

Daily German Lesson
Meldung fuer die einwohner
Meldoong foer die ine voaner
Notice to the inhabitants

Today's Russian Lesson
Kabg-da na-cha-la kar-tee-nih?
When does the movie begin?

Germany Crumbling Into Chaos

British Take Hamburg, Join With Reds; Prague Open City

Germans who wanted to fight on—and they were hard to find—were fast running out of room to do so yesterday as the Allied and Soviet forces smothered the Third Reich, the nation the Nazis led into a disastrous war to win "living space."

Chaotic conditions closed the Allied campaign in northwest Germany as enemy troops and civilians scrambled frantically for the Allied lines out of the path of the Soviet armies.

Hamburg, Germany's chief port, second largest city and last sector where Grand Adm. Doenitz, the Reich's new Fuehrer might have made a semblance of a stand within the northern pocket of the Reich, was declared an

open city and British troops moved in without firing a shot, took over control, instituted a curfew and told the residents to obey the regulations or suffer the consequences.

Prisoners offered themselves up in numbers greater than could be handled immediately. Within 24 hours the British 2nd Army had counted 100,000. The U.S. 9th Army on the Elbe took 14,621, all of them driven into the lines by the advance of the Red Army, with whom the Americans made three more links in the Wittenberg area, north of Magdeburg.

First link-ups between the British and Soviets occurred Wednesday night when airborne troops joined Russian tankmen at Wismar, on the Baltic, and at Grabow, farther south. The British 6th Airborne accepted the surrender of an entire German training division. A similar enemy outfit surrendered en masse to U.S. troops near Hagenow, southwest of Wismar.

Marshal Stalin issued two orders of the day. One reported further link-ups with the British on the Wismar-Wittenberg line, which meant that the two forces now held a continuous 70-mile front. The second said the Soviets had captured Cieszen, bastion in the German defenses in Czechoslovakia.

Doenitz declared Prague, Czechoslovak capital, a hospital city, according to a broadcast by Hamburg radio, while it was still under German control. Negotiations for a political reorganization in Bohemia and Moravia have begun, the broadcast said, warning the populace that any disturbance "which could lead only to Bolshevik chaos" would be suppressed by arms. The announcement apparently foreshadowed the liquidation of the German redoubt in these Czech areas, Reuter said. Prague had previously been described by the Nazis as one of the places they would fight hard to hold.

Prague was menaced on west and east, however. In the west troops of the 3rd Army have entered Czechoslovakia north-west and southwest of the Czech capital and in the east the Soviet armies of Marshals Malinovsky and Eremenko stood ready to open thrusts toward the city.

Enemy defenses in the rest of the redoubt, the sectors still not overrun in southern Germany and Austria, were crumbling in some sectors, but battling fiercely in others, dispatches said. U.S. 3rd Army forces dominated nearly 70 miles of the Inn River, had crossed it at half a dozen points, and were within perhaps 30 miles of Berchtesgaden. Gains at some points along the front totaled 28 miles against collapsing resistance.

Thrusts in Twin Columns
In Eastern Austria the 3rd Army's 11th Armored Division, thrusting in twin columns northwest and north of Linz and the Danube ran into heavy fighting as the Germans there sought to forestall still another American-Soviet juncture.

Although the Germans' unconditional surrender in Italy affected troops in some Austrian provinces, it appeared that the soldiers facing north in the redoubt would be kept fighting, creating a new front for Field Marshal Albert C. Kesselring.

Only 16 miles separated advance 7th Army forces from the Italian border. Five miles outside Innsbruck the Americans met civilians who said the only resistance to be shown would come from a battalion of fanatical SS troops; everyone else wanted to give up. Snow was slowing

(Continued on back page)

War in Italy Cost U.S. 109,163 Men
WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The war in Italy from the time of the landings there until Apr. 28 cost the U.S. 5th Army 109,163 casualties, including 21,577 killed, 77,248 wounded and 10,338 missing, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today.

Stimson at the same time said that American Army casualties in all theaters since the war's start had reached 848,089, while Navy losses now stood at 102,383.

The secretary also revealed that 64 American generals have been war casualties. Thirteen were killed in action, two died of wounds, one died of exposure, one was killed while a war prisoner, nine died in air crashes, 14 were wounded, five are missing and 19 are prisoners.

Look for Hitler in U.S., Says Skip Tracer Head
NEW YORK, May 3 (ANS)—The place to find Hitler if he is still alive is the U.S., according to Daniel Eisenberg, president of the Skip Tracers Co., a private agency for locating missing persons.

Eisenberg said the U.S. would be the logical country for Hitler to try to get into because, once in, he could get by indefinitely without passports or other identification.

Hitler Can't Be Missed
LANSLOWNE, Pa., May 3 (ANS)—Adolf Hitler had certain physical characteristics which would establish positive identification of his body, Dr. Robert M. W. Kempner, chief legal advisor of the pre-Hitler German police, declared here today.

Kempner, now an American citizen, said that he studied Hitler's physical peculiarities while investigating the Fuehrer following his arrest in the famous Beer Hall Putsch. Said Kempner:
1—Hitler had an abnormally long right thumb; 2—His right ear was much more pointed than his left, and 3—His shoulders stooped habitually and his bone structure would reveal the stoop despite his attempt to correct the condition in public appearances.

Kempner said a complete identification file including fingerprints of Hitler was kept at Landsberg Fortress in Bavaria where Hitler was imprisoned in 1924. The fortress recently was captured by Americans.



PRELUDE TO COLLAPSE: In the streets of Genoa, large Italian toward complete triumph in northern Italy. German prisoners marching in the rear are shown watching the Allied juggernaut move forward in this radio photo.

Okinawa Line Broken; British Enter Rangoon

Japan took severe blows on four far-flung fronts yesterday as British 14th Army troops entered the Burmese capital of Rangoon, U.S. 7th Division infantrymen scored the first sizable breakthrough in the 33-day-old Okinawa campaign, Australians registered gains in the newly-invaded Borneo area and Marianas-based Superforts blasted Japan's Kyushu airfields for the 13th time in a little more than a month.

