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Stettinius Out; Gets League Job

245,000 GIs Left in UK To Leave Fast—Koenig

By A. Victor Lasky
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

There are approximately 245,000 American troops in England at present, Brig. Gen. E. F. Koenig, CG, U.K. Base, disclosed yesterday in announcing the Army's intention of closing up shop in England as fast as possible.

At one time, Koenig added, there were more than 120,000 wounded American troops in England, but today there are but 12,000 patients, few of whom are battle casualties.

"We're definitely closing down in the U.K.," Koenig told a large group of British newsmen in London. But he declined to estimate when the last American soldier would be out of England.

Largest number of American troops in the U.K. at one time, Koenig revealed as an incidental bit of information, was 2,000,000 in January, 1944—five months before D-Day.

Earlier, at the "redeployment briefing," Col. Charles R. Broshous, deputy chief of staff, Com. Z, reiterated the Army's intention to get all American troops, except the approximately 500,000 slated for occupational duties, out of the ETO in a year or at the most 18 months, "though it took us three years to get them over here."

Paying tribute to the British railroads for their handling of American traffic, Koenig said, "I have never had any patience with the American who comes over here and refers sarcastically to your toy trains."

Can Haul at Least 50,000

Koenig estimated that the Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth and Aquitania—former British super-liners which now are troop transports—would be able to transport at least 50,000 American troops, mainly U.K. personnel, from England each month.

He said that U.K.-based personnel would not be shipped "in dribbles, we'll have to ship them in substantial numbers."

Redeployment of troops from the U.K., including some sent from the Continent, will take place at three staging areas—Tidworth, Barton Stacey and Southampton.

Koenig said he recognized the pressure of public opinion at home and the feelings of the individual soldier in the ETO who

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BRIG. GEN. KOENIG

Senate to Get World Charter Next Monday

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27—The first definite action by any nation toward ratification of the charter for a new world organization to keep the peace will be taken by the U.S. next Monday when President Truman will present the charter to a joint session of Congress and urge its immediate ratification.

This became known here today as the delegates of the 50 nations, who yesterday signed the charter, began to leave for their home countries to work for quick ratification. Approval by 28 of the 50 signatory nations is necessary to bring the new world organization into being.

The exodus from the city began almost immediately after President Truman made the closing address to the United Nations conference last night. He left right after his speech for a brief visit to his home town of Independence, Mo., while Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. left for Washington along with other members of the U.S. delegation.

The President told the delegates: "I shall send this charter to the U.S. Senate at once. I am sure that the overwhelming

(Excerpts of conference speeches on p. 2.) sentiment of the people of my country and of their representatives in the Senate is in favor of immediate ratification."

Before leaving for Washington, Sen. Tom Connally (D.-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he believed ratification would be carried by considerably more than the necessary two-thirds of the Senate's 96 members.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will open hearings on the charter immediately after President Truman addresses Congress. These are expected to take two weeks and to be followed by two weeks of open debate.

Sees Approval by Aug. 15

WASHINGTON, June 27—Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D.-Ky.), majority leader, predicted today that the Senate would ratify the United Nations charter by no later than Aug. 15 and probably by Aug. 1.

While administration leaders were planning to push through the debate on the charter for early ratification even if it costs the Senate its summer recess, Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D.-Mont.) criticized "some internationalists" who, he said, claimed he opposed the charter.

"I haven't made up my mind yet," he said. "I don't see any organized fight against it. I certainly will not lead one nor will I join any that is spearheaded by anyone else."

New Device Saves Ships Robbed of Steering Gear

WASHINGTON, June 27 (Reuter)—A submersible steering gear which can bring home ships put out of control by enemy action was revealed by Vice-Adm. E. L. Cochrane, chief of the Navy Bureau of Ships. He said that nearly 50 major combatant ships were provided with the new emergency equipment.

Vignette of War—Out of the Past. A Date Is Kept

NEW YORK, June 27 (ANS)—The invitations were patiently scratched on the bottom of aluminum cups and on the damp walls of a Budapest prison. "Meet me at the Plantation room, Hotel Dixie, New York City, 6 PM, June 26, 1945," they read.

Last night nine young U.S. airmen lifted their glasses in a toast to one of the strangest reunions of the war and to the unknown host who brought them together.

The "nine old Kriegies" never saw the soldier who scrawled the message around the prison, but all recalled that it was signed by a S/Sgt. Evans.

"We waited for Evans to arrive last night but he never showed up. So we drank to the GI who gave us hope," said one of the 8th AF pilots last night.

"Maybe he will see the story somewhere and come to next year's reunion—if he's alive," Lt. Herbert Traurig, 15th AF, echoed.

Pacific-Bound Troops Pour In and Out of Marseilles Port

MARSEILLES, June 27—France's largest port here has recovered from the German masterpiece of demolition to begin the greatest job of its history that of dispatching American troops and equipment directly to the Pacific Theater.

Already, Com Z in Paris has announced, several thousand service troops have sailed from Marseilles to the Far East, where they will prepare bases for the combat troops to follow.

Thousands more are pouring into three huge staging areas, which cover hundreds of square miles with orderly rows of tents, and which soon will handle 200,000 men at a time.

Army engineers, who found the port the most damaged yet encountered by the Allies, have just about finished transforming it into one of the world's largest



OUT AND—IN? Likeliest possibility to succeed Edward R. Stettinius Jr. (left) as U.S. Secretary of State is James F. Byrnes (right), former war mobilization director, who, President Truman has announced, will accompany him to the Berlin meeting of the Big Three. The President, announcing acceptance of Stettinius' resignation last night, said he would name his successor Monday or Tuesday.

Japs Report Island Landings, Now Fear Invasion of China

Unconfirmed reports that Allied troops had landed on Kume Island, 50 miles west of Okinawa, and a series of confused statements about expected invasion moves were made by the Japanese yesterday as American and Australian forces registered gains on Borneo and Luzon.

The Jap statement that Allied troops had invaded Kume was the second landing reported in 24 hours. Earlier Tokyo Radio claimed the troops were ashore on Ternate Island off Halmahera in the Dutch East Indies. The Japs reversed their earlier stand that the next big operation would be directed against the home islands and yesterday claimed that the Allies would land in China before tackling Japan itself. Other reports said the Japs were preparing for an invasion of Malaya.

On Luzon, only 20 miles separated American troops and guerrilla bands converging on 20,000 Japs trapped in Cagayan Valley. The Japs succeeded in recapturing Tuguegarao, the provincial capital, from guerrilla forces, but fled eastward into the hills as the U.S. 37th Division entered the city from the south. As the 37th advanced 14 miles to reach the town of Iguig, the northern column pushed south two miles to reach Gattaran.

A spokesman at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters estimated that half of the Jap garrison of 20,000 men were trapped in the wild, unexplored region of the Sierra Madre range.

Veteran Australian troops, rolling down the west coast of Borneo, captured the great Miri oilfields. Storage tanks, power stations and office buildings were wrecked and the 300 wells were burning. An Associated Press dispatch said the Jap garrison at Miri was falling back toward Kuching, the capital of Sarawak several hundred miles down the west coast.

