

Smash Nazi 'Quadrupled-Fighter' Plan

Pre-Invasion Blitz Is Renewed

USAAF Out After Giant RAF Blow

Nearly 30,000 Tons Smear Nazis From the Atlantic Wall to Balkans

American bombers and fighters renewed their pre-invasion blitz on Nazi targets across Europe yesterday...

With nearly 30,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries heaped on Nazi targets from the Atlantic Wall to the Balkans...

Twice during the day the medium and light bombers went out, and while they were pounding the nearer targets, a force of nearly 500 U.S. fighters and fighter-bombers went on a deck-level strafing and dive-bombing expedition...

Heavy Flak Barrages It was possibly significant that as the bombing prelude to amphibious assault on the Continent was stepped up to the war's highest pitch...

Bringing the big week's aerial push to a climax of destruction were:

An attack late Saturday by 750 to 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators, with an escort of equal numbers, on the German railway center of Hamm.

Two assaults in daylight Saturday on targets in northern France by Marauders and Havocs of the Ninth Air Force.

RAF and Allied medium-bomber attacks on more military objectives from Dieppe to Dunkirk and inland.

Dive-bomber attacks by U.S. fighter-bombers on Belgium and French rail centers and airfields.

The 1,000-plane blow by the RAF late Saturday night on Dusseldorf, Brunswick and Laon.

Linked with those blows and swelling almost to 30,000 tons the near-25,000-ton total dropped by Britain-based planes was a week of heavy, although intermittent, attack on Balkan rail junctions by the Mediterranean air forces.

The Mediterranean bombers had closed out their share of the big week with Friday raids on Bucharest and Turnu Severin, Rumanian rail junctions, and Italian ports, destroying some 35 enemy planes in air combat. Yesterday, they too launched a new week with a heavy attack on the Messerschmitt aircraft

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The War Today

Air War—Pre-invasion blitz kept up by American bombers and fighters against Nazi cross-Channel targets, while U.S. heavies from Italy batter Luftwaffe plants near Vienna...

Pacific—Allied planes blast Jap bases on New Guinea, New Britain and Caroline Islands. U.S. takes two more Marshalls atolls. Japs repulsed at Kohima.

Italy—American forces penetrate German defenses at Anzio beachhead and capture positions in limited operation ending long stalemate.

Russia—Lull settles over Eastern Front, with only local fighting reported at Sebastopol, Stanislavov and Narva. Supplies reported streaming to front for summer offensive.

U.S. Bombs on French Coast Targets



Smoke climbs up from pre-invasion targets just inside the coast of France as Ninth Air Force Marauders turn homeward from one of their ten attacks in six days.

Berlin: Invasion Will Signal Drives From Russia, Italy

Berlin spokesmen who for weeks have been striving to prepare the German people for the Allied invasion added a warning yesterday that D Day on the Channel coast would bring big new Allied offensives on the Russian and Italian fronts as well.

The Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau quoted an unidentified German military spokesman as saying that the comparative quiet in Italy was inconsistent with new American and British troop concentrations landed at Nettuno and "it is expected that these forces are being held in reserve for a great new offensive against the north of Italy at the same moment as a landing attempt is made in the west."

This spokesman declared the English Channel tides would be at their highest, and therefore most favorable for landings, during the rest of this month and that for this reason and other signs observed by German reconnaissance this period was the most likely for invasion.

Berlin Editorial Gloomy The simultaneous Russian offensive was predicted by the influential Berlin newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter in a gloomy editorial which commented that "the abandonment of ground during March and April was painful, but it has

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Allies Attack In Anzio Area

Limited Thrust Punches Hole in Enemy Lines, Breaks Stalemate

Co-ordinated U.S. infantry, engineer units, tanks and tank destroyers have punched a hole in the German defenses around the Anzio beachhead in Italy and broken the weeks-old stalemate, Reuter reported yesterday.

Officially described as "limited," the attack was launched soon after noon Friday, aimed at powerful positions on the perimeter's right flank about 40 miles south of Cisterna and west of the Mussolini Canal. Fierce opposition was met, and tanks yesterday still were cleaning up in the captured area.

Three months after the beachhead was established, it was revealed yesterday that only 243 ships of all kinds, including landing craft, took part in the landing operations at Anzio, the United Press reported.

Showers fell Saturday on the beachhead and main Fifth Army front, slightly hampering operations, while a night downpour drenched the Adriatic front.

With the heavies grounded Saturday, fighter-bomber activity was centered mainly on the rail network north of Rome, which is taking a daily hammering.

German Convoy Attacked Off Norway, Nazis Assert

Torpedo planes of unspecified nationality attacked a German convoy off Vardo in northern Norway yesterday morning, German News Agency said. It claimed a "combined bombing and air-torpedo attack" was repelled after "violent air battles" between escorting German fighters and the attackers. Vardo is 410 miles from Murmansk.

U.S.-RAF Analysis Cites Frustration of Production in Year

Systematic Assaults at Factories Building Invasion-Defense Craft Culminated In One Big Week in February

German fighter production has been knocked below the level of August, 1942, and for the last three months has been unable even to supply the Luftwaffe with enough planes to replace losses, the U.S. Strategic Air Forces and the British Air Ministry revealed in a joint statement last night.

Describing how the Allies had smashed a German plan to quadruple fighter output between 1942 and April, 1944, to defend the Continent against bombing and invasion, the joint statement declared that the Germans "could no longer meet intensive operations with its former scale of automatic full-strength resistance."

The statement disclosed that Anglo-American air commanders decided 15 months ago to assign to the Eighth Air Force the primary task of exterminating the Luftwaffe's fighter production, with some help...

The statement described, step by step, the year-long campaign by the Eighth to achieve its goal.

That campaign began Apr. 17, 1943, when 150 bombers struck the first blow at Germany proper by flying 400 miles without escort to attack the Focke-Wulf plants at Bremen—and lost 16 planes, more than ten per cent.

A Year Later—a Big Contrast

The campaign's success was demonstrated dramatically one year and a day later—last Tuesday—when five times as many bombers, escorted all the way by fighters, flew 600 miles in broad daylight to Berlin, bombed two aircraft factories and returned, with a loss of 19 bombers and six fighters.

Actual culmination of the systematic frustration of the German "quadrupling" plan was achieved, after multiple blows over the one-year period, in one week late in February of this year, the joint statement asserted.

"On five of six successive days the U.S. Eighth and 15th Air Forces struck savagely, again and again, bombing in that brief span factories that were producing over 60 per cent of known single-engine manufacture and over 80 per cent of known twin-engine manufacture."

"It was this week which frustrated the German plan. Even after last summer's reverses, they had put their faith in a winter of frantic rebuilding and had still dreamed of a fighter force that could close the skies over the Reich."

"Yet by the end of that week their fighter production had been forced back below the monthly rate from which they began their plan in 1942, and immediately after this date there appeared a new phenomenon. On many of the March raids deep into Germany both bombers and fighters were practically unopposed."

"The time had come when the Luftwaffe could no longer meet intensive operations with its former scale of automatic full-strength resistance."

"Since then the pressure has been steadily maintained and increased. For three successive months the German fighter force has lost more planes than its plants could manufacture. In March their production was below the rate of August, 1942, and for April, instead of being quadrupled, it will be lower still."

When conferences were held 15 months ago to map an offensive to defeat the German plan, the Eighth Air Force was chosen to do the lion's share of the work

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Raids in Pacific Of 1,000 Planes Now Possible

Even the Shores of Japan May Soon Be Attacked Admiral Declares

The U.S. Navy is now able to strike with 1,000 carrier-based planes at almost any spot in the Pacific, Rear Adm. Arthur W. Radford, deputy chief of naval operations for air, said in Washington yesterday—and more than 1,000 planes if necessary.

"As our task forces grow bigger and bigger," he continued, "it is reasonable to assume that eventually even the shores of Japan itself will not be safe from our sudden strikes and destructive raids. It is possible also that this day may be somewhat nearer than the Japanese think."

Meanwhile, the bombing planes continued to furnish most of the news from the Pacific. Headquarters of Adm. Nimitz announced a new attack by Liberators on two islands of the Truk group, with only one Jap fighter attempting interception.

Rabaul, on New Britain, was plastered again by Dauntlesses, Avengers and Mitchells from the Solomons, bringing to more than 2,000 tons the weight of bombs dropped on that Jap base in the last three weeks.

New Guinea Blows Continue

Wewak and the Aitape area of New Guinea also were blasted anew, with the apparent aim of keeping Japanese planes out of the sky during the final assault on Madang which Australian troops are now preparing to make.

The occupation of two more atolls in the Marshall Islands, Rikub and Aur, was announced in Washington by the Navy Department, which said that they had been "reconnoitered by our forces and U.S. sovereignty established thereon."

Allied air forces also played a vital role in holding actions around Kohima in the India-Burma fighting, according to a communique from Lord Mountbatten's headquarters.

Giant Carriers Able to Launch Bigger Bombers Coming—King

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—Adm. Ernest J. King reported tonight that six new battleships and "more than 50 carriers of all types" had been added to the U.S. Fleet since Pearl Harbor and that the Navy's personnel increased from 126,418 to 2,252,606. The strength of the Marine Corps rose from 19,701 to 391,620.

The commander-in-chief of the fleet and chief of naval operations also disclosed plans to build a number of huge new aircraft-carriers bigger than any now afloat. They will displace 45,000 tons, as much as the biggest battleships, "and will be capable of handling bombing planes larger than any which heretofore have operated from the decks of aircraft-carriers."

Adm. King's report of more than 50 carriers put into service by the end of 1943 took no account of escort carriers transferred to Britain.

He said that the completion of several of the bigger carriers "months ahead of schedule" helped materially in the Atlantic

war on German submarines, which he declared had now "been reduced from a menace to a problem," and "enabled us to launch an offensive in the Central Pacific before the end of the year."

The new battleships now in service are the South Dakota and three sister ships—the Indiana, Massachusetts and Alabama—and two larger ships, the Iowa and New Jersey. A third ship of the latter class, the Wisconsin, was launched Dec. 7.

"At the moment, major emphasis rests with the construction of landing craft," the report said, "because we intend to use them in large numbers for future operations."

Current production figures were not revealed, but Adm. King reported "almost a quarter of a million tons" of landing craft built in the second half of 1942 and "well over a third of a million tons" in the first half of 1943.

Summing up the military situation, Adm. King said that in the European

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'Sweat It Out,' It Seems, Was Born of Mark Twain

Pending the discovery by an Eighth Air Force major that Shakespeare used the term "GI" somewhere in Hamlet, the phrase which a Ninth Air Force captain has found in Mark Twain's "Adventures of Tom Sawyer" will rank as the linguistic surprise of the year.

At one point in the adventures, Becky Thatcher, with whom, you'll remember, Tom Sawyer was in love, tears a page from a book belonging to her teacher and gets caught. The teacher goes after the culprit with a hickory stick and Tom deliberates on whether to save Becky.

"It's her own fault," he finally says, "let her sweat it out."

Mark Twain wrote "Tom Sawyer" in 1875.

Quiet Reigns Over Fronts in War in Russia

Local Fighting Is Reported In All Sectors; May Be Lull Before New Push

Unaccustomed quiet settled over the Russian front yesterday, with only local fighting reported at Sebastopol, in the Crimea, in front of Stanislavov, near the Polish border, and at Narva, in the far north.

Moscow dispatches said that for almost the first time since the war started the Soviet press was almost bare of war dispatches. The Russian communique used the phrase "no material change" for the first time since last Oct. 6.

Both German and Russian reporters suggested the lull merely marked the interval before a new Red Army summer offensive to be launched soon.

Reinforcements and supplies were said to be pouring into the front lines. United Press reported that on several sectors vast Soviet forces appeared to have completed their regrouping some time ago and seemed ready for action whenever the word was given.

German attempts to take advantage of the temporary halt in the Russians' drive to the west to bolster up the Narva and Stanislavov bastions appeared to have died down into purely local attacks, a Reuter correspondent in Moscow said.

Moscow had no news of the Sebastopol battlefield, but the German communique reported only local fighting.



"TAXI!"

Courtesy of The Sunday Express

Benes: Nazis Will Not Fight On Own Soil

Czech President Says Foe May Quit 3 Mo. After Successful Invasion

By John Parriss

United Press Correspondent

Dr. Eduard Benes, the Czech President, told me in an interview Saturday that he did not exclude the collapse of Germany within three months after the successful invasion of Europe from the west.

"I think that the Germans will never permit fighting on their own soil," he said. "When the British and Allied forces reach the western German frontier and the Russians reach the frontier in the east, Germany will crack wide open and refuse to fight."

He qualified this by saying that this complete collapse could only happen if British and American troops swarmed ashore and liberated a substantial part of occupied territory and insured a constant flow of men and supplies to keep up the initial offensive with overwhelming weight.

There already are signs, said Benes, that Germany was approaching, step by step, day by day and week by week, an internal collapse which could be precipitated by a shattering Allied land offensive in Western Europe and that disintegration within Germany now was proceeding rapidly.

"The German people at long last are beginning to wonder," Benes said. "Not only has the Allied air offensive brought home the war to them, but German soldiers returning from the Russian front are now talking openly about the horrors of war. The German people are also beginning to talk about conditions at home and the defeats they are suffering on the Russian front."

