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## 5th 20 Miles From Rome; Cisterna Falls

### Wake Raid Is Revealed By the Navy

#### It Followed Marcus Blow, Reported by Japs; Both Bases Hit Heavily

The U.S. Navy yesterday broke its silence on recurrent Jap reports of American plane activity deep in Japanese territory and announced that aircraft from a carrier task force last Friday and Saturday dumped 148 tons of bombs on Marcus Island, 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo.

Three days later the same force smashed at Jap-occupied Wake Island, 700 miles to the southeast, depositing 150 tons there, the Navy said. The entire operation cost the Americans only four planes and three men, all lost at Marcus.

The Americans flew as they pleased both at Marcus and Wake. On the Marcus raid they spotted only two planes—one on the ground—and shot up both of them. There were no Jap aircraft around to hinder the bombing of Wake.

#### Airfields Hit at Both Places

Airfield installations were the key objectives on each smash. The Americans flew 373 sorties at Marcus, with bombers and fighters wrecking ammunition and supply dumps, destroying gun positions and buildings and setting a cargo ship on fire north of the island.

Swinging on to Wake, where 354 sorties were flown, the planes destroyed 20 buildings and sank or damaged several small craft in the harbor.

Meantime, U.S. troops on Dutch New Guinea reached Maffin airfield, five miles west of the Tor River and 120 miles northwest of Hollandia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced.

To reach the 5,000-foot airstrip, Americans broke through Jap defenses which had subjected the bridgehead across the river mouth to heavy mortar and machine-gun fire for several days.

The Japs lost an additional 151 killed and 29 captured during the mopping up, boosting their casualties at Hollandia and Aitape to 3,222.

#### Claims U.S. Destroyer Hit

Japanese radio claimed that shore batteries damaged one of two American destroyers which shelled the Marshall Islands Tuesday.

In a "Navy Day" broadcast, a Jap Navy spokesman yesterday warned the home front that "the nation's destiny is at stake."

"Japan is confronted with a serious situation," he said. "The enemy is bombastically stating Japan will be erased from the face of the earth. This is no mere enemy boast."

He said that "today the whole nation must consider itself mobilized."

### 2 Million Tires a Month By Fall—for Civilian Cars!

WASHINGTON, May 26—OPA announced yesterday that motorists with "A" gasoline ration cards may expect their first new tires since the start of the war next fall, when production of synthetic tires for passenger cars is expected to reach 2,000,000 monthly.

## The War Today

**Italy**—Yanks capture Cisterna and join drive for Velletri, stronghold of last German defense line before Rome, 20 miles away; Eighth Army establishes bridgehead across Melfa River as last Hitler Line defenses fall.

**Air War**—Fighter-bombers hit airfields and rail targets in north France as weather grounds British-based U.S. heavies.

**Pacific**—U.S. reveals details of previously Jap-announced carrier raids on Marcus Island and brings to light subsequent attack on Wake; New Guinea ground troops seize airfield in Maffin Bay sector.

**Asia**—Fall of Loyalist feared as radio contact with besieged rail gateway ends; reinforcements flow to Myitkyina as Japs still hold out in northern Burma center.

**Russia**—Berlin reports Russians have breached positions guarding Lwow, in Poland; Moscow tells only of minor flare-ups on Eastern Front.

### S&S Story of Chute Air Brakes Brings Crippled Fort In Safe

#### Pilot Recalls, Orders 'Em Set Up in the Stage Door Canteen

A FORTRESS BASE, May 26—Recollection of a story he had read in The Stars and Stripes of an emergency Liberator landing in Italy probably saved the lives of the pilot and crew of the B17 Stage Door Canteen when they brought the big ship back from Berlin on three engines the other day and landed with two billowing parachutes serving as brakes.

The unorthodox system was improvised because the brakes had been made useless when the ship's hydraulic system, as well as part of the oxygen system, were shot out in an attack by enemy fighters over Berlin.

Coming back to the base, 1/Lt. Arthur J. Bailey, of Detroit, Mich., recalled the story of a Liberator, damaged in a raid on Weiner Neustadt, in Austria, landing with parachutes substituted for brakes. He ordered the crew to try it.

Sgt. Alfred Paoli, of Chicago, tail gunner, pushed a chute out of the tail trap-door, while Sgt. Coral C. Higsmith, of Milwaukee, Wis., did likewise at a waist window. With the two chutes floating out behind, the bomber stopped neatly three-quarters of the way down the runway and the entire crew climbed out uninjured.

Stage Door Canteen, making its 20th

### Seizure of Mail Order Store Illegal, Senate Group Asserts

WASHINGTON, May 26—The Senate Judiciary sub-committee, after an investigation of the federal government's seizure of Montgomery Ward's Chicago plant last month, reported today that President Roosevelt had no authority to order the plant taken over.

The sub-committee's report recalled that Attorney-General Francis Biddle had said, in a prepared opinion, that power conferred in the War Labor Disputes Act, the "aggregate of powers" derived from the Constitution and various laws enacted for carrying on the war.

To this the sub-committee replied:

"In future each executive order issued by the President of the U.S. should contain specific citations by numbers of all sections of the Constitution of the U.S. and the various acts of Congress upon which the President is relying for statutory and constitutional authority to issue the executive order."

Earlier Biddle told a special House investigating committee his grounds for advising the President that he might take over the plant. He said that if Congress concluded Mr. Roosevelt exceeded his authority it should clarify the laws so the President "may be guided accordingly."

The Army seized the plant April 27 and forcibly ejected 70-year-old chairman of the Board, Sewell Avery, from his office after the firm declined to obey a War Labor Board directive to extend an expired contract with a CIO trade union. The firm since has been returned to its owners.

### Exchange Ship In Belfast Today

BELFAST, May 26 (AP)—Repatriates from German prison camps are due in Belfast tomorrow aboard the Swedish transport Gripsholm, but if censorship regulations are enforced, the world won't know their stories for some time to come.

The Gripsholm is carrying 50 American Army men, 45 Latin American civilians, 48 Canadians, 98 British officers, 528 British soldiers and six other British Army men. The latter six are to disembark here.

The Americans and Latin Americans will continue to the U.S. on the Gripsholm after a brief visit ashore for an official reception.

American and British Red Cross organizations and Northern Ireland charitable institutions will provide buffet meals and distribute chocolate and cigarettes at the dock.

Reporters, though invited, have been instructed not to interview returning prisoners.

#### 15,000th Atlantic Flight

MONTREAL, May 26 (Reuter)—The 15,000th aircraft to fly the Atlantic from British, Canadian and U.S. stations since the start of the war landed in Britain yesterday after a flight from Montreal. RAF Transport Command announced today.



