

THE RED ARMY WHEELS INTO BATTERED BERLIN: With infantrymen, armed with their famed tommy guns, perched on tanks, the Red Army charges into the charred, smoking Third Reich capital. This first picture of the Soviets in Berlin was radioed from Moscow yesterday.

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3 Armies Closing in on Munich

British Fight Outside Bremen And Hamburg

U.S. 3rd Army forces, easternmost of the three armies now assailing the Nazis' redoubt in the mountains of southern Germany, closed on the Danube yesterday at a point in the area of Regensburg, 70 miles northeast of Munich, while to the northwest and west troops of the U.S. 7th and the French 1st Armies captured the Danube communications center of the and reached noints within 50 miles. Uhm and reached points within 50 miles of Munich. The combined drives began to assume the shape of a great pincers around the city, greatest of southern

News of the expected American-Soviet link-up along the central German front

Prisoner Toll in West More Than a Million

SHAEF, Apr. 24 (Reuter)-The Allied armies have taken more than 1,000,000 prisoners on the Western Front since Apr. 1.

Up to Apr. 22 the official total was 992,578, and an incomplete count gave more than 20,000 yesterday.

still was awaited. A dispatch from U.S. 1st Army HQ said Red Army tanks were reported only a short distance away from

American troops in the Wurzen area, 15 miles northeast of Leipzig.

From SHAEF, Reuter reported that news of the American-Soviet juncture, when it is announced, should reveal the crushing of the central German grouping, since it was likely that the meeting of the forces would be an actual welding along since it was likely that the meeting of the forces would be an actual welding along a wide front. Latest reported positions of the Red Army put troops along a 30-mile stretch of the eastern bank of the Elbe River northwest of Dresden. The Americans are lined in force along the western bank of the Mulde River, which branches from the Elbe at Dessau, captured by the 1st Army.

Other Soviet spearheads were said to be heading for a juncture with the U.S. 9th Army's bridgehead over the Elbe southwest of Berlin.

The battle for Germany proper was now raging in three zones: in the redoubt area in the south; in the so-called "northern redoubt" under attack by British forces, who are in the suburbs of

British forces, who are in the suburbs of both Hamburg and Bremen and are (Continued on back page)

For Its Final Furling



PRELUDE: Waiting dramatically for the dramatic linkup between U.S. and Soviet forces, Lt. Theo Prisajunic, Red Army liaison officer with the 9th Army, maintains radio contact with Red troops crashing through from the east. Lt. Prisajunic, shown with an officer and two enlisted men of the 9th, said he could hear fire orders given to Soviet tank gunners.

Polish Recognition Talks Carried to San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 24 (UP)-The United Nations conference, which opens tomorrow, emerged today as a proving ground for post-war Big Three collaboration with the transfer to San Francisco of discussions Russia's demands that the Soviet-sponsored Polish government be

GIs Over 42 Can Get Discharge on Request

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)-The War Department announced today that privates and non-commissioned officers 42 years of age or over will be discharged from the Army at their own request. The ruling will not apply, however, to any soldier who is undergoing disciplinary action or who is in need of further medical or surgical

Soldiers overseas who apply and are eligible for discharge will be returned to the U.S. for release at the "earliest practicable date."

represented here. Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Anthony Eden and Viacheslay M. Molotov, American, British and Soviet foreign affairs chiefs respectively, left Washington by plane for San Francisco today to carry on their talks and plunge simultaneously into the world security conference of 46 nations. The U.S. and Britain are understood

to have offered proposals to Russia on settlement of the Polish question and word from the Kremlin, is anxiously awaited here, where the problem dominates the pre-convention scene almost to the exclu-

sion of all other issues.

The first business on the conference agenda, overshadowed by the Big Three crisis, is a meeting of the chief delegates of the countries to adopt the procedure outlined tentatively by the State Depart-ment. President Truman will formally open the conference in the afternoon with

brief radio address from Washington. The conference will then break into a number of commissions and sub-com-mittees to work on the final terms of the world constitution machinery started at Dumbarton Oaks last fall.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 24 (UP)and there are flags everywhere. The British delegation is staying at the famous Mark Hopkins Hotel and will get

Believe it or not, the swastika flag has turned up here for the United Nations Conference, and it nearly got hung on the hotel housing the U.S. delegation. The hotel had ordered a dozen flags

apiece of all United Nations. When they unpacked and unfurled, among the others, was the swastika.

But that, and the fact that there is still no solution of the Polish problem, are the only untoward events of the day before the conference. Elsewhere, every-thing is sweetness and light.

Special Peace Conference editions of New York newspapers are being published in the city. The shop windows are full of Peace Conference picture postcards,

steaks for dinner twice a week. The Russians are taking no chances of

any food shortage in the United States, having their own firsthand ideas on what a food shortage really means, and, not wishing to embarrass their hosts, have brought their own supply with them.

The menu in their hotel had 119 items on it best sight.

on it last night.

The State Department, arranging to

show the delegates the factories, vine-yards, shipyards and aircraft plants in California, asked the delegates what they would like to see most.

The overwhelming vote was "Holly-

Congressional Medal Initiated for FDR

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)— The House Judiciary Committee approved legislation today authorizing the posthu-mous presentation of the Congressional Medal of Honor to the late President Roosevelt.

The bill calls for the awarding of the medal in recognition of what is called "his peerless leadership as Commanderin-Chief, his heroic courage as a pioneer of new frontiers of freedom, his gallant and unselfish devotion to the service of his country and his everlasting contribution to the cause of world peace.

Russians Tightening Pincers Around City As Tanks Cut Into It

Russian troops of two powerful Soviet Army groups last night battled to close the ring of steel around Berlin as assault teams of tanks and infantrymen pushed through the capital's long avenues, taking the city street by street against fanatical German resistance.

The German high command admitted the Russians were fighting in the western outskirts of the city-as well as in the northern, southern and eastern parts-and that the Red Army had reached the areas southeast of Brandenburg and south of Potsdam.

Other reports said German positions in the Spandau Forest west of Berlin were being shelled constantly and that the Russians were pushing southward

Po Is Crossed, Spezia Taken

ALLIED HO, Italy, Apr. 24 (Reuter)
—Allied forces have crossed the Po River, greatest natural obstacle in the drive into northern Italy, and captured Ferrara, Modena and the big naval base of Spezia, key points in the crumbling German defense line, Allied HQ announced tonight. More than 40,000 prisoners have been taken in the latest drive by the U.S. 5th and British 8th Armies, and

Spezia, chief Italian naval base, fell to 5th Army troops pushing northward along the gulf of Genoa, 43 miles above Leghorn. In the center of the line Ameri-cans and South Africans overran Modena.

