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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Those Germans Again Apr. 25, 1945

To the B-Bag: The bestiality of the Germans, proved by unrefutable photographs of the victims taken at several of their concentration camps, reveals once and for all that there can be no soft peace.

Even granting that only a percentage of the Germans—for argument's sake, let us say 15 per cent—are responsible for the inhuman outrages, the whole German nation must be deemed accomplices, aware of the brutalities practiced by the minority.

It is an axiom of law that an accessory before the crime is as guilty of murder, though his hand did not strike the fatal blow, as is the actual murderer.

Baseball's Remarkable Job Apr. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag: Regarding Sgt. Hasin's beef about the deferment of athletes. I'd like to go to bat for Mort Cooper and others. It was most certain that our late President wanted baseball to continue.

Congressmen At Buchenwald Apr. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag: The minority of Congressmen who toured Buchenwald and who think that it might be the worst of such camps and who don't want to say anything not nice about the German people gives me something to beef about.

WACs For Germany? Apr. 30, 1945

To the B-Bag: Since it is apparent that a vast number of troops will be needed to police Germany and since the worth of the WACs is without reproach and necessarily there will be a need of capable clerical personnel, why not let our sisters-in-arms satisfy their ego by spending the next five years in der Vaterland.

Praise For Scala Apr. 29, 1945

To the B-Bag: A word of praise for Special Service's actors at the Scala Theater. They are to be commended for their splendid performances. Not only have their plays offered a retreat from Piccadilly but they have helped favorably to impress British civilians I have taken there as guests.

Retaining Nazi Officials Apr. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag: The British papers have been running stories about retaining some of the Nazi officials in their posts. If this is true, what has happened to the Civil Affairs people trained to govern Germany?

Dorothy Thompson Apr. 30, 1945

To the B-Bag: Dorothy Thompson spoke recently at our GI forum. She was very frank in expressing her views on Germany. I think about 80 per cent of the men in the audience were in agreement with her.

FDR Stamp Apr. 30, 1945

To the B-Bag: Would it be possible for the U.S. Government to issue a four-cent stamp in the likeness of the late President Roosevelt? We think the one cent additional tariff should go to the Infantile Paralysis fund.

Hash Marks

Someone just reminded us that we are repeating a lot of our old jokes lately. After two and a half years of turning out this stuff I guess we're in our Anecdoteage.

Our spy on the home front sez the night clubs these days remind him of the Gay Nineties—the women are gay and the men are 90.

Once upon a time an old, uncomely spinster was cornered by a burglar as she strolled down a dark street. She twittered, "Gracious, yes, I have money. Well, don't just stand there—go ahead and frisk me."

Overheard, "Some dresses aren't really so bad for the shape they're on."

And then there was the amorous guy who told his gal, "Darling, I'd go through anything for you." She surprised him with, "Fine, let's start on your pay-check, then."

Two sailors were planning tactics in a phone booth. Said one, "Go ahead and phone her. And if a man answers, ask him why the hell he isn't in the Navy."

Readers Digest reports seeing this ad in a mag: "Remember! 'Skintees' are panties that give the freedom of action that your fight for freedom demands."

