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Daily French Lesson

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les 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

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.

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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. The was no confirmation of the broadcast.

The 20th Air Force emphasized the

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

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 Ainu. 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



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 Jugoslav border, while his northern troops, driving across Austria toward ienna, were reported by the Germans to be within 15 miles of the capital. Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Nagykanizsa by Tolbukhin's

Marshal Stalin announced the camen, 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



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 ext of the capital slava 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)

The Rot Is Setting In



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

One Time It's O.K.

Liberate and Fraternize

By Macfee Kerr

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."

Military Government offic 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, ex-changing 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

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.

Metaborage of Palith airborne forces

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

River, where the Germans had attempted a stand. As usual, the 4th Armored Divi-sion 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

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 Arnhem 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

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



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-



FRED VINSON

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 re-conversion 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 re-laxation of civilian restrictions, the brownout, the midnight entertainment curfew and the horse-racing curb.

Byrnes, who has been known as the Assistant President, was named Mobiliza-tion chief on May 27, 1943. Before that he had served in Congress both as Repre-sentative 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 ezar. In the latter job, Vinson worked closely with Branes.

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 purty leader for 175 towns in this area, stood in the rain today and shirered 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

sion, 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 jour people why did you hide in a hay stack and desert them when the Americans came?" asked

didn't see their wives in years," the non-com said.

The old man's muscular shoulders rose

The old man's muscular shoulders rose and fell and his eyes closed and opened. "Do you think the National Socialist party will be finished when we win the war?" the non-com wanted to know. "I will not admit you will win the war," Zurtz said. "But should that come to pass the people will remember the benefits and teachings of the party in their hearts." "What do you think we should do with you?" the non-com asked.

There was fear in the blinking eyes and that was the answer. The interpreter wanted to know what the Nazis did with French and Belgian political leaders of similar position. similar position.
"I have never seen them in Germany,"

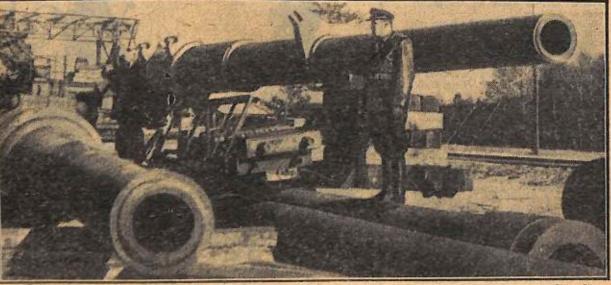
the Nazi said.

"The reason you didn't see them is that the Nazis shoot them on the spot," the non-com said. The non-com walked away and the

The non-com wasked away and the muscles twitched in his lean jaws.
"I wanted to see my wife," the Nazi angrily. "I'm a German Jew. I know d. "I had not seen her in two days."

The slave laborers you had under you littler. They killed my mother,"

Big Red Guns Will Boom the Tunes for Danzig



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.

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

On the Record

Mar. 29, 1945 To the B-Bag;

I was very much interested in your article in the Mar. 29 issue telling of Dorothy Thompson's views about the use of "competent German exiles" in the administration of occupied Germany. The part that interested me most was the paragraph in which Miss Thompson is quoted as saying "I can tell a Nazi." Some of us, who landed in Sicily and Italy on D-Day and went through those campaigns, did our level best to find out who was a Fasciet and who wasn't but who was a Fascist and who wasn't, but all we learned was that you couldn't tell from the way they talked or looked, and you couldn't trust their fellow Italians to tell the truth about it. 1 believe officers who have been administer-ing the occupied areas in Germany have

had the same experience.

So, if Miss Thompson wants to make a real contribution to the war effort and to the appallingly difficult job of winning

the peace, she should by all means reveal just how she can "tell a Nazi."

C'mon, Dottie, give! Make it good and make it simple because we have to comb over millions of them.—Col. G. H. M., Inf.

Mar. 29, 1945

To the B-Bag:

I have just read your story about the famous newspaper woman, Miss Dorothy Thompson, and I am prompted to say that she knows very little about handling the Germans after the war.

Why the hell do we need Germans Woman was the base of the Extheriand to hele way.

have fled the Fatherland to help us? We can finish the job without them, since we have invested priceless blood and life, not to count billions of dollars, to learn the last

the job.

If she knew anything at all about Nazi propaganda methods she would know that a great many of these German exiles are a part of the Nazi propaganda scheme. We have already been propagandized into inactivity in a lot of our duties. One of the mistakes is, the noble

treatment accorded the German prisoners.

The Germans ruthlessly lined up and machine-gunned in cold blood over 150 American prisoners. Probably not remembering this, Miss Thompson advises us to call on Germans to aid in the administration of Germany. I would advise Miss Thompson to stay away from some of these social meetings or drink-ing parties or wherever it is that Baron So and So has been whispering such things in her car,

The Nazis are a smart people and are not beaten. Propaganda is a powerful and sometimes innocent weapon. Beware

lest we be betrayed by our friends.

