

## Allied Blitz Thunders On Unopposed

### Not a Fighter Rises to Meet Attacks on Atlantic Wall

Allied bombers swept over western Europe from the Atlantic Wall to the Reich without loss yesterday in the pre-invasion aerial offensive.

The weight of American explosives was spread from France's bomb-cratered Pas de Calais to points well behind Hitler's first-line invasion defenses as streams of heavy, medium, light and fighter-bombers concentrated their attacks on the French coast and north France.

The Allied air offensive was termed by a Berlin military commentator last night as not only a preparation but "part and parcel of the invasion itself."

Up to 250 Fortresses and Liberators struck the first blow yesterday morning, flying across the Channel to hit the Pas de Calais—one of the most heavily bombed regions in the world—after a night in which the Luftwaffe lost 15 aircraft on missions against south and southwest England, presumably in an effort to spot Allied Second Front preparations.

### Not One Nazi Plane Seen

Shepherded by Mustangs of the Eighth Air Force, the heavies dropped their loads without encountering a single German plane and returned without loss. One P51, probably a victim of flak, did not return.

Marauders and Havocs, returning to the attack after a one-day layoff which had terminated a streak of 14 missions in seven days, through openings in clouds pounded an airfield at Creil, 25 miles north of Paris, and a railroad yard in north France.

A Stars and Stripes reporter, flying in an A20 with Capt. David Hulse, of Sacramento, Cal., pilot, and S/Sgt. Fred Allred, turret gunner, from Milton, Ind., watched high explosives destroy hangars and other installations at one field from which German bombers are believed to have been flying for reconnaissance against English ports.

No enemy interceptors were met by the B26s and A20s, which were escorted by Ninth Lightnings and RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfires of the RAF's Second Tactical Air Force.

Other military objectives in north France were pelted by P47 fighters. (Continued on page 4)

## Germans Raid South England

Taking advantage of the moonless night, strong formations of German aircraft, probably spy planes, dropped bombs in south and southwest England early yesterday.

Fifteen enemy aircraft were destroyed in the attack, which the Germans claimed was against the port of Bristol. Several persons were killed and a number injured.

British reports said the weight of bombs dropped did not seem proportionate to the number of planes employed in the attack, suggesting that the main object was to obtain information about possible concentrations of invasion equipment along the coast.

## The War Today

### Italy

French troops of Fifth Army breach Gustav Line and advance within five miles of bastion of Hitler Line; Americans occupy Santa Maria Infante, dominating lateral road from Cassino, after terrific bombing and shelling of town; Eighth Army pushes deeper into Liri Valley below Cassino; 2,000 Germans captured.

### Air War

USAAF blasts Pas de Calais and targets in north France after RAF attack on Cologne; Luftwaffe loses 15 planes in attacks on south and southwest England.

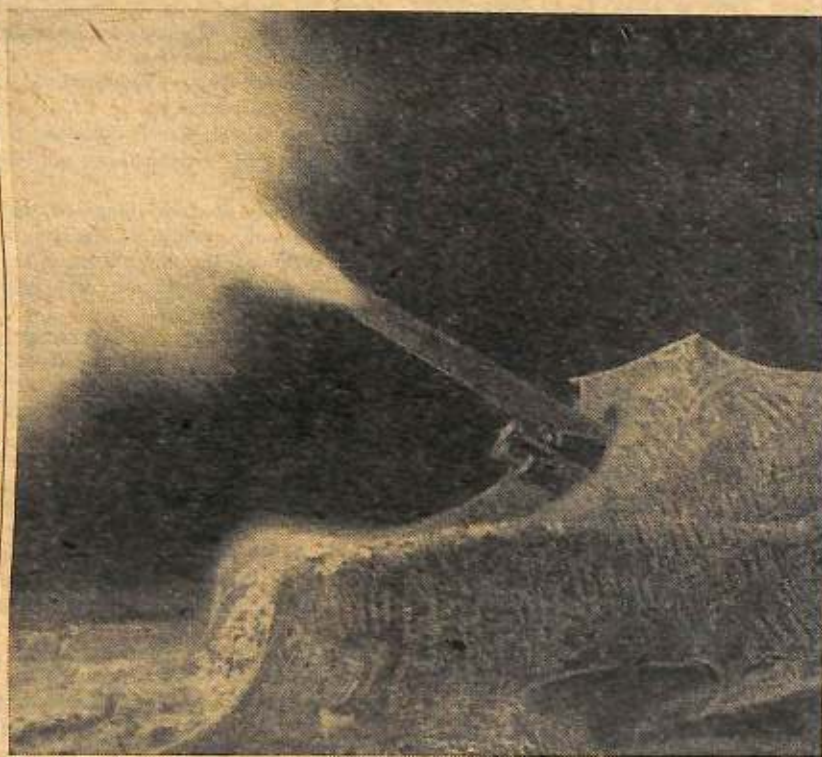
### Pacific

U.S. fighters and fighter-bombers in sweep over Rabaul, New Britain, sink 40 Jap barges; Wadke Island, off Dutch New Guinea, and Buka area of Solomons also hit as last enemy units in Hollandia area of New Guinea are mopped up; Japs regrouping in Kohima area on Burma front after losing strategic positions.

### China

Chinese open new offensive toward Burma to meet Stilwell and retake four points on Peiping-Hankow railroad. U.S. planes aid besieged Loyang garrison.

## As the Big Push in Italy Began



At 11 o'clock on Thursday night the Fifth and Eighth armies opened their attack on the Gustav Line with the greatest artillery barrage of the Mediterranean war. This photo shows one of the big Allied guns as the bombardment began.

## Berlin Warns of Allied Blows Inland as Well as on the Coast

By the Associated Press

The German people, holding their breath with painful tension as May entered its last half, were warned by Berlin radio yesterday that not merely the Atlantic Wall but points far inland would be subjected to the Allied attack in the very first phase of the invasion.

This was the gloomy declaration: "When the battle starts, fighting will not be limited to the divisions of the Atlantic Wall or to points under main attack, but small waves will reach far beyond them. Then Germany will be called upon to stand her greatest and most dangerous test."

## May Buy Up All SKF Bearings

### U.S. Plan for Use of Cash To Cut Swedish Exports To Reich Reported

WASHINGTON, May 15—The U.S. may buy up all ball bearings produced by the giant SKF factory in Sweden to insure that shipments to Germany are cut off, it was reliably reported in Washington today.

Failing that, the Washington Post said the U.S. might attempt to put pressure on the Swedish concern by seizing the \$10,000,000 SKF Industries, Inc., of Philadelphia, of which WPB Vice-Chairman William L. Batt is president.

Government officials made clear that seizure of the Philadelphia plant would only be for its effect on the parent firm, since all the U.S. company's output was going into the Allied war effort.

Meanwhile, the Swedish Gothenburg Post reported that Stanton Griffis, special representative of the Foreign Economic Administration, had virtually completed an agreement with SKF on bearings shipments to Germany.

