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Berlin Is Hit Fort on First U.S. Raid As'44 Aerial Blows Begin

German Capital Gets Ninth Heavy Pounding; France Is Hammered Anew

A heavy night assault on Berlin and continued attacks on the invasion coast of France opened the 1944 air offensive over the New Year's week-

Little more than 24 hours after a great fleet of more than 2,000 U.S. and Allied warplanes had closed out 1943 with day-long attacks on Nazi targets all across France, the RAF sent Lancaster bombers to make Berlin

their first target of the New Year.
Earlier on New Year's Day, RAF aircraft kept up the unending assault on military targets in northern France, possibly the reported emplacements for Hitler's secret rocket guns,

28 British Planes Lost

Twenty-eight British aircraft were lost in the New Year's Night operations which, aside from the ninth major blow since the Battle of Berlin began in mid-November, included attacks on battered lamburg and other objectives in western Hamburg and other objectives in western Germany.

The daylight air assault on the closing hours of 1943 saw more than 750 American heavy bombers and almost as many U.S. fighters strike two ball-bearing plants in Paris and airfields near Cognac, a southwestern Experience.

in southwestern France. The Paris targets were turning out ballbearings for the German war machine, while the airfields struck near Cognac are used by the Luftwaffe for long-range reconnaissance and attacks on Allied shipping in the Atlantic. Twenty-nine heavy bombers and three fighters were reported missing. Twenty-eight German fighters were relatingly by the JIC former pilots and bomber gunners. Good bomber pilots and bomber gunners. ing was reported in clear weather at all

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While the heavies with their vast escort were pounding the industrial targets and airfields, medium U.S. Marauder bombers continued their attacks on military installations in the Pas de Calais area, completing five straight lossless missions to such targets. RAF medium and fighter-bombers joined in the invasion-coast attacks, and continued them on New Year's Day when the Marauders were grounded.

The RAF's raid on Berlin, which was

The RAF's raid on Berlin, which was made early Sunday morning to avoid moonlight, was pressed through layers of heavy cloud and in weather which cut down Nazi night fighter opposition considerably, crews reported. More than 1,100 tons were dropped, starting more fires and sending columns of smoke up through the clouds.

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The assault, which carried the total weight of explosives on Berlin past 14,400 (American) tons, was concentrated chiefly on the outlying, industrial suburbs, according to Swedish reports.

Some estimates have placed at 50,000 tons the figure necessary to create in Berlin the sort of devastation which reduced Hamburg to impotency. Hamburg was blitzed with 10,000 tons in a series of day and night attacks by both USAAF and RAF bombers. Berlin has roughly three times the pre-war popula-tion of Hamburg and considerably more

Berlin Calls It Terror Raid

German radio described the attack as

German radio described the attack as "a pure terror raid, as it was carried out without sight of the ground. . ." In an official survey of the year's record, Eighth Bomber Command yesterday revealed that December losses of heavy bombers were only 2.6 per cent, representing 167 aircraft. The average monthly loss from the first raid in (Continued on page 2)

Turks Suggest Nazis May Use Gas to Meet Invaders

The Germans may use gas to meet the Allied invasion, Ankara Radio suggested today. "Hitler said in his New Year message that Germany will have recourse to all and any means to resist imminent Allied attacks. It may well be that Germans may consider chemical warfare among these means." among these means."

January to See Completion Of U.S. Two-Ocean Navy

BOSTON, Jan. 2—Rep. John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, House majority leader, disclosed in a speech here that America's two-ocean Navy would be competed this month, two

Still Doing a Job in ETO

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Jan. 2—Birmingham Blitzkrieg, the venerable B17E which took Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker across the Channel in the first USAAF heavy bomber raid from bases in England, is still on active duty, although it long ago finished its "tour of operations.

The old Fort, one of the original 12 which struck Rouen Aug. 17, 1942, is now assigned to the group com-manded by Col. Maurice Preston. It is used as a low-target ship, and when newer-model Forts go up for a practice formation flight, Col. Preston coaches the fliers from the cockpit of the old B17, which has a few miles per hour that the newer Forts have sacrificed for added armor-

SpaatzIsHere; Rumor Is Rife **On Eisenhower**

He May Have Left Africa: Madrid Sees Gibraltar As HQ for Invasion

Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the American strategic bombing force, has arrived in London, it was announced officially over the weekend, but ETO headquarters, in answer to rumors that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower also was here, declared that it had no knowledge of the invasion chief's whereabouts.

A Madrid dispatch from La Linea quoted reports that Gen, Eisenhower had established his headquarters for the invasion of Europe on Gibraltar.

announcement" that Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters for the invasion of Africa were at Gibraltar caused the belief that he had returned to Gibraltar to plan a combined offensive against the Con-tinent from both the Altantic and the Mediterranean.

Farewell Message to Troops

That Gen. Eisenhower had left Africa was indicated by the publication of a farewell message to troops in the Mediterranean theater.

ranean theater.

"You have established yourselves on the mainland of Europe," he told the men. "You are still advancing. Until we meet again in the heart of the enemy's continental stronghold, I send Godspeed and good luck to each of you, together with the assurance of my lasting gratitude and admiration."

Meanwhile, both in London and

Meanwhile, both in London and America, unofficial speculation on the date of the opening of the Second Front continued continued.

Chaplain John J. Weaver, at a U.S. Army New Year's service in St. Paul's Cathedral, said before Easter the Ameri-can people would have to pass through "a dreadful period of agony,"
"This will be known as the Passion

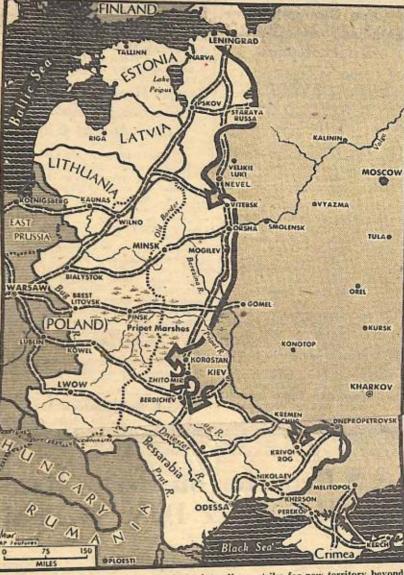
of our nation, when the enemies of Christ feel the impact of our strength, our might and righteous fury," the chaplain said. "Our nation will have its Lent—its dark Thursday and its Good Friday. Whether there will be a Resurrection most glorious to behold will depend on whether we have in close tower with Good."

we keep in close touch with God,"
Another warning that the assault on
Europe would bring a huge toll of
American lives was given in Washington

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Soviets 21 Miles From Poland; Drive Threatens Rail Line Vital To Entire Nazi Front in South

Hell-Bent for the Border



Red Army troops, breaking through Nazi winter lines, strike for new territory beyond the 1939 borders of Poland and Rumania. Near Vitebsk they were less than 50 miles from the Latvian border; near Korosten, only 21 miles from the Polish boundary.

74,000 Tons Dropped By Mediterranean Force

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 2 (AP)-The North African air forces announced today that the Strategic Air

Force alone had dropped 74,000 tons of bombs on Axis targets in the Mediterranean during the past year.

Planes of the Strategic Air Force shot down 3,146 Axis planes during 1943 for the loss of 819 aircraft, while 2,426 more enemy planes were destroyed on the ground.

During the start 70,000

ground.

During the year 70,000 sorties were flown by Mai. Gen. James Doolittle's command, during which 101 ships were sunk, ranging in size from cruisers to German torpedo boats. In addition, 216 ships were seriously damaged.

Targets included Germany, Austria, the Balkans, Italy, North Africa, France and most of the islands of the western Mediterranean.

Mediterranean.

New Bougainville Airfield Only 850 Miles from Truk

A U.S. AIRFIELD, Bougainville, Jan. 2 (AP)-A 6,500-foot airfield for light and medium bombers, within less than 250 miles of Rabaul and only 850 miles from Japan's mighty naval base of Truk, now is in operation in the northern

Now is in operation in the northern Solomons.

The airfield, at the base of volcanic Mount Bogana, is carved out of the heaviest of jungles. It is called Piva Field and is the second U.S. airdrome to be stablished on the bland. established on the island.

Super Messerschmitt

German radio said the latest Messer-schmitt fighter-bomber's speed and maneuverability will equal the world's fastest fighters and will be followed by

new, equally improved dive-bombers.

S & S Reporter on a Berlin Raid Tells:

How Britain Is Paying Off an Old Debt

Dating from the first Fortress raid into Germany nearly a year ago, The Stars and Stripes has been sending reporters over Germany and Occupied Europe with aircraft and crews of the USAAF. When the RAF closed its 1943, "open season" on Germany with a 2,200-ton raid on Berlin, a Stars and Stripes reporter went along to get a first-hand story of what our Allies are doing. Here is that story.

By C. K. Hodenfield

AN RCAF BOMBER STATION, Jan. 2-The Lancaster bomber J for Jig, the last aircraft to take off from this field for Berlin, seemed all alone as she headed away from the coast of England into enemy territory. There were hundreds of other planes, all going the same way and all with the same purpose-but they were lost in the dim light of the new moon shining down on the heavy blanket of cloud.

Regardless of Hollywood opinion, there are no great dramatics attached to the takeoff of a plane for Berlin. years ahead of schedule.

By the end of 1944, he said, American warship strength would be almost equal to that of the rest of the world combined.

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Only twice in the briefing room were there cheers and whistles. The first time was when the number of planes making the trip was announced. The second time was when the crews were told there would be thick cloud below them all the way to the target and back.

The flak started coming up shortly after J for Jig left the English coast behind. It was fairly heavy. It was a long trip that ride to Berlin, but it was never

dull. There were flares to watch and courses to be set. There were planes to watch, for the sky was crowded. The dials on the instrument board were checked constantly. And through it all the four motors of J for Jig

roared smoothly in a harmony of power.

The crews had been told that diversionary raids would be held to draw off enemy defenses. One of those raids could be seen off in the distance as J for Jig neared Berlin. There were huge fires and explosions on the ground, and the air was filled with flak and the reflected glow of searchlights playing on the thick cloud below.

It was an impressive sight that diversionary raid, but it was only a prelude to what was coming. The crews watched the flak stabbing holes in the darkness, and

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Germany's Defenses Crumbling Over Vast Sector

Hard-hitting Russian mobile forces, steadily rolling back Germany's Ukraine armies in one of the most crushing defeats of the war, smashed their way within 21 miles of the 1939 Polish border yesterday and drove a wide wedge toward the Bug River and the vital Odessa-Lwow railway. Three deep thrusts in the Korosten-

Zhitomir sector, aimed at important Zhitomir sector, aimed at important communication lines the Germans must hold to protect their troops in the Dnieper Bend and the Crimea, gained new ground as the Red Army achieved fresh successes in the fronts around Nevel, Vitebsk and Zaporozhe.

As German defenses wilted over a 600-mile front, from Nevel in the north to Zaporozhe in the south, the German high command was reported massing.

high command was reported massing troops in Poland to prevent a Russian breakthrough. Dispatches reaching Ankara said trains were pouring supplies and fresh troops into the rear sections of the frent. the front.
Smashing Down Railway

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The Russians cut deep into the German rear south and west of the Kiev salient, driving southwestward down the Kiev-Zhmerinka railway toward the Bug and the Odessa-Lwow railway, the main artery feeding Odessa, the Gassard on Rumanian railways for all transport in this sector and seriously endanger Nazi forces in the Crimea, the Dnieper Bend, the southern Ukraine and Bessarabia.

Bessarabia.

Zhmerinka, a great railway junction on the road to Rumania, is one of the chief German supply centers for the Nazi Sixth Army striving to hold back Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's Russian offensive striking for Nikopol, in the Zaporozhe area.

The Russian thrust southwest of Kiev

The Russian thrust southwest of Kiev made rapid progress toward the railway junction of Kalinovka, about 40 miles from Zhmerinka. Here some advanced elements of Gen. Nicolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army were only 80 miles from the Bessarabian border.

One Rail Town Before Border

West of Korosten, other Vatutin advance troops pushed within 21 miles of the Polish border in a drive on Olevsk, last remaining railway town before the border. Olevsk, near the lower tip of the Pinsk marshes, is about 50 miles north-

Pinsk marshes, is about 50 miles north-west of Korosten.
Farther south, two powerful columns from Zhitomir and Korosten drove to-ward Novograd Volynski, a railway town some 60 miles northwest of Zhitomir. Latest reports placed them about 15 miles away yesterday. Their goal was highly important to the Russians, because it is through Novograd Volynski the broad, hard-surfaced highway from Kiey to Warsaw runs. Warsaw runs. Still farther south the Russians

Still farther south the Russians were reported to have almost surrounded the railway town of Berdichev.

Deep in the Dnieper Bend two columns of Gen. Malinovsky's army pushed toward Nikopol, one along the railway from Zaporozhe and the other from the north. Moscow reports said the Germans were throwing in masses of men and tanks in "fruitless counter-attacks."

