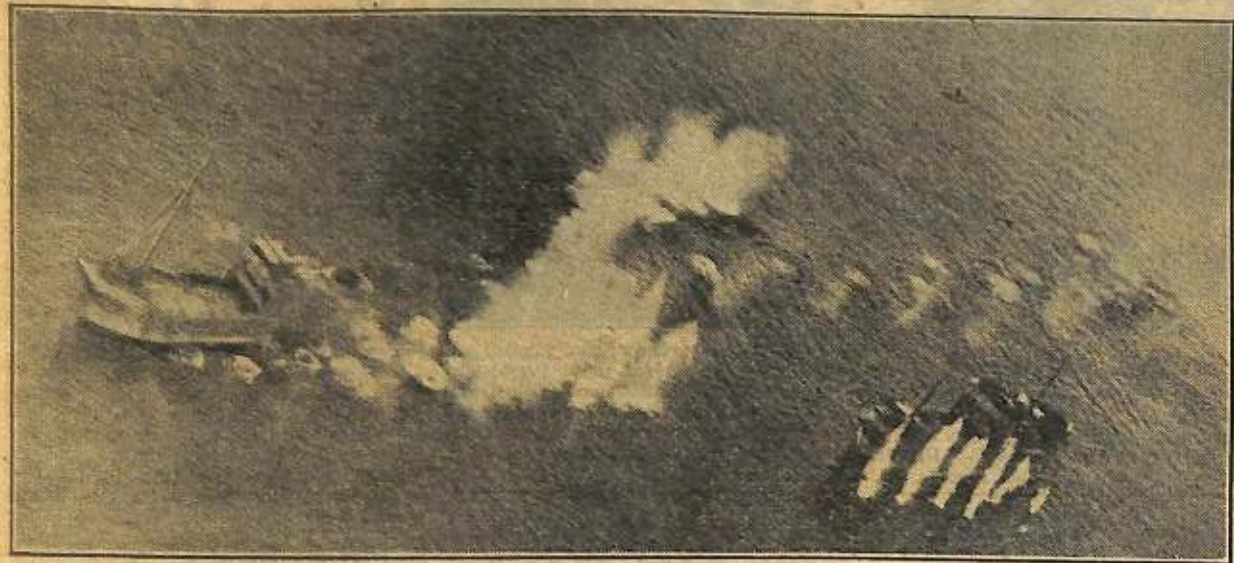


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SCOTLAND
Warmer, Local Showers.



BLOCKADE-RUNNERS BLASTED: Two Japanese cargo ships are pounded by B29s over the Makassar Straits, between Borneo and Celebes. The vessels made a futile attempt to bring supplies to the stranded 200,000 Japs chained inside the Netherlands East Indies by a tightening air and sea blockade.

Greatest Fire Raid Sears Japs

3 Nations Open Paris Talks on Tangier Status

PARIS, July 2 (AP)—Representatives of the U.S., France and Britain today opened informal discussions seeking restoration of an international status to Tangier, the North African port which borders the Straits of Gibraltar and which was seized by Spain in June, 1940. A formal conference on the question is scheduled to open tomorrow.

Under an agreement signed in 1923 by France, Spain and Britain, and five years later by Italy, Tangier was declared an international zone. Spain, which has not been invited to the present conference, violated this agreement when it seized Tangier, but a State Department announcement on the conference, issued in Washington, said yesterday that Spain was willing to negotiate on Tangier's future status.

(A Reuter dispatch from Paris last night said that a last-minute hitch in the Tangier conference had arisen with a request by Russia to participate. It had been arranged previously that France would keep Russia informed of developments at the conference.)

This marks the first entrance of the U.S. into a conference dealing exclusively with Mediterranean affairs. The State Department announcement explained that since the 1923 Tangier meeting the U.S. had acquired a "special position in Morocco deriving from a series of treaties to which it is a party."

Representing the U.S. at the conference are Henry S. Villard, chief of the State Department's African division; J. Rives Child, former charge d'affaires at Tangier, and Ernest J. Dempster, of the U.S. legation at Tangier.

First Marine General Bombs Japs From B29

GUAM, July 2 (ANS)—Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine, commander of the 3rd Marine Division, today became the first marine general to bomb the Japs from a B29. Serving as honorary commander of a B29 named Third Marine Division, he pulled the switch to drop five 500-pounders on a Jap airfield.

600 B29s Out; B25s Strike From Okinawa

Flames, kindled by well over a million fire bombs, swept through four great cities of southern Japan yesterday after a record fleet of nearly 600 Superforts dropped 4,000 tons of incendiaries in the greatest air attack of the Pacific war.

Later, a medium force of 50 Superforts showered high explosives on industrial plants at Shimotsu, south of Osaka on Honshu in a night attack.

The massive B29 attack followed only a few hours after B25 Mitchell bombers, operating for the first time from Okinawa, hammered enemy suicide plane bases on Kyushu. It previously has been announced that Okinawa also would base Superforts.

Flying across the north Pacific through thick clouds, the giant force of American B29s spilled the searing loads on the sleeping Honshu Island cities of Kure, Japan's largest naval base; Shimonoseki, heavy industry and communications center at the western entrance to the inland sea; Ube, major coal mining and magnesium producing city 25 miles from Shimonoseki, and the western Kyushu Island city of Kumamoto, transportation hub and military training site.

It was the first time any of the four cities had been fire-bombed, raising the number of Jap cities charred by incendiaries to 22. "Good to excellent" results were reported and the Japanese announced that fires raged for five to seven hours.

Only two of the Superforts were lost and 20 members of their crews were rescued, 20th Air Force HQ announced in Washington.

Other Allied planes harassed the Japs from Java to the home islands, sinking or crippling 26 ships and damaging airfields and supply bases.

Heavy bombers, presumably Liberators from the Philippines, hammered oil refineries on Formosa and airfields, supply dumps and communications in China and Indo-China. An arsenal at Canton was one of the targets.

France-Britain Bloc Is Sought

PARIS, July 2 (Reuter)—An economic bloc led by France and Britain to control the whole African continent was advocated today by Paul Reynaud, former French prime minister who returned recently from captivity in Germany.

"Between the two economic blocs of the U.S. and Russia," he said, "France and Britain have become countries whose economic space is too small for them to prosper independently in a world where mass production has become the supreme law.

"We must form an economic bloc of the west which will practically control the whole African continent. Inside this bloc, conditions of production must be similar and the currencies of the countries included in the bloc must have a fixed relation with each other."

Reynaud said the U.S. and Russia would not oppose such a bloc, because it would contribute to world prosperity, in which both those nations have a stake.

Senate Confirms Byrnes in a Hurry

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—Nomination of James F. Byrnes to be Secretary of State was confirmed unanimously today by the Senate, which waived its rules requiring hearings on Cabinet appointments and a day's break before voting to pay this tribute to a former colleague.

Byrnes, who will accompany President Truman to the forthcoming Big Three meeting at Berlin, succeeds Edward R. Stettinius Jr., whose nomination as U.S. delegate to the proposed world security council awaits Senate approval.

U.S. Consul in Tangier

TANGIER, July 2 (Reuter)—Paul H. Ailing, newly appointed U.S. consul general for Morocco, arrived here aboard a U.S. destroyer today.

