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Vendez-vous des souvenirs?
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Do you sell souvenirs?

Snapped Shots



Here is a lens-eye view of the day's news: Top photo of a French collaborator facing a firing squad at Rennes was taken at the moment the rope which tied the traitor to the stake was snapped by the bullets and the body slumped to the ground. Center, members of an anti-aircraft 90-mm. gun crew pour lead at a flying bomb overhead in Belgium. Bottom, German girls who replaced men of the Luftwaffe transferred to ground combat units go through their training paces on the double with the men of the dwindling Nazi air corps.

Third Army Closing In On Saar's Key City

Battle Gains In Intensity At Athens

ATHENS, Dec. 7 (AP)—Blasting their way from house to house with tommy-guns, British paratroops late today were clearing out principal ELAS (Greek resistance) strongpoints among the ruins of the Acropolis, while sporadic sniping flared up again in other sections of Athens.

The undeclared civil war, in which British troops are battling on the side of Premier Georges Papandreou's government forces, grew more intense during the day. Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander, announced that field artillery had been in action in some areas. RAF fighters based in Greece joined the battle, strafing resistance columns at rooftop level.

(Reuter reported that the food situation was steadily worsening. Sailings of food ships for Greece from Italian and Egyptian ports has been cancelled.)

The fighting today involved artillery, mortars, tanks, armored cars, infantry and rooftop and trench warfare.

Scobie charged: "There is definite evidence that a number of ex-German soldiers are being employed in the ELAS ranks."

Papandreou said British action in Greece was not intervention and blamed the resistance for "plunging Greece" into civil war.

Papandreou promised that, once the civil war had ended, a plebiscite would be held in Greece on the type of government the people wanted. Papandreou added that leaders of the resistance would be held responsible for their actions, "which were highly illegal."

Reds Break Budapest Line

Russian forces were reported by Berlin yesterday to have broken through German defenses north of Budapest and to have driven to within 19 miles of the Hungarian capital. There was no confirmation from Moscow.

According to German commentators, the Russian breakthrough came after the Red Army, moving northwest from Hatvan, suddenly turned south.

South of Budapest, Marshal Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army pushed beyond Dunapentele, 29 miles from the capital.

Reports said the Russian drive toward Austria was running into stiffer resistance.

Balk Shakeup In State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—The Administration's attempt to inject new life into the State Department, following appointment of Edward R. Stettinius Jr. as Secretary of State, hit a snag today.

The Senate voted to return to its Foreign Relations Committee, for further consideration, President Roosevelt's nominations of Joseph C. Grew, Archibald MacLeish, William Clayton and Nelson Rockefeller as assistant secretaries of state.

Sen. Albert B. (Happy) Chandler (D.-Ky.) said the Senate wanted the committee to question the nominees—all of whom have been prominent in the Administration—on such matters of international importance as Franco, Vichy, post-war settlements and economic policies.

Rome All Wound Up In High-Price Spaghetti

ROME, Dec. 7 (UP)—Thousands of housewives have carried out a "blitzkrieg" on the black market in Rome. Storming into black market shops, crowds of irate women ransacked the stores and very nearly lynched the shopkeepers.

A "League of Hunger," composed entirely of women, has been formed to force the government to ration essential foods and suppress the black market.

It all started because housewives were dissatisfied with the high price of spaghetti.

Eighth Army Gains
Eighth Army troops captured Mezzano and rolled north along the Ravenna-Ferrara highway toward Bologna yesterday as German resistance was wiped out along the Lamone River.

Stettinius Quiet On Troop Use Against Greeks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U.S. secretary of state, today issued another statement reaffirming the American "hands off" policy with regard to Greece. While formally endorsing British Prime Minister Churchill's declaration that the Greeks would have complete freedom to form either a Rightist or Leftist government, Stettinius pointedly failed to endorse Churchill's statement that British troops would be used to prevent formation of "a Communist dictatorship in Greece."

When reporters bombarded Stettinius with requests to expand his statement, he declined, except to indicate that his declaration was not being conveyed officially to the British government.

ROME, Dec. 7 (AP)—The U.S. "hands off" declaration on Italian politics had produced no visible effect on the government crisis today, and the country was still without a cabinet 11 days after the Bonomi government resigned.

The British policy of intervention in Greece, which has aroused some protest in the London press, will be debated in the House of Commons today. Either Prime Minister Churchill or Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is expected to elaborate on the government's position.

3,000 Yanks To Help British Repair London

Three thousand U.S. Army servicemen will go on special duty next Tuesday, helping British workmen repair bomb damage and build temporary housing shelters in the London area. They will be drawn from the Corps of Engineers and other units.

The cost of paying, transporting and feeding these soldier-laborers will be borne by the U.S. Army. Their special duty will last for an unspecified time and their services will be controlled by the British Ministry of Works.

Announcement of the U.S. Army aid was made in Parliament yesterday by Duncan Sandys, new British minister of works, and was greeted by cheers. A more detailed report was made in a press release by the Ministry of Works.

The announcement said major details of the plan were arranged at a conference between British and American officials last Sunday, and Sandys said Gen. Eisenhower had approved the scheme.

The soldiers, many of them members of the building trades in civilian life, will work under Army officers and non-coms. They will be organized into three battalions for the project.

GIs Among Victims Killed by V2 Bomb

American soldiers were among those killed and seriously injured when a rocket-bomb fell recently on a U.K. pub, just as it was about to close.

West Front Toll Heavy; GIs 18 Now Filling Gaps

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, disclosing that the Army now was sending men under 19 overseas as infantry and armored-force replacements, said today that American troops on the Western Front "are suffering severe casualties and are facing the prospect of more to come."

Patterson said that "urgent military requirements" had necessitated the revision of the Army's policy in which 18-year-olds had been excluded "from active duty with the infantry and armored forces abroad."

He said a diminishing supply of men over 19 was being inducted while "the tempo of the war has increased sharply."

"Before June, 1944, the majority of men inducted into the Army were 19 years and over," Patterson said. "In October, 40 per cent of the inductees were under 19. It's another case of supply and demand, with the demand gradually outweighing the supply."

Despite the heavy American casualties in Europe "the enemy is suffering much more severely," Patterson said in revealing that American battle casualties since Pearl Harbor now totaled 552,018.

He said heavy Allied casualties were "inevitable" because of "an adequately equipped and well-led enemy in prepared positions is determined to try and hold his ground at any sacrifice."

1st Advances Slightly in 3 Attacks

Third Army tanks drove yesterday into the outskirts of Forbach, a Siegfried Line outpost 3½ miles west of the bombarded border city of Saarbruecken, and other armored units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces threw back German tanks in a five-hour battle ten miles southeast of Sarreguemines, where doughboys were mopping up enemy elements stranded by Nazi troops who had blown the Saar bridges in the area.

Ten enemy tanks were knocked out in the fight below Sarreguemines, although previous dispatches had indicated that the battle was on a greater scale.

Berlin Radio admitted that Third Army tanks had penetrated into the outer Siegfried belt at several points on the Saar front.

Meanwhile, the First Army got on the hop again, throwing in three moderate attacks toward the Roer River, along which the Ninth Army stands to the north. Two of the thrusts were from recently captured Bergstein, which was under German shell fire, and the third, from Inden, gained more than a mile and reached Pier.

A SHAEF dispatch said that on Wednesday, for the second successive night, the Cologne plain had been brightly lit, suggesting that intensive work was under way to prepare the Erft River to the east, as another defense line after the Americans force the Roer.

Morrow Davis, Stars and Stripes cor-

Shell Shortage Does Not Impair Drive—SHAEF

PARIS, Dec. 7 (AP)—There is no shell shortage of a sufficiently serious nature to impair the present offensive, it was stated today at SHAEF, although it was admitted that the Allied armies would need more and more shells as the battering of Germany continued.

respondent with the Ninth Army, reported that, even with air superiority and better equipment, crossing the Roer would be no picnic.

On the Roer east bank, Davis wrote, are skilled, battle-hardened Germans, including the crack Fifth Panzer units and SS troops. Backing them up are good armor, plenty of artillery and ammunition and high ground from which to fight.

Fighter-bombers aided the Ninth doughboys striking to oust the Germans from the Julich sports stadium, but the enemy continued to fight even after the position was heavily bombed.

The Seventh Army in France captured high ground near Lemberg, three miles south of Bitch and eight miles from the Reich border. Five miles northwest of Hagenau, a German attack drove the doughboys out of Mertzwiller, but the Americans had better success in repulsing an enemy thrust below Niederbronn.

Capture 44,000 Nazis in Month

HEADQUARTERS, 12TH ARMY GROUP, Dec. 7—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander, said today that Yanks under his command had liberated approximately 115,000 square miles of territory and taken 400,000 German prisoners since D-Day, June 6.

His review of the military situation six months after D-Day showed that in the current attack, which began Nov. 8, his troops had taken 44,000 German prisoners and occupied approximately 700 square miles of Germany.

Bradley's command, comprising the U.S. First, Third and Ninth Armies, is now fighting, he said, on a 210-mile front.

GIs Lose in PX Card Snafu

Improperly prepared ration cards issued by their home stations are preventing up to 500 men a day from buying their weekly PX rations in London, an Army Exchange Service official disclosed yesterday.

Men from combat units have also been unable to obtain the extra two packages of cigarettes to which they are entitled because their status had not been indicated on their cards, the official stated.

Cautioning soldiers who expect to buy their rations in London while on furlough, pass or temporary duty to have their cards put in order before they leave their bases, the official listed the following points to check:

- 1—Ration cards must bear date of issue and signature of issuing officer.
- 2—Rations already received must be marked off correctly, from first week to eighth, rather than eighth to first.
- 3—Status of combat men must be indicated and countersigned by issuing officer.
- 4—Cards must bear owner's name and signature.

Judge's Death Causes Sedition Case Mistrial

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—The eight-month-old trial of 26 persons accused of conspiring to establish a National Socialist form of government in the U.S. was declared a mistrial today when Associate Justice James M. Proctor of District of Columbia Federal ruled the case couldn't continue "in the view of the recent death" of Chief Justice Edward Eichner, who had been trial judge.

Attorney General Francis Biddle now must decide whether to dismiss the case or call a new trial.

Ike Promises Germans Freedom of Worship

Gen. Eisenhower, in a message to the German people broadcast yesterday, promised them freedom of worship, restoration of church property and the abolition of all racial discrimination.

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THE B BAG



Tough Treatment for Germans

To the B-Bag: Just finished an article about treatment of Germans—and never burned up so fast before.

Just what are we fighting for if some filthy Boche, who has looted all of Europe, can complain that the Americans are damaging his property...

I don't know much about the last war but this sure smacks of what I have read—and so we had to come back and try again.

These sentiments are also expressed by the rest of the wounded E.M. in this hut, only the language used to express them couldn't be printed.

A New Veterans' Group

To the B-Bag: May I endorse Private A. L. Isgood's plea for a new veterans' organization?

How about "The Crusaders," Pvt. Osgood? and no satire intended either—Navy Lieutenant.

On the 'Perfect GI'

To the B-Bag: 1—May I tell you that I think the article you published today re the "Perfect GI" is absolutely trashy...