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At the northern end of the front the Germans likewise launched as many as 30 attacks a day to save almost sur-rounded Vitebsk, northern anchor of their White Russian line. They used armored trains in an attempt to recapture the Vitebsk-Polotsk railway and swarms of tanks to prevent the Red Army from cutting the Vitebsk-Orsha road, last Nazi lifeling the Vitebsk-Orsha road, last Nazi lifeline after the loss of the Vitebsk-Orsha railroad.

In the Nevel sector Soviet forces, less than 50 miles from the Latvian border, waged a bitter battle in unfavorable weather and made progress toward the Polotsk-Pskov-Leningrad railway.

And if Hirohito Has a Yen, We Might Sell Him a Ride

A Japanese plan for a railway from Tokyo to Berlin, to be built after the war, was described in a Tokyo broadcast

war, was described in a Tokyo broadcast yesterday.

It will start from a point on the Korean coast, which would be linked with Japan by a tunnel, and cross Mongolia, Afghanistan, Persia and Iraq to link up with a German line from Berlin to Istanbul and Baghdad.

"It is understood that the locomotives will be driven partly by aircraft propellers and partly by rockets," said Tokyo.

CanadiansEdge AheadasStorms **GripEntireLine**

8th Army Nears Pescara: U.S. Navy in Daring Foray off Genoa

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Jan. 2 (AP)—Against stiffening German resistance, Canadian troops edged slowly forward over the weekend to reach points less than nine miles from Pescara after a 24-hour battle to clear Long Hill, overlooking the Adriatic front, as winds, snow and sleet swept the Italian front from end

to end. The Canadians also widened their sector along the coast by capturing San Tommasso, the scene of bitter fighting for several days.

The Germans were driven from Long Hill controlling the coast road by a Canadian attack with armor and infantry, then withdrew to new positions just south

of the river Arielli for their next stand.
The Eighth Army's big guns now are lobbing shells into Pescara, the vital "back-door" port to Rome. Artillery Fire on Eighth Front

There was a great deal of artillery fire along the whole of the Eighth Army front yesterday, and a new and vigorous battle was in progress for the cross roads leading to Villa Grande and Tello, while the Nazis were clinging tenaciously to

Orsogna.
On the Fifth Army front, British troops carried out a fresh raid across the River Garigliano, this time six miles inland at Castelforte. Infantry crossed the river, advanced for a mile to Castelforte, and

then withdrew.

Although one of the worst storms on record hampered land and air operations, U.S. motor torpedo-boats in a daring raid slipped into the Gulf of Genoa under cover of darkness to damage a German trawler and to torpedo another ship.

No Air Activity in Italy

Only a few patrols, carried out by coastal command, were flown in the whole of the western Mediterranean yesterday. It was the first time for many

months that neither the strategic nor the tactical air torces had taken to the air.

A delayed report revealed that the landing strip and harbor at Valona had been bombed by Italian bombers operating with the Allies. This is the first mention of Italian bombers in action.

Soon may race areas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—Local draft boards have been notified by the Selec-tive Service System to reopen and con-sider the cases of Italian registrants who have been rejected in the past because they were enemy aliens.

An official said the change came about because Italy recently was recognized as a co-belligerent of the United Nations. The War Department also has decided than an enemy allen may be assigned to than an enemy alten may be assigned to a war theater with American forces providing he is not called upon to fight against fellow nationals or against enemies of the U.S. who might be his relatives. The ruling also will apply to German, Hungarian, Rumanian and Bulgarian nationals, but not to Japanese aliens in this country.

150,000 People in Gomel In'40-Not One Left Today

Gomel, Russia, which had a population of 150,000 before the war, today is a town without an inhabitant, Moscow radio reported.

More than 50,000 people died of hunger, were shot, or tortured to death by the Gestapo before the town was recaptured, the report claimed. More than 30,000 were driven off to slavery, it added.

Title Game Pigskin Sells Bonds

CHICAGO, Jan. 2—The football used by the Bears and Redskins Sanday is now engaged in a bond selling campaign among Chicago high schools. Sid Luckman and Bronko Nagurski, both retiring from football, had eyes on the ball, but Maurice Frank won it in a war bond drawing. Frank is presenting the ball to the high school with the best record in a bond drive.

A Blessed Event Saves AWOL WAC in Italy

NAPLES, Jan. 2 (UP)-Helping to deliver a baby is not listed by army regulations as a valid excuse for returning to barracks later than the time stated in the soldier's pass, but WAC Evelyn Colonnese found it

Evelyn, a New Yorker who speaks was celebrating Christmas Eve with some Italian friends when a neighbor rushed in to announce that his wife was about to have a baby and he could not reach a doctor. Evelyn had never seen a baby born, but she volunteered to help.

Three-quarters of an hour later a pale WAC came out and announced, "It's a boy." It made her ten minutes late getting back, but her CO decided that it was all right.

There's a New Boom -And Florida Shuns It

MIAMI, Jan. 2-Winter visitors to Florida already outnumber 1942's total by 35 per cent, it was disclosed. Business is booming to the point that the state's publicity bureau, which usually "builds up" Florida, now advises people to stay away unless they have a place to stay.

Double rooms, including meals, go for as much as \$30 a day. Miami's 36 night clubs and racetracks are breaking all "take" records. It's almost impossible to land a seat in a

Marines Get Set ForJungleTrek

All Cape Gloucester Japs Dead as Seebees Rush Airport Repairs

ALLIED HQ, New Guinea, Jan. 2-U.S. Marines, with the Cape Gloucester airfields and bridgeheads firmly in hand, today were regrouping for new thrusts along the tricky jungle coast after killing more than 1,000 Japs in the week-long campaign for the vital New Britain base. Weak Jap counter-attacks, of the suicidal nature, were driven off yesterday before the Marines struck along the coast to wipe out remnants of the Jap garrison,

and wrecking all enemy equipment in the As U.S. Seabees swiftly went into action rebuilding the Cape Gloucester airfields, U.S. heavy bombers of the Fifth Air Force, escorted by P38s and P47s, peppered Madang, New Guinea, with 268 tons of bombs. Madang is the next Allied goal in the westward advance along the island's northern coast.

Rabaul Blasted Again

Rabaul also was a main objective for the U.S. air force yesterday, with beavies from new bases in the Solomons blasting the town and harbor area, while fighters from bases in Bougainville shot down 20 of 50 Jap fighters which tried to intercept the U.S. bombers.

Fresh advances were going on along the Arawe Peninsula in New Britain. Japs stiffly contested every yard of ground in face of heavy pressure from Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army.

Light dive-bombers, with fighter Eight dive-bombers, with fighters were shot down by the U.S. planes. Rabaul also was a main objective for

Tatty Spaatz Meets Pops



Arriving from North Africa in the EFO to take un his duties as chief of the U.S. Strategic Air Force, Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz met his daughter, Tatty, who he had not seen in more than a year. Miss Spaatz is a member of the Red Cross.

Eisenhower Reported Here and at Gib

by Secretary of War Henry L, Stimson.
"We must accept the casualties which are bound to come, and forge steel from our grief," he said. "We must learn to expect setbacks which may seem more serious than anything we have thus far known and still not falter on the road to victory." (Continued from page 1)

Dispatches from Washington indicated that some authorities in America believed the invasion would be launched sooner than many people thought possible. Some sources even said that the drive would begin in a month.

However, an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, which quoted informed military circles, said that late April or early May was the most feasible time for

Another report said that the pre-inva-sion softening-up air blows would be quite lengthy.

Nazis Quit Rostock Area

A partial evacuation of the province of Macklemburg in North Germany, has end of the partic coast, thendes the end of the Battic coa blitzed port of Rostock.

S&S Reporter on Berlin Raid Tells How Blitz Debt Is Paid

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Berlin it would be many, many times worse.

They were right. As J for Jig neared the target area the sky was filled with light.

After the raid was over and the plane. They were right. As J for Jig neared the target area the sky was filled with light. Silhouetted against the clouds were other Lancasters, starting their target runs, the skippers holding them steady while the bomb-aimers peered through their bomb-sights and waited for the target indicators to come into view. to come into view.

And right below them the crew of J for Jig saw an incongruous sight. German Condor, a four-motored fighter plane that loves to sneak into a formation of bombers and start shooting the place up, could be seen heading out of the target. Except for that it was strictly one-

way traffic. And then it was Berlin itself. The clouds were holding up, as we hoped they would. That was fine, for the searchlights couldn't get through. But beneath the clouds could be seen the territic explosions as the black business. terrific explosions as the block-busters hit. The glow of the fires started by the incendiaries was spreading and the smoke was starting to seep through into the

F/O Ted O'Gorman, the bomb-aimer of J for Jig, was over his bombsight. He had given the course for the target run and the huge plane roared steadily on toward one particular spot in the sky. The flares used as target indicators were down, well concentrated and outlining the

target perfectly.

Closer and closer moved J for Jig. Closer and closer moved J for Jig. Flak was bursting all around, above and below and on all sides, but there was no attempt at evasive action. J for Jig had brought her bombs to Berlin and they had dropped.

"Hold 'er even, Skipper," O'Gorman said. "We're almost on 'er now. Just a little more. Comin' up." He pressed a button and the plane leaped upward. "The cookle's away," he said. But there was no suspicion of excitement in his voice. Just the calm approximately. his voice. Just the calm announcement that a huge bomb filled with death and destruction was hartling onto the target

In a few moments the incendiaries were away. F/Sgt. Pete Dennis, the pilot, holding the plane on its course as smoothly as if he had been driving down a four-lane highway back in Canada, spoke now. "OK, boys, let's get to hell out of here."

J for Jig was free of her heavy load now. She seemed to take the bit in her teeth as she sped away from the target

The bombs had been dropped, but it was still a long way home. The Berlin

night . . . and even then there were fighters to guard against.

After the raid was over and the plane was back at base, the men called it all a piece of cake." At the time, though, it seemed anything but that. Fighters were still flirting around, trying to work in close, and every few miles seemed to mark the location of another "hot spot," a point on the markless map where the defenses threw everything but Adolf's kitchen sink at the Lancasters.

It was just before J for Jig crossed the enemy coastline that the clouds broke. And the first sight the crew had of the ground wasn't particularly reassuring. Down there an airport suddenly twinkled into being, long rows of lights marking the runways.

It was not much later that J for Jig was far ont over the North Sea, and Dennis started bringing her down. Just about the time the English coast was sighted she was down low enough so the men could take off their otware market.

sighted she was down low enough so the men could take off their oxygen masks. Then it was over. The landing was routine, just as the takeoff had been. J for

Jig, the last plane out, was the second one home. The others came in at inter-vals, until every plane from that station was back at its dispersal area and the men were filing into the briefing room to tell their stories to the men who had had to wait behind.

The reaction was the same with every crew. The English members of the crew called it a "wizard prang." The Canadians called it "bang on."

The biggest topic was whether two immense explosions seen over the target area were two Lancasters blowing up or only two German "spoof" flares. Those who had been the closest said they were Lancasters, and the men wondered who it was that had "had it."

But those men of the RCAF don't live in the past, nor even the present. They live for the future. And to them the future does not mean the day when the war is over, when they go back to their homes and put on civvies. The future for them means but one thing... the next time the signal is flashed that

the next time the signal is flashed that the squadron is alerted and the huge planes begin warming up for another jaunt into the Greater German Reich.

And the planes? Aircraft have no feelings, some people say, aircraft can't think. But I for Jig, for one, is probably waiting out there in her dispersal area now. Her motors have been overhauled, her controls have been checked and her her controls have been checked and her bomb bay is open.

Spaatz Here from Africa; Reich Economy **AtItsLimitNow**

Can't Be Expanded to Meet Demands of a New Front, U.S. Agency Declares

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—Germany's war economy, already strained by the demands of fronts in Russia, Italy and Jugoslavia, cannot be expanded further

Jugoslavia, cannot be expanded further to meet an Anglo-American assault in Western Europe, the U.S. Foreign Economic Administration reported today in an analysis of the Axis war potential.

Fighting on three fronts has severely stretched Nazi economy and made it extremely sensitive to Allied bombing, the report said, pointing out that critical shortages of oil and rubber may arise, as well as an additional shortage of manpower.

While economic strain will contribute

While economic strain will contribute to German political and military deterioration in 1944, the report said, this in itself will not be sufficiently serious to cause collapse.

In the Pacific, Japan has passed the peak of its industrial factory expansion armaments for detense in 1944. Shipping was described as the chief weakness which prevents Japan from fully exploiting her conquests. ing her conquests.

First Negro Paratroopers Will Be Organized in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 — The War Department revealed that it had authorized organization of the first Negro paratroop unit and that the outfit would be activated soon at Fort Benning, Ga.

The unit will serve under Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan, who heads the Airborne Command. Gen. Donovan will select volunteers for an enlisted cadre from the 92nd Infantry Division at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Eisenhower Tells Troops Future Role to Be Vital

ALGIERS, Jan. 2-Gen. Eisenhower told American troops in Africa that the role they would play in future operations had been discussed at his conference with President Roosevelt.

