

Haben Sie eine Zigarette?
Hob-en Zee ein-e Tsigaret-e?
Have you got a cigarette?

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Avez-vous une cigarette?
Avay vooz-EWN see-garette?
Have you got a cigarette?

2,300 U.S. Planes Storm Reich; 66 Nazis Shot Down Nazis Retreat on 100-Mi. Front

No Butts About It, This Stuff Has Gotta Cease



Unofficial sources state that 53 billion cigarettes were sent to troops overseas in the first seven months of 1944 and that 88 billion were expected to be sent over by the end of the year. Which still leaves unanswered the question puzzling GIs in the ETO as a result of the ban on cigarette sales to noncombatants: "What has

happened to the smokes?" In New York, model Mickey Nadel (left) shows how civilians at home are being forced to roll their own. Here the ban produced the scenes above—GIs at a London Red Cross club help themselves less abashedly at the counter, while others queue up at a tobacconist's shop for the only brands now available—British made.

But Enemy Stiffens in The North

German forces in Alsace-Lorraine were reported yesterday to be in general retreat eastward toward the Rhine along a 100-mile front from the foot of the Vosges Mountains north to Saarebourg, which fell to American Seventh Army troops in pursuit of the withdrawing enemy, who put up only erratic rearguard actions:

But while the Germans on the southern sector of the Western Front showed signs of cracking after the French tank dash to the Rhine had turned their flank, Allied armies moving into the Reich found the Nazi opposition had increased, with counter-attacks thrown in near Geilenkirchen and on the Third Army front near Merzig. All enemy thrusts were beaten off.

Infantrymen of the 80th Division of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army were reported to have breached the Maginot Line defenses at two points about ten miles south of the German bulge westward to Luxembourg, entering the fortified zone near Falquemont and Lelling, about 20 miles southwest of Saarbrücken, after a three-mile advance carried out in bad weather, without air support and through dense mine fields.

At the same time, Patton's Tenth Armored Division, blunting a Nazi attack staged under a heavy artillery barrage from German guns east of the Saar River,



had advanced to within two miles of Merzig.

95th Cleans Up in Metz
Doughboys of the 95th Division were working to quell the last sparks of resistance in Metz, where the commander of the enemy-held northern portion of the town had ignored an Allied ultimatum to give up. Five fortress groups, bypassed in the drive to cut off Metz, still were active. Damage to Metz was not great, dispatches said. The cathedral, for example, was intact.

Gains up to three miles were scored by the 26th and 35th Divisions northeast (Continued on page 4)

Superforts Rip Jap Home Isle

A "large" task force of China-based Superfortresses yesterday bombed the huge Omura aircraft factory on the southernmost Japanese home island of Kyushu and for the first time encountered strong enemy fighter-plane opposition. Part of the raiding force was diverted to bomb the docks at Nanking and objectives at Shanghai.

Twenty Jap fighter planes were destroyed, 16 probably destroyed and 19 damaged. It was not announced whether the Superforts suffered any losses. However, Japanese announcements claimed that 14 B29s were shot down, 11 others believed destroyed and seven damaged.

A Pacific Navy communique announced that at least 110 Jap planes and three merchant ships were destroyed on Saturday when carrier-based planes raided Manila.

On Leyte, in the Philippines, U.S. forces, fighting in a tropical typhoon, closed in on a Japanese pocket south of Limon, at the northern end of the Ormoc corridor.

Germans Masquerading As Soldiers Captured

METZ, Nov. 21 (UP)—Members of the Volkssturm (German home guard) who did not even know how to load their rifles were captured by the Third Army today.

Their guns were obsolete French models. The men ranged from 16 to 60. They wore regulation trousers and tunics, and Italian greatcoats.

Armada Tears At Oil Vitals

The now-you-see-it, now-you-don't Luftwaffe came up in strength yesterday for the first time in three weeks, and preliminary reports last night indicated that Eighth Air Force fighter-pilots shot down more than 60 enemy fighters and destroyed six more on the ground.

Not since Nov. 2, when Eighth pilots racked up their record one-day bag of 130 Nazi craft in the air, has the Luftwaffe shown itself in any strength.

More than 1,100 Eighth and Ninth Air Force Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings flew with more than 1,250 Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth.

This was one of the largest combined U.S. bomber-escort forces ever dispatched in a single day.

The heavies plastered oil industry objectives at Hamburg, Harburg and Merseburg, as well as other targets in Germany. Forts bombed the Leuna synthetic-oil plant at Merseburg, while Libs pounded the Deutsche and Rhenania oil refineries at Hamburg and Harburg.