British and Colonial troops climaxed a southward drive of 300 miles in 25 days to enter Rangoon, under enemy occupation for three years, Southeast Asia HQ announced. Thousands of Japanese were isolated west of the north-south railway from Mandalay to Rangoon. Escape by sea to Thailand for other enemy forces was eliminated with the reported arrival of British naval units in the Gulf of Martaban, east of Rangoon.

In the first major night ground action by American forces in the Pacific Ocean areas, 10th Army troops smashed through enemy positions on southern Okinawa early yesterday, the Navy announced at Guam.

Between 50 and 100 Superforts yesterday blasted six airfields on Kyushu, from which Jap planes have attacked U.S. naval forces off Okinawa, 325 miles south. Bombing was visual and results were described as "good."

Allied aircraft, apparently based on Okinawa, appeared south of Kyushu yesterday morning, Tokyo Radio reported in an unconfirmed broadcast quoted by Reuter. "It is the first time that Okinawa-based enemy planes have made an appearance in the vicinity of Kyushu," the enemy radio declared.

Australian troops, opening the Allied campaign to recover the Dutch East Indies, pushed rapidly toward the town of Lingkas and an airbase on the island of Tarakan, just off northeastern Borneo. The invasion met little organized resistance and landing parties met only scattered small arms fire.

Pravda Opens Shop in Berlin
LUXEMBURG, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The first Berlin edition of Pravda, official Soviet Communist Party newspaper, was published today, Luxembourg radio reported.

Urges Vets Get \$20-a-Week For a Year After Discharge

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—A Congressional drive to provide each World War II veteran who has served more than 90 days—unless dishonorably discharged—with \$20 weekly for a year following his release, in addition to the mustering-out pay already provided by law, was in full swing today.



RANKIN insisted that it would be "an adjusted compensation" proposal rather than a bonus bill.

Declaring that the amendment would win early and overwhelming approval,

Japs Concede Germany's Fall; Will 'Fight Alone'

NEW YORK, May 3 (Reuter)—Gen. Jiro Minami, President of the recently-formed Political Society of Greater Japan, was quoted by Tokyo Radio today as saying: "With the fall of Germany coming at any moment, we must fight on alone with all our might against the Anglo-Americans." Commenting on the imminent fall of Germany, he said Japan had "anticipated this situation from the very outset of Germany's war with the Allies. Although we sincerely regret Germany's plight, it will have practically no effect on Japan's fighting power."

PWs Granted 60 Days in U.S.

Sixty-day furloughs in the U.S., instead of 21 as previously reported, will be given all liberated Yanks, many of whom have spent years in Nazi prison camps, ETO HQ announced yesterday.

In order to hasten their return to homes from which they have been absent for many months, the "recovered Allied military personnel" freed by the Allied sweep through the Reich, will be given a travel priority topped only by that of the sick and wounded.

In return for a German promise that PWs would not be taken on forced marches from prison camps as the Germans fell back before Allied advances, the U.S. has agreed that RAMPS will not serve in the ETO in any capacity.

However, their service is not over, and after American furloughs the men will report to redistribution centers, where they either will be discharged, assigned to new posts or sent to another theater.

The RAMPS will be evacuated to special camps for shipment home under the supervision of the ETO Provost Marshal, and headquarters has asked all liberated personnel who have not received instructions to report immediately to the nearest MP unit for disposition.

Gives MacArthur Nod

WASHINGTON, May 3 (ANS)—General MacArthur would be "an excellent choice" as the first U.S. Ambassador to the Philippine Islands, President Sergio Osmena said yesterday. The 62-year-old Filipino Chief Executive also said he would be "delighted" to encourage the re-establishment of U.S. firms in the islands.

A 3-STAR SHOW:

Gen. George S. Patton Jr., recently promoted to a four-star role as commander of the U.S. 3rd Army, passes down his three stars to Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, XX Corps commander. The stars were given to Patton by Gen. Eisenhower.

Say Half of Combat GIs to Get 21 Days Home Before Pacific

By John Reichmann
International News Service Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 3 (INS)—More than half of the American combat troops who have been slugging it out over European battlefields will get a 21-day furlough in the U.S. before moving off to the Pacific, International News Service learned from an unimpeachable source today.

Hitherto, every official source has emphasized the certainty that most of the millions of GIs would wait in Europe until facilities were ready to move them directly to the Far East. But subsequently conditions have changed.

The revised plans will apply more specifically to infantry, artillery and armored forces in all parts of Europe than to Army Service Forces, which must build up facilities and bases in the Pacific, or to Army Air Force ground troops, which must construct air bases for use against Japan.

After V-E Day most of the combat troops will find themselves kept busy with educational, occupational or re-deployment duties until a transport comes to take them to the U.S. Once home, they will be given a furlough and then sent to training centers to be acclimated to the problems of the Pacific war.

The troops who will wait a little longer before being sent home will receive



A 3-STAR SHOW: Gen. George S. Patton Jr., recently promoted to a four-star role as commander of the U.S. 3rd Army, passes down his three stars to Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, XX Corps commander. The stars were given to Patton by Gen. Eisenhower.

The Berliners Crawl Out

MOSCOW, May 3 (AP)—Thousands of dirty, unshaven Germans crawled out of Berlin basements, underground tunnels and subway stations today and gathered silently under the eyes of Russian tommy-gunners, a Pravda correspondent said in a dispatch from the captured Nazi capital.

"The Germans are dirty and depressed. Many of them show evidence they are glad the war is over for them. Others bow when they meet Russian soldiers," the Soviet correspondent reported.

The old Square of Paris, just east of Brandenburg Gate, has become a "great arsenal" where the Germans turned in their arms.

"Weapons are piled one after another on the ground," the writer continued. "After surrendering their weapons, the Germans are headed for the outskirts in columns stretching for many miles."

The Germans look sadly from side to side at their wrecked capital. It must be pointed out that Allied aircraft worked hard over Berlin.

"We see old men and 15-year-old boys shuffling down the streets in columns, seemingly without end. I asked a captain what the Germans hoped for. 'We hoped for nothing,' he said. 'We were ordered to hold out and behind us stood Storm Troopers ready to shoot us in the back.'"

The dispatch said Red Air Force planes already were landing on the famous Tempelhof airfield.

The correspondent said the Germans "lost hundreds of their aces" in air battles over Berlin, and declared there were days when 1,000 planes from each side appeared over the capital.

