

LONDON and VICINITY
Moderate S.W. winds. Cool. Probable scattered showers.
MIDLANDS and E. ANGLIA
Fair and cool. Probable rain toward evening.

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. . . Predicts for Today
W. ENGLAND and WALES
Probable rain. Unsettled.
SCOTLAND
Unsettled. Cool. Rain.



Keystone Photo

SUICIDE, INC.: Here are two illustrations on why Jap bomber pilots don't have to be voluntary suicides to make the long descent to their ancestors. U.S. Navy ack-ack guns send them along whether they like it or not. Left, a flaming bomber plunges into the sea after pom-poms zeroed in, and right, another hits the water off the stern of an Essex-class carrier.

Jap Suicide-Plane Menace Is Discounted by Mitscher

WASHINGTON, June 6 (ANS)—Only one per cent of the Japanese suicide planes reach their targets, Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher told a press conference yesterday. He added that 1,600 enemy aircraft had been shot down over Okinawa alone.

Mitscher told newsmen that the suicide plane menace was not "too serious" but conceded that the Navy had suffered a good many casualties on smaller ships. Stating that he believed the menace could be virtually eliminated through redesign of equipment aboard ships, Mitscher asserted, however, that no one was particularly concerned about it.

Mitscher said no large warships had been lost to suicide attacks in the entire Okinawa campaign.

Meanwhile, observers here believed that reports from the Pacific of a superior new Japanese plane manned by highly competent pilots indicated that the enemy was drawing on his last air resources.



MITSCHER

Suit for Vet Out, Draft Men Told

NEW YORK, June 6 (ANS)—Selective Service has not the authority to institute legal action on behalf of veterans, U.S. District Attorney Miles C. McDonald, of Brooklyn, today informed New York City Draft Director Col. Arthur V. McDermott.

McDermott had asked that the federal attorney undertake court action to determine the right of an honorably discharged war veteran to be retained in his old job even if an employer must lay off workers of greater seniority to keep the veteran.

McDonald explained the veteran involved in such case must bring suit himself. Abraham Fishgold, of Brooklyn, the veteran concerned in the case cited by McDermott, declared that he would file suit himself.

Fishgold, inducted in May, 1943, and discharged in August, 1944, had been employed as a welder at the Sullivan Drydock and Repair Corp., Brooklyn. He was reinstated in the job after discharge but was laid off from time to time when local 13 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO), which has a contract with the Sullivan Corp., protested that workers of greater seniority than Fishgold should be given preference.

Brazil Declares War on Japan

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 6 (Reuter)—The Brazilian foreign minister announced today that a state of war now existed between Brazil and Japan. Diplomatic relations between the two nations were severed on January 28, 1942. Brazilian forces served in the Allied campaign in Italy.

Laval Still Untagged As a War Criminal

Pierre Laval has not been classified officially as a war criminal, Richard K. Law, British Foreign Office spokesman, told the House of Commons yesterday. "To be that," Law declared, "he would have to be nominated by the French government. And so far he has not been so nominated."

Syria Orders French to Get Out, Stay Out

Syria told the French in no uncertain terms yesterday to get out and stay out of the country, even while dispatches from Damascus reported that British troops had been called out to keep Syrians from looting French homes.

The "get going" demand came from President Shukri Bey El Kuwaiti, who told a United Press correspondent, "This generation of Syrians will not tolerate seeing one Frenchman walk again through the streets of Syria. They will have no communities in our towns unless there are among them people who wish to live in constant risk of their lives."

The French, he said, "have gone absolutely mad. They have killed, robbed and humiliated us for 25 years. Now, thanks to the U.S. and Britain, a bloody massacre and a long war have been averted. Syria and the Lebanon are determined to get rid of the French."

At Cairo, the Arab League Council was still in secret session debating the Syrian situation.

The Syrians were reported to have called on British troops to put down looting by Syrians of French homes. This looting was said to be in retaliation for French looting of Syrian homes, and one report said the British had recovered some loot from French troops moving out of Damascus.

With the Levant otherwise quiet, acting Premier Mardam Bey announced yesterday in Damascus that Syria wanted the French Generals Paul Beynet and Oliva Roget tried as war criminals for last week's outbreak.

Roget was reported last night as having arrived in France for a meeting with French Chief of State Gen. de Gaulle. Paris radio earlier had denied reports of his dismissal.