Maj. George E. Preddy, of Greensboro, N.C., a P51 squadron commander in the 352nd Fighter Group, shot down one FW190. He is the top active Eighth fighter-pilot in the ETO, with a score of 30 enemy planes destroyed, 25 in the air and five on the ground.

Meanwhile, Capt. William T. Whisner Jr., of Shreveport, La., another 352nd (Continued on page 4)

Cigarettes?—an Answer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—The Army declared today that the shortage of American cigarettes in post exchanges in England "is only temporary," and asserted that sufficient cigarettes were being shipped to the Army in Great Britain.

"What happens after they get there is another matter," the Army said.

GIs Burned Up—Minus Smoke

GIs in the U.K. were plenty burned up yesterday about the ban on cigarette sales in PXs, judging from reactions of soldiers and sailors on furlough or pass in London.

Some blamed "big shots" in Washing-

Output Highest In U.S. History

By the Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 — The mystery of the missing cigarettes became more confused today with unofficial revelations that cigarette production was at the highest point in history, one-quarter or more of the total assigned to troops overseas.

Fifty-three billion cigarettes were sent to troops overseas in the first seven months of 1944, and the total was expected to reach 88,000,000,000 by the end of the year, as compared to 51,000,000,000 sent overseas in 1943, 27,000,000,000 in 1942 and 11,000,000,000 in 1941.

The War Food Administration, denying rumors that Lend-Lease had caused the shortage, said, "The percentage of tax-free cigarettes sent abroad for other than our armed forces is negligible."

Despite the 1944 over-all production—241 billion—New York's stands are bare or display unfamiliar brands. Officials insist that black-market operations domestically are a negligible factor. They blame the shortage here on increased consumption as a result of full employment, high wages and war-time tension.

Get In and Pitch, Ike Warns All

PARIS, Nov. 21 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower today warned those at the front and at home that unless every one kept on the job with everlasting and mounting intensity the day of victory would inevitably be postponed.

"To get peace," he said, "we must fight for it like hell. Let us get down to it."

The Supreme Commander said that to achieve this breaking point every one must understand that enemy morale had not yet broken and that pressure must go up and up to break it.

(Other dispatches reported Eisenhower as saying that the Nazis would attempt to fight the battle for Germany west of the Rhine rather than east of that great border barrier.)

To break the Hun, he declared, greater supplies are necessary. "I want more supplies than we are getting," he shouted. "The soldier wants more than he is getting, both now and in the future."

The Supreme Commander paid high tribute to the British, Canadian and French Armies.

"No single instance has pleased me so much in a long while as the capture of Belfort by the gallant French Army," he said.

The "prescription for victory," Gen. Ike concluded, "is an all-out effort both at the front and at home. There is no sign of a German crack up, but if confronted by failure after failure the Germans would inevitably crack."

It was the Allied job, he said, to confront the Germans with more and more of these failures.

Brooklyn Calls Noel to 'Mess'

By Jimmy Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 35TH INF. DIV., Nov. 21—Playwright Noel Coward, the British theater's fashionable dramatist of decadence, who peopled his stages with rich and neurotic drawing-room loafers, today was invited to a vegetable and egg dinner with fruit for dessert by the Brooklyn men of this division.

"He'll need no mess gear either. We'll hit him right in the kisser with it," said Pvt. Julius Rapp, of Brooklyn, who was wounded at St. Lo.



NOEL COWARD

Vignettes of War A Church... And 2 Men

By Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent
WITH THE U.S. FIRST ARMY, Nov. 21—It was a bright Sunday morning, but there was nothing sabbatical about the faces of the men streaming by, peering into the church out of sheer curiosity. Their faces were dirty and unshaven and their clothes weren't their Sunday best.

Two men stepped into the church through one of the holes in its walls and suddenly, in there, it was quieter. One was a captain, one was a private. They bent their knees in worship and then walked up the aisle, stepping over the body of a dead German. At the altar they knelt, crossed themselves, bowed their heads in silent prayer.

After a time they walked back down the aisle. This time they stepped around the German. The private looked down. His expression did not change. He picked up his rifle, and he and the captain walked out of the church, back into the war.

Russians Breach Nazi Baltic Line

Russian troops attacking in southwestern Latvia have breached German defenses in the Vainode area, 35 miles southeast of the Baltic port of Liepaja, German News Agency said yesterday.

There was no confirmation from Moscow of this reported drive to crush an estimated 30 Nazi divisions trapped along the Baltic, nor of two other Red Army offensives said by the Germans to be under way in the eastern tip of old Czechoslovakia and along the Tisza River line in northeastern Hungary.

Moscow dispatches did indicate, however, that a resumption of the Russian drive in East Prussia was imminent.