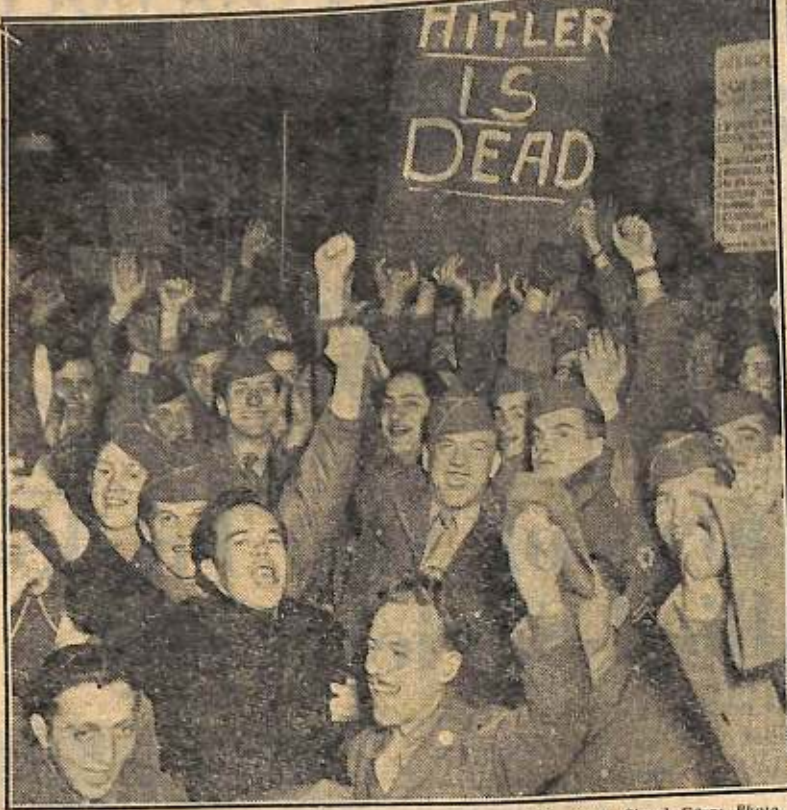
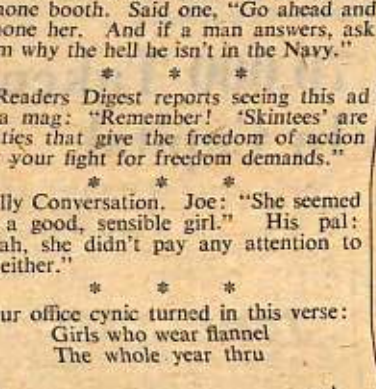
Silly Conversation. Joe: "She seemed like a good, sensible girl." His pal: "Yeah, she didn't pay any attention to me either."

Our office cynic turned in this verse: Girls who wear flannel The whole year thru

Itch to get married, But seldom do.

Daffinitions. Microbe: A germ with a college education. Censor: An expert at cutting remarks.

J. C. W.



GI REJOICED OVER THE NEWS: American soldiers at the Rainbow Corner ARC in London cheered when they read the report of Hitler's death scrawled across a bulletin board.

SHAEF Warns of Nazi Tricks To Split Allied-Soviet Unity

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at 0100 hours on the morning of April 24 through Count Bernadotte, of the International Red Cross, and Reich Fuehrer Heinrich Himmler. At this meeting Himmler admitted that Germany was finished. He told Count Bernadotte that Hitler was so ill that he might be already dead.

"Admiral Doenitz's statement, therefore, that Hitler met a hero's death at his post is in contradiction with the facts given by Himmler and Gen. Schillenburg.

"In conclusion, it must be stressed that the attempt by Adm. Doenitz, both in his statement to the German people and in his order of the day to the Wehrmacht, to drive a wedge between the British and Americans on the one side and the Russians on the other will be as completely ineffective as the many previous efforts which have been made. Constant contact is being maintained not only between the three governments, but between their headquarters and the headquarters of the Soviet Army, and nothing which either Admiral Doenitz or Himmler may say or do can change in any way the agreed operations of the Allied Armies."

In Washington yesterday, President Truman, declaring that he had it on the "best of authority" that Hitler was dead, said that he was convinced that the former German Fuehrer had actually been killed.

The President commented that it was now unnecessary to bring two of the principal war criminals to trial and that

Killing Too Slow — So Some Still Live at Dachau

By Howard Byrne Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

DACHAU, May 2—They couldn't kill them quickly enough at Dachau. The sheer physical process of shooting and gassing people, stripping them of their clothes and picking the gold out of their teeth and burning their bodies took too long.

Fifty box cars still stand on a sour track beside the Dachau camp. Twenty are filled with human bodies killed during the past week. Some are wrapped in filthy rags, others completely nude. A dark-haired woman lies on top of one grisly heap, her head pillowed on the shoulder of a bearded old man.

Doughboys who took Dachau surveyed the mournful sight today and talked about it in hushed, shocked tones. Pvt. John Mackisin, of Youngstown, Ohio, in the 232nd FA Bn., said, "I always thought they exaggerated to make us hate the Krauts. Now I know these things they say the Germans do are true. More GIs should see this with their own eyes. It would harden us a lot."

Cast Angry Glances

Doughboys cast angry glances in the direction of German civilians passing by the freight cars. The Krauts were celebrating the arrival of the Americans in the usual manner, by looting each other's homes. They seemed quite merry and bright chatting about their swag.

The Dachau crematorium is a long, low, brick structure with a tall smokestack. The gas chamber is 20 feet square and has 18 nozzles across the ceiling which look like shower outlets. The resemblance was probably intended because the guards told the prisoners brought to the murder house to undress and prepare to shower.