If the great agronomist she spoke of had been adept in the field of agronomy alone and not mixed in politics he would not have had to flee Germans, but could now be raising the food the Germans will need after the war. The U.S. can't feed the whole world.—Pvr. H. S. M., Hosp.

Plant.

young French gal as follows: "You're a beautiful dish, baby." "Oh, my aching back," responded the dish—the only lack," responded the dish—the only at Princeton or Cambridge.

All of Heidelberg's 100,000 well-groomed men and modish women were standing on corners watching the Americans enter. They did not betray the untented whole world.—Pvr. H. S. M., Hosp.

J. C. W. easiness one sees in the villages where

A Costly Speech

Mar. 26, 1945 To the B-Bag:

My taxes to support the Federal gov-ernment in 1945 will probably amount to

After a rough calculation, I figure that was the cost of the time Rep. Mike Mansfield consumed on the floor of the House on Mar. 24 in ridiculing Texas and Texans. Is that where my tax money

What's the answer, Mike? Were you trying to impede the war effort? Several million Americans might resent it. I don't blame the Texans in the House for not answering. They were probably struck speechless in finding themselves in such company.—Sgt. F. G., Hosp. Plant.

Practical V-Mail

Mar. 19, 1945

To the B-Bag: This column is apparently used for every complaint in the ETO, so here's mine. Why did the powers discontinue printing the black V-Mail forms?

Two of these forms could be written in the time it takes to address one of the red forms. I think it would save paper and also time at the final destination,— 1/Sgt. A. L. M., WAC. [The U.K. Base Postal Section said the

folding, red-bordered V-mail forms were substituted for the black-hordered forms because the former affords more confidential treatment, and they also can be sent as ordinary mail if they are unsuitable for photographing, while faulty black-bordered forms had to be returned to sentiers,—Ed.]

Hash Marks

Gags in this column should show an improvement. We've just gotten a copy of "A Handred Merry Stories"—pub-

Phoned in by Mauery Campbell: Some girls very much like zipper nighties just pull one little thing and its all off.

Vignette of War. Headquarters company of a unit on the Continent was allotted one pass to London and the men



in the company drew lots out of a helmet. Company barber, Pfc Pete Skeens drew the lucky ducat and smiled at his wonderful fortune. Then suddenly his smile disappeared. He asked his pals, "Do the girls in London speak French?" It was explained to the barber that they didn't. "Then I don't want the pass," he said. The company drew again.

If any of you ETO-Mail-Hounds think letters are not important to the folks back home, just read this little verse (sent via W. H. Finkel).

M. H. Finkel).

Among the circulars and bills
Today, I got the thrill of thrills
That treat I'm always dreaming of
A batch of air mail from my love.
You've heard that letters build morale
For fighters far from home, but pal
I tell you, to a waiting wife
They are the very breath of life.

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Capt. W. Stewart tells this one. A doctor was called to give medical aid to his preacher and after the preacher got well he couldn't seem to be able to thank the doc enough for what he had done. So the medico said, "Well, let's make a bargain. You keep me out of hell and I'll do all I can to keep you out of heaven."

A Short Short Fight Story (at an Air Service Command depot)—
M/Sgt, Davidson; "The MP said he found you and S/Sgt, Lutz fighting,"
S/Sgt, Mulkern: "When he arrived we were just trying to separate each other."

Overheard in the Park, "Let's wait until tomorrow. I don't believe in hasty

Incidentally, American GIs are doing a great deal to enrich the language of Voltaire and Zola. Pic Ed Glick, using



a time honored approach, addressed a young French gal as follows: "You're a beautiful dish, baby." "Oh, my aching back," responded the dish—the only



"I think you letter pack your 'chute WITHOUT all them good luck things!"

- An Editorial -

Here Is Your Doctor

HE second platoon of Able 'ompany was flushing out ome houses in support of an armored attack. Things were going well, when the boys hit a snag. "Enemy machine-gun fire down the street," came back the

A moment later the call rang out, "Medic!" Out he came, disregarding any danger to himself. On both arms he wore the bright red cross which was his only weapon. He ran a few feet then stumbled and fell. Word passed up and down the line. Soon everyone knew that we no longer had a medic in the second platoon.

The boys remembered the many times he had helped them. He was cool, calm, and, above all, a friend



to everyone. And now he was gone, killed by a shot from a German sniper.

A German civilian, his arm bandaged, approached one of the buddies of the medic. The civilian explained that he had been

wounded in an American bombing raid and would like to see a doctor. Without a word, the doughboy led the civilian down a now safe street. When they reached the fallen medic, the dough said, "Here is your doctor." And walked away.

—Pfc R. G. Conway, 379th Inf.