Wherever servicemen gathered the butt (Continued on page 4)

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THE B BAG



NOTE: B-Bag is receiving many unsigned letters. We require your signature as evidence of good faith only.

A Tribute to Our Hosts

Dear Stars and Stripes, That piece in The Stars and Stripes of Nov. 13 by an RAF Pilot about the hospitality and kindness shown him and his buddies back in the States while they were training there was a swell compliment to the people in the States.

Hospital Joes Want Passes

Dear Stars and Stripes, Why is it that wounded soldiers from the front can't get a furlough or three-day passes after spending four to six months on the front when the troops stationed here get them?

Volunteers to Help APO

Dear Stars and Stripes, After reading "An APO Sergeant's" letter of Nov. 8, I had to agree with what the other boys in the ward were saying.

Asks 3-Weeks Film Service

Dear Stars and Stripes, Let's keep B-Bag for legitimate complaints that are in need of correction, and ones that affect many.

With the facilities the Army has available is it unreasonable to expect two or three weeks service? In the past it has been more apt to be two or three months service.

Praise for AFN Programs

Dear Stars and Stripes, Note to Henry Poole, USN, etc., who purports to speak for American broadcasters when he objects to American stations in this country.

As far as presenting the "British... haphazard... programming"—I don't feel that the army created its network to impress England's citizens.

Hash Marks

This one's probably been knocking around since the Civil War, or before, but we laugh every time we hear it.

The tough, typical movie-version of a sergeant was putting a bunch of recruits through their first session of close-order drill.



drill. "Forward march!" "Halt!" "Right face!" "Left face!" "About face!" were his quick commands.

Ordinarily the chow was consistently good. This particular night it wasn't so good.

Draw Your Own Conclusion Dept.: A shipping order was received at an air depot recently for immediate attention.

Nothing surprises us any more. Natives of an idyllic island in the South Seas thought New York was the most romantic spot in the world.

There's been a war on moron jokes, so we haven't used any lately. But we just heard the one about the guy who put a blotter to his ear so he could hear the Ink Spots sing.

Afterthought on gambling: A man who bets is no good, and a man who does not bet is no better.

They tell the story about the hillbilly who received his draft questionnaire. He sweated and struggled over it a long time.



but it remained a puzzle to him. Finally, in desperation, he returned the blank questionnaire to the draft board with this notation: "I see red when you is."

Did this ever happen in your office? Lieutenant (angrily): "Who told you to put flowers on the Colonel's desk?"

Pfc: "The Colonel, sir."

Lt.: "Pretty, aren't they?"

J. C. W.



An Editorial Queen of Battles



WE have just seen a handsome poster designed by the War Department in Washington. It couldn't have come out at a better time. It can't be distributed widely enough for enough men to see.

"On every war map the extent of progress is shown by the location of the infantry." "The function of all other combat troops—air force, armored force, artillery—is to help prepare the way for the infantry.

"The battle line is where the infantry is..."

The Flight Surgeon's Report: Introvert or Extrovert? You'll Cool Off Under Fire

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ, Nov. 21—"Sure, I'd like to be a flier, but I'm not the type. Too nervous."

Today, after two years of investigation of AAF personnel in combat, Air Service Command medical officers have come to the conclusion that personality doesn't mean a thing—once you're under fire.

Easy-going Character "The pilot was intelligent, easy-going, and emotionally stable, but unaggressive and introverted. The co-pilot was tightly wound and aggressive, with a history of previous manio-depressive attacks of disabling degree.

"During violent combat, the reactions of the men were remarkably alike. They were all quietly precise on the interphone and decisive in action.

controls, oxygen, and wounded fell on the pilot, engineer, ball turret gunner and left waist gunner and all functioned with rapidity and skill.

His conclusions: Under great stress the reactions of airmen, despite variations in personality traits, tend to be uniform—usually a cool response to danger.

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ, Nov. 21—"Have a short round?" may sound good in a pub, but it used to be a headache to aerial gunners.

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ, Nov. 21—Solution of yet another aircraft maintenance problem has been announced. Machine-guns were jamming, though repeated inspections uncovered no faulty parts.

Vets Given A New Badge

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—A new discharge emblem to be worn by personnel honorably discharged from Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard has been adopted.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21 (ANS)—The Army wanted everything home-like in the several hotels comprising the redistribution center here, so in each one it installed large cookie jars—with cookies.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—The Army disclosed today that discharge certificates for men and women leaving the service no longer would mention physical condition.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Clark Gable's film of bombers over Europe will not be generally released to U.S. theaters, but will be shown to clubs and similar groups instead.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—The Coast Guard announced today that the recruiting of Spars on a large-scale basis, except for replacements, would end Thursday.