Reliable capital sources said Griffis went to Sweden with a "blank check" of authority authorizing him to spend up to \$30,000,000 to buy all the Swedish plant's output in order to keep it from Germany.

## Rail Conductor Indicted For His Threats at FDR

WASHINGTON, May 15—Harold Mason, a railway conductor, today was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on a charge of making threats against President Roosevelt's life. The government charged that Mason said, "I have a tommy gun waiting to get a crack at the President."

Mason frequently has been a member of the crews of trains carrying the President. The maximum sentence on the charge is five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000.

## Victory Terms Reported Insistent on Full Surrender

NEW YORK, May 15 (Reuter)—The New York Times said today the European Advisory Commission's draft of the Allied victory terms, "according to reports accepted as reliable," calls for war to the hilt until the German armies are ready for unconditional surrender on the battlefield.

"There will be no negotiations, no armistice," the paper added.

## French Units Punch Hole in Gustav Line, Near Key Strongpoint

### Doubt Supply Lines Can Keep Foe Going

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Germany's bomb-shattered supply system in Italy cannot sustain Germany's troops resisting the current Allied onslaught, in the opinion of high officers of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, the War Department declared today in a summary of air strategy.

It said that since Mar. 24 there had been "no through rail line from Rome" and that the enemy had been forced to send supplies to the front by trucks, shuttle trains and coastal boats, with the result that he has not been able to bring up enough reserves for an all-out battle.

## Chinese Launch Drive to Link Up With Stilwell

### 20,000 Strike at Burma On Wide Front; USAAF Aids Loyang Defense

CHUNGKING, May 15—The Chinese have started a new offensive at the Burma border to link up with Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's Ledo road forces advancing across northern Burma from India, the High Command announced today, and at the same time have recaptured points on the Peiping-Hankow railroad in central China which the Japs had just taken.

Meanwhile the outnumbered Chinese garrison of Loyang, important railroad gateway to the west, still held out against Japanese armored forces which have broken through the city gates and stormed the town from all sides. The U.S. 14th Air Force flew to support the Loyang defenders, blasting Japanese armor, artillery and other military targets both north and south of the city.

The offensive toward Burma started with more than 20,000 Chinese troops crossing the swift Salween River which flows in a deep gorge parallel to the Burma border in western Yunnan province. The crossings, made on a 100-mile front, took three days and were completed Friday without opposition. Since then there has been stiff fighting in the border mountains with heavy casualties on both sides.

The Chinese counter-attack at the Peiping-Hankow railroad, which runs north and south through the granary of the Yellow River valley in Honan province, took them across the line at four separate points along a 60-mile stretch. One of these points was Suiping, an important junction where the line crosses the great east-west Lunghai railroad along the Yellow River.

### Nazi Bomb U.S. Hospital With Fifth Army, Italy, May 15 (AP)

Twin-engine German planes strafed and bombed an American hospital yesterday, killing two persons, one of them a patient, and wounding five.

## Crippled Fort Skims West Wall, Gives It a Little 'Softening Up'

A FORTRESS BASE, May 15—About 50 German soldiers were killed or wounded and 30 machine-gun nests and flak batteries shot up by gunners of the Fortress Silver Slipper, which topped off an assault on the oil refinery in Brux, Czechoslovakia, by attacking Nazi defenses on the French coast.

Returning on two engines with its fuselage riddled, the rudder severely damaged, flaps shot out and bomb-bay doors down, the Silver Slipper, piloted by 1/Lt. Frank W. Cooney, of Dallas, Tex., skimmed over Europe Friday less than 50 feet above ground to escape German fighters, the crew related today.

"We flew over some of those machine-gun batteries at less than 50 feet," said S/Sgt. Donald R. Stormont, of Chelsea, Mass. "They blazed at us and we just literally sprayed them with bullets. At one time I saw five machine-gunners jumping toward their guns. I blasted the

crowd and they went down like ten-pins." "It was like shooting rabbits," said T/Sgt. Kenneth Young, of Wichita, Kan. "They'd scurry for their guns and we'd let fly at them. They were dropping all over the place."

While skimming Channel coast sand dunes, the bombardier, 2/Lt. Jack R. Simpson, of Oakland, Cal., spotted a German sentry. "He threw his rifle to his shoulder and must have fired about three shots at us," Simpson said. "I swung my twin turret guns in his direction, and a slug knocked into him. He threw his rifle forward, his arms stiff, and went over on his back."

Silver Slipper ran into strong fighter opposition Friday. Its gunners claimed at least nine Nazi craft.

Other members of the crew were: T/Sgt. Leonard Schauer, the Bronx; S/Sgt. Jack Marini, Steubenville, Ohio; S/Sgt. Howard E. Boyd, Oglesby, Tex.; S/Sgt. Ernest L. Elmer, Omaha, Neb.; 2/Lt. William G. Storey, Rupert, Idaho, and 2/Lt. Frank W. Wolf, of Raleigh, N.C.

## Yanks Seize Town Controlling Road From Cassino

NAPLES, May 15—French troops of the Fifth Army punched what was officially announced as "a significant breach" in the Gustav Line in Italy today and advanced in a two-pronged drive to within five miles of Esperia, right-flank bastion of the Hitler Line beyond it. Five villages fell to this wedge.

At the same time, Americans to the south occupied the ancient town of Santa Maria Infante after a terrific bombardment by artillery and dive-bombers that left hardly a building standing. They also seized strategic hills on both sides of the Ausente River and took San Pietro to the northeast.

On the front below Cassino, British and Indians of the Eighth Army penetrated deeper into the Liri Valley. Their Rapido River bridgehead was pushed to a depth of 2,000 yards and additional bridges were built to supplement the two on which the initial crossings were made.

### 2,000 Prisoners Taken

Some 2,000 Nazi prisoners were taken—1,200 of them, including six battalion commanders, from the German 71st Division, which was wiped out by the Russians at Stalingrad but later re-formed. This division has borne the brunt of the Fifth Army attack and the whole of its defenses have been overrun.

While the offensive thus continued to break through all along the line, the Germans expressed undisguised apprehension over possible Allied landings in northern Italy. Berlin military circles, quoted by the German-controlled STB agency in Stockholm, said the aim of such landings would be to make a surprise attack on the Cassino and Anzio fronts from the rear. The German Overseas News Agency said that the people of Rome were officially warned that "another Allied landing on Italian soil may be expected at any moment, and that for all practical purposes Rome may be cut off from the rest of Italy very shortly."

The Germans said that the Allies had ten divisions in action in Italy. They also reported that the Allies were using artificial fog "on an unprecedented scale," and that "whole sectors of the front are often blanketed with impenetrable fog immediately before the Allied soldiers—Americans, Englishmen, Indians, French and Poles—begin their assaults."

### Mines in Trees

Another new wrinkle found the Germans putting mines or booby traps in the lower branches of trees, where they would be set off by troops brushing against the foliage from above.

