

U.S. Heavies From South Blast Steyr

Blow at Austrian Bearing Plant Follows 8th AF Saturday Attacks

American heavy bombers of the 15th Air Force, escorted by Thunderbolts and Lightnings, flew over the Alps from their bases in Italy yesterday to hammer for a third time in six weeks the vital ball-bearing works and Daimler-Puch aircraft components plant at Steyr, Austria, 90 miles west of Vienna.

The new American air assault from the south followed another of the RAF's Mosquito "reminder" attacks against the heavily-bombed German industrial centers of Hanover, Krefeld and Aachen Saturday night, and daylight blows by perhaps 200 Eighth Air Force Liberators Saturday against industrial targets and communications in southwest Germany.

12 U.S. Bombers Lost
The RAF lost one bomber on its night attacks; the USSTAF lost 12 bombers and four fighters. The Libs' escorts shot down five enemy fighters and destroyed others in strafing airfields. P47s also shot up locomotives, tugs and barges.

Berlin radio said an "enormous number" of German fighters swept up to meet the trans-Alpine attack, and that "unusually fierce combats took place south of the Alps and in the higher mountain regions."

The Steyr ball-bearing works had been regarded as the most important still in production for the German war machine since the destruction of Schweinfurt by bombers based in England.

Steyr's Daimler-Puch factory makes Messerschmitt fuselages, undercarriages and other parts. The city also has a large automobile factory, a small-arms factory, an aircraft plant and schools where iron and steel manufacture and electro-technology are taught.

U.S. heavies also hit targets in Yugoslavia yesterday, including the railway yard at Brod, on the main Belgrade-Zagreb line.

The Liberators, attacking Germany Saturday, encountered difficult weather and heavy flak, including rockets and parachute bombs. Some bombed through holes in the clouds and saw bursts in target areas, which started large fires. Others used the scientific devices for bombing through clouds.

Bulk of fighter opposition was concentrated in a few 60-second attacks on a single group of Liberators, crews reported. After the attacks, the Nazi fighters plunged into cloud with Allied fighters on their tails.

AFL and CIO Still At Loggerheads as Conference Nears

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2—Dissension between the AFL and the CIO left American participation at the International Labor Conference up in the air today less than three weeks before the opening meeting in Philadelphia.

How President Roosevelt would resolve the difficulty was a question. The CIO demands equal representation with the AFL, but the latter's leaders have refused a presidential suggestion that the two organizations each send a delegate having half a vote—a procedure followed at an ILO meeting in Havana five years ago.

Under ILO rules, each nation taking part has one vote for labor, one vote for organized employers and two government votes.

Great Crisis of the War Nearing Fast—Goebbels

Speaking in bomb-shattered Berlin, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, told Germany to forget the Anglo-American air raids, the Russian advance and the Second Front threat and think instead of the high command's strategic master plan, according to a German News Agency report quoted by Reuter.

Goebbels, declaring that the great crisis of the war was approaching with "giant strides," told Berlin's Nazi leaders that the nation was determined to overcome all difficulties triumphantly by recovering the initiative soon.

It Was Bound to Happen
TOPEKA, Kan., Apr. 2—For weeks Postmaster Glenn Logan has been warning residents here that local postage rates would be increased from two to three cents. No sooner did the increase rate go into effect than the postmaster got one of his own letters back marked: "Insufficient Postage."

Bombed in Error



Schaffhausen, which the Swiss charge was bombed by Americans Saturday, lies in this strip of land jutting into Germany on the general route to Friedrichshafen.

American Raid On Swiss Border City Protested

Neutral Town Accidentally Bombed Saturday by U.S. Heavies

A protest against the accidental bombing of the industrial town of Schaffhausen, near the German border, has been lodged in Washington by the Swiss Minister, along with a demand that the U.S. government "take the necessary steps" to compensate for what Swiss commentators called an "inexplicable" mistake, Swiss radio announced yesterday.

Schaffhausen is in a narrow strip of Swiss territory near Friedrichshafen, Germany which is surrounded on three sides by Germany.

According to Swiss reports, 35 persons were killed, 55 seriously injured and from 200 to 300 made homeless when bombs were dropped on the Swiss city Saturday by U.S. heavy bombers on a mission against targets in southern Germany.

USSTAF headquarters, admitting that bombs fell on Swiss territory, blamed "difficulties of navigation in bad weather."

Sonn after the raid, Leland Harrison, the U.S. minister in Berne, called on M. Pilet-Golaz, Swiss federal councillor, to express his regret over the mistake.

In Britain the airmen who did the accidental bombing manifested extreme distress, first because Switzerland is neutral and, second, because U.S. fliers forced down in Switzerland after German raids have received good treatment in internment camps.

Swiss eyewitnesses said that about 60 planes flew along Lake Constance and followed the Rhine to the city. The damage reported by the Swiss indicated, however, that if 60 planes did take part in the attack, all of them did not drop their bombs or some fell in the surrounding countryside.

One report from the city said that although two areas were heavily damaged, it would be an exaggeration to say that they were nearly destroyed.

No anger toward America was shown in the town, according to reports, although grief was expressed over the casualties and the destruction of some historical buildings.

U.S. War Casualties Reach 173,239 Total

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter)—Casualties among U.S. armed forces from the outbreak of war total 173,239, OWI reported yesterday.

Dead number 40,657, wounded, 64,098, missing, 36,321, and prisoners of war, 32,163. Of the prisoners of war, 1,900 were reported by the enemy to have died of disease in prison camps.

It Made Yule Jams Look Like Child's Play

Buying Spree Beats New Luxury Tax

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (AP)—Under the "luxury" levies contained in the new federal \$2,315,000,000 revenue act, the price of a glass of beer went up this weekend from a dime to 11 cents, the tariff on night-club checks increased from 5 to 30 per cent and the tax on a \$5,000 fur coat rose from \$500 to an even \$1,000.

A "beat-the-tax" drive here left shelves clean and salesmen groggy, but Manhattan was no exception. The buying rush just before the deadline was general throughout the country and in many cases exceeded the Christmas jams last year.

With the tax on beauty aids doubled and a 20 per cent tax placed on handbags—previously tax-free—some of the greatest crushes formed around cosmetics and bag counters.

Key retailers in New York reported that sales of luxury goods jumped from 20 to 200 per cent ahead of last year's levels for the same period. Fur sales were reported 100 to 200 per cent above the 1943 pre-Easter level. Theater box offices did a booming business in advance sales—the tax on tickets goes up, too.

Truk Blasted, New Guinea Base Hit to Protect Fleet Withdrawing From Bold Stab Off Philippines

31 Pct. Pick Last Half of '44

39 Pct. of Gallup-Polled U.S. Sees No Nazi Defeat Before '45

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—Most Americans believe the war with Germany will not end before 1945, according to a Gallup poll made public yesterday.

Thirty-nine per cent of the persons polled predicted the war would end in the first half of 1945, while 31 per cent picked the second half of 1944. Only two per cent foresaw the end in the first half of this year.

Seven per cent said the European war would end in the second half of 1945; 12 per cent said 1946 and two per cent chose 1947 or later. Seven per cent were unwilling to guess.

Last January, Gallup pointed out, most Americans thought the war would end in 1944.

Opinions on the length of the war with Japan were more pessimistic. Six per cent picked 1944 for the end; 33 per cent 1945; 32 per cent 1946 and 21 per cent 1947 or later. Eight per cent would not pick any year.

Reds 20 Miles Off, Nazis May Be Sacking Odessa

Smoke columns rose into the air above Odessa yesterday, indicating the Germans were destroying the great Black Sea naval base before the approach of three Soviet columns, little more than 20 miles away.

As the Russian advance on Odessa turned into a headlong pursuit, Marshal Ivan Koniev's forces moved steadily southward through Bessarabia to cut the escape route for an estimated 200,000 Nazis around Odessa.

Two hundred and fifty miles to the northwest, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First Ukrainian Army advanced within 16 miles of the oil center of Stanislavov, and began to pivot in a great semi-circular front toward the Polish communications center of Lwow, 50 miles away.

German reports told, meanwhile, of a great new offensive launched against Pskov by 100,000 Russians on the northern front, and last night Col. Ernst von Hammer, military commentator of German News Agency, reported that the battle was continuing "with undiminished violence" in its third day. He said strong formations of Soviet tanks and infantry attacked from early morning to nightfall.

Fighting in Tarnopol
A German high command communique last night declared that "vastly superior Russian forces" had broken into Tarnopol, on the railway 65 miles southeast of Lwow. The tone of the report, mentioning Nazi troops fighting "with self-sacrificing gallantry," suggested the enemy was anticipating the city's capture.

In the south, the three-way assault on Odessa by Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's Third Army and the left flank of Koniev's force gathered in group after group of Nazi prisoners and great piles of shattered equipment.

Pravda reported that thousands of trucks had been captured undamaged and hundreds of guns.

Moving forward at a pace which Moscow observers expected would bring them to Odessa in 48 hours, the Russians threatened the port from north, northeast and east.

Peasants encountered by Red Army men in the port's outlying districts told Soviet reporters of 29 months of horror at the hands of a German-Rumanian occupation army. They told stories of

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Sweden Hears of Eased Demands; Parliament Meeting in Helsinki

Russia has modified its peace terms to Finland to permit the Finns to retain the naval base of Hangoe and the port of Vipuri, reliable sources in Stockholm asserted yesterday on the eve of an important session of the Finnish Parliament in Helsinki today.

The Stockholm Dagens Nyheter said the new terms, presumably transmitted to the former Finnish Prime Minister Juho Paasikivi while he spent two days

in Moscow last week, retained the broad outlines of the original Soviet six-points demand, but left Finland the two ports and increased the amount of reparations to be paid Russia.

Stockholm, reporting that the Russians attached a time limit to their new terms, said the Finnish Parliament would be informed of the new version today. At the same time, Helsinki, seeming to confirm the Swedish reports that important moves were afoot, imposed one of its strictest censorship laws—a news blackout so tight that even normal telephone conversations were impossible.

What will be the strategical consequences if the Finns surrender? Turn to Page Six for special feature.

189 Enemy Aircraft KO'd by Bombers In Guinea Raids

Separate fleets of American warships and aircraft, hammering at the Japanese in co-ordinated attacks over a vast 2,000-mile arc of the Central Pacific, blasted Truk, in the Carolines, for the fifth time in three days over the weekend, while a task force of battleships and aircraft carriers was retiring to safe waters after giving the Palau Islands, only 500 miles from the Philippines, one of the greatest bombardments ever staged by the Navy.

Meanwhile, land-based Army bombers of the Fifth Air Force, supporting the Palau raiders by striking at nests of the Jap air force from which planes might take off to intercept the naval units returning from the westernmost of the Carolines, hammered Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, destroying 189 aircraft.

Opening a two-way air campaign on Truk with a double attack Thursday, bombers of both the Seventh Air Force, from new bases in the Marshalls, and the 13th Air Force, from airfields in the Solomons, have temporarily halted Jap air opposition from the island group with two more heavy raids Friday and another early Saturday.

Huge Fires Are Started
Huge fires were left burning on airfields guarding the entrance to Truk's anchorage and on four islands in the atoll. Sixty-one planes alone have been announced as destroyed thus far by Gen. MacArthur's Solomons-based fleets.

While Truk was being hit, warships of Adm. Chester Nimitz's roving Pacific task force, moving in a bold thrust into enemy waters off the Philippines, bombarded Jap shore installations in the Palau Islands with thousands of tons of bombs, an Associated Press dispatch said last night.

Although radio silence veiled the magnitude of the attack, the AP report called it one of the mightiest blows ever delivered by the American Navy.

Co-operating with Nimitz's fleet, the greatest bombing force ever assembled in the Southwest Pacific smashed at Hollandia, Japanese port on the northern Dutch New Guinea coast, only 500 miles south of the Palau Islands, destroying their estimated bag of 189 Jap planes in three attacks since Thursday.

The assaults, described as an operation to "pin down Jap aircraft" which could attack Nimitz's force as it moved out of range of land-based air cover, were credited officially with having neutralized, temporarily at least, the Jap air threat in the area.

Meanwhile, a smaller force of 13th Air (Continued on page 2)

100,000 Japanese On Besieged Isles Of Pacific Doomed

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—A hopeless future, death by guns, starvation and disease now faces approximately 100,000 Japanese soldiers in the besieged islands of the South and Southwest Pacific, the War Department said today.

In a graphic survey of the fighting in the Pacific, the War Department portrayed the Japs as in the grip of a relentless sea and air blockade, coupled with direct onslaughts against them.

American infantrymen are beating the Japs at the enemy's own game of jungle fighting, inflicting casualties at a ratio as high as 30-1, the War Department said. The sea and air blockade has been drawn so tight that "nine out of ten enemy vessels that attempt to bring in supplies are destroyed" and 50 per cent of the barges which attempt night blockade running are sunk.

New Admiralties Landing Aided by RAAF Spitfires

SYDNEY, Australia, Apr. 2—The biggest P40-Spitfire operation in the Southwest Pacific, marking the first appearance of RAAF Spitfires in the Admiralty Islands, preceded yesterday's landings on Pityulu Island by American ground forces.

