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Berlin Fires Rage After 14th Great Raid

Of Marshalls May Be On

Landing Indicated by Jap Radio; Navy Admits It Is Facing Greatest Test

Official silence enshrouded the exact disposition of a battle raging in the Marshall Islands last night, despite a Jap radio report which said that "Imperial Japanese Army and Navy units had intercepted powerful U.S. units attacking the islands," and indi-cated that U.S. land forces had landed, or were preparing to land, on the enemy's nest of fortresses in central Pacific.

The Navy Department in Washington would neither deny nor confirm the enemy claim, but admitted that the Navy-whose planes have been fiercely pounding the bases from the air for two days-

meeting possibly its greatest test.

From Pearl Harbor, Adm. Chester
Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the
Pacific Fleet, announced early Monday
morning that U.S. warships, escorting a
fleet of aircraft carriers, had ventured
boldly to within 20 miles of the Marshall
atolis of Kanazislein, Pio Maleolog and boldly to within 20 miles of the Marshall atolls of Kawajalein, Rio, Maleolap and Wotje, giving them a concentrated downpour of steel and flame similar to that which Navy forces handed the Japs preceding the Gilberts invasion.

Adm. Nimitz possibly threw the greatest naval force in world history into this assault, but like Saturday, no details were available, as radio silence from the task force is enforced for security.

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Two Versions on Jap Term

Speculation in Washington and New York said that the Jap reference to "attacking" by Army and Navy units seemed to indicate that U.S. troops had landed and were being engaged in land fighting. Other sources said, however, that the reference might mean only that the Jap air arm of both the Navy and Army were being used to fight off the U.S. units.

Naval circles in San Francisco pointed out that any invasion of the area would be aimed first at the triangle of Kawa-jalein, Wotje and Maleolap, all of which have been pounded for 20 days by U.S. land-based planes from the Gilberts, 300 miles south.

A United Press report from Washing-

ton said it was possible that the task force in the latest attack was acting as an advance guard and protecting screen for troop transports.

Capture of the Marshalls, actually coral atolls which rise only 65 feet above the water at the highest point, would be the first Allied break into the outer defense ring defending the Jap mainland.

Rabaul Gets 26th Raid

Rabaul was raided Saturday for the 26th time this month, and 30 Jap planes being shot down with an additional 20 probably destroyed on the ground. The number of enemy planes shot down or disabled in

a month in the Southwest Pacific thus was brought to 640.

Allied losses of 87 aircraft in January represents a ration of six to one in the

No mention of land fighting on New Guinea, New Britain or Bougainville was made in today's communique.

Subs Sink 14 Ships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-Fourteen more Jap ships have been sunk by U.S. submarines operating in the Pacific and Far East, a Navy Department communique announced this afternoon.

American Casualties Total 146,186 Since War's Start

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-Casualties of the U.S. armed forces since the out-break of the war total 146,186, the Office of War Information reported yesterday. The list included 31,153 dead, 49,518 wounded, 33,617 missing and and 29,898 prisoners of war, of whom 1,933 have died in captivity.

Army casualties to aling 109,434 included 17,480 dead, 41,533 wounded, 24,806 missing and 25,615 prisoners of war. Of the wounded, 21,199 have returned to active duty or been released from hospitals.

Aviation Training Curtailed WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-Aviation training programs at 70 colleges and 14 civilian contract schools are being closed, the War Department announced.

U.S. Invasion Jap Torpedo Misses-U.S. Gunners Don't



Enemy approaching, open fire.



Hits scored, flames spurt out.



Jap veers away as wing falls off.



Death plunge begins, flames spread,



En route to Honorable Ancestors,



Flier has looksee from "fox-hole."

Here is grim proof of the ability of U.S. aircraft carriers to defend themselves against attack. Photos, taken during a carrier-borne air onslaught on Jap island bases in the Marshalls, show an enemy torpedo bomber as it tried in vain to sink a carrier.

Vote Law OK'd Reds 12 Miles By Connecticut From Estonia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-As Senate proponents of the Administration's soldier ballot bill fought today to bring it to an early vote in the upper house, two more states—Connecticut and New Jersey—cleared the way for servicemen overseas to vote in the 1944 Presidential election.

A special session of the Connecticut Legislature revised absentee-ballot laws to permit servicemen to obtain ballots four months in advance of the election and empowered town clerks to accept absentee

ballots until noon election day. In New Jersey, Gov. Walter E. Edge gave assurance that the Legislature soon would adopt a measure to permit over-seas servicemen to vote in the 1944

In the Senate, meanwhile, Sen. James D. Eastland (D.-Miss.) described the Administration measure—the Green-Lucas bill—as "utterly unconstitutional and absolutely void." Referring ob-viously to the poll tax in some Southern states, which the federally-controlled ballot would ignore. Eastland astounded the Senate by flatly injecting a racial issue into the debate, saying: "Boys from the South are fighting to maintain white supremacy.

The Green-Lucas measure now before the Senate calls for federal supervision of all service ballots and provides that peran service bands and provides that pre-sonnel in the armed forces would write in their choices for president, vice-presi-dent, senator and representative from a list of candidates which would be sent radio or wire to all military establishments throughout the world shortly after the primaries.

Russians Are Restoring Czarist Names to Cities

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (UP)-Czarist names are coming into their own again in Russia, and many newly occupied places on the Leningrad front have been given pre-Revolutionary titles.

Gatchina is an example. This was its name in the time of imperial Russia. Its modern name was Krasnovardeysk,

Soviet tanks and mobile guns, spearheaded by Cossack patrols, half-encircled the last Russian town on the railway to Narva yesterday and pushed within 12 miles of the Estonian border,
Moscow dispatches said Kingisepp, hemmed in from north and east by the Russians, was expected to full soon as

pected to fall soon as the Germans fell back to avoid being caught in an encircling movement which might close the 27-mile gap between Lake Peipus and the Gulf of Finland.

Meanwhile, two branches of Gen. Govorov's forces, striking south from Gatchina, moved their lines 17 miles southwest of that junction and 19 miles south—less than 40 miles from the Nazi base at Luga. Columns moving west from Novgorod threatened to cut off Nazis retreating before this advance. Still farther south, ski troopers who

broke through the enemy strongpoint at Novo Sokolniki were reported moving west into Nazi positions in the dense forest belt that fringes the Latvia-Russia

Libs Again Hammer Pas de Calais Area; Offensive in 4th Day

Fighter-Bombers in Sweeps Over Holland; 13 More Enemy Planes Shot Down; Berlin Cut Off For Hours

American bombers and fighters yesterday stretched the air offensive against Europe to 96 hours, pounding targets in the Nazi-occupied territories after the RAF had driven home its 14th major blow at Berlin Sunday night. Great fires raged in the German capital, on which the RAF had dumped 1,500 tons of bombs.

Liberators, escorted by Thunderbolt fighters, hit military installations in the Pas de Calais area without loss, while Thunderbolt fighter-bombers, covered by Lightnings, attacked the Gilze Rijen airfield in Holland, and in a bitter dogfight shot down 13 German planes for the loss of six U.S.