Santa Maria Infante, which the Americans captured, dominates the lateral road from Cassino to the coast. Its capture not only brings the road under control there but also takes U.S. troops to the western side of the mountainous triangle of which Minturno is the base.

Farther north on the lateral road from Cassino, French troops attacked the small town of San Giorgio. This attack was made by one of the two French columns which together have advanced a total of seven miles across the Garigliano River. (Continued on page 4)



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Two Plans

AN improved syllabus for German schools, published by the German News Agency on March 9, stated: "Sand tables will be given as prizes and sand table training will in the forthcoming year be concentrated on the work of the infantry, which bears the main burden of the fighting and for whom young children must be made to feel special admiration."

The new German directive clearly points the trend of Nazi education; but should a doubt remain the Hitler Youth manual for boys six to ten would eliminate it, for the manual is in fact a military text-book.

On entering the service at the age of six each boy is given a Leistungsbuch, a book in which his leaders record his achievements, especially his military ones such as marches, target shooting, and dummy grenade throwing.

By way of contrast it is interesting to note that plans are under way to correct the evils of such educational methods as those advocated by the Nazis. A tentative draft constitution for a United Nations organization for Education and Cultural Reconstruction has been accepted by the Conference of Allied Ministers of Education.

General acceptance of the creation of an international organization to undertake cooperatively the vitally important work of restoring the educational and cultural heritages of war-torn countries will carry the United Nations past another important station on the road towards lasting peace.

German Steel

DURING the past few weeks the German steel industry has been cut off from considerable quantities of chromium, wolfram and manganese. These metals are essential for the production of different kinds of Edel-steel, without which battlefield consequences will soon develop from industrial shortages.

Turkish chrome has been entirely cut off. Spanish wolfram has been reduced to one-quarter of last year's volume. Manganese mines at Nikopol, worked last year by the Nazis, are now in Russian hands.

Plans of the German armament industry have been thrown out of gear as a result, and effects may soon grow serious. Already Allied experts report that German shells now contain a smaller chromium content than they did a year ago. That means they are less tough and more liable to fracture on impact than Allied shells. This deterioration process will inevitably increase as stock piles of strategic metals run low.

The German war effort, like German steel, is being softened by diplomatic and military blows.

The Worry Clinic

A "WORRY clinic" operated by the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association now has reached the proportions of 1,000 letters per day being sent in by members of the British forces around the world.

It takes about 100 persons to handle the flow of mail, and some 20,000 volunteer workers have the task of solving the problems and ending the worries of the fighting men away from home.

Delay in mail delivery is one of the prime causes of worry. When a soldier does not hear from the folks back home, he worries; and a worried soldier is only a half-soldier. Sickness at home and trouble with wives also are high on the list of worry causes. Do not get the idea that those are the only things that cause men to fret. There probably are thousands.

In fact, worry itself is the prime root of the evil. As Mr. Roosevelt once said: "We have nothing to fear but fear." Such fear and worry eats into the vitals.

The "worry clinic" therefore does two things, it clears up the cause of the worry and at the same time it lets a man get his troubles off his chest. There is nothing like a good cry to clear things up; whether a man literally weeps in his beer or cries out his soul in a letter, he feels better for it.

We will bet a tanner to a dime that in most cases when a man bangs his fist down on the back of the envelope to seal his letter to the association, 99 per cent of his troubles are ended.

Hash Marks

Truth is stranger than fiction—so say the guys at a Liberator station who swear this conversation is authentic. A "furlough-happy" sergeant (a gunner) was aroused from his reverie by his pilot's call over the inter-phone system, "Me109 at 2 o'clock!" Drowsily our hero looked at his watch and answered, "It's only 11.30—we have plenty of time."

Our award of the Fur-Lined Beer Mug goes this week to W/O Engberg of SHAEF, who has reportedly come



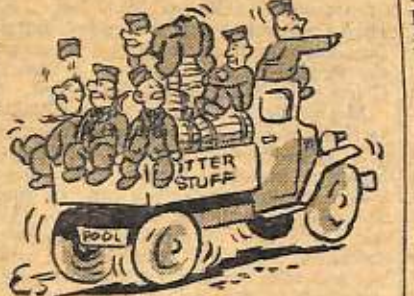
through with an invention which should prove a boon to all cyclists. Tired of being tossed off his bike when making sudden stops, he now wears a small auxiliary "parachute" which flares open and breaks his fall when he hurries over the handle bars.

Here's the ETO version of a story they used to tell back in the States. Two GIs who had been standing at the milk bar too long were discussing the last time they had had furloughs. "I had a swell time," said one guy, "I stayed at that famous summer resort, Brighton." "You did?" asked his pal incredulously, "where did you sleep?" "At the Mostyn Club," came the reply. His pal screamed, "The Mostyn Club! Why, that's in London!" "It is!" moaned the GI—"no wonder it was such a long walk to the beach!"

And then there was the ETO-Happy GI who walked into a civilian barber shop, sat down in the chair and requested a haircut. "Certainly, Yank," said the barber, "but would you mind taking off your hat?" The dreamy GI apologized, "I'm sorry—I didn't know there were ladies present."

T/S Miller Ryan dedicates this poem to the now-famous Little Moron: Your head is dead.

It was Saturday afternoon and a bunch of men from a 9th Troop Carrier Command base were on their way to town



to make the most of a 12-hour pass. They stood at a crossroads thumbing a ride and were picked up by a British truck, loaded with empty beer kegs. The lorry finally rumbled and rattled into town bearing its strange cargo—much to the amazement of the townsfolk. One old gent was heard to exclaim, "What will these Yanks think of next—bringing their own beer to town!"

A voice was heard to cry from the far corner of a Nissen hut: "Open the door and let some heat in!"

PRIVATE BREGER



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"I'm not very good at this game!"

Jitters?—Only the Morning After Kind

Britain Goes About Its Business Calmly, Come Hell or Invasion

By Allan M. Morrison

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A BRITISH "FRONT-LINE" TOWN, May 15—Yanks on duty at vital pre-invasion tasks in this hive of war activity have come to know from close observation something about the qualities of coolness under stress and the splendid defiance of British folk.

Because though big events are taking shape before their eyes, events which will change the face of a continent forever, cause wide devastation and bring tragic tidings to many Allied homes, there is on the faces of the local townspeople no show of excitement, even of anticipation of the roar of battle close by.

There are no invasion jitters evident here.

One GI observed: "The folks back in America more than 3,000 miles from where the fighting will take place, are sweating out the opening of the Second Front. These people go about their daily business as though nothing were in the wind. When D-Day comes, I'll wager most of these people hardly bat an eyelash."

The British know they're in a "hot spot," but they are awaiting the invasion with a calm that will be hard to shatter. If there is tension in their hearts, it doesn't show on the surface. That's what the troops admire.

There is no talk at all to be heard of the preparations for the great attack which many have seen and all know about. It is as though their lips have been sealed by an agreement made in the finest sort of faith with the men who will make that attack.