Meanwhile, 50 Superforts kept up the pounding of the Jap home islands, with the latest attack aimed at the Utsube River refinery near Yokkaichi, 18 miles southwest of Nagoya.

Fourteen hours earlier a large force of B29s pounded ten industrial targets in Japan. Five planes were lost. Between 60 and 75 of the big bombers made emergency landings on Iwo Jima. Most of the planes were out of gasoline, but some came down because of wounded men aboard.

Spain Cancels Licenses For Trade With France

PARIS, June 27 (UP)—Spain today canceled all import and export licenses for dealing with France, it was officially announced here today, further straining relations between the two nations.

108-Point Sgt. Faded Off Boat on 2 Passes

PARIS, June 27—If there is another GI in the ETO who thinks he has been unlucky in not getting that homeward-bound boat William L. Wingate, a T/Sgt. from Baltimore, Md., with the 752nd Engineer Parts Supply, would like to meet him.

This 08-pointer, a former 30th Division infantryman, recently was on a seven-day furlough to the U.K. When he returned he was told that during his absence he had been called up to go home.

Yesterday he was given a three-day pass to Paris. On the first day he was informed by phone that his name again had been placed on the roster to be returned to the U.S. He rushed back.

"Too late," his CO told him. "You've been replaced by a supernumerary."

Byrnes May Get Post as State Chief

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., June 27 (AP)—President Truman announced tonight that he had accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr.

Stettinius has been appointed American representative on the Post-war Security Council and chairman of the U.S. delegation in its General Assembly.

President Truman announced he would appoint a successor to Stettinius as Secretary of State next Monday or Tuesday, but laughed off reporters' attempts to make him say it would be James F. Byrnes of South Carolina.

President Truman said that Stettinius had accepted his offer of a job as U.S. representative in the "league" of the United Nations, projected under the peace charter Stettinius steered through to approval at San Francisco.

It is, the President said, the highest post in the gift of the government and he did not see how anyone could refuse it.

Accepts Resignation Belatedly

In a lengthy prepared statement read at a press conference in his home town, the President announced he was accepting the resignation of Stettinius submitted the day after President Roosevelt's death but which he refused at the time.

The statement, in the form of a letter to Stettinius, asserted that the President had asked him to stay on at that time to carry out the vitally important role as chairman of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations conference.

"You accepted that responsibility," President Truman wrote. "It was a very grave responsibility."

The San Francisco conference has now fulfilled its purpose. The charter of permanent United Nations has been written. You have every reason to be proud of your part in this achievement from the beginning."

The President's letter disclosed that he "reluctantly agreed" to Stettinius' suggestion that he would not accompany the President to the Big Three meeting near Berlin which the President said "will take place next month."

Mr. Truman said that Byrnes, former chairman of the War Mobilization Board and former Supreme Court Justice, would attend the Big Three meeting.

"Will Byrnes go in a personal capacity?" the President was asked.

He laughed and replied, "Byrnes is going at my invitation."

Mr. Truman concluded the conference by saying he would fly to Washington Sunday.

'Out' Plea Fails For 4-Kid Dads

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS)—The House yesterday voted down an amendment to permit the discharge of Army fathers of four or more children, then passed the \$38,500,285,951 Army supply bill for the fiscal year of 1945-46.

Huge money items were approved with almost no debate. However, more than two hours were spent discussing the Army point system of discharges and the relative merits of butter and oleomargarine in a fighting man's diet.

The measure to release fathers with four or more youngsters was turned down by a 115-89 vote.

Rep. Albert S. Engel (R.-Mich.), sponsor of the amendment, said there were 35,000 men in the Army with four or more children and that 15,000 of them were eligible for discharge on points or age.

Oleomargarine as a butter substitute on Army menus was beaten, 80-54.

Natives Raising Hell in Paradise

WAC Stranded With 14 Men Has a War to Deal With, Too

By Ralph Morton
Associated Press Correspondent

HOLLANDIA, New Guinea, June 24 (Delayed)—A private war among the natives of Shangri-La and their belligerent neighbors added today to the complications of bringing a WAC and her 14 escorts from this hidden New Guinea valley.

About the time mechanical failures and lack of sufficient equipment arose to plague the work of Army Air Force rescuers, along came the battle among the Aborigines.

The battle between Shangri-Laans and their unidentified native enemies is edging uncomfortably close to the party stranded in the mountain-locked valley.

Natives of Shangri-La have erected stockades around their villages and have

mounted sentinel towers above the walls where six-foot warriors scan the countryside for enemies.

Capt. Cecil Walters, who heads the rescue party which parachuted into the valley, reported by walkie-talkie on the outbreak of native hostilities.

Unfriendly natives on the other side of the valley, he said, were warring on the natives of Shangri-La, and fighting had spread close to the encampment. "We found a lot of dead natives down here," Walters said.

Tests still are in progress to determine if glider rescue is practicable. A suggestion has been made that Cub artillery spotter planes might bring the 14 out, one at a time.

A request has been made of Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the Far Eastern Air Force, for experts and additional equipment to demonstrate that a glider can be landed on a makeshift strip in the valley and be brought out by an Army tow plane.

WAC Cpl. Margaret Hastings, of Oswego, Mo., and Sgt. Kenneth Decker of Kelso, Washington, were the only survivors when an Army transport with 23 passengers on a sight-seeing tour crashed against a mountainside in Shangri-La May 13.

With the 12 parachuted rescuers, they are now waiting for the Army to get them out. Miss Hastings has been dubbed the "Queen of the Valley," but she told those flying overhead today, "I'll abdicate anytime."



Cpl. Margaret Hastings
Shangri-La's Queen sits a shaky throne.

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Male Nurses

To the B-Bag: The Nurse Draft Bill has been dropped, much to the relief of we disbelievers of such a bill.

For years we were taught to heal the sick and dying and now when we saw our hands practically untied again, the bill died and men nursed died with it.

Can't our nursing organizations back in the States enlighten the law makers to the fact that we men nurses still exist, that we belong to the Red Cross, that we are registered in our States by law, that our hands must be untied in order that we put forth all our united efforts as we know how?

If only the American Nurses' Association would take a little more interest in the welfare of their male members I know that our recognition in the armed forces could be a fact and a few more thousand pairs of capable hands could be serving our sick and wounded.—T/3 Anthony J. Livreri, 125th Gen. Hosp.

He Blew His Top

To the B-Bag: Please print this so our boys in the ground forces won't think all AAF personnel are like the "underpaid transport pilot."

There are approximately 2,000 Happy Warriors at this station awaiting to be Z'd and every one of the guys I've talked to blew his top on reading that stupid jerk's letter.—Capt., Fighter Pilot.

Retreat Ceremonies

To the B-Bag: Can anyone really justify the retreat ceremony in the American Army? Most officers, including West Pointers, as well as enlisted men usually run for cover when they hear the announcement to stand by.

We were the first to denounce comparable Nazi demonstrations. So what if it is a tradition? It still looks pretty foolish. I dislike any saluting because of a religious belief but evidently others have reasons for avoiding retreat too.

Few Points but a Point

To the B-Bag: Is there to be no limit to the amount of overseas service required for officers? There must be many who, like myself, have three years' overseas service (but few points) and little prospect of getting home soon.