U.S. Fighters Bag 220, Lose 63 in January

Virtually Double Score Of Best Previous Month; 45 Shot Down Sunday

American fighter pilots destroyed 220 Nazi planes for the loss of 63 of their own in January, virtually doubling their own in January, virtually doubling their previous best month's mark, an unofficial compilation revealed last night. In 11 escort missions to Germany and Nazioccupied targets, the USAAF Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings also set up two new records for single daysbreaking the previous high of 36 with 42 Nazis last Saturday, and then breaking that record the following day by destroying 45 Germans in the battle of Hanover-Brunswick.

The January box score, the compilation The January box score, the compilation showed, almost doubled last November's mark, when 111 German planes were shot down for the loss of 55 U.S. fighters.

In the entire operational period of 1943, 455 German planes were destroyed by U.S. fighters for the loss of 148.

In yesterday's mission the fighters destroyed 13 Germans, bringing the total for the last three days in January to 100. Six fighters are missing.

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The Thunderbolt group commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke, of Missoula, Mont., which was the first in the ETO to score 100 victories over the Nazis, brought its total to 200 Sunday, and since it was President Roosevelt's birthday they dedicated their 200th German to FDR.

Meanwhile, the Thunderbolt group of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, brought its total of enemy aircraft destroyed to 106, becoming the second organization in the ETO to reach the 100 figure. This unit previously was commanded by Col. Edward M. Anderson, of St. Petersburgh, Fla., and Col. Chesley Peterson, of Salt Lake City

In the Brunswick mission Sunday, Capt. Malker Mahurin, of Fort Wayne, Ind., boosted his total to 15, remaining the leading ETO ace, while Maj. Walter C. Beckham, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., shot down another German to boost his total to 14. Beckham is tied with 1/Lt. Robert S. Johnson, of Lawton, Okla., who got two, as second high scorer in the ETO.

blows at Hanover and Brunswick Sunday and Frankfurt Saturday, they kept up the strain on the Luftwaffe which for 96 hours has been forced to shuttle its forces back and forth as first the RAF then the USAAF smashed at war munitions targets.

The RAF's third heavy attack in four nights on the blazing capital of the Reich probably carried the total Allied bomb tonnage delivered from British bases in the big aerial push to 8,000 and the total figure of plane sorties to more than 4,000.

The Berlin attack Sunday night, with light attacks in the west of Germany and intruder and mine-laying operations, cost the RAF 33 aircraft, but it sent the effects of the almost incessant pounding snowballing to new heights.

Although the USAAF's daylight attacks

were not on the same scale as the record blows at Hanover and Brunswick Sunday

balling to new heights.

The Nazis' capital was cut off from the outside world for 14 hours, and all air travel out of Germany to Sweden was terminated as authorities tried to clamp down on reports of the devastation caused. caused.

Fires Out of Control

From Mosquito bomber crews who fol-lowed the RAF heavies in, however, and from reports slipping past the censor-ship it became apparent that uncontrolled fires still were sweeping Berlin 24 hours after the last bombs had fallen, and that as the weight of the attacks continued, the ability of the defenses to some with the ability of the defenses to cope with the bombers was more than proportionately cut down.

An official compilation yesterday, which excluded the Liberator and Thunderbolt attacks on Nazi-held countries during the day, showed that on Saturday and Sunday the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe—which includes the 15th AAF in Italy—drapped 3 900 tops of bombs on Fernal

—which includes the 15th AAF in Italy—dropped 3,900 tons of bombs on Frankfurt, Hanover, Brunswick and Nazi airfields in Italy. The total losses for the two days were 54 bombers and 21 fighters, while 255 enemy aircraft were destroyed in doglights and more than 50 on the ground.

For most of the USAAF formations flying against Brunswick and Hanover, Sunday's attack was the second in two days. For some Liberator groups it was the third in as many days.

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Early combat reports dealt only with
the Brunswick mission, and it was several
hours before there was confirmation that much-bombed Hanover, too, had been attacked. But by the time all the reports were in it was apparent that despite the comparatively low losses for the nearrecord force engaged, some groups had gone through bitter battles to reach the aircraft factories in Brunswick and the ynthetic rubber and chemical works of Hanover.

Long-range Mustangs, Lightnings and Thunderbolts escorted the big bombers through the cloudy skies and shot down 45 Nazi interceptors for the loss of four U.S. aircraft, the best day's mark ever achieved by the USAAF fighters. Bomber crews praised the escort, and most groups reported enemy fighters were kept at a distance by the close-flying P51s, 38s and

The American heavies on Sunday were (Continued on page 4)

80,000 Craft Due in 1944 For Amphibious Warfare

CHARLESTON, S.C., Jan. 31—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Ralph Bard disclosed that by the end of the year the U.S. would have 80,000 landing craft and auxiliary vessels to carry amphibious warfare to the enemy on all

He said 20,000 landing boats already were completed and that by the end of 1944 45,000 more would be ready, besides 15,000 miscellaneous small craft.

The Hellcat and 10 Fighting Tomcats

Four Raids in as Many Days Completed by Lib and Its Crew

A LIBERATOR BASE, Jan. 31—The B24 Hellcat and its ten-man crew today completed its fourth mission in as many

Last Friday, 1/Lt. Roger Skjei piled his boys into Helicat for their eighth mission. Today the same crew piled out of the same plane after having completed their 12th operation, and all were ready to knock off winning the war for a day or two while they drew a breath out of something other than an oxygen mask. Here's their log:

Fri.—The Pas de Calais area, France, Sat.—Frankfuri, Germany, Sun.—Bruoswick, Mon.—Pas de Calais area, France,

Madison, Minn., took his crew to the mystery coast Friday and encountered little opposition. The following day, mission No. 9, they hit Frankfurt in southwestern Germany and had plenty of trouble.

"We thought we were going to catch hell over Frankfurt," Skjei said, "but the P38s took care of the German fighters. Flak over the target was rough, but other-wise it was uneventful."

Hellcat's third day out, Sunday, took the crew to Brunswick, 120 miles west of Berlin. Two other crews had been out the previous days also, but the hurry-up call that Skjei's crew got at the last Skjei, a six-foot Norwegian from (Continued on page 4)

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After Victory.

Never in the history of the world has the need for teamwork between men and nations been more apparent than it is today. For years we watched the Axis nations move from one astounding victory to the next over nations which were stronger and richer and had larger populations and greater resources. They were able to achieve these victories because they had mastered the principle of teamwork and perfected the coordination between their diplomatic, military, economic and propaganda forces. This teamwork was the real secret weapon they unleashed on the world.

Our forefathers in America also used teamwork in achieving success, and they took land from the Indians not because they were better fighting men but because they possessed better weapons and were better organized. This same organizing ability helped build the United States, making a weak, loosely organized union into a great united nation.

Today we pride ourselves on this principle of teamwork as applied to business operations in America, yet many of us do not favor the expansion of this principle to include world aftairs, where if properly applied it would go far towards solving most of our problems.