Reds Commend Allied Air Results in Berlin

MOSCOW, May 3 (Reuter)—"Our Allies certainly did some good work over Berlin. Large parts of the city, especially the center, are laid in ruins," a Soviet correspondent, commenting on damage to Berlin inflicted by Allied airmen, reported from Berlin today.

Scientific Tag

Hitler Can't Be Missed

LANSLOWNE, Pa., May 3 (ANS)—Adolf Hitler had certain physical characteristics which would establish positive identification of his body, Dr. Robert M. W. Kempner, chief legal advisor of the pre-Hitler German police, declared here today.

Kempner, now an American citizen, said that he studied Hitler's physical peculiarities while investigating the Fuehrer following his arrest in the famous Beer Hall Putsch. Said Kempner:
1—Hitler had an abnormally long right thumb; 2—His right ear was much more pointed than his left, and 3—His shoulders stooped habitually and his bone structure would reveal the stoop despite his attempt to correct the condition in public appearances.

Kempner said a complete identification file including fingerprints of Hitler was kept at Landsberg Fortress in Bavaria where Hitler was imprisoned in 1924. The fortress recently was captured by Americans.

He added that he had turned over to Federal authorities the name of a Berlin physician who could make a positive identification of Hitler.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Printed at The Times Publishing Company, Ltd., for U.S. Armed Forces, under auspices of The Information and Education Division, ETOUSA. Contents passed by the U.S. Army and Navy censors; subscription 26 shillings per year plus postage. ETO edition. Entered as second class matter Mar. 15, 1943, at the post office, New York, N.Y., under the Act of Mar. 3, 1879. All material appearing in this publication has been written and edited by uniformed members of the Army and Navy except where stated that a civilian or other outside source is being quoted. Editorial and Business Office—The Times, Printing House Sq., London, E.C.4 (Tel. Cen. 2000). District Office: Bedford 2184; Swindon 3424; Sutton Coldfield.—Four Oaks 268. Vol. 5, No. 155, May 4, 1945

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

AAF Thanks Doughs

To the B-Bag: The infantry buddy who thanked the Air Forces for their services is typical of all infantry lads—quick to compliment the next guy. Although your praise was directed to the flying crews and I am only a member of a ground crew, I hope that you will take this sentiment as coming from all of the AAF. We're all working together, each like a spoke in a giant wheel to crush the Nazi bastards. And all the Air Forces are damn to agree that the doughboy is the best damn soldier in the world. Thanks for your thanks to the airmen.—A T.C.C. Buddy, AAF.

To the B-Bag: Just finished reading the infantryman's letter praising the Air Corps. If there's going to be any bouquet-tossing done, we—the airmen—would like to toss them to the infantry. We may have it rough for a little while but when we get finished we've got a warm sack and cooked food to come back to. The doughboy's got to crawl around in the mud and eat K-rations and sleep in a sloopole. Thanks a lot, Infantry, and good luck.—A B17 Pilot.

To the B-Bag: To the countless number of infantrymen and to the one who wrote the letter in B-Bag on Apr. 27 particularly, I would like to say, Thanks. Many cracks have been made about us, but I'm optimistic to believe that most infantrymen feel about us the way you do. The entire Air Force and I am proud to work with men like you. May God bless you all.—Lt. P. G. H., AC

Mother's Day Fable

To the B-Bag: With Mother's Day approaching, here's an old fable that is appropriate. A youth wanted to marry a tyrant king's daughter. The tyrant agreed, on one condition. "Go cut out your mother's heart and bring it to me—then you may marry my daughter!" The selfish lad carried out the command. Then he became frightened. He ran to the king's castle. He stumbled and fell... and the heart that fell to the ground cried out: "My son—are you hurt?"—Cpl. Syd Kermisch, 328 Bomb Sq.

First In, First Out

To the B-Bag: The "first in, first out" formula for demobilizing members of the armed forces, as proposed by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, is the most fair and comprehensive solution to the overall demobilization problem I have read to date.—Capt. Arthur E. Ward, 1st AD.

Points for Single Men

To the B-Bag: I suggest that single men be given more points than married men when it comes to discharging veterans. After all, they ought to be given some time to go out and "cherchez la femme" so that they too can start on a family and catch up with the married men.—Lt. (jg) J. J. McG., USNR.

Chicken's Getting Meaner

To the B-Bag: Those poor civilians need not worry whether these surrender rumors are true. All they have to do is ask any GI. As the war nears its close, the chicken is getting worse, and when the chicken gets so thick they need a flak suit to survive, then they know the war is really over.—Cpl. H. C., 457 Bomb Gp.

Understanding Germans

To the B-Bag: A recent Collier's article details how the Russians are training the Germans to be good citizens by building a better social structure on the nucleus of their German PWs. It appears a practical idea. The article convinced me the Germans are able to be educated and the people they have treated the worst, like the Russians, understand them the best.—T/Sgt. V. C. W., 358 Fighter Sq.

Gob's Squall

To the B-Bag: Did you know that free railroad travel to servicemen on leave applies only to Army personnel and that us poor boys in blue have to shell out? Can you explain why this benefit applies only to the U.S. Army?—V. E., Y3C-USNR. [It's regulations.—Ed.]

Hash Marks

Overheard on a London Bus. Reading the newspaper headline, "Chaos Rules in Reich," a woman remarked, "Who's 'e? Tiler's double!"

Who said that? Most men want a girl who's like an electric iron—a little warming up, then the pressing begins.

An old-timer in the Army had been boring the newer lads for hours with tales of his exploits. At one point he said, "And then the bullet hit my helmet and went careening into space." Sighed one of the listeners, "That I can believe!"

Strange people, these females! Some girls will scream at the sight of a mouse



—and go right out and climb into an automobile with a wolf.

And here's a quickie verse to go with it: Lives there a GI so abnormal That can't be stirred by a low-back formal.

A Pfc dashed up to the little moron and shouted, "Have you heard that the first sergeant had a heart attack?" "Nope," moaned the moron, "I haven't even heard that he had a heart."

Advice. Give some guys enough rope and they'll skip with your girl.

We just heard about a fellow who received a broken arm fighting for a woman's honor—it seems that she wanted to keep it.