A Poetical Lament

To the B-Bag: The chicken we get each day and night, Is not the kind that we can bite.

It's chicken, chicken everywhere, 'Cept on my plate, it's seldom there. Cause the stuff I mean comes from brass, And gives me a pain and no pass.

A Sgt., Hq. Sq., 8th AF.

'A Guide That Must Be Used' Truman Hails World Charter As the Guide to Lasting Peace

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27—President Truman brought the historic assemblage of 50 United Nations to a close last night with the declaration that it had created "a great instrument for peace and security and human progress in the world."

Mr. Truman's address brought to a climax the program of 11 addresses by representatives of the U.S., China, the Soviet Union, Britain, France, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and South Africa as the delegates concluded the signing of the World Charter in the near-by Veterans Building.

"If we had had this charter a few years ago—and, above all, the will to use it," Mr. Truman said, "millions now dead would be alive. If we should falter in the future in our will to use it, millions now living will surely die."

Declaring that the "overwhelming sentiment of the people of my country and their representatives in the Senate is in favor of ratification," Mr. Truman promised that the charter would be sent to the Senate at once and urged speedy ratification by all member nations.

He asserted that although powerful military nations, fully equipped and trained, come victorious out of the conflict they have no right to dominate the world. Rather, it is their duty "to assume the responsibility of leadership toward a world of peace," he said.

Mr. Truman emphasized that the charter was only an instrument which can prevent future wars only if there is a will among the nations to use it well. "Otherwise," he said, "we shall betray all those who have died in order that we might meet here in freedom and safety to create it."

"History will honor you for it," he told the delegates. "Between victory in Europe and final victory in Japan in this most destructive of all wars, you have won a victory against war itself."

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius

Yank at Oxford Is a Student On Army Time

By William E. Taylor

OXFORD, June 27—A GI agile enough to survive Oxford's bicycle traffic and fortunate enough to come across the resident who can direct him to Balliol College will find education a wonderful thing, especially when it can be absorbed in an atmosphere of tradition and friendliness—and on Army time.

Which is what 20 Yanks, from captain down to platoon including two nurses, are doing here this week, along with 43 other members of Allied services. All of them are attending a six-day course at Oxford University under an arrangement among the various services, the university and the Westminster Fund, whose financial aid makes the course possible.

Balliol was founded about 1265 through a fund given, apparently grudgingly, by John de Balliol, who tangled with his neighbor, the Bishop of Durham, and, losing out, was ordered scourged and forced by the bishop to endow a place at Oxford for poor scholars. A later endowment, granted willingly by his widow in the hope that heaven would look kindly upon her departed spouse, who didn't last long after his clash with the clergy, provided such scholars with eight pence weekly. Eight pence, presumably, would buy more at that time than the swig of bitter such a sum would buy now. Not that it takes much money to attend today's short courses—three pounds 12 shillings for officers, one pound 12 shillings for EMTs.

This is the 80th weekly course and thus far nearly 6,000 members of the Allied forces have attended.

On Detached Service

Americans attend the courses—whose purpose broadly is to promote a better common understanding among the Allied peoples—on duty status, coming here on detached service. Formerly they could only do so on leave or furlough.

Oxford University is a collection of buildings in varied architectural styles, some lichened ones dating back for centuries, some a mere 100 years old and showing their youth. The university, consisting of 26 colleges and halls, sprawls through the busy city of Oxford. And it is a busy city. To one undaunted by either Broadway or Shaftesbury Ave., crossing through Oxford's bicycle streams is like trying to cross Madison Square Garden's six-day bike track when the pack is coming by.

The brief service courses are held at Balliol, which is one of the three oldest colleges in the university and was considered the most suitable because it has the reputation of being the most cosmopolitan. The service courses bear that out. In the group of Yanks, Britons, Canadians and Poles here this week are lawyers, musicians, salesmen and teachers—and a newspaperman.

One of the best traditions at Oxford is that students are not forced to study but learn what's needed by discussion among themselves, guided by a tutor who "smokes at them" once a week. That quote, from Stephen Leacock's description of Oxford, was given to the group this week by at least three of the lecturers—which proves that all three had read Leacock and that there must have been some truth to what he wrote.

That tradition holds for the service courses. No Yank need be alarmed that he will have any alien tenets crammed into him. He may listen to his neighbors, sound them out, snort at them, agree with them or go boating alone if he likes. But the very fact that persons of diverse nationalities, backgrounds and interests can get together and talk and smoke at each other makes these short courses one of the Army's best experiments in promoting soldier education.

Still, the City Definitely Doesn't Stink Death Smell Still Pervades The Ruins That Were Budapest

By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BUDAPEST, June 20 (delayed)—This city reminds you of an elaborately iced wedding cake someone has stepped on.

Budapest's creamy architecture, which might have been squeezed from a pastryman's tube, is now shell-stained and crumbled. The famed bridges which once spanned the Danube between Pest and Buda now sag brokenly in the river. Elizabeth Bridge, which was only partially destroyed, has been ingeniously repaired by Russian engineers and now is crowned with huge portraits of Molotov and Stalin.

Col. Dallas S. Townsend, who drove Associated Press Correspondent Abe Goldberg and myself through the city in our first tour of Budapest, said thousands of corpses were still buried under Budapest's collapsed buildings. As we drove through the streets we could smell them.

Townsend pointed at two corpses which had drifted down the Danube and now rested against the remnants of a wharf near the river bank. He said they were probably bodies of victims of Hungarian Nylasis, who had murdered thousands of Budapest citizens and thrown their bodies into the Danube. Everyone in Budapest agrees that the Nylasis, whose insignia is the crossed arrows, were even greater thugs than the Nazis.

About the rarest sight in Budapest, aside from an undamaged building, is an American soldier. Thirty-two GIs and 16 officers comprise the American section of the Allied Control Commission here. Budapest is filled with Russian soldiers and Hungarian troops who guard the headquarters of Russia's famed Marshal Voroshilov, senior officer of the Allied Control Commission.

The only other Americans in town, aside from the military mission, are a

handful of GIs and civilians who work for the American State Department.

In Budapest everyone walks in the middle of the street to avoid being buried alive in case of falling buildings. Considerable progress has been made in clearing debris.

It is compulsory for all Budapest civilians to labor on cleanup details. Many of the women we saw working with shovels worked in afternoon dresses and high heels.

The amazing thing about Budapest girls is that in spite of the horror they have lived through they are now as chic and immaculate as the women of Paris. Their costumes are gay and somehow they manage to add a touch of gypsy which is enchanting. It is quite a problem apportioning 32 GIs to several hundred thousand Hungarian girls who are anxious to meet them.

"I am sick of women," said Seaman Dan Webster, of Los Angeles, who is attached to the naval section of the American mission.

Yanks in Budapest are living in palatial style, due to the fact that property owners are glad to have the Americans rent-free in the finest apartments—to prevent their property from being looted.

Bond Contest Ends in 9 Days

There are still nine days to go before The Stars and Stripes War Bond Contest closes.

"Every entry is read by one of the judges and the best ones are reread and discussed by all the judges during their conferences," Col. Jefferson H. Fulton, Theater War Bond and Insurance officer, emphasized yesterday.

"There is no sampling of entries, so all letters submitted get fair and careful consideration," he added.

