

# Yanks 160 Miles from Berlin

## 3 Airstrips On Okinawa Under U.S.

Tenth Army doughs and Marines who landed on the southwestern side of Okinawa Sunday morning have seized three airstrips and penetrated one-third of the way across the narrow island, heading for the excellent anchorage at Nakagushuku bay, on the east coast, a communique said today. Casualties were light and only scattered resistance was encountered.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced at Guam that the beachheads were secured so quickly under cover of an intense aerial and naval bombardment that the landing of supplies was begun a few hours after the first troops waded ashore. Engineers immediately went to work on the captured airfields.

Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commander of the 3rd Amphibious Marine assault forces, expressed amazement at the ease of the landings and said that, while the coral reefs hampered the movement of amphibious tractors, the vehicles scarcely drew an enemy shot.

Tokyo radio, meanwhile, reported another Allied landing—this time on Kume, most westerly island in the Ryukyu chain, 50 miles west of Okinawa. There was no confirmation of the broadcast.

The 20th Air Force emphasized the narrowing gap between Japan and U.S. air bases with another Superfort raid yesterday on the big Nakajima aircraft engine factory near Tokyo.

On the island of Negros, latest of the Philippines to be invaded, American troops were at the outskirts of Talisay after a gain of five miles from the captured port of Bacolod, on the island's northwest coast.

Gen. MacArthur announced that the Japs have lost an additional 10,971 dead in the last five days. American losses during the same period were 340 killed, 48 missing and 919 wounded.

## Okinawa Good Key to Japan

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (ANS)—Okinawa was described by an official Navy spokesman today as a strategically important central point from which to mount neutralizing air raids and stage attacks on Formosa, the China coast and the main Japanese islands.

While the Tokyo area can be reached by bombers from Saipan and Iwo Jima, he said, "we need a base from which to bomb the interior of Japan."

The spokesman said the island has five good airfields with ample room for more, a number of good anchorages, many good roads, about 30 miles of railroad tracks and several rivers—most of them shallow and capable of being forded.

The southern third of the island's 125 square miles was described as useful terrain; the remainder is rocky and of little use. In 1940 the population was 435,000.

The spokesman doubted the people of Okinawa would be of much help to the Japanese or much hindrance to the U.S. forces. Okinawans are a mixture of Mongolian, Japanese, Malayan and Aino. Until about 75 years ago they were controlled by the Chinese and they have vigorously resisted conversion to Shintoism, a form of imperial ancestor worship believed to be the basis for Japanese fanaticism.

## He Was One Before Hitler

### Nazi Once, Nazi Forever

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LAUTERBACH, Germany, Apr. 1 (delayed)—Alfred Zurtz, who was the Nazi party leader for 175 towns in this area, stood in the rain today and shivered inside the loose and threadbare overcoat he wore as a disguise over his uniform.

Infantrymen of the 4th Armored Division, who had been searching for the 61-year-old Nazi all night, found him hiding in a hay stack at dawn on a farm near here.

The former naval officer, who told interrogators he was a National Socialist before Hitler came into the party, has been thrice decorated in personally signed citations by Der Fuehrer.

"I hope Hitler will be as loyal to his people as I was to mine," said the flabby-jowled old man.

"If you were loyal to your people why did you hide in a hay stack and desert them when the Americans came?" asked the interpreter.

"I wanted to see my wife," the Nazi said. "I had not seen her in two days."

"The slave laborers you had under you

## The Rot Is Setting In



The hungry have no respect for age or infirmity when there's a chance to swell a contracting stomach. An old lady in a German town gets the worst of it in a fight for food left behind by the retreating German Army.

## Reds Near Jugo Border; Converging on Vienna

Southern columns of Marshal Tolbukhin's Soviet army group last night captured the Hungarian oil center of Nagykanizsa, ten miles from the Yugoslav border, while his northern troops, driving across Austria toward Vienna, were reported by the Germans to be within 15 miles of the capital.

Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Nagykanizsa by Tolbukhin's army, pushing southwest from Lake Balaton in conjunction with Bulgarian troops, shortly after the Germans had acknowledged that elements of the 3rd Ukrainian Army farther north had penetrated Austria to a depth of 40 miles and were driving into the Semmering Pass in the Alps.