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Under the stress of war, however, we have been willing to apply the principle to all problems involving the United Nations, and the success which has followed has brought victory near. But it our victory is to be complete and peramanent we must continue the program of conceptation, for it is the first essential to manent we must continue the program of cooperation, for it is the first essential to the achievement of a lasting peace. Then must come the development of a "sense of brotherhood" as a weapon against the follies of hate and suspicion. And if victory is to be complete we cannot escape our responsibility in helping to create a better relationship between all nations, victor and vanquished, with adequate techniques for solving disputes. We must accept also the necessity for broad planning in the field of economics.

This will require teamwork on a world-

This will require teamwork on a world-wide basis after victory, and on our success in achieving it rests the future happiness of all peoples.

War Bond Drive

Uncle Sam is out to finance the war and reduce the danger of inflation by the sale of bonds, and the fourth great drive of the war is on. To date army response has been excellent.

One out of every three men and women in the Army is buying bonds and GIs are setting aside thirty million dollars a month for this purpose. During the present drive war bond headquarters hopes to increase the proportion of investors in the armed forces and sell an additional million and a half bonds.

About 40 per cent of the GIs who invest in War Bonds set aside \$3.75 from their pay every month and get their \$25 bond every five months. More than one-fifth of the soldiers, WACs and Army nurses buying bonds allot \$18.75 per month from their pay for a bond each

Check your own record against the average and if it falls below step up your allotment. If it's above average keep up the good work and we'll win this war faster and return to a nation that's financially sound.

Science Marches On

A good, plentiful substitute for rubber in inner tubes is one more achievement of wartime research. The new material, which is said to have unusual elastic properties and to be impervious to sun, water, acids and alkalis, has no chemical resemblance to rubber, being a vinyl chloride plastic.

Unlike other plastics, it can be processed on standard rubber working machines. It differs from rubber, however, in the fact that it does not have to be vulcanized. Its basic ingredients are coal, air, salt and water, and it is said to be much easier to make than contents rubber. synthetic rubber.

The new plastic has two advantages over the natural rubber for inner tubes-damaged tubes can be traded in and completely reclaimed, since the material is not vulcanized; the tubes, because of their important property of being entirely impervious to air, do not have to be re-pumped frequently, like rubber tubes, through which the air slowly seeps.

Science marches on.

Hash Marks

Famous Last Words. There's a certain private at a Thunderbolt station who got tough on KP the other day. Spotting a guy who wasn't moving along the chow line fast enough, he barked, "Hurry up, bud, or you won't get served!" He hasn't yet realized that the guy he was talking to was the first sergeant-but he'll find out, no doubt.

This Week's Fairy Tale. Our Hyde Park spy swears that when he passed



Serpentine Lake the other day he over-heard this remark, "I don't care if I AM a duck—I HATE water!"

* Lt. Col. Lester Lear, of the Eighth Air Force, got "the latest dope" on the war in a letter from his wife. Mrs. Lear writes that the folks down in Texas have the war mapped out for five more years-one year to beat the Germans; one year to beat the Japs, and the next three years to drive the "damnyaekees" out of the Lone Star State.

We were talking to a first lieutenant who is still slightly dazed over a little incident which happened at his camp, where the officers and EMs sweat out the same chowline. The lieutenant had gotten his chow and cup of coffee and moved on the great and states. on to get cream and sugar. Approaching the GI who was dishing out the sugar, he the GI who was dishing out the sugar, he noticed the soldier gripping a large table-spoon heaped with the precious white stuff. "Hold it," the officer said, "a teaspoonful will be plenty." "Sorry, sir," replied the ETO-happy GI, "we have no teaspoons"—and dumped the whole works in the cup of Java as the officer dazedly staggered away. 3/1

You can cry in your beer for M/Sgt.
B. G. Moore, an ETO man from Vinemont, Alabama. Moore got disgruntled because he couldn't groom his hair to his liking with the local-made hair tonic available at his PX, so he sent a request home for his old brand. The package finally came and he operfed it with trembling fingers—to discover that the only available brand in his hometown was the same brand that he's getting over

Cause For Divorce. A Pittsburgh woman got a divorce by telling the judge



"My husband insisted on introducing friends to me while I was taking a bath."

It's a case of "like father, like son" with Lt. Col. David C. Schiling, an 8th Air force fighter pilot. The colonel has affectionately nick named his year-old son back in the States, "Six Pence"—which is, in good English currency, only a little Schilling.

Just Before the Battle, Brother:

Don't Be Scared of Being Scared, Veteran Advises

By Charles F. Kiley Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Sgt. Sammie Slusher has something to say to American soldiers. His message is aimed chiefly at men as yet untried in combat; men who are asking themselves the same questions he asked before he first saw action.

What is it going to be like? Will I be frightened? How will I react to killing people? Is the Nazi as cunning, as fanatical, as ruthless as they say he is? Are his weapons as good as mine?

Slusher, who went into the North African landings a African landings a wide-eyed private and came out of Sicily months later a battle-wise, hard-bitten veteran decorated with the Silver Star and Purple Heart, frankly says you will be scared stiff.

Your frame will tremble and your

Your frame will tremble and your knees will knock. The sweat on your hands will be cold and clammy. Your lips and throat will be dry, your stomach upset and you'll wish you were a couple of thousand miles away so mew here in America. It will be like waiting for the kickoff. kickoff.

Chances are you'll chances are you in be surprised how cool you are once you get "in there." You will find you have a lot more know-how than you thought you did.

You also may not have the desire to shoot and kill, but when you see your buddies—like the fellow sitting next to you now—bathed in blood and grotesquely sprawled in death, you are likely to feel differently than you did when you started.

What about the German?

no better than yours, for the most part. In fact, you have a big edge on him in that you have many times more, in quantity and in more than a few instances in

Jerry's Best Weapons

The Nazi's most effective weapons that Slusher encountered, and the kind you like to have on your side, are his 88mm. gun and his automatic machine pistol. The first time you hear four 88s sound off you will think they number 500, but you will get used to them—like a number of other things. If you get your hands on a machine pistol you will want to know how it operates so you can use it your-

Slusher warns: (1) Don't ever turn your back on a German soldier; (2) don't pick up anything unless you are absolutely sure it isn't wired for "boom."

Jerries may not be as savagely fanatical as the Japs, but Slusher has seen some who preferred to starve themselves rather than eat the food of "fool



Sgt. Sammie Slusher

Americans," others who had to be forced to submit to medical aid.

Most Germans, however, are divided into two categories: Those who are sick, sore and tired of war, but who will give their best until trapped and then willingly surrender; and those you have to go in and dig out.

The Nazis, according to Slusher's calculations, probably are the most ingenious in laying booby traps. He can substantiate the reports that booby traps were placed on American dead in Africa. They were found also on fountain pens, cigarettes, toilet seats, water canteens, weapons, German cap badges likely to be picked up for souvenirs and a hundred and one other things.

and one other things.

Here are a few tips Slusher thinks soldiers going into action for the first time should paste in their helmets.