There are no strings and no red tape. As long as you have bought a War Bond since May 1 or are buying bonds on allotment, you can enter the contest—if you're not AWOL or in the clink. And your entry counts as long as it is postmarked before midnight, July 7.

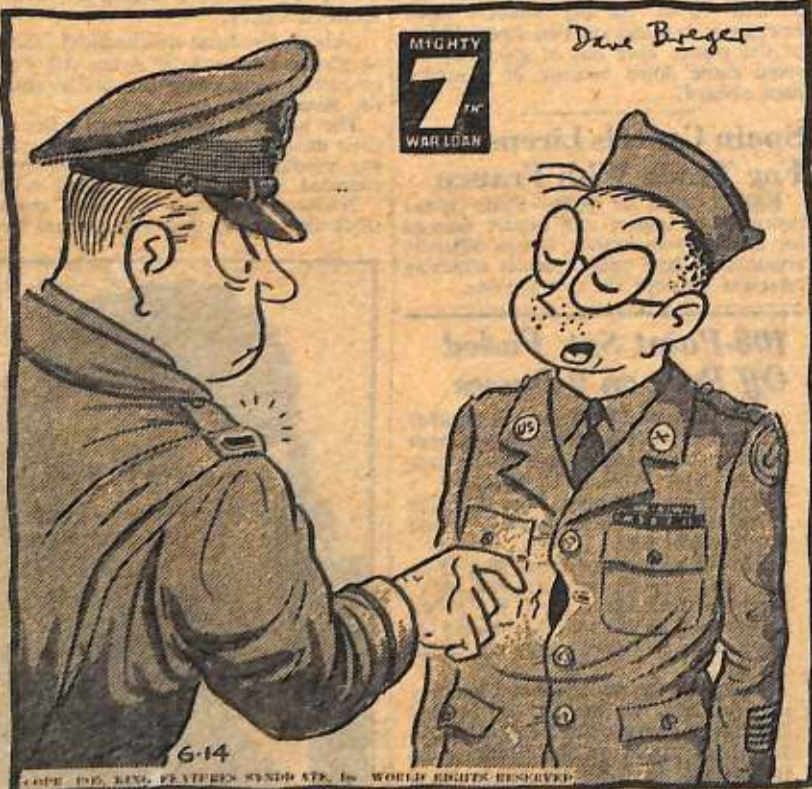
AFN Radio Program

Table listing AFN Radio Program for Thursday, June 28 and Friday, June 29. Includes times and program titles like 'World News', 'Duffie Box', 'J. C. Thomas', etc.

Not much time left, so contest officials urge you to enter NOW.

Here are the contest rules:

- 1—The Stars and Stripes War Bond Contest is open to all military personnel in the ETO except those serving sentences, AWOL or deserters. 2—Prizes will be awarded to those submitting the best letters on the subject: "MY SAVINGS AND POST-WAR PLANS." 3—Letters must be not fewer than 50 words nor more than 250 words in length. 4—Literary style, punctuation, spelling or kind of stationery will not be considered in awarding prizes. Letters may be written with either pen, pencil or typewriter. 5—Following the signature each letter must contain one of these three statements: a—I have a Class B (War Bond) Allotment in force. b—I have taken out a new Class B (War Bond) Allotment. c—I have purchased a War Bond since May 1, 1945. 6—Name, serial number and APO address must be placed on the upper right corner of each letter. 7—If more than one sheet of paper is used, they must be mailed in the same envelope. 8—Letters must be addressed to WAR BOND CONTEST, APO 887. Letters must be post-marked on or before July 7, 1945. 9—Winning letters will be judged by a board chosen from the Air Forces, Ground Forces and Service Forces. 10—The decision of the judges will be final. They may elect to decide ties, if any, by lot. All letters become the property of the sponsoring agencies.



"Lieutenant, Sir, you'll find, as you grow older, how less and less important such little things become!"

An Editorial VD Treatment vs. Punishment

RECENT statistics indicate a dramatic, if not alarming, increase in the venereal-disease rate since the end of hostilities in Europe.

The increase may be explained in part by the fact that millions of men have been released from the restrictions of the line and are again circulating in mixed company. It is understandable that a small percentage of them, keyed up and overstimulated by the recurring hazards of combat, are finding themselves subject to physical temptation.

We are not being facetious about this, nor are we attempting to encourage social habits contrary to moral standards. It is simply recognized that the venereal rate is climbing, now that peace has come, and that sensible precautions must be taken to protect the health of the command.

Specifically, it is felt that the medical department should not be handicapped in its work of prevention or treatment by misunderstandings which arise when over zealous officers impose penalties—some of them ridiculous—on men who report themselves for medical care.

One misunderstanding which may have contributed to the sharp VD increase in Germany was the widely-held belief that if a man requested prophylactic treatment after exposure, he would automatically be found guilty of fraternization.

In the interest of military health, it was directed by high authority that medical records would not be used in these court-martial cases, and we are assured that no medic in Germany has been asked to peach on his patients. This is in keeping with medical ethics and leaves the doctors free to do the work for which they are commissioned. It is to be hoped that those men who have the bad judgment to engage in clandestine fraternization will at least have the good judgment to check in with the medics and take care of themselves.

Aside from the non-fraternization angle, however, is the fact (indicated by numerous letters received from the field) that some commanders in Germany, as well as elsewhere in the Theater, are making it difficult for men to receive proper treatment by dreaming up irregular and sometimes weird punishment for venereal victims.

The most common complaint received is that men are "busted" from their ratings on the grounds of "inefficiency." It has been argued at length by some that anyone who contracts VD is inefficient, per se, and is undesirable as a non-commissioned officer on moral grounds.

The War Department has long since settled this discussion with emphatic regulations in favor of the offender (not on moral grounds but in the interest of health) and any commander who breaks a man solely because he has disturbed the organization's VD record is violating the spirit as well as the letter of War Department directives.

ANOTHER complaint is that group punishment is imposed on entire units because one or more men have reported at sick call. These punishments take the form of pass restrictions, extra duty for entire outfits, and such devices as (in one case) a "hostage" plan under which an entire platoon has to submit to a week's series of lectures during off-duty hours on sex hygiene and the prevention and control of venereal diseases. Confining a whole platoon to camp because of one man's misstep is, it would seem, a violation of sound military practice.

Another unit, according to report, has set aside special VD tents, vaguely reminiscent of the stocks of Colonial days, where patients are publicly quarantined and subjected to the salty abuse of their compatriots.

The number of complaints received does not indicate that this situation is general, and it appears that most commanding officers are attacking the problem through sound medical channels.

But any type of punishment which drives afflicted men underground, discourages prophylaxis and encourages self-treatment will increase rather than control the venereal rate. It seems reasonable to suggest that in the period ahead commanders view the problem with sympathy and give the medics a chance to do their work properly and out in the open.

Luxury Liner Saturnia Now a U.S. Hospital Ship NEW YORK, June 27 (AP)—The former Italian liner Saturnia, one of the largest diesel-engined ships in the world, has been taken over by the U.S. Army and converted into the world's largest and fastest hospital ship. Renamed the Frances Y. Slinger, in honor of the first American Army nurse killed in the ETO, with facilities for 1,776 patients, the Saturnia will head for the Pacific in a few days.