GIs Drink Deep at a Fount of Beer—and Learning

Maybe in Heidelberg They Spell Kultur With a 'C'

By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer HEIDELBERG, Germany, Apr. 2-An American tank crew sitting on the tank in front of the University of Heidelberg seemed rather unimpressed with its

dimensions. "I heard a lot about that place," said S/Sgt. Charles Phillips, of Meriden, Miss. "It ain't much to look at, is it?"

It wasn't. Almost any college at home could put the University of Heidelberg in its back pocket. Yet these small austere buildings had been the alma mater for the bulk of the German General Staff officers, and many Nazi party leaders.

The doughboys of the 63rd Division, which took the town after crossing the Neckar River while the 10th Armored Division pushed around it, seemed better acquainted with Heidelberg as the home of good beer than as a seat of learning They weren't getting any of it, though. The shipping platform of one brewery was stacked with barrels, but a sign said "Off Limits."

All Taverns Shut Down

Taverns in the town were all closed and were also verboten. The doughboys hoped someone would work out a deal so they could taste the famous brew just so they could boast about it later. (Pic-ture, right, indicates some of them succeeded.)

They didn't expect to be hanging around long. They hadn't been stopping much lately. Heidelberg, with its lush shop windows jammed with fine merchandise, drew their caustic comment. Even during the war, Heidelberg must have been a snug, secure retreat for those who had money who had money.

"These Germans really had it made, said Jack Hoverton, of Louisville, Ky. Imaculate Heidelberg contrasts sharply with nearby Kaiserslautern. Mannheim and Worms, all of which look like garbage dumps. Maj. Lee Plummer, military government officer, explained that Allied airmen rarely made Heidelberg a target and American divisions which took the town were purposly sparing with their artillery. It was like firing at Princeton or Cambridge.

All of Heidelberg's 100,000 well-groomed men and modish women were standing on corners watching the American divisions in France and their Nazi backers.

"Tendances," or, in translation, "Tendencies."

The paper is tabloid size and consists of a single sheet printed on both sides like the daily Paris newspapers, except it is larger than any legitimate daily and sells for three frances instead of one and one-half frances.

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Lt. Anthony M. Marine (left), of Paulsboro, N.J., and Maj. Vial A. Von Natta, of Chicago, hoist a couple in a Heidelberg tavern after the famous university city fell to U.S. troops.

the people believe the Americans will kill only have to look at their own hospitals and cultural centers. Many of them were endowed by American philanthropists.

While German Armies Collapse, German Propaganda Still Lives On

By Dick Lewis

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
PARIS, Apr. 2—While the German
armies are collapsing, Nazi propaganda

It made a new thrust in Allied Europe this week with the appearance in Paris of the first political underground newspaper since the liberation—the bi-weekly "Tendances," or, in translation, "Tendencies."

AFN Radio Program

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

Tuesday, Apr. 3

Headlines—Duffle Bag.

World News.

American Sports.

Kay Kyser.

Melody Roundup.

Headlines—NBC Symphony.

World News.

Bandwagon.

Combat Diary.

On the Record.

Strike up the Band.

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Headlines—Nelson Eddy.
Downbeat.
Mark up the Map.
World News.
GI Supper Club.
World News.
Eddie Condon.
Take the Air.

World News.

Eddle Condon.

Take the Air.

Yank Bandstand.

Headdines—Dinah Shore.

American Band of the AEF.

World News.

Your War Today.

Comedy Caravan.

Johnay Mercer's Music Shop.

Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.

His Parade.

2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Hit Parade. 2235—Music from the Pacific, 2300—World News. 2305—Music. 2305—Music. 2310—Sign off until 0755 hours Wednesday, Apr. 4.

Wednesday, Apr. 4

0800 Headlines—Combat Diary,
0820 Personal Album,
0830 Music in the Modern Manner,
0900 World News,
0910 Spotlight Bands,
0925 Music from Canada,
1000 Headlines Morning After (American Band
of the AEF),
1030 Strike up the Band,
1100 Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1106 Duffle Bag.
On the Continent listen to your fuvorise AES.

9755 Sign On-Program Resume 9800 Headlines Combat Diary.

and Russia, as well as liberal elements of the French government. It is anti-Semitic and warns that Communism is about to engulf France unless something is done. Specifically the paper charges the U.S.

and Britain of sapping France's will to recover while appearing genuinely sympathetic,

It predicts that while the country is recovering, Britain is likely to make off with France's colonies and reiterates the pre-war Nazi propaganda line that realistically Britain and France are colonial rivals.

Officials of the French Ministry of Information, which controls the paper supply for French newspapers, wondered where the paper came from to publish the clandestine sheet. There isn't much to be had even on the black market, they contended.

This led to the supposition that the paper might be published in Switzerland, where Nazi agents are said to be more active than ever, or in Germany.