Warhawks dive-bombed and strafed the area and Spitfires attacked Japanese pillboxes and blockhouses with their cannon. The assault was renewed as American landing barges and warships moved in.

Allied Bombing in March Accents Invasion Strategy

P51, P47 Fighter-Bombers Join in Marauders' Best Month Attacking Occupied Lands; RAF Tactical Forces Also Busy

Preparations for invasion began to show through Allied bombing tactics last month; medium, light and fighter bombers—aircraft which probably will carry a major share of the tactical task in cracking open the continent—had possibly their busiest month of the war in this theater.

Ninth Air Force Marauder medium bombers dropped some 4,500 tons of high explosives in March, their most active month yet, and Thunderbolt and Mustang fighter-bombers joined in attacks on Nazi targets in the occupied countries—the Mustangs for the first time.

The RAF, in a month highlighted by two 3,300-ton attacks on Frankfurt by the heavies, sent out its tactical attack forces on 24 days of the month, and intruder operations were carried out over the continent on 24 nights, in which some 40 bombing attacks were made on air-dromes and ten enemy planes were shot down.

Further accentuating the pre-invasion aspect of March air activities was the statement in the RAF's official monthly summary declaring that "in addition, Bomber Command had one of its most active months of sea mining." Mining of enemy harbors, sheltering E and R boats, and of coastal supply routes presumably is among the necessary steps leading up to storming enemy shores.

Marauders' Best Month

Although no monthly summary had been issued up to late last night on the American heavy-bomber activities in the ETO, the report from Maj. Gen. Samuel Anderson's Marauder command showed a new high in attacks on German installations in France, Belgium and Holland. Twenty-two operations were flown in 17 days of March at a cost of ten B26s. Highlight of the month was a blow at the Dutch port of IJmuiden, where the Nazi coastal defenses maintain a fleet of torpedo boats and shallow-draught submarines which nominally would be used against any invasion fleet.

Railroad yards got special attention from the Marauders, with the big junction at Creil, north of Paris, badly damaged and traffic halted on Mar. 23, after raids on Mar. 17 and 20 had failed to close the funnel through which much traffic goes to supply and maintain the anti-invasion defenses along the Channel.

Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt and Mustang fighter-bombers struck 14 times against targets in France in the busiest month yet for the fighters, and the official summary described the fighter-bombers' missions as "one of the kinds of work the Ninth Air Force Fighter Command will be called upon to do in the coming invasion."

On escort missions, the Ninth AF fighters flew 4,700 sorties on a total of 27 occasions, destroying 53 enemy planes for the loss of 35 of their own, and adding strafing of enemy installations and airfields to their score.

Big Raids in Reich

While the RAF's light forces were playing a more prominent part than heretofore in operations against the Continent, the night-flying heavies staged seven major operations against targets in Germany. Twenty-eight small-scale raids were carried out by Mosquitoes and on 21 nights there were specific targets in occupied lands.

Biggest job of the RAF's month was the pair of 3,300-ton assaults on Frankfurt—on the nights of 18-19 and 22-23. Stuttgart was hit heavily on the first night of the month, and on Mar. 15-16 more than 1,000 heavy bombers went back there and to other targets in the RAF's first force to equal the 1,000-heavy-bomber formations sent out in February by the USSTAF.

Berlin got another heavy night raid Mar. 24-25, Essen was attacked on 26-27 and Nuremberg on 30-31. Bad weather hampered operations from British bases throughout the rest of the month, the summary reported.

With 94 bombers lost at Nuremberg, a new high for the Allied forces, the RAF's March total loss was 331. About 22,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the Reich, almost 9,000 on occupied countries.

Extra weight was given the potential punch in support of invasion when it was revealed that swift Mosquito bombers now are carrying two-ton bombs, the heaviest single bomb used by other than heavy bombers in the ETO.

Enemy action against Britain was reported on 15 March nights, six times on what officially was described as an "appreciable scale." Fifty-eight night raiders were destroyed, and one of seven enemy aircraft to appear over England in daylight. In the month, 41 enemy planes were destroyed over their bases by RAF intruders.

Invasion-Minded Nazis Start Flooding Lowlands

The Germans have started flooding Holland's lowlands against possible invasion, according to The Netherlands Information Bureau in London. Moreover, except for one or two small towns, an island group known as South Holland and Zeeland Islands has been evacuated preparatory to flooding.

Evacuation also has taken place in several other areas, including 15-mile-wide strips north and south of Amsterdam and districts north and south of Rotterdam. The strip from Rotterdam to Zuider Zee is now being prepared for inundation, it was said.

Last Day To Order Mother's Day Gifts



To-day—Monday, Apr. 3—is your last chance to order gifts, including flowers, from PXs for Mothers' Day to insure delivery in the U.S. by May 3. Here, Cpl. Al Tebon, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., records orders at a U.S. unit in England, while an English mother assists Sgt. James Webster to select a gift for his mother in Dubuque, Iowa.

Vets Go Without Beer—Nazi Prisoners Got It

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Apr. 2—A veterans' organization here had a beerless beer party because a German prisoner-of-war camp at Clarinda had ordered all the lager available.

Distributors said that 15 per cent of each month's quota was allotted for "military use"—the German prisoners—and that the 85 per cent earmarked for civilians had been all used up.

Raids on Sofia Aiding Russia

Allies Admit Air Assaults Are Linked to Soviet Push Into Balkans

NAPLES, Apr. 2 (AP)—The Allied Mediterranean Air Forces now are working in co-ordination with the Russian Army's advance into the Balkans, it was disclosed yesterday, as a Bulgarian reaction of possible far-reaching effects was awaited, following last week's devastating raids on Sofia by American bombers.

"Our air attacks on the Balkans are linked not only with the Russian advance there but with the whole Balkan situation and have definite political aspects," a high Allied air officer said.

"They are also linked with any Western Front offensive which may come. The idea is to give the Germans as much trouble as possible and tie up their troops as much as possible both in Italy and the Balkans."

Sofia is about 400 miles from the nearest points of the Russian advance on the main Balkan railway.

10,024,220 Miles Covered By U.S. Ambulances in U.K.

Since its inception in June, 1940, the American Ambulance Service in Britain has covered 10,024,220 miles, carrying 511,990 patients on the 174,420 journeys made by a fleet of 300 ambulances, surgical units and mobile first-aid posts, according to Gilbert H. Carr, director general.

Representing the largest single contribution made through the British War Relief Society by the American public, the organization is staffed by 380 British girls and operates from 30 stations in the U.K.

Arnold Praises the RAF On Its 26th Anniversary

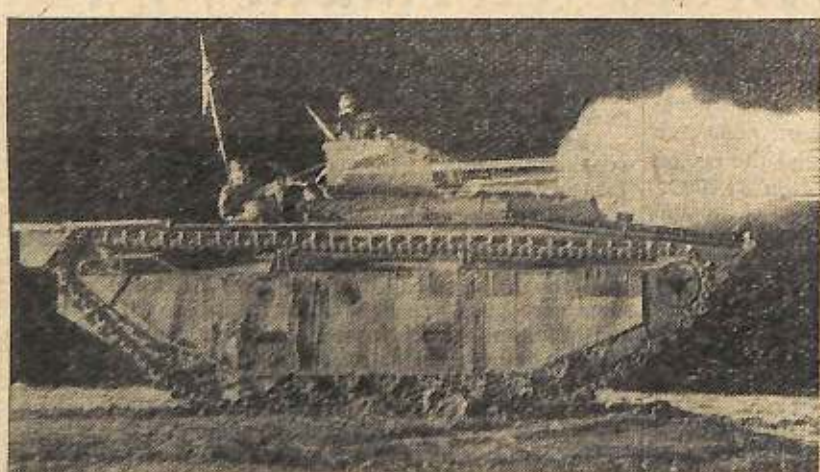
WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—A tribute was paid to the RAF on its 26th anniversary this weekend, by Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the U.S. Army Air Forces, who said in a congratulatory message:

"The devastating attacks you have made and are making against the German homeland, and the splendid support you are giving to the Allied forces throughout the world have brought our victory over the common enemy much nearer."

Dies in Airport Fire

CARIBOU, Me., Apr. 2—A weather observer was burned to death in a fire that destroyed ten airplanes and a hangar at the municipal airport here.

New Type Amphibious Tank



The guns of a new-type amphibious LVT (landing vehicle-tank) vehicle fire in unison during a test night run in the U.S. Mounting a 37mm. cannon and two .50 caliber machine guns, the "Water Buffalo" already has seen action in the Pacific.

Defense Rests in Chaplin Trial; Jury Waiting Final Arguments

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 2—With Charlie Chaplin excused as a witness after a stormy cross-examination lasting several hours, a jury in U.S. District Court was ready this week to hear final arguments in the comedian's Mann Act trial.

The defense rested late Friday after the actor had denied paying any of Joan Barry's hotel bills in New York and denied telling her he was in love with her. He said he never told the 22-year-old starlet he was "enchanted" with her, but testified he might have said she was "interesting."

U.S. Attorney Charles J. Carr, cross-examining, took Chaplin through an almost month-by-month recital of his rela-

tions with his protegee prior to her trip to New York in the fall of 1942. Asked to name the date when he "last" had sexual intercourse with Miss Barry, the comedian snapped:

"Sexual intercourse isn't that important in my life. I can't remember."

At one point he was close to tears as he testified about an operation the girl had undergone.

"She told me what she had gone through," he said. "I believed her and I was very upset." Then, gripping his chair, he burst out with emotion: "And that's why I have been suffering ever since, and that's why she has been doing all this to me."

Top Man in 'Cream Of Infantry' Given 1st Expert's Badge

FORT BRAGG, N.C., Apr. 2—The first Expert Infantryman badge ever awarded by the Army was presented here to Sgt. Walter L. Bull, of Dundalk, Md. Lt. Gen. Leslie McNair, Army Ground Forces commander, awarded the medal—a silver rifle mounted on a blue background.

Bull was chosen after undergoing the following tests: 21 burpees (thrusting the legs to the rear from a squatting position with hands on ground), followed by 31 pushups, a nine-mile hike in two hours and a 25-mile hike in eight hours. Other tests included first aid, bayonet use, scouting and patrolling.

He was picked after 17 men representing the "cream of the infantry" had taken the same test. He is a former Maryland national guardsman and steel worker.

Modified Martin Mariner Fighting Subs in Atlantic

BOSTON, Apr. 2—A modified version of the Navy seaplane, Martin Mariner, is being used on convoy duty in the western Atlantic, it was revealed officially here today.

The "flying cutters," officially designated PBM3s, are the Coast Guard's latest answer to the U-boat menace. The new plane, many of whose details still are secret, has a wingspan of 118 feet and carries a crew of 14.

New ARC Club in Reading

READING, Apr. 2—A new American Red Cross club for officers here will have its formal opening next Sunday with a dance at 8 PM, William Lloyd Davies, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., is the director, and Miss Mary Eleanor Morin, of New York, assistant.

Jap India Push Cuts Vital Allied Road for Supplies

NEW DELHI, Apr. 2—Japanese troops thrusting toward the Indian base of Imphal from points less than 25 miles away have cut the Imphal-Ukhrul road at several points and infiltrated the Imphal-Kohima road, it was announced officially today.

In a campaign apparently designed to capture Imphal for use as a base from which to strike north into Burma to sever the main supply lines of Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's American and Chinese forces, the Japs have launched offensives from the south, southeast and northeast.

The greatest threat to Imphal, main supply base for Allied troops in central Burma, is from the northeast, where savage fighting is said to be raging in the Ukhrul area. The Allies admitted that the Japs had advanced to the west despite heavy casualties.

Late reports tonight said the Japanese were meeting "stern opposition" from the British 14th Army.

Meanwhile, in the mountains of northern Burma, where Gen. Stilwell's forces are within 70 miles of Myitkyna, northern terminus of the railroad to Rangoon, advanced forces of the Chinese 22nd Division have made new drives into the Mogaung Valley toward the Jap rail base of Mogaung.

Williams Stratemeyer Aide
NEW DELHI, Apr. 2 (AP)—Air Vice-Marshal T. M. Williams, a South African, has been appointed second in command to Maj. Gen. George Stratemeyer, head of the Eastern Air Command.

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Force bombers, striking halfway between Palau and Truk in direct support of both operations, bombed the Caroline islands of Woleai and Eurapik, 60 miles southeast of Woleai.

The entire widespread operations—on Truk, the Palau Islands, Dutch New Guinea and many smaller points—was considered one of the greatest co-ordinated blows ever executed. Brig. Gen. Truman H. Landon, chief of the Seventh Air Force Bomber Command in the Marshalls, declared that there was a possibility of using three separate air forces to smash at the Japs in the Central Pacific.

He said as soon as bases recently acquired in the Bismarck Sea were in shape the Fifth Air Force could be thrown into the assault on Truk. Manus Island, in the Admiralty Islands, is only 600 miles south of Truk, he pointed out. Meanwhile, Gen. MacArthur's ground forces seized another tiny island in the Admiralties. Pityuli Island, north of Manus, was captured by dismounted cavalrymen of the First Division with the support of the USAAF, RAAF and light naval forces from Adm. William F. Halsey's Southwest Pacific fleet.