Yanks Edge Browns, 5-4, Lag by Game

ST. LOUIS, June 27—Joe McCarthy's Yankees won their first game at St. Louis this season last night, defeating the Browns, 5-4, to pull to within a game of the league-leading Tigers.

Bill Zuber was credited with the victory, taking the mound in the sixth after Walt Dubiel was removed for a pinch-hitter. Zuber allowed only two of the Browns' eight hits and won his own game in the eighth with a single.

The Bombers landed on Al Hollingsworth and Tex Shirley for a dozen bingles, getting four of them, including a double and triple, off Holly in the first frame for two runs.

After Hollingsworth had allowed another run in the second he got the thumb and his mates bounced back to tie the count in the third on two singles, a wild pitch, an infield out and a long fly. The Browns took the lead in the fifth with Shirley's second single starting off the inning and a single by George McQuinn finally bringing him home.

The Yanks tied it up again in the sixth when Oscar Grimes walked, Bud Metheny singled and George Stirweiss beat out a hit to short, and the Bombers pushed over the deciding marker in the eighth on three singles.

Schneider Hits Par to Pace Links Play

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BOURNEMOUTH, June 27—Defying a stiff southern wind and the undulating Queen's Park course, S/Sgt. Ralph Schneider, of Cleveland, equaled par 75 to pace the field at the half-way mark of the 36-hole U.K. Com Z base golf tournament today.

Hot on Schneider's heels were Charles Wiperman, Harrisburg, Pa., pro, with a 41, 35, 76 card, and Capt. James R. Erwin, Tampa, Fla., amateur, who racked up a 38, 39, 77 total.

Wiperman, who served as an assistant to Henry Picard at the Harrisburg Country Club, toured the inside nine in 35 strokes, one of the best rounds of the day. In the pro division Wiperman holds a three-stroke lead over Joe Fiori, New York money player who negotiated the 18 holes in 79 strokes.

Such pre-tournament favorites as Capt. Roland Schwartz, of Chicago; Capt. Robert E. Whiting, of Detroit; Capt. William Stember, of Miami, and Cpl. Michael Dietz, of Detroit, were virtually eliminated from the running with scores ranging from 82 to 85.

Schneider claimed no outstanding achievement as a civilian golfer, although he competed in three national public links tournaments. His best effort landed him in the third round.

Going out, the pace-setter was even with par on five holes and birdied two for his par 36. Three times he went over par on the inside, but pulled up even with par by collecting three birdies for a 39.

Queens Park club pro John Doe said that his course is the toughest in southern England. It's 6,650 yards long with plenty of heather on either side of the fairways.

Schneider need not be concerned over Wiperman, as the latter is a pro and not in the scramble for the amateur title. However, it would be an additional feather in his cap if he led both divisions.

Those carding 90 or under to qualify for the final round were:

Ralph Schneider, Cleveland—36, 39, 75; Sgt. Charles Wiperman, Harrisburg, Pa.—41, 35, 76; James Erwin, Tampa, Fla.—38, 39, 77; Sgt. Joe Fiori, New York—41, 38, 79; Samuel Moskowitz, White Plains, N.Y.—39, 41, 80; George Pino, N. Tarrytown, N.Y.—40, 40, 80; Lewis A. Dastanathury, Los Angeles—41, 39, 80; Dick Demane, Port Chester, N.Y.—40, 40, 80; Eli Onich, Gary, Ind.—40, 41, 81; Ernest Tarrin, Washington—40, 41, 81; T. L. Wientes, Jacksonville, Fla.—40, 41, 81; R. L. Austin, Boston—42, 40, 82; William Jamison, Tuscaloosa, Ala.—41, 41, 82; William Stember, Miami—40, 42, 82; Philip Wilson, New York—40, 43, 83; Robert McEntrick, Portland, Ore.—39, 44, 83; Edmund Raymond, Rockaway, N.Y.—42, 41, 83; Frank Casselini, San Francisco—40, 43, 83; John Keyser, Marshalltown, Iowa—42, 42, 84; I. Solomon, Newcastle, Pa.—42, 42, 84; Allen Pollack, Cleveland—43, 41, 84; Roger Convey, New Britain, Conn.—40, 44, 84; Gordon Hunt, Rochester, N.Y.—38, 46, 84; Michael Dietz, Detroit—43, 41, 84; Ronald Schwartz, Chicago—43, 41, 84; George Macken—39, 46, 85; Walter Luddie, New Britain, Conn.—43, 42, 85; Francis McArdle, Newton, Mass.—41, 44, 85; Neil McDowell, Pontiac, Mich.—40, 45, 85; O. Quilt, Casper, Wyo.—42, 44, 86; Garlen Helmar, Springfield, Mass.—45, 41, 86; Windsor Warden, San Francisco—40, 46, 86; Henry Whiseman, Washington—41, 45, 86; Roy Fraser, Manchester, Conn.—40, 46, 86; Charlie Davis, Birch Grove, Ind.—43, 43, 86; Earl Skinker—45, 41, 86; James Caperson—44, 42, 86; Robert Whiting, Detroit—40, 46, 86; Cliff Bruneau, New Haven, Conn.—43, 43, 86; Don Stemple, Lancaster, Ohio—42, 46, 88; Donald Trautbill, Albany, Mo.—42, 45, 87; Vincent Sanpeter, Quincy, Mass.—43, 45, 88; Frank Lawson, Norfolk, Va.—44, 44, 88; Cleo Pentecost, White Plains, N.Y.—45, 43, 88; Arthur Wheeler, Buffalo, N.Y.—45, 43, 88; W. P. Moffitt Jr., High Point, N.C.—41, 48, 89; L. W. Engelbrecht, Houston, Texas—45, 44, 89; Lloyd LeGate, Muskogee, Okla.—42, 47, 89; Harold Engleson, Slough, Wis.—45, 45, 90; S. B. Anderson—46, 44, 90; George Kellough, New York—40, 50, 90; Andrew E. Herchik, Youngstown, Ohio—51, 39, 90; George Orisko, Detroit—41, 49, 90; John J. Gonchey—44, 46, 90.

16 Champs to Compete In National AAU Meet

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP)—Though the war has taken a terrific toll of the nation's track and field athletes, 16 champions will take part in the 57th annual National AAU outdoor meet at Randalls Island Friday and Saturday. Eleven of the rulers will defend 12 outdoor crowns while the other five won indoor honors last February.

Elmore Harris, only double winner at last year's meet, will defend both his 400-meter run and 200-meter low hurdles titles. He represents the Shore AC of Long Branch, N.J.

Four men who retained championships last season and who will be on hand again are Arky Erwin, New Orleans AC, 400-meter hurdles; Earl Audet, University of Southern California, shot put; Henry Dreyer, New York AC, hammer throw, and Frank Berst, New York AC, 56-pound weight.

NYAC Out for Team Title

Jim Rafferty, 5,000-meter winner last time, hopes to insure the New York AC another team crown. Besides defending his laurels he plans to run 1,500 meters against Ens. Bill Hulse, defending titlist and former teammate.