#### Speaking of Air Brakes, How About This Stunt?

AN ALLIED BOMBER BASE IN ITALY, May 11 (Reuter)—A Liberator crippled in the Wiener Neustadt raid yesterday was landed safely by the co-pilot, who used two parachutes in place of brakes.

Flak killed the pilot and destroyed the hydraulic system operating brakes and landing gear. The bombardier and one gunner bailed out over Austria. Telling the rest of the crew to sit tight, 2/Lt. Ira F. Shober flew the plane home. He circled the base for an hour while the landing gear was lowered by hand, then ordered parachutes rigged in the waist windows.

When the wheels hit the runway the ripcords were pulled, and presto—brakes. Halfway down the runway the nose wheel collapsed and the Lib turned over. No one was hurt.

mission in 30 days, flew back from Berlin with the propeller of the blasted engine windmilling violently and shaking the Fort from nose to tail.

Others in the crew were:

1/Lt. John J. Anderson, of Denver, co-pilot; 2/Lt. Lloyd F. Peterson, of Chicago, navigator; Sgt. William F. Coleman, of Summerville, Pa., bombardier; S/Sgt. Dale E. Moon, of Belgrade, Neb., radio-operator gunner, and Sgt. Walden W. Forke, of Blue Springs, Neb., ball turret gunner.

### Allies Near Velletri In Drive for Capital; Hitler Line Smashed

#### 8th Army Shatters Last Defenses, Pushes Through; Prisoner Total Now 12,000; Planes Blast Enemy Transport

NAPLES, May 26—Hard-fighting U.S. infantrymen today captured Cisterna, which had been the "Cassino" of the beachhead forces, and drove with other Fifth Army troops toward Velletri, central stronghold of the Germans' last defense line before Rome. They were 20 miles from the Italian capital.

At the same time, the Eighth Army wiped out the last resistance in the Hitler Line. Polish fighters took Piedimonte after a long and bitter battle, the British occupied Aquino, and the Canadians cleaned up Highway 6 between those points all the way to the Melfa River, five miles back, and pushed a bridgehead across it.

The fortress of Cisterna, 13 miles from the Nettuno landing beaches, was taken by Yank doughboys, supported by tanks, in four hours in one of the grimmest battles of the offensive. The strongly-entrenched Germans put up a fierce resistance from house to house.

#### For Once, a Nazi Admission

(When Cisterna fell, the Germans, who always claim that their troops "disengaged" or "withdrew according to plan," admitted for once that "German troops had to retreat.")

On each side of Cisterna the Allies occupied 3½ miles of the Appian Way, the Highway 7 to Rome, and had advanced to within three miles of Velletri, on the southern slopes of the Alban Hills. (The Germans reported that Allied troops made "repeated attempts to storm Velletri," but claimed they suffered "heavy casualties.")

Driving on from Cisterna, the Fifth Army troops captured Cori, about five miles to the northeast.

The Eighth Army took the town of Roccasecca and Mount Cairo on the flank of the Germans, who fled from the coastal area, and also seized San Giovanni, on the southern edge of the Liri Valley.

Nearly 3,000 prisoners have been taken by the ex-beachhead troops thus far. The count of prisoners for the entire offensive topped 12,000, making an average of 1,000 a day. Among the captives taken by the beachhead forces was the commander of the German 954th Infantry Regiment, with his staff.

#### Air Blasting Continues

As the Germans were driven out of their fixed defenses by the ground troops, Allied air forces intensified their attacks. The Mediterranean Allied Air Forces set a new record yesterday when they flew "well over 3,000" sorties in a single day. They have now flown more than 30,000 sorties since the new drive began.

An insight into the Germans' condition was given by a letter written by the commander of the German 15th Reconnaissance Battalion which came into Allied hands. He wrote on May 18:

"You simply cannot imagine the trials and terrors of this retreat. We are not giving in, but our men are very tired. They have had nothing to eat for three days.

"The commander wrote that French units opposing him were 'very good.' He said, 'Maybe we will still manage to avoid the whole Italian front disintegrating, but it is a very slender hope.'"

### Indict Unionists In Coal Strike

#### Jurymen Invoke Labor Disputes Act in Naming Three From UMW

PHILADELPHIA, May 26—Three leaders of the United Mine Workers union have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of promoting a strike at three mines of the Locust Coal Co. at Shenandoah, Pa., which were under government control.

The War Labor Disputes Act makes it a federal offense to instigate a strike or otherwise interfere with production in any industry operated by the government.

A six-day strike at the Locust mines occurred last January following a dispute as to which worker should be assigned to the job of a miner who had entered the armed forces.

Named in the indictment were Alexander W. Drumbowski, Francis J. Clafferty and Dominic J. Rizzo, all of Shenandoah.

#### Hunger Strike

DETROIT, May 26 (UP)—Thousands of war workers went without sandwiches at lunchtime today as a result of a bakery drivers' strike which left caterers unable to supply factory canteens with their 500,000 sandwiches a day.

#### Oklahoma Firemen Strike

McALESTER, Okla., May 26—This city's 14 firemen quit yesterday when the city council refused to raise their minimum pay from \$140 to \$150 a month. The city manager ordered five policemen to man the fire trucks.

### White Star Now Emblem For All Invasion Vehicles

All Allied vehicles in the ETO, from jeeps to tanks, are being marked for the invasion with the white star, heretofore the symbol of American forces on land and air in this war, it was disclosed yesterday. British and other Allied vehicles will bear the emblem for the invasion, as they did in North Africa and in Italy.

Only exceptions are ambulances, which will bear the Red Cross insignia, and RAF vehicles, which will retain the red white and blue roundel.

"Troops and equipment, no matter of what origin, have no nationality in Gen. Eisenhower's command," an official announcement said.

### The Eternal City Beckons



Twenty miles from Rome, Fifth Army yesterday pushed toward Velletri, stronghold of last German defense line before the Italian capital. Yanks took Cisterna after fierce battle in town. Germans reported another Allied drive northeastward from Roccasecca.

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Two Sergeants

THOUSANDS of words have been written about the meeting between soldiers from the Anzio beachhead and the main Fifth Army joining forces and linking the Italian front into one long line.

A close search of the newspapers discloses a variety of tales seeking to establish the honor of who was first to shake hands at the initial contact. You can take your choice.

One story says two Americans were first, another says Americans and British. It varies. No one probably ever will know who was there first. In the natural confusion of battle there is little time to establish those interesting but relatively minor points.

What we like best is a picture showing a British sergeant and an American sergeant shaking hands and laughing—British Sergeant Cumber and American Sergeant Russell.

And the best quote of the event goes to an American soldier who first spotted another GI and is supposed to have asked: "Who the hell are you?"

Such a question is natural enough but hardly historic. Mr. Stanley when he met Dr. Livingstone was quicker on the draw. (Dr. Livingstone, I presume?)