Your part is going to be vital," he in a radio broadcast. "It will require more and more work from us."

Nazis Execute 9 Belgians For Aiding Allied Airmen

Brazzaville radio said that the special German tribunal in Brussels has sentenced two Frenchmen and nine Belgians to death for aiding Allied airmen. The sentences have been carried out.

Raids (Continued from page 1)

August, 1942, to the end of November, 1943, was 3.8 per cent.

Other official year end totals, substantially as unofficial estimates had listed them on the last day of 1943, put the number of enemy fighters destroyed at 3,465 for the loss of 976 U.S. heavy hombers. bombers.

The names of 21 pilots designated as aces after shooting down at least five aces after shooting down at least live enemy aircraft were released yesterday by Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner's Eighth Fighter Command headquarters. Top scorer is Capt. Walker Mahurin, Ft. Wayne, Ind., pilot who is credited with

14.
Eighth Fighter Command pilots flew nearly 25,000 sorties on 154 operational days last year, destroying 447 enemy planes for the loss of 150.
Eighth Service Command's year-end summary showed that Ferry and Transport services flew monthly total of 250,000 miles in transporting cargo and personnel, and ferried 1,500 combat aircraft to advanced bases. craft to advanced bases.

70% of Reich's Fighters Facing **EighthAirForce**

Eaker Tells U.S. by Radio That 1943 Vindicated Precision Bombing

Precision Bombing

Nearly 70 per cent of Germany's fighter planes—more than double the number on the Russian and Mediterranean fronts combined—today face the Eighth Air Force on its missions into Germany and the occupied countries from Britain, at C. Eaker declared yesterday in an address broadcast to the United States over the Blue Network.

In one of the Eighth Air Force chief's last public appearances before succeeding Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder as commander in chief of the Allied air forces in the Mediterranean, Gen. Eaker summarized the year's activities from British bases, which, he said, "triumphantly vindicated the American concept of daylight precision bombing," and added that he was "immensely proud" of the "intrepid gallantry of our combat crews and the heroic drudgery of our maintenance men."

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"The liers of the Eighth Bomber Command were the first Americans privileged to bring the war to Germany itself. They have penetrated as deeply as 800 miles into Germany to find, pin-point and destroy Hitler's most important war factories.

"The men of the Eighth Fighter Command were the first Allied fliers to put fighter planes into combat over Germany itself. Using long-range tanks, they have escorted our bombers to Kiel, Bremen, the Ruhr and many other targets in Germany, meeting the Hun on his home ground and destroying his best fighters at the rate of three to one.

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"These men are fighting the toughest aerial war the world has ever seen. Facing them are nearly 70 per cent of Germany's fighters, more than double the number on the Russian and Mediterranean fronts combined. At 25,000 feet, where our formations habitually fly, the temperature is often 50 degrees below zero. If a gunner takes his hand out of his glove for even two minutes he is likely to lose his fingers from frostbite. If he takes his oxygen mask off for two minutes he dies.

"It is a grim and fearful struggle. Yet, despite the most desperate defenses the

despite the most desperate defenses the Germans can devise, the men of the Eighth Air Force have never been turned away from their targets by enemy action."

Is Dassey a Beauty Insists

Unvarnished Pulchritude

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2—Called the girl with the \$2,500,000 personality because she has sold that many War Bonds, Jean Bartel, Miss America of 1943, said that she was pleasantly surprised to learn on her swing around the country that the nation had outgrown the "bubble bath and cheesecake era."

Even the military installations she visited did not raise a clamor that she strip down to a bathing suit, Miss Bartel said.

"I found they wanted to see a typical American girl. They wanted to talk with me and then buy bonds. I used a bath-ing suit to go swimming in."

U.S. Army Mission Begins TalksWith King of Arabia

CAIRO, Jan. 2 (AP)—The first U.S. military mission ever to enter Saudi Arabia has just completed successful introductory talks with King Ibn Saud on economic and military matters, it was officially announced here.

Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, American commander-in-chief in the Middle East, talked for three days with the King before returning to Cairo. The visit raised speculation of a possible expansion of military supply and transportation activities in the Middle East.

Rutgers Winter Sports Dropped
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Jan. 2—
Complete abandonment of intercollegiate
winter sports has been announced by
Rutgers University athletic officials. Instead, great emphasis on intramural com-petition will be placed under the Army's specialized training program

'Convoys Form at Gib' Berlin radio said last night that some 65 Allied cargo ships and tankers are in the harbor and bay of Gibraltar, where convoys are being formed for the Mediterranean and the Atlantic.

Exit Poverty, but Love Fails to Fly Back In

CHICAGO, Jan. 2-Mrs. Nancy Crabtree's husband Stanley wouldn't love her while she was poor, so why should she take him back now that she's a millionaire?

That was her answer to a judge here who wanted to know if there were any chance of a reconciliation between the couple. Crabtree walked out on Nancy five days before she inherited a million dollars from her grandfather, the late James S. Anderson, Birmingham (Ala.) real estate

Mrs. Crabtree received her divorce and returned to work as a shoe saleswoman.

Of Allies, Axis Are Described

'Magic Eye' Aids Planes In Fog: Glider-Bomb of Nazis Is Neutralized

London newspapers over the weekend published reports from neutral capitals of two secret weapons—one the Allied magic eye for bombing through cloud and fog, the other an enemy glider-bomb which has been used recently in the Mediterranean theater.

theater.

A Stockholm dispatch printed by the Daily Express told of an article by a Swedish scientist in Dagens Nyheter, in which he said the RAF was using the "magic eye," employing a method of making television photo-electric cells susceptible to infra-red rays. The method, it said, had been perfected about three years ago by a Russian-American scientist. Vladimir Kosma Zworykin, in the RCA laboratories in Camden, NJ. The "magic eye" which he perfected was said to employ a principle similar to television, but the image—the target to be hit—is shown by infra-red rays, which are not-obscured by cloud or fog.

Details of the glider-bomb used recently

Details of the glider-bomb used recently Details of the glider-bomb used recently against shipping in the Mediterranean were discussed in the Evening Standard.

The glider-bomb, according to the Standard, is fitted with wings and looks like a small fighter plane. Rocket propulsion is used and it is possible to control the bomb by radio from the parent plane. There is a green light in the tail to assist the parent plane in keeping to assist the parent plane in keeping accurate control.

accurate control.

The controlling plane keeps well away from anti-aircraft fire whenever possible and sends the bomb in from a distance of about four miles, the Standard said. Radio control is effective only if the parent plane is able to maintain a steady course, and the defense being employed is the use of fighter protection for convoys.

Early German successes in the use of the rocket-bomb were due largely to the element of surprise, according to the Standard. The proper measures in combating the newest German weapon have now been made available to all branches of the services involved, it was

Yanks to Study

The First of Six One-Week Courses to Begin Jan. 17 For U.S. Soldiers

The first of six one-week courses to be

The first of six one-week courses to be given at Cambridge University for U.S. soldiers will begin Jan. 17. Opening dates of the five subsequent courses are Jan. 31, Feb. 14 and 28, and March 13 and 27.

Cambridge faculty members will lecture on law, politics, literature, religion and science. Applications for the courses should be sent directly to the Chief of Special Service. Headquarters, SOS, ETO.

Applicants should state whether they have a high school or college education. The charge for one week's course, including board and room, is £1 12s, for enlisted men and £3 12s, for officers.

A course in the development of natural science in Great Britain will be given at the University of Leeds from Jan. 17 to Jan. 22. Special Service Headquarters also announced. An educational background in natural science is a prerequisite for the course, and applicants should state their qualifications. state their qualifications.

A two-day lecture course for EMs and officers stationed in the London area is scheduled from noon, Jan. 27, at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London, featuring discussions on the Scandinavian countries, Belgium and the Netherlands. SOS troops are authorized to attend in duty time. Applications should be sent to the

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A total of 28 American soldiers and WACs, along with 26 members of the Canadian forces, recently completed a one-week furlough course at Southampton University College, sponsored by the Canadian Legion Education Service and the British Council.

Features were receptions by the mayors

the British Council.

Features were receptions by the mayors of Southampton and Salisbury, lectures by University College dons and professors, tours of the dock area, Romsey Abbey, Winchester and Salisbury Cathedrals and the University College library and science laboratories. The group was entertained by Lady Louis Mountbatten on her estate at Broadlands.

Radiomen-Gunners End 1st Dual Training Course

YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 2—The first USAAF class of radio operator-gunners trained for dual duty aboard bombers

was graduated here, Col. Herbert W. Anderson, Yuma Field commanding officer, said the field was the only one which offered this dual training. Members of the class had been graduated from radio school when they began the gunnery course, and radio training continued at the gunnery school.

Express Is Derailed

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Jan. 2— Eastbound traffic on the Pennsylvania Railroad line was delayed four hours by derailment of one car of the Manhattan Limited. No one was injured.

Secret Weapons Japs Prefer Death-And Japs Get It, One Way or Another



Preferring death—even if self-inflicted—to surrender, these Sons of Nippon committed hari kiri in their dugout on Tarawa, in the Gilberts. Note Jap's toe still on the trigger of the gun with which he killed himself in the tradition, though not the style of hari kiri.



Wearing camouflaged suits, U.S. Marines fire a 40mm, gun point blank at Jap positions hidden away in the damp sweltering jungle on Bougainville in the Solomons. Yanks have killed more than 7,000 Japs since the invasion of Bougainville on Nov. 1.

Two New Ones Keep List At Peak; Schedule for Week Is Offered

Two new USO-Camp Shows are being presented this week, maintaining total at the record 14 reached Dec. 13. Others will be added soon. Two shows—Willie Shore's "Band Wagon" and "USA Call-ing"—are taking a furlough.

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The new ones are "On the Beam," which goes to Wales, and "Keep 'Em Rolling," booked for Hampshire. The former features Fred Lightner, MC and comedian; Chris-Pin Martin, comedian; De Leon sisters, dancers; Val Setz, comedy juggler; Sue Dale, singer; Norman Secon, pianist, and Jack Trebell, drummer. "Keep 'Em Rolling' has Joe and Jane McKenna, comedy team; Victor and Ruth, roller skating act; Helen Hall. and Ruth, roller skating act; Helen Hall, singer; Stanley twins, girl dancing act; Tommy Martin, illusionist; Ross Love, pianist, and Les Jessop, drummer.

The other shows, with their locations necksing Kanada Starita, vibraphonist; Al Goodhart, planist and composer.

and composer.

Birmingham and Derby areas "Swingtime," Grace Drysdale, pupper entertainer; Freddy Morgan, MC and banioist.

Hertfordshire—"Fiying High," Al Bernic, MC and comedian; Eddie Cochrane, magician.

Hampshire—"Full Speed Ahead," Carl Nixon and Carmen Sands, comedy team; Duke McHale, dancer.

and Carmen Sands, comedy learn, Duke Merial, dancer.

Somerset—"Bubbling Over," Sid Marion and Cliff Hall, comedians.

Glasgow area—"Fun Marches On." Don Rice. MC and comedian: Jack Powell, trick drummer. Bristol area—"Boomps A Daisy." Evans family, dancers; Ewon Hail, MC and singer.

Swansea area—"Yanksapoppin"." Eve Lombard, singer: 13 soldier-stars.

Bedford area—"At Ease," Hank Ladd, comedian; Francetta Malloy, singer; five-piece Gl band, Liverpool and Manchester areas—"On With the Show," George Freems, MC and comedian; Canfield Smith, ventriloquist.

U.S. Flag Hung InOldCathedral

SALISBURY, Jan. 2—The American flag now hangs in Salisbury Cathedral, which, though built in the 1200s, is England's tallest building.

Col. Charles O. Thrasher, commanding officer of Southern Base Section, made the recognition restorday to Dean Henry

officer of Southern Base Section, made the presentation yesterday to Dean Henry Charles Robins of the cathedral.
"This flag will be guarded by the cathedral, forever a constant reminder and symbol of the close bond and friendship that exists between America and Baseland." Dean Robins said. England," Dean Robins said.

New Officers' Club in London

Opening of the American Red Cross Van Dyke Service club for officers at 120 Cromwell Road, London, SW7, has been announced. The club has sleep-ing facilities, and for the present will serve only breakfast and snacks.

14 Camp Shows Week's Programs Are Listed Orphans' Fund On ETO Circuit By Out-of-London ARC Clubs Nears £40,000

league basketball contests, table tennis tournaments and boxing matches, will be sponsored by many of the American Red Cross service clubs outside the London area this week.

Other features include special educamathematics. The Oxford Club has scheduled daily tours of the colleges there at 2.15 PM.

Programs for clubs in the London area appear in Thursday's paper for the benefit of men visiting the city over the weekend. Those of the other clubs

Okehampton

Monday—German class, 7 PM; dancing class, 8 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. *Friday—German class, 8 PM. Sunday—Movies, 3 PM; tea dance, 4 PM; birthday party, 9 PM.