One Berlin correspondent said the main center of fighting on the southern sector of the Eastern Front was south of Wiener Neustadt, where large numbers of Russian tanks and infantry were on the move. Other reports, however, indicated that Tolbukhin's armored forces already



were fighting in the streets of Wiener Neustadt, a big industrial city and the only position of any size between the front lines and the Austrian capital.

Marshal Malinovsky's army also was thrusting toward Vienna, and an Associated Press dispatch said Bratislava had been brought under artillery fire. Bratislava is about 30 miles east of the capital of Austria.

The Germans were counter-attacking at scattered points along the southern (Continued on back page)

## One Time It's O.K. Liberate and Fraternalize

By Macfee Kerr

Reuter Correspondent

WITH 3RD ARMY, Germany, Apr. 2 (Reuter)—Allied soldiers in occupied Germany are fraternizing—but not with the Germans.

Russian girls liberated from German slave camps are now invading the Allied-occupied towns in the Rhineland. Many of them are doing domestic work in quarters taken over by the occupying troops and it is quite common to see soldiers giving them cigarettes and candy and trying to talk to them.

Military Government officials have not so far had many instances of Allied soldiers fraternizing with German girls.

"Generally speaking, our troops are not disposed to fraternize with German women," said Capt. William Chadwick, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, AMG officer for Saarburg. "For one thing, our troops have been moving so fast that they never get time to establish any social roots. It is, of course, more difficult for those who are stationed in German towns for longer periods."

Another Military Government official said, "The arrival of Russian, Polish and other women of Allied countries from the other side of the Rhine has solved the problem of fraternization."

Lt. Harold Haidoff, Military Government officer for Oberstein, said: "It is difficult to define fraternization in precise terms. Officially it is any act of friendship such as shaking hands, kissing, exchanging felicitations or giving or accepting presents. So far I have not had any instances of fraternization in my area."

## Munster and Cassel Entered; Canadians Cleaning Up Holland

Tanks of the U.S. 9th Army's 2nd Armored Division, units of which have joined with U.S. 1st Army forces to seal off the Ruhr and trap two German armies—estimated to number between 40,000 and 100,000 troops—were disclosed officially last night to be more than 100 miles beyond the Rhine, heading for the Weser River, 175 miles from Berlin, while 3rd Army troops were reported to have penetrated to within 160 miles of the Reich capital.

Lifting of the security blackout covering operations of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st Army Group revealed the scope of the 9th Army's operations, although exact points reached by the 2nd Armored's spearheads were not identified. This outfit had last been reported officially near Lippstadt, where the 1st and 9th Armies linked, cutting off the German 5th Panzer Army and 15th Army and remnants of the 1st Parachute Army. Many flak troops also were believed caught in the pocket, 75 miles deep and 60 miles wide.

Montgomery's British airborne forces were meeting resistance from several organized battle groups in hills about eight miles west of Osnabruck after thrusting across the Dortmund-Ems canal. However, other British units were said to have passed on and to be 100 miles beyond the Rhine.

Southwest of Osnabruck, troops of the U.S. 17th Airborne Division, operating with a British armored brigade, entered Munster yesterday. This industrial center was reported to be in flames.

Three armored divisions of the U.S. 3rd Army were said to be over the Fulda River, where the Germans had attempted a stand. As usual, the 4th Armored Division was in the van, three miles from Eisenach and about 160 miles from Berlin in the deepest penetration of the Reich from the West.

Tanks of the 11th Armored Division bypassed Fulda, where fighting was in progress, and went 20 miles beyond in a 25-mile advance. Units of the 6th Armored crossed the Fulda River south of Cassel, whose outskirts were entered by infantrymen of the 80th Division.

British troops of the Canadian 1st Army yesterday opened a campaign to clear the so-called island between Arnheim and Nijmegen, in Holland. The "island" is the strip of land between the Waal and Rhine rivers where the September airborne landings were made.

Despite poor weather, tactical pilots continued to harass enemy transport pulling out of some areas of western and central (Continued on back page)



## Byrnes Quits; Vinson Named War Mobilizer

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (ANS)—James F. Byrnes today resigned as War Mobilization Director. The resignation was accepted by President Roosevelt who immediately nominated Fred M. Vinson, Federal Loan Administrator, to the post.

