

## Reds Kill 183,000 Nazis in Month

### Budapest Gets 1st Mass Raid 25,000 More Seized; Italy-Based Forts, Libs Hit Capital

#### City Closed After Attack Coinciding With Reds' Advance on Balkans

With one Russian army pushing into Rumania and another reported within nine miles of the Hungarian border, American heavy bombers winged across southern Europe from their bases in Italy yesterday to deliver the war's first mass bombing of Budapest, capital of Hungary and key communications center for German forces racing to block the Russian threat to the Balkans.

The Hungarian capital apparently was hard hit. Though Allied headquarters gave no immediate details of the operation, Hungarian radio announced the closing of all railway stations and all roads into the city.

"An order concerning the evacuation of the capital will shortly be issued," the announcement said. A special cabinet meeting was arranged.

#### Capital Virtually Isolated

The orders virtually isolating Budapest from the rest of Hungary came from a special cabinet meeting called to consider damage reports. Pending evacuation plans, only persons living permanently in country districts were permitted to leave the capital, except for government officials, army cars and holders of special permits.

In a day of operations singularly emphasizing the growing co-ordination of Allied-Soviet strategy in the Balkans, still other American bombers struck savage blows at Yugoslav railway lines over which Hitler is drawing more reserves for Balkan defense.

Budapest was bombed by Fortresses and Liberators of the 15th Air Force in their second big operation against southern Europe in two days.

#### 500-Plane Raid on Steyr

Twenty-four hours earlier, nearly 500 of the four-engined bombers, with strong fighter escort, battled through swarms of German interceptors to bomb Steyr, in Austria, Germany's most important source of ball-bearings since the destruction of Schweinfurt. Photos yesterday showed heavy damage to the bearings plants and to aircraft components factories near by. More than 100 enemy fighters were claimed shot down. In 2,200 sorties, mostly against targets in Italy, the Allies lost only 33 planes, including losses in the Steyr attack.

At the Hungarian capital, the principal targets were the railway yards and an aircraft factory near by. Budapest, situated on the Danube, is the center of the Hungarian railway system, with four junctions from which emanate lines going all over Europe.

Most of Hungary's heavy industries are situated there, including locomotive

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### British Planes Bomb Tirpitz

A successful bombing attack on Germany's 35,000-ton battleship Tirpitz in its Norwegian hideout by British naval aircraft was announced by the Admiralty yesterday.

The Tirpitz, since its attack on Spitzbergen in company with the Scharnhorst (since sunk) in September, has remained at its moorings at Kaafjord, 50 miles inland along the Alten Fiord. It was attacked by British midget submarines shortly after its return from Spitzbergen and reconnaissance photographs revealed some damage.

In view of the Tirpitz's heavy deck armament, it is not believed likely that aerial bombs could sink it, but the "several hits" claimed by the Admiralty could have caused damage sufficient to keep the battleship out of commission.

The attack, more than a thousand miles from British bases, appears to have been carried out from an aircraft carrier, in which case there is a likelihood of the planes having been Grummans or other American aircraft which the Royal Navy now uses.

#### Where East-West Strategy Meets



With 183,000 Germans already killed in Soviet drive on Balkans, and 15 divisions trapped at Tarnopol (circled), Reds push into Rumania and close to Hungary, while U.S. planes, linking east-and-west strategy, bomb Hungary's capital.

### Army Training Men to Govern An Allied-Occupied Germany

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, Apr. 3—Hundreds of civil-affairs officers ranging from lieutenants to lieutenant-colonels, are here as students, taking an intensive training program in preparation for the day when they will act as administrators of a Germany occupied by Allied forces.

Strict secrecy surrounds the program, which also is preparing these officers to act as liaison men in re-establishing the governments of countries liberated by Allied forces, but the Army today permitted publication of a few general details.

So many civil-affairs officers are being trained here that the program provides 97 language classes a day.

Practical demonstrations of incidents which may be expected are stressed in other classes. The program includes everything from summary court sessions, laid in a specific German town, to instructions on how to take care of a truck.

#### Learn by 'Doing'

Advanced students are trained in separate detachments, on the basis that "the best way to learn is to do the thing." Each detachment is given a problem in administration of an Allied-occupied town—a problem as nearly like the real McCoy to be expected as civil-affairs officers with past experience in Sicily and Italy, and others with expert knowledge of Germany, can make it.

One recent problem was so complex that it involved exchanging 19,000 messages before the detachment was able to solve it.

When Allied combat divisions advance on German-occupied towns in western Europe, civil-affairs detachments will go with them. Each detachment will drop off at the liberated town assigned to it, and will supervise its administration as the combat division moves on.

Detachment size will vary from three officers and five enlisted men (for a small area) to 18 officers and 35 enlisted men (for a large city). Generally, there will be twice as many enlisted men as officers in each detachment.

Enlisted men assigned to the civil-affairs section are being given a special program at another post in the ETO. They will join with the officers here in a

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### Service-Ballot Group Set Up Stimson, Knox and Land To Direct Machinery For Troop Vote

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3—A three-man War Ballot Commission was organized today with Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson as chairman to operate machinery for the soldier vote.

State governors and secretaries of state were notified tonight of organization of the commission under provisions of the new vote law and were asked to provide information on primary, special and general election dates in their states.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has been appointed vice chairman, and the third member of the commission is Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the War Shipping Administration.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Postmaster Frank C. Walker told reporters today that he doubted the ability of the Postoffice Department to deliver ballots to servicemen for the November election.

"Mail planes are overloaded now," he said. "Some mail undoubtedly will have to go by sea, such as registration of some voters in their home counties, and I doubt that this will be completed in time in many instances."

INDIANAPOLIS, Apr. 3—Gov. Henry F. Schricker has summoned the Indiana General Assembly to a special session starting Apr. 11. The assembly will consider legislation to facilitate soldier

### Deep Helmets, Green Fatigues . . . Alarm Is Spread: 'Nazi' Chutists

AN ENGINEER CAMP, North Wales, Apr. 3—A handful of American soldiers wearing green fatigue uniforms and helmets and carrying rifles knocked at the door of a Welsh farmer the other day—and within a few minutes the countryside was mobilizing to cope with "invading German parachutists."

The story, the climax of which was the "capture" of the Americans by a posse of RAF police and Welsh farmers, was told today by members of a squad back from a detail in the mountains.

The engineers had been sent into the mountains to remove some Nissen huts. The day the squad arrived at its destination, its leader, 2/Lt. Raymond V.

