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Reds Trap 10 Divisions in Dnieper Bend

Over 1,100 Planes Blast Enemy Port

Marauders, Allied Craft In Day-Long Sweeps Over N.W. Europe

Flying Fortresses bombed Wilhelmshaven, Germany's biggest North Sea port, in daylight yesterday to complete the sixth U.S. heavy bomber mission in seven days.

More than 1,100 bombers and long-range fighters flew above almost solid clouds to give the Nazi U-boat center its eighth attack by Americans, as other formations of U.S. and Allied bombers and fighters were staging day-long raids all across the northwestern fringe of Hitler's Europe.

Marauders kept up their pounding of secret targets along the invasion coast of France, followed by formations of Allied Bostons, Mitchells, Mosquitoes, Typhoon fighter-bombers and swarms of escorting fighters. Other Typhoons sank three barges off the Dutch coast. In the day's attacks two fighter-bombers were reported missing.

Four heavy bombers and nine fighters were reported missing from the day's operations. Fighters escorting the heavy bombers shot down eight Nazis; Fortress gunners, one.

Probably Over 700 Heavies

The heavy blow of the day's attacks was carried out by a force probably including more than 700 heavy bombers and was aimed primarily at the vast network of shipbuilding yards and docks which turn out most of Germany's smaller submarines—the 500- and 250-ton coastwise craft which presumably will be used against Second Front shipping.

Marine Werft and Deutsche Werke are the two largest yards at Wilhelmshaven, and in one group of their slips 13 submarines can be handled at one time. While the RAF has not hit Wilhelmshaven since last April, the USAAF attacked the sub yards last Nov. 3.

The first USAAF attack on Germany, Jan. 27, 1943, also was aimed at Wilhelmshaven, but the striking force comprised 53 heavy bombers, approximately one-fifteenth yesterday's force.

Little Fighter Opposition

For most of the Fortress groups on the mission it was an uneventful run over solid cloud, with moderate flak and little fighter opposition. Bomber crews were enthusiastic in praising the close fighter cover. The layer of weather which covered the target almost solidly throughout the attack also apparently kept Luftwaffe interceptors grounded, flits reported.

Capt. Arthur F. Briggs, of San Antonio, Tex., deputy commander of a group, who flew in a lead ship piloted by 1/Lt. Alan F. Tucker, of Hood River, Ore., said, "I saw almost nothing today except friendly planes and vapor trails (contrails). There was a little flak, but it didn't bother our group. Over the top of the clouds I could see four wings of B17s going over."

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Heaven Can Wait Spins Out of Angels' Reach

A LIBERATOR BASE, Feb. 3—Heaven Can Wait was the name of the B24, and for its crew, Heaven can wait. It is one of the few crews ever to go into a spin with a fully loaded bomber and get back to tell about it.

When ice froze the controls at a high altitude on a recent mission, the ship started into a quick spin and within a few seconds air speed was 350 mph. The pilot, 1/Lt. Herman C. Boles, of Huntington Beach, Cal., told the crew to bail out, but, thrown against the sides of the ship, they could not do so.

With tactics "taught us at flying school for use on lighter ships," Boles brought it out of the spin after a 5,000-foot drop. The Lib then joined another formation and bombed the target.

Fed Up With War; Time to Finish It, Montgomery Says

A SOUTHEAST ENGLAND TOWN, Feb. 3—Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery told invasion troops yesterday that they could help finish the European war this year.

"I want you men to know I have never put an army into battle until I was quite certain it was going to be a good show—never," the commander of British invasion ground forces said on an inspection trip here. "We won't have any question of failure. If there is any question—we won't start."

"This war began a long while ago," the former Eighth Army chief continued. "I'm getting fed up with the thing. I think it's nearly time we finished it. We could not see at the beginning how it could end. That isn't so today, definitely not."

"Today we can see how this business is going to end. The only thing we cannot see is exactly when. But I would say we must make a great effort to finish it off this year. We can do it—and we will. You and I will see this thing through together."

Propose Ballot By U.S. Only If States Fail

Senators Would Restrict Federal Ballot to States Not Providing One

Special to The Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—A compromise soldier-vote plan which would make a federal ballot available only to servicemen-citizens of those states which fail to provide for absentee balloting was proposed in the Senate yesterday by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats under the leadership of Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio).

The move came after backers of the pending Green-Lucas bill for a federal ballot had beaten off the first of opposition efforts to alter the Administration-backed measure.

However, the Associated Press reported that Administration leaders had agreed informally to accept an amendment which would confine the use of the proposed federal ballot to members of the armed forces overseas. The proposal, offered by Sen. Charles A. Danaher (R., Conn.), would make available state absentee ballots to servicemen still in the United States.

The Taft proposal would allow states until June 1 to arrange for absentee voting under the following terms: That absentee ballots be permissible without registration in person; that ballots be ready for mailing 45 days prior to the general election, and that state ballots be limited to a weight not exceeding 1.2 ounces.

Under the Taft group's plan, the proposed federal ballot could be used only by military voters whose states failed to provide state ballots under the above regulations.

Meanwhile, the Green-Lucas bill won its first Senate test with the defeat of a states'-rights amendment aimed at (Continued on page 4)

Second Key Island Falls In Marshalls

Namur Seized, U.S. Gains On Kwajalein; Main Fleet Revealed Far to West

U.S. troops were making "excellent progress" in their conquest of the Marshall Islands last night. Marine units, already in possession of Roi and its airfield, crossed a narrow lagoon and captured Namur, while Army groups reinforced by light armor and heavy artillery were driving back the Japs across the wreckage-strewn Kwajalein islet.

Under-secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, announcing these successes last night, added in Washington that planes of the Seventh Air Force, along with Navy aircraft from carrier fleets, had completely cleared the Marshalls skies of the enemy, while big warships continued to pour ton after ton of shells on to the stunned Japs, reeling before the American powerhouse.

The main U.S. Pacific fleet, however, was "far west of the Marshalls," Patterson disclosed, without yet being challenged by Jap units.

11 Islets in U.S. Hands

Marines have captured six islets, secured footholds on ten others, while Army units have seized five islets and established beachheads on seven more in the Kwajalein atoll, a Pearl Harbor dispatch said last night.

Kwajalein is the largest of the Marshall atolls and lies 150 miles west of the Japs' main bases of Wotje, Makolap, Mili and Jaluit. Observers in Washington pointed out that Americans thus had cut off these bases much the same as Kiska was bypassed to get at Attu in the Aleutians.

In further operations in the Marshalls, observers said, U.S. troops probably will not strike at these bases but will attempt to starve them out with a sea blockade and a massive aerial and sea bombardment.

Reports from the battle scene last night said Army units of the Seventh Division on Kwajalein islet were meeting the heaviest resistance as other troops mopped up snipers who withstood the gigantic bombardment that preceded the main landings.

Face of Islets is Changed

Altogether, nearly 6,500 tons of shells and bombs have almost completely obliterated the powerful defense works on Kwajalein atoll. Concrete walls were reduced to dust, formidable pillboxes of concrete and coral stone were ripped up and flattened so thoroughly that the terrain of the islands were completely changed.