Byrnes, however, will remain on the job until Vinson is confirmed by the Senate and then for a short time will aid the new choice in learning his duties.

In his resignation note to the President, Byrnes said that he thought that "V-



Day in Europe was not far distant and that my knowledge of the nature of the work now confronting the office causes me to conclude that I should not remain any longer."

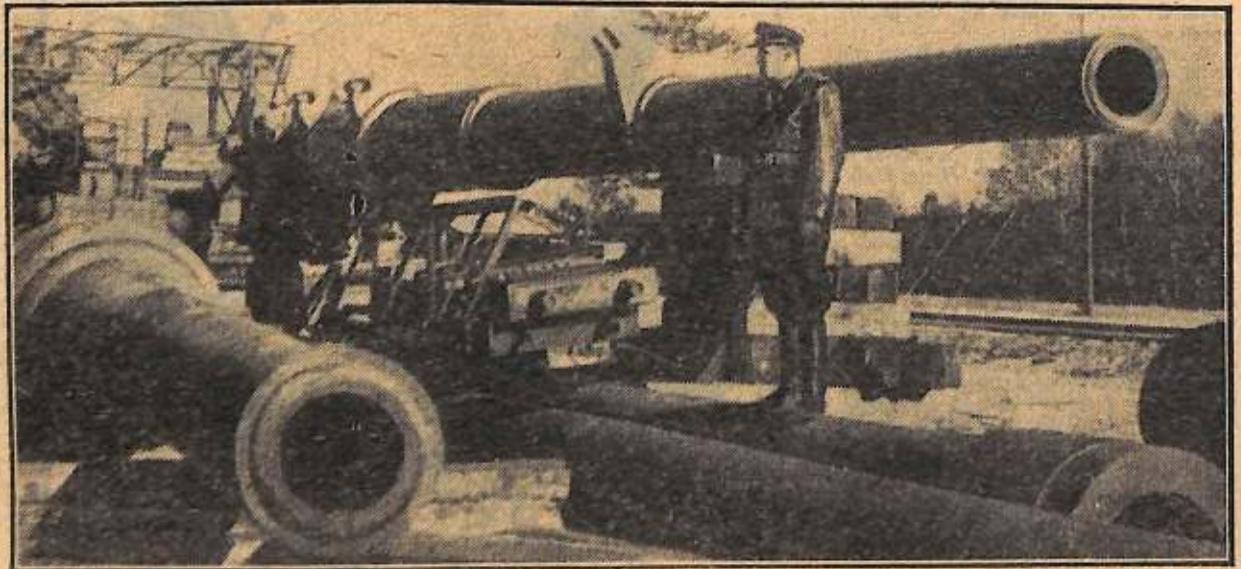
Byrnes added that he was convinced that the person who would direct the reconversion program should take charge now to familiarize himself with the office.

Announcement of Byrnes' decision came within a few hours after publication Sunday of his plan for reconversion of a large part of the country's war production to civilian requirements within a few months after V-E Day and a swift relaxation of civilian restrictions, the brown-out, the midnight entertainment curfew and the horse-racing curb.

Byrnes, who has been known as the Assistant President, was named Mobilization chief on May 27, 1943. Before that he had served in Congress both as Representative and Senator from South Carolina, was a member of the Supreme Court from June, 1941, to October, 1942, when he resigned to become Economic Stabilization Director.

For Vinson, it was the second change of jobs within a month. On Mar. 6, he was named Federal Loan Administrator after 22 months as Stabilization czar. In the latter job, Vinson worked closely with Brynes.

## Big Red Guns Will Boom the Tunes for Danzig



Planet Photo Here is one of the first pictures of Danzig after the prize Baltic port was captured by the Red Army. A Soviet officer examines some of the guns left in the dockyard after the port fell to Russian forces.



Ticked Off the Global Wire

Repatriated Reporter Found Reich War-Weariness

Godfrey H. P. Anderson, Associated Press correspondent, who was liberated by the Allied advance into Germany after 3 1/2 years as a prisoner, tells of the war weariness in the Reich.