Lost Safe Is Recovered

ROME, July 2 (AP)—The Office of Strategic Services today recovered its safe, intact with the \$133,000 it contained, which had been stolen while being taken from Florence to Caserta in a jeep last June 18. The safe was found in a haystack where it evidently had been hidden after unsuccessful efforts to open it.

Brass, in a Lather for Margie, Gets Trimmed by GI Barber

By A. Victor Lasky
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

55TH MUSTANG GROUP, July 2—Margie, Uncle Sam's poster girl now touring U.K. installations on behalf of The Stars and Stripes War Bond Contest, may not know it, but she was "kidnapped" today.

It seems some of the more exuberant junior officers of this group—who soon will be sent to Germany as part of the Army of Occupation—were a bit browned off because they were asked to "lay off" and give the EMs a break when Margie arrived.

So when she did check in this rainy afternoon at the MP gate, somehow—and the still-perplexed PRO is still wandering how his plans went astray—



MARGIE

Margie found herself at the officers' club. But she was "rescued."

"Hero" of the occasion was Cpl. Wayne E. Billiter, the group barber. Billiter, who hails from Kokomo, Ind.—Indiana is Margie's home state—had been selected as the Hoosier lovely's special guide for the day. It was a bunch of forlorn looking officers when Billiter showed up for the "rescue," and took over.

For five solid hours Margie knocked about the airfield—visiting dozens of shops and offices. She posed for pictures atop a Mustang. She ate GI chow at the enlisted men's mess, downing some stew, beans and heat-up pudding. She signed autographs.

Capping a busy day, Margie appeared at a jam session at the Aero Club, where she made a short speech on why GIs and officers should write letters to the contest.

Tomorrow morning, after a 15-minute piggy-back ride in a Mustang, Margie will be off to the 10th Reinforcement Depot.

He Won't Talk Anglo-American Quads' Dad Home; Wife Shuns Meeting

PITTSBURGH, July 2 (AP)—S/Sgt. William Thompson, who surprised his wife and friends back home when he became the father of quadruplets in collaboration with a former ATS girl in February, 1944, arrived home yesterday—alone. He refused to discuss the matter.

When the quads were born Thompson said he was in love with their mother, Nora Carpenter, of Heanor, Derbyshire, England, and wanted to marry her. One of the babies died shortly after birth.

His wife, who did not meet him yesterday, has said she would not consent to a divorce. "He's made his bed, now let him lie in it," she once commented.

Skipper Says 'Queens' Won't Go to Pacific

NEW YORK, July 2 (AP)—The Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary are not likely to go into Pacific service but will continue to carry troops across the Atlantic as long as they are needed before undertaking commercial service, Capt. C. M. Ford, commander of the Elizabeth, said today.

Declaring that few Pacific ports could accommodate the "Queens," he said that they could be most usefully employed in the Atlantic carrying servicemen and relieving smaller ships for Pacific service.

Allies Push Inland After Borneo Landing Near Balikpapan

Australian, American and Dutch East Indies troops, under the personal command of Gen. MacArthur, pushed inland near the Balikpapan oil fields of East Borneo yesterday after smashing ashore early Sunday morning through abandoned enemy beach defenses knocked out by a prolonged aerial and naval bombardment.

Meeting only scattered small-arms fire, the first wave of troops within a few hours had taken a mile-long stretch of beach, and by afternoon tanks and infantrymen had secured a ridge overlooking the demolished Balikpapan refineries and harbor installations.

MacArthur landed with his field commanders in the fourth wave. An Associated Press dispatch said Jap snipers fired on MacArthur as he surveyed enemy strongpoints.

The size of the invasion force or the points at which the troops landed were not announced, but Tokyo Radio said 5,000 troops had been landed and reinforcements were pouring in every hour.

An American commentator from Borneo said the U.S. force was made up of special troop units.

Senate Given World Charter By President

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—President Truman today presented the United Nations charter to the Senate in person and urged its prompt ratification. "The choice before the Senate is now clear," he said in a brief address. "It is a choice not between this charter and something else. It is between this charter and no charter at all."

"This charter," the President said, "points down the only road to enduring peace. There is no other." He said that the rest of the world was watching the U.S. "with great concern and high hope," looking for the U.S. to take the lead in the world peace organization.

Mr. Truman recalled that the Senate had already passed the Connally resolution calling for a world organization to maintain peace. The charter, he said, "carries out completely this expression of national and international necessity."

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will open hearings on the charter next Monday. After a conference with Mr. Truman, Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.), majority leader, said, "It's in the bag. I can't think of more than six senators who will object to it."

Four Firm Footholds Gained

The Japanese said the landings had been made at Kulla Samboja, 32 miles northeast of Balikpapan, and at three spots around Balikpapan. Later, a Jap broadcast said the Allies had secured four firm footholds.

An Allied invasion fleet of more than 300 ships, including units of the U.S. 7th Fleet, the Australian and Netherlands navies, participated in the operation and pounded the beaches before the first troops went in.

Losses sustained were described in MacArthur's communique as "light," despite the fact that for the last week the Japanese have been awaiting the landings and have boasted of their preparations to meet it. Reports said that Jap resistance was stiffening as the troops drove inland, with the troops meeting heavy and accurate mortar fire.

A fleet of minesweepers, supported by cruisers and destroyers, started clearing a path for the invasion fleet 15 days before the actual landings. Working under fire from shore batteries, these ships cleared and marked a channel through the coral reefs.

Blasted Destroyer In U.S. for Repairs

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2 (AP)—The 2,200-ton U.S. destroyer Ingraham, which limped into Hunter's Port here for repairs after a Japanese suicide-plane attack which killed 15 and wounded 30 of the crew in a battle north of Okinawa early in May, will be back in service, it was disclosed today.

The Ingraham brought down six "suicides," but the seventh crashed into the hull at the waterline. The destroyer settled until her decks were within five feet of being awash and was taken in tow by rescue tugs.

Law With Teeth in It

WASHINGTON, July 2—Officers in the Army Dental Corps will have the right to command within the Medical Department generally under legislation approved Saturday by President Truman. Heretofore, dentists have been entitled to command only in their own corps.

Hope Springs Eternal Jests About Crosby on Arrival Here



WHERE THERE'S LIFE: There's Bob Hope, quipping for the customers. In front of the London billeting office, the Hollywood philosopher (see story below) does a quick turn for strolling GIs to the accompaniment of an unidentified street pianist.

A distinguished Hollywood philosopher and the author of "Why I Never Left Home," a handbook for American travelers, arrived in London yesterday to inform a handful of journalists that "it's a good thing Frank Sinatra is in the Mediterranean—it proves that we do have atrocities in America."

He was accompanied by eight associates, including the noted operatic star, Jerome Colonna. He said that he was in the ETO chiefly "to apologize for Bing Crosby's last trip over here."

Fatigued after an exhausting experience at Prestwick, Scotland, where he was forced to swap an hour's lecture on the Sam Goldwyn theory of inter-stellar space for a plane trip to London, Bob Hope observed wearily that he planned a day's rest today at his Aunt Lucy's place near Hitchin. Tomorrow night at 8:30 he will deliver another of his inimitable lectures at the Royal Albert Hall. Admission is free for all Allied soldiers in uniform. On Thursday at 2:30 PM he will repeat the performance at the 14th Port, Southampton. He came over on the Queen Mary.