Take all the cigarettes, matches and lighters you can carry. You aren't likely to find a PX in a fox hole. You have heard this before and Slusher says it again—socks, foot powder, cleaning patches and entrenching tools are "musts." If you can tote more than one entrenching tool, do so.

Slit Trenches Best

Slit trenches offer more protection and are more comfortable, if properly dug, than foxholes: Dig one whenever you stop for more than an hour.

Never get up where an enemy can see you. An artillery or mortar barrage inevitably follows. Keep the chin strap on your helmet open as often as possible to prevent concussion in a barrage. Stay away from trees during enemy mortar. away from trees during enemy mortar fire. They are used frequently as aiming

Always keep your canteen filled with water and don't use it to wash wounds. Sulfa powder and gauze bandage will safely take care of a wound for as long as two days. In treating wounds of another man, use his aid packet. You might have to use your own sooner than you expect.

you expect.

A 22-year-old ex-mechanic from Willard, Ohio, Sammie isn't a professional soldier. Well built, blond and soft spoken, he is as homespun as anybody could be who came from a Midwestern town of 2,500. He wants to get home like everybody else, to the wife he married sight months before he came overseas

eight months before he came overseas.

And his message to fellow soldiers is

sincere.

He knows there are men who will feel as he did before combat. He is certain they will know what to do when they have to do it.

Like the day at Djebel Marata, in Sedjenane Valley, when the main body of which Slusher was a part was held up by a German machine-gun nest. Then a Pfc, Slusher volunteered to take five men and endeavor to knock it out. One of his men was wounded in the attack. About 25 yards from the nest Slusher saw a head coming up from the emplacement. He

ordered a volley, followed by a charge with fixed bayonets.

When they reached the position, eight men, including a lieutenant, came out of the emplacement hands raised in surrender. The German whose curiosity moved him to show himself was found

with his head almost blown off.

The following day Slusher was wounded in the leg by shrapnel from an 88. Later he was decorated by Lt. Gen. Patton.

That's Slusher's message and story. If absorbed in the spirit with which it was given, it may save the adjutant a little work in sending cables to next of kin come Invasion Day,

Notes from the Air Force

THE pilot of a Typhoon fighter—RAF
type closest to the heavy pursuit ships
of the USAAF—scored a triple victory
off the Dutch coast when he took on 12
Me109s all by himself. The pilot, F/O
William Eagle, jumped the 12 Nazis about
50 feet off the water, caught the wing
leader with his first burst. His cannon
fire then hit a second plane which halfrolled into its wing mate and both crashed
into the sea.

into the sea.

Typhoons—Hawker designed

Typhoons—Hawker designed and Gloster built—are familiar to a good many American P51 pilots who came straight from Typhoon squadrons in the RAF and RCAF to Mustangs in the USAAF.

When the USAAF band at his base plays The Star Spangled Banner the music has an extra meaning for Pfc Scott Key Farrell, of Asheville, N.C., Farrell is the great-great-grand-son of Francis Scott Key, composer of the national anthem. the national anthem.

AFTER the last Kiel raid, operations at AFTER the last Kiel raid, operations at a Liberator base got to figuring they ought to handicap Norman E. Purdy's B24, O-Bar, on future takeoffs. Purdy and his crew were taxi-ing for takeoff when the No. 4 propeller hit a parked truck and was badly damaged. "O-Bar sat idle while the other B24s took off, and then the ground crew went to work. T/Sgt. Alfred Peyrounat, of Concord, Cal., ground crew chief, and S/Sgt. Jack Brown, of Eustace, Tex., prop specialist, led mechanics onto the ship and in exactly 30 minutes O-Bar had a new No. 4 prop and was racing down the runway. It caught the other Libs and bombed Kiel.

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Five men at a P38 Lightning station have built an altar railing for the chapel by salvaging wood from auxiliary gasoline tank boxes for the framework and panels, and heavy carpet material from gun storage units for kreeling rest padding. Making the railing were Pfes Edward Guckin, Philadelphia Michael

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Edward Guckin, Philadelphia; Michael
Surma, Chicago, and Wilbur Spicer,
Quincy, Ohio and Pyts. Michael
Semeniw, Perrysburg, Ohio, and Palfrey
Richter, San Antonio

Semeniw, Perrysburg, Ohio, and Palfrey Richter, San Antonio.

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THERE isn't a USAAF station in the ETO that doesn't have a stolen bicycle list as long as your arm. At one fighter station they did something about it.

His CO found that MP Cpl. John Mc-Kinley, of Minoa, N.Y., used to be a lawyer and investigator for an insurance company, and put him to work tracing missing bikes as a full-time job. Since then he's brought lost wheels back from ponds, mud holes and an infinite number of pubs to every one's satisfaction. Only of pubs to every one's satisfaction. Only time the GIs were griped was when Mc-Kinley got back the bike which had been stolen from the first sergeant of the MP

The Army

WHEN the pussy-willow whispered to the catnip, he definitely did not have

an English accent.

Proof: Capt. Claude B. Ashley, chief of the salvage section of a U.S. Army depot in England, has a pet cat named

Sal—short for salvage.

Because Sal was an excellent mouser, the captain wanted to reward her as he

had rewarded his mouser back in Jeffer-sonville, Ind. He tried to buy some cat-nip, piece de resistance of any cat's meal in the States. In England catnip is just plain nepeta cataria, a useless herb which grows wild. And as far as the English are concerned, it can keep right on grow-

so Capt. Ashley sent home for some catnip, and in due time it arrived. Sal just sniffed the stuff and walked away. So did a dozen other English cats. They don't like catnip.

For inventing a tool to extract broken ods from rifle barrels, 2/Lt. Howard W. McGowan, of New York, has been awarded the Legion of Merit. He designed the extractor while a ser-geant at Camp Claiborne, La.

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PFC George Barrett, formerly a badminton instructor, building contractor, automobile salesman and studio photographer in Hollywood, is trying to warm soldiers' hearts here by having glamor girls from the film capital write to Gls sporting long faces.

"Hollywood pulchritude is like a tonic," Barrett says, "even though it's only on paper."

tonic," Barrett says, "even though it's only on paper."

He should know. He's been getting letters from some of the stars, including Virginia Bruce and Martha Raye, with whom he used to dine. He carries a picture in his billfold signed by Miss Bruce and that's what started his idea for forming a "Lonely Heart's Club."

A lieutenant spotted the picture and remarked: "Not bad, Wish I had someone like that writing to me." Barrett wrote Miss Bruce, asking her if she would start a correspondence with the officer, Two weeks later, the latter got a letter and an autographed picture However, now that June and Martin only on the start and the star

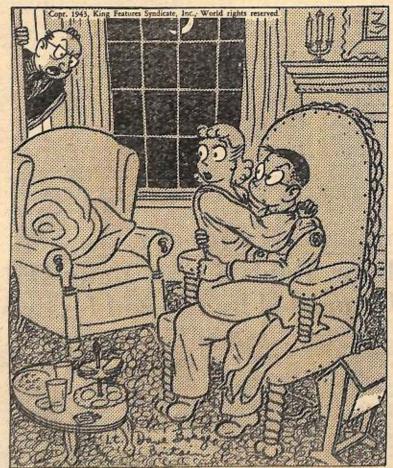
However, now that June and Martha are writing the other fe'lows, they're forgetting to answer Barrett's letters. So another good samaritan gets it in the

IT'S a good thing Bill Bellows didn't hang around Rochester, N.Y., too long waiting for an arswer to the telegram he sent Lt. Robert Waugh, his CO; asking

for a five-hour extension on a pass before their unit shipped for the ETO.