Nearly every type of aircraft used by (Continued on page 4)

Output of Heavy Bombers Up, Total Production Off

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—Although total production of aircraft fell from 8,802 in December to 8,789 in January, more four-engine bombers and long-range fighters were built last month than in the previous month, the Aircraft Production Board said today.

Columnist Raymond Clapper Dies in Marshalls Plane Crash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—Raymond Clapper, widely known Washington columnist and political commentator, was killed in a collision between two planes while covering the U.S. invasion of the Marshall Islands, it was announced officially today.

A U.S. Navy Department statement said that Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, reported that the plane in which Clapper was a passenger collided with another and that both aircraft plunged into a lagoon. There were no survivors, it was said.

Clapper, 51 years old, was the 16th American war correspondent killed in action in the war. He began his career in 1916 as a reporter in Kansas City and later joined the United Press. Clapper was manager of the UP Washington

bureau from 1929 to 1936, when he joined the Scripps-Howard newspapers, which syndicated his writings. He leaves a widow and two children.

Clapper, a United Press eulogy said last night, represented what the plain American thought.

He was attached to no party, he waged no personal campaigns, but he probably exerted more influence on the average American than most writers in the American press.

He was always scrupulously fair and never afraid to take an unpopular line if he believed it right. When isolationism was still popular in the United States he came out flatly against it. His column appeared in 185 newspapers.

Clapper was killed doing what few columnists do—going to see what was happening for himself.

Two Soviet Armies Link Up in Big Push; Smyela Is Captured

100,000 to 150,000 Men Encircled; New Thrusts Carry Russian Units 85 Miles Inside Poland, to Gates of Narva

Two powerful Russian armies, going over to the offensive again in the Dnieper Bend after a month's desperate counter-attacks by the Germans, have closed off a great enemy salient west of Kirovograd, completely encircled ten divisions—100,000 to 150,000 men—and captured the important junction of Smyela and 300 other places.

Pinching off of the Dnieper trap—described in Moscow dispatches as the Red Army's biggest encirclement victory since surrender of the Nazi Sixth Army at Stalingrad just a year ago—was announced by Marshal Stalin in a special order of the day last night.

Only a few hours earlier the German communique had disclosed the evacuation of Rovno and Luck in Poland and a vast Soviet break-through, advancing the Red Army lines 50 miles to points more than 85 miles inside the 1939 border.

Almost at Narva

Even as the new successes were revealed, three spearheads of Gen. Govorov's Leningrad army, in some places already eight miles inside Estonia, were almost at the gates of the Nazi fortress-junction of Narva, dominating the 27-mile gap between Lake Peipus and the Gulf of Finland.

Last night's Soviet communique announced the Russians had cut the railway running south from Narva to Pskov—thus preventing reinforcement of the Nazis in Narva—and also captured more than 50 places in the Narva area, including one village 18 miles west of the Estonian border.

Stalin's order said the Dnieper encirclement was achieved by the linking up of Gen. Vatutin's First Ukraine Army, driving east from a sector southeast of Byela-Tserkov, 45 miles south of Kiev, with Gen. Koniev's Second Ukraine Army, striking west from north of Kirovograd.

In five days the two armies advanced 30 to 48 miles and widened the breach on each sector of the front from 100 to 110 miles. Nine infantry divisions and one tank division were trapped when the two forces came together near Shpola, 50 miles south of Cherkassy.

Stalin ordered 20 salvos from 224 guns in Moscow to celebrate the victory.

Surprise Smash in Poland

The German admission that Rovno, 30 miles inside the Polish border and junction of rail lines from Kiev, Lwow, Warsaw, Brest-Litovsk and Minsk, had been given up along with Luck, 43 miles north, came as a complete surprise.

The Russians had made no mention of fighting on this front for weeks, almost since the fall of Sarny, 60 miles north of Rovno. The Nazi communique placed the Red forward lines nearly 50 miles ahead of their last reported position.

Fall of Luck brought the Russians within 50 miles of the important junction of Kovel, where the railway from Rovno to Brest-Litovsk joins the Warsaw-Kiev main trunk.

Meanwhile, the Russians were closing a new trap on the northern front, where less than 25 miles separated two columns moving against the German base at Luga from north and east. Batetskaya, where the Leningrad-Vitebsk railway is cut 35 miles east of Luga by the east-west line from Novgorod to Luga, was reported threatened on three sides.

Gobs' Airmail May Be Cut Off

Special to The Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—The Navy Department warned today that unless greater use were made of V-Mail service to and from its men overseas, it might have to cut out its regular airmail service completely.

The Navy said its airmail facilities were being overtaxed by the demands of increasing overseas operations, and there might not be enough cargo space to take care of ordinary airmail letters.

V-Mail, the Navy pointed out, has a priority over everything else except officer-messenger and official registered mail. Besides, it was added, V-Mail uses up less than two per cent of the space and weight of regular mail.

Bitter Fighting Rages for Trio Of Italian Cities

Enemy Hold Weakening At Cassino; Allied Planes Batter at Cisterna

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Bitter fighting raged tonight on the outskirts of three important German-held towns on two fronts of Kesselring's weakening lines.

Outside two of the towns—Cisterna and Campoleone—Allied troops, pushing up to the main roads running south from Rome, were engaged with strong German forces headed by panzer groups, while more than 50 miles to the southeast the fall of outflanked Cassino was imminent as U.S. troops pressed into the city from three directions.

In the last 24 hours troops of the Fifth Army's right flank have beaten off a German counter-attack from the Littoria area, southeast of the Anzio-Nettuno bridgehead, the third Nazi blow in this sector since the landings more than ten days ago.

P40 Warhawks, attacking heavily defended Cisterna, dived through intense flak to smash the railway station and communication lines running out of the town. B25 Mitchells, striking farther up the road to Rome, bombed an important road junction only ten miles from the capital and succeeded in completely blocking a highway which has been carrying most of the enemy transport running from the Italian capital.

Cassino is being battered by artillery and swept by rifle fire. Americans swinging north of Cassino toward Rome threaten to cut off the German garrison.

(United Press reported that column after column of U.S. tanks were pouring across the Rapido River for the final assault on Cassino.)

Marshall May Be Called 'General of the Armies'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—The new title being considered by the War Department for Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, may be "general of the armies," newspapers here suggested today.

Gen. John J. Pershing, who commanded the American Expeditionary Force in the last war, is the only American officer who at present holds the title of "general of the armies of the United States."

Nebraska Farm Boys Halt Escape of Nazi Prisoners

INDIANOLA, Neb., Feb. 3—Farm boys armed with shotguns captured five German prisoners of war who escaped from a detention camp near here, spotting the prison uniforms and holding the five in a henhouse until military authorities arrived.

The prisoners sought shelter in the henhouse after tramping eight miles through snow.

60,000 French Patriots Die

More than 60,000 French men and women have died resisting the Germans in France, the French Commissioner for Air and War said yesterday.

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Hash Marks

It must be the war strain. Last week Los Angeles arrested a battered and bloody specimen of humanity. The guy told the judge he had injured himself in a fist fight with a full length mirror.

A Connecticut housewife has finally found a way to keep her new maid content—she sits up one night a week with the maid's baby.

One of Life's Little Tragedies. A WAC Pfc answered all the questions in an ARC

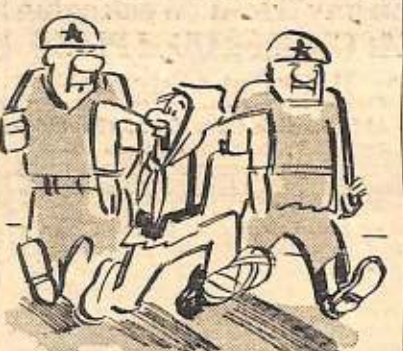


quiz contest, beating a mob of GI Joes, but she was stumped by the prize—it was a fancy shaving kit.

This delightful item comes from William R. Conely, MM2/C, who, being in the Navy, can get away with it. The little gem is labeled, "A Private's Reflections." "The Sarge is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to pick up burnt matches. He leadeth me through mud puddles; he restoreth my step. He guideth me on the course of obstacles for my health's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valleys, I must run up the hills. He annoieth my head with abuse and my cup runneth over. Surely cadence and KP shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the hair of my sergeant forever."

We guess the Armed Forces want their women members to be warlike but probably not as rambunctious as a Stars and Stripes headline writer would lead us to believe. Getting his hands on an item reporting damage done by a rough sea at Redondo Beach, Cal., his enthusiastic headline read "Waves Wreck Eight Buildings." Which caused Lt. R. L. Brandmarker of the ETO to inquire, "Don't you think the navy is letting the girls get a bit too rough?"

The Nazis are really catching hell on the Russian front—for example: "Where



is your division?" Red Army intelligence officers asked a captured German soldier. "RIGHT HERE," the captive replied sadly, "I'M IT!"

Question of the Week: Dogs are playing an important part in the war effort as members of the K-9 corps, or Wags. Now the 64 question is: For identification purposes, do the pups wear mantags? J. C. W.

Glider Troops Tough as They Come



A 75 mm field howitzer is being loaded on to a glider to supplement the small arms of the paratroopers.



After being flown to its destination a jeep leaves a glider to speed toward enemy objectives in the invasion exercise.

Ride to Their Goal Is No Pleasure Jaunt, Either

By Philip H. Bucknell Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. GLIDER UNIT, Britain, Feb. 3—Glider troops have a lot to think about, sitting up there in their Waco glider, the wind smacking the canvas sides against the metal struts, and the matchboard floor creaking with every roll and stagger of their flimsy crate. They think about their tow plane, a nice, solid C47, separated from them by 300 feet of nylon rope, and the ground beneath, separated from them by a lot of atmosphere and a few pages of aeronautics.

But mostly they think that they are misjudged men, and that nobody knows the troubles they've seen. People just don't know nothing about them—that's their complaint.

No. 1 Complaint

For instance, in a recent copy of the Infantry Journal somebody claimed that any infantry outfit could be turned into airborne troops with a few hours of rehearsal. That is number one complaint. In New Guinea, infantrymen were flown over the Owen Stanley Mountains, but the trip did not turn them into airborne troops—air-landed troops is the term that should be used.

A glider outfit has a streamlined TO, knocking the organization down to bare bones—a procedure that reduces firepower but enhances mobility. Glider troops are masters of any American light weapon, most artillery, and have a working knowledge of a lot of German equipment that the enemy may be careless enough to leave around when the gliders come down out of the skies to hit them.

All the training of glider troops hinges on mobility, explaining why long hikes with combat packs, runs, field problems and strenuous toughening-up exercises are everyday routine. They are not volunteers, as many believe, but they are



American airborne troops seated in a glider await the take-off during invasion maneuvers at an ETO base.

picked men. Any soldier who can't stand the pace is invited to meet the classification officer. Glider men are highly trained shock troops.

When they land—and most glider landings are crash landings—they have to be ready in a matter of seconds to go right into an offensive, or to sweat out a bitter defensive fight. There is no place for even the most orderly of retreats when you land behind enemy lines.

'Clay Pigeons'

As with paratroops, the mode of transport is just the most convenient way of getting to a place that ground forces cannot reach, but the ride is no pleasure jaunt. For the record, glider troops are known among the airborne soldiers as "towed targets," and the paratroops are itemized as "clay pigeons."

The Waco glider has a wingspread of 84 feet, with an area of 900 square feet. The height is 12 feet, over-all length, 52 feet. The nose is hinged for loading and unloading, and the ship has a two-way radio communication with the tow plane or with ground installations. It is flown by air force men who usually have the rank of flight officer. In the air, the pilot is boss; after the landing he just goes along with the airborne troops and fills in where needed. Most of the pilots originally came out of the infantry.

The Waco leaves the ground on take-offs before the C47 rises into the air and usually rides above the level of the plane on the trip. Inside the glider are 15 armed men, or a jeep, or a field piece with a few men. The stowing of a glider is one of the important things these troops have to know. They do not carry parachutes and they have no blankets, so that a prolonged fight behind enemy lines without ground relief means that sleep, if any, lacks comfort. There is no room for cooking equipment, except in exceptional circumstances; K ration is what they are trained on.

Flying through the air in the prop wash of the tow plane, the glider rides—and rolls—like a ship. The wind hums and whistles and the canvas sides crack like a whip against the steel framework. The usual air speed is in the neighborhood of 120 mph and the craft lands at about 70. Before reaching the landing area the glider pilot casts loose the tow rope and comes in under his own momentum and air lift.

Flying Stockings

That 300 feet of nylon, incidentally, represents a lot of things apart from dollars and motive power. It has been computed that each inch of nylon rope represents one pair of nylon stockings.

Every man in a glider outfit has his own job to do, but is trained to take over the other feller's spot if the need arises. Cpl. Billy Baine, of Houston, Miss., and Pfc John Hancock, of Beckley, W. Va., for example, are in the supply section and travel with two-wheel carts loaded with several hundred pounds of equipment which they are expected to push 20 miles or so over the roughest of

country. But they also can use carbines, mortars, etc.

S/Sgt. Mike Campana, of Lorain, Ohio, is a squad leader, an old infantryman who likes his job, finds it interesting, but thinks the going will be rough. That is what they all think.

Trained as Scouts

In a reconnaissance unit are men like Pfc Tony Benedetto, of Chicago, and Pvt. Earl Eriksen, of Harvard, Ill., who are being trained in scout work, taken out into unfamiliar territory without money, maps or compass and told to find their way to a rendezvous within a certain time. Their job in combat is to observe, but to keep out of trouble. If they do run into trouble, though, they know how to use a variety of weapons. They are even taught to drive enemy tanks.

There is one machine-gun sergeant who will come back from a 30-mile forced march and hurry off to the gymnasium to get some exercise. He is Johnny Gacek, ex-Wisconsin lightweight wrestling champion. Johnny was a professional mat artist, but used to take time off to train with such boxers as Joe Louis and Max Baer. He now wrestles with a machine-gun and takes that to pieces, but is looking for fights on the side.

And here's a note for Special Service officers: 1/Lt. Howard Bowles, from W. Va., the SS officer of a regiment, considers it part of his duty to go on the mat with Gacek two or three days a week for a workout.

There is one big beef they have, and it concerns their airborne fellows, the paratroops. The way the glider men figure it out, their job has all the hazards of the "clay pigeons"—no parachutes, either—but they don't have distinctive uniforms and, more important, they don't get the monthly extra \$50 for EMs and \$100 for officers that do the paratroops. They agree that the paratroopers earn it, but...

Song Tells the Story

They have a song that tells their story. It's sung to the tune of the Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze, and it follows:

One day I answered the popular call, And got in the Army to be on the ball, An infantry outfit, foot soldiers and all, Is where they put me to train; They gave me my basic at Camp Claiborne, There I was happy and never forlorn, Till one day they split us and made us Airborne, But the pay was exactly the same. Oh! Once I was happy, but now I'm Airborne, Riding in gliders, all tattered and torn, The pilots are daring, all caution they scorn, And the pay is exactly the same. We glide through the air in our flying caboose, It's actions are graceful just like a fat goose, We hike on the pavements till our joints have come loose, And the pay is exactly the same. Once I was infantry, now I'm a dope, Riding in gliders attached to a rope, Safety in landing is only a hope, And the pay is exactly the same. We fight in fatigues, no fancy jump suits, No bright leather jackets, no polished jump-boots, We crash land by glider without parachutes, And the pay is exactly the same. We glide through the air in a tactical state, Jumping is useless, it's always too late, No chute for the soldier who rides in a crate, And the pay is exactly the same. We glide through the air with the greatest of ease, We do a good job and we try hard to please, The Finance Department we pester and tease, But the pay is exactly the same.

Polish Reprisals

The Polish Directorate of Underground Fighting has issued the following communiqué:

"Polish underground commandos have attacked the Warsaw-Berlin express. Another Berlin train loaded with war material was also attacked. In the course of these operations several hundred Germans were killed and a large quantity of rolling stock destroyed."

The communiqué further stated that these actions were taken as a reprisal for German terror in Warsaw and other Polish cities.

This reference to reprisal refers to the German murder of Polish citizens between Oct. 13 and Oct. 17 of last year. During this period Gestapo and SS men assisted German soldiers and members of the Hitler Youth in cordoning off entire districts in Warsaw and in the round-up and arrest of thousands of inhabitants. Following this round-up forty of those seized were shot and their names were announced through loudspeakers. On Oct. 22 ten more hostages were publicly executed and another 32 on the following day. Two days later an additional forty were shot. In Grodno, Cracow, Kielce, Radom and Silesia similar events took place in a wave of terrorism which swept over the entire country and produced crimes dictated by German panic in the face of approaching defeat.

The Polish Directorate of Underground Fighting has its operational headquarters in Polish territory, but it is effectively in contact with the Polish Government in London. During the present crisis the Directorate uses its authority to secure coordination in the Polish underground movement. As a result Polish resistance is no longer local, individual and sporadic, but is organized to carry out three main activities: sabotage of industry, harassment of military forces, and operation of fighting detachments that live and serve as fulltime military units in the forests and mountains of Poland. Justice is today administered in Poland by special tribunals set up by the Polish underground movement, and as a result the Nazis are beginning to feel the bite of her two-edged sword.

Hobby Show

The seventh annual hobby show has been held by the American Hobby Federation of New York, and while the event itself is now history, its memory lingers on, for this year many of its exhibits were again interesting, screwy and sensational.

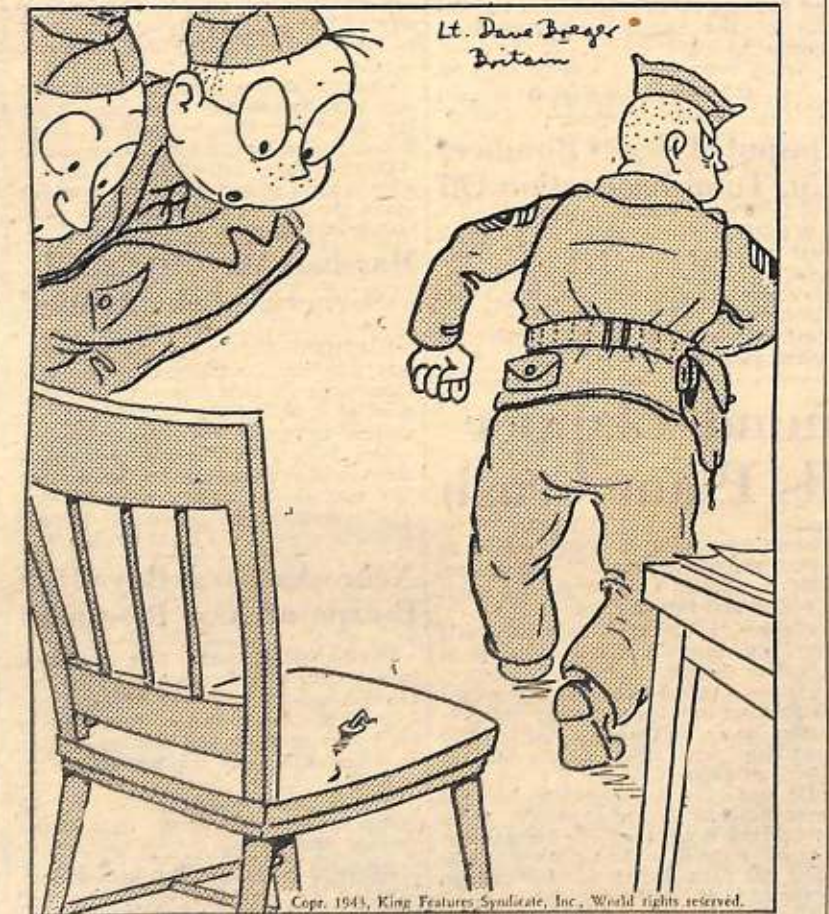
One entrant, for example, displayed a hideous group of frightening sea animals molded from a kind of glassy pastry. A woman laid out scores of neatly labeled ashtrays collected from Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo to the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

A Brooklynite exhibited row on row of identical burnt-match-built houses, another a collection of match covers. Others displayed collections of gum wrappers, campaign buttons and envelopes.

But side by side with the stuff made valuable only through an owner's loving hand were collections genuinely beautiful in themselves. There was, for example, a collection of exquisitely wrought crowns taken from the heads of European statues of saints. Half or a quarter as large as the regular size, the crowns and coronets had been copied in precious metals as finely drawn as lace. And a former Wyoming bronco buster had expressed a longing for his old life by doing amazingly professional wood carvings of horses in action, while another exhibitor had carved peach, prune and plum pits into miniature models of engines, street-cars and stage coaches.

Opening in London on February 13th, the Army's own Leisure Time Arts and Hobbies Show will exhibit the work of soldiers stationed in the European Theater. Some of the work may be amateurish, some professional, some screwy; but if work so far submitted is average, the show will prove that the spare time of many a GI is filled by his interest in creative work of lasting value.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Oh, oh, lookit our tack! Guess the Sarge is tougher'n we think!"

Sports SIDELIGHTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3—New Maritime Service Ensign Sid Luckman has for a commanding officer Lt. Cmdr. Clair Bee, coach of Long Island U's Blackbirds in other days. . . . Bob Westfall took a job with Ford Motors instead of returning to Michigan when he was discharged from the Army, and now says that he may accept a contract with the Detroit Lions instead of going back to school. He is the property of the Lions via the draft.

The news that Chicago U. broke its 45-game losing streak by beating Chicago Tech, 65-27, was all right until it was learned the Tech team was the first ball club ever fielded by Tech and had just been plucked out of a non-athletic student body.

Arkansas has hit the headlines with its ordained minister, Bill Flynt, who leads the Razorback attack. In a recent Arkansas-Texas Christian game they had two ministers operating. Flynt led the Hogs with 18 points, while Joe Wick, a Christian minister with the Frogs, racked up nine points as TCU took it on the chin, 71-50. . . . The Hollywood Legion boxing club averages around \$140,000 profit each year and all the net goes to charity. Bet that brings tears to Mike Jacobs' eyes.

Item on keeping talent at home: The Detroit University basketball squad fields the starting five that was named on last year's all-city high school all-star. . . . Georgia, Louisiana and Oklahoma generosity paid for 25,000 seats for servicemen in the Sugar Bowl game. That was over one-third of the total crowd.

Zeke Bonura surprised a lot of people when he promoted those baseball leagues and the Arab Bowl football game in



Zeke Bonura

Africa, but what will surprise a lot more people is the fact that old Zeke is a former National AAU champion in the javelin throw and was the first American to approach 220 feet.

One of the products of the five-man baseball player tour of Alaska and the Aleutians was a statement in the Aleutian Army paper that soldiers would rather talk to ball players than Betty Grable. One guy replied that the editor had been in that theater for almost two years, and "that's what two years in this joint will do to you. You just get crazy."

Hockey Results

Hershey 7, Pittsburgh 2

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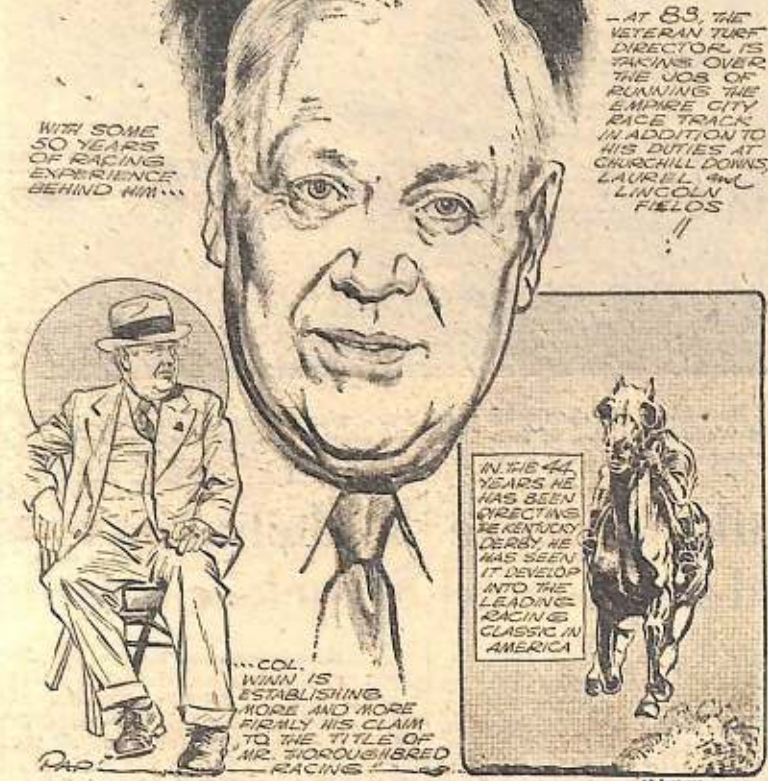
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Lost
IDENTIFICATION BRACELET, silver, bearing name and ASN. £2 reward.—S/Sgt. Carl J. Squires, 36197447.
WALLET on Jan. 8 in shower room of Army station. Contained English and American money, pictures, papers and plenty of identification. Don't expect dough back, but would appreciate return of the rest.—Pvt. John J. Rudnicki, 31097249.
Film Exchange
WILL swap four Kodak Verichrome 616 for four of 120.—William J. Reilly, SK 2/c.
WILL swap three of Super XX 116 for three of 620.—T/4 Joseph Abouse.
Mascot
WOULD any camp like to have large affectionate black bitch Labrador Great Dane for mascot? Owner unable to keep dog.—Eldir Davies, 26 Davies Ave., Roudhay, Leeds 8.
Wanted
"OFFICERS GUIDE."—Lt. Jack Kutzenco.

Exhibits Wanted
SOLDIER-CREATED wood carving, sculpturing and cartoons wanted for exhibit at the London Arts and Hobbies Show. Ship all items to Harold Bowler, Red Cross Rainbow Corner, London, together with name, rank, unit and APO of exhibitor. Closing date Feb. 9.

Top Turf Man

By Pap Winn



WITH SOME 50 YEARS OF RACING EXPERIENCE BEHIND HIM...

—AT 83, THE VETERAN TURF DIRECTOR IS TAKING OVER THE JOB OF RUNNING THE EMPIRE CITY RACE TRACK IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AT CHURCHILL DOWNS, LAUREL AND LINCOLN FIELDS



IN THE 44 YEARS HE HAS BEEN DIRECTING THE KENTUCKY DERBY HE HAS SEEN IT DEVELOP INTO THE LEADING RACING CLASSIC IN AMERICA

COL. WINN IS ESTABLISHING MORE AND MORE FIRMLY HIS CLAIM TO THE TITLE OF MR. THOROUGHBRED RACING

White City 'Tea Bowl' Game Contrasts U.S., Canuck Rules

By Gene Graff

Football smacking of international flavor will be the dish Sunday, Feb. 13, when the CBS Pirates tackle the Canadian Army Mustangs in the "Tea Bowl" game at White City Stadium before an anticipated throng of 25,000 Allied forces and civilian fans.

The contest, marking the first time American and Canadian gridders have squared off since the war began, will be an interesting experiment in comparative merits of football as played in the neighboring countries. Determined by the flip of a coin, American rules will be observed in the first half, while the second will be played according to Canadian style.

Basically, football is the same in both nations, but there are six variations. The Canadians score five points for a touchdown instead of six; they have only three downs to advance ten yards; blocking beyond the line of scrimmage is prohibited; there is no restriction on number of backfielders permitted to be in motion before the ball is passed from center and a "rouge" counts one point.

In addition, under Canuck rules, a punt from scrimmage which stops in the end zone must be run back into the playing field instead of being grounded and put back in play on the 20-yard stripe. If the ball carrier is tackled before he escapes from the end zone, it is a safety; then his team gains possession of the ball on its own 25.

The rouge is a reward for good kicking—the Canadians place more emphasis on punting than they do on running or passing. Any boot which travels beyond the end zone is a rouge, unless it is a kickoff, in which case the play is called back and tried again. Two failures to keep the kickoff within bounds results in a ten-yard penalty.

The afternoon will be studded with colorful pageantry, including marching bands, organized cheering sections and half-time entertainment a la college football at home.

Tickets for American officers and EMS may be obtained from the Special Service Division, sponsoring the affair. The game is for the benefit of the British Red Cross and St. John fund.

No Tribe War Hunt In '44, Chief Says, Unless They Click

CLEVELAND, Feb. 3 — Cleveland baseball fans won't have to worry about the caliber of their team this season—they'll either have a strong club or none at all—according to Alva Bradley, 59-year-old president of the Indians.

"I'd rather close the park than attempt to palm off inferior quality baseball on the fans," Bradley declared. "It's too grand a game to be turned into a farce and that's what will happen if we insist on operating whether or not we've got big league players with which to operate."

However, there was no fear in official quarters that the American League might be forced to operate without the Indians. "Nothing to it," was the general reaction to Bradley's announcement.

Financiers Clipped, 22-19

A USAAF HQ STATION, Feb. 3—Special Service was carried through two overtime periods by the Financiers last night before winning, 22-19, for their seventh straight victory, while the A-2 quintet remained in contention by spanking the AG, 35-12, for their sixth success in seven tries. In other games on the program the MPs splattered the Medics, 65-28; the Lines nosed out the SCU, 16-15; the Signalers shamed the Officers, 16-14, and the AG Cables bumped the British PTI, 18-10.

4 American Track Records Recognized as World Marks

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3—Four American track and field records, two belonging to Fred Wolcott, former Rice Institute speedster, have been recognized by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as world marks.

Wolcott joined record-holder Forrest "Spec" Towns in the 120-yard and 110-meter high hurdles titles with 13.7 seconds in each event. Wolcott equaled the marks at Philadelphia in 1941 after Towns established them in Oslo in 1936.

Roy Cochrane's 52.2 seconds for the 440-yard hurdles set at the Drake Relays in 1942 replaced John Gibson's mark, which was four-tenths of a second slower, set in 1927.

Cornelius Warmerdam set a world pole vault record of 15 feet, seven and three-quarter inches at Modesto, Cal., on May 23, 1942.

The Federation also recognized Swede Arne Andersson's 4:02.6 mile set last summer as a new record, replacing Gunder Haegg's 4:04.6. Andersson also is credited with a new 1,500-meter time of 3:45.

Li'l Abner



Army Quintet Overcomes West Virginia Five, 55-31

Cash Lures PGA To Spokane for Meet

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 3—Dangling a guarantee of \$20,000 before the nation's top-flight golfers, the Spokane Athletic Fund Round Table has been awarded the 1944 Professional Golfers' Association tournament Aug. 14-20.

Luckman Voted Most Valuable

Scribes Rate Chicago Ace Best in Loop; Hutson Runner-Up

CHICAGO, Feb. 3—Sid Luckman, formerly "Mr. Brains" of the steamrolling Chicago Bears and now an ensign in the Maritime Service, has been chosen by sports writers from member cities as the most valuable player in the National Football League during the past season.

Luckman, who became professional football's No. 1 wizard of the T-formation after a brilliant career at Columbia, nosed out rejuvenated Don Hutson, perennial Green Bay Packer end, by three points. Ballots were tabulated on a basis of five points for a first-place vote and two for second.

The ex-Columbia great, who paraded the Bears to the crown, virtually rewrote the league's passing records. In ten games Luckman passed for 2,194 yards and 28 touchdowns—both new marks—and compiled a completion average of .545.

Hutson just barely missed winning the award for the third time. He enjoyed one of his most lucrative seasons, scoring 117 points on 12 touchdowns, 36 extra points and three field goals.

Following is the result of the voting: Luckman, 36; Hutson, 33; Sammy Baugh, Washington, 13; Ward Cuff, New York, five; Charlie Brock, Green Bay, two; Bill Paschal, New York, two.

Cravath to Stay At Trojan Post

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3—Jeff Cravath, Southern California football coach, sidelined reports today that he might be the next pilot of the Washington Redskins when he stated emphatically that he had no intentions of deserting the Trojans.

Rumors that Cravath might transfer his allegiance spread after he had conferred several times with George Preston Marshall, laundry czar and owner of the Redskins, especially since Dutch Bergman, '43 coach, was moved into the Skins' front office.

Cravath shelved the reports, however, when he revealed that Marshall had come west to discuss Pacific Coast football players who will be eligible for the pro ranks, and not to hire a new coach.

CAGE RESULTS

- Army 55, West Virginia 31
- Bethany 50, W and J 34
- Brooklyn College 50, Princeton 30
- Columbia 49, Stevens Tech 45
- Cornell (Iowa) Navy 76, Upper Iowa 41
- Denison 78, Baldwin-Wallace 62
- DePauw 58, Franklin 37
- Georgetown 42, Ft. Knox ARTC 35
- Great Lakes 67, Marquette 24
- Greensboro AAF 53, North Carolina 40
- Kansas 35, Washburn 22
- LaSalle 45, Rider 44
- MIT 41, Phillips Andover 37
- Navy 51, Hampden-Sydney 28
- Norfolk Naval Air 49, Virginia 34
- Norman Navy 32, Oklahoma 30
- Notre Dame 65, Bunker Hill Naval 55
- Rice 56, Texas 34
- Richmond Air Base 45, Richmond 44
- St. John's 60, St. Francis 55
- St. Joseph's 49, Cathedral 50
- Swarthmore 41, Villanova 35
- TCU 42, SMU 37
- Vanderbilt 41, Corvair 39
- UPI 53, Woodrow Wilson Hosp. 30
- Warrensburg Teachers 54, Missouri Mines 41
- Washington State 38, Oregon 33
- Westminster 58, Pittsburgh 54
- Yale 60, Fort Trumbull Navy 42

Surge by Redmen in Last Half Overcomes St. Francis, 60-55

WEST POINT, N.Y., Feb. 3—A smooth-working offense and an equally stubborn defense gave West Point's Cadets a 55-31 victory over West Virginia's basketeers last night.

The Mountaineers climbed to a 12-6 lead after six minutes of the first half, led by Billy Johnson, rangey center. The Cadets then rampaged to a 22-12 advantage with Dale Hall, Cadet pop shot artist, scoring from the corners and Doug Kenna, Army grid star, and Bobo Faps working in for the layups. The soldiers had a half-time margin of 32-17.

With the game under control, Coach Ed Kelleher sent in his second and third stringers in the last half and they hooped in ten points. Army used 13 players.

Johnson's eight points led the Mountaineers, while Hall threw in 18 and Kenna 15 for the winners.

Terriers' 17-Point Lead Whittled

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP)—Making up a 17-point deficit in ten minutes of the second half, St. John's quintet showed the stuff great basketball teams are made of last night, defeating St. Francis, 60-55.

Bill Sheron, who led the scoring for the night and earned the CYO trophy as the outstanding player in the game, led the Terriers' attack in the first half, tossing in 14 of his points to give St. Francis a 34-19 lead at the intermission. But in the second half Ray Wertis took up the burden for the Redmen and led them to the front.

Irish Topple Bunker Hill

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 3 (AP)—Notre Dame continued its uncanny record of winning every other basketball game this season by whipping the quintet from Bunker Hill, 65-55.

Notre Dame found itself trailing, 7-4, early in the game, but wrested the lead and defended it successfully until the final gun.

Bunker Hill went into the game with a record of 21 victories in 25 starts. The Irish record is now seven triumphs against six defeats.

Great Lakes Crushes Marquette, 67-24

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Feb. 3 (AP)—Great Lakes' Bluejackets crushed Marquette, 67-24, to score their 21st basketball victory in 23 starts this season.

The sailors had little difficulty in rolling up a 34-16 half-time edge and then putting the game on ice by moving their margin to 44-17 in the first five minutes of the last half.

Charley Joachim, former Mt. Union college star, paced the Bluejacket attack with 14 points. Howie Kallenberger notched nine for the Hilltoppers, who dropped their fifth contest in 12 starts.

Lions Claw Stevens, 49-45

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP)—Taking the lead with a five-point surge just at the end of the first half and holding it for the rest of the game, Columbia defeated Stevens, 49-45, scoring its second victory of the campaign over the Engineers and making their record to date seven triumphs against seven defeats.

The Lions were not at their best, but played hard enough when they had to in order to move in front when the visitors drew too close. Big Walter Budko, Lion captain, again led the scoring with 17 points.

Navy Sinks Hampden-Sydney

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 3 (AP)—The Naval Academy used 15 men in winning 51-29 over Hampden-Sydney. After Navy's varsity ran up a 17-4 lead early in the game, Navy Coach Wilson trotted out his substitutes and they stayed for the remainder of the contest.

No ODs for Double X

NEWARK, N.J., Feb. 3 — Jimmy Foxx, 36-year-old former major league hofter king, was rejected by Army doctors, who declined to give reasons for the rejection.

By Al Capp



News From Home

Willkie Demands a Tax Bill Providing 16-Billion Revenue

Says It's Only Way to Balk Debt Which Would Peril 'Things We Fight For'

NEW YORK, Feb. 3—Wendell Willkie called upon Congress today to raise war-time taxes beyond any limit hitherto imagined—"to prevent a national debt which will jeopardize the things for which we are fighting."

He urged a realistic tax program to raise \$16,000,000,000 annually—half again as much as the Administration proposed to raise by its \$10,500,000,000 revenue bill.

The 1940 Republican Presidential candidate estimated the U.S. public debt would be above \$300,000,000,000 when the war ended and that interest on this would amount to at least \$1,500,000,000 annually.

"This is a staggering charge," he said, "only a little less than our whole federal budget as recently as 1934."

Hitting at Congress for reluctance to enact the Treasury's program, which provided for additional taxes totaling \$8,000,000,000, Willkie declared that "if we are to be realistic we should aim to raise additional taxes of more than double that proposal."

First Congressional reaction to Willkie's speech was cool. Rep. Harold Knutson (R., Minn.), ranking Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee, described Willkie's program as "even more unrealistic and unsound than the President's." Knutson said that such tax increases would wipe out the middle class and endanger the solvency of all business.

Little Tin Available

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—Warning that even after the war tin would have to be used sparingly, the War Production Board announced today that no tin would be available for civilian use in 1944 except for such essential purposes as making food containers.

Cheese on Way

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—Some 90,000 tons of cheese will be shipped to Britain for civilians and fighting units in 1944, the War Food Administration announced. About 16,750 tons will go to Russia.

Ruth Mitchell Wins Divorce

RENO, Feb. 3—Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Knowles, sister of the late Brig. Gen.

It Was a Sweet Idea, But Alimony Payee Gets Stuck With It

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 3—Frank Mosely's little joke of paying his wife's alimony in pennies stirred into a bucket of thick sorghum molasses and sawdust has backfired.

District Judge Oram S. Shaw said he was sure Mosely had "lots of fun fixing this bucket up"—but—"now you can have the fun of taking the pennies out."

Mosely's former wife produced the bucket in court in protest along with a note in which Mosely had written he hoped she would have as hard work finding the money as he did making it.

The bucket contained 1,000 sticky pennies, representing one week's alimony. Mosely immediately set about the task of fishing the one-cent pieces from the bucket.

Negro History Week

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 3—A Negro History Week observance will open Sunday at the Whitechapel Red Cross Club here, featuring concerts, dances and discussion groups. Cpl. Herbert Wheelin will lead a forum Sunday night, after which Dave Small's band will play. A tribute to American Negro musicians is arranged for Wednesday and a GI concert-chorus will be heard at 7.30 PM, Friday.

AFN Radio Program

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Friday, Feb. 4
1100—GI Jive.
1115—Personal Album with Dyana Gale.
1130—Bandwagon.
1200—Carroll Gibbons Orchestra (BBC).
1230—Curtain Call.
1255—Quiet Moment.
1300—World News (BBC).
1310—Barracks Bag.
1400—Visiting Hour.
1430—Sign off until 1745 hours.
1745—Sign on and Spotlight on Tommy Dorsey and Program Resume.
1800—World News (BBC).
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Seven O'Clock Sports.
1905—Comedy Caravan.
1930—Designed in Britain.
2000—News From Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A.
2010—Fred Waring Program.
2025—This Is The Army—little known facts about your Armed Forces.
2030—Jubilee.
2100—World News (BBC).
2110—I Hear a Rhapsody—with Allen Roth.
2120—Charlie McCarthy Show—with Edgar Bergen, Dale Evans and Ray Noble's Orchestra.
2145—Roundup Time—Western music.
2155—Suspense.
2225—One Night Stand.
2255—Final Edition.
2300—Sign off until 1100 hours, Saturday, Feb. 5.

U.S. Is Warned It Faces A Big Post-War Slump

CHICAGO, Feb. 3—An economic tailspin from a greater height and at a dizzier pace than 1929 will confront the U.S. at the end of the war, Budget Director Harold D. Smith told the American Road Builders Association last night.

He advocated a great program of public works to provide employment and encourage private investment.

William Mitchell, was granted a divorce here from Stanley Knowles, college instructor in England, whom she married in 1925. She was permitted to resume her maiden name.

Plenty of Fliers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) told a Senate subcommittee holding hearings on a bill to extend civilian pilot training that the War Department had informed him the U.S. now had a "super-abundance" of trained fliers. He said air force casualties so far had been below expectations.

Refugee Board Set Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—A War Refugee Board composed of Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has been set up by President Roosevelt, it was announced. The Board will aid Europe's persecuted minorities.

Wheeler Shuns Convention

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) announced yesterday that he would not attend the national Democratic convention. He said it was a foregone conclusion that President Roosevelt would be nominated the first day.

Odyssey Ends for Boy, 12

NEWARK, N.J., Feb. 3—After a two-week absence in which he traveled 3,000 miles to the Pacific Coast, a truant schoolboy, 12-year-old Walter Pietranowich Jr., is coming back to his home here. Apprehended in a bus station at Long Beach, Cal., he told police he had run away from home after "getting into trouble" at school.

British-American 17-Man Unit Gives £100 for an Orphan

Seventeen officers and enlisted men of the combined British-American RTO at Kingham, Oxfordshire, one of the smallest groups to sponsor a child through The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, contributed £100 yesterday to aid "a six to eight-year-old girl whose parents were killed during the blitz."

The money, proceeds of two dances, was turned over by Lt. D. G. Franch, CO of the British force, on behalf of the unit. Other members are:

- Lt. Daniel Boone; Sgt. William G. Kelly and Milton Mintz; Cpls. Harry W. Gratt, James G. Carter, Jake P. Clements and Harold DeLong; and Pfc. Charles Matthews, Walter E. Coffeenberry and Ralph E. Patterson, all of the American staff; and Sgt. L. E. Harvey, Lt. Cpl. M. E. Brown; Sprs. J. G. Laird, W. Thornhill and W. Saunders, and Dvr. L. H. Nash, of the British staff.

'This Is the Army' Returning To London for Final Showing

"This Is the Army," the all-soldier musical show staged by Irving Berlin, returns to London Sunday for special matinee and evening performances at His Majesty's Theater, Haymarket, before embarking on a tour of installations in another theater of operations.

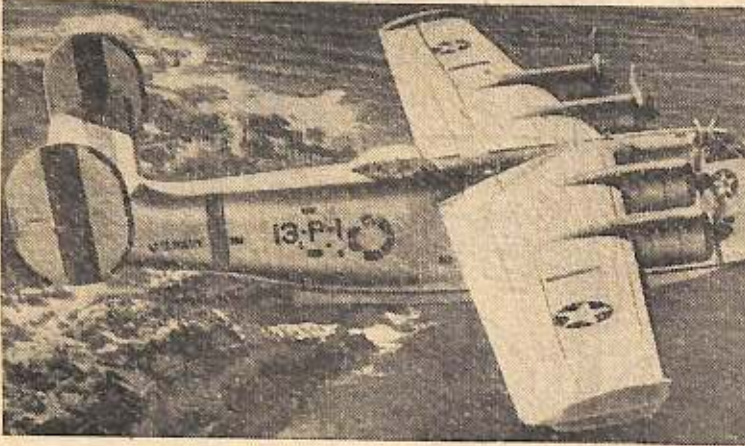
The performances will be given at 2.30 and 6. Enlisted men who have been in combat will have priority on free tickets distributed at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 and Sunday morning from 9 to 12, ETOSA headquarters announced yesterday.

The cast has been touring the United Kingdom since it closed a London run Nov. 27. At the final performances,

Terry and the Pirates



Navy's New Long-Range Bomber



Newest Navy bomber in the Pacific is this four-engine Coronado flying boat, which smashed Wake Island Jan. 31 in a 2,400-mile round trip—longest night over-water mission ever made. Its range is enough to make Truk vulnerable from the Marshalls.

Yanks Capture Wilhelmshaven 2nd Key Island Struck 8th Time

(Continued from page 1) the U.S. was thrown against the Jap defenses. Hellcat and Corsair fighters, Avenger torpedo-bombers, Dauntless dive-bombers and Coronado and Liberator heavy bombers were used in the naval air assault, while the Army used Libs, escorted by P38s, and cannon-firing B25 Mitchells.

Crack Jap marines were on Namur to guard the island, but nearly all were killed. One trembling Jap prisoner told an officer, according to United Press, that he knew Japan could not win the war.

Weak Jap anti-aircraft fire is the only reply the enemy can make to the U.S. aerial onslaught. Every shore battery is now knocked out and the enemy is relying on rifles, grenade and light cannon to protect their positions.

Judging by reports of "moderate losses" so far, U.S. troops are gaining the important objectives at a cost relatively much lower than the capture of Tarawa in the Gilberts.

Nazi Radio Station Is Hit In Raid on Albanian Port

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Feb. 3—Liberators heavily attacked a German radio station at the Albanian port of Durazzo yesterday, while medium bombers continued raids on enemy communications in the Rome area and RAF Wellingtons bombed Maribor harbor in northern Yugoslavia.

RAF Spitfires met a patrol of 30 enemy fighters over the Nettuno beachhead in Italy and shot down two.

Critical Time of the War Nearing, Marshall Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall has asserted that the most critical period of the war is nearing, and that "enormous stores" of guns, planes and munitions are being assembled on world battlefronts. This crucial period, he said in a radio address for the fourth war loan, will demand the "overwhelming support of the American people for our troops overseas in the great operations now pending."

Baltic Evacuation Under Way

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3 (AP)—Germany has requisitioned three more Danish ships for evacuation from the Baltic states, the Free Danish press service said.

Furlough on a Farm

A five-day course in British agricultural methods for American servicemen with actual farming experience or two years or more of study at an agricultural college has been announced by the Chief of Special Services, SOS, ETO. Soldiers attending must be on leave or furlough and applications must be made through channels to the Special Service Division two weeks before the course opens, Feb. 21. The course will consist of visits to Devonshire farms, round-table discussions and study of dairy methods. A fee not exceeding 12s. 6d. per day is charged.

East and Midwest Miners Face Cross-Country Shift

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 3—Plans to move Eastern and Midwestern coal miners not fully employed to Western states were revealed by Brig. Gen. William C. Rose, chief of the War Manpower Commission's Executive Services. Gen. Rose said the transplanting of miners might be necessary to step up coal production as the Pacific war increased in tempo.

Fairless Wants U.S. Title To Plants to End at Peace

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Asserting that the government should not attempt to set itself up in business in competition with private industry, Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U.S. Steel Corp., suggested that federal ownership of war plants be terminated as soon as possible after the war.

"In disposing of these plants," he said, "it should be recognized that their cost is not a government investment, but rather a war cost of the same general character as a battleship or destroyer brought into existence solely for the purpose of defeating the Axis."

Jap Subs off Africa

Japanese submarines operating against Allied shipping in South African waters had to break off their attacks and submerge speedily when two Allied planes arrived on the scene, said a Japanese naval commentator over Tokyo radio yesterday.

No Question About It, the War Makes Strange Bedfellows

OUTSIDE CISTERNA, Italy, Feb. 3 (UP)—German and Allied soldiers on the Italian front sometimes have slept in the same farmhouse without discovering it until the next morning.

Army Will Tell Vets How to Get Jobs, Old or New

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—A "Report of Separation" to facilitate the return of discharged soldiers to civilian life and to inform them clearly of their rights and privileges has been adopted by the War Department.

The report—a form issued to each man—dwells at length on the soldier's right to his old job or his possibilities of getting a job with government aid.

The form replaces seven forms and five letters previously issued. A certification of the ex-soldier's status as a veteran, it tells him to inform his local draft board that he has been discharged from the service and gives him instructions on his rights and privileges under the Selective Service laws.

The report points out that if a soldier desires his former job and is entitled to it under the law he must apply to his old employer within 40 days of his discharge.

Attached to every draft board is a re-employment committeeman who acts as the soldier's personal representative in his home community and aids him in re-establishing himself. The committeeman assists either in getting the man's old job back or finding a new job, if the old one is not available.

If a man had no peace-time job, or if it is not available, the U.S. Employment Service, which maintains contact with employers, also will assist ex-soldiers in obtaining work.

In addition, all honorably discharged men who saw active military service on and after Dec. 7, 1941, the report declares, have the right to apply to the Veterans' Administration for hospitalization and home care, disability pension or vocational rehabilitation.

To furnish temporary emergency financial aid to soldiers and their dependents, the War Department has established Army Emergency Relief. The report points out that persons discharged since Sept. 16, 1940, are eligible for benefits, regardless of rank, grade, branch of service and irrespective of the relationship of their dependents.

Soldier Vote -

(Continued from page 1) restoring local registration and poll-tax payments as voting qualifications for those in uniform.

The roll-call vote was 68-23 against the proposed amendment, the first of a host of changes projected at the bill. The amendment would have given state election laws complete control over the validity of federal ballots.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 3—The Michigan Legislature has convened in special session to consider revising the State's absentee voting laws so that servicemen may cast ballots in the November general election. One of the first bills introduced was a Senate measure that would advance the September primary to July 11 and move the State political conventions up at least a month.

By Milton Caniff