Daffynition. Wrestler: One who tries to make other people's ends meet.

Oddities in the News. In parts of Africa you can get a wife for 50 cents. Well, sez the office cynic, a good wife is worth it.

Of course you've heard about the guy who stepped up to the bar very optimistically and later went away very misty optically.

Fun on the Home Front. The following notice appeared on a country club bulletin board: "A women's swimming



club is again being formed. Last Monday around 20 girls turned out and some very good material was uncovered."

Overheard. "She quit playing strip poker when she came to herself." J. C. W.



LEST WE FORGET: This was infamous Dachau, concentration camp where the Nazis meted out their perverted "justice" to political prisoners and prisoners of war. Conditions fabled there by U.S. 7th Army troops exceeded even the most appalling descriptions of the camp told by those who escaped or were repatriated from the camp. Stacked like cordwood, these naked bodies were awaiting cremation.

To Educate Them, But Not Amuse Them

Germans Will Get Objective News From Allied-Controlled Press

PARIS, May 3—Control of the Nazi press, radio and films in the Allied occupation zone will be taken over and operated by SHAEF's Psychological Warfare Division after VE-Day, Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, PWD chief, announced today. Strict Allied control over the vast propaganda and information service created by the Nazi Party to channelize opinion in the Reich will continue until Germans acceptable to Allied authorities are licensed to operate private outlets, he said. The new role of Psychological Warfare, which has battled Goebbels' propaganda machine since Tunisia, was outlined briefly by McClure and two assistants, Col. William S. Paley, Deputy PWD chief on leave from the Columbia Broadcasting System, and Richard H. S. Crossman, British political writer, Assistant PWD chief for current operations. News presented to the German people under the Allied information set-up will be objective and no restrictions will be

laid down on radio listening in the Reich, the PWD chiefs said. "I can see no reason why democratic concepts won't be exercised in the dissemination of information in Germany after we take over radio and the newspapers," Paley said. There will be no effort to amuse the German people with film entertainment, McClure said. He indicated, however, that films of an educational nature would be shown in German theaters. With the end of the war approaching, PWD has turned its Radio Luxembourg, one of Europe's most powerful transmitters, to control of displaced persons. Psychological Warfare, he said, has been the bridge by which Gen. Eisenhower has been able to impose his will on the German soldier and civilian. More than three billion leaflets have been dropped among German troops and civilians since D-Day, including a daily newspaper. Despite the effectiveness of German propaganda, McClure said, Nazi psychological warfare has had no effect on U.S. troops who have picked up the leaflets for souvenirs.

Nazi Occupation of France Called History's Worst Terror

SHAEF, May 3 (AP)—The German occupation of France was branded by SHAEF tonight as a reign of terror in which brutality and cruelty were perpetrated on a scale unequalled in history. The indictment was made in a documented study by the Psychological Warfare Division "to convince possible skeptics that... German atrocities are not just a lot of propaganda". The study comprises 13 volumes, a report of German crimes collected throughout France by Allied officers with the help of the French Intelligence Ser-

vice, to be published soon in the U.S. and Britain. In many cases testimony was taken from witnesses. In some cases confessions were obtained from captured Germans. The conclusion of Allied officers who conducted the investigation was: "The whole thing was part of a fixed policy of brutal repression if not extermination." The study embraced seven categories of crimes: Execution of hostages; Mass execution of members of the Resistance or suspects; Mass reprisals; Indiscriminate shooting and sacking of towns; Routine methods of interrogation by torture; Rape and "miscellaneous." German policy changed in the Spring of 1944 only in that they dropped all secrecy and pretence, especially after the Normandy invasion, in acts aimed at "striking terror to the hearts of all enemies of the Reich." An example of torture methods was cited in the case of 17 Resistance members taken from the prison at St. Brieu last August, whose bodies were found in a wood. "Many had their eyes torn out, their tongues cut out, finger-nails missing, welts, burns and bruises all over the body, limbs and skulls broken, etc," the report said. "At least one man was found to have some dirt in the lungs, a sign that he had been buried while still alive."

Gen. Eddy Gets Freedom Award at Winchester

WINCHESTER, May 3—Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commanding general of the 12th Corps, U.S. 3rd Army, was given today the freedom of this one-time capital of England in appreciation of his efforts in furthering Anglo-American goodwill. Eddy formerly commanded the 9th Division, the first outfit to be stationed near Winchester. In accepting, Eddy said: "I accept this great honor only as the leader of a great body of men."

AFN RADIO PROGRAM

- Friday, May 4
1200—News: Duffie Bag.
1300—World News.
1310—American Sports.
1315—Guess Who.
1330—It Pays to be Ignorant.
1400—News: RCAF HQ Band.
1430—Let's go to Town.
1500—World News.
1510—Raymond Scott.
1530—On the Record.
1630—Strike up Band.
1700—News: Scio. Mag.
1730—Music by Sonny Dunham.
1755—Mark up the Map.
1800—World News.
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—News: Sports Band.
1905—Canada Swims Show.
1915—Eddie Cantor.
1945—Strings With Wings.
2000—News: Navy Date Band.
2030—AEF Am Band.
2100—World News.

Munich Rejoices Hearing News of Hitler's Death

By Peter Furst

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MUNICH, May 2 (delayed)—There was no sorrow today in this capital of the Nazi movement when the news of Adolf Hitler's death reached the people. The appointment of Adm. Karl Doenitz as Hitler's successor caused surprise and was generally regarded as a Nazi admission of complete defeat. People laughed when told that Doenitz had appealed to the nation to fight on and pointed to a seemingly endless column of Nazi prisoners marching four abreast down Munich's main street on their way to a PW cage. Happiest of all those told the news of Hitler's death were four Germans recently evacuated from the notorious concentration camp at Oranienburg near Berlin, brought to Salzburg and released there during differences of opinion among the SS.

All four were Communists and were anxious to know news of their friends at Buchenwald and Dachau.

Karl Maliske, of Breslau, said that Hitler's death was the best news he'd heard for 12 years but that he felt the Fuehrer shouldn't have got off so easily. Otto Gaede and Kurt Lambrecht, both of Berlin, said that they felt the job of fighting the Nazis should be easier now that they no longer had a demigod to worship.