As a matter of fact, the first GI to break through undoubtedly was met by a small Italian boy with the question: "Any gum, chum?"

'Non-Stop' Attack

IN sharp contrast to the stalemated fighting of earlier months, the Allied advance in Italy is going forward with astounding rapidity.

Keystone of the ever-changing tactical scene is best expressed in the story of the "Non-Stop" French. French forces, confident as never before in this war, advanced so far and so well in the Liri Valley that they were urged to "put the brakes on."

Unwittingly, forward elements found themselves in the path of the advancing Canadians who could not shell the retreating Germans for fear of shelling French. The unusual situation resulted largely from the hasty withdrawal of Kesselring's 10th Army, whose retreat is fast approaching disorder.

It may be that the entire Allied drive will attain a "non-stop" status. At any rate, the situation is encouraging indeed when the Allies have to "put the brakes on" an advancing force; whereas the enemy is desperately trying to apply the brakes in retreat.

The War Ahead

OLIVER Lyttelton, Britain's minister of production, in a recent speech at Cambridge University, gave a highly interesting outline of the nation's war-time economic condition.

Britain, he pointed out, has brought all her resources to bear in the war against Germany, a vast array of power to crush the Nazis. Skipping beyond the day when Germany will have been defeated, Mr. Lyttelton declared:

"There is no further mobilization, human or material, that we can undertake. We have no reserves from which to draw and I mention this as showing that a war economy will be necessary to bring the greatest impact to bear in the war against Japan, and for the further task of occupying Europe to maintain peace."

Britain is determined, he showed, to keep right on going with undiminished vigor, although he conceded that when Germany is beaten "no one will object to a holiday spirit for a few days."

He continued: "We are well on with our plans for new weapons, which the vast distances and amphibious nature of the operations in the Pacific demand. All have been studied, some are in production, others are ready for production, and a vast amount of work has been done to prepare."

"We cannot, however, take all these plans to the last letter of the alphabet until we are certain when the war with Germany will be won, and when we can see where the great amphibious operations undertaken by the Americans have carried them."

"Our first aim must be to bring the maximum possible impact upon Japan, and that impact is governed by space and by physical conditions. Everything that can be brought to bear will be brought to bear."

Mr. Lyttelton shows the British determination to carry on with full force.

Hash Marks

Where there's Hope there's a laugh. Even when Bob Hope underwent an operation for the removal of a cyst, which developed from a cold contracted from an entertainment tour of the Mediterranean area, he had his inevitable bright quip for the doctor. "I got the cold," he explained, "while I was with Bing Crosby when he said hello to Frank Sinatra."

And speaking of Sinatra, that reminds us that his latest movie has been playing here for some time and, though it may



"send" some of the American girls over here, as far as we can find out, there has been no mass swooning on the part of British lassies. Can it be that the English girls are a hardier breed, we asked. We found the answer in some old notes we've been keeping. The English girl is not above swooning—Sinatra just isn't the right man. But now we'll reveal who is. Back in the early days of the ETO, the English lassies used to gather around the radio for a spot of swooning when Cpl. Ford Kennedy, now of the AFN, came on with his 7:05 sports broadcast via BBC.

Polite Prevarications. "It's not the idea of KP I squawk about—it's the principle of the thing."

Our spy on the Home Front reports a new version of the chain letter has started in Reno. It reads in part, "Send a copy of this letter to five male friends. Bundle up your wife and send her to the fellow whose name appears on top of the list. When your name comes to the top, you will, in return, receive 15,176 gorgeous girls. Do not break the chain. One man did. He got his wife back."

There's something new every minute. Pvt. James R. Owen of the ETO has just been informed that when a pal of his back in the States got married recently, he was best man "by proxy."

Latest joke from the Underground tells of a German soldier of the occupation army in Rotterdam who left his trunk on



the platform of the railway station. Returning later, he discovered that the trunk had vanished. He began complaining bitterly of the dishonesty of the Dutch. A Dutch railwayman consoled him, "That's nothing. I was at a station in Berlin the other day and checked my luggage in the cloakroom. When I came back, not only my luggage but the whole station had disappeared."

We've heard it said that many a soldier envisions himself as a leader of men and winds up a follower of women.

J. C. W.



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Pent-Up Drive Spurs Men of Anzio

They Smashed Out Fighting Mad—and They Did It Fast

By J. L. Cooper For the Combined Press

FIFTH ARMY BEACHHEAD FORCE, May 26—Something more than superiority in tanks, guns and even numbers of men is responsible for the success so far of our outbreak from the beachhead.

It is the bridgehead spirit, produced by four months of confinement in what was the biggest military concentration camp in the world, where D-Day saw the troops going into battle like schoolboys just released from school.

That confinement where everyone wore



a tin hat as a sign of communal danger has welded the bridgehead striking force so closely. Americans, British and Canadians have literally rubbed shoulders in rubble streets, swapped Chesterfields for Player's, breathed the same eternal dust and cursed the same claustrophobia.

What is more they shared the same irritation at the continual pinpricks from enemy patrols and the same frustration as they held themselves in leash. So finally they came to be what the American general described as "Raring to go" and a British captain described as "Dying to stretch our legs."

They were fighting mad, so mad that not even German paratroops could match their fervor.

Landing ships are bringing more men, more supplies and taking back more cargo in the shape of German prisoners totaling more than 1,100 in the first 24 hours.

Those Germans were surprised when camouflaged tanks and trucks emerged from the meadows, when guns belched from the ditches and men in olive green became moving fields.



British Army Photos. A sergeants' handshake seals the linkup of main-front and beachhead troops on a coastal road southeast of the Anzio sector. Sgt. William Cumber, of London, greets Sgt. Donald Russell, of St. Louis, not long after American forces made the initial merger. (Left) Yanks and Tommies cheer Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark as he arrives with British troops.

As truckload after truckload of Germans rolled in the dust clouds down the main road from Cisterna to-day they still looked surprised. That surprise was not from the suddenness of attack but the vigor of it, the spirit of men out to justify what was so often described as "The almost unbearable burden of the bridgehead."

It is that spirit that carried the men as much as three miles in the first day-and-a-half of fighting, and helped them to storm the heavily defended sector of the Sezze-Albano railway, cut it in several places and then sweep on to Highway 7, the Appian way to Rome.

Those fighting-mad troops closed around Cisterna in a horseshoe, leaving no escape on the main road, leaving only a less important road leading away from Rome to Cori.

In vain the Germans tried to oust their attackers. When they marshalled a strong counter-attack led by 26 tanks, Allied gunners, glad of targets, knocked out nine and caused others to flee.

A.A. gunners and non-combat soldiers, too, were infested by this delayed action fighting spirit, and became as angry and as keen to hit back as the front-line fighting men—shown by their record in repairing and replacing tanks knocked out on the very first day.