Italians Seize 2 Peaks 14 Mi. From Cassino

Badoglio's Troops Meet No Opposition From Nazis In Mountain Push

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 2 (Reuter)—Marshal Badoglio's Italian units, pressing forward amid the snow-capped western Apennines in freezing weather, have seized two important heights for the Allied armies, Monte Castle Nuovo and Monte Marrone.

(German Overseas News Agency reported Sunday night that "masses of troops and war materials" had been unloaded by the Allies in the Anzio beach-head Saturday night and Sunday. "A large-scale attack will, therefore, soon be launched in this area," the agency predicted.)

The Italian gains 14 miles northeast of Cassino marked the first Allied advance of any importance for weeks. It met no immediate opposition from the Germans. Italian forces had been holding the sector with French and Polish troops.

The Cassino sector remained quiet except for German patrol activity northwest of the town and regular Allied artillery shelling of the ruins. The Nazis regained small footholds around the Allied-held railway station the night of Mar. 30-31, but an Allied counter-attack restored the situation.

The Germans still were making forays around the Anzio beachhead perimeter. A thrust against the Allied left flank caused a slight withdrawal southwest of Carroceto. Artillery knocked out clusters of enemy tanks in the vicinity of Cisterna.

Medium bombers ranged far and wide to hammer communications, especially in the Rome area, while Liberators and Wellingtons attacked Varese, on the Alps slopes, and Piombino, opposite Elba.

Tunnel to an Allied Post At Cassino in Nazi Hands

NAPLES, Apr. 2—The Germans in Cassino hold a half-mile-long tunnel leading from their positions in the Cassino amphitheater to an Allied stronghold on Castle Hill, Gordon Fraser, Blue network radio correspondent, said today.

He added that Allied troops were trying to find the tunnel entrance in the mass of rubble which is all that is left of the castle.

2 GI Inventors of Gadget Aiding Snipers Honored

A PARATROOP UNIT, Apr. 2—Two ingenious paratroopers received the commendation of the War Department last week for inventing a gadget that has greatly improved the telescopic sight on snipers' rifles. The instrument has been ordered for use by all airborne units.

The inventors are Pfc. Charles Frindt, of Freeland, Pa., and Cpl. James J. Santelli, of Aspinwall, Pa.

Beau Geste

CHICAGO, Apr. 2—Because of the manpower shortage, the Children's Memorial Hospital had 12,000 pounds of dirty wash on hand. An SOS call was sent out to the women's auxiliary board. In a short time a corps of North Side socialites responded and went to work at the tubs. The mink-coated crew promised to return next laundry day.

Emmanuel Abdicating?

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (Reuter)—An Associated Press dispatch from Naples yesterday quoted widely circulated rumors that King Victor Emmanuel was about to abdicate in favor of Crown Prince Umberto.

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starvation, thousands of executions and the ravaging of one of the Soviet Union's most beautiful cities.

Along the Dniester's west bank, Koniev switched the main weight of his attack from the Pruth frontier of Rumania to the south, in a thrust for Tiraspol, the Dniester city through which the single-track railway from Odessa runs to Jassy and the Danube port of Galatz. The line already has been cut 33 miles northwest of Tiraspol.

Soviet capture of this escape route from Odessa would leave the Nazi garrison there with only the railway from Akkerman, to be reached by ferry across the broad Dniester estuary.

Czechs With Red Army On the Last Leg Home

Czech soldiers fighting with the Red Army's First Czechoslovak Brigade were only a few miles from home yesterday in the spearhead of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's force thrusting into the Carpathians.

After fighting hundreds of miles westward with the Red Army, they were less than 15 miles from the former borders of Czechoslovakia in Ruthenia, the mountainous area handed over to Hungary in 1938.

Deaths Among Wounded Drop To a New Low

Kirk Hails Blood Plasma, Sulfa, Field Surgery, Speedy Evacuation

The death rate among hospitalized battle casualties has reached a new low of between two and three per cent in this war compared with seven per cent in the last war, according to Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon-General of the U.S. Army, who has just completed a tour of medical installations in the ETO.

He attributed the reduction principally to (1) the use of blood plasma, (2) excellent field surgery, (3) the use of sulpha drugs and (4) fast mobile evacuation.

Gen. Kirk said he was satisfied after his tour that preparations here for handling Second Front casualties were "more than adequate."

"In the North African campaign," he said, "the medical department had to improvise to get the work done. Here we are thoroughly housed and organized."

Better Than in U.S.

"British hospitals built here for U.S. troops and staffed by our medical department are better-constructed and equipped than Army hospitals in the U.S."

Gen. Kirk praised the "superb and outstanding" care received by air-force casualties, and said new methods for the treatment of neuro-psychiatric cases in the ETO were far ahead of similar work being done in the U.S.

Troops to See 23 USO Shows

Twenty-three USO-Camp Shows, one over the previous high, now are touring the ETO circuit. One other show, "Keep 'Em Rolling," is resting.

Units, with their locations for the week, are:

- Cornwall—"Band Wagon," Willie Shore, MC and comedian; Josephine Del Mar, singer. "Yanks Abroad," Jack and Murray Lane, comedy team; Al and Dolores Yerd.
- Berkshire—"Boomp-A-Daisy," Evans family, dance team; Consona and Melba, dancers. "In The Groove," Ken Harvey, MC and comedian; The DuVais, jugglers.
- Hampshire—"Rudy Starria and his Starlites," Rudy Starria, MC and vibraphonist; Al Goodhart, composer. "At Your Service," Eddie Cochran and Nadine; Valerie Ryan, singer.
- Devon—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team; Thea Hayden, violinist.
- Gloucestershire—"Bubbling Over," Sid Marion and Cliff Hall, comedians; Jo Andrews, dancer. "Yankee Doodlers," 24 soldier-troops.
- Oxfordshire—"Happy Go Lucky," Lorraine Rogman, MC and comedian; Ralph and Mary Carnivals, comedy dancers.
- Somerset—"Show Time," Syd Slate, MC and comedian; Stephanie Dale, singer.
- Norfolk—"Flying High," Al Bernie, MC and comedian; Norma Browne, singer.
- Essex—"Words and Music," Johnny Woods, MC and comedian; Dorothy Wenzel, singer and dancer.
- Hertfordshire—"Loop The Loop," Lee Simmons, MC and impressionist; Thelma Gardner, singer.
- Yorkshire—"Swingtime," Grace Drysdale, puppet entertainer; White and Manning, dance team. Cardiff area—"At Ease," Hank Ladd, MC and comedian; Brucetta, contortionist.
- Northamptonshire—"On With the Show," George Freeman, MC and comedian; Kathleen Quinn, singer.
- Birmingham area—"On the Beam," Freddie Lightner, comedian; Val Setz, juggler.
- Liverpool area—"Laugh Time," Bob Evans, ventriloquist; Will Wright, juggler.
- Swansea area—"Lafis from Home," Jan Murray, MC and comedian; Pauline Simonette, singer and dancer.
- Western Base Section—"James Caney Show," Caney; Norman Secon, accompanist.
- N. Ireland—"USA Callings," Frankie Conville, MC and comedian; Maxine Martin, singer.
- Iceland—"Sunside Up," Fin Olsen, MC and comedian; Dorraine and Ellis, singers.

Leave to Mark Passover OK'd

Gen. Eisenhower has authorized commanding officers here to relieve Jewish personnel from normal duties so they may observe the Passover, which begins Friday night and continues eight days. This is subject to leave, furlough and pass instructions in effect at that time.

Elaborate plans for celebrating the Passover holidays, especially the first two seder nights, are being made in many British towns and cities.

British rabbis and Jewish chaplains of the British forces have been working with American officials in planning the observance, which commemorates the ancient deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian bondage. In many communities, it is understood, American Jewish soldiers and sailors will observe the holiday with men and women from the British, Canadian, Czech, French and Polish forces.

'Our Town,' With GI Cast, To Play London in May

"Our Town," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer prize play, will open a two-week run at a London theater in May with a U.S. soldier cast headed by Sgt. John Sweet, a star in "Eve of St. Mark" and "Canterbury Tales," the Special Service Entertainment Section announced yesterday. Play rights have been released to the Army by the author.

With the soldiers in the cast of 30 will be Kay Lewis and Joan Young, BBC and stage stars, and Margaret Hammerstein, Barbara Camp and Maria Britneiva, of the American Red Cross.

Based on life in a small town in New Hampshire, "Our Town" is produced without sets or properties. 1/Lt. Gene Jeroski, of Cleveland, will direct.

U.S. Pre-War Kindness Pays Off Now

By Bud Kane

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Five years ago, after a ten-month tour of America, Mrs. Carlota Oppenheimer, a wealthy Englishwoman, wrote a book, "America's O.K. By Me." For the last two years she has been putting that appreciation of America and Americans into tangible form.

At her home 25 miles from London, she has raised and given to the U.S. Army and the Red Cross 21 tons of potatoes, 8,000 heads of cabbages, 2,400 pounds of apples and 5,800 pounds of vegetables, to say nothing of making for them more than five tons of cakes and six tons of jam.

"I just wanted to do something," she explained. "Everyone was so nice and I had such a wonderful time when I was in your country that I'll never be able to pay it back."

"I think it's grand," she added, "that so many real Americans are here instead of just the peace-time tourists and rubber-neckers."

In her completely equipped and up-to-date kitchen and bakery ovens—she refers to them as her "factory"—Mrs. Oppenheimer also has canned for soldiers and hospital units 1,536 pounds of plums, 1,000 peaches and more than 570 bushels of apples. Then there are the 13,000 eggs (real eggs) which have gone into cakes and another 13,000 given to troops and hospital units.

A listing of the various amounts of vegetables, greens and fruits produced and given to U.S. forces here would read like the Army Quartermaster supply list for a regiment.

In addition, rare is the weekend when Carlota—she prefers this to Mrs. Oppenheimer—doesn't entertain a group of American soldiers or airmen at her home.

"They're such a pleasant lot," she said, "and on more than one occasion I have had the good fortune to entertain a son or relative of those who were kind to me in America."

Some time ago the Ministry of Food



Mrs. Carlota Oppenheimer displays a few of the fruit cakes she bakes for American troops. She has turned out five tons for Yanks in a year and a half.

refused her permission to buy the sugar for her jams and cakes.

"Imagine," she said, "I was told I could have it if I were in the jam-making busi-

ness, but not if I wanted to give it away."

This difficulty was overcome, however, and she intends to go on making cakes and jams for "my American friends."

Paratrooper Officer Who Gave Life for Men in Italy Honored

A PARATROOPER UNIT, England, Apr. 2—A paratrooper lieutenant who gave his life in action in Italy so that his men might be saved was awarded the Silver Star posthumously last week.

1/Lt. David L. Packard, of Bridge-water, Me., was killed while exposing himself to enemy fire in the siege of Arnone, Italy, to distract attention from his scouts, who were thus enabled to approach a Nazi weapon emplacement and knock it out with hand grenades.

Also decorated with the Silver Star were three other paratroopers who were cited for gallantry in action at Arnone and a fourth won the Soldier's Medal for saving a civilian's life in the same engagement.

Pvt. William F. Hall, of Pulaski, Va., won the Silver Star for braving machine-gun fire while trying to locate friendly troops to bring aid to his outfit.

Capt. Neal L. Roberts, of New Orleans, received the Silver Star for rallying his men at a critical moment and saving the captured town.

Sgt. Harvill W. Lazenby, of Nashville, Tenn., won the Silver Star for gallantry shown when he threw rocks at enemy positions, causing the Germans to reveal their positions by bringing fire on himself.

The Soldier's Medal went to S/Sgt. Calvin E. Reeves, of Haskell Institute, Kan., who saved the life of a civilian worker whose clothing caught fire while moving barrels of gasoline.

U.S. Is Staffing British Hospital

Doctors, Nurses Obtaining Practical Experience by Treating Civilians

STOCKPORT, Cheshire, Apr. 2—U.S. Army doctors and nurses awaiting battle assignments are helping to staff Stepping Hill Hospital here and already have assisted in childbirths and other types of cases for civilians.

An American medical officer acts as resident doctor each week and 20 American nurses do full-time duty in two-week shifts alternated with their regular military training. Because of their help, a surgical ward, closed for lack of an adequate staff, has been reopened. Altogether, 29 U.S. doctors and 40 nurses work at the hospital.

The plan was advanced by Col. Roary A. Murchison, of Hot Springs, Ark., commander of an Army evacuation hospital, whose aim was to give his officers and nurses practical experience.

Orphan Fund Hits £52,051

The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, which three weeks ago reached its original 1942 goal of £50,000, is climbing toward its new target of £100,000, with the total yesterday at £52,051.

Seven men of the Gremlin Dance Band salted away the proceeds of off-the-station dance jobs and sent in £100. The jivesters were S/Sgt. Rufus Harris, Sgts. Al Trobbe, Herb Bernstein, Isador Rosovsky and John Genduse and Cpl. Tom Frank and Pvt. Pete Nizzo.

A tank destroyer outfit forwarded £400 through Lt. Col. C. L. Hail; £300 came from the — Bomber Squadron, and £100 from Lt. Col. N. C. Grim, on behalf of an engineers aviation battalion.