Who Is This Man

I've searched the world over and tried to find In order to satisfy my mind. Just who in the hell is the man today With the biggest job compared with his pay.

Morning Prayer!

When the new born light is flushed across the Eastern sky, And silver pearls are glistened by its ray, I lift my eyes to Him on high.

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.

Giants' Livingston Cracks Tiger Line



Howard Livingston of the Giants (who bottled up Don Hutson in Sunday's Packer game) is shown just before he was stopped by Rhea (24) and Brown (26), both of Brooklyn, in the second half as the Giants beat the Tigers, 14-7, at Ebbets Field.

Cadet, Middie Victories Point Up Service Classic

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—With two weeks to round into top shape for their "battle of the century" two weeks hence, Army and Navy seem to be in a class by themselves after Saturday battles which saw the Cadets pour it on Pennsylvania, 62-7, and the Middies roll over Purdue, 32-0.

Ohio State, easily the top civilian team in the nation, and Yale, whose competition hasn't been of the toughest variety, stayed with Army as the only major undefeated, untied teams in the country.

The Buckeyes ran their string to eight straight with a 26-12 victory over Illinois, leaving only Michigan to meet before realizing their first perfect season in 24 years. The Wolverines get their chance Saturday to not only foil State's bid for a perfect season but to cop the Western Conference title, having played one more conference game than the Buckeyes.

Mississippi State and Drake, two other previously unbeaten teams, fell by the wayside Saturday, State bowing before Alabama, 19-0, and the Bulldogs losing, 9-0, to Iowa State.

Influence Conference Titles

Among the victories that may influence conference titles were Southern California's 32-0 win over California, Texas Christian's 7-6 nod over Texas, and Oklahoma's 10-0 decision over Kansas.

In other eastern games Syracuse downed Colgate, 43-13, Brown beat Columbia, 12-0, Cornell edged Dartmouth, 14-13, Penn State ended its season with a 34-19 victory over Maryland, and Harvard beat Tufts for the second time, 12-6.

In the Big Ten, Michigan blanked Wisconsin, 14-0; Minnesota pounded Iowa, 46-0; Notre Dame recovered to topple Northwestern, 21-0; Indiana pasted Pittsburgh, 47-0; Great Lakes knocked Marquette over for the second time, 32-0, and Iowa Pre-Flight won its eighth straight after losing the season's opener to Michigan by belting Missouri, 51-7.

Georgia Triumph an Upset

Down south, Georgia surprised by running up a 49-13 score on Auburn, Duke topped South Carolina, 34-7, Tulane bested Clemson, 36-20, and the Camp Peary Seabees beat North Carolina Pre-Flight, 19-7.

The hectic Southwest Conference race saw the Texas Aggies smack Rice, 19-6, and Southern Methodist upset Arkansas, 20-12. Randolph Field's juggernaut disappointed nobody by beating Southwestern, 54-0.

In the only other major west coast game UCLA beat College of Pacific, 54-7.

Packer Attack Fails as Giants Hold Hutson

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—Steve Owen accomplished what had been considered the impossible Sunday when he sent his Giants out to not only beat the Green Bay Packers but make them give up in disgust and take Don Hutson out of a ball game.

Steve has always maintained that once you got Hutson stopped you had the Packers beaten, and Coach Curly Lambeau apparently agrees with him. He sent Hutson to the showers in the middle of the third period while the Giants continued to plaster the Packers with the worst defeat they've ever absorbed, 24-0.

The young man who did the most to carry out the plan so carefully concocted in the mind of the veteran Giants mentor was 22-year-old Howard Livingston, a product of Fullerton Junior College, who



Don Hutson

stuck to Hutson as long as Don stayed in the game. Livingston gave an indication of what was in store for the veteran Alabama wraith in the first period when he committed the grossest kind of insubordination by intercepting a pass intended for the master and running it 34 yards to a touchdown.

But Livingston couldn't do it all alone. He had two brawny linemen helping all day. Each time the ball was snapped into the Packer backfield, Vic Carroll and Frank Liebel, Giant tackle and end respectively, closed off Hutson's route through the middle of the line, his favorite pass-catching highway. Hutson would then veer off to the left where Livingston took over. Don was held to a mere four catches and 34 yards gained, probably the worst afternoon he ever put in on a professional football field.

But though the chagrined Packers got no good news in the Polo Grounds, they did get some from Detroit, where the Lions socked the Chicago Bears, 41-21, giving the Western Division crown to Green Bay. The Philadelphia Eagles took over the Eastern Division lead by socking the Washington Redskins, 37-7, and the Card-Pitts and Brooklyn Tigers kept their records unscathed by losing, 33-6 and 13-6, to Cleveland and Boston respectively.