PWs Here Go Direct to U.S.

All freed PWs now in the U.K. on leave or furlough from Lucky Strike RAMP Camp No. 1, Normandy Base Section, will not have to return to Lucky Strike even if their papers order them to do so, U.K. Base Headquarters announced yesterday. Instead, they will be given orders returning them to the U.S. from a port in the U.K., the announcement added.

Such men will, upon expiration of their furloughs, report to the Adjutant General, U.K. Base, in Room 514, 47 Grosvenor Sq., London, where orders will be issued returning them to the U.S. The announcement advised men whose leaves have already expired and who have orders issued by U.K. AG directing their return to Lucky Strike, to disregard these orders and report to 47 Grosvenor for new orders sending them directly to the States.

States Suit 'Em Fine British Kids Shun Return

KANSAS CITY, June 6 (AP)—Five British children, who were evacuated to America in 1940, do not want to return to England, according to their hosts, the Theodore Bartles, of Kansas City, and the Lewis Oswalls, of Hutchinson, Kan.

Bartle said that his young guests, Jennifer and Dennis Brown, 14 and 11, had acquired a love of farm life and a definite American accent and that they had begged their parents to come to Kansas.

The children who found a haven from the blitz with the Oswalds—Nigel, Patricia and Jacqueline Fletcher, are the children of a London caterer and his wife.

They have become so much a part of the local American community that Nigel is now an Eagle Scout and Jacqueline's entry recently took first prize and junior championship honors in a livestock show.

British Wives Going to Reich

BRITISH 2ND ARMY HQ, June 6—Wives of British troops occupying Germany probably will be living with their husbands by the end of this year, according to British Cabinet plans approved by the Army.

When the plan goes into effect, every married man may ask permission for his wife to join him in Germany. Permission will be granted on two grounds—the man's length of service overseas, and length of time he is likely to continue serving overseas.

In the interim, leaves among 2nd Army men are being increased to nine days every three months or 12 days every four months. Camps are being developed on the Belgian coast, in Brussels and at a number of French centers where the troops may meet their wives during the short leaves.

Take '2nd Honeymoon' Sonja Henie Tells GIs

PARIS, June 6—Sonja Henie today advocated a "second honeymoon" for all GIs when they return from overseas.

This would erase in anyone's mind, the movie star said, the misapprehension that the GI has been unduly influenced by French or British or any other European girls.

A few days with their American wives and sweethearts also will dispel any ideas that servicemen may have that things have changed at home, said the blonde skater, who is touring American hospitals in France.

Varga Girl Set Free to Roam

Court Restores Esquire's Rights to Mails

WASHINGTON, June 5 (ANS)—The U.S. Court of Appeals yesterday upheld Esquire Magazine's second-class mailing privileges, giving the Varga Girl a clean bill of health.

The attempt of the Postoffice Department to force the magazine hew to its own concept of morality was denounced by the court, which said that censorship, freedom of the press and freedom of competitive enterprise were at stake.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, who will be replaced July 1 by Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan, had suspended Esquire's second-class mailing privileges. Walker held that the magazine's Varga Girl drawings and other material were morally substandard, and a district court later upheld his ruling.

In reversing the latter decision, the Court of Appeals said: "We hope this is the last time a government agency will attempt to compel acceptance of its literary or moral standards relating to material admittedly not obscene."

The court remarked on the "mental confusion which always accompanies such censorship," and said three questions were involved:

1—When is a scantily-clad woman art

Okinawa V-Day Believed at Hand

A strict security silence blacked out official news of ground operations on Okinawa yesterday as Japanese Radio reported that Jap units "now firmly entrenched in new positions" were locked in fierce fighting with "numerically superior" American forces.

Adm. Nimitz' communique failed to mention land activity on the island and this omission was interpreted by correspondents as indicating that a special communique was in the offing announcing Okinawa's capture.

A Reuter dispatch said "the official announcement of the end of the ten-week old Okinawa campaign is expected at any hour."

Last official reports of American progress on Okinawa said U.S. troops controlled half of Naha airfield, largest air base in the Ryukyus chain of islands and the biggest prize of the Okinawa campaign. The Japs yesterday admitted a new landing on Oroku Peninsula, south of Naha, by marines of the 6th Division.