Southampton

Monday—Movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—Dancing
class, 8 PM; ping pong tournament, 8 PM. Wednexday—Dance, 8 PM. Thursday—Concert pianist,
8 PM. Friday—Dancing class, 7,30 PM; binuo,
9 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Baland
Salisbury

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Monday—Basketball games, 7.30 PM; bingo, band 2 PM; piano-accordian session, 8.30 PM; piano-accordian session, 8.30 PM; Tuesday—Movies, 7 PM; dancing class, 8.30 PM; Tuesday—Movies, 7 PM; dancing class, 8.30 PM; wednesday—Dance, 7.30 PM; symphonic hour, 8 PM. Thursday—Musical tea, 3.30 PM; basketball games, 7 PM; piano-accordian session, 8.30 PM; friday—Program committee meeting, 6 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Saturday—Musical tea, 3.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Tour of Salisbury Carhedral, 1.30 PM; symphonic hour, 3 PM; tea dance, 4 PM; ENSA Musical show, 7.30 PM.

Exeter

Monday—Jive sessions, 9 PM, Tuesday—Dancing lessons, 8 PM, Wednesday—Square dancing, 7.30 PM, Thursday—Tour of Exeter, 2.30 PM; movies, 8,30 PM, Friday—Biogo, 7.30 PM, Saturday—Dance, 8 PM, Sunday—Open house, 3 PM; accordian music, 4 PM; cartoonist, 8.45 PM, Daily—Horse back riding, swimming, golf, bicycling.

Cheltenham

Monday—Camera club, 7.30 PM; math class, 7.30 PM; photography class, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7.15 PM; movies, 7 and 9 PM. Wednesday—Advanced French class, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Movies, 7 and 9 PM; woodcraft, 7 PM. Friday—American-British musical circle, 7 PM. Friday—American-British musical circle, 7.45 PM. Saturday—Entertainment, 10 PM. Sanday—Concert hour, 2.30 PM; dances, 3 and 7.30 PM.

Bristol

Monday—Movies, 8 PM, Tuesday—Dance, 7.30
PM, Wednesday—Dancing class, 8 PM, Thursday—Dance, 7.30 PM, Saturday—Dance, 7.30 PM, Sanday—Movies, 2 PM; coffee hour, 4 PM; dance, 8 PM.

· Newbury

Monday—Boing match, Streaming Eagles vs.
Sky Trains, 7,30 PM; movies, 8 PM. Tuesday—
Basketball, 7,30 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—
Musical program, 8 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM.
Friday—Bridge and pinochle, 8 PM. Saturday—
Movies, 8 PM. Sunday—Dance, 3 PM; USO show, featuring Rudy Starita and all-girl band.

Grimsby

Monday—Basketball, 7.30 PM; bingo, 9 PM,
Tuesday—Trip to Town Hall, 2.30 PM. Wednesday—Basketbalb, 7.30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8
PM. Friday—Trip to docks, 2.30 PM; dancing,
class, 7.30 PM, stage show, 9.30 PM, Dailyice skating, 2.30 and 6.30 PM.

A variety of sports activity, including league basketball contests, table tennis ournaments and boxing matches, will be sponsored by many of the American Red description of Liverpool, 2.30 PM; photographer, 3 PM; faim session, 4 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.

Hanley

Monday—Games night, 7 PM. Tuesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM; square dancing, 8.30 PM. Wednesday—Tour of Wedgwood Pottery, 10 AM; dance, 7.30 PM. Friday—Movies, 7 PM. Saurday—Dance, 7.30 PM. Sunday—Table tennis tournament, 2 PM; Tea dance, 2.45 PM.

Southport

Monday—Beginners' dancing class, 8 PM. Tues-day—Movies, 2 PM; bridge, 8 PM. Wednesday— Dance, 8 PM, Friday—Lounge activities, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM, Sunday—Open House, 3 PM; dance, 5 PM.

Norwich

Monday—Gym classes, 2 PM; movies, 8 PM, Tuesday—Classical recordings, 8 PM; pianist, 8 PM, Wednesday—Tour of Cathedral, 2 PM; Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee state nights, 7,30 PM, soldiers committee meeting, 8,30 PM, Thursday—Fishini and picnicing, 10 AM; Blanch at piano, 7 PM; beginners dancing class, 7,45 PM; French class, 8 PM. Friday—Gym classes, 2 PM; dance, 7,30 PM, Saturday—Fishing and picnicing, 10 AM; entertrainment, 8 PM. Sunday—Jive session, 7 PM.

Swindon
Monday—Table tennis, 7,30 PM, Tuesday—
Dance, 8 PM, Wednesday—Movies, 8,30 PM,
Thursday—Dance, 8,30 PM, Friday—Table tennis,
7,30 PM, Sunday—Recorded concert, 3,30 PM;
table tennis, 4,30 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Bury St. Edmunds

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Monday—Basketball, 5 PM; bridge and
checkers tournament, 8 PM. Tuesday—Basketball,
5 PM; dance, 7.30 PM. Wednesday—Basketball,
5 PM; dancing lessons, 7.30 PM; bingo, 8.30 PM.
Thursday—Basketball, 5 PM; movies, 8 PM.
Friday—Basketball, 5 PM; Hazel Dorling at piano,
8 PM. Saturday—Open house, 7.30 PM. Sunday
—Recordings, 11 AM; tour of Bury St. Edmunds,
2 PM; dance, 8 PM.

Northampton

Tuesday—Dance, 8,30 PM, Wednesday—Dance, 8,30 PM, Thursday—Dance, 8,30 PM, Friday—Movies, 7,30 PM, Saturday—Dance, 8,30 PM, Saturday—S

Oxford

- Monday - Discussion group, 7,30 PM. Tuesday - Dancing lessons, 8 PM. Wednesday - Dance, 8,30 PM. Thursday - Hospital party, 5 PM: movies, 9 PM Friday - Dancing lesson, 8 PM: movies, 9,30 PM. Saturday - Dance, 8,30 PM. Sunday - Dance, 8,30 PM. Daily - Tour of colleges, 2,15 PM.

Bournemouth

Monday—Musical hostess, 9 PM. Tuesday— Trip to Highelife Castle, 2.15 PM; dance, 8 PM. Wednesday—Bicycle tour, 2.15 PM; basketball game, 7 PM; movies, 9,30 PM. Thursday—Dance, 8 PM. Friday—Bridge tournament, 9 PM; bingo, 9,30 PM.

Monday—House committee, 8 P.M. Tuesday— Movies, 7 P.M. Wednesday—Card party, 8 P.M. Thursday—Table tennis match, 7,30 P.M. Friday —Dance, 8 P.M. Saturday—Open house, 7 P.M. Sunday—Coffee hour, 4 P.M.

Shrewsbury

Tuesday—Dance, 8 PM; basketball, 8 PM. Wednesday—Movies, 7,30 PM. Friday—Basketball, 8 PM. Saturday—Dance, 8 PM. Sunday—Dancing, 7 PM.

Bedford

P.M. Friday—Trip to docks, 2.30 PM; dancing class, 7.30 PM, stage show, 9.30 PM, Daily-lee skating, 2.30 and 6.30 PM.

Liverpool

Monday—Miss Smith at piano, 6 PM; sketching, 7 PM, Tuesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM, Wednesday—Dancing class, 7.30 PM, Wednesday—Dance, 7.30 PM, Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM, Saturday—Mose, 7.30 PM; dancing, 8 PM, Sunday—Dance, 7.30 PM, Sunday—Dance, 7.30 PM, PM, Sunday—

£367 IsSent by an Infantry Outfit; New Sponsoring Units Are Listed

The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund soared toward the £40,000 mark last week as belated Christmas contributions boosted the total to £38,827 4s. 3d.

Largest contribution came from Head-quarters of the - Infantry, which sent duarters of the finality, which sent £367. An accompanying note stated that additional money to sponsor a fourth child would be mailed shortly, Six checks totalling £146 were received

Six checks totalling £146 were received from a Base Air Depot, commanded by Col. John G. Moore. The amount was the balance left from a collection at the station for Christmas parties for 800 orphans and needy children in the area.

Other units sponsoring children were

Other units sponsoring children were a Headquarters Engineer Co., I/Lt. A. W. Mays directing the drive; Headquarters,

— Bomb Division: Headquarters,
others for the General Fund also were

8th Air Force's Exhibit to Open

An exhibition of aerial photographs and actual equipment used by the Eighth Air Force will be opened today on the third Force will be opened today on the third floor of Selfridge's department store on Oxford St., near Marble Arch, London, Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, Eighth Fighter Command chief, and Air Vice-Marshal Saunders will officiate at the opening extension at noon. The exhibit includes the plexi-glass nose

of a Fortress which returned to its base badly damaged, a flak suit which saved a man's life by stopping shell fragments, a B17 firepower display and special pictures taken by Dave Scherman, Life magazine photographer assigned to the Eighth Air Force. Eighth Air Force combat crewmen who

have finished a tour of operations will be on hand to answer questions at the exhi-

on hand to answer questions at the exhibition, which will continue until Jan. 21.

Among those to attend the opening will be Chesley G. Peterson, the 23-year-old colonel of Eagle Squadron fame; Col. Claude Putnam, B17 group commander, and Col. Joseph Stehlin, who flew with the Lafayette Escadrille in the

Hobart Bosworth Dies

GLENDALE, Cal., Jan. 2—Pneumonia claimed the life of silver-haired Hobart Bosworth, 76. The veteran actor had played almost every type of role in the 526 motion pictures he made until his retirement in 1942.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial 1420-kc

Monday, Jan. 3

1100—GI Jive. 1115—Personal Album.

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1115—Personal Album.
1130—Show Time.
1145—Reginald King with his Quintet (BBC).
1215—Sound Off.
1230—Vilhage Store.
1255—Quiet Moment.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Serentide.
1315—Salute to Rhythm.
1400—Visiting Hour.
1430—Sign off until 1745 bours.

1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.

1745—Program Resume and Spotlight Band, 1800—World News (BBC), 1810—GI Supper Club, 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.

1905—Red Skelton—with Harriet Hillard and Orzic Nelson's Orchestra, 1930—Command Performance, 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundur of news from the U.S.A., presented by The Stars and Stripes, 2010—Fred Waring Program, 2025—This Week in Science, 2010—Burns and Allen, 2100—World News (BBC), 2110—Your Theater Hour, 2055—Ret the Band—Glen Gray, 2225—Final Edition, 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Tuesday, Jan, 4,

ComposerFetes Dancer Injured in Fort officers from Capt. Dick's Elying Fortress bombardment group, who flew down from their base for the occasion.

Berlin later visited soldiers in several wards. In one, a soldier called out, "Sing us 'A White Christmas." And Berlin did, without benefit of piano.

The composer came in for a little honor himself at the night's performance. BRISTOL, Jan. 2—Irving Berlin, pro-ducer of "This is the Army," missed the first performance of his show in more

than 18 months last week to pay tribute to an AAF bombardier, one of America's to an AAF bombardier, one of America's outstanding young dancers, who lost his left leg in the crash of his Flying Fortress on its return from Fraid last September.

The bombardier was Capt. Henry W. Dick, of Mineola, N.Y. Berlin visited him at a U.S. hospital during the afternoon and then took him and his party to Bristol to witness the night's performance of "This is the Army."

Capt. Dick was called to the stage for the final scene of "This is the Army," and stood with the cast during the playing of "The Stat Spangled Banner" and "God Save the King." He had appeared on the New York stage with several members of the cast.

himself at the night's performance.
During intermission it was announced that Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, chief of SOS, had sent the SOS glee club to sing several of Mr. Berlin's own selections.
The glee club filed in on a side aisle and song several of his selections.

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Berlin met Capt. Dick at the hospital that afternoon and had lunch with him, members of the hospital staff and

T. Jarrendt Jr., of Wyandotte, Mich., pilot, and 1/Lt. Donald E. Staples, of Turner, Mont., navigator, who were aboard the ship in which. Capt. Dick crashed; 1/Lt. Barclay B. Beeby, of Alton, Ill., a pilot; 1/Lt. Edward L. Baker, of Chattanooga, Tenn., squadron adjutant, and 1/Lt. Leon H. Robbins, of Gainesville. Fla. special service officer. Gainesville, Fla., special service officer, who was responsible for arranging the

Capt, Dick entered the AAF at Mitchell Field, N.Y., in July, 1941, and joined his bombardment group at Wendover Field, Utah. He was on his 13th mission when his ship crashed in the darkness over England returning from an attack on La Pallice France.

England returning from an article of Pallice, France.

He made his first stage success in Eddie Dowling's "Thumbs Up," and later appeared with Ray Bolger in "Leave it to Me," "Keep off the Grass," "Higher and Higher," "All in Fun" and "On Your Take"."

Trojans Trample Washington, 29-0, in Rose Bowl

Hardy's Passes Upset Favored Huskie Eleven

QuarterbackReturnsAfter First Period to Lead Attack

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2—Southern California's football team, incensed at the odds making them 7—2 underdogs, scored their seventh Rose Bowl victory by drubbing Washington's undefeated Huskies, 29—0, before 75,000 spectators here yesterday.

Quarterback Jim Hardy, relegated to the bench because of a tendency to fumble, entered the game in the second period to start a passing attack which completely befuddled the Huskies. His

completely befuddled the Huskies. His entrance into the game was a signal for the Trojan abandonment of the ineffectual ground attack used throughout the

The Huskies, despite the fact that they were solid choices in the betting, never were really in the ball game after Hardy arrived and started throwing to George Callanan,

Callanan Racks Up First

Southern Cal pushed over its first touchdown in the second stanza when Hardy started pitching on his own 28. His pass-ing and the running of little Eddie Saenz brought the ball to the Washington five, where Hardy heaved to Callanan for the

score.
Alternating passes to Callanan and End Gordon Gray, Hardy tossed two more touchdown heaves in the third frame. The first came on a throw to Callanan and the second to Gray. Bud Jamison booted the first two extra points, but missed the third, stopping the Trojan's consecutive conversion record in the Rose Bowl at 17.

The tempo did not slacken in the fourth period when starting Quarterback Ainslie Bell returned to replace Hardy. Bell picked up where Hardy left off and started a passing show of his own.

Austin's Punt Blocked

Jamison climaxed a day of great kick-ing when he sent one out of bounds on the Huskie three-yard line and on the

passing. With the ball on Washington's 15, Bell faded and shot a pass to Gray, and Lorne Carr scoring.

who caught it on the five and kept going for the touchdown, Jamison converting. The Trojan line, outweighed ten pounds the trojan ane, outweighed ten pounds to the man, functioned perfectly, breaking through repeatedly to smear Huskie Sam Robinson. The Huskies, formidable in the opening quarter with Robinson and Wally Kramer showing a good running attack, came completely apart with Hardy's entrance and were unable to find an antidate for his passing Hardy age. an antidote for his passing. Hardy com-pleted eight of 15 passes for a gain of 97 yards with no interceptions.

'Layoff Hurt'-Welch

"Layoff Hurt'—Welch

Jeff Cravath, Southern Cal coach, said
after the game, "Boy, what a great day
this is." Raiph "Pest" Welch, Huskie
mentor, however, came out with "We
never should have been favorites in this
game. The layoff since Oct. 30 hurt and
we were short on reserves. But I can't
take it away from Southern Cal. Today,
undoubtedly, the better team won. They
were almost unbeatable." Here are the statistics:

Class American	Washington	S. Cal.
First downs	** 7	8
Yards gained rushing	132	141
Passes attempted	23	16
Passes completed	4. 4	9
Yards gained passing	. 51	112
Passes intercepted	0	1000
Yards gained interceptions	. 0	38
Average distance pufits, y		38
Runback punts, yards	48	38
Doponents fambles recove		500
Yards lost penalties	10	105

Phil Terranova Chalks Up Third in Row Over Callura

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2 — Phil Terra-nova, of New York, recognized as featherweight champion by the National Boxing Association, turned in his third LONG BEACH, Cal., Jan. 2—Vernon Stephens, shortstop of the St. Louis Browns, has been reclassified 1-A, given his physical exam, blood test and induction papers. Last summer the St. Louis draft board classified him 4-F due to a leg injury sustained several years ago. He is married and has one child.

Successive kayo over Jackie Callura, of Ontario, when the referce stopped their bout in the sixth round.

Terranova won Callura's title last August with a third-round kayo and previously had chiled Callura in the third stanza of a non-title bout.

Tropical Park Moguls Jump Value of Purses

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Jan. 2—Un-usually large attendances and unexpected large mutuel handles are responsible for

the increase in the purse of the feature race at Tropical Park.

Officials amounced that beginning today the purse will be \$1,200 instead of \$1,100. This is the second time the purse has been increased \$100, as it was \$1,000 when the track opened. when the track opened.

Tuskegee on Top, 12-7

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 2—Tuske-gee Institute spotted Clark College a seven-point lead in the first period and then came on to win 12—7 with touch-downs in the second and third periods of the Vulcan Bowl game here yesterday.

Canadien Goalie in Action



New York Tones Photo Bill Durnam, the Canadien goalie, had to take a horizontal position to prevent a score when Bill Cowley (white jersey), Bruin center, skated to within a few feet of the goal before releasing the puck in this second-period action. The teams played to a 2—2 deadlock before a capacity audience at the Boston Garden.

Bruin Six, 5-2

BOSTON, Jan. 2-The Toronto Maple Leafs defeated the Boston Bruins, 5-2, before 14,000 hockey fans in the Boston Garden last night.

Wingman Jackie Hamilton was the Leafs' most dangerous player last night, figuring in three of the team's five goals. Hamilton scored within 45 seconds of the first period, but Bill Cowley tied the score shortly after. Jackie McLean put the Leafs ahead, 2—1, in the second period when he faked a pass and then

New Year's Day

Just a Birthday

Toronto Clips | Canadiens Rap Chicago, 4-0

CHICAGO, Jan. 2-The Montreal Canadiens started the New Year off on Canadiens started the New Year off on the right skate with their 16th victory of the National Hockey League season, de-feating the Chicago Black Hawks, 4—0, before 18,000 here last night. After a scoreless first period, Gerry Heffernan scored for the Canadiens at six minutes, eight seconds of the second period.

Fernand Majeau, Elmer Lach and Maurice Richard each tallied in the final period. Every Canadien goal came when

Capt. Humphreys Named To Navy Athletic Post

For Man O'War

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 2—Rear Adm. R. J. Beardall, superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, has announced the appointment of Capt. Charles O. Humphreys as director of athletics to succeed Capt. John E. Welchel.

Welchel, who has been assigned to sea duty, has served as both director of athletics and head football coach for the past year, but apparently Capt. Humphreys will act only as athletic chief as no mention was made of his taking over football duties. LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 2—While mere man celebrated a happy New Year Saturday, the nation's thoroughbred horses celebrated happy birthday as jockey clubs throughout the country recognize no other date but Jan. 1. The cognize no other date but Jan. 1. The most sentimental, however, was that of Man-O-War, who was 27.

Ga. Tech Subdues Tulsa With Late Drive, 20-18

Sugar Bowl Game Decided In Last Half; Missed Kicks Decisive

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2-Georgia Tech, sparked by Eddie Prokop, erased Tulsa's 18-7 lead at half-time to win out, 20-18, with third and fourth period scores before 69,000 Sugar Bowl fans here yesterday.

Clyde LeForce was the hero and goat for Tulsa, passing for the first touchdown, greatly aiding in the second and scoring the third. However, LeForce lost the game for the Golden Hurricane when he failed on all three conversion attempts.

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Georgia Tech's winning touchdown came in the final period when the Engineer backs started hitting the Tulsa line so stop the ball carrier. Eddie Scharfschwerdt climaxed a downfield drive by busting through the Tulsa line and falling into the end zone, Prokop converting.

In the first period, LeForce passed 15 yards to Eddie Shedlosky for the first tally of the game.

LeForce Fake Works

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LeForce completely fooled the Mellowjacket defense in the second period on a
fake reverse, decoying the defenders away
from Jimmy Ford, substitute back, who
galloped 80 yards for a touchdown. After
feinting a pass, Ford broke away fast
while defenders covered LeForce and was
in the clear with the whole Tech team
following him before anyone realized
what had happened.

Tech then scored without relinquish-

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Tech then scored without relinquishing the ball after the kickoff. Prokop's passes to Frank Broyles and Mickey Logan led the march to the nine-yard line. Three plays brought the ball to the one-foot marker and Broyles went through, Prokop again converting.

Toward the and of the period LeForce

Toward the end of the period, LeForce quick-kicked 68 yards to the Tech six and on the next play Tech fumbled and Tulsa recovered. LeForce went through on the first play and Tulsa had an 18—7 half-time lead.

In the third quarter, Prokop loosened back, gained plenty of ground, but Tulsa failed to tally in the third period.

Jockey Atkinson Rides 200th Winner of Year

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 2—Jockey Teddy Atkinson managed to gain the jockey's charmed circle Friday, booting home Gornil at Tropical Park for his 200th winner. Gornil paid \$19.70.

The victory put Atkinson second in the annual standings behind Johnny Adams, who finished the year with 228, having two winners Friday.

Loop Standings Unchanged In CBS Cage Competition

The greatest horse in American turf history, "Big Red" as he is affectionately called, is loafing at Farmway Farm here.

Losing but one race, he earned \$250,000 for Owner Samuel D. Riddle, and could have doubled that amount had he not been retired after his campaign as a three-year-old. Active in stud until early this year, his blood is in most of this country's racing stables. The Central Base Section basketball gagues went into their fifth week last aight with the three league leaders of last week still on top. The undefeated — MPs till hold top spot in the CBS League, he Navy Rangers lead the Marble Arch oop and the Headquarters quintet retains irst place in the Mayfair League.

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BARNSTAPLE, Mass., Jan. 2—Lou like Columbia football coach is place beat in the CBS League by virtue of a 32—17 victory over the — Car Company and a 28—14 triumph over the — MP rivals in games last week. They are MP rivals in games last week. They are undefeated in seven starts. Two Arcadia, Wis., boys, Sgt. Harold Heath and Sgt. Cornelius Sobotta, sparked the MPs to both win. In the — Car Co tilt, Sobotta hooped eight points in the first half to put the MPs out in front and the game on ice. Heath was second high scorer of the game with eight points.

Sobotta tallied 15 points against the — MPs to lead his squad to a 28—14 win. Last week's all-league high scorer, Cpl. John Peterson, of San Francisco, who totaled 52 points in five games, could crash through the tight MP defense for only seven points.

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In the Marble Arch circuit, the HQ

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steam in the past week. In their latest game of the week, the railmen whistled past the — Hospital combination, 49—13. Center White tallied 24 of his team's 49-point total to run his scoring total to 43 in the last two games.

The Navy Rangers kept their league advantage in the Mayfair loop without playing last week. In other games, Company A and ATC played a tight game with Co. A eking out a 24—19 decision. Keough, Co. A guard, dropped in four field goals to spark his mates to victory. Downing, Hendricks and Cohen each got Downing, Hendricks and Cohen each got four points for the losers.

The — Engineers had an easy time with the — Signals, winning 36—21. Sekura led the Engineers with four field goals. High man for the Signalmen was Everot with four field goals.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—A tennis match a few years back may prove prophetic of this war. In 1921 the Japs came over with a Davis Cup team to take on the U.S. Big Bill Tilden played the opening match against Zenzo Shinizu and dropped the first two sets in a best three of five match. It looked as though the world's best racketman was on his way to defeat, but, as in the present war, the Jap couldn't hold his initial advantage. Tilden took the third set in hard-fought style, winning 7—5, and it was all over. He blasted Zenzo off the court in the next two, 6—2, 6—1. That was all for the Nips; the Americans swept the series in five straight matches. NEW YORK, Jan. 2-A tennis match

matches,
The New York football Giants and their owner, Tim Mara, fight the Washington Redskins at every opportunity. Recently George Preston Marshall, owner of the Skins, was quoted as saying that he would pay five grand to anyone who could prove that his Redskins were associated with gamblers in any way. The next day Mara came out with an offer of 10,000 if anyone could prove any gambling by his Giants. his Giants.

Hein or Bulldog Turner?

One sure way to get the goat of the oldsters in the National Football League is to call Chicago's great center, Bulldog Turner, the "greatest pivot man" in the league. Oldtimers say waft till he's been around as long as Mel Hein, of the Giants. Hein did better than all right by the Giants in his 13th year with them.

Two of the leaders of the fight to install legislation against tall men batting shots out of the basket are Hank Iba and Joe Lapchick, of Oklahoma A. and M. and St. John's. Oddity is that Iba now has

for the Cowboys, while Highpockets Harry Boykoff led Lapchick's St. John's five to the Invitational championship last year. Both say that they used the men because they were available and present rules make it legal; but both are favoring legislation to hinder the tall boys.

Bend Down, Brother

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, Bill Morgan, a former Oregon U. star tackle and later a stalwart with the Giants, peeled off 30 pounds during his Marine officer training. He went in at 267 and at one time was down 48 pounds.

Johnny Pesky, the Red Sox rookie star Johnny Pesky, the Ked Sox rookie start before going into service, is playing hockey for the Portland Warcos in the Northwest Hockey loop. Johnny is stationed near Portland. At Minnesota, down toward the last of the season, manpower was so short two assistant coaches played for the scrubs scrimmaging the varsity. They were Chief Specialist John Scafide and Ensign Frank Patrick. Pat-rick was All-American fullback at Pitt, and Scafide was all-conference at Tulane.

Hans Crescent Linksmen Take Up Team Challenge

The ARC Hans Crescent Club golf team has had its claim, to the ETO championship challenged by the Prestbury ARC Club linksmen and will meet them on the West Wilts Course, Warminster,

Sunday.

While the Hans Crescent teamswill be relying on its experience and long string of victories, the challengers are banking on their knowledge of the course and Pfc James Shield, a pro from Brockton, Mass., together with an assistant pro and five former champs to see them through. Transportation for the match will leave the Hans Crescent club at 7°PM, Jan. 8. The winners will receive a trophy donated The winners will receive a trophy donated by the ARC.

Hockey League Standings

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By Milton Caniff

Terry and the Pirates

winning his battle with pneumonia at his

Little and his wife came here Dec. 14 for the Christmas holidays, but both were stricken shortly after their arrival. Mrs. Little has already recovered, while Lou sat up for the first time Thursday.

Stephens Reclassified to 1-A

summer home here.

WE'LL DROP PARATROOPS COL. CORKIN IS FROM A C-53 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT BONNY AND I IGNORING ME ... IT WOULD BE BETTER WILL COVER THE JUMP -IF HE'D BAWL ME MAC DAVEY WILL TAKE TOP OUT-OR BREAK COVER IN A P-38. ME-OR SOMETHING

NATIONAL TRANSPORT, WE S MY BEST DON'T WANT TO MOVE TOO STRIEND IN MANY AIRCRAFT IN AND THE AIR GIVE THE LOCATION AWAY ..





Riers, Texas Deadlock, 7-7; LSU Stops Aggies, 19-14 CottonBowlTilt Trouble Shooter

SlowedDownby Pre-Game Rain

Dobbs Sparks Randolph Field Attack With Stellar Play

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 2—Randolph Feld and Texas University each scored in the first half yesterday and went on from there to play the first tie in the eightending in a 7—7 deadlock. A pre-game rain cut the attendance to 20,000 and bogged down the running attacks of both sides.

Biggest thrill of the day came in the second period as Ralph Ellsworth, of Texas, disregarded mud and moisture on the ball to heave a 35-yard pass to George McCall, who brought the ball down on the goal line and fell across with the Longhorns' only score. Jim Calahan's placement added the tying point. Water actually splashed from the ball when it landed in McCall's arms,

The Fliers started as though they were going to run up a big score, but the alert Longhorns stalled the attack several times in the first quarter. Finally, near the end of the period, the Fliers caught the Texas defense asleep, and Glenn Dobbs, who played with Tulsa a year ago in the Sugar



Bowl, shot a short shovel pass to Johnny Aulds, who went 17 yards for a touch-down. Walter West's placement gave the Fliers a temporary 7—0 lead.

Dobbs, playing his third bowl game in three years, gave the fans an exhibition of spectacular passing, running and puntof speciacular passing, running and puni-ing. He personally accounted for most of the 99 yards his team gained rushing and kept the collegians back on their heels throughout with booming punts, averaging 39.9 yards, including one punt for no yardage going straight up and for no yardage, going straight up and

Texas meanwhile, found its vaunted running attacks stalled by the Flier line led by Martin Ruby, formerly of Texas, and Norbert Harping from Xavier.

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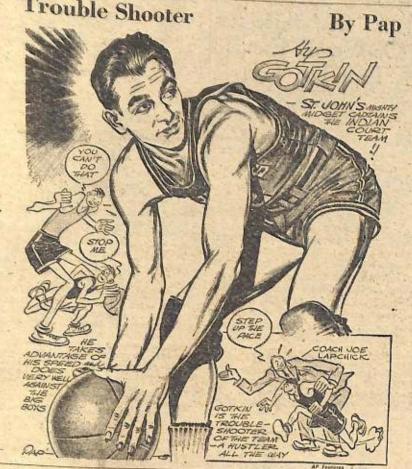
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DOG TAGS with a pair of baby shoes tied to the card. Will pay a reward of £1 for return.—Sgt. William M. Bryson, ASN 17155781, c/o Help Wanted.

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West's All Stars Tie East, 13-13, On 64-Yard Forward Pass

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2-A 64-yard pass in the third quarter with Herman Wedemeyer of St. Mary's throwing and Dick Renfro of Washington State catching gave the Western College All-Stars a 13-13 tie with the Eastern All-Stars in the 19th annual Shrine game here yesterday before 60,000 rain-soaked fans.

The Easterners scored first after a punt exchange in the first period when Dean Sensenbaugher of Ohio State broke lose on his own 28 and got to the Westerners' 16. Two plunges brought a first down on the five-yard line, and three plays later Wayne Williams of Minnesota broke through for a touchdown and John Tayener of Indiana construed a perior i

of a punt exchange with the East's 35-yard marker. Three plays later he passed to Bob DeFruiter of March Field for the tally. Hank Norber, end, also of March Field, tied the score with a place kick

The Easteners took advantage of the little remaining dry footing in the third period to march 70 yards. On the fourth down on the 15, the Indiana University combination, Bob Hoernschmeyer passing and Pete Pihos catching, worked for a touchdown. Tavener's kick was deflected

Then came the Wedemeyer to Renfro scoring play tying the score.

East threatened in the fourth quarter East threatened in the fourth quarter when Sensenbaugher got loose again for 39 yards over right tackle and was hauled down from behind by Jimmy Nelson, of March Field. The West held and Tavener tried a field goal from the 15 on the fourth down. The kick was blocked, but the West was off side and Tavener got another chance, but the ball was low.

DrummondStopsFranklin In Overtime, 59-57 On SBS Fight Program

four decisions and one no decision bout last night in the tenth of a series of box-ing shows at the local ARC club.

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In the feature bout, Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, St. Louis, 160-pounder and well-known Rainbow Corner fighter, TKOed T/5 Tilman Franklin, of Leupp, Ariz., in the second round after the Indian suffered a broken nose early in the stanza. Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, of Gary, Ind., another Rainbow Corner scrapper, drew a second round TKO over Pvt. Harry Schneider, of Pittsburgh.

Damore to Coach Crescent Six

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—Hank Damore has signed as player-coach of the Brook-lyn Crescents in the Eastern Hockey League.

Colgate Quintet

Navy and Marine strengthened quintet trimmed New York University, 48–41, before a crowd of 16,108, at Madison Square Garden last night to hand the Violets their first setback of the season.

The Red Raiders were unable to connect with the boon in the first nine minutes

with the hoop in the first nine minutes while NYU was counting nine times. However the Raiders tied the count, 10—10, at 12 minutes, but left the floor at the half trailing, 19—17, after the count had been deadlocked two more times.

times.

The score was evened at 21–21, 23–23 and 25–25 in the second half before Colgate forged into the lead after six minutes of play. The Raiders quickly opened up an eight-point margin and then matched the New Yorkers, point for point, in the closing minutes.

Bob Dewey, left-handed shooter, paced the winners with 18 tallies, six more than were scored by John Sandman, who did his work far out. Ralph Branca tallied 15 to lead NYU.

LIU Stops Duke

On SBS Fight Program

SBS HQ., Jan. 2—A crowd of 1,100 fans watched four second-round kayos, four decisions and one no decision boat.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—Long Island University's basketball team won a thrilling overtime contest, 59—57, from the Duke Blue Devils at Madison Square Garden last night.

Garden last night.

The score was tied four times in the final five minutes and Gene Bledsoe and Alvin Rubinstein brought Long Island even at 52—52 in the last 30 seconds of play with field goals.

The Blackbirds took the lead early in the overtime and held it with Rubinstein becoping the deciding goal.

hooping the deciding goal.

Duke held a 35—28 half-time edge.

Gordon Carver of Duke was high man with 27 points while Irving Rothenberg. led the winners with 18.

WBS HQ Five Unbeaten

WBS HQ, Jan. 2—This headquarters' basketball team maintained its undefeated status by defeating the WBS Engineers.
Ordnance Depot and the — POE in

Stagg Lauds Navy For Grid Program

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2-Amos Alonzo Stagg, the grand old man of American football, said the game owes a debt of gratitude to the Navy in a talk at the pre-Rose Bowl luncheon Friday. He added, "I wish I could say the same for the Army.'

The 81-year-old coach of the College of the Pacific said he had written to his old friend, Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, requesting him to include football in the Army training program. Stimson replied that men in charge of Army sports had told him that other plans were made,

"A great mistake," Stagg con-cluded.

SLI Triumphs In Oil Bowl, 24-7

Defeats Arkansas Aggies In Houston's First **Bowl Contest**

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 2—South-western Louisiana Institute won the first Oil Bowl game here yesterday by de-feating the Arkansas Aggies, 24—7, on a muddy gridiron spotted with puddles.

Alvin Dark was big man for South-western, kicking a field goal in the first period and participating in the three touchdowns.

After the Aggies stalled the Louisiana attack on the 33-yard line in the first period, Dark booted the field goal giving the Bulldogs a three-point bulge at the end of the first quarter.

Dark passed from the 17-yard line in the end zone and then converted to make the half-time score read SLI 10,

Arkansas 0.

Both Score in Third In the third, both teams scored, the

Aggies counting on the Acvardage for a touchdown.

Dark sneaked off tackle in the last quarter and went 12 yards through the Aggies for the final touchdown.

Gray completed seven of 20 passes, taking over the offensive burden from Charlie Steed, Aggie ace who was well scouted and stopped cold.

Rain, which fell for two hours before game time, held the crowd down to 12,000.

Lib Harriers Led by Boyer

AN EAST ANGLIA TOWN, Jan. 2— Before a mixed crowd of 2,500 soldier and civilian sports enthusiasts, a Lib Bomb Division staged a sports carnival here yesterday, running off a three mile cross-country race, a soccer match and a divisional touch football match at the local football stadium.

Clad in John Ls, and December goose-pimples, the field of contestants in the three mile jaunt was whiteled down to three from the nine original starters with T/Sgt. Charles Boyer, ex-Iowa Wesleyan track star of Ft. Madison, Iowa, cutting the tape first. On his heels were Pvt. Hugh Black, of Masillon, Ohio, and Sgt. Philip Dionne, of Chicago.

Lt. David Taylor, of Detroit, captain of the soccer eleven of which he and Cpl. L. J. Curier, of New York, were the Cpl. L. J. Curier, of New York, were the only two Americans, led the rest of his team mates, from the RAF, to a 2-0 triumph over Lt. Tom Bowie's Thunderbolts, on whose team several positions were filled by RAF. Cpl. Frank Bently, A/C Oscar Smith, of the RAF, made both tellies. One from the center forward and allies. One from the center forward and the other from the outside right in two team plays.

In a game filled with minor bruises, several black eyes and a few abrasions, the highly touted HQ team pushed across -8 victory over an equally proficient Traveling Circus Team for the divisional touch football championship.

By Al Capp

Steve Tallies Once, Aids In Putting Over Other Scores MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 2—Steve Van Buren led Louisiana State's Bayou Tigers to a 19—14 triumph over the Aggies of Texas before 28,000 Orange Bowl spec-

Van Buren Hot

As Tigers Win

In Orange Bowl

tators here yesterday. Van Buren's running offensive over-

Van Buren's running offensive over-came the stout passing arm of Aggie Babe Hallmark with Van racking up the first touchdown for the winners and making himself directly responsible for most of the Tiger gains throughout.

LSU started early in the opening stanza, going 60 yards to a touchdown on four plays. Van Buren's lateral to Charlie Webb netted 23 yards, then Van Buren scampered around left end for another 17. Two plays later he went over for the first tally of the game on an 11-yard reverse.

with Van Buren sparking their drive again, the Tigers went over for their second score shortly afterwards with a quick kick from the LSU 27 to the Aggie 23 setting the stage. Bing Miller fumbled the boot and Webb recovered for the Tigers. On the next play Van Buren faded to his own 35 and tossed to Burton Goode in the end zone.

Hallmark Opens Up for Aggies

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It was then that Hallmark opened up
for the Aggies. He threw three passes
which carried the Texans from deep in
their own territory to the Tiger 21. On
the next play he went back and pitched
a long one to Quarterback Red Burditt in
the end zone. Burditt converted as the
period ended with the Tigers 'leading,
12—7.

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The second quarter was scoreless, but Van Buren brought the crowd to its feet on the third play of the second half when he busted off tackle and galloped 63 yards to the Tigers' final touchdown. Shortly afterwards Bob Butchofsky, Aggie blocking back, recovered an LSU fumble on the Tiger 25 and Hallmark who distributed the Tigers threatened throughout the

The Tigers threatened throughout the remainder of the contest, but were unable to score. The Aggies lost their ace pass receiver, Marion Flanagan, because of a muscle pulled in practice and his absence handicapped them greatly.

Southwestern Tops N. Mexico

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 2—Southwestern University, of Georgetown, Texas, defeated New Mexico, 7—0, before 18,000 in the Sun Bowl on a fourth period pass from R. L. Cooper to R. W. MacGruder who caught the ball on the seven-yard line and danced over.

The scoring play was set up when Bill Bridler, of New Mexico, kicked out of bounds on his own 47. Ground plays brought the ball to the 35-yard line when suddenly Cooper faded back and threw the payoff pass and Harold Collins converted.

Southwestern tried to make yardage on the ground from a T formation, but deter-mined resistance by the New Mexico line turned their tactic to a frizzle until the

final period.
Southwestern made 12 first downs to New Mexico's four and gained 279 yards from scrimmage to New Mexico's 48.