Big Ten Bowl Ban Up for Vote Sunday

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 21—Big Ten Faculty representatives will meet here Sunday to decide on whether or not to rescind the conference ban on post-season athletic competition.

The meeting has been called at the request of Ohio State University, which is undefeated and untied and would like to accept a possible bid to the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena.

Prof. Henry Roitshaeffer of Minnesota announced the meeting and said a majority vote of faculty representatives would be necessary to rescind the ban, which has been a subject of controversy ever since the start of bowl games.

Griffith Gives Landis An Inside Tip for '45

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, knows all about the rule forbidding congratulatory telegrams, but that didn't prevent him from wishing Judge Landis the best of everything on the occasion of the commissioner's 78th birthday yesterday.

Landis, still confined to Saint Luke's Hospital in Chicago, received the following message from the 75-year-old boss of the Senators: "Judge, I feel sure that you're going to be okay soon and that you'll be with all us old fellows for a long time to come. Either Connie's Athletics or my Senators will win the American League pennant next year."

4 Rainbow Bouts Canceled, But the Other Six Were Pips

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

"High temperatures, colds and military duties accounted for cancellation of four bouts on last night's Rainbow Corner fight card. And the much-publicized contest between Pfc Dick Shinn, of San Francisco, and Pvt. Jesse Puente, of Los Angeles, was one of the four casualties as Puente came up with a cold yesterday. But in the six bouts the GIs were treated to, they got plenty of swinging.

Unbeaten List Whittled to 12

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—Mississippi State, Drake and Miami of Ohio were knocked from the lists of the perfect record teams over the weekend, leaving only 12 teams in the select circle. Here is the gang that's left:

Table with columns: TEAM, G, P, OP, TEAM, G, P, OP. Lists teams like Army, Ohio State, Randolph Fd, etc.

Michigan Judge Rules Racing Law Unconstitutional

DETROIT, Nov. 21—Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia will be glad to hear this.

The statute under which horse racing is permitted in Michigan has been declared unconstitutional by Circuit Judge Guy A. Miller. The judge's ruling was on a preliminary motion in a suit brought by Edward Rohan and his wife, seeking to enjoin the state racing commission from allowing racing at the Fairgrounds track and to prevent the track from building a new stable within 50 feet of their property.

Judge Miller denied a petition for dismissal and declared the horse racing act of 1933 unconstitutional. His ruling may lead to a permanent injunction.

Riggs Handicap to Seven Hearts

BALTIMORE, Nov. 21—Seven Hearts sped to an easy two-length victory over Bon Jour yesterday in the \$25,000 Riggs Handicap over a track that was described as good despite a day-long drizzle which caused Trainer Ben Jones to scratch heavily favored Twilight Tear just before post time. Jockey Paul Eiper took J. Graham Brown's colt to the front and stayed there all the way home, paying \$3.30, \$2.40 and \$2.20.

Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1. or APO 887, U.S. Army. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

APOs Wanted L. T. Lewis H. YOUNGLOOD, Petersburg, Va.; Pvt. Ralph BROOKS, Pvt. Howard JURGRAU, New York; Lt. Charles S. STEVENS, Beaufort, N.C.; Lt. Richard DELAMARLERS, Genoa, N.Y.; W/O William A. BABCOCK, Troy, N.Y.; Cpl. John H. RISLEY, Waterville, Lt. Hugh FITZGERALD, ANC, Winooski, Vt.; Maj. Robert Drogg, Lt. Donald CRETE, Lodi, Calif.; Chester DROGG.

Davis Cinches Scoring Title

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—Glenn Davis, Army's hustling halfback, virtually clinched the '44 collegiate football scoring title Saturday with three touchdowns against Pennsylvania to run his total for eight games to 114 points.

Trailing the Army ace by 30 points is Tom McWilliams of Mississippi State, who was injured in the first period Saturday and was sidelined while his team was toppled from the unbeaten ranks by Alabama.

The Leaders:

Table with columns: PLAYER, SCHOOL, TD, EP, FG, TP. Lists players like Davis, McWilliams, Tressell, etc.

Long Count My Fault-Dempsey

CHICAGO, Nov. 21—Even such football fanatics as the Windy City's Monday Quarterback Club will forget naked reverses and clipping penalties when Cmdr. William Harrison Dempsey drops by to discuss that famous "long count," and that's what happened here yesterday. Dempsey dropped by to address the club on the subject of bonds and before he finished that matter of the 1927 count in his second bout with Gene Tunney just naturally came up.



JACK DEMPSEY

The former champ took full blame for the incident that gained Referee Dave Barry the nickname "Long Count" Barry, and said that what

turned out to be the crowning disappointment of his career was "all my fault." The Manassa Mauler stated, "The only person responsible was myself. I should have been in a neutral corner."