By Godfrey H. P. Anderson Associated Press Correspondent

BRUSSELS, Apr. 2 (AP)—The once proud Herrenvolk is now the most war-weary nation in the world. This was the impression I had during my last days of captivity. There is hardly a German left who believes the war can last more than a few weeks. Only fanatics believe it possible to snatch a compromise peace. "We know it is hopeless now," said one soldier, wounded five times on the Eastern Front. "But Himmler just won't let us give in."

Franco Is Snubbed

MADRID, Apr. 2 (Reuter)—For the first time since 1939 the foreign diplomatic corps did not attend this year's victory parade held yesterday on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the end of the Spanish civil war.

Iwo Jima Marines Honored

PEARL HARBOR, Apr. 2 (ANS)—About 1,600 members of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions who were wounded on Iwo Jima received Purple Heart awards in one of the greatest mass presentations of the Pacific war.

GIs in Ryukyus Get First Invasion Dough

ABOARD U.S. FLAGSHIP OFF RYUKYU ISLANDS, Apr. 2 (ANS)—American Army and Marine assault troops invading islands in the Ryukyus group were issued American invasion currency of Jap denomination for the first time in the Pacific war.

Mrs. Churchill in Moscow

MOSCOW, Apr. 2 (AP)—Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of Britain's Prime Minister, arrived here by plane today from Cairo to visit hospitals and children's homes aided by British relief.

Ceylon Dock Workers Strike

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Apr. 2 (AP)—Dock workers went on strike here yesterday and military personnel were brought in this morning to take the place of the strikers.

Young Saboteurs

WITH U.S. 9TH ARMY, Apr. 2 (AP)—American troops have found Nazi pamphlets which were distributed to Hitler Youth members instructing them in the art of sabotage.

Dempsey an Observer

At Okinawa Invasion GUAM, Apr. 2—Cmdr. Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champ and now a member of the Coast Guard, participated in the invasion of Okinawa. It was announced today.

Ike Honors British Gen.

ALLIED FORWARD COMMAND POST, Apr. 2—Gen. Eisenhower has awarded the Legion of Merit's highest degree of commander to British Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, deputy chief of staff, for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" in laying the groundwork for the invasion of France.

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Diamond Preview

Phillies Tagged for Cellar Berth Again

By Charlie Slocum Special to The Stars and Stripes

WILMINGTON, Del., Apr. 2—The Philadelphia Phillies, who finished last, 43 1/2 games off the pace last year, don't seem to have improved sufficiently to move upward this season. The most pressing problem confronting Manager Freddie Fitzsimmons is the infield, which has lost the services of Charlie Letchas and Tony Lupien.



WHIT WYATT FITZSIMMONS

Granville and Garvin Hammer, 18 and 21-year-old brothers, are shortstops by trade. Hammer played 21 games for the Phils in the latter stages of the '44 campaign and Garvin played with Richmond. Another shortstop hopeful is Elisha Mott, who hit .280 with Utica last season.

Best bet at the moment for second base is 21-year-old Freddie Daniels who played alongside Mott at Utica and hit .290 in 125 games. He's the only man in camp besides Mullen who has played second and it's unlikely that he will be switched to third with no experience at that spot.

The pitching staff presents nothing special including Fitzsimmons himself. Ken Raffensberger, Vern Kennedy, Bill Lee and Charlie Schanz did nothing to alleviate the Phils' problems last year and there's no reason to believe they will

this season. Right-hander Charlie Sproull, up from Milwaukee, has the best record of any pitcher on the roster; 16 and seven plus a 2.50 earned run average.

Just what the Phillies expect from Whit Wyatt, purchased from Brooklyn, is not known.

Outfielder Ron Northey, their best player in '44, is gone and the acquisition of Vince DiMaggio is hardly an even swap. That leaves Buster Adams, Coaker Triplett, Jimmy Wasdell, Chuck Klein and Rene Montague, who led the Southern Association in batting with .370 at Chattanooga. Montague has been around a long time and never has been able to stick in the majors.

Just what will happen to Les Scarsella, another outfielder who has been tried in the majors before and found wanting, is not known by the Phillie bosses. Scarsella apparently will remain in California. He hit .329 with Oakland in '44.

And Seminick, Joe Antolick and Mervyn Shea are listed as active catchers, but if Gal Spindel, who hit .355 in 65 games at Seattle, shows Fitz any stick-work, it's likely the 45-year-old Shea will return to the coaching lines.