Unhappiest of all was a Munich city official who sat in his office awaiting the American verdict about his future. He was staring out the window at the thousands of prisoners marching past and he said he was too stunned by that picture of obvious defeat to express any opinion about Hitler's death.

At the famous Hofbrau beer cellar, now a great, concrete empty building constructed after the original beer hall had been wrecked by an alleged saboteur's bomb in 1939, the janitor said that he didn't care whether Hitler was dead or alive but that he felt it was a good thing for Germany that he was dead.

At the magnificent marble and pine-wood mansion of Herman Giessler, leading Nazi architect, chief of the Todt Organization and brother of Paul Giessler, Gauleiter of Bavaria, the maid said Hitler's death was a good thing and that Bayarians had never gone for the Nazis like "those loud-mouthed Prussians."

Giessler, a close associate of Hitler in his grandiose building plans, was reported killed early Saturday morning by Bavarian Freedom Movement agents, together with two other brothers of the Gauleiter.

Several expressed doubt that the Fuehrer really died at the front. One man, who said he remembered how Hitler had run from the Reichswehr bullets during the Beer Hall Putsch here in 1923, called him a "coward," unable to face death. Another said he thought Hitler had been removed by Himmler. Two or three expressed belief that Hitler has been dead since the Putsch last July. One said the Nazi proclamation of his death was a phony behind which Hitler was attempting to flee to safety.

War Bonds Help Buy a Ranch

The first letter to reach The Stars and Stripes War Bond Contest came yesterday from T/5 Richard Kosanovic, of Los Angeles, member of a Ground Forces reinforcement command who, if he wins any of the prizes, will be able to use them on the little ranch he expects to buy in California with his War Bond savings. "I expected thousands of letters to be in before mine," Kosanovic said when notified that his was the first entry in the contest for the best letter on the subject, "My Savings and Post-War Plans." Prizes offered are ten automobiles as first prizes and ten electric refrigerators as second prizes.

Kosanovic, a civilian employe in the finance office at Ft. MacArthur, Calif., before he donned uniform, said that he had been buying War Bonds since before the war. "I've saved enough," he said, "to stake a claim on a little ranch out in California, and I sure could use a car when I get the place, or a refrigerator. That's why I entered the contest."

Letters submitted in the contest should be not less than 50 nor more than 250 words. Literary style will not be a factor, nor whether the letter is written in hand with pen or pencil, or typewritten. All ETO military personnel are eligible except AWOLs, deserters or those serving sentences.

Contestants must give name, serial number and APO address in the upper right hand corner of each letter submitted and must indicate that they have a Class B allotment or have purchased a War Bond since May 1, 1945. Letters should be addressed to War Bond Contest, APO 887, U.S. Army, and postmarked on or before July 7, 1945.



"Now to come to the point, Fogarty. I understand your father's business will expand after the war and, of course, he'll need men of executive ability."

Yanks Top A's, 6-4, Move Into Tie for First



Al Benton Wins No. 3 for Tigers; Cardinals Split

NEW YORK, May 3—Joe McCarthy's Yankees climbed back into a tie for the American League lead yesterday by defeating the Athletics, 6-4, behind the six-hit pitching of Alan Gettel, who displayed plenty of moxie in winning his first major league start despite three Yank errors.

The Ruppert Rifles clouted Russ Christopher for nine hits in four innings as they chalked up three runs in the first, one in the second and three more in the fourth, while the A's got to Gettel for a counter in the third and added three in the eighth. Charlie Gassaway took the mound for Philadelphia in the fifth and Karl Scheib finished up.



BOB JOHNSON

Boston's unfathomable Red Sox, who lost their first eight Games, notched their fourth straight victory, defeating the Senators, 4-0, behind the four-hit twirling of Rookie Jim Wilson. In addition to his brilliant hurling job, Wilson helped his cause with a double and started a four-run Boston rally in the eighth with a single off Mickey Haefner, who was tagged for seven knocks. Big blew was Bob Johnson's triple with the bases mobbed.

Miscues Hamper Benton

Al Benton, 34-year-old Navy dischargee, continued his brilliant mound work and hurled the Tigers to a 2-1 triumph over the White Sox despite four errors by his mates. Al allowed only four bingles and an unearned run, which leaves him with a record of ten hits and one earned run in three games. Orval Grove went the route for the Sox and held the Bengals to five blows, but three of those safeties came in the first inning for two runs and the ball game.

At St. Louis the dedicatory ceremonies for the formal raising of the Brown's American League pennant last night were spoiled by a 2-1 13-inning defeat by the Indians. Allie Reynolds, big fastball pitcher, went all the way for the Tribe, retiring the side scoreless after filling the bases with none out in the first of the 12th. Cleveland's winning run came on singles by Mike Rocco, Myril Hoag and Ed Carnett—his third of the game. Bob Muncief was the hill loser, yielding eight hits while his mates collected only four.

Rip Sewell's "blooper" ball looked as big as a balloon to the Cardinals in the first game of a twin bill at Pittsburgh and Billy Southworth's boys smacked into it for a dozen blows in eight innings and a 4-2 victory, but the Bucs regained their balance in the nightcap and buried the world champions, 11-1. The Cards clinched the opener with three runs in the sixth on singles by Jim Mallory and Emil Verban, Augie Bergamo's double and Johnny Hopp's single, while Harry Brecheen was holding the Frisemen to seven scattered hits. Veteran Max Butcher had the Redbirds under control throughout in hanging up a seven-hitter to take the nightcap, which saw the Bucs land on Blix Donnelly and Al Jurisich for seven markers in the fifth.

Giants Squeeze Past Phils, 9-8

The Giants banged away for a seven-run lead in the first five innings in the day's screwiest ball game and thought they had the Phils thoroughly beaten, but as things turned out they were lucky to squeeze through with a 9-8 victory. The Phillies suddenly got sore at Bill Voiselle, batted him to the showers and by the time Ace Adams had quelled them in the seventh the score was tied. A double by Buddy Kerr with Phil Weintraub aboard in the eighth finally gave the Ottmen the win at the expense of Charlie Ripple.

Nate Andrews came through with a great exhibition of clutch pitching as he hurled the Braves to a 3-1 victory over the Dodgers. The Flock tallied in the first on Ed Stanky's double and two infield outs, but thereafter Andrews held them in check, allowing only six more hits, although errors and three walks had him in hot water in the fifth and eighth. Rookie Vic Lombardi distributed six Brave hits, but he walked three batters in the first which led to two runs, and Boston got to him for another in the eighth.

Walker Cooper in Navy; Will Team Up With Feller

ST. LOUIS, May 3—St. Louis Cardinal fans were moaning at the bars here today while at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station several thousand sailors were grinning from ear to ear. Reason for the moans—the Cards' ace catcher, Walker Cooper, was inducted yesterday. Reason for the grins—Cooper was assigned to Great Lakes Navy.

At Great Lakes, Cooper—who was given a choice of the services and picked the Navy—is expected to team up with Bob Feller, coach of the sailor baseball team, to form an A-1 battery.

Frick Rejects Ott's Protest

NEW YORK, May 3—President Ford Frick of the National League backed the old story that "you can't beat the umpires" yesterday when he rejected a protest by Mel Ott of the Giants made after a game with the Braves at Boston Apr. 19 and won by the Braves, 13-5.



FORD FRICK

The argument came up when umpire Bill Stewart ruled Chuck Workman automatically out for being hit by a batted ball, then was overruled by umpire George Hagerkurth when manager Bob Coleman of the Braves protested the decision long after the play completed.

Ott protested on the grounds that other play had occurred and it was too late to reverse a ruling, but Frick held out the revised ruling was correct and had no bearing on the outcome of the game.

Corsair Infield Hit

PITTSBURGH, May 3—The Pirates were faced with the loss of two infielders today when Shortstop Frankie Zak passed his pre-induction physical and Lee Handley, veteran utility man, was examined and sent to Deshon Hospital for a further checkup.

AN' AS FER YOU: Red Manager Bill McKechnie gets nowhere as he protests (right) to Head Umpire Beans Reardon on the ruling on a play at third. Argument started when Pitcher Bucky Walters tried to stretch his center field double to a triple against the Cards and was called out at third by Umpire Jorda (left)—and then chased from the game by Jorda for shoving him during a dispute over the decision. The Cardinals triumphed, 2-0.

Ex-GIs Will Make Behemoths Hustle on Gridiron—Wilson

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—Collegiate football will have to make room after the war for the little fellows—kids who have proved in the foxholes and jungles that brawn isn't everything—in the opinion of Tug Wilson, new Western Conference athletic director.

Wilson thinks that a lot of servicemen who will be taking advantage of a free college education under the GI Bill of Rights won't be content to sit back in the stands and wave a banner no matter how pint-sized they may be.

"We're going to see some 135-pound youngsters who will be plenty tough and accustomed to physical contact, regardless of who dishes it out," declared Wilson as he took over the Big Ten job. "Maybe those lightweights won't be able to crowd the 200-pounders off the varsities, but I think it's the job of the athletic administrators to see that they get a chance to compete to their hearts' content in regular fashion."

Baltimore Plans Stadium With 100,000 Capacity

BALTIMORE, May 3—Baltimore may make a bid for recognition as the year-round athletic capital of the country by the construction of a municipal stadium which would seat 100,000—with flexible seating arrangements and a roof that can be elevated by air pressure.



American League

Cleveland 2, St. Louis 1 (13 innings, night)
New York 6, Philadelphia 4
Boston 4, Washington 0
Detroit 2, Chicago 1

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	8	4	.667	Washington	6	7	.462
Chicago	6	3	.667	St. Louis	4	6	.400
Detroit	7	4	.636	Boston	5	8	.385
Philadelphia	6	6	.500	Cleveland	3	7	.300

Chicago at Detroit
Philadelphia at New York
Other teams not scheduled.

National League

New York 9, Philadelphia 8
Boston 3, Brooklyn 1
St. Louis 4-1, Pittsburgh 2-1
Chicago-Cincinnati postponed, rain.

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	9	4	.692	Brooklyn	5	6	.455
Chicago	7	4	.636	Cincinnati	5	6	.455
Boston	7	5	.583	Pittsburgh	5	8	.385
St. Louis	6	5	.545	Philadelphia	3	9	.250

Boston at Brooklyn
New York at Philadelphia
Cincinnati at Chicago
St. Louis at Pittsburgh

Leading Hitters

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Stephens, St. Louis	7	23	8	10	.435
Cuccinello, Chicago	8	27	7	11	.407
Kreevich, Chicago	7	23	3	9	.391
Ross, Chicago	8	29	3	11	.379
Stirnweiss, New York	12	42	12	15	.357
Mayo, Detroit	11	42	9	15	.357

National League

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Holmes, Boston	12	51	11	21	.412
O'Brien, Pittsburgh	12	45	5	18	.400
Nieman, Boston	11	35	12	14	.400
Ott, New York	13	42	15	16	.381
Dinges, Philadelphia	12	48	7	17	.354

Home Run Hitters
American League—Derry, New York 4; Hayes, Philadelphia 3.

National League—Nieman, Boston 4; Ott, Weintraub and Lombardi, New York, 3.

Minor League Results

League	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score	
International League	Toronto	7	Newark	3	
	Buffalo	7	Syracuse	6	
	Other teams not scheduled.				
	Jersey City	8	2	.800 Newark	5
Eastern League	Scranton	4	Wilkes-Barre	2	
	Williamsport	8	Elmira	5	
	Utica	14	Binghamton	13	
	Albany	6	Hartford	4	
Southern Association	Little Rock	17	Memphis	2	
	Birmingham	8	Nashville	2	
	Pacific Coast League				
	Oakland	8-2	Seattle	2-4	
Other games postponed.					
American Association	Toledo	1	12	Columbus	0
	Other games postponed.				
	Milwaukee	5	2	.714 Kansas City	3
	Minneapolis	5	3	.625 Columbus	5
Mobile 10, New Orleans 5	Atlanta	3	0	1.000 Chattanooga	0
	Birmingham	3	0	1.000 Nashville	0
	New Orleans	4	1	.800 Memphis	0
	Atlantic, Chattanooga not scheduled.				