Dempsey was attempting to regain his title before a crowd that paid the largest gate in the history of boxing. Tunney, four years younger than the Mauler, was outboxing Dempsey when suddenly Jack floored the champ with a right. What followed has been the subject of countless arguments ever since.

Barry started to count over Tunney and some observers claim that the count went as high as 14 before Gene arose. Dempsey went to a neutral corner and apparently the referee started the count all over again. And Tunney finally got up and went on to win the decision and retain his title.

Dempsey's statement yesterday should settle the argument about who was to blame—but honest Joe, do you think it will?

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Chester Gould

By Al Capp

Life in Those United States

Ford Official Predicts Post-War Car Rationing

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Post-war rationing of automobiles to insure their equitable distribution once the industry is given the green light for civilian production was forecast today by an official of the Ford Motor Co. at a meeting here.

"We have reason to believe that a rationing program will be put into effect by OPA," C. B. Ostrander, Ford's Southwestern regional manager, said. "Ford believes there will be 10,000,000 more car-owners after the war than in pre-war days. That means the number of car-owners will reach at least 40,000,000 in the U.S."

It was pointed out that a post-war rationing program would not be too difficult, since OPA already is rationing the dwindling supply of "new" 1942-model passenger cars and the system could easily be extended.

Meantime, Ford headquarters in Detroit announced that the company would grant job-seeking veterans seniority equivalent to their length of service. Seniority dating back to Jan. 1, 1942, would be granted veterans inducted after that date. The company also asserted its right to hire honorably discharged vets while laying off other employees.

Nelson Gets Cabinet Rank

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—Donald M. Nelson, former chairman of the War Production Board now in China on a special mission, has been designated "personal representative" to President Roosevelt with the rank of Cabinet member and will occupy offices in the White House, it was announced today.

A Presidential letter notified Nelson of the appointment shortly before he left for China last week. It was understood that the letter mentioned another trip to the Pacific—possibly to New Zealand and Australia—for Nelson after his present job was completed.



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Grease Monkey

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Leo Abernathy's automobile went haywire yesterday. He called a garage which wanted to know what was wrong. "It won't start," Abernathy said. "Well, bring it over then," the garage man directed.

Winter Timed

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Far-sighted J. E. Graven moved his orchard inside his home ahead of the first frost. As a result he has harvested a crop—nine oranges from a potted tree bought at a nursery four years ago.

Pat. Finnegan, Doubtless

DENVER, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Mrs. Lola B. Smith has received four telegrams from the War Department about her son, a private in France: 1—He was missing in action; 2—He was safe; 3—He was missing again; and 4—He was safe again.

Boogie Woogie Cow Cows 'Em, Doctor Finds

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21—War workers, allergic to the boogie woogie music played in industrial plants, are among the war-time psychiatric casualties on the home front, Dr. Robert V. Seliger, of Baltimore, told the Southern Medical Association convention here.

"Some men found it nearly impossible to work with large groups and in large plants, constantly surrounded by people and dinned at by noise of machinery and of boogie woogie music over loudspeakers," the psychiatrist explained, reporting on the increasing number of war workers treated for nervous conditions at Johns Hopkins hospital.

Other "casualties" were caused, he said, by frequent shifting of personnel from job to job within a plant and by the sudden change from being on relief rolls to working up to 66 hours a week.

Life Is Just a Game of Tennis

OMAHA, Nov. 21 (ANS)—The Assistant Attorney General of Virginia, registering at the national convention of attorneys general, told the woman at the desk: "My name is Doubles." "And mine is Singles," the clerk responded. Thus, Agnes Singles registered M. Ray Doubles.

'Reel Efficient'

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Police officers discovering autos parked overtime now snap a photo of the parking meter as well as writing up the car's owner for future evidence in court.

Cud It Out

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Nobody rang the gong and nobody was caught expectorating in the streets—so the city's anti-spitting campaign has been called off.

Catholic Church Criticizes Hope's Service Shows

BOSTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Bob Hope's programs for servicemen were assailed today as "offensive" by The Pilot, official organ of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston.

The Pilot, while paying tribute to Hope's activities on behalf of servicemen, said "some of the men who hear the comedian's artful filth and whose minds recur to it afterward are going to die. The Church has no invocation against sudden death, but she does have incessant and very earnest prayers against sudden and unprovided death."

"Does it mean nothing to Hope that some soldiers may face God unprepared for reckoning?" In Chicago Hope said he was "astounded and amazed" by the editorial. "My record of entertaining servicemen and women speaks for itself," he said.