British troops of the 8th Army took Ferrara, Po Valley communications center three miles from the river and 28 miles northeast of Bologna.

Official reports of the fighting indicated that the Germans were able to put up little organized resistance. A report from one sector said: "Our patrols found evi-dence of great slaughter with many corpses of Germans and horses and much enemy equipment scattered in the area.' Presumably, this slaughter was the result of air attacks by the MAAF, which today hammered German escape routes through-out northern Italy and as far as Austria Yugoslavia for the third day in succession.

along the eastern bank of the Havel River which flanks the capital to the west.

These reports indicated that a link-up between the northern a.11 southern Russian spearheads was not far off. Hamburg radio last night claimed that Hitler was still in the Third Reich capital

and that he inspected troops in the main defense-line yesterday. If Hitler really has stayed behind to face the Soviet avalanche he may very soon be inside a Red Army trap. Moscow dispatches said every effort will be made to take him alive.

Inside the city, according to reports, the Russians expected no mass surrender and were proceeding on the theory that the Nazis intend to sacrifice the city block by block. Artillery showered destruction with creeping barrages knocking out everything in the line of advance.

The Germans were putting up a desperate resistance from cellars, rooftops, street barricades and trenches. As one defense line crumbled the Nazis retreated and took up the battle from new positions. One correspondent said they

positions. One correspondent said they were fighting with more ferocity than had been met by the Russians at any time during the war.

Although there seemed no likelihood of a large-scale surrender, 600 troops in one of the streets raised the white flag and walked out with their hands in the air. Other reports said white—and red—flags were flying and that Berliner Ailee was lined with white.

The most furious fighting inside Berlin apparently was taking place in the north-

apparently was taking place in the north-eastern suburbs, where the Russians were

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Note: B-Bag is receiving many unsigned letters. We require your signature as evidence of good faith only. Your identity will not be revealed if you inform us you want your name withheld.—ED.

Job Security

Apr. 21, 1945

To the B-Bag.

Is this same thing going to happen to us when we get back? My brother was recently discharged from the Army, permanently crippled because of wounds sustained while fight-ing at Anzio. Despite his handicap, he was able to hold a job in one of the

Chrysler Corporation's aircraft plants. A short time ago there was a plant lay-off and my brother was among the first to go. He was replaced by a worker who had a year or so seniority over him. This worker earned his seniority while Mike was riding tanks through Africa, Sicily and Italy.

American industry owes my brother and other discharged vets and those of us still in the service the assurance of job security when the war is over. It is obvious that jobs should be handed out on something other than seniority basis. There is no way for soldiers to establish job seniority while they are essentially employed slugging Japs and Jerries overseas.—S/Sgt. W. A. Rudnicki, Photo

[United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (CIO) recently pro-posed to the Westinghouse and General Electric Corporations a plan which would credit all veterans, both former members and new employes, with seniority for time in service. The union simultaneously announced plans to urge all industry to adopt the system—Fd 1 the system.-Ed.]

Thanks, Medics

Apr. 2, 1945 To the B-Bag:

I would like you to publish a piece in The Stars and Stripes for me. There are a lot of us casualties here in this hospital and we would like to thank the doctors, front-line medics, nurses, ward boys and all the others in the hospitals in England and France for the good treatment they want to the soul treatment to the good treatment ment they gave us before we were evacuated to the States.—T/4 Eugene Millen, Battey Gen. Hosp., Rome, Ga.

Suggestion for Congress

Apr. 20, 1945 To the B-Bag:

After three years in the ETO I have

finally been forced to contribute my two cents worth to your column.

It seems that the "brains" in Congress can't get together on a simple program to do right by all the soldiers. Their latest brainstant is tax exemption for services. brainstorm is tax exemption for service-men during service and for one year prior to enlistment and one year after discharge and special deductions for five years. It seems that the old saying "those who have, get more" still holds true. Under this plan officers in the higher brackets would benefit the most. Have their contributions and efforts been greater? The younger soldiers would benefit little because they have no beach trackets. because they have no back taxes to worry

Why not simplify the matter and give all an outright bonus according to their services? What has the American Legion done to help gain this goal for millions of potential members?—Sgt. Joseph J. Galati, Sig. Bn.

Pay for Unused Furloughs

Apr. 22, 1945

To the B-Bag: I think that the suggestion that GIs be given pay for unused furlough time is a good one. Many Joes have had only ten or 15 days since coming to the service. I have had none, but it is neither my fault nor the fault of anyone else. If they give this money to the big Joes, why can't they treat the little Joes the same?

Do we have to wear pinks to make an impression on Congress or whoever can alter the situation? Call me selfish or whatnot, but this is my opinion.—
Pfc Arthur J. LaBier, Eng. Regt.

German Atrocities

Apr. 19, 1945

To the B-Bag: We read your story in today's issue about the concentration camp horrors about the concentration camp horrors uncovered by the capture of a camp by the 8th Armored Division. One of the GIs is quoted as saying: "I'd like to make a movie of that. And then I'd like to take the movie to the San Francisco conference. All I'd ask is 15 minutes of their time to show it."

That GI had an idea there. Why not? And why not make every German see the movie so they'll know why we must take stern measures with them?-Pvt. S. S.

Firestone, A/C.

Hash Marks

Suggested Epitaph for A. Hitler, Born: Too Soon. Died: Not Soon Enough.

Momentous remarks. A special service officer grooming his base basketball team remarked, "And remember that basketball develops individuality, initiative and leadership. Now get on the floor and do exactly as I tell you."

Our spy at the front reports that Berlin isn't so well pleased with the tourist trade it's getting this season.

A Missouri editor we just heard about has a brilliant scheme for selling war bonds. "Hide 'em under the counter,"



he advises, "and then pass the word around that they are hard to get."

Irving Hoffman tells this one in People these days are given short emergency courses in how to carry out difficult tasks. An elevator operator, off for the day, was replaced by a girl who, on her first trip with live passengers, who, on her first trip with live passengers, brought the elevator to an abrupt stop. "Did I stop too quickly?" she asked the passengers. "Oh, no, indeed," coyly replied a little old woman in one corner of the car, "I always wear my bloomers around my ankles."

Vignette of War. "I beg pardon, ma'am," said the Irish maid to the English officer's wife, "but is it colonel or major I should be calling the captain?"