Report Reds Seek Control of Half of Reich

Moscow newspapers were reported yesterday by Tass (Soviet News Agency) to have published maps showing the Russian zone of occupation in Germany, despite the fact that no exact definition of these zones has been announced officially as yet by any of the four major occupying powers.

Details accompanying the maps indicated that Russia would control about half the total area of Germany. They showed Russia taking over everything east of a line running from Lubeck to where Schleswig-Holstein and Mecklenburg meet; thence along the western border of Mecklenburg to Hanover, along the eastern border of Hanover to Brunswick, along the western border of Saxony to Anhalt, along the western border of Thuringia to the Bavarian border, and along the northern border of Bavaria to the 1937 Czechoslovak frontier.

Some of the territory shown in the maps is presently occupied by U.S. and British troops. Dispatches indicated that Marshal Gregory Zhukov, Russian member of the Allied Control Council, had refused to discuss future occupational problems at the council's first meeting in Berlin Tuesday until these troops had been removed from the Ruhr zone.

Taking over U.S. Territory Meanwhile, British troops were reported from Dusseldorf as taking over that part of the Ruhr originally occupied by U.S. forces. Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow's 15th Army, it was said, will be relinquished by June 15 roughly half the Rhineland territory it has occupied for some two months.

The area being taken over by the British comprises about 5,000 square miles and includes the cities of Dusseldorf, Essen, Wuppertal, Cologne and Bonn, occupied by Maj. Gen. Ernest N. Harmon's 22nd Corps—consisting of the 17th Airborne and 94th Infantry divisions. Harmon is to be given another assignment, it was reported, but the disposition of the Corps troops was not disclosed.

When this withdrawal is completed, the 15th Army will be left occupying only the sector south of Bonn down through the Saar Basin and, according to reports, will consist only of the 23rd Corps.

Meanwhile, arrival in Vienna of U.S., British and French military missions indicated early steps to place Austria under a four-power control reported to be similar in scope to the control of Germany.

Plane Flying 18 WACs Is Missing in Africa

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—The War Department announced today that an Army transport plane carrying 18 WACs and a crew of three had been missing for a week on a 766-mile flight in Africa.

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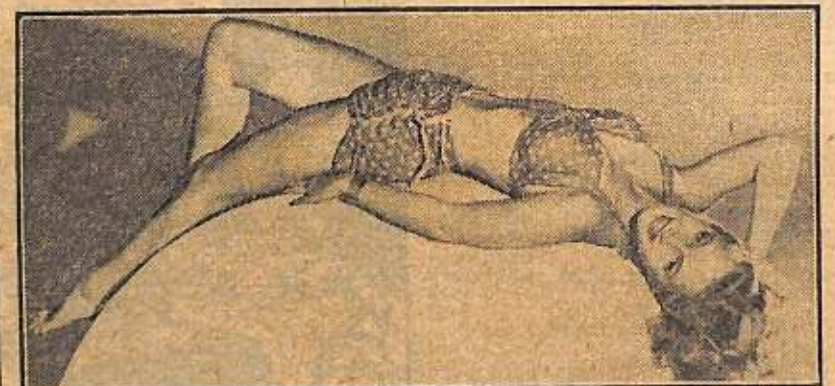
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For more than 2 1/2 years, a munitions factory—one of the "top secrets" of the war—has been working at full pressure beneath the British Houses of Parliament. Existence of the factory, which employs some 150 men and women, has just been disclosed. The plant is still producing.

Special cranes lowered large machine tools into the vault beneath the central lobby. With them, weapons to repel flying bombs were made while London was subjected to attacks. Work did not stop once during the air raids.

MIAMI, June 6 (ANS)—Florida's burning everglades last night covered Miami and surrounding areas with thick yellow smoke. It was impossible to see the tops of taller buildings here.



There are mails and males, and she's OK for both.

and when is she improper?

2—Where is the dividing line between refined humor and low comedy?

3—How far would the Postmaster General go in reforming periodical literature if he were given a free hand?

The court didn't try to answer the first two questions, but with a rare sense of humor had this to say about No. 3:

"We believe postoffice officials should experience a feeling of relief if they are limited to the more prosaic functions of seeing to it that 'Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.'"

Justice Thurman Arnold wrote the decision.