan to develop the puppet idea into a show, featuring President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, that will be given at British and American camps.

They're Humorists

A sense of humor is something that Charter Club members have in common, evidenced not only in conversation, but in autobiographical data they've written down in a book. Under "Weight," Mukerjea wrote: "Between 91 and ten stone—allowance having been made for seasonal variations." For one of her "Occupations," a WREN gave: "Keeping warm in the winter." A Chinese, under his "Description," stated: "Not unlike a Chinese."

The art of living—"You find it in a well-made bowl, or a well-made house or city, for instance," one member says—is something that Charter Club members hope to learn together. They think one common basis of understanding throughout the world is appreciation of the cultural and artistic achievements of each nation, and they often talk over literature, music, architecture and painting.

A second Charter Club was recently formed in Cairo. Ambassadors of several nations—including the U.S., The Netherlands, Poland, Yugoslavia—have endorsed the idea. A Charter Club in every town of 5,000 people in the world is what members would like to see. They admit it would require plenty of money, but they say it would be far from impossible if more people had the same reactions to the Charter Club as the British glider pilot and one American soldier, who just happened to stop in one day on his way through Oxford. The soldier said he never expected to get back to Oxford again, but contributed ten shillings to the Charter Club because he liked the idea of it.

Through world-wide Charter Clubs, members believe, people of all nations can insure themselves a sporting chance, at least, of making one belief the greatest power on earth—the belief which President Roosevelt identified, on the first United Nations Day, as "the crucial difference" between the United Nations and their enemies—"Belief in the four freedoms of common humanity, belief in man created free in the image of God."

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Oh sure! If the Red Cross Clubs are full, YOU'LL find us a place to stay!"

ARMY POETS

A Toast to 'Little Friends'

If ever I mount up to heaven And enter those high "pearly gates," My first word of thanks To the Lord from us "Yanks" Will be for the P38s. High in the blue, little angels, Winging their way to the aid Of the bombers that soar, To settle a score, And lessen the price to be paid. In the very next sentence I utter Before I have scarcely begun With awe in my voice I shall humbly rejoice For the gift of the P51. Ask the lad who goes up in a Fortress; If he must he will swap off his gun, For a dear "little friend," To protect him no end. He will trade for a P51. Though now I should be rather breathless As I give out with thanks up in heaven, 'Tis a fool I would be If I didn't agree To give thanks for the P47. Up where the con trails linger, Five miles up and more, He's a demon from hell The "Huns" know well And a sight the "Fortis" adore. Say, here's to our gallant fighters; A toast to their crews of one, And a word of thanks From a crew of "Yanks" Who make the bomber run. By Clement L. Lockwood.

Kentucky, Sooner Aggies Triumph in Cage Playoffs



The football Dodgers have signed a guy who will be a press agent's delight if he can deliver for the Flatbush clan. He's J. D. Langley, 215-pound tackle from Chattanooga University who has been coaching Bremer (Ga.) High. Langley looks very, very tough, teaches art, writes poetry and has had some songs published. If he can play football, he should be worshipped by Brooklyn fans.

Hockey guys who should know are saying that the Cleveland Barons of the American league hockey loop, a minor circuit, could handle any of the National League except Montreal and Detroit.

Bob Herrick, the former Greeley State College end out Colorado way a few years back, was a chief specialist in the Navy's physical training program at the time of the North African invasion. He was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism during those landings and is now back in the states as an ensign, training assault units at Fort Pierce, Fla.

The 25-mile travel limit for Army technical training command athletes was lifted to permit five Keesler Field boxers to fight in the St. Louis Golden Gloves. The boxers were Jim Mercer, Savannah; Val White, Tiltonville, Ore.; Claude Epps, Philadelphia; Bill Davis, Newark, N.J., and Jesse Dean, of Detroit.

The latest of the American tennis greats to get the call to the service is Les Stofen, the former Davis Cupper, who entered the Army at Camp Callan recently.

Naval Aviation Cadet Richard F. Roberts recently set a new endurance swimming record for the St. Mary's Pre-Flight school by touring 12 and a half miles in 11 hours and three minutes.

Fort Knox is following Camp Grant in cancelling all athletic programs, but Fort Sheridan is expanding in every sport and hopes to replace Grant on all the midwest football schedules.

Bernie Golding, the former NYU freshman middle distance man who was bayoneted by a Jap in the South Pacific, is back in NYU with a discharge and is running on the relay team.

Harvard, adding to its policy of remaining out of athletics during the war, even went so far as to resign from the Intercollegiate AAAA, and the Crimson was one of the charter members.

With all the beefing that has been done about Al "Bummy" Davis being a dirty fighter because of the one night that he lost his head and was disqualified for hitting Fritz Zivic low blows, it might be well to remember that Bummy never had lost a round for fouling before that fight or in his 21 comeback bouts since his release from the Army.

When Dartmouth and Notre Dame meet the first time on the football field next year, there will be no public sale of seats, as the regular customers on the seasonal list of both institutions have spoken for all the pasteboards.

Ohio State, one of two Big Ten schools without fieldhouses, was a sorry institution when it rejected 15,000 ticket applications for the Iowa cage series, as its auditorium seats less than 5,000.

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Syrian Americans
SYRIAN Americans are invited to attend a get-together dinner at the Crete Restaurant, Percy St. off Tottenham Court Rd., London, W.1, at 7.30 PM Mar. 29.—Lt. Joseph E. Asher.
1941 West Point Reunion
A Reunion dinner for the class of 1941, U.S. Military Academy, will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club, London, on Wednesday, Apr. 12, at 6.30 PM. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1.

Cowboys Subdue Canisius, 43-29; Wildcats Eliminate Utah

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—Kentucky and the Oklahoma Aggies joined DePaul and St. John's of Brooklyn in the semi-finals of the Invitational basketball whirl here last night as the Aggies clubbed Canisius, 43-29, and Kentucky eliminated Utah, 46-38, at Madison Square Garden.

After 12 minutes of play in last night's opener the Aggies widened their lead to 21-12 and never were seriously pushed thereafter by the Golden Griffins. Floyd "Red" Burdett, former Murray (Ky.) star now with the Aggies, and seven-foot Bob "Foothills" Kurland led the first half Cowboy surge.

The Aggies' tight zone defense shackled Canisius in the final half, checking the Griffins without a point during the first seven minutes. The losers closed with a rush against Cowboy reserves, but failed to climb within striking distance.

Kurland disappointed those who came to see his renowned goal-tending exhibition, but he netted 13 points. Burdett was leading marksman of the contest with 18 points, while Herman Brunotte headed Canisius with 11.

The crowd was treated to a thrilling uphill fight by Utah's "blitz kids" in the nightcap, but experience prevailed and the highly favored Kentucky Wildcats drew away in the closing minutes.

Teams Battle Fiercely

The first half was the greatest battle seen on the Garden court in ages. The lead changed hands six times, with the teams deadlocked at 24-24 when the period ended. Arnie Ferrin and Herb Wilkinson each contributed 11 points to Utah's total during the opening stanza, while Jack Parkinson hooped 12 for the Wildcats.

A basket by Bob Lewis pushed the Utes out front as the second half opened, but after four minutes of faulty shooting Parkinson and Bob Brannum hit from the field in rapid succession to provide Kentucky with an edge it never again relinquished.

Kentucky was handicapped in the first half by the loss of Brannum and star Guard Tom Mosely, who were benched by Coach Adolph Rupp after each had committed three fouls. Mosely never did get back in the game, but Brannum survived most of the final session before committing his fourth.

Here are the box scores:

Oklahoma—43				Canisius—29			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Crowe, f	0	0	0	Brunotte, f	4	3	3
Jaquet, f	1	1	1	Sullivan, f	2	0	1
Smith, f	2	0	0	Kamp, f	0	0	0
Harman, f	0	0	0	Dumenco, c	0	0	2
Kurland, c	4	5	3	Marza, c	2	0	2
Doyle, f	2	1	1	Syracuse, g	2	0	2
Burdette, g	6	6	1	Maciejewski, g	0	2	1
				Green, g	0	0	2
Totals	15	13	6	Totals	12	5	13

Kentucky—46

	G	F	P		G	F	P
Tingle, f	2	1	2	Ferrin, f	6	1	2
Schu, f	2	3	1	Wilkinson, f	7	1	3
Brannum, c	4	3	4	Sheffield, f	1	1	3
Demoisey, c	0	0	0	Misaka, c	2	0	1
Parkinson, g	9	2	2	Smuin, g	0	0	1
Mosely, g	1	1	3	Lewis, g	0	1	3
Yessin, g	0	0	1				
Totals	18	10	13	Totals	17	4	13

Leavenworth Rally Fails, Collegians Win AAU Tilt

DENVER, Mar. 21—The Logan (Utah) Collegians thwarted a closing rush by the Fort Leavenworth (Kan.) Eliers to win, 46-42, in the initial second-round test of the National AAU basketball tourney here last night.

In the first-round games played yesterday and last night, Boyt Harness, of Des Moines, Iowa, trimmed the Laramie (Wyo.) Cleaners, 54-37; Fort Logan eliminated Camp Cooke, 63-46; Esso, of Baton Rouge, La., trounced Omaha U., 65-42; the Albina Hellships, of Portland, Ore., kayoed the Lincoln (Neb.) Nuthouse, 50-31, and the Cessna Bobcats, of Wichita, Kan., romped over an all-service quint from Salinas, Cal., 56-28.

New York Turf Followers To Pay More to See Nags

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—Racegoers throughout the state will have to shell out higher admission fees to see the bang-tails run, Herbert Bayard Swope, commission chairman, announced today. The boost in prices is due to increased Federal taxes, Swope said.

Iceland Glovers Held to 3-3 Tie

Going Down



Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, on the way down for the count after taking a barrage from Al Davis of New York. The fatal blow for Monty was struck in the first round of the bout which lasted 63 seconds at Madison Square Garden.

Dixie Feud to Flare Again If Snavelly Lands Grid Post

ITHACA, N.Y., Mar. 21—If Carl Snavelly, Cornell grid coach for the past eight years, transfers his affections to the North Carolina campus, as rumor has it he will, the revival of an ancient Dixie gridiron feud is imminent.

Snavelly was an outstanding success at Carolina in 1934 and 1935, especially when he bumped into Lt. Col. Wallace Wade's Duke eleven. Although Wade has insisted he will not return to coaching after the war, there's no love lost between the two and he's almost certain to show up for another crack at Snavelly.

North Carolina officials already have sounded out Snavelly on the change and he is ready and willing if President Frank Graham will approve his salary of \$10,000.

Rigid scholastic requirements which hamper him at Cornell have discouraged Snavelly. It is believed he would have a free hand getting players at Carolina.

Should Graham reject the \$10,000 contract for Snavelly, Carolina will sign Carl Voyles, William and Mary mentor. This also should bring Wade back to Duke as he resents Voyles as much as, if not more than, he does Snavelly.

Regardless of what happens, the Southeastern Conference apparently is planning big things for post-war football fans.

Harrison Nears Charlotte Title

CHARLOTTE, N. Car., Mar. 21—Sgt. Edward "Dutch" Harrison, of the USAAF, carded a sizzling 66 yesterday on the rain-soaked course here, running his 54-hole total to 202 for a four-stroke lead in the \$10,000 Charlotte Open golf tournament.

Harrison's sub-par round equalled his own competitive course record established earlier in the meet and placed runner-up Harold "Jug" McSpaden, winter circuit sensation from Philadelphia, in a well-nigh hopeless position. If Harrison wins, he'll be the first serviceman to capture a major golf crown.

Sam Byrd, former Yankee outfielder, occupies third place with 210, followed by Craig Wood, 211, and Jimmy Hines, 212. The amateurs are led by A. E. Beck, of Raleigh, N.C., who has 219.

Seeds Pilots Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Mar. 21—Bob Seeds, former major league outfielder with Cleveland, the Chicago White Sox, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees and Giants, has been named successor to Buck Fausett as manager of the Little Rock Travelers of the Southern Association.

Touring Squad Misses Victory In Final Bout

Tonore Batters McDonald • To Deadlock Count; Albano Wins

Iceland's visiting ring team found things a little different at the Rainbow Corner last night as they made their second appearance in six days. Having swept through to a 6-0 triumph last Thursday, the battlers from "The Rock" could get no better than a 3-3 draw in their six, contests on last night's nine-bout bill.

After the lead see-sawed back and forth, the visitors were assured of at least an even break in the fifth bout when S/Sgt. Frank Albano, squat 185-pounder from New York, easily outpointed Pfc Don Crowton, clumsy behemoth from Seattle, Wash. Albano, spotting the westerner nine pounds, did his best to end the tussle early, but Crowton rushed, hung and wrestled his way the distance.

Things looked blackest for the Icelanders in the third tiff when Pvt. Tony Pontarella racked up a TKO over Pvt. Jim Karjanis, light-heavy from New Haven, Conn., at 1:24 of the second. Pontarella, a New York southpaw, put Karjanis down at 14 seconds of the first for no count, but Karjanis came back to stay through the rest of the round.

Karjanis Admits Defeat

However, after a weak start in the second, Tony banged Karjanis against the ropes with a smashing barrage to the face, then caught him with a left that crumpled him against the ropes. As Pontarella backed off, Karjanis got to his feet at the count of eight, threw up his hands in defeat, and stumbled from the ring.

Lightweight Pfc William Romano, of New Orleans, 133, put the Icelanders back in winning stride as he kayoed Pfc Emanuel Cisneros, Denver, Colo., 133-pounder, at 1:38 of the second.

Cisneros, a clever counter-puncher, seemingly had the fight clinched when he walked into a hooking left that caught him flush on the button. He went down, tripping as he fell. When he tried to get up after the count, his legs gave way and he had to be carried from the ring. A doctor's report later showed he had fractured his leg in falling.

Tonore Drubs McDonald

Cpl. Bill McDonald, 138-pounder from Brooklyn, could have given the Icelanders a 4-2 triumph, but he was hopelessly outclassed by Sgt. Tony Tonore, a clever sharpshooter from Newark, N.J. McDonald was too tired in the third to do anything else but hang on after two terrific opening rounds.

In the opening bout, Herb Brining, 134-pound private from Camden, N.J., scored a TKO triumph over Bill Roach, 138-pound Iceland scrapper from Charlotte, N.C., in 1:59 of the second stanza.

The first round was full of dancing and infighting. But after starting the second the same way, both glovers began landing a few, and the referee, Steve Hamas, stopped the bout when Roach suffered a cut over his left eye.

Pvt. Andy Riccardi, 175-pounder from Chester, Pa., used a looping overhand right to the face and head to give the Icelanders their first win of the evening, scoring an easy triumph over Pvt. Ralph Hallinger, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Although Hallinger had a seven-pound weight advantage, Andy took the offensive from the opening bell and began connecting with his looping right. Both boys drew blood in the opening round, and by the third Hallinger seemed tired and could do little to ward off Andy's hard rights.

'King' Racks Up No. 7

It was seven straight wins for Pfc "King Tut" Tabor, 162-pounder from Oakland, Cal., when he outpointed Pvt. Morris Shapiro, 166-pound Philadelphia, handing him his third loss in eight starts.

Pvt. Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill., 165, did more fighting and less clowning when he kayoed Cpl. Bill Bradshaw, of Fredricksburg, Va., 170, in 23 seconds of the second stanza.

Peppery little Pvt. George Witt, 131-pound Brooklynite, added another win to his credit when he outpointed Pvt. Copri Martinez, 130-pounder from Tracy, Cal., in the final bout of the evening.

Li'l Abner



By Al Capp

By Courtesy of United Features

'Name, Rank, Serial Number' . . . Nazis Interrogate Captured U.S. Fliers



American fliers who bailed out in a raid on Germany are shown in these pictures just received in London via neutral sources. The men pictured above are being interrogated by German intelligence officers, while those at right, two of whom apparently are wounded, are being searched by a Nazi officer before being sent to prisoner-of-war camps.

Cassino Battle Rages Unabated

Monastery Guns Hamper Allies in Town; Enemy Attacks Beaten Off

The battle for Cassino raged past its fifth day yesterday as German parachute troops, reinforced by panzer grenadiers, battled fiercely from half a dozen strong-points among the ruins. The Allies were slowed by mortar and artillery fire from the German-held heights of Monastery Hill, as well as by snipers. In the Hotel Continental area, 180 Nazi prisoners were taken, bringing the Cassino total to 220.

Allied forces continued to hold the three principal footholds below the site of the abbey, beating off three German attacks on Castle Hill, only 400 yards distant. Fifth Army troops clawing up the slopes toward the shattered Benedictine Monastery again were supplied by air. The roads behind these troops were so blasted by shellfire and bombs that even pack mules couldn't get up.

German concentrations outside the town were shelled yesterday and Allied planes maintained their hammering of gun positions and other targets in the area. Here, as in the Anzio beachhead, clearer weather was giving the air forces better operating conditions.

Allied infantry in the beachhead, supported by artillery, carried out a raid in force across the western end of the perimeter, inflicting heavy casualties. The air blockade of Marshal Kesselring's Cassino and Anzio forces was intensified as waves of Allied bombers yesterday attacked the Florence-Rome rail line at two vulnerable points and bombed docks at three places down the west coast.

Hungary - - -

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Budapest leaders rejected demands by the German minister. The demands were: (1) Hungary to be totally mobilized; (2) workers to be sent to Germany; (3) occupation troops to be sent to Yugoslavia; (4) increased export of food and materials to Germany.

Hitler was said to have added demands later for assurances that Hungary would not conclude a separate peace; that Hungary would take adequate defense measures against any advance of the Red Army; immediate removal of all pro-Allied elements in the Hungarian Army and abroad, and the recall of a number of Hungarian pro-Allied diplomats abroad.

German nationals recruited in Hungary for Himmler's Secret Police and estimated months ago at more than 40,000 strong were believed to have been used as the "spearhead" for the occupation.

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial**
 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 22**
- 1100—News Headlines—Spotlight on Hal McIntyre.
 - 1115—Personal Album with Nora Martin.
 - 1130—Music in Three-Quarter Time.
 - 1150—French Lesson.
 - 1200—World News (BBC).
 - 1205—Barracks Bag.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Skyrockets—Dance Orchestra.
 - 1330—Rhapsody in Knaki (Repeat).
 - 1400—Visiting Hour.
 - 1430—Sound Off.
 - 1445—Melody Roundup.
 - 1459—News Headlines.
 - 1500—Music While You Work.
 - 1530—Off the Record.
 - 1630—The London Studio Players.
 - 1655—Quiet Moment.
 - 1700—Yank Swing Session and Program Resume.
 - 1730—Lone Ranger—Hi-O-Silver Away.
 - 1800—World News (BBC).
 - 1810—GI Supper Club.
 - 1850—Army Talks.
 - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
 - 1905—Music We Love.
 - 1910—McGee and Molly.
 - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
 - 2010—Fred Waring Program.
 - 2025—Human Interest in Books.
 - 2030—Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge.
 - 2100—World News (BBC).
 - 2120—Bob Hope Show—with Frances Langford, Vera Vague and Jerry Colonna.
 - 2145—Novelties.
 - 2200—RAF Orchestra.
 - 2255—Final Edition.
 - 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours, Thursday, Mar. 23.

Anzio Foes Tend Wounded Together In Polite Harmony

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, Mar. 20 (delayed) (Reuter)—British and Germans found themselves using the same farmhouse as an advanced dressing post amid skirmishing in the Moletta Valley area on the left flank of the beachhead.

This occurred after a British unit captured a scrub-covered ridge held by 150 Germans.

British wounded were sent to an apparently deserted farmhouse not far away.

The first British medical orderly to reach there found the wounded already being tended by a white-smocked orderly. He felt something was not quite right, so he politely asked the other man for his identity card. The German equally politely produced it.

The British orderly phlegmatically accepted the situation and installed his wounded in the farmhouse.

The strange situation ended when a German armed patrol came up and removed the German wounded. British jeeps raced up and took away their men. No one fired any shots.

U.S. Denounces Reports It Will Deal With Vichyites

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—The State Department today branded as "absurd" and "false on their face" reports that the U.S. government intended after the liberation of France to deal with the Vichy administration or "certain individuals directly or indirectly supporting the policy of collaboration with Germany."

A spokesman said it was "ridiculous" to suppose the government "would have any dealings or relations with the Vichy regime except for the purpose of abolishing it."

Indian Dies at 116

YREKA, Cal., Mar. 21—"Indian Ned" Rasper is dead at the age of 116. A Karok Indian, Rasper retained an expressed dislike of the white man, who, he said, "always wants to fight."

Mark Twain Unit Hunts Innocent Abroad in ETO

The Mark Twain Books-for-Soldiers Society believes there is a GI relative of Samuel L. Clemens in the ETO and is eager to locate him—because he has been selected as honorary president of the society.

The group has two clues to his identity; his middle name is believed to be Clemens and Hannibal, Mo., is believed to be his home town, according to William Bayles, an American war correspondent from Morgantown, W. Va., honorary secretary of the society.

Anyone having knowledge of the Clemens kin's whereabouts is asked to communicate with Bayles through The Stars and Stripes.

Army to Print GIs' Color Film

Pictorial Service Sets Up System Like That for Regular Snapshots

Army Pictorial Service's amateur film department has completed arrangements for processing Kodachrome, Dufaycolor, Agfacolor and other color films for soldiers in the ETO.

The procedure to be followed is the same as that for black and white film, but there will be no charge for processing Kodachrome film, while with other types of film there will be charges varying with the amount of film and the size. A table of charges follows:

Black and white film (8-mm. and 16-mm.):	
100 feet	8s.
50 feet	6s.
Color film (8-mm. and 16-mm.):	
100 feet	12s.
50 feet	9s.
Color film (35-mm. slides or similar sizes):	
10s. per roll.	

Wrap your film securely and send it to Army Pictorial Service, APO 887, U.S. Army.

None of these prices applies to Kodak film, the processing charge of which is included in the original cost.

Army Pictorial Service also admonishes soldiers to properly pack and address film of all kinds sent for developing and printing. Envelopes often arrive completely mutilated, and the name of the soldier illegible. In the case of 35mm. cassettes it is suggested that the cassette be marked with name, rank, organization and APO number, soon as it is received the cassette will be returned to its owner separately.

On hand at present are many rolls of film, completely processed and printed, with no owner's names on them. These have been filed with complete description of each "shot" and the date they were processed. Any soldiers waiting for film overdue a month or more are requested to write in describing the pictures taken and the size of the film. Army Pictorial will comb the files for them.

In the case of film belonging to men missing in action, Army Pictorial requests unit commanders not to return the finished films to Army Pictorial, but to handle them as other belongings of the missing men, since all film processed will have been censored by Army press censors.

3 Honored for Capturing Soldier Who Ran Amuck

An officer and two enlisted men have been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism in capturing a soldier mental patient who ran berserk Christmas Eve. They are 2/Lt. Joseph P. Salerno, of Chicago; Cpl. Thomas J. Zaiden, of Pittsburgh, and Pfc Paschal M. Harris, of LaGrange, Ga.

All three were off duty when the soldier appeared on a street brandishing a knife. The MP officer tackled him and was helped by Zaiden and Harris.

Speedup

NEWARK, N.J., Mar. 21—Girl expeditors have been enlisted at the C-O-Two Fire Equipment Co. The girls move from department to department on roller skates.

Vesuvius Eruption Engulfs 2 Towns; Worst Since 1872

NAPLES, Mar. 21—Mount Vesuvius' worst eruption since 1872 engulfed the villages of San Sebastiano and Massa di Somma today and threatened the larger town of Cercolo.

No casualties were reported. Allied troops had worked through the night evacuating 5,000 villagers from San Sebastiano and 2,000 from Massa.

The main stream of lava, 90 feet deep in some places, ran between the two villages on the inland side of the volcano, half a mile up the slopes from the road that skirts the mountain.