We are repeating this oldie at the request of R.N., so please bear with us.



An intelligent girl is one who knows how to refuse a kiss without being deprived

Leonard Lyons informs us that Pat Paree of the Follies, who has been sending her photos to servicemen, received a note from some of the Joes saying that they don't need pins to keep her photos on the walls—their heavy breathing keeps

The office synic sez an old maid is a girl who said "no" once too often.

Afterthought. Many a man who mar-ries his wife because he admires her carriage has worked like a horse for her ever since.

From PW to Burgomaster Is Colonel's Saga - Infantry CO Outwitted Nazi Captor —

THE STARS AND STRIPES

ODESSA, Mar. 25 (delayed)—Advancing warily into the German town of Wugarten some weeks ago, the commander of a Russian recon unit must have been slightly amazed when, instead of encountering an armed Nazi garrison, he was greeted by an American colonel and a group of bizarrely dressed U.S. officers. Then, while the Red commander was probably trying to figure out how he had wound up on the wrong front, the colonel

wound up on the wrong front, the colonel gave an order and 30 disarmed, disgruntled Nazi soldiers were led out and turned over to the Russian.

Thus was first brought to official light an episode in the career of Col. Hurley E. Fuller, of San Antonio, Tex., that ranks with an adventure magazine thriller. An episode that was climaxed when he became military commandant and burgomaster without portfolio of a German village on the Eastern Front.

Were in Rest Period

Fuller, commander of the 28th Div.'s 110th Regt., had been undergoing a rest period with his battle-weary outfit in Luxemburg, when the Germans launched

their December counter-attack.

After three days of bitter fighting, in which his outfit was badly mauled, the Germans reached Clervaux and Fuller's CP. Fuller tried to escape but he was picked up by a German patrol and taken back to a collection point with a number

(This is the third of several articles by staff writer Tom Hoge, who escaped from a German PW camp.)

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Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

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Then, while the Red commander was probably this death toll that put the Nazis in a vengeful mood. The next day Fuller and a group of officers were day Fuller and a group of officers were taken to a section of the Siegfried Line and locked in a pillbox. Left without food or water for 48 hours, they had resigned themselves to the fact that they had been left to die when they were taken on a 125-mile march.

Drains All Their Energy

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The walk drained their last ounce of energy. Finally, when the weary, foot-sore group were placed on a train of box cars and headed for Leipzig, many collapsed.

"They jammed us in, 50 to a car," said Fuller, "and, although it was bitterly cold, we had neither heat nor food during the entire trip. One man died of pneumonia on the journey and upon actival five more on the journey and upon arrival five more

passed away."

The enlisted men were dropped off at a Stalag inside Germany and the officers taken to an Offag near Shokken, Poland. They were there six days when the Russian push began. Orders were given to evacuate

the camp.
"So it began all over again," said
Fuller, "marching day and night without
rest, across fields and through forests,
along back routes to avoid tanks which were often only three or four kilometers

Finally, one night, after the men had

picked up by a German patrol and taken back to a collection point with a number of other captured members of his regiment.

"They ordered the men to dig graves," said Fuller. "All that day they dug graves for the German dead."

It was gruelling work, but it gave the men one grim satisfaction. They dis-

GI Bull Session Gets Bitter

Doughs Give Bull's-Eye Picture Of What They See in Falling Reich

By G. K. Hodenfield Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 104TH INF. HALLE, Germany, Apr. 20 (Delayed)—
It was almost pitch black in the shadow
of the CP building where the bull session
was in progress. Moonlight silhouetted the buildings across the street and gave a ghostly appearance to the white flags hanging from almost every window—the same windows where the Swastika used to

The southern accent was speaking: "This ought to show 'em, godam it, that they just can't go picking on people whenever they damn well feel like it. The sonofabitches got no right making so

many people unhappy."

A voice that may have been Midwest broke in: "The good thing about this is that after this one they'll never be able to talk about stabs in the back from the civilians like they did after the last war. This time we just nacherly beat the hell outta them."

The fellow on the right who was visible only because he kept puffing away on cigarettes said, "Nope, I think you're wrong. The really good thing about this is that we're slapping their cities silly whenever they put up a fight. They'll be a long time fixing this country up and lots of people are going to remember that it wasn't so damn nice. I figure the

civilians are just as guilty as the damn soldiers. And besides, I think they're dumb, too. I think they need something like getting their houses knocked down to know what the hell the war is all about."

The southern accent spoke up again, "Did you guys see that place at Nordhausen? If that didn't make you hate their guts, I don't know what would. They ought to castrate every SS bastard they find alive."

they find alive."

A new voice spoke up from somewhere off to the left. "I had a funny thing happened to me today. We captured a German medical captain and I asked him what he thought of SS men and he said they weren't really so bad. Cripes! I almost blew my top. I asked him how about these political prisoners, and he said that other races were inferior and didn't deserve good treatment—they weren't civilized anyway so why treat 'em like civilized people. civilized people.

"I swear I damn near killed him right "I swear I damn near killed him right there. I told him I left Poland when I was a kid and how would he like me to treat him the way they treated the Poles. He was scared stiff then, afraid I might hurt him. Wish to hell I had banged him around a bit now. And that bastard—said he got his medical education in America."

America."

The man with the cigarette came back into the discussion. "Yeah, and we were going through a house the other day looking for some damn civilian who'd taken a pot shot at us and I saw a picture of Hitler on the wall and a bust of the sonofabitch on the piano. I took the picture off the wall and some old lady started bawling her damn eyes out and yelled something about 'My savior,' my savior!' That's the first old woman I ever saw that I wanted to kick her teeth out. What in hell's the matter with these people? Are they stupid? Ain't they got brains in their heads? It burns my keister."

Someone got up and yawned "Wall".

Someone got up and yawned. "Well," he said, "we can't do a hell of a lot about it now but knock the hell right out of them. But somebody's gonna have to get busy soon and take some sort of steps to make damp sure, these Krautheads to make damn sure these Krautheads don't get a chance to start this all over again in 20 years. And my God how I'm hoping they do a good job."

AFN Radio Program

American Forces Network—With the AEF on the Road to Berlin 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m. Wednesday, Apr. 25

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1200-News: Duffle Bag.
1300-World News.
1310-American Sports.
1315-AEF Music Box.
1310-On News: Radio Th'tz
1500-World News.
1310-G1 Supper Club.
1300-World News.
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1300-World News.
1300-News: Sp'is News
1905-Soldier and a Song

Thursday.