Heaven's Juke Box

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Members of the Twelfth St. Christian Reformed Church no longer are in the dark about the whereabouts of their servicemen. One need only press a button under the name of a man and a light pops up on a large world map showing the proper area, along with the inscription: "Brethren, pray for us."

Burning Question

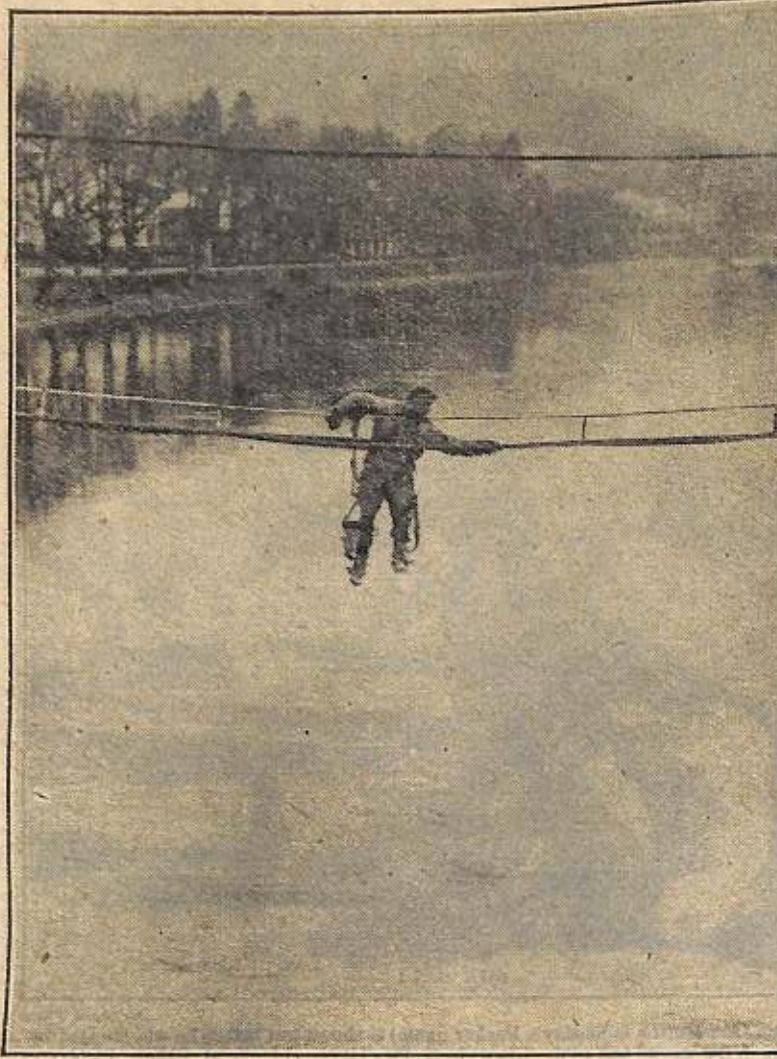
CHICAGO, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Firemen rushed to answer the alarm on the city hall's second floor. Arriving at the door from under which the smoke poured they were greeted by a sign, "Ladies." A huddle followed. Then the chief knocked twice. No answer. So he cautiously led his men in to put out a blaze in a wastebasket. No gals screamed.

"We've simply got to have them, and fast," the General said. "There has been a steady increase in the degree in which we have met our production schedules. The curve is always up. But it isn't up as sharply as the curve of the doughboys' advance."

Meantime, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, speaking to AFL delegates at their national convention in New Orleans, said that "to fail now means World War III—a rocket war of fatal death. We dare not fail ourselves, our children or our democratic civilization."

McNutt listed four problems "confronting this invading nation": 1—To defeat Germany; 2—to defeat Japan; 3—to meet the challenge of reconversion; and 4—to meet the challenge of peace.

Moselle Aerobatics



Here's a wireman's own bridgehead over the Moselle. Pvt. Arley Norman, of Newcomerstown, Ohio, crosses by cable-car to check telephone lines over river.

Where There's No Smoke, There's Fire in GI Eyes

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shortage was the number one topic of discussion.

One mournful quartet chanted a ditty which went thus:

"Where o where can our cigarettes be, They're not at the front or lost at sea. Why doesn't Congress have the guts? To conduct an investigation—to get us the butts."

Pfc Dan Jonker, 21, of Forest Hills, L.I., said there were plenty of butts "piled high" in London warehouses. "If they stay in the warehouses, then they're not going to do the boys at the front any good," he said.

However, if the butts are going to the front, GIs emphasized, it's OK with all of them. Sgt. Marion S. Lemman, 37, of Memphis, Tenn., said: "If they are going

think that civilian supplies of cigarettes should be reduced sufficiently to permit all soldiers seven packages a week?" 81 per cent of the men said yes.