Fell on Grenade, Saved 3 GI Lives

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (ANS)—The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded to Cpl. Robert D. Maxwell, of Larimer County, Col., who last Fall saved the lives of three other soldiers in France by deliberately falling on a live German hand grenade, the War Department announced here. nounced here.

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Maxwell, permanently maimed by the explosion, now is at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Wash.

The incident occurred, the citation said, when Maxwell and three comrades, armed only with pistols, were holding an advance observation post against a heavy German assault on their position inside a narrow cement courtyard surrounded by a low wall.

one of the walls was beginning to crumble from machine-gun bullets when a grenade landed in the midst of the four A grenade landed in the midst of the four Americans. Then, according to Pvt. James P. Soblesky, of Petosky, Mich., Maxwell jumped from his position at the wall and landed on top of the grenade. He had just covered it when it exploded. By some stroke of luck Maxwell wasn't killed.

The two others in the group were T/4 Cyril F, McColl, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Pfc James P. Joyce, from Kansas City,

After the Germans were beaten off, Maxwell was carried back to a first aid

On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN programs over the Allied Expeditionary Forces Program: 583 kc. 514m.

Also shortwave "6.195mg. (49m. band) between 6800 and 1900 hours. Maxwell, 24, previously was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in Italy,

Ticked Off the Global Wire Repatriated Reporter Found Reich War-Weary

Godfrey H. P. Anderson, Associated Press correspondent, who was liberated by weariness in the Reich.

By Godfrey H. P. Anderson

BRUSSELS, Apr. 2 (AP)—The once proud Herrenvolk is now the most war-weary nation in the world. Associated Press Correspondent

weary nation in the world. The once proud Herrenvolk is now the most warThis was the impression I had during my last days of captivity. There is hardly
believe it possible to snatch a compromise peace.

"We know it is hopeless now," said one soldier, wounded five times on the
This growing demoralization, spreading from the troops to the civilian populaand newspaper reports represent the Russians as burning their way through every
destroying German culture.

The food situation alone is enough to demoralize the people. The workly meat

The food situation alone is enough to demoralize the people. The weekly meat for civilians is enough for five or six slices daily. It is black bread, made mostly

Himmler and the Gestapo run the country now. Goebbels' utterances are commanding less attention. Goering is discredited by the Allied bombings and by the destruction of the Luftwaffe.

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. The anni-versary parade at Tangier was also boy-cotted by American, British, French and

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. Nearly 20 flag or general officers stood by as 20 flag or general officers stood by as Vice-Adm. John S. Towers, deputy chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, commended the

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 Ryukyu group were issued American invasion currency of Jap denomination for the first time in

Navy Lt. J. G. Roberts, of Oswego, Ore., in charge of issuing the new money, exchanged crisp sen and yen notes for American greenbacks for a long line of soldiers, Marines and sailors. The bills were issued in six denominations—10 and 50 sen and one, five, 10 and 20 yen. Exchange was at the rate of 10 cents for one yen and 10 sen for one penny. The pre-war value of the yen was 23½ cents. The largest of the bills, a 20-yen note, is about the same size as American currency; the other bills are half as long.

Most of the troops bought currency so as to get souvenirs.

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. Invited by the Soviet government and Soviet Red Cross, it is Mrs. Churchill's first visit to Russia.

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. Among sugges-tions listed were putting sugar or sand in gas tanks, strewing nails on roads and leaving obstacles on railroad trucks.

Ike Honors British Gen.

ALLIED FORWARD COMMAND 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.

Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stors and Stripes, 20, Caven-dish Sq., London, W1, or APO 413, U.S. Army, Telephone U.K. Base HQ, Ext. 2131.

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CONVALESCENT center is beginning Spring substituting, track and field teams are anxious to compete with other units anywhere in the U.K.—Write Lt. Irvin Travis, c/o Help Wanted Dept.

Ceylon Dock Workers Strike

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Apr. 2 (AP)— Dock workers went on strike here yester-day and military personnel were brought in this morning to take the place of the strikers. An official statement issued today said the strike is illegal and cannot be tolerated in war-time.

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.

The old Manassa Mauler hit the beaches with U.S. troops for the purpose of observing how the American fighting man reacts to enemy action and to find out about the mental strain an attacking Yank is under when he hits enemy shores.

WFA Head Gets New Job

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (ANS)—Lt. Col. Ralph W Olmstead soon will leave the War Food Administration to take charge of the Army's relief feeding operations in occupied Europe, Associated Press said. As WFA's supply office chief, Olmstead had charge of government pro-curement of food for Lend-Lease and foreign relief and directed the allocation of food supplies among civilian, military, Lend-Lease and foreign relief claimants.