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0755-Sign On.
1800-News: C'mb't D'ry
0815-Personal Album
(Margaret Whiting)
0830-Music by Henry
King
1900-World News.
1900-Spodight on
Harry James

Thursday, Apr. 26
0925-Waltz Time.
1000-News: Morring
After (British Band
of the AEF).
1030-Strike up the Band.
1100-News: News from
the U.S.A.
1106-Duffle Bag.

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identify ourselves. Then I made the captain a proposition. I suggested that he take the wagons and make a getaway with his men, leaving us a certificate with his men, leaving us a certificate stating that we had not killed our guards, in case we encountered a German patrol."

Matz rejected the proposal in a furn

Wednesday, April 25, 1945

with his men, leaving stating that we had not killed our guards, in case we encountered a German patrol." Matz rejected the proposal in a fury, "Put it this way, then," said Fuller, "It you force us to march and we're overtaken by the Russians and a single overtaken by the Russians and a single overtaken is killed, I promise you that you'll never live to be taken prisoner, gut a gun and shoot you.

His fury suddenly subdued, Matz said he would confer with the other German officers. As a result the men stayed where they were for the night.

The next day, as Fuller had hoped, the group was encircled by the Russians. Overcome with rage and alarm, Matz Overcome with rage and alarm, Matz overcome with rage and alarm, gate wugarten he threw in the sponge, gave Fuller the certificate he had requested, gathered his guards and fled.

"They departed in such a hurry," grinned Fuller, "that they left behind 26 rifles and two machine-guns.

Fuller decided to set up a garrison in the town until the Russians arrived. Enlisting the aid of 180 Poles, who had been working as slave labor for the Germans, he formed an organization. In the group were the Poles, 80 Americans, 199 Italians (including 104 generals and three admirals), 38 Canadians, 12 Yugoslavs and 65 French, including a captain who claimed to be a grandson of the late Marshal Foch.

Posts an Armed Guard Marshal Foch.

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Realizing the imminent danger of a German attack, Fuller posted an armed platoon at either end of the town.

Before long a band of Germans did try

to enter the town, but before they had a chance to cause any disturbance they were captured.

By the end of the second day Fuller had things in running order. That night the first Russian patrols reached the town. At the colonel's request they supplied the Americans with arms and ammuni-tion. Shortly afterwards a high-ranking Red officer visited the town and was so well pleased with the way it was being run that he set Fuller up as military com-

mandant and unofficial mayor.

From Jan. 29 until Mar. 5 Fuller and his men operated Wugarten. In his capacity as military commandant he scripted labor battalions to aid the Russians in repairing blown-out bridges and road passes and guarded the community against German armed patrols. His exe-cutive officer was Lt. Col. Robert E.

As civil coordinator, Fuller set about to control the distribution of the town's food supply so that everyone would be food supply so that everyone would be fed. Finding that the people got about 1,200 liters of milk a day from their cows and had no market for it, due to war conditions, he set up a dairy for making butter and cheese. A flour mill was put into operation under a French sergeant

into operation under a French sergeant and two Canadians were delegated to run the town butcher shop.

"There wasn't much of anything that we didn't have our hand in before it was over," laughed the colonel. "I even signed a number of death certificates for the relatives of deceased villagers so that they could perform burial."

On Mar. 5 a convoy of trucks showed up to take the group to Wreschian, Poland, and start them on their homeward journey, and the government of Wugarten was turned over to other hands.

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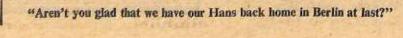
NAZI 'JUSTICE': Together with at least 150 other Nazi prisoners, this man least 150 other Nazi prisoners, this man was herded into a barn and forced to sit on gasoline-soaked straw. The straw was ignited and the door locked by fiendish SS troops. He is shown as he died. U.S. 9th Army troops captured the Gardelegen area in which the human pyres were located before the Germans had time to remove the evidence.

Congressional Medals Awarded to 2 GIs

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (ANS)—The War Department has announced the awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to:

1—Sgt. Hulon B. Whittington, of Bastrop, La., for his part in routing a 100-tank panzer column and Nazi infantry force near Grimesnil, France, last July, and—

2—Capt. Charles C. Ogden, former Fairmount, III. iceman, who charged a German strongpoint by himself and destroyed an 88mm. gun and two machine-guns.



Ticked Off the Global Wire

Big 3 Warn All Germans Against PW Cruelties

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—Disclosure of a Big Three warning to the Germans that they will be held individually responsible for the safety and welfare of Allied prisoners of war, internees or displaced persons in Germany or German-nanouncement by the War and State Departments of acceptance of a German government offer to leave all prisoners in PW camps as the Allied Armies advance

President Truman, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill, in the first down, that any persons in authority who practiced or permitted maltreatment of to punishment."

Britain and France joined in accepting the German government's offer to allow prisoners to remain in the camps. The agreement was considered effective as of ment, the War and State Departments said, adding that the Reich government is believed still to hold about 60,000 to 65,000 U.S. troops as prisoners. So far, have been overrun by the Allies, it was added.

Phillips Given New Post

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (A) (AP)—
William Phillips, former American Ambassador to Italy and more recently President Roosevelt's special envoy to India, has been appointed a special assistant to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Ir., it was announced today.

13 Killed in Plane Crash
PERTH, Australia, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—
Thirteen persons, including three U.S. Red Cross nurses, were killed when a U.S. Navy plane burst into flames after crashing in a fog in a hillside orchard near Perth.

Petain Gives Himself Up for Trial

BERN, Apr. 24 (UP)—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, French Chief of State during the German occupation, who fled to the Reich with his Vichy government when the Allies liberated France, has arranged to give himself up for trial by the French and is now in Switzerland awaiting instructions from Paris concerning the time and place of his entry into France, it was announced officially today.

A Swiss communique said the Federal Council had granted the 88-year-old Marshal's request that he, his wife and a small group of attendants be allowed to cross the Swiss border into France in order to surrender to the French high tribunal, which has already begun trials of collaborationist officials and which had planned to try Petain on May 17 even if he had been absent.

Petain took control in May, 1940, when the Germans overran France, and arranged the June surrender to Hitler. During his regime, the pro-Axis Vichy government strove to abolish the democratic institutions of the French Republic and set up instead an authoritarian state along Nazi lines.

Pierre Laval, Petain's Prime Minister from 1942 until the liberation of France, has been turned back by both the Swiss government and the authorities of the tiny principality of Liechtenstein, an authoritative Swiss source said.