Bellows would have sweated for a considerable time. Lt. Waugh received the wire only the other day—over here.

FRIVATE BREGER



"I don't mind how long you stay up, but your young man's got to stop taking my morning paper with him!"

By Pap

Unbeaten Division Ringmen Tackle Ulster Fighters

Running Wild

Dartmouth Five Clinches Ivy League Court Crown

Calverly, Rhode Island's Flash, Headed for New Scoring Mark

NEW YORK, Jan. 31—Dartmouth breezed to its seventh straight Eastern League title while Iowa, Utah, Miami (Ohio) and Army continued and Miami

League title while Iowa, Utah, Miami (Ohio) and Army continued on their unbeaten way as the major college basketball teams moved into the home stretch. Ernie Calverly, of Rhode Island States Rams, stepped into the individual spottight glare by boosting his season's scoring total to 367 points in 14 games, averaging better than 26 per game, With eight more games to go, Calverly has a chance to beat George Senesky's record of 515 points set last year for St. Joseph's, generally accepted as the best "Big League" college mark for a single campaign.

While Dartmouth was rapping Column

While Dartmouth was rapping Columbia, 69—53, and clinching the League title, the Indians also made a bid for national recognition with a record of 13 wins and one loss. After *losing to Mitchell Field, Dartmouth won 11-

lowa beat Indiana twice in a series that left the Hawkeyes tied with Northwestern and Purdue for the Big Ten lead. (Ed. Note: Yesterday's account of Iowa's games wrongly credited Purdue with only five victories.)

Wildcats Put in Strong Bid

The Hawkeyes still have to face Ohio State, Purdue and Northwestern. Purdue plays Ohio State this week. Northwestern put in a strong claim for national recognition by snapping the Iowa Seahawks' 12-game winning streak, 43—35. Texas dropped from the Southwest

Conference top-slot by an unexpected 44—37 loss to Texas Christian, allowing Rice, who beat Southern Methodist twice, to take over the lead by half a

game.

Oklahoma and Iowa State remain unbeaten in Big Six competition, having beaten Missouri and Kansas this past week. The situation will be cleared up after Saturday when the Sooners and State clash for the first time.

North Carolina, the only Southern Conference team playing a full schedule, has seven consecutive wins and a season

has seven consecutive wins and a season record of 11 against five losses. Washrecord of 11 against five losses. Washington, with six straight, is running away with the Northern Division race in the Pacfic Coast League and Idaho is second. California's 36—27 victory over UCLA Saturday night kept them in the top spot in the Southern half.

13 Straight for Bluejackets Great Lakes and Norfolk Naval Station

Great Lakes and Norfolk Naval Station each boast 13-game winning streaks, and the Olathe, Kan., Fliers have 14 straight. Camp Grant, North Carolina Pre-Flight, Mitchell Field, Iowa Seahawks, Alameda, Coast Guard, Norman Navy Zoomers and Norfolk Navy Air Station rank among the service leaders.

Oklahoma's Aggies disposed of Arkansas in two contrasting games by scores of 66—41 and 17—15 to remain unbeaten in college competition after 16 games.

Bowling Green scored two victories and now has a fancy record of 16 and one and Gonzaga has the same mark. Kentucky, although idle for two weeks, still ranks high with nine and one. Valparaiso was surprised by Notre Dame, 57—44, but the Irish lost to Marquette.

Muhlenberg dropped Albright from the perfect record ranks and Georgia Pre-Flight performed the same operation on Georgia Tech. Miligan fell before Johnson Field as Steve Chanecka threw in 17 points for the field.

Army, probably the strongest team in the East, added Penn State and the Coast Guard Academy to its list of victims. Rochester lost to Hobart and Canisius. Colgate beat Cornell. In addition to beating Albright, Muhlenberg also stopped St. Joseph's eight-game streak. St. John's stopped Cathedral easily

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GLOVES, brown leather, fur-fined, and Gl. Rishfught in Mostlyn Club, London, Jan. 23, about 9 PM. £1 reward,—Cpl. Ernest J. Tasin.

Bob Pastor Seeking Chips for Shoulders

DENVER, Col., Jan. 31-Pvt. Bob Pastor, 29-year-old former heavyweight contender, will leave Fort Logan next week for OCS at Miami

Pastor, a physical instructor at Fort Logan since last July, entered the Army Feb. 22, 1943. Married and father of two children, Pastor will enter the administrative OCS starting Feb. 5 and hopes to graduate as a physical training officer,

Cadets Enter Millrose Meet

Army Relay Team Reputed To Be Fastest In East

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 31—The Military Academy track team, coached by Leo Novak, has been entered in the 37th Annual Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden next Saturday night with the largest 'delegation ever to represent the Academy at the meet.

Novak is sending two cadets each for the 60-yard dash, 60-yard high hurdles and pole vault. He is also sending a mile relay team, reputed to be the fastest

Carlsson to Defend Title

NEW YORK, Jan. 31—Sun Carlsson, of Stockholm, National AAU one-mile walking champion, will defend his title at the AAU indoor meet at Madison Square Garden, Feb. 26.

Carlsson walked one mile in seven minutes, 20 and four-tenths seconds at the Garden last year, almost twice as long as countryman Gundar Haegg runs the mile. Carlsson is a crew member of the S.S. Gripsholm.

American Circuit Seeks Professional Grid Tieup

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 31—The directors of the American Association Baseball League are meeting in Chicago in a special conclave, Feb. 10, to discuss the formation of a professional football league says Associated Press

There has long been agitation for the American Association to develop professional football as an adjunct to the base-

Valdina Farms Stable Sold;

Helis Purchases Rounders

Frank

Hawks Subdue Canucks Slap Red Wings, 3-2

Triumphant Chicago Six Takes Over 4th Place From Bruins

CHICAGO, Jan. 31—The Detroit Red Wings couldn't hang on to a two-goal lead they acquired in the first period here. last night and wound up bowing 3—2 to the Cheaigo Black Hawks—the first reversal in 11 starts for the Wings, who had won eight straight before the encounter. By winning the Hawks shot past the idle Boston Bruins and took over fourth place in the National Hockey League pennant scramble.

pennant scramble.

Rdam Brown and Mud Bruneteau fired-Detroit to a 2—0 advantage in the open-ing period, each registering on solo affairs. In the second stanza the veteran Mush Marsh put the Hawks back into the run-ning, converting on a pass from George Allen

Then in the third Doug Bentley quickly equalized the count and four minutes later Fido Purpur fed a pass to Johnny Gottselig, who took careful aim and registered from close in.