The Eighth Air Force Rest Home is sponsoring a child through Capt. B. B. Morse, and "C" company, — Engineers, sent in £101 through 1/Sgt. Earl S. Smith. Enough money for a fifth child came from an infantry outfit via Capt. Edward K. Rogers, and there have been several partial payments and General Fund contributions.

GRUVER, Iowa, Apr. 2—In this town of 126 residents, all eight municipal jobs, from mayor to assessor, now are held by women.

100-Mission Fort Group Paid Tribute by Generals

A FORTRESS BASE, Apr. 2—The Fortress group commanded by Col. James L. Travis, of Portland, Ore., which recently completed its 100th bombing attack on Nazi targets, was paid tribute in a ceremony last night by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF chief; Lt. Gen. James A. Doolittle, Eighth Air Force commander, and Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, bomber division commander.

Spaatz awarded two DSCs and five Soldier's Medals. DSCs went to Capt. John L. Latham Jr., 25, group bombardier from Greensboro, N.C., who, though wounded, helped navigate his Fort home from Schweinfurt last October, and S/Sgt. George D. Faires, 28, waist gunner from Coraopolis, Pa., who stayed at his post in a raid near Bordeaux last September and gave first aid to another gunner before attending to his own wounds.

Soldier's Medals were awarded to Maj. Henry A. Schlesinger, 34, of San Antonio,

Chief Nurse Here Cited

Lt. Col. Margaret A. Aaron, of Allentown, Pa., until recently Army Nurse Corps director in the ETO, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services." Col. Aaron, who entered service just after World War I, has returned to the States to assume new duties.

Lend-Lease Forum

Lt. Cmdr. Herbert Agar, special assistant to Ambassador John G. Winant, and Frank Darvall, deputy director of the American Division of the Ministry of Information, will talk on "Lend-Lease and Lend-Lease in Reverse" at the English Speaking Union, 36 Charles St., Berkeley Sq., London, Wednesday at 7:15 PM. The session will be along the lines of an Information Please forum free to all American forces. Agar is the former editor of the Louisville Courier Journal.

Women's Town

GRUVER, Iowa, Apr. 2—In this town of 126 residents, all eight municipal jobs, from mayor to assessor, now are held by women.

Blimp Lands in Amazon Jungle To Rescue 2 Crashed Fliers

A daring landing by a U.S. Navy blimp rescued two Canadian airmen from a South American jungle infested by headhunters, crocodiles and poisonous snakes, a British Air Ministry announcement has disclosed.

The Canadians were delivering a twin-engine medium bomber from Nassau to a Mediterranean base when engine trouble developed at the mouth of the Amazon.

The Canadians bailed out safely, but the bomber's civilian pilot, Gene Hamilton Rowe, of Nashville, Tenn., died in the crash. Rowe held the plane steady for his companions until it was too late to jump himself.

An SOS message sent out by carrier pigeon started a search by RAF and American planes. After the airmen were located in the dense jungle a party of U.S. Navy fliers began to cut their way overland to the scene.

However, the blimp ended the search by landing in the only jungle clearing, so confined that it would have been impossible for any other type of aircraft to land.

Rowe's body was found by the men cutting their way through the jungle. The Canadians rescued were F/O F. B. Clark and F/O J. G. Doherty.

London Paper Says Cab Tours Fleece Yanks

Taxi Drivers Gathering In Up to £40 a Week as 'Guides,' It Charges

Details of a lucrative racket whereby gullible American soldiers are being fleeced by a few London taxi drivers acting as "guides" were revealed by The Sunday Dispatch yesterday.

About 60 drivers are concerned, reported the Dispatch, which said they were picking up as much as £40 a week piloting carloads of Yanks around London on sightseeing tours.

One driver, not among the 60, said that the general routine was to pick up a group of Americans near one of the Red Cross clubs, then take them on a brief tour of London at ten shillings to a pound a head.

Mileage Is Low

"The taxi covers a very small mileage," he was quoted as saying. "At the end of the journey the meter registers about 15 shillings and the remainder of the £3 or £6 goes into the driver's pocket."

"Incidentally, when they pack six soldiers into their cabs they are taking two more than the law allows."

The driver, according to the Dispatch, pointed across the road to the House of Commons where 27 cabs were parked. Their flags were down (showing they were not for hire) and a group of drivers stood around smoking and chatting. After ten minutes two cab drivers came around St. Margaret's Church surrounded by clusters of American soldiers.

One of the Americans questioned by a Dispatch reporter revealed that there were six Americans in the cab and that they each was paying ten shillings for the tour.

"We didn't cover much distance," the American said. "In fact, we seem to have walked farther than we have driven."

London police report that the racket has been going on for more than a month. Almost any morning fleets of cabs carrying GIs on sightseeing tours may be seen parked outside the House of Commons.

Scotland Yard Cites Meters

One official at the Scotland Yard department controlling taxicab drivers' licenses said: "We do what we can. The taxi meter shows the legitimate charge, and the number of people the cab should carry is clearly marked."

Another official tended to discount the story as an exaggeration, although he admitted that such rackets were not unheard of in London. A representative of the Taxi Association said he had not read the story and did not know whether the association planned to take any action in the matter.

The racket is strongly reminiscent of a phony tourist service that New York cab drivers have been operating for a number of years. Developed to a high degree in Manhattan, the racket was formerly worked at the expense of out-of-town visitors; now it has been streamlined to fleece the Army.

Jim Stewart Operations Officer

A LIBERATOR BASE, Apr. 2—Maj. James M. Stewart, the former movie star, who has flown 11 missions as a Liberator squadron commander in the ETO, has been made group operations officer of another Liberator outfit. He has led the entire Liberator force on one mission, and was in command of his group on several others.

GI Orchestras On AFN Series

A new weekly series of half-hour broadcasts by GI dance bands, titled "Rainbow Rhythms," will be inaugurated on the American Forces Network today at 5 PM.

The programs will originate from Rainbow Corner, London, every Monday. Tonight's show will feature "The Hep-Cats," a special service dance band directed by Sgt. Bill Tosca, of New York.

Miss Miriam Jordan, assistant director of the ARC entertainment department, is handling the list of bands which will appear on the program.

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

Monday, Apr. 3

- 1100—Spotlight on Glen Gray.
- 1115—Personal Album with Anita Ellis.
- 1130—Novatime.
- 1150—French Lesson.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Band.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Dinah Shore (Repeat).
- 1400—News Headlines—BBC Symphony Orchestra.
- 1430—Visiting Hour.
- 1500—Music While You Work.
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1630—Family Hour.
- 1700—Rainbow Rhythm and Program Resume.
- 1730—Maritza Players.
- 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 Waring Program.
- 2025—Leave and Learn.
- 2030—Contested Honor.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Front Line Theater.
- 2145—Showtime with Dinah Shore.
- 2200—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
- 2225—One Night Stand with Bob Chester.
- 2235—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours, Tuesday, April 4.

GIs See World Premiere Of 'Mark Twain' Movie

An audience composed entirely of American servicemen yesterday attended the world premiere of the movie, "The Adventures of Mark Twain," at the Warner Theater, London. The showing was sponsored by the Mark Twain Books-for-Soldiers Society. The film will not be shown in the U.S. until next month or generally in this country for at least three months.

The audience was composed entirely of American service men, including a number of high-ranking officers and specially invited men who came from Mississippi localities, like Cpl. Paul R. Bongner and Pvt. Francis Poelker, cousins from St. Louis.

The theater organ was played by Cpl. Glen Pratt, of Salt Lake City, who used to play in Radio City, New York, and the Graumann Theater, Hollywood.

Smith, Kiefer Capture Five AAU Tank Crowns

Smith's Triple First Since Weissmuller Turned Trick in '28

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Apr. 2—The Navy's swimming bullets—Bill Smith of Great Lakes Naval and Adolph Kiefer, chief specialist at Bainbridge Naval—further assaulted tank records yesterday and Friday during the National AAU swimming meet in Michigan's pool here.

Smith, winning three titles for the first time since Johnny Weissmuller scored a triple in 1928, established two new marks. He clipped three-tenths of a second off the AAU 440-yard record held by his Hawaiian teammate, Keo Nakama; won the 220 in record time, and won the 100.

The Great Lakes tanker propelled the 440 in 4:42 and shaved 1.3 seconds from the 220, churning through the water in 2:08. Although he failed to eclipse the 100-yard record held by Yale's Alan Ford, he led the field from start to finish.

Smith's spectacular performance paraded Great Lakes to the team trophy, the Gobs winning easily with 54 points. Michigan finished second with 20; Columbia was third with 13, and Kiefer's two first places gave Bainbridge fourth honors with ten points.

Kiefer lowered his own American record for the 300-yard individual medley by nearly five seconds, swimming the



Adolph Kiefer

route in 3:23.9 in the finals. The Chicago champion tied the mark of 3:28.9 set by Johnny Higgins of Ohio State in 1936 during Friday's preliminaries, then registered his torrid record-breaking time in the finals.

Although Higgins' race in '36 was the AAU record until Kiefer went to work, Adolph has surpassed that mark several times, including his former best effort in Honolulu in '41. As the distance is raced only in the United States, there is no official world's record.

Kiefer also captured his specialty, winning the 150-yard backstroke event in 1:31, just shy of reducing his own record. He had an easy time of it, finishing 11 yards ahead of Ralph Knight, Massillon, Ohio, high school youngster.

German Paratrooper Challenges Schmeling

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 2—Max Schmeling, the German boxer and former heavyweight champion of the world, has arrived in Rome to meet an unnamed Nazi paratrooper who challenged him in Cassino, the Rome correspondent of the German-controlled STB Agency said today.

The challenger was a member of the same parachute unit as Schmeling during the invasion of Crete, the report said.

Nieves Kayoes Robinson in 2nd

One of Three Tilts Which Fail to Go Distance On 10-Bout Bill

A SOUTH COAST TOWN, Apr. 2—Three fights failed to go the limit in a ten-bout card staged here Friday night.

Puerto Rican Pfc Francisco Nieves, 141, after staying ahead throughout the opening stanza, downed Pvt. Harry Robinson, of Philadelphia, 138, for the nine-count with a hard right to the head and polished him off at 1:42 of the second with another dose of the same.

After suffering a bad opening frame in which his timing was off, Cpl. Herman Johnson, 152-pounder from Garthway, Md., drew a TKO over Pvt. Cornelius Louis, of Houston, Texas, 156, at 1:32 of the second.

Pvt. Lawrence Jones, of Cleveland, 171, downed Sgt. John Jenifer, Baltimore 176-pounder, for the eight-count at 45 seconds of the second and put him away for good at 34 seconds of the third.

In other bouts:

Pvt. Fernin Rivis, Puerto Rico, 123, outpointed Sgt. LaSalle Stevens, Raleigh, N.C., 120.

S2/c Dennis Ryan, New York, 137, outpointed Pfc Thomas Hudnell, Chicago, 134.

Cpl. Roscoe Mercer, Washington, 150, outpointed Pvt. Jess Castaner, Puerto Rico, 141.

Cpl. Ted Pratt, Atlantic City, N.J., 151, outpointed Pfc Eustace Laurence, Philadelphia, 155.

Pvt. James Wright, Wilmington, Del., 154, outpointed Pvt. Alex Plummer, New York, 159.

S3c Clifford Naylor, Owosso, Mich., 163, outpointed Pvt. William Humphries, Pittsburgh, 162.

Sgt. James Montgomery, Detroit, 188, outpointed Pvt. Roy Hanna, Tulsa, Okla., 184.

Appling's Transfer Hits Camp Lee Diamondmen

CAMP LEE, Va., Apr. 2—The major leagues aren't alone when it comes to losing star players to the armed forces. The Camp Lee Travelers entertained hopes of surprising the Washington Senators when they open their season at College Park, Md., but these hopes faded when playing manager Luke Appling was transferred to another post.

Sicily Cage Champs May Cop ETO Air Force Hoop Series

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Apr. 2—The seven most formidable quintets in the ETO Army Air Forces will give chase to the elusive USAAF basketball championship in a two-day tourney slated to commence on the Corn Exchange court here Tuesday.

The first round will be staged Tuesday afternoon, with one fortunate entrant—to be determined tomorrow when the coaches chart the schedule—drawing a bye. The semi-finals will be held Wednesday afternoon, and the finalists will battle for the crown the same evening.

Untested but loaded with power, the Troop Carrier Pipers, fresh from their triumphant sweep through the GI cage tourney in Sicily, confront the other clubs as a serious obstacle. Coached by Sgt. George Cook, of Pineville, W. Va., the Pipers have a pair of high-scoring forwards in T/Sgt. George Morris, of Barbersville, W. Va., and Pfc Ed. Broene, of Grand Rapids, Mich., while S/Sgt. Everett Lambert, center from Princeton, W. Va., is the key to the quint's offense, setting up the plays which break Morris and Broene loose for their baskets.