Stratemeyer's HQ Is Moved

CALCUTTA, Apr. 23—Definite assurance that the Allies have air superiority over Burma and will keep it was given today by Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, chief of the Eastern Air Command, in an interview following transfer of his headquarters to Calcutta.

Explaining the transfer, Stratemeyer said he now was 1,000 miles closer to the enemy and would keep moving with developments in this war sector. "We might, for instance, pitch our tents at Rangoon, or any place suited to hitting the enemy harder," he said.

He said ground forces never received better support than in this area; that the USAAF and RAF were pulling together, and replacements and improved equipment were flowing in steadily.

Bombing of rail installations in Burma have a quite different effect than similar operations in Europe, Stratemeyer explained, because difficulties of climate and terrain make repairs a long and laborious task in Burma, whereas in Europe railways could be patched up quickly.

British Medal for Navy Man

A 30-year-old officer of the U.S. Naval Reserve, Lt. John E. G. Brands, of Walakoneta, Ohio, has been awarded the British Empire (Military Division) medal for "gallantry, skill and coolness" in helping to clear the harbor of Halifax, N.S., of enemy mines. He becomes the third American naval officer to receive the M.B.E. this war.

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Theater "Great Britain has become a base for an air offensive against the heart of the Axis on a scale which dwarfs the greatest German attacks of the war" and that "the encirclement of Germany is in sight."

In the Pacific, he declared that we had assumed the offensive and that in addition to territorial advances we had damaged Japan's "capacity to maintain the war at sea and in her advanced areas."

"Japan will not be directly under attack as Germany is now," he concluded, "until the citadel area of that empire, island and continent, is under our threat or control, but the current and prospective circumstances in the Pacific Theater present a situation which must be as dark and threatening to Japan as it is full of promise to us."

"Both in Europe and in the Pacific long roads still lie ahead. But we are now fully entered on those roads . . . and determined to travel far and fast to victory."

Tribute from Crest

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—Adm. Ernest J. King, in his comprehensive naval report tonight, paid high tribute to the WAVEs and concluded, in his discussion of them:

"In addition to their having earned an excellent reputation as a part of the Navy, they have become an inspiration to all hands in naval uniform."

Pre-Invasion Blitz Renewed; 30,000 Tons Hit Foe in a Week

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works at Wiener Neustadt, near Vienna, which has been hit repeatedly since autumn—just as often as Nazi repair gangs could restore facilities smashed by the Forts and Libs from the Mediterranean.

Russian bombers, which in the last month have co-ordinated their missions in southeast Europe with Allied blows at the Balkans, switched their main attack to the northeast and hit shale-oil distilleries in Estonia Friday night.

The Forts and Libs, with escorts of P38s, 47s and 51s from the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces, were striking in very great strength for the fourth time in five days when they went to Hamm Saturday.

With good visibility, the heavies heaped explosives on the railway yards there which are rated at a capacity of 10,000 cars daily.

Heavy damage was done to the Hamm yards, photographs showed, with bombs striking all along a three-mile stretch of tracks and switching trains. Fires, possibly from tank cars, spread after the attack, and the main station and repair shops also seemed to have been hit solidly, according to the photos. Steel works near the yards were hit, and fires were still burning there as the bombers turned away.

The day's box score showed 18 bombers and 13 fighters missing for the destruction of 20 German planes by bomber gunners and another 34 in aerial combats with the fighters.

The Luftwaffe came up to protect one of the key points in the Nazi system of mobile reserves to meet invasion, and bitter dogfights twisted across the western German skies. High spot of the fighting came when Col. Don Blakeslee's Mustang fighter group jumped on more than 25 Me109s, forced them into a defensive circle and then picked off 17 of the trapped Germans. Blakeslee got a

double, and 1/Lts. John Godfrey, of Woonsocket, R.I., and Willard W. Milliken, of Malvern, Iowa, three each.

Other German planes were destroyed in aerial combat, and scores shot up on the ground, while some Thunderbolt units also included rail yards and trains, barges and oil tankers in the day's targets.

Largely, the escort kept the fighters from the bombers, but some enemy formations of 30 or 40 planes broke through the cover to barrel-roll through the B17s and 24s which, making one of their latest missions, landed back in England at dusk or even in the darkness.

The RAF's contribution to the weekend of bombing was aimed principally at Dusseldorf and Brunswick, with more than 1,000 planes taking part. An hour after the attack, huge fires were reported still flaming in Brunswick. The Laon railway yards also were hit Saturday night, and Mosquitoes went to Mannheim. Forty-two RAF aircraft were reported missing.

On Friday night the RAF had hit Cologne with Mosquitoes carrying 4,000-pound block-busters, carrying on the joint Allied campaign to smash the Nazi railway system reinforcing the coastal defenses of continental Europe.

While the heavy forces were spacing the main blows at strategic points across the Continent, the Marauder mediums and Havoc light bombers, along with Allied light forces and U.S. fighters and dive-bombers, were keeping up the triphammer pounding which has hit the Atlantic Wall every time the weather permitted for nearly a month.

Yesterday morning 300 B26s and A20s went back to the assault, and by noon had brought their bomb tonnage of the last six days to more than 3,600, with 2,700 sorties flown in that time. One Marauder and one Havoc were lost from the morning mission, bringing the six-day losses to 12 B26s and one A20.

Nazi Fighter Output Knocked Below Level of August, 1942

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because of its ability to pinpoint in daylight the many small factories which the Germans were scattering all across Europe to turn out parts and to assemble them.

The RAF was to help by keeping up its steadily increasing pressure on the denser concentrations of German industry, and later, after having improved its technique and gained experience, by performing area bombing of industries directly connected with aircraft manufacture, thus supplementing the Eighth's daytime assaults.

Luftwaffe fighter strength in the west, increasing as the production step-up went ahead according to plan, had nearly doubled between August, 1942, and July, 1943, and the plan itself was halfway to completion by the end of that month, when the Eighth Air Force hit in strength hitherto unobtainable.

"In the last week of July, 1943, the Eighth attacked the German aircraft industry on six out of seven successive days, and in mid-August compounded the damage with the shuttle raid across Regensburg for a body blow at the Messerschmitt production which the Germans had considered inaccessible to us," the statement said. "From that time the rising curve of German fighter production turned downward."

The statement pointed out that the RAF Bomber Command had played a steady and complementary part in the plan with its heavy blows not only on aircraft centers but on industries vital to aircraft production.

"It is still an unfinished history," the statement said, "but the end draws steadily

nearer, for the steps of our plan are cumulative. . . . There are now more than ten times the number of American bombers that made the first raid on Bremen; they can reach any point in Germany, and the friendly fighter cover that has steadily extended its range has already been to Berlin. The purpose they are methodically achieving. . . . is the destruction of the German Air Force as a preliminary to the destruction of the German ability and will to continue armed resistance."

President Acts to End Montgomery Ward Strike

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—An 11-day strike of Montgomery Ward & Co. employees brought action from President Roosevelt tonight lest it spread to other industries. He called on the workers to return and the company to comply with a WLB order to continue an existing wage contract temporarily.

The strike followed action by the company to end the contract on the ground that the union no longer represented a majority.

100 More Carriers

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—The Navy's 1943-44 construction program calls for completion of more than 100 aircraft carriers of all types, including auxiliary "baby flattops." Rear Adm. Francis S. Low told the American Society of Newspaper Editors last night.

If Nothing Else, We're Equipped to Find Hitler

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—More than 69,600,000 copies of 3,132 different maps of Western and Southern Europe have been produced for Gen. Eisenhower and his staff for use in the invasion of Europe, according to Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, U.S. Army supply chief.

Writing in the Readers' Digest, he said that from 600,000 to 1,200,000 tons of supplies a month were pouring into Britain exclusive of Lease-Lend.

Greek Sailors' 'Mutiny' Ended

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (AP)—Greek naval boarding parties, with gunfire and some casualties, have "recovered" three Greek warships from disobedient crews who had held them in port for three weeks, demanding the formation of a new Greek government-in-exile.

The authorities took the view that refusal to obey orders in war time constituted armed mutiny for which the crews must be arrested and punished.

A brief communique issued through British naval authorities identified the ships on which the mutineers or "sit-down" strikers were serving as the Apostolis, Ierax and Saktouris.

Last night, it said, Vice-Adm. Voulgaris, the Greek naval commander-in-chief, gave orders which led to boarding parties under Greek officers and men raiding the ships and overpowering the crews.

"There was some exchange of rifle and machine-gun fire," the communique added, "and a few casualties were incurred."

British warships had kept the Greek ships covered with their guns since the crews had refused to obey orders to sail on convoy and minesweeping duties.

Germans' 'Human Torpedo' Explodes Only a Nazi Hope

ANZIO BEACHHEAD, Italy, Apr. 21 (delayed)—The Germans, too, have "human torpedoes," but the first ones seen thus far didn't sink any ships—they came harmlessly up on the beach today, one of them with a disconsolate Nazi seaman aboard.

Lt. A. M. Bernstein, of Brooklyn, spotted the first one coming ashore with its rider waving frantically. As it drifted in it turned out to be a double torpedo—an upper one on which one man rides, and a detachable lower one containing the explosive. The German sailor, who was taken prisoner, said he had been dropped from an E-boat up the coast and had run out of fuel.

RCAF Fighter Pilot Gets 7 Decorations at One Time

A former RCAF pilot was awarded seven decorations by Brig. Gen. E. R. Quesada, Ninth Fighter Command chief, in a recent ceremony. The fighter pilot, 1/Lt. Edwin J. Rackham, of Ann Arbor, Mich., received the first, second, third and fourth bronze clusters, the silver Air Medal.

Flying operational missions since mid-January, Lt. Rackham completed 25 missions during March alone. He joined the RCAF in 1942 and later transferred to the USAAF.

All Talks Off On Finn Peace

MOSCOW, Apr. 23—Finland has rejected the revised Soviet peace terms, it was announced officially yesterday, and all negotiations for the present have been broken off.

Russia demanded that the Finns pay \$600,000,000 indemnity and expel the German troops in Finland, estimated at seven divisions, in which the Red Army agreed to help. Finland contended that the reparations would be too big a burden and that the other proposals threatened her independence.

Allies Pouring Supplies Into Russia—Harriman

MOSCOW, Apr. 23 (UP)—Murmansk and Archangel are working day and night unloading American and British ships pouring supplies into Russia, W. Averell Harriman, U.S. ambassador in Moscow, said here after his return from a visit to the northern ports.

Planes obtained by Russia under Lend-Lease are protecting the Murmansk approaches from U-boats and ranging far beyond the supply lines to attack enemy ships carrying vital nickel from Petsamo, Harriman said, adding that not a single ship had been damaged in several convoys inspected by him.

Army Is Using Explosive 33 Pct. Tougher Than TNT

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—A newly developed high explosive claimed to be one-third more powerful than TNT is being used effectively in many types of U.S. aerial bombs and in shells for certain artillery guns, the Army Ordnance department has announced.

Known as pentaerythritol-tetranitrate—PETN for short—the new explosive was developed experimentally in the last war but proved too sensitive and unstable for extensive use. A new technique, combining it with TNT, developed a more stable explosive.

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rendered the front line more favorable. There is terrain in the east which can be abandoned, but there is other territory which, both for military and political reasons, must be held."

A Columbia Broadcasting System representative in Moscow likewise forecast that "the Red Army is massing for heavy blows against Germany to synchronize with the Anglo-American invasion of Europe. The Red Army will probably choose the shortest route through Poland and Czechoslovakia."

The continental invasion is expected by the Germans to consist of many simultaneous landings along the whole coast of western Europe with the aim of dividing German forces, Swiss radio reported. It said powerful units of fast-moving German elite forces are concentrated at strategic points in France ready to rush to any exposed coastal spot.

Donald M. Nelson, WPB chairman, gave an indication of the scope of the operation when he declared Saturday in a Chicago speech that the invasion armada would be the biggest in history.

"We have already produced 20,000 vessels," he said, "and when the present program is completed our armed forces will have 80,000 landing craft at their disposal."

"As our landing craft speed toward the greatest battle in history, overhead will fly an enormous air shield of white-starred American airplanes."

Britons, Yanks Jointly Mark 2 Anniversaries

Birthdays of St. George, Shakespeare Observed In Ceremonies

American servicemen yesterday joined with the British in two peculiarly British celebrations—the anniversaries of Shakespeare's birthday and of the birth of England's patron saint, St. George.

The Bard's birthday had almost as many Americans in Stratford-on-Avon as there were in peace-time for the event, but the visitors were tourists in O.D.s. Yesterday, an American soldier carried the ancient sword of state through the streets, leading a procession of civilian and service dignitaries, while an American Army band, conducted by W/O Augustine J. Sagan, played.

Saturday, another band, conducted by W/O Carroll W. Thompson, played the two national anthems as the Union Jack was unfurled at the poet's tomb.

At Runnymede, where Magna Carta was signed, troops of the Ninth Air Force paraded at a St. George's Day ceremony, at which Brig. Gen. Richard Nugent handed over an American flag to be hung in the parish church of Egham.

"The Stars and Stripes," said Gen. Nugent, "is the symbol of our unity and our common purpose to maintain the freedom and liberty which the Magna Carta gave to all."