Those tanks had to be towed back from the front line, their trouble diagnosed and the repairs effected often only by work at night.

Yet the next night every company was back at full tank strength. Fifty tanks may seem a big number to have disabled in one day. Actually it is rather an indication of the fact that we are now using more tanks in the beachhead battle than have been used by the Fifth Army since landing at Salerno.

Good Tank Country

This is far better tank country than across the southern front. In the beachhead battlefield today there are fields instead of mountains, and roads instead of tracks.

We were bound to have the most losses in the early stages as we crossed the minefields, but the heaviest minefields south of Cisterna are now cleared.

We moved so quickly that in some places along the railway, the main line of defense, many teller mines were found still unfused, as if the enemy had not had time to prime them.

It is the accumulation of all these signs that has caused such optimism on the bridgehead—greater optimism than I have ever known on any Italian battlefield so soon after the launching of a major attack.

The best sign of all came today at the bridgehead NAAFI stores. It read: "German money will not be accepted."

'Plane News' of Last War Again in Print

By Tom Hoge Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A FORTRESS BASE, May 26—As often as spare time from their war duties permits, the boys at this base are putting out a streamlined little tabloid that has

PRIVATE BREGER



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as venerable a history as any American service paper in this war.

The Plane News, a name that will conjure nostalgic memories in the minds of many pioneers in aviation, has been revised after a lapse of more than 25 years.

In August 1917, somewhere in the sub-infested waters of the Atlantic, members of the famed 1st Res. Aero Squadron were sweating out the crossing aboard the ship Baltic, a skittish little convoy leader that was also carrying a load of munitions for Russia and a heavy German price on her nose.

Old-timers remember two things about that trip. They remember the sickening moment when a German torpedo struck their bow in the closing hours of the voyage and glanced off without detonating. And they remember the first issue of Plane News, conceived on shipboard and published without the CO's knowledge with the aid of a kind-hearted ship's printer.

Weathering its debut without undue mishap, the Plane News was set up on a regular basis when the group arrived at the air-training school in Issoudun, France. It soon became known as the "Voice of the Air Force" to every flying man abroad—familiar to Eddie Rickenbacker, to Quentin Roosevelt, to Carl Spaatz and dozens of other pioneer American aviators who passed through the training school.

What the editorial staff lacked in journalistic experience they made up in enthusiasm and a pioneering ingenuity in air-force coverage.

Their faithful accounts of the primitive air operations of World War I provide an interesting parallel with the thundering missions that sweep across Europe today.

"Every airman was fighting his own little individual war in those days," said Lt. W. E. Owens, editor of the current edition, "although surviving copies of Plane News provide a record of the first faint beginnings of formation flying." One pilot, recounting his experiences in the issue of Jan. 11, 1919, tells of carrying four 20-pound bombs over the German lines! Another describes shooting down a Jerry, then landing to inspect the wreckage.

It was when Gen. Pershing paid his last visit to Issoudun that Plane News pulled its greatest stunt. The staff prepared a "flash" of the general's arrival, with everything printed in advance except the time. When Pershing passed the news office the time was inserted and the staff rushed their paper off to press, handing a copy to the general as he arrived at headquarters.

Many World War I aviators saved copies of Plane News and afterwards pasted them in their memory books.

That's why Maj. W. E. Dolan, one of the original founders, began overtures at the Fort group's staging area back in the States to have the sheet revived.

On Apr. 17, 1943, Plane News was reborn, with many nostalgic references in its columns. Five days later the group flew overseas and shortly afterward the News began publishing "somewhere in England."

Edited by Lt. Owens, a former New York newspaper man, and a small staff of ex-journalists and artists, the paper—which is printed spasmodically in spare time—has been carrying on its tradition at this base. Recently the hundreds of men themselves and came out with a special issue that carried a four-color piece of art, front page center.

But its main purpose is to serve as a sort of diary of the men's day-to-day experience.

"It's something for them to keep in their scrapbooks when the war is over," said Dolan.

# 8th AF Battlers Garner 5 Crowns in Flier Tourney

## ASC Grabs 3; Tabor Kayoes Woods in First

## Williams and Molina Take Hard-Fought Tiffs; Lone 9th AF Finalist Fails

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

KINGSTON, May 26—The three-day USSTAF outdoor boxing tourney was culminated last night on the Kingstonian Football Grounds as the Eighth AF captured five championships and the Air Service Command won three in the most spectacular ring show veteran ETO fans can recall.

More than 6,000 servicemen and civilians turned out to see the contestants unwrap their talent. The finals were fought in three three-minute rounds instead of the two-minute preliminary heats and, without exception, the battlers steamed through the additional time without slackening the torrid pace.

Pvt. "King Tut" Tabor, Steve Hamas' 160-pound protege from Oroville, Cal., and one of the most promising ETO glovers for the post-war big time, extended his unbeaten string to 18 as he brought home the middleweight title for the Eighth AF. Tabor's crafty maneuvering cornered dusky Pvt. Clarence Woods, ASC 162-pounder from New York, and his slashing right did the rest, dumping Woods for the count at 1:49 of the opening round.

### Arm Broken in Second

Long-range rights to the head which softened his foe and foiled a belated spurt produced a close victory for Sgt. Primitivo Molina, ETO bantam king from Concord, Cal., over plucky Cpl. Howard Moreno, of Santa Barbara, Cal., in the only title bout between two Eighth AF teammates. Moreno courageously opened the throttle in the last round in an effort to erase Molina's point margin, although examination in the dressing room after the fight revealed he had broken his right arm in the second frame.

The judges awarded Pfc Herbie Williams, rugged 135-pound Negro from New Orleans wearing the ASC colors, a split-decision over the Eighth's Pvt. Jesse Puente, of Merced, Cal., 133, in the lightweight division. The hard-punching opponents stood toe-to-toe from start to finish, lashing out with savage blows, but neither crumbled under the assault. Williams' early lead thwarted a belated rally by Puente.

The lone Ninth AF finalist joined his beaten mates after the featherweight tiff as Pvt. Sal Rebaldo, of New Orleans, 127, withered under the gloves of Pvt. Jerry Pecoraro, 126-pounder from New York and a member of the Eighth AF aggression. Rebaldo finished gamely after Pecoraro crimsoned his nose with lethal lefts in the first round and peppered his head with sharp rights in the second.

### Matricianni Subdues Sinuk

In the heavyweight clash, Cpl. Leo Matricianni, 210-pound ASC biffer from Baltimore, subdued Pvt. Peter Sinuk, colorful Eighth AF entrant from New York. Sinuk, who gave away 28 pounds to his rival, kept plowing in and pitching rather throughout, but Matricianni rushed the punches aside and scored repeatedly with short, chopping clouts.