The first string guards rounding out the Piper team are S/Sgt. Joseph Stanko, of Pittsburgh, and Homer Lundine, of Kansas City, Mo. Substitutes include: Sgt. George Brammer, Ironton, Ohio, and S/Sgt. Tom Sankey, Butler, Pa., forwards; T/Sgt. E. J. Gardner, Hammond, Ind., center, and 1/Sgt. Lawrence Del Coma, Long Beach, Cal., and Cpl. Joseph James, Arkansas City, Ark., guards.

Early favorites to annex the title are Sullivan's Service Command Raiders, Ninth AAF champions led by their sharpshooting ace, Pvt. Ray Petit, of Jersey City, and Gilder's Gallopers, Eighth AAF king headed by Sgt. Robert Davidoff, former NYU captain from New York.

The Alcon-Falcons, rudely jolted by the Gallopers in the finals of their Composite Command whirl, also rate plenty of pre-tourney consideration by court-side observers.

Remainder of the field will be comprised of the Headquarters Blockbusters, paced by M/Sgt. Charles St. Charles, star guard from Memphis, Tenn.; Bada's Rough Riders, coached and captained by S/Sgt. Albert Bookout, of Coweth, Okla., and the same unit's Flight Test five, carried through the prelims by 1/Lt. Fredrick Rooley, of Helena, Mont., and Cpl. George Souza, of Ballejo, Cal.

Kentucky Derby Preview

Olympic Zenith Has Good Chance

Helis' Hopes Ride On Ex-Valdina Farms Colt

By Frank Eck

Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—A few months ago William G. Helis, New Orleans oil magnate, had everything in his fast-growing racing stable—everything but a Kentucky Derby eligible. However, he never stopped looking until he came up with Valdina Zenith, now Olympic Zenith.

Helis acquired the strawberry roan colt in a three-way deal. The Valdina Farms of Uvalde, Tex., disposed of all 149 horses in its barn, the purchaser being Henry Knight, Kentucky sportsman.

The dispersal sale had been in the offing for some time and Helis, with both eyes on the Derby, got Knight to part with three of the best Valdina horses—Valdina Zenith, Rounders and Valdina Albert.

Seven hours after the sale of Valdina Zenith waltzed off with the \$5,000 added Gulf Coast Handicap, paying 4-1.

Won Louisiana Derby

This was too much for Helis. Here was his horse—the ink had just about dried—running and winning and advertising another stable. So Helis dropped the Valdina handle in favor of a Grecian term and called his latest acquisition Olympic



Olympic Zenith, William Helis' Kentucky Derby Hope, romping home first in the \$15,000 added Louisiana Derby at the Fair Grounds, New Orleans.

Zenith. Some argue a more appropriate name would have been Beginner's Luck.

In Zenith's next start, two weeks later, the son of Mahmoud—The Zenith, showed his heels to Gay Bit, Wyanoke and Doggone in the \$15,000 added Louisiana Derby at the Fair Grounds, paying 5-2 and netting his owner \$11,525 of the purse.

Right now, Trainer Edward L. Snyder is preparing Olympic Zenith for the 70th Kentucky Derby and, though the horse has yet to meet real class, he can't be counted out of contention since he's done

everything asked of him under the Helis colors.

Olympic Zenith, one of the two imported horses nominated for the run for the roses, finished out of the money only once in his first eight starts and that was after a layoff of three months.

Nick Jemas, who rode Helis' hope twice and won with him both times, will be the pilot on Derby Day and they say Jemas knows his way around the turns. He and W. Bailey led the jockeys at the Fair Grounds, each bringing home 66 winners.

Longhorn Team Sweeps Relays

Ralph Ellsworth Sparks Cindermen in Austin Competition

AUSTIN, Tex., Apr. 2—Texas University dominated its own relay meet here as the Longhorns monopolized most of the first prizes and added a substantial amount of second and third places to their side of the ledger, finishing far ahead of other teams in the field.

Ralph Ellsworth sparked the Longhorns by clinching three relay events and also copping the 100-yard dash.

The day's best showing was turned in by Charlie Parker, of Thomas Jefferson High, who hasn't lost a race in three years. Parker ran the 100 in 9.6, won the 220 in 21.1 and twice came from behind to anchor relay teams to victory.

Frank Ryan, former Columbia University athlete now stationed at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, won the shot put event with a heave of 51 feet, one and a half inches.

Unpredictable Bobo Reassures Mack, Says 'I'll Be Ready'

FREDERICK, Md., Apr. 2—Bobo Newsom, the Philadelphia Athletics' eccentric screwball, came out of hiding long enough today to call Connie Mack from Hartsville, S.C.—reversing the charges, of course—and told the boss to "quit worrying, I'll be ready to pitch the opener."

Newsom also told Mack he would unveil his "V-Ball," a new, mysterious pitch. "That's my contribution to the V-for-Victory campaign," Bobo declared.

The garrulous, much-traveled bad boy of baseball informed Connie he is working out in Florida and felt fine. And Connie was so amazed at the phone conversation, he forgot to ask Bobo how come he got sidetracked to Florida when he had been told to train at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Jockey Bobby Merritt Still Without N.Y. License

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—Stewards of the New York Jockey Club granted riding licenses to ten jockeys today, but took no action on the application of Bobby Merritt, veteran rider who was refused a license last year.

The Appellate division of the Supreme Court recently annulled the action of the Jockey Club and New York State Racing Commission in refusing Merritt a 1943 license and ordered a rehearing.

DIAMOND DUST

LOUISVILLE, Apr. 2—The Chicago White Sox peppered enemy pitching for 20 hits to overwhelm the Pittsburgh Pirates, 16-3, here yesterday in the first spring exhibition game between the teams. The Sox clustered eight hits and a Pirate miscue for nine runs in the third inning and coasted the rest of the way. Frankie Frisch and Jimmy Dykes used their entire squads.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Apr. 2—The Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers clashed in a typical spring slugfest here yesterday with pitchers being touched for a total of 36 hits before the Cubs won, 10-9. Ed Hanyzewsky pitched three scoreless innings for the Cubs and Emery Hresko matched his performance for the Tigers. The Cubs rapped Hal Newhouser for 12 hits and five runs in four innings.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Apr. 2—The Washington Senators made their spring exhibition debut a success here yesterday, defeating the Glenn Martin Bombers, 7-2. The Nats looked like a first division threat to American League rivals as they pounded Bomber pitching for 11 solid blows. Mickey Heafner, Vernon Curtis and Juan Hernandez, expected to share the Senators' pitching load this summer, each hurled three innings, setting down the Martin team with seven hits. The Bombers dumped a 20-7 seven-inning affair to the Philadelphia A's at Frederick, Md., Friday.



Mickey Heafner

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Apr. 2—The St. Louis Browns dumped Toledo, of the American Association, 6-4, in a seven-inning exhibition tussle here yesterday. Outfielder Mill Byrnes tripled with the bases loaded in the fifth inning to chase home three runs for the Browns. The Mudhens were checked by Weldon West, brought up from Memphis, and Sam Zoldak, acquired from Elmira, who handled the Browns' pitching chores.

WALLINGFORD, Conn., Apr. 2—Jim Tobin allowed five hits and one run in five innings as he led the Boston Braves Regulars to a 9-1 victory over the Yannisians here yesterday.

BALTIMORE, Apr. 2—The Boston Red Sox absorbed a 23-16 defeat at the hands of the Curtis Bay Coast Guard here yesterday in a weird exhibition of baseball. Joe Wood Jr., son of the former major league pitching star, made an inauspicious debut, walking six men and yielding a homer, double and two singles before relief arrived. Coast Guard

rolled up 12 runs in the first frame, but the Red Sox fought back and took a 16-15 lead, only to blow it when the sailors pushed across eight runs in the eighth. The Sox committed eight errors.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Apr. 2—Although out of it, 11-5, the New York Yankees bagged a 5-4 verdict over the Philadelphia Phillies here yesterday. The Yanks scored once in the third, but the Phils bounced back with three in the fourth. Johnny Lindell, promised to the draft but playing until called, tied the count with a homer in the fifth to score behind Nick Etten, and George Stirnweiss doubled home two more Yankee runs before the inning ended. Floyd Bevins and Johnny Johnson pitched for the Yanks while Al Gerhauser, Charlie Schantz and Joe Donahue hurled for the Phils.



Johnny Lindell

FREDERICK, Md., Apr. 2—With Luke Hamlin testing his new "soft potato pitch"—his answer to Roy Sewell's "ephus" dazzler—the Philadelphia Athletics notched a 4-0 shutout over the Frederick Hustlers, a local semi-pro outfit. Hamlin worked three innings and kept the Hustlers swinging vainly to connect with his baffling delivery.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Apr. 2—The Cleveland Indians received a jolt when Gene Desautels, 36-year-old catcher formerly with Detroit and the Boston Red Sox, informed his bosses he has been sworn into the Marines and is headed for Parris Island boot camp.

CAIRO, Ill., Apr. 2—The St. Louis Cardinal Regulars topped the Yannisians, 6-3, in a seven-inning tilt here yesterday as Mort Cooper limited the Yannisians to two hits in his four-inning stint on the mound.

BALTIMORE, Apr. 2—New York Giant pitchers handcuffed the Baltimore Orioles of the International League with six hits here yesterday to notch an 8-2 triumph for the Gotham club in its first spring test. Ewald Pyle and Bill Voiselle held the Orioles hitless after the fourth inning. Felix Mandiewicz, Baltimore center fielder, rapped out two doubles for the losers, while Steve Filipowicz, former Fordham football star trying for an outfield post with the Giants, slapped two singles in two trips to the plate.



Steve Filipowicz

NEWARK, N.J., Apr. 2—Johnny VanderMeer, Cincinnati's double-no-hit kid and strikeout king of the National League, has been assigned to Sampson Naval Training Station. Vandy had been rejected last summer because of a stomach ailment, but since has recovered.

Juzwik Shifted to Northwestern

EVANSTON, Ill., Apr. 2—The Navy doesn't ship him elsewhere before the '44 football season opens. Steve Juzwik will run and pass from the Northwestern backfield this fall. The former Notre Dame and Great Lakes Naval mid star has been assigned to the Navy V-12 program at Northwestern, it was announced today.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff



Beau Jack Outpoints Zurita in Garden

NBA Champion Unable to Solve Windmill Style

Mexican's Late Rally Fails To Win Nod in Non-Title Go

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—Juan Zurita, who wrestled the NBA lightweight title from Sammy Angott three weeks ago, today was a champion without prestige following his loss to whirlwind Beau Jack, Georgia shoeshine boy, Friday night in a ten-round non-title bout at Madison Square Garden.

The Negro ex-lightweight champ (New York version) pitched too much leather for the Mexico City slugger and earned a unanimous verdict. However, the crown didn't change hands because Zurita's handlers made Jack come in over the lightweight limit to protect their interests.

It was a thrill-packed contest, delighting the 17,593 fans who paid \$87,802. There were no knockdowns, although both fighters were staggered occasionally, and Zurita's ability to shift from right to left-hand stance was one of the prettiest maneuvers seen in the Garden.

Had Ringsiders Guessing
The Mexican was unable to solve the Beau's windmill style of fighting and was on the receiving end during the early rounds. He recovered, however, and made a great rally in the last two stanzas that had ringsiders guessing as to the result if the bout had been longer.

Zurita proved rugged and game and gave Jack more trouble than most experts expected. After the tiff, he said he would have done better had he been in better physical condition. He had trained only a week after a ten-day vacation to celebrate winning the crown from Angott.

Jake LaMotta Outpoints Woods

CHICAGO, Apr. 2—Jakie LaMotta, New York middleweight, chalked up his tenth straight victory here at Chicago Stadium Friday night, outpointing Sgt. Lou Woods, of Camp Grant, Ill., in a torrid ten-round bout.

Dodds, Hulse to Run In Special Mile at Penn Relays Apr. 29

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 2—Gil Dodds, the fleet parson from Boston, and Bill Hulse have been invited to run a special mile event at the Penn Relays to be held here Apr. 29, H. Jamison Swartz, Relays manager, disclosed.

Hulse, credited with the fastest outdoor mile ever run by an American when he broke the tape in 4:06, has been trying to beat Dodds during the winter indoor season without success. However, Dodds' best time is only 4:06.1, so Hulse may accomplish his goal during the Penn carnival.

Cain Sets New Hockey Mark

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—Three players broke the former record of 73 points for a National Hockey League season, according to official statistics just released. Herb Cain of the Boston Bruins led the loop and established the new high with 82 points on 36 goals and 46 assists.

Others who shattered the old mark are Doug Bentley of the Chicago Black Hawks, who finished with 74 points, and Carr, Cain's scoring partner, with 74. Carl Liscombe, Detroit Red Wing ace, tied the former record with 36 goals and 37 assists.

Alsab to Run in Trenton At Garden State Park

CAMDEN, N.J., Apr. 2—Alsab, the fifth greatest money-winner horse on American tracks, is the first entry in the \$50,000 added Trenton Handicap at Garden State Park, the richest race ever run in New Jersey.

Alsab, out most of last year with a leg injury, is training now at Hialeah.

Li'l Abner



Joe, Junior

By Pap



Canadiens Heavy Favorites To Beat Hawks in Cup Finals

MONTREAL, Apr. 2—The National Hockey League champion Montreal Canadiens rule as top-heavy favorites to victimize the Chicago Black Hawks, surprise finalist, in the Stanley Cup finals getting under way here Tuesday night.