Lackawanna County common pleas court. Lt. Col. T. Linus Hoban, reported MIA in December, wrote to his law partner, S. A. Davis, and revealed he had been wounded twice before being captured, but had recovered and was anxious to return to the bench. Hoban's friends circulated his petition.

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

—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, 43½ games off the pace last year, don't seem to have improved sufficiently to move upward this season.

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. Lupien's replacement at first base apparently will be Jimmy Foxx, who certainly has grown no younger since he was forced to quit the Cubs last year after amassing an .050 batting average in 15 games. Ford Mullen probably will move over to third and the middle of the infield presents a terrific problem with inexperience a predominant quality of all aspirants.

aspirants.

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 hir .280 with Utica last season.



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

WHIT WYATT

FIZSIMMONS

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

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 reconditioning instructors' school at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Dean's sparring mate is Sgt. Bernie Sandler, of New York.

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. For it is here that the colorful Run of the Roses is held, and the ordinary fan who bets an occasional deuce is concerned with the Kentucky Derby over all other races.

Bums'FansGive **WalkerBatTitle**

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.

SCRANTON, Pa., Apr. 2 (ANS)—An American prisoner of war in Germany is a candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the Lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election as judge in the lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election candidate for re-election as judge in the lackawanna County common please candidate for re-election of six complete years as the best hitter in the loops. Since then there has been a

the loops. Since then there has been a different hitter each successive year. Waner won for Pittsburgh in '27, '34, and '36, Lombardi for Cincinnati in '38 and for Boston in '42 and O'Doul for the Different way and the Dadgers in '32, and '32, and '33, and '34, and '34, and '34, and '35, and '34, and '35, an the Phillies in '29 and the Dodgers in '32,

Bruins Subdue Red Wings, 5-3

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 series is now tied at three games. is now tied at three games.

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

Stanley Cup Playoffs

First-Third Series W.L. T. P. Second-Fourth Series W.L. T. P. W.L. T. P. Toronto . . . 4 2 0 8 Detroit . . . 3 3 0 6 Montreal . 2 4 0 4 Boston . . 3 3 0 6

meted out. And at its 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.

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 passout from Murray Armstrong, while-Cowley added the final Boston marker of the game at 9.25 of the third period.

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

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. \$1,000 first prize in the \$5,000 Durham Open golf tourney.

Open golf tourney.

Tony Penna, of Dayton, Ohio, shot an even par 70 on his final round to wind up in second place with 281, one stroke ahead of Jimmy Gauntt, of Ardmore, Okla., while Sammy Byrd, who led after 54 holes, fell apart on the afternoon round and finished with a 75. Leonard Dodson, of San Francisco, nosed out Craig Wood for last prize; carding a 286.

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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 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. . . ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The Giants slapped the Yankees, 5—1, here with Bill Voiselle and Hank Borowy, opening-day twirlers for both teams, going six innings apiece. The Giants touched Borowy for two runs in the third and got to kenneth Holcombe for three more

Consensus among horsemen who have over 500 nags quartered here is that the Kentucky Derby cannot under any cir-

cumstances be run before the last week in May or the first week in June. Any racing done before that will have to be

among nags who have wintered and worked out in Florida. Thoroughbreds who have spent the winter in Kentucky

and points north just won't get into it.

The weather is just turning now and

preparations for even shorter races will take some time. But the Derby is a

ten-furlong jaunt and it takes a long time

Pacific Coast League

to get a horse in shape for it.

BALTIMORE—Ninth-inning homers by Red Kress and Sherman Lollar gave the Orioles a 5—4 nod over the Athletics after Edgar Busch had put the Macks after Edgar Busch had put the Macks ahead with a two-run circuit clout in the second inning and another with the bases empty in the fourth. . . NORFOLK, Va.—Norfolk Naval's nine bopped the Washington Senators, 4—2, with a four-run outburst against knuckleballer Johnny Niggeling in the seventh frame. . . PLEASANTVILLE, N.J.—The Red

in the eighth.

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

AFAYETTE, 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

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.

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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 Ostermueller hurled for the Corsairs and Emil Bildilli, formerly of the Browns, for Worlern formerly of the Browns, for Wostern

Dick Tracy









By Chester Gould









By Al Capp

Around the 48 Yesterday

Vets Gypped by Inflated Prices on Homes, Farms

By William R. Spear Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK-Inflated war-time realty prices have virtually nullified that portion of the GI Bill of Rights which authorizes loans for war veterans seeking to buy homes, farms and small businesses.

To protect inexperienced vets, the bill provides that no loan may be approved at "more than a reasonable normal value as determined by proper appraisal." Under this provision, appraisers of the Veterans' and Federal Housing Administrations have rejected hundreds of applications.

Most of the 1,221,000 service men and women honorably discharged as of Jan. 1 are eligible to apply for farm and home loan benefits, but only 12,000 to 15,000 preliminary certificates for loans have been submitted since the loan machinery was established last October. Only 3,000 final loan applicatioons have been filed and only 2,000 sales actually agected under the Bill.

