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4,000 Planes Batter Nazis in 9 Countries

Three-Fourths of Crimea Falls

Reds Take Simferopol, 2 Key Ports

Lightning Thrusts Take Russians Within 40 Mi. of Sevastopol

Simferopol, capital of the Crimea and last main stronghold before Sevastopol, fell to the advancing Russians along with two ports on the southeast and west coasts yesterday as the Red Army wrested three-quarters of the peninsula with lightning advances and bagged 20,000 prisoners.

Three orders of the day from Marshal Stalin, broadcast by Moscow an hour apart, announced capture of Simferopol, Feodosia, on the southeast coast, and Eupatoria, on the west.

The nightly communique a few minutes later disclosed the Red Army had recaptured more than 600 places in the Crimea, inflicting heavy losses in men and equipment on the retreating enemy. Capture of Ovidiopol, at the east end of the Dniester estuary southwest of Odessa, was announced at the same time.

The fall of Simferopol gave the Russians a road and rail center leading to Sevastopol roughly 40 miles away. The loss of the two ports at the same time left the Germans with only one port—Sevastopol—from which to attempt escape across the Black Sea to Rumania 170 miles away.

With the Nazis' main defenses apparently smashed in the opening phases of the battle, the Russians reported overrunning the Crimea swiftly, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and taking thousands of prisoners in what Moscow

Pacific Ace KOs 27th Plane; First to Top Rickenbacker's 26

Wisconsin Pilot, Flying P38s Has Gotten All In Aerial Combat

Special to The Stars and Stripes
FIFTH AIR FORCE HQ, New Guinea, Apr. 13—Capt. Richard "Bing" Bong, of Poplar, Wis., has shot down his 26th and 27th Japanese planes over Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, it was announced here today. The 23-year-old Lightning pilot thus has become the first American to exceed Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record of 26 enemy aircraft destroyed in the air.

(Top-ranking aces in the ETO are Capt. Robert Johnson, P47 pilot from Lawton, Okla., who boosted his score to 25 yesterday with two kills, and Capt. Don S. Gentile, of Piqua, Ohio, with 23 shot down. Gentile also has destroyed seven on the ground.)

Bong's tally includes only enemy planes shot down in aerial combat. He got his first over Salamaua Dec. 12, 1942. After bringing down his 25th last month he said he wasn't superstitious and would like to better Rickenbacker's mark but was chiefly concerned with getting back safely.

Most of Bong's victims were destroyed while he was flying a P38 called Marge, named after his girl at home. Another pilot recently crashed it on a practice flight and the Wisconsin flier continued the string in the seventh Lightning he has flown.

His decorations include the DFC



Associated Press Photo
Capt. Richard Bong

and four clusters, the Silver Star and one cluster, and the Air Medal with 11 clusters.

Before Bong passed Rickenbacker's record, two other pilots in the Pacific had equalled it. Marine Maj. Joe Foss returned to America and Maj. Greg Boyington was shot down before they had opportunities of beating it.

Post-War-Draft Backer Hopeful

Rep. May Claims Support For Compulsory Training Of All Men 17-21

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13—Rep. Andrew J. May (D., Ky.), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee and sponsor of a post-war compulsory military-service bill, today claimed "strong and growing support" for his measure, under which American youths would serve a year in the Army or Navy between the ages of 17 and 21. Men would be allowed to choose their own year.

Backers of the bill said the old complaint that conscription was "undemocratic" had largely disappeared since Pearl Harbor.

"Any country contemplating aggression would think twice if it knew we had a large trained military reserve," May said.

He claimed compulsory-service legislation was supported by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Undersecretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, the head of the American Legion, large sections of the U.S. press and many religious leaders.

One Major League Game To Be Heard Here Daily

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13—A major league baseball game will be broadcast directly from the ball park to servicemen in the ETO every day but Monday this summer, the War Department announced today. Similar overseas pick-ups are planned for other war theaters.

American Forces Network transmitters will relay the broadcasts in Britain. The last hour of a game will be aired every Sunday, starting at 9:30 PM (ETO time), while 45 minutes will be sent on other days, beginning at 9:45.

Troops in North Africa, the Caribbean, Alaska, Aleutians and Pacific war zones also will have the games beamed their way, the War Department said.

Nazis Mine Garigliano; Allies Shell Area Hard

The Germans laid mines yesterday in the Garigliano River between Cassino and the sea and Allied guns and mortars pumped hundreds of shells into the area, reports from the Fifth Army front in Italy said. Whether the operations had any connection with the Nazis' lowering the river level earlier by closing flood gates on the Liri tributary farther inland was uncertain.

U.S. Heavies Strike From Britain, Italy; Reds Hit Rumania

8th AF Fleets Paste Targets in Southwest Germany as Air Onslaught Reaches Six Days and a Crescendo

Massed fleets of American warplanes struck Hitler's fortress from north and south yesterday, carrying the continent-wide air offensive through its sixth day.

Some 4,000 Allied bombers and fighters kept up the trip-hammer attacks which within 24 hours had blasted targets in nine Nazi or Nazi-held countries with two avowed aims: To crush the Luftwaffe in the air and on the ground, and to bomb out of existence the German capacity to move ground forces for defense against invasion from all points of the compass.

While between 500 and 750 USSTAF Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by some 1,000 fighters, thundered out from British bases to rip open again

the partly healed scars of the Nazi airplane industry in southwestern Germany, U.S. bombers of the 15th Air Force in Italy put on a giant aerial squeeze against the Reich and its satellites by co-ordinated attacks on Hungary, the French Riviera, Jugoslavia and Italy.

Major targets of yesterday's attacks were Schweinfurt, Augsburg, Oberpfaffenhofen and Lechfeld by bombers from Britain, and Budapest, Gyor and other Hungarian objectives by bombers from Italy.

Bitterly the Luftwaffe fought back, hurling 100-plane fighter formations at some combat wings, and massing flak guns around most of the targets. There was no official announcement of U.S. losses or claims up to late last night, but before the ETO air fleets went out, their score alone since last Saturday stood at 378 enemy craft destroyed for the loss of 137 bombers and 57 fighters.

While the Eighth Air Force heavies were taking up where 1,000 strafing Eighth and Ninth AAF fighters had left off Tuesday over France, Belgium and Holland, Marauder medium bombers joined with RAF and Allied forces in a continuation of the incessant short-range assault on the German coastal defenses in France and Belgium.

Russians Bomb Constanza

At the same time came news that the Russian Air Force had bombed Constanza, Rumanian Black Sea port, to make the offensive three-way.

From one end of Germany to the other, and across the occupied lands, Nazi radio stations went on the air with "Achtung!" after "Achtung!" all through the day, and the continued warnings were given point and emphasis by U.S. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson who, speaking in Washington even as the air fleets were closing on the Reich, said that the "new phase" of the offensive was bringing the full power of the Anglo-American air forces to the support of the Russian land drives in the east.

German reaction to the mounting fury of the aerial big push was apparent in an official declaration by Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels, who told the Reich that the "worst of the bombing ordeal is over," but "for Britain it is still to come."

Even if our generation did no more in this war than endure bombs, that would be enough to make it immortal.

Goebbels' attempt to reassure the Nazis and their allies came as the six-day blitz completed its most furious 24 hours.

RAF heavy bombers had gone in strength to Budapest, capital of Hungary, with two-ton blockbusters on Wednesday night, hitting rail junctions feeding the Balkans. At the same time, Swiss reports told of attacks on Italian aircraft works northwest of Milan, and Allied headquarters announced that Wiener Neustadt, in Austria, had been the tar-

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Invasion Coming Soon, Sertorius Warns Reich

Capt. Sertorius, Nazi news commentator, warned Germany that the Allied invasion of the continent was coming soon, according to a German News Agency story quoted by United Press.

Sertorius declared, however, that it was unlikely that the date of the invasion finally had been fixed, "because military leadership needs to have freedom of action until the very last minute."

PX Grants Back Rations

ETO soldiers, who until recently have been unable to purchase back rations at PXs, now are permitted to buy rations for the week immediately preceding the current week. Soldiers going on furlough, and others with a legitimate reason, also may buy rations a week in advance.

Red Cross Gives Clubmobiles To Army for Invasion Forces

(Picture on Page 4)

American Red Cross clubmobiles, specially fitted to accompany ground forces in the invasion of Europe, were turned over to the Army recently at a ceremony in England. Harvey D. Gibson, ARC commissioner in Britain, made the presentation and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of ETO ground forces, accepted on behalf of the Army.

Gibson said the clubmobiles would take doughnuts, hot coffee, cigarettes, candy, newspapers and magazines as near to the front lines as the situation permitted. In addition they carry a phonograph and records, a radio receiving set and amplifier with a range of one-quarter mile.

The clubmobiles are mounted on standard Army 2½-ton six-wheeled trucks capable of crossing rough terrain. Plans call for a crew of three ARC girls who, as part of their training, have driven the vehicles over tank traps and have been schooled in mechanics and first aid. Most already have had several months' experience in operating clubmobiles on tours of camps in the U.K.

Clubmobile fleets will be equipped with trailers containing generators to provide power. Other trailers and trucks will carry supplies.

Ride on a Soviet Bus Won't Cost Like a Cent

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13—Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko has presented to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, as proxy for Gen. Eisenhower, the Soviet Order of Suvorov, first class, at a formal ceremony in the Mayflower hotel.

With it, to be held until the invasion commander can catch up with it, went a little red book entitling Eisenhower to travel free of charge in the Moscow subway or any street car or bus in the Soviet Union.

called "one of the worse German routs in the whole Russian campaign."

Capture of Feodosia—which because of an excellent harbor has now superseded Sevastopol as the Crimea's biggest commercial port—emphasized the speed of Gen. Andrei Eremenko's advance from the east. His troops took Kerch only Tuesday and yesterday were 60 miles beyond.

Gen. Feodor Tolbukhin's two columns sweeping southward from the Perekop (Continued on page 4)

The War Today

Air War—Some 4,000 Allied bombers and fighters assault Germans in nine countries as continent-wide air onslaught passes sixth straight day: Britain-based fleets batter Reich and occupied countries in west; bombers from Italy strike at widespread targets, including Hungary, and Russians bomb Constanza, Rumanian Black Sea port.

Russia—Swift drive gains Russians three-quarters of Crimea; Feodosia, biggest Crimean port, captured; Reds 40 miles from Sevastopol after storming Simferopol. Tiraspol, northwest of Odessa, captured; Moscow announces 26,000 Germans slain in Skala pocket, near Tarnopol, with 7,000 taken prisoner.

Pacific—Two Kurile Islands, 450 miles from the Japanese mainland, bombed; other targets in Central and South Pacific raided, including Truk.

Burma—Allies capture hill position northwest of Imphal, in India, and improve positions near Kohima to the north.

Evacuees Back, Tell Britain of U.S.



T/5 Tom Wilcox, of Wellsboro, Pa., points out some British-American Boy Scout information to a Polish refugee, 11-year-old John Mencil, at the "Young America" exhibit in London.

Hash Marks

A Pfc we know has just announced his own special post-war plan: A prefabricated pub for every serviceman.

Pub crawling at one Liberator base has reached the status of an operational mission. Following a successful mission to the nearest pub, a beer mug is painted on the rear fender of the operator's bicycle.

Fair Enough. Pvt. Clara Owens, a WAC, wanted lots of flowers at her wedding. Her bridegroom, Sgt. Bill



Melnick, took care of that—he married her in the middle of a five-acre tract of daffodils.

Surprise! Marines were in the process of mopping up on the Kwajalein Atoll when out of a dugout ran a Jap yelling, "Don't shoot—I've got a brother in Brooklyn!" (Confidentially, they're still counting the bullet holes.)

GI Philosophy. Women's styles change but their designs are the same as ever.

There is one supply sergeant over here who is setting a fine example for other supply sergeants. At least the men in his outfit think so. Maybe it's because he's so thoughtful of his men that he doesn't take extras or maybe he just doesn't like GI clothing—anyway, S/Sgt. Franklin W. Board has his socks and underwear sent to him from home.

We understand that veterans of the AEF of 1917-18 are still trying to figure out how they managed to lick the hell out of the Germans with no pin-up girls to boost their morale.

The manpower shortage back home must be terrific. The little Moron, rejected by the draft board because of his unique mentality, applied for a job as electrical maintenance helper with the



New York City subway system. The interviewer asked him lots of questions about electricity. For instance, he asked, "How long is a short circuit?" The little Moron answered by extending his arms about seven inches apart and nonchalantly replied, "Oh, about this long." He got the job.

How to be happy in the ETO. T/4 Ned Ryan has the answer. He says, "I don't worry—except sometimes when I lie on my back and try to figure out things like this:

The mystery of the Nissen hut:
(So elusive it's appealing)
How much of the thing is sides?
Or is the whole thing ceiling?"
J. C. W.

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Gobbledygook Talk

Winning his way into the hearts of his severest critics—and every company, battery and troop clerk in the world—Maury Maverick has opened a campaign against red-tape language in official correspondence.

"Gobbledygook talk" is what the ex-Representative from San Antonio, Texas, now chairman of the Smaller War Plants Corporation, calls the strange words that come from high places in Washington and cascade via letter and memoranda down through civilian and army echelons.

Maverick's long simmering resentment boiled over when he had tried for hours to make sense out of a report from one of his subordinates who threw the whole book of such terms as "activation" and "over-all" plus reference to endless titles, codes, sections and sub-sections. Tossing the report into a waste basket, the Texan grabbed his dictaphone and reeled off an order entitled, "Lengthy Memoranda and Gobbledygook Language." It has now reached all his staff.

"The naval officer who wired, 'Sighted sub—sank same,' told the whole story," Maverick began. "Put the subject-matter—the point—and even the conclusion in the opening paragraph, and the whole story on one page. Period. If a lengthy explanation, statistical matters or such is necessary, use attachments."

"Stay off the gobbledygook language. It only fouls people up. Be short and say what you're talking about. Let's stop 'pointing up' programs 'finalizing' contracts that 'stem from' district, regional or Washington levels. There are no 'levels,' local government is as high as Washington government. No more 'patterns,' 'effectuating' or 'dynamics. Anyone using the words 'activation' or 'implementation' will be shot."

All we can add is that if many follow Maverick's lead we may win the war in 1944 instead of 1945.

Colliers on Inflation

An editorial in the Mar. 18 issue of Colliers contained a few new facts on inflation that deserve serious consideration. Claims Colliers: "A great deal of loose talk flaps around about how Americans in this war boom are spending far too much money on luxuries, entertainment, and so on. Watching assorted overshootings of the astronomical War Loan goals, we have long discounted such talk. We're pleased now to report another fact which seems to us to blow up what is left of the squandermania legend.

"In the current year, American home owners are expected to pay off a total of \$4,000,000,000 on the mortgages they carry, as against a total of a little more than \$1,000,000,000 in 1939. By the end of our first three years at war, at the rate we are paying up on mortgages now, we shall have cleared a total of \$10,900,000,000.

"In other words, the solid, substantial home-owning core of the American public has not gone hog-wild with war prosperity. It has remained solid and substantial; has taken its increased earnings and put them largely into War Bonds and mortgage reduction, which is precisely where most economists have been advising us to put our money if we want to avoid a runaway inflation.

"The more we find out about average Americans' actual performances under the strains of war, the more highly we think of average Americans, and the less we think of the weepers and wailers, the prophets of doom and the yowlers about 'complacency.'"

Coast Guard Touchdown

In the first three months of 1944, the Navy has reported only one Allied or neutral merchantman sunk by enemy U-boats in the Western Atlantic. This figure is in contrast with the announced sinkings of 47 ships in the first three months of 1943, and 100 vessels in the same period of 1942.

According to Secretary of the Navy Knox, the Allies "sank more submarines than they sank of our ships."

Released at the same time was the announcement of America's newest challenge to the U-boats in the Western Atlantic . . . the Coast Guard's flying cutter, the giant PBM-3-S.

Officials say that this new marine patrol bomber has been in service for some time, and since the Flying Cutter made its debut, not a single Allied ship has been lost to U-boats in that part of the Atlantic patrolled by these planes, so run up another score for the decadent democracies.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Mairzy Doats and Dozy Doats and Liddle Lamzy Divey—a Kiddley Divey too, wouldn't you?"

Youths Answering Flood of Queries Daily at Exhibit

By Richard Wilbur
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

English youths daily are packing a room at a "Young America" exhibit in London to see exhibits of life in the U.S. and ask questions about American life from 20 young men and girls who lived in America as evacuees for more than three years. The exhibit is in Dean's Yard, near Westminster Cathedral.

Questions ranging from "Is there any class system in America?" to "What is a drugstore?" are fired at the former evacuees, acting as an "Information Please" board, daily at 4 PM. The answers are received sometimes with laughter, sometimes with rustles of surprise, and sometimes with unusual silence—for instance, when a question asking if there are "better opportunities in America" is answered:

"What you want out of life is there for you to take. It depends on the individual."

The 20 young Britishers dealing out information about America lived with American families and went to American schools. A lot of them worked in their vacations—one as a car-hop in Texas, another as a salesgirl in Massachusetts, another as a soda-jerker in Connecticut.

Here are some of the questions and answers exchanged, at one "Information Please" session, between young Britons who know America only through textbooks and movies, and other British youths who know America at first hand:

Q—What was your first impression of America when you arrived?

A—The absence of blackout—all the lights—everything seemed to be lit up. It was quite a shock. And the next morning we got up at 4.30 and drove 480 miles to Maine—that struck me as a typically American way of doing things.

Q—What impressed you most about New York?

A—Grand Central Station. It's a town in itself; it has shops, restaurants, everything. And I was somewhat surprised not being held up by gangsters.

About the Cowboy

Q—What is the general dream of American children? Do they want to grow up to be cowboys and Indians?

A—The two small boys in the family I lived with wanted to be (train) engine drivers. I don't think there are many who want to be cowboys. It's a hard life, being a cowboy. It's glamorous in the films, but that's all.

Q—How did you get on with the money—how long did it take you to get used to American money?

A—It's much, much easier than English money. When we explained about our money, Americans thought it frightfully complicated. The only trouble I had was once with a slang expression—they say "two bits" for 25 cents. Well, I thought maybe you were supposed to say everything in "bits" and once I went into a drugstore and asked for change for 75 bits.

Q—What about the movies? Do they have Saturday morning shows for children?

A—Yes, and Saturday afternoon, too. Oh, Saturday is a wonderful day there. Those lovely serials! American audiences cheer the hero and hiss the villain, and they have "Crime Does Not Pay" movies. American children are very patriotic—they cheer the American flag when it's shown on the screen, and hiss Japs.

Q—What about student government?

A—It's quite a good show—parliamentary system, democratic principle, and all that.

Q—Is it absolute authority? Do they care you much? Can proctors beat you?

A—No, it's not like that at all. It's a sort of representative opinion. The student government is given some power from the students and some power from the faculty.

Q—I'm afraid I haven't a very large American vocabulary—what is a drugstore?

A—Drugs are just a sideline. They sell nearly everything in drugstores, even garden hose. You go there after school and talk over everything that's happened—it's a focus of social life—and the soda fountain is sort of a bar, with a row of stools in front of it that turn around.

Can Local Boys Make Good?

Q—Is there a better opportunity to be what you want to be there, irrespective of financial status? Can a chap get to be a doctor without having much money of his own, for instance?

A—You have to have a fair amount of brains to start out with. Then you can work your way through school and college by waiting on table, or something like that, and by working in the long summer vacations. It's not terribly easy, but I know a lot of people in America who've done it.

Q—Is there any class system? Are you sort of shunned if you work your way through school?

A—I'd say you were almost in the minority if you didn't work your way.

Q—What do Americans think of our peerage system? If a lord came up to one and introduced himself as Lord So-and-So and said he was staying at some hotel for a few weeks, what would one say?

A—I think an American would ask him for his autograph.

GIs See Exhibit

GIs occasionally stop in to see what the "Young America" exhibit is like, and children of many nationalities are among those who jam the exhibit rooms. There's usually a crowd around a display of American school scrapbooks, which were part of a "Schools at War" program back home.

T/5 Tom Wilcox, of Wellsboro, Pa., and 11-year-old John Mencil, of Warsaw, Poland, took a look together at a Nebraska school scrapbook—"Dedicated to the Men in the Service" by children from kindergarten to 8B in Miller Park School, Omaha—and pretty soon found they had an international background in common. Wilcox has studied Russian, German, Spanish and Portuguese. Young John was evacuated in turn from Poland to Italy, French Morocco, New York, Scotland and England.

President Roosevelt's statement—"The cause of the United Nations is the cause

of youth itself"—stands out in large letters over part of the exhibit.

Archibald MacLeish, librarian of Congress, said at the opening of the exhibit that he knew no liberal-minded men who believed the war was going to end in the kind of peace hoped for. He said it was "tremendously important" that young people of each country should understand each other. Young people, he declared, are determined that there be "a true and not a politician's, or makeshift, peace."

The "Young America" exhibit was prepared by OWI and sponsored by the British society, Toc H. It will be open through Apr. 28—daily from 11 AM to 9 PM; Sundays from 12 noon to 2.30 PM and 4 to 6 PM. The "Information Please" sessions are held daily at 4 PM.



'Fortress'

There's pride in her every movement
And the strength to forge ahead,
'Till the job is done
And the battle won,
Though half of her crew be dead.

There's more to her than engines,
More than a pair of wings,
Than rivets and wires
And rubber tires,
And all these man-made things.

She has the heart of a warrior
We know for we've seen her die
And her gallant fight
Was an awesome sight
Far in the dome of the sky.

She has a soul immortal
She fills her mission well
With head held high
We've seen her fly
Straight to the jaws of hell.

She has a will of iron
She seeks no chance to hide
Though her flight be straight
To the fiery gate
No fury can turn her aside.

Great is her fame and mighty
And great is her gallant crew,
Wherever their base,
They've won a place
By the side of the famous few.

You think of her only as metal,
Welded and riveted strong
She's a living thing,
A queen on wing
Who carries a warrior throng.

Strangers may one day replace her
Higher and swifter to fly
But we'll always recall
She's the top of them all
The queen of the azure sky.

By Clement L. Lockwood.



"For heaven's sake Frisbee, stop shouting 'hang hang,' and use your ammunition—you're not on maneuvers any more!"



LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 13—Elo "Chief" Hogsett, 40-year-old World Series veteran attempting a comeback, held the Louisville Colonels to one run in five innings as the Detroit Tigers won, 5-1, here yesterday.

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 13—The Cardinals chased across five runs in the top half of the ninth to dump their neighbors, the Browns, 8-6, here yesterday.

WILMINGTON, Del., Apr. 13—Bill Lee, veteran right-hander, joined the Phillies here today.

INDIANAPOLIS, Apr. 13—The Pittsburgh Pirates swept their three-game series with Cleveland, thumping the Indians, 6-3, here yesterday.

NEWARK, N.J., Apr. 13—Manager Mel Ott bolstered his New York Giants today when he signed Ernie "Schnozzle" Lombardi, veteran catcher.



WASHINGTON, Apr. 13—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace began unlimbering his throwing arm today in preparation for next Tuesday's major league opener when he will throw out the first ball.

FREDERICK, Md., Apr. 13—The Philadelphia A's pounded 13 hits off two pitchers to defeat Curtis Bay Coast Guard, 9-6, here yesterday.

PA. MANAGER OF THE FARM TEAM AT LANCASTER, Pa. announced that Lena Blackburne, Philadelphia coach, has been appointed manager of the farm team at Lancaster, Pa.

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Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

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Cameras Wanted WANTED, Reconar or Graflex or similar make taking 2 1/4 x 3 1/4, or up to 4 x 5. T/Sgt. Charles M. Kinyon. WANTED, Roll Back for Compass single pack camera. Capt. L. H. Humphrey.

Lost CAMERA—I left my Argus camera in the children's corner of the Bournemouth Park Mar. 23. An English lady picked it up and handed it to two GIs in garrison caps, who said they would return it to its owner. A reward for them if they will do so.—S/Sgt. Robert Selby. HAVERSACK left in American Army truck Mar. 25. The truck was going to Slough and Maidenhead from Bishops Cleeve or vicinity.—Pvt. J. Douglas, ASN 2825141. IDENTIFICATION bracelet, silver, £4 reward.—Pte Daniel Goodman, ASN 12043220. CLOTH envelope, OD, containing toilet articles, Schick Injector razor, between Berkeley Square and E. H. Hentges, ASN 01011927. GAS mask, with two rolls of undeveloped film, exchanged by mistake on train between London and Chichester. The one I now have has N3663 marked on it.—Cpl. H. Charless.

Found OVERCOATS, 4 GI, Air Corps Insignia. Fell from Army truck in Barkinside, Apr. 6.—Sgt. Wirt. WANTED SLEEPING bag and rubber air mattress.—Lt. Cecil T. Wilson, O-393704. BARBER'S hair clippers.—Cpl. Calvin L. Greene.

Tallest Recruit



Tallest candidate for a baseball job is Pitecher Ralph Siewert, who reaches six feet, 11 inches towards the stratosphere and weighs 240 pounds. He is shown here at the Tigers' training camp.

Sorenson Stops Jimmy Godwin

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND STATION, Apr. 13—Gunner Merle Sorenson, 135-pound slugger from the RCAF, kayoed Pvt. James Godwin, of Birmingham, Ala., 1:25 of the second round to highlight last night's six-bout slate near here before a packed house of GIs and British civilians.

Pvt. Lew Cesere, Syracuse, N.Y., 145-pounder, put away Pvt. Tom Reed, of Hydeville, Md., 147, in 1:40 of the opening stanza, while Gnr. George Bultitude, of the RAF, 126, was outpointed by Pvt. Alex Salazar, 135-pounder from Denver.

The boxing show was augmented by a wrestling match, Pvt. Alex Alexinis, Brooklyn 190-pounder, winning the decision over Pvt. Mano Melos, of New York, 185, after 15 minutes of grappling without a fall.

Air Force Boxing Squad To Tackle British Apr. 27

The USAAF Blockbusters, who shelled a team of Canadian boxers, 8-3, last month, will match blows with a British Army fight squad Apr. 27 at Teddington, it was tentatively announced yesterday. The six-bout card will mark the first Anglo-American matches since the Yanks won, 6-5, last June.

At least three of the GI ringmen who participated in the victory over the Canadians will return for another try. They are Pfc Ray Wyzkiewicz, Buffalo, N.Y., featherweight; Pfc Herbie Williams, New Orleans lightweight, and Pfc William Wright, Dayton, Ohio, welterweight.

Babe Pratt Wins Hart Trophy

MONTREAL, Apr. 13—Walter "Babe" Pratt, 28-year-old Toronto Maple Leaf defenseman, was awarded the Hart Trophy as the National Hockey League's most valuable player.

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Baseball's Best by Decades: 1930-40

McCarthy Picks Four Yanks On His All-Star Combination

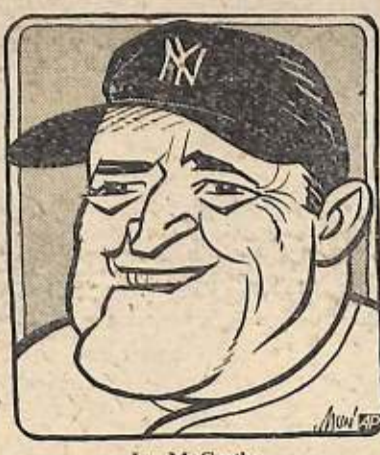
Hubbell, Feller, Ruffing On Mound; Hack At Third

By Chip Royal Associated Press Sports Editor NEW YORK — When Connie Mack suggested that all-star teams should be named by decades, Manager Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees was one of the first to fall in line.

In fact, McCarthy thought and talked for weeks about nothing but the best players of the 1930-40 era. He insisted that he wouldn't be influenced by Mack, and that he wouldn't name any man who had been selected by Bill McKechnie of the Reds for the 1920-30 period.

Here is Joe's team: 1B—Lou Gehrig, Yankees; 2B—Charley Gehringer, Tigers; SS—Joe Cronin, Senators and Red Sox; 3B—Stan Hack, Cubs; LF—Ted Williams, Red Sox; CF—Joe DiMaggio, Yankees; RF—Mel Ott, Giants; C—Bill Dickey, Yankees; Ernie Lombardi, Braves, Reds and Giants; P—Carl Hubbell, Giants; Bob Feller, Indians, and Red Ruffing, Yankees.

Five of the players named by McCarthy played in the majors last season. They are Hubbell, Hack, Ott, Dickey and Lombardi. Cronin also was on the active list although he participated only as pinch hitter.



Joe McCarthy

Williams, DiMaggio, Feller and Ruffing left their baseball jobs to join the armed forces. The first three are expected back in baseball uniforms after the war to add further glory to their names. Gehringer had finished his playing days and was a coach with the Tigers when he joined the Army Air Force in 1942. Hubbell ended a brilliant pitching career last year and signed with the Giants as head of their farm system. Williams and Feller didn't arrive until late in the 1930-40 decade, but McCarthy insists they belong on his team.

Pensive Cops Pimlico Feature; Pukka Gin Beaten at Jamaica

BALTIMORE, Apr. 13—Derby stock of Pensive, the Calumet Farms three-year-old speedster, soared yesterday when the pride of Ben Jones' stable uncorked a fine burst of speed to win the 13th running of the Rowe Handicap before 15,331 opening day fans at Pimlico.

Almost before Pensive reached the winner's circle after his winning romp, financial squabbles threatened to jeopardize the entire Maryland summer race program at Pimlico, Laurel, Bowie and Havre de Grace. The management refused to open the gates under terms of an order issued Tuesday by the State Racing Commission.

Track officials said the dispute centered around what portion of the fund allotted to tracks for the improvement of racing could be charged off to tax. Henry A. Parr III, Pimlico president, said the state agreed to allow the tracks to use half of their fund for current purses pending a decision from Federal tax authorities.

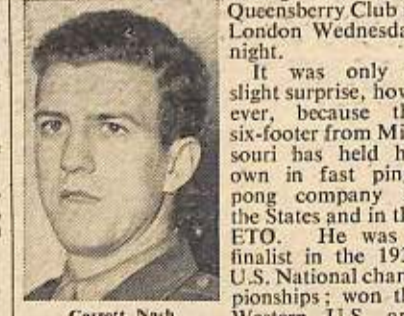
Whitney Filly Suffers Little Loss of Prestige

NEW YORK, Apr. 13—Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney's Pukka Gin, winter book favorite to win the Kentucky Derby, lost to Stronghold by a neck in the first division of the Experimental Handicap at Jamaica yesterday, but the fleet filly suffered little loss in prestige.

Pukka Gin, making her '44 debut, showed dislike for the short six furlong distance and just failed to nip Stronghold, ridden by Bobby Permane, sensational apprentice jockey.

Nash Topples World Champ

Garrett Nash, 25-year-old private from St. Louis, Mo., registered a mild upset when he outlasted Richard Bergmann, world table tennis champion, 21-17, 13-21, 21-10, 12-21, 21-8, in a non-title match that attracted a capacity throng to the Queensberry Club in London Wednesday night.



Garrett Nash Canadian National crowns the same year, and captured the South England title at the Polytechnic Institute, London, Jan. 8 of this year.

Galetta Reaches Amateur Semis

PINEHURST, N.C., Apr. 13—Mal Galetta, Long Island, N.Y., war worker and early favorite to annex the crown, led the field into the North-South amateur golf tourney semi-finals, defeating S. B. Gardner, also of Long Island, three and two, here yesterday.

George McAllister, of Spartanburg, S.C., upset Pete Ladislav, of Long Island, three and two; Bill Cozart, of Durham, N.C., bowled over Jack Ryerson, of Cooperstown, N.Y., six and four, and Sgt. Jim Fownes, of Pittsburgh, sidelined Stedman Tinker, of Columbus, Ohio, three and two, in other quarter-final matches.

Aleski Kayoes Allan Snotherly In 1:03 of 2nd

Middleweight Tiff Feature Of Field Force Ring Eliminations

By Ray Lee Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A SOUTHWEST TOWN, Apr. 13—Seven glovers punched their way into the semi-finals of a Field Forces boxing tourney by eliminating their opponents during last night's warfare, two of the seven bouts ending short of the final bell.

The quickest victory was turned in by T/5 Chet Aleski, 154-pounder from Brooklyn, who landed his Sunday special on the chin of Pvt. Allan Snotherly, of Raleigh, N.C., 154, at 1:03 of the second round. In the other 2 1/2 which failed to go the distance, Pvt. Eddie Garcia, 127-pounder from Las Vegas, N.M., stopped Pfc Jesse Martinez, 122-pound Californian from Anaheim, at 1:37 of the third.

After a lethargic first round, Snotherly backed Aleski into a corner with lefts and rights in a knockout bid. But Aleski weathered the barrage, came out pitching plenty of leather and finished Snotherly with a flurry of sharp rights and lefts to the head.

Slow Two Rounds Precede TKO The Garcia-Martinez brawl failed to produce any action during the first two rounds, but the customers couldn't complain about the third frame. Garcia dumped Martinez to the canvas for a count of five midway through the session with punishing rights and lefts to the southpaw's head. Jesse regained his feet, only to catch another cluster of hard blows that sent him down again for the nine-count, at which time Referee Bill Cohen stopped the bout and awarded a TKO triumph to Garcia.

Three kayoes and a foul studded Tuesday's first round activity. Pvt. Daniel Bochnak, Minneapolis heavyweight, winning the nod when James Russ, of Wilmington, N.C., failed to control his body punching. The referee warned Russ during the first stanza, then gave the fight to Bochnak when his advice wasn't heeded in the second.

In other bouts: Pvt. Felipe Frausto, Santa Barbara, Cal., 119, outpointed Pfc Joseph Keene, Lancaster, Pa., 119. Pvt. Austin Rodarte, Dallas, Tex., 124, outpointed Pfc Robert Dunn, Mexico City, 121. Pfc Harry Schneider, Pittsburgh, 140, outpointed Pfc Fred Bologna, San Francisco, 142. Sgt. Jack Miller, New Port, Ky., 128, outpointed T/5 Rick Betti, Oakland, Cal., 137. S/Sgt. George DeSmet, Chicago, 162, outpointed Pvt. David Smith, Burlington, N.C., 162.

Minor League Results

Table with columns for League, Team, Wins, Losses, Percentage, and Location. Includes Pacific Coast League and other minor leagues.

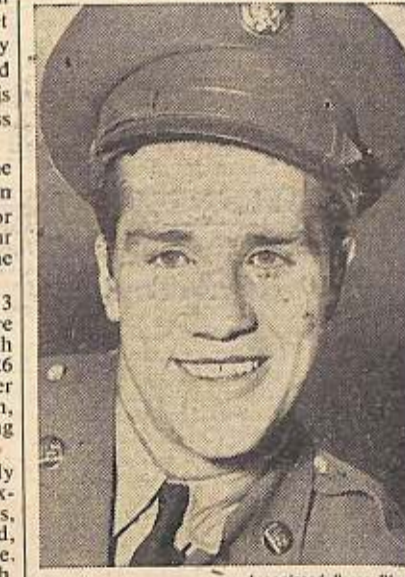
Conn Confident He Can Take Bomber in Post-War Contest

FT. CUSTER, Mich., Apr. 13—"I'll beat him next time because I won't get careless after having the fight won," Billy Conn remarked here today when informed that Joe Louis had named Billy as his No. 1 post-war challenger during a press conference in London Tuesday.

Billy painted a rosy picture of the largest gate in ring history if and when he tangles with the Brown Bomber for the world's heavyweight crown. "Our fight should attract more money than the Dempsey-Tunney bouts did," he said.

The Pittsburgh battler, who went 13 rounds with Joe in June, 1941, before getting kayoed when he tried to slug with the champ, continued: "I am only 26 and Joe is approaching 30. No matter how good they are, age will get them, and I still have plenty of good fighting years ahead of me."

What's more, Billy thinks Joe already is slowed up. "I saw Joe go a few exhibition rounds at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., six months ago," Conn declared, "and he isn't as fast as he used to be. I took him last time, but I got too fresh. You're not supposed to let him hit you—and I'm not going to do it again."



Associated Press Photo Billy Conn

By Al Capp



RAF in 4 Years Sank a Million Tons By Mines

British Unveil Operations Representing 10 Pct. of Bomber Action

British mining of enemy waters has sent to the bottom more than 1,000,000 tons of shipping and sunk or damaged more than 500 ships since the RAF Bomber Command began mine-laying operations four years ago last night, the Air Ministry reported. What began as a reply to one of Hitler's earliest secret weapons, the magnetic mine, has grown to a major offensive in which some 13,000 sorties have been flown, representing ten per cent of RAF Bomber Command's effort.

On occasion the weight of mines laid in a single night has exceeded the weight of bombs dropped by the Germans in their heaviest attack on Britain. The casualty rate has averaged about the same as for bombers raiding industrial targets in Germany.

Hampdens carrying single mines sowed the first fields in the Western Baltic, then in the Kiel Canal. Now Lancasters, Halifaxes, Stirlings and Wellingtons fly multiple loads to widespread areas—the Bay of Biscay, Gulf of Danzig, U-boat approaches on the French coast and distant Norwegian waters. Coal and iron ore traffic between Germany and Sweden has been seriously interrupted by these operations. The Kiel Canal was blocked for months when a ship laden with iron ore struck a mine in the canal itself.

The British airborne mine is a long cylinder dropped by parachute to prevent it striking the sea at a speed which would detonate the firing mechanism. When the mine hits the water the parachute becomes detached and both mine and chute sink to the bottom. The firing mechanism may be either magnetic or acoustic; the former is actuated by the magnetic flux of a ship passing over, the latter by the noise of engines, pumps or propellers. The average weight is 1,500 pounds, of which 700 to 800 pounds is HE filling.

3/4s of Crimea Held by Soviets

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Isthmus and the Sivash channel separating the peninsula from the mainland appeared to be making almost as good time. His western wing covered 20 miles in 24 hours to take Eupatoria.

Moscow dispatches reported last night that both armies had linked up on an 80-mile front 40 miles north of the Sevastopol naval base.

On the mainland between the Dniester and the eastern Carpathians, Soviet pressure on Kishinev and Jassy—last two strongholds barring a Black Sea drive to the mouth of the Danube—gained new weight with the fall of Tiraspol and the release of fresh Russian forces across the Dniester. Tiraspol, on the Dniester's east bank, where the lateral rail line from Odessa to Jassy crossed the river, was taken by Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's Third Ukraine Army forces.

Moscow, softening the effect of the Nazi breakthrough to the pocketed remnants of 15 German divisions trapped in the Skala area south and southeast of Tarnopol, announced that before the enemy relief column broke through the Russians killed 26,000 Germans and took almost 7,000 others prisoner in ten days.

Claudette Christens Ship

WELMINGTON, Cal., Apr. 13—Film star Claudette Colbert swung the champagne bottle at a launching of a combat transport at the Consolidated Steel Corp. shipyard.

Louis to Be Interviewed On AFN Program Tonight

S/Sgt. Joe Louis, the world's heavy-weight boxing champion, now in the ETO for a tour of American Army installations, will appear on the "This Is the Army" program over the American Forces Network tonight at 8.25 o'clock.

On Your Dial

- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
- 218.1m. 215.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- 1100—Spotlight on Boyd Raeburn.
- 1115—Personal Album with Anita.
- 1130—Curtain Call.
- 1150—French Lesson.
- 1200—Noun Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Bag.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Rapport in Khaki.
- 1400—News Headlines—Melody Mixture with Jack Byfield.
- 1430—Visiting Hour.
- 1500—Music While You Work.
- 1530—Off the Record.
- 1630—Music From America—Don Vorbee's Orchestra and Guests.
- 1700—South American Way and Program Resume.
- 1730—Midland Light Orchestra.
- 1755—Quiet Moment.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1800—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Combined Operation.
- 1930—Baras and Allen.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Warms Program.
- 2025—This is the Army.
- 2030—Kate Smith.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Serenade.
- 2120—American Commentary—Raymond Gram Swing.
- 2135—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.
- 2200—One Night Stand with Les Brown.
- 2225—Suspense with Margo and Philip Dorn.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Saturday, Apr. 15.

Clubmobile for Invasion Troops



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, ground forces' chief, chats with members of a clubmobile crew which will follow invasion troops with doughnuts, coffee, cigarettes, candy, reading matter and music. Left to right: Betty Gross, Minneapolis; Libby Wooddell, Greenbank, W. Va.; Martha Stengel, Newton Square, Pa.; Gen. Bradley, and Lady Marian Chesham, assistant director of clubmobile personnel.

12 Britons Given Medals by 'Ike'

Twelve members of the British forces have been decorated by Gen. Eisenhower for gallantry in action with the U.S. Army and for outstanding service to the U.S. government.

One Distinguished Service Cross, five Silver Stars and six Legions of Merit were presented at the first ceremonial parade in this theater in which Gen. Eisenhower has decorated British personnel. Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF chief, and Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff to the supreme commander, also were present.

Company Sgt. Maj. Reginald Allen received the DSC for extraordinary heroism in action.

Legions of Merit went to one Army officer, Brig. Cecil Stanway Sugden, and four RAF men, Air Commodore William Edward George Mann, Thomas C. Traill and George Robert Beamish, and Group Capt. Robert Henry Humphreys. Another Legion was awarded Group Capt. F. A. S. Sampson, of the RCAF.

Silver Stars were presented Lt. Col. Eric Charles Yeldham, Capt. A. J. H. Rutherford, Cpl. William Leslie George Simpson, Lance/Cpl. Mervyn Bowen Peters and Cpl. George Carrie Neil for gallantry in action.

Boy, 7, Lost in Mountains

LEWISTON, Pa., Apr. 13—Several hundred volunteers searched underbrush on seven mountains for Donny Curry, seven-year-old Chambersburg boy who wandered away from a cabin at Easter.

U.S. Able to Meet Any Crisis If Given Truth - MacArthur

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (AP)—Gen. MacArthur has replied to a Congressman's request that he hold himself available for the Republican Presidential nomination with an assertion that the United States "must not inadvertently slip into the same condition internally as the one that we fight externally."

In an exchange of correspondence with Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb.), Gen. MacArthur wrote that he did not expect to see fulfillment of Miller's "flattering predictions" that MacArthur could "carry every state in the nation."

In a letter to Gen. MacArthur on Jan. 27, Miller said:

"If this system of new-dealism is continued for another four years I am certain that this monarchy being established in America will destroy the rights of the common people."

MacArthur replied:

"I appreciate very much your descrip-

Allies Improve Impthal Defenses

NEW DELHI, Apr. 13 (Reuter)—Allied troops in hand-to-hand fighting have captured a foothill position north-west of Imphal, British base in India threatened by the Japanese, Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters reported today. The situation at Kohima, 65 miles to the north, has improved and Jap attacks have slackened, the communique added.

Earlier, a dispatch from 14th Army headquarters in Burma said the battle at Kohima was reaching a climax after three days of the heaviest fighting on the Assam front.

East of this area—in the Mogaung Valley region—American infantry in the Kumor range have driven the Japs from Ohpum, with heavy casualties to the enemy, and west of the valley a Chinese column has dislodged the Japs from other strong positions. The Kumor range runs north of Myitkyina to the tip of northern Burma. Mogaung is at the southern end of the range.

Britain-to-Eire Voyages Will Be Cut Drastically

Britain tightened its blockade on the Irish Free State yesterday, announcing that after Apr. 24 steamship service from Britain would be reduced "drastically."

The Ministry of War Transport announcement follows the suspension of telephone service from Eire to Britain, and virtual suspension of permission to travel between Britain and Eire.

tion of conditions in the United States. It is sobering, indeed, and calculated to arouse the thoughtful consideration of every true patriot.

"We must not inadvertently slip into the same condition internally as the one we fight externally. Like Abraham Lincoln, I am a firm believer in the people. Given truth, they can be depended upon to meet national crises.

"The point is to bring before them the real facts.

"Out here we are doing what we can with what we have. I will be glad, however, when more substantial forces are placed at my disposal."

Publication of these letters came at a time when there were reports that some of Gen. MacArthur's followers wanted to slow down the campaign because of the recent swing in Republican circles toward Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York.

Finger Blown Off, Pilot Puts It on the Germans

A MUSTANG BASE, Apr. 13—Lt. Frank A. Cutler, of Cleveland, who flies the P51 Soldier's Vote, got clipped in the left index finger as he started to strafe a German airdrome yesterday.

The finger went flying off, with blood splattering all over his hands and face. He continued his dive and blew up an Me109 on the ground. And before he headed back for England, where he landed at an advance base, he blew up a locomotive.

Last Tuesday Cutler destroyed three ships in the air and one on the ground. Soldier's Vote now has eight crooked crosses on the fuselage, which has a ballot box painted on it.

Nazis Battered In 9 Countries

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gets earlier of U.S. planes. Marauders from Italy cut railway lines from the French Riviera to Jugoslavia.

The Red Air Force blow at Constanza, in Rumania, brought the number of countries hit in the south up to six as of yesterday morning.

In the north of Europe, RAF Mosquitoes had heaped two-ton bombs on Osnabruck through Tuesday night, and intruder sorties brought German defenses red-eyed and strained to yesterday's dawn.

American Marauders and RAF and Allied forces were off their British bases at daylight, carrying the push to Belgium and France. Shutting back and forth above the Channel, they hit the railway center at Namur, in Belgium, the Luftwaffe airdrome at Chievres, in Belgium, and left clouds of black smoke above a dozen defense points along the northern coast of France. Fighters swept the Low Country skies. One B26 and one RAF medium were reported lost.

Fighter Escort 1,000 Strong
The preliminaries over, Fortresses and Liberators, with their U.S. fighter escorts, were hurled against the Reich from the north.

Between 500 and 750 B17s and B24s, covered by some 1,000 P38s, 47s and 51s, went out for the sixth straight day from Britain and hit Schweinfurt, Augsburg, Lechfeld and Oberpfoffenhofen, in south-western Germany, despite fierce resistance by the battered Luftwaffe.

From the south, Fortresses and Liberators of the 15th AF in Italy flew north to bomb objectives in a 100-mile circle around Budapest, in Hungary. Targets were the railway shops and junctions at Gyor and the near-by Messerschmitt factories, the Tokal airdrome and assembly plant, a Budapest airfield, railway yards at Brod, in Jugoslavia, half-way between Belgrade and Zagreb, and Messerschmitt factories at Vesces and Raab.

Germans Report Big Battles

All across the European skies, from France to the Balkans, the Luftwaffe called on its strained reserves to meet the endless flow of bombers and fighters. German radio reported bitter battles deep within the Reich and over the heart of Hungary as the co-ordinated blows were pounded home from north and south.

Bitter battles with formations of 70 to 100 enemy fighters were described by Fortress crews as they came home from the ball-bearing plant at Schweinfurt and the aircraft factories at Augsburg.

Col. Morris A. Preston, of Tulare, Cal., leader of a B17 formation, said, "We had one very severe attack. But the second time our own fighters arrived and drove them off. Seventy to 80 aircraft headed for us but hit the high formation and did real damage. It was the most severe single attack I ever witnessed."

Dirty Flak at Oberpfoffenhofen

The Liberators which went to Lechfeld airdrome and Oberpfoffenhofen met slight resistance, their crews reported.

Some B17 airmen said flak over the ball-bearing works was the worst they ever encountered, and it seemed possible the Nazis had moved more anti-aircraft defenses there to try and preserve their dwindling sources of bearings to keep the mechanized Wehrmacht rolling.

All of the day's attacks by Eighth AAF bombers were described officially as having the two-fold purpose of inflicting new damage and interrupting repairs to buildings hit in previous attacks. All of the targets were old ones for the heavies.

Reports from Switzerland said at least ten U.S. bombers had made forced landings there during the day.

NEWS FROM HOME Seeks to Give All Congress a Voice in Peace

Bloom Wants Constitution Changed to Vest House With Say on Treaties

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13—Legislation proposing an amendment to the Constitution giving all members of Congress a voice in peace terms was introduced today by Rep. Sol Bloom (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Fundamental changes in law proposed by Bloom were: (1) That the President would make peace treaties with the advice and consent of Congress, instead of only the Senate, and (2) a majority vote of both House and Senate would be sufficient to ratify a peace treaty or any other treaty, rather than the present necessary two-thirds majority of the Senate alone.

Farley to String With Party

ALBANY, N.Y., Apr. 13—Former Postmaster General James A. Farley, who bolted President Roosevelt in 1940, told the New York State Democratic Committee yesterday shortly after his re-election as state chairman that he would give his full support to the party's 1944 nominee, With Mr. Roosevelt increasingly likely to be drafted, Farley's pronouncement appeared to assure more unity among Democrats in the President's home state than at any time since 1936.

Sorrow Follows Joy

NEW YORK, Apr. 13—The doorbell rang twice at the home of Mrs. Lillina Elizabeth Murphy, of Jamaica, Queens. The first time she accepted a bouquet of Easter flowers sent by her son, Lt. William M. Murphy, 24, veteran of 50 combat missions and holder of the DFC. The second time she received a War Department telegram informing her of his death in a California plane crash.

Air-Transport Boom Seen

NEW YORK, Apr. 13 (Reuter)—U.S. airlines will buy 1,700 new transport planes within two years after the end of the war, Earl Lothrop, of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, has predicted. Only 350 planes were operated by commercial airlines at the outbreak of the war.

Opportunity on Farms Seen

CHICAGO, Apr. 13 (Reuter)—Great opportunities in the post-war world for men trained in agriculture and food production were predicted in a speech here by Paul H. Appleby, U.S. member of the Interim Commission of the International Food Conference.

\$24,000 Strip

EL PASO, Tex., Apr. 13—U.S. customs agents found \$24,000 in \$100 bills concealed in the underclothing of a 17-year-old girl who was crossing International Bridge to Juarez, Mexico. Agents claimed the money was to pay for opium shipped to New York from Mexico.

Horse-Show Judge Dies

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Apr. 13—Thomas W. Clark, nationally-known horse-show judge, is dead at 60. He was one of five men in the U.S. certified to judge all classes of horses. He had been manager of the Devon (Pa.) show for the last 25 years.

Nebraska Liberalizes Law To Permit Soldier Voting

LINCOLN, Neb., Apr. 13—A bill to liberalize voting laws both for members of the armed forces and civilians working in war industries outside the state has been passed by the Nebraska Legislature. The measure allows registration by mail and gives the absentee voters more time to receive and return their ballots. It also allows servicemen to vote under any existing federal law. If both the federal and state ballot are received, the state ballot is to be counted.

New London Officers' PX

A second London Post Exchange dealing in tobacco, candy, toilet articles, etc., but not clothing, will be opened for officers and other authorized personnel, tomorrow at 20 Mount St., near the Grosvenor House mess. Selling hours will be from 9.30 AM to 5 PM daily but not Sunday. The present PX on Oxford St. will continue to be open seven days a week.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News-Syndicate.

By Milton Caniff

