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LONDON and VICINITY
Moderate S. West Winds. Fair with
probable scattered Showers.
MIDLANDS and E. ANGLIA
Fair with probable local Thunder-
showers. Cool.

. . . Predicts for Today
W. ENGLAND and WALES
Fair. Cool. Probable Showers.
SCOTLAND
Cool. Probable Showers.

British Move To End Crisis In Levant

Concurrent with an announcement by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden that Britain has intervened in the Levant crisis came word last night from Washington that the act had received the approval of President Truman.

With at least one British brigade reported in Syria, Gen. Sir Bernard Paget, Allied C.-in-C. in the Middle East, has been ordered to intervene to prevent further bloodshed and safeguard Middle East security involving communications vital to the Japanese war.

Under Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew, who told of the Truman approval, said he was not prepared to say whether the British action meant whether the U.S. also would send military forces to the Levant.

Further indication of the interest shown by the American government in the crisis was evidenced in a note sent from Washington to the French government urging the latter to review its policy toward Syria.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Gen. Charles de Gaulle, French Chief of State, might leave today for Washington on a trip previously planned following an invitation from Mr. Truman. The French leader may seize the opportunity to discuss the Middle East crisis personally with the President.

To prevent a collision between British and French troops in the Middle East Gen. de Gaulle has been asked by the British to order French troops to cease fire and withdraw to barracks pending tripartite discussions in London.

Latest reports from Hama say that the French agreed to a truce to permit the dead to be buried and casualties to be treated.

Dispatches from Beirut report that a five-day general strike started yesterday throughout Lebanon in sympathy with the Syrians and as a protest against the French shelling.

Meanwhile, despite assertions by spokesmen for the French government that the violence in Damascus has subsided reports continue to emanate of sharp clashes between French and Syrian troops, with the former lobbing mortar shells into the heart of the city. A number of British soldiers and civilians are reported to have been killed by the shelling.

The French government, commenting on the situation, expressed the hope that British and American efforts at conciliation would aid in easing the present situation. They further stated that the re-opening of negotiations between France and the two Levant countries was the only means so far envisaged by the French government for ending the deadlock.

Postal Officer Gets Bounced

For neglect of duty, Maj. D. C. Jernigan, CO of the U.S. 1st Base Post Office at Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, has been relieved of his command, Brig. Gen. E. F. Koenig, U.K. Base CG, announced yesterday.

Jernigan failed to follow Army regulations governing disposal of parcels that had been damaged in transit or had lost identifying wrappers, Koenig said. Army regulations, he pointed out, do not permit destruction of goods that can be consumed or salvaged.

An official investigation was made after reports had appeared in British papers that valuable material, including edible foodstuffs, had been burned by APO personnel. Koenig's announcement made clear that only "a very small number of undamaged items" had been destroyed.

Casualties Over Million

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—American combat casualties in this war have passed the 1,000,000 mark, with Army losses 890,019 and Navy losses 112,868, it was announced today.

These figures represent an increase of 6,798 over last week's report.

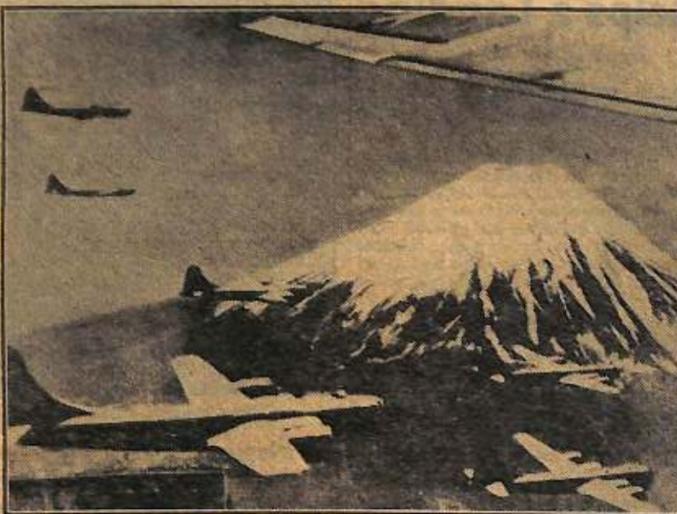
French Honor Ike

PARIS, May 31 (Reuter)—Gen. Eisenhower has been appointed a Companion of the Order of Liberation according to a decree published in the French Official Gazette, French radio said today.

Lost Cabin Is Lonely

Town Seeks a Population

LOST CABIN, Wyo., May 31 (ANS)—Want to buy a town? This one is for sale and getting plenty of bidders, too. Established in 1886 by Rancher J. B. Okie, Lost Cabin had a pre-war population of 34. Now it's a virtual ghost town and Van Okie, son of the founder, has put it on the market. A Hollywood studio telephoned to inquire if Lost Cabin would make a good background for a movie. A Canadian offered to use it as a site for helicopter manufacture—if he could get the deal



Keystone Photo

DOUBLE INDEMNITY: Once the Japanese trembled under the eruptions of Fujiyama. Now they have a new fear—the deadly tons of fire bombs dropped by U.S. Superforts. Here part of a formation of B29s, on their way to fire Tokyo, rumbles over the slumbering volcano.

'Double' Used Ike's Car To Lure Nazi Assassins

SHAEF, Paris, May 31 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith said in a statement today that members of the Counter Intelligence Corps used Gen. Eisenhower's car—occupied occasionally by an officer other than Eisenhower—as a lure to trap enemy agents believed assigned to the task of assassinating the Supreme Commander during the Ardennes December breakthrough.

Smith, chief of staff, pointed out that the ruse was intended to effect the capture of Germans assigned to the assassination attempt rather than provide Eisenhower with a double for the sake of his own personal safety.

The story of this deception was carried by the Associated Press, which named Lt. Col. Baldwin B. Smith, of Chicago, as the officer who rode in the Supreme Commander's car on trips between St. Germain and

Versailles. The story later was denied by other news agencies, which quoted staff officers as saying that the story was a "cock and bull" yarn.

In today's statement, Smith said there obviously was some confusion on the part of those called upon for information and that he felt it "was largely the fault of my staff."

When the story of the part in the Ardennes breakthrough played by Otto Skorzeny was officially released, Col. H. G. Sheen of the Counter Intelligence Corps branded the assassination plot as a hoax perpetrated within the German Army to boost morale and cause confusion among the Allies. He said Skorzeny's men never really intended an attempt on Eisenhower's life.

Smith disclosed that there were a number who did not agree with Sheen, saying that "many other officers believed that Skorzeny's present story is a natural lie to save his own skin and that the original information was authentic."

Smith said that members of the security group arrested or shot more than 100 Germans definitely proved to be associated with Skorzeny's unit, and that security officials then considered they had the matter well in hand.

Because of the absence of proof and the feeling that there had been a great deal of speculation on "what was after all a minor incident," instructions were issued to "say no more about it," Smith concluded.

Queens Mary, Elizabeth Dock at Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON, May 31 (UP)—The Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth, with several former French liners, will begin using Southampton in mid-July as their chief port for transporting American troops back to the States.