Adjoining the death house is a dog kennel where 122 huge dogs were kept to torment prisoners—Great Danes, shepherds, wolfhounds and boxers. SS men frequently stripped prisoners and hung them up for the dogs to jump at while they tapped the prisoners testicles with sticks.

Promised Liberty and Parole

Actual cremating of prisoners was done by habitual criminals who were fed well while on detail and promised liberty and parole after several months of service.

Biggest headache of the Dachau camp commander, who ran all camps in Bavaria and Austria, was the shortage of fuel. When coal was lacking, people were taken from the gas chamber and thrown in great pits within the camp where 8,000 now lie.

When American troops reached Dachau, prisoners rushed the electrically charged barbed wire. Although some were electrocuted, many got through and seized their former torturers and beat them to death with their fists and stones.

Most of Dachau's inmates were political prisoners—those who resisted Hitler in Germany and occupied countries. How many thousands of "good Germans" perished at Dachau no one knows, but the camp at one time was known to have 65,000 prisoners and fewer than half this number have been found.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Careful. Th' toilet's booby-trapped."

Grew Reveals - - -

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Marshal Stalin summarizing the Himmler bid and that the British and U.S. governments would inform Himmler that unconditional surrender to the three Allies would be the only acceptable offer.

This Mr. Truman confirmed last night. Asked whether the negotiations had broken down, the President said he was unable to answer the question.

Rye Flour for Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—UNRRA announced yesterday that plans have been completed to ship 7,714,000 pounds of rye flour to Yugoslavia.

AFN Radio Program

Table listing AFN radio programs for Thursday, May 3 and Friday, May 4, including times and program titles like 'Duffie Bag', 'World News', 'AFN Extra', etc.

Ticked Off the Global Wire

Allied-Nazi Conference Assures Food for Dutch

SHAEF, May 2—Allied food supplies for starving Dutch civilians in enemy-held areas of northwest Holland—already being delivered by air and soon to be landed by sea—began rolling into the Netherlands by truck today as it was disclosed that the first formal Allied-German conference of the war had been held at an unidentified point in Holland Monday to settle the problem of feeding the starving populace, estimated at 3,500,000. British and Canadian drivers were slated to carry 1,000 tons of food on the first day.

Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Gen. Eisenhower's chief of staff, heading the Allied delegation of officers representing SHAEF, the 21st Army Group, the Canadian Army and the Netherlands government, met with Arthur Seyss-Inquart, German Commissar for Holland, who led the enemy mission. Prince Bernhard, consort of Princess Juliana, heiress to the Dutch throne, represented the Dutch government. Gaunt and sallow Dutch civilians, who were to arrange distribution of the food supplies with 200 Allied-furnished vehicles, accompanied the Germans.

Smith, as chairman, read the proposals to the conference, obtaining German agreement to them in principle. Committees of experts from both sides settled the details. The British Navy, 21st Army Group, SHAEF and UNRRA will help bring the food supplies from Britain. Meanwhile, dispatches from the German frontier said refugees arriving there told of bread riots in Germany. Many communities were said to be impatiently awaiting occupation by the Allies in the hope of being fed.

See 'Pirate Boat' Danger

OTTAWA, May 2 (Reuter)—Canadian Navy officials believe it likely that many light warcraft will be kept busy for some time after European hostilities cease hunting down "pirate" U-boats in the Atlantic. It is considered possible that pirate craft manned by Nazis with nothing to win by returning to the prostrate homeland will continue to operate as long as they can plunder supplies.

Propose Chicago-Manila Route

WASHINGTON, May 2 (ANS)—A public counsel recommended today that the Civil Aeronautics Board authorize the Transcontinental and Western Air Lines, Inc., to provide service between Chicago and Manila with stops at St. Paul, Anchorage, Alaska; Paramushiro, in the Kurile Islands; Tokyo, Shanghai and Hongkong or Canton. The CAB is conducting hearings on the matter.

Elbe Now a Barrier Between Linked-Up Armies

WITH 1st ARMY AT THE ELBE, May 2 (AP)—The Elbe is both a symbol of American-Soviet friendship and a barrier to the development of that friendship.

Since the spontaneous series of initial meetings at the time of the link-up, when the exuberance of joining overruled other considerations, the Elbe has been set up as frontier, rigidly establishing boundaries for the two armies.

The Russians, extremely hospitable at meetings of the two armies, have not relaxed either their censorship or their policy of restriction of the movements of foreign personnel within Red Army lines.