The second and third games in the best-of-seven series will be staged in Chicago Apr. 6 and 9, with the sextets returning here for the remainder of the games.

The Canadiens, who swept their 25 league games at home without mishap and have enjoyed considerable success against the Windy City skaters this season, rolled through the Toronto Maple Leafs in the semi-finals with four convincing triumphs after dropping the opener. The Canucks unleashed a powerful attack in their finale against the Leafs, winning, 11-0.

The Hawks, who just slipped into the playoffs in fourth place, upset the runner-up Detroit Red Wings, defending champions, by capturing four of five tests in the semis. The Wings were sadly off their usual offensive game and registered a meager four goals in the five games, while the Hawks splattered the enemy nets with 16.

Cleveland, Buffalo In American Finals

CLEVELAND, Apr. 2—Cleveland advanced to the finals of the American Hockey League playoffs by stopping Hershey, 4-1, here last night for its fourth victory in the seven-game series. The Ohioans will tackle Buffalo, which eliminated Indianapolis, in the other semi-final bracket.

ETO, Italy, India on Louis' Itinerary

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (AP)—Joe Louis and his barnstorming entourage of assorted boxers have the ETO, North Africa, Italy, India, Burma, the Southwest Pacific and Australia on their overseas itinerary, according to no less an authority than Lew Diamond, self-elected mayor of Jacobs Beach.

And Diamond, manager of light-heavy champ Gus Lesnevich and known to the fight mob as "The Honest Brakeman," should know, because he recently returned from a nationwide tour with Joe, during which the Brown Bomber refereed boxing and wrestling matches.

Lew is enthused over Joe's overseas junket, his only regret being that he can't make the trip too. Tapping his pudgy finger on a table at a Broadway bar, Lew exclaimed:

"When Joe gets overseas to entertain our boys they'll be happier to see him

Knoxville Field Trails the 'Jug'

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Apr. 2—Harold "Jug" McSpaden, leading money winner of the winter barnstorming circuit, rallied on the back nine to open a two-stroke lead over the field at the halfway mark of the Knoxville Open golf tourney.

McSpaden, whose sub-par 69 gave him a 36-hole total of 135, was troubled by high winds on the outgoing nine of his second round and lost two strokes to par. But he got hot on the backward route to shave three strokes from par.

Byron Nelson, of Toledo; Jimmy Johnson, of Detroit, and Bob Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind., are deadlocked in second place, each two strokes behind McSpaden. Nelson muffed a chance to move into the lead when his short irons and putter failed him on the back nine after he had covered the first half in 31, and he carded 68 over the 18 holes.

Tony Penna, of Dayton, Ohio, is third with 138, followed by Jimmy Hines, of Amsterdam, N.Y., 139, and Sammy Byrd, the baseball player turned golfer, 142.

Schneider Tops Henry Zielazny In Ring Finals

Welter Contest Features End of Armored Force Tourney

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Apr. 2—Harry Schneider, 145-pound Pittsburgh private who last Tuesday stopped Dick Menchaca in the first round at the Rainbow Corner, captured the — Armored unit welterweight title here last night when he drew a split decision over Pfc Henry Zielazny, 147-pound Chicagoan.

The bout, which kept the fans on their feet from start to finish, opened slowly in the first stanza with both ringmen waiting for an opening. After an exchange of lefts, Zielazny came in fast, shooting lefts and rights, but was downed with a left and right to the head at 1:15. Unhurt, he came up before a count and for the balance of the round the two slugged it out evenly.

Schneider got the worst of a spell of toe to toe slugging in the middle of the second, but improved in another melee at the bell. Early in the third, Zielazny forced the Pittsburgher to the ropes, but a left and right to the head jarred him, driving him off. Trying his luck again seconds later, Zielazny was pounded again by the treatment. At the final bell, they were trading haymakers.

The only abbreviated bout on the card gave Pvt. Alfred Trybulski, 161-pounder from Gallitzin, Pa., a kayo over Pvt. Scotty Ewart, of Providence, R.I., 163, in 1:5 of the opening session.

Caught in Corner

The favored Pennsylvanian, after a brief exchange of blows midway of the round, caught Scotty in his own corner and polished him off with a left and right to the head.

Strangest victory gave Pfc Louis Vregamini, 140-pounder from Seneca Falls, N.Y., a decision over Pfc Eli Souque, 140-pound Indian from San Jose, Cal., although Souque was knocked out.

After two fast rounds, the first of which found Souque dizzy at the bell and the second suffering a bloody nose, both mixed it in the third. After backpeddling, Vregamini caught Souque in a corner, worked him over and landed hard to the jaw just as the final bell sounded.

Sgt. John Jones, a light heavy from Muskogee, Okla., who drew a decision over Tom Walbert on Schneider's victorious night against Menchaca, stepped into the heavyweight bracket to decision Pfc Anthony Rubino, 179-pounder from Lisbon, Ohio.

Jones, spotting Rubino seven pounds, drew ahead midway of the second stanza and drew a unanimous verdict.

In other bouts:

- Pfc Rudolf Asendorf, St. James, Minn., 117, outpointed Pvt. George Stillman, Philadelphia, 115.
- Pvt. Austin Rodarte, Dallas, Texas, 123, outpointed Pvt. William Studebaker, Pittsburgh, 126.
- Pfc Floyd Liston, Wadsworth, Ohio, 144, outpointed Pvt. Vincent DelBrocco, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 146.
- Liston was wrongly credited with a loss in the semi-finals. He won his bout on a TKO.
- Pvt. William Shaw, Aberdeen, Miss., 156, outpointed Pvt. John Hinman, Tonto City, Okla., 145.

Pvt. Joe Maruszewski, the ETO golfing pride and joy who served as pro at the fabulous Hollywood Country Club in California before entering the Army, clubbed his way to a pair of victories last week over British rivals. . . . Joe shaded Dave Parker, of Glasgow, a member of the last Scottish team to play England, one up on the 21st hole, and outstroked Fred Sorenson, RAF, of Ireland, 75-76. . . . Maruszewski is on a charity tour for the British Benevolent Fund.

The Hans Crescent divot diggers trimmed Langley Park, 64-51, last week. GIs who participated in the victory include: Cpl. Rick Famin, Glen Cove, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Eli Thomas, Pittsburgh; Sgt. John Slayton, Fargo, N.D.; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Cpl. Joe Fiore, New York; Cpl. Don Peine, Springfield, Ill.; Pvt. Sigmund Raymond, Rockaway, N.J., and Cpl. Douglas Cole, Cincinnati.

The Engineer Cossacks finished fast to trounce the Ordnance Gun Sels, 30-24, in finals of the — General Depot cage scramble. . . . The Cossacks erased a 23-18 deficit going into the fourth quarter to dump the league champions. . . . Cpl. Bob Warrimer, of Salem, Ind., put the Cossacks ahead with a two-pointer, and Pvt. Roman Pieffer, of Jasper, Ind., tallied twice from the court to clinch the verdict.

Pfc "King Tut" Tabor, 162-pound Rainbow Corner favorite from Oakland, Cal., chalked up his tenth straight boxing win as he captured the Eighth title. . . . Tabor polished off his foe, Sgt. Martin Van Slack, of Syracuse, N.Y., in 20 seconds of the first, one of the quickest finishes in ETO history. . . . Other newly crowned champs include: Pvt. Jerry Pecoraro, New York, 129; Pvt. Harry Miller, Philadelphia, 172; Pvt. Clement Marrone, Cleveland, 143, and Sgt. Al Beakin, Providence, R.I., 153.

Pvt. Pete Negrete, 120-pounder from Los Angeles, weathered a perilous first round, then unleashed an attack of his own to TKO Pvt. Al Martinez, Denver 118-pounder, in the semi-finals of a Fighter Command ring tournament. . . . Martinez wore himself out seeking a quick kayo and was no match for Negrete in the second, failing to answer the bell for the third. . . . Pvt. Godfrey Hutchinson, Oklahoma City, 190, also advanced to the finals, outpointing Pvt. Frank Payerchin, Cleveland, 187.

Pfc Campbell Stevenson, former Boston Red Sox farm club catcher, is now located in ETO, assigned to a Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Command base.

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Kiwians in the ETO
INTERESTED in a reunion to be held shortly? Please write to me and I will send full particulars by mail as soon as arrangements are completed.—Claude R. Myers, American Red Cross, Bury St. Edmunds.

Phi Gamma Delta
MEETS for luncheon at 12:30 PM at No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club, London, Apr. 19, and on the third Wednesday in every month thereafter.

Class I-B44 Greely
REUNION shortly. Please write to me and I will send full details.—Cpl. L. J. Stockus.

Alumni Reunion
A REUNION Dinner for doctors, nurses, and attendants of the Johns Hopkins Hospital on duty in the ETO will be held at Grosvenor House, London, on Wednesday, May 10, at 8 PM. Reservations should be sent to Lt. Regina B. Larabee, c/o The Stars and Stripes, College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. No reservations accepted after Apr. 25, don. W.1.

College Reunions
A Reunion dinner for men of the University of Georgia and Georgia School of Technology will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Square Club, London, Saturday, Apr. 15, at 6:30 PM. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes, College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. No reservations accepted after Apr. 12.

College Registration
SEND your name, rank, college, year, unit and APO to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. From time to time as new names from your college are received, revised lists of those registered will be sent to you.

Dartmouth Reunion Wednesday
A REUNION Dinner for Dartmouth alumni has been arranged for 6 PM Wednesday in The River Room, Savoy Hotel, London.

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By Al Capp



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Truth Will Out

Enemy communiques are illuminating, not always because of the news they contain, but often because of the news they suppress, and recent Nazi communiques, through suppression, have indicated the apprehension that is felt with regard to giving German people the truth. A few examples are significant. On Mar. 15 the OKW communique reported: "In the south of the Eastern front sizeable enemy forces tried in vain in several sectors to pierce our disengaging forces." That day the Russians successfully forced the southern Bug along a broad front. On Mar. 17 the Russians, advancing on a wide front east of the Rovno-Lvov railway, stormed Dubno. There was no mention of their capture of that stronghold in German reports. On Mar. 18 the German communique merely stated that west of the middle Bug sizeable Bolshevik forces succeeded in gaining ground. Actually on that day Russian forces captured the important railway junction of Zhmerinka and southwest of Uman crossed the Dniester, taking Yampol. On Mar. 20 the Russians captured Mogilev-Podolsk which stands on the railway line which connects Kiev and Cernauti and another line which feeds Bessarabia. The Germans failed to mention these losses. On the 21st the German communique reported that in the break through area between the middle Bug and the Dniester heavy fighting continued only near Zhmerinka. On that day the Russians deepened their bridgehead on the right bank of the Dniester and pushed four miles beyond Mogilev-Podolsk and cut the Cernauti-Balti railway. But as German suppression of bad news from the eastern front continues it grows more obvious and anxiety within the Reich grows more pressing. This anxiety now casts such a heavy shadow that Goebbels has been forced to admit that "We are approaching the great crisis of the political and military development of the war with giant strides." In that communique Goebbels spoke the truth, for a giant is moving on Germany, and that giant is the military might of the United Nations supported by its most powerful weapons—freedom and truth.

Ding How

Take it from the Chinese—American medical service is "Ding how." "Ding how" is a Chinese term several times stronger than "OK" and it's the expression used by our Allies to acknowledge their appreciation for the care and treatment given them at American hands, in evacuation hospitals along the Ledo Road in Burma. Hospitalization is a new experience for most Chinese; but those who fall while protecting American Engineers now hacking the new Allied lifeline north from India get first-class medical attention, plenty of good food and the chance to recover fully before returning to action. Take the case of Chung Woo-Yun, 22, a veteran of seven years' fighting and three major campaigns against the Japanese. Chung proudly exhibits the now almost healed scar which once had been a jagged gaping wound in one of his legs. Asked how he got it, Chung held out his hands in the position of a Jap sniper holding a rifle, then said, "Japaneezy . . . boom . . . boo how." Then added it didn't hurt at all for a time. Later American doctors . . . and emphatically . . . ding how. But if the Chinese like the way they're treated in U.S. hospitals in Burma, American Engineers who receive their protection from jungle raiding Japs also have a word to say about the Chinese. Strangely enough, it, too, is "Ding how."

Commendation

No one has been going around pinning medals on chaplains in the U.S. Army for their fighting record, for fighting is not a chaplain's job. His work, however, often takes him into the combat area, and figures just released by the War Department show that American chaplains have not hesitated to follow their military flocks. Casualties among Army chaplains have been exceeded on a comparative basis only by the loss of officers in the Air Forces and in the Infantry. During 1943 19 chaplains were killed in battle, 19 were wounded, one is still missing in action and 33 are prisoners of war. In addition 31 have died as a result of accidents or illness. During the Easter season, when our Christian faith is rededicated, it is fitting that work of Army chaplains should be gratefully acknowledged. It is the chaplain who through personal counsel, discussion of welfare problems, day room talks, service club lectures and at religious services, personalizes "Freedom of Worship" in the lives of us all, and freedom of worship is one of the principles that Democracy protects and for which we fight.