Hockey League Standings

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 31-One of the largest deals in American racing history

Valdina Farms, of Uvalde, Texas.

\$50,000 offer for Rounders,

Knight then sold three of Valdina Farms' best horses—Rounders, Valdina

Zenith and Valdina Albert-to William Helis, New Orleans sportsman.

Valdina interests recently refused a

Valdina Farms were formerly owned Emerson F. Woodward, who was killed in an automobile accident with his wife last year. A dispersal sale has been pending for some time.

Included in the sales were 33 foals, 30 yearlings, 65 brood mares and five

Valdina Zenith won the \$5,000 added Gulf Coast Handicap at the Fair Grounds track shortly before Helis bought him.

Knight, Kentucky sportsman,

Rangers, 5-3 Winners Spurt to 2-0 Lead

In First Period and Are Never Headed

NEW YORK, Jan. 31—Montreal's title-bound Canadiens widened their grip on first place in the National Hockey League by whipping the Rangers, 5—3, here last night before a crowd of 15,000.

There never was any doubt about the outcome. Phil Watson, who used to be with the Rangers, gave the Canadiens a quick lead and moments later Leo Lamo-reux made it 2-0.

Ab DeMarco cut the margin, scoring for the Rangers three minutes after the start of the second period. Watson, however, tallied again for Montreal to open the gap at the 15-minute mark.

In the final stanza Gerry Heffernan and Murph Chamberlin provided Montreal goals, while DeMarco and Bill McDonald gave the locals something to cheer over.

Phil Terranova Warned by NBA

PATTERSON, N.J., Jan, 31—NBA President Abe Greene has again ordered the NBA featherweight champion, Phil Terranova, to accept a match in defense of his title.

Greene said that Terranova's period of grace has long since passed and notified Manager Bobby Gleason he must accept a challenge from among NBA contenders. Greene named Chalky Wright, Willie Pep and Sal Bartola as leaders and Harry Jeffra and Mike Raffa as alternates.

The NBA has received formal offers from two promoters for a Terranova-Bartola match and unless Terranova accepts soon the title will be declared

was consummated here Saturday when accepts soon the title will be depurchased the entire racing stables of

U.S. and Canadian Elevens ToPlayin Tea Bowl' Game

The States may have the Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl or any other post-season bowl game, but the ETO, not to be outdone, will have the Tea Bowl. It will be played at White City Stadium, London, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, and will feature a Canadian and GI

The American gridmen, the Pirates, are captained by Pfc Frank Debrowski, of Detroit, who worked in the quarterback slot for Detroit University for two years. The squad is coached by Lt. Chuck Eisenmann, of Superior, Wis.

Rainbow Card Features Two Welter Bouts

Schnappauf Matched With Miolevits; Webber, ETO King, on Bill

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

After last week's disastrous first appearance of Ulster ringmen at the Rainbow Corner—an Infantry squad was beaten, 7—2, by a combined Air Force-MP aggregation—North Ireland will attempt to make a comeback tonight with another group of punch specialists.

According to reports from Ulster, tonight's battlers should put up a better show than their predecessors, for it combines most of the champions of the Infantry unit which these boys represent.

But they better be in tip-top shape tonight, for they are up against the unbeaten—Infantry Division scrappers, who have yet to lose a team match in two seasons of fighting in the ETO.

As usual, the Ulstermen will have their hardest sledding in the welterweight bracket, where they go up against the Keystone Kids, Pyt.

go up against the Keystone Kids, Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf and Cpl. George Spontak, co-holders of their, unit's

of their, unit's crown.
Schnappauf, a southpaw from Wilkes - Barre, Pa., needs no introduction to those who have followed the Painbow fights

have followed the Rainbow fights since their inception last year. In six matches, trigger-quick Charlie has established himself as one of the best of his weight in the ETO. His only loss has been to Pvt. Dick Shinn, classy Korean from San Francisco, who outpointed Schnappauf on Nov. 30. Charlie came back two weeks later to reverse that decision with a clever exhibition of tactics.

Miolevits Held Glove Title

Pitted against Schnappauf tonight is
Pvt. Mat Miolevits, 147-pounder from
Milwaukee, Wis. Miolevits has shown,
some hot boxing in Ireland and was
Chicago Golden Glove featherweight
titlist in 1938.
The other half of the

Chicago Golden Glove featherweight titlist in 1938.

The other half of the duo, Spontak, has been somewhat overshadowed by his fellow Pennsylvanian's fame, but that hasn't impaired his record, which shows six victories in as many appearances here in London Two of those triumphs have been seconder of those



also unbeaten in Corner competition. Webber's last time out here was on Nov. Webber's last time out here was on Nov. 30, when he wrapped up a decision victory over scrappy Pvt, George Witt. His Ulster opponent is also a division titlist, Pvt. Sugar Dean, 127-pounder from Richmond, Va.

The boys from the Old Sod are strongest, for our money, in the flyweight and became also became a large to the latest to the strongest.

and heavyweight brackets. In the latter they are putting up Pvt. John Murdaugh, of Tulsa, Okla., for three years AAU champion and also unit titlist. Mur-

champion and also unit titlist. Murdaugh is matched with Cpl. Sal Scurto, tough little 114-pounder from Baltimore.
At the other end of the scale, the North Irelanders have Pfc George Zurner, of New York, 184. Zurner, a good counter puncher, has beaten Cpl. Robert Fertig, who last week extended ETO heavy champ Pvt. Vince Kozak. Zurner will meet Sgt. Bill Dircks, 185, from Cumberland, Md.

Here is the lineup for the remaining bouts:

Pyt. Chester Marcinkiewicz, Kulpmont, Pa., 160, vs. Pfc Alex Amicarello, Pittsburgh, 160, Pyt. Mike Denski, Philadelphia, 170, vs. Pfc M. Cohn, Dallas, Texas, 166, Pyt. John Barzee, New York, 126, vs. Pyt. Cliff "Chief" Mowatt, Lawton, Okla, 123, Pyt. Ralph Simmons, Cumberland, Md., 156, vs. Pyt. Warrior Marchall, Tulsa, Okla., 160.

By Al Capp

Li'l Abner

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NEWS FROM HOME

Big Allied Push On Near Rome. Germans Say

63 More Enemy Aircraft Shot Down; Total of 206 Destroyed in 9 Days

Germany reported yesterday that power-Allied tank and infantry forces had launched an offensive from their Nettuno bridgehead after Allied air forces took a heavy toll of enemy planes in assaults on Luftwaffe bases.

on Luftwaffe bases.

Tightening their hold on skies above the bridgehead, Allied airmen shot down 63 planes to boost the total destroyed in the last nine days to 206, according to a United Press estimate. In the same period only 47 Allied aircraft were lost.

Thirty-six enemy planes were shot down Thunderbolts escorting strong forces of heavy bombers Sunday in blows against four airfields in northeast Italy used by the Germans as refueling bases for reserve bombers being rushed from the Balkans to oppose the Fifth Army

Bombs were seen to fall among many parked aircraft and on hangars and work-shops at Villorba, Udine, Lavarino and Maniagao, all of which lie between the Gulf of Venice and the Julian and Carnic

Nazi Attack Repelled

Both Allied and enemy sources reported yesterday that Marshal Kesselring's forces were digging in to stem any major thrust toward Rome. Defenses were said to be in construction along the ten-mile stretch of the Rome-Gaeta railroad between Castel Leone in the southern slopes of the Alban Hills to Cisterna in the

At the southern anchor of the hastily-erected line, the Allies yesterday repulsed a German counter-attack. Admitting a withdrawal in the area, Karl Praegner, German military commentator, said that the Allies used strong armored forces, "about one brigade in strength."

Violent battles raged yesterday to the south along the main Fifth Army front following a breach made in the enemy Gustav Line by the American capture of the villages of Cairo and Montevilla and two mountain heights overlooking Cassing from the porth

Cassino from the north.

Meanwhile, French and Tunisian troops pressed a drive just east of Cairo on

Mount Belvedere.

At the western end of the Gustav Line, the British pushed deeper into the Aurunci Mountains, capturing Mount Rotundo and Mount Tuga, both in the vicinity of Castelforte.

It was announced that British naval forces again bombarded the Terragina

forces again bombarded the Terracina area between the Allied bridgehead and the front to the south.

Clark Congratulates French

French troops on the main Italian front were credited yesterday by Lt. Gen. Mark Clark with a large share in the success of the Anzio-Nettuno landings by pinning down enemy forces with a pre-arranged series of attacks which prevented their intervention at the bridgehead.

Morocco radio said Clark sent a congratulatory message to Gen. Alphonse Juin, commanding the French Expeditionary Corps.

Eisenhower Lauds Drive For Home Front Security

Efforts of the people at home to elimi-nate loose talk are heartening to all troops serving overseas, Gen. Dwight D. Eisen-hower told the Committee for Security of Military and Production Information in Seattle, Wash., in a letter yesterday. The supreme Allied commander was

replying to a letter from Stephen F. Chad-wick, chairman of the committee, describing a pledge signed by thousands of Seattle citizens not to mention or write about military or production information. Similar letters were sent to American Army and Navy commanders in other

theaters.
"It is heartening to know that back that a careless word, home people realize that a careless word though innocently, spoken, may find repercussion on the battle lines," Gen. Eisenhower wrote. He said that such pledges would go far to strengthen morale on both the home and fighting fronts.

AFN Radio Program

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1100 GT live.

1115 Personal Album with Shirley Rose.

1200 Happy Norman's Ranch House.

1200 ly Benson (BBC).

1230 Family Hour.

1255 Quiet Moment.

1300 World News (BBC).

1310 Baracks Bag.

1400 Visiting Hour.

1430 Sign off until 1745 hours.

1745—Sign on—Specifight on Richard Himber and Program Resume. 1800—World News (BBC). 1810—GI Supper Club. 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports. 1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basing

Street.

1930 Boxing Bouts—from Rainbow Corner with Sgt. Marty Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.

2000—News From Home—Nightly Roundup of news from the U.S.A.

2010—Fred Waring Program.

2019 - Miniature.
2010 - Miniature.
2030 - Burns and Allen.
2100 - World News (BBC).
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2125 - Into Battle - A BBC Dramatization of heroic incidents of this war.

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2/15 Duffy's Tasern.

2/200 March of the Movies.

2/230 One Night Stand.

2/235 Final Edition.

2/300 Sign off until 1/100 hours Wednesday, Feb. 2.

U.S. Jeeps Haul Red Anti-Tank Crews to Front



A commander of a Russian tank destroyer unit reviews his troops as they roll toward the front huddled in Jeeps towing light antitank guns. The Soviet Army today is using approximately 55,000 of the sturdy and small reconnaissance cars supplied by the U.S. through Lend-Lease.

14th Big Blow Fires. Berlin; U.S. Heavies Hit Pas de Calais

Lancasters and Halitaxes hammered straight through to Berlin in what the Air Ministry described as "a very strong force," and from above the 10,000-foot layer of clouds poured down high explosives and incendiaries to bring the three-raid total on Germany's capital to nearly 6,000 tons.

German night fighters were concentrated over the city itself, returning RAF crews reported, and flares lit the sky for miles around the target. The attack, typically swift and saturated in form, was over in 25 minutes.

Mosquitoes Follow Heavies

Then, mixing their tactics, Mosquito bombers stung the flaming city a few hours after the heavy attack. Previously, Mosquitoes had been going in a little while before the main blow to upset the defense. defenses. Crews reported the glow of fires could be seen more than 100 miles away and columns of smoke were climbing to

As the weight of bombs on the Nazis' No. 1 city piled up into astronomical figures of destruction, even the tightest sort of censorship could not hide the obvious effects of the continued attacks.

All air traffic between Sweden and Germany was suspended indefinitely, the first time such a thing had occurred since

Jury in Joan Barry Quiz

stretching taut the already strained Luftwaffe defenses, and before the German
formations could get any rest the RAF
heavy bombers were beginning to thunder
out from Britain in the Sunday evening
dusk.

the Battle of Berlin began the night of
Nov. 17/18. Two reasons for the stoppage were advanced: Tempelhof airdrome, Berlin's air transport center,
apparently has been blasted out of action,
and Goebbels may have banned air travel
to stop news of the raid devastation getting out of the Reich.

ting out of the Reich.

Telephone communication between Stockholm and Berlin was interrupted for 14 hours, by far the longest break in communications yet reported. Even more indicative of the state of affairs in Berlin was the interruption of phone service between Stockholm and Berne and Budapest, telephone routes which are handled through Berlin.

Other Swedish reports, frequently unclaimble and Novi influenced and the property of the state of the

reliable and Nazi-influenced, said that fires still were burning in Frankfurt and Hanover, while one dispatch said that panicked workers had tried to flee from Hanover while the USAAF was attacking but had been started by the best started to flee from the started by the start

Hanover while the USAAF was attacking but had been stopped by police.

Possibly the best indication, however, of how Berlin was faring was the report of Luftwaffe raids on London put out by Berlin radio and obviously intended to bolster Nazi morale.

It reported that between Jan. 21 and Jan. 29 600 German planes had attacked targets in London, and said "the appearance of such a great number of bymbers."

ance of such a great number of bombers came as a complete surprise to the British

and their defenses."

Of the three raids in that period, it was pointed out in London last night, the heaviest was the night of Jan. 21, when not more than 30 of 90 Nazi planes over all England got through to London.

Libs -(Continued from page 1)

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 31-The federal grand jury investigating Joan Barry's charge that her civil rights were violated a year ago when she was given a 90-day sentence for vagrancy and then "floated" out of Beverly Hills before she had served

Recesses for Six Days

the term has recessed for six days.

U.S. Atty. Charles S. Carr said that the matter of possible indictments would not be discussed until the jury met again. Miss Barry, an ex-protege of Charlee Chaplin, claims that the comedian is the father of her three-month-old daughter.

U-Boat-Convoy Battle On In Arctic, Germans Say

German news agency said yesterday that U-boats were attacking a Murmansk-bound convoy in the Arctic and had sunk five merchant ships, totaling 32,000 tons, and ten destroyers and escort vessels.

Rome Being Mined

Rome is being mined by the Germans, according to Cairo radio today. "All main buildings in the Italian capital have been mined by the Germans with a new and very intricate type of explosive charge," the report said.

Terry and the Pirates

minute this morning left the other two crews in bed. Hellcat went out again to establish the four-for-four record

The navigator, 2/Lt. Herman A. Matthees, of Goodhue, Minn., didn't have time to draw an oxygen mask for the short trip to France; he took off with an oxygen tube stuck between his teeth, having fastened it on with a handkerchief. In the four days, operations of this

In the four days' operations of this roup commanded by Col. Leland G. group commanded by Col. Leland G. Fiegel, of Rochester, Minn., not a single Liberator was lost to enemy action. Fiegel led the entire B24 formation on Sunday's raid.

Sunday's raid.

Other members of the Hellcat's crew are 2/Lt. Frederick W. Weissbrob, of Holyoke, Mass., co-pilot; T/Sgt. Joseph L. Sullivan, of Enid, Okla., engineer-gunner; T/Sgt. Harry L. Tower Jr., of Short Hills, N.J., radio operator; S/Sgt. Fred H. Hayes, of Bristol, Tenn., waist gunner; S/Sgt. Richard R. Galvin. of Sun Prairie, Wis., waist gunner; S/Sgt. Howard T. Jones Jr., of Porchester, N.Y., tail gunner; S/Sgt. Gordon F. Kiefert, of Green Bay, Wis., bail-turret gunner, and 1/Lt. Bill Mabe, bombardier, of Eagle Pass, Tex.

Persian Gulf Chief Sees RedsUsingU.S. Equipment

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (Reuter)—Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, chief of U.S. Persian Gulf Command, completing a five-week tour of Soviet battlefronts, said today he had seen great numbers of American trucks carrying supplies to support the advance, American equipment in use and American food being eaten at the front.

"The Russians asked me what I wanted to see, let me go every place I asked to see, let me go every place I

asked to go, and let me see everything I wanted to see," Connolly said. "At every place I went they held nothing

Accompanied by a group of U.S. Army supply, signal and communications experts, Connolly visited Stalingrad, Leningrad, Kiev, the country west of Moscow, Orel, Kursk, Zhitomir and an area 25 miles southwest of Zhitomir.

Palm Beach Group Fights Eviction of Wounded Vets

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 31—The proposed eviction of 800 convalescent soldiers from the famous Breakers Hotel so that it could be returned to private ownership has been protested by 84 residents of Palm Beach in a petition to

Seeking to correct what it called "an impression that property owners generally in Palm Beach have sought to have the hotel returned to private management," the petition declared that the people of Palm Beach "welcome the opportunity to minister to the needs" of the wounded

The hotel now is being operated by the Army as the Ream General Hospital.

Group Formed to Combat Anti-Semitism in States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-Formation of a national committee of 12 members to combat anti-Semitism in the United States was announced last night by Frank Murphy, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Wendell L. Willkie, Vice President Henry A. Wallace and

several state governors are members.
"Nazi propaganda is breeding the germs of hatred against the Jews in the United States," Murphy said.

Ft. WayneAttorney Named To Van Nuys' Senate Seat

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 31—Samuel Dillon Jackson, a Fort Wayne attorney, has been appointed by Gov. Henry F. Schricker to fill the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the death of Sen. Frederick

Jackson, 48, will hold office until a successor is elected in the Nov. 7 general election. He is a former Indiana attorney general.

Book Seller Brentano Dies

EAST ORANGE, N.J., Jan. 31-Arthur Brentano, world-famous book seller whose chain of shops included branches in London and Paris, died

Wickard Tells The U.S. It May Get Less to Eat

1943 Food Output Reaches New Peak, but Overseas Demands Increase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—Because American food production, which set a new record in 1943 for the seventh year in succession, has about reached its peak in succession, has about reached its peak and overseas demands are increasing, the nation may be confronted by a tighter supply situation in 1944, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard said yesterday in his annual report.

Wickard pointed out, however, that in spite of increasing difficulties the United Nations' food problem would be less pressing than that of the Axis, especially Germany.

Germany.

In general, Wickard said, the world food situation was characterized by a scarcity of animal protein foods, particu-

larly meat and dairy products.

Despite destructive spring frosts in the South, floods in the central states, delayed planting over a wide area from New York to Iowa and severe droughts in many areas, 1943 harvests brought a total food production five per cent higher than in production five per cent higher than in 1942 and about 32 per cent above the 1935-39 average, Wickard said.

Charge Hatch Act Violation

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 31—The U.S. Civil Service Commission has held that 17 members of the Arizona Highway De-partment violated the Hatch Act in two recent gubernatorial campaigns. The Hatch Act prohibits persons whose wages are paid wholly or in part by the federal government from taking an active part in politics. The Civil Service Commis-sion said that Highway Department officials had coerced department employes in connection with political contributions.

Morse Quits WLB

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 31—Wayne Lyman Morse has resigned from the War Labor Board to seek Republican senatorial nomination in the Oregon primary in May. Morse also has submitted his re-signation as dean of the University of Oregon Law School. The Senate seat is now held by Rufus Holman, a Republi-

11 Held as Bogus GIs

CHICAGO, Jan. 31-Federal agents have arrested 11 Chicago leaders of the Military Order of the Guards on charges of posing as members of the Army. The organiza-tion, which has branches in Los Angeles, Richmond, Cal., Detroit and Cleveland, was formed to promote physical fitness in World War I.

Woman Gets UNRRA Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (Reuter)— Miss Mary Agnes Craig McGeachy, a Canadian woman, has been appointed chief of the Welfare Division of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Herbert H. Lehman, UNRRA director, announced tonight.

Colonial Currency Found

READING, Pa., Jan. 31—Currency that may have been printed on the presses of Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia in Colonial days has been found in the Berks County Courthouse here. The bills were found when a deputy was searching through old records in the basement.

Theater Strike Threatened

NEW YORK, Jan. 31—Thirty-five New York theaters were to shut down at mid-night tonight due to threatened strike by stagehands. The workers demand a wage increase, more holidays and more work.

Australia Sets Up Agency To Probe Jap Atrocities

Australia announced plans yesterday to set up a civilian inquiry commission to investigate Japanese war crimes against Australians in the South Pacific and report to the United Nations War Crimes Commission the names of the Pacific and Pacific and Pacific and Pacific South Pacific and Pacific South Pacific Commission the names of the guilty for record and punishment.

Recent information indicated that con-

ditions were improving in camps in Japan proper and in Korea and China, it was

Drew Pearson, U.S. radio columnist, meanwhile asserted in a New York broadcast that the U.S. government was reluctant to publish last week's report on language attention. Japanese atrocities and did so only at the urging of the British government.

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