His next stop will be the Continent and an eight-week tour of installations there.

Busy analyzing the effects of the Jap balloon bombs on the American psyche (see page 2), he was too tired to comment on the British elections, beyond the observation that he Hope-d "both candidates used Pepsco . . . (censored) . . . on both sides of their teeth."

In the genial philosopher's party are accompanist Jack Pepper, a 20th Century starlet named Gale Robbins, and the aforementioned Colonna, who inquired as he entered a London hotel elevator, "does this devilish modern monster go sideways?" Whereupon the corn stalk in the lobby wilted.

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'Top Secret' Job?

To the B-Bag: We of the 306th Bomb Group have been receiving clippings from home which have been cut out of some of America's most widely-circulated newspapers. The publicity contained in these clippings is roughly this: "The USAAF will occupy Europe for an indefinite period, photographing every hill and valley, to provide a strategic map for invasion in the event of another war. This project is to be carried out by volunteer crews—former combat bomber crews."

Now, in the first place, we who are doing this work were given to understand that anything pertaining to the job was strictly top secret, and were given orders not to talk about it, not even among ourselves when not on duty.

In the second place, it is absolutely false in this respect: We as individuals, or as crews, definitely did not volunteer for the job. We are doing our job and acting under orders strictly.

In the last few weeks we have been doing our level best to console our families at home, our wives and sweethearts, by telling them that we have a job to do over here, which we cannot describe to them because it is top secret. We tell them we have no idea how long it will take, but, as we love them, they can rest assured we will return home just as soon as it is humanly possible to get the job done and so.

Some of the folks at home have gotten the idea from these clippings that we are staying over here as long as possible merely to play around in London and Paris and have a gay old time. Many of the men have received rather cold letters from their wives which include these clippings, in which the words "volunteer crews" are underlined.—Signed by 84 Air Corps officers and EMTs.

Hubby Protests

To the B-Bag: The recent ten- to 12-month ban on travel to the U.S. of the wives of American servicemen is another indication of the contemptuous and arbitrary treatment received by GIs who have married while on foreign service. We who have married abroad are treated not unlike moral lepers. Rep. Herbert E. Ellis (R.-W. Va.) even had the audacity to state that the government shouldn't go out of its way to transport our "foreign" wives home. He and certain other cranks should be reminded that an American soldier does not lose his citizenship by service overseas and marriage to the national of another country.

Canada, through her Red Cross, has been able to find a realistic solution to the problem. It is no compliment to the U.S. that her servicemen receive the short end of the deal, while other countries adequately cope with the domestic problems of their soldiers.—S/Sgt. Otto D. Weill and ten others.

Editorial Approved

To the B-Bag: Congratulations on your splendid editorial, "Our Russian Ally." It's time somebody told off the warmongers who are trying to stir up hatred between America and the Soviet Union. It was the Hearst press which started spreading the poison at San Francisco with the help of the Chicago Tribune and the New York Daily News. Reader's Digest, too, has printed misinformation about Russia. For example, William White's articles. Strangely enough—or maybe not so strangely—these same publications are also anti-labor, anti-United Nations and often foment racial and religious prejudice. In other words, they are pro-Fascist, and the sooner GIs recognize that the better.—Cpl. Sig Shaakman, BADA, USSTAF.

Now Congressman . . .

To the B-Bag: Rep. Hubert E. Ellis, of West Virginia, says, "Uncle Sam shouldn't go out of his way to bring home foreign wives." I happen to be one of the many GIs who married while over here, and if you were a GI, Mr. Ellis, and had served overseas as long as I have, your opinion would change a bit. It's entirely possible that you, too, could have married during your service over here. It is very easy to make remarks like that sitting back there in the good old U.S., but it's a little different over here. I think I'm entitled to that trip for my wife, and I don't think Uncle Sam should stand in the way of my getting her back to America as soon as possible.—Pfc Joe F. Guarrieli, Two Years Overseas.

British Voters Go to the Polls On Thursday

By Irvin S. Taubkin

Britons will vote on Thursday in their first general election in a decade. They will elect a new Parliament. By the complexion of the Parliament they choose, they will indicate whether they want the country to continue under Conservative Party leadership or embark upon a new political phase under Labor Party leadership.

The election is being closely watched in the U.S., probably more closely than any other British election ever has been. This is mainly because the election will decide the political fate of Prime Minister Winston Churchill who, with the late President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin, has been one of the war's Big Three.

As in most elections, the issues in this one boil down to two easy words—and to two personalities. Will Britain stay "Tory" under Churchill, Conservative Party leader? Or will it go "Socialist" under Clement Attlee, Labor Party leader?

If Britain votes to stay "Tory" by electing a majority of Conservative candidates to Parliament, Churchill will continue as Prime Minister. If it votes to go "Socialist" by electing a majority of Labor candidates to Parliament, Attlee, who served as Deputy Prime Minister under Churchill in the recently-dissolved Coalition government, will become Prime Minister.

Actually, the country as a whole does not vote either for Churchill or for Attlee, although more direct votes are cast for them than are cast for the President in a U.S. election. Churchill is Conservative candidate for Parliament for the borough of Woodford, Essex County, which has about 58,000 voters. Attlee is Labor candidate for Limehouse, which has some 45,000 voters.

Churchill and Attlee are only two of 1,683 candidates for the 640 Parliament seats. This is the biggest Parliament ever, a recent redistricting having added 25 seats. At the last election, in November, 1935, the Conservatives polled 11,792,332 votes to win 431 seats. The opposition, mainly Labor, polled 10,209,505 votes to win 184 seats.

In 1935 some 30,000,000 voters were eligible. This election, some 32,000,000 are eligible. Of these, ten per cent are estimated to be in the armed forces. They will vote by proxy. Because of the service vote, counting of the ballots will be delayed until July 26.

Almost one-third of the candidates are in the forces, 522 of them. Eighty-seven women are candidates, the highest number in any election. Of these, 42 are Labor candidates and only 13 Conservative candidates. The first and famous woman MP, Virginia-born Lady Nancy Astor, is not a candidate this time, having decided recently to retire after 25 years in the House.

The issues that loom back of the personalities and the campaign oratory are these:

The Conservatives insist that the war is not yet over, that Churchill, having led the nation to victory over Germany, is needed to lead it to victory over Japan, and that the party that ran the nation through the war is best fitted to run it through the reconversion days, too.

The Socialists—the Labor Party—is a Socialist party—insist that the issues of peace are paramount now, that theirs is the only party that stands for the freedoms the war was fought to gain, that now is the time to rescue Britain from the financiers and the landlords.

Sally Unhorses Cowboy

BILLINGS, Mon., July 2 (ANS)—Sally Rand has won an uncontested divorce from Turk Greenough, cowboy and nationally known rodeo performer whom she married in 1942. The fan dancer testified that Greenough, drafted into the Army shortly after their marriage, had deserted her in Dec., 1943, and the couple had lived apart since.



FLYING A DESK: 2/Lt. George A. Hase, seven-mission bomber co-pilot who holds the Air Medal and a Presidential citation, buckles down to History, English and geometry at Jefferson High School in Tampa, Fla. He needed three more credits for graduation when he entered service at Richmond, Va., so he enrolled in a summer course while awaiting reclassification at the 3rd AF Replacement Depot. He finishes classes at noon, then reports for duty at Drew Field.

Gen. Sultan, in Paris, Lauds Skill of Chinese as Fighters

Stars and Stripes Paris Bureau

PARIS, July 2—American troops in Burma henceforth will be charged with a mission similar to that of the Persian Gulf Command in getting supplies over the reopened Burma-Stilwell Road to China, Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sultan said yesterday at a press conference here.

En route to Washington from his former headquarters at New Delhi, the General, who personally directed the winter campaign in northern Burma, was commander of the India-Burma Theater until about ten days ago.

Just what his new assignment would be, Sultan refused to say. Since he is primarily a successful field commander, it is expected that he soon will follow Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, with whom he served as deputy commander of the CBI, to a fighting command.

He was high in praise for the American-trained Chinese under him, and the American Mars task force, which "fought like jungle natives."

The Burma campaign proved, he said, that Chinese, given equipment, training and good officers, could equal any fighters. He admitted that some inefficient Chinese leaders had to be weeded out before the sailing was smooth.

Asked about the American-conducted training camps in China, he said, "They are doing damn well." He predicted that a large number of Chinese divisions could soon be put into the line.

"I've heard reports about Japs giving up on Okinawa," Sultan said. "They never surrendered to us in Burma, unless they were so wounded they couldn't kill themselves."

"The Jap we encountered was a tough, dirty, nasty fighter, who had to be fought at close range and finally dug out by hand," the General said. "I don't know how he will act in his home dungheap, but I expect it won't be much different."

Except for insignificant mopping up, he explained, the reconquest of Burma was complete. He has turned over his command to Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, who is also deputy commander in chief, under Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, of SEAC.

"We are now moving much stuff over the Burma Road," Sultan said, adding that the road was in excellent shape. In fact, it can be maintained in first-rate order throughout the monsoon rains, which began in the middle of May, he said.

Asked about his former boss, Stilwell, he said, "Hell of a good combat man. If anyone can give the Japs the devil, he will. And he knows them to the bottom of their dirty little hearts."

Senate Charter OK Is Urged by Dewey

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., July 2 (ANS)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, titular head of the Republican Party, expressed hope at the 37th annual Governors Conference here yesterday that the Senate would ratify the San Francisco charter "as speedily as possible" and without reservation.

Dewey's statement, which came in the wake of a telegram from President Truman asking the governors for support of "our most ambitious effort in building world security," indicated that the conference would endorse the Charter.

Dewey said he objected to efforts by some members of his party to attach reservation to the document. (Sen. Robert A. Taft (R.-Ohio) has suggested limiting the authority of the American delegate.)

AFN Radio Program

Table with columns for Tuesday, July 3 and Wednesday, July 4, listing radio programs and times.

GIs May Ring Up Some Change on 'Information, Please'

PARIS, July 2—"Information Please," popular American radio quiz show—complete with experts Clifton Fadiman, Franklin P. Adams and John Kieran—now in the ETO, will give GIs a chance to win a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica and a \$50 War Bond.

Scheduled for appearances in France and Germany, the "experts" will stage two shows a week with a pair of GIs selected from each locality sitting in on the board. Soldiers who submit board-stumping questions win the prizes.

Military personnel may submit questions through The Stars and Stripes office.

Beatrice Lillie and Reginald Gardiner, British stars, will also appear in the show.

No-Points Corner Here's Our Only Hope

By Bob Hope

THE West Coast got excited recently when the Army released news of the balloon bombs. In fact, for four weeks now, Edward Arnold has been afraid to leave the house.

The Japs are supposed to be sending them all the way from Japan, and that's a long way for hot air to travel.

I thought I was doing good when I went from coast to coast. The Nips call it the answer to our B29 raids. That's like sending Margaret O'Brien out after Lauren Bacall.

Los Angeles and San Francisco are feuding about it. LA claims the balloon that missed it was twice as big as the one that missed Frisco.

Warner Bros. already has grabbed the balloon idea for a picture. It's going to be called "To Helium With the Japs."

But it certainly hasn't gotten anyone frightened. In fact, when one actor left his air-raid shelter the other morning, I was surprised how many people were on the streets.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Gee, tomorrow's Fourth of July! Wouldn't it be swell if they suddenly announced V-J day!"

Off the Global Wire Swiss Accused Of Hiding Nazi Money Deals

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—Switzerland was accused today of helping the Nazis hide their world-wide financial operations. The charge was made by Orvis A. Schmidt, of the Treasury Department's foreign funds control division, in testimony before a Senate subcommittee studying Nazi plans for a third world war.

"Even at this late date," Schmidt asserted, "the Swiss government is loath to take the necessary steps to force the banks and other cloaking institutions to disclose the owners of assets held in or through Switzerland." He said the Swiss had openly invited the Germans to use their facilities to conceal their assets throughout the world.

Schmidt said also that "German industrial giants" had honeycombed neutral nations, including Argentina and Turkey, with some 650 subsidiary and affiliated companies.

Division Honors Ernie Pyle

IE SHIMA, Ryukyu Islands, July 2 (AP)—Soldiers of the 77th Infantry Division today dedicated a monument to Ernie Pyle on the spot where the war correspondent was killed by a Jap sniper's bullet last Apr. 18.

Poison Liquor in Manila

MANILA, July 2 (ANS)—The Provost Marshal cracked down on the city's night clubs, restaurants and saloons today, trying to clear up a poison-liquor situation which in the five months of occupation has killed 29 Americans and one Filipino.

Ten Die in Hotel Fire

WINNIPEG, July 2 (AP)—Ten people were killed and 35 injured when a fire roared "like a blow torch" through a hotel yesterday in the northwestern Ontario mining town of Red Lake. The three-story building was leveled in 15 minutes.

Wants War 'Taught Out'

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 2 (Reuter)—Roman Catholic Archbishop Francis Spellman, of New York, today urged American universities to educate for peace. In an address at Marquette University, he declared that it was the "responsibility and the destiny" of American universities to rescue the world from "unwanted, wanton war." They should be the leaders, he urged, in striving "to save the world from war by saving truth, one of war's first and most pitiable victims."

Italians Lose PW Status

ROME, July 2 (AP)—Italian prisoners of war captured in North Africa who have been co-operating with the Allied forces in Italy will lose their prisoner status and will revert to the position of regular members of the Italian armed forces immediately, the Allied Commission announced today.

1st Red Troops Get Out

MOSCOW, July 2 (AP)—The first Red Army soldiers to be demobilized began leaving their units today. Towns and villages have provided special housing funds for returned veterans, while those returning to collective farms are being provided with livestock and everything they need to start farming.

More Bread in Bavaria

MUNICH, July 2 (AP)—Military government officials have announced an immediate increase by 50 per cent of the civilian-bread ration in U.S.-occupied Bavaria, made possible by the arrival of grain and flour shipments from the U.S. The new ration will give each civilian about three 2-lb. loaves of heavy black bread a week.