By early afternoon San Sebastiano had been wiped out and the lava was running through Massa. Flames and sulphurous fumes arose as the stream moved down the mountain.

Two other lava streams were reported bearing down toward the coastal towns of Torre del Greco and Torre del Annunziata.

ARC Sets Up Air Raid Plan

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and that if the lights go out that they're still in position (blast may have disturbed them) when you light ARP lanterns or candles.

"Only a couple of men are needed to watch for incendiaries on the roof, but if they're reported a squad should be ready to go up. Make sure that all ARP equipment is in good shape, and ready for instant use.

"If fire bombs fall inside a building tackle them at once. But if they drop outside in the road or on a concrete roof and don't appear to be starting fires, leave them alone to burn out. Never start putting out incendiaries outside until you're sure that there are none in the building (it should be searched from top to bottom), or lodged on the roof.

"Don't carry incendiaries that didn't ignite around with you. They're liable to detonate if dropped and an explosive one can kill. Turn them, and anything else you find, in to wardens or police. You're breaking the law if you don't.

"And here's a point which I think is important. Don't feel 'embarrassed' because you're wearing uniform, at taking shelter. Some soldiers have said they feel ashamed to go into a shelter, but civilians will think you're crazy if you don't. Soldiers will be wanted outside when fire bombs and fires need to be dealt with, or when there's rescue work to be done, and they'll be told soon enough.

A tour of streets hit and burning Tuesday night showed that a few American soldiers were standing idly by watching firemen fight the flames and civilians carry their belongings from buildings, although the great majority of GIs were working, unasked, helping to carry furniture out of danger.

One lieutenant was taking photos with a pocket camera.

An NFS company officer said if people weren't helping they shouldn't be there. "Watchers only get in the way of the firemen, and invite casualties if the raiders return," he said.

NEWS FROM HOME Britain Given 38 U.S. Carriers

10,000-Ton Escort Ships Transferred for War On U-Boats

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (Reuter)—Delivery to the British of 38 escort aircraft carriers each of 10,000-ton displacement, has been made under Lend-Lease, Navy Secretary Frank Knox announced today.

Knox disclosed that in addition the U.S. had about 50 carrier escorts, known as "baby flattops" and designed primarily for convoy duty.

Those transferred to Britain, he said, would be part of the Allied anti-submarine fleet.

Misunderstanding

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 21—Pigs is pigs—but too darn many just don't make sense, so when an alert copyreader on the Illinois State Journal noticed a story listing 2,025 stolen pigs he checked it.

He called the farmer who had reported the loss. "That's a lot of pigs," he growled. "Was it 2,025 pigs that were stolen?" The victimized farmer replied: "Yeth." "Thanks," said the copyreader, and corrected the story to read "two sows and 25 pigs."

Stork Goes on the Air

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21—Mrs. Nora Lamborne, wife of the man who runs a "Blessed Eventer" program over station WWDC, thought a touch of realism might be added to the program if she broadcast from Alexandria Hospital the day her child was born—just to show how simple it all is. Mrs. Lamborne gave birth to her third child, and broadcast the event.

Stassen Would Accept

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—Lt. Cmdr. Harold Stassen, former Republican governor of Minnesota, has told Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox he would not seek the Republican Presidential nomination but would accept if it were offered. He is now on Adm. William F. Halsey's Pacific staff.

Right Under Their Noses

HOUSTON, Tex., Mar. 21—George Emery Drowdy pleaded guilty in federal court to counterfeiting 150 coins while a convict in the Texas State Prison. Drowdy made the money out of metal parts of a brace that had been applied to his broken left arm.

The Undertaking Failed

BILLINGS, Mont., Mar. 21—An undertaker here wrote his draft board asking for a deferment, explaining, "I am the biggest planter in the county." The board denied the application, saying, "Nothing you plant ever comes up."

Pied Piper Role for OPA

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Mar. 20—The local OPA received a strange request from Charles B. Walls, city manager, who wants ration points to buy meat for rats. He said the meat would be used as bait in a drive to rid the city of the rodents.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff