

Cassel and Munster Captured

Cut Okinawa In Two, Use Its Airfields

Tenth Army doughs cut the strategically located island of Okinawa in two Monday, reaching the south-eastern coast near the village of Tobara, while gains of several thousand yards "against scattered resistance" were made along the rest of the 10th Army line, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday.

Disclosing that observation planes were already operating from captured airfields within fighter range of Japan, his communique told of increased enemy activity in the center of the island, where the Japanese forces—estimated at 65,000 to 100,000—may make their final stand.

In the northern sector, Marines of the 3rd Amphibious Corps, part of the 10th Army, were supported in their advance by carrier planes, naval gun and artillery fire. Five Japanese planes which attacked Yank positions Sunday night were shot down and the unloading of supplies is proceeding "satisfactorily," Nimitz said.

The rapid advance is said to have placed the entire operation days ahead of schedule, and some officers expressed belief that the comparatively light resistance was due to a miscalculation on the part of the Japs as to where the landings would take place.

The industrially developed southern part of Okinawa, including the populous city of Naha and a large adjacent airfield, is now severed from extensive fleet anchorages to the north.

In the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the invasion of the important harbor of Legaspi, on the southeastern tail of Luzon Island, and the quick seizure of Legaspi City and nearby airfields.

The new landing coincided with American advances on a dozen Philippine ground fronts and bombing attacks which sank or damaged 23 enemy freighters in the China Sea.

FDR Abandons 3-Vote Plan

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has withdrawn his proposal for triple voting power for the U.S. in the new world security organization to be set up at the San Francisco conference, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. announced today.

Stettinius added that the question of the White Russian and Ukrainian Republics being initial members of the new organization—while supported by the U.S.—was a question for the United Nations to consider and decide. This would give Russia the three votes agreed to under the 6-3-3 plan at Yalta, Britain getting six, one for each Dominion.

The Secretary urged that the conference not be postponed, as had been suggested in some quarters, adding that no other government had asked that it be.

"This government believes that the rapid tempo of military and political developments, far from requiring postponement, makes it increasingly necessary that the plans worked out at Dumbarton Oaks be carried out promptly," he said.

Stettinius said he presumed President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin were considering ways and means of ironing out the several difficulties that have recently threatened the unity of the United Nations.

Columnist David Lawrence suggested that Britain should lead the way in settling the vote question at the San Francisco conference by announcing she would be content that each of her dominions be given one-sixth of a vote.

The New York Herald Tribune reported that Marshal Stalin informed President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at Yalta that Russia will eventually demand 16 votes, one for each of the Soviet republics, in the new world organization.

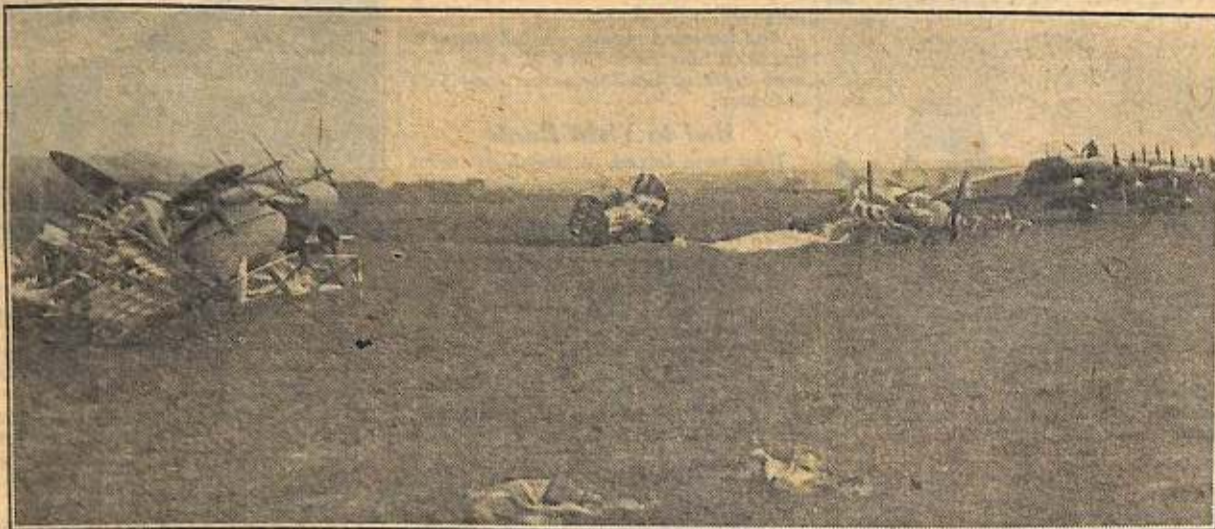
Soviet, China, U.S., British Envoys Meet

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (AP)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. conferred today with Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Ambassador, and Wei Tao Ming, the Chinese Ambassador.

This was the first time the Soviet and Chinese Ambassadors have conferred with Stettinius. Up to now the Russians, who are not at war with Japan, have been careful not to offend the Japanese.

At the same time, Jonathan Daniels, White House press secretary, told newsmen that he had no knowledge of any plans for Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt to confer soon on the Russian demand that the present Warsaw government be given representation at the San Francisco conference.

Luftwaffe Meets the Law of Diminishing Returns



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

This just about sums up the condition of the Luftwaffe these days. Tanks of the 9th Armored Division clattered over this field, blasting Nazi planes and equipment left unguarded on the line. Personnel of the Luftwaffe have been reported pulling out of the most advanced bases, leaving planes in the path of the advancing Allied armies.

Wiener Neustadt Falls As Reds Close on Vienna

Marshal Stalin announced last night that Russian troops had captured Wiener Neustadt, important Messerschmitt aircraft production center 24 miles south of Vienna, but the German high command claimed that Marshal Tolbukhin's forces were much closer to the Austrian capital in the area of Baden, only 12 miles south of the city.

Vatican Urges Germans Yield

ROME, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, warned the German people today that they are "plunging themselves into abysses of suffering which will destroy all recuperative powers," and appealed to them "in God's name" to lay down their arms.

The German government and general staff are not in a position to treat for terms and do not intend to surrender unconditionally, the Vatican paper declared. It pointed out that single units whose commanders consider further fighting impossible might quit. "But when will it happen on a whole front, let alone all fronts?" the paper asked.

The article went on to say that the German conception of "honor" which calls for continued fighting, "judged by any standard, logical, political, Christian or human, is an absurdity. In God's name, end this bloodshed."

Dominion Delegates Confer in London

A British Empire conference of Dominion delegates to the forthcoming San Francisco world security conference opens today in London. Prime Minister Churchill conferred with several of the delegates at luncheon yesterday.

The delegates were reported to be insistent that their dominions be given one vote each as separate member-nations at the world security conference.

The Liberated Flock Homeward

The Roads Lead Out of Germany, Too

By Ernie Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ROLLING EAST WITH 2ND ARMED DIV., Apr. 1 (delayed)—This is supposed to be Germany, say tankers slicing through toward Berlin, but where the hell are the Germans?

As endless armored columns roar across, coming in the opposite direction—toward them and toward France—are tens of thousands of Frenchmen of all ages and in all kinds of uniforms, prisoners of war and slave laborers, liberated by the 2nd Armored men who today had rolled more than 70 airline miles in their three-day blitz.

Between the jump-off point and the forest ridgelines, they have passed what seems to be the whole French Army of 1945, plus hundreds of dark-green-clad Italians, brown-uniformed Belgians and scores of ragged Russians—forced laborers.

The cheering, singing Frenchmen—"homeward bound" written in every smile of their privation-hollowed faces—are using every means of locomotion possible to get west. Mostly they're on foot, but some of them are riding in crowded, liberated carts, motorcycles, and even a few cars.

In addition, there were hundreds of women—slave laborers from the occupied



Keystone Photo

When the 9th Army reached Lippstadt and the German police scrambled, the local wine and spirit distillery was raided by German civilians and freed foreign laborers, who proceeded to make merry.

countries of the East—walking along roads to the West.

Pretty women, too. More than 600 of them had fled from Lippstadt as Ameri-

Gen. Rose KIA Due to 'Error'

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 1ST ARMY, Germany, Apr. 3—Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, 3rd Armored Division CG, whose death was announced yesterday by the War Department, was killed Saturday by a Nazi tankman who apparently misunderstood the general's action of unbuckling his pistol holster to hand to his German captors.

Details released by 1st Army said Rose had been visiting a task force in Welborn when tanks ran into an enemy armored concentration.

The general was in a jeep with his aide, Maj. Robert Bellinger, and the driver. They started off, followed by several staff officers in a half-track, through a patch of woods east of Kirchborchen, and came point-blank against a German tank.

The tank commander shouted orders at Rose. The general stepped out of the jeep with upraised hands and tried to explain to the tanker that he didn't understand what was wanted.

Assuming the Nazi wanted his pistol, Rose unbuckled the holster and started to hand it over when the German shot him through the head with a burp gun.

Maj. Bellinger and the Jeep driver ducked into a ditch, followed by the half-track occupants. They managed to crawl out of range.

Bellinger returned later to the spot and found the general's body.

Rose was awarded the DSM a few weeks ago. First into Germany and the first through the Siegfried Line, the 3rd Armored's latest exploit was a record-breaking dash of 100 miles in 19 hours from south of Marburg to Paderborn, where the 1st and 9th Armies linked up.

Rose was the 11th American general killed in action in this war. Eight others have died in airplane crashes and 15 from natural causes, while eight are missing and 19 are prisoners of war.



MAJ. GEN. ROSE

Ike Says Ruhr Trap Speeds End

Slashing forward 19 miles after crossing the Werra River in the Eisenach sector, tanks of the 3rd Army's 4th Armored Division yesterday reached the outskirts of Gotha, bringing them to within 150 miles of Berlin and 75 miles from the westernmost point of Czechoslovakia.

Northwest of the Werra crossing, doughboys of the 80th Division captured the arsenal town of Cassel after fighting their way house to house through the Hesse-Nassau capital.

Troops of the U.S. 1st and 9th Armies beat off feeler attempts by the Germans trapped in the Ruhr to break the ring of steel around that industrial area. The enemy attacked from both inside and out in the apparent hope of finding a soft spot in the American lines.

North of the Ruhr, British forces drove



to within 30 miles of the Zuider Zee in a move which may trap another large enemy force.

The link-up which sealed off two German armies in the Ruhr, effected Sunday by units of the 9th Army's 2nd Armored Division and the 1st Army's 3rd Armored Division, brought an order of the day yesterday from Gen. Eisenhower. It said:

"To every member of the AEF: The encirclement of the Ruhr by a wide pincer movement has cut off the whole of Army Group B and parts of Army Group H, thus forming a large pocket of enemy troops whose fate is sealed and who are ripe for annihilation.

"The most vital industrial area is denied to the German war potential. This magnificent feat of arms will bring the war more rapidly to a close. It will long be remembered in history as an outstanding battle—the Battle of the Ruhr."

These were the other major developments along the fronts as reported in last night's dispatches:

21st Army Group—British and American tanks and troops of the 17th U.S. Airborne Division captured the industrial center of Munster, blasting their way into the city after the German commandant had turned down an ultimatum to surrender.

Tanks of the 9th Army's 2nd Armored Division struck 20 miles north of Lippstadt, outflanking Bielefeld and cutting the road from there northwest to Osnabruck. Armored forces were only nine miles from the Weser River, 175 miles from Berlin.

The 2nd Armored was clearing passes in the last great wooded area before the central German plain.

British armor 25 miles northeast of (Continued on back page)

Forts Hammer U-Boat Yards

After two days of inactivity, the 8th Air Force resumed its blows at strategic targets in Germany yesterday when more than 750 Fortresses, escorted by approximately 650 Mustangs, rumbled through solid clouds over Kiel to hammer three U-boat yards at the German naval base.

It marked the second attack on Nazi naval installations by the 8th in the last five days, for last Friday the U.K.-based heavies made their heaviest attack of the war on Nazi ports when they pounded shipping and submarine facilities in Wilhelmshaven, Bremen and Hamburg.

Photographic reports of these operations were released by USSTAF yesterday, revealing that submarine yards were seriously damaged and that several submarines and other naval vessels caught in the harbors were either seriously damaged or sunk.

Yesterday's blows on Kiel were aimed at the Deutsche Werke, Kriegsmarine-werke and Germania-werke yards, the latter a Krupp works, all working on 110-foot, 240-ton U-boats, but formerly engaged in turning out such battleships as the Leutzow, Deutschland and Gneisenau and the aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin.

Preliminary observation had shown the harbor to be active with enemy shipping and submarines.

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THE B BAG



BLOW IT OUT HERE

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

Challenge to Miss Thompson

Mar. 29, 1945

To the B-Bag: The article in your Mar. 29 issue on Dorothy Thompson's idea of using "good Germans" in the administration of captured Germany gave us our first cause for a major gripe.

The Germans started this war, a war of their own desire for economic and political supremacy of the world. Now why should we be foolish enough to select "good Germans" to take over with the order "cease fire." We challenge Miss Thompson's ability to determine anti-Nazi, especially among POWs. We don't give her credit for super-intelligence in selecting such individuals. We believe the Germans incapable of running their own government, even though of a puppet form, without stepping on the toes of other nations. These people will have to be educated before we can trust them with a government head.

We believe the majority of the fighting men will agree with Rex Stout and Britain's Lord Vansittart on the unconditional surrender terms and the administration of Germany. Why should we care if Germany is made desolate because of the surrender terms. They asked for it and now is the time for us to give them holy hell.

We also add that Dorothy Thompson's campaign in this controversy will meet a deaf ear of American, British and Russian fighting men. Remember, Dorothy, we've lost a lot of good buddies already, and many children will never know their fathers because the Germans said "We shall never capitulate." Why should we turn sob sisters toward them now?—Pvt. H. L. V. and 22 other irritated GIs, Hosp. Plant.

Cheer for the Limbless

Mar. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag: I am one of those soldiers who has lost both legs. And since I recently saw how little the loss of an arm or leg, even both, handicaps a person, I wanted to tell the others who haven't had the privilege of witnessing this.

A soldier who visited us had received his artificial leg a few months before, but he walked without a limp. I saw him carry a man heavier than himself without any noticeable effects. We were told that we'd be taught to dance and to drive a car again before we left the hospital.

I hope this letter will help cheer up those limbless soldiers who haven't had a chance to see the demonstration I saw.

To The Stars and Stripes I say please keep on having articles and pictures like those of the Percy Jones Hospital's field day and the picture of the armless cager also at the hospital.—Pvt. A. H. C., Hosp. Plant.

The Bill of Rights

Mar. 28, 1945

To the B-Bag: After reading numerous letters in B-Bag about the GI Bill of Rights, I'd like to add my bit. First, let me thank our fellow Americans for the large sum of a \$300 bonus. Their generosity is gratifying.

As we all know, war workers back home are earning approximately \$100 to \$150 a week, and in two or three weeks they can save as much as the GI's bonus. I suppose, though, that the war worker is much more worthy of that kind of money as he is contributing much more to the war effort. He has also been earning these large salaries for two or three years, during which time he has had a chance to save enough to buy the new home or new car he wants.

But don't get me wrong. I would like to be in the war worker's shoes, but like most GIs am satisfied to do my bit in the service. But we would like to be on an equal basis with war workers when we go back to civilian life.—Cpl. E. Tucker and Seven other MPs.

Mar. 26, 1945

To the B-Bag: Does the average GI want to be selfish about the Bill of Rights? The bill was designed to help returning soldiers who need help. It's not a dole or a prize you get for being in the war as some seem to think.

The very ones who are griping about not being able to benefit from the educational program will be the first ones to apply for unemployment compensation, which will be of no concern to the college students.

It would be my advice to these GIs to look at the ultimate outcome of the provisions of the Bill of Rights, instead of condemning the measure because it does not immediately benefit them.—Pfc Charles Z. Schneberger, Sta. Compl. Sq.

Hash Marks

Overheard in a Chowline: "Sure, I want to go to the Pacific—the Pacific coast of the good old U.S.A."

Conversation in an orderly room: Sgt.: What made that red mark on your nose, corporal?" Cpl.: "Glasses."

Sgt.: "How many glasses?"

GI Philosophy. A man is like a lamp wick. He gets trimmed a lot of times before he gets the right flame.

Conversation reported by columnist Irv Kupcinet: "We're suspicious of that



soldier's past. Every time he fires his gun he grabs a cloth and wipes off his finger prints."

Our spy in the Pacific (a teller of tall tales) sez we have a bomber that's so fast it can fly over Tokyo, drop the bombs and be back at Saipan before the bombs explode.

Observation. Brother, beware when she says she's just a "friend." That's just the beginning—not the end.

Another little verse left in our typewriter. Signed by Jackie. She loves my cookies, she loves my candy.

She thinks I'm clever, handsome and handy. She weeps at my troubles and laughs at my jokes.

But I gave her up—she loves my smokes.

This is Cpl. H. M. Eldridge's favorite story. Three cross-eyed gents were arrested and had to appear before a cross-



eyed magistrate. Looking at the first guy, the magistrate said, "What's your name?" "John Doe," replied the second guy. "I wasn't talking to you," snorted the magistrate. To which the third guy murmured, "I didn't say nothing."

Gag of the Week. 'Tis rumored that General Patton phoned SHAEF and said, "Where am I? The people in this town don't speak German!"

J. C. W.

Their Good Friday Was Best

Whispers Told PWs Their Tanks Were Coming

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 6TH ARMORED DIV., Apr. 3

About 1,077 doughs were among the 5,000 Allied troops released from Stalag 9B, 20 miles south of Cassel, by fast-moving tanks and half-tracks of this outfit on Good Friday.

And were they happy. "The men rushed out and swamped my peep, tears streaming down their faces," Capt. James Finley, of Evanston, Ill., the first man into the camp, said today. "They hugged and kissed me, they were so happy to be released."

And for good reason. A tall corporal described how from the first, when they were captured last December, they were ill-treated.

Had to Yield Boots

They were forced to march 80 miles from the front to the box cars which took them to Stalag. One soldier wearing shoe-pacs, the corporal said, was forced to give up his boots. He walked the entire 80 miles in his stocking feet. Receiving no Red Cross boxes during their 103 days of imprisonment, the PWs lived on a miserable diet. They lost 25 to 40 pounds each. For breakfast they got ersatz coffee or herb tea; for lunch, a cup of soup, spinach and spuds; for dinner, one-sixth of a loaf of hard black bread with one pat of oleomargarine.

Another soldier said that before the non-coms were separated from the privates he saw Jewish Jews singled out and



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Russian soldiers released by the 3rd Army from a Nazi prisoner of war camp in France satisfy their long-thwarted appetites with U.S. Army chow.

shackled. Another non-com said that while in the hospital he saw Jewish PWs with shackle marks on their ankles.

Guarded by old German soldiers, some 65 years of age, the PWs kept pretty much in touch with what was happening in the outside world through a "whisper" newspaper. Relying on two crystal sets brought into

the camp in parts and reports by a French PW working in the commandant's office who listened to the German newscasts, the news was whispered from PW to PW daily.

"This whispering newspaper kept us going and tipped us off when Gen. George Patton began slugging through to us," the ex-PWs said.

Just Another Bombing, That's All

When Jap Radio Starts Jabbering Like Donald Duck—Things Are OK

By Ernie Pyle

IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC.—We were up an hour and a half before daylight, for our planes had to be in the air at the first hint of dawn.

The first patrol was always launched by catapult, because in the wind-swept semi-darkness, it was too dangerous for them to make the run down the rolling deck. The catapult's huge launching machinery was directly above my cabin, and every time it shot a plane off it was just as though the Washington Monument had fallen on the ship. Rip Van Winkle himself couldn't have slept through it.

The fighter pilots were given their last briefing. In the ready room the squadron commander and intelligence officer showed them on maps and by drawings on the blackboard just where they would strike.

Then he told what our approximate total of planes over Japan would be, and how many it was probable the Japs would put up against us. "So you see, each one of us will only have to take care of three Jap planes!"

The pilots all laughed and looked at

each other sheepishly. (Days later, when the final scores were in, we found our force had destroyed Japs at nine-to-one.) At the end of his briefing the squadron commander gave strict orders for the pilots not to shoot at Japs coming down in parachutes. "They're supposed to do it to us," he said, "but it isn't the thing for us to do."

The bomber pilots and their enlisted gunners and radiomen were briefed the same way. After the intelligence officer had finished, the squadron commander said:

"We're going to dive low on the target before releasing our bombs. Since we're risking our necks anyhow, there's no point in going at all unless we can do some damage, so go down low."

Extra Vigilance Urged

I remember the funny sign chalked on the blackboard of the ready room first day, urging our patrol pilots to extra vigilance for Jap planes that might sneak out from the mainland to attack us. The sign said:

"Keep alert—remember your poor scared pals on the ship!"

For two days on our approach we had been knocking off Jap reconnaissance planes and picket boats. We hoped we had got these scattered planes and boats before they had time to radio back home the news of our presence. One of our destroyers had even sat all day on top of a Jap submarine to keep him from coming to the top and sending a warning.

But still we didn't know for sure, so there was tenseness that first morning. We knew almost exactly what time our first planes would be over the Tokyo area.

We went to the radio room to listen. The usual Jap programs were on the air. We watched the clock. Suddenly—at just the right time—the Jap stations all went off the air.

There was silence for a few minutes. And then the most Donald Duck-like screaming and jabbering you ever heard. The announcer was so excited you had to laugh.

We knew our boys were there. After that, for us on the ship, it was just a matter of waiting and hoping. And, as the blackboard sign said, of being poor scared pals.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial
1475 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Wednesday, Apr. 4

- 1200—Headlines—Duffie Bag.
- 1300—World News.
- 1310—American Sports Roundup.
- 1315—A-E-F Music Box.
- 1400—Headlines—Radio Theater.
- 1500—World News.
- 1510—John Charles Thomas.
- 1530—Combat Diary.
- 1545—On the Record.
- 1630—Strike up the Band.
- 1700—Headlines—Lynn Murray Chorus.
- 1715—Canada Guest Show.
- 1755—Mark up the Map.
- 1800—World News.
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1900—World News.
- 1905—Soldier and a Song.
- 1915—Kate Smith.
- 1945—A-E-F on the Spot.
- 2000—Headlines—Bob Hope.
- 2030—British Band of the A-E-F.
- 2100—World News.
- 2105—Your War Today.
- 2115—American Dance Band.
- 2145—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop.
- 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 2205—Soliloquy.
- 2230—Melody Hour.
- 2300—World News.
- 2305—Music.

Thursday, April 5

- 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.
- 0815—Personal Album.
- 0830—Music in the Modern Manner.
- 0900—World News.
- 0910—Spotlight Band.
- 0925—Waltz Time.
- 1000—Headlines—Morning After (British Band of the A.E.F.).
- 1030—Strike up the Band.
- 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 1106—Duffie Bag.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Ya usin' two blankets or three?"

U.S. Hopeful Victory Cheers Will Be Polite

By Charles White

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Apr. 3—In this city a U.S. enlisted personnel returned from the Ah, oui country gets a chance to stand around on street corners, chew American toothpicks and think. He thinks some strange things, and hears even stranger.

For instance, there are terrible noises popping from every direction, but the enlisted personnel soon learns that those aren't MGs, they are riveters still trying to get it finished; and those loud, clarion calls are just New York taxis which still get there fustest with the mostest men, including also women.

Among other queer noises heard here are those concerning V-E day. Europe does not seem to be a place. It is a map on a wall over which obliging arrows dash in the general direction of Berlin.

No hills, no rivers, no valleys, no towns ahead.

A case in point is the immense discussion in the press, on the radio and in the streets about what New York is going to do officially about celebrating V-E day.

(Everybody knows what they would do in case such good news did come through; we are talking now about what New York's Mayor, Council, policemen, &c., are going to do.)

Get Their Instructions

Instructions so far have been to keep it down to a shout, and as an indication of the mood of the country it might be added that this instruction was given also to Chicago policemen this week.

The official attitude is, have your fun but don't make trouble for the police, or tear up phone books, throw bottles out of windows, or other things that might make trouble for the street-cleaning department.

In addition, this is the request from churches of all denominations—accept victory with reverence and thankfulness, staying home with the family to pray, or at least make your observation very quiet. There are also plenty of warnings from above and below about over-confidence, the destructive effect of peace rumors and so forth.

But—if you were standing on the corner here ruminating and listening and wondering—you would get the idea that, despite all this, these folks have got the idea that their nag is coming round the bend in jig time and all ticket holders will be paid.

In a way, it's a compliment to the horse, doughfoot, or whatever you want to call the guys involved, but as you stand on the corner thinking you find you can't figure it out.

The New York press, of course, has carried all of the pro and con of the matter, but Ed Sullivan came up with the latest piece of news that tells the whole story in a few words:

Sullivan says Lindy's is the first Broadway restaurant to board up its windows against V-E day hysteria.

ATC Planes Carried 29,000,000 Lbs. in 1944

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (ANS)—Army Air Transport Command planes operating from LaGuardia Field have delivered more than 29,000,000 pounds of mail and passengers to fighting fronts in Europe and China, Burma and India during the last year, Col. E. F. Gillespie, ATC field commander, said.

Gillespie said flights from the war fronts to the field brought 65,000 passengers, including approximately 25,000 wounded soldiers. Deliveries to overseas points included 25,000 passengers, 16,000,000 pounds of cargo and 7,000,000 pounds of mail, he said.

Ticked Off the Global Wire

GI Posts \$20,000 Reward For AWOL Fascist General

ROME, Apr. 3 (AP)—An American soldier offered today to post a \$20,000 reward for the capture of Gen. Mario Roatta, former chief of the Italian General Staff, who escaped from a Rome prison hospital a month ago.

Reward for Berlin Killers

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 3 (AP)—Berlin newspapers today published notices offering a reward of 100,000 marks (about \$33,000) for information leading to the arrest of the killers of two passengers of a car and their driver in Berlin, the newspaper Morgen Tidningen reported.

French Police Seek Murderer

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The headless body of a naked woman was found today in Neuville wood, 30 miles from Paris. Detachments of the Surete Nationale and the police are combing underworld circles here in connection with the murder of the woman, believed to be wealthy.

U.S. Will Not Arm Chinese Communists

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (ANS)—Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, Ambassador to China, ruled out the possibility of American delivery of arms to the Chinese Communists, describing them as an armed political party.

Sabotage Behind the Lines

WITH 7TH ARMY EAST OF RHINE, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The first act of sabotage reported behind the Allied lines in this sector occurred at Ehrbach, 23 miles southwest of Aschaffenburg yesterday.

Denies Nazis Have Fled

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 3 (UP)—A German press spokesman, said to be in Berlin, today denied foreign reports that the Nazi government had left the capital, German Radio reported.

The Princess Has Claustrophobia

WITH 9TH ARMY, Apr. 3 (AP)—Princess Valerie, a great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria, was upset when 9th Army troops ordered her out of her 300-room castle so that it could be used for military purposes.

Oppose Wire Monopoly

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (UP)—The State Department opposes the Navy Department's proposal for a post-war merger of all U.S. overseas communications into a monopoly dominated by the government.

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Wanted GERMAN Luger pistol—S/Sgt. Hugh R. Ashford. GERMAN army rifle for a souvenir—Sgt. Fred E. Freeman. Coat Mix-Up WILL the 2/Lieutenant who took the wrong trench coat from the Bull Hotel, Peterborough, 9 PM Feb. 17, please contact Lt. Arthur Schoen.

Diamond Dust Rookie Hurler Bulks Large In Nats' Plans

By Charlie Slocum

Special to The Stars and Stripes COLLEGE PARK, Md., Apr. 3—The Washington Senators will start the 1945 season with practically the same team that finished last in '44 with Stan Spence, inducted into the Navy last week, the most notable absentee.

One big addition to the Nats' roster, however, is Marino Pieretti, 23-year-old right-hander who won 26 and lost 13 with the Portland Beavers last year.

Pieretti, a native of Marlia Lucca, Italy, arrived in camp several pounds overweight and

Bluege put the finger on him as Wynn's successor. Just how many relief assignments Pieretti can squeeze in between starting engagements is problematical. He stands a mere five-seven and weighs less than 160 when he's in shape.

Familiar names will comprise the remainder of the Griffs pitching staff, including knuckleballers Dutch Leonard, Johnny Niggeling and Roger Wolff as well as Alex Carrasquel, Milo Candini, Mickey Haefner, Wilfred Lefebvre and Olivio Ortiz.

The infield will be unchanged with Joe Kubel at first, George Myatt second, Johnny Sullivan shortstop and Gilberto Torres at third. Eddie Butka, Pedro Gomez, Manuel Hidalgo and Hillis Layne will fight for the reserve spot.

The Senators' catching is in good hands with experienced Rick Ferrell ready to share a first string assignment with Al Evans, who is back from service. Fermin Guerra, long-hitting Cuban, will be the third catcher.

Bluege thinks he has gotten hold of a great outfield prospect in George Binks, up from Milwaukee. Binks belted a .370 clip in 100 games at Milwaukee last year and looks for the third outfield post alongside George Case with Jake Powell and Bobby Ortiz competing for Spence's post.

Besides the above mentioned athletes the Griffs' camp is full of chattering muchachos of various sizes and shades. In fact there's one guy on the roster who was born in New York but had to move to Cuba before being "discovered" by Griffiths' extensive scouting system composed of Senior Joe Cambria, Augustin Delaville, 18-year-old 140-pound outfielder, was found last summer playing amateur ball in Havana where he will no doubt be found again this summer.

Sinkwich Noses Hutson For Joseph Carr Award

CHICAGO, Apr. 3—Frankie Sinkwich, halfback of the Detroit Lions, was voted the Joseph Carr Award as the most valuable player in the National Football League yesterday, nosing out Don Hutson, Green Bay's sensational end, by two points.

Five Changes in Grid Code

NEW YORK, Apr. 3—The National Collegiate Athletic Association Rules Committee ended a two-day meeting yesterday with the announcement of five code changes which include a drastic penalty for the out-of-bounds kickoff.

Two consecutive out-of-bounds kickoffs under the new rule will give the receiving team possession of the ball on the opponents' 40-yard line, the spot from where the ball was kicked. The first out-of-bounds kickoff will draw no penalty.

Forward passes are legal henceforth from any point behind the line of scrimmage instead of five yards back as previously held by the NCAA, and substitutes may report to any official and not just the umpire as heretofore. Acceptance or rejection of substitutes by the field captain is abolished, with the coach having full say.

AAU Heavy Favorite Ruled Out of Whirl as Pro

BOSTON, Apr. 3—Cpl. Edward Wagner, gigantic Ft. Devens Negro who was almost a unanimous choice for the NAAU heavyweight boxing championship, has been revealed to be a professional and ruled out of the tournament.

No Gripe From DiMaggio

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 3—Outfielder Vince DiMaggio, traded by the Pirates to the Phillies for left-hander Al Gerheauser, plans to leave on the first available plane for the Phils' Wilmington training camp.

Bundles for Bums



Dodger infielder French Bordagaray gives a new twist to the daffy doings of Brooklyn's favorite characters, welding crocheting needles in his spare time. His wife, Vicki, stands by to pick up the stitches.

Three U.K. Fives Competing In USSTAF Cage Tourney

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

USSTAF HQ, France, Apr. 3—Eight survivors of preliminary shooting—including three teams flown over from England and one brought back from Germany—will knock the lid off the three-day annual USSTAF basketball tourney here tomorrow, with two first-round games booked for the afternoon session and two more in the evening.

The U.K. contingent includes the frisky Flying Yanks, rulers of the 8th AF and winners of 35 games in 36 tries this season. The lone blemish can be avenged tomorrow night when the Yanks trade baskets with the 1st Base Air Depot Bearcats.

The Yanks are led by diminutive Dick Gray, a pint-sized guard who demonstrated while playing in the U.K. that he can more than hold his own with the court giants. He will be flanked by Center Elmer Marfilus, lanky New Yorker; Forwards Harry Katz, of Chicago, and Art Kneuer, of New York, and Guard Dick Kravitz, Union City, N.J.

First-round games send the 1st Tactical Trojans against the Troop Carrier High Flyers; Airways Communications 5th Wings of England against the Engineer Flying Bulldozers, back from Germany, the Yanks against the Bearcats and the Reinforcement Depot Calvados Wheels against the 9th AF HQ.

Betting Czar Favors Cardinals, Brownies

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 3—Betting Commissioner James J. Carroll released his complete line on the baseball finishes for the coming season yesterday and picked the Cardinals and Browns as repeaters. Carroll listed the Brownies as 8-5 favorites and the Cards odds-on favorites at 4-5.

Carroll's book forecasts that "there'll be some changes made" and goes overboard to put the Philadelphia Athletics in the first division and drops the Boston Red-Sox to sixth place in the American loop. In the senior circuit the Giants are boosted to fourth and the Cubs are dropped to fifth.

Pros to Merge Into 8-Team Circuit for '45

CHICAGO, Apr. 3—The probability that the 11-club National Football League will become an eight-team affair when loop moguls meet in New York late this week was revealed yesterday by Commissioner Elmer Layden.

First, Layden said, the drain of manpower would tend to lessen the quality of play among 11 teams, and secondly, the league can shave many thousands of miles off its train travel by condensing.

It appears that three mergers will be consummated at the meeting, two in the Eastern Division and one in the Western. The Chicago Cardinals, who merged with Pittsburgh last year and didn't win a single circuit game, seem destined to join forces with the Bears to give the Western Division four teams—Detroit, Cleveland, Green Bay and Chicago—while in the East there would be New York, Washington and two merged squads, one consisting of the Brooklyn Tigers and the Boston Yanks and the other a return to the successful combination of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

The Brooklyn entry's efforts to move into Yankee Stadium have apparently hit a snag and unless the Giants change their minds at the meeting the Tigers will have to merge with some other team, because they have already told Branch Rickey what he can do with Ebbets Field.

Irish Ignorant Of Gambling

BROOKLYN, Apr. 3—Ned Irish, acting president of Madison Square Garden, added a few more chuckles to the investigation into the Brooklyn College basketball scandal yesterday when he cast aspersions on the veracity of Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine.

The boss of the coppers previously had testified that Irish had told him of gamblers' operations at the Garden and had given him a list of 50 well-known gamblers who were betting on basketball and hockey games, but yesterday Irish denied it.

Irish said that newspaper accounts of gambling at the Garden were greatly exaggerated, and while admitting that he had informed Valentine of one attempted fix, he denied knowledge of any further gambling activities. Valentine had previously testified that Irish told him that gamblers were approaching players.

Referring to the "list" which Valentine had claimed was given him, Irish said it had been prepared by Jimmy Woods, head of the Garden's special police staff. All of which brought from Judge Samuel Leibowitz the observation, "We have a disturbing situation here."

Savage Paces Yanks To Nod Over Giants

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Apr. 3—The Yankees turned the tables here yesterday and defeated the Giants, 5-2, on the substantial swatting of Third Baseman Don Savage, who knocked in four runs on a homer and double.

There were two men in base in the eighth when Savage lined the ball past Giant Outfielder Steve Filipowicz in left field after doubling home another marker in the sixth.

Van Lingle Mungo pitched the first six frames for the Giants and pleased Manager Mel Ott by allowing three hits and fanning four before Ray Harrell took over. On the mound for the Yanks were Walt Dubiel and Bill Zuber, who yielded five raps against seven for the Yanks.

Kreevich Leaves War Plant, Tagged 1-A

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Apr. 3—Ball players who left their war plant jobs to return to baseball after the recent War Manpower Commission statement that they wouldn't be looked upon as job-jumpers were given no cause for joy yesterday when Mike Kreevich, Browns' outfielder who hit .301 last season, was called by his Springfield, Ill., draft board. Kreevich was classified 1-A by the board when he left his war plant job to rejoin the Browns.

Javery, Andrews Injuries Hit Braves

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3—X-ray pictures revealed yesterday that Al Javery, Boston Braves' right-hander, had torn the ligaments in his throwing arm and that Nate Andrews, another right-hander, had chipped a bone in his right elbow. A rest was prescribed for both pitchers, with Javery expected to miss the first month of the playing season.

Dick Tracy



By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

L'il Abner



By Courtesy of United Features

By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



Around the 48 Yesterday

Wickard Asks 580 Million For Rural Electrification

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Better living conditions and more efficient farming for millions were promised by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard under a plan which would make possible at least \$585,000,000 in loans for rural electrification projects before 1949.

In recommending legislation authorizing loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Rural Electrification Administration, Wickard pointed out that materials for putting the program into effect would be available as soon as the progress of the war permitted a halt in various forms of munitions production.

Meanwhile, a study prepared by the Quartermaster General's office disclosed that the Army would ask Congress for \$122,900,000 to return American dead of this war for burial in 17 proposed national cemeteries throughout the country.

CAPITAL RAMBLINGS: A bill was introduced in the Senate to grant special appointments to Annapolis and West Point to the sons of men killed in World Wars I and II. . . . The Senate, despite a persistent belief that the compromise manpower bill already passed by the House would go down to defeat, went right on debating the measure.

The Supreme Court handed down several rulings, including one which upheld Federal Power Commission orders requiring gas rate deductions of \$7,800,000 annually in the Detroit and Denver areas. . . . The tribunal refused to consider a Constitutional freedom of religion appeal by 15 Utah Mormon fundamentalists convicted of plural marriage under a State law banning polygamy.

Warren Lee Pierson, chief of the U.S. Export and Import Bank since 1936, resigned to enter private business. . . . The Associated Press reported that the 30 per cent limit for draft deferments of young workers had been broken again—this time for "must" Army and Navy programs, chiefly aircraft.

Heaviest Flood Expected

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Army engineers plugged gaps in the Mississippi River's last line of flood defense as tributary streams topped all-time flood crest records and officials predicted the worst flood since 1927.

The Mississippi itself was at flood stage or above from Iowa to the gulf of Mexico and the engineers prepared to operate the heretofore unused Morganza Floodway to divert 640,000 cubic feet of water a second from the lower river into the Gulf.

Gypsum Employees Balk

KANSAS CITY (ANS)—The U.S. Gypsum plant shut down when employees refused to work with Nazi PW's. The plant produces fiber board materials for war plants and Army camps.

Freight Whistle Sounded and Struck False Note

KANSAS CITY (ANS)—The engineer of a Missouri-Kansas-Texas freight locomotive pulled down on the engine's whistle for a crossing in Southern Kansas—and the thing stuck. It remained stuck all the way into the roundhouse here, 75 miles away, leaving a trail of confused citizenry who thought the war was over. Before the hellowing locomotive reached here, numerous telephone calls had preceded it. Trainmen said the whistle could be heard 15 miles and estimated that 2,250 square miles were covered with confusion.

Shell Plant Strike Ends

CHICAGO (ANS)—Production of 155-mm. shells and other critical war material was resumed at the Cribben and Sexton plant after members of the United Stove Workers union called off a five-day strike.

Son of Wounded Father Dies

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)—Recovering from the loss of his left leg on Peleliu, Sgt. Roland A. Hallman Sr., Marine combat correspondent, was informed at the Mare Island General Hospital that his 17-year-old son, also of the Marines, had been killed on Iwo Jima.

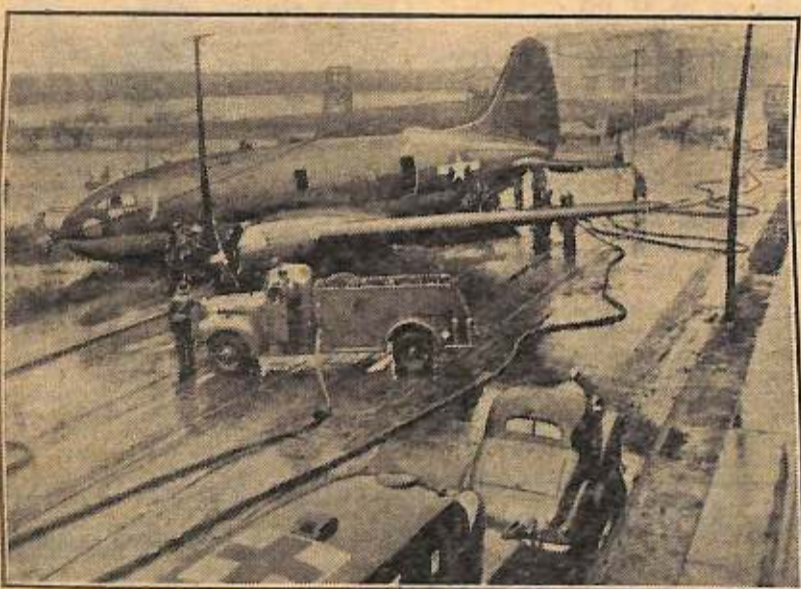
Gave Vet's Job to Civilian

DETROIT (ANS)—Firing of a World War II vet to make room for a civilian with more union priority at the Ford Motor Co. raised the ire of many here, including The Detroit News, which recommended that steps be taken in all plants to see veterans through without unfairness to priority holding civilians. Some factories already have taken such action, the story said.

Fire Trail Helped Police

POWNAW, Me. (ANS)—Police had no trouble tracking down Jean F. Gamache, 18, convicted firebug who escaped from the State school here. They caught up with him after putting out three barn fires en route to his Brunswick home.

This Is No Place for a Jaywalker



CHICAGO.—The local airport extended into 63rd Street for a short while last week when this C46 overshot the landing strip. Pilot's skill prevented injury to the passengers.

GOP Wins in Michigan

DETROIT (ANS)—In the most apathetic election in Michigan history, Republicans swept minor state offices and even carried Wayne County, in which Detroit is located, for the first time since 1932. Only 400,000 out of more than 2,000,000 registered voted.

10 Convicts Escape

PHILADELPHIA (ANS)—Ten convicts, two of them serving life terms for murder, escaped from the State's eastern penitentiary by burrowing under a wall from the cell block to the street. Freedom for six of them, including the lifers, however, lasted only a few moments.

Conductor Isn't Off His Trolley

SAN FRANCISCO (ANS)—Francis Van Wie may have married 12 women but he kept his sanity through it all, a Superior Court jury ruled in finding the 58-year-old street-car conductor guilty for the second time on three counts of bigamy.

The jurors rejected his plea of innocence by reasons of insanity. They found "without merit" his contention that he was off his trolley because he had been kicked in the head by a mule, clouted on the skull with an axe and dropped 65 feet from a smokestack.

The pudgy little defendant is due to be sentenced Thursday and faces a maximum prison term of 30 years. He was found sane by the same jury which earlier convicted him of bigamously marrying three women who testified he courted them from the rear platform of a trolley. He admitted nine other marriages.

Negro WACs Cleared

BOSTON (ANS)—Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles of the 1st Service Command voided recent court martial proceedings in which four Negro WACs were sentenced at Fort Devens, Mass., to a year at hard labor for refusing to obey orders. The action followed receipt of an opinion from the Judge Advocate General's department.

Producers Give Ultimatum

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—Producers at nine film studios warned 14,000 striking employees they would be out of jobs if they did not return to work by Wednesday. Herbert Sorrell, leader of the strikers, described the ultimatum as a "sign of weakness" and added that "it looks as though the strike really is beginning to hurt."

Heil to the U.S., Farewell to the Wehrmacht German Medics Cheer Conquerors

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
AHLEN, Germany, Mar. 31 (delayed)—German Army medics and civilians alike lined the streets of this hospital town—the first "open city" in Germany left by the retreating Wehrmacht—and cheered and waved at the 2nd Armored Division tankers rolling through today on the road to Berlin.
Col. Sidney Hinds, of Nashville, Tenn., who has led his tanks across 36 miles of the Reich in less than two days, was in the first vehicle to reach the town as forward elements bypassed it to slice through to the autobahn northeast of Hamm.
At the entrance of Ahlen his pep was halted by a port-bellied, be-medalled Nazi colonel, commandant of the town's dozen hospitals which hold more than 2,000 German wounded soldiers. The commandant offered him the surrender of the town, the 3,000

soldiers and his own medics and 30,000 civilians who were still here.
As Hinds followed the Nazi big-wig's car into the town the civilians first responded with a perfunctory "Heil Hitler!" Then they spotted the American vehicles and out went the bed sheets and tablecloths of surrender, waving on the soldiers and the grimy tankers. Dozens of Wehrmacht medics, all in regular uniforms with red cross armbands, were among the crowd, and some of them, too, joined in the waving.
A couple of German Army doctors saluted American officers riding through in great dignity.
As the convoy rolled into the town square, uniformed functionaries knocked themselves out in an effort to render service to the "conquering heroes."
English-speaking officials offered their aid, bustling about, obeying more orders than the tankers had time to

give, hustling the hundreds of walking wounded and their medics out of the way of the unshaven, dirty invaders.
The tankers had no time to take prisoners and so the meek-looking medics were still there when Brig. Gen. I. D. White bustled in for a staff conference in front of the town hall, still there when the tankers gassed up and still there when they rolled out again under cover of night.

Lewis Plea Fails To Halt Strike

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—More than 80,000 soft-coal miners throughout the U.S. went on strike today, despite telegrams from John L. Lewis to his United Mine Workers' locals to continue work. A member of the miners' committee blamed slow delivery of the telegrams to isolated locals for the layoffs.

Immediate consequence of the strike was a warning from the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. that it may have to close eight of its blast furnaces unless the coke situation improves.

Lewis' telegrams informed the miners that he and the soft coal operators had agreed to extend the present wage contract until May 1.

Dancing with Jeers in Their Eyes



Keystone Photo.

Where the conquered once made merry over steins of creamy beer and got their culture at the famed university, Pvt. Harry Spinks, of Holyoke, Mass., celebrates the capture of Heidelberg, Germany, with a jig to the accompaniment of the harmonica of Pvt. Bob Butler, also of the Bay State city.

West Fronts - (Continued from page 1)

Munster entered the outskirts of Osnabruck, an important rail center and inland port, site of German copper and aluminum industries.

Canadian forces established two bridge-heads yesterday over the Twenthe Canal in Holland, putting them within 30 miles of the Zuider Zee, the great body of water gouging into Holland's northwestern coast. German troops, threatened with being cut off by this advance, were reported attempting to flee from occupied areas of western Holland in barges.

British troops advancing 17 miles north of captured Enschede reached Nordhorn, cutting the Germans' most direct V-2 supply route into Holland.

12th Army Group—Doughboys of the 1st Army's 83rd Division stormed into the oft-bombed rail center of Hamm, south of Munster, as other American forces, repulsing the German attempts to break the Ruhr ring, steadily compressed the enemy in the pocket.

Infantrymen of the 9th Division cleared the town of Winterberg, where the Germans had shown fight. Mechanized cavalry captured three towns southwest of Paderborn. Other units which effected a second crossing of the Sieg River along the Ruhr's southern edge met stiff going and their gains were limited.

Dispatches said more supplies had been flown in to forces across the Rhine, but the tonnage was not disclosed.

6th Army Group—Doughboys of the 45th Division had most of the Main River town of Aschaffenburg under control after beating down fanatical enemy resistance. Here, too, a surrender ultimatum, dropped by plane, was turned down by the Germans.

Units of both the 3rd and 7th armies teamed up to free 7,000 prisoners from a German prison camp at a town 10 miles northeast of Aschaffenburg.

Roosevelt Nominates 3 New Lieutenant Generals

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (ANS)—Three major generals—Hoyt S. Vandenberg, commander of the 9th Air Force in Europe; Harold L. George, Air Transport Command chief, and John K. Cannon, commander of the 12th Air Force in Italy—were nominated by President Roosevelt for promotion to lieutenant general.

Wiener Neustadt Falls to Russians (Continued from page 1)

criminals and is "wanted" by the Russians for several crimes, notably the atrocities of Kharkov.

Reports from Moscow last night said the defense barriers guarding Vienna were going down in fierce fighting with massed Soviet artillery and bombers playing a big part in the advance.

U.S. planes from Italy also were taking a hand and Lightnings of the 12th Air Force yesterday roared over the highways and railway lines in northern Yugoslavia and south-eastern Austria, strafing German transport ahead of the advancing Russian armies.

Akronites Lobby for Their Hobbies



Planet Photos

Akron, O., men make picture news on both sides of the globe. At left, Pvt. Thomas W. Linville brings home some curios he won in a card game in Calcutta. The curious item under his left arm took a lot of room in his barracks bag, but the aching back it caused was well worth it. Linville discovered it is an ancient Tibetan prayer wheel worth at least \$100,000. Right, Sgt. Glenn Greenfield, who paints during his off hours, takes two of his paintings to London's Royal Academy for selection in the Academy's summer exhibition.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff