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First of the Final

Blows, States

Alexander

NAPLES, May 12-A grand-scale

Allied offensive was on in Italy today,

spearheaded by troops of the famed

British Eighth Army who were shifted

in a sensational, secret maneuver

across the snow-topped Appennine

Mountains from the Adriatic side to

And as the western invasion forces

in Britain and the Red Army in the east awaited the signal for a mighty, unified attack on Hitler's Europe, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander indicated that his act in Italy was the curtain raiser for the big show. In an order of the day to his troops, he said:

"From the east and west, from the north and south, blows are about to fall

which will result in the final destruction of the Nazis. . . To us in Italy has been given the honor to strike the first blow. . . ."

Record Artillery Barrage

The big surprise push was preceded shortly before last midnight by the most

tremendous artillery barrage ever laid down in the Mediterranean theater, heavier even than the one before the British drive at El Alamein, with warships

the Cassino front.

troops, he said:

# Hit Deep in The Reich

#### I in Czechoslovakia Also Pounded: Cost Is 42 Bombers, 10 Fighters

One of the strongest forces of American heavy bombers and fighters ever sent against German targets thundered across Europe yesterday to attack four major synthetic-oil plants in the Leipzig area of Germany and one at Brux, inside Czechoslovakia. In addition, the aircraft repair plant at Zwickiau, south of Leipzig, was hit.

Nearly 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by as many Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings,

were engaged in the operation.

Battling through savage resistance from enemy fighters, the planes bombed their targets with excellent results, photographs taken during the operations indicated. Forty-two American bombers and ten fighters failed to return.

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While some formations encountered fierce opposition, others saw not a single enemy plane. The force which went to Brux said as many as 200 interceptors of all kinds swept in, sometimes 40 or 50 at a time. American fighter pilots claimed 66 enemy aircraft shot down; bomber crews' claims had not been tabulated at a late .our.

One fighter pilot, 1/Lt. Robert J. Rankin, of Washington, reported shooting down five—the second pilot in the ETO to make such a score.

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#### Channel Blitz Continues

As the heavies switched suddenly to a new kind of objective in the campaign to paralyze the German war machine before the western invasion, American and British medium, light and fighterbombers kept up the pounding of ar-fields and rail targets in France and Bel-gium with a follow-up to the RAF's night blows against rail yards at Boulogne and Louvain and other targets in the same

Targets in the Leipzig area were the big Leuna oil plant at Merseburg, 18 miles west of Leipzig; other plants at Lupzkendorf, 14 miles south of Halle; Bohlen, just outside of Leipzig, and Zeitz. The Lupzkendorf plant alone produces an estimated 3,000 tons of synthetic oil yearly, mostly of the Diesel variety.

Leipzig is an estimated 550 airline miles from London and Brux 650.

The occupied countries, meanwhile, shook under thousands of tons of high explosives as smaller planes of the Ninth Air Force, the RAF and Allied units carried on the cross-Channel pre-invasion

Ninth-which Thursday bad carried out three major operations in one day for the first time-sent Marauders and A20s against five important Luftwatte helds in north aircraft were sighted, and all of the bombers and escorting fighters returned.

Simultaneously, bombers and fighter-ombers of the Second Tactical Air bombers of the Second Tactical Air Force (RAF, Dominion and Allied) attacked railway and other military tar-gets in northern France.

USSTAF headquarters announced yes terday that its two bombing operations on Thursday—against 11 German rail-way yards in Belgium, France, Luxem-bourg and western Germany—had cost 16 bombers and ten fighters. bomber crews claimed three enemy air-craft shot down; fighter pilots claimed 15

# TheWarToday

Italy—Allies open big offensive; Gen. Alexander calls it "first blow" for "final destruction of Nazis"; Eighth Army secretly moved across mountains to spearhead drive.

Air War Large force of American bombs four synthetic-oil plants in the Leipzig area of Germany and one in Czechosłovakia; other U.S. and Allied bombers keep up blasting of airfields and rail targets in France and Belgium after RAF night blows at Nazi communications in those two countries.

Pucific—Night and day attack on Truk highlights continuing aerial assaults on Pacific Islands; Japs being ousted from positions south of Kolima on the Burma front,

Russia Russians repulse large-scale against bridgehead on west bank of lower Daiester with heavy losses to enemy; enemy casualties total 111,000 in reconquest of Crimea.

# 4 Oil Plants Allied Big Push Is Opened in Italy; 4 Satellites Get 11th-Hr. Warning

# Quit Now, 3 Big Powers Order Nazi Puppets

Even as the Allies launched an offensive forerunner in Italy to history's greatest invasion, the U.S., Britain and Russia jointly delivered a virtual ultimatum yesterday warning Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland to get out of the war now or go down to defeat with Germany.

There is yet time for the people of these four satellites to contribute to the coming Allied victory," said the declaration, revealed by the State Department at Washington. The ultimatum promised no easy treatment in return for a break with the Axis but stated clearly that the satellites fate hung in the balance of a pre-invasion decision.

Triple significance was seen in the warning. It pronounced sentence on all, but provided mitigation of the sentence for a satellite which quits the war now. It was the first joint declaration to the satellites by the three powers. It was deliberately timed to strike home on the eve of portentous events.

Finland, with which the U.S. is not at war, and Bulgaria, with which Russia

#### Rumania and Russia Reported Dickering

Algiers radio, quoting "well-in-formed quarters in Geneva," reported yesterday that indirect peace negotiations between the USSR and Rumania had begun.

It said the Soviet terms called for surrender of the Rumanian army, its assistance in the war against Germany, return of Bessarabia and Bukovina to Russia, return of Transylvania to Rumania, and payment of an unspecified sum to Russia as indemnity.

is not at war, were placed in the same sinking boat as Hungary and Rumania.

The warning-emphasized four points: 1—These four nations "are by their present policies and attitudes contributing materially to the strength of the German war machine."

2—They "have it within their power, by withdrawing from the war and ceasing their collaboration with Germany and by resisting the forces of Nazism by every possible means, to shorten the European struggle, diminish their own ultimate sacrifices and contribute to the Allied

3-While they "cannot escape their responsibility for having participated in war at the side of Nazi Germany, the longer they continue, the more disastrous will be the consequences to them and the more rigorous will be the terms imposed on them."

4-They must "decide now, while there is yet time for them to contribute to the inevitable Allied victory, whether they intend to persist in their present hopeess and calamitous policy of opposing

the victory.' It was the United Nations saying "last

#### Prelude to the Second Front



In the new offensive in Italy, Allied forces are concentrating against the 30-mile Gustav line from Cassino to the sea. Eighth Army, secretly moved across the Apennine Mountains from the Adriatic front, struck north and south of Cassino, while the Fifth Army drove up along the coast.

# Two Truk Raids Highlight Ceaseless Pacific Air Blows

Truk has taken a double pounding in a new widespread air offensive against Japanese naval and air bases in the Pacific islands launched after the San Francisco conference last weekend of Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the fleet, and Adms. Chester W. Nimitz and William F. Halsey.

Liberators from the Central Pacific attacked Truk airfields at night and other B24s from the southwest followed up in daylight, leaving great spreading fires as they hammered defense works and fires as they hammother installations.

## 111,000 of Foe Lost in Crimea

#### 20,000 Killed and 24,000 Captured in Last Five Days' Fighting Alone

Twenty thousand Germans were killed and 24,000 captured in the last five days fighting in the Crimea, and in the whole peninsula campaign since Apr. 8 an Axis army of 111,000 men was either killed

or taken prisoner, the Soviet Information
Bureau reported last night.

Heavy German losses in a large-scale
tank and infantry assault against the
Soviet bridgehead on the west bank of the lower Dniester were reported in Moscow yesterday. Front-line dispatches

said Soviet artillery smashed 60 out of 100 tanks making a mass attack. In the face of Moscow reports that massed batteries broke wave after wave of panzers and infantry, the Germans put out counter-claims, the official German news agency even reporting the bridgehead at Grigoriopol, 30 miles northwest of Tiraspol, had been wiped out. The German high command claimed seven Soviet divisions had been routed and .600 prisoners taken.

Moscow dispatches saw the attack as an attempt to disrupt Soviet groupings for a Russian offensive into Rumania.

#### 62 Jap-Americans Indicted

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 12-Sixty-two Japanese-Americans have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of failing to report for preinduction physical examinations.

## The Timetable in Italy

NAPLES, May 12-Here is the timetable of the Italian campaign: July 10-Landing in Sicily.

Sept. 3-Landing on mainland. Sept. 8-Italy surrenders.

Sept. 9-Landing at Salerno.

Oct. 1-Naples occupied. Jan. 22-Landing at Anzio.

Mar. 15-Cassino thrust. May 5-Pescara dam destroyed.

all types of planes Wednesday at Wewak and Hansa Bay, New Guinea, where trapped Jap garrisons are concentrated. New Britain, New Ireland and the Buka May 11 (2300 hours)-Big push Passage area in the Bougainville sector of the Solomons also received heavy poundings by Fifth AF bombers. opens

#### Allies Gain at Kohima

Another assault on Wake Island and

strafing and bombing of the few Jap-held

islands in the Marshalls were reported, while Gen. MacArthur's communique also

told of bombing and strafing attacks by

KANDY, Ceylon, May 12-News that Japanese positions to the south of Kohima were being wiped out was given today's communique from Lord Louis

Mountbatten's headquarters.

In addition to the land gains near Kohima, heavy fighting continued around Imphal, some 60 miles south, and the Japs suffered heavy losses in futile attempts to capture Bisenpur. Allied planes continued their assault against enemy communications deep in Burma. U.S. fighters shot down 13 of 25 interceptors in a concentrated sweep over air-fields south of Mandalay.

#### Dies Announces He Won't Seek Return to Congress

BEAUMONT, Tex., May 12 (AP)— Rep. Martin Dies today announced his withdrawal as a candidate for re-election because of illness and his desire to return to business.

#### Raids Close Brussels Schools

Brussels radio said yesterday that be-cause of Allied raids all elementary schools in Brussels would be closed from

belching their shells, too, from the Gulf of Gaeta. Hundreds of massed guns shook the earth and lit the sky like day for two hours, first silencing enemy bat-teries and then pounding the defenses. Then as the late moon rose, the re-grouped Allied armies—supported later by the prestest armada of planes are

by the greatest armada of planes ever assembled in Italy—began to move along the whole front: The Eighth Army across the bloody Rapido River on an eight-mile front between the rubble of Cassino and the Liri valley south of there, and also through the mountains north of Cassino; the Fifth Army into the rugged mountains flanking the Eighth's advance, between the Liri and the Tyrrhenian Sca, with the Americans there forcing the Garigliano River and pushing onward two miles two miles.

The same secret movements that trans-ferred the Eighth Army to the Cassino area shifted the Americans from there down to the Garigliano sector, while some Fifth Army elements from there moved northward to join the Eighth. These transfers of thousands of men

and vast convoys of supplies and equip-ment were successfully carried out over a period of weeks. They involved U.S., British, Dominions, French and Polish troops, and so completely were the Ger-mans fooled that some of their propaganda barrages recently have fallen on soldiers unable to read the leaflets. The Americans were unofficially re-

ported to have taken an important (Continued on page 4)

# Memphis Belle Back-on Film

A FORTRESS BASE, May 12-The flak-scarred Memphis Belle, first Fortress to fly back to the States after finishing 25 missions in the ETO, came back to its old base here yesterday—in a movie.

It was the ETO premiere of the techni-

color Hollywood version of the Belle's exploits, shown for the benefit of fliers and ground crews of the ship's home

M/Sgt. Joseph H. Giambrone, of Norristown, Pa., the Fortress's old crew chief, was in the audience, and got a special cheer when a shot of him painting the 25th bomb on the ship's nose

flashed on the screen.

The combat crew of the Memphis Belle took off almost a year ago for a bond-selling tour of the U.S.

U.S.BlueEaglesHitBerlinWithRAF

Months before the first official U.S. raid on Berlin, American members of the "Blue Eagle Air Force" were at the controls of British night bombers pounding the German capital, it was revealed today.

British-trained Yanks who transferred to the USAAF and then returned to the RAF to finish their tours of duty with their former crew members, the "Blue Eagles' are known officially as "members of the American air force on detached service with the Royal Air Force.

In their number are an enlisted pilot of British bombers, T/Sgi. William E. Adams, of Lexington, Mass.; the only enlisted navigator in the ETO, S/Sgt. William MacCready, of Boston, and one of the few officers flying regularly as gunners, Lt. Arnold Myron Berman, of

Dorchester, Mass. Berman draws no flight pay as American regulations do

not recognize officer-gunners. The Eagles' only link with the USAAF is a team of four Americans in Eagle headquarters at an Air Service

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND DEPOT, May 12- | Command replacement control depot. There works the organization's CO, Capt. Bryan Rust, of Detroit, and his aides, T/Sgt. George Ferrell, of Newark, N.J., the first American to be decorated by the King of England; Sgt. Noble D. Sappenfield Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., and Cpl. Anthony H. Scerbo, of New York.

Among the Eagles' top scorers is Lt. James Forrest Luma, of Seattle, Wash. Flying a Mosquito, Luma de-stroyed three German planes in the air, two trains and numerous trucks in 23 intruder missions for the RCAF between Nov. 3, 1943 and Mar. 6, 1944. In a recent mission, Luma teamed up with a Canadian Mosquito pilot, Flight Leader MacFayden, for a joint score of 20 German planes destroyed on the ground and in the air as they hedge-hopped 1,000 miles across France

Luma holds the British DFC, the American DFC and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Another Eagle, Capt. John W. Bray, a 43-year-old radio operator from Bridgeport, Conn., volunteered for a second tour of duty after completing his necessary

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#### WACs Are Soldiers

THE second anniversary of the establishment by Congress of the Women's Army Corps, May 14, finds them entrenched firmly as soldiers in

their own right, real G1 Janes. We remember well when soldiers, male, would stare at soldiers, female, and exclaim: "Jeez, look. A top sergeant with curls!" There used to be long arguments whether a woman could do a man's work in the Army, whether soldiers would be disconcerted when they had to work side by side with a WAC, whether they were WAACs or WACs and were "in" the Army or "with" the Army.

All that is history now, together with such dates as December, 1942, when five WAC officers came to Britain enroute to the Mediterranean; February, 1943, when two WAC officers reported here to be attached to Air Force signals; April, 1943, when Lt. Col. Anna W. Wilson, ETO WAC staff director, arrived here with her aide; May 12, 1943, when five EMs and six officers stepped ashore as the vanguard of the first separate battalion (the official anniversary of WAC's arrival in the ETO); July 16, 1943, when the battalion of 557 came here.

There are some 4,000 WACs in the ETO at present, all of them in important posts doing as well as any soldier ever did. And, we wish to confess in an embargassed male whisper, many of them are doing even better.

#### Careless Talk

THE Daily Mail yesterday put a finger on a security sore spot by reporting "public" discussion of vital war plans. Claims the Mail: "High ranking officers beliowed military secrets in St. James's Park in tones that could be heard by total strangers for yards around.

"As they walked from the north to the south, and by the famous pond, where from time to time their loud conversation was broken off to admire the ducks they were discussing in pairs and groups information which would have made the fortune of any spy.

"There was no need to eavesdrop. Without deliberately running away, you could not avoid hearing what was said, such was the volume of the voices.'

We are sure that as you read this the barracks-square roar of "Top Secret" information in St. James's Park has ceased for ever; but the danger from a carelessly spoken word still remains. All the world awaits news of the second front, and "conceited fools" may still "spill the

As the Daily Mail points out, it is the "Brass-Hat" who must exercise the greatest precaution, for it is the officer who is most familiar with impending operations. But every soldier, from lowest to highest rank, should take the Sphinx as his "shining example" when it comes to matters of asmilitary nature.

Surely none of us can be too careful.

#### 'Weather' or Not

AND now comes the news report that the United States weather bureau is getting together a system to forecast the weather for a month or even a year ahead of time.

We are against that system, on a purely personal basis. Think what would happen to us if we knew that next Tuesday at 1332 hours it would rain cats and dogs.

No longer could we stick our nose out from under the blankets and inquire of tent mates, "How is the weather outside?"

We would know, by looking at the calendar, that it was raining. The forecasting, incidentally, is presumably for weather outside a tent, not inside. It's just force of habit that makes us ask how the weather is outside.

And Grandma no longer could ask: "Don't you think you had better wear your rubbers?"

"No, Grandma, I don't need rubbers this morning. The weather bureau said last Christmas that the sun would be out within the hour. Besides, I'll be in the pool hall by that time."

This long-range weather forecasting would be a lot of help to some folks, such as people who christen ships or play baseball or open World Fairs.

But what about that time-honored opener of conversations with good looking girls: "Lovely day today if it doesn't rain"? She would be completely justified in answering coldly: "Listen, Joe, you know as well as I do that the calendar says it will not rain today."

No, Sir. We want to remain in ignorance of impending weather. We want to go right on asking: "How is the weather outside?"

Thumb-nail Description Department. A file clerk was heard to comment to a fellow GI, "Boy, that new colonel ought to be drawing flying pay—he's always up in the air over something."

Fun on the Home Front. Pfc Francis L. Schanz spotted this item in his home-town newspaper, the Philadelphia Bul-



letin. A soldier parked his jeep beside a parking meter and a bystander said, "Better put a nickel in that meter, soldier." The GI turned and quipped wisely, "You put in a nickel mister. It belongs to you as much as to me."

Simile of the Future. "As common as

Today's Daffynition. A kiss is a course of procedure cunningly devised for the mutual stoppage of speech at a moment when words are superfluous.

For want of a better title we'll lable

Drama in One Act. The long-suffering supply sergeant stared glassily at the combat crew member who returned his fleece-



lined flying pants for exchange. "Okay," snapped the sarge, "what's wrong. They look all right to me." "Yeah," replied the little guy meekly, "but they chafe me—under the arms!"

Action on the Nissen-hut Front. The following communique was issued this morning by Sgt. John Bykowsky of a bomb group: "The boys in our barracks caught twelve rats last night. One of our traps is missing." J. C. W.

Hash Marks The Army's Better Half Celebrates



### WACs Proudly Look Back on Their 1st Year in ETO

By Charles F. Kiley Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Starting a gala weekend of festivity, pomp and parades, upward of 4,000 WACs in England lifted canteen cups yesterday to toast the first anniversary of the Corps' arrival in the ETO, and together with 65,000 other GI Janes in America, Italy, Egypt, North Africa, Hawaii, New Caledonia, India and Australia Maria and Australia and Au

Hawaii, New Caledonia, India and Australia, those in this Theater tomorrow will make it a double celebration by observing the second birthday of the women's half of the Army.

It was on May 12, 1943, that five Janes and six officers disembarked from a transport in the U.K. to pave the way for the arrival two months later of the first full-strength WAC contingent in Britain.

With dignity and firm morale, the Corps grew in numbers and reputation in the ensuing year to become as much a part of operations in the European Theater as

of operations in the European Theater as any GI outfit in the Army. Moreover, as the WAC grew, the ranks of resentful dogfaces diminished until today there are few still reluctant to admit that Jane has given a tremendous lift to the AEF in Britain.

Britain.

For the record of U.S. veterans in the ETO, herewith a first annual report on the WAC:

On performance, the WACs have

# S/Sgt. Margaret Techendorf, of Detroit, Mich., like the conductor who goes for a street car ride on his holiday, volunteers to help maintenance men at a bomber base on her day off. The sergeant, shown polishing the plexiglas turret of a B26 Bomber, is just one of 4,000 WACs on duty in the ETO. Upper left, first batch of WACs disembarking from an Allied transport vessel a year ago at a port somewhere in Britain.

Jane came in luxury liners and cargo boats, seasick but upright, to ETOUSA headquarters, to all branches of the Air headquarters, to all branches of the Air Forces, to services mushrooming from SOS such as Ordnance, QM, Transportation, Chemical Warfare, Engineers. She plotted, teleprinted, operated switchboards, typed, filed, made maps, assessed combat films, cooked, nursed and gave "shots" to jittery Joes, drove jeeps and trucks, handled intelligence records, sweated out missions from control towers and handled many more of the 239 types of jobs for which WACs train.

On parade, the smartness and precision of the Janes caused the eyes of hardened line troops to go up and down like elevators. For many soldiers, first glimpses

glamor in it.

The clammy English dawn made them shiver in heatless Nissen huts and con-crete barracks as much as any Joe. Only the few hundred working in London and one or two other sections were billeted in more comfortable quarters. Discipline was strict, more so than in the soldier's Army. Passes weren't too plentiful. And

Nevertheless, the WACs managed to have fun. No candidates for Roxy's chorus or Petty pin-up girls, many of them had more dates than they ever had in

had more dates than they ever had in their lives. They dated Tom, Dick and Harry, American and British, at first; soon favored their own soldiers and settled down to a GI "steady."

In 30 cases romance blossomed into marriage. Two WAC officers wed Britons, another an American officer, while 27 Janes took GI Joes for better or worse.

Many were reunited with home-town Many were reunited with home-town sweethearts, a few with husbands in ser-

Regulations prohibiting Janes from dating officers prevailed, but this was one rule the WACs and brass frequently side-

On or off duty, there weren't many essential differences between Joes and Janes. The WACs short-sheeted bunks in their huts, wore boy friends' insignia on their fatigues and maroon robes, fastened uniform buttons on the inside with cantains' hars were pilot and with

captains' bars, wore pilot and gunner wings for bracelets.

They also referred to an unpopular officer in much the same manner as a Soldier, The WACs also had a Liberator, the

Pallas Athene—The GI Jane, named after them, sponsored two war orphans, often spoke before Anglo-American groups, organized choirs and Bible classes. The Joes were glad, too, that Jane was around

proved themselves. The evidence lies in the frank admission by Army commanders and soldiers alike that there are not nearly enough of them over here.

Like the rest of the Army in general, that portion of it in Britain a year ago was openly apprehensive over the arrival of traditionally emotional and unpredictable females, supposedly geared to fit into a war machine girding for the biggest military operation in history.

But Gl Jane moved in, with Capt. (now Lt. Col.) Anna W. Wilson, trim 34-year-old ex-educator from Studio City, Cal., hand-picked to direct the WAC army in the ETO.

Jane came in luxury liners and cargo "absent" from her unit for more than probably and canteens, satisfy their craving for jitterbugging.

Proudest of all WAC boasts in their first year in the ETO has been their good conduct. Closely observed by everanxious gossipers, near by and 3,000-odd miles away, Col. Wilson's Janes set a laudable standard for staying out of trouble, one that probably is not equalled by a unit of 4,000 in any branch of service at home or abroad.

Informed of a recent press report that only three AWOLs were on the books in three battalions, Col. Wilson last week spoke up and said there "never has been a single case" where a girl has been "absent" from her unit for more than provided the provided that there are a single case.

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because a train was missed.

Another gilt-edged record was filed last
September when the WAAC abandoned
the role of stepsister, dropped an "A"
and became an integral part of the Army
with soldier's pricibles. with soldier's privileges of insurance, mail, dependency allotments and overseas

combat films, cooked, nursed and gave "shots" to jittery Joes, drove jeeps and trucks, handled intelligence records, sweated out missions from control towers and handled many more of the 239 types of jobs for which WACs train. On parade, the smartness and precision of the Janes caused the eyes of hardened line troops to go up and down like elevators. For many soldiers, first glimpses of U.S. women in uniform came in England; they had to admit the gals looked good. British and Canadian officers, long proud of their own girls in service, agreed that the WACs in review were hard to beat.

Little Glamor

Whatever, they were told or dreamed about life in the ETO, Col. Wilson's Army quickly discovered there wasn't much glamor in it.

The clammy English dawn made them.

The possibility of Jane climbing to commissioned ranks has been slim, due to the limited quota of officer candidates allotted to Col. Wilson's army. Only four have gone home to OCS, two already are second licutenants. One of them is Violet Bachman, of Long Island, N.Y.

Only two warrant officers have been appointed, one of them Scottish-born Nana Rae, who with five WAC officers Only two warrant officers have been appointed, one of them Scottish-born Nana Rae, who with five WAC officers and a handful of Janes followed Gen. Eisenhower from Algiers to London. Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, chief of all WACs, once said, "... I predict that all America will be proud of them."

The ETO is ready to cast an affirmative vote after the first year.



#### Songs

(A Mothers' Day Meditation) There are songs of soldiers marching With their colors flying high, Cheering them on into combat On the battlefields to die.

Songs of a scenic river Wending peacefully its way Through the valley filled with moonlight O'er fields of new-mown hay,

Songs of an old-time sweetheart, Memories of days gone by Childhood days down in Dixie, Neath azure southern skies.

Tuneful notes of Carolina Or the beach of Waikiki, Or some quaint vine-covered cottage That nestles near the sea.

But the songs of dearest Mother Filled with love that never parts, Are the ones you'll best remember And each note will touch your heart. 1/Sgt. Harry R. Chard.



"Well, what the hell d'ya think it is . . . a Liberty Run?"

# Pensive 6-5 Preakness Favorite Yanks Move Into First

# Stir Up, Platter Preakness Favorite Expected to Give PENSIVE, Only Opposition

Pimlico Feature Will Pay Off \$61,000, Highest Amount for Event

BALTIMORE, May 12—Warren Wright's Kentucky Derby winner, Pensive, rules as overnight 6—5 favorite to add the rich Preakness Stakes purse to his bankroll tomorrow when the cream of the nation's three year-olds parade to the post for the mile-and-three-sixteenths classic at Pimlico.

But it's highly possible that horse-players will shift to Platter, who passed up the Churchill Downs bourbon special, and Stir Up, Mrs. Whitney Payne's colt

#### Preakness Odde

Pensive	200	6-5 Gramps	
Platter	4.4	5—2 Image	 12-1
Stir Up		5-2 Gay Bit	20-1
Alorter		8—1 Stymie	 30-1

who finished a disappointing third behind Pensive and Broadcloth last week. In

Pensive and Broadcloth last week. In fact, it wouldn't be surprising if Pensive, Platter and Stir Up break from the barrier as equal 2—1 or 5—2 betting choices.

That's how unpredictable the 54th Preakness promises to be. And tomorrow's race also will be the most lucrative in history. With five entries being supplementary starters after their owners paid \$1,500 each, the affair will have a gross value of more than \$80,000, with the winner getting \$61,000, thus topping the previous high of \$60,000 earned by Victorian 16 years ago.

Victorian 16 years ago.

Comparatively Small Field

The Preakness field will be comparatively small after the 16-horse Derby battle, with only seven thoroughbreds expected to run. The definite runners are Stir Up, Pensive, Platter, Alorter, Gramps Image, Gay Bit and Stymie, and not more than a few observers will be

Gramps Image, Gay Bit and Stymie, and not more than a few observers will be surprised if they finish in that order. Platter established himself as a distance runner last year by taking the Pimlico Futurity and the Walden Stakes, both mile-and-sixteenth races on the same track they'll run over tomorrow. His last start was Saturday when he finished second to Rodney Stone in a six furlong sprint at Beimont, but Platter was closing with a rush and would have won easily at a longer distance.

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Gramps Image, owned by Mrs. A. J. Abel, was a disappointing eighth in the Derby after whipping Pensive in the Chesapeake Stakes earlier in the season. Alorter was a badly beaten 11th in the battle of roses, foiled by the weatherman who dried the track overnight after 36 hours of steady rain, but if Pimlico is "off" Alorter will have plenty of support at the mutuel windows.

Gay Bit and Stymie apparently are

Gay Bit and Stymie apparently are going along just for the exercise.

#### No Decision Reached Yet On Tiger Football Plans

PRINCETON, N.J., May 12—The Princeton athletic council has not reached any decision regarding the university's participation in intercollegiate football next season and may not do so for some time, Frederick S. Osborne, publicity director, has announced.

Osborne did say, however, that reports Princeton will abandon the gridiron sport for the duration are "without foundation at present."

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HARVARD reunion dinner will be held Wednesday, May 24, at 6.30 PM, instead of Saturday,
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# GI Cindermen Out to Repeat Against RAF and Cambridge

By Sid Schapiro Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

CAMBRIDGE, May 12-An American team will strive to emulate the success of the GI track and field contingent, which last year defeated Oxford and the RAF, at Fenner Field here Sunday when the Yanks compete against athletes from Cambridge University and the RAF in a 13-event triangular meet starting at 2.30 PM.

The Americans scored 52 points to win last year's affair. Oxford finished second with 44, while the RAF, with 12,

was badly outdistanced.

A 15-man American team was named after preliminary tests last Sunday, but since has been augmented by the addition of other candidates, including a squad of Negro speedsters who passed up

the prelims.

T/4 Jack Everett, of Waco, Tex., is expected to earn first places for the Americans in the 120-yard high hurdles and 220-yard low hurdles. While attendding Sam Houston State Teachers' College, he emerged with the 1939 National AAU 120-yard high hurdles.

International League

Cpl. Roy "Jug" Tatum, an Eighth AF Service squadron entrant from Coffeyville, Kan., and Pfc Charles West Jr., a QM Negro from Boston, each took two titles and a second in the preliminaries.

Tatum dominated the javelin and discus throws with respective heaves of 168 feet, two inches and 1071 feet and his 36 feet, four inches clinched second honors in the shot put. West won the 100-yard dash in :11, grabbed the broad jump with a leap of 19 feet,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches and tied for second in the high jump.

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# As Nats Down Brownies

Griffs End Kramer's Streak, 4-2, as Bombers Trip Tigers, 5-2; Dodgers Topple Cards, 2-1; **Cubs Take Second Loop Victory** 

NEW YORK, May 12—The Yankees replaced the Brownies atop the American League race according to percentage points and the Cubs finally snapped their losing streak at 13 as major league teams played a full complement of eight games yesterday.

The Browns, who still hold a half-game margin over the New Yorkers

in games won and lost, suffered their second straight nocturnal setback in Washington, bowing to the Senators, 4—2, before 11,000 customers. Jack Kramer's string of pitching successes was ended at five and Mickey Haefner earned his second win against one loss.

With the second straight nocturnal setback in HOW.THEY

With the score tied at 2—2 in the eighth, George Myatt beat out a bunt and advanced to second when Kramer walked Bobby Ortiz, Stan Spence forced Ortiz at second, Myatt moving to third, then stole second and Myatt scored when Catcher Joe Schultz threw wild

when Catcher Joe Schultz threw wild attempting to nip Spence, Don Gutte-ridge's faulty throw to the plate per-mitted Spence to score on the same

play. The Yankees unleashed a four-run barrage in the third off Stubby Overmire

to trounce the Tigers, 5—2, as Hank Borowy Hank Borowy halted the Bengals with seven scattered blows for his fourth victory. Overmire, who gave way to Joe Gellespie in the seventh, was tagged with the fourth coassesuits defeat. Johnny his fourth consecutive defeat. Johnny Lindell provided the big blow in the third with a two-run triple.

Secrey on Hitting Spree

Seerey on Hitting Spree
Pat Seerey's homer in the sixth with one on and a four-run splurge in the seventh gave the Indians a 7—6 verdict over the Red Sox at Boston. Allie Reynolds held the Bosox under control until the seventh and escaped serious damage in the eighth when a double-play quelled a mild uprising. Seerey, who broke up Wednesday's game, was the hero again, clubbing a homer, two doubles and a single to drive in three runs and score twice himself.

Reynolds although he needed aid from

twice himself.

Reynolds, although he needed aid from Joe Heving, was the winner. Joe Bowman, who lasted until the seventh, was charged with the loss.

Hal Trosky's theft of home while Russ Christopher nonchalantly wound up in the 16th inning moved the White Sox ahead of the Athletics at Philadelphia and they added another for good measure before the inning ended to triumph, before the inning ended to triumph, 4-2. Ed Lopat worked eight frames for

the Sox before being relieved by Gordon Maltzberger, who gained credit for the victory, while Christopher replaced Jess Flores in the 13th and was the loser.

Chisox Tie Count in Fourth

The Sox scored one run in their half of the first, but the A's bounced back of the first, but the A's bounced back with two, one coming on Outfielder Ford Garrison's four-bagger. The Chicagoans tied the count in the fourth and then both teams played 11 scoreless innings before Trosky raced home with what proved to be the winning run.

In the National League, the Cubs won their first ball game since opening day and their first since Charlie Grimm succeeded Jimmy Wilson as manager when the streak was ten games old by shading

the streak was ten games old by shading the Phillies, 5—3, in Chicago. Ed Hanyzewski twirled a seven-hitter, two of which were round-trippers by Buster Adams and Ron Northey.

The Bruins led, 4-3, in the seventh with his first homer of the season; Covington, who replaced Dick Barrett in the fifth, was the losing pitcher. The Dodgers evened their current series

The Dodgers evened their current series with the first place Cardinals in St. Louis by nipping the champs, 2—1, with Bill Hart, rookie infielder and former Redbird farmhand, setting the pace. Curt Davis traveled the route to notch his third victory, while Harry Gumbert, lasting until the eighth, was the victim.

Hart singled in the fifth and scored on Frenchy Bordagaray's double, and doubled home another Dodger run in the seventh. Then just to prove he meant it,

Beau Jack Reports May 30 AUGUSTA, Ga., May 12—Beau Jack, former lightweight champion known to his draft board as "Sidney Walker" (his

NEW YORK, May 12-Jeff Heath, Cleveland outfielder, and Vince DiMaggio Pittsburgh gardener, have been ordered to report to their draft boards for preinduction physicals.

Heath, DiMaggio Get Notices

real name), has been ordered to report to Ft. Benning, Ga., May 30 for induction.

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#### Leading Hitters American League

		AD	RH	Fig.			
Etten, New York	15	50	10 21	,420			
Tucker, Chicago	9	37	8 15	.405			
Myatt, Washington	17	73	10 28	384			
Swift, Detroit	13	40	2 15	375			
Boudreau, Cleveland	14	51	10 18	.353			
National League							

		G	AB	R	H	Pet.
Walker, Brooklyn		17	65	13	26	,400
Musial, St. Louis		19	65	10	24	.369
Wasdell, Philadelphia		16	57	4	21	3368
Medwick, New York		18	71	15	26	.366
Holmes, Brooklyn	1141	21	87	10	31	.356
Home	Run	Hitt	ers			

American League—Spence, Washington, 5; Seerey, Cleveland, 4; Etten and Lindell, New York, Hayes, Philadelphia, Stephens, St. Louis, and Trosky, Chicago, 3, National League—Schultz, Brooklyn, 4; Ott. New York, B. Adams, Philadelphia, Litwhiler and Kurowski, St. Louis, 3.

Rurowski, St. Louis, 3.

Runs Batted In

American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 17;
Myatt, Washington, Bob Johnson, Boston, and
Scerey, Cieveland, 14.

National League—Schultz, Brooklyn, 21; Weintraub, New York, 18; Lombardi, New York, 16.

he cut down Pepper Martin at the plate with a perfect throw, preventing the Cards from tying the score in the ninth.

A three-run rally in the eighth enabled the Reds to come from behind to nip the Giants, 4—3, at Cincinnati. Rube Fischer went the distance for the Giants and absorbed his second reversal as he yielded 11 hits. Tommy Delacruz started for the Reds, but was removed in favor of Clyde Shoun in the eighth. Shoun was the winner, although Bog Ferguson hurled the ninth for the Reds.

Phil Weintraub gave the Giants a temporary margin in the seventh when he

Phil Weintraub gave the Giants a temporary margin in the seventh when he smacked a two-run homer, but the Reds shoved across three in the next stanza to win, the deciding hit being Steve Mesner's double which scored Estel Crabtree and Eddie

Crabtree and Eddie

Max Butcher and

Johnny Gee to beat the Pirates, 7-2, at

Pittsburgh and give no-hitter Jim Tobin

Miller. The blasted



Jim Tobin

his third victory of the season. Tobin's flutterball baffled the Bucs as he spaced ten hits over the route. Butcher, who lasted until the eighth, was the loser. Connie Ryan cracked a triple, double

and two singles in five trips to the plate, scored twice and batted in another, while Tommy Holmes collected four hits in six

# Cabinet Impeachment Threat Heard on Kimmel-Short Issue

#### Congressman Demands A Missed Flip Sets Pearl Harbor Chiefs Be Court-Martialed

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Rep. Dewcy Short (R., Mo.) indicated today he would ask for impeachment of senior Cabinet officers if Rear Adm. Husband Cabinet officers if Rear Adm, Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, who were in command of the Navy and Army at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked, were not brought to trial before next Dec. 7 on charges of derelicing of duty.

Short drafted a resolution to extend for an additional six months from next June 7 the statute of limitations, and thereby make possible to bring Kimmel and Short before courts-martial.

Short contended that trials should be

Short contended that trials should be held to determine, among other things, whether blame for success of the enemy attack could be attached to the secretaries of War and Navy or the President him-

There was some question, the Missourian said, whether the Pearl Harbor garrisons had full knowledge of conditions, although Secretary of State Cordell Hull has declared he kept the military chiefs fully informed.

#### Herbie Kay Dies at 40

DALLAS, Tex, May 12-Herbie Kay well-known American dance band leader

died here last night.

Kay claimed that Dorothy Lamour owed her success to him. He spotted her at a talent show and later Miss Lamour sang with his band. The two were married in 1935. Kay obtained a divorce in 1939 on grounds of desertion.

#### Ship Named for Negress

WASHINGTON, May 12—The first Liberty ship to be named after a Negress—the S.S. Harriet Tubman—tentatively is scheduled to be launched on Memorial Day, the Maritime Commission an-

nounced today.

The name was suggested by the National Council of Negro Women to

**AAA Abolished** 

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 12-Declaring that the recent order freezing

corn prices was "further proof that no central government authority can regulate processes of agriculture," Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio called yesterday for abolition of the entire AAA program as soon as war ended.

Bricker, a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, termed AAA workers "political appointees and not representatives of the farmer, nor sym-pathetic toward him," and said the best

way to prevent post-war inflation was to produce more. Even now more could

e produced, he said, if farmers were not

hampered by government regulations.

Sea Comes Inland

WARREN, O., May 12—Though Warren is miles from navigable waters, the Warren City Manufacturing Co.'s "shipyard" is steadily turning out a landing craft a day for the Navy. The ships are tested in a 34,000-gallon tank, then loaded onto a flatcar and hauled away to subarkation ports.

Seven O'Clock Sports.

Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin

Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
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News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
-Take the Air.
G1 Journal.
-World News (BBC).
-All Time His Parade.
-The Maie Man.
-Xavier Cugar Show.
-One Night Stand., with Phil Harris,
-Final Edition.
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0300—Sign on Hymns from Home—Program Resume.
0815—Morning Varieties.
0900—World News (BBC).
0910—Bandwagon.
0930—Major Bowes.
1000—Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
1030—Sunday Serenade (BBC).
1100—Your Town—Radio News-Letter from Helens, Miles City and Shelby, Montana.
1115—Harry James Orchestra.
1130—Recreation of a National League Baseball Game by direct shortwave from America.
1200—Noon Edition.
1210—Barracks Bag and Program Resume.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Melody Rodndup.
1325—GI Tommy.
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1325—Bob Crosby Show.

1335-Bob Crosby Show.

# Hearts to Flopping

NEW YORK, May 12-The first public attempt by Herman Wallenda, of the high-wire troupe, to perform a double back somersault really was something to set the crowd at Madison Square Garden talking. Wallenda lost his balance, grabbed

the wire and hung 65 feet above the arena. While women screamed and excited prop men rushed for a net, another performer swung a rope over the wire and Wallenda descended.

After a brief rest, he continued the act despite a bruised shoulder and a broken blood vessel in his arm.

recognize Harriet Tubman, who led guerrilla organizations in the Civil War and helped open a home for aged Negroes in Auburn, N.Y.

#### Powered Tank Barge

CLEVELAND, May 12 (Reuter)—A mechanized barge, designed to carry one medium tank, equipment and personnel, is the latest-type landing craft now under construction, Capt. R. T. Hanson, inspector of naval material, disclosed here. Known as the LCM-3, the vessel is 50 feet long, 14 feet wide and has two Diesel engines.

#### OK With the Aussies

NEW YORK, May 12—Two out of three persons interviewed in the Australian Gallup poll last month thought the U.S. should be permitted to use air and naval bases both in Australia and near-by Pacific islands after the war.

Conductor's Widow Weds

HOLLYWOOD, May 12-Mrs. Clara Gabrilowitsch, daughter of Mark Twain, has married Jacques Samossoud, symphony orchestra leader. The bride is the widow of Ossip Gabrilowitsch, former director of the Detroit Symphony.

mand, said today.

Volunteers in the Ninth Command are

now being formed into units and drilled two hours daily in basic military train-

ing. They are also studying English. The units will have Italian officers and NCOs under American senior officers.

On FDR OKd by House

Lease-Lend Bill, Curb

WASHINGTON, May 12-The house concurred today in a Senate amendment

to the Lease-Lend bill barring the Presi-dent from making any post-war economic,

military or diplomatic commitments with-

out Senate approval. The measure, extending the Lease-Lend Act for another

year beyond June 30, now goes to the White House.

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# Anglo-American Bomber Team



J for Johnny's Anglo-American bombing crew has been on 24 operational missions, eight to Berlin. Left to right, Sgt. Arthur Horton, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, air gunner; Lt. John Kenneth Smith, of New York, pilot on detached service with the RCAF, and F/Sgt. Charles Edmins, of London, radio operator.

# Sedition Trial Starts All Over In RAF Planes

WASHINGTON, May 12—With a second jury seated, a new mass sedition trial of 30 alleged pro-Fascists has begun after an interval in which one defense attorney was convicted for contempt of court and another cited for refusing to obey an order. The first jury was dismissed and the case ruled a mistrial after arguments between counsel and court. The group is charged with conspiring to undermine the morale of American servicemen. Defendants include William

servicemen. Defendants include William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt chief; Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of "The Red Network," and Gerhard Kunze, Bund leader.

In selection of jurors, Judge Edward C. Eicher asked each if he had any relative who was a Rhodes scholar, whether he had read "Mein Kampf," or knew any newspaper reporters.

## Bricker Wants Italian Volunteers Getting U.S. Army Basic Training Allied Big Push FORT DOUGLAS, Utah, May 12 (AP)—Italian prisoners who volunteer for service in U.S. non-combatant units will wear regulation U.S. Army uniforms with "Italy" on the left sleeve and will eventually be granted some of the privileges enjoyed by American soldiers, such as leaves and passes, Maj. Gen. David McCoach Jr., head of Ninth Service Command, said today. **IsBeguninItaly**

(Continued from page 1) height and begun an attack on a small town. The British pushed across the Rapido in collapsible boats under artificial fog and consolidated positions on the far bank. All initial objectives

on the far bank. All initial objectives of the offensive were said to have been reached, but front-line reports told of furious German resistance, with flame-throwers being used at some points.

Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, commander of the Eighth Army, cautioned correspondents in advance that "the defenses we are now attacking are the strongest we are now attacking are the strongest the British Army has encountered in this war" and that "our progress must be judged not in terms of an advance of

so many miles, but by the successive de-fense lines we break through, the strongpoints we capture and the number of the enemy we destroy."

The offensive is aimed at the formid-

able Gustav Line, held all winter by the Germans against repeated assault, and which they have been strengthening for months. It consists of a series of stronglymonths. It consists of a series of strongly-fortified positions running 30 miles from Santa Elia, in the mountains above Cas-sino, down to the sea. And back of the Gustav Line is another called the Hitler Line, and back of that several more. Lesse predicted that the enemy would be ordered to hold the Hitler Line "to the last man."

The main Allied push apparently is against defenses covering the Via Sasilina and the Appian Way, the two main roads to Rome, 75 miles away. Troops in the Anzio beachhead, between the Gustav Line and Rome, were not mentioned as beauty in important action in connection. being in important action in connection with the offensive thus far.

The present drive has the advantage of much better weather than previous operations in Italy. Allied planes took full advantage of it to support the ground troops' advance.

German Radio withheld any news of the offensive until late in the day and then claimed that the battles "are only of local character" and that the Fifth Army's "reconnaissance thrusts" had Army's "reconnaissance thrusts" had been dispersed by concentrated fire "with

# **YanksHitBerlin**

(Continued from page 1)
missions as a night radioman. He has
flown more than 60 operational missions
and is credited with shooting down a Heinkel III.

Heinkel III.

Some of the Eagles joined the more lenient RCAF after the USAAF had turned them down as too old. Among these is F/O Franklin W. James, 32, of Yakima, Wash., whose 13 operational missions as bombardier include Berlin five times, Schweinfurt, Magdeburg, Augsburg, Nuremburg and Frankfurt. Its members say that the days of the "Blue Eagle Air Force" are numbered. Many have been shot down in combat. Physical ailments are clipping the wings of still others, and replacement pilots are no longer being released on detached service.

The British DFC has been awarded Capt. Lawrence B. Copenhaver, of Salem, Ill., who has flown more than 30 missions as pilot of a four-engine bomber. He has been to Berlin five times and in addition to his missions from England he has flown ground support with the RCAE. has flown ground support with the RCAF at Naples, Sardinia, Messina and

Often the men have risked their lives to save their British comrades. Lt. Casper D. Kramis, of Hamilton, Mont. Casper D. Kramis, of Hamilton, Mont., won the Soldier's Medal for rescuing his fellow crewmen from a blazing plane. A 33-year-old Lancaster pilot, Lt. John K. Smith, of New York, who has been to Berlin eight times, received the American DFC for exceptional airmanship which saved the lives of his all-British crew. After the war, members of the group plan to form "The Blue Eagles of America" to "uphold the tradition of the armed forces of Canada, Britain and the U.S. and to work for good relations between these nations."

#### **Bizerte French Chief Gets** Life for Giving Up Fleet

ALGIERS, May 12—Vice Adm. Edmond Louis Derrien, former commander of the French naval base of Bizerte, was acquitted today by a French military court of surrendering the port to the Germans without a fight on Dec. 8, 1942, but was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for voluntarily handing over units of the French fleet.

## 'Rebel'Barkley Now Plumping For 4th Term

#### And Dewey Slaps Poll Tax In Statement Labeled by Some a Declaration

NEW YORK, May 12—Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D.-Ky.), who led Congress' tax revolt against the White House in February, announced yesterday he would support President Roosevelt for a fourth

In a Collier's magazine article, the Senate majority leader termed the Presi-dent "far and away the best-qualified man" to meet and resolve conditions confronting the world and nation, and argued that "now that the third-term tradition is

shattered it will not be any more com-pletely shattered by a fourth term."

Barkley pointed out that he had not discussed a fourth term with the Presi-dent and did not know the latter's in-

Washington observers interpreted the announcement as indication (1) that the Democrats were "putting their house in order" and (2) that the President had responded to Barkley's post-tax-dispute plea that he turn more-receptive ears to plea that he turn more-receptive ears to

Congress.

Meanwhile, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York came out publicly against the poll tax, now in effect in eight Southern states, a few hours after some Republican

states, a few hours after some Republican Senators said any comment by him on the issue would be tantamount to a declaration of his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination.

The governor's views were expressed in a telegram to Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who had asked Dewey to use his "strategic position" against a threatened Senate filibuster on the Anti-Poll-Tax Bill. White pointed out that 23 Republican senators either had refused to vote for limitation of debate or left unsaid how they would vote on a closure petition

limitation of debate or left unsaid how they would vote on a closure petition coming up Monday, which would cut debate to 96 hours.

Just before his Albany office issued the reply to White, Dewey had been appraised that all West Virginia's delegates to the Republican convention, although technically uninstructed, favored his nominacally uninstructed, favored his nomina-tion. Dewey now has approximately half the number of delegates, pledged and claimed, necessary for the GOP nomina-

#### Hague Raid Saves Thousands of Dutch From Slave Labor

By the United Press

Thousands of Dutchmen who other-wise would have been deported to Germany as slave labor were saved by the RAF attack on one house in The

The house contained lists of thousands of Dutchmen intended for transportation to Germany, Vrij Nederland, the Dutch newspaper published in London, said

RAF bombers, pinpointing the house, scored direct hits and completely destroyed it. The attack was made at the request of the Dutch government in landon, the paper said. London, the paper said.

#### Spies Pouring Into Spain?

German spies, posing as tourists or business men, are pouring into Spanish ports and towns on the Bay of Biscay, Moscow Radio said, quoting a Lisbon

# Plane, Rocket, Torpedo?—Well, Something Nazi Hit Sweden

STOCKHOLM, May 12—A mysterious aerial device, hailed as Germany's possible anti-invasion secret weapon, crashed in the village of Kiviki on the south coast of Sweden yesterday, the Stockholm paper where reported that the Nazis had de-Svenska Dagbladet said today.

The object carried two magnetic mines

The object carried two magnetic mines and was believed to be either a rocket or radio-controlled plane, the report stated. No trace of a crew was found, nor could any parts of a motor be located. One witness said the device had no wing or tail. Another reported it looked like a torpedo and definitely was not an ordinary airplane.

veloped several new types of bombers specially designed to attack invading forces. Heavy cannon and other "special weapons" have been installed on the planes, German radio said. German Overseas News Agency an-

One witness said the device had no wing or tail. Another reported it looked like a torpedo and definitely was not an ordinary airplane.

The "plane" fell within 30 miles of the Danish island of Bornholm, where

By Milton Caniff

### Terry and the Pirates

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