A third point revealed by the poll was that three-quarters of the noncombatants (who are the only ones completely cut off from PX supplies) planned to continue smoking, even if it meant buying British cigarettes at nine times the PX price. Exactly 26 per cent said they planned to quit; 74 per cent said they wouldn't.

The cross-section of men polled was about one combat airman to every three noncombatants—roughly the way personnel on the base is split.

Asked if they favored "U.S. government subsidization of British cigarette supplies sufficient to permit U.S. soldiers to purchase their regular ration at three cents per pack," only 29 per cent of the men replied in the affirmative.

Cigar Men Say Forces Get 91,000,000 a Month

The Cigar Institute of America announced in New York yesterday that 91 million cigars were going to the armed forces every month.

On the basis of 12 million men in uniform, simple division shows that if every soldier, sailor and marine smoked cigars he could buy seven-plus cigars a month.

up front, I am perfectly willing to do without, but the truth is I'd like to know why." The Navy in the ETO is automatically on the ban because it gets its supplies through the Army.

At least one gob was happy about the shortage. He was Rod MacLeod, of Boston, who said, "It's a swell break for me. I've been trying to give up smoking and couldn't stop. Now I have to."

Airmen Demand Probe by Congress

Special to The Stars and Stripes

A FORTRESS BASE, England, Nov. 21—Both combatant and noncombatant airmen of the 388th Bomb Group, commanded by Lt. Col. Chester C. Cox, of Superior, Wis., reacted quickly and violently today when the ban on sale of American cigarettes to noncombatants went into effect at the local PX.

Polled by the public-relations office, 91 per cent of 240 airmen questioned stated flatly that they favored "an immediate Congressional investigation of the cigarette shortage."

In reply to the question: "Do you

Where Map Lines Are Worry's Creases

At the Front, No Armchairs—And Strategy Is Kill or Be Killed

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE U.S. FIRST ARMY AT ESCHWEILER, Germany, Nov. 21—Armchair strategists figure the war out just by looking at a map. "Break through this line, capture these three towns, and then all you have to do is roll right over the Germans all the way to Berlin."

On the map it's easy. Three kilometers of terrain is maybe an inch. Move up three inches, and look where you are.

But up here they fight the war the hard way. They don't figure they're part of an offensive that may move ten or 20 miles. They don't think in terms of defeating an army.

Up here they figure that the first job this morning is to cross that ravine and get that 88 behind that barn. They think in terms of pockets of men, of dug-in positions, of mines and booby-traps and snipers.

Sgt. Tom Walsh, of New York, wasn't thinking this morning that his outfit was part of a plan. He was worried about a machine-gun position abandoned in face of a counter-attack. You could see it sitting there, pointing toward the German

lines. Walsh was impatient to get it back to work again.

Pvt. Emerald Dietz, of Detroit, and Pfc Herbert Wheeler, of Whiteman, Mass., were planning to get that Jerry sniper behind the rock pile. He was making trouble.

Cpl. Charles Rosen, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a medical-aid man, was figuring how to crawl up and get that man whose arm had been pierced by a shell fragment.

To the lieutenant who led the platoon, to the captain who led the company, to the lieutenant colonel who led the battalion—the war was reduced to basic principles.

They figure out how they're going to get rid of those damned Jerries ahead so they can move up and occupy their objective.

They see that their men get fed, and have a chance to clean their rifles, and dig in if they're going to be there for a while.

They take care of themselves. They take care of the men fighting with them.

Up here they figure the war will be over when: 1—the Germans give up, or, 2—when all the Germans are dead.

Up here they fight the war the hard way. They leave the map-marking and the armchair strategy to the guys who have time for it.

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pilot, claimed shooting down six FW190s to tie the record of German fighters bagged in a single engagement. This was set by Freddy, who shot down six Me109s on Aug. 6.

Whisner also claimed a probable, which, if confirmed as a kill, would break the record.

Italy-based 15th Air Force heavy bombers again attacked retreating German troops spread out along a 150-mile-long escape route in Yugoslavia.

Lines of jammed convoys along a 15-mile stretch of road were pounded by the heavies after Mustangs had immobilized most of the transport. Lightning fighters carried out a special glide-bombing technique.

RAF Lancasters in daylight yesterday bombed the synthetic-oil plant at Homberg, in the Ruhr.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff



SOMERVELL

CHICAGO, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, head of the Army Service Forces, told the CIO national convention here today that Allied armies in Europe "have moved so fast, we haven't caught up with them in production."

Calling for "more production nearly all the way down the line," Somervell said fighting tools now were needed "in greater abundance and in shorter time than any other nation anywhere ever needed them"