Soldiers will be dispatched from Le Havre to Southampton in smaller vessels and in the beginning will sail from here at the rate of 24,000 a day.

U.S. Gets Less Meat in June

WASHINGTON, May 31 (ANS)—Supplies of meat for civilians will be slightly less in June than in May, OPA announced today, saying point values of pork cuts, such as fatbacks and plate cuts, would rise one to three points effective June 3.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles estimated that meat available on retail counters during June would be about 13,000,000 pounds less each week than during May.

Meanwhile, food officials predicted that cutbacks in war production and reconversion may team up to ease the strain on the country's food supply by the end of the year. Agriculture Department officials said cutbacks should tend to reduce consumer incomes and a smaller consumer demand should result. Similarly, as reconversion gains momentum, they said, there should be a tendency for consumers to divert money from food to items coming back into production.

DeGaulle Announces New Cabinet Changes

PARIS, May 31 (AP)—Gen. de Gaulle today announced several Cabinet changes, among them the appointment of Charles Pinaud, a recent Buchenwald inmate, to the post of Minister of Food. At the same time he declared that France will hold its general elections before the end of the year.

Pierre Tietgen, who had been Minister of Information, was appointed Minister of Justice. Jacques Soustelle, former commissioner at Bordeaux, became the new Minister of Information.



FDR STAMPS: Here are three of the new stamps issued in commemoration of the late President Roosevelt. Fourth stamp, a five-center, is now being designed.

Yanks Trapping Okinawa Japs

Fighting through torrential rains and deep mud, U.S. forces in the center of Okinawa poured reinforcements into the captured fortress of Shuri yesterday, while other troops, driving across the tiny island from east and west, fashioned a trap for thousands of Japs south of the ancient city.

Troops of the 6th Marine Division, pushing southeast from Naha, the capital, formed the western arm of the encircling movement, while the 7th Infantry, moving across the island from a point south of Yonabaru, made the eastern arm of the pincer.

Some dispatches reported these two converging forces little more than a mile apart. When these two columns link up the Jap forces in the island will be split.

The occupation of Shuri was practically complete but the Japs still were fighting fanatically northeast of the bastion which formed the center of the strong Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru defensive line across the four-mile neck of the island. Other units had swung around the fort to complete its encirclement.

At the eastern end of the front, U.S. forces were advancing into the enemy's southern "pocket."

In the Philippines, U.S. bombers hammered Jap positions in support of troops driving into the Cagayan valley, last stronghold on Luzon. Ground troops were cleaning up resistance in the hills along the highways as other units moved toward the valley entrance 10 miles north of Santa Fe. It was estimated that about 30,000 Japs are in the valley stretching to the northern tip of the island.

On Mindanao, American troops cut the last Jap escape route from the Davao sector to the west.

Formosa Targets Hit Again

Philippine bombers continued to hammer targets on Formosa and along the Indo-China coast.

No air activity against the Japanese home islands was reported yesterday, but in Washington Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson forecast that "Japan will be hit harder than was Germany."

The current Superfort raids on Japan are equivalent now to the large-scale attacks made against Germany, but "great expansion lies ahead," Patterson declared.

In China Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U.S. forces, said yesterday there was a possibility that the Japanese would abandon their transcontinental corridor across China and that he was "very optimistic" about future military developments.

The Allies in China have reached a point where they are moving from the defensive to the offensive, Wedemeyer said. He made clear, however, that China was not yet ready for a general counter-offensive.

Dispatches from China, meanwhile, reported that the Japs had burned the American air base city of Liuchow and were fleeing northward before Chinese forces. Liuchow was the big 14th Air Force base taken by the Japs last November in their drive to knock out the U.S. air bases on the mainland.

Other reports said tension was mounting on the Soviet-Manchuria frontier and that the Japs were moving troops from southern and western China into the Manchuria border region.

ETO Pilots Claim Japs No Tougher

MANILA, May 31 (Reuter)—Pilots now with the U.S. 5th Air Force who fought in Europe and Africa said today that pilots transferring to the Pacific will find air combat against the Japanese no tougher, but certainly different.

One pilot, who shot down four Nazi planes over North Africa, said: "The great difference is that the Germans were better tacticians in the air."

"Over there we never dared to send out less than a group of fighters at one time and usually sent two or three groups. The Germans were always waiting to pounce on single planes or small formations. Here we can send out two, three or four planes with little fear of Japanese attacks."

Nazi Brass PWs Gripe About Pulling Details

SHAEF, May 31 (Reuter)—A deputation of 70 German officers complained to the commander of a prisoner of war camp at Ludwigschafen. Their grievances included sleeping in tents, digging their own latrines and doing kitchen work.

The commander of the camp listened impassively until they had finished. Then he turned over photographs which he had on the table and invited the Germans to take a look. After one look they filed out without a word.

The pictures showed internees in the Buchenwald and Dachau concentration camps.

15 Killed in Fort Crash

Fifteen American soldiers—including ten passengers and five crewmen—were killed yesterday morning when a Flying Fort, in which they were travelling on a "trolley" mission to Germany, crashed in flames near Bury St. Edmunds.

Balloon Bomb Kills Woman, 5 Children

WASHINGTON, May 31 (Reuter)—The first civilian deaths due to enemy action on U.S. soil were disclosed here today by Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War.

He told correspondents that one woman and five children had been killed by a Japanese explosive balloon while picnicking at Lakeview, Ore. The father and another child escaped.

No other casualties or damage have so far been caused, he said.

U.S. Air Forces Leave Burma

EASTERN AIR COMMAND HQ, May 31 (Reuter)—U.S. Air Force units are being withdrawn from the Eastern Air Command for action against the Japs in "another theater" and Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, commander of the Eastern Air Force, has been succeeded by RAF Air Marshal William A. Coryton, his former assistant, it was announced officially today by Air Marshal Sir Keith Rodney Park, Air C.-in-C. of the Southeast Asia Command.

Stratemeyer, who had been Eastern Air Commander since the Southeast Asia Command was formed on Dec. 15, 1943, and who still retains command of the U.S. Air Force in the India-Burma Theater, declared: "With the fall of Rangoon our mission in Burma is accomplished and our joint task fulfilled."

Withdrawal of the U.S. airmen from SEAC means that this command has become entirely British, as part of the reorganization of Allied forces in southeast Asia for the coming offensive against Japan.

Park's statement praised the work in North Burma of the 10th Air Force's tactical and transport squadrons in repulsing the enemy from the Chinese border and in reopening the overland route to China. Air supply had a great part in the campaign, Park said, adding: "It is fair to say that without the support of the American air forces in Burma we could not have defeated the Japanese Army so rapidly and decisively in 1945."

American air forces will continue to operate in the SEAC only to maintain supplies to China.

Sees 20-Year Occupation

COLOGNE, May 31 (UP)—Allied forces can be expected to occupy parts of Germany for the next 20 years, Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) said today. The "long-term" occupation will last for at least a generation, he added.