Spain Invites GIs

MADRID, July 2 (AP)—A Foreign Ministry spokesman has indicated Spain's desire to have U.S. troops spend their furloughs in Spain before being repatriated to the States. All facilities for such stays would be offered, he said, including exemption from visa formalities and permission to wear uniforms while in the country.

Brooks Heads 11th AF

ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, July 2 (ANS)—Maj. Gen. John B. Brooks, former commander of the Newfoundland Base Command, today became commander of the 11th Air Force, succeeding Maj. Gen. Davenport Johnson. The 11th covers Alaska and the Aleutians. Brooks has been serving with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington.

'Renaissance' in Reich

AROUND THE GLOBE YESTERDAY: From Lubbeck, German Baltic port, came word that Germans are busily reading all the books the Nazis banned, including the South Sea adventure stories of Jack London. . . . At Amsterdam, Yehudi Menuhin, the American violinist, scored a triumph at the first concert held in the Dutch capital since liberation. He played the Mendelssohn violin concerto, which had been banned by the Nazis. . . . Rome greeted Grace Moore, the Metropolitan Opera star, on her arrival to entertain GIs. She will sing Thursday at Verona with Nino Martini, also of the Metropolitan and a native of that city. . . . A Tokyo broadcast picked up in Washington, said that all but 200,000 Japs are to be evacuated from Tokyo, normally a city of 7,000,000. U.S. air attacks, the broadcast said, made the move necessary.

Braves Clout Cards Twice; A's Bow to Tigers, 9-5, 5-3

Flock 4 1/2 Games Ahead After Split With Pirates

NEW YORK, July 2—There was some rousing action in the National League yesterday when the Phillies of all people won a double-header, but the most torrid saw the hard hitting Boston Braves slam the Cardinals twice, 6-3 and 8-7, to drop the Redbirds four and a half games off the pace.

Both games were featured by homers, with Butch Nieman coming in as a pinch-hitter in the tenth inning of the opener and belting one into the stands with two aboard to break a 3-3 tie and give Mort Cooper, who relieved Ed Logan in the ninth, the win at the expense of George Dockins.

Tommy Holmes, the major leagues' leading sticker, hit one homer in the first battle and two in the nightcap to run his consecutive game streak to 28 in which he has hit safely. Tommy's second circuit in the nightcap came with a man on base in the seventh inning and was followed by another by Chuck Workman which spelled defeat for Blix Donnelly and victory for Jim Tobin.

As The Scribes See It

SHIRLEY POVICH, Washington Post—Lew Fonseca is the American League's man with a camera. Consequently Lew has become baseball's foremost authority in batting, pitching and running styles. He has looked at half a million feet of slow motion film since the league gave him the camera job.

"There are two kinds of hitters," says Lew. "The natural gifted ones, and fellows who make themselves good hitters by applying themselves. It's shameful to think that half of the players who slip out of the majors because of light hitting could stay up there if they learned how to hit."

"It's downright ridiculous that ball players get only five or ten minutes hitting practice a day and are content with it. Look at pro golfers. They practice for hours even on days they're playing in tournaments. They know the necessity of practice. Ball players don't."

Lew says Joe Cronin and Hank Greenberg are two outstanding examples of players who made themselves good hitters by hard work. Of Cronin, Lew says, "He had the worst batting stroke I ever saw. Greenberg was almost as bad. But they corrected their faults."

"The natural hitters are Ruth, Williams, DiMaggio, Goose Goslin, Cecil Travis, Charley Gehringer and the like. They didn't even need batting practice. But 95 per cent do—and aren't smart enough to know it."

AL ABRAMS, Pittsburgh Post Gazette—The appearance of Satchel Paige in town with the Kansas City Monarchs the other night brought the comment from Jimmy Rippe that Paige was one of the few Negro stars he saw in action who could have made good in the major leagues. Jimmy batted against Satch ten years ago when Paige was in his prime and Jimmy was a star on the Giants.

"He really had a fast ball," said Rip. "He's tall and skinny and takes a wind-up like Diz Dean used to and when he powers that ball in, it's just like aiming at buckshot. Satch's lost a lot of his stuff now, but when he was going best he'd have held his own in any league."

LOU SMITH, Cincinnati Enquirer—There's no doubt Leo Durocher's Dodgers will be in first place on July 4. More often than not the team holding the top rung on firecracker day goes on to win the pennant. However, we don't believe this'll be true this year even if the Dodgers are still making the pace after their twin-bill with the Reds Independence Day.

We've watched every club in at least two series so far and the Cards, despite the fact they show a tendency to blow hot and cold, appear to be the cream of the loop.

H. G. SALSINGER, Detroit News—Al Simmons, discussing Hank Greenberg's chances of picking up where he left off in May, 1941, said, "If he can't make it then all the other players over 30 might just as well give up. I mean all those who've been out of baseball for two years or more."

Hank has more than ordinary ability and he's got an ideal temperament. If he can't pull it off, who in baseball can? If he fails the others might just as well settle for the pay they're entitled to for a 60-day tryout as returning veterans and in the meantime look for other jobs.

Dick Tracy



By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

L'Pl Abner



By Courtesy of United Features



JIM TOBIN



BLIX DONNELLY

The Dodgers battled for everything as usual but could do no better than an even split yesterday, dropping the first game to the Pirates, 4-3, and coming back to take the second, 4-2. Hal Gregg was the victim in the opener, but almost got the decision in the ninth when the Bums broke out with a three-run outburst off Preacher Roe and Nick Strincevich and had two men on the sacks before Art Cucurullo forced pinch-hitter Mike Sandlock to ground into a double play.

Davis Hurls Six-Hitter
Curt Davis was in command all the way and kept six hits widely separated in pitching Brooklyn to the nightcap victory at the expense of Al Gerheuser.

Everybody had a hard time believing what they saw in Philadelphia's Shibe Park, especially newly appointed Manager Ben Chapman, who blinked in amazement as his lowly Phillies bopped the Reds in both ends of a twin bill, 3-2 and 8-6. It was a doubly expensive afternoon for the visitors, who also lost the services of two players for short periods. Frank McCormick will be out for three days with a nose injury suffered when he was struck with a snap throw from Catcher Al Unser while Shortstop Eddie Miller was spiked by Vince DiMaggio.

Dick Mauney won his first major league battle in the opener as Joe Bowman suffered his first setback after five straight victories. In the nightcap the Phils rallied for three runs in the sixth to give the nod to Charlie Sproull, who relieved Whit Wyatt in the fifth. Loser was Vern Kennedy.

Lowrey's Single Beats Giants
Peanuts Lowrey's two-run single in the eighth inning of the nightcap handed the Chicago Cubs a 4-3 victory and a split with the Giants, who won the first game, 7-4. Lowrey's bingle followed a homer with a man on by Danny Gardella in the seventh and gave Hank Wyse the nod over Jack Brewer. Chicago's other big slugger was Andy Pafko who drove in the Cubs' first two runs with a single and hit an inside-the-park homer in the sixth.

New York collected 16 hits off four Chicago pitchers in the first game, starting off with Paul Derringer, the loser, and continuing through Lon Warneke. Van Mungo needed help from Ace Adams in racking up his ninth decision.

Arthritis Kayoes Danning
NEW YORK, July 2—Catcher Harry Danning has informed the Giants that he won't play baseball again because of arthritis in his knees. Danning recently was discharged from the Army.

Robinson to Rejoin Yankees
GROTON, Conn., July 2—Aaron Robinson, Yankee catcher until his enlistment in 1943, has received a medical discharge from the Coast Guard and will contact the club immediately. He said he probably would have to receive medical treatment for a knee injury which brought about his discharge.

By Chester Gould



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By Al Capp

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Nelson's 13-Under-Par 275 Captures Victory Open Title

CHICAGO, July 2—Toledo's Byron Nelson annexed first place in the \$10,000 Victory National Open here yesterday with a 72-hole total score of 275, 13 strokes under par and seven ahead of defending champion Jug McSpaden.

Golfdom's leading money winner won by playing like a champion. His drives got him into trouble frequently, but he blasted out of the rough and with brilliant iron shots to finish the last 36 holes with a four-under-par 68 and a 70 as McSpaden fell apart on the final 18.

McSpaden fired a 68 on his first round and then soared to a four-over-par 76 for a 72-hole total of 282 and a tie for second place with Ky Laffoon, veteran Chicago pro, who shot a 73 and 70.

Claude Harmon, youthful Detroit pro, wound up a surprise fourth with a 70-74 for an aggregate of 283, while Sgt. Dutch Harrison, of Wright Field, Ohio, and Tony Penna, of Dayton, were next with 284. Sammy Byrd, former Yankee outfielder, followed with 285.

Grube, Ex-Catcher In Majors, Killed

NEW YORK, July 2—Franklin Grube, 40, former All-American end and baseball star at Lafayette and later a catcher for the White Sox, Athletics and Browns, died yesterday at a hospital here after being shot in the stomach by an unknown assailant.

Police said that Grube apparently was shot by a bullet meant for someone else. Edward Garthwaite, apartment superintendent, had chased six men away from the front of the apartment in which Grube lived a short time before and the men left with threats that they would be back.

Garthwaite returned to his basement quarters, where he was joined by Grube and another tenant. A clatter of footsteps outside caused Grube to open the door and as he did a hail of bullets poured into the apartment. He doubled over critically hurt and died an hour later.

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Greenberg Gets Homer; Yanks Drop 2 to Sox

NEW YORK, July 2—The season's largest crowd at Briggs Stadium—47,729—yesterday welcomed Hank Greenberg back to the Detroit Tigers, and Hank and the Tigers obliged—Greenberg with a homer and the Tigers with two victories over the Athletics, 9-5 and 5-3.

The big ex-Air Force captain played only the first game and came to bat five times. He flew out three times, walked once and then swatted an eighth-inning homer into the left-field stands to help Dizzy Trout to his eighth victory. Trout also got help from Al Benton, back in action after recovering from a broken leg. Benton hurled the last two innings and allowed no runs. Other big blow in the Tiger attack was a three-run circuit smash by Rudy York in the sixth, and the loser was Bobo Newsom.

Frank Overmire had too much on the ball for the hapless Macks in the nightcap and out-pitched Russ Christopher to send the A's to their 13th straight loss.

Big Innings Aid White Sox
Jimmy Dykes' White Sox used the big inning technique to take a double-header from the Yankees, 11-4 and 6-5. Hank Borowy was kayced in the fifth of the first game as the Sox punched across nine runs for their most productive inning of 1945 and salted the victory for Bill Dietrich. In their record inning the Chixos slapped Borowy and reliever Al Gettell for six hits and profited from five walks as 14 batsmen went to the plate.

Walt Dubiel and his rescuer Jim Turner were the second-game victims when Chicago put on a three-run surge in the eighth. Turner walked in one of the three runs and the clincher came home on a single by Wally Moses. Tuck Stainback's second-inning homer was one of the ten hits the Yanks got off Thornton Lee and Johnny Humphries, with Lee getting the decision.

The Red Sox called on Dave Ferriss again yesterday and he garnered his 12th win of the year, 7-4, in a relief role after the Browns had copped the opener, 7-3. Ferriss relieved Mike Ryba in the eighth, was the victim of a two-run rally and the Sox trailed 3-2 going into the ninth, but with two out George Caster and Al Hollingsworth wilted as Ben Steiner tripled, the next four men singled and Bob Garbark doubled to account for five runs.

Muncief Bests O'Neill
Bob Muncief was the winner over Emmett O'Neill in the opener. The latter had a 3-0 lead going into the sixth, but the Browns tied it up in that frame and picked up pairs in the seventh and eighth.

A homer by Lou Boudreau with Jeff Heath aboard and one man out in the last of the ninth inning of the second game gave the Indians a 6-5 victory for an even split with the Senators, who took the first game by the same score. The Boudreau wallop off Mickey Haefner nullified two runs the Nats had scored off Allie Reynolds in their half and snapped Washington's win streak at four games.

Dutch Leonard started on the mound for the Griffs in the opener and with the help of Marino Pieretti won his eighth against three setbacks. His biggest hitting support came from George Case and Gil Torres, who came through with two-run singles in the fourth and fifth. Victim was Mel Harder.

Swimming Entries Still Open
The U.K. Base Athletics Office announced yesterday that swimmers wishing to compete in the Base title swimming meet at London's Marshall Street Baths Friday may still enter by calling the Athletics Office, Regent 8484, ext. 1129. First three finishers in all events will later compete in the Com Z championships in Paris.

Minor League Results

International League			
Jersey City	8-6	Syracuse	2-1
Newark	1-12	Baltimore	0-9
Montreal	12-2	Rochester	11-1
Toronto	8-1	Buffalo	1-9

Eastern League			
Albany	4-5	Elmira	3-0
Hartford	1-8	Williamsport	0-2
Binghamton	8-7	Wilkes-Barre	0-11
Scranton	5-1	Utica	2-3

American Association			
Minneapolis	2-7	St. Paul	1-4
Milwaukee	2-4	Kansas City	1-0
Columbus	9-1	Toledo	3-2
Louisville	5-6	Indianapolis	2-10

Southern Association			
Chattanooga	13-0	Atlanta	4-4
Birmingham	7-8	Nashville	6-14
Memphis	1-10	Little Rock	0-1
New Orleans	9-6	Mobile	1-2

Pacific Coast League			
Los Angeles	5-4	San Francisco	7-2
Hollywood	8-5	Oakland	5-4
Sacramento	10-3	Portland	2-4
San Diego	8-5	Seattle	1-7

Minor League Results

Home Run Hitters			
American League—Stevens, St. Louis, 13;			
Johnson, Boston, 8.			
National League—Lombardi, New York, 13;			
DiMaggio, Philadelphia, and Holmes, Boston, 12.			

Around the 48 Yesterday

Gotham Still Paperless As Tieup Enters 3rd Day

NEW YORK (ANS)—New Yorkers who wanted newspapers still had to pick them up in person at the various newspaper plants as a strike by the deliverers' union entered its third day with no prospect for an immediate settlement.

The walkout, which started Saturday night over union demands for higher wages, severance pay, overtime compensation and a welfare fund, affected all but one of the metropolitan papers—PM, which is not a member of the Publishers' Association involved. PM carried a summary of the features and editorials of the other papers.

While the Post suspended publication for the day, other papers turned out limited copies for office sales only. Several of the papers also bought radio time to provide listeners with more news.