A Renovated Mountain



A beardless and streamlined Man Mountain Dean, carried on Uncle Sam's payroll as M/Sgt. Frank S. Leavitt, demonstrates a few of the holds he has used in 37 years of wrestling to members of the physical conditioning instructors' school at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Dean's sparring mate is Sgt. Bernie Sandler, of New York.

Bruins Subdue Red Wings, 5-3

BOSTON, Apr. 2—The Boston Bruins defeated the Detroit Red Wings, 5-3, last night, prolonging to seven games and possibly eight their Stanley Cup playoff series to determine who will meet the Toronto Maple Leafs for the National Hockey League championship.

The action was rough in the opening period with penalties for board checking, high sticking, hooking and interference

Stanley Cup Playoffs Table with columns for First-Third Series and Second-Fourth Series, listing teams and wins/losses.

meted out. And at this conclusion the teams were tied up, 1-1, as a result of an unassisted goal by Detroit's Jud McAtee at 45 seconds and one by Boston's Bill Cowley on a pass from Jack Crawford at 12.54.

The Bruins built their winning lead within the first 11 minutes of the second period on counters by Bill Jennings, Herbie Cain and Paul Gladu. Joe Carveth tallied unassisted for Detroit's second goal and McAtee scored again on a pass-out from Murray Armstrong, while Cowley added the final Boston marker of the game at 9.25 of the third period.

Long Layoff Impairs Chances Of Holding Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 2—Horsemen throughout the country were naturally gratified at War Mobilizer Jimmy Byrnes' statement that racing will be resumed in the States as soon as Hitler goes down, and the interest of the laymen naturally turned this way.

Bums' Fans Give Walker Bat Title

BROOKLYN, Apr. 2—Faithful followers of Flatbush's famous Dixie Walker are pointing to the possibility that Dashing Dixie, who has just signed his '45 contract, may become the first National League player in the past 19 years to repeat as the loop's leading hitter.

Pacific Coast League

Pacific Coast League Standings table listing teams like Hollywood, Oakland, Portland, San Diego, Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco with their records.

Baron Rally Tops Hershey Sextet, 3-2

CLEVELAND, Apr. 2—The Cleveland Barons came from behind here Saturday night to win the opening game of the final playoff for the American Hockey League championship with goals by Tom Burlington and Lou Trudel accounting for a 3-2 victory over the Hershey Bears.

Burlington shot the tying marker early in the third period and when it appeared that the game was headed for an overtime Trudel went through unassisted to give the Barons the victory.

Nelson's Fast Finish Wins Durham Open

DURHAM, N.C., Apr. 2—Toledo's Byron Nelson did it again yesterday, coming through in the final round with a 65 for a 72-hole total of 276 to set a new record for the rolling and tricky Hope Valley course and walk off with the \$1,000 first prize in the \$5,000 Durham Open golf tourney.

Dick Tracy



By Chester Gould



L'I Abner



By Al Capp



DIAMOND DUST advertisement for Bear Mt., N.Y.

BEAR MT., N.Y.—The Dodgers defeated Montreal, 6-5, after scoring four runs on four singles and two walks off Tommy Warren in the first inning. Leo Durocher performed at second base for the first two innings before leaving for New York, where he was scheduled to kill a "wireless" audience with his Bum gags later in the evening.

Sox licked the Army All-Stars, 20-4, here yesterday behind Yank Terry and Joe Bowman, who pitched six-hit ball. The Croninmen massaged six soldier pitchers for 23 hits.

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—The Cleveland Indians downed the semi-pro Lafayette Red Sox, 5-3, here with big leaguers pitching for both teams. Ambrose Palica, Paul Calvert and Earl Henry hurled for the Indians, yielding seven hits, while Al Smith and George Hooks threw for the semi-pros and gave up nine.

WILMINGTON, Del.—Granville Hammer's three-run homer in the eighth paced a 13-hit assault as the Phillies routed Ft. Dupont, 15-0.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Connecting for 15 hits, the Pittsburgh Pirates blasted the Ft. Wayne Western Electric team, 11-2, with Frankie Zak, who aspires to the Bucs' shortstop job, leading the attack with two singles and a double. Max Butcher and Fritz Ostermuller hurled for the Corsairs and Emil Bildlind, formerly of the Browns, for Western Electric.