"We have invested too much in money and lives to rush home and get back into our shell," he said.

Russell is chairman of a nine-man Senate military and naval committee which is visiting the battlefields of Europe.

Russell said he believed the no-fraternization rule would soon have to be modified.

This was particularly true in the business sense. If the Allies were going to control the German people they must be in communication with them, he said.

So Biz Is Bust

TaxiDancers Went to War

NEW YORK, May 31 (ANS)—The taxi-dance business along the Great White Way has gone to pot.

In a famous Broadway dance palace 15 tired "old" women are holding down the wall flower box. In the good old days 100 luscious lassies waltzed away the hours for ten cents a dance. Now they are working in war plants, are married to servicemen, are in the WAC, or have been fired because the war has ruined business.

"We used to have some pretty nice girls here," Betty Bradny, 30, veteran of seven years of dime dancing, said today. "Then two years ago some Guadacanal veterans came in and started talking. They made the girls feel so cheap to be dancers instead of war workers that the next day 18 girls quit cold. Eight of them left town together and went to Lockheed. Three are in Detroit, and two of that bunch joined the WAC."

"Business men don't come here anymore," another girl said. "It's almost all local yokels and servicemen and half of them bring their own girls. They've changed the joint into a ballroom."

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THE B BAG

BLOW IT OUT HERE

They're Still Here

May 27, 1945

To the B-Bag:

When we were flown, as ex-PWs, from Germany to England on April 25, we were told the Army would be overjoyed to send us home in appreciation for what we had done, been through, &c.

It makes us sore to read about wives, 85 pointers and hundreds of ex-combat men going home when we were promised we would go first.

The Stars and Stripes had an article the other day about 150 ex-PWs going home every day. Where are they going from—China?—Some PO'd ex-PWs.

Pin-up Mad

May 26, 1945

To the B-Bag:

Why do you and Yank include pin-up pictures if we're not allowed to put them on our barracks walls?

Some 90-day-wonder around here comes around inspecting and tears them off.—Front Line Vets, 6979 School Bn.

Wanted to Buy War Bond

May 29, 1945

To the B-Bag:

I wanted to buy a war bond. I went to a Naval Post Office near the office I work in to make the purchase.

The answer there: "Sorry, only to Navy personnel." I went to the Army Post Office. The report: "No further sale of bonds here."

They suggested the Finance Department at the John Lewis Building. I went there another day to discover they had discontinued the sale of war bonds.

They suggested the war bond office. A few days later I reported to the W.B. office to find no one there.

AN MP told me to wait, someone would be around soon. That must have been the day off for nobody showed up for 40 minutes.

I went there another day. Still nobody there. Then I went to the PX. There I learned I would need a written statement from my CO stating where the money came from and why I wanted to make a direct purchase of the bond.

I did so and returned to the PX. Two GIs there, making all kinds of excuses, informed me that the proper personnel wasn't there to handle the matter.

They suggested I buy the bond at another PX, two miles away. Though I still have no bond to show in order to enter the contest, I am a great believer in the adage, "He who waiteth long enough shall surely receive."—T/S W. C. R., 4th Gp. Reg. Sia.

Queen of Them All

May 28, 1945

To the B-Bag:

Let's have a little more consideration for the Army Nurse. Because their sisters-in-arms are getting more publicity, the Nurses' grand job in this war is being hidden.

After many hours of all work and no sleep, the Nurse still manages to maintain that feminine quality that is all-American. The WAC may be the pin-up of the Air Corps, but to all GIs, men who are shaping a new world from Europe to the remotest Pacific isle, the Army Nurse is "Queen of Them All!"—Just a Joe, 15th Inf.

Krauts Fight Nips

May 28, 1945

To the B-Bag:

That B-Bag suggestion that German soldiers should fight the Japs is good. Didn't the Germans use our allies, Poles, Czechs, &c., against us?

The German is a good fighter, and after the Jap throws a few his way it's either kill or be killed. They would be willing to fight, too, to redeem themselves from their Nazi taint.

And what the hell, they'll have good chow and butts, what more would they want?—S/Sgt. A. R., Det. of Pat., Hosp. Plant 4176.

The USO

May 25, 1945

To the B-Bag:

At the Red Cross in Bournemouth the other day I was disgusted at a refusal by a USO troupe called "Swingtime" to perform at a scheduled second showing because the audience of approximately 60 persons was "not large enough for us to carry on."

I've never felt anything but that the USO people were of the sweetest caliber, but this troupe was a jenson for my money. I was happy only in that there were no members of other Allied nations in the audience. I would have been deeply embarrassed were they there to witness an exhibition so unrepresentative of America.—Lt. (jg) Martin L. Auerbach, USN.

[The unit involved in the episode mentioned above had no connection with the USO. It consisted of British civilians whose unit's itinerary is handled by Special Services. The unit's leader has since been fired.—Ed.]

Hash Marks

You've probably heard of the man who started on a shoestring and worked his way up until he got his face slapped.

Heard along Upper Grosvenor St. "We have a small London flat. Nothing elaborate—except the rent."

Conversation Piece: "Stand convex, baby, not concave."

The rotation plan situation is working out beautifully for M/Sgt. Joe Cohen. His head's spinning.

WAC Lt. Linda Barnes, who's on recruiting duty in Salina, Kan., discovered her auto wasn't working properly.



At the garage the mechanic discovered the trouble—the motor block had become the nesting place for a bird's nest containing three eggs.

Overheard on the firing range. "We're suspicious of that guy's past. Every time he fires a gun, he grabs a cloth and wipes off his finger prints."

Our WAC teletypist is so fast, she can make a three-day pass look like the rush hour.

Giving one of those fast "profile" exams, the medic asked the dough whether he could read the last line of the chart which read, "KOMBRCLVXQ."

"Sure," was the reply. "I knew him well. Played guard for Notre Dame."

"I can't see what keeps you girls from freezing."

"You're not supposed to."

Said one Grosvenor Square sparrow to another. "I've just made a deposit on a new car."

"Hey, wait a minute," said Piccadilly Joe. "I gotta finish this letter to my fiancée before I meet my date."

Some joker in Memphis stood on a street corner holding a sign asking for funds for the "widow of the unknown soldier." After collecting \$11 he gave it back to the donors.

Sgt. A. Asman swears he saw this in the hometown paper. "Father of 12 Shot. Mistaken for Rabbit."

J. C. W.

The Chinese, Too, Are Beating the Japs

Taking Foochow Helps a Landing

By William R. Spear

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, May 31—Resurgent Chinese armies last week had severed Japan's overland communications lines to Burma, Thailand, Malaya and Singapore as effectively as American seapower has severed communications lines by sea.

And they have cleared important sections of the China coast, including the port of Foochow, which could prove highly valuable in case Pacific strategy calls for Allied landings in China for a land campaign there.

These developments, naturally, have been overshadowed in headlines by the Okinawa fighting and the Superfort raids on Japan because Americans are doing those jobs. But they constitute the most significant victories the Chinese have won to date in their long war against the Japs.

Three factors may have contributed to this sudden turn of the tide in China. First, the completion of the Stilwell Road from India has enabled an increasing volume of supplies to be sent China-ward.

Second, the virtual completion of the successful British campaign in Burma has freed troops there for other tasks; it has been officially announced that one whole Chinese army was transported from Burma by air. Third is a delicate matter on which speculation must be restricted, but The New York Times was able to report that a Chungking newspaper attributed the contraction of Japanese lines partly to fear in Tokyo that Russia would enter the war.

The Japanese still hold the corridor from Manchuria down to Indo-China, but it is shrinking daily, both from the west and east. On the west the Chinese are striking at the corridor along a 900-mile front from Honan Province down to the Indo-China border and gains in the south already have wiped out the corridor's tactical usefulness.

There, Chinese have captured Yunging and thereby cut the supply line, which consisted of a railroad down to Yunging and the truck route from there southward.

They have captured the "treaty" port of Nanning on the Si (West) River, 430 miles inland from Canton. And they are battling along the highway from Nanning down to Dong Dang across the border in Indo-China. Thus the Japanese lifeline north and south in China has already been cut and armies in Burma, Malaya, Thailand and Indo-China have been isolated by land from receiving further reinforcements or supplies.

Moreover, northward traffic of raw materials from these territories to Japan have been cut off. On the east side of the corridor the Chinese control an area of nearly 1,000 miles along the coast from a point just north of Hong Kong northward to a point beyond Wenchow and running roughly 300 miles inland.

Japanese pockets still hold the ports of Swatow, Amoy and Wenchow in this area, but the Chinese have taken the great port of Foochow. So if Gen. MacArthur plans a landing in China he will have a "Cherbourg" there without having to fight for it.

Foochow is the nearest Chinese port to Okinawa, 550 miles away and 800 miles from the Philippines. One drawback, however, is that it lies directly behind the north end of Formosa. Japanese bases and airfields on Formosa have been heavily bombed by Superforts and carrier planes, but presumably it still is an enemy bastion of some strength.



Chinese machine-gunners in emplacement on bank of Irrawaddy river.

But Musical Comedy King Longs to See Broadway

Franz Lehar Looks for Vienna To be Gay Under the Russians

By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BAD ISCHL, May 31—Anyone in Bad Ischl can direct you to the home of Franz Lehar. It is not surprising. Lehar has lived in this charming Austrian town 43 years and has made it the musical comedy arsenal of the world.

It was here that his innumerable operettas were composed, among which "The Merry Widow," "The Count of Luxemburg" and "The Land of Smiles" are perhaps the best known. Maestro Lehar's modest home is located on Franz Lehar Quay, on the bank of a swiftly flowing stream, which, he said, helps him compose.

He and his wife were delighted to receive their first American callers in many years. Lehar is a gentle little man with a white moustache and twinkling blue eyes which 75 years have not dimmed. He was dressed gaily, in Viennese style, with striped trousers, a bright green vest and a pink tie. His wife poured schnapps and the composer plunged in a discourse about his latest work, "Caraboncias," a serious opera with a Hungarian libretto which has been produced only in Budapest.

Music in Europe fared poorly under the Nazis, the little composer thought. He knew of nothing worthwhile that had been written during the entire period and the years had been so ugly he did not like to discuss them. Yes, Hitler was a great Lehar fan, but he was a fool. He ordered a grandiose production of "The Merry Widow" in Berlin, but the elaborateness of the sets and props weighed so heavily on the music that the whole thing flopped after only four performances.

Lehar knew the Russians were in Vienna and said he was sad because he had heard that the fine old Vienna Opera House had been destroyed during the fighting. He thought Vienna would become gay again under the Russians because the Soviets are such music lovers. In fact, he said, his works were more popular in Russia than anywhere else in the world. He recalled an old saw that whenever light operas were produced in Russia it was customary to put Lehar's name on the program whether he'd composed them or not.

Speaking about his own country, Hungary, Lehar said he'd never forgive the Nazis for dragging it into the war. He would have said more, but his frau put a restraining hand on his wrist and begged "No politics, Franz," and out of deference to her he buttoned up.

Scientists Argue North Pole Site

OTTAWA, May 31 (Reuter) — Canadian Polar scientists have taken exception to statements by the crew of the RAF Lancaster, "Aries," that the magnetic pole is from 200 to 300 miles north-northwest of where it was previously believed to be.

The "Aries" left England on VE-Day plus 1 on an expeditionary flight in the Arctic and after returning last week the crew said they had discovered the magnetic pole on the Sverdrup Islands, 1,500 miles from the geographical North Pole. Scientists of the Canadian Mines and Resources Department said their location of the magnetic pole, on the Boothia Peninsula in northern Canada, is based on numerous investigations and is undoubtedly correct.

They said the magnetic pole is not at any fixed point but within a large area, and may shift as much as 100 miles during a severe magnetic storm. The "Aries" location covers about 100 miles in the Sverdrup Islands.

Army Ends Activities At Invasion Ports

WEYMOUTH, May 31—Discontinuance of U.S. Army activities at the twin ports of Weymouth and Portland, which played a major role in the invasion of Europe, was announced yesterday by U.K. Base HQ. Since D-Day the ports embarked 515,459 soldiers and loaded 143,399 vehicles weighing a total of 1,057,493 deadweight tons. Among the ships loaded were: 2,142 LSTs; 1,587 LCTs; 292 LCIs and 40 LSIIs.

Voluntary Enlistment Fills Army Nurse Corps

NEW YORK, May 31 (ANS)—The voluntary enlistment of nurses has reached such a favorable stage, the Army Nurse Corps is expected to near its required strength in a few weeks, the U.S. Army Recruiting Bureau said here today. The Bureau said that intensive recruiting measures were being relaxed since it was expected that applications would continue to be received in sufficient numbers to fill replacement requirements.

AFN Radio Program

- Friday, June 1
1300-World News
1315-Guess Who
1330-Baseball Recreation
1400-RCAF Band
1430-Let's go to Town
1500-On the Record
1630-Strike up the Band
1700-News of the Hour
1730-Russ Morgan
1755-Sports Roundup
1800-World News
1805-GI Supper Club
1900-U.S. Home News
1905-Canada Swing Show
1915-Eddie Cantor
1945-Strings with Wings
2000-Navy Date
2030-American Band
2100-World News
2115-Command Perf.
2145-Johnny Mercer
2200-Pacific News
2206-Merely Music
2300-News of the Hour
2301-One Night Stand
2330-Here's to Romance
Saturday, June 2
0555-Resume
0600-Yawn Patrol
0700-World News
0715-Yawn Patrol
0800-Victory Diary
0815-Personal Album
0830-Jill's Juke Box
0900-World News
0915-Spotlight Bands
0930-Canada Show
Dance Orchestra
1000-Command Perf.
1030-GI Bull Session
1045-Strike up the Band
1100-U.S. Home News
1106-Duffie Bar

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... and now, by way of con-trawst.....