Thorpe, of Indianapolis, went off to look for billets and four of the men knocked at a farmhouse to ask the location of the nearest pub, which they planned to visit that evening.

The soldiers couldn't understand the farmer's Welsh dialect, and he couldn't understand theirs. He had never seen an American soldier before and the fatigues, helmets, rifles and combat packs convinced him they were Nazi paratroopers.

### Six Million 4Fs Face Job Draft

#### Legislation Is Considered For Replacing Men Deferred as Unfit

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3—Legislation to fit 6,000,000 4Fs into the war effort—either as replacements for men under 26 now deferred in industry or as Army and Navy labor battalions—was under consideration on Capitol Hill today as an answer to the manpower problem.

The House Military Affairs Committee, now awaiting the country's reaction to its recommendation that physically-fit young men holding industrial deferments be replaced in industry by 4Fs, promised it would have a draft of proposed legislation ready for Congress after the Easter recess.

Semi-official spokesmen disclosed that the Army and Navy were ready to announce publicly their willingness to use in labor battalions 4Fs (men physically, mentally or morally unfit) who declined to move into essential industry—despite Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's reluctance to accept 4Fs except as a last resort.

Steps to reduce to a minimum the number of men under 26 now deferred on occupational grounds progressed slowly because of reported differences among members of the new Committee of Manpower Claimants—composed of officials of the Army, Navy, War Production Board and other agencies concerned with manpower and war products.

#### Disagree on Classification

The latter committee thus far has been unable to reach agreement on the types of activities entitled to deferments. News-men understood that aircraft, landing craft, rockets, rubber and secret weapons were among the activities deemed by the committee critical enough to warrant liberal deferments. The stumbling block, however, has been the controversy over what to do about coal mining, transportation, food processing, shipping, fishing and several other industries.

Chairman John M. Costello (D-Cal.) of the House Military Affairs Committee said the "work in industry or work for the Army" legislation would apply not only to 4Fs but also to non-fathers between the ages of 37 and 45.

He emphasized, however, that only those men not now engaged in essential war industry or agricultural work need fear induction into labor battalions.

Sgt. John M. Connor Jr., of Wilmington, Del., hastily explained to the RAF corporal in charge that the Britons had captured some U.S. soldiers. He clinched his argument with the statement that they belonged to the regiment whose colonel often was seen in the locality riding in a jeep.

As a good-will gesture, the RAF police took the engineers to their NAAFI that night, and WAAF girls helped to entertain them.

Other men "captured" were Pvt. Marvin B. Saderberry, of Parrish, Ala.; Pvt. Augustine Cruz, of Santa Barbara, Cal.; Pvt. Harold M. Jansen, of Portland, Me.; Cpl. Andrew M. Mackenzie, of Towson, Md., and Pvt. Zeferino R. Solis, of Saginaw, Mich.

### Russians Driving Deep Into Rumania Take 50 Places; Will Pursue Enemy to the End, Molotov Tells World

Adolf Hitler's armies have lost 183,310 dead and 24,950 prisoners since Marshal Gregory Zhukov's forces smashed across the Odessa-Lwow trunk railroad on Mar. 4, the Soviet Information Bureau announced last night, revealing at the same time that the remnants of 15 Nazi divisions have been encircled 20 miles south of Tarnopol "and are now being liquidated."

The Soviet recapitulation of the four-week campaign on the First Ukrainian front was made public as Russian tanks and infantry, admittedly advancing for the first time in this war beyond the line the USSR recognizes as its "state frontier," surged across the Pruth River and seized more than 50 places inside Rumania.

In addition to the 15 divisions encircled in the Tarnopol area, 65 miles southeast of Lwow—seven of them infantry, seven tank and one motorized—the Russians announced they "routed or inflicted heavy losses" on 13 infantry divisions and that 20 others—half of them tank units—were "badly mauled." The report added that 1,338 tanks and 22,519 motor vehicles were among enemy equipment destroyed.

#### Seven Miles from Jassy

Last night's communique revealed the Red Army had penetrated ten miles into Rumania and captured a town only seven miles north of Jassy, the former Nazi GHQ, in an advance that the Russians proclaimed was "dictated exclusively by military necessities."

Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov, announcing at a Sunday midnight press conference in Moscow that the Soviet Supreme Command had "given orders to the advancing Soviet troops to pursue the enemy until his final rout and capitulation," declared the USSR had no thought "of acquiring any part of Rumanian territory or of altering the social structure of Rumania as it exists at present."

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, revealing in Washington that the U.S. had been informed in advance of Molotov's announcement, said it "should help the Rumanians to see that their ultimate interests require the Germans to be driven from their country."

#### Satellite Troops Panic

Marshal Ivan Koniev's sweep across the Pruth apparently overwhelmed Hungarian and Rumanian units guarding the river's west bank. Front-line reports said they fled in panic as Koniev pressed forward, permitting the Nazi command no opportunity to reorganize for a new stand.

The enemy was described as retreating like a horde of locusts, barefooted, unshaven, dirty and unarmed, laying the country waste as they went. At one point along the Pruth, Soviet front-line dispatches said, a German-Rumanian force attempted to make a last stand but was crushed and hurled into the river by the Red Army's mobile advance guards.

United Press, apparently quoting Red Army dispatches, said special detachments of SS troops were being rushed up from Balkan cities to stem the retreat. "They are turning their tommy-guns on

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### U.S. Will Repay Bombed Swiss

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (AP)—The U.S. Government will make appropriate reparations for damage resulting from the "tragic bombing by American planes" of the Swiss city of Schaffhausen, Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced today.

Reporting that several official expressions were being communicated to the Swiss, Hull said that John Winant, U.S. Ambassador in London, accompanied by Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, chief of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, had called at the Swiss Legation in London to express their deep regret over the accidental bombing.

It was learned also that Assistant Secretaries of State Breckinridge Long and James C. Dunn, at the request of Hull, had appointments to call on the Swiss minister in Washington and express the government's regret.

#### Will Hang for 3 Killings

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Apr. 3—James W. Collett, 60, a wealthy hog breeder, was sentenced to hang for the slaying of his wife, daughter and brother-in-law.

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The Carolines

The Pacific fleet has struck at the Palau Islands, westernmost of the Japanese-held Carolines, a widely scattered archipelago consisting of some 560 islands.

The total land area of the Carolines is about 380 square miles, and of this 307 square miles is covered by Ponape Island, Kusaie Island, the Truk group and Yap. In contrast to the land area, the stretch of ocean over which they extend is more than 550,000 square miles.

Up to a few weeks ago much had been written about the Carolines as a Japanese offensive base. Particular emphasis had been placed on Truk. The U.S. Navy's first attack on Truk, however, exploded the myth of its invincibility and great strength.

But if recent events have diminished the importance of the Carolines for Jap offensive purposes, there is nothing to suggest that the islands have lost their value for defensive purposes. As a vital section of Japan's inner perimeter of defense they appear to have been organized as a series of defense zones, each of which is probably stronger than the whole Marshalls group.

The most important section of the Carolines, namely Truk, Ponape and Kusaie, comprise the eastern and possibly the most heavily fortified end of the group. In our possession, effectively neutralized by our forces, we will be able to move westward into the Philippines or northward through the Mariana Islands towards the Japanese home islands—or both.

Thus the capture of the Carolines would mean that we had pierced a vital sector of Japan's inner perimeter and had secured naval and air bases for future attacks against our Pacific enemy. At the same time we would inflict a great moral defeat against the Japanese navy if it refused to fight, and we would make safe the passage of Allied convoys moving into the central and south Pacific.

Evidently, our fleet is now softening up the Japanese Caroline defenses for future thrusts. When and where these will fall will be known to us in good time.

Pioneers and Pollywogs

In every nation today the politicians and the people are discussing foreign policy. In many groups there is noisy disagreement.

Often heard in these discussions are those we label "pollywog politicians." These international experts, so-called, always seem able to easily identify every problem. They watch the stream of world events as it passes them by and in that stream, be it clear or muddy, they point out each pollywog and promptly apply its label. Once classified by the pollywog expert each problem is then treated in the regulation manner.

But pollywogs have a faculty of quickly changing into frogs, and as frogs they hop about in a lively manner, utterly disregarding rules and regulations designed for pollywogs. Noisily, too, they sound off in "deep bass" under the slightest provocation.

This practice, a very natural one, always seems to baffle the pollywog expert who fights for a fixed and rigid policy that is founded on his own particular brand of "right thinking" and must remain forever unchanged.

Such diplomacy and such policies are doomed to failure. We are living in a world of change and we must deal with it realistically. As nations, people, conditions and governments change, foreign policy must keep step, for we should remember that as a pollywog matures he breaks out of his watery prison into a bright and better world, gaining the satisfaction that is known only to the pioneer who risks all as he trudges forward in search of the land of milk and honey reported to lie just over the next range of mountains.

Faced with this problem in the days ahead look for the veterans of this war amongst the pioneers who are marching up and on towards the new and brighter horizon.

Hash Marks

Overheard in the Blackout: "Yes, dearie, it's the real thing this time. He's tall, American—and spends money like water."

Conversation on the Telephone (Or Life Can Be Beautiful):



GI Joe: "Hello, Betty, can I see you tonight?"

The Gal: "Sure thing, Herbert, come on over."

GI Joe: "But this isn't Herbert."

The Gal: "And I'm not Betty—but come on over."

Boy, these Italian merchants are smart. When a unit made up largely of Scotch and Irish moved into an area the shopkeepers put up signs re-spelling their national dish "MacAroni."

Down in the S. Pacific a mess sergeant with a sense of humor posted this sign on the mess hall. "No Steak Today—We Do Our Bit for the Home Front."

The boys at a fighter station write in. "After turning us down time and time again, our supply sergeant has placed a sign over his supply room door reading, 'No love—No Nothing.' He really is tough, too; there's a rumor that even during his sleeping hours he keeps shaking his head from side to side."

GI Philosophy: Money may not make you happy, but it does help you to be miserable in comfort.

This Week's Fable. Pfc Salvatore Janaro of the Bronx was detailed as CQ at an Ordnance Base. Scheduled to go



on duty at 0600 hours, he reported at 1035 hours—slightly embarrassed (if a Bronx GI can be embarrassed). "Good morning," he was greeted sweetly, "would you care to take a 48-hour pass beginning at noon?" Janaro stammered a faint "Yes." "Have some candy," said a sergeant, passing a box of chocolates. Janaro had some. "If you need any money to go on pass, Janaro, I'll let you have some," said the 1st sergeant kindly. Janaro accepted some money—Janaro went on pass. But there was a lump in Janaro's throat when he left and a far-away look in his eyes.

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TCC Flies 'Em In, Flies 'Em Out

Unarmed 'Truck Drivers' of the Air Transport Troops, Supplies, Wounded in Combat Zones

By Philip H. Bucknell Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

There are a lot of USAAF pilots sitting around in various parts of the world with chips on their shoulders, and jackasses or camels painted on their planes' fuselages instead of stenciled bombs—pilots of Troop Carrier Command.

The outfit is only two years old. It has, the men state emphatically, nothing to do with Ferry Command. Theirs is the job of taking task forces, paratroops, glider riders and other troops over enemy lines. They fly their unarmed C47s and C53s into the flak and against enemy fighters. They evacuate wounded from beachheads and other front lines. At Sele, in Italy, their runway for the evacuation was within 250 yards of the German lines, and Lt. Gen. Mark Clark said that if it had not been for the TCC the wounded at Salerno would never have gotten away.

In their two years they have packed in combat flying hours that would make most bomber crews look like paddlefeet, but nobody seems to know about them. In jaundiced moments they call themselves "truck drivers." For one of their jobs—dropping supplies to troops in tough places—they have coined the phrase, "biscuit bombing."

It has needed a newspaper adventure strip character to focus attention on the outfit—Col. Philip Cochran, the Flip Cochran of Terry and the Pirates. Col. Cochran's exploit in taking British and American troops 150 miles behind Jap lines in Burma has captured world imagination—but the TCC has been doing that for a long time.

When the Marines were beleaguered in Guadalcanal, the TCC maintained their supplies, making their approach over enemy lines.

No Loss in Perilous Flight

Two squadrons carried 3,600 troops miles across the Coral Sea and the Owen Stanley Mountains during the New Guinea campaign. That was a flight over seas and rugged mountain peaks they had never seen before, and for which no full briefing could be given. And not one life was lost.

On the night of Nov. 8-9, 1942, the TCC flew troop-laden planes on the greatest mass flight in history—1,500 miles from Britain to North Africa—with the loss of only one plane and no lives. From the edge of Spanish Morocco to Lourmal and Oran in French Morocco the C47s delivered paratroopers, and despite fighter and flak opposition, the losses to men and material were small.

Through the critical days at Kasserine Pass, it was the TCC that brought relief to the men in the lines and brought back their wounded.

The Sicilian and Italian campaigns were the same. Wherever troops had to be rushed to vital places, where airborne units had to be dropped in the face of heavy opposition, it was the TCC which took them there, kept them supplied when they were there; and as soon as rough landing strips were captured the transport planes were evacuating wounded.

In March, 1943, flying nurses and medical EMs of a medical air evacuation transport squadron arrived in North Africa, and American women took their chances with the fighting men, flying in the unarmed transports to aid and evacuate wounded in advance aid posts. The planes are not marked with the Red



Troop Carrier Command C47s carry no bombs, but they do go into combat. They have para-racks (top) into which they load equipment to be dropped to beleaguered troops, and they record their missions on the fuselage. The plane below indicates it has taken paratroopers on four combat missions, completed 34 freight hauls and evacuated wounded six times.

Cross, because they take in supplies as well as bring out wounded. Nurses are only supposed to help the wounded aboard and to tend to their needs on the return flight. In fact, they were invariably seen helping with the unloading of the planes in order to hurry the job along.

The four men who fly each plane—the officer pilot and co-pilot and the two EMs, radio operator and crew chief—have had to learn a new technique of flying in order to avoid what would seem to be the obvious fate of a slow, unarmed ship through enemy air. Nothing that flies appears so vulnerable as a formation of large ships towing gliders, for instance, flying either by day or by night. But that the answer has been found shows in the low casualty rates in the TCC, and among the men they tow or carry.

The answer is contour flying—roller-coaster tactics that have the C47s skirting over the countryside like P51s with crazy pilots. The piloting takes great skill, the navigators (one to every flight) fly on a combination of instruments and reading the road signs as they pass. But, provided they don't hit a barn roof or a cabbage patch, it is reasonably safe.

Ground defenses have practically no time to train weapons, and by skimming the treetops the planes keep out of trouble with fighters, which are unable to get around to combat at ground level. The danger time is when they reach their drop zone and have to gain height to allow the paratroopers a jumping altitude, or gliders a chance to come in smoothly.

But it is only reasonably safe. From the stack of awards that TCC crews have earned here are three citation extracts:

Capt. (now Major) Edwin Lee Hibner, of Akron, Ohio—"... while taking part in a mission to drop paratroops... his plane was severely damaged... Although the aileron control cables were severed, the hydraulic system shot out, the electrical system damaged, part of the right rudder shot away and one elevator destroyed, Capt. Hibner resolutely held to course and dropped the paratroopers in the assigned zone..."

Capt. James L. Hoggatt, of Ruleville, Miss.—"In face of continued heavy ground fire, he circled the assigned area, dropping the paratroopers and their equipment. Displaying unusual flying ability, he then piloted his crippled plane several hundred miles over water to his base, where he made an expert landing despite the damaged controls and a flat tire."

2/Lt. Dick M. Canham, of Riverside, Cal.—"Loss of power forced him to fall behind his formation, but Canham courageously piloted his lone aircraft through a continued heavy concentration of ground fire to drop paratroops and equipment in the assigned zone..."

The three men were awarded the DFC. And the planes they flew that took the beatings and came back? They are the planes that used to take tourists and business men from town to town in peacetime—the twin-engined Douglas DC-3. Stripped of its inner skin, its adjustable seats and other trimmings, but with a reinforced floor to stand the weight of heavy equipment and 24 bucket seats, the airliners went to war. And many of the high-ranking officers in the TCC also came from peacetime airline outfits.

This, then, is the outfit and its personnel, men whose deeds have been over-

looked by the glamor of their passengers and by other branches of the Air Forces. But on the noses of their planes there are stenciled records of their tasks: Beasts of burden to show the number of freight hauls; parachutes to indicate the times they took paratroops into combat, and red crosses for evacuation jobs.

But they are cynical men. Ask them what their most useful job was and they will reminisce about the 20,000 rolls of toilet paper they hauled from Gibraltar to Tunisia, thereby saving the Allies from a serious shortage, among other things.



Lament of a Powdered Egg.

Once, in the dear days now gone by I could bring a gleam to any man's eye. I was a source of joy and pride Turned over light or with a sunny side. Now look at me. I'm just a mess, A sticky mass of unhappiness. How fickle-fate, my dear friend, An omelette or a fricassee. Universally I am hated. Simply because I'm dehydrated. Scientists about me rave; Look at the shipping space I save! Soldiers, sailors, everywhere Greet me with a hardened stare. Pass me by with much chagrin, Damn! It's powdered eggs again! Oh Lord, those eggs that come after me, Serve them as an egg should be. Scramble them, they won't care, But, please, leave their water there. Must every egg for the duration Go through the process—dehydration? Calories, minerals, the boys all need 'em. But powdered eggs—they just don't eat 'em! Cpl. Joseph W. Robinson.

Lenten Message

MARK 14:10—"Judas Iscariot went to betray Him... woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed." There will be leaders in our time who will try to bring about a better world, but they "are bound to be disturbing," said the Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in a recent sermon. "If God gives us such leaders, as He will if we but listen," Dr. Fosdick continued, "then in God's name let us not crucify them. This time let us put the robbers on the hill but not the Christ."

The leaders toward a better world, he declared, will say that we must give up "our narrow isolationism, our absolute national sovereignty, our economic self-interest, our old ideas of imperialism, our religious smugness, dogmatism and intolerance."

"They will say, because they must say it," he added, "that if war costs such immense sacrifices, so peace costs too. Like all pioneers, their words will jar upon the ears of the complacent, the lethargic, the reactionary."

In the days ahead, let us not only preach Christianity; but with God's help we will live it.



"Got a V-mail from me brother 'ere, buddy. Sez his outfit's bin taken outa Anzio, and sent to Cassino for a rest."

# DIAMOND DUST

# Paratroopers Feature Fight Bill

## New Addition to Yankees' Hill Staff



Juggling 50-pound ingots of aluminum at a remelting mill in New Kensington, Pa., is Joe Page Jr., husky addition to the pitching staff of the New York Yankees. A southpaw, he starred with the Newark Bears last year.

## 16-Bout Card At Corner Club; Sfrisi Favored

### Expected to Beat Ragsdale; Persley Matched Against Vick

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Providence not interceding, the end of tonight's Rainbow Corner weekly punch show will find not only the leather throwers slug-weary but also the customers. For Al Cameron has assembled a 16-bout card which bids fair to last into the wee small hours.

Ten of the bouts will feature a group of Paratroopers, most of whom have made previous appearances under the London lights. Best known of the squad is Cpl. Andy Sfrisi, hard-punching 172-pound Philadelphia who has notched two triumphs in two starts at Rainbow.

However, the Quaker City slugger's main claim to ETO fame was his victory over heavyweight king Pvt. Vince Kozak a few weeks back. Although Kozak had almost a 20-pound weight lift on Andy, the scrap went into an extra round with Sfrisi getting the nod. All of which makes Sfrisi a top-heavy favorite to win in a breeze over Pvt. Harold Ragsdale, Atlanta, Ga., 175-pounder, tonight.

### Seeks Ninth Triumph

Vying with the light heavy affair in interest is a welter feature between Cpl. Art Persley, Negro flash from New York, and Pvt. Horace



Art Persley

Vick. Persley, out of 1/Sgt. Lamar Mobley's Engineer aggregation, will be out for his ninth victory in 12 Rainbow matches. His trio of losses were dropped to Pvt. Dick Menchaca. Although Vick has been able to bat only .500 in four trips, his two losses were close and to tough men. One, Pvt. Jesus Puente, is a former San Francisco Diamond Glove champ. Their encounter, a slugfest from the opening to the final bell, had the crowd on its feet throughout. Vick's other setback also was at the hands of Menchaca. In short, Persley and Vick should put on a terrific three-round show.

### Droll Gives Good Show

Of the other six bouts, which do not include the Paratroopers, our money is on another light heavy tussle between Pvt. Benny Droll, of Peoria, Ill., and Pvt. Alex Plummer, 160-pound New York newcomer. Droll is a comic natural who has made "Laughing Boy" Roy Hanna's clowning tactics seem amateurish. Benny has had three fights in the past three weeks and in all has put on a good show while slamming his way to three triumphs. He outpointed Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, kayoed Pvt. Bill Bradshaw in the second and last week edged past Pvt. Henry Miller. Droll will have a two-pound advantage over Plummer.

Here is the lineup for the rest of the card:

- Pvt. Ray Teator, Cincinnati, 125, vs. Pvt. John Barzee, New York, 123.
- Pfc Paul Pinkston, Portland, Ore., 126, vs. Pfc George Witt, New York, 130.
- Cpl. Ralph Olsen, Peoria, Ill., 139, vs. S2/c Dennis Ryan, New York, 137.
- Pvt. Stan Stockins, Chicago, 145, vs. Pvt. Sammy Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., 144.
- Pvt. Joe Mancuso, New York, 146, vs. Pvt. Art Arbuckle, Indianapolis, 147.
- Cpl. Owen Miller, Syracuse, N.Y., 127, vs. 1/Sgt. Corzazi Mullin, Mt. Holly, N.C., 130.
- T/S John Gibson, Tucson, Ariz., 135, vs. Pvt. Angelo Rodriguez, San Jose, Cal., 134.
- Cpl. Art Yoeman, San Francisco, 169, vs. Pvt. Lawrence Jones, Cleveland, 171.
- Pvt. Roy Chavis, Portland, Ore., 146, vs. Pfc George Yentzen, Atlanta, Ga., Beaumont, Texas, 145.
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- Pvt. Tony Pontarella, New York, 170, vs. Pvt. Morrie Cohen, Brooklyn, 174.

### Prestbury Linkmen Triumph

BOURNEMOUTH, Apr. 3—The Prestbury ARC golf team defeated Hans Crescent, 5-1, here yesterday to capture the Red Cross trophy for the second time in three meetings with the Crescent golfers, Miss Hoffman, of the ARC, announced today.

## New Pro Grid Loop Threatens National League's Supremacy

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 3—The National Football League was confronted by a serious box office threat today when eight cities received franchises to field clubs in a newly organized and still unnamed professional grid league, expected to make its debut in 1945.

The new loop will operate on a coast-to-coast plan, with teams entered from New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Seattle receiving certificates guaranteeing franchises.

Roland D. Payne, Pittsburgh industrialist who was elected acting president, said there is a strong possibility 12 teams will be enrolled before the league starts operating, the late four to come from among Akron, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

How the new venture will affect the cash boxes of elevens in the established National League is problematical as yet. But few towns have given evidence of being willing to support two pro football teams and New York, Washington, Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago already are playing in the National League. Chicago and New York, in fact, have two squads.

Payne, who established temporary headquarters in Pittsburgh, said his league would be "as major as the National," and indicated he would approach the rival circuit to negotiate for a football world series. Elmer Layden, czar of the National League, had "no comment" when informed of Payne's suggested hook-up.

## Auburn Returning To Football Wars Under Carl Voyles

AUBURN, Ala., Apr. 3—The Auburn Tigers, who abandoned football because of manpower troubles last year, will return to the grid wars this season under the tutelage of Carl Voyles, former William and Mary coach signed for six years as coach and athletic director at Auburn, school officials announced.

Voyles succeeds Lt. Cmdr. Jack Meagher, who entered the Navy at the end of the 1942 campaign.

Prospects for a winning season are remote, with only Curtis Kuykendall, reserve halfback, available from the '42 squad. However, Voyles expects enough 4-Fs and 17-year-olds to round out a capable eleven.

In four years at the helm, Voyles' William and Mary gridders won 29, lost 11 and tied three.

### Donelli Hears First Case

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 3—Biff Donelli, former Duquesne football coach and athletic director, sat in on his first case as a Labor Department conciliator today.

the Fliers were stymied by four miscues in the field.

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 3—Ray Prim, Chicago Cub southpaw, returned to Los Angeles, of the Pacific Coast League, at his own request, it was learned today. Prim, a 20-game winner here last year before going to the Cubs, where he was used sparingly in relief assignments, said he was dissatisfied with the Chicago job and preferred pitching for Los Angeles to a major league berth.

INDIANAPOLIS, Apr. 3—Although outhit, 12-7, the Cincinnati Reds dumped the Cleveland Indians, 5-4, here yesterday, breaking loose with a five-run assault on Lefty Harold Kleine, rookie up from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in the fifth inning. Mike Nymick blanked the Reds during the first three innings and Ed Klieman followed suit after replacing Kleine. But the Indians were unable to solve the slants of Joe Carter, Elmer Riddle, who won 21 games for the Reds last year, and Joe Beggs after getting their four runs.



Mike Nymick

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 3—The hottest tangle in the Mexican Baseball League today is that 48-year-old gay caballero, Rogers Hornsby, who batted his Vera Cruz team to a 16-13 victory over Puebla here yesterday in a weird slugfest. Trailing 13-12 in the ninth, Hornsby went in as a pinch-hitter with the bags loaded and peppered a homer over the left field fence to win the game.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 3—The Pittsburgh Pirates clubbed rookie right-hander Lee Ross for three runs to defeat the Chicago White Sox, 3-2, here yesterday in an exhibition tilt. Preacher Roe was touched for both Chicago runs during his four-inning test on the mound, while Rip Sewell shut out the Sox remainder of the way, baffling them with his tricky "eephus" pitch that sails toward the plate like a balloon. The Pirates rapped out 12 hits, while the Sox were limited to seven. Each team made one error.



Rip Sewell

BRISTOL, Conn., Apr. 3—Elmer "Butch" Nieman, Boston Brave outfielder, scored both runs as the Regulars blanked the Yannigans, 2-0, here yesterday. Nieman scampered home in the third as the Yannigans completed a doubleplay and cracked a homer over the centerfield fence in the fifth. Manager Bob Coleman expressed satisfaction with the performance of Bob Lindquist, who twirled six scoreless frames for the Regulars.

CAIRO, Ill., Apr. 3—The St. Louis Cardinals pushed across one run in the tenth inning to defeat the Fourth Ferrying Group, of Memphis, 5-4, here yesterday. Johnny Beazley, former Cardinal ace, pitched five innings for the Fliers and held the Cards to one run. Eldred Byerly, George Munger, Sylvester Donnelly and Alvin Jurisich pitched for the Cards. Each team made ten hits but

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Apr. 3—The Toledo Mudhens, of the American Association, chased home nine runs in the last three frames to thump their parent club, the St. Louis Browns, 12-4, here yesterday, all nine runs coming against Southpaw Bill Seinoth, who hurled for Toledo last year. Steve Sundra started for the Browns and allowed three runs in five innings. The Mudhens made 15 hits for Pitchers Johnny Whitehead and Fink, who stopped the Browns with seven.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Apr. 3—The New York Yankees turned in their second exhibition triumph over National League opposition, trouncing the Brooklyn Dodgers, 4-3, in 11 innings. Catcher Mike Garbark's long single in the 11th scored Don Savage, rookie third baseman, who tripled, with the winning run. As in Saturday's victory over the Phillies, the Yanks benefited by a 520-foot inside-the-park homer, Second Baseman George Stirnweiss turning the trick in the fifth inning. Hank Borowy and Walt Dubiel each worked five innings for the Yanks with Jim Turner finishing, while the Dodgers used Hall Gregg, Bob Chipman and Curt Davis.



George Stirnweiss

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Apr. 3—The Washington Senators staged a six-run rally in the fifth inning to down the Camp Lee Travelers, 8-4, here yesterday in an abbreviated six-inning affair. The Travelers, behind the sturdy pitching of ex-Cardinal moundsman Hank Nowak, assumed a three-run lead in the third inning after hammering Johnny Niggeling, Senator knuckleballer, but Dutch Leonard, who relieved Niggeling, handcuffed the GIs the rest of the way. Nowak went all the way for the Travelers, who lost their star Saturday when Luke Appling, ex-Chisox shortstop, was transferred to another base.

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## New Rule Doesn't Penalize Goalies, But Restricts Them

DALLAS, Apr. 3—Big players who know their way around a basketball court won't be penalized by the new "anti-goaling" rule written into the collegiate by-laws for next season, but the gangling guys who possess plenty of height but no particular ability will be lost in the shuffle, according to James W. St. Clair, chairman of the National basketball rules committee.

Aside from the spectacular comeback of Utah's blitz kids, who won the mythical national title after apparently sliding back among the also-rans, the past season was dominated by the yeoman heroics of skyscraping giants under the basket. However, these Goliaths, whose actions made the game a contest to see which team could outstall the other, will be under closer surveillance and their value will be reduced considerably next year.

St. Clair emphasized that his committee had acted to penalize the gent's who linger under the net and slap down potential field goals, but not to interfere with players who through no fault of their own just growed.

The committee's action simply means, St. Clair said, that a good little player will no longer have his skill and efforts nullified by some character whose only

talent is the dubious one of being able to wave his paws about on the upper side of the rim.

Critics of the committee's action are now waiting that the officials will have too much latitude—the referee must award an automatic field goal if the ball is deflected while heading downward toward the basket, according to the new rules. That is, unless the ball definitely is sailing wide of its target.

Officials always have had to watch the ball to see whether it went through," St. Clair scoffed. "Certainly they should have no trouble telling whether the ball is aimed right when it starts its downward flight."

The chairman then discussed other changes written into the rules, explaining that two of them are measures to keep pace with the elimination of the center jump. "Giving a player five personal fouls instead of four and permitting a coach unlimited substitution merely compensate for the increased playing time since the center jump was discarded," St. Clair said.

As far as the change which permits an official to halt a game for an obviously injured player regardless of which side has possession of the ball.

## L'il Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



# Italian Forces Seize a Third Apennine Peak

## String of Heights Is Now In Allied Hands; Guns Duel at Cassino

Italian troops in the snow-capped mountains 16 miles north of Cassino scored yesterday their third success in three days with the seizure of another 4,000-foot western Apennine peak, Reuter reported. The newly-won position, midway between previously-captured Monte Marrone and Castelnuovo, also was believed to have been occupied without German resistance and gave the Allies the entire string of dominant heights in this sector.

Cassino itself was quiet except for the usual artillery duels. At least 13 bridges on enemy communication lines have been destroyed, and Allied guns are keeping them zeroed against the start of repairs.

A small enemy attack on the left of the Anzio beachhead forces was repulsed and casualties inflicted. Despite recent stabs, the Germans here continued to ring their positions with wire and were on the defensive.

The weather yesterday was clear and warm on all fronts, including the Adriatic, where the Nazis shelled Ortona. Medium and light bombers continued their program of pounding railways and bridges in central and northern Italy, while fighter-bombers concentrated on targets in the Cassino and Anzio areas.

# 9,118 Airplanes Built in March

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (AP)—Record-breaking warplane production in March totaling 9,118 planes delivered, with previous weight records eclipsed by nine per cent, was reported today by Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-president of the War Production Board.

"The month of March, as far as we can see, may be the peak month of the war in the number of planes produced," Wilson said. April programs call for fewer planes, he said.

"We have gone over the 9,000-mark for the first time and have exceeded the 1,000,000,000-pound mark in terms of air-frame weight for the first time," he said.

# Budapest

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building shops, automobile factories, general engineering plants and shipbuilding yards. The city, with a population of 1,000,000, was bombed by the Russian Air Force in September, 1942, but yesterday's attack was the first on a mass scale that it has suffered.

The Fortresses and Liberators which went to Jugoslavia hit (1) Knin, a junction on the main line from Fiume to Sibenik and Split; (2) Brod, a junction on the Zagreb-Belgrade line, and (3) Drnis, halfway between Sibenik and Knin.

As the American planes roared into Hungary, Budapest radio for the first time joined the German "achtung" service. Warnings were broadcast, mentioning not only Budapest but towns in eastern and northeastern Hungary.

Berlin radio soon afterward began a series of bulletins telling of violent air battles over Hungary. German News Agency said 14 American aircraft were shot down in the neighborhood of Budapest, and added that a number of residential districts in the center of the city were hit.

It was evident that the American and British air forces operating from Italy had expanded to a point where they could smash day and night at German territory on a scale beginning to approach that of the British-based forces' round-the-clock offensive.

# AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial**
- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
  - 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 4**
- 1100—Spotlight on Hal McLystre.
  - 1115—Personal Album with Janet Blair.
  - 1130—Great Music.
  - 1150—French Lesson.
  - 1200—Noon Edition.
  - 1205—Barracks Bag.
  - 1300—World News (BBC).
  - 1310—Melody Roundup.
  - 1330—Jubilee.
  - 1400—News Headlines and BBC Midland Light Orchestra.
  - 1430—Visiting Hour—Aldrich Family.
  - 1500—Music While You Work.
  - 1530—Off The Record.
  - 1630—War Commentary.
  - 1645—BBC Orchestra.
  - 1700—Gay Nineties Revue and Program Resume.
  - 1730—Albert Sandler and the Palm Court Orchestra.
  - 1755—Quiet Moment.
  - 1800—World News (BBC).
  - 1805—Callings APO.
  - 1810—GI Supper Club.
  - 1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
  - 1905—Comedy Caravan—with Jimmy Durante and Garry Moore.
  - 1930—Boring Bouts—from the Rainbow Corner with Sgt. Marty Smith and Cpl. Ford Kennedy.
  - 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
  - 2010—Fred Waring Program.
  - 2025—Callings APO.
  - 2030—Carnival of Music.
  - 2100—World News (BBC).
  - 2120—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
  - 2145—USO in the ETO.
  - 2200—Duff's Tavern.
  - 2225—One Night Stand with Freddie Martin.
  - 2255—Final Edition.
  - 2300—Sign off until 1100 hours, Wed., Apr. 5.

# Washington Fiddled While Feshire Flew

A FORTRESS BASE, Apr. 3—The old definition of military channels as the longest distance between two points probably would receive the hearty indorsement of 1/Lt. Durward Feshire, of Portales, N.M. Veteran of 92 missions as bombardier aboard the Suzy-Q in the Pacific Theater, he received a letter last week from the War Department accepting his application, made three years ago, for training as an air cadet.

Since putting in his application Feshire has won the Silver Star and Cluster, Air Medal, Soldier's Medal, DFC and Cluster and the Bomber Group Special Award. He was a non-com in the Pacific zone when he put in for cadet. Pressed into service as a bombardier when Pearl Harbor was bombed, he served with such distinction that he was given a direct commission.

# Truk Assaulted 6th Straight Day

## Japs Fail to Contest Blow; Woleai, in Carolines, Also Attacked

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3—The two-way air assault against the Caroline Islands entered its sixth straight day when Liberators and Catalinas from Gen. MacArthur's Solomons bases hit Woleai late Saturday night, while other Libs of the Seventh Air Force from Marshall Island airfields struck at Truk for the sixth time in as many days.

In the latest Truk raid no Japanese air opposition was encountered and little anti-aircraft fire. Not a plane was lost. Great fires were started in fuel dumps and several explosions sent debris thousands of feet into the air.

Meanwhile, an announcement giving the details of Adm. Chester Nimitz's naval attack on the Palau Islands was expected late tonight, since it was believed that the warships probably had withdrawn to American-dominated waters. The Palau blow opened last Wednesday night and took the naval task force within 500 miles of the Philippines in its attack on these westernmost of the Carolines.

In land fighting in the Southwest Pacific, Marines and Army troops on Bougainville Island in the Solomons extended their beachhead over the weekend and killed an estimated 200 Japs.

# Jap Advance on Imphal Halted in One Sector

Jap troops which have been pushing toward the Indian base of Imphal have fallen back before an Allied assault in the south, but in the hills north of the city they pressed a drive to outflank its defenders.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Japs in the south when the Allies counter-attacked to halt the enemy thrust to cut the Tiddim-Imphal road.

Meanwhile, in north Burma's Mogaung Valley, Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's American and Chinese forces broke through the enemy's half-mile defense line just south of Laban.

Stilwell's men drove on to the south after liquidating more than half the 1,000 Japs trapped in the sector last week.

In north central Burma, Japanese troops attempting to capture the Allied landing strip recently placed in operation 200 miles behind the Nipponese lines by British troops landed in gliders were repulsed in a three-day battle in which three-fourths of the enemy were wiped out, it was learned today. One hundred Jap casualties were inflicted.

# American Landing Craft Shelled by U.S. Destroyer

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—Three U.S. landing craft were shelled accidentally by an American destroyer Feb. 22 in operations off Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands, it was disclosed last night.

The Navy Department stated that the accident, in which 13 men were killed and 46 wounded, resulted from the fact that both the destroyer and the landing craft were slightly out of their scheduled positions and also because of restricted visibility.

# Terry and the Pirates



# Troop Carrier Command's Newest Glider



A medium truck—not a jeep as you might have expected—is shown coming out of the nose of the Army's new glider YCG-13. The glider, now in mass production for the Troop Carrier Command, carries nearly as much weight as big transports.

# Bathtub Full, Marriage Goes Down the Drain

LAWTON, Pa., Apr. 3—Mrs. Anna A. Zeller, 67, won a divorce after she testified that her husband John, 70, protested that she used too much water in her bath.

She said her husband, who resides in South Enola, heaped indignities on her after she refused to give him \$350. She finally left him, she said, after she learned he had a girl friend.

# Russians Kill 183,000 in Push

(Continued from page 1) the panicking troops, trying to force them to halt and give battle to the hordes of Russian troops who are pouring into the Balkans," it added.

Even as Koniev rolled back the enemy, favored by a hot spring sun, Gen. Rodion Malinovsky pushed up within a day's march of Odessa without meeting serious resistance, and Marshal Gregory Zhukov, his First Ukrainian Army now firmly in control of the entrance to the Tartar Pass leading to Hungary, was only a few miles from that country's frontier, while other forces of Zhukov's army advanced toward another Carpathian gateway 70 miles to the southeast.

Meanwhile, from German sources came news of Russian attacks south of Pskov, gateway to Latvia; inside the town of Kovel, 80 miles southeast of Brest-Litovsk, and inside Tarnopol, 65 miles southeast of Lwow, on the Odessa-Lwow railway.

# In Gubernatorial Race

BOSTON, Apr. 3—State Treasurer Francis X. Hurley will seek the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. If successful he will run against Lt. Gov. Horace T. Cahill, a Republican. Gov. Leverett Saltonstall is not a candidate for re-election, but plans to run for U.S. senator.

# Army Training Men to Govern An Allied-Occupied Germany

(Continued from page 1) brief, consolidated training course. Then enlisted men and officers will be combined in final detachments and assigned to duty with combat divisions.

On a stage in a gymnasium here, officers recently enacted a summary court session on a labor wage dispute involving the contract of "Herr Schmidt," owner of a German dry-cleaning firm, to clean 2,000 field jackets for the QM of an American division. Officers took the parts of "Herr Schmidt," an employee named "Herr Schultz," and the German defense counsel, as well as the roles of civil-affairs judge and interpreter.

Sessions like this are followed by criticisms of the way they were conducted, so that all flaws are ironed out in teaching the student participants and audience. The same general training is given all officers, no matter where in Europe they may be assigned to duty first, as it is

# World Awaits Finn Statement

## Decision on War or Peace Anticipated by Stockholm Today or Wednesday

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 3 (AP)—A precise statement on Moscow's armistice terms was due to be presented to the Finnish Parliament tonight, probably with a recommendation from the government whether to accept or once more reject.

The session was expected to be brief, with Premier Linkomies outlining the Cabinet's views on the latest interpretation of Russia's demands, obtained by Juho Paasikivi in his visit to the Kremlin last week.

These are reliably understood to give a milder character to Moscow's original six demands.

After adjournment, Parliament is expected to break up into party caucuses where the real decision will be made. The best information in Stockholm was that a vote on peace or war could be expected tomorrow or Wednesday at the latest.

# Jury Gets Final Arguments in Chaplin Mann Act Case

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 3 (AP)—A jury of seven men and five women heard today two different versions of the intimate relationship between Charlie Chaplin and Joan Barry. Final arguments were expected to be completed today, with the jury scheduled to retire tomorrow to decide whether the comedian had violated the Mann Act as charged.

# It Pays to Advertise

NORFOLK, Va., Apr. 3 (AP)—A Navy man and his wife inserted this advertisement in the classified section of newspapers here: "Moderately refined Navy couple would like to live with congenial people. We drink too much occasionally, smoke too much all of the time, read a few good books, and can talk or listen." The couple received 75 telephone calls in response.

# NEWS FROM HOME

# Forrestal Calls Powerful U.S. Vital to Peace

## '44 Output of Navy Planes Will Top Total of Last 5 Years, He Reveals

NEW YORK, Apr. 3—Calling on the nation not to ignore "the cold, hard facts of reality" in its dreams of world peace after the war, Undersecretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal asserted today a powerful U.S. Army and Navy would be the first essential in any scheme of security worked out by the U.S., Britain, Russia and China.

His declaration that "force must remain available as an instrument of policy" was contained in a speech which revealed that the Navy plans to build more combat planes in 1944 than in the five previous years combined.

The nation's progress toward world order, he said, would depend on "the maintenance of military power by the U.S., and the first component of that power is the huge sea and air strength we are now creating in the U.S. Navy."

"As an American admiral said at the end of the last war, 'The power to make war must remain in the hands of the nations who want peace,'" Forrestal said.

# Please Remit

DANBURY, Conn., Apr. 3—A group of women here have volunteered to see that servicemen abroad get frequent reminders that the folks at home are thinking about them.

Known as "The Committee of One Hundred Women," the group recently sent a birthday gift to a GI in a lonely outpost. Back came a letter of thanks with a postscript: "Don't wish to appear ungrateful, but would appreciate if in your next package you include the 100 women."

# Sympathetic Censor

RICHMOND, Va., Apr. 3—S/1c W. Donald O'Connell wrote to his mother from his warship: "I hope some day we will have a home of our own, with our own backyard." He added a note to the censor, pointing out that the O'Connells live in a four-family flat, sharing a tiny yard with other tenants. The letter arrived with a note from the censor: "I can appreciate this, as my wife has ten children."

# Steered Clear of Trouble

MULLINVILLE, Kan., Apr. 3—Three fliers told how they escaped without injury when they were forced to land on a farm near here. The airmen said their plane hit a steer which brought the plane's nose up and tail down for a perfect belly-landing.

# Willkie Says Home Front Is Lax, Blames Government

HASTINGS, Neb., Apr. 3 (Reuter)—Declaring that the Administration was making Americans fight the war without sacrifices by the civilian population, Wendell L. Willkie, in a speech today, urged the nation to throw all its resources into a "tough war."

"Any thoughtful person," he said, "knows that to fight a war such as this on such basic questions without more sacrifices is to jeopardize the very future for which we are fighting."

# Labor Turnover Reduced in Arms Plants—McNutt

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, announced today that the labor turnover in the 26 industries which produce practically all the munitions for the armed forces was smaller in January, 1944, than in January, 1943, in spite of production adjustments.

# Redesigned Liberty Ships No Longer Crack—Kaiser

SEATTLE, Wash., Apr. 3—Edgar F. Kaiser, general manager of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp., told the Senate Truman Committee investigating the cracking of Liberty ships that the causes had been eliminated.

He said not a single serious failure had occurred in ships built since last July, attributing this to changes in design.

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By Milton Caniff