Skillful boxing and a strong finish earned the senior welterweight prize for Pvt. obby Volk, of Portland, Ore. (Eighth), 55, over Pvt. Frank Breskowitz, ASC man from Trenton, N.J., 153, after Pvt. Joseph Lucignano, 144-pound Eighth boxer from Hoboken, N.J., had victimized Pvt. Lou Cessere, ASC 145-pounder from Batavia, N.Y., in the welter finale. Lucignano's clever boxing puzzled Cessere in the first round and Lou failed to strike pay dirt with a single punch. After a dull second heat, they opened in the last round, with Lucignano rapping his foe in the body and side of the head to carry off the verdict.

Hit and run tactics by Sgt. Aaron Kahn, of Brooklyn (ASC), 173, fatigued Cpl. Harry Miller, of Philadelphia (Eighth), 170, and handed Kahn the light-heavy idem. Kahn's fierce right effectively felled Miller, and although Kahn lost a second round for throwing a low punch, he was master of the situation from start to finish.

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## End of a Winning Streak



Keystone Photo

Jake LaMotta blocks a hard right, tossed by Lloyd Marshall in their ten-round bout at Cleveland, but Jake didn't block all the punches thrown by the Cleveland, for the latter won a unanimous decision. This defeat snapped LaMotta's winning streak of nine straight bouts.

## Thompson Gives Joe a Workout In Three-Round Tilt at Reading

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READING, May 26—S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, stepped out of his customary role as exhibitionist here last night when he fired his choice punches at Cpl. Elza "Tommy" Thompson, 246-pounder from Indianapolis, in an unexpected match arranged a few seconds before the show started by the ARC.

The Bomber, when told that Thompson had been hanging around for several days in quest of a match with one of his sparring partners, sent the Hoosier dreadnought an invitation to attend his one-guest ring party.

Thompson showed up as per schedule and he and Joe waged one of the liveliest matches seen in these parts in years. Elza, who hit the headlines recently by issuing a challenge to RAF Sgt. Freddie Mills, stepped out in the first round and made himself a nuisance by pumping in from close quarters countless body and head punches.

Host Louis, however, wasn't pleased with his guest's manner and went to work on him in the second round, catching the Hoosier Negro with devastating right counters while rebounding from the ropes. Elza, meanwhile, took 'em and kept moving in. The third round saw the champion playing the Brown Bomber role in a more satisfactory manner. It could have been called a slip, but Thompson went down midway in the third when his jaw was the target for one of Joe's exploding rights. Joe, however, did not follow up the advantage. The champion climaxed his work by tagging his willing opponent with a staggering one-two flurry before the bell.

Thompson gave Joe his best ETO workout. The Indianapolis puncher, strong and ring wise, need not take a back seat for any heavyweight, that is, except Louis, Conn and a few others.

Edgar Smith, of Detroit, and Jackie Wilson, of Cleveland, were exhibition opponents in another three-round match.

In other bouts: T/Sgt. Vince Tumminelli, New York, 142, and Pvt. Eugene Howell, Cincinnati, 140, drew. Pfc. Komny Richardson, Florence, S.C., 146, kayoed Pvt. Pete Brown, Dallas, 146, in 1:10 of the second. Pfc. Raymond Tyler, Huntington, W. Va., 150, outpointed Pvt. Joe Dissett, 155, Chicago. Pvt. Elijah Penncilton, Gary, Ind., 158, kayoed Pvt. Everett Robinette, Cumberland, Md., 161, at :52 of the second. Pvt. Charles Lippford, Philadelphia, 175, TKO'd T/Sgt. Frank Horan, Trenton, N.J., 171, in 1:37 of the first. M/Sgt. Norris Jones, Philadelphia, 189, outpointed Pvt. Frank Major, Detroit, 188.

Gordon Paces Service Nine  
LAS VEGAS, N.M., May 26—Joe Gordon, former Yankee second baseman, slapped two singles and a double in five trips to the plate and fielded flawlessly as his Camp Luna nine plattered the Las Vegas All-Stars, 10-4. It was Gordon's GI debut.

Bay Meadows Fans Checked  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 26—Eight hundred turf fans are being investigated as possible gasoline ration violators for using their cars to reach the Bay Meadows track. Investigators have checked license plates for four successive Saturdays.

Softball Tourney Tomorrow  
Eight softball teams representing ARC clubs in London will compete in a one-day elimination tourney tomorrow at Regent's Park, with the first round at 11 AM, the semi-finals at 2 PM and the finals at 4 PM. Teams are from Rainbow Corner, Milestone, Washington, Hans Crescent, Columbia, Liberty, Golden Square and Mostyn clubs.

## Harder Drops 1st Game As Nats Whip Tribe, 4-2

## Brownies Whittle Yanks' Lead With 3-2 Verdict Over Red Sox; A's Blank Bengals, 2-0; Braves Whitewash Bucs, 1-0

NEW YORK, May 26—Sitting idly in their hotel rooms watching the rain wash out their night game with the Yankees in Chicago for the second straight day, the White Sox emerged from the American League cellar when the Senators tripped the Indians, 4-2, under the mazdas last night.

The setback shunted the Tribe into eighth place and marred a celebration in honor of Mel Harder, veteran Cleveland right-hander who attained his 200th major league victory last week.

Harder suffered his first setback of the season when the Nats shoved across three unearned runs in the ninth, capitalizing on an error by Harder, who dropped the ball attempting to cover first base with the bases loaded. Mickey Haefer, Washington knuckle-baller, had a no-hitter until the sixth when Harder singled and raced home on Roy Cullenbine's two-bagger. Harder singled again in the eighth and scored on Mickey Rocco's booming triple.

Three-hit pitching and timely hitting by Luman Harris gave the Athletics a 2-0 verdict over the Tigers yesterday at Detroit. Harris stopped the Bengals with three scattered blows and knocked in his own winning run in the seventh with a single to score Irvin Hall, who had doubled. Johnny Gorsica, who yielded ten hits in eight frames, was the loser.

Muncief Bests Hughson  
The Browns thumped the Red Sox, 3-2, for the second straight day as Bob Muncief bested Tex Hughson in a mound duel. George McQuinn's first homer of the season and doubles by Vern Stephens and Gene Moore provided the Brownies with two runs in the fifth, and they registered the clincher in the seventh. The Soxos nicked Muncief for three of their seven hits in the seventh to account for both runs. Mike Ryba finished for the Sox but Hughson was the victim.

In the National League, the Braves shaded the Pirates, 1-0, at Boston, in the only game which escaped the weatherman's frown. Al Javery notched his initial triumph by setting down the Bucs with three hits, while the Braves reached Nick Strincevich for a run in the first inning to climb into fifth place over the idle Dodgers and Giants. Walks to Connie Ryan and Max Macon and Butch Nieman's single resulted in the winning run.