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Chester Gould



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp



Around the 48 Yesterday

Truman Picks Hannegan For Postmaster General

WASHINGTON (ANS)—In the first shift of the late President Roosevelt's Cabinet, President Truman announced that he had accepted the resignation of Frank C. Walker as Postmaster General, effective June 30, and had appointed Robert E. Hannegan, Democratic National Chairman, to succeed him.

Hannegan, who ran Mr. Roosevelt's fourth term campaign, will retain the party chairmanship, Mr. Truman said, and will take over his new job on July 1 if confirmed by the Senate.

The President said that Walker had submitted his resignation on Apr. 16, but had been asked to remain in office for a few more months. Under Walker, the Post Office Department has been completely reorganized.

Hannegan, like Mr. Truman, hails from Missouri, where he was born in 1903. A law graduate of St. Louis University, he practised in that city. He was chairman of the Democratic City committee from 1934 to 1942, when he became collector of Internal Revenue. He became Democratic National chairman in 1944.

Simultaneous with the nomination of Hannegan, the President named David E. Lilienthal to continue for another nine years as chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority starting May 18. In doing so the President sided with the Alabama but against the Tennessee Senators.

Among Lilienthal's opponents is Sen. Kenneth E. McKellar (D-Tenn.), who now is President pro tempore of the Senate. McKellar had no immediate comment on the President's announcement.

Ask Truman Act on Food

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The House Food Investigating Committee called on President Truman to take immediate action to increase the nation's food supply and destroy rising black markets which "threaten to wreck the entire price control program."

In a 7,000-word report, the Committee asked the President to take more than just half-way measures and recommended that the President at once coordinate all phases of food production, distribution and pricing.

The group also asked: 1—A subsidy for cattle feeders; 2—A boost in the hog support price; 3—A top priority for food production—both in machinery and manpower; and 4—Separate ration points for meat with the black market checked at its source.

While not blaming government food agencies directly for shortages, the Committee did criticize some past policies and performances, particularly of the

War Food Administration. It also was highly critical of a WFA move to increase meat subsidies and channel more beef through federally-inspected slaughter houses.

Three Republican members of the Committee also asked that a "food czar" be appointed.

CAPITAL RAMBLINGS: The House Post-war Military Committee set June 4 for the opening of hearings on compulsory peace-time military training.

USAAF recommended that the War Production Board cancel contracts with the Continental Engine and Aviation Corp. for Rolls Royce Merlin engines effective May 31.

President Truman, in further economy moves, asked Congress to cut appropriations for several war agencies including the War Production Board, Office of Censorship, Office of Defense Transportation and War Manpower Commission.

Warns of 'Highest' Taxes

NEW YORK (ANS)—Americans face the highest peace-time Federal taxes in history, with a national income of \$150,000,000,000 needed to prevent financial suffering, U.S. Budget Director Harold D. Smith disclosed in an article in American Magazine.

Smith declared that while the country's national debt of approximately \$360,000,000,000 would not "cause anything even approaching economic disaster," the interest debt would cost a family of four with a \$2,900 annual income approximately \$25 yearly. Collectively, the nation will pay \$6,000,000,000 annually for interest alone on the debt, he said.

The Budget Director said that the present U.S. income is about \$160,000,000,000, as against about \$97,000,000,000 in 1941.

"If after the war the income should fall to that low figure (1941's)," Smith said, "we would need six per cent of it to pay the interest on the national debt and that amount added to other costs of the government would cause severe financial suffering."

"If it develops that government action will be needed to sustain a \$150,000,000,000 national income, we must be sure the government is prepared to prevent any threatening slack. Then the debt service will certainly be bearable."

Smith added that the national debt wasn't the "bugaboo many persons think" because the government was in "an entirely different position from a man whose mortgage is about to come due."

U.S. Takes News Calmly

NEW YORK (ANS)—The fall of Berlin and the German surrender in Italy brought little excitement and no dancing in the streets in the U.S. There were two reasons:

1—Sensations have been crowding too thick and fast upon the people for them to go overboard; 2—To most people they were just two more in a series of expected events as the European war nears its close.

'On to Tokyo'

SALEM, Ore.—Residents here were asked to sign cards reading: "This is to certify that I wholeheartedly will observe V-E Day with rededication to

the unfinished tasks remaining before us—by personally contributing blood, buying more bonds or aiding in vital salvage. On to Tokyo!"

Happy Guy

INDIANAPOLIS—Most pestered man in town these days: Mr. V. E. Day.

He's Had It

AUBURN, Cal.—A death certificate for Adolf Hitler was filed in the official records of Placer County by Recorder Clayton Goodpastor. The certificate said that "Adolf Shicklgruber Hitler" died of "claustrophobia induced by enclosure by forces of the United Nations."

Truman Saves 3 From Jail

DETROIT (ANS)—On order of President Truman, two Rumanian orthodox priests and a Rumanian publisher linked by the government with attempting to bring King Carol into the country were freed from prison sentences after it was announced that the Rumanian Orthodox Church of America had paid fines totalling \$5,500 for the three. The trio were convicted on a charge of failing to register as agents of Carol.

SAN FRANCISCO—Several business establishments which have flashed signs they would close on "Hitler's Funeral" adhered to their announcements even though, they said, "there won't be a funeral for Hitler today." ... NEW YORK—The war has cost the American people enough to build an \$8,000 home for every family, Mordcaei Ezekiel, economic adviser to the Secretary of Agriculture, said.

U.S. May Have Edge on Vote For Two-Thirds Rule at Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3—The proposed two-thirds vote requirement for passage of any amendment to the Dumbarton Oaks blueprint, sponsored by the U.S. and strenuously objected to by Australia yesterday, was one of the chief problems tackled by delegates to the United Nations Conference today as the conferees moved from the spacious Opera House to the Veterans' Building to continue their work in commission and committee meetings.

Since the U.S. can probably rely on 20 Latin-American votes on this issue, only 12 would be needed to force it through the conference. Russia and some of the British dominions loom as the chief objectors to this scheme.

Another major problem to be settled was the position of regional arrangements, with France and some of the Latin-American nations seeking to give regional set-ups the right to act without prior ap-

proval of the security council. VE-Day rumors stirred through the city as reports seeped out that today's meeting would break up for a two-day national holiday.

The report was said to have come from a high State Department official and underscored a hint, given by Prime Minister Churchill in an address to the House of Commons Tuesday, that the end of the European war might come before Saturday.