Vaughan, Lippy End Feud; Dodgers Trade Barkley

BROOKLYN, Jan. 2-Leo "Lippy" Durocher and Shortstop Arkie Vaughan Durocher and Shortstop Arkie Vaughan have buried the hatchet—and not in each other's skull—and peace reigns again in the Flatbush wigwam, according to Deacon Branch Rickey, Dodger boss. Vaughan was one of the ringleaders in last summer's clubhouse revolt against Durocher's authority.

Biskey also announced the trading of

Rickey also announced the trading of Shortstop John Barkley to St. Paul, of the American Association, for Pitcher Clay Smith. Barkley, after a brief tryout with the Dodgers last season, was optioned to Montreal. Smith was troubled with a sore arm throughout most of last season, when he won only five games and dropped 12 with the Saints.

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Charleston Coast Guard 40, Georgia Pre-Flight 38
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Saturday's Games
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The Second Hundred

Since they began operations last July American Marauders have made more than one hundred raids on Europe and

than one hundred raids on Europe and have dropped well over 7,000 tons of hombs on targets in Northern France, Holland and Belgium.

Seventy of the first 100 missions were attacks on enemy airfields; and in all 28 separate fields have felt the sting of medium U.S. bombers.

Only 21 Marauders have been lost in more than 6,700 individual sorties for a loss percentage of three-tenths of one per cent, the lowest in the European theater of operations. of operations.

With this record under their belts Marauder crews have developed a spirit that matches the best in any theater, and it will stay on top they claim and might even pop the cork right out of the bottle if a few of the crews with a required "mission total" get a furlough home.

The Vicious Circle

The Reich candy industry closed its doors yesterday. For the duration there will be no more "sweets" for the Nazis. This move completes a vicious circle that started some time back in Germany and started some time back in Germany and strangely enough began with pigs. German pig production had shrunk to 60 per cent of its pre-war level and Nazi leadership called for more pork; but there was insufficient food for the hogs. This shortage resulted from a slight increase in the German bread ration, amounced in anticipation of a big cut in the German notato ration which re-

in the German potato ration which resulted from a bad crop.

The increase in the bread ration did of make no for the missing potatoes in doubt, hoped that some of it might help to feed their pigs. So far, however, there has been no official German announce—ment of wasin imports from those ment of grain imports from those countries, and what arrangements were

made may have come too late to cover the present crisis. On the other hand, it is known that both Rumania and Hungary wisely increased their internal food consumption to keep up morale on

the home front, and exports may not be increased to any great extent.

Thus Germany has been forced to fall back on sugar beets for the pigs and Nazis with a sweet tooth will suffer.

Disappearance of the candy ration comes at the coldest time of the year when sugar is preded most.

when sugar is needed most. As cocoa supplies in Germany are also practically exhausted there is little doubt that in due course of time cocoa powder will also

disappear from the ration list.

Already the Germans have lost valuable supplies of citrus fruit from Africa, Sicily, and southern Italy. As the war goes on, prolonged by Nazi criminals who dare not face Allied victory, the people of Germany deprived of valuable food will suffer the consequences, and German children, on whom the future of that nation must depend, will suffer most of all.

Worth the Price

The price in human life that U.S. armed forces are paying for victory in Italy is below that being paid by the German army for defeat," says Col. Albert Stovall, Cavalry, in a recent report.

Based on a six-month tour of the Mediterranean War Theater as an observer for the army ground forces, Col. Stovall's summary emphasized that German casualties on the Italian front, just as they were in Sicily, are consistently higher than American, despite the fact that military leaders through the years have accepted as axiomatic that an army on the offensive must pay a heavier toll than

a defending force,
"Our leaders in Sicily and Italy have not been content to trade a life for a life, a casualty for a casualty," said the Every time an American soldier has lost his life or been wounded, you can figure that more German soldiers were

casualties."

If the going up the Italian "boot" seems slow, it is because "consistently the American army has traded sweat for material and material for blood." By that is meant that where shells or machines could do the job they have, and where a great deal of sweat, that is time and toil, could do the job, that method was chosen over one that would have been shorter and more spectacular—and bloodier.

What has been true in Africa Skills.

What has been true in Africa, Sicily, and Italy has also been true in the South Pacific and the Aleutian campaigns,
Inpanese casualties are three times as
great as American casualties in most
engagements. Multiply those engagements
by hundreds of times and it spells victory, and victory that is worth the price.

Hash Marks

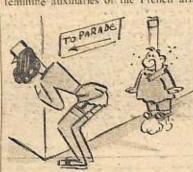
Overheard in the Blackout: "Boy, what a celebration. This is one New Year's Eve I'll never remember!"

Menu for Today. Brussels Sprouts—in six malicious flavors.

PS—The guy in the ETO who uses a commando knife for a letter opener cut his finger yesterday. Tsk. tsk.

A lot of eyes will probably pop out if

feminine auxiliaries of the French army



in Algiers go on parade dressed in their new American-made uniforms. The skirts haven't arrived.

Lt. Thomas Schwellenbach, of Seattle, a Thunderbolt pilot over here, is wondering if an army commissary will sell goods by remote control. He recently received a letter from the commissary in Baltimore, where he was stationed for some
time, informing him that his name has
reached the top of the priority list, and
he can now buy what he wants!

he can now buy what he wants:

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When Los Angeles police arrested
Louis Boiellos, 52, on a charge of illegally
wearing a uniform, he was sporting these
decorations on a blouse: Purple Heart,
Pacific Theater, Asiatic service with three
stars, defense bar with two stars, World
War I ribbon with five stars, Distinguished
Sessions Cesses, Cropy de Guerre, with War I ribbon with the stars, Distinguished Service' Cross, Croix de Guerre with palms. Belgian, Cuban and Nicaraguan campaign ribbons, amphibious forces Guadalcanal and Alaska action, sergeant stripes, 20 years' service stripes and—the Good Conduct Medal. (What, no Spam wikken?)

It happened in one of the larger officers' messes in the U.K. To make the meals as pleasant as possible records are played over the amplifying system, and the English helper who keeps the phonograph going was instructed "to play plenty of good ole American tunes." The fellow



developed the habit of repeating records he liked, and one day, to everybody's con-sternation, the mess hall resounded with the strains of the Star Spangled Banner. Amidst much confusion and chaos hundreds of diners jumped to attention. The record stopped; they sat down. The record started again; they jumped up. Just as the disc was making it's third round the mess officer made a break for the recording round. the recording room. There he found the record-player nonchalantly reading a Western magazine, blissfully unaware of the panic he was creating. Reprimanded for his choice of tunes, he glibly remarked, "What's the matter—it's American, ain't it?"

Looking Back, This Is How It Was.

ferred at Casablanca . . . Film actress Rita Hayworth announced she would marry Victor Mature after the war Adolph Hitler celebrated tenth anniversary as German chancellor . . . FBI captured ex-gangster Roger Touly after two and a half months of freedom from Joilet Marines whittled 15,000 Japanese on Guadaleanal down to 4,000 . . . Nazis on the run in Africa and Russia . . Presidential nomination for the Supreme Court Wiley B. Rutledge . . . Washington said canned food rationing was just around the corner and housewives discovered meat and butter were getting scarce . . . Deaths: Author Alexander Woollcott and inventor Nikola Tesla.

February

All Uncle Sam's chillun got shoe rationing . . U.S. Forces completed occupation of Guadalcanal . . Joe DiMaggio enlisted . . . Germans gained a temporary victory in Kasserine Pass



... Family row: Musso fired his sonin-law, Count Ciano, as foreign minister
... Tommy Manville was divorced again
... Lt. General Frank M. Andrews
named to command American Forces in
Europe ... California whistling teachers
tagged Dorothy Lamour "The Girl Most
Likely To Be Whistled At in 1943" ...
Death: Daniel (Casey At The Bat) Casey
... Birth: A daughter to Sergeant and
Mrs. Joe Louis ... Quote: Army Air
March

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Montgomery busted the Mareth Line
. Handwriting in the snow: Mussolini pulled Italian soldiers out of Russia .
Hitler said "The crisis in Russia has been overcome." . A Maine man, 90 and blind, was classified IA . FDR ended a decade in the White House .
Another shortage—potatoes . Movie academy award to "Mrs. Miniver" .
White House visitor: Anthony Eden . Russians recaptured Rzhev .
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Author Steinbeck was divorced and remarried. Newcomers on the rationing front—canned goods, meat, butter . . . Stocks hit their highest prices in two years . . Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, on the armed forces: "I say it will take 15,000,000 Americans in uniform to do the job."

April

On Broadway: "Oklahoma."
Died: The Russian pianist, Rachmaninoff.
A swimming meet judge named
Water Clever fell into the pool during the
AAU championships in New York. . . .

1943 Saw Successes
On World's Fronts
Turn The Tide

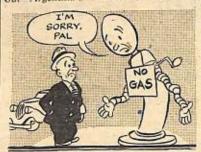
January
New Year, new five per cent Victory
Tax . Roorevelt and Churchill conferred at Casablanca . Film actress Rita Hayworth announced she would

Harold Ickes said, "At the moment I'm not mad at anybody." . . Minnesota's Governor Harold Stassen resigned to enter the Navy . . . Baseball writers picked the Yankees and Cardinals as probable winners . . A California meat dealer introduced corned horse and cabbage. . . The bazooka was introduced as America's latest "secret weapon." . . Adolf Hitler was 54 and Shirley Temple was 15 . . . Flying Fortresses raided Paris for the first time . . Rommel's army was penned into the Tunisian peninsula . . . Clark Gable became an air force captain . . . The Japanese stopped Wavell in Burma.

May

Spring in Brooklyn: Pyt. Marvin Rubin's girl said yes after he popped the question with 140 nickel phone calls spanning 11 hours. Lt. Gen. Frank Andrews and Bishop Adna Leonard died in Iceland air crash. Churchill in Washington. Moscow dissolved Third International. Allies bagged 250,000 Axis prisoners on Cape Bon, Tunisia. Edsel Ford died. Pulitzer Prize Play: "The Skin of Our Teeth." novel: "Dragons Teeth." Ruh Valley flooded when RAF bombed two German dams. U.S. troops landed on Attu. Rommel left Africa. Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers became commander of U.S. forces in Europe. Things to come? Liquor dealers were reporting shortages and Anti-Saloon League co-founder Dr Howard Hyde Russell said: "The country will be dry by 1950." May

The Allies captured Pantelleria, stepping stone to Sicily. . . Gasoline was scarce—and potatoes scarcer . . At Fort Meade, Md., an Army carrier pigeon got his wings stuck with oil, walked the last ten miles to deliver his message. . The U-boat menace in the Atlantic diminished. . . Germans shot down a Lisbon-London passenger plane, killing Actor Leslie Howard. . . Military coup forced out Argentina's President, Ramon S.



Castillo. . . New appropriations put U.S.

Roosevelt on Army duty in Alaska... Detroit laundry advertisements urge-customers to do their washing at home.

July

The WAACs became WACs. . . Betty
Grable became Mrs. Harry James. . .
Independence Day observance: Eighth U.S. Air Force raided France. . . American troops invaded New Georgia in the South Pacific, . . Whirlaway retired (and why not, with \$551,161 in turf winnings?). Births: A son to Actress Veronica Lake, a daughter to Lana Turner. . . Quote: Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger: "The Jananese is a wily sayage" courageous Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger: "The Japanese is a wily, savage, courageous, well-trained little soldier whose fighting ability will make our task the more difficult." ... Martinique renounced Vichy rule. ... Best seller: "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo." ... Something new was taken away from paychecks: Your income tax. ... The Allies invaded Sicily. ... Boise City, Okla., had an air raid by an Army plane mistaking the town for a practice range at night. ... Pacific fleet units won the Battle of Kula Gulf. ... Gen. Henri Giraud conferred with FDR at Washington.

August

Success: Navy righted the capsized Lafayette-Normandie. . . After 32 years, Mae West got a divorce . . . Washington figured the armed services would grow to 11.300 000. Nazis 'disengaged the candidate for the Presidency in 1944. Crisis averted: The WLB said workers could wear union insignia while canning soup.... Ploesti oilfields bombed by U.S. Liberators... Washington planned to have 5,000,000 men abroad by year's end.

September

One down: Italy quit the war . . . and the battle for Rome began, . . . State



Department shift: Welles out, Stettinius in. . . , Rita Hayworth married Orson Welles. . . , RAF stepped up raids on

Berlin . . . Pacific progress: V.S. completed the occupation of New Georgia, captured Lae and Salamana . . Third War Loan drive was on.

October

Naples fell to the Alfies. . . A pair of Betty Grable's nylon stockings brought \$40,000 at a war bond rally . . and Jimmy Reifel's grandpaw gave him \$10,500 in bonds—\$100 for each ounce of his 6lb. 9oz. at birth. . . Cordell Hull was 72, Eleanor Roosevelt, 59. . . . Deaths: Elinor Glyn, 78, who wrote the book that made the movie that made Clara Bow the "It" girl , . and Ben Bernie, the Old Maestro.