Chaplain John F. Smeltzer gave the address; an army band played for the ceremony.

Part of the theater-wide joint celebrations was a reception and ball given by the Lord Mayor of Leicester Friday night at which soldiers from 45 states were guests.

Stage Door Canteen Stars Vivien Leigh (A B17 Christening)

A FORTRESS BASE, Apr. 23 (AP)—American airmen who had admired her charm on the screen saw and talked with Vivien Leigh in person as she participated in the christening of a new B17, Stage Door Canteen.

The British actress, who co-starred with Clark Gable in "Gone With the Wind," visited this base with her actor husband, Laurence Olivier, stage star Alfred Lunt and Subaltern Mary Churchill, the Prime Minister's daughter.

Mary Churchill broke a cake across the nose of the bomber in the christening ceremony, sprinkling herself and Col. Harry P. Leber Jr., of New York, the station commander.

An Allied soldiers' rendezvous patterned after New York's famous Stage Door Canteen will open soon in London. The crew which will fly the B17 Stage Door Canteen is composed of:

Lts. George W. Wilson, Shreveport, La.; John O. English, Syracuse, N.Y.; Roy J. Fayard, New Orleans, La.; and Roy J. Hamilton, Portland, Ore., and Sgt. Arthur P. Andziewski, Chicago; Lewis J. McGuire, Belmont, N.Y.; Ralph E. Price, Bell, Cal.; Robert B. Helmer, Salisbury Center, N.Y.; Lannace J. Boudreaux, Franklin, La.; and David G. Gieldis, Madison, Wis.

Sleeping Bag to Replace Blankets Issued to GIs

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 23—The Army Quartermaster Depot announced that American troops would get a sleeping bag instead of blankets.

Brig. Gen. Roland Walsh, commanding the depot, said the bag would be equal in warmth and protection to two regulation blankets, but would consume less space in a soldier's pack. The sleeper's head fits inside a specially-designed top and the bag has a zipper so that a quick release in emergencies is possible.

Eaker's Work With 8th AF Wins Him Award of DSM

NAPLES, Apr. 23 (AP)—The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker for "outstanding work" while he was chief of the Eighth Air Force in Britain. The citation credited him with "ultimate success in the tactics for large-scale daylight-bombing operations."

AFN Radio Program

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- Monday, Apr. 24
- 1100—Spotlight Band.
 - 1115—Personal Album.
 - 1130—Novatime.
 - 1150—French Lesson.
 - 1200—Noon Edition.
 - 1205—Barracks Bar.
 - 1300—World News (BBC).
 - 1310—Melody Roundup.
 - 1330—Dinah Short.
 - 1400—News Headlines—BBC Northern Orchestra.
 - 1430—Visiting Hour.
 - 1500—Music While You Work.
 - 1530—Off the Record.
 - 1630—Family Hour.
 - 1700—Rainbow Rhythm and Program Resume.
 - 1730—Jack Hardy and the Little Orchestra.
 - 1755—Quiet Moment.
 - 1800—World News (BBC).
 - 1815—GI Supper Club.
 - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
 - 1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra.
 - 1930—Command Performance.
 - 2000—News from Home.
 - 2010—Fred Warne Program.
 - 2025—This Week in Science.
 - 2030—Contented Hour.
 - 2100—World News (BBC).
 - 2115—Front Line Theater.
 - 2145—Ranch House.
 - 2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
 - 2225—One Night Stand.
 - 2255—Final Edition.
 - 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Tuesday, Apr. 25.

Wild West Rodeo in Jeeps Clears Airfield

Wild Horses, Cattle Blocking War Effort Are Rounded Up

A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE GROUP, Apr. 23—The boys held a rodeo at this Mustang base the other day. The whole colorful pageantry of the Wild West—cowboys, wild horses and range cattle—thundered across the British landscape while the natives gaped in wonder.

It all came about after Lt. Col. Walter I. Black, of Lincoln, Neb., and his men set up this base and found themselves in the middle of a cow-puncher's dream—or nightmare.

There were wild horses and cattle all over the place—and not the contented kind. As far as they were concerned, possession was ten-tenths of the law. And since they were here first, the P-51s would just have to get out of the way. Even the MPs left them unimpressed. More than once they underlined their feelings with a well-directed kick, as Cpl. Tobe Coker, of Fair Dealing, Mo., can testify.

Col. Black is no cowpuncher. As a matter of fact he is a former state high school director and member of the National Basketball Rules Committee. Here was a new problem and, upon investigation, he found that England was long overdue for a rodeo.

Col. Black and a couple of his Texans consulted the RAF and completed plans



Deep in the heart of England, 1/Sgt. James Dozier, of Tyler, Tex., takes out after some wild horses with jeep and lariat in a rodeo held to clear a new air base of the animals so that Ninth Air Force P51s could use it.

for the roundup to transfer the horses and cattle to other pastures.

The boys turned out 100 per cent—Easterners, Westerners, Northerners and Southerners descended upon the plains. What they lacked in skill they made up in enthusiasm. Such yelping and whooping had never been heard this side of the Grand Canyon.

1/Sgt. James Dozier, of Tyler, Tex., actually roped a horse from a jeep—but the bangtail got away.

A locoed steer gave T/Sgt. James A. Carson, of Fort Worth, and Lt. Joseph Hilzer, of the Bronx, N.Y., a few anxious moments but they were rescued by Pfc Alvin J. Nelson, of Cummings, N.D., and S/Sgt. Maynard Moen, of Amherst, Wis.

With the exception of the horses and cattle (and their startled owners, who claimed them through brand markings after the show), everyone had a good time. Capt. Donald B. Wilder, of Hollywood, commented that "given a little time, Spamland could eventually become as civilized as El Paso—if the wild cattle hold out."

New Rules Set On ETO Hikes

Traffic Safety Directive Orders Guards, Lights To Reduce Accidents

New traffic safety regulations for soldiers on the march are now in effect in the ETO as a part of U.S. military authorities' efforts to reduce casualties.

The directive prohibits column formations of more than three files, and provides that a guard march at least 50 yards in front and another at least 50 yards in the rear of any marching formation to slow down oncoming traffic. At night the front guard will carry a white light and the rear guard a red one.

Formations, the directive said, must march on the left side of the road and conform to traffic signals; thus the rear part of a column may have to stop at a traffic signal while the forward part marches on. Formation is regained after the "go" signal is received.

Soldiers not in formation are instructed to use sidewalks and paths when available; otherwise they will walk on the right edge of the road, facing traffic.

10 Cents a Dance? Maybe, But \$17,250 for a Jitterbug

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 23—Footnote on jitterbugging with GIs:

Radio actress Florida Edwards, suing Hollywood's Stage Door Canteen for \$17,250 as a result of an accident while dancing with a soldier at the Canteen on Halloween, 1942, described it this way:

"He was almost tearing me to pieces dancing so fast and furiously and weaving in and out of the crowd. He lost his balance and didn't catch me when he threw me to his left. I slipped and both feet went up in the air. I landed on my back and was unconscious several minutes."

U.S. Ack-Ack Gunners Get 1st Raider

Americans Share Credit With British Battery For Kill off Dover

DOVER, Apr. 23—A U.S. anti-aircraft battery, commanded by 1/Lt. James B. Rivers, of Chesterfield, S.C., has been cited for being the first to share in the destruction of an enemy raider since American AA gunners became operational in Britain in January.

A German bomber, returning from a raid on England last Wednesday night, was brought down in the sea off the Dover coast by the combined fire of American 90-mm. and heavy British anti-aircraft guns after it was coned by searchlights. The Americans fired 12 rounds and the British 28 in less than a minute. After the guns opened up, the plane swerved downward and crashed into the sea a few miles out. Unsuccessful efforts to trace or recover the wreckage made it impossible to determine whether the American or British guns scored most hits.

Gun commanders in the U.S. battery are Sgts. Morgan T. Fulmer, John B. Cersero, Joseph Kadis and Frederick Malner.

While the American gunners were credited officially with their first "Category I" award by Anti-Aircraft Command, it was No. 14 for the Britons. Another U.S. battery on the south Anglian coast recently received a "Category III" awarded for damaging a German plane.

2 Survivors of Tragic '43 Raid By B26s on Ijmuiden Get DFC

NINTH AIR FORCE HQ, Apr. 23—Two survivors of the attack on Ijmuiden, Holland, May 17, 1943, on which ten out of ten raiding Marauders failed to return, have been awarded the DFC, it was announced here today.

Both gunners on the same B26, the survivors, S/Sgts. George E. Williams, 24, of Chicago, and Jesse H. Lewis, 25, of La Grange, Ga., drifted for five days and nights in the North Sea off the Dutch coast before they were rescued by a British destroyer.

Politicians Warned Of State-to-State Switch by Voters

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—Wartime shifts in population in many sections of the U.S. are expected to cause plenty of surprises during the forthcoming elections.

War conditions have played particular havoc with the populace on the west coast, especially in Washington state, where more than a half million more people of voting age are centered today than during 1940.

Other states affected by shifts of population include Oregon, California, Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Texas and nearly every state on the eastern seaboard.

EMs' Main London PX Is Moved to 20 Mount St.

The enlisted men's main PX in London will be moved this morning to larger quarters at 20 Mount St., half a block from the site of the former one at 49 South Audley St. The staff has been increased. The alternate PX is at 197 Knightsbridge.

The South Audley St. PX will serve from today as an alternate officers' PX. Hours for both new stores will be from 9:30 AM till 5 PM daily, except Sunday, when they will be closed.

Sadler Gets Mideast Post

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (AP)—Brig. Gen. P. L. Sadler, of Alabama, has assumed the post of deputy commander in the Middle East Theater under Brig. Gen. Benjamin Giles. He recently completed 14 months in Liberia as commander of a task force.



Commander of the first U.S. anti-aircraft battery to share in destroying an enemy plane over Britain, 1/Lt. James B. Rivers, of Chesterfield, S.C., is congratulated by Lt. Charles E. Hailes, commander of the British AA Battery which teamed up in destroying the raider over Dover last week.

Defies Death To Aid a Flier

Woman Treats Wounded Airman as Flames Near Crashed Fort's Bombs

A FORTRESS BASE, Apr. 23—The story of the courage of an old English woman who calmly sat in her farm cottage and comforted a wounded American airman while no more than 100 yards away the bomb load of a burning crashed Fortress soon was to explode was told here today.

Disregarding her own danger, the woman insisted that the American be placed under her kitchen table.

"If the explosion caves the roof in, he'll be protected there," she told Lt. Charles R. Patterson, 24-year-old ordnance officer from Bridgeport, Conn., who had carried the airman to the woman's home.

And when the thousands of pounds of heavy demolition bombs exploded, rocking the cottage and shattering its windows, the 75-year-old woman continued to sit on the floor, stroking her patient's head and holding his hand. She was uninjured.

Three men of the badly shot-up Fortress crew died as a result of the crash landing, but the lives of seven others were saved by 14 members of a British Signal Corps unit who rescued the fliers despite the furious flames licking through the bomb bay.

"Working under the threat of death at any moment, the British soldiers showed courage and efficiency that I shall never forget," said Lt. Patterson, who rushed to the scene of the crash several minutes after the arrival of the British soldiers.

Badoglio Includes Sforza In the New Italian Cabinet

NAPLES, Apr. 23—After nine days of negotiations, Marshal Badoglio has announced the formation of a new government with himself as foreign minister, as well as premier, and the historian, Count Carlo Sforza, long-standing foe of Fascism, as a minister without portfolio.

All six of liberated Italy's political parties are represented, including the Action Party, which had opposed Badoglio's conception of a government in which control of all the service ministries would remain largely in his hands. In the new cabinet these posts are given to civilian undersecretaries, including Communists. Thus the Communist Party assumes ministerial responsibility for the first time.

House Votes to Extend FDR Lend-Lease Power

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—By a vote of 334-21, the House approved legislation Wednesday to extend President Roosevelt's authority to make Lend-Lease contracts for another year after June 30. The bill sent to the Senate contained a clause new in Lend-Lease operations, however; it would give Congress review power over any presidential commitments that might involve "international relations" in the post-war period.

Senate leaders regarded Wednesday's House vote as foreshadowing prompt concurrence by the Senate.

Yale Band Leader Dies

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Apr. 23—Charles F. Smith, 67, leader of the Yale University band for 30 years, died last week. The 300-pound bandsman was a familiar figure at Yale football games.

Giants Clip Bums Twice; Brownies Set AL Pace

Brooks Drop 3-2, 2-1 Tilts To New York

Cards Blank Cubs, 4-0, Behind Brecheen; Reds Top Bucs

NEW YORK, Apr. 23—Mel Ott's New York Giants, who finished a badly out-distanced eighth last year, are hotter than the proverbial firecracker thus far in the '44 National League race. And the gents chiefly responsible for five successive victories are Joe "Ducky-Wucky" Medwick and Phil Weintraub, a couple of fence-bustin' sluggers who are currently showing mid-season form.

The Giants bombarded their hated enemies from Flatbush twice over the weekend, marring Brooklyn's homecoming Friday, 3-2, and following up with a 2-1 triumph yesterday. Medwick tormented his former owner Friday by driving in two runs and robbing Mickey Owen of a certain triple in the fourth with a leaping one-handed catch off the left field wall.