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia read the "funnies" over the radio. He even played Dick Tracy, after telling youngsters he realized "how disappointed" they were in not getting their comics. The Mayor later instructed officials of WNYC, which is owned by the City, to get somebody to read the comics daily until the strike ends.

The publishers, meanwhile, asked immediate WLB intervention to end the strike. The publishers charged the strike was started in defiance of repeated WLB directives to abandon walkout plans. The WLB then ordered the strikers to return to work by Tuesday or appear before it on Wednesday to show cause for the strike's continuance.

Despite pickets around plants police reported little trouble. One case of violence occurred at the Daily News when Billy Morzbach, 15, was hit in the eye by a man when he sought to purchase 400 copies. A Negro soldier, Pvt. Archie Upshur, of Port Newark, N.J., came to Morzbach's rescue and the man fled.

Fears Peanut's Future Is Not in Bag

ALBANY, Ga. (ANS)—How to keep GI's chewing nuts after the war poses a major problem for planters, Walter A. Richards, of Columbus, Ohio, president of the National Peanut Council, said, adding that thanks to armed forces' demands, peanut output has doubled since 1942.

Richards figures the GIs will return home with a taste for peanuts, but their demands as civilians for the product will depend on the quality of nuts and how much they hear about them.

(A Stars and Stripes reporter with 26 months overseas and a terrific memory failure when it comes to peanuts called the London PX yesterday after reading the above. "Got any peanuts today?" he asked. "Are you kidding?" was the reply. Need we say more, Mr. Richards?—Ed.)

Spotlight on Gaining Fortune

NEW YORK—State Supreme Court Justice John R. McGehean ruled that the City of New York could investigate how Frank A. Erickson, one-time king

of local bookies, came up with \$22,000,000 between 1933 and 1943. JACKSON, Mich.—Two were killed and 25 injured when a New York Central passenger train crashed head-on into freight at Eaton Rapids, 20 miles north-west of here.

Fat Boy's Over a Barrel

ROCKFORD, Ill. (ANS)—Sheriff Kirks King, a 300-pounder, threatened to picket the OPA office here in a barrel because he can't get clothes big enough to fit him. The Sheriff said OPA had a rule that three suits must be made from 11-yard cloth.

"It takes 4 1/2 yards to get around me," King cried.

Pick Actresses for ETO

NEW YORK—The Army started interviewing girls to play stage parts opposite GIs in the ETO. The girls selected will collect \$4,680 annually. It was reliably reported that the GIs' pay would be strictly GI.

Truman Sees Post-War Controls

WASHINGTON (ANS)—President Truman, in signing legislation to continue stabilization and price controls for another year, declared that it eventually would be necessary to extend the controls into the post-war era to solve the problems of reconversion.

For the present, Mr. Truman said, the passing of the bill "gives the country the reassurance that the fight against inflation will be carried on during the difficult year that lies ahead." He added that it was imperative for people to refrain from "making unnecessary purchases of scarce goods."

Meanwhile, Clinton P. Anderson, taking over as Secretary of Agriculture, warned that maximum production alone would solve food shortages, and added that he would seek to prevent any relaxation in the Administration's battle against price rises.

Confidence must be instilled among farmers that government promises of price support would be carried out in full, Anderson said. "These promises must carry the extra guarantee that war-time production will not develop into ruinous peacetime surpluses," he said.

Problem Still Unsolved, Hoover Declares

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ANS)—The meat and fats crisis was not solved with the passage of legislation extending war-time price controls, ex-President Herbert Hoover said here.

"We still need to get rid of these conflicts of authority over food," Hoover said, suggesting that the Agriculture Department hire another William Jeffers to take complete control of meats and fats and straighten it out as Jeffers did the rubber muddle.

Artillery Output Sharply Cut

CHICAGO (S & S)—Contract cutbacks, calling for a reduction of approximately \$12,000,000 a month in the production of medium artillery ammunition components, were announced by the Army yesterday as the War Manpower Commission, in a report on labor-market areas, shifted 11 major war-production centers from critical to non-critical labor classifications.

Under the ammunition cutback, approximately 7,600 workers in 83 plants throughout the U.S. were expected to be released by Sept. 1. There was

no estimate of the number affected in sub-contractors' plants. As a result of declining munitions production, the Manpower Commission said, the number of areas with critical classifications had declined since VE-Day from 74 to 53.

Detroit, the major war-production center, was shifted into a classification denoting a substantial labor surplus—indicating how sharply its war output has been affected by reconversion and cutbacks. Buffalo and Newark were among the areas shifted from Group 1 (critical shortage) to Group 2 (balanced labor supply).

2 Die in Train Wreck in East

NEW YORK—It was a day during which the little people, as usual, made the little stories in the news.

Near HARTFORD, Conn., an engineer and fireman were believed killed and several passengers were injured when a train jumped an open switch. . . . At LITTLE ROCK, Ark., two Missouri Pacific passenger trains crashed, injuring 23 persons, at least two of them seriously.

WAC Pvt. Lillian McAtuliffe, of Hudson, Mich., and stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., was killed and four of her companions, one a bride of a few hours, seriously injured when a car driven by a soldier ploughed into them as they waited for a bus near ALEXANDRIA, Va.

In BROOKLYN a young lady strolled for a block before anyone noticed she had nothing on. . . . She happened to be just a two-year-old. . . . In PORTLAND, Ore., Mrs. Margaret H. Loney, who stayed at her phone switchboard, in order to warn all occupants, while the building she was in burned almost completely, was given the honor of christening a new Victory ship.

A hug in public is OK, at least in TACOMA, Wash. Judge W. A. Richmond dismissed a disorderly charge against a couple who indulged in a prolonged kiss on a city street, ruling that if "we jailed everyone who kissed in the streets, we'd all have to move out."

Crossword Puzzle Solution



Truman Orders Ickes To Seize Struck Plant

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—President Truman today ordered Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes to seize and operate for the government the Texas Co. plant at Port Arthur, Tex., which has been involved in a labor disturbance. The Presidential statement said a work stoppage at the plant threatened interference with oil products needed for the war effort.

U.S. Now Has More Meat—But No Points

WASHINGTON, July 2 (ANS)—America's food problem is still acute today despite almost an abundance of meat and butter. High ration-point values have caused these "scarce" civilian food items to glut retail markets in many cities, a survey of the nation's food situation revealed.

In many cities butter was reported becoming rancid and stale because housewives lacked sufficient red points to buy available supplies.

Meanwhile, an acute shortage of eggs and chickens continued, with shoppers in Los Angeles and Philadelphia rationed to six eggs per customer, and in Philadelphia there was a dearth of beef, lamb and veal. City by city, here was the food situation:

NEW YORK—Department of Markets reported the butter supply adequate with demand "not too strong," and said meat, which has been hard to get for two months, was easier now, while eggs, which have been in great demand because of the meat shortage, were still difficult to obtain.

CHICAGO—Food dealers reported the shortage of consumer points had kept meat demands down despite improvement in supply. The butter situation is similar.

PITTSBURGH—Restaurants serve substitutes, while warehouses are bulging with butter. The shortage of points caused consumers to save them for meat. Potato supplies were reported improving.