In addition to high prices, the housing shortage and the absence of new construction are other factors preventing veterans from buying homes. Dealers say virtually no small dwellings are available for purchase in the veterans' price range, which is usually under \$10,000.

Year of the Locust

TRENTON, N.J. (ANS)—The State Agriculture Department reported that millions of red-eyed cicadas, known as 17-year locusts, have been quietly eating roots underground for 17 years now and were due to emerge in force from Jersey soil in about two months' time,

Double Killing

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (ANS)—Harland H. Pratt, discharged World War II vet, shot and killed himself at Union Station after murdering Mrs. Fay Kimball Goer-ing, attractive wife of a Coast Guards-

GM To Build on West Coast

FLINT, Mich. (ANS)-The Pacific Coast area will share substantially in the post-war plans of General Motors, Harlow H. Curtice, vice-president and chief executive of the Buick Division, announced. Like January in June

PHILADELPHIA (ANS)—Back from two years in Iceland, Pfc Jimmy Ludtka blinked in astonishment when he walked into the family living room. He found it was Christmas. His parents had kept a Christmas tree alive since December so that Jimmy could take down the decora-tions—as he always had done.

No Capital?

BOISE, Ida. (ANS)—Inaugurated last January, Gov. Charles C. Gossett and his wife still are minus a home in which to live here. So they're living in a hotel. The Legislature recently refused to appropriate funds for a Governor's mansion,

Shot in the Park

FORT DODGE, Ia. (ANS)-A bullet apparently fired from the ground struck Kenneth Clark as he was flying in a plane 1,000 feet over the local athletic field. He landed the plane with no trouble.

Southwest Rivers Threaten Worst Flood

NEW ORLEANS (ANS)—Storms, tornadoes and tidal waves beating across already existing flood areas along the Mississippi raked the Gulf Coast from Texas to Florida late Sunday and left in their wake at least five dead, hundreds injured and homeless and uncounted property damage.

At the same time the Weather Bureau at Shreveport, La., declared that all indications pointed to the worst flood on record in the district drained by the Little, Red, Sulphur and Cypress rivers.

A tidal wave sweeping up from the Gulf along the Atchafalaya River flooded 30 blocks in Morgan City, La. At Mobile, Ala., one man was drowned as high winds and the tide capsized a boat in the bay.

Three persons were killed and three others injured when the twister hit Caney, La., while at Many, La., 11 homes were demolished by the roaring winds. The beachfront at Biloxi, Miss., was inundated by tides four feet above normal. Jefterson, Tex., also was partly under water as three rivers in the Arkansas-Louisiana-Texas triangle surged to all-time highs.

In New Orleans, several filmsy dwellings lining the Mississippi River front were swept away by the lashing waves.

John Mitchell Day

Ol' Clothes, Men

PITTSBURGH (ANS)—Despite the extension of the bituminous coal workers' contract for 30 days, the miners didn't work. They observed "John Mitchell Day," traditional since 1898 as the anniversary of the inauguration of an eight-tour day for them. The holiday is among those stipulated in the contract between the operators and the union.

Of Clothes, Men

NEW YORK (ANS)—"What you can spare they can wear" is the slogan for the united National Clothing Collection campaign which got under way Easter morning under the chairmanship of Henry J. Kaiser, the shipbuilder. All wearable clothing collected will be shipped to destitute war victims throughout the world.

Roger Touhy Writes His Own Appeal for Freedom

CHICAGO (ANS)—Roger Touhy, one-time gangland big shot, began another court attempt to obtain release from a 99-year sentence by filing a 62-page petition in the U.S. District Court,

Touhy asked that he be issued a writ of habeus corpus on the grounds that he was wrongfully convicted of kidnapping John "Jake the Barber" Factor. Touhy is serving in Stateville Penitentiary. On Oct. 9, 1942, he led a prison break, Warden Joseph E. Ragen said Touhy had prepared to draw up the petition himself by reading law in the prison tibrary. The petition cites nearly 100 Federal and State cases.

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Touthy asked the court to name a lawyer to represent him "who is not necessarily brilliant but would be tenacious enough to stick with the case." Federal judges have dismissed two similar petitions.

So Solly

LOS ANGELES (ANS) — Stillfred kavanagh, an ex-mental patient, was held black market for the disappearance of almost 99 per cent of poultry from normal flag from a downtown office building. Kavanagh was quoted as saying he flew the flag to "get more sympan," Japan. The flag was ripped down by two

Black Market Blues

trade channels in Massachusetts. combat the condition, a new law authorizing the seizure and resale at ceiling prices of anything sold on the black market has been adopted.