2—Perhaps they should transfer that man to the WACs. 3—It's a damn shame to spoil a perfectly good newspaper by writing such trash.

Nurses at the Front

To the B-Bag: I've read every possible Stars and Stripes I can get hold of, and haven't seen an article as yet telling of the marvelous job that our nurses are doing here in hospitals near the front.

The hospital I'm in now is a general evacuation unit. . . . Two nurses from the ward I'm in, as an example of them all, are 2/Lt. Collins, from Buffalo, N.Y., and 2/Lt. B. Conneally, who hails from good old Brooklyn.

OKs for the APO

To the B-Bag: Can you top this one? Fellows have been complaining about the mail system, but I am "totally" satisfied.

Enclosed is an envelope to prove my statement.—Pvt. Jack Schultz, AAF.

Maps, Not Editorials

To the B-Bag: I wish to complain about the tripe you turn out and call editorials.

I wish to suggest that you replace the daily drivel with maps, so that we can tell how the boys we took ashore are making out, instead of the "space fillers" you usually have.

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One Punch Izzy Still in There Punching

Man Who Popped Bundist Kuhn Does His Bit Against Hitler in Merchant Marine

By A. Victor Lasky Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Noel Coward notwithstanding, it was a guy from Brooklyn who took one of the first pokes at Hitler—though indirectly—long before Pearl Harbor.

That guy—"Just call me Izzy the Plumber" Greenbaum—popped into The Stars and Stripes office yesterday wearing a blue merchant-marine uniform of a CPO. He had a message. Which was to the dozens of GIs whose pictures he has taken on many troop transports to write him at 208 South First St., Brooklyn, if they want prints mailed to their families.

But first let's let Noel in on how "Izzy the plumber"—just another guy from Brooklyn—got Hitler mad, as he must have.

Feb. 21, 1939—the lull before the storm. That night New York's Madison Square Garden was jampacked. Twenty-two thousand members and sympathizers of the German-American Bund had turned out to hail the German-accented words of burly, girl-crazy Fritz Kuhn, whose fouling around with the Bund's dough later landed him in Sing Sing.

Fritzie wasn't in too good form that night, despite the fact that he and his "trusted" aides had organized the greatest gathering of Hitler-lovers in the history of the U.S. He was having difficulty mouthing such words as "Americanism" and "isolationism," and on one occasion he embarrassedly corrected the slip, "Thomas Lincoln," whom he claimed as a spiritual adviser.

Sitting in the press box, you may remember, was Dorothy Thompson, whose giggling—while police hovered about momentarily expecting the worst—caused Fritzie's face to redden perceptibly.

And then it happened. Kuhn had just said the President's real name was "Rosenfeld." A lithe figure leaped over a tier, scaled the rostrum and to Fritzie's amazement leaped at him—a fist landing in his puss. A half dozen storm troopers jumped the intruder.

When LaGuardia's blue-coated minions finally rescued the intruder he was bloodied, his clothes torn to shreds.

The intruder had been "Izzy the Plumber."

Izzy chuckled yesterday when he recalled the incident, which had hurled him



Greenbaum-Rubs Fist which Hit Kuhn

into a short-lived fame, stating "Gee, what would you have done if you were in my place listening to that s.o.b. hollering against the government and publicly kissing Hitler's behind—while thousands cheered?"

"Well, I did it."

When war finally came Izzy volunteered for sea duty with the merchant marine—he had been a sailor in 1937, in fact, he had visited Germany—paid up his National Maritime Union dues and shipped out as a deck engineer.

"That's a fancy name for plumber," Izzy said. "My job mainly is keeping the latrines functioning. And boy, do I work when we hit rough weather."

Having plenty of time on his hands

between periods of rough weather, Izzy—taking advantage of his immunity from the taking-of-pictures ban GIs face on a transport—indulges in his hobby by shooting dozens of pix a trip and sending them to the soldiers' families.

Using a plain Kodak, he took photos of men bound for the beaches on D-Day. Some of those men died.

"It was worth all my effort," said Izzy, "when I received a letter from a mother thanking me for a picture of her son. She wrote he had been killed on D-Day."

"I felt like bawling and I did have tears in my eyes."

Aside to N.C.—You're right, some Brooklyn boys do cry.

Notes From Air Force

A Triple-Play Pubmobile Does Double Duty at a Lib Base

When three sergeant-buddies of the 448th Bomb group, a Lib outfit, were confronted with transportation difficulties they set about constructing a triple-seater bike from salvaged parts.

It's called a pubmobile, because the GIs use their tricycle for jaunts to nearby pubs as well as to get around their base.

On Nov. 30, 1943, the squadron commanded by Lt. Col. William O. Jackson, of Natchitoches, La., in the 352nd Mustang Group, lost three pilots to the Luftwaffe—the outfit's first losses.

B-Bagatelles

GI and Civilian: No Comparison—Just now

Irvin S. Taubkin, Prop.

OUR face is red. And not only our face. Cpl. N. Trachtenberg, an ETO MP, has just finished going over us with his short billy. "Who but a fool," he chides, apropos of the Hutton-Price-Mrs. LeGassique home-front debate which went on in these columns recently, "who but a fool would presume to voice a comparison between GI and civilian? Who but a knave would induce a soldier to debate his noble mission by provoking him into such a graceless comparison? And now that you've had your fun, how about getting down to the job you were sent here for? More news reporting and less provoking!"

No fool we, nor knave either, so we'll go quietly, Cpl. Hesitating just a paragraph, if we may, to reveal one further of the Corp's pearls anent the Gassique. "I pity the guy," he sobs, "whose pants she wears."

Nor is the Cpl. alone in taking us to task. "Some browned-off GIs" hop us for reporting that officers as well as enlisted men would wait on tables and pull KP at the Thanksgiving Day dinner at which the losers feted the winners of the 355th Fighter Group's skeet tournament. "The officers did NOT wait on tables or pull KP," the GIs correct us. "That little chore fell, as always, to the last four graders. This is the second year the same thing has happened."

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 215.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m. Friday, Dec. 8

1206—World News. 1205—Duffie Bag. 1300—Headlines—Sports News. 1305—John Charles Thomas. 1310—Yank Swing Session. 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour. 1500—Headlines—German Lesson. 1505—Strike up the Band. 1530—On the Record. 1630—It Pays to be Ignorant. 1700—Headlines—Music by Harry James. 1730—London Column. 1745—Novelty Time. 1755—American Sports News. 1800—World News. 1805—Mark up the Map. 1810—GI Supper Club. 1900—Headlines—Command Performance. 1930—Double Feature with Les Tremayne. 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary. 2010—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. 2030—Moonlight Serenade. 2100—World News. 2105—Ransom Sherman's Nit Wit Court. 2135—California Melodies with Frank Duval. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Listen Characters. 2300—Final Edition.

Saturday, Dec. 9

0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0815—Personal Album with Martha Mears. 0830—Music from America. 0900—World News. 0905—Music by Joe Reichman. 0925—Canada Dance Orchestra. 1000—Headlines—Morning After. 1030—Army Talks. 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1105—Duffie Bag.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Ya don't git combat pay 'cause ya don't fight."

CCNY, NYU Win as Garden Cage Season Opens

City Slaps Detroit, 42-22, As Violets Top Rochester

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—City College walloped Detroit, 42-22, and New York University beat Rochester, 53-39, last night before 16,182 fans as Madison Square Garden opened its doors to basketball for the 1944-45 season.

Al Grenert, an honorably discharged Marine who played with NYU two years ago, swished the nets for ten points in the second half to lead the Violets in their pull away from a 20-20 half-time tie against Rochester, and was high man of the whole program with 18 counters.

Five straight points by Clarence Hutchins pulled the upstarters even as the first half ended, but the Violets' fast break in the second half was too much. Grenert cut sharply and was well fed by Howard Sarath and Herb Walsh, and most of his points were from close in.

The opening game was loosely played and Nat Holman's Beavers didn't start pulling away from Detroit until 18 minutes had elapsed. City missed 22 straight shots before Hal Korovin finally hit with a two-pointer. Detroit led, 12-7, after the first 15 minutes, but City was ahead, 16-12, at the half. The Beavers spurred in the second half, scoring 12 points before John Sokol connected for Detroit after seven minutes.

Korovin's 14 points on five field goals and four foul-shots was high for the game, while Detroit's tallying was evenly spaced, with Jack Dillon's six points tops.

Minors Blast Pro Gridders As Confabs Start

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 7—Pro football took it on the chin as the annual minor league meetings got under way here yesterday when the International League recommended that the other loops appoint committees to "consider and recommend steps which can be taken to protect the property of baseball clubs from such unfriendly, unwarranted and unfair encroachment on the established playing season of baseball."



ED BARROW

And since Ed Barrow, president of the new York Yankees, for one, is known to feel the same way and is expected to bring the subject up at the major league meetings next week, it is conceivable that football teams which use the baseball parks will have to dispense with their September playing dates.

Outside of the blast at the pro gridders, the big news was the formal admittance of the Quebec-Ontario and the Carolina circuit to the minor league fold, the announcement that the North Carolina State League will resume operations in '45 and the decision of the Texas League to remain inactive next year.

The admittance of the two new loops and the resumption of play in the North Carolina State League brought the number of active minor league teams to 13, whereas ten operated in '44.

Army Gains Mythical Title

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—If the weekly poll of the experts conducted by the Associated Press is authoritative, Army's unbeaten, untied football team holds the 1944 version of the mythical national football championship.

Of 121 writers voting in this week's final poll 95 handed the palm to the cadets, who won their ninth straight decision of the season with a 23-7 victory over Navy Saturday.

Here's the way they finished: Army—1,165; Ohio State—941; Randolph Field—886; Navy—713; Bainbridge Naval—543; Iowa Pre-Flight—451; Southern California—427; Michigan—368; Notre Dame—355; Fourth Air Force—154.

Former Collegians Will Spark Maulers in White City Contest

to the Shuttle-Raders, 13-0, and BAD Warriors, 19-0.

The Mauler attack is built around Cpl. Nicholas Troilo, of Vandergrift, Pa., and T/5 Vincent Domino, diminutive speedster from Clifton, N.J., while Pvt. Russel Spicer, of Maplewood, N.J., will keep the Eagle defense on their toes with his passes.

Eagles line plungers will have plenty of trouble with the Mauler forward line. They have four former collegians, headed by T/5 Bill Denwoodie, of Gary, Ind., who held down the tackle slot with Kentucky in 1937 and '38 and later the Green Bay Packers. Aiding Bill will be Pvt. John Lukachik, center of the Illinois Whiz Kids from Chicago; Pfc Arthur Rohlan, from Minneapolis, who gained his experience under Bernie Bierman at Minnesota, and End T/5 Vernon Newton, 190-pound USC freshman from Los Angeles.

The brains behind this combination of gridders is Lt. Jesse Clark, Cleveland griddler who played with Hillsdale College and the Cleveland Bulldogs, and Cpl. Joe Repko, of Lanford, Pa., and Boston College.