Theoretically at least, no one from either the Russian or the American Armies crosses the Elbe except in officially controlled parties. When American correspondents crossed into Russian Army territory, they were carefully listed and counted. They were also counted as they returned.

'Keep Jap Islands'

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Sen. David I. Walsh (D-Mass.), chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, declared yesterday that it is the consensus of the committee that the U.S. should retain outright any islands wrested from Japan and needed as American bases.

A naval sub-committee is going today to San Francisco to discuss post-war Pacific bases with the American UNCIO delegation.

"I think that members of our committee are generally opposed to the idea of an international trusteeship for such bases," Walsh said.

German Civilians Loot Hitler's Beer Hall

MUNICH, May 2 (UP)—German civilians ransacked the Munich beer hall where Hitler made his first speeches. Long lines of civilians swarmed in and out of the huge well stocked cellar of the beer hall, crowding out of the place with as much beer, wine and cheese as they could carry.

The great cellar is the only part of the beer hall which is still relatively intact. The beer hall—the Burger Brauskeller—leans drunkenly today after the heavy raids on Munich. The place is little more than a vast hollow shell.

In this hall, 22 years ago, Hitler started out on the abortive "putsch"—his first bid for power.

East Fronts -

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Red Army troops had liquidated a German grouping southeast of Berlin and had captured 120,000 prisoners since Apr. 24.

This Nazi force was believed to have been the German 9th Army which Hitler had ordered to break in and relieve the trapped Berlin garrison.

In Czechoslovakia Gen. Yeremenko's men were rolling up the German defense line in their drive through the heart of the country toward Prague. These troops were reported nearing Olomouc, key center on the road to Prague and only 33 miles from Marshal Malinovsky's forces at Brunn.

Ten Minute Mexican Strike

MEXICO CITY, May 2 (Reuter)—Mexico will be without electricity and telephone service during a ten-minute strike tomorrow by 50,000 electricity workers who are protesting against a refusal to admit their federation into the Mexico Workers' Confederation, Mexico's largest syndicate group. The electricians propose further strikes for longer periods in succeeding weeks unless their request is met.

Japs Still in Germany

NEW YORK, May 2 (Reuter)—Japanese Radio said today that most of the 5,000 Japs in Berlin and Hamburg were believed to have been evacuated to southern Germany. A Swedish broadcast said some Japanese had arrived in southern Sweden yesterday aboard the yacht of the Japanese naval attache in Berlin.

Von Rundstedt Captured By U.S. 7th Army

WITH 7TH ARMY, May 2—Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, German commander on the Western Front until a few weeks ago and long noted as Germany's top military strategist, was captured last night by troops of Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch's 7th Army.



RUNDSTEDT

Rundstedt, whose capture constitutes the Allies' biggest military catch of the war, was taken with his wife, son, driver and doctor in a house forming part of a hospital at Bad Toelz, 25 miles south of Munich, where he was living in retirement and undergoing medical treatment.

The Prussian aristocrat and his party apparently made no attempt to evade their American captors, but said the U.S. tanks were not expected to arrive until this morning. Lt. Joseph Burke, a tank commander, made the capture.

The 69-year-old Junker was named by Hitler to defend Germany's West Wall against the impending Allied invasion. After his defenses crumbled he was relieved, but returned last October and engineered the short-lived Ardennes offensive. When Field Marshal Albert C. Kesselring was switched from Italy to the Western Front, Rundstedt disappeared.

When Hitler was rising to power, Rundstedt was commander of the Berlin garrison. He promised the support of the Army and Hitler became Chancellor. He also was a member of the Prussian clique which built up the powerful Nazi war machine.

Rundstedt commanded the German army which smashed Poland in 17 days, was responsible for the swift armored tide which engulfed France, and directed the armies which swept into Russia.

Other 7th Army units overran the prison camp near Reutte, northwest of Innsbruck, and released seven French generals, including Gen. Gerget, chief of staff to Gen. Weygand.

MUNICH, May 2—Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor who a week ago was reported dead, was still alive last Saturday, two prisoners from Dachau prison camp said yesterday.

The two Polish prisoners said Schuschnigg and Leon Blum, former French premier, left Dachau last Thursday and that they marched with them until Saturday when the Poles escaped.

Reports from Vaduz, Liechtenstein, said yesterday that King Leopold of Belgium was expected to arrive soon. Other reports said over 35,000 refugees were awaiting permission to cross the border. Milan Radio yesterday announced that Dr. Rudolf Rahn, German Ambassador to the Italian Fascist government, had surrendered with his entire staff.

ETO Rations Cut 10 Per Cent

Headquarters personnel and other U.S. troops engaged in "light work" in the ETO will have their rations cut by 10 per cent because of the increased burden on food stocks caused by the recent liberation of thousands of PWs and slave laborers, ETO HQ announced yesterday.

Combat troops, hospital patients, reinforcement personnel, troops engaged in hard labor, troops in rest areas after combat and messes of fewer than 50 men will continue to receive the basic military ration.

The announcement warned against the collection of funds for the purchase of food in the open market in order to supplement lowered rations.

The reduced daily ration of 3,650 calories per man is considered adequate for troops performing sedentary duties, the Chief Surgeon in the ETO said yesterday.

Baseball Czar Takes Slap at 4F Inductions

ST. LOUIS, May 2—Sen. Albert Chandler, new commissioner of baseball yesterday vigorously denounced what he termed the "practice" of drafting 4-Fs simply "because they happen to be ball players," and said that President Truman will study the situation.

"I fear," said Chandler, "that somebody has abused his authority when physically unfit men are inducted into the service simply because they happen to be ball players. Baseball has demonstrated its worthiness to consider."

Noted for minding no words, Chandler was in rare form yesterday and near the end of his conference took a blast at gamblers. Pointing out that he will advise all players and umpires to remain away from the race tracks to avoid public censure, Chandler said, "Gamblers must not and will not get into baseball."

Chandler said there is a possibility he will remain in the Senate besides holding his baseball job if one doesn't conflict with the other, but there is the possibility that he may be forced to resign. When Landis became commissioner some Congressmen asserted it was illegal for a Federal office-holder to hold an outside job and there was a threat to impeach him if he didn't resign from the bench.

The senator from Kentucky said he had polled both major and minor league baseball men on a proposal to move the commissioner's office from Chicago to Cincinnati and that they believed it would be ideal because of the Ohio city's central location. "Also," he grinned, "it's near Kentucky."



CHANDLER

Haynes Spins One-Hitter as Chisox Win, 5-0

NEW YORK, May 2—Joe Haynes, White Sox right-hander, narrowly missed pitching a perfect game yesterday when Skeeter Webb singled in the third inning as the White Sox defeated the Tigers, 5-0, to retain their position atop the American League. In the only other major league battle the Red Sox registered their fourth straight triumph by defeating Washington, 5-4.

The 27-year-old Haynes, who won only five and lost six last season, faced only 28 batters in notching his second victory of the year. His control was never better. He didn't issue a walk and, although he fanned only one, he had the Tigers hitting into the dirt as he set them down in order in every inning except the third.

Webb opened the third with a clean single to center and moved to second on Bob Swift's sacrifice, but that was as far as he got as Haynes retired the next two batters on easy infield outs.

Meanwhile the Sox jumped on Rookie Walter Wilson for four runs and they added another in the eighth off Les Mueller.

The hitting of Leon Culberson and Skeeter Newsome told the story in Boston's win over the Nats. Culberson laced into Johnny Niggeling for three doubles and Newsome sewed up the game in the sixth with a single which scored two runs to give Emmett O'Neill the nod.

Behind The Sports Headlines

LONG BEACH, Cal.—Red Ruffing, former Yankee pitcher, is on his way to a new assignment at Camp Lee, Va. While here he coached the Sixth Ferrying Group ball club.

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Coast League will play a full schedule on V-E Day, President Clarence "Pants" Rowland announced.

"Our way of celebrating," said Rowland, "will be to have disabled and convalescing veterans out at the parks to see the games. All the boys will have to do is give the home clubs a little advance notification that they're coming."

CHICAGO—Bill Dietrich, bespectacled White Sox right-hander, will be sidelined for a month by an operation which removed four bone chips from the elbow of his pitching arm. His doctor said the operation was highly successful.

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—Charles "Rip" Engle has been named head football coach at Brown University for a three-year period, Athletic Director Walter Snell announced. Engle is also coach of the Brown basketball team and plans to hold down both positions.

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Tad Wieman Advocates Military Training for All

WASHINGTON, May 2—Tad Wieman, former Michigan, Princeton coach and Columbia line coach in '44, today spoke up emphatically for not only universal military training but a nationwide physical fitness program as well.

Wieman, a civilian consultant in the War Department on physical fitness, said, "Physical fitness develops the man; military training develops the team... the machine."

Ex-Crimson Tide Star Killed

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., May 2—Lt. Bart Avery, star quarterback of Alabama's football teams in 1940, '41 and '42, has been killed in action in Germany. Avery, a resident of Gloversville, N.Y., also starred on Alabama's basketball teams.

Minor League Results

International League table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

American Association table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

Southern Association table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

Pacific Coast League table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

Other games postponed table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

By Chester Gould



By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Around the 48 Yesterday

U.S. Ready to Take Over As Coal Strike Grows

WASHINGTON (ANS)—With hard coal production virtually stopped in Pennsylvania and new soft coal stoppages for the second time this Spring cutting into the war's fuel supply, Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes announced that the government was set to take over both the anthracite and bituminous mines.

The Associated-Press reported that already 190,000 tons of hard coal had been lost because of the deadlock over contract negotiations between the United Mine Workers and the operators. The anthracite miners quit work with the expiration of their contract Monday midnight despite a War Labor Board order to continue under the old terms until a new agreement had been reached.

Meanwhile soft coal strikes in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia arose despite final government approval of a new contract which would give the average miner an 81-cent-a-day increase. UMW spokesmen blamed the walkouts on the government's slowness in okaying the pact.

Ickes, who seized 235 bituminous mines on Apr. 10 on order of the late President Roosevelt and then returned them after the operators and UMW agreed on negotiations, said he would take over soft coal mines "as they go out. And I'm ready to take over the anthracite mines."

The Secretary quoted President Truman as saying the coal strikes were "the worse news I've heard this morning."

Truman Praises OPA

WASHINGTON (ANS)—President Truman gave the Office of Price Administration and its chief, Chester Bowles, a vote of confidence by a public refutation of charges that the OPA was responsible for the food shortage.

At the same time, Mr. Truman warned that Americans would have to make further sacrifices on the food front to prevent anarchy, riot and pestilence in liberated Europe.

Admitting that the OPA had made some mistakes, the President said that its record showed that the price control and stabilization program was "one of the most remarkable achievements of this war. Had it not been for the OPA and stabilization program we should have had a runaway inflation."

The President also said that he hoped that Congress would extend the law under which the OPA operates for at least another year.

Later, Mr. Truman made a surprise visit to the House of Representatives and shook hands with at least 350 of the members.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Speaker Sam Rayburn (D.-Tex.) announced that

he had ordered the lights of the Capitol dome to go on again as soon as V-E Day is declared.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Local draft board members and other uncompensated Selective Service personnel would be eligible for a certificate and a medal for faithful and patriotic service under a bill approved by the House Military Affairs Committee.

WASHINGTON—Despite shortages of Scotch, Bourbon and the better known branded whiskeys in the U.S., the War Production Board warned distillers there would be "no holiday" this year to replenish their stocks. The WPB said alcohol demands for war purposes were increasing.

At the time of the last liquor "holiday" last Winter there were approximately 80,000,000 gallons in reserve stocks. Indications are that by the close of 1945 stocks will drop to 36,000,000 gallons.

WASHINGTON—The War Bond program marked its fourth birthday. To date, 80,000,000 Americans have purchased 800,000,000 separate E bonds.

Atrocities Bother Hays Office

NEW YORK (ANS)—Claiming that "too many scenes were repeated just for gruesomeness," the Will Hays office refused to pass for general release the film "Atrocities," based on documentary material of the Kharkov trial in which a Russian court tried three German officers and one Russian officer for atrocities on Russian civilians.

A Hays spokesman, claiming that "we are as interested in having atrocities exposed as anyone," said that the office had told Irvin Shapiro, the film's producer, that "we could reconsider" if the repeated scenes were eliminated.

The film's banning coincided with general release of a newsreel depicting the horrors of Buchenwald and other German prison camps.

ABILENE, Kan. (ANS)—Mrs. D. J. Eisenhower, 83, mother of Gen. Eisenhower, was named the "State's mother" by the Kansas committee of the Golden Rule Foundation. . . . WICHITA—A Superfund named Ernie Pyle was christened here. . . . LOS ANGELES—A woman was fined \$100 with a 50-day jail term as an alternative after OPA agents exhibited a brassiere they testified she had sold behind closed bedroom doors for \$20.

Soong Reveals Jap Peace Bid

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2 (ANS)—China's Foreign Minister T. V. Soong disclosed at a press conference yesterday that Japan is making peace overtures to China "by the bushel."

"Our answer is, Go talk to the United Nations—we will not talk to you alone," he said. "Every day someone wants to talk peace with us."

Soong declared firmly that China intends to make no separate peace. Asked whether Russia would enter the war against Japan, China's chief delegate to the United Nations Conference deftly dodged the issue by referring reporters to Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov.

As to what should be done with Japan's Emperor Hirohito, Soong said he hopes that question "will be answered before we get to him." The remark came shortly after he said concerning the report of Hitler's death: "Dictators die easily these days."



SOONG

Record Bomb Total Revealed

Since the first American air blow in the ETO in August, 1942, until the middle of last month, U.S. heavy, medium and fighter-bombers cascaded a total of 1,453,595 tons of bombs on enemy objectives, USSTAF declared yesterday. This figure represents the combined might of the 8th, 9th, 12th and 15th Air Forces and the 1st TAF.

These assaults cost the U.S. 15,266 planes, of which 8,101 were bombers, but the Luftwaffe lost 32,929 craft destroyed in aerial combat and on the ground. Last month was the climactic month in destruction, when fighters and bombers of the 8th Air Force alone demolished 2,004 planes, almost three times the total of enemy planes destroyed in World War I by U.S. fliers who scored 755 kills.

The contrast in tonnage between the two wars is even more staggering. Where U.S. bombers in this war dropped more than a million tons, the lumbering crates of World War I let go with less than 130 tons in 215 raids, as much as World War II bombers dropped in three minutes in some of their greatest raids on Berlin.

Nazi Food Chief Taken 12th ARMY GROUP HQ, May 2 (Reuter)—American troops have captured Walther Darre, former Nazi Secretary of Food.

Biggest Stars of All

Vets Steal Frisco Show

By Philip H. Bucknell Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2—It was a dramatic moment yesterday as the heads of the Big Three delegations sat together in earnest conversation even while other delegates to the United Nations Conference were speaking before the packed Opera House. All eyes were focussed on Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Anthony F. Jen and Vyacheslav Molotov, the chief figures in the debates that have stalled the building of an organization to keep the peace.

Stettinius suddenly turned to interrupt the proceedings and announce: "Today

we have very special visitors—American soldiers who have been wounded at the fighting fronts."

At the Secretary of State's request the soldiers rose, clad in their maroon hospital dress—blind men, men on crutches, men with arms in slings. The delegates forgot the whispered conversations of the Big Three and turned to the veterans to shower them with thunderous applause, an ovation greater than any of the 46 nations' spokesmen has received at this parley.

Said Maj. William C. Melton, wounded in action with the 8th Air Force: "It was very embarrassing."



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PERILOUS PIGGY-BACK: Hundreds of displaced Allied nationals crossing the Elbe at Tangemunde found the bridge blown by the Germans but ventured the crossing anyhow to reach Allied lines. Capt. J. McMahon, of the 9th Army, carries a child across after four other persons had tried, only to return weak and exhausted by the peril of the task.

Allies Close In On Rangoon

In what may develop into an Allied campaign for the Malay Peninsula, troops of Lord Louis Mountbatten's South East Asia Command yesterday began the battle for Rangoon, last remaining Japanese stronghold in South Burma.

SEAC announced that following an airborne operation Allied amphibious forces had landed on both sides of the Rangoon River at points 20 miles from Rangoon, while 14th Army spearheads drove to within 28 miles of the city from the north.

Late last night Gen. MacArthur, confirming previous reports, announced that Australian troops, protected by units of the U.S. 7th Fleet and ships of the Royal Australian Navy, had invaded Dutch Borneo, southeast of Burma. MacArthur said there was no Japanese air or sea opposition and that a beachhead was quickly established. Earlier, MacArthur said that American bombers had attacked enemy gun positions in the reported landing area.

On the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, American troops were within six miles of the port city of Davao. An enemy force of an estimated 50,000 troops on Mindanao has yet to be encountered.

Far to the north, 10th Army troops on Okinawa fought to within rifle range of the island's three largest cities—Naha, west coast capital; Shuri, in the hilly center of the line; and Yonabaru, to the east.

German Surrender in Italy

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redoubt and in the northern pocket in any better shape. Troops of the U.S. 7th Army mopped up large areas east of Munich and were within eight miles of Innsbruck, control point of the Brenner Pass, the chief traffic route between Germany and Italy.

Running into only scattered resistance, 3rd Army forces scored 20-mile gains at points along a wide front, and reached the Inn River at five places, capturing a bridge intact at one of them. Farther east 11th Armored Division units were reported 16 miles from Linz, capital of Upper Austria. The Americans were as close as 30 miles to the city of Salzburg, 10 miles north of Berchtesgaden.

Breakthrough drives on the British front isolated Schleswig-Holstein and cut off the Germans in Denmark. British armor captured Lubeck, on the Baltic, while airborne units, in a 50-mile eastward surge through virtually no opposition, entered Wismar, 30 miles west of Rostock, seized yesterday by the Soviet forces advancing westward north of Berlin.

Severed also was the Germans' escape route into Denmark. Tactical planes had knocked out about 1,500 vehicles in two days of attacks against enemy columns seeking to withdraw northward into Denmark from the vise formed by the converging Allied and Soviet fronts.

Farther south American troops were reported to be 30 miles beyond the Elbe. Still another link-up between the U.S.

9th Army and the Russians was made north of Magdeburg.

Throughout yesterday the German command had broadcast instructions to its troops in Italy and Austrian areas to lay down their arms in accord with the surrender, which was signed at Allied Force HQ in the Royal Palace at Caserta, near Naples, on Sunday and became effective at noon Greenwich Mean Time (2 PM London Time). Not included in the surrendered zone is the Adriatic port of Trieste and the Istrian peninsula separating Italy and Yugoslavia.

Two German officers, a tall Wehrmacht lieutenant-colonel and a stumpy SS major, signed the surrender papers, which subjected the German commander, Col. Gen. Heinrich von Veitinghoff-Scheel, and the SS chieftain, Gen. Karl Wolff, to further orders by Alexander.

One provision of the surrender papers said: "The instrument of surrender stipulates that it is independent of, without prejudice to and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by or on behalf of the United Nations and applicable to Germany and the German armed forces as a whole."

The German negotiators wore civilian clothes. After days of negotiations they returned by a secret route to the German HQ in the Alps and arranged for the surrender of all forces under German command.

Present at the signing of the terms were U.S., British and Russian officers. Six correspondents witnessed the 17-minute final ceremony, which was marked by stern composure on the Allied side, dispatches said.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, 15th Army Group commander; Alexander and Gen. Joseph McNarney, Deputy Supreme Commander, issued messages to the troops stressing the importance of the victory and summing up the long campaign's achievements.

In a statement accompanying his messages to Alexander and Clark, the President said:

"The Allied armies in Italy have won the unconditional surrender of German forces on the first European soil to which from the west we carried our arms and our determination.

"The collapse of the military tyranny of Italy, however, is not a victory for Italy alone, but part of the general triumph we are expectantly awaiting on the whole Continent of Europe.

"Only folly and chaos can now delay the general capitulation of the everywhere defeated German armies."

29 Lost on Dan Beard

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The War Shipping Administration announced today that the Liberty ship Dan Beard broke in two and sank after being torpedoed off the British Isles "a few weeks ago." Twenty-nine were reported dead or missing.

Arrest Laval in Barcelona

MADRID, May 2 (AP)—The Spanish Foreign Ministry announced tonight that Pierre Laval, former Vichy Prime Minister, Abel Bonnard, Vichy Minister of Education, and six other refugees who arrived in Barcelona by plane from Germany today had refused to leave Spain and were being held for disposition by the Allies.

The passenger list, as announced by the Foreign Ministry, included the names of Laval and Bonnard, Madame Laval, Eugene Bonnard, son of the Education Minister, Paul Meraud, Maurice Gabolde and two German pilots, Gerhard and Helmuth Funk.

Laval, who refused to leave Spain as ordered by the Spanish Government, the announcement said, declared that he would surrender only to a "commission representing the Allied nations."

Earlier reports said that Marcel Deat, French Fascist leader, also was aboard the plane, but this was not confirmed by the official announcement.

Earlier, Chief of State Francisco Franco had issued orders that the plane must leave Spain immediately.

Franco's order was given after U.S. Ambassador Norman Armour had protested. It directed Spanish authorities to give the Vichy ministers enough fuel to



Pierre Laval

take them to the nearest frontier, escorted by fighter planes.

After his arrival in Barcelona, reports said that Laval and his companions went to the Ritz Hotel where they were welcomed by other Vichy officials now residing there.

Terry and the Pirates

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