In times of peace, numerous seaside hotels were crowded at this time of year. Visitors from all over England lolled on the benches facing out to the water or sunned themselves on the balconies. These were stenographers and professionals, factory workers and industrialists, relaxing by the sea.

Today many such hotels are occupied by the services, British and American. On window ledges where newlyweds formerly peeped out on bright mornings are American GIs. They are resting before the storm. One plays "Shoo, Shoo, Baby" on an accordion that has battered its way across one continent and an

ocean, and may yet give out with "St. Louis Blues" on the Wilhelmstrasse.

On many British piers, happy couples once danced to lively swing bands. Garlands of colored lights illuminated the long beach front. Now, some areas are ringed by barbed wire on which there are signs saying, "Civilians are forbidden to loiter or talk to soldiers."

Chief Stoker Henry Robinson, 51, a veteran of the campaigns in China and Gallipoli in World War I, described the feeling as one of "alertness, but not tension."

"We're ready to take things as they come," he said quietly. "The people know something's up, that we are in the front line for the invasion. But they intend to see it through."

James Trowbridge, a war worker and a resident for 47 years, met the Yanks for the first time at Arras, France, in 1917 after serving 3 1/2 years on the Continent with a British Guards regiment.

"This time the Yanks are 'ere in our town and they'll go forward with our lads this time," he said. "It's a great feeling."

After Dunkirk, all Britain stood tensed for the expected German invasion of this island. But the blow was never delivered.

"Ol' Churchill told us then to stick it, and we just did," Trowbridge recalled. "We didn't get excited then. Why should we be gettin' up in the air now? If we 'ad to 'ave it back in '40, then we felt we just 'ad to 'ave it. Now it's 'other way round."

"Hitler's goin' to 'ave it now," he muttered, "an' 'e'll be done in for, 'im and all his works, bloody well done in for."

Down in the pub the talk is not of the invasion. There are no rumors. The center of interest is a 10-shilling note bearing the signature of Sgt. Joe Louis. The Champ signed it for the proprietor, an ardent fan of the heavyweight king's.

He has dug up a sign displayed through the blitz and has hung it on the radio. It reads: "When the siren goes, customers may have a drink on the house." That is the one invasion touch.

And when the signals go up telling the world that the D-Day assault has been launched, the people in this front-line island will probably pause for a moment, slowly say, "Ave a good go, lads," and continue with what they were doing.

Army Medics Keep Constant Tab On the Water You Drink in U.K.

By Tom Hoge

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SOUTHERN BASE SECTION HQ, May 15—Hidden away in a secluded corner of a vast Army medical laboratory is a small group of men whose job it is to make sure that soldiers in this Theater are getting the proper water to drink.

Under the direction of Maj. Edward Moore, former member of the Harvard Graduate School of Engineering, the staff spends its time testing an endless series of bottles—samples of water sent in from camps and hospitals all over the U.K.

Usually the trouble is hard water, but sometimes it gets a little more complicated.

Recently the inhabitants of a large hospital were dismayed when they turned

on their faucets one morning and the water came gushing out with a stench like that of stale cod liver oil. It tasted like road tar, and when one little nurse tried to wash her hair in it, she was horrified to find that her tresses turned green.

On advice of the base engineer, a sample was sent post haste to the sanitary engineers.

"We put it through a couple of tests," said Moore, "and found it contained traces of an insidious protozoan known as synura. We sent instructions back to load the water with chlorine. In a couple of days the smell had vanished and nobody else's hair turned green. In fact, it neutralized so nicely that even the chlorine smell was barely noticeable."

But usually the trouble is hard water, and that can be a major headache.

"When a bunch of men in an outfit start getting dysentery, and the cooks complain they can't wash the dishes properly, you can be pretty sure of the trouble—hard water," said Moore. "And in England that's a very prevalent condition. It's so hard in some parts of the U.K. that it forms scales on the boilers."

If water is found to be hard enough to prove harmful, Moore recommends a softening filter, an ingenious gadget which runs water through a mineral substance that softens it up to the desired consistency.

When the invasion comes off, the sanitary engineers may be called upon to move with the Army. However, they are prepared for any trouble they encounter with water in Europe. U.S. authorities have a pretty thorough idea of what sort of supply exists on the Continent and are prepared to meet any contingency.

And that includes water poisoned by the enemy. Compact little lab kits are part of the T/O of every medical field unit. With these kits, five key tests may be administered—arsenic, pH, acid, chlorine and the taste and odor test.

"On the whole, the water supply here is excellent," said Moore. "Our staff is empowered to condemn a plant if they consider it necessary for the health of the Army. But it's very rare we have to do so."

Working with Moore is Lt. David Lilly, a physiologist in civil life, and a Edward Carr, a former chemist. Their job is carried out without fuss or fanfare, but according to Lt. Col. Ralph Mucken- fuss, director of the laboratory, it is one of the most important of medical tasks.

This Is The Army

FILING reports to home-town papers on patients and personnel of a station hospital is a little off the beat for Sgt. Walter A. Tompkins, of Pasadena, Cal., author of 35 Western novels and world traveler. Like the radio's yodeling cowboy who never strayed from Brooklyn, author Tompkins admits he never has been on a horse.

Delmer L. Purgett, a pharmacist's mate assigned to a U.S. Navy hospital in the U.K. and a former foot doctor, hikes around his duties wearing a pedometer. The meter shows that Purgett covers three miles daily.

He plans to wear the pedometer for a month, checking his own steps, and then intends placing it on some person known to do extensive walking to determine the effect of such strain.

ADD Legion of Merit awards: To Maj. Ernest L. Smith, of Gulfport, Miss., for outstanding service as CO of a signal construction battalion; to S/Sgt. Charles A. Burnside, of Los Angeles, for service as a machinist in maintenance of heavy engineering equipment; to Maj. Walter P. Leber, of St. Louis, Mo., for outstanding supervision in the construction of Army installations.

Tire experts at a service-command station have succeeded in adding 30 per cent more life (at least 4,000 miles) to truck tires. They have found that a tire a half-inch out of alignment is dragged 87 feet sideways for every mile covered.

AN electrically-heated litter pad, which will give front-line treatment to invasion casualties suffering from shock, has been invented by Pvt. Ellus T. Williams, of Columbia, Tenn., now with a medical battalion in England. The pad may be rolled up and carried like a pack.

The apparatus may be operated from an ordinary generating system of motor vehicles or a portable field generator.

Found—A buck private who's made out his monthly allotment to a general. Pvt. Donald P. Dozier, of Columbia, S.C., member of a Ninth Air Force Carrier Command Unit, sends \$40 a month to Brig. Gen. James Cordle Dozier, his father. Dozier has had an Army Class E allotment made out to his pop, the adjutant general of South Carolina, since arriving here in the ETO.

THERE wasn't any wood around to build furniture for his unit's day-room, so Pfc Frank J. Illes, of Youngstown, Ohio, did the next best thing. He borrowed from near-by trees.

Illes also built a set of rifle targets, after which he proceeded to qualify as an expert on them with the Garand rifle and as a marksman with the Browning automatic and carbine.

Notes from the Air Force

THE Fortress crew of Cabin in the Sky got a sneak preview of what they might be called on to do come the invasion. 1/Lt. Melvin P. Van Houten, of Totowa, N.J., took his ship down on the deck after one engine was knocked out in the May 7 Berlin trip, and his gunners shot up German blockhouses along the Zuyder Zee on the way home. A few Forts and Libs have "strafed" before.

The crew of Cabin in the Sky said they raced across Germany at times not more than 15 feet off the ground. They were hit by German 20mm. shells from barges in a canal near Brunswick before they got their revenge.

Gilbert L. Meyers, of Milford, Iowa, commander of a P47 fighter-bomber group, was awarded the DFC, the Air Medal and a Cluster by Maj. Gen. E. R. Quesada, Ninth Fighter Command chief, just a few hours after he had been promoted to full colonel. At the same ceremony 65 fliers of Meyers' group received Air Medals and Clusters.

BRIG. Gen. Walter R. Paek, of Lima, Ohio, B24 combat wing commander, has been awarded the Silver Star for leading the entire Liberator division into Germany on three bombing missions. One of the attacks was the third raid on Berlin. The others were to Aschersleben and Halberstadt. The award "for gallantry in action," was made by Brig. Gen. James P. Hodges, Liberator division commander.

The first Marauder group to operate from England—"Nye's Annihilators"—commanded by Col. Glenn Nye, of Raleigh, N.C., completed its first year of operation over the weekend. The group has flown 187 missions—5,008 sorties—and dropped 6,100 American tons of bombs. Its champ flier is tail gunner S/Sgt. Vincent Keen, of Winston Salem, N.C., with 69 missions. Lts. Melvin Risting, of Slayton, Minn., and Ralph McConnell, of Upper Darby, Pa., have 68.

In a chase after an Me109, which started at 20,000 feet and ended at 200 feet and which involved ducking telephone wires and dodging houses and trees, 2/Lt. Glenn H. Pipes, a Pioneer Mustang pilot, flying his 38th mission, destroyed his first enemy plane—but didn't fire a shot.

Lt. Pipes, from Roanoke, Va., was escorting heavy bombers to Saarbrücken, Germany, when he spotted some Jerries and dove after one. "I chased him as he barreled along on the deck, dodging trees and houses and barely missing telephone wires. This rat-race went on for several minutes until his wings hooked against a tree. He spun over and went into the ground. I didn't fire a shot."





A horse named Sweep Vestal once won a race at Charlestown and not one winning ticket had been sold on him. The track paid off on the second horse.

In case you get around some veteran bowlers and can't understand what they are talking about, maybe some of these will help you. In bowling jargon, a cocked hat is a 1-5-10 setup. Double pinochle indicates you left the 4-7-6-10 pins standing. A divorce is a 7-10 split. A stew-on-a-curbstone means either the 7 or 10 wobbled but failed to fall. Obstinate Otto is when the 5 pin remains standing alone.

Frankie Sinkwich, one of many star footballers who went to school on an athletic scholarship ride, recently left Atlanta to report for Maritime Service training at Sheepshead Bay. Jack Troy, Atlanta sports editor, asked him what had been his greatest thrill in football: "The day that I drew my first pay check from the Detroit Lions," answered Frankie.

Leo Klier, the Notre Dame basketball player who recently set a new Irish scoring record on the hardwoods, is proving himself to be a big league prospect as a pitcher. He's a knuckleballer with plenty of stuff.

Doc Forsythe, newly signed trainer of the Detroit Tigers and who also trains the Detroit Lions football team, once beat the drum in the band on opening day at Briggs Stadium.

### Minor League Results

Table with columns for League, Team, and Score. Includes International League and Eastern League results.

Table with columns for League, Team, and Score. Includes American Association and Southern Association results.

Table with columns for League, Team, and Score. Includes Pacific Coast League results.

Table with columns for League, Team, and Score. Includes Home Run Hitters and Runs Batted In.

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Harvard University Reunion. A REUNION dinner for Harvard men will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Square Club, Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 P.M. Send 75c, c/o Wednesday to Lt. Col. John L. Donovan Jr., c/o The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1. Reservation deadline: May 22.

# Yankees and Cardinals Sweep Twin Bills

## Champs Defeat Tribe, 4-3, 8-4; Brownies Slide

### A's Clip St. Louis, 4-3, 2-0; Bengals Dump Bosox; Nats, Chisox Split

NEW YORK, May 15—The old vanguard isn't entertaining Yankee Stadium customers these days because of the war, but if Manager Joe McCarthy's current crop of world champions is less formidable than usual, American League rivals haven't as yet been told of the change. The Yanks maintained their torrid pace yesterday as they delighted 41,000 New York fans with 4-3 and 8-4 victories over the Indians, the first game going 13 innings before Johnny Lindell chased home Bud Metheny with a single to break a 3-3 tie. The twin-victory lifted the Bombers a game and a half ahead of the second place Browns.

Home runs by Mickey Rocco and Roy Cullenbine provided the Tribe with a 3-1 margin in the opener, but Lindell knotted the count in the ninth with one of three singles he collected, driving in two runs. Emerson Roser, who relieved Ernie Bonham in the ninth, was credited with the win, while Allie Reynolds, replacing Al Smith, suffered the loss.

The Browns lost precious ground to the Yanks when they took two on the chin from the Athletics at Philadelphia, 4-3 in 11 innings and 2-0. Ford Garrison's fifth hit of the contest sent the winning run across in the 11th of the opener, while Catcher Frankie Hayes' two-run homer in the eighth won for Iman Harris, who hand-cuffed the Browns with two hits.

Nelson Potter started the opener for the Browns and was followed by Bob Muncief, Denny Galehouse and George Caster, the loser being Caster. Luke Hamlin opened for the A's and Bobo Newson pitched the tenth frame and Joe Berry the 11th, Berry winning the nod. Al Shirley checked the Mackmen with six hits in the finale, but had the ill luck to oppose Harris.

The Tigers emerged from the cellar by thumping the Red Sox twice at Boston, 6-1 and 9-0, to trade places with the Bosox in the standings. Dizzy Trout held the Sox to six blows in the inaugural and Johnny Gorsica twirled a three-hitter in the windup.

The Tigers routed Joe Wood Jr. with five hits and four runs in the fifth inning of the first game, the big blow being a homer with a mate on by Eddie Mayo. The Bengals clubbed Yank Terry for three runs in the first inning of the nightcap and two more in the fourth before George Woods took over the chores. Washington and the Senators taking the opener, 4-0, as Dutch Leonard spun a seven-hitter, and the Chisox winning the nightcap, 6-4.

Leonard and Thornton Lee hooked up in a pitching duel until the eighth when the Nats scored four runs after two were out, singles by Bobby Ortiz and Gilbert Torres each driving in two runs. The Nats led, 3-1, after Ortiz cracked a three-run homer in the third inning of the second contest, but the Sox shoved across four tallies in the ninth to win. Gordon Maltzenberger, replacing Orval Grove in the eighth, was credited with the victory, while Early Wynn, who yielded to Milo Candini in the ninth, absorbed the defeat.

Clowns Blank Ramblers. The London Clowns, who won 43 and lost four last year, opened their 1944 baseball campaign by whitewashing the Eighth AF Ramblers, 4-0, in a seven-inning affair.

## To the Rescue



## Have No Fear, Thunderer, Cricket Is Here — To Stay

By Gene Graff, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The soberly staid London Times expressed alarm editorially yesterday that "the speed of baseball will make a (post-war) appeal with which the leisureliness of cricket cannot compete" because bats and balls have been issued to British units in the Middle East. On the other hand, says the Times, perhaps "it would be positively unpatriotic to grudge a welcome to a game which is returning home."

That just about completes the Anglo-American cycle of anguish which was born when a group of reckless American Fortress pilots invaded the serene cricket pitch, much to the amusement of Britons—and to the consternation of Americans here. But, according to the record, fear about baseball supplanting cricket as a sports fixture in Britain is without foundation.

If Abner Doubleday stole a page from cricket and rounders when he dreamed up baseball, his early contemporaries hastily erased any traces of it. The paddle-shaped cricket bat soon disappeared, as did all the other equipment and playing conditions typical to the popular British pastimes. In fact, the only items retained were the shin guards, and they were taken from the batter and given to the catcher.

Getting back to the "local warning," the editorial continues in part: "It may be that in a few years we shall have absorbed all the traditions of baseball, rise in a body to stretch ourselves at the 'sleepy seventh' and... watch a game as mystifying as on first entering a tennis court."

However, if Briton's haven't "absorbed the traditions of baseball" by now, they probably never will. Long before bats and balls were issued to the Tommies overseas baseball was exhibited here and met with a frigid welcome, as—ve fervently hope—cricket will in the States if those Fortress jockeys attempt to take the leisurely game across the pond.

The first baseball tour was in 1874, when teams from Boston and Philadelphia toured England and Ireland, playing 14 baseball games and seven cricket matches. For their efforts, they banked approximately \$1,196 and got seasick both ways, so they never came back.

Perhaps the post-war pact should include a paragraph giving baseball to the Americans and leaving cricket in the ETO.

Bluejackets Slap Heils. GREAT LAKES, Ill., May 15—The Great Lakes Naval Training Station baseball team slapped 28 hits off four pitchers for a 32-2 victory over the Milwaukee Heils in a seven-inning game before 10,000 sailors. Dick West, former Cincinnati catcher, played outfield for the Bluejackets and poled a homer, triple, double and two singles.

## Redbirds Whip Phils; Walters Hurls 1-Hitter

### Ryan Spoils No-Hit Effort As Reds Divide; Bums Top Cubs, Then Lose

NEW YORK, May 15—The Cardinals widened their National League margin over the second place Phillies to three and a half games yesterday by trouncing the Phils in both ends of their Sunday bargain bill at St. Louis, 6-3 and 1-0, the only run in the nightcap being Ray Sanders' home run in the second inning.

Martin Marion headed the 14-hit Redbird assault on Ken Raffensberger and Chet Covington in the first game, getting three hits, including a double and triple. Mort Cooper went the distance to win and Raffensberger, lingering seven frames, was the loser. Al Gerheuser yielded seven hits in dropping the nightcap and George Munger stopped the Phillies with six.

The Reds and Braves traded shutouts at Cincinnati, the Reds capturing the first decision, 4-0, on Bucky Walters' one-hit pitching and Boston taking the second, 6-0, behind Ira Hutchinson, who allowed eight hits.

Max Macon. Bucky's no-hitter was spoiled by Connie Ryan, one of the weakest batsmen in the league, who blooped a single into left field off the handle of his bat with two outs in the eighth.

Ryan was the only man to reach base as Walters faced only 28 batters, 15 flying out and 12 being retired on grounders.

Max Macon rapped five straight singles to center to spark the Braves in the second affair as Boston collected 12 bingles off Tommy Delacruz, who departed in the eighth as the loser, and Pussie Katz. Hutchinson, meanwhile, scattered the Reds' hits and never was seriously threatened.

The Pirates showed the Giants more deeply into seventh place by taking both verdicts at Pittsburgh, 1-0, in ten innings and 8-2. Rip Sewell's eephus delivery baffled the New Yorkers in the opener as he turned them back with six hits. The Bucs reached luckless Bill Voiselle for nine, winning when Frank Gustine singled to score Pete Coscarart in the tenth inning.

Pirates Pepper Pyle. The Bucs peppered Ewald Pyle for eight hits, including three doubles and home runs by Jack Barrett and Vince DiMaggio to win the windup, as Nick Strincevich coasted to his third victory. Strincevich had a shutout until the eighth when the Giants scored once; they added their other counter in the ninth. Harry Feldman, Frank Seward and Ken Bronnell followed Pyle on the mound for the Giants, but Pyle lasted long enough to suffer the defeat.

The Cubs made no progress in their campaign to escape from the cellar, halving a pair with the Dodgers before 30,000 fans in Chicago. The Bruins salvaged the nightcap, 8-7, after the Bums had grabbed the first game, 4-2.

The Dodgers slapped Claude Passeau for three runs in the six innings he toiled before exiting in favor of Paul Derringer in the opener and the Cubs were unable to cluster their 12 hits off Fritzie Ostermuller to erase the deficit. The Dodgers jolted Passeau, Derringer and Paul Erickson for 11 safeties.

The Bums apparently had the second game on ice when, leading 2-1, they tallied five runs in the eighth inning and sent Hy Vandenberg to the showers. The Cubs retaliated, however, in their half of the frame to shell Bob Chipman for five runs and emerged with the triumph when John Ostrowski singled, Bill Nicholson doubled and Roy Hughes singled in the ninth. Ed Hanyzewski pitched the last inning for the Cubs to win and Wes Flowers was the loser.

Hispanos Retain Soccer Title. NEW YORK, May 15—The Brooklyn Hispanos retained their national soccer championship by defeating the Pittsburgh Morgan-Strassers, 4-0, yesterday at the Polo Grounds before 12,000 fans.

## HOW THEY STAND.

League Standings Table. Columns: American League, National League, W, L, Pct. Lists teams like New York, St. Louis, Philadelphia, etc.

Leading Hitters Table. Columns: American League, National League, Player, G, AB, R, H, Pct. Lists players like Swift, Detroit, Etten, New York, etc.

By Al Capp





# 40 Jap Barges Sunk at Rabaul By U.S. Planes

### Fighters, Dive-Bombers Hit Base; New Guinea, Solomons Attacked

American fighters and dive-bombers sweeping over Rabaul, New Britain, shot up and sank 40 Japanese barges in an attack with rocket guns, Gen. MacArthur's communique reported yesterday.

The raiders also caused large explosions and fires, neutralized anti-aircraft positions and dropped more than 40 tons of bombs at the cost of one plane.