Landis Left \$100,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 7—Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who died a week ago Saturday, left an estate of \$100,000 to his wife, it has been disclosed. When his safety box was opened after his death it contained \$34,000 in war bonds and \$700 in cash. The remainder of the estate consists chiefly of stock.



DENWOODIE

Slick Court Larceny



With a flick of the wrist, Irving Torgoff, formerly of LIU and now of the Philadelphia Sphas, takes the ball from Ed Terzynski, of Oskosh (right), as the professional teams pried the lid off the New York metropolitan basketball season. Sphas won, 51-41.

Oma, Tami Forsake the Beach In Training for Garden Tussle

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—There is no telling what will happen at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night because Lee Oma and Tami Mauriello, the principals in the ten-round main event, have exposed themselves to the poisonous qualities of fresh air in their training for the first time in the memory of anyone on Jacobs Beach.

Oma has heretofore done all his sparring in smoke-filled gymnasiums and his road work in night clubs, and Mauriello is another devotee of gasoline fumes as well as those of stale beer, being the sole owner of a prosperous spaghetti house and saloon in the Bronx. Aside from owning the joint, Tami has not been averse to patronizing it.

In their last meeting Mauriello stashed Oma in the eighth round after being on the short end most of the way. Oma just simply gave out and couldn't last the distance. Now, however, having been convinced that he can get into the big dough if he will train, Oma has knocked himself down to 185 in a Jersey training camp, while Tami weighs 192.

Mauriello, who weighed 145 when he first fought at the Garden five years ago, recently was found to weigh 220, much of this hard-sinewy muscle derived no doubt from spaghetti and beer.

Olympic Officials Want Japs, Nazis In Next Games

CHICAGO, Dec. 7—Two prominent athletic officials have suggested that international athletics based on the principles of Olympic competition probably will play a big part in the re-establishment of global peace and added that German and Japanese athletes should be welcomed when the Olympic Games are revived.

Herman J. Fischer, president of the Central Association of the AAU, and Avery Brundage, Central Association member and head of the AAU Olympic Committee, agreed the Olympics would return to their pre-war prominence and named England as the probable site of the first games.

Both officials predicted a sports boom greater than the world ever has seen, and pointed out such forerunners of the great up-swing in sports activities as the Central American and Far Eastern games and contemplated Pan-American games.

Brought to a Standstill

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (AP)—Gunder Haegg, Sweden's crack miler, will have to spend five days in detention for being one day late when he reported for military service, according to the decision of a military court at Ostersund.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

ONE of the world's most lucrative businesses belongs to the backroom gent who manipulates odds and offer points on the weekly football pool cards. Even GIs who haven't seen the States for more than two years probably can remember how they tried to pick from three to ten "sure things," only to have their hopes shot when one game finished in a tie or a favorite was badly mauled.

Somehow, most of us never realized such dastardly goings-on could occur in the land of mild and bitter. In the sophisticated States—yes. But in England—no!

Their illusions can be shattered now, however, because the London sharpies went south, or wherever London sharpies take it on the lam, a couple of weeks ago when uncooperative soccer teams ran so much to pre-game form, 99 per cent of the usually naive clients had winning tickets. The insolvent bookmaking firm declared the day "Black Saturday" and disappeared from sight—with the money that had been wagered.

The loudest guffaw in our office when the gamblers' hasty retreat from London was discussed came from a mild-mannered gentleman who migrated from the backroom trade to the Army shortly after Pearl Harbor. He knows all the tricks of the trade, having packed his black suitcase on many a Saturday, only to have a last-minute upset save his face—and bankroll.

"This London deal reminds me of an afternoon back in '36," our pool card refugee began. "We were in a New York hotel room, waiting for the result of the Princeton-Yale game, and sweating plenty 'cause that game wound up thousands of winning cards. Princeton was 3-1 favorite and if the Tigers' won, as expected, we'd be in bad shape.

"The table was stacked with cards we would have to pay off. And none of us expected that miracle to happen. I could see the jail bars in front of me, and, brothers, the picture wasn't so happy. If we lost we'd owe about \$2,000,000 and that ain't hay. What's more, we couldn't have raised that kind of dough in a million years.

"Finally, I couldn't stand it any longer. If I was going to jail or to hop a freight in a couple of hours I at least wanted to listen to the broadcast of the game. So I took a deep gulp from the bottle and twisted the radio dial. Sure enough, Princeton was out front, 21-0, at the half. So we called the railroad ticket office and made reservations to Walla Walla, Wash., or some joint like that.

"Nothing much happened in the third quarter—so we started to pack our bags. Then this guy from Yale, Larry Kelley, began to run wild. He broke loose in the fourth quarter and the Bulldogs soon trailed only 21-14. But that clock sure was movin' fast. Just then Kelley caught a touchdown pass as the gun sounded. And when he kicked the point that tied the score our hotel room was covered with the pool cards we sent sailing through the air."

Help Wanted - AND GIVEN. Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army. Telephone, ET0USA, Ext. 2131.

APDS Wanted. PVT. Carmen A. FRANCO, Bridgeport, Conn.; S/Sgt. Millard Bert FULLER, New York City; Lt. E. K. GATCHELL, Manhattan; Chaplain Joseph O. GUILLET; Lt. Eddie GREENAN, Clarkston; Lt. Eugene T. HENRY; T/5 Paul W. HUBBUCH, Louisville, Ky.; Pvt. Roland HUBFAKER, Kodak, Tenn.; Pvt. Thomas R. JAGOR, Richmond, Va.; Cpl. Blair S. KIMBALL; 16145989, Chicago; Pfc. Regina LUMPKIN, Sgt. Edward LASSEN; Cpl. Bert A. LEWIS; Lt. Tommy F. LEFTWICH, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Charles G. MEADE, Bluefield, W. Va.; Pvt. Raymond W. PATELUNAS, Elmira, N.Y.; Pfc. Russell D. PALLO, 3917608; Lt. Kendall W. PALMER, Columbia, Mo.; T/4 Milton PERMAN, Columbia, Mo.

Dick Tracy. THE SCENE: SNOWFLAKE'S FIRST PERFORMANCE WITH VITAMIN FLINTHEART IN 'LOVES APRE'. LISTEN TO THAT APPLAUSE—SHE'S LET HER A SENSATION! LET HER LEAVE THE STAGE.

By Chester Gould. WHAT DID I TELL YOU, YOU DOUBTING THOMASES! HISS-SS-SS! HERE SHE IS, FOLKS, SHE'S ALL YOURS! BRAVO CLAP CLAP CLAP HURRAH BRAVO CLAP BR. I TELL YOU, SHAKY, WE'VE FOUND HER! WE COULDN'T MISS HER NAMES IN LETTERS THAT HIGH! EXPLAIN YOURSELVES, FOOLS!

Li'l Abner. OH, DAISY MAE! THIS WAS YOUR CHANCE! WHIFFO! DID YOU MISS ME BY?

By Al Capp. TH' FINISHIN' LINE!!—WHAR AM BECOMES TH' SOB!! MONSTER'S MATE!! STOP BASHIN' YO' HAID UP AGIN' TURT ROCK! CUES YO' IT'S A RE-FLECK-SHUN ON MAH DE-SIR-ABILITY!! WHAR THEY COME!! WINNERS DRAG-ON' LOSERS??

Paschal Paces Ground Gainers

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Bill Paschal, Maritime Service warrant officer, has found time away from his sea duties to win the National Football League ground-gaining championship for the second straight year. Bill has gained 682 yards in 179 attempts and has one game left to play, while his nearest competitors, Johnny Grigas of the Card-Pitts and Frankie Sinkwich of the Detroit Lions, have finished their seasons.

The Washington Redskins have the ace passer of the league in Frankie Fikchock, whose 78 completions in 132 attempts have gained 1,170 yards, and next to him is Ensign Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears with 71 out of 143 for 1,018 yards.

Len Younce, Giant lineman, has gathered in the punting championship with an average of 41.1 yards per kick in 42 tries.

Horvath, Widdoes Trade Bouquets at Heisman Fete

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Modesty and mutual admiration were the keynotes of last night's banquet at which the Downtown Athletic Club awarded the Heisman Trophy to Les Horvath, Ohio State quarterback, as the nation's top football player of the year. Horvath gave all the credit for his success to his coach, Carroll Widdoes, and Widdoes threw the ball right back in his lap with, "A fellow like Horvath would make almost anybody a great coach."

Horvath said the Buckeyes' toughest game of the season was the last one with Michigan, on which the Western Conference championship and Ohio State's perfect record depended. "Michigan was really up for that game," Les said. "They made us go all out."

CAGE RESULTS

CCNY 42, Detroit 22.
Hobart 58, Syracuse Army AB 40.
Muhlenberg 37, Penn State 36.
NYU 53, Rochester 39.
Notre Dame 89, Kellogg Field 28.
Oklahoma Aggies 57, Okmulgee Army AB 34.
Purdue 51, Bunker Hill Naval 49.

American Hockey League

Indianapolis 3, Hershey 2									
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 1									
Other teams not scheduled.									
EASTERN DIVISION									
W L T P	W L T P	W L T P	W L T P						
Buffalo	11	7	2	24	Providence	5	10	2	12
Hershey	8	8	2	18					
WESTERN DIVISION									
W L T P	W L T P	W L T P	W L T P						
Indianapo.	10	6	5	25	Cleveland	9	7	2	20
Pittsburgh	11	6	1	23	St. Louis	4	10	2	10

Life in Those United States

FTC Sees Violations Of Law in Butt Scarcity

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS)—A Federal Trade Commission spokesman said today that FTC was convinced "there are violations of federal anti-trust laws in connection with the current cigarette shortage."

The spokesman said that FTC was "looking into" the shortage and trying to determine causes and that if inquiries uncovered definite violations of law, formal complaints would be issued.

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: Congress received its final appropriation bill of the present session—a \$415,000,000 measure to supplement funds already provided for miscellaneous agencies. If enacted, the bill would boost to an estimated \$68,000,000,000 new funds voted by Congress this year.

Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, head of the Army Service Forces, said 40 per cent of American war production "now are behind quotas." . . . Brig. Gen. J. J. Christmas, deputy chief of the Army Ordnance Department, declared the nation's No. 1 production bottleneck was in the output of heavy tires, which he described as "the backbone of the whole war effort."

The War Department disclosed that as of Dec. 1 there were 359,247 prisoners of war in the U.S., an increase of 26,871 over the preceding month.

Call and Recall

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Telephone operators in business firms answered their phones today with "Remember Pearl Harbor" instead of the usual "Hello." A one-minute silence, broken only by the tolling of bells in 1,500 churches, marked the city's observance of the day.

Death Wins a Race

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 7 (AP)—Kenneth Wright, five, tried hard to live to see his sailor father, who was coming home for Christmas. Three days ago the child spoke to his dad by trans-Pacific phone and told him to hurry home. Last night, Kenneth died from a pancreas ailment.

'Boy-Baby' Formula Had a Flaw—It Didn't Work

HACKENSACK, N.J., Dec. 7 (ANS)—Mrs. Martha S. Armour, testifying in her husband's suit for divorce, told a court today her husband "has a theory" used by royal families of England and Germany by which only male children would be born, but that it "wouldn't work" in their case.

She said that her millionaire husband, Bernard S. Armour, promised her a chinchilla coat before their third and youngest daughter was born if the child were a boy and threatened to divorce her if another girl showed up. Mrs. Armour added that in 1935 and 1939 she was forced to have abortions because her husband feared the children would be girls.

Meantime, her millionaire husband, a chemical industrialist, charged his wife with being guilty on 21 specific counts of misconduct with three men.

Armour testified his wife had proposed he take a mistress and she a lover "so we could live like rich French" and that she had offered to find him a mistress. Mrs. Armour denied this, however.

White House In-Laws Wait

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 7 (ANS)—Honey-mooning Col. and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt (she was Fay Emerson, the actress) will visit the colonel's parents—the President and Mrs. F. D.—if the bride can make the necessary arrangements with her studio, the Colonel said today. Earlier in the week, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt had told her press conference in Washington that she had never seen her new daughter-in-law—neither in person nor on the screen. The newlyweds are scheduled to return to Hollywood tomorrow.



COL. ROOSEVELT

Clare Boothe Calls the Women to Battle

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (ANS)—Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R.-Conn.), now touring European battlefronts, has declared war on "the peculiar obstacles and booby traps" confronting career women.

Writing in the January issue of the new monthly magazine Pageant, Mrs. Luce said "women are not yet looked upon as human beings. They are not yet judged as human beings. They are not yet rewarded as human beings."

She cited the above as her reasons "why I am for women wherever they are working to kick over barriers of segregation and expose the myth that all women are intellectually inferior to all men."

Smoking 'Em Out

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7 (ANS)—It is really easy to get cigarettes. A woman merely inserted an ad in a paper asking for a carton for a man in the Navy. She had more than 50 calls and most of the callers said they'd give her the smokes, not sell them.

Fagfast

DENVER, Dec. 7 (ANS)—Members of the Denver Breakfast Club have signed pledges not to buy or smoke ready-made cigarettes until the supply of smokes for armed forces is ample.

She's Had It

GI's Wife Says He Told Her To Have a Baby by Another

CHICAGO, Dec. 7—Mrs. Irma Brennan, 21, who gave birth to a daughter 14 months after her husband, Pfc Gerald Brennan, 31, was last home, started Superior Judge John A. Sbarbaro's court today by declaring her husband had asked her to have the child because he was unable to be a father.

Despite the fact that her extra-marital romance came at her husband's request, Mrs. Brennan testified, he had secretly filed suit for divorce, basing it on her alleged misconduct. Mrs. Brennan was in court to oppose an injunction, sought by her husband, to restrain her from disposing of the \$50 allotment she receives.

The judge, baffled, referred the case to a special commissioner for investigation.

Mrs. Brennan said her husband, now stationed in Trinidad, said while home on

Convicts Give In

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7 (UP)—Twenty-five convicts of the Federal Penitentiary here who yesterday seized 80 members of the prison staff and barricaded themselves in protest against convicted enemy aliens being allowed to mingle with them surrendered today. The prison warden agreed to air the convicts' complaints.

Bust

CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (AP)—The American mistletoe trade is expecting a very black Christmas market this year because of the absence of eligible men. "There's hardly anybody left worth kissing," one mistletoe operator said. "We might as well give the stuff back to the birds."

Law Seeks Teeth

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7 (ANS)—After quarreling with his wife, Ben Schuster rushed out of their home in a huff and left behind his false teeth. Returning to pick up his chewing apparatus, Schuster was informed by his wife, "You can't have them." The city prosecutor said he would issue a formal summons against Mrs. Schuster—for the teeth.

Gone

BURBANK, Cal., Dec. 7 (ANS)—Police fired two shots at a burglary suspect in the cafe. They missed, but one bullet hit a juke box, which promptly gave out with: "Going My Way."

Toots Toots

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 7 (ANS)—Postwoman Mrs. C. R. Alley honks the horn of her car twice if she has a letter from a serviceman for a person along her route. No GI letter, no toot.

Got a Bomb, Chum?

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7 (AP)—The case of the exploding chewing gum has given Philadelphia police something to chew on. Glen Lloyd reported yesterday a stick of gum exploded in his mouth, lacerating his lips and tongue.

Palm Beach Record

PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 7 (ANS)—As Northern visitors dashed southward to elude the cold, Palm Beach's population today neared a winter record of 20,000 visitors. New arrivals were estimated at 1,000 daily.

Helped Fry Nazis in Greece



The 15-year-old American boy on the left has engaged in 14 battles against the Nazis. He is Louis Petropoulacos, and he went to Greece from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1936. He is shown with Aris Volouchiotis, Greek fighting leader, to whom he has acted as an aide.

Automatic Pilot Bucking

Ghost Fort's Crew Is Found, 3-Point Landing Still a Puzzle

91ST BOMB GROUP, Dec. 7—The mystery of a Fortress reported to have made a perfect landing in Belgium minus its crew has been cleared up by the crew members who returned here. The big ship did just that—on automatic pilot.

"It all started when bad weather set in just before Merseburg, the target,"

1/Lt. Harold R. DeBolt, pilot from Santa Rosa, Cal., related. "The formation started to climb, but we had a bad engine and couldn't keep up with them. We were unable to get rid of our bombs because of a malfunction of the bomb racks."

"In our limping condition we were an easy target for the flak boys. A direct hit in the No. 3 engine knocked the mount through the wing. Several minutes later a big red flash filled the center of the plane, even reaching up to the cockpit. We had been hit in the bomb bay, and I'll be darned if I know why the bombs didn't explode."

The weather closed in solidly as the battered Fort, shuddering from a wind-milling propeller, tried to make the English coast. Resetting his course for Brussels, DeBolt ordered all loose equipment jettisoned. When the final two engines sputtered, the crew bailed out, DeBolt jumping after he had set the plane on its automatic pilot.

Other members of the crew were: 1/Lt. Osborn E. Stone, Derry, N.H., co-pilot, and William R. Dominguez, San Bruno, Cal., navigator; F/O Richard P. Cusson, Worcester, Mass., bombardier; T/Sgt. Troy C. Young, Friendsville, Tenn., engineer, and John J. Alba, New York, radio operator-gunner; S/Sgt. Granville C. Hoobins, Richlands, Va., ball turret gunner; Charles E. Walker, Newtonville, Mass., waist gunner, and Nelson Richardson, East Canton, Ohio, tail gunner.

Guerrillas Helping Yanks in Philippines

About a half-million native guerrillas are assisting the Americans in throwing the Japs out of the Philippines, Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, who flew from Leyte, told members of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday. The American hold on the Philippines is secure, Romulo said.

Meanwhile, on Leyte, Gen. MacArthur announced "the enemy's situation must be regarded as serious." The flow of supplies to the trapped Japs in the Ormoc corridor has been cut off with the sinking of a number of cargo vessels, MacArthur said.

Water, Water All Over, But Not a Drop to Drink

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQ, Leyte, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Under an ordinance issued in Tacloban, capital of this rain-soaked Philippine island, both the sale and manufacture of liquor have been banned in an attempt to prevent the widespread selling of bootleg liquor to American soldiers in the area.

Terry and the Pirates



By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

Freed Peoples Request Flood Of Materials

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—Requests for raw and processed materials with which to re-start industry in liberated areas of Europe were reported today to be pouring in on the central section for relief and rehabilitation of the Combined Production and Resources and the Combined Raw Materials Boards.

These requests come at a time when U.S. industry, pinched by reported impending shortages of vital war materials, is going into renewed and expanded war production, and when reconversion and other civilian-production plans are being shelved as a result.

The requests from the liberated areas vary in range from big items like 700 locomotives for France, 60,000 freight cars for liberated Europe, coal-mining machinery for Spitzbergen and highway-repair machinery for Italy to sewing needles and post-office forms for the Balkans, fishing hooks for the Greeks and horseshoe nails for the Sicilians.

The agencies' progress report disclosing these requests explained that they emanated from three sources: The military, responsible for relief of the civilian population immediately after liberation; UNRRA; and countries like France, Belgium, Holland and Norway which have resources to pay for their requirements, at least in part. These nations require materials to re-start local industries and thereby provide employment for their people.

Admits China Is in a Crisis

CHUNGKING, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Recent Japanese advances in China have created "a serious military situation," Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, head of U.S. forces in China and chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, admitted today.

In his statement, issued "in absolute candor," Wedemeyer denied rumors that U.S. forces would evacuate China, declaring: "I am confident that the U.S. will see China through the crisis."

The enemy's progress has rendered his communications more vulnerable to Allied counter-action, Wedemeyer said.

The Chinese must copy the example of the British in the Battle of Britain and the Russians at Stalingrad because "there can and must be the same solidarity between the Chinese people and the military forces," he said.

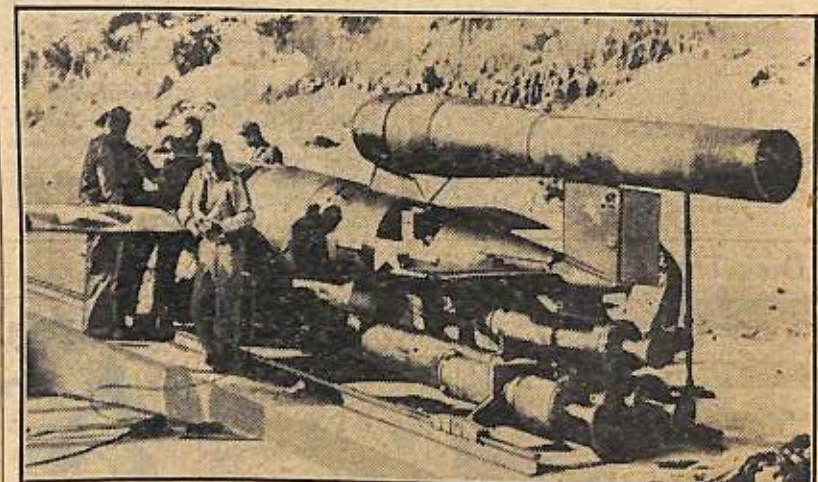
(On the political front, according to The Associated Press, Gen. Chou En Lai, Communist delegate, said Chiang had rejected formally a Red proposal to establish a coalition Chinese government, but had made counter-offers.)

Two Generals Ask Strict Care of Tires

PARIS, Dec. 7—The ETO's chiefs of ordnance and transportation today urged drivers of U.S. Army vehicles to give their tires "normal" care in order to beat an impending shortage.

Maj. Gens. Henry B. Sayler, ordnance chief, and Frank S. Ross, transportation chief, urged in a joint statement that every driver see that his tires were retreaded before the plies became too worn; that correct air pressure was maintained; that high speeds and improper braking be avoided; that tires be rotated; that wheel alignments be checked; that overloading be avoided.

U.S. V-1 About to Be Tested



Here is a closeup view of America's V-1 about to be launched in a test. Modeled after the Nazi flying bomb, the robot's launching ramp can be built in four days, whereas it took the Nazis two weeks. It represents an improvement over the German type and is ready for use now if needed.