Javery got into a jam in the third when he issued two walks and yielded a scratch single to Al Lopez, filling the sacks with no outs. However, a squeeze bunt went awry and Vince DiMaggio was nipped at the plate; then a fast double-play retired the side without damage.

Fritz Crisler Balks At Grid Rule Shift Before End of War  
ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 26—Herbert O. "Fritz" Crisler, University of Michigan athletic director and football coach and a member of the NCAA football rules committee, said he knew nothing of a rumored plan to alter Big Ten football rules by a gentleman's agreement.

Crisler added that he'd fight any attempt to change rules frozen by the war. Coaches generally agree that rules must be changed, but the point under discussion is whether to change them now or after the war.

"There's no doubt," Crisler said, "that the rules need revision, but not on a free lance basis which can result only in confusion. I'll strongly oppose any attempt to override the national committee in this matter."

## Kiefer Eclipses Record Time

BAINBRIDGE, Md., May 26—Adolph Kiefer, world's champion backstroke swimmer since 1936, celebrated his recent promotion from chief petty officer to ensign by unofficially bettering his record for the 100-yard distance, eclipsing the old mark by seven-tenths of a second with a performance of :56.1.

The sizzling time was even more remarkable because he did it in the first two-thirds of a 150-yard race. The record is unofficial, however, because only one timer clocked Kiefer.

Bainbridge Naval swamped three rivals in the meet by amassing 57 points. The North Branch YMCA was second with 12, Aberdeen Proving Grounds scored five and the Baltimore KC salvaged three.



American League  
Philadelphia 2, Detroit 0  
St. Louis 3, Boston 2  
Washington 4, Cleveland 2 (night)  
New York at Chicago, night, postponed.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	17	10	.630	Detroit	15	18	.455
St. Louis	19	15	.559	Boston	14	17	.452
Washington	17	14	.548	Chicago	13	17	.433
Philadelphia	16	15	.516	Cleveland	14	19	.424

Washington at Cleveland  
Philadelphia at Detroit  
New York at Chicago (night)  
Boston at St. Louis (night)

National League  
Boston 1, Pittsburgh 0  
Other games postponed

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
St. Louis	21	9	.700	Boston	15	19	.441
Pittsburgh	16	11	.593	New York	13	17	.433
Cincinnati	17	12	.586	Brooklyn	13	17	.433
Philadelphia	13	14	.481	Chicago	9	18	.383

Pittsburgh at Brooklyn  
St. Louis at New York  
Cincinnati at New York  
Chicago at Philadelphia

Leading Hitters  
American League  
Tucker, Chicago .. 21 86 15 34 .395  
Hosteler, Detroit .. 27 76 9 27 .355  
Etten, New York .. 27 92 14 32 .348  
Johnson, Boston .. 31 98 29 34 .347  
Doerr, Boston .. 31 121 20 41 .339

National League  
Walker, Brooklyn .. 30 118 18 50 .424  
Musial, St. Louis .. 31 107 20 39 .364  
Medwick, New York .. 26 103 18 36 .350  
Bordagaray, Brooklyn .. 28 116 27 40 .345  
Holmes, Boston .. 35 146 18 49 .336

Home Run Hitters  
American League—Hayes, Philadelphia, and Seery, Cleveland, 6; Spence, Washington, and Trosky, Chicago, 5.  
National League—Schultz, Brooklyn, 6; Northey, Philadelphia, 5; Ott, New York, Adams, Philadelphia, and Kurovski and Litwiler, St. Louis, 4.

Runs Batted In  
American League—Tabor, Boston, 23; Seery, Cleveland, and Stephens, St. Louis, 22.  
National League—Schultz, Brooklyn, 33; Weintraub, New York, 24; Lombardi, New York, and Kurovski, St. Louis, 22.



Mickey Haefer



Al Javery

## Minor League Results

International League  
Jersey City 11, Baltimore 4  
Toronto 5, Rochester 0  
Buffalo 16, Montreal 1  
Syracuse at Newark, postponed.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Syracuse	13	9	.591	Jersey City	13	13	.500
Toronto	15	11	.577	Montreal	14	15	.483
Rochester	17	13	.567	Baltimore	10	14	.417
Buffalo	15	12	.556	Newark	8	18	.308

Eastern League  
Wilkes-Barre 1, Utica 0 (first game)  
Utica 4, Wilkes-Barre 3 (second game)  
Albany 4, Williamsport 3 (first game)  
Albany 9, Williamsport 5 (second game)  
Hartford 7, Elmira 0 (first game)  
Hartford 10, Elmira 4 (second game)  
Scranton 6, Binghamton 3

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Hartford	14	6	.708	Elmira	8	11	.421
Albany	11	7	.611	Williamsport	8	11	.421
Wilkes-Barre	13	9	.591	Scranton	7	13	.350
Utica	11	9	.550	Binghamton	6	12	.333

American Association  
St. Paul 2, Toledo 0 (first game)  
Toledo 4, St. Paul 2 (second game)  
Indianapolis 6, Kansas City 5 (first game)  
Indianapolis 6, Kansas City 1 (second game)  
Louisville 7, Milwaukee 5  
Columbus at Minneapolis, postponed.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Milwaukee	22	10	.688	Toledo	14	16	.467
Columbus	22	10	.688	Kansas City	10	18	.357
St. Paul	14	10	.583	Indianapolis	11	20	.355
Louisville	15	15	.500	Minneapolis	10	19	.345

Southern Association  
No games scheduled.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Little Rock	16	10	.615	Knoxville	13	12	.520
Birmingham	16	11	.593	Atlanta	12	13	.480
Memphis	15	12	.556	N. Orleans	9	17	.346
Nashville	14	12	.538	Chattanooga	9	17	.346

Pacific Coast League  
Hollywood 3, Portland 1  
San Francisco 7, Seattle 4  
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 3  
Oakland 9, Sacramento 3

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Portland	29	18	.617	Hollywood	23	24	.489
S. Francisco	27	19	.587	Los Angeles	22	24	.478
San Diego	26	22	.542	Oakland	20	26	.434
Seattle	25	24	.510	Sacramento	14	29	.325

# Rail-Air Points In France Are P47s' Targets

## Fighter-Bombers Continue Hammering as Weather Grounds Heavies

Thunderbolt fighter-bombers of the Ninth Air Force yesterday lashed Luftwaffe airfields and rail targets in northern France as adverse weather grounded U.S. heavies and gave battered Europe a brief respite from the almost continuous Allied pre-invasion pounding by the Forts and Libs.

As the fighter-bombers, escorted by other Ninth Air Force P47 fighters, swept over France, Vichy Radio reported raids on Lyons, Chambery and St. Etienne, in southern France, indicating that Italian-based aircraft might be continuing the offensive from the south against rail centers.

Meanwhile, both Allied and neutral reports told of heavy damage inflicted by the latest American heavy-bomber raids on the rail junctions upon which Germany depends for the rapid movement of troops and supplies to possible invasion points.

Photographs made during and after Eighth Air Force attacks Thursday revealed major damage to railway yards at Blainville, Serrequeines, Thionville, Mulhouse, Belford, Metz and Charleroi, in France, and at Leige and Brussels, in Belgium.

Eye-witness reports reaching Zurich yesterday said that in the last Allied raid on Kassel, called by some travellers the most devastated city in Germany, a direct hit was scored on a store of 5,000 tons of dynamite. The resulting blast was said to have caused a hurricane which was felt for miles.

Another dispatch from Zurich reported that the U.S. attack on Belford, rail junction on the main Paris-Gothard line, had interrupted all rail traffic and caused extensive damage. A dense yellow cloud of fire was said to be still hanging over the vicinity of the railroad station early yesterday.

# Berlin Says Reds Breach Positions Guarding Lwow

Although Moscow dispatches mentioned only minor flare-ups in fighting along the Eastern Front, Berlin radio asserted yesterday that the Red Army had launched repeated "reconnaissance thrusts on a major scale" east of Lwow and succeeded in breaking into German forward positions guarding that main Polish base.

The Soviet communique said 200 Germans were killed attacking several points southeast of Stanislavov and that 60 others died in a Red Army raid on positions southeast of Vitebsk.

# Willow Run's Lib Output Stops for 2-Day Inventory

DETROIT, May 26—The Ford-operated Willow Run bomber plant, which has been producing a B24 Liberator every working hour, received permission of the Army Air Forces to shut down Sunday and Monday to take inventory.

Lt. Col. Harley Jones, resident AAF representative, said the plant would meet its May quota without working while the inventory was taken.

# French Flash V-Sign To Strafing Fighters

Fishermen and peasants in France and the Low Countries are waving and giving the V for Victory sign to low-flying allied planes as they roar homeward each day after attacking German installations in the occupied countries, pilots report.

The fighters waggle their wings in acknowledgement of the friendly greetings from below.

# Rocket Guns Now Hit Subs

## Navy Unveils U.S. Planes' New Weapons; 1 U-Boat Is Sunk in Minutes

WASHINGTON, May 26—American aircraft hunting Nazi submarines now are equipped with long-range rocket guns, the Navy Department disclosed yesterday, announcing destruction of a U-boat early this year by rocket fire from two Avengers.

Although U.S. aircraft rocket guns had been reported in action against Japanese surface ships in the Southwest Pacific, their use in the Atlantic previously had been a closely-guarded secret.

In a reference to the startling accuracy of the new weapon, Vice Adm. Patrick N. L. Bellinger said it had offset the subs' newly-installed heavy anti-aircraft guns.

He said that while German submarines were being sunk faster than they were being built—more than one destroyed for each Allied vessel sent down—less than one-half of one per cent of convoyed ships in the Atlantic was being lost.

First victim of the rocket guns, the Navy Department announcement said, was a heavily armed U-boat on the surface. Surprised by two carrier-based Avengers, the sub was sunk in a matter of minutes at a range of two miles. In addition to the rocket projectiles, depth charges and shells were used in the attack.

Undersecretary of the Navy Artemus L. Gates announced meanwhile that the Navy now had 65 aircraft carriers in active service.

# Television Shuttle Service Stars Cantor in Premiere

NEW YORK, May 26 (UP)—Studio audiences in New York and Philadelphia last night heard—and saw—Eddie Cantor in the first U.S. television relay broadcast. The program was relayed to the two cities from a transmitter in New Jersey.

Philco Corp. officials, who organized the broadcast, said the installation of relay stations 50 miles apart would provide television service for the entire U.S. after the war. Table model sets will sell for \$120, they said.

# Philly Opens the Bidding For the Peace Conference

PHILADELPHIA, May 26 (AP)—A campaign to bring the peace conference to Independence Hall was begun today by the City Business Club at a luncheon to which it invited consular representatives of 29 nations.

# Poilus Avenging France's Fall



Four years after the Germans overran the Maginot Line, shoved the British armies out of France and took over the country, Fighting French troops in Italy are avenging the defeat. These German soldiers, who surrendered to the French, are being hustled toward prisoner barricades.

# Stassen Backer Has Slight Hope

## Admits Dewey May Win On First Ballot at GOP Convention

WASHINGTON, May 26 — Sen. Joseph R. Ball (R-Minn.), who plans to nominate Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen for President at the Republican national convention, which opens June 26 in Chicago, conceded today that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, might win on the first ballot but said it was not inevitable.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Sam Rayburn, of Texas, predicted that "everything will work out all right" in his state, where Democrats split over the fourth-term issue and named two sets of delegates.

Connecticut Democrats opened a two-day convention today to select a delegation with 38 votes in the national convention. Leaders said it would favor President Roosevelt's renomination.

Gov. Earl Warren, of California, who previously had announced that he did not seek either the Republican Presidential or vice-presidential nomination, asked the state's convention delegation, which was pledged to him nevertheless, not to present his name.

In Georgia, a Republican rift led to the selection of two delegations—an all-white delegation was unopposed, while another composed of seven whites and seven Negroes was instructed for Dewey. Two Mississippi GOP factions previously had chosen separate delegations. The convention credentials committee will have to decide the two seating contests.

# Marriage Without a Male Dissolved by U.S. Court

LOS ANGELES, May 26—Superior Judge Henry M. Willis this week annulled a marriage between two women which lasted 24 days until the "wife" discovered the other's sex.

The action was brought by Mrs. Shirley Mae Boston, who said she went through a marriage ceremony in Las Vegas in 1942 with Jerry Boston, 30, a war worker, whose true name, she charged, was Tremia Boston.

She testified "Jerry" told her they could not live together as man and wife immediately and that she did not know the truth until "his" sisters told her 24 days later.

# Blast at Pearl Harbor

PEARL HARBOR, May 26 (Reuter)—Several small American vessels were destroyed and several persons killed and injured last Sunday when ammunition being unloaded from a group of landing craft exploded, the Navy Department announced.

# Russia Acts for Allies

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP)—The State Department disclosed today that Russia, acting on behalf of the U.S. and Britain, was making representations to Japan concerning treatment of Allied war prisoners.

# Believe Japs Hold Railhead

## Chinese Lose Contact With Loyang, 'Gate to West'; Burma Road Not Cut

CHUNGKING, May 26 (AP)—Wireless contact has been lost with the besieged city of Loyang in central Honan province, and it is probable that the important rail gateway to the west has fallen to the Japanese, Maj. Gen. C. C. Tseng, Chinese Army spokesman, said today. However, he added, "I am not in a position to announce the fall of the city until I have confirmation."

(The Japanese claimed Thursday that they had captured the city with a frontal assault and that the bodies of 12,000 Chinese dead had been counted there, but Chungking at that time denied it.)

In southwestern Yunnan province the Chinese striking toward Myitkyina in northern Burma have reached a point 25 miles from the Burma road town of Lungling. However, the previous claim that the Chinese had cut the old Burma road southwest of Lungling was incorrect. It arose from a statement that the Chinese retook Chefang, an error in transmission for Chifang, which is a village northeast of Tengchung, main Japanese base in Yunnan. Monsoon rains are hampering the offensive.

Although greatly outnumbered, the Japs are still holding on to the best part of Myitkyina nine days after Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's American-Chinese Raiders seized the airport. More Chinese reinforcements were landed today.

# Japs Renew Imphal Attacks

KANDY, Ceylon, May 26—Southeast Asia Headquarters announced today that the Japanese lost at least 8,500 men in dead alone, probably more than one-fourth of their original strength, in the 11-week-old battles for the Imphal plain, but the Japanese were launching fierce new attacks.

# Legion of Merit Awarded Ex-Aide to Rickenbacker

AN EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND STATION, May 26—Col. Leslie P. Arnold, of Englewood, N.J., formerly assistant to Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker in running Eastern Airlines, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for organizing an airline system that supplies combat planes to bases in the ETO.

As commanding officer of the ferry and transport service of Air Service Command, Arnold has helped to insure a steady flow of planes, newly arrived from the United States, to combat bases throughout the British Isles. His service also operates a military airline, blanketing the ETO, which carries soldiers' mail, thousands of passengers and tons of vital war cargo.

In 1924 Arnold was aboard one of the four Army planes which made the first round-the-world flight.

# NEWS FROM HOME 500 Flee Homes As New Flood Ravages Iowa

## Highest Level in 40 Years Hit by Des Moines River; Tornado Sweeps Area

DES MOINES, Ia., May 26—The worst flood in 25 years was estimated by the Red Cross yesterday to have done \$2,345,000 damage to buildings in 15 counties, in addition to livestock losses and crop damage. Twenty-one other counties also were affected.

More than 500 persons abandoned their homes at Ottumwa during the day as the Des Moines River rose to its highest level in 40 years on a 90-mile rampage between Des Moines and Ottumwa, and additional rain added to the danger in the Des Moines valley.

In Des Moines, a levee break sent flood waters over Riverside Park, the city's largest amusement park, the old Western League park and Birdland Park. The break was 20 blocks north of the downtown business district, and many business places were flooded.

A tornado which preceded the floods destroyed or damaged nearly 1,000 buildings.

# 15 Much-Wed Men Sentenced

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 26 (UP)—Fifteen Fundamentalists, who have 55 wives and 283 children, were sentenced yesterday to prison terms ranging from one to five years after being convicted of illegal cohabitation.

# '43 Output 188 Billions

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP)—The U.S. produced \$188,000,000,000 worth of products—more than half for the war—in 1943, Donald M. Nelson, War Production Board Chief, told the House Appropriations Committee yesterday.

# Jose Iturbi Quits Symphony

ROCHESTER, N.Y., May 26—Jose Iturbi, Spanish-born conductor and pianist, has resigned as conductor and musical director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

# Barbara Hutton Is Sued By Ex-Spouse Reventlow

HOLLYWOOD, May 26 (UP)—Count Kurt Haugwitz-Reventlow filed suit today against Barbara Hutton, five-and-ten-cent-store heiress, to enforce a custody agreement concerning their nine-year-old son Lance. They were divorced in March, 1941.

The count charged that his former wife tried to turn the boy against him and that for six months the son had not been sent to school.

# FDR Asks United Nations To Money Confab in U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had invited all the United Nations to an international monetary conference at Bretton Woods, N.H., beginning July 1.

The 42 invitations included the French Committee of National Liberation.

# Home from Italy and All He Can Say Is Hot Dog

GENESE, N.Y., May 26—T/Sgt. Arthur Hasler, who got a special furlough to come home from Italy for his father's 100th birthday Sunday after his 90-year-old mother wrote President Roosevelt, got another privilege today—he was allowed to order whatever he wanted for the birthday dinner.

So what did he order? A nice juicy steak smothered with lamb chops, maybe, or turkey and cranberry sauce, or ham roasted with brown sugar and cloves? No, he ordered—and said he hadn't had any in two years—hot dogs.

(Editor's note: Must be a different army they have down in Italy.)

# American Forces Network

The Sunday baseball game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field will be broadcast over the American Forces Network at 10.30 P.M. tomorrow. This is the second in the series of complete play-by-play accounts to be broadcast via shortwave.

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

- Saturday, May 27**  
1100—Spotlight on Les Brown.  
1115—Personal Album with Anita.  
1130—Yanks Radio Weekly.  
1200—Noon Edition.  
1205—Barracks Bag.  
1300—World News (BBC).  
1310—Melody Roundup.  
1330—Crosby Music Hall (Return Engagement).  
1400—News Headlines and Downbeat.  
1430—Hello, India, China and Burma.  
1500—Music While You Work (BBC).  
1530—Off the Record.  
1630—NBC Symphony.  
1725—French Lesson.  
1730—Walz Time with Abe Lyman's Orchestra and Frank Munn—Program Resume.  
1800—World News (BBC).  
1810—Raymond Scott Orchestra.  
1830—Atlantic Spotlight (NBC and BBC Exchange Talent).  
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.  
1905—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.  
1930—Dinak Shore Program.  
2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of News from the U.S.A.  
2010—Take the Air.  
2030—GI Journal.  
2100—World News (BBC).  
2115—All Time Hit Parade.  
2145—The Male Man.  
2200—Xavier Cugat Show.  
2230—One Night Stand with Phil Harris.  
2255—Final Edition.  
2300—Sign off until 0800 hours Sunday, May 28.

- Sunday, May 28**  
0800—Sign On—Mormon Tabernacle Choir—Program Resume.  
0800—Sunday Serenade.  
0900—World News (BBC).  
0910—Bandwagon.  
0930—Major Bowes.  
1000—Your Town.  
1015—Hymns from Home.  
1030—Recreation of a National League Baseball Game by direct shortwave from America.  
1200—Noon Edition.  
1210—Barracks Bag and Program Resume.  
1300—World News (BBC).  
1310—Melody Roundup.

# Terry and the Pirates



# MAMA, DIS IZ HIZ HIGHNESS, PRINZ BHAI UP D' INDIA ARMY...



# MAMA, D' PRINZ COME VITH FLIGHT HUFFICUH LEE—WHO IZ UBSET ABOUT D' AIRPLANES LANDINK HERE...



# HOONK—D' RAHSHINS DUN'T TELL MUCH, HUH?