Other outdoor champions who have informed national secretary Dan Ferris they will be back are Robert Kelley, University of Illinois, 800 meters; Fred Sharaga, 92nd St. YMHA, New York, 3,000-meter walk; William Lund, of Cleveland, now a Columbia midshipman, running broad jump, and Sgt. Don Barksdale, Camp Lee, Va., running hop, step and jump.

National indoor winners competing include Bill Bangert, U. of Missouri, shot put and discus; Cpl. Barney Ewell, Camp Kiler, N.J., broad jump and sprint; Ken Wiesner, Marquette, high jump; William Moore, Western Michigan, pole vault, and Joe Mogyesy, New York AC, mile walk.

Bangert, who had a Metropolitan Opera audition last season, plans to study music here this summer.



ETO Title Play For Wimbledon

The famous Wimbledon tennis courts will be the scene of the ETO tennis championships on Aug. 15, it was revealed yesterday by Special Service athletic officials.

The first step to reach the finals starts in the U.K. Com Z base tournament, scheduled to be held over the Bournemouth West Hants club July 10-14.

U.K. base singles and doubles champions will qualify for the Com Z theater finals to be held somewhere on the Continent late next month.

The U.K. tournament is restricted to amateurs, with pro players acting as coaches and officials.

Entries from Com Z and Air Force personnel must be sent to the Athletic Section, HQ, U.K. Base, APO 413. The deadline is July 5.



War's Inroads Turn National From Pitchers' to Hitters' Loop

NEW YORK, June 27—Among other strange things that war has brought about is the transformation of the National League into a hitters' loop. And just to make the transformation complete as far as the majors are concerned, the American League, long a hitters' paradise, now sees the hurlers holding a definite edge.

The National circuit has, for the first time since '29, a distinct batting edge over the junior loop—261 to 246—and has 17,300 hitters against eight for the Americans. Last year was the only one in the past 15 that the National outbatted the American, and then only by one point.

Looking over the reasons for this about face in both circuits, one finds that the war took from the American League such renowned sluggers as Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Hank Greenberg, Tommy Henrich, Charlie Keller, Joe Gordon, Cecil Travis, Buddy Lewis, Pinky Higgins, Dick Wakefield and others.

With few exceptions the National League slugging brigade has remained, but such name pitchers as Johnny Vander Meer, Clyde Shoun and Harry Gumbert of the Reds, Johnny Beazley, Howie Pollet, Ernie White, George Munger and Max Lanier of the Cards, Hal Schumacher of the Giants, Hi Bithorn of the Cubs, Ken Heintzelman and Bob Klinger of the Pirates, Lairy French and Kirby Hight of the Dodgers, and Hugh Mulcahy and Tommy Hughes of the Phillies are now wearing Uncle Sam's uniforms.

Top-flight National batsmen such as Mel Ott, Ernie Lombardi, Joe Medwick, Bill Nicholson, Phil Cavarretta, Bob Elliott, Whitey Kurowski, Ray Sanders, Dixie Walker, Augie Galan and Frank McCormick, who for years have been plaguing rival hurlers, are still around.

Another reason for the rise in National

League hitters is a dearth of left-hand pitchers. There are only four or five regularly starting southpaws in the loop, and that left-hand batters have pounced on this weakness is attested to by the fact that four of the first five leading hitters are port-side swingers.



American League

New York 5	St. Louis 4 (night)
Other teams not scheduled.	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Detroit . 35 22 .614	Washington 27 28 .491
New York 34 23 .596	St. Louis 25 30 .455
Boston . 30 27 .526	Cleveland 23 31 .426
Chicago . 31 28 .525	Philadelphia 20 36 .357

National League

No games scheduled.					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	
Brooklyn . 37 22 .627	Chicago . 29 25 .537	St. Louis . 33 25 .569	Boston . 28 28 .500		
Pittsburgh . 32 26 .552	Cincinnati . 24 30 .444	New York . 33 28 .541	Philadelphia 16 48 .250		
Pittsburgh at New York					
Cincinnati at Boston					
Chicago at Brooklyn					
St. Louis at Philadelphia					

GIs Invited to Watch Wimbledon Netmen Drill

GIs are invited to watch members of the U.S. and British Empire tennis teams work out on the No. 1 Wimbledon tennis club court today and tomorrow from 2 PM to 6 PM. The two clubs clash in an international match at Wimbledon Saturday.

Col. Ramsey Potts, of Memphis, Tenn., and Pvt. Tom Falkenberg, of Los Angeles, were added to the U.S. roster yesterday. They will be reserve players.

Buddy Lewis Due For Army Discharge

WASHINGTON, June 27—Shirley Povich, sports columnist of the Washington Post, wrote yesterday that he had learned authoritatively that Capt. John "Buddy" Lewis, former Senator star, will be released from the Army next month.

Povich said that Lewis, stationed at an airfield near Indianapolis after service as an Army Transport pilot in India, will be released within 30 days and will return to the Senators immediately.

Lewis, 28, joined the Air Force in '41. He has a life-time batting average of over .300 and played both right field and third base before entering the service.

U.K. SPORTS MIRROR

THE 2nd BAD WARRIORS rolled to their ninth straight baseball triumph behind the pitching of Cpl. Bill Kelleher, of Birmingham, Ala., and T/5 Jim Walsh, of Minneapolis, this week, whaling the ASC Derby All-Stars, 16-0. In winning the Warriors collected a total of 20 hits, including homers by Cpl. George Jensen, of New York; Sgt. Boyd Durrant, of American Fork, Utah, and Cpl. Dino Bastillo, of Shreveport, La.

S/Sgt. Herb Jenkins, of Maiden, N.C., and T/4 Gabriel Doucet, of Lafayette, La., combined to give the Station 583 ORD MULE nine a 6-2 win over Station 583 in the BADA loop. Jenkins fanned nine in hurling the Mules to their second win against no losses while Doucet collected three hits in four trips and drove in three runs.

Sgt. Cy Greenlaw, of Tacoma, Wash., former minor leaguer and property of the Boston Red Sox, fanned 18 and scattered eight hits as he pitched the 20th MUSTANG SKYLINERS to an 11-4 nod over Robert's Rangers of the 364th Fighter Gp. Leading hitters in the Sky-

liners' eighth triumph against three set-backs were Cpl. Clarence Schultz, of Milwaukee, who got three for three, and Sgt. Russ McCalla, of Ann Arbor, Mich., with a homer and double.

The 433rd PORT COMPANY softball team is looking for tougher competition in South Wales after racking up 11 consecutive victories. The team's pitchers—Pfc. Edward Brown, of Rochester, N.Y., and Cpl. Fred Thomas, of Independence, Mo.—both have several shutouts to their credit.

Feller Fans 9 Red Sox As Bluejackets Win, 3-2

GREAT LAKES, Ill., June 27—Bobby Feller, former Cleveland fireballer, looked like his old self here yesterday as he whipped his fast one by the Red Sox for nine strikeouts in hurling the Great Lakes Bluejackets to a 3-2 victory.

Feller allowed only five hits as his mates salted the game away in the third inning by jumping on Jack Heflin for all their runs.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Chester Gould

Minor League Results

W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Toronto 8-6, Jersey City 2-1	Indians 38 25 .603	St. Paul . 30 30 .500	St. Louis . 28 27 .510
Rochester 4, Newark 3	Louisville 37 27 .578	Columbus 28 37 .431	Cincinnati . 24 30 .444
Syracuse 5, Buffalo 3	Milwaukee 34 25 .576	Minneapolis 26 35 .426	Pittsburgh . 32 26 .552
Montreal 12-5, Buffalo 2-8	Toledo . 33 29 .532	Kansas City 21 39 .350	New York . 33 28 .541
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Montreal . 42 22 .656	Toronto . 28 28 .500	Atlanta 5, Nashville 2	Mobile 2, Memphis 1
Newark . 33 25 .569	Rochester . 23 25 .479	New Orleans 9, Little Rock 3	Birmingham 8, Chattanooga 3
Jersey City 34 26 .567	Syracuse . 21 32 .375	Mobile 2, Memphis 1	Birmingham 8, Chattanooga 3
Buffalo . 34 27 .557	Buffalo . 19 36 .345	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Eastern League			
Williamsport 7-3, Elmira 4-4	Portland 5, Sacramento 1	San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 4	Oakland 8, Hollywood 6
Seranton 8, Wilkes-Barre 4	San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 4	Oakland 8, Hollywood 6	Seattle, San Diego not scheduled.
Albany 7-4, Binghamton 1-0	Portland . 52 32 .619	Sacramento 41 45 .477	Seattle . 45 37 .550
Utica, Hartford, postponed, rain.	San Francisco 44 41 .518	San Diego 32 53 .376	Oakland . 44 43 .506
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Albany . 30 21 .588	Seranton . 23 24 .489	Portland . 45 37 .550	San Francisco 44 41 .518
Williamsport 26 21 .553	Elmira . 23 25 .479	San Francisco 44 41 .518	San Diego 32 53 .376
Wilkes-Barre 26 21 .553	Utica . 21 25 .457	Seattle . 45 37 .550	Hollywood 32 53 .376
Hartford . 23 20 .535	Binghamton 14 19 .326	Oakland . 44 43 .506	Hollywood 32 53 .376
American Association			
Louisville 12, Milwaukee 6	Indianapolis 11, Kansas City 0		
Other games postponed, rain.			

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp

Around the 48 Yesterday

Navy Urged to Adopt Point Discharge Plan

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The Navy should adopt a point system similar to the Army's—"even if it is necessary to obtain replacements through the draft," Rep. Margaret Chase Smith (R.-Me.) said in a letter to Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal. Rep. Smith declared that a "major problem of morale has resulted from the lack of such a plan."
The Congresswoman argued that "many (Navy men) have served longer and experienced more combat and thus amassed more points under the Army system than soldiers in the Pacific now being released."

Dying Mother of 5 GIs Robbed

CHICAGO (ANS)—Police sought a thief who robbed the mother of five overseas veterans as she lay dying in the street—a victim of an automobile accident.
The body of the woman remained unidentified for 12 hours in the county morgue because her purse, with its identifying papers, was stolen. She was identified by her husband James as Mrs. Catherine Byrom, 58. Her husband said she also had been robbed of a diamond wrist watch, a gift from her five sons.
The driver of the automobile told police a gust of rain jammed his windshield wiper and made visibility impossible for a few seconds before the accident. Police said he told them he left the scene to notify them of the accident while a passerby stood guard and when he returned the "guard" was gone.

Merle Oberon Remarries

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—Actress Merle Oberon, recently divorced from Sir Alexander Korda, was married by proxy to Lucien Ballard, a Hollywood cameraman.

The Body 'Unbeautiful'

MIAMI (ANS)—Physical culturist and magazine czar Bernard Macfadden testified in a divorce suit hearing that the failure of his wife to keep her "body beautiful, trim and healthy" in the late years of their 32-year-old married life caused frequent bickering.
Macfadden said his wife had complied in every way with his teachings when they were first married and had helped him to become a success.
"Later, however, she did not follow my instructions as to her own body," he said. "I wanted her to be an example of my work and a credit to me."

Rolling Pin Action Urged

DETROIT (ANS)—Housewives here were urged from Washington to solve the city's meat shortage by "taking a rolling pin or frying pan in hand and laying down the law to their husbands if they were striking." The advice came from Rep. Clare Hoffman (R.-Mich.), telling the House of news stories from Detroit last week that the "CIO was marching on the City Hall protesting the lack of meat, while in other parts of the city, the union was on strike in slaughtering houses," the Congressman said.
"If the federal government with all its power cannot get those who obstruct the slaughter of cattle and delivery of meat out of the way so that the housewife can feed her children, I am sure that if they will turn the situation over to the wives and mothers it will be solved without delay."
Meanwhile, county and state police in Michigan reported increasing activity by cattle and chicken thieves. They said three men were caught herding 30 cows into a corner of a pasture; chicken thieves were using chloroform or gas to prevent chickens from awakening their owners.

Strike Shuts Biggest Ford Plant

DETROIT (UP)—The River Rouge plant, largest Ford factory, shut down after 8,000 workers walked out in a strike reported growing out of the increasing battle for supremacy between the AFL and CIO. The strikers alleged that Ford was employing AFL labor on reconversion jobs at higher wages in a plan to weaken the United Automobile Workers (CIO).
Most of the workers, however, were expected back at their jobs Thursday.
The walkout boosted to 50,000 the number of strikers in Detroit and to about 100,000 those idle from strikes and walkouts throughout the country. While a Detroit industrial official described the strikes here as "tragic folly," a government spokesman in Washington said there was no immediate prospect for checking the rising labor strife.

Wife Cries 'Lie!' at Slaying Hearing

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Mrs. Imogene Stevens, who is held on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death Saturday night of Albert Kovacs, 19-year-old sailor, heard a police lieutenant testify that she had told him she had drunk at least ten beers before the shooting.
But the highlight of a coroner's inquest into the death of the Pacific veteran, whom Mrs. Stevens said she shot in self defense when she found him in a neighbor's home, apparently without permission, came when she sobbed, "That's a lie!" to testimony that she gave no warning before firing three shots.
Mrs. Stevens, wife of an Army major overseas, sat tensely as Kovacs' brother James told Coroner Theodore Steiber that he and Albert had come to call on Faith Coombs, a maid employed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milton, next-door neighbors to Mrs. Stevens. Mrs. Stevens, with a pistol her husband had given her, said previously she went to the Milton home to investigate what she thought was an intrusion by burglars.
James testified that Mrs. Stevens ordered them to leave after telling them the maid had gone out with someone else. Albert turned in disbelief to look upstairs, James said, and the witness said then he "heard a shot." It was at this point in the proceedings that Mrs. Stevens cried out, "That isn't so! He knows that's a lie!"
James said that after the first shot he ran to his brother's aid. She fired again, he said, and commanded, "Take him out of here." Then, James continued, came the third shot, after which Mrs. Stevens cried, "Now will you get him out of here?"
At no time did he or his brother provoke Mrs. Stevens, James said. Mrs. Stevens did not testify.

Seared Carrier Limpers In

BREMERTON, Wash., June 27 (UP)—Torn by gaping wounds and with a casualty list numbering 363 dead, 19 missing and 264 injured as the result of attacks by Japanese suicide planes off Okinawa May 11, the U.S. aircraft carrier Bunker Hill, charred and battered, arrived here under her own power today.
The vessel at the time of the attack was the flagship of Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, former commander of Task Force 58. One Jap bomb struck only 20 feet from Mitscher. He escaped unhurt but three officers and 11 men from his personal staff were killed.
After unloading one 500-pound bomb apiece, two Jap planes dived down on the carrier, the first ploughing into 34 American aircraft set to take off. Instantly, bombs and rockets exploded everywhere and burning gasoline cascaded over the ship.
For six hours, crew members battled the blazes, with Mitscher directing the fire-fighting for three hours before he was transferred to a destroyer.
The Bunker Hill listed badly. As she drifted to within 60 miles of a Japanese suicide plane base at Kikai, the carrier's captain, George Seitz, ordered a 70-degree turn which dumped most of the blazing debris into the sea.
The crew, some only semi-conscious and with clothes burned from their backs, put out the remaining fires. By then, the entire flight deck had been turned into charcoal and 70 planes were a mass of molten metal.



WOOF PACK: Know there's a war on? That's like asking Nipper (left) and his better half, Scrappy, how many times Rin-Tin-Tin won the Derby. Nipper and Scrappy relax on their front lawn at a Pacific Coast Guard radio station, in the shadow of a service poster bearing 17 paw-prints, their 17 sons and daughters serving as mascots aboard Coast Guard ships in Pacific fighting areas.

Circus for the Doughs

Big Top and No Kicks

GOTHA, Germany, June 27 (AP)—The circus has come to town for doughs of the 102nd Infantry Division—and to stay. Night after night, in the Western Thuringia area occupied by the division, the Hargy Williams Circus performs for their benefit with a troupe including four elephants, a dozen white horses and 76 polyglot artists.

U.S. Is Itching To Get Joyce

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP)—Attorney General Francis J. Biddle said today that if the British courts decided that William (Lord Haw Haw) Joyce was not a British subject, the U.S. would "grab him quick." He said he was convinced Joyce was either a British or an American traitor, and if the British disowned him, the U.S. would seek to bring him to trial for treason.
A check of Brooklyn (N.Y.) birth records showed that a William Joyce was born there Apr. 24, 1906. Joyce has admitted this, but has also claimed to be a British subject and a German citizen.

You CAN Take Reich's Radium

PARIS, June 27—The Army is encouraging troops leaving the ETO to take with them German pistols, cameras, binoculars and certain other war trophies, Com Z headquarters disclosed today.
The policy, it was said, is that "troops leaving the theater be allowed to retain war trophies to the fullest extent practicable with safety to life and property."
Items, including bullets which contain explosives, may not be taken out of the theater. Neither may non-military items be removed from enemy dead. The latter is a prohibition imposed by the Geneva Convention.
There is no limit to the size and quantity of trophies except that imposed by baggage requirements prescribed in shipping orders. Trophies must be accompanied by a statement from the soldier's officer saying that they do not contain explosives or contravene other regulations.

Scourge of Norway

Lady in Black Trips Up Nazis

OSLO, June 27 (UP)—A story is going around here about a mysterious woman in a black hood, known only as Frau X, who is spreading terror among the Gestapo and SS men awaiting trial in prison camps for war crimes.
She is said to know the identity of all the leading war criminals in Norway. She spreads terror among them by pointing them out, despite their disguises, as Allied officials comb prison camps for them.
Frau X wears a long, dark overcoat, heavy boots and a thick black hood. She goes along with Allied officials when they stage night raids in the camps in an effort to surprise the war criminals as they hide out in German army uniforms and try to pass themselves off as soldiers.
Hans Zeidler, commandant of the Grini concentration camp and known as the Grini Gorilla, was identified by Frau X despite his disguise in a Luftwaffe corporal's uniform.

Terry and the Pirates



Jap Chiefs Died On Okinawa in Hara-Kiri Rite

OKINAWA, June 27—The Japanese commander on Okinawa and his chief of staff committed suicide in hara-kiri ceremonies when their last stronghold was surrounded. Their bodies have been found in shallow rock graves at the southern tip of the island.
Col. Cecil W. Nist, of Salem, Ore., 24th Army Corps staff officer, said the bodies, in full field uniforms with medals and insignia, had been identified positively as those of Lt. Gens. Mitsuru Ushijima, commander of the 32nd Jap Army, and Isamu Cho, the chief of staff.
The hara-kiri ceremony, Jap prisoners related, started at 10 PM June 21, when the two generals ate an elaborate dinner, with artillery shaking the area as American marines pressed through the Jap lines. Five hours later the commanders emerged and walked to a ledge outside the mouth of a cave. Aides and members of the staff followed.
A white sheet was spread and Mitsuru knelt facing the ocean, with Isamu to his left. Because of the narrowness of the ledge they were unable to face north toward Tokyo and the Imperial Palace, prisoners said.
Aides handed each general a knife carefully wrapped in white. A staff member stood at their backs with his sabre drawn.
With a quick motion, Mitsuru thrust the knife deep into his body and the man behind slashed him across the back of the neck, severing the spinal column. A moment later Isamu died the same way. Orderlies buried the bodies.

Gen. Koenig - - -

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was wondering, now that the war was over, what he was doing here and why he couldn't go home.
"One thing we've learned in this war," Koenig said, "is that the soldier is not a lot of wood or a piece of merchandise. He's anxious to get home and his family wants to see him."
To keep the soldier occupied while he awaits redeployment, the Army has organized a huge information and education program, Koenig declared. Schools, universities and even factories where GIs may meet their opposite numbers in civilian life will be used in England to give the American soldier an "international and United Nations" point of view.
"We can't let any American soldier go back with mental reservations as to the British role in the war," he added. "The American soldier should go back as a friend of Britain."
Koenig assailed reports and rumors of destruction of equipment by Americans. "I have yet to find concrete evidence of that except in very minute proportions," he said. "Any rumors that we burn up uniforms or destroy things deliberately are false. Such acts, if they are being committed, are being committed by saboteurs in uniform and I would like to know about it."
To avoid any suspicion of Americans destroying equipment, Koenig announced he had issued a direct order "today" prohibiting men in his command from destroying "their own property, which by common law they can."
"We are often asked," Koenig declared, "why we brought more supplies to the ETO than we used. You can't foretell in war what the enemy is going to do. The Germans have consistently failed to co-operate with us in our supply problem."
Decisions as to what will be done with the surplus equipment will have to be made in Washington by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Koenig said. "We shall see that no supplies are disadvantageously disposed of."
The economies of England and other countries will be considered in any disposal decisions, he added.
"I am pledged," Koenig emphasized, "that the United States will not take a loss or give anything away in any shape, form or manner."
"Isn't it I am a Shylock, but we were criticized after the last war for giving away thousands of trucks. However, rest assured we do not intend to disrupt Britain's economy or to get rich at her expense."

Eisenhower Reported At Hospital for a Rest

WASHINGTON, June 27 (ANS)—Gen. Eisenhower left Washington for a few days' rest. Although the War Department did not disclose Ike's whereabouts, it was understood that he had gone to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., site of the Army's Ashford General Hospital.