Hash Marks

GIs in Burma got a big laugh when this story about their general started the rounds. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell was travelling, minus insignia of rank, on a pontoon boat. The soldier operating the craft looked up, his face covered with pity, and declared, "It sure is a helluva note when they send an old fellow like you up into country like this."

The other night we heard a rather gay Pfc singing his own special version of a



popular song hit, "I'm Getting Tight So I Can Sleep!"

The Perfect Letter (penned by some GI sweating out life at a POE). "Dear Mom: Your guess is as good as mine as to where I am going. They gave me shots for yellow fever and a fur cap."

Thought for Today, by Nathaniel Gubbins: "Wouldn't it be awful if Hitler just died of fright?"

The clearest idea yet of the bitter house-to-house fighting in Cassino is given in this GI communique reported by CBS announcer John Daly. "Today we captured five living rooms and three dining rooms and have advance patrols in the kitchen."

GI Philosophy. One of the greatest time-savers known to man is love at first sight.

The next time your first sergeant bawls you out for some minor mistake, remind him Will Rogers once said, "Everybody is ignorant—only on different subjects."

We've printed signs from pubs; now here is one from the walls of an officers' club:

If I give you a drink, Stop a minute and think How hard it was to get it. Don't guzzle, you skunk, And try to get drunk. Don't wash out your whistle, Just wet it.

A thumb-nail sketch that should go down in history. A private's description of his sergeant: "He's a jerk with a capital J!"

ETO-Happy Conversation. A sloppy looking GI, who has been over here a long, long time, pulled out a pack of



Woodbines and said, "Have a fag, pal?" His buddy said, "No." So the sloppy looking GI looks at him with a very hurt expression and remarks indignantly, "So you don't like OUR cigarettes, eh!"

Annual weather report. Spring came to London on a Sunday this year—and left the same day.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Colonel, Sir, your uniform's back from the tailor, but I think there's been some mistake!"

Finnish Peace Might Aid Hitler

He'd Lose Supplies But Gain Many Fresh Troops

By W. G. Rogers Associated Press Correspondent

The vast arc erected by Germany around Sweden and the Gulf of Bothnia, based on Denmark in the west and the Baltic states and Sea in the east, seems to be crumbling in the northern cold.

A rush of rumors out of Stockholm tends to indicate that Finland at last is going to surrender; as the Allies pretended to expect she would do at almost any moment in the last two years. The collapse of German power in Norway might follow quickly.

Norway and Finland, like a pair of horns pointed to the North Pole, are beginning to be something of a dilemma for Hitler. His first troops were sent into Finland at Turku, Russia reported, just before Baron Mannerheim led his country into war in 1941. They could still leave by the same port. But the longer they delay, the more of the opposite Estonian shore is cleared of their Nazi allies and the more costly the evacuation would become under Red planes and warships.

In some respects Germany would benefit by picking up her things and running home. There may be truth in the report that the withdrawal has been urged by Col. Gen. Eduard Dietl, commander of Hitler's seven divisions on Finnish soil. Germany has much more use for those seven than Russia has for the 14 which would be released by shortening their front some 700 miles. Added to the ten or more divisions which could be withdrawn from Norway, they might constitute a really decisive reserve, Hitler could suppose, against the opening of a Second Front in Europe.

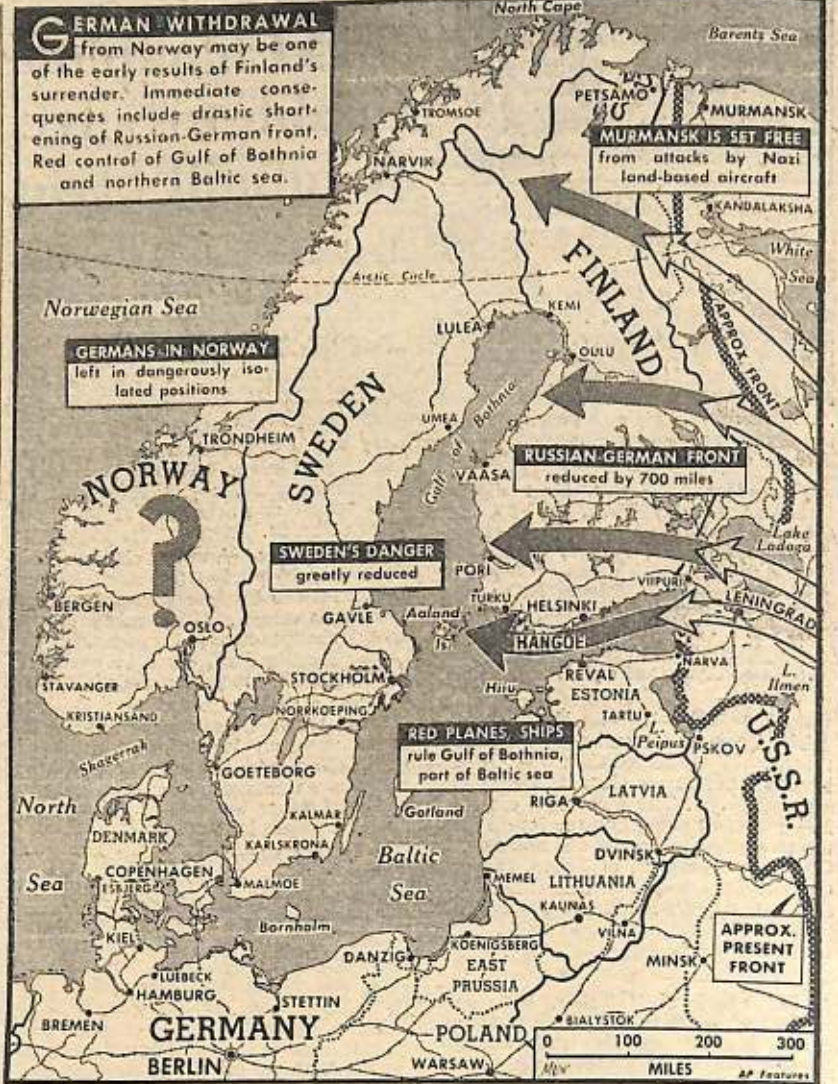
Effect on Germans

If the German people can endure the psychological shock of a seven months' retreat in Russia, they can be persuaded to stand up under new losses in the north. They might be told by their propaganda chiefs that it was a strategic withdrawal to bolster home defenses; they might even believe Fortress Europe would be stronger with the two long northern fingers lopped off; they might be correct in that belief, too.

On the other hand, there would be serious disadvantages. Germany needs the wood pulp she gets from Finnish forests, the nickel from Petsamo mines. She could, to be sure, make a stand in the north, but the transport of nickel through the barren stretches of Norway would be difficult. She would also have to abandon the sea route down through the Gulf of Bothnia by which she gets most of her precious iron ore from Lulea; Russians on the Aalands would be right in the middle of that route at its narrowest point. However, there is a rail line through Sweden.

It is, of course, possible that the Russians, who are in this war for keeps, would demand that Sweden cut off this ore supply, and they could threaten raids on Lulea from the excellent and nearby air bases at Rovaniemi and Kemi, reportedly already evacuated by the Germans. This might mean a new crisis for Sweden. For the German pressure on the east, there would merely be substituted Russian pressure. Lying in the middle of the world's worst war, she has managed so far with extraordinary skill to keep out of it. A misstep might still embroil her, but she would have the consolation of knowing the end was in sight.

This would be Finland's second surrender in the same war, something of a



record. She yielded to Russia in March, 1940, after a conflict due to her refusal of an offer of a territorial swap which would have made her larger, and Leningrad safer. The whole world has admired the courage of her soldiers, but the Allied world deplors the obstinacy of Baron Mannerheim and others who refuse to see that the jig is up. Former Premier Juho K. Paasikivi, reported to have been the recent peace envoy on neutral ground, had some good things to say, oddly, for Communism.

Britain has been officially at war with Finland. The U.S. has not; Americans

like the Finnish people, their music, their architecture and the way they pay their debts, but their sympathy has not blinded them to the fact that Finns and Nazis are comrades in arms.

Finland would be the second country to surrender. The first, Italy, is still a battleground. Finland's collapse would probably mean the Russian occupation of her principal cities, rail lines and military installations. The USSR, according to report, does not intend to absorb Finland as she absorbed Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The country would, however, be restricted to the 1940 boundaries.

2 Years and 9,000 Miles Later Doolittle, Fellow Tokyo Raider Reunited by Chance in Ulster

By George J. Maskin Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A USAAF STATION, Northern Ireland, Apr. 2—It's more than 9,000 miles as the crow flies—east or west—from this spot in Ulster to Tokyo, but two members of the "Shangri-la Raiders Society" were reunited here last week.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth Air Force commander, and 1/Lt. Waldo Bither accidentally bumped into each other—their first reunion since a party held after sharing in the Doolittle-led bombing party over Tokyo and other Japanese cities in April, 1942.

The general, arriving on a routine inspection, found Bither on the job as post technical inspector. The reunion came almost on the eve of the second anniversary of the raiders' departure from the U.S. on the aircraft carrier Hornet, from which the B25s took off bound for Japan. This "base" later was dubbed Shangri-la by President Roosevelt. The Hornet sailed from San Francisco on April Fool's Day. "What a day that was!" Bither said. "No one except maybe Doolittle and a couple of others knew where 'X mission' would take us."

Hadn't Changed Much

Physically, the general and the lieutenant hadn't changed much in the last 24 months. In other categories, they agreed, both had come a long way, literally and otherwise. On April 1, 1942, Doolittle was a "mere" lieutenant colonel.

Bither didn't wear any bars then. He was a technical sergeant when appointed a bombardier on Ship 13 and later was promoted to master sergeant. Not until he returned to the States late in April, 1942, did he join the commissioned ranks, winning a direct appointment with assignment to ground duty, for which "I don't care too much."

The general and the lieutenant chose to huddle by themselves in the post adjutant's office. They must have hashed over their thrilling adventure. Most of the arrangement and planning went for naught. Take-off time was advanced so that the planes would arrive over Tokyo in mid-afternoon instead of around midnight. Also, they would reach China, where they were to land, at night rather than by day.

None of the 16 ships landed without major damage. The majority of the crews bailed out in pitch darkness without knowing exactly where they were. Others crash-landed. "I came down on the top of a moun-

tain," Bither said, "being the first to jump from our ship. I don't know how it felt being some place in China. I was too tired. I just wrapped myself into my wet parachute and went to sleep in the rain till morning."

The next day, Bither set out to find the others from his crew. Luck tagged the men of Ship 13; within 36 hours all were together.

"We didn't know it until later, of course," Bither said, "but when I jumped we were less than ten miles from the field."

Weather Was Tops

Locating Tokyo and dropping the bomb loads were not very difficult, Bither said. They came in under ideal weather conditions.

"We encountered a lot of ack ack going in on the bomb run," Bither said, "but much of it was wild, ill-timed and ill-aimed. We could see thousands of people dashing for shelter—that is, those who already hadn't found a spot."

After the mission, Bither spent a few weeks in a hospital and later was assigned with other Tokyo raiders to haul planes and cargo from India into China. Incidentally, three of the men who were on the raid were killed on the first India to China hop.

Bither, a veteran Army man with 18 years' service, claims no real home. Right now he's attached to Shreveport, La., because his wife and daughter are residing there for the duration. If he had his say, Bither would be back doing what he did two years ago—"monkeying around as a bombardier in overalls and making those trips."

His colleagues here rib him, saying "that shouldn't be hard, considering whom you know."

Lenten Message

PSALM 102: 1-15—"Be not far from me, for trouble is near."

Though in awful bondage, people in occupied countries know that freedom still exists in many parts of the world and the thought cheers and comforts them. In their own hearts hope still flames, the hope that the best is yet to be. But that is not sufficient. What help is there now, they keep asking, and why does it not come now to our assistance? It is up to us to see that this help for which they cry is not long delayed. Each of us by our own individual effort can speed the day by eliminating waste effort.

NEWS FROM HOME

FDR-Congress Clasha Threat, Willkie Says

He Fears for U.S. Future And Asks Talks Between Cabinet, Legislators

LINCOLN, Neb., Apr. 2—Wendell L. Willkie, moving from Wisconsin to Nebraska on his latest tour of the Midwest, declared today that the "American people are distressed about the differences between President Roosevelt and Congress."

"A solution to the problem must be found immediately," he said, "because in the next two years the future of America will be at stake, domestically and in relation to the world."

Willkie suggested that the differences could be ironed out by having "small selected groups from both houses in Congress meet with Cabinet members, at least on important questions, so that they and the members of the respective houses will be kept currently informed."

Booby Traps on Home Front

CHICAGO, Apr. 2—Police found a charge of dynamite in an electric iron and dynamite caps in a reading lamp in the home of Mrs. W. L. Kinser Jr. Her husband, an Army sergeant, admitted placing the charges. Police turned Kinser over to a psychiatrist for examination.

WAC Officers Graduated

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Apr. 2—Sixteen WAC officers holding the rank of captain or higher were graduated from the Army's Command and General Staff School. Many of the WACs, who took the advanced course with 850 male officers, will be assigned overseas.