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Pernie, the Old Maestro.

Yanks beat the Cards, four games to one, in the world series. . . Nazis introduced the radio-directed rocket bomb. . . . A Mr. Bird headed the OPA's poultry division. . . Former All-America footballer, Capt. Don Scott (Ohio State University) a plane crash victim in England. England.

November

Adolf Hitler said: "Whatever may happen at the end, victory is certain. (But he didn't say for whom.)
... Death: Theatrical producer (The Miracle) Max Reinhardt, 70.... Dimout was lifted in U.S. coastal areas. ... Russians sealed off the Crimea and captured kiev.

De Marigny was acquitted. . . End of patience: The Army quelled 15,000 fractious Japanese at Tule Lake, Calif.,



segregation camp. In New York: The Lonergan murder case stole headlines from the war for a icw days. . . . Movie: "The North Star." . . Eighth U.S. Air Force, in six months, lost 553 bombers, 5,000 men.

The Army told its censors to lay off the wisecracks in handling soldiers' mail. . . . Frank (The Voice) Sinatra was IA. . . . MacArthur's forces invaded Bougainville, Tarawa, Makin. . . Stripteuse Ann Corio, 29, was divorced. . . Election victories in New York, New Jersey, Ken-tucky and Philadelphia cheered the GOP. . . . King Victor Emmanuel was 74.

December

To Remember Pearl Harbor: Navy launched the \$90,000,000 battleship Wisconsin . . . FDR, WC and Chiang Kaishek at Cairo . . and Joseph Stalin at Teheran . . and European agencies scooped the OWI on the news releases. . . . Turkey got chummy with the Allies.

Pre-Christmas present: The OPA cut ration points on beef but raised 'em on cheese. . . Bolivia declared war on the Axis. . . . Movie: "No On Broadway: Time For Love." . . On Broadway: Billy Rose's "Carmen Jones." . Best view: The Statue of Liberty, for 1,200 ex-internees returning from Japan on the

Washington warned of a coal crisis washington warned of a coal crisis during the winter. . . Puzzle in Congress: How to manage the soldier vote in 1944. Blues Singer Dinah Shore married Corp. George Montgomery. . . Shortages: Christmas pups, Christmas trees.

Allied bombers softened up the Marshall Islands . . . and Stockholm said raids on Berlin had killed 250,000. . . . Cost of Victory: On Tarawa: 3,772 U.S. Marines dead and injured.



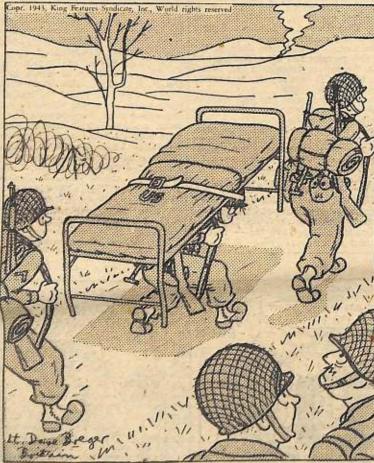
The Ocean Sky

A proud, drab-painted hull, a few Lean guns, a level deck where light The hawks of war, whose spitting fire Informs the foe his foe can fight Above the sea.

This is the ship whose sister ships Sent forth their brood to win the skies. At Midway and the Coral Sea. She rode the waves and won the skies, And held the sea,

Sgt. Alexander H. Cross.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Simply hates to sleep on the ground!"

NEWS FROM HOME Plants in States Deliver 86,000 Aircraft in Year

Giant Industrial Machine Approaches Peak Output In Record-Breaking '43

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—America's huge industrial plant, already converted from the state of the stat from peace-time to war production, in 1943 broke many of the raw material bottlenecks which had developed in 1942 and approached a peak output, the War Plane production Board reported.

Plane production reached the goal set

Production Board reported.

Plane production reached the goal set by President Roosevelt shortly after Pearl Harbor—more than 8,800 a month. The 86,000 aircraft delivered last year the 6,000 delivered in 1940, the 20,000 in 1941 and the 48,000 in 1942.

Between January and July of 1943, 100 warships came off the ways, and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced at the end of the year that the Fleet had doubled in size since Jan. 1, 1943.

Production of ground ordnance and

Production of ground ordnance and signal equipment exceeded all previous records. In the first six months of 1943 more merchant ships were delivered than in the whole of 1942.

Steel production, estimated at about 90,000,000 tons for 1943, increased 75 per cent over 1939. America now produces more steel in a month than Japan produces in a year and one and a half times as much as Germany and all her conquered countries put together.

Seek Will Rogers' Post

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2-Leland M. Ford, who represented the 16th District in Congress from 1938 to 1942, announced that he would run again for Congress. Dr. Jesse R. Kellems, an assemblyman, also has announced his intention to run also has announced his intention to run for the same office. Both are Republicans. They said they would seek both the Re-publican and Democratic nominations. The 16th District is represented now by Will Rogers Jr.

Heap Glamorous Pioneer

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Jan. 2—Glamorous Phyllis Brooks of the movies claimed the distinction of visiting "one island where no white woman ever went before except Eleanor Roosevelt." The actress described her pioneering feat in a letter to her mother, but she did not name the island. Miss Brooks recently returned from a South Pacific tour of military installations with Una Merkel and Gary Cooper.

Appeal to Veterans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 -Veterans' Administration has appealed to veterans of the present war to accept jobs with it so that other ex-servicemen could get prompt attention to their claims for compensation. Brig, Gen. Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, said that his bureau could use at least 4,000 dis-chafted servicemen. chafged servicemen.

Judge Is Appointed

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 2—Appointment of Judge Howard W. Hughes, of Washington County, to a vacancy on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court bench was announced by Gov. Edward Martin. Hughes will fill the unexpired term of Justice William M. Parker, of Oil City, who died Aug. 5 who died Aug. 5.

Could Be, As We Recall

BURLINGTON, Wis., Jan. 2—The world's champion liar, according to the Burlington Liars Club standards, is Sgt. Baron D. Fonnesbeck, now in an Army camp at Tooele, Utah. Fonnesbeck claimed that Maryland mosquitoes had so much of his blood in their bodies they sent him a card on Fathers' Day.

Father of 15 Signs Up

NATICK, Mass., Jan. 2—The 61-year-old father of 15 children joined the merchant marine and was signed as a ireman on an outgoing ship. He is ames Intinarelle, who gave up a good bb to go to sea.

Price Comparison to Last War WASHINGTON, Jan, 2—Secretary of abor Frances Perkins, in reviewing the 43 cost of living, declared that "taking e period of the war as a whole, prices to up much less than in the first World

Daniel Webster House Razed

MARSHFIELD, Mass., Jan. 2—The storic Daniel Webster house was storic Daniel Webster house was stroyed by fire that got a headstart ben flames severed telephone connec-ons, making it impossible to summon ip immediately.

Woman Reporter Writes Own Obituary and Dies

CHINA, Me., Jan. 2-Miss Estelle Maria Brainard, 87, carried on her rewspaper career to the very end by ording her own obituary for the connehec Journal of Augusta just a w hours before she died. She had cen a correspondent for the Journal or many years.

The Stork Sighed, Said: 'I'm Glad That's Over!'

KNOXVILLE, Ten., Jan. 2-A boy weighing almost 19 pounds—the largest birth ever reported here and said to be the fifth largest in medical history—was born to Mrs. George Esslinger, 26, wife of a war worker. The child was born nine hours after the mother's arrival at a hospital.

The baby, the Esslingers' third boy, is 21 inches in height and has a head measurement of 151 inches. Dr. W. B. Richards said that except for its unusual size, the baby appeared normal and that both mother and child were doing well.

U.S. to Get Fewer Tires And Less Gasoline in '44

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—Motorists were told by Price Administrator Chester Bowles that they could expect fewer tires and less than they could expect fewer tires

of the coming invasion.

His office announced that servicemen recovering from wounds or illness would be allowed special gasoline ration coupons to travel.

Tobacco Redrying Plants Are Placed on 4-Day Week

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 2—The eight-state burley tobacco belt will go on a fourday week tomorrow. The move was made necessary because redrying plants are ex-periencing difficulty keeping up with deliveries due to the manpower shortage. Friday sales will be discontinued at least temporarily.

\$250,000 Blaze Sweeps Building in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2-A fivetlarm fire of undetermined origin caused damage estimated at \$250,000 as it swept through a six-story midtown building which housed several small war-plant

Scores of firemen were overcome by dense smoke which covered an area of several blocks.

World Agency

Ailing Roosevelt Declares Walls Are Closing In On Our Enemies'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—A New New Year's Day statement issued by President Roosevelt from his bedside, where he was confined with the flu, called on all Americans to maintain in the years to come an international organization based on the concept of the United Nations to preserve peace and security.

Recalling the bleak military outlook only two years previously, when the first

only two years previously, when the first United Nations declaration was promulgated in Washington, the President cited the Allied offensive on every front as proof that "the walls are closing in

"Our armed forces," President Rosevelt said, "are gathering for new and greater assaults which will bring about the downfall of the Axis aggressors."

The President said a different kind of struggle was also engaging the attention

struggle was also engaging the attention of the United Nations—the struggle against disease, malnutrition, unemploy-ment and other forms of social and economic distress.

ImportantAssignmentDue For Marine Gen. Holcomb

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Thomas B. Holcomb will become the first four-star general in the history of the Marine Corps upon his retirement to the company as company and the will be company as co tomorrow as commandant, and he will be assigned to an important position by President Roosevelt.

An announcement by the Navy Department gave no indication of Gen. Holcomb's new post, saying that he would be retained on active duty "for an important assignment."

Flynn Gets Babe From Attu

HOLLYWOOD, Jan, 2—Errol Flynn has a new pet. It's a blue fox named Tundra Lil, born on Attu six months ago and given the actor by soldiers on Amchitka, where he visited on an entertainment tour. With Flynn on the tour were Martha O'Driscoll, Ruth Carroll, Jimmy Dodd and Harry Mendota, a magician.

Asks a Lasting War Puts 375 G-Men to Work Unraveling Mysteries of Codes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UP)—Solution of war codes is one of the major jobs of 375 G-men who work in the scientific crime detection laboratories of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Started in 1932 as a CDC man con-

Started in 1932 as a one-man, one-room department, it has grown until it now covers a whole floor of the Department of Justice building.

The number of special jobs done by the The number of special jobs done by the laboratory has grown at the same rate. By 1940 it was handling 7,000 separate cases a year. The following year the figure was doubled, and by 1942 it had risen to 51,475. In the first six months of 1943 alone 163,000 had been handled,

of every law-enforcing agency throughout the nation. "But we probably clear many more people than we convict," according to John Bugas, head of one section of the

\$20,000 in Real Eggs Lost



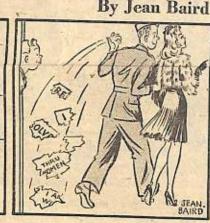
"But, Dad, don't you think I'm old enough to take care of myself?"

Diane









By Milton Caniff









Blondie

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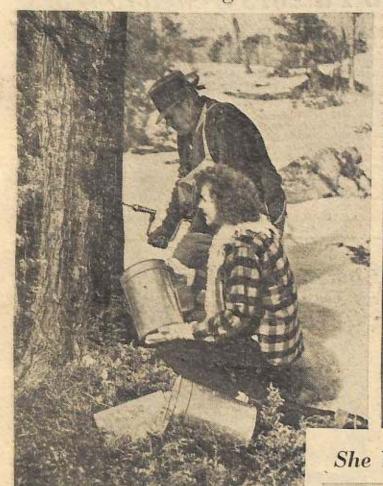






No Rationing Here,

Hollywood Can't Be Accused of Wasting Cloth



Nature is generous with her sweets. This New Englar d farmer is getting his full share of maple sap.



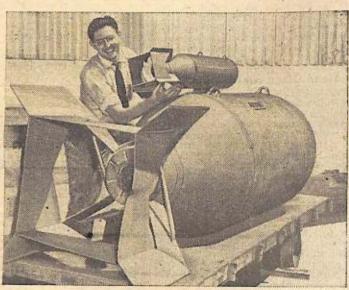
Maybe the censor can squawk, but the OPA can't complain about the brevity of these eye-catching chorus-girl costumes.

Where's My Master?



Maybe he ran away to follow his master or to join the WAGS, but this little stowaway looks mighty unhappy.

Headaches For Hitler



Noisy confetti in two sizes: A 100-lb. bomb and block-buster.

Large or small, USAAF bombs mean trouble for the Axis.

'Ere Ye Going My Way?

'On The Bonny Banks'



Scotland's bonny banks and braes look "almost like Wisconsin" to these Yanks from the Middle West. This "land of Burns" ranks high among the favorite places American soldiers visit while on furlough.



For his "69th and toughest mission" Capt. B. S. Brookfield hitch-hiked 12,000 miles from China to his Pennsylvania home via Army planes.

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