Nazi Wolves in Peace Garb

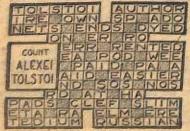
A story of all-out preparation by the Nazis for a murder campaign when their military machine has finally collapsed and another that Hitler had asked Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to make a last peace proposal to Britain were among reports coming out of Germany yesterday.

First indication of the "murder" plans came in an announcement from Berlin that German "Freedom Fighters" had succeeded in establishing a radio trans-mitter in Allied-occupied territory and

were broadcasting resistance appeals.

Read in the name of the "Werewolf Organization," the re-broadcast said in part: "In this hour of the greatest danger to the life of the German nation Germans should give to the last and as much as

Crossword Puzzle Solution



they can. They will never surrender. In this struggle all means are justified. Every Bolshevist, every Briton, every American who stands on German soil is an outlaw and our rightful prey. When we can get a chance of killing him we shall gladly seize it without thinking of our own lives."

The so-called German Free Press Bureau in Spockholm, under a Berlin dateline, said Hitler had asked Ribbentrop to make a last peace proposal to Britain and that if it is not accepted within eight days he would order all Allied officers among the war prisoners he holds to be shot and execute all hostages from

occupied countries.

The report said the proposals include:

1—Immediate armistice.

2-German armies to remain on the east front.

3-German, British and American troops to occupy western Germany at present occupied by the British and

4-A European neace conference to be opened—without Resia, as Hitler is de-termined to continue the war against Russia if the Poles and Russians refuse to accept the Curzon line.

5-Hitler is willing to retire if a German seneral election shows ne i; not wanted, and Austria may secede from the Reich if she desires, Real Conscientious In His Objecting



AWOL from a conscientious objectors' camp. Corbitt Bishop, operator of a book store in Hoboken, N.J., is dragged from the office of U.S. Commissioner Norman J. Griffiths in the Philadelphia Federal Building by a U.S. marshal and members of the Philadelphia police. Earlier, Bishop vowed he would go on a sit-down strike.

Rejection of Warsaw Poles Seen Firmer Policy to Soviet

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (ANS)-Rejection of Russian demands that the Warsaw Polish government send delegates to the San Francisco United Nations conference was interpreted today by some Congressmen as marking the possible emergence of a firmer U.S. policy toward the Soviet Union.

Sen. Walter F. George (D.-Ga.) said: "In view of the enormous sacrifices

Sen. Walter F. George (D.-Ga.) said: "In view of the enormous sacrifice the U.S. has made in both men and money, and in view of the support we have given the United Nations in this great struggle, without any desire for indemnities, the time is certainly at hand when we should say very plainly that our views and our decisions in the program being shaped for the post-war world are entitled to full consideration."

Sen. Lister Hill, of Alabama, Democratic whip, said he thought the Yalta agreement on the Poles "should be carried out in letter and spirit."

That agreement set up a commission to form a coalition Polish government in which all factions would be represented. Moscow since has made it plain it wants

Moscow since has made it plain it wants none of the members of the London Polish regime, recognized by the U.S. and

Britain.

Diplomats are working to avoid a showdown with Russia on the question. Officials here hope a Polish national government still may be set up in time to settle the controversy. Should this hope be transformed into probability with additional time, the opening date of the conference may be delayed two or three weeks beyond Apr. 25, United Press said. Russia's request that the Warsaw Poles be asked to the Frisco talks was based on the expressed possibility that reorganization of the Polish government might not be achieved in time for the conference. Therefore, Moscow contended, an invita-

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Russia

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front but at no point did they appear to be able to put up a determined resistance. Their lines of communication were re-ported clogged with civilians fleeing toward Vienna and with abandoned

In Vienna itself, according to reports reaching Moscow, a state of siege had been declared with all power in the capital vested in the German military command.

Farther north on the central Oder River front due east of Berlin, reports indicated that the Russians were only waiting for orders to launch a powerful drive toward the Third Reich capital.

Marshal Zhukov's forces, according to

statements from Moscow, have completed preparations for the assault and accord-ing to reports this force now has been Rokosovsky and Vassilevsky.

Tolbukhin's drive to the Semmering
Pass—the first time Russian troops have

fought in the Alps since the time of Napoleon—meant, if true, that Soviet troops have cut one of the two main feeder lines supplying Nazi troops in

Italy and northern Jugoslavia.

It also meant that the Russians were only about 135 miles from Berchtesgaden, Hitler's Alpine hideout.

AREA BY NOW... WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED, MR. ORLANDO

The United Nations War Crimes Commission has announced completion of a new list of war criminals which is said to include Hitler, among other major German war criminals. Hitler's name had been omitted from previous lists prepared by the Com-

The names on the lists, the Commission stated, will remain secret for the time being to avoid forearming those included

being to avoid forearming those included and to forestall possible reprisals against people still under enemy control.

"The lists," the report said, "consist at present of the names or descriptions of persons who are believed to have committed or been responsible for a war crime, as to whom the commission is satisfied that there is—or will be at the time of the trial—sufficient evidence to justify prosecution."

Plans for the trials of those named have not yet been decided.

West Fronts--(Continued from page 1)

tral Holland to escape possible entrap-ment by the British advance toward the northeast behind the enemy's positions. Closure of a pocket on these forces, in addition to that snapped around the Germans in the Ruhr, would block off perhaps a third of the Wehrmacht units the West.
Attempts by the Germans in the Ruhr

to seek a way out eastward were reported. Tank-led infantry attacked near Winter-burg, between Paderborn and Siegen, but the assault was said to have been repulsed. Paderborn itself has been cleared and Siegen entered. In Lippstadt, 18 miles west of Paderborn, doughboys of the 83rd Division were mopping up in the wake of the armored junction between the 1st and 9th Armies Sunday.

In the southern sector of the Western Front, the 12th Armored Division of the U.S. 7th Army was 45 miles from Nuremberg in a push southeast from Wurzburg, on the Main River. Units of the 10th Armored, linking up with French 1st Army forces south of Mannheim, were reported to have cut off an undisclosed number of enemy troops.

Negro Fighters Down 12 Nazis on East Front

ADVANCED ALLIED HQ. Italy, Apr. 2 (Reuter)—Pilots of an all-Negro Apr. 2 (Reuter)—Phots of an all-Negro fighter group, commanded by 29-year-old Capt. Walter M. Downds, of New Orleans, shot down 12 German planes today in dogfights west of the Red Army's Austrian battlefront.

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

Big 5 Meet On Mandates Asked By U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (ANS)—The U.S. has suggested a Big Five meeting before the San Francisco United Nations conference to work out an agreement on mandates. Participating in the parley, proposed to be held here two weeks before the Frisco talks begin, would be the U.S., Britain, Russia, France and

the U.S., Britain, Russia, France and China.

A U.S. plan, ready for presentation if the meeting develops, calls for establishing a trusteeship council under the general assembly of the proposed world security organization. Since the word "mandates" has come into disrepute through the handling of some territories by nations to which they were assigned by the League of Nations, it is proposed that future assignments be called "trusteeships."

Principles of non-discrimination in trade, aviation and telecommunications are included in the American plan. This

are included in the American plan. This is expected to run counter to British views, especially on aviation.

International use of military bases on trusteeship territories would come under the same arrangements and special agreements as those on national territory, such as on U.S. or British possessions. This as on U.S. or British possessions. This presumably would affect the British proposal to take over as a naval and military base the Jap island fortress of Truk.

95 More Win 45 Days Home

The fourth group of UK-based soldiers —88 enlisted men and seven officers, in-cluding two nurses—to go home under the ETO rotation plan was selected yes-terday. The troops, who have served overseas at least 30 months, will get 45 days of furlough, instead of the previous

First man to be drawn in yesterday's lottery was Pfc Jitsuo Kobayashi, a mem-ber of the 332nd Signal, Information and

Monitoring Co.

The men in order of selection were:
Robert G. Turner, T/4 Steve Sagovic, T/Sgt.
Joseph J. Damelia, S/Sgt. James F. Casey, Pfc
Harvey A. Bergeron, T/4 Bert L. Wooden, Pfc
Joseph A. Cowart, T/Sgt. Frederick L. Yingling,
M/Sgt. John H. Ohanlon, T/Sgt, Raymond T.
Toner.

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Also T/4 Woodrow Shoulders, T/4 Douglas A. Currie, Pfc James O. McCafferty, T/4 Bennis P. Granes, Pfc James P. Grenney, and I/Sgt. John P. McEadden.

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Check All Money Sent Out of ETO

Transmission of funds by U.S. military personnel below the rank of major to points outside the ETO by money order, personal transfer account or by purchase of war bonds—while still very much en-couraged—will undergo the strictest scrutiny in an effort to stamp out black marketeering and other illegal activities, Gen. Eisenhower recently told his subordinate commands.

In a letter dated Mar. 15, the Supreme Commander urged that "vigorous steps" be taken to prevent the securing of funds from unlawful sources, including captured enemy currency, barter with prisoners of war, black market operations or, similar activities.

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Gen. Eisenhower's letter further decreed that any person (excluding officers of field grade and above) desiring to transmit funds must first submit an application to his unit's personnel officer, who will be charged with maintaining a who will be charged with maintaining a record indicating the date, amount and method of every transmittal.

By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates

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VERY WELL, MR. RYAN... L DON'T THINK WE'LL BE DIRPRISED BY GROUND THE ENEMY

MEANWHILE ... WHY HAS THIS TRANSMITTER EXCELLENCY, ALL OUR WIRELES TATIONS HAVE GONE OFF THE AIR - BUT A VANCEE BEAM IS GUIDING THE ATTACK

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