At the same time another report, more concerned with the work of the conference, had it that Marshal Stalin, after communicating with President Truman and Mr. Churchill, had agreed to new proposals for broadening the Polish government in Warsaw. The proposals are said to have been discussed favorably at a meeting between the Big Three chief delegates here and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and Averell Harriman, British and U.S. Ambassadors to Russia respectively.



NAZI SPY REWARDED: Richard Jarczyk, Nazi soldier who became a spy in civilian clothes, was doomed to execution by a U.S. firing squad by a 7th Army military commission. Left, he is shown being led to the execution post while the firing squad moves into position. Right, he crumples as bullets enter his body.



8th AF to Go Back to School

Dead or Alive, Reds Certain They'll Find Hitler, Goebbels

The report that Hitler and Goebbels had committed suicide in Berlin, contained in the Soviet communique Wednesday night, was treated with reserve in the Moscow press yesterday.

A Soviet commentator in Pravda, reporting that Hitler "is not in Berlin," wrote, "Whether he fell into the devil's clutches in the other world or fell into the arms of some benefactor of fascism, he is gone all the same."

Fighting Fronts - -

(Continued from page 1)

progress in the drive toward Italy through the Alpine passes on other sectors.

In Italy the Germans were laying down arms. Trieste, not covered in the unconditional surrender, gave up to New Zealand troops, although Yugoslav forces had already entered the city days before.

Still another body of Germans gave up in Italy. They made up the 75th Corps of the Ligurian Army and were 40,000 strong, headed by a commander who refused to yield because he had sworn fealty to Hitler. Since Hitler had been reported dead, his oath became void, he said, and he quit the fight. That was not only his story—many troops throughout Germany had given the same reason for quitting.

While it became increasingly apparent that the end of German resistance could not be far off, rumors of moves to surrender kept floating about. These were concerned principally with the situation in Norway and Denmark, where the Nazi commanders have sworn to fight on, even in the face of hopeless conditions.

West of Bremen the city of Oldenburg, key to the Wilhelmshaven peninsula, surrendered by telephone to Canadian forces.

From both coasts of Schleswig-Holstein, cut off on the east by the British lunge to the Baltic, some Germans attempted a "Dunkirk" toward Norway, using all kinds of craft, which were laced by tactical planes. The roads to the ports were jammed and these tangled columns also were airmen's targets.

So great was the confusion in some areas, dispatches said, that further meetings between the Russians and Allies were delayed until some order could be arranged for the mass of humanity in between.

U.S. Subs Run Up Jap Shipping Total

WASHINGTON, May 3 (ANS)—Vice Adm. Charles A. Lockwood Jr., announced today that his Pacific submarine fleet has sunk 4,000,000 tons of Japanese shipping and 400,000 tons of warships since Pearl Harbor.

Lockwood's statement coincided with the Navy's disclosure that U.S. submarines had sunk a grand total of 1,119 Japanese vessels, including four aircraft carriers, 17 cruisers and 53 destroyers. In addition, 37 enemy ships, among them two aircraft carriers and two cruisers, probably were sent to the bottom by subs.

Lockwood said his undersea craft used to average three to four Japanese ships a day, but that the bag had grown smaller since the enemy pulled its shipping into home waters.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Study or Play While Waiting Reassignment

Finished with their greatest task, their part in the winning of the war in Europe, 8th Air Force airmen can now settle back and become anything from champion horseshoe pitchers to musicians or masters of languages while awaiting new assignments, 8th Air Force HQ announced yesterday.

During the re-deployment months, bomber and fighter groups will be converted into virtual athletic and educational organizations, designed to "shift the emphasis from team-work and individual effort toward winning the war to the personal betterment of the soldier."

The policy of the 8th, the announcement read, will be to give the soldier, through a vast recreational and educational program, an opportunity to use his time constructively while sweating out assignment in his old or a new occupation.

The program stretches all the way from checkers and horseshoe-pitching tournaments to study at Oxford, Cambridge and other English universities, and American colleges and technical schools which will be established in England.

Unit "universities" have already been established in all groups with faculties made up of officers in each unit.

Curricula of an average unit school will embrace agriculture, business, English, languages, mathematics, sciences, social studies, applied music, physical education, Bible studies and trade and technical courses. Some 200 men a month will be allowed to attend courses at the English universities.

Apart from classroom and text-book work will be special courses to teach song writing, dancing, art, acting and drama production and the playing of musical instruments.

A vast athletic program has already been established. This will call for tournaments and contests in baseball, softball, track and field, boxing, swimming, fencing, table tennis, badminton, and even checkers, chess and horseshoe-pitching.

Special contests and tournaments for 8th Air Force WACs have already been planned.

And in Flows The Nazi Brass

Say Big 3 Reach Accord on Austria

SHAEF, May 3 (Reuter)—Two German Field Marshals—Hugo von Sperrle who in 1940 directed the Luftwaffe's blitz against London, and Maximilian von Weichs, Balkan commander-in-chief—14 generals and an SS commander were among the latest lot of U.S. 7th Army prisoners in Bavaria.

The captured SS chief is Brigade-Fuehrer Vogler, who commanded the "elite corps" garrison at Munich, birthplace of the Nazi movement. The generals include:

Lt. Gen. Baptiste Kleiss, former commander of the German 85th Corps, which opposed the 7th Army's landing in France; Lt. Gen. von Both, former commander of German operations in southern France; Brig. Gen. Edward Hofmeister, commander in the Berlin area until Apr. 10; Maj. Gen. Werber Goertiz, of the 92nd German Division in Italy.

Say Big 3 Reach Accord on Austria

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3 (AP)—The Soviet Union, which was reported to have drawn criticism from the U.S. and Britain when it recognized the new Austrian government before consulting her two allies, was said today to have agreed on principle to join in a Big Three occupation and supervision of Austria until that country is ready to handle its own affairs.

Details of the occupation zones have been worked out through the European Advisory Commission in London, ranking officials at the United Nations Conference declared. Reported plans call for the Soviets to handle the eastern zone of Austria, the British to take the south, adjoining their Italian theater command, and the U.S. to take a northern zone linking with the American zone in Germany proper.

By Milton Caniff