Good Hurling Keeps Brews On Top in AA

KANSAS CITY, May 31—After five weeks of intermittent firing the American Association is in one of the tightest races in years with only six games separating cellar dwellers from the league leaders.

The champion Milwaukee Brewers broke through the barrier on top and held to the margin for three weeks before dropping back and coming on again.

Indianapolis, Louisville, Toledo and Columbus swapped the runner-up position around until the present standings show the defending Brewers still on top with the Indians, Louisville and Redbirds strung-out behind in that order.

The Brewers are running in first spot with few of their last two pennant winners on hand. Only Arky Biggs at short and Bill Norman in center were regulars with last year's club, but Nick Cullop is getting good pitching with Joe Rullo, newcomer at second, a find.

Indianapolis, surprise club of the loop under Bill Burwell, has pitching to thank for its high place in the standings. Eddie Wright has paced the staff with a no-hitter against the Blues, and a one-hitter against Columbus. The two veterans, Gil English at third and George Deane, who managed San Diego last year and now is catching for the Indians, have steadied the Tribe in its early season streak.

Louisville, third at present, offers old men and children in the lineup with Como Cotelle, Milt Shofner and George Savino veterans with 17-year-old Joe Kaney at short. Ty LaForest, new keystone, tied the Association record in the second week, getting six for six against Minneapolis.

Toledo Not Up to Pre-Season Hopes

Toledo, picked for top slot before the season opened, hasn't shown to expectations, but Ollie Marquard's gang, playing in newly redecorated Swayne Field—changes in lights, seats and a paint job set the management back \$40,000—are expected to be a power in the race from now on. The Hens have been troubled with postponements and their pitchers have suffered from lack of work.

Around the rest of the loop only Columbus shows power. The Card farm under Charley Root, who is hurling regularly despite his years and has three or four hits to his credit, is fielding a club with two local sandlotiers, Jack McBain in the outfield and George Davis at second, and no real veteran in the lineup. Jim Mallory, down from the parent Cards, is leading the club's drive.

Strength is lacking in the rest of the circuit. The Yankees sent Kansas City hurlers Johnny Moore and Smokey Singleton and Catcher Bill Steinbecke, but the Blues are little better than the cellar team of last year. Howie Schultz and Tom Brown, down from the Dodgers, haven't helped. St. Paul, Minneapolis, with three or four Cubans filling out the club, has come up with a whiz in Pitcher Isador Leon, who won three straight before defeat, but Mike Kelley's club, even with Babe Barna, Bob Dill (New York Ranger hockey star), and Frank Danneker slugging the ball, hasn't been getting pitching and is far behind the usual Miller station.

As the situation stands now, only Milwaukee of the Western clubs is giving that division a break, and early season play indicates that the Brews are set for their third straight.

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- APOs Wanted**
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 - PFC Edwin ADAMS, Hartsville, S.C.; Pfc. Claude N. ROBERTSON, Bakersfield, Cal.; John NIELSEN, Lt. Robert VENTRES, Clinton, Iowa; S/Sgt. Orin Joseph LUSCHER; Pvt. John COUGHLIN, Rochester, N.Y.; Pvt. Doyle HUFF, Forestry, Ark.; Lt. Grace SETTLE, Cincinnati.
- Reunions**
- FOLLOWING towns and districts will hold reunion dinners at 7:15 PM each night next week: Mon., June 4—Wis.; Tues., June 5—Woodsstock, Central Falls, Pawtucket—R.I.; Wed., June 6—Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth, Nanticoke—Pa.; Thurs., June 7—Lowell, Lawrence, Salem, Chelsea, Lynn, Peabody—Mass.; Fri., June 8—North and South Dakota.

Fast Times Expected in White City Meet

By John Wentworth
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The odor of liniment has been permeating many a U.S. Army hut throughout the U.K. these past few weeks, and the chances are that most of it was pretty good medicine.

This conclusion is drawn because close to 200 GI athletes who have been using it after daily workouts have decided that their creaking limbs are in good enough shape for exhibition in competition and have signed in for the U.K. Base track and field meet to be held Sunday at London's White City Stadium.

Most of Sunday's performers have confined their track activities in the past year—or two or three—to daily dashes in quest of a place at the front of the chow line. But times turned in at some post meets since VE-Day indicate that there may be a few surprises in store for those who journey out to London's number one athletic layout this Sabbath.

There will be 16 events run off starting at 2 PM in this order: 50-yard dash, 120-yard high hurdles, 100-yard dash, mile, 440, 220-yard low hurdles, 220-yard dash, half-mile, 880-yard relay, shot put, high jump, javelin, broad jump, discus, hop-skip-and-jump, and the hammer

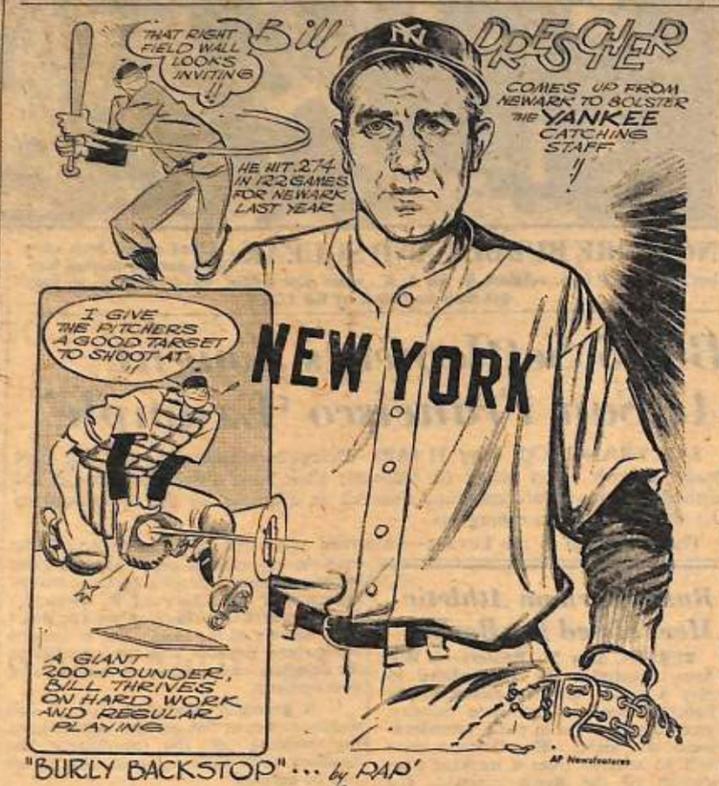
throw. And there will be at least 25 outfits represented among the men seeking honors.

Some of the GIs have never run in competition before, but a good share of them have trophies stuck away in their attics back home for triumphs in high school and college meets.

One of the best known is Cpl. Ross Motola, of Cliffside, N.J., a former running mate of Leslie MacMitchell at New York University who has done the mile in 4:28.

The Midwest is especially well represented, a quick glance down the list of entries bringing up at least five men who

will bear watching. They include Cpl. Ashley Anderson, former Wisconsin University athlete and more recently a member of the Eighth AF Shuttle-Rader football club, who is entered in the javelin, discus and hurdles; T/5 Artice White, of Cincinnati, former Ohio State star who has done the century in 9.9 and is entered in the dashes; T/5 Warren Whitney, former Cleveland high school ace who has done an unofficial mile in 4:15; Pvt. Roy Shelton, of Chicago, who has broad-jumped 23 feet; and Pvt. Platos Hill, of Dayton, Ohio, who high-jumped six feet, three inches for Ohio State.



Yanks Split With Tigers To Keep 2-Game Lead

NEW YORK, May 31—The biggest crowd of the season—67,816—was on hand at the Stadium yesterday to see the Yankees maintain their two-game lead over Detroit by winning the nightcap of a double-header, 3-2, after dropping the opener by the same score.

Stubby Overmire scattered eight hits and was helped along by three double-plays as he won the first battle at the expense of Walt Dubiel. The only real trouble Stubby ran into was in the first, when the McCarthy men bunched three blows to rack up both their runs, but he was under tension all the way as the Bengals failed to salt the decision away until the ninth. Jimmy Webb finally settled things when he laid down a perfect bunt to bring Doc Cramer home.

Snuffy Stirnweiss singled in two runs in the sixth inning to give the McCarthy men the edge in the nightcap, but New York fans literally had to "sweat it out." The Tigers had men on second and third with nobody out in the ninth, at which point Jim Turner relieved starter Allen Gettel and retired the next three men in order to save the day. Loser was Hal Newhouser.

The White Sox divided their twin bill with the Athletics as Thornton Lee de-

feated Bobo Newsom, 5-2, for his sixth victory and Russ Christopher scored his seventh triumph in leading the Macks to a 4-2 win in the nightcap. Bobby Estalilla led the attack on Johnny Humphries in the second game, getting three hits, including his third homer of the year, and he singled in the eighth to score Larry Rosenthal, who had tripled, with the winning run.

The Chisox got 12 hits off ancient Bobo in the opener and Lee was never in danger as he had a five-run lead in the seventh when Charlie Metro and Rosenthal doubled and Estalilla singled for all the Philadelphia runs.

Lou Boudreau's Indians knocked off the Red Sox, 4-3, in the first game of a double feature and had things well under control in the aftermath until the Sox cut loose with a six-run rally in the eighth to win, 7-6. Ben Steiner dropped a pop fly in the ninth frame of the first tilt, allowing the tying run to score, and Pat Seerey followed with a double to drive home the clincher to give Mary Center the nod over Mike Ryba, who had relieved Jim Wilson.

Frankie Hayes, who joined the Tribe Tuesday, caught both games, and though he belted two homers in the second the Sox caught up with Jim Bagby in the big eighth and continued against Ed Klieban, who was the eventual loser with Vic Johnson the winner.

The Senators swept both ends of a double bill from the Browns under the lights, capturing the first game, 3-2, in 13 innings and the second, 5-0, behind the five-hit pitching of Chick Pieretti. Tex Shirley went the route for the Browns in the first game and had a two-run lead in the eighth when the Nats tied it up and then went on to push the deciding marker over in the 13th. Dutch Leonard started for the Senators, but Santiago Ullrich was the winner.

Pieretti held the Browns in check in the second game as his mates pushed over two runs in the third, two more in the fifth and one in the seventh to win at the expense of Nelson Potter.



Flock Cuts Buc String at Nine Straight

NEW YORK, May 31—The Pirates ran their winning streak to nine straight in bopping the Dodgers, 13-5, in the first game of a twin bill yesterday, but the Flock finally halted them by clubbing out a 14-10 win in the nightcap and the Giants remained five and one half games in front by stopping the Cubs, 8-6, before bowing, 11-2.

A total of 49 hits were clubbed out in each game as Pittsburgh and Brooklyn split, and in the nightcap Frankie Frisch used five hurlers in a vain attempt to stop the Bums. Big blow in Brooklyn's 14-hit attack in the second game was Auggie Galan's three-run homer in the fifth while Al Gionfriddo also homered with two on for Chicago in the lower half of the same frame as Roy Pfand won

at the expense of Al Gerheuser. Rip Sewell had an easy time winning the opener for his sixth victory as the Bucs hammered Les Webber and Tom Seats for nine runs in the fifth inning on four walks, a hit batsman, a wild pitch and six bingles, two of them by Sewell. Seats, who relieved Clyde King in the first, was the loser.

A crowd of 42,565 saw the Giants split with the Cubs. Decisive blow in the opener was Ernie Lombardi's 12th homer with a man on, which tagged Ray Prim, who had relieved Hank Wyse, with the loss and gave the nod to Bill Emmerich, who relieved Andy Hansen in the third and pitched four-hit ball the rest of the way.

Bob Chipman held the Giants to three

hits for his second victory in the first game while his mates routed Bill Voiselle in the fourth. In that frame Andy Palko belted a homer with two aboard and the Bruins continued their assault against Ray Harrell and Ewald Pyle. Manager Mel Ott of the Giants set a new National League record for total bases in the second game when he tagged Wyse for a single and double, bringing his total to 4,890 bases and eclipsing Honus Wagner's mark of 4,888.

Ed Heusser limited the Phils to four blows as the Reds took the first game of a twin bill, 3-0, and the Redbirds copped the second game, 9-8, with a three-run rally in the ninth. Heusser was in command all the way in the opener, allowing only two Phils to reach second base, and he also drove in what proved to be the winning run in the fifth with a double off loser Whit Wyatt.

The Phils built up an 8-3 lead in the second game as Jimmy Foxx, Vince DiMaggio and Jimmy Waddell homered, but the Reds pecked away, knocking out Vern Kennedy in the fourth, Anton Karl in the eighth and finally settling the battle at the expense of Lou Lucier in the ninth. The payoff blow was a double by Frank McCormick, giving the win to Slim Bosser.

Two batting rallies gave the Braves a 9-2 nightcap victory over the Cardinals after Ray Sanders' fifth homer with a man on had given the Redbirds a 4-2 victory in 12 innings. In winning the second skirmish the Tribe hammered Ken Burkhardt for three runs in the third, faced three successors for five runs in the sixth and picked up a single tally in the ninth. Jim Tobin kept 11 hits scattered in gaining the verdict.

The Braves twice came from behind and finally tied the score in the ninth inning of the first game, but reliever Johnny Hutchings made the mistake of tossing one down the middle to Kurowski in the 12th, and that was that. George Dockins got credit for his first victory after relieving Ted Wilks, who blanked the Braves for six innings, but quit when he injured his elbow.

Minor League Results

International League				Southern Association				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Montreal 4-2	Rochester 2-12		Milwaukee 18 11	621 Toledo	15 17	469		
Jersey City 6-0	Newark 3-1		Indianapolis 18 14	563 Kansas City	14 17	452		
Buffalo 11-15	Toronto 1-34		Louisville 17 14	548 St. Paul	13 16	448		
Baltimore 6-8	Syracuse 1-12		Columbus 18 19	486 Minneapolis	13 18	419		
Eastern League				Pacific Coast League				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Montreal 22 12	647 Rochester	13 15	464	Atlanta 7	Birmingham 2			
Jersey City 15 11	577 Syracuse	13 15	464	Mobile 13	Memphis 6			
Newark 15 14	517 Buffalo	11 16	407	New Orleans	New Orleans 5, Little Rock 4			
Baltimore 14 14	500 Toronto	11 17	393	Chattanooga 5-4	Nashville 1-5			
American Association				W L Pct.				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Hartford 11-4	Scranton 2-2		New Orleans 25 8	758 Little Rock	12 19	387		
Utica 9-4	Williamsport 7-6		Chattanooga 21 10	677 Nashville	10 21	323		
Wilkes-Barre 2-12	Albany 1-1		Atlanta 21 10	677 Birmingham	9 23	281		
Binghamton 7-3	Elmira 4-5		Mobile 21 13	618 Memphis	8 23	258		
Wellsport 13 8	619 Scranton	11 11	590					
Hartford 11 9	545 Albany	10 12	455					
Wilkes-Barre 12 10	545 Albany	10 12	455					
Elmira 10 9	526 Binghamton	7 14	333					
Minneapolis 4-2	St. Paul 3-10							
Kansas City 8-4	Milwaukee 7-3							
Columbus 10-4	Toledo 4-6							
Indianapolis 4-4	Louisville 3-6							

Dick Tracy



Li'l Abner



Jeep, Hoop Jr. Cop Wood Mem.

NEW YORK, May 31—Jeep and Hoop Junior became the East's outstanding Kentucky Derby candidates yesterday when they won the two sections of the Wood Memorial Handicap before the largest New York racing crowd in history at Jamaica.

Jeep copped the first section of the annual Derby preview and Hoop Junior the second, when an all-time high for a single race—\$596,679—went through the mutual machines.

Jeep, with Andy Kirkland up, paid \$5.20 in defeating Gallorett and Dock Stader, while Hoop Junior, with Eddie Acaro up, paid \$15.00 while winning over Alexis and Sir Francis.

76,649 at Santa Anita Set New American Record

ARCADIA, Cal., May 31—Thumbs Up, Louis B. Mayer's six-year-old handicapper, romped to an easy four-length victory in the \$25,000 SanPasqual Handicap at Santa Anita yesterday. A crowd of 76,649 turned out for the race, setting a new American record and breaking the Santa Anita mark of 60,000, set when Sea Biscuit won the Santa Anita Handicap in 1940.

Major League Results

National League				American League				
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh 13-10	Brooklyn 5-14		Chicago 5-2	Philadelphia 2-4				
New York 8-2	Chicago 6-11		Cleveland 4-6	Boston 3-7				
Cincinnati 3-9	Philadelphia 0-8		Detroit 3-2	New York 2-3				
St. Louis 4-2	Boston 2-9 (first game 12 innings)		Washington 3-5	St. Louis 2-0 (night, first game 13 innings)				
W L Pct.				W L Pct.				
New York 26 11	703 St. Louis	19 17	528	New York 22 12	647 Cleveland	14 16	467	
Pittsburgh 19 15	559 Cincinnati	14 18	438	Detroit 18 12	600 Washington	15 18	455	
Brooklyn 20 16	556 Boston	13 19	406	Chicago 17 15	531 Boston	15 19	441	
Chicago 18 16	529 Philadelphia	10 27	270	St. Louis 15 16	484 Philadelphia	13 21	382	
Boston at St. Louis				Chicago at Philadelphia				
New York at Chicago				St. Louis at Washington				
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh				Detroit at New York				
Philadelphia at Cincinnati				Cleveland at Boston				

Around the 48 Yesterday

Rising Realty Prices Blamed on Speculators

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK—Officials are concerned over rising prices of residential property throughout the country. The boom in values is attributed partly to the activity of speculators and partly to the increased buying of real estate as a hedge against possible post-war inflation.

In war production centers housing values have risen as much as 75 to 100 per cent in some cases. The greatest increase has been in the lower price brackets.

A recent War Production Board order relaxing some of the restrictions on residential construction may help the situation somewhat by encouraging new building, and Reporter Ned Brooks of the Scripps-Howard Washington staff, writes that the Office of Economic Stabilization is considering a plan to require purchasers of residential property to make down payments of at least 35 per cent to curb speculators.

If such regulations were imposed and no exemption were granted World War II veterans it largely would nullify the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights which permit home purchases by veterans with no cash.

The only control over down payments on home purchases now in force is an OPA regulation which requires a 20 per cent down payment on the purchase of property which is occupied by tenants. This requirement is designed to protect tenants being evicted by phoney sales of the property.

Three Wars Plenty for Vet

NEW YORK (ANS)—M/Sgt. George Drye, 51, of Dayton, Ohio, flew in from North Africa and his third war and said he would settle down on a chicken farm as soon as he could get a discharge.

Drye first served the Army as an infantryman in the Mexican border campaign of 1915-16. He later was one of the first doughboys to go overseas when the U.S. entered World War I and one of the last to return.

In this war Drye enlisted in 1942 and was assigned to ATC as a crew chief. He has three sons serving with the Army and Navy in the Pacific.

Dad Kills GI's Girl

KANSAS CITY (ANS)—Police maintained a close guard over Pvt. David Sharp, a CBI veteran, on the chance that an enraged father, who already had killed

his daughter in a fit of jealousy, might try to take the life of her soldier-sweetheart.

Still at large was Ray E. Davis, who shot and killed his daughter, pretty Lulu Mae Davis, as the girl prepared to go out on her first date in three years with Sharp.

Davis' wife and two other daughters also were under guard. The slain girl's mother said her husband was particularly bitter toward Sharp because he was the only boy friend Lulu refused to give up to please her father.

GI to Defend Wife

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—Pfc Arthur J. Hyatt, declaring that he loves his wife "just as much as I ever did," will defend her when she is brought to trial on a murder charge for the death of their infant son last month.

Charges Schools Nick Vets

NEW YORK (ANS)—"Fly-by-night" schools and colleges, set up primarily to exploit ex-servicemen seeking to continue their education and get in on the \$500-a-year tuition fees allowed by the government under the GI Bill of Rights, were assailed by Dr. Francis J. Brown, educational consultant of the American Council on Education.

According to The New York Times, Brown disclosed that returning servicemen are being nicked exorbitant fees for special "refresher courses" and that in some cases even reputable institutions were establishing veterans' courses at costs in excess of standard rates for regular students.

Brown pointed out that in some cases the high fees could be justified but warned that there is danger of institutions charging the government more than an individual.

He also declared that only a few of the State agencies, authorized by law to approve schools eligible to participate in the education program, have taken their responsibilities seriously and recommended that special agencies be set up to inspect the schools before and after eligibility is granted.

Brown also disapproved of an amendment to the GI Bill introduced May 3 by Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) which would give the Veterans' Administration sole authority to approve both schools and courses.

Globe-Girdling Thunderbolt?

RICHMOND, Va. (ANS)—A battered P47 hung up what base personnel believed to be some kind of a world record when it landed at Richmond Army Air Base.

The ship has chalked up more than 2,570 hours in the air with no accidents despite the fact that 2,000 neophyte pilots have flown it 660,000 miles—a distance equivalent to almost 27 times around the world. Altogether the plane has been airborne three and one half months, long enough to explore the moon.

Still Early in the Season

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Mrs. Harry S. Truman struck out in her first time at bat with a champagne bottle. The First Lady's swing was smooth,

90% of Vets 'Employable'

CHICAGO—Millard W. Rice, national service director of the Disabled American Veterans, declared that 90 per cent of returning disabled veterans were employable, figured on the basis of the number of veterans receiving total disability pensions from the government.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The big top, which came down last July in Hartford, Conn., when fire and tragedy struck the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus, came up again as the show made its first outdoor performance of the year. The tent is of gleaming white canvas and chemically treated so it won't burn, officials said.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—With but one dissenting vote, the Florida Senate passed and sent to the Governor a bill outlawing suits for alienation of affection and breach of contract to marry. The bill, its sponsor said, is directed at "scheming women who come down here and get some old men basking in the sunshine in a position where they can sue them."

GETTYSBURG, Pa.—Sen. Robert Taft (R-Ohio) declared that enactment of a peace-time draft law would "strike at the very basis of freedom for which our boys are fighting." He said that "secret" government propaganda was being employed to win support for such training.

Freed PWs Getting Furloughs in U.K.

Stars and Stripes Paris Bureau

PARIS, May 31—Freed U.S. prisoners of war are being flown to England for seven-day furloughs at the rate of 1,000 men daily, while awaiting passage back to the States, Com Z HQ announced yesterday.

The first planes took off Tuesday from a Nazi-built airstrip in Normandy.

Most of the passengers were members of bombing squadrons based in England who had been shot down over Europe and had been imprisoned in Germany, some as long as two years.

These ex-fliers will be landed as near as possible to their old bases. Others will land near London. The men will return directly from England to the U.S.

Alaskan in States Gets Overseas Points

ST. LOUIS, May 31 (ANS)—Lt. Col. Paul E. Stockard, of the USAAF, has received overseas credit toward discharge during the last 20 months even though he has been in the U.S.

Two years ago he got no foreign duty credit, although he was in the Aleutian Islands . . . and here's why:

Stockard's home is in Fairbanks, Alaska, and under the Army's point system the Aleutians campaign wasn't overseas for him but being in the U.S. is.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, May 31 (AP)—U.S. Sgt. Ramon B. Oliveras was discharged from the Army on points this week. His wife gave birth to twins two hours before the deadline for figuring points to put him over 85.



NO MORE BUBBLE AND SQUEAK: Lined up on deck of a transport in Boston harbor, brides of U.S. soldiers in the U.K., some with babies, wave greetings as they get their first look at the U.S.A.

Big 5 Settlements Sought As San Francisco 'Example'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31 (AP)—Delegates representing the Big Five made a fresh effort today to reconcile their own differences inside the United Nations Conference and thus set an example for the settlement of the disputes now cropping up.

The bloodshed in the Levant—an armed argument between three of the countries represented here—pressed close to the conference, despite declarations by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. and others that this was not the place for a hearing of the case. San Francisco newspapers, however, kept the issue before the delegates with front-page accounts of developments.

It is generally conceded that if this dispute comes up for general debate here, the building of the machinery for handling such differences in the future will be delayed.

One of the main Big Five efforts today was toward settlement of the trusteeship problem. Russia was said to be standing against the U.S., Britain, France and China for the elimination of the section which would specifically place existing mandates outside the trusteeship plan, except in certain instances.

If the issue is brought to a conference or committee vote, as appears probable, observers argued that Russia would almost certainly be defeated. Some delegates contended, however, that even this would not be too displeasing to the Russians, since it would consolidate their claim to championship of dependent peoples.

The U.S. is having another single-handed argument with Australia over a provision for raising the world's social and economic standards, which an American spokesman claimed would interfere with other countries' internal affairs. The British and Russian delegates said that they did not think the argument important.

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Warns Against German Cartels

MOSCOW, May 31 (Reuter)—German industrialists, through branches abroad, are already attempting to reconstruct the old cartels, Red Star said today, according to Moscow Radio.

"No sooner had hostilities ceased than international cartels proceeded to plant mines under the future edifice of peace," it said. "At the very time that representatives of the German High Command were signing the unconditional surrender, representatives of German concerns in neutral countries were signing documents for the resumption of cartel agreements suspended during the war."

"Many German monopolists, foreseeing the German defeat, established new branches abroad, particularly in Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Argentina and other South American countries, and transferred big sums to them."

"These German representatives are now spending large sums on bribing the press and launching campaigns in both neutral and Allied countries for a post-war reconstruction of Germany's economic life which would give German industry a chance quickly to regain key positions in the European economy."

"After the last war the re-establishment of the international cartels was beneficial to German imperialism, and this time, too, a restoration of the cartels may provide a fresh impetus to a new effort on the part of German militarism."

British to Release 1 1/2 Million Nazi PWs

BRITISH 2ND ARMY HQ, May 31 (UP)—Every German soldier, sailor and airman in the British area, numbering about 1,500,000 prisoners of war, will soon be put to work as farmers and tradesmen to counter the possibility of famine and to rebuild their homeland, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery declared yesterday in his first public announcement since being appointed British representative on the Allied Control Commission.

The proclamation was issued to German soldiers and civilians over Hamburg Radio, by leaflet and public notices, and through the German newspapers published by the Military Government.

The bulk of German ex-servicemen expected to be released during the next few weeks will be agricultural workers. The move, initiated by the Russians in their occupational zone, is designed to absorb the Allies of feeding and guarding a huge army in prison camps and of feeding the German population. One of the biggest problems will be the industrial Ruhr—a thickly populated area without a source of food supplies.

German Rhine Officials Take Over on June 7

SHAEF, May 30 (Reuter)—The new civil administration under Military Government of the Rhine Province is to be formally inaugurated at Bonn, the Rhine university city south of Cologne, on June 7, it was announced today at 15th Army HQ.

At a ceremony to be held that day, Dr. Hans Fuchs will be appointed President under the Military Government of Col. Charles Johnson.

Dr. Wilhelm Marx, at one time Chancellor of the Weimar Republic, will make an introductory speech after which Fuchs will deliver an address.

The civil administration of Fuchs and his staff is already functioning.

Italian Resistance Ordered Disarmed

MILAN, May 31 (UP)—Allied Military Government in Italy has ordered the complete disarmament of all Resistance elements.

The order was made with the full agreement of the partisan authorities, after Fascists masquerading as patriotic partisans committed a wave of murders under the guise of "liquidating Fascists."

In the Milan district alone these murders amounted to as many as 20 a night in the early days of May and even now two or three people are killed on the streets each night.

From midnight last night onward, none except the regular military police will be allowed to carry arms.

Terry and the Pirates

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