Liberators again pounded the airfield at Wakde Island on the northwestern coast of Dutch New Guinea. The Buka area of Bougainville in the Solomons also was hit.

In New Guinea land assaults, American patrols mopped up the last pockets of enemy resistance in the Hollandia and Aitape areas on the north coast. Of the Japs hunted down in the hills, 78 were killed and 33 captured.

In the last three weeks, the enemy has lost 1,776 killed and 354 wounded in the area.

#### Japs Regroup at Kohima

Driven from three strongly fortified positions overlooking the town, the Japanese yesterday were reported regrouping south of Kohima, while to the northeast Allied advances forced further Jap readjustments on the Burma front.

The Japs have stepped up air activity, apparently to boost weakened morale of their own troops. However, they have suffered heavily, losing 28 planes.

South of Imphal, the Japs lost more than 400 men gaining slight foothold on a hill.

Southwest of Imphal, near Bishenpur, the one remaining enemy stronghold in the Posaingban village—known to the troops as "pois and pans"—was reported almost encircled.

### Help From Allied Planes For Tito's Forces Bared

Allied warplanes presumably operating from Italian bases now are making regular sweeps over Yugoslavia in cooperation with Partisan ground troops, Marshal Tito's communique indicated yesterday.

"On May 13," it said, "the Allied air force for the first time patrolled the high roads along which enemy motorized transport circulate, thus offering great assistance to our troops. Results were excellent."

The communique also announced recapture of Starigrad harbor, 25 miles south of Split on the Adriatic, and occupation of Zivinice in East Bosnia after the defeat of several hundred Germans.

#### Limit on Debate Refused

WASHINGTON, May 15—The Senate refused today to limit debate on the controversial anti-poll tax bill to 96 hours, rejecting a petition filed by Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) in an effort to avoid a Southern filibuster against the bill. The vote indicated the bill would be shelved.

#### Chaplin Must Defend Suit

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15—The California State Supreme court today upheld the refusal of two lower courts to dismiss a paternity suit brought against Charlie Chaplin by starlet Joan Barry.

### 'Calling APOs' Program Thrice Weekly on AFN

"Calling APOs," the radio version of the daily "APOs Wanted" feature in The Stars and Stripes, will be heard on the American Forces Network three times weekly instead of once—Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8.25 PM—effective tonight.

Servicemen desiring to locate a friend or relative should write "Calling APOs," AFN, APO 887. Several hundred GIs stationed in the U.K. already have been "found" through the service.

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

#### Tuesday, May 16

- 1100—Sign On—Spotlight on Vaughn Monroe.
- 1115—Personal Album with Pat Friday.
- 1130—Lynn Murray Show.
- 1200—Noon Edition.
- 1205—Barracks Bag.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Melody Roundup.
- 1330—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street (Return Engagement).
- 1400—News Headlines—Reginald King Quintet (BBC).
- 1430—Visiting Hour—Aldrich Family.
- 1500—Music While You Work (BBC).
- 1530—OR the Record.
- 1630—BBC Northern Orchestra.
- 1700—South American Way.
- 1730—Guy Lombardo Program and Program Resume.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
- 1905—Carnival of Music—Alec Templeton and Morton Gould's Orchestras.
- 1930—Borns and Allen.
- 2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
- 2010—Fred Waring Program.
- 2025—Calling APOs.
- 2030—Fred Allen Show—Portland Hoffa, Hi-Jo Jack and the Dame, The Mighty Allen Players, Al Goodman, his Chorus and Orchestra and Guest Star.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2115—Hit Parade—Mark Warnow's Orchestra and Frank "Swoon" em. Sinatra.
- 2145—USO in the ETO—"Sunny Side Up," with Doris and Ellis.
- 2200—Duffy's Tavern—where the elite lose their appetite.
- 2225—One Night Stand with Joe Reichman.
- 2255—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours Wednesday, May 17.

### Ouch!

WASHINGTON, May 15—The war is costing the U.S. each day more than three times the entire cost of the war of 1812 and twice the total cost of the Mexican War.

Daily war spending in the last six months has averaged \$307,300,000. At the current average, it takes about 50 days to equal the total outlay of the Civil War, which cost \$15,100,000,000, including pensions, up to 1938.

World War I cost \$41,765,000,000, including pensions, up to 1943.

## Soviet Bombers Hit Rail Targets

### Raid Brest-Litovsk, Narva And Polotsk; Nazi Tank Attacks Repulsed

Heavy night bomber attacks on railway targets at Brest-Litovsk, Narva and Polotsk were reported by the Russians yesterday as the eastern front lull continued, broken only by unsuccessful German tank attacks on Russian positions northwest of Tiraspol, on the lower Dniester.

The tanks withdrew when heavy Russian artillery opened fire.

Meanwhile, Col. Ernst von Hammer, military commentator of the German News Agency, in what was described as a "final report" on the evacuation of the Crimea, claimed that 128,000 German soldiers were evacuated by sea from the beginning of the Soviet offensive and that another 20,000, most of them wounded, were taken away by air transports.

Red Air Force bombers strafed trucks and troop trains on the approaches to Brest-Litovsk and started 30 fires inside the city. At Narva, on the northern front, they blew up military stores, bombed the freight yards and left supply trains blazing.

### Girl Trapeze Artist Hurt In 30-Foot Plunge at N.Y.

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—Patricia Cartier, 21, an English trapeze artist, fell 30 feet from a trapeze while appearing for Ringling Brothers circus in Madison Square Garden yesterday.

Circus officials said she suffered a fractured right wrist, fractured left ankle, lacerated ear and internal injuries.

She was in reaching for her trapeze when she left her ascension rope.

#### Yanks Seize Nazi Flier

Two Negro soldiers of the U.S. Army ran slap into the first German they'd ever seen early yesterday and did their duty. The Nazi, who parachuted from a disabled plane during the night, was loaded into a jeep and hauled off to a police station by the Americans, who then rode off before giving their names.

#### Oppose Post-War Draft

WILMINGTON, Del., May 15—The Delaware State Baptist Convention has gone on record as opposed to compulsory military training after the war for men 18-21.

## Raids - - - -

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bombers of the Ninth Air Force, which were escorted by P47 fighters. At a late hour last night there was no announcement of any fighter-bomber losses.

Preceding yesterday's USAAF assaults was a raid on Cologne, Germany, early in the morning by Mosquitoes. All the Mosquitoes returned, as did other aircraft of Bomber Command which battered objectives in France and the Low Countries and laid mines in enemy waters.

Yesterday's heavy bomber attack—the 17th of the month—came after Sunday's lull in which only fighters and fighter bombers of the Second Tactical Air Force streaked out to hit points in north France.

Presumably on a wide-spread large-scale reconnaissance, the Luftwaffe, after more than two weeks of inactivity, resumed its attacks on Britain Sunday night, dropping bombs on scattered south and southwest districts.

Fourteen of an estimated force of from 50 to 75 raiders, which swept in around midnight, were shot down by British home defenses and one by an intruder on the other side of the Channel.

## Women's Leaders 'On the Ball'



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Allied women's service leaders in ETO take time out from inspection of 500 girls of the WAC, ATS, WAAF and WRNS to play snooker in day room of Allied Women's Service Camp where British and American women work under U.S. administration. Left to right: Air Chief Commandant Lady Welsh, WAAF director; Miss E. M. Goodenough, deputy director of welfare for WRNS; Lt. Col. Ann W. Wilson, WAC director in ETO, and Maj. Gen. L. E. Whately, ATS director.

## Court Upholds Right Of U.S. Employers To Speak on Unions

PHILADELPHIA, May 15—The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, in a unanimous decision last week, upheld the right of an employer to say what he thinks about labor unions, under the constitutional guarantee of free speech.

The court denied a National Labor Relations Board request that the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Co. and its president, Edward G. Budd, be found guilty of contempt of court because of a letter Budd wrote his 15,000 employees. The letter, according to NLRB, tried to convince them a company union could do more for them than the CIO.

The court, denying the request, pointed out that an employer had a right to free speech and said there was nothing in the Wagner Act that could take it away.

### British Guns Overshoot, Shell Town; 2 Are Killed

STEYNING, Sussex, May 15—British Army artillery units on firing exercises overshoot their targets and dropped a dozen shells into this old market town 50 miles south of London yesterday, killing two persons, injuring three and damaging several buildings.

The shelling continued for an hour and a half before an officer from the village was able to reach the batteries. A military court of inquiry was ordered.

## FDR Gets Enough Delegates Today to Assure Nomination

WASHINGTON, May 15—In case there ever had been a question about it, President Roosevelt's nomination for a fourth term, if he wants it, will be officially assured tomorrow when California selects 52 and Delaware eight delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Pro-Roosevelt slates are unopposed in both states' primaries.

Mr. Roosevelt came within 38 votes of the 589 needed for nomination when Oklahoma added 22 to his column today.

On the Republican side, California's 52 delegates will be pledged to Gov. Earl Warren, although he announced yesterday that he was not seeking either the Presidential or vice-presidential nomination. New Jersey will pick 35 uninstructed delegates tomorrow, but Gov. Walter Edge said the delegation was "going to push" for the nomination of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

New Jersey also will choose 34 Democratic delegates tomorrow from a fourth-term slate advanced by Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City and from four unpledged district delegate candidates. Montana will select ten Democratic and eight Republican delegates.

In all, 830 of the 1,176 delegates to the Democratic convention and 944 of the

## Two Mosquitoes Fly Atlantic Non-Stop, Break Speed Marks

Two Mosquitoes, one of which set a new speed record of six hours 46 minutes for Transatlantic flights, became the first planes of their type to make non-stop crossings from Labrador to the U.K. when they landed recently at a British base.

Wing Commander J. deL. Woodbridge broke the old Labrador-to-Britain record by two hours ten minutes and the best previous time for a Transatlantic flight from any take-off point by 30 minutes, the Air Ministry revealed. The old records were held by Liberators. Mosquitoes which previously had been flown across the Atlantic over the 2,000-odd-mile route stopped off at Greenland and Iceland.

The second Mosquito, which also broke both records, was flown by Capt. Kirk Kerkolian, of Fresno, Cal., civilian pilot with RAF Transport Command. His time was seven hours nine minutes.

The planes were built in Canada with American-made Rolls-Royce Merlin engines and flown to Labrador from Montreal.

#### Pressure on Rumania

Berlin has brought new pressure on Rumania to increase oil production, German Radio said yesterday, reporting that the Nazi minister to Rumania had been in conference with the country's vice-premier.

## NEWS FROM HOME Security Plan Is Drawn Up by ILO Delegates

### Parley Hopes Program Will Be an Allied Aim At the Peace Table

PHILADELPHIA, May 15 (Reuter)—A seven-point social charter for the common man, which it is hoped may become one of the most important sections of the peace treaty, has been drafted and agreed upon by representatives of practically all the nations that will sit at the peace table when the war ends.

That is the greatest single achievement of the 26th International Labor Office conference, which closed last week.

The charter sets forth the social principles the ILO believes the United Nations should write into the peace treaty: Guarantees of the right to work; improved standards of living; minimum standards of employment; effective recognition of the right of freedom of association and collective bargaining.

It establishes the principle that governments cannot be permitted to allow unemployment to develop unchecked or low living standards to persist, in view of their international consequences.

#### It's a Dog's Life

MONSEY, N.Y., May 15—An elderly cheetah and an aged dachshund are living in luxury in a seven-room house here with about \$194,000 at their disposal. The status of the animals was disclosed at a surrogate's court hearing of the estate of Miss Elizabeth M. Miller, who died in 1942. Her will directs that \$6,000 of her \$200,000 estate go to her niece and the balance to the upkeep of her two pets.

#### Hotel Fire Routs 200

PHILADELPHIA, May 15—Two hundred guests were driven from the 12-story Madison Hotel here by a fire on the tenth floor. The blaze was confined to four rooms, but water cascaded down the stairways and elevators, causing considerable damage.

#### Bullets Scatter Crowd

PHILADELPHIA, May 15—Pedestrians ducked for cover when a mill worker opened fire at his estranged wife as she stepped from a crowded trolley. The worker, Michael Stetz, 55, fired three wild shots and then killed himself.

#### \$100,000 for Soldier Books

CHICAGO, May 15—The Rockefeller Foundation has approved a grant of \$100,000 to the American Library Association for the purchase of books for shipment to libraries in war areas.

### Ford Employee Annexes AAU 50,000 Meter Walk

CINCINNATI, May 15—Walter Fleming, 42-year-old employe at Henry Ford's River Rouge plant in Dearborn, Mich., yesterday won the National AAU 50,000-meter walking championship, strolling the 31 miles and 125 yards in five hours 22 minutes and 49.5 seconds.

John Abatte, of Cincinnati, was second and Pvt. William Mihalo, of Ft. Riley, Kan., was third.

## Italy - - - -

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The other column, still farther north, took the important town of Ausia, which had been a German division headquarters.

As the spearpoints of both these columns came within about five miles of Esperia, the Germans were reported rushing troops into their Hitler Line, their second defense belt behind the Gustav Line. The Hitler Line is about ten miles long as the crow flies and covers the whole of the Liri Valley.

Meanwhile, Allied planes flew more than 2,500 sorties to support the offensive. More than 500 heavy bombers blasted railroad yards in the Po Valley of north-east Italy, striking at Padua, Ferrara, Vicenza, Treviso, Mestre, Mantua and Pieve di Sacco; they also hit airfields at Piacenza and Reggio Emilia. Medium bombers and fighter-bombers struck at rail lines between Florence and Rome, attacking bridges and tracks.

Ten of "over 30" enemy aircraft were shot down; six Allied planes were lost.

### Terry and the Pirates



### By Milton Caniff