An Associated Press message from Berne stated that King Leopold of Belgium also was expected soon to reach the Swiss frontier.

Seek Berlin Honor for Pershing

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (ANS)— The Veterans of Foreign Wars asked Gen. Eisenhower today to designate World War I veterans to represent Gen. John J. Pershing in ceremonies marking the formal occupation of Berlin.

The request was cabled to Eisenhower by Jean A. Brunner, VFW Commander-in-Chief, who said: "This recognition would be a fitting tribute to the foresight of another great military leader."

Brunner pointed out that Pershing had hoped to march down Berlin's Unter den Linden at the conclusion of World War I in an effort to warn Germans against

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Giles Heads Pacific AF

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (ANS)-Ap-

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (ANS)—Appointment of Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles as Commanding General of Army Air Forces in the Pacific Ocean area was announced today by the War Department.

Giles will be replaced as Deputy Commander of the Army Air Forces and Chief of Air Staff by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, who has been commander of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force since Dec., 1943. Giles replaces Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, reported missing on a flight in the Pacific several weeks, ago.

Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon, who has been Commanding General of the 12th Air Force in the Mediterranean, will replace Eaker as leader of the MAAF.

Germans to Be Told About Nazi Horrors

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (ANS)—Elmer Davis promised yesterday that the Germans will be told "plenty" about the wholesale horrors perpetrated in their country's concentration camps.

The OWI director, who returned recently from Europe, said part of the reducation of the German public will be liberal coverage by Allied newspapers and radios of Nazi-inspired atrocities discovered at Belsen and other camps.

Davis told a news conference that German citizens, especially in badly battered cities west of the Rhine, already are in a "chastened mood."

Davis said his trip had resulted in an agreement for co-operation between the OWI and the military in propaganda. The work will continue during the military occupation of Germany under Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, chief of the Psychological Warfare Division of SHAEF.

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camp, will be tried by the countries against whose subjects he committed atrocities, it was officially announced here today. The governments of Britain, the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Poland are likely to be among those involved.

The "Beast of Belsen" is at present

GEN. DEMPSEY'S HQ, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—Joseph Kramer, commandant of the notorious Belsen concentration graves of 30,439 American dead of the first World War in France and Belgium were not desecrated by the retreating

German Army in recent fighting. Maj. Charles B. Shaw, officer in charge of the American Battle Monuments Commission, told the House Appropriations Committee the cemeteries suffered very little damage. Adding: "The Germans went by them so fast they made no stand."

Punch at Plate Gives Chisox Early Lead

CHICAGO, Apr. 24—A major league manager without worries is practically an extinct creature, but if Jimmy Dykes of the rampaging White Sox has one worry at present it's the source of his cigar supply. His Chisox are looking that good.

The Dykesmen are off to their best

The Dykesmen are off to their best start in 25 years, with five victories and no defeats, and they have slammed out 64 hits, an average of 13 per game, for a .352 team average which team average, which is mighty good slamming.

ENSIGN adolph

JIMMY DYKES Jimmy's ageing outfield of Oris Hockett, Johnny Dickshot and Wally Moses, who average 33, have been clouting the ball at the rate of .420.

Hockett, who was acquired in a trade with the Indians last winter, and Dickshot, who failed with the Pirates and knocked around in the minors until last season.

around in the minors until last season, both have an average of .435. Moses is the weakling of the gardeners with a mere .391, but he has a date with Uncle Sam coming up Apr. 30 and will be replaced by Guy Curtwright, who is only 32—and also the only other outlielder on the Say roster. the Sox roster.

Infield a Surprise

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However, the Hose infield is the most pleasing and also the most surprising to the cigar-chewing Dykes. It is sparked by 19-year-old Shortstop Cass Michaels, who, in addition to fielding his position flawlessly, has hit all kinds of pitching for an average of 421. Then there is 36-year-old Tony Cuccinello, a fugitive from the National League, who is clouting .385 and performing miracles at third base; 35-year-old Second Baseman Roy Schalk, who has come through in the Schalk, who has come through in the clutch a number of times while compiling a 304 average; and Rookie Bill Nagel

Nagel, a converted third baseman, is still a question mark at the initial sack, but with Kirby Ferrell, bought from Indianapolis for insurance, Dykes has no worries. Ferrell has been employed twice as a pinch-hitter and each time came through with a single to score a run which meant a ball game.

Haegg to Run In Penn Relays

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 24—Gunder Haegg is expected to show his champion-ship form again Saturday when he competes in a special mile handicap race at the 51st annual Penn Relays at Franklin Field.

Franklin Field.

Haegg agreed to compete in what will be his first outdoor appearance since he arrived in the States last month after learning that transportation back to Sweden was delayed. He had been scheduled to sail for home Saturday, the day he will run in the relays.



American League No games scheduled.
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Detroit 4 2 .667 St. Louis ...
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Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

By Chester Gould















In Eastern League Flag Chase

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Apr. 24—Jimmy "Rip" Collins' Albany club seems to be the team to beat as clubs of the Eastern League warm up for seems to be the team to beat as clubs of the Eastern League warm up for the opening of their 24th season May 2, but the draft boards have taken so many whacks at the loop's representatives that most fans want to "wait and see" before laying down their shekels.

Collins, former Cardinal slugger who a lot of folks think could step back into the majors and prove himself a headache to pitchers, will again be managing the Albany team from first base, and the league's number one drawing card has five of his most dependable performers returning.

performers returning.

Five new managers will be introduced this year, Jimmy Adair having been handed the reins at Elmira, Elmer Yoter at Scranton, Dick Porter at Wilkes-Barre, Bill Cronin at Binghamton and Merle Settlemire at Hartford, where the '44 pennant wound up.

Porter and Cronin aren't exactly strangers, however. The former was a catcher with Binghamton and Settlemire was a member of the Hartford mound

catcher with Binghamton and Settlemire was a member of the Hartford mound staff last summer. Managerial holdovers are Ray Kolp at Williamsport, Collins at Albany and Ed Sawyer at Utica.

As a nucleus at Albany, Collins has such vets as Tony Rensa and "Vet" Luzansky, Pitchers Ralph McCabe and Fred Clemence, and Infielder Vern Lewis. The Williamsport Grays, Elmira Pioneers and the Wilkes-Barre Barons list about ten holdovers each. At Binghamton, Hartford, Scranton and Utica the reconstruction will have to start practically from the ground up.

Clark Griffith Wants All-StarGamePlayed

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 — Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Senators and baseball's closest contact with government officials, left yesterday for the joint meeting in Cleveland prepared to organize agitation for rescheduling the All-Star game at Boston's Fenway Park, which was originally set for July 10.

Since the only business on the Cleveland agenda is the election of a new commissioner—and that event to Griff's way

missioner—and that event to Griff's way of thinking will not come to pass—he won't be able to introduce legislation for the return of the All-Star battle, but he plans to start the ball rolling.

"Perhaps there were many reasons for the cancellation at the time the All-Star contest was dropped," Griffith said. "But these have been dissipated and there is a strong demand from the services that the game be played."

Minor League Results

International League

American Association

American Association

Kansas City 5. Minneapolis 1

Other games postponed

W. L. Pet.

Milwaukee 1 0 1,000 Columbus 3

St. Paul 1 0 1,000 Minneapolis 1

Indianapolis 3 2 ,600 Kansas City 1

Louisville 3 2 ,600 Toledo 1

No games scheddled. W L Pet.
Portland . 16 6 .727 San Diego . II 12 .478
Seattle . 14 8 .636 S. Francisco II 12 .478
Oakland . 12 10 .545 Los Angeles 10 13 .435
Sacramento 11 12 .478 Hollywood . 5 17 .227

Pacific Coast League

Miami Star Killed in Crash PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 24—Lt. (jg)
Carl Gleason, who starred on the Miami
(Ohio) University football team, was
killed in a plane crash while on a training flight near the Wildwood, N.J., Naval
Air Station last Friday officials of Fourth
Naval District have announced.

The Sports Headlines

AUGUSTA, Me.—A bill to legalize horse racing in Maine was vetoed Saturday by Gov. Horace Hildreth with a curt note to the legislature saying, "The state which depends too largely on an income of this type builds shifting sands and plants the seed of future financial disaster." The house where the bill originated immediately

where the bill originated immediately sustained the veto.
... CHICAGO—
Leslie O'Connor, chairman of the major league advisory council, said yesterday that he had conferred with the Office of Wage Stabilization, but that he needs more

LESLIE O'CONNOR information from

the Cardinals' Cooper brothers before he can help them in their salary dispute. Walker, the receiving end of the battery seeking a hike to \$15,000, is scheduled to be inducted Apr. 30, so probably isn't worrying too much.

NEW YORK—James Wilson, 33-year-old ship-fitter, retained his National AAU 10,000-meter walking champion-ship yesterday at Colve Lake Park, covering the six and a half mile distance in 51:02. . . . STATE COLLEGE, Pa. —Sgt. Johnny Schroyer, of Connells-ville, Pa., who lost a leg at Anzio, has advised Coach Bob Higgins that he will re-enter Penn State this summer or next fall and asked Higgins to reserve a place on the grid squad for him.

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NEW YORK—T/Sgt. Joe Louis, wno left for Alaska and the Aleutians two weeks ago on a two-month assignment which, strangely enough, calls for no boxing exhibitions, will celebrate his 31st birthday there. ... HAMILTON, N.Y.—Plans are being formed for the organization of a national college baseball association, Eppie Barnes, Colgate diamond coach, revealed yesterday. Barnes, a former member of the Pittsburgh Pirates, said there is widespread approval of a proposal, made by himself and Coach Jree Bedenk of Penn State, that college baseball coaches organize to revive the college game through broadened competition, a game through broadened competition, a system of playoffs and cooperation with major league clubs.

PHILADELPHIA-Police cracked PHILADELPHIA—Police cracked down on gambling at Shibe Park again Sunday, arresting five men for wagering on the double-header between the Phils and the Braves. . . WASHINGTON—Alex Carrasquel, veteran Venezuelan pitcher, has reported to the Senators after a long delay because of transportation difficulties in coming from his home in Caracas, Venezuela. . MIL-WAUKEE—Earl 'Jug' Girard, freshman football wizard of Wisconsin University last fall, was inducted into the Army Monday. Army Monday.

'Chick' Fewster Checks Out BALTIMORE, Apr. 24—Wilson J. "Chick" Fewster, who played the infield and outfield for the Yankees, Red Sox, Indians and Dodgers from '19 through '26, has died suddenly here.





















Around the 48 Yesterday

WPB Urges Retailers Ration Clothing, Textiles

WASHINGTON (ANS)-To meet the tremendous requirements of the armed forces and to assure civilians "an even flow of supply," the War Production Board urged the nation's retail stores voluntarily to ration all clothing and other textiles to prevent hoarding and to spread supplies in which there are shortages.

Effective immediately, the WPB suggested that no retail store should sell any customer a quantity of merchandise in excess of "reasonable needs" so other customers will be given an opportunity to buy.

The plan will limit sales along these lines: Two sheets to a customer, two pairs of women's hosiery per person, two shirts, shorts and undershirts to a customer and two garments of infants' underwear per person.

The WPB declaration also set forth a long list of "don'ts" in advertising of

all types to cut down scare buying.

Later, the WPB disclosed that the nation's stocks of tin were the lowest since the country entered the war and were in danger "of complete exhaustion if consumption continues at the present rate. Current stocks total only 70,000 tons, as against 105,000 tons before the war, the WPB said.

GIs at Frisco Want Peace

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)-Two recently discharged soldiers who said they were designated by the State Depart-ment as advisers to the U.S. delegation at the United Nations world security conference opening Wednesday declared that veterans wanted a permanent peace and were prepared to fight again to preserve it, if necessary.

The two men, Charles G. Bolte, of New York, chairman of the American Veterans Committee, and Arthur W. Coats Jr., San Francisco, West Coast representative of the AVC, which claims 2,500 members, all World War II vets, said they and Sgt. Alfred M. Lillien-thal, of New York, who has been con-valescing at Camp Pickett, Va., after ten months in North Africa and Italy, had been asked by Washington to consult with the delegation on what the GIs wanted after the war.

(The State Department has not made

an announcement concerning the designation of veterans as consultants, but the Associated Press reported Lillienthal's name as among those on an official list as associate consultants.)

Bolte said that in reply to a question-aire to AVC veterans and servicemen overseas, the AVC learned that soldiers unanimously wanted the immediate for-mation of a United Nations organiza-tion, with the U.S. joining before peace treaties were written, and 92 per cent supported the use of American armed forces to stop aggression without specific Congressional approval in each case. Bolte added that the survey showed

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High Court Rules 'No Treason'

WASHINGTON (ANS)-Voting 5-4, the Supreme Court set aside the treason conviction of Anthony Cramer, a German-born New Yorker who had been sentenced to 45 years in prison for allegedly giving aid to two German saboteurs put to death in 1942. The majority opinion held that there was not enough evidence to show that Cramer committed an open act of treason. It was the first time in history that the high court had ruled on a

In other rulings, the court refused a request by 20 railroads to reconsider its decision to hear a complaint by Gov. Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, against alleged discriminatory freight rates in the South and upheld the right of workers to solicit union members on company property during non-working

Okays Soft Coal Contract

hours. Meanwhile, in the capital, the War Labor Board unanimously approved the wage provisions of the new soft coal contract which operators said would increase miners' pay an average of \$1.30 daily. The pact now must be approved by Economic Stabilization Director William H. Davis and by the OPA before it becomes effective.

The government is anxious for Davis to reach his decision before May 1, when the 30-day extension of the old contract expires. Otherwise, the government feels there might be some work stoppages under the United Mine Workers "no contract,

no work" policy. At the same time the Senate voted down, 66-9, a proposal to require 12 months of training before combat duty for all draftees under 20. The action came after Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, said the Army would adopt a policy of sending no men under 19 overseas as soon as military conditions permitted. . . . Later, all Democratic Senators visited President Truman and pledged goodwill, cooperation and support during his administration.

Nobody Would Bury Maud

ST. LOUIS (ANS)-The embalmed body of a woman known only as "Maud" has lain in an open wooden casket in a local funeral parlor for 40 years "because relatives would not put out the money to bury her," the Star-Times reported.

The case follows that of the mummified body of a woman believed to be Mrs. Mary E. Woodward, who died in 1912 and whose body was found in her daughter's home in Washington last

undertaking company here, told the paper that Maud was brought to the establishment in 1905 when the business was operated by his father. He declined

to identify the woman further because "I

She wasn't buried then, Kron said, only because her relatives wouldn't put out the money for the services.

Kron said that he first saw the body when he was a youngster and "she hasn't changed much in 40 years." He said that since "we've kept her here this long, there's no reason to bury her now.'

Dr. Joseph F. Bredeck, City Health Dr. Joseph F. Bredeck, City Health Commissioner, said he would order an immediate burial of the body and also an investigation as to why it wasn't buried previously. J. B. Lasater, head of the city's Vital Statistics Department, said the body was in excellent condition and well dressed.

Nicholas Murray Butler Resigns

NEW YORK (ANS)-Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, 83, one of the nation's foremost educators, resigned as President of Columbia University effective Oct. 1-the 44th anniversary of his presidency. The university's board of trustees unanimously accepted the resignation, then named Dr. Butler President Emeritus after Oct. 1.

In announcing that no plan had yet been made for choosing a successor, Frederick Coykendail, chairman of the board, said: "As President Emeritus, Dr. Butler will continue in the active service of the university, particularly in all that has reference to its relations with the general public."

Butler was graduated from Columbia in 1882 and received his doctorate two years later. Subsequently he won honorary degrees from 37 universities throughout the world. He founded the Educational Review in 1891 and for 30 years was its editor. He also founded Columbia University's summer session and the New York

French PWs Become Sterile

PARIS, Apr. 24 (AP)—Sterility is French Jews, he reported. widespread among French prisoners being But sterility runs high released from Germany, and is likely to have an imporant effect on France's already dwindling birthrate.

The French Ministry of Health referred a query on the subject to one of the leading Paris specialists who has been conducting a study of Frenchmen who have escaped from German prison camps during the last 18 months.

The Germans have apparently per-formed surgical sterilization on very few French prisoners, and those who have been subjected to this indignity are mainly restoring their powers of reproduction.

But sterility runs high among released prisoners, perhaps as a result of malnutri-tion, suffering and torture—and perhaps because the Germans introduced sub-stances into their food without the pri-soners' knowledge.

"It is still too soon to consider these spermatic disorders as permanent, but we can expect in years to come considerable recrudescence of masculine sterility among prisoners now returning from captivity," the doctor said. He has been treating some prisoners with a view to



NO MERCY HERE: While U.S. soldiers stand by to see that they do not falter, German civilians of Gardelegen remove a body of a Nazi atrocity victim from a mass grave on the city's outskirts. All civilians were forced to uncover the mutilated bodies, rebury them in individual graves and put crosses over them.

The Red Star Shines Bright

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pounding the latter port with more than

400 artillery pieces and unrelenting air assaults, and in the Berlin area, where

Allied tactical planes joined yesterday in aiding the Red Army's fight to conquer the Reich capital.

southernmost corner of the redoubt.

The Austrian border was only 35 miles away from 3rd Army spearheads. Red Army troops are already advancing along the Danube Valley, through Austria, following the capture of Vienna.

Prior to the announcement that the

Danube had been reached, dispatches had reported 18-mile advances along a 25-mile front. Tanks of the 11th Armored

On the western flank of the armies

storming the outer ramparts of the re-doubt, U.S. 7th Army forces, with two

crossings over the Danube already won, were reported by Luxemburg Radio to

have entered Augsburg, 35 miles north-west of Munich. The report was uncon-

Both American and French troops took part in capturing Ulm, 75 miles west of Munich. Twenty miles farther south

French units captured Ochsenhausen.

Dispatches said the bridgehead at Dil-

lingen, on the Danube northwest of Augs-

burg, had been expanded to 10 miles wide

this time at a point near the Swiss fron-tier, in what apparently is a move to quicken the liquidation of the pocket in the Black Forest area, one of the three

big pockets formed by the American and

French operations in this southwestern area of Germany.

were being used in the drive on the

France Gives Honors

To American Officers

The United Press said 2,000 U.S. tanks

Gen. Carl Spaatz, USSTAF comman-

der, yesterday was awarded the Legion

of Merit, Grand Officer-France's second

highest military decoration-for "excep-tional services rendered in the course of

The French Legion of Honor, Order of

Officer, was given Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, USSTAF deputy commander for operations; Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Knerr, deputy commander for administration; and Brig, Gen. Edward P. Curtis, Spaatz' chief of staff.

the campaign for the liberation

French troops crossed the Rhine again,

firmed.

and six deep.

First Tanks Into Berlin

By Roman Karmen

United Press Special Correspondent INSIDE BERLIN, Apr. 24 (UP)—We are in Berlin. I am writing this dispatch inside Tank T34 in which I rode across the suburbs and into the streets of the capital with Marshal Zhukov's armored vanguards.

The enemy had been cleared from many of the streets, but we ran into heavy artillery and mortar-fire on the Relkenstrasse and the Berliner Allee.

Our infantrymen were clinging to the house fronts as they advanced. Furious battles were raging in neighboring streets around us. Captured men of the Volkssturm were moving to the rear-without escorts.

Our assault units, consisting of a tank group, anti-tank guns, self-propelled guns and sappers, smash toward the center of the city, storming each house in turn. The cellars and balconies of these houses are turned into fortresses. Barri-cades have been built from the wreckage the Reich capital.

Units of the 3rd Army, which reached the Danube, were about 100 miles north of Berchtesgaden. A Reuter dispatch from SHAEF said it was generally believed there that, despite Hamburg Radio broadcasts that Hitler was leading the defense of Berlin, the Fuehrer had long since fled to Berchtesgaden, in the southernmost corner of the redoubt of the houses which fills the streets.

The enemy counter-attacked from every defense line, but our advance was continuous, with massed forces rolling forward like an avalanche. Thousands of motorized vehicles rolled forward along several lanes and on a dozen parallel

Our bombers and fighters swept the sky around the clock as we pressed the final drive on the city. Fires were blazing everywhere and the guns were roaring.

MOSCOW, Apr. 24 (UP)—The 1st and 2nd Polish Armies have sustained heavy losses in the fighting for Berlin and Dresden, Gen. Rola Zymerski, the Polish Commander-in-Chief, said today. Division were last reported at Cham, 28 miles northeast of Regensburg, while infantry units were 11 miles closer.

MOSCOW, Apr. 24-Red Star, Soviet Army newspaper, reported today that Russian soldiers refused to have their wounds dressed rather than miss the longawaited entry into Berlin.

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"I have worn out five pairs of boots to reach this spot," said one officer with a wounded leg. "I shall crawl on all fours, but I shall get into Berlin."

The paper also said artillery men had marked all their shells with the names and addresses of particular targets in the besieged capital. One battery commander, it was reported, gave his fire orders in this way: "Hitler's Chancellery, Fire."

Truman Names Ross White House Press Aide

secretary last week, had returned to his duties as a radio executive, and that Charles G. Ross, Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Post Dispatch, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Truman explained that former Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, had requested that Reinsch be returned to his duties as managing director of Cox's radio interests.

Ross, granted a two-year leaze of absence to undertake the job, will cover the San Francisco Conference before assuming his new post. The President said that Jonathan Daniels has agreed to remain as press secretary until P remain as press secretary until Ross

8th Idle, RAF Out

While the 8th Air Force remained idle for the third straight day, Lancasters of the RAF yesterday bombed the railway center of Bad Oldesloe, northeast of Hamburg.

Plan Offensive From Okinawa; Tokyo Area Hit

GUAM, Apr. 24 (ANS)—While the first news blackout of the campaign obscured reports of the bitter six-day-old struggle to complete the conquest of Okinawa, Adm. Nimitz, Supreme Pacific naval commander, promised that development of the island for an offensive against Japan, 325 miles to the north, would begin immediately.

Meanwhile, between 100 and 150 Marianas-based Superforts, hitting the Tokyo area in strength for the first time in more than a week, this morning bombed the big Hitachi engine plant and other industrial targets 15 to 25 miles west of the Japanese capital.

(Tokyo Radio, presumably referring to

(Tokyo Radio, presumably referring to those killed, injured and homeless, today announced that 2,100,000 persons in Tokyo were "disaster victims" of American air raids from "the beginning of March to the middle of April.")

Nimitz, newly returned from a two-day tour of Okinawa, said he found more room than he expected on the island, "three-quarters of which is already in our possession," for development of an offensive against Japan.

Regarding the fighting, today's com-munique said only that naval guns and carrier planes continued to support 10th Army troops at the southern end of the island and that "no further information is available."

MANILA, Apr. 24 (ANS)—Hailing the U.S. 8th Army's advance across southern Mindanao as a "model of what light but aggressive command can accomplish in rapid exploitation," Gen. MacArthur today announced the capture of Kabacan, key road junction halfway to the port capital of Davao on the island's east coast. The 24th, 40th and 41st Divisions won an official commendation for their drive, which split the Japanese defensive forces in half and penetrated to within 40 miles

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fighting hard to overcome road blocks hastily erected in the streets between rows of houses and flats.

Big Russian guns have been massed in an arc around the northern sector of the city, however, and were plastering the streets ahead of advancing troops. Furious hand-to-hand struggles were reported around the Schoenhauser Allee station and along the Eberswalder and Danziger Strasse.

On the east, Hamburg Radio said strong Russian tank forces had broken into the Frankfurter Allee and that the Landsberger Allee station had been captured by the Soviets but later retaken. Other reports said that Marshal Zhukov's forces, pushing westward along the Frankfurter and Landsberger Allee, were between one and a half and two miles from the Wilhelmstrasse.

On the south, Marshal Koniev's tanks, after breaking into the city, drove near the fringes of the big Tempelhof airfield and were threatening to link up with other forces advancing on the field from the east. Other elements of Koniev's command were reported in the Scholeneberg sector, about two miles south of the Tiergarten in the center of the city.

South of the city a great battle was reported raging on a line running between Zossen and Gross Machnow, east of Luckenwalde. Berlin said the center of gravity was near Luckenwalde and along the autobahn extending north from Zos-Norwegian Telegraph Service reports said Luckenwalde and Juterbog had been entered by the Russians.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24—President
Truman has announced that Leonard
Reinsch, named as the Presidential press
Oder River to form a big bridgehead south of Stettin. Second Tactical Air Force fighter planes

were thrown into the Berlin battle yesterday, the rocket-firing fighters attacking German convoys moving into the city

German convoys moving into the city from the west.

The fighters caught long lines of German transport moving into the city bumper-to-bumper from the area of Nauen. The two streams of traffic extending for many miles were wide open for attack and the fighters left hundreds in flower. in flames.
"We couldn't miss," one pilot said,
describing the massacre. "The road was

"We couldn't miss," one pilot said, describing the massacre. "The road was crammed all the way into Berlin. Every shot was a bullseye. We just went down the line destroying everything."

Describing the Berlin scene, one pilot said, "the entire eastern half of Berlin is in flames," Other pilots, who met Russian pilots over the German capital, said smoke and dust rose a thousand feet.

said smoke and dust rose a thousand feet over the city.

Terry and the Pirates







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