Spread of Flu Cut 75 Per

CHICAGO, Apr. 2—An influenza vaccine used in recent epidemics reduced infection by 75 per cent, the Journal of the American Medical Association disclosed. Controlled experiments on volunteers in Army specialized training programs in nine areas were the basis for the results.

Will Attend Conference

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2—The State Department disclosed that a five-man delegation would attend the conference of Allied ministers of education in London in the near future. Rep. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) will head the delegation.

Lillian Bond Wins Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 2—Lillian Bond, the former film actress, obtained a divorce Saturday from Sydney A. Smith, a New York sportsman, after testifying that her husband "carried on with other women."

Only 128 GIs Send Votes

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Apr. 2—Final returns in the Second District Congressional election showed that although 40,000 votes were cast, only 128 came from absentee-voting servicemen.

Life's Like That

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 2—A truck en route to the city incinerator ran out of gas while carrying canceled ration coupons once worth 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline.

Dies in Rescue Attempt

BRADDOCK, Pa., Apr. 2—Robert Exler, a 17-year-old Air Forces reservist, was burned to death in a futile attempt to save his parents from their blazing home.

Distaff Circus Now

SARASOTA, Fla., Apr. 2—Due to the manpower shortage the 1944 edition of the Ringling Brothers circus will feature mostly women performers. The circus has left here to begin another season.

Theater Director Dies

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 2—John J. McGuirk, who worked up from a glass-blower's apprenticeship to become director of 600 vaudeville and movie theaters, died at the age of 73.

Davies Out of Hospital

SAVANNAH, Ga., Apr. 2—Joseph E. Davies, former ambassador to Moscow, who was taken ill aboard a train Mar. 25, has left hospital after treatment for an intestinal disorder.

Transportation Tieup Stymies Nags for North

MIAMI, Apr. 2—Familiar names will be missing from the dope sheets at northern race tracks this summer unless someone figures out how to arrange shipping space for hayburners marooned here by recent transportation bans.

The northern tracks open their season next month, but 580 nags are still at Hialeah and only one car per day is being attached to northbound trains, accommodating a mere 14 or 15 horses. The Calumet Farms stable, which would require at least five cars for the trip to Pimlico, is among the outfits holding the bag.

Hundreds Homeless as Floods Sweep Four Southern States

ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 2—At least seven persons were drowned and hundreds made homeless in floods which caused millions of dollars of property damage in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and north Louisiana.

The Tombigbee River flooded more than 250,000 acres of farm land in northeast Mississippi. The river reached 40 feet at the Frisco railroad bridge, where the flood stage is 20 feet.

The Pearl River swept beyond its banks in Mississippi and residents of

East Jackson left their homes for higher ground. In the Flat Lake and Black Hawk areas of Grenada County, the Yalobusha River had left its banks.

In Albany, Ga., a considerable portion of the business and residential sections was under water. Residents of Newton, Ga., were using rowboats for transportation after the Flint River flooded the town. A number of bridges were washed out in southern Georgia.

Three soldiers were drowned in Kentucky when their Army truck was swept off a bridge.

February Plane Output Up 4 Pct., Nelson Says

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2—Donald M. Nelson, chairman of WPB, has announced that February aircraft production rose four per cent over the January mark through more efficient use of man-power.

Munitions output, Nelson said, remained at about the same level.

Coast Guard Officer Gets 25-Year Term in Murder

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—Lt. (jg) Adam Rother, veteran Coast Guard officer, has been sentenced to serve 25 years to life for the second-degree murder last July 17 of 28-year-old Rita Costello, described by the state as "sweetheart" of the married Rother.

The officer contended the girl was killed accidentally in his automobile in a struggle for a gun.

Rother took the sentence without emotion, but his wife Harriet broke into tears.

St. Louis' Ritzy Hotels Are Named in Ration Plot

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 2—OPA has brought suit against some of the city's most exclusive hotels, charging them with swapping ration points through the General Grocery Co.

A salesman for the company allegedly acted as broker. Among the defendants are the Park Plaza, the Chase, the Mayfair and the Lenox hotels.

Asks OK on British Court Rule of Tommies in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter)—Swift action on a House-approved bill to give British authorities jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed in the U.S. by members of the British forces was asked by Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long in an appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Delay on Plan Irks Baruch

He Protests Lack of Action On His Formula for Peace Reconversion

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—Bernard M. Baruch, who at the President's behest formulated a plan for the post-war conversion of the nation's economy to a peace-time basis, in a letter to the New York Herald Tribune has expressed his disappointment at the failure of Congress thus far to take action on the recommendations.

Baruch, who is special adviser to the director of the Office of War Mobilization, said that his report had been in the hands of official Washington for more than a month but that there had been no action on it.

"Surely we should have a complete community of interest with respect to preparedness for peace while at the same time concentrating on the winning of the war," Baruch said.

Russia and U.S. to Open Post-War Aviation Talks

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP)—Russo-American post-war aviation talks will begin here in two weeks, and discussions with China, Holland, Australia and New Zealand are to follow, the State Department announced over the weekend. The U.S. delegation will be led by Joseph Grew, former ambassador to Japan.

Talks between Britain and the U.S. will be held in London, with Adolph Berle, assistant secretary of state, and Edward Warner, of the Civil Aeronautics Board, representing the U.S.

Draft Brings 6 Deaths

INDEPENDENCE, Wash., Apr. 2—A 33-year-old farmer, brooding over imminent draft induction, has killed his four children, his wife and himself. Sheriff J. W. McIntosh said Bernard Arends, the farmer, feared for the future of his family and his prosperous farm if he were inducted.

'We're Going Over'—5 Million Strong by '45

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2—Five million men will be overseas by the end of this year, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told a press conference. He disclosed that 2,500,000 U.S. servicemen were overseas on Jan. 1, 1944.

23,000 U.S. Tanks Are Sent to Allies In 3-Year Period

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (Reuter)—Nearly 23,000 tanks and 750,000 other military motor vehicles, including tank destroyers and ordnance vehicles, trucks and jeeps, were sent to America's allies between March, 1941, and January, 1944, Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley announced.

More than 21,000 of the tanks and almost 500,000 of the other vehicles were sent under Lend-Lease.

"How many thousands of tanks and trucks have been sent to the British Isles in recent months for the British and other Allied troops who will join with our forces in the invasions of Europe which are to come must remain a military secret," Crowley's statement said.

Lonergan Guilty Of Slaying Wife

Convicted of 2nd-Degree Murder; Faces Term of 20 Years to Life

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—Convicted of the second-degree murder of his wife in her fashionable Beekman Hill apartment last October, 26-year-old Wayne Lonergan today faced a mandatory prison term ranging from 20 years to life.

A jury in General Sessions Court returned a guilty verdict late Friday night after deliberating almost ten hours. Judge James Garrett Wallace announced he would impose sentence Apr. 17.

Lonergan was charged with striking his attractive 23-year-old wife Patricia on the head with a metal candlestick, then strangling her. Her nude body was found later on a blood-soaked bed.

An alleged confession made by Lonergan after his arrest in Canada was admitted in evidence over the objections of defense attorneys who contended the defendant had been plied with liquor for hours in order to extract it.

Judge Wallace, in an hour's charge, told the jury that if they believed it had been obtained under duress they must disregard it. He added there was no evidence to substantiate a defense contention that Mrs. Lonergan might have been slain by a burglar.



"It's spring, sonny—and it'll take more'n a couple stripes to make me work!"

Diane



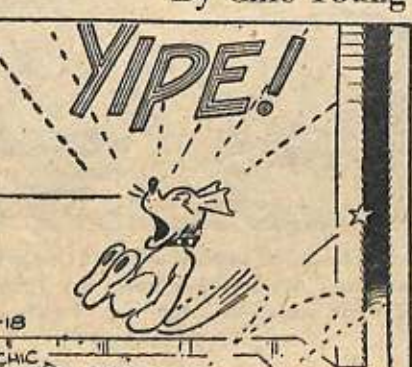
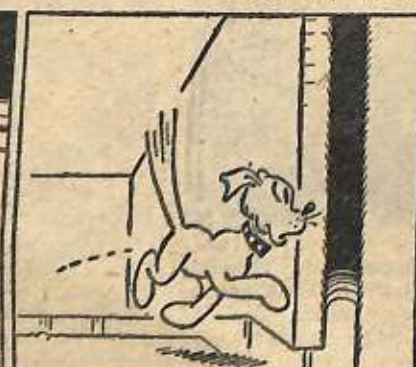
By Jean Baird

Male Call



By Milton Caniff

Blondie



By Chic Young

The Marines Have Landed Again



Keystone Photo
Smoke from a burning Jap blockhouse can be seen in the distance as Marines follow their tanks into battle on Namur Beach in the Marshall Islands.

Queen 'Bee



The Fighting Seabees "went to the polls" and named Susan Hayward their Queen.

A 'Duck' Brings Home The Bacon



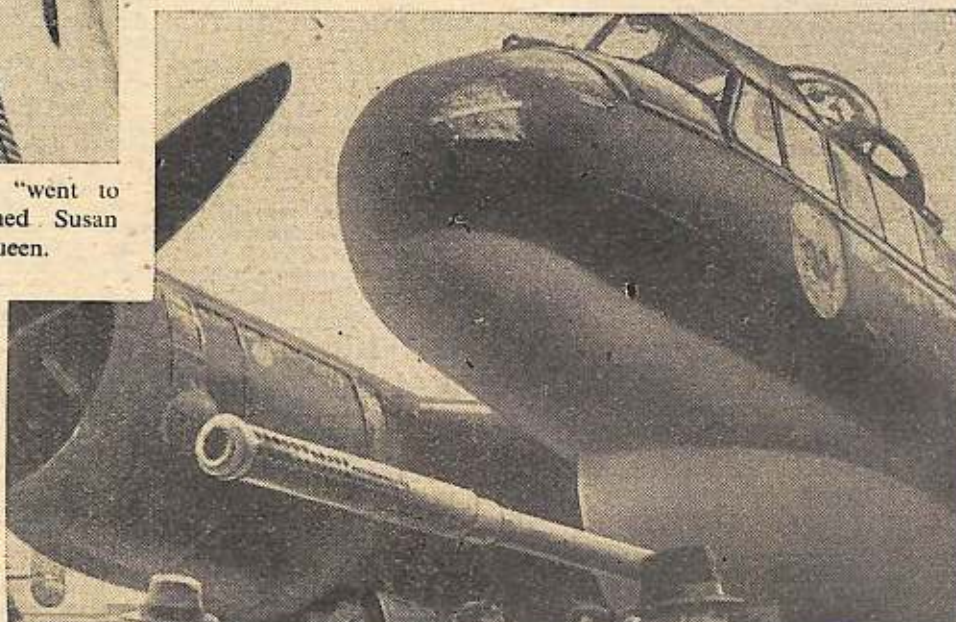
A U.S. Army amphibious truck heads for the beach with supplies from a coaster during maneuvers in England, taking priority goods first.

Spring Is Here—But Not In The ETO



Keystone Photo
Washington poets saw this sailor and his girl friend on the Mall and started turning out Odes to Spring. But they could be wrong—a serviceman's fancy turns to love any season.

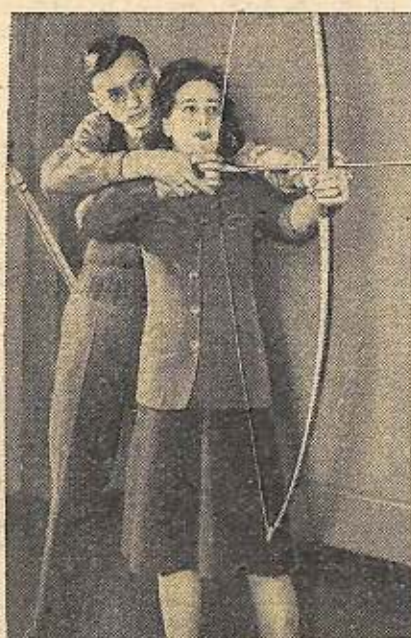
Here's a Tankbuster—Nazi Version



Keystone Photo
Here's the first picture of the German tankbuster plane, the latest Nazi development in this field. This airborne anti-tank gun will have a long way to go to match Allied tank busting records.

Here's How It's Done

To Sing Over AFN



Stars and Stripes Photo
Pvt. John Hlinka coaches WAC Cpl. Grace H. Jackson at the Washington Club's weekly archery class



Stephanie Dale, vocalist with the USO camp show "Showtime," hits the airplanes Tuesday with a special album of songs for GIs.

Want to Play Ball?



Here's the latest in play-suits and this is Betty Avery modelling it. Fashion notes say this costume is ideal for volley-ball, tennis and girls with figures like Miss Avery's.

Tramp, Tramp, Tramp



Associated Press Photo
In Italy it's still a foot-sloggers war. This GI, wearing a pair of "borrowed" German binoculars over his shoulder, is moving up to his mortar squad.

Presenting The Latest in Leg Art



Keystone Photo
Fighter pilots in the Pacific carry sharp jungle knives strapped to their flying boots. They come in handy in case of forced landings—and poker games too, perhaps.