Whit Wyatt started for the Dodgers Friday, but gave way to Rube Melton after allowing one run in the first, dampness and cold taking the zip from his fast ball. He walked Johnny Rucker, who advanced on George Housemann's bunt, then forced Ott to pop out. Medwick responded to jeers with a single to center, scoring Rucker. Melton twirled six innings, followed by Tom Warren, while Ace Adams stopped the Dodgers with seven scattered bingles. Weintraub tallied another Giant run in the fourth on Buddy Kerr's fly to center, and Medwick's single chased home Rucker, who had doubled, with the winning run in the fifth.

Second Triumph for Voiselle

Medwick collected three of 11 Giant hits yesterday, drove in one run and scored the winner himself in the third as Bill Voiselle, rookie pitcher, checked the Bums with seven hits to win his second game of his season. First Baseman Howard Schultz saved the Dodgers from a shutout with a towering 360-foot shot into the left field stands in the sixth. Les Webber, who started for the Dodgers and was tagged with the loss, gave way to Warren in the seventh.

The Dodgers, meanwhile, welcomed one of baseball's greatest brother acts back into the fold when Lloyd "Little Poison" Waner left his fireman's job at Oklahoma City to join the team. His brother, Paul, already is in the lineup.

The champion St. Louis Cardinals ruined Chicago's home opening Friday, dumping the Cubs, 4-0, behind the air-tight four-hit pitching of Harry Brecheen.

The game was a scoreless mound duel between Brecheen and Paul Derringer until the eighth when Short-stop Martin Marion broke the ice with a home run. The Cards scored the contest in the well-known bag in the ninth with three runs off Derringer and his successors, Johnny Burroughs and Paul Erickson.

Pittsburgh outhit Cincinnati Friday in the Pirates' home lot opener, but the Reds made their hits count against Truett "Rip" Sewell and his "eeephus" ball to win, 4-2, as Joe Beggs, usually a relief hurler, went the distance for the Reds. Beggs tired in the ninth, but was saved from trouble by two sensational fielding plays by Second Baseman Woody Williams.

Beggs to Enter Navy

Williams also aided the Reds with a triple, while Catcher Ray Mueller clouted a homer to help sink his former mates. Beggs announced after the game he will leave Wednesday to enter the Navy as a lieutenant.

The Phillies spoiled Boston's opener yesterday with a 3-2 victory, handing the Braves their fourth consecutive setback of the campaign. Ken Raffensberger held the Braves to six hits, three of them producing the two runs in the fourth.

The Phils touched Al Javery, who suffered his second defeat, and Dick Barrett, who relieved in the seventh, for nine hits. The Phils kicked away several scoring chances, leaving 14 base runners stranded.

Other games scheduled yesterday were washed off the docket.



Martin Marion

Baseball Season in Italy



Pfc Donald Dyer, of Fort Worth, Texas, confers with his battery mate, an Italian boy, at an American bomb group base in Italy.

Discharged Servicemen Give Browns Extra Battery Skill

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 23—There's many a fumble between start and finish of the gruelling 154-game American League season, but local fans think their Brownies have a chance to dethrone the draft-riddled New York Yankees. Thus far the Browns have swept three from Detroit and one from Chicago to climb into first place.

Hometown partisans trace the club's auspicious start to brilliant play by honorably discharged servicemen. Manager Luke Sewell is singing the praise of his star batter, Pitcher Jack Kramer and Catcher Frank Mancuso, both given the heave-ho by their Uncle Sammy for medical reasons. Kramer was discharged from the Navy last summer because of sinus attacks, while Mancuso, brother of the Giant's Gus, was released from the Paratroops after an injury.

The Browns alternated Rick Ferrell and Frankie Hayes behind the plate last season, but this year Sewell plans to work young Mancuso in the bulk of the games. Ferrell was bartered to the Senators and Hayes to the Athletics. Mancuso was with the Browns' San Antonio, Tex., farm when he enlisted in 1942, after being the property of the Giants for several years.

The young backstop was sent to Fort Benning, Ga., after enlistment and won his bars in OCS. Then he transferred to the Paratroopers. In a practice jump from a plane his left foot fouled in the guide lines of the chute, and he fractured the leg in landing. His leg was not badly hurt, but X-rays showed he had a peculiar formation between a couple of vertebrae.

This gave him a medical discharge and an opportunity to step in with the Browns. That he's making the most of it is clearly evident from the way he has been handling pitchers, hitting and the high position held by the Browns in the standings.

Double X to Hold Down Bruin Hot Corner Spot

CHICAGO, Apr. 23—Jimmy Foxx, veteran slugger, is returning to action as the Cubs' regular third baseman, Manager Jimmy Wilson announced. Wilson expressed satisfaction with the work of Tony York at the hot corner, but said the team needed more power at the plate and Foxx is elected to supply it.

NCAA Meet at Marquette MILWAUKEE, Apr. 23—The 23rd annual NCAA track and field championships will be held at the Marquette University stadium here June 10, Conrad Jennings, Marquette athletic director, announced. Running all the events in one day is an innovation for NCAA meets and will be done for the convenience of teams with Naval personnel which is limited to 48-hour travel. Preliminaries will be staged in the afternoon and finals at night.

St. Louis Nine Subdues Chisox To Lead Loop

Tigers Suffer 4th Straight Defeat; Yanks Stop Nats

NEW YORK, Apr. 23—The surprising St. Louis Browns jumped into undisputed possession of first place in the American League whirl as they celebrated their home opening with a 5-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox Friday, running their unbeaten record to four straight.

Mike Kreevich slapped two homers to head the assault, his first in the opening frame with two aboard and his second in the sixth with the bases empty. Hal Trosky, making a comeback with the Chisox, spoiled Nelson Potter's bid for a shutout when he poled a round-tripper with two mates on the sacks in the eighth. Southpaw Thornton Lee started for the Sox and hurled well except for the first inning when the Browns collected four runs. Lee, the loser, was relieved by Gordon Maltzberger in the eighth.

Seeray Homers for Tribe

Cleveland's homecoming went off successfully Friday as the Indians handed Detroit its fourth reversal in as many starts, winning, 7-4, as Allie Reynolds won his first start. Pat Seeray, Cleveland's rookie outfielder, slammed the longest home run ever hit in spacious Municipal Stadium to score behind two mates in the sixth. Seeray's clout, which came against Frank "Stubby" Overmire, sailed into the top deck of the left field stands, the only time it has been done 12 1/2 years the stadium has been used for baseball.

Rain kept the other clubs idle Friday.

Spud Chandler, right-handed Yankee mainstay and the most valuable player in the American League last year, was treated rudely in Yankee Stadium yesterday by Washington, but the Yanks roared back to trounce the Senators, 6-3. Much-traveled Outfielder Larry Rosenenthal broke a 3-3 tie in the seventh with a double that drove in two runs. Yankee First Baseman Nick Etten cracked a homer and two singles, while Stan Spence, Nat outfielder, collared a homer and single.

Roger Wolff started for the Senators and was replaced by Alex Carrasquel in the seventh, Carrasquel being charged with the defeat. Atley Donald, who spelled Chandler, was the winning pitcher. The Yanks peppered 11 hits, the Nats got nine.

Newsom Wins for A's The Philadelphia Athletics won their home inaugural against the Boston Red Sox, 4-0, behind the wobbly but effective pitching of Bobo Newsom, who hurled back the Sox with five hits.

Bobo entered yesterday's game after a training season consisting of three innings worked against a Coast Guard team. His wildness got him into several tight squeaks, but he rose to the occasion each time. George Kelly, freshman third baseman, drove in two runs in the first inning with a sharp double, and two walks and another hit gave the A's their third run before the inning ended. The A's registered their final marker in the eighth. Bob Bowman went the route for the Red Sox, allowing six hits.

Yesterday's other scheduled tilts were rained out. Today there are twin features round the circuit except in New York, where the Yanks entertain the Nats in a single game.

Rambler Nine Downs Badgers MADISON, Wis., Apr. 23—Playing errorless ball and throttling a ninth-inning rally, Notre Dame edged Wisconsin, 2-1, here yesterday, despite the fact that they were outhit, 8-7, and none of Wisconsin's six fumbles aided in their big eighth inning.



American League							
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St. Louis 5	Chicago 3						
Cleveland 7	Detroit 4						
Other games postponed.							
Saturday's Games							
New York 6	Washington 3						
Philadelphia 4	Boston 0						
Other games postponed.							
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Chicago at St. Louis (2)							

National League							
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Philadelphia at Boston (2)							
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (2)							
St. Louis at Chicago (2)							

No U.S. Trip in Summer For Haegg, Andersson

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 23—Swedish athletic authorities have advised the AAU that Arne Andersson and Gunner Haegg, Swedish mile aces, are definitely not coming to the United States for the AAU championships to be held in New York, June 17 and 18.

The Swedes said that participation is impossible because of the length of time necessary for a round trip.

Court of Appeals Rules Orlando Term Will Stick

CINCINNATI, Apr. 23—The Circuit Court of Appeals Friday affirmed in a written opinion the four-year prison term and \$2,000 fine imposed on Detroit Hockey Player Jimmy Orlando for violation of the U.S. Selective Service Act.

Orlando was convicted of falsifying occupational information in his draft questionnaire.



The — Infantry Division Blues put their basketball equipment in storage last week, having completed their season against most of the strongest service quintets in the ETO with 34 consecutive victories and no defeats. . . . In rolling up their perfect record, the Blues averaged 58 points per game as against their opponents' 30. . . . And the WBS Headquarters five, which captured the crown, notched 25 triumphs in 27 starts, failed to score more than 50 points in only three games.

Two eight-round tilts between Armored unit fighters and Canadians will headline a six-bout card tonight. . . . 1/Sgt. Bobby Lacey, popular light-heavy from Birmingham, Ala., will oppose Cpl. Gene Fowler, Canadian champion in 1941, '42 and '43, and Cpl. Vince Pelligrini, 188-pound New Yorker, will face Cpl. Howie Spencley, hard-punching Canuck favorite, in the co-features. . . . Fowler won 30 of 32 pro tests, 16 via kayoes, before entering the army.

The ASC Angels ran their baseball winning streak to three by walloping an Ordnance club, 14-2, and whitewashing the — General Depot, 5-0, last week. . . . Cpl. Elmer Romes, of Cincinnati, led the Angels against Ordnance by smashing a homer with the bases full, while Cpl. Fran Hecker, of New Orleans, fanned 13 and stopped the Depot nine with five scattered hits. . . . Baseball candidates at the — General Depot are working out under the tutelage of 2/Lt. Sam T. Cozzi, of Philadelphia, who was a chattel of the Washington Senators until his Army call.

The Grimaldi Sluggers "A" squad edged the "B" squad, 7-6, in a warm-up softball tilt last week. . . . The victors were sparked by Cpl. William H. Smith, of Muncie, Ind.

The — Infantry Division Blues, newly organized golf team chalked up its second team victory in three matches last week, defeating a squad of British "bobbies," 8-4. . . . The Blues owe most of their success to the steady clubbing of 2/Lt. Robert Babbish, of Detroit, Mich.

Sgt. Frank De Carolis, of Pittsburgh, claims the distinction of being the No. 1 hole-in-one expert in the ETO. . . . The first time Frank's tee shot trickled into the cup was in 1939 on the 257-yard eighth hole at Schenley Park, Pittsburgh. . . . Twice this year he has scored aces—both on the same course and same hole! . . . His lucky green, "somewhere in England," is the fourth, 139 yards long.

Cpl. Charles E. Hare, former leading British tennis star now in the USAAF here and an American citizen, is likely to be the opponent if Lt. Frank Shields goes on tour for the Red Cross. . . . Hare, representing Great Britain, lost to Don Budge—as everybody did that year—in the 1937 Davis Cup matches at Wimbledon. . . . His wife, Mary Hardwick, one of the world's leading women tennis players, is now touring military camps in the States, giving tennis exhibitions.

Cpl. Johnny Flowers, of New York, one of the best Negro baseball players in the States, is now in the ETO. . . . Johnny was a member of the New York Black Yankees before Pearl Harbor. . . . He had a batting average of .270.

An Eighth AAF Fortress station will have its own World Series here when its baseball season ends. . . . 1/Lt. Harry G. Higel, Special Service officer from Sarasota, Fla., has patterned his league after the majors with two eight-team circuits, and there is even a high commissioner, a Judge Landis. . . . One of the squads, composed of Flatbush citizens, will be known as the Dodgers.

The — QM Depot table tennis team, WBS champions, is willing to risk its title against any challengers in the ETO. . . . Teams interested in playing the QM can contact the unit through this department.

Teddy Atkinson Rejected NEW YORK, Apr. 23—One of the nation's outstanding athletes has been rejected by draft authorities due to inability to tip the beam at the minimum of 105 pounds. Teddy Atkinson, 28-year-old jockey, was turned down because he weighed only 99 pounds—soaking wet.

Platter Withdrawn From Derby PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 23—Platter, three-year-old owned by George Widener, has been withdrawn from the Kentucky Derby because it was considered advisable "not to hurry his training," W. F. Mulholland, Widener Farms superintendent, said.

Jack Passes Induction Exam FT. BENNING, Ga., Apr. 23—Beau Jack, former lightweight boxing champion, has passed his pre-induction physical and will enter the Army.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff

LOOK AT THAT PURTY YANKEE MAN WALKING OUT TO HIS GO-BUGGY... GEE, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LOOK AT HIS FACE... I THINK BURMA'S IN THE MARKET FOR A GOOD AMERICAN CHIN-UP BOY!

YOT'S DOT BIZNESS? OH, GOOD MORNING, CHIEF SINGH!... IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THE PATROL AIRPLANE TO COME OVER... I'M SETTING UP MY TRANSMITTER...

PATROL? ...NOT GIVES? I REPORTED THIS POSITION TO MY BASE WHEN I CAME DOWN...THEY'LL SEND OVER A PATROL ONCE A DAY UNTIL I'VE REPAIRED MY ENGINE...

...I'LL CONTACT THE PILOT ON THIS HAND-GENERATOR SET...AS LONG AS HE SEES MY AIRPLANE HERE AND RECEIVES MY CODE MESSAGE, ALL WILL BE WELL...IF HE FAILED TO HEAR FROM ME, A PARTY WOULD DROP IN TO INVESTIGATE... DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MR. SINGH? —AH-YOP... I GOT IT!

Stir Up, Lucky Draw Win Wood Memorial Features

Pukka Gin Is Bad Fourth In Double-Handled Jamaica Classic

NEW YORK, Apr. 23—Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney's winter book Kentucky Derby favorite, Pukka Gin, finished a badly beaten fourth as Stir Up, wearing the Greentree Stable colors, and George Widener's Lucky Draw raced under the wire first in the two divisions of the Wood Memorial yesterday at Jamaica.

Pukka Gin trailed Stir Up, which rewarded his backers with \$6.50 for every two-spot wagered, while Lucky Draw paid \$4.30. Each winner earned about \$20,000.

While the geldings moved front and center in the Derby picture, the crowd of 41,412 sent \$3,176,553 into the gaping jaws of the mutual machines, establishing a new record with the first three-million-dollar-plus handle in mutual betting history.

Daily Double Mark Broken
The international daily double record also was broken by the milling throng which wagered \$150,241. Betting on the Stir Up event set a new one-race betting mark with \$537,242 being passed across the counters. All in all, it was a busy day for the employees who punch out the colored pasteboards.

Stir Up, which had ruled as co-favorite with Pukka Gin in the winter books, encountered only mild opposition from the rest of the field, while Lucky Draw, an even-money betting choice yesterday, was a lucky draw for his backers as he romped in with ease.

Derby Odds Revised
Betting commissioners hurriedly revised their prices on Derby entrants after yesterday's activity, most of them following the revisions made by James J. Carroll, leading St. Louis betting czar.

Stir Up's winning effort cut his odds from 4-1 to 8-5, making the Greentree Stable three-year-old favorite in the field. Lucky Draw became third choice with a drop from 30-1 to 8-1, trailing Challenge Me, winner of the Arkansas Derby, which is 5-1.

Pukka Gin slumped from 5-1 to 10-1 after yesterday's disappointing run. Other well regarded horses and their current prices in Carroll's book follow: Pensive, 10-1; Bell Buzzer, 15-1; and Shut Up, Autocrat, Alorner and Stymlie, 20-1.

California Matmen To Exhibit Wares In Brona Fide Ring

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 23—Something new under the sun—a round ring, replacing the old square enclosure usually used in pro boxing and wrestling matches—is under construction for Tuesday's wrestling card here.

The circle, possibly the first ever used in the history of wrestling, will be named "Newland Ring" in honor of Russ Newland, western division sports editor of the Associated Press, who first proposed it.

The new ring also will be used in amateur boxing.

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Camera Exchange

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MOVIE Camera wanted, from F.P.19. Eastman, or Bell and Howell, Maj. James R. Cantel.
EXPOSURE Meter wanted (photo-electric-cell type) Weston, G.E., etc. Lt. G. L. Strubar, 6-744973.

Spartanburg (S.C.) Reunion

SPARTANBURG residents are invited to a reunion at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, London, May, immediately after the South Carolina State Night is over. Sgt. James E. Black.

Quiet Birdmen

HELP Wanted has received a number of inquiries regarding the "Quiet Birdmen." We would appreciate knowing when and where they meet if they have resumed meetings here.

Carlisle Club Reunion

MEMBERS and friends of the Carlisle Club of East Flatbush, Brooklyn, are invited to attend a reunion at the St. Lawrence Red Cross Club, Reading, at noon, May 5—Sgt. Joseph Schwartz, 36324575.

College Reunion

A REUNION dinner for Yale men will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor St. Club, London, Saturday, Apr. 29, at 7 P.M. Reservations should be sent to Maj. R. P. Breckenridge, c/o The Stars and Stripes, College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1.

Latin American Way Lands Godoy in Clink

LIMA, Peru, Apr. 23—Arturo Godoy, South American heavyweight champion who twice lost to Joe Louis, and Alberto Lovell, ex-titleholder, have been arrested following their "no decision" verdict given when they fought for the title.

The "fight" is described here as the "biggest swindle in the history of Peruvian sport."

33 Prep Cage Titlists Crowned

Two State Champions Have Unbeaten Records To Lead Group

NEW YORK, Apr. 23—Two teams completed unbeaten seasons by capturing the state high school basketball crowns to head the slate of 33 prep titlists emerging from their respective state finals.

Taylorville, which grabbed the Illinois diadem by subduing Elgin, 56-38, in the finals, finished with 45 consecutive wins, while Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, won its 22nd in a row by clipping Kalamazoo Central, 44-36, in the Michigan title round.

Two schools, Waukesha, Wis., and Sunset High, of Dallas, Tex., racked up their first state championships. Little Rock annexed the Arkansas pennant for the first time in 15 years.

The list of champions follows:
ALABAMA—Scottsboro defeated Lexington, 32-29.
ARIZONA—Phoenix defeated Mesa, 30-26.
ARKANSAS—Little Rock beat Beebe, 37-23.
CALIFORNIA—Montebello defeated Long Beach, 36-31. (Los Angeles schools did not compete).
COLORADO—Class A, Fort Collins defeated Boulder, 39-36; Class B, Wheat Ridge defeated Lamar, 34-31.

FLORIDA—Class A, Mimal defeated Plant, of Tampa, 45-26; Class B, Vere Beach defeated Homestead, 41-38; Catholic championship, St. Leo Academy defeated Gesu, of Miami, 23-20.
GEORGIA—Class A, Columbus defeated Jordan, of Columbus, 29-27; Class B, Rosville defeated Decatur, 38-24.
IDAHO—Southern half, Class A, Pocatello defeated Emmett, 28-21; Northern half, Class A, Lewiston Coeur D'Alena and Moscow, co-champions.

ILLINOIS—Taylorville defeated Elgin, 56-38.
INDIANA—Bosse defeated Kokomo, 39-35.
KENTUCKY—Harlan Green defeated Dayton, 40-28.
LOUISIANA—Class A, Jesuit of New Orleans defeated St. Aloysius of New Orleans, 55-20; Class B, Zachary defeated Coushatta, 62-35.

MARYLAND—St. Pauls defeated Southern, 40-29 and 36-32. (Double eliminations).
MASSACHUSETTS—Class A, Somerville defeated Waltham, 45-29; Class B, Baintree defeated Belmont, 40-36.
MICHIGAN—Class A, Arthur Hill of Saginaw defeated Kalamazoo Central, 44-36; Class B, Marshall defeated Traverse City, 34-32.
MISSOURI—Bismarck defeated Lebanon, 40-28.
MISSISSIPPI—Macedonia defeated Carson, 28-21.

MONTANA—Great Falls (Class A champion) defeated Wolf Point (Class B champion), 69-52.
NEBRASKA—Class A, South of Omaha defeated Columbus, 13-10; Class B, York defeated Wayne, 25-18.
NEVADA—Reno defeated Elko, 22-21.
NEW JERSEY—Class A, Glen Ridge defeated Dumont, 41-40; Class B, Bogota defeated Lakewood, 37-34; Class C, Ridgefield Park defeated Rahway, 57-33; Class D, New Brunswick defeated Camden, 45-37.
NEW MEXICO—Virden defeated Melrose, 26-19.

NEW YORK—Public school, Andrew Jackson defeated Benjamin Franklin, 39-27; Vocational school, Brooklyn Automotive defeated Samuel Gompers, 40-26.

NORTH CAROLINA—Durham defeated High Point, 30-27.
NORTH DAKOTA—Class A, Wahpeton defeated Fargo, 39-30; Class B, Mayville defeated Kenmare, 48-41.

OREGON—Class A, Ashland defeated Bend, 55-35; Class B, Powers defeated Grant, 55-35.
PENNSYLVANIA—Little Dukes, of Duquesne, defeated Hazleton, 43-35.
SOUTH DAKOTA—Class A, Pierre defeated Huron, 29-28; Class B, Mobridge defeated Madison, 29-26.

TEXAS—Class A, Sunset, of Dallas, defeated Childress, 29-20; Class B, Nocona defeated Mount Vernon, 33-32.
UTAH—Class A, Provo defeated Box Elder, 35-28; Class B, Wasatch defeated Murray, 30-24.
WASHINGTON—Lewis and Clark, of Spokane, defeated Lincoln, of Tacoma, 41-38.
WISCONSIN—Waukesha defeated Eau Claire, 23-18.

WYOMING—Class A, Cheyenne defeated Worland, 38-27; Class B, Cowley defeated Glenrock, 41-22.

Tribe May Lose Reynolds

DETROIT, Apr. 23—Allie Reynolds, Cleveland right-hander who led the American League in strikeouts last season with 151, has left here for Cleveland for a date with his draft board.

Li'l Abner

(SIGH!) ONLY 412 MO' DISHES T' WASH. AH'M WEAK WIF HUNGER, BUT AH'LL EAT SOMETHIN' AWFUL CHEAP ON ACCOUNT OF FO' EVRY CENT AH RUNS UP AH GOTTA WASH 10 DISHES!!

H-HOW MUCH WOULD A LI'L CRACKER COST, A MIZZUBLE LI'L CRACKER—A (GULP!) STALE ONE?

HEY!! THIS CHECK IS FO' 5 DOLLARS AN' 5 CENTS!! AH KNOWS TH' 5 CENTS IS FO' TH' CRACKER—BUT WHUT IS TH' 5 DOLLARS FO'??

COVER CHARGE!! YOU SAT DOWN!! THAT'S 5,050 MORE DISHES TO WASH!!

ONLY THING THET CHEERS ME UP IS THINKIN' 'BOUT THET FO'TUNE-TELLER! SHE SAID AH'D NEVAH LEAVE THIS GYPSY TEA ROOM! HO'HO'—OH—HOW SILLY SHE WERE!! HAHA! HOW STOOPIID!!



Mills Referees Louis Punch Show

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
A SOUTHWEST TOWN, 9pr. 23—Sgt. Freddie Mills of the RAF met S/Sgt. Joe Louis of the United States Army in the ring here last night, not as an opponent, but in the capacity of a referee.

The next time these two shake hands, perhaps in 1947 in America, both will be wearing boxing gloves instead of just heavyweight champion Louis, as was the occasion last night.

Mills, light heavyweight champion of the British Isles and leading contender for the British heavyweight crown, scrutinized every move the Bomber made in his three-round exhibition match with 1/Sgt. George Nicholson, New York 230-pound mauler.

Stepping down from the ring, the RAF sergeant remarked:

"He's good, but he can be beaten. I would more than welcome the chance of meeting him for the title after the war."

Mills, whose conversation borders on the conservative side, wants the point stressed that he's not predicting that he can tear Louis apart if they fought, but that he has the necessary speed and guns to outpoint Joe.

"I've been informed that Conn has been assured the first crack at Joe's title after the war. I'm afraid that Conn will beat me to the draw and outpoint Joe first. That's the chance I must take, however."

"It appears to me that Joe's chief opponent is Father Time as he's rapidly passing his peak as a fighter," concluded Mills.

Louis, who resumes his deadpan role when serious boxing business confronts him, sized up Mills as a fighter with a rugged physique who should be able to take a good punch.

"As heavyweight champion of the



Sgt. Freddie Mills, of the RAF, gives S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, the once-over as sparring partner Georgie Nicholson looks on. Mills refereed the three-round exhibition bout between Louis and Nicholson.

world, I will fight every logical contender," said Louis. "If Mills is a suitable challenger, I will give him his opportunity at the appropriate time."

Mills, through Ted Broadribb, his manager, issued a cabled challenge to Louis recently, but Mike Jacobs, who has the promotional rights of the champion tied up, refused to heed the challenge, stating that Joe's next opponent will be Billy Conn and no one else.

Mills "logically is the heavyweight champion of the British Isles as he holds a two-round knockout over Len Harvey, the former champion, who retired after

the bout. The Mills-Harvey match was for the light heavyweight crown.

The other ranking British contender is Jack London. Mills, however, holds a decision over him. The two are tentatively re-matched for this summer.

The one who suffered from Mills' visit last night was sparring partner Nicholson. The champion aimed to impress his British challenger by dishing out a sample of his destructive punches, rocking Nicholson at least four times with solid smashes to the head. If Nicholson has his way in the future, no visitors will be allowed at the exhibitions.

Grid Expansion Out for Duration

Pro League Moguls Deny Franchises to Five New Elevens

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 23—National Football League owners have voted against any war-time expansion, which means Commissioner Elmer Layden will return \$25,000 forfeit checks to applicants for franchises representing interests in San Francisco, Baltimore, Buffalo, Seattle and Los Angeles.

League officials indicated, however, that they will welcome applicants after the war, especially since any incorporation of teams from the west coast would be a blow to the American and Airborne leagues, which plan to open their doors in 1945.

The San Francisco request for a franchise was submitted by Capt. Ernie Nevers, former All-American and National Football League star now in the Marines.

The owners also came up with a change in regulations governing college players entering pro ranks, adopting an emergency measure to permit the signing of any student not actually playing college ball. Previously, the league refrained from dealing with collegians until their class had been graduated.

Former ETO Airman Entered in Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 23—Two discharged veterans are among the athletes entered in the Penn Relays, Apr. 28-29.

Jay Tunick, former Navy and Army flier who participated in the war in both the ETO and Pacific and winner of the DFC and Purple Heart, will compete in the discus and hammer throws and the shot put.

Bernie Golding, holder of the Purple Heart awarded in New Guinea, will run the 400-meter hurdles.

Lloyd Marshall Upsets LaMotta

CLEVELAND, Apr. 23—Snapping Jake LaMotta's winning streak after nine straight, Lloyd Marshall, number one middleweight, gained a unanimous ten-round decision over the popular New Yorker here Friday night.

Ringsiders gave LaMotta only one round, but most of the crowd of 7,805 fans booed the decision, probably impressed by the loser's rally in the final stanza.

67 Softball Squads to Play In Seven London Leagues

Londoners again will be confronted by a "blitz" of softballs and baseballs flying merrily around Hyde Park, Green Park and Regents Park, according to the ambitious outdoor athletic schedule planned for American and Allied athletes in and around the British capital this summer. The softballers inaugurate the competition with a brace of warm-up contests tonight.

The impending program is much more extensive than that of '43 when an estimated 25,000 servicemen and civilians were treated to American sports each week. For those of the British fans it was their first look at the "boisterous Yankee games" and they liked what they saw.

The fastest softball is in prospect when the London International League, composed of two formidable American, two British and two Canadian teams, inaugurates its season. In all, there will be 67 softball teams bracketed in seven

leagues, some for officers, some for EM, and some for both. WACs in the area will play exhibition games against British and Canadian squads, with the possibility of a league being organized later in the season.

With games slated for every night but Sunday, each team is assured of two appearances weekly.

Swimming, soccer and track also are on the docket, with at least one soccer match between American and Allied booters planned for Hyde Park every Sunday afternoon as long as weather permits. WAC swimmers already have booked meets with Allied women's service teams.

Numerous exhibition baseball games and rule clinics will be conducted to illustrate the game's whys and wherefors to British school boys at public schools and colleges. It will be part of a "lend-lease" arrangement, with the British demonstrating the rudiments of cricket to the Americans.

PGA Plans Rich Summer Circuit

\$150,000 in War Bonds To Be Awarded in 3-Month Campaign

CHICAGO, Apr. 23—The Professional Golfers' Association of America is mapping a ten-tourney summer program, the richest and probably the most cut-and-dried in the game's history.

War Bond prizes estimated at \$150,000 will be awarded during the three-month campaign starting with the \$17,500 Philadelphia Invitation, June 8-11. Four players, Craig Wood, Jug McSpaden, Byron Nelson and Sammy Byrd, threaten to monopolize the entire program. The only outstanding competitors remaining in circulation, they won seven out of nine winter meets worth \$100,000 in bonds.

Also on the summer tour will be Willie Goggin, Johnny Revolta, Tony Penna, Harry Cooper, Jimmy Hines, Ed Dudley, Gene Sarazen and possibly Walter Hagen.

Minor League Results

International League							
Friday's Games							
Buffalo	7	Baltimore	6				
Other games postponed							
Saturday's Games							
Rochester	2	Syracuse	1				
Toronto	7	Jersey City	0				
Newark	3	Montreal	0				
Buffalo at Baltimore postponed.							
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Toronto	.. 2	0	1.000	Baltimore	.. 1	1	.500
Montreal	.. 1	1	.500	Buffalo	.. 1	1	.500
Newark	.. 1	1	.500	Rochester	.. 1	1	.500
Syracuse	.. 1	1	.500	Jersey City	0	2	.000

American Association							
Friday's Games							
Louisville	5	Columbus	3				
Toledo	4	Indianapolis	3				
Other games postponed.							
Saturday's Games							
Milwaukee	3	Minneapolis	2				
Louisville	6	Toledo	6	(called end of eighth)			
Other games postponed.							
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	.. 2	0	1.000	Columbus	.. 1	2	.333
Toledo	.. 2	0	1.000	Indianapolis	0	2	.000
Louisville	.. 2	1	.667	Kansas City	0	1	.000
Minneapolis	1	1	.500	St. Paul	0	1	.000

Pacific Coast League							
Friday's Games							
Hollywood	10	Los Angeles	7				
San Diego	2	Seattle	1				
San Francisco	8	Oakland	5	(11 innings)			
Sacramento	6	Portland	5	(13 innings)			
Other games postponed.							
Saturday's Games							
Oakland	3	San Francisco	2	(first game)			
San Francisco	7	Oakland	4	(second game)			
Hollywood	2	Los Angeles	1				
Portland	3	Sacramento	0				
San Diego	1	Seattle	0				
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	9	4	.692	Portland	.. 6	7	.461
S. Francisco	10	5	.666	Seattle	.. 6	9	.400
San Diego	10	5	.666	Sacramento	3	8	.272
Hollywood	8	7	.533	Oakland	.. 4	11	.266

By Al Capp

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Pattern For Victory

Now that the Red Army has rolled beyond Odessa another side of the story of the freeing of this famous port has been unfolded.

When the front neared Odessa the people banded together in partisan groups, making their headquarters in a suburb of the city where important entrances to the catacombs were located.

Their aims were simple, but effective. At first their main effort was to prevent the Germans from blowing up buildings.

During their months in the catacombs the partisans emerged to fight only under the cover of darkness, striking at small groups of looters and squads sent out to fire buildings.

The story of Odessa's partisans ranks as another important chapter in the story of guerilla activities of this war.

Throughout Nazi-occupied Europe hundreds of ghost armies which have harassed the enemy from under cover stand ready to emerge from their hiding places to fight side by side with the armies of liberation.

Flyin' Cowhands

The wild and woolly west is going modern. It used to be mustang mounted heroes who roamed the wide prairies, dodging Indians, roping cattle and killing rustlers.

The planes enabled pilots and a half-dozen wranglers to gather in wild horse herds scattered over hundreds of square miles in a fraction of the time required by riding and roping.

The aerial roundup was a thrilling sight, too, claim those who participated. Using powerful field glasses the airmen located horse herds, sometimes at a distance of 30 miles.

Of course this presents a dismal picture for future Hollywood epics. A horse opera without horses would certainly lose some of its punch.

A horse opera without horses would certainly lose some of its punch, and we question the box office pull of a two-gun cowhand pictured feeding his mount a quart of oil.

Better Equipment

A new field pack to replace the standard Army haversack and pack carrier has just been announced by the War Department.

The size of the pack can be easily adjusted to suit the load. By adjusting two vertical straps, the GI can make the pack longer or shorter.

Made of ten-ounce water-repellent duck in a dark olive drab color, the new pack matches the color of the new cold climate combat uniform.

Hash Marks

A note from Lt. Herb Cane, former columnist on the San Francisco Chronicle: "A bookstore in N. Ireland bought 12 copies of a book describing American history for the benefit of the local citizens."

We have just heard about a young officer stationed in London whose hobby is adding typical English expressions to his vocabulary.



Before retiring he sits on his bed and goes through a regular ritual—rattling off such stock phrases as "Ectually," "It is, you know," "Rawther," etc., trying to give each the correct inflection.

How to Keep Up With the Family in Wartime: Capt. Frank L. Downey, of the ETO, had found the answer—read the newspapers and go to the movies.

Our spy on the home front reports that a ration-conscious population back home is singing new words to an old tune: "And when I die, please bury me 'Neath a ton of sugar, under a rubber tree, Let me rest in a new auto machine, And water my grave with good gasoline."

Thought for the Week. It is recalled that Hitler is on record as saying he has no intention of winding up his career as Napoleon did.

GI Philosophy. Now, when a resident of Berlin finds himself in the dumps, he's probably downtown.

There's a merchant marine war correspondent over here who wears a dark blue uniform, with a minimum of fancy



insignia and he tells us that, if all else fails, he can always make a living through his suit. Every time he rides a bus people want to give him their fare.

Overheard in the Park. "Um, she walks with a decided jerk." "Yes, isn't he!" J. C. W.

Cochran Landing: Eyewitness' Tale

It Was Dark, Fraught With Peril, but the Gliders Made It

Here is an eye-witness account of how Col. Philip Cochran flew the late General Wingate's troops by glider into the Burma jungle behind the Japanese lines.

By Lt. Col. James W. Bellah

This is how Phil Cochran and his gang flew the vanguard of Gen. Wingate's forces over the mountains in bright moonlight and put it down deep in the heart of Jap-held Burma.

There were two open spaces on the map: open spaces ringed with jungle and mountain. Let's call them Fifth Avenue and Bond Street.

You would hit the ground and go into action and behind you, in wave after wave, would come the American combat engineers and more British troops, and bulldozers and graders and jeeps and mules to build an airport between dawn and dusk.

In the vast glider park there were voices from Brooklyn and Carolina, London and the North Country, Liverpool, Texas and Nepal. But, suddenly, nobody seemed to have any nationality.

All the rank—Slim, Stratemeyer, Baldwin, Old, Wingate, Cochran and Allison were in a huddle. It was coming up on time. Our troops were lined up to go aboard.

"We've got late afternoon reconnaissance photos. It looks as if the Japs have obstructed Bond Street, as if they were wise—so we're all going to pile into Fifth Avenue. All right—get going! And just remember the dope on Fifth Avenue—forget all the rest."

John Allison came over on the run—John is a fighter pilot but he had checked out on gliders a few days before just to make this flight, for he is Cochran's second-in-command with the job of making an airport out of a jungle clearing in 12 hours.

The gliders are towed in pairs on long ropes. Seese was flying the left glider in our tow. He carried Brigadier "Mad Mike" Calvert with most of one



Col. Philip Cochran

of the Brigade staffs aboard. Our glider jerked and shuddered as our tow ship took up the slack on the ropes. Then we began to move down the strip into the dust.

Ahead of us the great tow ship was up a few feet to the left and slightly ahead. Seese's glider was air borne. So were we. We came up over the trees fighting for altitude and presently we settled into the long, slow grind of wide circling to get our height for the mountains ahead.

Shrouded in Haze

Ahead then—all we could see was the blue bob of exhaust from the tow ship's starboard motor—the ship itself was shrouded in haze. All we could feel was the breathing of tightly-packed men on either side and the animal shudder of the glider as it swung into the prop wash and swung out again, weaving at many miles per hour on its long, snaking tow rope.

Seventy-one hundred feet," Doc grinned exultantly. "That clears the mountains!" Then in a moment we hit turbulence and began to kick around and bounce like hell.

The thought flashed through my mind that if the Japs had even one night fighter pilot half as good as Cat's Eyes Cunningham, that we could all be done in like sitting birds, for we were sneaking the invasion in without fighter cover and in unarmed ships—counting entirely on audacity and surprise.

A long flat shadowland ahead and we flatten for it, level off, sink toward it, strike it and bounce. The skids tear into it and the dust blots us out, streaming behind us across the clearing like the tail of a meteor.

A Glider Crashes

Another tow ship is over us with its gliders cut off. You can see them over the distant trees, losing altitude fast, driving towards us, helpless to turn back or to go on beyond their glide—howling down into the clearing with their heavy loads—one of them with death reaching for it.

The word is passed that the bulldozers are not down yet—plowed ground and buffalo wallows and a log or two have taken wheels off some of the landed gliders—all hands to manhandle them and clear the landing space for the gliders coming in.

Crashes, Death Fail To Balk Amazing Burma Thrust

us in that glider came alive—broke from our tight-packed, cramp-locked huddles. Bolts snapped sharply as cartridges snapped into chambers.

Ahead, the tow ship banked lazily and suddenly John Allison and the Doc called out together, "Lights—they've got the smudges lit!" The first glider was already down then.

Half way around in the bank, Allison hit the cut-off at a thousand feet and we were gliding free, coming in sharply for a landing in complete darkness.

Chaos in the Night

Two more are howling down over the trees, roaring towards the congestion. One of the two sees it in time, zooms over it with the last of its speed and flows in safely just beyond. But the other crashes head-on and welds two gliders into a ball of scrap.

The first, short-range ground patrols were back now—no enemy. There had been one distant shot—but there was no enemy in force as yet.

In the pause between, Doc Tullock set up his dressing station and it began to fill up. Men hobbled in singly and between two pals. Men were carried in on stretchers. There was no sound from them.

The breather was over and again the roar of tow ships filled the night skies—and again the gliders swooped in two by two—one with a bulldozer aboard to miss the strip in the darkness and to dive head-long between two trees that barely cleared the fuselage, to take off both wings and howl onward into the clear with the murderous bulldozer torn loose inside to slam onward unhinging the nose, heaving pilot and co-pilot up into the air, ricocheting out under them and letting the two men drop back unhurt!

There was now enough of a security party down to hold that clearing for 13 daylight hours—the 13 hours necessary for the Combat Engineers to make an airport for power ships, so Allison got on the radio and stopped the final waves of gliders.

Work Begins

With the first fish-belly light, the bulldozers began to growl and the Engineers were at it, grading and filling, levelling off hummocks, cutting the rank buffalo grass, hauling disabled gliders under the trees.

Brig. Calvert roughed in the casualty list as it was known to us and as we could guess it farther from known factors of missing gliders and suddenly it was amazingly small for what it had purchased. In another six hours thousands of troops would pour in on power ships on this airport of ours—that some of the first wave men had died to secure.

The American Engineers toiled on throughout the long, steaming afternoon, smoothing the strip for the power ships, lengthening it—making the airport.

The sun was low, sinking to the tree tops and the shadows were pooling deep across the clearing—that clearing far in enemy territory—so far that when you looked at it on a map you still couldn't quite believe that you were there.

There was a motor roar far up in the evening sky—the first of the troop ships. They came in and circled for Allison's landing beam and got it, roaring down in Johnson landings, taxi-ing off the strip to disgorge the army. They came in faster than they ever could at La Guardia Field—one after another, circling, cutting 'n their landing lights, roaring down the lighted strip.

General Wingate's Army! And Phil Cochran and his gang flew it over the mountains in the bright moonlight and put it down deep in the heart of Jap-held Burma—and the password was "Mandalay."

PRIVATE BREGER



"Sorry, Sir, I couldn't assemble my rifle in time!"

NEWS FROM HOME

Farley Urges Dewey to Act on Soldiers' Vote

Denounces Law Praised By Governor and Asks State to Revise It

NEW YORK, Apr. 23—James A. Farley, New York State Democratic chairman, called the state's soldier-vote law a "gold-brick law" and urged Gov. Thomas E. Dewey this weekend to summon a special legislative session to rectify "obvious defects."

In a radio speech a week ago, Dewey termed the law "a simple, workable formula for soldier voting."

The New York law provides for sending a state ballot, listing candidates from president to local officials, to any serviceman eligible who asks for it. Farley said a simpler method would be to send a ballot to every serviceman whose name and address was furnished by a relative.

Farley said Dewey, mentioned prominently as a possible Republican presidential nominee, "has been quite free in his use of the word 'chaos' in criticism of far less important federal matters. He should certainly be as zealous in guarding against chaos in a state matter which may be interwoven in the fabric of his own destiny."

Federal Ballot Approved

OKLAHOMA CITY, Apr. 23—Oklahoma citizens in the armed forces will be able to use the federal ballot in the coming elections, under the terms of legislation signed by Gov. Robert S. Kerr. The measure authorized the mailing of ballots to absentee soldiers and sailors 45 days before the election to give them sufficient time to return them.

WPB OKs Vehicle Parts

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (UP)—The War Production Board has authorized the manufacture of replacement parts sufficient for 21,000 military vehicles bought by the British Supply Mission in the last year. The vehicles included trucks, amphibious vehicles of various kinds, tractors and snowplows.

Permit Asked for Opening Of a Helicopter Gas Station

WEST NEW YORK, N.J., Apr. 23—An application for a permit to operate a service station for helicopters after the war was received this week by West New York's Town Commissioners. It came from the operators of a present-day automobile service station.

They said they wanted to serve helicopters, autogiros and other heavier-than-air machines, and announced they intended to have a meteorological station and a radio station as part of their service to air customers.

The commissioners, confronted with the first application of its kind, sought legal advice on what steps it should take.

Sergeant Back From War Spends Leave at Old Job

MILWAUKEE, Apr. 23—After a year in the Aleutians, Sgt. Nick Kotrodimos is back at the job in a war plant he left 19 months ago, but it's only for the duration of his ten-day leave.

The soldier reported at the Allis-Chalmers plant to visit old friends and then asked whether he could spend his leave at the work bench. The manpower situation being what it is, the boss shouted "Yes," and Nick went to work. He is 28 and the father of two children.

\$200,211 Legal Fee Fixed In Ringling Divorce Action

SARASOTA, Fla., Apr. 23—A legal fee of \$200,211 has been ordered to be paid to a Tampa law firm which handled the divorce litigation of the late John Ringling, circus impresario. The fee was believed to be the largest ever awarded in Florida.

The divorce action started in 1935 and lasted until 1943, although Ringling died in 1936. His wife, Mary Haag Buck Ringling, was cut off with \$1 in her husband's will and waged an unsuccessful contest to have the divorce rescinded.

Mail Restrictions Are Eased to Shoe A Barefoot Marine

POCATELLO, Ida., Apr. 23—The Post Office Department has changed its mind and Pfc Lawrence I. Hanson, a Marine in the South Pacific, will get his shoes. At first the PO refused to ship shoes. At first the PO refused to ship shoes. At first the PO refused to ship shoes.

A Pocatello shoe company decided to send Hanson a special pair after reading that he was going barefoot because the Marines couldn't fit him. When the over-size package was refused, the firm proposed sending the shoes in separate parcels. Now that won't be necessary. Hanson could have been excused from foreign duty because the Marines couldn't supply him with GI footwear. He wore out three pairs of his own on Guadalcanal and the Gilberts.

'GI Only' Sign Goes Up At Coast Liquor Store

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 23—A "military liquor shop" in which only members of the armed forces may shop will open here tomorrow. A spokesman for the liquor industry said "every one from privates to generals, from seamen to admirals will be welcome. WACs, WAVES and SPARS, too, but no civilians."

The spokesman said the project was a good-will gesture toward service people (who, however, may buy only one bottle weekly) because liquor retailers are inclined to hold back dwindling stocks for steady civilian customers. Servicemen have been forced to seek out bootleggers or blackmarketers, the spokesman explained.

4 Cars, 2,000 Gallons Of Gas for Eleanor? No, It Just Isn't So

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—The White House has informed Mrs. W. R. Hubbard, of Arrowrock, Mo., that it isn't true that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt owns four automobiles and has a 2,000-gallon-per-month gasoline ration.

Mrs. Hubbard wrote Sen. Harry S. Truman (D.-Mo.) that a friend of hers had told her so and she wanted to know if it were true.

Truman turned the inquiry over to G. H. Crim, White House head usher, and Crim's answer, as well as Mrs. Hubbard's letter, were inserted in the Congressional Record.

Crim said the President's wife had but one car, which has a basic "A" gas card, and that the automobile had been driven just 168 miles in February.

Former WAC Is Putting \$42 Per Week on Ice

NEW YORK, Apr. 23—Virginia Zieroth, honorably discharged from the WAC, got a job as "iceman" and passed her first day home hauling large cakes of ice to customers.

Although weighing only 126 pounds, she hopes soon to lug 150-pound blocks. She took the job because it pays \$42 a week, and she needs the money to support her sick mother.

U.S. Persian Gulf Chief Gets High Soviet Award

Maj. Gen. Donald Connolly, chief of Persian Gulf Command, has been awarded the Soviet Order of Suvorov, second class, for his part in transporting "equipment and foodstuffs to the Soviet Union, thus rendering great assistance to the Red Army."

Wm. Cardinal O'Connell Dies Of Pneumonia

Noted Archbishop Was Dean of the Catholic Hierarchy in U.S.

BOSTON, Apr. 23—William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston and dean of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America, died yesterday of bronchial pneumonia. He was 84.

Six-foot William Henry O'Connell was born in a humble New England home on Dec. 8, 1859, and was ordained a priest in 1884 after studying at the American College in Rome. After ten years as a priest in Boston, he returned to Rome as rector of the American College.

In 1901 he was named bishop of the Portland (Me.) diocese, five years later was appointed bishop coadjutor of the Boston diocese, and became archbishop upon the death in 1907 of Archbishop John J. Williams. He was made a cardinal on Nov. 27, 1911.

Cardinal O'Connell was noted for his outspokenness. On his 75th birthday he denounced the pretension of Father Coughlin, the "radio priest," to speak for the Church in political matters, and the controversy which followed brought an unprecedented attack on the Archbishop by Father Coughlin in a radio broadcast.

Recognition of Soviet Russia by the U.S. was vigorously opposed by the Archbishop. So was prohibition. He repeatedly told the women of his archdiocese of his dislike for those who "painted their faces and fingernails to imitate savages." He described as "paganism" some stage and screen productions. Crooners were "whiners who cry out vapid words to impossible tunes."

The venerable Cardinal made his third trip to the Holy See when he was 80. When Rome was bombed in July, 1943, he referred to the attack as "a sad event," adding that whether it was a military necessity must be left "to the judgment and conscience of those who have been responsible for it."

He twice arrived in Rome too late to participate in the election of a new Pope, and the second time, when he missed by an hour and a half the conclave that elected Pius XI, he persuaded the new Pope to extend the time limit. He was in time for the election of the present Pope.

16 Lost When Catalina Crashes in Caribbean

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—A Navy Catalina flying boat crashed at sea Apr. 6 "while on a routine flight" in the Caribbean and 16 of her crew and passengers were lost, the Navy Department has announced. Fourteen survivors and one body were picked up by a merchantman the following day.

Toughy Tommy, Handcuffed, Talks Way Out of Circulation

BALSAM LAKE, Wis., Apr. 23—Tough little Tommy Gannon, 49, member of the old Dillinger gang, was on his way to pass the next 15 to 40 years among "the good people of Waupun" (Waupun is the site of the State Penitentiary) after a four-day trial which was a masterpiece of acrimony.

Charged with robbing the Amery (Wis.) bank of \$36,000 in September, 1933, little hard-guy Gannon acted as his own counsel while handcuffed throughout to a stalwart bailiff. The first day he kicked over a typewriter and shouted to the jury, "I hope you all die before morning."

Gannon reviled Circuit Judge Carl Daley frequently with such terms as "insidious rat." Because he claimed deafness, each answer of witnesses had to be typed and handed to him; then he would ask further questions. Before the jury retired he told it to "hurry up and get this thing over with, because the sooner I get out of Polk County and get down among the good people of Waupun the better I will like it."

After Judge Daley imposed sentence, Gannon delivered his exit outburst: "Thanks. Now you can retire to your chambers and blow out your corrupt brains."

Suspect Accused of Plot To Blow Up Boulder Dam

EL CENTRO, Cal., Apr. 23—The Federal Bureau of Investigation, announcing the arrest of Andres Obesco Sanchez, 47-year-old laborer, claimed it had foiled a wholesale program of sabotage allegedly planned by Sanchez, with its climax to be an attempt to dynamite Boulder Dam.

Sanchez was arrested on a charge of attempting to wreck a San Diego and Arizona train between El Centro and Calexico.

Gen. Royce's Wife Dies

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23—Mrs. Lillian S. Royce, wife of Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, deputy commander of the Ninth Air Force in Britain, died Monday in Walter Reed hospital, the War Department announced. She will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

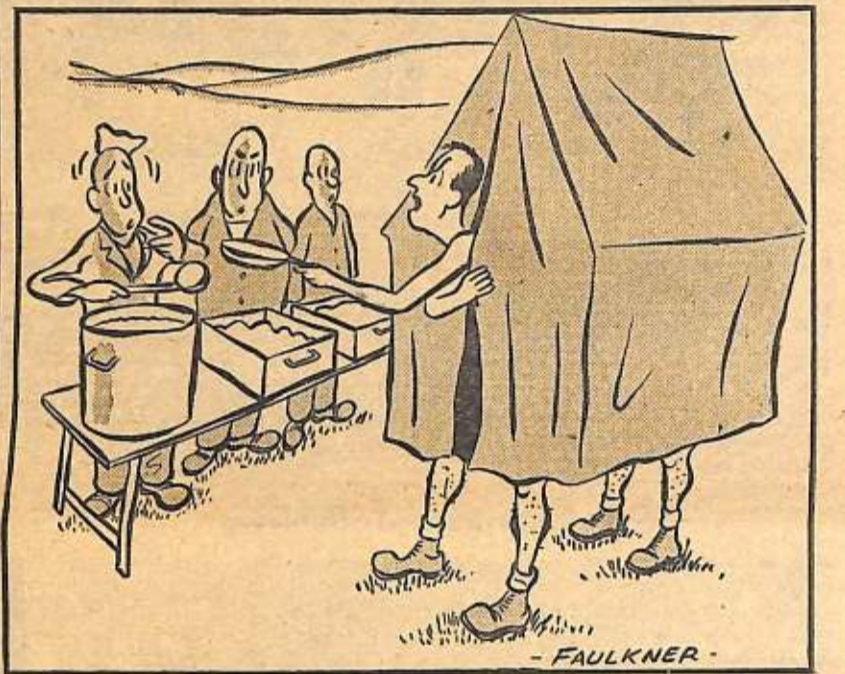
Senate Committee Named To Advise Hull on Policy

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (UP)—The membership of a Senate subcommittee to advise on foreign policy at the invitation of Secretary of State Cordell Hull was announced today by Sen. Tom Connally (D.Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Connally named himself and these others: Walter George (D-Ga.); Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.); Guy Gillette (D-Ia.); Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.); Wallace White (R-Me.); Warren Austin (R-Vt.); and Robert M. LaFollette (Prog.-Wis.).

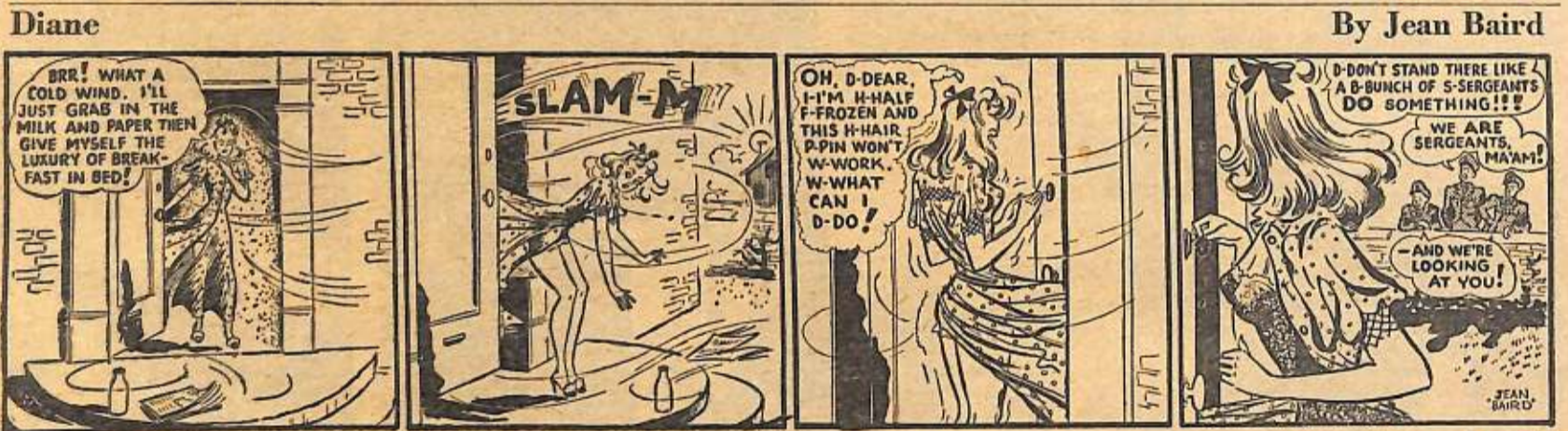
4th Child for Bob Crosby

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 23—Band leader Bob Crosby and brother Bing now have four children each. Bob's fourth, an eight-pound eleven-ounce boy, was born to Mrs. Jane Kuhn Crosby in Good Samaritan Hospital.



"Alright, alright—so we didn't have time to dress for breakfast"

By Jean Baird



By Milton Caniff

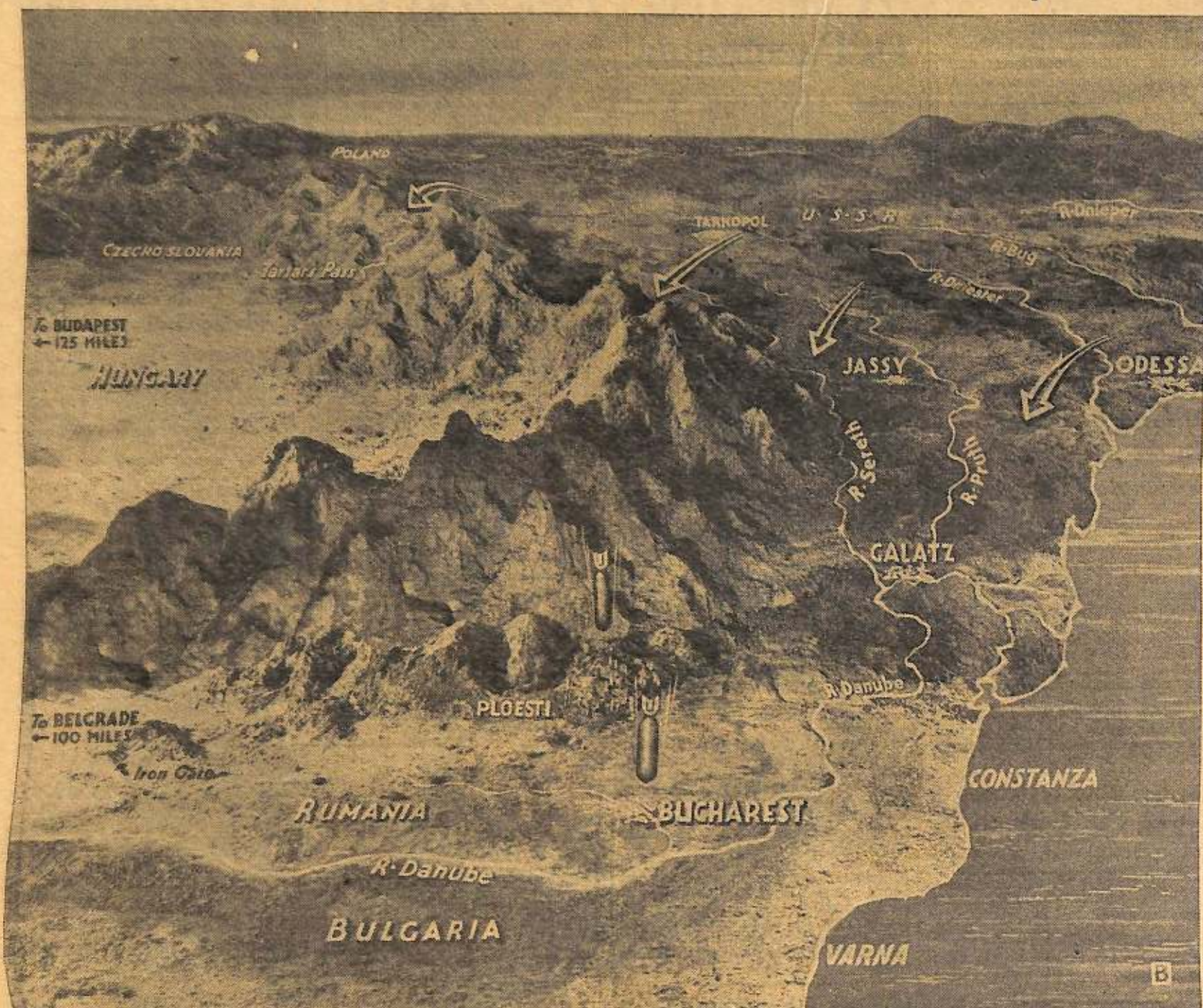


By Chic Young



By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate Inc.

This Is the Terrain of the Gateway to the Balkans



THIS geographical reconstruction shows the terrain of the Russian Army's advance (arrows) over the wide approaches to the Carpathians and the Transylvanian Alps. The Russian war machine, which has rolled from the Dnieper, across the Bug, the Dniester, the Pruth and the Sereth, now stands at "Hitler's backdoor."

Apr. 17 saw the last Nazi driven from the southern Ukraine and the fall of the stubbornly held town of Tarnopol, last of the German "bolt" positions defending the big enemy base at Lwow, Poland, 65 miles to the northwest. Adolf Hitler himself called Tarnopol "the gateway to Germany" in an order of the day addressed to its garrison.

Southward from Odessa Red Army spearheads are thrusting for the Galatz gap between the Alps and the Black Sea, gateway to the Ploesti oilfields and the Danube ports. The land attacks are being aided by a stepped-up bombing program of Allied bombers based in Italy. Ploesti and Bucharest have been among the outstanding targets. Every major Nazi supply line in this area is within range of Allied raids.

Yesterday James Fleming, CBS Moscow correspondent, forecast new Soviet offensives, probably through Poland and Czechoslovakia, to coincide with the second front.

"We may be sure that the Red Army is massing for heavy blows against Germany to synchronize with the Anglo-American invasion of Europe," he said.

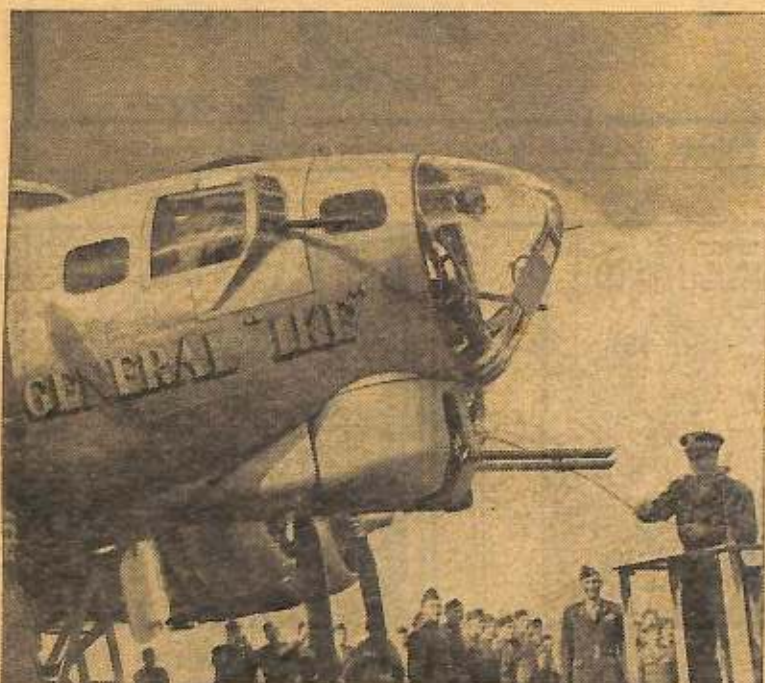
Moscow dispatches indicate that the Soviet's two army groups under Marshal Ivan Koniev and Gen. Rodion Malinovsky were meeting "possibly the most stubborn and bitter resistance in the entire ten months of the Red Army offensive."

To date the success of the Soviet armies has been unequalled. Moscow reports that the enemy lost 118,400 dead and 27,000 prisoners between Mar. 6, when Koniev went over to the offensive and smashed beyond the Dniester and the Pruth, to Apr. 15.

The Soviet Information Bureau said in this period the Russians destroyed or captured 40,207 trucks, 169 aircraft, 1,419 tanks or self-propelled guns, 2,830 guns of various caliber, 2,944 mortars, 5,750 machine-guns and 560 armored cars. Booty captured included 27,093 rifles, 79 locomotives, 4,009 railway coaches, 76 dumps and 6,340,000 rounds of ammunition.

Sunday Graphic Map

'Ike' Christens A Fortress



Associated Press Photo
General Eisenhower smashes a bottle of Mississippi river water against the nose guns of the Flying Fortress that bears his name.

'Tonight I Kissed You'



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Ann Shelton and Cpl. Bryan study the latest composition of USO-star Al Goodhart, left. Ann introduces the song over the AFN Tuesday.

Protection for GIs



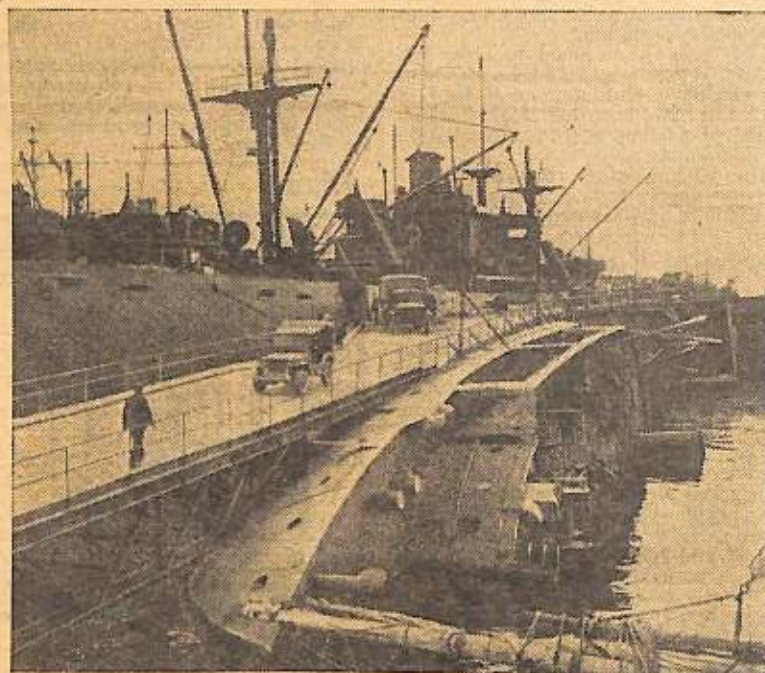
OWI Photo
Soldiers in Naples read a warning that this shop is off-limit—the merchant overcharges.

He's Battle Weary



OWI Photo
Grimy with coral dust, a U.S. Marine boards a transport after fighting at Eniwetok.

Engineer Ingenuity At Work



Associated Press Photo
U.S. Army engineers transformed this vessel, capsized by the Nazis, into a jetty base used as a lane for ship-to-shore traffic in Italy.

All's Fair In Love And War



Keystone Photo
Members of a joint U.S.-Canadian fighting unit share their activities beyond the call of duty. A Canadian and GI stroll with their girl friends.