OMAHA—Meat and butter are plentiful, while margarine and lard are hard to get and potatoes are scarce.

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—There's plenty of meat and butter on shelves, but lack of points caused such high demand for milk and milk products that WFA ordered a state-wide cut in civilian milk.

CLEVELAND—The meat situation still is "very bad," according to the president of the union stockyards, while plenty of butter in shops is staying there because of the point shortage.

In Portland, Ore., and Des Moines, Ia., butter is glutting private and government warehouses, with considerable spoilage reported because of their high point values, while in Detroit and Austin, Tex., the black market in poultry boosted prices for chickens—when you could get them—to \$5 for a ten-week-old fryer.

Held in Slaying

Mrs. Imogene Stevens, 24, socially-prominent wife of a U.S. paratrooper major, will go on trial in September in the fatal shooting of Albert Kovacs, 19, a sailor. Mrs. Stevens pleaded not guilty to a manslaughter charge last Saturday. She claims the shot was fired during a struggle for possession of a revolver her husband had given her before he left for Germany. Kovacs was shot in the home of a neighbor near the Stevens' home.



Suspect's Mate Rushing Home

NEW CANAAN, Conn., July 2 (ANS)—Fairfield County officials said today Maj. George Ralsey Stevens, a paratrooper officer, was expected to arrive on emergency leave tomorrow from Germany to be with his wife, Mrs. Imogene Stevens, 24, charged with slaying 19-year-old Sailor Albert Kovacs, of South Norwalk, Conn., on the night of June 23.

Mrs. Stevens, who was still being held in a Bridgeport jail last night in \$50,000 bail, had cabled her husband last week immediately after she was taken into custody for the fatal shooting of Kovacs in the home of Mrs. Stevens' neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milton.

12 GIs Die, 20 Hurt In France Train Wreck

15TH ARMY HQ, July 2 (UP)—Twelve U.S. soldiers were killed yesterday and at least 20 injured when a furlough train returning about 1,000 GIs to Germany from the Riviera crashed into a stationary freight train three miles north of Nancy. Army doctors and nurses on the train gave first aid to the injured, who were later removed to a hospital.

UNRRA Jobs Are Detailed

Jobs for discharge-slotted U.S. Army personnel who are willing to take their releases in the ETO have been announced by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, which needs members to staff headquarters offices and refugee centers handling displaced persons in Germany.

Non-essential soldiers and officers with point totals of 85 or more; men at least 40 years old, and WACs with 44 or more points may apply for immediate separation from the service. Salaries will range from \$2,200 to \$5,800 yearly, plus food, lodging and a dependency allowance.

The following types of personnel are needed by UNRRA: Directors and deputy directors of assembly centers in Germany, welfare officers, supply and storage administrative officers, stewards, finance officers, administrative assistants, secretaries and mechanics.

Applications may be made to the UNRRA offices at 11A Portland Place, Room 507, London, W.C.1. These should include the applicant's rank, serial number, organization and APO, age, education, language qualifications and principal occupational experience.

McGee Caught—Again

FORT DEVENS, Mass., July 2 (ANS)—Pvt. Joseph McGee, who recently had a dishonorable discharge and two-year prison term for slapping PWs in France revoked today faced his tenth court-martial in four years after being picked up yesterday as an AWOL from here.

Frozen Guard Mount

GIs Cold to Priceless Art

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 11TH ARMORED DIV.,

Steinberg, Austria, July 2—The day was hot in the mountains and the sun gleamed on the snowy glacier. But in the salt mine it was dark and cold. It was as though a winter's night had been sealed off and perpetuated in the cavern cut into the side of the slope.

In the mine the guards from C Battery of the 490th Field Artillery Battalion wore overcoats and they were wrapped in blankets. They are the custodians of what some say is the greatest collection of art and antique furniture ever assembled. It was Hitler's personal cut of the biggest robbery in history. It was to go to a museum in Linz to be dedicated to his mother.

Pvt. Ted Orosco, of Santa Ana, Cal., read a comic book by the faint light of an electric bulb in the same vault where Michael Angelo's Madonna and Child lay on a red mattress. Neither the years nor the Nazis have disfigured its ageless perfection.

"I wouldn't give you a dime for all the pictures and the statues," Orosco said, "but I'd like some of those old chairs for around the house. A chair always comes in handy."

"I never could figure out why those big millionaires paid so much money for pictures," S/Sgt. George McDermott, of Conshohocken, Pa., said. "I guess they are all right, but if they cost a buck or a billion, all they do is hang on a wall and collect a lot of dust."

At first they pulled guard in the mine for four hours and took eight off. But the wet cold drained the feeling from their hands and feet. Now they do a two-hour trick and have four off.

Most of these pictures have a lot of naked girls in them. Pfc W. L. Matthews, of Waxahachie, Tex., said, "If I came home with one of them my wife would let me hang it up all right. But it

wouldn't stay on the wall a minute after I left the house."

"Art is not too bad if you like art," said Pvt. Thomas Davis, of Chattanooga, Tenn., solemnly. "But I prefer pinups myself."

"I like art, but I'm no authority," said 1/Lt. Stephen Koulayak, of Punxsutawney, Pa. "When you look at a real good painting it's awe inspiring. Many prefer a Rembrandt because it's a big name, but I personally would rather look at a Reubens. You marvel that some were done by hand."

The beauty of the collection does not compensate Pvt. Leroy Black, of Atlanta, Ga., for the monotony of the detail. The two hours in the mine, he said, are the longest he ever spent anywhere.

"It gets quiet sitting here all by yourself in the dark, so that it gets you after about half an hour," he said. "But it's a whole lot better than combat."

Sgt. Paul Sopchak, of Hibernia, Pa., said he wanted to see only one picture. It was then you realized that the dream of home is so big and beautiful it blots out all else.

"Keep all these things," he said. "The picture on the calendar in the kitchen back home is enough for me."

Shangri La, It Seems, Wasn't; Woman Is Boss—With a Harem

MELBOURNE, July 2—Dutch New Guinea's remote "Shangri-La" Valley won't fill the bill for masculine escapists. In the first place, it's a spot where the little woman is boss; the queen of the tribe, for example, has a 15-man harem.

Husbands there, just like their suffering counterparts in other and allegedly more civilized lands, have to shell out to keep their wives suitably clad. But there's a difference: "Shangri-La's" women go forth arrayed in a costume consisting principally of painted clay adorned with seashells in appropriate places. "How many clams for that outfit?" probably is as common a question among tribal husbands as it once was in the U.S. when that country had husbands at home.

"Shangri-La" is the valley from which on Friday two U.S. airmen and WAC

Cpl. Margaret Hastings were rescued after living among the natives since May 13, when they parachuted from a plane which crashed into a mountain ledge, killing the others in the party. The trio described the valley natives as a kindly and stately people, unlike other New Guinea natives.

Cpl. Hastings and one of the airmen suffered injuries which turned gangrenous, but their lives were saved by Filipino 'chutists who landed in the valley and provided medical aid.

The rescued Americans said there were evidences of savagery and tribal warfare in the valley. They didn't mention anything about politicians, however, though the valley would be an ideal place for one of the mud-slinging variety; he'd obviously have the best dressed wife.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff

